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III. The County Situation as it Affected the 1952 Program:

The severe drought and hot weather in Halifax County caused serious damage to the tobacco, hay, garden and corn crops, which means that most families will have less money to spend and save this year.

Farmers each year are reaching out and doing more diversified farming. Tobacco is still the main money crop. In some sections of the County, the tobacco diseases such as Blackshank, Granville Wilt, and Root Knot destroyed a great deal of the crop. Farmers have increased grain, pasture and hay production due to the increase in dairying and livestock growing in the County. Early spring and fall gardens were good; mid-summer gardens were very poor due to extreme drought and hot weather. The Agents feel that there were more and better fall gardens than ever before in Halifax County. There was plenty of fruit in the County and the homemakers have done an excellent job of preserving the surplus vegetable and fruit crop.

The number of farm families seeking employment in the two local textile mills and shoe factory is on the increase. Many of our farm men and women seek part-time employment in these mills to help supplement their income.

For the third consecutive year, the Home Demonstration Clubs chose Home and Community Beautification for their Federation Goal. Interest is still running high in building new homes and remodeling old ones. The homemakers are making

a great effort to improve the inside of their homes as indicated by the Home Demonstration Program set up for next year.

Six women from Halifax County attended the National Home Demonstration Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Home Agents feel that it has helped to stimulate more interest in Home Demonstration work by having these women give a report on their trip over the local radio station and in the three local papers.

IV. Contribution of 1952 Program to Better Family Living:

The Home Demonstration Program for 1952 contributed to better family living in Halifax County by helping the homemakers to make their homes and surroundings more attractive and better places in which to live. The interest in the Federation Goal--Home and Community Beautification--has certainly contributed to better living in Halifax County by the building of 21 new homes, the remodeling of 43 homes, with 156 rooms improved and 156 rooms with walls and woodwork refinished. The beautification on the outside of the home consisted of 96 mailboxes improved, 59 farm entrances improved, 356 new shrubs planted, 32 lawns seeded, 21 outdoor living areas established, and 17 outdoor living areas improved. The Home Agents have helped plan the landscaping of 42 homes, three church grounds, and the grounds around the Health Clinic sponsored by the Turbeville Home Demonstration Club.

Last year, there were 17 Home Demonstration Clubs. For the year, 1952, there are 19 active clubs in the County. The Home Agents feel that two more groups will probably organize before March.

For the year, 1951, there were 34 4-H Clubs with an enrollment of 676. For the year, 1952, there are 32 4-H Clubs with an enrollment of 700 girls and 400 boys. Although the number of clubs have decreased, the enrollment has increased by 24 girls.

Thirty-five 4-H girls attended 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake; 34 girls attended Camp in 1951; 10 girls attended State Short Course in 1952; only six girls attended in 1951. Alease Clarke and Ann Epperson were taken into the All Star Organization. Alease Clarke was County, Area, District winner in Laundry Contest and placed second in State. Sally Trice was County, Area and District winner in Meal Preparation. Ann Epperson was County, Area and District winner in Style Dress Revue and placed second in the State. "Cookie" Armistead placed first in County and Area Contest in Dairy Foods. Ray Foster placed first in County and second in Area in the Canning Contest.

On Thursday, July 10, all of the Home Demonstration Clubs in Halifax County enjoyed their Annual Family Picnic at Staunton River State Park. Home Demonstration members, friends, and

families enjoyed the good food and fellowship experienced that day.

On Thursday, September 18, the Home Demonstration Clubs of the County enjoyed a tour to four places of interest in the County. The Home Demonstration Committee decided to have the picnic and tour to take the place of the Achievement Day.

The three radio programs over the local radio station, WHLF, each week offers a wonderful opportunity for the Home Agents to give information to the public. The Farm Bureau of Halifax gave the County Extension Office a new recording machine in July, and the Home Agents have found it very helpful in preparing recordings to be used when it was impossible for the Agents to go to the local station. The machine has been used to take to club meetings and make recordings to be used over the local station. Approximately 125 Home Demonstration members have had an opportunity to appear on radio programs this year, and around 200 4-H Club girls and boys have participated on radio programs for the year, 1952.

There has been one Home Demonstration and three 4-H Club programs over Station WBTM in Danville in 1952. The Agents feel that radio programs have been more interesting this year than ever before due to the fact that more club members have participated and the Agents have stressed outstanding work done in the County in radio programs.

V. Adult Work

✓ A. Project Work

1. Home Grounds Beautification

The objectives were to make the homes in Halifax County a more beautiful place in which to live; to help the homemakers set up standards for selecting suitable and desirable shrubs and plants; assist the homemakers in making a plan for arrangement of shrubs, walks, driveways and outdoor living areas; and to help the homemakers take pride in establishing and maintaining attractive home grounds.

Methods used to accomplish these objectives were: Leader Training Meetings by specialists, club demonstrations by agents and leaders, visits and tours to result demonstrations, radio talks, mimeographed material, newspaper articles, and window displays. On December 12, 1951, Mr. C. L. Hall, County Agent, trained the leaders for the January demonstration, "Pruning and Care of Shrubs." For the January meeting, the leaders and agents used posters to show how pruning should be done and in eight of the clubs, actual pruning demonstrations were given. The Agents could not get specialist help for the February meeting on "Rooting, Budding, and Grafting of Shrubs," so with the help of the County Farm Agent, the Home Agents prepared the material for the demonstration. The Club members did not enjoy the February meeting as much as some of the others because budding and grafting is just a little too

hard for the average homemaker to do successfully. Most of the homemakers reported being very successful in rooting shrubs and plants. On February 22, Mr. Albert S. Beecher, Extension Horticulturist, trained the leaders for the March demonstration, "Walks and Driveways," and for the June demonstration, "Outdoor Living Areas."

As a result of the four demonstrations on outdoor living and a study of the Federation Goal--Home and Community Beautification--the women reported 96 mailboxes improved, 59 farm entrances improved, 356 new shrubs planted, 32 lawns seeded, 21 new outdoor living areas, and 17 outdoor living areas improved. The Home Agents helped 42 families with landscaping problems, the landscaping of three church grounds and the grounds around the Turbeville Health Clinic that is sponsored by the Turbeville Home Demonstration Club. The Agents feel that the time spent on these four demonstrations was very worthwhile and that as a result of these demonstrations, improvements will be made for years to come on lawns, walks, driveways, outdoor living areas and care of shrubbery. //

2. Foods and Nutrition

The objectives were to help the homemakers save time and energy in food preservation and meal preparation; serve adequate, attractive, and wholesome meals; and give the homemakers the approved procedures for freezing raw and cooked foods.

Methods used were: Leader Training Meetings held by specialists of V. P. I.; demonstrations in clubs by leaders, VEPCO Home Economists, and agents; newspaper articles; movies; radio talks and mimeographed material. On Tuesday, March 11, Miss Janet Cameron, Food and Nutrition Specialist of VPI, conducted an Agent's Training Meeting in Lynchburg on "Freezing Raw and Cooked Foods." On Wednesday, March 26, the Home Agents held a Leader Training Meeting to train local leaders for the April demonstration, "Freezing Fruits and Vegetables," and the May demonstration, "Freezing Cooked Foods." These were two of the most popular meetings of the year. These demonstrations helped to inform Home Demonstration members of the approved procedures to follow in freezing. Many people in the County were not using approved methods. The Home Agents feel that the Home Demonstration members converted a large number of homemakers to use approved methods; although, in some instances, it required more time and energy, they could see that the results were well worth the extra time and energy required. Questions were answered on canning, and canning bulletins given to those requesting such bulletins.

The women reported 96 home freezers, 86 using community lockers, the freezing of 5,560 quarts of vegetables, 3,542 quarts of fruit, 19,460 pounds of meat and 5,042 other foods, the canning of 6,618 quarts of tomatoes, 11,050 quarts

of vegetables, 6,021 quarts of fruit and 1,398 quarts of other foods. Only 242 club members made a report on work done in 1952. The Agents feel sure that the number of home freezers and families using community lockers could be more than tripled for the rural families in Halifax County. Last year, the women reported 110 freezers and for 1952, they only reported 96. The Agents know that freezers have increased in Halifax County rather than decreased. The difference is in the club members reporting this year. The Agents used a movie on the freezing of fruits and vegetables in the clubs in addition to the regular demonstration. The movie was in color and was very attractively presented. It showed the procedure for freezing corn, broccoli, peaches and strawberries. It gave excellent information on packaging and storing frozen foods. On Tuesday, September 2, Miss Janet Cameron, Food and Nutrition Specialist of VPI, trained the leaders for the September demonstration, "Sandwiches," and the October demonstration, "Meat Substitutes." The sandwich demonstration was not as popular with the club members as the Meat Substitute demonstration. For the meat substitute demonstration, the Agents and leaders added the preparation of some of the low cost meats. Miss Jacqueline Osborne, VEPCO Home Economist, asked to work with some of the clubs on that demonstration. Miss Osborne gave the demonstration in five of the clubs. The Home Demonstration members were real pleased with the book on

hamburger recipes and the leaflet on meat substitutes and meat stretchers. The Agents hope that some of the Home Demonstration members who had never learned to use the broiler in the stove will make use of it after the demonstration on meats and meat substitutes. The Agents and leaders used the broiler in preparing some of the dishes. There are two parts of an electric stove that many of our homemakers do not receive full value from--the deep-well cooker and the broiler. The Agents and Home Demonstration members gave out 85 booklets on hamburger and meat substitutes to non-club members who requested the books.

3. Insect Control

The objectives were: To help the homemakers use the right insecticide and procedure for eradicating household pests, to identify household insects, and to realize the destruction caused by household pests.

The procedures used were: Leader Training Meeting held by VPI specialist, demonstrations in clubs by Agents and leaders, movies, newspaper articles, radio talks and mimeographed material. On Tuesday, February 12, Mr. John Amos, Associate Extension Entomologist, trained the home demonstration leaders for the July meeting on insect control. He had prepared nice insect control folders for each leader. He gave information on control of housefly, mosquito, bed bugs, roaches, silverfish, rats and mice. He also used a

film on rat control. The leaders and Agents used the movie, "Vandals in the Night," and led a discussion on insect control. Booklets on insects were given to each club member.

The women have reported excellent results on getting rid of some of the household pests. The Home Agents have had more reports on getting rid of roaches than any of the other insects. Fourteen families, who were not club members, asked for additional information on getting rid of roaches as a result of a radio talk made on insect control.

4. Basket Making

The objectives were: To create a greater appreciation of handicraft work, to satisfy the urge of many of the homemakers to do some handicraft work, to help them appreciate the skill that it takes to do a worthwhile job.

The methods used were: A leader training meeting with Miss Catherine Peery, Extension Rural Arts Specialist of VPI; mimeographed material, demonstrations by Agents and leaders to club members.

The Home Demonstration members reported making 196 bread baskets and serving trays. The women found out that making baskets wasn't as easy as they had thought for and that it took more time than they had anticipated. Most of them reported that they were glad to know how it was done and enjoyed the basket demonstration more than any

of the other demonstrations in 1952. The members who did not make baskets helped those that did with soaking the reed and helping with the weaving. ~~4~~

5. Housing

The objectives were to help improve living conditions, to create in rural people a desire for better housing, to impress upon them the importance of planning, and to help the homemakers plan their home to make it more convenient and livable.

The methods used were: Visits by specialists and agents, radio talks, newspaper articles, and bulletins. A month was not set aside to study housing, but the Home Agents helped club women and non-club members plan new homes and remodel old homes. Miss Mary Settle, Extension House Improvement Specialist of VPI, made two visits to Halifax County in 1952, and she helped Mrs. James Mills to make plans for a complete remodeling job of her home. Mrs. Mills has completed the project with the exception of one room that will not be completed until the summer of 1953. Miss Settle checked on the project of remodeling in Mrs. I. D. Harding's home. Her home has been completely remodeled in the past two years, completing the job this summer. Miss Settle helped to plan a kitchen in the Episcopal Church in Halifax, and the job has been completed. Mrs. Crowder

Robertson is still working on her kitchen. She has built a new kitchen and utility room but will not be able to complete the job until 1953. (Picture of a portion of Mrs. Robertson's kitchen on next page). Mrs. Garland Hutcherson is remodeling her entire house and will probably be working on it for several years. The Home Demonstration members reported 21 new homes built, 43 rooms remodeled, 60 steps and porches repaired, and 62 sanded and refinished floors.

6. Poultry

The objectives were: To help improve the home poultry flock and create more interest in maintaining a productive flock.

The procedures used were: Poultry folders sent to the Agents for the leaders from the Poultry Department at VPI, radio talks, newspaper articles, and mimeographed material. Each club had a poultry leader, and she was given five or ten minutes at each meeting to give timely information on Poultry.

The Home Demonstration Club members reported raising 13,878 baby chicks, keeping 15,474 layers and 114 women reported selling eggs.

7. Garden

The objectives were: To help the homemakers realize the importance of having a fall garden as well as spring garden and to use recommended varieties of seed and plants.

Shady Grove H-D Club Member Remodels Kitchen-Utility Room



Mrs. Crowder Robertson

By Nadine Cox, Ass't Home Agent

Mrs. Crowder Robertson of Shady Grove Home Demonstration Club is doing a good job of remodeling her home. At present she is working on a convenient kitchen-utility room combination.

With the aid of the Home Agents, Extension bulletins, and current magazines, Mrs. Robertson has planned this room to be convenient and to save her time and energy. She has followed the two most important factors in planning her room, which are: (1) the major work centers should be within easy reach of each other, and (2) everything used at each work center should be conveniently arranged, so placed that it can be easily and quickly reached with as few motions as possible. Cabinets and drawers are important considerations in most of these work centers and unless they are well-designed and arranged to meet the

needs of each work center, the kitchen will lose much of its step-saving efficiency.

For convenience Mrs. Robertson divided her kitchen-utility room combination into separate working units with the equipment and supplies necessary for each unit grouped together. These units are:

1. Mixing center for bread, pies, cakes, etc.
2. Center for storage of china and crystal.
3. Center for washing and preparing fruits, vegetables, and meats.
4. Planning center with a desk for planning meals and other household functions.
5. Breakfast nook for informal family meals.
6. Center for the home freezer and materials for packaging food for the freezer.
7. Center for the care of milk, containing a churn, pasteurizer and supplies.
8. Laundry center, containing washing machine.
9. Center for storage of home cleaning supplies—vacuum cleaner, mops, wax, etc.

The procedures used were: Radio talks, newspaper articles, movies, mimeographed material from VPI and talks by club leaders. Each club had a garden chairman, and she was given time at each meeting to bring timely information.

Four hundred fifty women reported having a family garden that supplied the family needs for vegetables; 48 families reported selling vegetables.

8. Clothing

There was no special clothing instruction in the Home Demonstration program in 1952. The Home Agents answered numerous questions on clothing.

The Home Demonstration members reported making 168 work dresses and aprons; 106 better dresses; 418 children's garments; 70 tailored garments; 98 remodeled dresses; 66 remodeled coats and suits; 28 remodeled hats; 116 improved care and protection of clothing; 22 families keeping clothing accounts, and 52 families re-arranged sewing equipment to save time and energy. Mrs. E. E. Daniels of the Singer Sewing Machine Company gave a demonstration to one of the clubs on "Pressing, Fitting, and Altering a Garment." Mrs. Daniels gave an excellent demonstration and all of the club members reported gaining very helpful information from her.

B. Other Activities

1. Club Community Project

The Turbeville Home Demonstration Club sponsored the Under-privileged Health Clinic at Turbeville due to the fact that there was a great need for such a Clinic and the Turbeville Club had the money to sponsor the activity. The club members helped when additional help was needed. One of the county nurses and a doctor spent 1/2 day each week at the Clinic. The Home Demonstration Club furnished the fuel for heating and are now improving the grounds as one of their projects.

The Home Agent helped the women to make a plan for planting grass and shrubs and for making a new driveway and parking area for the Clinic.

2. Home Demonstration Week

Halifax County Home Demonstration Clubs observed National Home Demonstration Week with three special radio programs, a page of news articles in local papers, and 67 women attended the District Meeting in Campbell County at Naruna High School. The clubs gave \$5.00 to the PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP DRIVE. (Newspaper articles on next page.)

3. National Home Demonstration Meeting

Mrs. W. S. Adkisson, Mrs. J. W. Foster, Mrs. Sam Foster, Mrs. Jack Grinstead, Mrs. L. S. Williamson, and

County Clubs To Join In Nat'l HDC Week

By Mrs. Louise B. Tane, Home Demonstration Agent

Virginia's home demonstration club members will join the more than 1,500,000 women in other states in celebrating National Home Demonstration Week, April 27-May 3, under the general theme, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

Special programs, exhibits, and other activities are planned to acquaint the public with the aims of home demonstration work.

An explanation of the work was recently phrased aptly by a farm woman: "Home demonstration work is a voluntary on-the-job educational program for women. The program is carried into our homes and communities by home demonstration agents, assisted by women who serve as voluntary local leaders.

"We study ways and means of improving family health and increasing family comfort and happiness. We are taking drudgery out of everyday tasks by modernizing our homes and by simplifying our work. We are bringing beauty into the home through study of color and design.

"The interests of home demonstration women have advanced far beyond the four walls of their homes. We have taken the logical step from better homes to better communities. We sponsor health clinics, hot lunches in schools, libraries, and community beautification programs. We also recognize other factors which affect the well-being of our families, such as problems of good government, international understanding, and good will.

"Our home demonstration program is fundamental."

Nineteen Home Demonstration Clubs in Halifax County will join the other counties in the State in celebrating National Home Demonstration Week.

There will be a window display in Halifax showing the number and location of the clubs in the county, membership and pictures of Home Demonstration work. This display will be made by the Paces Home Demonstration Club. The committee is composed of Mrs. Willard Reeves, Mrs. C. B. Barksdale, Mrs. Robert Barnes and Mrs. Ferrell Oliver.

There are special news articles appearing in this paper written by club members in Halifax County and there will be special radio programs next week.

Some 75 to 100 Home Demonstration members are expected to attend the District Federation meeting in Naruna on May 2 as a part of the celebration.

Teamwork Fosters Mt. Laurel Center

By Mrs. C. L. Roller, Mt. Laurel Home Demonstration Club

Citizens of Mt. Laurel have proof that where there's a will, there's a way. In November of 1949 an electric shop in Mt. Laurel was secured and has since been converted into a much used community house. The Home Demonstration Club, Men's Social Club, church groups, and the 4-H Club are users of the building.

Individual donations and projects sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club and Men's Social Club have made possible the purchase of the building. Some of the money making projects were: brunswick stews, banquets, and entrances in the County Fair.

Contributions by all have helped to bring about the many changes at the house. Logs were given and cut by community folk to be used for the double floor and wainscoting. Insulation board was given by a local citizen. The building was newly wired, and 50 folding chairs, an oil range and steel cabinets were secured.

The land surrounding the building has been cleared and seeded in grass. Shrubs were contributed and planted. The grounds are quite suitable for picnics and there is ample space for playgrounds. A basketball court, which was graded by the men last summer, has been used a number of times. A tennis court will be completed this summer. The annual Home Demonstration picnic and the Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District meeting were two events of 1951 held on the ground.

Mt. Laurel folk feel that the community house is meeting a great need of the community, and we want the people of the surrounding communities to feel free to join us. We will continue to plan and work to make our community house better still. The next project will be a modern kitchen added to the main building.

Remodeling Is Fun And Profit Mt. Laurel Clubwoman Proves

By Mrs. I. D. Harding, Mt. Laurel Home Demonstration Club

Homemakers, have you ever taken an old, out-of-style dress that is most too small since you gained a few pounds and made it over by adding a touch of something new you saw in the latest style magazine, changing that old neckline they wore about five years ago and lifting the skirt around the hips? Most of us have, and we have a dress that is very stylish and comfortable.

So it is with remodeling our homes. We can change an old inconvenient home into a comfortable convenient place to live by much careful and thoughtful planning.

I started my remodeling job in January, 1950, on a two-story frame house with a living room, a dining room that you'd have to go down the hall to enter from the living room, four bedrooms without a single closet, two halls with a closet under the stairs, a very small, inconvenient kitchen, and a back and front porch.

First, I measured each room and drew a plan of both floors, in black pencil, as they were and began studying how I could best add the things my family of four needed for comfort and convenience, and still be economical. As I studied the floor plans, I'd draw with red pencil the changes I wanted made so the carpenter could easily see them.

I decided to make a new addition to the full two stories, where the back porch originally was, that would give me a new kitchen, breakfast

nook and a bath on the first floor and a sewing room, linen closet, storage closet, and a bath on the second floor. This would also make the house more compact. Then, I could use the old kitchen for a utility room which is almost a "must" on any farm.

I had a built-in bookcase and storage cabinet put in the living room, an arch cut between the living room and dining room, clothes closets built in every bedroom, a coat closet built near the front entrance and new floors laid over the entire house. I sanded and finished them with floor seal, with some help from my husband.

The kitchen is my favorite room of the house and since it was built new, although in limited space, I could plan it more like I wanted than any other room. I have a V-shaped work area with the sink under the window in the end, my mixing center and refrigerator to the right of the sink and the stove to the left, under an open window to the breakfast nook through which food and dishes can be passed to the table, saving many steps. I had pine paneled cabinets built in my kitchen just recently, which I also sanded and finished. So you see I am still at work on my remodeling, and I have some other jobs to be done yet; but

plans were made for them at the beginning, and I had a creative vision of how the job would look when finished. I am still working to that end.

Remodeling really is fun and expensive, too; but we can reduce the cost greatly by doing some of the work ourselves. It's hard work, but work we will enjoy and when the job is complete we can cherish it for all

our lives—that warm glow of pride that comes from knowing we've done a big, tough job and done it to the best of our ability.

So, homemakers, let's get busy if you live in one of those inconvenient homes built some years ago and remodel it for convenience and comfort just as you would remake a dress to bring it back into style.

ON: PART III

mine if the city can buy land for parking lots. If the lot in question is to be a profitable venture, as many believe, surplus revenue will be used to acquire other lots.

Halifax must build other parking lots if parking fees increase for off-street parking. These will necessarily have to be located in spots around the spokes of the city which will accommodate traffic in these areas where the need arises.

The concentration of a city inevitably leads to the commercial building of "neighborhood centers" in the suburbs. Business away from the congested area results in a gradual lessening of pressure in the principal business district. This affects tax revenue, naturally, and is a real and serious problem for the city. As this goes on, the suburban area springs up with all the unconducive street locations, parking facilities, and traffic knots that the fleeing business had sought to escape in the first

place. The Retail Merchants Association, the Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City Council are all convinced that an off-street parking lot is needed. The city is controlled by the municipalities and the municipalities are controlled by the municipalities. The municipalities are controlled by the municipalities. The municipalities are controlled by the municipalities.

After first considering the possibility of an off-street parking lot, the city decided that the job must be done by the municipality, and after studying parking lot operations in other

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Mrs. Edd Owen attended the National Home Demonstration Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina in October. Mrs. W. S. Adkisson gave a report of the meeting over WHLF in South Boston.

4. Federation Goal

The Home Demonstration Clubs carried Home and Community Beautification this year for the third year. The Federation Goal Chairman gave a short talk at each meeting, encouraging the members on timely things that could be done on the Federation Goal.

The Sutherlin Home Demonstration Club held their Annual Flower Show on Tuesday, May 6, in the home of Mrs. O. R. Hackworth. There were 60 members and friends to attend the Show, and there were six classes of arrangements with approximately 100 arrangements. Three members of the Danville Garden Club judged the Show. A very interesting talk was given by Mrs. Frank Jennings of Danville.

On Tuesday, October 7, the Sutherlin Club held its Annual Flower Bulb Exchange Meeting in with the scheduled club meeting for the month.

Mrs. O. R. Hackworth, County Federation Goal Chairman, wrote a letter to every Home Demonstration member in the County, asking that each one improve her mailbox, plant a new shrub, and improve the driveway this year. In the letter, she sent a plan for three mailboxes; so if the family needed a new box, she could pick one of the three styles.

There were approximately 175 name plates bought this year for mailboxes. Paces, Rosa, Aaron's Creek and Sutherlin Clubs sold name plates as one of the means of making money for the club.

5. Home Demonstration Picnic

On Thursday, July 10, all of the Home Demonstration Clubs in Halifax County enjoyed a picnic at Staunton River State Park. The club members look forward to this Annual Picnic and the fun, fellowship, recreation and good food is enjoyed by all. This is a family type of get-together. Each club member may bring as many members of her family and friends as she desires. The only requirement was that you bring sufficient lunch for the number of people in your party.

6. County Fair

Nine Home Demonstration Clubs had booths at the Halifax County Fair the week of October 13. The Calvary Club placed first, with North Staunton second, Turbeville third, Omega fourth, and Oak Level fifth. The Calvary Club portrayed a typical Home Demonstration meeting showing the part leaders, members, and Agents should take in a regular meeting. The North Staunton Club had Walks and Driveways; Turbeville showed the landscaping of the Health Clinic that the Turbeville Home Demonstration Club sponsors. The Omega Club had Mailbox Improvement, and the Oak Level Club used Walks and Driveways. The Home Agents feel that the booths

showed more and better planning than ever before. All of the Clubs were busy on plans in July and continued to improve on these plans until the Fair in October. (Picture of first-place booth on next page.)

7. Home Demonstration Tour

On Thursday, September 18, all of the Home Demonstration Clubs joined together for their Annual Tour. For the year, 1951, they toured result demonstrations; so they requested to tour some of the industrial plants in the County for 1952. The tour covered a trip through Carter Fabrics to see the process of making nylon and rayon; Coble Dairies was toured to see the process of making powdered milk. The Home Demonstration Clubs pledged two years ago to give \$1000.00 to a new community hospital in Halifax County. The hospital is expected to open January 1; so the ladies toured the hospital to see the progress that had been made. The home of Mrs. Wallace Moore was included and there the women saw some beautiful refinished old furniture.

VI. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

Halifax County 4-H Club enrollment for 1952 was 700 girls and 400 boys, making a total of 1100 members. There were 32 Clubs for 1952 and 35 Clubs in 1951. In spite of the decrease in number of Clubs, the enrollment was 44 more boys and girls in 1952 than in 1951. Decrease in the number of Clubs



is due to the closing of three of the grade schools in the County this year. In March of 1952, the 4-H enrollment summary sheets were sent in to the State Office with an estimate of 1439 projects for the year. One hundred and nineteen girls enrolled in Bread; 48 in Food Preservation; 99 in Meal Planning; 9 in Looking Your Best; 288 in Make or Remake Your Clothing; 617 in So You'd Like to Sew; 50 in Sleeping, Study, Dressing and Resting Unit of Home Improvement; 138 in the Care and Arrangement Unit; 9 in Laundry; 8 in Rural Electrification; 37 in Gardening; 6 in Poultry; and 2 in Home Grounds Beautification.

1. Bread

The objectives the girls wanted to reach were: To set up standards for good bread, to measure accurately, to make different kinds of bread and to enjoy making bread.

The methods used to accomplish the objectives were: Letters to the mothers of the girls from the Home Agents explaining the project and asking her to encourage her daughter to do a good job, and to help her keep records; radio talks; newspaper articles; demonstrations and bulletins from the Extension Service.

There were 119 girls enrolled and they reported making biscuit 2,496 times; the making of cornbread 1,190 times, muffins 352, griddle cakes 201, waffles 84, loaf bread 37, yeast rolls 62 and Sally Lunn 6 times.

2. Meal Planning and Service

The objectives were to learn to prepare balanced meals; to save time and energy in meal preparation; to serve more raw foods and salads.

The methods used to accomplish the goals were: Letters to the mothers of the girls explaining the project and asking for her help and cooperation; radio talks; newspaper articles; bulletins from VPI; demonstrations and discussions.

- Ninety-nine girls enrolled in this project and they reported planning 1460 meals, prepared 3,120 meals, served 307, packed 326 lunches, set the table 12,204 times, made 165 cakes, made cookies 365 times, made 12,654 milk dishes, 792 salads, and cooked vegetables 2,132 times. There is only one community club in the county and the girls in that club are responsible for club refreshments for six of the meetings.

3. Food Preservation

The objectives were: To learn the better methods of canning and freezing; to make a food preservation plan for the family; keep good records and save on the cost of the family food supply.

The methods used to accomplish the objectives were: Letters to the mothers of the girls explaining the project and asking for her help and cooperation; demonstrations by Agents, leaders and older club girls; bulletins from VPI; news articles and radio talks.

Forty eight girls enrolled in this project in April and three more girls joined in on the project in May, making a total of 51. They reported canning 2,883 quarts of tomato juice; 4,680 quarts of vegetables; 2,406 quarts of fruit; 1,275 quarts of other foods. These same girls reported freezing 196 quarts of vegetables; 365 pounds of fruit; and 1,975 pounds of meat. A great deal of the interest shown in Food Preservation is due to the contest sponsored by Sears Roebuck and Company. Ann Epperson placed first in the County in Canning; Ora Fisher second; and Shirley Thompson third. Ora Fisher placed third in the Area in Canning.

4. Clothing Unit III - So You'd Like to Sew

The objectives were: To learn the simple steps in sewing; create an interest in sewing; and how to use simple sewing equipment.

The methods used were: Letters to the mothers of the girls explaining the project and asking for her help and cooperation; demonstrations by Agents; demonstrations by leaders and older club girls; and bulletins from VPI.

There were 617 girls enrolled in this project and they reported making 175 headscarfs, 316 needle cases, 409 kitchen towels, 242 aprons, 69 laundry bags, 423 stuffed toys, 167 wrist pin cushions, 43 tray cloths, 149 broomstick skirts, and 212 handkerchiefs.

5. Clothing Unit II - Make or Remake

The objectives were: To plan needs for clothing, to be able to judge good quality and workmanship in fabrics; develop skills in making and altering garments.

The procedures used to accomplish the goals were: To make an inventory of clothing on hand; made a visit to a local store to study labels and workmanship on ready-made garments; demonstrations by Agents and older club girls; bulletins from VPI and radio talks.

The girls reported making 1,620 garments; the remodeling of 201 garments; and the dyeing of 67 garments. Fifty-four girls entered the Dress Revue held in connection with the Halifax County Fair. Eighteen girls entered the Lynchburg Farm Show Dress Revue.

6. Clothing Unit I - Looking Your Best

• The objectives were to improve general appearance, health, and to take pride in being neat.

The methods used to accomplish these goals were: Demonstrations given by club members and Agents, bulletins from VPI, and radio talks.

Only nine girls enrolled in this project, but those nine influenced ten more girls to take the project, making a total of 19 girls. These girls concentrated on five points: Posture came first, then care of hair and skin. The

other two points were: Making quick repairs and pressing woollens.

7. Laundry Unit III and Unit IV

The objectives were: To learn some ways of saving time and energy in doing the family laundry, and improve laundry equipment.

The methods used to accomplish these goals were: Demonstrations to other club members, people of the community and home demonstration clubs; bulletins from VPI; and visits to homes that had good laundry equipment.

Nine girls enrolled in Laundry; four fell by the wayside, with only five girls completing. Alease Clarke has done an outstanding job in Laundry and was the County, Area, and District winner last year. The Agents feel that this project has meant more to Alease than any other project she has ever carried. It has been necessary for her to assume many of the home responsibilities; doing the laundry each week for a family of six has been one of her jobs.

8. Rural Electrification Units I and II

The objectives were to learn the meaning of electrical terms, analyze electrical needs on the farm and try to meet some of the electrical needs.

The methods used to accomplish the goals were: Bulletins from VPI, classes taught by VEPCO and Mecklenburg

REA Engineers; help in planning course from Mr. J. L. Calhoun, Assistant Extension Agricultural Engineer of VPI; visual aid and workshops.

The electrical course was taught for a two-hour period every Monday night during the month of January. There were eight girls enrolled in this class with the boys. Seven of the girls completed the course. (Picture of class at work on next page.)

9. Garden

The objectives were: To plant fall gardens as well as spring gardens; to grow a variety of vegetables; to use disease-resistant plants and to practice good pest control measures.

The methods used to accomplish the objectives were: Instructions from Mr. F. H. Scott, Garden Specialist of VPI, and the Home Agents; bulletins from VPI; radio talks; news articles; and home visits.

Thirty-seven girls enrolled in this project. Sears, Roebuck and Company sponsored the Garden and Food Preservation Project. Ora Fisher of the Volens Club placed first in the County and Area. Shirley Thompson of Scottsburg placed second and Ann Epperson of Volens placed third. Margaret Lovelace, a Halifax County girl, won the Area last year. (Picture of Ora Fisher on next page.) The Home Agents feel that this contest has been an important factor



Annual Sears Contest Winners Check Entry



Miss Ora Fisher, right, of Nathalie, and Miss Barbara Webster of Calloway in Franklin county, are shown inspecting a top drawer entry in Sears annual gardening and canning contest held yesterday. Miss Fisher took top gardening honors and

won a total of \$42, while Miss Webster, together with her sister Doris, divided the first place canning award. 4-H Club girls from five Danville area counties participated.

Thirty Area 4-H Girls Named In Annual Sears Garden Event

Cash prizes aggregating \$260 were distributed to 30 4-H Club girls from five Southside Virginia counties here yesterday as they exhibited their garden and canning project achievements in the annual Sears-Roebuck contest.

Ora Fisher of Nathalie, a Halifax County 4-H member, claimed top gardening honors and awards and won a total of \$42 to lead the five-county field. Included in that \$42 was \$20, first place in area gardens; \$10, third prize for area canning; \$7, first award in her county for gardening; \$5, second award in her county for canning.

A team of sisters from Calloway, Franklin County, combined efforts to share second place and divide a total of \$54 between them. The winners, Barbara and Doris Webster, divided the \$20 area first canning award; the \$15 area second gardening prize; \$14 for winning their Franklin County awards in both gardening and canning; and the \$5 second county prize in canning.

Linda Reynolds of Axton claimed third rank in the area contest and a total of \$23 in money. She captured the area second prize in canning, \$15; first county award for canning, \$7; and \$1 for sixth area award in canning.

Ina Dean Mullins of Rocky Mount ranked fourth in the money race with \$18, earned by winning third area gardening, \$10; second county gardening, \$5; and third county for canning, \$3.

The contest was held under the supervision of Miss Lucy Blake, district home agent and the home agents of the five participating counties: Miss Kathleen Wampler, Pittsylvania; Miss Marion Lawrence, Henry; Mrs. Dorothy Angie, Franklin; Mrs. Louis Tune, Halifax; and Miss Ethel Grubb, Patrick.

In addition to the big money winners, other county winners of first, second and third places were:

Carolyn Clark, Chatham, first in both gardening and canning, \$14.

Anne Epperson, Clarkston, first in canning, \$7; third in gardens, \$5. Peggy Ramsey, Bassett, first in gardening, \$7; third in canning, \$3.

Frances Birgman, Patrick Springs, first in gardens, \$7; second in canning, \$5.

Guelda Terry, Meadows of the Dan, first in canning, \$7; third in gardens, \$3.

Joan Mitchell, Chatham, second in each, \$10.

Shirley Tompkins, Scottsburg, second in gardens, \$5; third in canning, \$3.

Nicholas Clark, Claudeville, second in gardens, \$5.

Mary Ruth Shropshire, Ridgeway, second in canning, \$5; fourth in gardens, \$1.

Margaret Shropshire, Ridgeway, third in gardens, \$3.

Mary Elmer Messenger, Calloway, third in gardens, \$3.

Myrtle, third in gardens, \$3; fifth in canning, \$1.

Melba Fuller, Blairs, third in gardens, \$3.

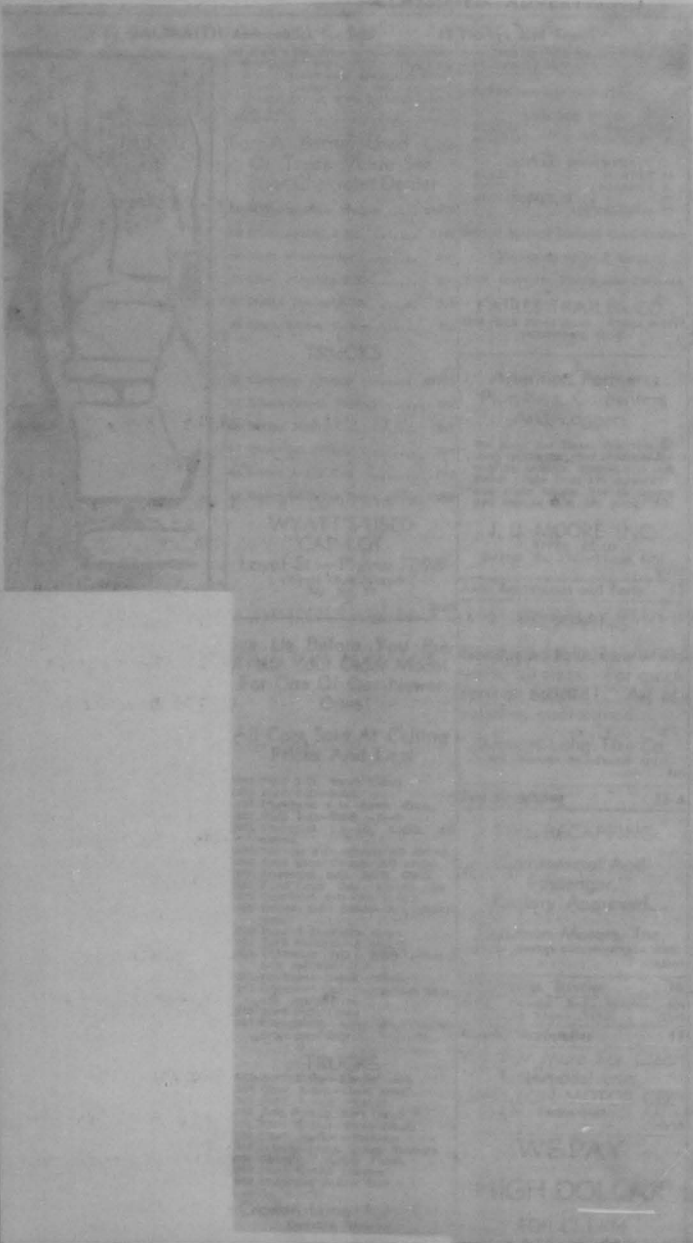
Dottie Lou Moses, Hurt, third in canning, \$3.

Betty Clifton, Vesta, third in canning, \$3; fourth in gardens, \$1.

The following won fourth, fifth or sixth prizes in one or both classes: Ruby Pate, Boones Mill; Shirley Robertson, Rocky Mount; Shirley Mullins, Rocky Mount; Mary Pugh, Rocky Mount; Betty Catherine Blanks, Vernon Hill; Paulita Patterson, Halifax; Norma Lee Clarke, Nathalie; Elizabeth Pruitt, Axton; Linda Reynolds, Axton; Jeanette Cox, Claudville; Doris Ann Mills, Stuart.

Miss Blake, the district agent, spoke briefly, congratulating the girls especially on having raised excellent late gardens in spite of the dry weather. She also expressed appreciation to Bert Flowers, manager for Sears, for the contribution his firm is making toward improvement of garden, canning and stock-raising in the five counties they sponsor.

Flowers congratulated the girls on their fine record, and assured them it was a privilege to cooperate in the effort, and expressed appreciation of the efforts of the home demonstration agents in promoting the projects.



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in influencing the girls to plant fall gardens, to use good seed and plants and to practice good pest control methods.

10. Poultry

The objectives were to improve the home flock, to learn to cull chickens, the proper food to use, and to improve housing conditions for the home flock.

The methods used were: Bulletins from VPI; instructions from Mr. Denver Bragg, Poultry Specialist of VPI; radio talks; news articles; and visits by Home Agents.

Only six girls entered this project. One of these girls, Patsy Carr, made the Poultry Judging Team. The Home Agent has been disappointed in the lack of interest shown in poultry and the work done by the girls who entered the project. Halifax County girls and boys, men and women need to do more to improve the home poultry flock.

11. Home Grounds Beautification

The objectives were: To improve the looks of the home grounds; to learn where to plant flowers, trees and shrubs and what kind to use.

The methods used were: Letters to parents explaining project and asking for help and cooperation, home visits, bulletins from VPI and radio talks.

Only four girls carried this project and the Agents do not know the reason why; but they do know there is a lack of interest on the part of 4-H members and parents in this project.

12. Home Improvement - Care and Arrangement Unit

The objectives were: To help save time and energy in housekeeping; to make our homes more attractive; and to learn the better ways of homemaking.

The methods used were: Letters to parents explaining the project and asking for their help and cooperation; home visits; radio talks; news articles; bulletins from VPI; and Agents training meeting held by Specialist from VPI in Chatham.

One hundred seventy-four girls enrolled in the Care and Arrangement Unit. These girls reported caring for their rooms at least six months; the making of 123 articles for the room; 104 drawers partitioned and 187 towels and table mats made.

13. Home Improvement - Sleeping, Study, Dressing and Resting Unit

The objectives were: To take some of the responsibilities of housekeeping off of homemakers; to learn to save time and energy in room improvement; and to learn the better ways of homemaking.

The methods used were: Home visits; letters to mothers explaining project and asking for her help and cooperation; bulletins from VPI; demonstrations by Club members and Agents.

Fifty girls enrolled in this project and thirty-nine girls completed.

B. Other Activities

1. Halifax County Fair

The Halifax County Fair was held in South Boston the week of October 13. Mrs. Marion Baldwin, Mrs. Georgia Wilkerson, and Mrs. J. E. Oliver judged the exhibits. The Fair Association sponsored a Style Dress Revue on Wednesday night, October 15. Fifty-four girls entered. This was the largest group ever to enter. Pauletta Patterson of Halifax placed first in the All Wool Dress Made by the Exhibitor; Sally Trice of the Volens Club placed first in the Church and Street Class; Janice Mise of the Calvary Club placed first in School Outfit; and Cookie Armistead of the Volens Club placed first in the Party Class. For the little girls, under 12 years of age, there were two classes. Sarah Beale Roark of the Scottsburg Club placed first in the Street and Church Class, and Carolyn Lacks of the Scottsburg Club placed first in the School Outfit. Mrs. Roy B. Davis, Jr. judged the Dress Revue.

2. Lynchburg Farm Show

Eighteen girls from Halifax County entered the Dress Revue held in connection with the Lynchburg Farm Show. With 14 counties participating and 16 prizes, Halifax County girls won two firsts, one second, and one third place. Cookie Armistead of the Volens Club placed first in the Party Class; Pauletta Patterson of the Halifax Club placed first in the All Wool Dress Made by the Exhibitor; Janice Mise of the

Calvary Club placed second in the School Class and Sarah Ann Watts of the Scottsburg Club placed fourth in the School Class.

3. Danville Fair

The Calvary Club was the only Club in Halifax County to enter the Danville Fair. The Fair Association offered a grand prize of \$75.00 for the Club winning the most points. Four points were given for a blue ribbon, three for a red, two for a white and one for a pink ribbon. For the fourth year, the Calvary Club won the grand prize of \$75.00.

4. Contest

On Saturday, February 9, nine girls went to Lynchburg for the Area Contest. Josephine Weatherford, Ann Mills, Miriam Harding and Rosalie Weatherford went to observe in 1952 and will enter a contest in 1953. Alease Clarke placed first in the County, Area, and District in Laundry; Sally Trice placed first in the County, Area, and District in Meal Preparation. (Picture on next page.) Ann Epperson placed first in the County, Area, and District in the Dress Revue. (Picture on next page) Cookie Armistead placed first in the County and Area in Dairy Foods. (Picture on next page) Ray Foster placed first in the County and second in the Area in Canning. (Picture on next page) The County Contest was held on Saturday, January 26.





5. District Camp

Thirty-five girls from Halifax County attended District Camp at Holiday Lake the week of June 16. Halifax shared the Camp with Fluvanna, Cumberland and Pittsylvania Counties. Mrs. R. L. Lacy from Halifax attended as Camp Nurse. Mrs. Jack Grinstead and Mrs. I. D. Harding served as leaders. It was a nice week at Camp, and the girls reported having a wonderful time.

6. Conservation Camp

Conservation Camp was held at Virginia Beach; and due to the travel involved, there were only three girls from Halifax County to attend. Miriam Harding and Mary Frances Rickman of the Clover Club and Pauletta Patterson of the Halifax Club attended. The girls found this to be a very worthwhile Camp and enjoyed the fellowship with other 4-H boys and girls.

7. Short Course

June Grinstead, Margaret Lovelace, Sally Trice, Ann Epperson, Alease Clarke, Margaret Wooding, Joy Lee Conner, Patsy Carr and Cookie Armistead attended Short Course at VPI. Alease Clarke and Ann Epperson were taken into the All Star Organization. The girls reported that they enjoyed the classes arranged for them. All of the girls reported learning a great deal about

preparing notebooks for state competition and they liked having the State Contest in connection with the Short Course.

8. Inter-State All Star Convention

Margaret Wooding of the Turbeville Club was the only girl from Halifax County to go to the All Star Convention. Margaret is very active in All Star work and is one of the best leaders in Halifax County.

9. Calvary 4-H Club

Again in 1952, the Calvary Club has been the outstanding club. The Agents feel that the success of this Club has been due to the excellent leader and parent cooperation in helping the 4-H Club members. The Club won approximately \$835.00 in prize money at the Danville and Halifax Fairs. Four out of the six State Contest winners for the year, 1952, are from the Calvary Club.

10. Halifax 4-H'ers Observe National 4-H Week

The first week in March, Halifax County 4-H boys and girls observed National 4-H Club Week with four special assembly programs, three radio talks by 4-H Club members, and special news articles in the local papers. (News articles on next page.)

1096 County Members Celebrate

32 Active Clubs Now In County

By Gil Morgan

National 4-H Club Week, March 1-9, finds Halifax County with 32 organized 4-H Clubs and 1096 members. This is the largest 4-H enrollment in the history of Halifax County.

Individual 4-H Clubs are now organized to include the youth of every community in the county.

Quite often, one hears of the 4-H Clubs, but do you know exactly what they are? That is the question 4-H Club members are asking all over the county this week. These boys and girls are proud of their organization, and they want the public to know and understand its purpose.

The 4-H'er is proud of the fact that he is a member of the largest rural organization in the world. That he belongs to a voluntary organization, which he helps in planning its program and activities.

The 4-H'er is gratified for the opportunities he has in his club work. The aid he gets from local leaders and Extension workers in helping to develop his talents for many fields.

The 4-H'er realizes the importance of leadership in the world today and appreciates the opportunity he has to develop himself into a sound and capable leader through 4-H Club work. He realizes the fact that his 4-H organization helps him to become a better citizen, which in turn aids his community, county, and country.

The 4-H'er believes in learning to do by doing. He becomes familiar with nature, agriculture and



FARM ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT — County Club members learn proper uses of electricity. Left to right are Randolph Henderson, Josh Guill, Jennings Ridgeway, Charles Hudson, Worth Hudson, Cooke Armistead, Alease Clark, and Instructor Elwood Blackwell, of the Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative.

homemaking by doing and learns its skills so he may be a worthy citizen.

The 4-H'er understands the importance of developing the 4-H's which are Head, Heart, Hands and Health. He knows the characterization of these today will help him tomorrow.

The 4-H'er lives by his motto—"To Make the Best Better"—and carries it out in his undertakings. He is proud of his club colors—white for purity green for nature.

The 4-H'er believes in his club pledge and thinks it is a well-rounded pledge that everyone could benefit by following. He receives a thrill in saying:

I pledge —
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living
For my Club,
My Community
And My Country.
The 4-H'er is proud of the fact that he is a 4-H Club member.

to be a future homemaker. After all, the young folks of today are the citizens of tomorrow. Being a member of the 4-H Club means to me that I can learn to do many things, to sew and make my clothing, use what I have at hand to make things for the house. It means that I can learn to cook and to can and preserve food in other ways. It means that I learn the value of a proper diet and other ways to take care of my health. It means that I can have fun and fellowship with my group because all work and no play is not good for us. To sum it up, it means 4-H health, happiness, handiness and heartiness.

Nancy Greenwood presented in a very interesting way "4-H Club Work" by C. B. Smith:

4-H Club Work

- To help lift the burden
- Point the better way.
- Give vision to toil
- And the hope of a better day.
- To teach the larger,
- Encourage a soul
- To still greater task
- A still higher goal.
- To look beyond the plow
- Teach a man's full part
- In Community and town
- In assembly and mart.
- Club work is training
- Of greatest value when
- Its goal of achievement
- Is the inspiration, the making of men.

C. B. Smith

History Of 4-

By Louise B. Tune

Did you know that 4-H Club work for girls in Virginia had its start in Halifax and Nottoway Counties? That in 1950 there were 2,000,000 4-H members in the United States? That in 1950 there were 34,959 4-H Club members in Virginia.

4-H Clubs were first known as Tomato Clubs and Corn Clubs for boys. There were just 46 girls in Halifax and Nottoway Counties in that first Tomato Club. Now there are 706 girls in Halifax County in 4-H Club work. Club work for boys was first started in Chesterfield and Dinwiddie Counties with 100 boys from both counties enrolled. From that enrollment of 46 girls and 100 boys in 4-H Club work back in 1910, the enrollment has grown to 34,959 in 1950.

The 4-H Club program has grown as rapidly as the number of members. The 4-H program back in 1910 consisted of individual project work and making an exhibit of this work. Today the 4-H Club program offers training in leadership, team work, citizenship, spiritual growth, recreation, and in the general development of worthwhile citizens of tomorrow.

4-H Club work becomes part of the lives of rural young people while their minds are still plastic;

4-H Club Leads Along With C

By Mrs. Jack Grinstead

Local Leader of Calvary 4-H Club

I have been a 4-H Club Leader for 14 years, and it has meant more to me than any one club member. Some are members for one year some for more, but I remain with them as they come and go, and it keeps me young you know. While I give them new thought and ideas, they also give me new and better ways of doing things.

I take a great pleasure in going to 4-H Camp with the children. I call that week my vacation. While there is a great responsibility on anyone with a group of other people's children (although through the years, I have not found any who will not yield when love is shown them) I feel I have many more friends all over the county by taking part in the 4-H Club Camp life.

If we can be understanding leaders, there will be many parents to give help which I consider I cannot be without. The children all seem to enjoy the meeting as if they were planned social meetings. A nice place for a child to go often keeps them from going to the wrong places.

In my community, the 4-H Club is the main interest of our boys and girls, and has brought them close together bringing more cooperation into the community as a whole. It has given our boys and girls more interest in their homes, farms, and community.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Boys

Red	W	L
Slow Pokes	4	0
Hot Shots	4	1
Loufers	2	2
Juniors	2	3
Midgets	0	4
Blue	W	L
Basketeers	4	0
Cavalliers	4	1
Scrubs	3	3
Travelers	0	4
Roughnecks	0	4

Scorers

B. Wilkins, Juniors—33
K. Hardy, Hot Shots—31
B. Irb, Cavalliers—28
C. Moorefield, Basketeers—26
W. C. Francis, Slow Pokes—24

4-H Club Programs

The 4-H Clubs in Halifax County are having a little different type of meetings this year. The older club members, leaders, and agents felt that it would be a great help to develop poise, self-confidence, and leadership in younger club members by having more 4-H members participate in their meetings each month.

The vice-president of each club is automatically made program chairman and it is his or her job to arrange a 15 minute program each month, using as much originality as possible and including as many club members on the program as possible. There have been

some excellent programs used in some of the clubs. Space will only permit me to mention one of these. Billie Barnes of Sutherland is vice-president of the Oak Level Junior 4-H Club and she has done an excellent job on programs. Last month she had special music and Glenda Newby told what the 4-H Club meant to her. Glenda said:

"To me, a 4-H Club member means that I am working with a group of young people about my own age. It means that I have a leader who brings interesting programs to our meetings. These programs challenge me to try to do the best I can to learn how

Volens High School News

General News

We hope to start practicing baseball very soon if the weather permits. Several of the boys have bought baseball equipment already. Mr. Ed Kell will coach the team this year.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Ann, Frances and Helen Overby during their recent bereavement.

Attendance has improved for the past few days and the influenza epidemic seems to be dying out although we have not suffered as much as some of the other schools.

OUR SENIORS

Jean McDowell

Jean McDowell was born near Rodden on September 9, 1933. She attended Rodden elementary school seven years before entering Volens. In September, 1947, while attending Volens, she has been a member of the Beta Club, Literary Club, F. H. A., 4-H Club, Glee

Club, Monogram Club and Basketball team.

Jean wrote the class poem and she has the leading part in the senior play. She plans to enter Longwood College next fall.

Clean Room Contest

In the clean room contest last week, Room 4 received an "A" and Rooms 1 and 7 received "B". The other rooms did not get a grade because of books, paper on floor and desks.

Pupils Prepare For Forensic Contest

Last week pupils of Volens began tryouts for the forensic contest to be held at Halifax High School, where they will compete against other high schools of Halifax County. The winning contestants will then compete against Pittsylvania County. Winners of that contest will go to Lynchburg for the Regional Contest. Winners there will go to the University of

Virginia for the State contest.

Representatives will be chosen for boys' and girls' prose reading, poetry reading, boys' and girls' public speaking and spelling. Coaches for these are Mr. Crews, boys' public speaking; Mr. Evans, girls' public speaking; Mrs. Ferguson, reading, and Mrs. Trice and Mr. Evans, spelling. The Halifax County Forensic Meet will be held on March 11, at Halifax High School at 7:30 P. M.

FFA Degree Team Working Hard

The Volens Chapter of Future Farmers of America are now getting ready for the Degree Team contest which will be held in the near future. The following boys are on the team: Bill Carr, President; Jack Jennings, reporter; Kenneth Anderson, Treasurer; Ryland Hardy, Vice-President; Roy Trent, Secretary; Dabney Hudson, Sentinel; Douglas Fisher, First Conductor; Earl Midkiff, Second Conductor, and Mr. Ed Kell, Advisor.

The boys are working hard and hope to win first place. They hope to be able to go to Blacksburg this summer.





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NOTICE TO CITIZENS OF Halifax County, Virginia State Income And County Personal Property Returns

WHO MUST FILE

ALL persons owning tangible personal property such as automobiles, livestock, farm equipment, refrigerators, furniture, rugs, jewelry, silverware and all other tangible personal property as of January 1, this year.

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ALL persons, married or unmarried, adult or minor, who had for the taxable (income) year a gross income of \$1,000 or more must file a return. This is required regardless of the number of dependents a person may have.

ALL persons who arrived at the age of 21 years last year and all persons over 21 years of age, who have not previously been assessed with Capitation taxes, should report their names to the Commissioner of the Revenue, or to the Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue for their District.

ALL persons required to file returns, will please file same at the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, Halifax, Virginia or with the Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue for their district by May 1st. This is the last day for filing WITHOUT PENALTY.

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Rate National 4-H Club Week

H Club Work

Home Dem. Agent

gives them guidance when they need it, teaches them some of the inspiring things in agriculture and farm home life, it emphasizes the home, and above all it develops the highest type of manhood, womanhood, and American citizenship.

4-H Club members throughout the work are all striving to live to the 4-H Creed and the creed is:

"I believe in Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work for the opportunity it gives me to become a useful citizen."

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to THINK, PLAN and REASON.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be HELPFUL, SKILLFUL and USEFUL.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to ENJOY LIFE, RESIST DISEASE and MAKE FOR EFFICIENCY.

I believe in the United States of America, and in my responsibility for their development.

I am, therefore, willing to devote my efforts for the fulfillment of these things which I believe."

Leaders Helped Club Members

They have worked especially hard to win prize money for the benefit of our church, also they gave freely of their own money until the church was paid for.

My own girl was a 4-H Club member from 10 years old until she married, and I'm sure she is more prepared for making a happier home by the information received from 4-H Club projects. I shall name some of the projects our 4-H members have taken in our club: Wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, tobacco, lespedeza hay and other hays, insect collection, forestry identification, dairy products, dairy calf, beef projects, Farm and Home Electrification, poultry, soil conservation, gardening, food preservation, sewing, cooking, bettes, growing, and handicraft. My 4-H Club members keep records and turn in their books, also bring a sample of their projects to the Achievements and to Fairs.

I feel very proud of the Calvary 4-H Club and the outstanding things they have accomplished. I had one girl from this club to become a Home Demonstration Agent. She was also an All Star. There are many people far and near who are glad to learn from our 4-H members how to do many things such as: Bottling chairs and stools, canning and storing of food, as well as farm work. Most of all, I am very grateful to all the agents who have come and gone, also all of the Extension people who have given a world of help.

	Girls	W	L
American		4	0
Sweater Girls		2	2
Juniors		2	2
Seniors		1	4
Bombers		0	5
Cyclones		4	0
National		4	0
Chasers		2	2
Big Fools		2	2
Whiz Dings		2	2
Toughies		2	2
Ramblers		1	4
Scores			
F. Carr, Chasers—27			
B. Hodnett, Seniors—25			
K. Hughes, Sweater Girls—24			
H. Guthrie, Whiz Dings—22			
M. F. Ragdale, Bombers—22			

4-H Garden Club Organized

On February 27, 1952, the Virginia 4-H Garden Club, as it was named, met at Katherine Amis' home.

Miss Cox gave out pamphlets concerning information about gardens.

Officers were elected as follows: President—Mary Helen Wilkins; Vice-president—Hallie Torian; Secretary—Treasurer—Jean Sneed; Reporter—Mary Lou Chandler. It was then decided that the Club will meet every 2nd and 4th Friday in each month.

The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting at Mary Wilkins' home.

Mary Lou Chandler, Reporter
Hallie Torian, Assis. Reporter

Makes Dean's List

Farmville—The Dean's List for the spring semester at Longwood College has been released by Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, president. Students whose names appear on this list are recognized for their superior scholarship during the fall semester of the 1951-52 session.

Among those recognized was Sylvia Louise West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman West of 214 W. 1st St.



BEEF CATTLE PROJECT — Edward Henderson, of Vernon Hill, member of the Wilson Memorial 4-H Club, is shown with his Angus heifer. Shelter for the animal was built at a cost of only 85 cents.

General 4-H Activities

By Worth Hudson
Besides project work, there are a lot of general 4-H activities that create a lot of interest and really inspire 4-H'ers. Some of these activities include: Demonstrations: There are many ways in which demonstrations can help a 4-H'er. The main thing it helps to get practice in explaining things to other people. If a person can demonstrate any thing, he is more likely to remember it himself. Reading about how to prepare in a meeting and really doing it correctly are two different things. "To learn by doing" is a true quotation.

Judging, such as dairy judging. In dairy judging, we have the chance to visit nice farms and take classes which teach us the qualities we are to look for in judging. It is fun to compete with other 4-H'ers in the county, state, and if a person happens to be a state winner, then he has a trip to Chicago with all expenses paid. As a usual thing, competition will make most of us work harder.

Exhibits: I expect when one mentions the word "Exhibits" most 4-H'ers think of money and ribbons. Well, these are nice, but they're not everything. The honor of achievement is even greater, and we are again reminded of our motto, "To make the best better."

Tours: Have you ever heard anyone say, "Those boys and girls call themselves going on an educational tour, but it is just to have a good time?" Certainly we expect to have a good time, but new ideas and an exchange of ideas

believe others will agree. are always good for young and old. "SEEING is believing and we profit from TOURS."

County Council: This council is made up of all the officers of the clubs in the county. Each year, the council will set up objectives for the year and also sponsor activities in the county.

Camps: This is where the 4-H'ers reward lies. I was fortunate in being able to go to Holiday Lake, near Appomattox for two summers. Here, we have stunts, games, and challenges of all kinds. We had classes in manners, swimming, and handicraft. Horse shoes, volleyball, and softball are other sports found there, too. There's never a dull moment and we make many new friends also.

Short Courses: State Short Courses are held at VPI in Blacksburg. Each county in Virginia has delegates there. While there, such courses as the following are offered: Dairy cattle and poultry judging, dairy demonstrations, laundry, dress review, leadership, folk games, frozen foods, and singing. I have been three times, and I have taken dairy judging and folk games. A day's schedule was similar to this:

Breakfast in college dining hall, assembly, classes, lunch, rest period, swimming, airplane shows, or tours, supper, vespers and some kind of program for our entertainment each night. The week is just entirely too short. If a 4-H'er ever gets the chance to go, he should take it and go.

WHAT? NO 4-H CLUBS?

By: Mrs. Clifford Brock, a 4-H Leader
Middletown, Conn.

Let's stop and think, what would we do?
If 4-H Clubs should cease
Without our 4-H girls and boys,
With no more cows and pigs and geese!
The world would be a sorry place
Without these girls and boys,
All busy with their projects fine
That fill their life with joy.
The stock parades would sadly end,
Fine pets would cease to be,
We'd have no demonstration days,
No contests would we see,
No pumpkins big and bountiful,
Or garden crops displayed,
And all the 4-H Fairs should close
We'd surely be dismayed.
What! No more pies and cakes to see,
No dresses neat and grand,
Or dress revues and flower shows
By girls throughout the land.
Oh, let's keep loyal to our clubs,
And keep them going strong;
There is no better work in life,
We surely can't go wrong.

Milk for human consumption is obtained from the cow, goat, reindeer, yak, zebu, buffalo, camel, llama and sheep.

The Secretary of State is the only cabinet member who does not have to make an annual report to the President.

4-H Member Tells Of All Star Groups

By Margaret Wooding

Young 4-H members have a real challenge in belonging to the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health Club. One goal each member should strive toward is that of belonging to the All-Star Organization.

The steps toward the All-Stars are: the 4-H member tries to Make the Best Better through taking part in county 4-H programs, County Council, Honor Club, and Achievement Day and above all the local club. The qualifications are: (1) good leadership ability, (2) outstanding achievement in some service activity, (3) personal character and characteristics, (4) the type and quality of project work, (5) the boy or girl must be at least fifteen years of age.

The State All-Star Conference opens each summer the week end preceding the 4-H Short Course. At this conference officers are elected, new members are received and instructed, and other business of the chapter is executed. The motto of the organization is "Service." We are ready and willing at all times to help any worthy cause in the promotion of rural life.

The Interstate All-Star Conference is held annually in an interesting and educational location. In 1951 it convened at University of Tennessee with delegates from seven states present.

Halifax County doesn't have an organized chapter yet but plans are being made toward organizing one. We hope each All-Star who is a resident of Halifax County will attend the meeting which will be held this spring.

Special Clubs: A 4-H Club member may become a member of the Honor Club and All-Star. To become a member of the Honor Club, a person has to have done good work and completed a number of projects. To be an All-Star requires even better and harder work. When a person is invited into the All-Star Club, it is quite an honor.

Personally, I think that general 4-H activities are equally as important as project work, and I

Makes Dean's List At Charlottesville

John Paul Greenwood, a junior at the University of Virginia, was listed on the Dean's List of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University for the second semester.

The son of Mrs. Sadie Greenwood of Halifax, John is a junior this year, and his record not only includes this high scholarship mark, but he also is Cadet Colonel of the Hap Arnold Air Force Group, and recently represented them on a committee to plan the military ball at the University.

Halifax PTA To Meet March 13 At School

The Halifax Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

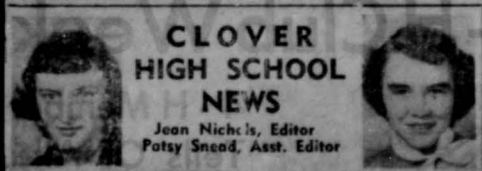
A one-act play, "Spring Formal," will be presented by the school's Dramatic Club. All P-T-A members have been urged to be present.

George Washington owned a set of the third edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.



CLOVER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Jean Nichols, Editor
Patsy Sneed, Asst. Editor



Some of our plans and our usual educational program are beginning to materialize. When complete preparations and organization have been made a detailed explanation will be given. We are very much excited about this usual education program and have high hopes of it being a success.

Plans for the renovation of the cafeteria kitchen are also materializing. Some of the many needed things have been added and we are in the process of buying others. As in most instances our main obstacle is finances; however, through the fine cooperation and support of our patrons we feel sure that the \$1500 - \$2000 needed will be easily raised.

The epidemic of flu and measles which has been so severe in many of the schools in the county has

recently effected us. Our absences have not been as severe as several of the schools have experienced, 50 being the most absent in any one day. We are proud of our being able to resist the cold germ to this extent.

Our plans for walks around the building and to the toilets are complete. However, we have not begun to construct them as yet. The conditions of the ground over which the children have to walk are very muddy. This causes difficulty in keeping the children's clothes and shoes clean, feet dry, and the floors and the furniture in the building clean.

Plans are being made for a testing program in some of the elementary grades and a case study of several of our pupils in these same grades through which we believe a better teaching-learning situation might spring.

JACK WILLIAMS
PHARMACIST'S MATE THIRD CLASS
U.S. NAVY



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Several of our teachers have expressed appreciation of the visits and lectures of professional people who have met with us this year. As a follow up, several professional books on better teaching are being read. It seems that a desire to have a school in which we teach children instead of books exists among most of our faculty.

Second Grade News

We have been having a lot of fun with our rhythm band. Mrs. W. O. Nichols visited us last week and we played for her.

For several weeks we have been studying famous paintings. We can identify sixteen of these. We are now making booklets called

"My Picture Books" in which we are using the miniature pictures. Some of the pictures we like are as follows: "The Helping Hand," "A Boy With A Rabbit," "Miss Bowler," "The Torn Hat," "Dignity and Impudence," and "A Distinguished Member of the Human Society."

We are eagerly waiting for our diorama of Holland which is being sent to us from the Valentine Museum, Richmond, Va. We have also ordered a special collection of foreign dolls.

Miss Williams reads us a book each week. She is now reading us "The Sunbonnet Babies in Holland."

We are drawing dikes, windmills, wooden shoes and tulips. Several pupils have been absent this week because of sickness.

We have made an aquarium for our room but because of the crowded conditions we have put it in Miss Abbott's room.

4th and 5th Grade News

Nettie Austin and Beulah Lane have been absent several days because of sickness.

Mr. Wood has had a new closet put in our room which we are enjoying very much.

8th Grade News

We have been seeing some very interesting movies in Science class. There has been a large number of absences from our class because of sickness.

Some of the pupils in our class have met the qualifications required of them to become members of the Pep Club. They are as follows: Betty Ann Eudy, Patsy

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Two window displays set up by 4-H members for
National 4-H Club Week.

11. Achievement Day

The Achievement Program was scheduled for Saturday, July 19; but due to the late tobacco season in Halifax County, the Program was re-scheduled for Saturday, December 13. Plans have been completed for awarding prizes and medals, talks by State Contest winners from the County, a demonstration put on by a Club member and a short talk by a representative of the State 4-H Club Department for the Achievement Program on December 13.

VII. Young Men and Young Women's Work

There are two Older Youth Groups in the County sponsored by the churches. One is the Clarkton group with Mrs. Frank White as leader; the other is the Mount Laurel group with Mrs. C. L. Roller as leader. The Home Agents have given help to the leaders and ordered handicraft materials for the groups.

VIII. Scope of Work

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. 4-H Clubs or Groups	15	17	17	19
Membership	477	540	508	550
No. YMW Clubs	28	33	35	32
Membership	530	622	676	700
No. YMW Groups	2	2	0	0
Membership	54	54	0	0
No. of other families reached	8083	10102	10215	6112
No. of different families reached	8564	10644	10743	5002
No. community clubs	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0

IX. Organization Functioning in 1952 Program

A. Program Planning Committee

In April, the County Extension Agents invited the Program Planning Committee to a dinner meeting. This meal was prepared by the Home Agents and served by the 4-H girls. The program was discussed and suggestions made by the group. The Home Agent and Farm Agent outlined the program.

B. County Home Demonstration Committee

Two meetings were held in 1952--one on Friday, April 25 and the second one Friday, August 22. At the April 25th meeting, the Committee checked the program for 1952, set the date for the Annual Picnic, and appointed a Committee to secure a sponsor for the first printed Year Book in Halifax County; and the same Committee (with the help of the Home Agents) planned the Year Book. Mrs. Lacy Powell, Mrs. E. S. Martin, and Mrs. Willard Reaves served on the Committee and Shelton-Powell Motors sponsored the Year Book for 1953. Mrs. Willard Reaves was elected Vice-president of the Committee and Mrs. Frank Conner was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The second meeting on August 22, the Committee set up the program for 1953. The program planned was: December - Club Choice; January - Sewing Machine Attachments; February - New Materials and Their Care; March -

Clothing Accessories; April - Good Grooming; May- Storage of Clothing; June- Outdoor Meals; July - Club Choice; August - Care and Cleaning of Furniture; September - How to Make Simple Household Repairs; October - Tomato Dishes- A Source of Vitamin C; November - Cakes and Frostings. The Committee voted to have a county-wide meeting in March on making aluminum trays and a meeting in October on refinishing furniture.

The Federation Goal was changed from Home and Community Beautification to Safety. Points to be stressed were: Fire prevention, first aid, highway safety, and farm and home safety.

Club objectives recommended were: To study parliamentary procedure, observe National Home Demonstration Week, organize a new Home Demonstration Club, pass on information to other homemakers and add some type of recreation to club meetings.

C. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

In May, all of the 4-H Clubs had their own planning meetings. Early in July, the Agents went over the results of the planning meetings, made some plans; and on Saturday, July 26, the County Planning Meeting was held. This was a busy season on the farm for the boys

and girls; therefore, the attendance was very poor. The Club members present, with the help of the Agents, made plans for the 1953 program.

D. County 4-H Club Council

The County Council had two meetings in 1952. The first meeting was to train officers, discuss program and set up goals. The goals were: To secure more local leaders, encourage more 4-H members to participate in Fairs and Achievement Programs, and turn in 100% records. The boys and girls enjoyed a talk by Mr. Jack Tyree, Associate State 4-H Agent. He gave them some points on how to go about securing more local leaders.

The second meeting was held in July and a check was made on how far they had gone on goals that were set up in January. The program for 1953 was discussed and plans made for an Achievement Program to be held in December.

E. County 4-H Honor Club

The Honor Club has been more active in 1952 than ever before. In May, the Honor Club met and checked on progress of goals; planned the Annual Honor Club Picnic and Initiation Ceremony for the 8th of July; appointed committees to do the necessary repair to 4-H Club Welcome Signs erected on the main highways leading into the County.

The Honor Club members enjoyed the picnic held at Staunton River State Park on Tuesday, July 8. Twelve new members were initiated into the Honor Club in a very impressive candlelight ceremony. Those girls who attended the Recreation Meeting in Lynchburg in April were in charge of the games for the Honor Club Picnic. Honor Club members helped to make the plans for the Achievement Program to be held on December 13th.

F. County Chapter of 4-H All Stars

On Monday, June 16, the All Stars of Halifax County met and organized a County Chapter. Margaret Wooding of the Turbeville Club was responsible for getting the group together. Margaret Wooding was elected big chief; Cookie Armistead, scribe; Worth Hudson, medicine man, and Sally Trice, recreation leader. The All Stars will assist the County Council and Honor Club in every way possible, help 4-H Club members with records and encourage boys and girls to join the 4-H Club.

Margaret Wooding attended the Interstate All Star Meeting.

The Home Agents feel that this organization will do much to strengthen 4-H Club work in Halifax County.

X. Leadership

A. Activities of Leaders

Halifax County Home Demonstration Leaders have accomplished a great deal this year. The leaders are beginning to see that they can contribute a great deal to Home Demonstration work and their attitude has improved. Seventeen of the nineteen clubs had good organizational leaders and the results of club work done this year is due to a great extent to the hard work done by these leaders.

Each Club had a Program Development Leader, and they did a good job of finding out the desires and needs of the club. The results of the good work done is shown in the program that the club members set up for 1953.

The Subject Matter Leaders are good in most of the Clubs, but there are three clubs in the County in which it is hard to get a leader to attend the Leader Training Meetings or to give a demonstration. In 1949 the leaders took care of 88 meetings; in 1950, they took care of 99 meetings; in 1951, they took care of 100 meetings; and in 1952, the leaders took care of 96 meetings.

The lack of 4-H leaders in Halifax County for each Club presents quite a problem. The principals of the schools in the County will not allow leaders to take charge of 4-H meetings unless the Agent is present. So

the work that is done by leaders is in their own little communities. It is hard to get over two or three girls together in a group in a community, due to the fact that the homes are not located close together, and transportation is not available. Most of the girls do not drive a car and parents have not found it convenient to take club members to meetings with a leader. The Agents do not know the answer to the problem. Due to the above difficulties (as well as other reasons) it was necessary that the Agents write to each girl's mother soliciting her help. Of course, this does not take the place of a good local leader.

There is only one club in the County that has a good organizational and subject matter leader; and the results of the work done by that club certainly shows what a club can do with a good local leader. We have seven subject matter leaders and twelve organizational leaders.

The older 4-H Club girls who are leaders have really served Halifax County 4-H Clubs well. There are 11 older girls serving, and they help with organizational work, with records, with project work and with Contest notebooks. The older 4-H girls who serve as leaders deserve a great deal of the credit for the progress made in 4-H work in this county.

E. Growth of Leadership by Project Leaders

Growth of H. D. Club Project Leadership	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. project leaders (subject matter)	30	34	34	38
No. goal chairmen	15	17	17	19
No. training meetings held by Specialist	3	5	4	5
by Agent	8	5	0	2
Attendance at all training meetings	145	121	88	127
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	88	99	100	96
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	15	17	23	51
Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership				
No. adult project leaders	11	12	19	7
No. junior project leaders	8	8	8	11
No. training meetings held by Specialist	0	0	0	0
by Agent	13	4	9	2
Attendance at leader training meetings	187	21	72	13
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	10	17	5	9
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	84	63	52	15
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	30	32	41	72
No. demonstrations given: by leaders	63	29	79	93
by adults	43	19	47	15
by juniors	20	10	32	78

C. Outstanding Leader Activities

Mrs. Jack Grinstead, leader of the Calvary 4-H Club, is the outstanding leader in the County. Under her leadership

the Club has won the \$75.00 Grand Prize for four years in the Danville Fair. The Club won over \$800.00 in 1952 by participating in the Halifax County Fair and the Danville Fair. Four of the six State Contest winners from Halifax County for the year, 1952, were from the Calvary Club. The Agents never have to worry about getting records from the Calvary Club. Mrs. Grinstead assists the Club members in filling out records and collects all of them to turn in to the Agents.

XI. Work in Cooperation With Other Agencies

Turbeville, Clover and Oak Level Home Demonstration Clubs assisted the Elwood Mobile Unit when it collected blood in the community.

The Home Agents used two movies on cancer--"This Is Life" and "Breast Cancer" in the Home Demonstration Clubs in September and October in cooperation with the Cancer Society.

Two Clubs worked with the Chest X-Ray Clinic when it visited in their community. All of the Clubs in the County cooperated with the Red Cross.

The Mecklenburg REA and VEPCO Engineers and Home Economists worked with the Agents in teaching the 4-H Electrical Course. The VEPCO Home Economists gave five demonstrations in October on Meat Substitutes to the Home Demonstration Clubs.

XII. Appraisal of Year's Work

The Home Agents feel that the radio and newspaper has been a big help in reaching the people in Halifax County who will not attend meetings.

The Agents feel that the women are doing a wonderful job of passing on information gained in meetings to women who are not club members. The attendance at Club meetings in 1952 has not been as good as in previous years due to the fact that many women are seeking employment outside the home. Due to the high cost of living, it takes two to make a living for the family.

The program of 1952 has promoted better living in Halifax County by helping the women to do a better job of planning the distribution of the family income, to save time and energy and have more free time in the home.

The 4-H Club program for 1952 has helped the girls to enjoy their homemaking duties and to feel that they are contributing to better family living. The program has encouraged the girls to assume more responsibility in the Club as well as in the home. The older club girls have done a wonderful job on helping the younger girls with records and notebooks.

The Agents feel that contests have done much to encourage better and more 4-H Club project work.

The Home Demonstration leaders have done a very nice job, but adult 4-H leadership is very discouraging. The Agents hope that next year something can be done to obtain more good project leaders for 4-H Club work.