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ANNUAL NARRATIVE

This is a summary of Home Demonstration work conducted in Southampton County during the past year. The agent, in this report, has combined work with adult men and women, older youth and 4-H boys and girls.

COUNTY SITUATION

The situation of Southampton County during 1955 has not changed its status to any great degree since 1954. The county is 37.12 miles long and 32.19 miles wide with 1,244 of the 2,174 farms being owned and operated by rural Negro farm families. There are seven districts with 12 Home Demonstration clubs. There are also 13 4-H and 1 Older youth club.

Southampton County is located in the Tidewater area, where the land is low, level and conducive to growing peanuts and cotton. For a long time swine has been and still is the major livestock in the county.

The Camp Manufacturing Company and St. Regis Paper Company affords work for the Franklin men and women while various Peanut Shellers and farming make up the rural family income in the county.

ADULT WORK

In planning the program for 1955, the county situation and needs were discussed in the planning meeting by the program development leaders and other H.D. club members. The program included method demonstrations, in monthly club meetings, result demonstrations, special interest groups, County-wide tours, bulletins and other written materials.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

The objectives for this project were:

1. Christmas Pastries
2. Preparation of simple meats

FOOD AND NUTRITION CONT'D

3. Frozen Foods

A leader training meeting was held in Portsmouth, Virginia on February 23rd. Three leaders along with the agent attended. Miss Janet L. Cameron, Food and Nutrition Specialist, gave demonstrations on Frozen Food and "How To Prepare and Serve Inexpensive Meats." Demonstrations was given to the clubs by the leaders and agent during their regular meeting the following month.

CLOTHING

This project was taken as a special interest group. 57 Home Demonstration ladies representing 4 out of the twelve clubs enrolled in a sewing class conducted by the agent during the months of February and March. This group made children and adult clothing.

Demonstrations were given on the following things:

1. How to lay and cut a pattern
2. Fabric selections
3. Figure type
4. Fitting, Alterations and Finishing details.

Garments made by this group were displayed in their community store windows during National Home Demonstration Week. Eight leaders representing eight out of twelve clubs attended a special interest meeting on May 6th. During this time Miss Iva B. Johnson, clothing specialist, discussed "Foundations Garments."

HOME MANAGEMENT

The objectives for this project were:

1. To keep accurate record books
2. To learn more about Wills and Deeds
3. To get a better understanding of the Social Security Law

3.

January 10, 1955 a leaders training meeting was held in Suffolk, Virginia at the local Home Agent office of Nansemond County. Three of the eleven Home Demonstration clubs of Southampton County were represented at this meeting. Miss Helen Alverson, Home Management Specialist, discussed the following things:

1. The 1954 Amendment to the Social Security Law
2. How to keep a Record Book
3. Wise Buying for the Home
4. Family insurance and Wills and Deeds

At the regular monthly meeting the above-objectives were discussed and pamphlets, leaflets and other written material concerning the same were given out.

Approximately, 180 men and women, along with Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics Instructors, attended a Social Security meeting held at the county training School, March 10, 1955. The purpose of this meeting was to enable the farm families to get a better understanding of the 1954 Amendment to the Social Security Law.

Mr. S. G. Wolfe, Field representative for the Social Security Branch in Norfolk, Virginia discussed the 1954 Social Security Amendment Law to its fullest capacity. Due to the over-flow of questions and the limited time, Mr. Wolfe arranged certain dates to meet farmer families in their respective communities. Pamphlets and leaflets were given out also.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS

The objectives for this project were:

1. Make use of furniture on hand
2. Repairing old furniture
3. Learning color combinations

This project was discussed in the monthly meeting. Newspaper Pictures concerning this project were brought in by club members and discussed. Samples of materials, color charts and etc. were used for illustrative materials.

POULTRY

In this county, there are ten poultry demonstrators. Mrs. Portia McClenney of Wakefield, Virginia completed this project in February with a score of 97. Due to diseases among their flocks, two demonstrators were unable to complete the project. The other demonstrators are beginners.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT WORK AND COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH OTHER GROUPS AND AGENCIES

Like previous years Mr. Frank W. Womack, the County Sanitation officer continued to aid in improving the county Health Situation. After explaining to Mr. Womack the help needed, Mr. Womack decided that a discussion period and movie would be helpful. The first week in May was used for this purpose. Mr. Womack, spoke to men, women and children of the Branchville, Zuni and Greenhead communities. Neighboring clubs were invited. As a result of these movies, three club ladies were able to have their water tested and wells covered for safety.

The twelve H. D. clubs are continuing to contribute articles for the T. B. Chest. This year the Capron H.D. club with the aid of Mrs. Bell the County Health T. B. Nurse has taken the responsibility upon themselves to distribute and sell Christmas seals in their community.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK

Home Demonstration Week was observed in many ways. A display of adults' and children's clothings made by club members, were displayed in community store windows.

A program consisting of "The History of Home Demonstration Work", what H.D. work has meant to them, to their families, to their community, was given by the Drewryville Home Demonstration Club.

FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

This being the first year the present agent has been in the county, no work has been done in the county this year in which the "farm and home unit approach" was used. Plans are being made to do so in 1956.

4-H CLUB WORKCLOTHING:

There were 272 girls enrolled in "Looking Your Best". All girls were given a check sheet at the beginning of the year. This sheet was used as a means of improving their appearance. Garments were also made by club members such articles as cotton skirts, dresser scarves and cotton half-slips. Demonstrations were given to clubs at regular meetings.

SAFETY

All 13 4-H clubs carried safety as a project. Each month members would list the things which they had done in the home and on the farm to prevent accident. A chart was made and a temporary Bulletin Board to show the work of the members. A skit was presented by a 4-H club concerning the same.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Gardening, yard beautification, poultry and canning were also carried out by 4-H members during the year. One of the three girls completed yard beautification. Ten out of ten completed poultry. Eight out of twelve completed garden.

4-H STATE SHORT COURSE

During the 4-H State Short Course at the Virginia State College, three 4-H girls attended to represent this county. Mrs. Nable Southerland, Courtland, attended the conference as adult leader for the girls. Reports were made by delegates to the county advisory, Sunday Schools in their community and to the 4-H Council and Club meeting.

4-H WILD LIFE AND SOIL CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Four boys and girls and one leader attended the Wild Life and Soil Conservation Conference at Virginia State College.

Upon returning to the county, reports were given to their respective club.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Six out of thirteen 4-H clubs observed Rural Life Sunday in their various communities. The program consisted of 4-H songs, pledge and poems. All 4-H'er's leaders and friends attended. The entire program was conducted by 4-H club boys and girls.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The 4-H and Adult Achievement Day Program was held on October 22, 1955 at the 4-H Club Building in Courtland, Virginia with approximately 180 Adult and 4-H Club members attending. 4-H members displayed farm products, canned foods and household articles made by club members. The highlights of the program were: A fashion revue which consisted of 4-H boys and girls; livestock show sponsored by 4-H boys and girls and songs, poems, 4-H pledge, and awards. Five 4-H girls received awards for outstanding garden projects given by one of the local stores.

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WORK

Objectives of the YMW Group.

1. To develop more scientific methods of farming and housekeeping for better profits.
2. To develop more leadership among farm families.
3. To establish a place of meeting that will serve as a place of recreation especially for young people.
4. To contest in a friendly manner, to determine who is the best farmer of the year.

This group is made up of 14 young married couples. There were seven meetings this year, with an enrollment of approximately 126. This group participated in the Achievement Day Program. In which their booth won second place.

SCOPE OF WORK

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
No. HD Clubs or Groups	7	9	9	11	12
Membership	151	179	193	206	284
No. 4-H Clubs	12	13	13	13	13
Membership	270	298	301	274	274
No. other families reached	356	120	1129	1703	1106
No. of different families reached	507	453	974	1316	808
No. of community clubs	1	1	1	1	1
Membership	36	36	35	37	68

B. Homemakers from unorganized communities were invited to attend adjourning club meetings, special interest groups and other county wide activities. Reporters were selected to report results from various extension meetings to the local newspapers.

ORGANIZATIONS :
COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE

The Home Demonstration work in the county is governed by the H.D. Committee, who in turn, reports to the county Advisory Board. This committee composed of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer of each Home Demonstration Club in the county. Each year county-wide activities are planned by this committee. Four delegates are sent to represent the county at the District Committee on county-wide improvements made. This committee meets in April.

The planning committee meets in September, to plan the project work for the year, and is composed of the president, secretary and program development leader from each group.

THE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

The County Advisory Board is designed to act as an over-all county committee and is made up of represented families from each community, that the extension service reaches. At present, there are 82 members on roll.

Each year a man and woman are sent as delegates to the State Advisory Board Meeting at which time, one delegate gives a report on improvements made by the families who are entered in the County-Live-at-Home Community Project.

The Annual State Advisory Board met in Cumberland County, September 7-8 of this year. It was attended by two delegates and the agents.

The County Advisory Board also helped planned the Achievement Day Program. At present, a popularity Contest sponsored by the Advisory Board is in the making.

COUNTY 4-H PROJECT COMMITTEE

This committee consisted of Junior project leaders and adult leaders. This year, this committee met in June to plan the project work of the 4-H clubs.

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

This committee is composed of 4-H officers and leaders who serves as an over-all committee for the 4-H activities in the county. This council planned and conducted the refreshments for the Achievement Day Program.

PROFESSIONAL WORKERS' COUNCIL

The professional workers council was unable to meet this year as previous, due to the over-flow in work.

LEADERSHIP:

ORGANIZATIONAL

These leaders are the backbone of each H.D. club. Through these leaders the clubs have planned and contacted other club members in order to conduct club work and other activities.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

There are twelve program development leaders in Southampton County. These leaders discover the problems of their communities and report them to their club, Chairman of the District goal and to the Planning Committee.

SUBJECT MATTER

These leaders are trained to conduct demonstrations with or without the agent. There were approximately six demonstrations given this year without the agent.

GROWTH OF LEADERSHIP

<u>HD Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
No. Project leaders (subject matter)	26	41	67	95	138
No. goal chairman	18	18	18	11	12
No. Program development leaders	-	-	11	11	12
No. result demonstrators	6	20	20	27	17
No. training meetings by specialist	-	1	4	3	2
by district agents	-	-	-	1	1
by agent	5	9	7	7	2
Attendance at all training meetings	47	83	137	158	48
No. meetings leaders assisted	50	75	50	72	12
No. meetings without agent	24	42	41	23	12
Demonstrations by leaders	-	-	-	18	11
Talks and discussions by leaders	-	-	-	32	29

<u>GROWTH OF 4-H CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
No. club officers	84	91	91	91	91
No. adult leaders	12	13	14	13	13
No. result demonstrations	-	-	1	1	0
No. training meetings held by specialist	-	-	1	1	0
by agent	-	4	4	2	1
by district agent	-	-	-	-	-
by others	-	-	-	-	2
by member club dept.	-	-	-	1	1
Total attendance at leader training meetings	13	37	68	50	38
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	24	23	9	7	4
No. club meeting held by leader without agent	17	35	36	14	32
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	95	99	86	64	62
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	10	9	19	9	8
by junior leaders	7	15	22	19	10

<u>YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S CLUB</u>	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
No. Club officers	-	-	-	5	5
No. Leaders	-	-	-	3	3

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OUTSTANDING LEADER

Mrs. Eva Tennessee is an active member of the Adams Grove Home Demonstration club and also a poultry demonstrator. Aside from being a good cooperative member, she does more than her share by spreading extension news. Since April of this year, Mrs. Tennessee has been able to encourage four ladies to join their H. D. Club.

This year Mrs. Tennessee's attendance at her regular monthly meetings each month, were 100%. Not only did she attend her monthly meetings, but she also attended all extensive and county-wide meetings such as Farmers conference, District Meeting and leader training meetings, etc.

Mrs. Tennessee is always ready to lend a helping hand to her fellow club members.

A barbeque for members, neighbors, and friends of Greenville county was held at the home of Mrs. Tennessee, on July 23rd. Approximately thirty men, women and children participated in the various forms of recreation offered.

During the Achievement Day Program, on October 22, Mrs. Tennessee was awarded a gold cup for her perfect attendance record for the year of 1955.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OUTSTANDING FAMILY

Judging from previous reports, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McClenny, Wakefield, Virginia has been quite popular during the past years and also 1955. All popularity shows, of course, is due to accomplishment made by this family..

There are six members in the family, who live in a six-room remodeled, modern-equipped home on approximately 90 cleared acres of farm land. Three of the four children are attending the community elementary school, where two of the three are 4-H club members.

Mr. & Mrs. McClenny are very active in many organizations, in and around their community. They are members of: The County Advisory Board, 4-H Council, H. D. Committee, and many church organizations. Mr. McClenny is a

a member of the local Virginia and National Pure Bred Service Breeders Association. They are also members of the Young Farmers Club.

Many wonderful things has happened to this family in the past year. This year, the Negro State Agricultural Advisory Board of Virginia, honored the T. B. McClenney family on May 19th, for outstanding accomplishments in livestock production.

Members of the United States Department of Agriculture, state and county farm agents, and over 100 neighbors and friends assembled at the McClenney farm located about five miles south of Wakefield, Virginia, to hear Mr. G. C. Herring, Assistant Director of Virginia Agricultural Extension Service, who was guest speaker on the program and to witness the presentation of a bronze plaque to Mr. and Mrs. McClenney. The presentation was made by Mr. C. R. Vaughan, President of the Advisory Board.

Mrs. McClenney has been a poultry demonstrator since 1953 and had done exceedingly well in this project. In 1953, her first score was 66. The second score was 91. As of Mr. Dean's customs demonstration graduated at a score of 97. On February 24th, Mr. Dean took first score for 1955. On keen observation, he immediately gave Mrs. McClenney a score of 97; congratulated her and recommended casual improvement and advised her on future practices.

For her outstanding leadership in her community, an award was given her by a local store at the Annual Achievement Day Program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OUTSTANDING H. D. CLUB

The Branchville club has been an inspiring club this year. On March 10th., twenty ladies met at the community center of Branchville for the purpose of organizing a H. D. Club. The agent gave a brief outline of the plan of work for the year, and the purpose and functions of the club. Officers and leaders were elected, and the regular monthly meeting date set.

During the regular meeting in April, eight new members joined. The enrollment of this club at present is 33. There were eight meetings held

during the year with the attendance 75% During the meeting, there were four demonstrations and four discussions.

Among the activities given by the club aside from regular project work are: 10 members attended the Annual Farmers Conference; two members attended a District meeting; All Members attended the Program held at the Community center where Mr. Womack, Health Officer spoke to the group on "How Safe Is Your Water".

In spite of the short length of time being organized, the Branchville Club members cooperated and took part in the Achievement Day Program. This club received a blue ribbon and plaque for first place booth. Like all other club members throughout the county, Branchville, Club members are happy, ambitious and agreeable.

ACHIEVEMENT OF EXTENSION WORK IN HOME ECONOMICS

Mrs. Elizabeth Chambliss of Capron Community has been working on two results demonstrations, namely, yard beautification, and home improvement since 1954. Due to the present agent short length of time in the county and over flow of farm work these projects were unable to be completed this year.

BRIEF APPRAISAL OF YEAR'S WORK

- ① The work in the county, during the past year, has been very enjoyable. It has shown that cooperation and getting along with people means a great deal toward progress. During the past year two clubs have been organized 1 -H.D and 4-H. Many improvements have been made in many phases of Extension work such as ~~yamk~~ poultry, clothing and better housing. With the aid of the supervising agents, Specialists and cooperation with all agencies I believe 1956 will be more profitable year.