

VIRGINIA

DISTRICT AGENTS (HOME DEMONSTRATION) 1928
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VIRGINIA

EASTERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT

Narrative Report of Home Demonstration Work .

December 1st, 1927 - November 30th, 1928.

Miss Sylvia Slocum, District Agent

Organized Counties Comprising District

Amelia	Goochland	Norfolk
Brunswick	Henrico	Powhatan
Chesterfield	James City	Dinwiddie
	Mecklenburg	

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT AGENT

December 1, 1927 - November 30, 1928

No. days spent in field work -----	289.5
No. days spent in office work -----	36.5
Total visits to agents -----	116
Average no. visits to each agent -----	11.6

No. visits to Amelia Co. - Lawrence -----	8
No. " to Brunswick Co. - Jamison - Tatum -----	11
No. " to Chesterfield - Lassetter -----	13
No. " to Dinwiddie - Zion -----	12
No. visits to Gochland - McGhee -----	11
No. " to Henrico - Swink -----	13
No. visits to James City - Massey -----	9
No. " to Mecklenburg - Farrar - Ritenour -----	14
No. " to Norfolk - Furr -----	11
No. " to Powhatan - Ragsdale -----	9

No. counties without agents visited -----	7
Prince George - 4; Hanover - 2; Essex - 3; Accomac - 1; Louisa - 1; King & Queen - 1; Richmond - 1.	
No. meetings of Extension Committees -----	18
Attendance at such meetings -----	224
No. of other meetings attended -----	200
Attendance at other meetings -----	24,016
No. agents appointed -----	5
No. agents discontinued -----	2
No. letters written -----	1,339
No. different circular letters written -----	5
No. circular letters sent out -----	190
No. boys' and girls' clubs visited -----	17
No. women's clubs visited -----	24
No. demonstrations given -----	15
No. demonstrations visited -----	112
No. Boards Supervisors met -----	5
No. School Board met -----	2
No. days annual leave -----	7
No. days sick leave -----	4
No. legal holidays taken -----	6
No. miles traveled by auto -----	9,497
No. miles traveled by rail -----	9,641
Total miles traveled -----	19,138
No. conferences -----	215
No. fairs attended -----	18
No. fairs and exhibits judged -----	12
No. short courses attended (including State and District) -----	6
No. counties in which I scored in Home Improvement Contests -----	4
Amelia ----- Home Yards	
Dinwiddie ----- " "	
Norfolk ----- " "	
Powhatan ----- Girl's Rooms	

EASTERN VIRGINIA PLAN OF WORK 1928

Sylvia H. Slocum, District Home Demonstration Agent.

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Finances

Raise the local appropriations in each organized county where possible

Secured increase in local appropriation in Powhatan and Henrico Counties

11. Development of Program of Work

1. Strive to have Advisory Boards realize their responsibility

1. All Advisory Boards have assisted materially in developing the program of work in the various counties. I consider they are all "alive" and active

2. Assist each agent with year's plan of work

Assisted each agent

3. See that plan is followed by checking up with agents from time to time

3. Have checked and found it helpful

4. Help agents to plan work in advance

4. Have tried to formulate plans as far in advance as possible

5. Encourage more effective use of specialists

5. Specialists have assisted agents with plans and field work

6. Observe work of specialists

6. Have been able to do this in 4 instances

7. Develop stronger organizations with women

7. All counties have increased the number of home demonstration clubs. 21 new ones having been organized. Adv. Bds. feel a greater responsibility

8. Assist women with remunerative projects

8. Not much has been done along this line

9. Give assistance to agents with:
(a) demonstrations

9. (a) Have given demonstrations at H. D. club meetings and camps along the line of Foods, Home Decorations and Yard Improvement.

(b) Improvement campaigns and contests

(b) Scored the yards in Norfolk, Amelia and Dinwiddie Cos. Judged rooms in Powhatan. Helped plan a campaign or contest for each county

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Continued)

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(c) Observance of Better Homes Week in each county

(c) Helped plan something with each agent in the district. Assisted with the programs of Henrico, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Mecklenburg and Powhatan.

(d) Short Courses

(d) Assisted with the District Short Course at Petersburg and the Tri-County Camp at Cape Henry. Visited the Jamestown 4-H Camp but did not help plan it

(e) Camps for women

(e) Assisted with the Brunswick-Dinwiddie Camp for farm women at Beck's Beach and the Adult Camp at Jamestown

(f) Rally days

(f) Rally days were held in Amelia, Dinwiddie, Chesterfield, Henrico and Norfolk. Helped with plans but only attended 2

(g) Leader's Training Institute

(g) Attended the institute held in Brunswick. Helped plan others for Chesterfield, Henrico, Goochland and Norfolk Cos.

(h) 4-H Club Councils

(h) Attended meeting of 4-H Club Council in Norfolk and Brunswick Counties. Assisted with plans for those held in Henrico, Amelia and Dinwiddie Counties.

(i) Exhibits at Community and Co. fairs

(i) Every county had either a fair or an exhibit except Powhatan. Attended and judged all the exhibits except Sunny Side in Dinwiddie Co. and Amelia. Also judged exhibits at Accomac, Louisa, King & Queen and Essex Counties

(j) Poultry projects with adults and club members

(j) Have tried to push poultry but do not feel that we have met with much success

(k) Better Foods Clubs

(k) These clubs were organized in every county. I assisted especially in Mecklenburg and Brunswick.

Subject Matter Assistance

1. Give demonstrations in Food, Clothing and Home Improvement when needed

1. Have given demonstrations as mentioned above

2. Judge at Fairs

2. Judged exhibits at 11 Fairs

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS; (Continued)

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IV. Publicity

1. Encourage and assist each agent:

(a) In having at least 2 articles each week in local papers

(a) Our average has exceeded this. Mecklenburg has over 500 articles to its credit

(b) Sending club reports and articles to Club Letter and Extension News

(b) Reports and articles have been sent to Club Letter. Special editions have been gotten out in Henrico, Amelia, Powhatan and Goochland

2. Contribute articles to newspapers and magazines

2. Have done some writing but have tried to improve the quality generally

V. Office

1. Encourage agents to do more efficient office work

Have done some work along this line

(a) Better filing

(b) More prompt attention to correspondence

2. Personal office work

(a) Observe more regular office days

(a) Less time has been spent in the office than should have been

(b) Be systematic in keeping files, records, etc.

(b) Still room for improvement

(c) Give reasonable amount of time to study of bulletins, periodicals and reference books

(c) Bulletins, magazines and farm journals have been read. A library on landscape work has been begun. 8 books have been bought and studied.

VI. General

1. Assist with State Short Course and Farmer's Institute

1. Spent 2 weeks attending the State Short Course and Farmer's Institute

Assist with State and Petersburg Fairs

2. 4 days were spent at the State Fair and two at Petersburg.

3. When possible attend conventions that will give me contacts for further development of my work.

3. Attended the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington. Helped chaperon the boys and girls to Camp Vail, Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass.

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Continued)

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Went to Washington for the meeting of the Association of Land Grant Colleges. Attended the meeting of the State Teacher's Conference and Home Economics Association in Richmond.

PERSONAL NARRATIVE REPORT

During the winter months our time was spent in helping the agents with their plans for the year and in work connected with the local appropriations. The result of the latter was an increase in two counties. Several Advisory Board meetings were attended and help given toward plans for Better Homes Week.

We assisted with the programs for Better Homes Week in 6 counties.

Special assistance was given in Yard Improvement work in Norfolk, Amelia, Powhatan and Dinwiddie Counties.

Seven weeks of the summer were spent attending camps, short courses and institutes. Much time was also used in planning these events.

With August 27th Faire began. We visited altogether 14 of these and judged exhibits at eleven.

It was a great privilege to go to Springfield, Massachusetts to help chaperon the Virginia boys and girls to Camp Vail. One special feature while there was the leaders' breakfast given during Miss Gertrude Warren's visit. Here I learned many of the outstanding features of club work in New England and the Middle Atlantic States.

As usual, the Virginia delegation was a credit to the state. The dinner prepared and served by the girls was a success and received many compliments. Among the guests were Miss Gertrude Warren, United States Department of Agriculture, Miss Ella Gardner, Children's Bureau, Washington, Mr. George Farley, State Club Agent, Massachusetts and Miss Fannie Buchanan, Educational Department, Victor Talking Machine. Virginia also served afternoon tea one day

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About 40 people. These duties together with the team demonstrations, judging contests and daily assemblies, made a very full program.

Some time has been spent in unorganized counties. Fairs and exhibits in Accomac, King & Queen, Essex and Louisa were judged. Some promotion work has been done in Hanover, and Essex, while several demonstrations were given in Prince George.

New agents have gone into Mecklenburg and Brunswick, Miss Courtney Farrar being granted a leave of absence for study, while Miss Ruth Jamison, the efficient Brunswick agent, was transferred to Augusta. Naturally these changes in personnel have required extra advice and assistance.

Two days were spent in Washington attending the meeting of the Association of Land Grant Colleges, while during several days of the last week in November we attended the sessions of Virginia Educational Association in Richmond.

OUTLOOK FOR 1928

Two counties have new agents and there is a very strong probability of more changes in the personnel of the district. Through the various phases of publicity the work is becoming better known in this section of the state. There is real interest among the people of Hanover, Essex, Louisa, Prince George and Isle of Wight Counties for a home demonstration agent. I feel that in the future we may expect appropriations in these counties.

By joining the General Federation of Woman's Clubs our members are coming in contact with a larger number of club women, many of them influential. Contacts are being made between the city and rural women which will be of mutual benefit, I am sure.

Eastern Virginia must face small county treasuries for some years to come; however, I hope the new appropriations will be larger. As I see it more leaders' training institutes must be conducted and more leaders inspired to assist so that the work can expand. Another year will see more yards and roadsides improved and mail boxes beautified, I am confident.

There are calls for new H. D. Clubs all the time and the work through the women's camps will be strengthened another year.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB PROJECTS

Many and varied have been the units of work selected by the organized home demonstration clubs and other groups of women throughout the various counties. These projects include Meal Planning, Dishes for Social Occasions, Food Selection, Wash Dress Unit, Home Improvement, Poultry, Garden, Household Linen, Canning, Breads, Food for Children, Renovation and Remodeling, Gifts, Porch Improvement, Yard Improvement, and Fruit and Vegetable Unit. Besides these outlined units of study, the women have not been most interested in Book Reviews, First Aid, a study of Art in the Home, Parliamentary Law, History and Music.

ADVISORY BOARDS

Every county has an organized Advisory Board. These have done active and effective work in practically every instance. Some of the outstanding accomplishments in the various counties have been the sponsoring of the Better Homes Programs in all; the Yard Improvement Campaigns in Brunswick, Henrico and Norfolk; the Wash Dress Contests in Norfolk and Amelia; the Anniversary Luncheon in Amelia; Helping to entertain the 6th Dist. Federation meeting in James City; Mail Box Campaign in Chesterfield; the Woman's Camp by Dinwiddie and Brunswick; Living Room Campaigns in Amelia and Dinwiddie; the County Fair and Better Gardens Campaign in Goodland.

Other projects undertaken and not concluded include the question of the planting of the county flowers. All Advisory Boards are urging the people to beautify their own homes and the highways by planting the chosen shrubs or flowers. For instance, the Mecklenburg Advisory Board at its last meeting asked that each member of a home demonstration club plant one Crepe Myrtle at home and one along the road-side in front of the yard. This may sound small; however, two hundred women can wield some influence toward beautification even in a county as large as Mecklenburg. We hope to continue this plan for other years to come.

Our rural women are catching the idea of leadership more and more and really

help not only with advice, but actual work in carrying the plans to a successful conclusion.

At the meeting of the Homemakers Association in Blacksburg several Advisory Boards decided to "adopt" an unorganized county and try to arouse enough interest for that county to secure an appropriation and have the services of a Home Demonstration Agent. The women of Mecklenburg and Powhatan have already begun a survey of an adjoining county with the hope of having it numbered among those organized for Home Demonstration work in the future.

REPORT OF 1928 BETTER HOMES WEEK

No. Counties observing Better Homes Week - - - - -	10
No. " Making it a County-Wide Observance - - - - -	7
No. " Having a Community or communities observing Better Homes Week - - - - -	7
Total communities in above 7 counties observing Better Homes Day - - - - -	35
Total demonstrations put on in district - - - - -	10
Total No. programs put on - - - - -	50
Total No. people visiting Better Homes Demonstration - - - - -	4500
Total No. people attending programs - - - - -	6440
Total No. homes reached - - - - -	2415

Amelia County: Jetersville and Mattox Home Demonstration Clubs each observed Better Homes Week. A special meeting was held at Jetersville while the Mattox Club made a pilgrimage to Powhatan County. Several improved yards were visited. The women were entertained by the Worth While Home Demonstration Club. Later in the day all visited Elmwood Nursery where they were shown various plantings and a number of shrubs were purchased.

Brunswick: A community center was opened. This represented cooperation between the Lions Club, Woman's Club, County Library and the Advisory Board for Home Demonstration work. The center consists of a seven room apartment. The demonstration received honorable mention in competition with over 3,000 communities in the United States.

Dinwiddie: The Smith's Grove Home Dem. Club held a special meeting during the week at which a demonstration was given in rug making.

The home economics cottage was formally opened on Friday. The home demonstration agent and home economics teachers cooperated in the undertaking. The cottage was beautifully arranged and an interesting program given. Torrents of rain reduced the attendance materially.

Cecilani: A county meetings was held at the State Farm. The moving picture, "Poor Mrs. Jones," was much appreciated. A clever demonstration in interior decoration was given. All the ministers of the county preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Henrico: A series of programs culminating with the meeting of the county federation of H. D. clubs on Saturday were held during the week.

The ministers all preached upon the subject of Better Homes on the preceding Sunday.

A splendid piece of cooperation between the woman's clubs of Richmond and the county was carried out. The principal speakers at each meeting were Richmond women and on Saturday we were given the use of the Woman's Club building. A pageant entitled "The Development of the American Home" was most effective.

James City: A historical pageant entitled "The Pocahontas Highway" was written by Miss Jeanette Kelly of Williamsburg. This was given on Saturday night in Phi Beta Kappa Hall, William and Mary College. The cast included one hundred and ten people. It was the best piece of cooperation that has ever taken place in the county. Every club member took some part. The hall will seat one thousand and the pageant was given to a capacity house.

Mecklenburg: A county meeting was held at the Town Hall in Boynton on Friday. Speakers included the county chairman, school supervisor, county superintendent and district home demonstration agent. Following the meeting over one hundred people went on the pilgrimage to the Continental Plant Company at Kittrell, N. C. The party was shown over the nursery. Some shrubbery was ordered and many ideas gained. Other meetings were planned throughout the county.

Norfolk: A series of meetings was carried out in the various communities of the county. Farmers' Organizations, Community Leagues, Boy Scouts, H. D. and 4-H Clubs all

cooperated to make the activities of the week a success. One of the most interesting and dignified observances took place at Norview. There are ten different organizations in the community. The H. D. Club offered a prize to the one that rendered the greatest service in the home improvement work during the week. A meeting was held on Saturday night and the judges awarded the home economics class the honor. Perhaps this county had the most elaborate program of any in the district.

Powhatan: Four special programs and a "Clean Up" Campaign were conducted in the county. The latter being carried on in the village of Powhatan. Even the county officials caught the spirit of the occasion and had the grounds at the Court Square cleaned and two buildings painted. The Worth While H. D. Club was hostess to the Mattox Club of Amelia where the members visited the improved yards in the county

BEUNSWICK-DINWIDDIE WOMAN'S CAMP

Place - Beck's Beach, Dinwiddie County

Time - June 5th - 8th, 1928

This was the first opportunity the women of South Side Virginia had ever had to attend a vacation camp. Beck's Beach is a charming small resort in Dinwiddie County. Twenty-one women spent the entire time, while there were about 75 in attendance each day. The program was interesting and instructive as well. It included three lecture demonstrations of Home Decoration, a discussion of Bird Life by one of the farm demonstration agents, a demonstration on Refurnishing and Painting Furniture by a representative of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.

There were many visitors including Mrs. W. P. Hiden and Mrs. Stearn of Newport News who represented the federated club work of the 5th district. Mrs. James Cowan of the Ginter Park Garden Club, Richmond, gave a most interesting talk on her recent visit to some of the beautiful gardens of England and Scotland.

Handicraft in the form of basketry and chair seating occupied the attention of the campers during the afternoon.

Miss Mildred Ragsdale acted as recreation and song leader. The evenings will certainly not be forgotten soon by the women. All assembled in the pavillion which is built over the waters of the small lake. Old fashioned dances and games brought back memories of youthful days. (The oldest camper was seventy years young.) Vesper services were conducted either by visiting ministers or the members themselves.

These women went back home determined to have the delightful experience repeated and are spreading the gospel of a vacation camp among their fellow club members. The accommodations for the 1929 gathering are already becoming a problem.

No description of this camp would be complete without a word regarding the genial owner of Beck's Beach. Mr. John Beck was hospitality itself. Had we been his own personal guests, we would not have had a more royal welcome or more attention during our stay.

ADULT CAMP

Place - Jamestown 4-H Camp

Time - August 21st - 25th, 1928

Attendance:

Henrico - - - - -	38	James City - - - - -	6
Goochland - - - - -	4	Accomac - - - - -	7
New Kent - - - - -	10	Gloucester - - - - -	1

The above registered for all the time while the visitors brought the entire list up to 120.

Instruction: Basketry - Mrs. Jessie Jackson - Henrico County
 Poultry - Miss Bessie Hodsdon - V. P. I.
 Lamp Shades - Miss Mabel Massey, James City County H. D. Agent
 Concrete Work - Making Bird Bath - Mr. H. H. Gordon - Portland Cement Company.

A period each morning was given over to addresses by prominent leaders. Those included were: Mr. John R. Hutcheson, Director Extension Service, V. P. I.; Mrs. M. M. Davis, State Home Demonstration Agent, Blacksburg; Miss Ella Agnew, editor, Woman's Page, Southern Planter, Richmond; Mr. T. K. Wolfe, Editor, Southern Planter. While the afternoons were occupied with historical pilgrimages. Williamsburg, Yorktown, Jamestown and Green

Spring, the summer home of Governor Berkley, were visited.

The evening programs were most interesting. Mr. W. E. Swen, librarian at William and Mary College, described the historical setting of the camp most delightfully.

Miss Mildred Ragsdale of Dinwiddie and Miss Willie Evans of Accotank had charge of the recreation hours. With contests, stunts, and general mixing games men and women who had almost forgotten how to play were inveigled into various activities. I have never seen people "unbend" more readily and take a better part in a program.

This was the first adult camp for both men and women to be held in the State. Jamestown, living up to a reputation established 300 years ago, again set a precedent. That there will be an adult camp in the years to come was assured by the enthusiasm of those present. We hope to make more effective plans for the one in 1929 which will not be an experiment.

Special mention should be made of the untiring efforts of Mr. J.C. Jehne, agricultural agent, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, to make the camp a success. In every sense of the word, he was truly a host.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

One of the goals set by the agents of Eastern Virginia at that annual 1928 meeting was to increase and strengthen the number of organizations with women. The results as far as new home demonstration clubs are as follows:

Amelia - - - - -	1	Henrico - - - - -	2
Brunswick - - - - -	2	James City - - - - -	1
Chesterfield - - - - -	5	Mecklenburg - - - - -	4
Dinwiddie - - - - -	1	Norfolk - - - - -	3
Goochland - - - - -	2	Powhatan - - - - -	0
Total	21		

There are now a total of 57 organized home demonstration clubs in the district representing a membership of 1086 rural women.

In my own mind I had set a goal of 60 clubs and we haven't fallen much short. These organizations are all reaching toward the standard set by the state office.

WASH DRESS CONTEST

Stimulated by the enthusiasm of Mrs. M. M. Davis, State Home Demonstration Agent, the county agents went back from the annual meeting resolved to cooperate to the limit in the state wide wash dress contest. In cooperation for this many county-wide and local contests were held.

County	Contest	No. dresses made
Amelia	4 H. D. Clubs	55
Brunswick	5 H. D. Clubs	75
Dinwiddie	1 H. D. Club	12
Goochland	4 H. D. Clubs	50
Henrico	5 H. D. Clubs	45
James City	1 H. D. Clubs	6
Norfolk	4 H. D. Clubs	75
Total	24	318

Many counties had most interesting conclusions for the contests. Amelia held a Wash Dress Lawn Party at the home of Mrs. T. H. Faughan, Jetersville. Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Goochland and James City held contests within each club.

Norfolk had a county meeting with an attendance of 56. A dress review was given.

The first prize in the contest at Blacksburg was won by Mrs. H. S. Welch, Norview, Norfolk County.

COUNTY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

No. counties conducting county-wide activities	9
No. counties conducting contests	1
No. counties conducting campaigns	7
No. counties conducting work on project basis	1
Total No. persons enrolled	476
Total No. homes reached (estimated)	1578

Amelia County:

A. Living Room Improvement Campaign	No. competing	41
	No. enrolled	47
	No. days given to this work by specialist	2
	No. homes reached (estimated)	100

Much follow-up work was done after the enrollments were completed. Miss Oliver visited many of the homes and advised with the members in regard to improvements that could be made.

Nine other rooms were improved as a direct result of the campaign.

No. people taking part - - - 25 No. homes reached - - - 250

Much publicity, time and thought has been put upon this campaign, however, it is not near completion yet. The custom of naming the homes has been revived; however, it was hoped to have name plates erected, especially on the highway. The question is being taken up in the home demonstration clubs and more markers will be put up during the coming year.

Geochland County:

Better Gardens for Better Living Campaign.

No. enrolled - - - - - 146 families No. people reached - - - 730

Remarks: Each person enrolled pledged herself to plant two new winter vegetables other than potatoes and beans. Each home demonstration club member pledged herself to raise two new vegetables and to exchange with members whose were different. As a result, there are more winter gardens than ever before.

Henrico County:

Poultry Improvement Contest:

No. enrolled - - - - - 10 No. days spent by specialist in Co. - - 2

This contest is to run two years.

Mecklenburg County:

Yard Improvement Campaign:

No. enrolled - - - - - 40

The Advisory Board adopted the slogan, "An Underpinning Under Every House," to be the first step in this campaign as it is useless to put out base plantings until the house is on a firm foundation. The campaign is to extend another year.

Norfolk County:

Yard Improvement Campaign:

No. enrolled - - - - - 57 No. days spent on this work by Dist. Agt.
and specialist - - - - - 6

This campaign is also to extend over a period of two years. Many homes show the effects already, however. Lawns have been seeded, base plantings put out, houses provided with underpinnings, etc. I am expecting some splendid results. One contestant has already won the first prize which was offered for the best yard on the Atlantic Coast

Line Railroad.

4-H Club Work

The following projects have been conducted by the 4-H Club girls; Clothing, foods, room improvement, bread, poultry, canning and garden.

These project groups, together with those carried on with the boys, form the links of the chain known as 4-H Community Clubs. In many counties the latter are a very important feature in the life, not only of the boys and girls, but of the entire community.

4-H Club Councils are functioning in Henrico, Amelia, Dinwiddie, Norfolk and Brunswick. They are composed of the officers and leaders of the various local 4-H Clubs. These councils have not been perfected yet, I do not think. We are hoping to organize others and have these realize their responsibilities more in 1928.

SHORT COURSES

No. camps and short courses held - - - -	5	Average length of course(days)- - -	4
Counties holding same - Amelia, Brunswick, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Henrico, Goochland, James City, Mecklenburg and Norfolk		Average cost to club members - - -	\$4.16
No. members of clubs attending - - - -	219	Average no. subjects taken up - - -	5
No. leaders attending - - - - -	21	Average no. instructors from Ext.Div.1 2/3	
No. chaperons attending - - - - -	8	No. having nurse to cooperate - - -	2
		No. attended by Dist.Agt. - - - - -	5

All counties except Powhatan participated in the activities at a district camp or short course. Local conditions were such in that county that it was deemed best not to have a short course of any description this year, although previously one of the most successful county camps in the state has been held there.

The district camps at Petersburg, Jamestown and Cape Henry accommodated all the other counties very comfortably.

JAMESTOWN 4-H CAMP

Virginia and especially this section of the state is justly proud of the first permanent 4-H Club camp. Much credit is due Mr. J. C. Jehne, agricultural agent for the C & P Railroad. It was his enthusiasm and perseverance that carried the project through successfully.

A 5-acre tract of land on the James River in sight of historic Jamestown Island was purchased and a large dining room assembly combined, together with 8 cottages were completed by the middle of June. The camp has a splendid bathing beach on the water front. A delco system supplies the light. The cottages are equipped with three decker spring beds and mattresses. Each will accommodate 36 persons. The dining room has a seating capacity of 200. Small tables are used throughout.

Summary:

Place - Jamestown 4-H Camp
Time - June 18 - 25, 1928
Attendance:

County	Girls	Leaders	Chaperons	4-H Clubs rep.
Goochland	20	2	2	8
Henrico	20	1	1	6
James City	26	1	0	2

Cost to Club members - \$4.50

Instructions:

Finishing Furniture - - - - - Miss McGhee; Miss Massey
Embroidery - - - - - Miss Swink
Landscape Design - - - - - Miss Lippincott
Athletics, games - - - - - Mr. Francis

Remarks: As the camp was entirely new, the theme for the work with girls centered around the dining room-assembly in an attempt to make it rather more home-like and cheerful. During the week small mats were embroidered for the center of each of the fifty tables in the National 4-H Club colors. Two tables and sixteen chairs were painted and stencilled with the 4-H emblem, while flower containers were decorated for the entire number of tables. These activities, together with vespers assemblies, bathing, sight-seeing trips to historical points and other forms of recreation made up full, happy days.

On Wednesday evening several cottages were dedicated with appropriate services. Accomac, Henrico, Louisa and James City Counties were the proud possessors of cottages, while two others had been made possible by the Southern Planter and Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

Many more counties in the group represented have farm than home demonstration agents. This made much more responsibility upon the employed women than for the girls from their own counties. However, the efficient and enthusiastic leaders and chaperons aided in making the first encampment held on our own permanent camp grounds a success.

PETERSBURG 4-H CAMP (DISTRICT)

Time - July 9th - 14th, 1928

Place - Petersburg Fair Grounds, Petersburg

Attendance:

County	Girls	Leaders	Chaperons	4-H Club represented
Amelia	9	1	1	5
Brunswick	30	5	1	6
Chesterfield	22	5	5	5
Dinwiddie	27	5	1	7
Mecklenburg	27	5	1	7
Totals	115	15	7	38

Cost to Club members - \$4.00 each

Instructions:

Foods - - - - -	Miss McGowan
Poultry - - - - -	Miss Hodsden
Basketry - - - - -	Miss Zion and Miss Lawrence
Porch Pillows - - - - -	Miss Pattenon & Miss Farrar
Games - - - - -	Miss Jamison & Miss Lassetter

Remarks: Including the girls from counties employing only farm demonstration agents, there were 133 present at this camp. This was the largest number that has ever attended. The Brunswick 4-H Club Council decided to abandon the county camp and join with the others in the district. Also, there were more girls from Chesterfield, because of the fact that a home demonstration agent had been employed.

In addition to the items numerated under the head of "instruction," there were hours of supervised recreation, a demonstration period and various phases of entertainment provided by the organizations of Petersburg.

The demonstration hour was held each afternoon. Teams which had been trained before leaving home gave interesting demonstrations. The best one being included in the Visitor's Day program. I think this should become a part of the activity of every camp. The girls gain many suggestions from each others which are extremely valuable. For several

As this camp has been held at the Petersburg Fair Grounds. The city is most cooperative. However, many of us know that the boys and girls should have a real camp-site to which permanent equipment may be added. I hope that within the next few years arrangements may be made for such a camp.

The city of Petersburg provided dishes for the use of the club members so that they did not have to be included among the necessary baggage to be brought from home.

The civic organizations entertained the club members in many ways. There were the annual trip to Wilcox Lake and supper sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, the evening's entertainment given by the Lions, and Parents' or Visitors' Day when the club members and their parents were guests of the Chamber of Commerce. In addition to these oft anticipated pleasures, there was a historic pilgrimage arranged for by the Rotarians.

Special mention should be made of the volunteer leaders who assisted on every hand. The entire camp was conducted on the committee system. Club members, farm and home demonstration agents and leaders made up the committees. The home demonstration agents had entire charge of the camp. Miss Lawrence was general manager. Miss Zion had charge of the handwork. Miss Lassetter and Miss Jamison taught the class in games. Miss Farrar planned and arranged the schedule. There was something for everyone to do and everyone did his work.

Never have we had the publicity that was ours for the accepting at this camp. Mr. Walter P. McGuire, Editor of the South Side Virginia News, ran special editions of his paper every day. These were distributed among the club members and were mailed home. A space for a short letter was left vacant in each edition. This was surely a good "publicity" stunt for both the paper and the camp.

TRI-COUNTY FAIR AT CAPE HENRY

Time - July 16th - 20th, 1928

Place - Cape Henry

Attendance:

County	Girls	Leaders	Chaperons	4-H Clubs rep.
Norfolk	16	1	1	8
Cost to club members - \$4.00				

Instructions:

Poultry - - - - -	Miss Hodson
Home Decoration - - - - -	Miss Furr
Basketry - - - - -	Mrs. Bateman
Landscape - - - - -	Mr. Tucker
Gardening - - - - -	Mr. Beamer

Remarks: Altogether 40 girls attended this short course. Norfolk, Princess Anne and Hansemond were the three counties included. Only one, Norfolk, is the possessor of a home demonstration agent at this time. The farm agents in the other two counties wished their club girls to have the benefits of a short course so the camp which had formerly only been open to boys was conducted jointly. It was perhaps an experiment, but certainly a very pleasant one.

The situation, Cape Henry, is ideal for such a gathering. There are the broad, rolling waters of the Atlantic with its good beach for bathing, good cottages for both boys and girls and splendid accommodations for food at Fort Story. The instruction provided for the club members was in keeping with the major interests of those present. Daily vespers services and assemblies were enjoyed in the large assembly hall or out of doors at sunset on the sand dunes.

Much of the help was volunteer. The county nurse from Hansemond gave her services and Mrs. Bateman, a member of the Norfolk Advisory Board taught the basketry. Several chaperons represented each county.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK AT FAIRS

No. Fairs in Dist. at which H. D. work was shown - - - - -	10
No. club exhibits held - - - - -	7
No. Fairs and exhibits at which Dist. Agt. judged - - - - -	12
No. days Dist. Agt. spent working on Fairs and exhibits - - - - -	31

Note: The above includes the following time spent:

State Fair - - - - -	6	Petersburg Fair - - - - -	2
Eastern States Exposition - - -		8	

1. Amelia County Fair:**1. Exhibits & Adult work.**

- A. Four Home Dem. club booths, each featuring the unit of work studied during the year and community work accomplished.
- B. Single entries: Members of the various Home Dem. Clubs took an active part in the general food and clothing exhibits.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Club Work.

Single exhibits in the following projects were shown: Clothing, Canning, Garden, Bread, Poultry.

Remarks: A new Fair Association has been formed. The event this year was held at the Imperial Tobacco Company's building. The venture was quite a success. Home Demonstration work as usual added much to the number and quality of the exhibits.

This county also exhibited at Petersburg and the State Fair. \$103.00 was won in prizes.

11. Brunswick County Fair:

1. Exhibits - Adult Work.

Five Home Dem. Clubs had booths featuring the year's activities.

Remarks: The booths were especially attractive as they were arranged along one side of the building using the national club colors, green and white for decoration.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Club Work.

A. Clothing - small exhibit. The girls had worn out their clothes during the summer.

B. Canning - best exhibit in district. Over 200 jars. Quality good.

C. Bread - exhibit good. Well displayed.

D. Poultry - exhibit small.

E. Room Improvement - quantity small - good quality.

F. Foods - many posters - good.

Remarks: Owing to the fact that the schools did not exhibit this year, the home Dem. department had all the space it needed and the displays were very well arranged. The canning deserves special mention for both quality and quantity.

This county also sent exhibits to the Petersburg and State Fairs and won \$203.00 in prizes.

111. Chesterfield County Fair:

1. Exhibits - Adult work.

A. Two Home Dem. Club booths represented the work that had been conducted since their organization.

Remarks: The Advisory Board had a booth where the improved mail boxes were displayed.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Club Work.

- A. Bread - exhibit large and of a good quality.
- B. Canning - 100% members exhibited.
- C. Room Improvement - exhibit rather small.

Remarks: This county also exhibited at the State and Petersburg Fairs, winning \$188.25.

This is the first year that there has been both a farm and Home Dem. Agent in the county in some time. Only 3 projects had been taken up with the girls as Miss Lassetter did not begin work until April 1st.

The educational 4-H Club booths were splendid. They were built around the subjects of poultry, forestry, corn products and sweet potatoes. These attracted much favorable comment.

IV. Dinwiddie - Community Fair at Sunny Side:

1. Exhibits - Adult work:

Home Dem. Club members entered the general exhibits, but did not have any booth displays this year.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Club work:

Club members from 2 organizations had exhibits in clothing, bread and canning.

Remarks: This is a very good community fair which had its origin in a poultry show put on by Mr. John Pryor Atkinson, one of our 4-H Club leaders. It is usually held the week previous to the Petersburg Fair. The club booths are put up there and removed to Petersburg for the following week.

The county sent exhibits to Petersburg and the State Fairs, winning \$132.75. Only ribbons were offered at Sunny Side.

V. Goochland County Fair:

1. Exhibits - Adult work:

A. Six Home Dem. Club booths, the largest number to be put up at any county fair in the district were arranged.

B. Single entries: There were no special prizes for single entries to be made by Home Dem. Club members; however, many prizes were won by them in the open class.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Club work:

Clothing: Only articles that had won prizes at the exhibit in the spring and later been sent to the State Fair were exhibited. There was no contest at this time.

Bread: The quality was good. Quantity rather small.

Garden: Most attractive exhibits. Good quality.

Canning: This project has always been successfully conducted in this county. The exhibits were fair. Weather conditions prevented its being better.

Remarks: Too much praise cannot be given Miss McGhee for the success of this, the first county fair. Previously there had been 4-H Club exhibits; however, this was the first time the adults of the county had had an opportunity to participate in a fair. The educational exhibits deserve special mention.

This county sent exhibits to the State Fair, winning at both fairs \$125.75.

VI. Henrico County Fair:

1. Exhibits - Adult Work:

5 Home Dem. Clubs had booths at this fair. They were made more permanent this year by being lined with celotex. Activities in the form of basketry and chair seating added much to the interest.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Club Work:

A. Clothing - exhibits larger and much better than formerly.

B. Canning - few exhibits - medium quality.

C. Bread - Good quality.

D. Foods - splendid posters - numbers of them.

One 4-H Club, Varina had a booth. It was arranged to represent a modern kitchen and displayed the club exhibits.

Remarks: The women of this county put much time, thought and energy into the booths with very good results. This county won \$200.00 in prizes at fairs.

VII. James City County - No Fair:

Remarks: Owing to the fact that the Fair grounds had been included in the restoration project and are now owned by John B. Rockfellow, Jr., there was no fair.

Local exhibits have been held among the clubs. Two watches were offered by the Williamsburg and Toano Peninsula Banks for the best club work.

VIII. Mecklenburg County Fair:

1. Exhibits - Adult work:

Five Home Dem. Club booths depicting the work of the past year were arranged by the women. Although the space was limited, the exhibits were attractive. Special mention should be made of the one put up by the Palmer Spring Club. The subject of Yard Improvement had been studied. A miniature farm home with attractive grounds was arranged on a table.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Clubs:

Canning - rather small, but quality good.

Clothing - quality fair.

Bread - splendid quality and a goodly amount.

Foods - Splendid posters. One had won 1st prize at State Fair.

Remarks: Although the space was inadequate, the new home demonstration agents succeeded in making some very attractive exhibits. In general appearance this building was a great improvement over previous years.

We hope that through the effort of the club women and the fair association that more space may be provided in the near future. The county won \$10.00 in prizes at the State Fair and \$50.00 at the County Fair.

IX. Norfolk County Fair:

1. Exhibits - Adult work:

- A. Instead of having home Dem. club booths as in former years, the Advisory Board sponsored the idea of having a county booth similar to those put up by the various farm dem. agts. One booth depicting an up-to-date farm home was arranged. It received much favorable comment from the press and those who saw it.
- B. Single entries: A separate department is conducted for Home Dem. club members. The exhibits consisted of food and clothing.

2. Exhibits - 4-H Clubs:

- A. Canning - 15 exhibits. Quality good.
- B. Bread - 20 exhibits. Splendid quality.
- C. Clothing - the largest exhibit held at a county fair in the district. The quality was especially good.
- D. Room Improvement - exhibits made of accessories made for the rooms.

H. Foods- posters depicting food rules.

There were 4 or 5 4-H Club booth exhibits. These were good, but not of as high quality as sometimes in the past.

Remarks: The Extension Division Exhibits are always located in a tent. This year the rain fell in torrents during the entire week of the fair. This damaged the quality of the exhibits and often ruined the general appearance because the tent would leak and the rains would fall. This county won \$328.00 in prizes at State and County Fairs.

I. Powhatan had no fair.

This county has not had a fair in several years. Owing to circumstances it did not seem best to hold the annual 4-H Club exhibit. Much good project work has been done, however. The county won \$30.75 at the State Fair.

EASTERN VIRGINIA EXHIBITS AT THE STATE FAIR

All counties except two sent exhibits to the State Fair and won a fair amount of recognition. The total winnings being \$186.00.

Activity booths formed an important new feature at the State Fair this year. Home demonstration club women from Henrico, Powhatan and Dinwiddie Counties gave of their time. They demonstrated basketry, chair seating and rug making. 4-H Club girls from James City, Amelia, Powhatan and Henrico also made baskets and painted pillows. Exhibits of rugs and baskets were collected from Brunswick, Powhatan, Henrico and James City.

PETERSBURG FAIR

Nine home demonstration club booths formed a very interesting section of the agricultural building. The Fair Association offered each club that came up to a standard \$15.00. This stimulated more activity than ever before. Green and white were used for decoration throughout. These clubs represented Brunswick, Amelia, Chesterfield and Dinwiddie Counties.

Also, there were 6 4-H Club booths. These competed for prizes, the winner being Elkhart Club of Chesterfield County.

OUTSTANDING WORK BY COUNTIES

Amelia: The further development of work with women has been outstanding during the year. One new home demonstration club has been organized. Two county-wide campaigns were conducted, Namely, Living Room and Name Your Farm. Substantial improvements were made in 36 rooms. Visits were made by the clothing specialists and much follow-up work done by the Home Demonstration Agent. Many farms were named during the campaign.

Work having been established five years in the county, the Advisory Board gave a "birthday party" in connection with the regular spring meeting. This gathering brought people from every section of the county and every walk of life together. It has had a far-reaching effect upon the social intercourse in the county and it surely created a better understanding of Home Dem. work.

Wash dresses were made in every club and local countests held. This project was concluded when the Jetersville Club was the hostess for a "Wash Dress Lawn Party" inviting the members of all other clubs. This occasion brought over 50 women together. The women have enjoyed the Amelia Home Dem. Club Leader, a mimeographed paper dealing exclusively with items of interest to Home Dem. Club members.

Splendid 4-H Club work has been conducted, The Pine Grove 4-H Club winning the state championship.

The Home Dem. Agent was awarded a prize for the quality and quantity of exhibits at the State Fair in 1927.

Brunswick: The most far-reaching Yard Improvement Campaign yet attempted in Eastern Virginia is being conducted in this county. It is being sponsored by the Advisory Council and will continue two years. One hundred fifty signed up and 92 have reported work begun. The results of the first year's work are evident as one travels over the county.

The Advisory Board has been very active in this county and has assisted with various county-wide activities such as creating the community center, endorsing the woman's camp, sponsoring the wash dress contest, the leader's training institutes and the bread

judging work with 4-H Club girls. In addition to the above-mentioned items, the Board acted as hostess at a picnic when all the county officers, prominent business men and representatives from each county organization were invited. This proved a great success and helped to strengthen the bond of friendship besides giving everyone a better understanding of the work being accomplished by the Advisory Board for Home Demonstration work.

This county is well organized for work with women. Two new Home Dem. Clubs were formed during the past year. All clubs in the county belong to the General Federation of Women's Clubs and there is also a splendid county federation including the Woman's Club of Lawrenceville, Music Club, Garden Club and all Home Dem. Clubs. When this body of women decides to put anything across, it is very apt to be accomplished.

Chesterfield: After being out of the fold for four years, this county returned and a Home Dem. agent began work April 1st.

Canning, bread and room Improvement were the projects stressed with the girls. Much good, thorough, substantial work was done.

An Advisory Board was formed which sponsored a mail box improvement campaign and 4-H Club work. Two delegates were sent to the meeting of the Homemakers Association. Five Home Dem. Clubs have been organized and are working on definite programs.

The Home Dem. Agent has been rather ingenious in arranging for entertainments. Talent was scarce at a little two-room school so the 4-H Club members from a large club helped with the program. The attendance was good and quite a sum realized with which equipment for hot lunches will be purchased.

Dinwiddie: Good 4-H Club work has been done in this county for years. Work with women has been stressed. Especially were we anxious to have the Advisory Board become more active and realize its responsibility to a greater extent. This organization sponsored 4-H Club work, the woman's camp, a silver tea and held a luncheon to which the members of the Board of Supervisors were invited. Also, two county-wide campaigns, the living room in which 30 people took part, and Name Your Farm, were conducted. The latter will be carried

over another year with the expectation of having more name plates erected.

Cocchland: Winter gardens and the value of winter vegetables in the diet have been stressed with organizations for both women and girls. A better garden contest was conducted, the prizes being furnished by the Advisory Council.

Organization work with women has been increasing. Now there are H. D. clubs. Owing to the fact that these women live on widely scattered, large farms and many do not drive machines, this is really an accomplishment. The first county fair which is described elsewhere deserves special mention. The educational exhibits attracted much attention. The H. D. Agent put time, effort and study into the undertaking and was awarded with success.

Henrico: Organized work with women has gone steadily forward. Two new H. D. Clubs being formed during the past year. Four have joined the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. Two splendid meetings of the county federation of H. D. Clubs were held. One was in connection with Better Homes Week. Pageants were put on by local talent at both these meetings. A county-wide improvement campaign to include yards, roadsides and mail boxes has been inaugurated.

This county won the pennant for having the largest attendance at the Homemakers Association meeting in August.

Over 40 different people from the county registered at the Adult Camp. This was also the largest delegation from any county.

Miss Helen Drinker has been awarded the Montgomery Ward Scholarship to Chicago for the meeting of the National Boy's and Girl's Club Congress.

James City: The Jamestown 4-H Camp which is described elsewhere being located in this county has been of great local interest.

Several splendid pieces of county activity have been carried out. The historical pageant which was given during Better Homes Week being the most successful example.

Home Demonstration Club work has been strengthened. All the clubs are members of

the General Federation. Williamsburg entertained the clubs belonging to the 6th district and these were the hostesses.

Mecklenburg: Splendid plans were made for Better Homes Week in this county. However, storms and swollen creeks interfered with their being carried out.

Several new H. D. Clubs were organized during the year. The county now has more than any in the district. Two have joined the General Federation.

During the winter months the H. D. Agent cooperated with the State Board of Health in a piece of work. Over 800 children were members of the Better Foods Clubs at Boynton and South Hill. As a result, a cafeteria was opened up in one school and milk sold every day at the other. Many children gained in weight.

A farm tour was conducted into North Carolina. 84 people, many of them women, enjoyed the four day educational trip.

Norfolk: A Yard Improvement Contest is being conducted but has not been concluded. The members are also enrolled in the Southern Planter Yard Improvement Contest and the Southern Ruralist Home Improvement Contest. One member already has the distinction of winning a prize. She has been awarded \$25.00 for having the best yard on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway.

Mrs. Welch, a member of the Norview H. D. Club, won the 1st place in the state-wide wash dress contest. 4-H Club work has been unusually strong with a membership of about 300. A demonstration day was held in the spring and achievement day in the fall. Three new H.D. Clubs have been organized.

Powhatan: A meeting for all club women was held in September. At this time a county federation of clubs was formed.

Yard Improvement work is still being done although the limits of the "contest" have expired. Several homes are enrolled in the contests being conducted by the various farm journals.

A splendid delegation attended the meeting of the Homemakers Association. Mrs. Alice Dean, president of Clayville Club, was made a Master Farm Homemakers during the week.

VIRGINIA

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT

Narrative Report of Home Demonstration Work

December 1st, 1927 - August 3rd, 1928
Miss Sally Gay Davis, District Agent.

September 1st, 1928 - November 30th, 1928
Miss Helen Ricks, District Agent.

Organized Counties Comprising District

Bedford	Franklin	Roanoke
Campbell	Halifax	Tazewell
Floyd	Henry	Washington
	Montgomery	

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FOREWORD

In order to make clear the following report, particularly the "Statistical Report of the District Agent," the following explanation is necessary. Miss Sally Guy Davis was in charge of the district, December 1, 1927 - August 31, 1928. Miss Helen Ricks was in charge September 1, 1928 - November 30, 1928.

December 1, 1927 - June 30, 1928, Miss Ricks was District Agent, employed to work in unorganized counties and to assist with Camps and Short Courses where needed.

July 1, 1928 - August 31, 1928, Miss Ricks assisted Miss Davis in the Southwest Virginia District.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SALLY GUY DAVIS

District Agent.

December 1, 1927 - August 31, 1928

Days spent in field -----	119
Days spent in office -----	99
Days annual leave -----	17
Days sick leave -----	12
Legal holidays taken -----	5
No. of visits to Home Demonstration Agents -----	58
No. of visits to unorganized counties -----	1
Meetings Extension Committees attended -----	25
Attendance at meetings Extension Committees -----	174
No. other meetings attended -----	62
Attendance at other meetings -----	5,295
No. agents appointed -----	1
No. agents discontinued -----	2
No. letters written -----	677
No. different circular letters written -----	4
No. copies circular letters sent -----	65
Bulletins distributed -----	4
No. boys and girls clubs visited -----	15
No. womens clubs visited -----	4
Number demonstrations given -----	14
No. Boards of Supervisors met -----	8
No. School Boards met -----	1
No. miles traveled by rail -----	4,788
No. miles traveled by auto -----	3,539
Total number miles traveled -----	8,327
Fairs at which judged -----	1
No. Short Courses and Camps attended -----	4

Number visits to different counties.

Bedford-----	8	Franklin-----	0	Roanoke-----	8
Campbell-----	8	Halifax-----	3	Tazewell-----	7
Floyd-----	2	Henry-----	12	Washington-----	6
		Montgomery-----	3		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF HELEN RICKS

District Agent

General Summary

Days in field -----	188½	Miles traveled by rail ---	9,423
Days in office -----	98½	Miles traveled by auto ---	5,694
Days annual leave -----	6	Total miles traveled -----	15,117
Days sick leave -----	15		
Legal holidays taken --	8		

Report of Work, December 1, 1927 - June 30, 1928.

Days in field -----	99½
Days in office -----	61½
Days annual leave -----	5
Days sick leave -----	15
Legal holidays taken -----	6
Visits to Home Demonstration Agents -----	9
Visits to Unorganized counties -----	32
Meetings of Extension Committees attended -----	2
Attendance -----	9
Other meetings attended -----	41
Attendance -----	1,700
Letters Written -----	267
Different circular letters written -----	2
Copies sent out -----	250
Bulletins distributed -----	184
Girls Clubs visited -----	2
Women's Clubs visited -----	4
Board of Supervisors met -----	3
Appropriations for Home Demonstration work secured -----	3
Camps and Short Courses attended -----	2
Miles traveled by rail -----	6,140
Miles traveled by auto -----	5,910
Total miles traveled -----	10,050

Report of Work, July 1, 1928 - August 31, 1928.

Days in field -----	32½
Days in office -----	16½
Days annual leave -----	3
Days sick leave -----	0
Legal holidays taken -----	1
Visits to Home Demonstration Agents -----	8
Visits to unorganized counties -----	4

Meetings Extension Committees attended -----	8
Attendance -----	46
Other meetings attended -----	18
Attendance -----	3,667
Letters Written -----	53
Different circular letters written -----	0
Copies sent out -----	0
Girl's clubs visited -----	0
Women's Clubs visited -----	0
Camps and Short Courses attended -----	2
Miles traveled by rail -----	969
Miles traveled by auto -----	650
Total -----	1,619

Report of Work, September 1, 1928 - November 30, 1928.

Days in field -----	56 1/2
Days in office -----	20 1/2
Days annual leave -----	0
Days sick leave -----	0
Legal holiday taken -----	1
Visits to home demonstration agents -----	24
Visits to unorganized counties -----	1
Meetings Extension Committees attended -----	8
Attendance -----	71
Other meetings attended -----	18
Attendance -----	910
Letters written -----	97
Different circular letters written -----	6
Copies sent out -----	69
Girl's Clubs visited -----	6
Women's Clubs visited -----	3
Demonstrations given -----	2
Board of Supervisors met -----	2
Miles traveled by rails -----	2,514
Miles traveled by auto -----	1,134
Total miles traveled -----	3,448

Narrative of the Work of Helen Hicks, District Agent.

December 1, 1927 - June 30, 1928.

Work in Unorganized Counties

Objective - To inform the people of the several counties in regard to Home Demonstration work - its program, scope, and organization; to interest them in the work for their own counties and to secure county appropriations where possible.

Counties Visited

Botetourt
Carroll
Chesterfield
Essex
Floyd

Franklin
Giles
Gloucester
Isle of Wight
Randolph

Spotsylvania

Botetourt: The first visit to Botetourt made by the District Agent during the period covered by this report was on March 29th. Since that time five visits have been made to this county. Visits have been made to a number of individuals, including Supervisors and other county officials, and several community and county organizations have been met. Demonstrations have been given before one group of women.

There is a lively interest in the work among the women of the county and apparently there will be no difficulty in gaining their hearty support.

The entire Board of Supervisors - three members - is composed of men elected to office for the first time at the last general elections. All went in on a platform pledged to strict economy. While two of the number have expressed themselves as thinking highly of the work, no assurance of support has been given by either. The county is in a fairly good financial condition with the exception of one magisterial district.

Recommendations - The work should be vigorously pushed in the county during the coming year.

(For further report on this county see Narrative Report for Southwest Virginia Dist.)

Carroll: Only one visit has been made by the District Agent into this county. The conferences held were rather encouraging.

Recommendations - Other visits should be made into this county from time to time.

Chesterfield: Following work previously done in this county by Miss Settle the writer made six visits into this county during December, January and February. The Board of Supervisors made an appropriation of \$900.00 for home demonstration work - effective April 1st.

(Further report of the work done in this county and recommendations for same will be

found in Miss Sleeman's Report for Eastern Virginia District)

Buzzzi: Only one visit was made into this county, since, at the close of last year, securing an appropriation for the work did not seem to be probable at an early date. The one visit to the county was made for the purpose of assisting the County Woman's Club in revising their fair catalog.

Recommendations - The situation in this county should be watched carefully, and exciting interest in home demonstration work kept alive.

(The report of Eastern Virginia District will probably contain more information on this county)

Florida: During December and February the writer spent four days in Floyd County. The object of these visits was to make an effort to secure an appropriation for Home Demonstration work. This was a follow-up of work done the previous year. An agent had been kept in this county on State funds for a part of the previous year. Although she had done some good work and had an enthusiastic following, the appropriation was not made. Just at the time the request was to have been made a shortage in school funds was announced which necessitated closing the schools for two months. Naturally, the Board was not interested in budgeting for any new work.

Recommendations - No further work in this county seems advisable at present.

Franklin: During the period, December 1st - June 30th, twelve visits were made to Franklin County. An appropriation of \$100.00 was made by the Board of Supervisors available April 1st, for home demonstration work. Miss Collins was put in charge of the work in that county, which was made a part of the District of Southwest Virginia. A report of the work in that county will be found in the narrative report for Southwest Va.

Gliese: Several visits have been made to this county in the interest of home demonstration work, though no definite effort has been made as yet to secure the appropriation. Statements of the outlook are conflicting, but conditions justify fur-

ther efforts being made.

Recommendations - The lead in this county should be followed up during the coming year. The advisability of bringing the matter up for the consideration of the Board should be determined by developments in the county.

Gloucester: The one visit to this county was at the invitation of the Abington Woman's Club to assist with their program on January 24th.

Her knowledge of conditions in this county does not justify the District Agent making any recommendations.

Isle of Wight: Two visits, each of several days duration were made to this county. A number of visits were made and several meetings addressed in the interest of the work. There is much interest in and demand for the work in this county, and there is a good prospect of securing an appropriation.

Recommendations - The next step which should be taken in this county is to get the active support of the Smithfield Woman's Club. With that and a close follow-up of the work already done it should be entirely possible to put demonstration work into the county. Isle of Wight and Nansemond could be worked together at a saving of time and expense.

Nansemond: The one visit to Nansemond County was during Better Homes Week and in response to a request from the Chuckatuck Woman's Club for help in their program. While in this county much interest was noted in home demonstration work and a number of women asked how such work could be secured.

Recommendations - This county could easily be worked in conjunction with Isle of Wight and most probably such work would be productive of results.

Spotsylvania: Visits were made to Spotsylvania as a follow-up of work done in that county during the previous year. The result was that the Board of Supervisors made an appropriation for the work effective September 1st. This county was made a part

of the District of Northern Virginia.

(Further Account of work in this county will be found in report of R. Belle Burke, District Agent for Northern Virginia)

CAMPS AND SHORT COURSES

During this period assistance was given at the Roanoke County 4-H Club Short Course. This short course was held at Hollins College and was, as usual, of a high type. The attendance was smaller than formerly due to the increased cost. The location and surroundings are ideal for this short course. The only problem is that of expense.

(A report of this short course is contained in the Narrative Report for Southwest Virginia District)

Assistance was also given at the Jamestown 4-H Club Camp. Through the cooperation of the C. & O. Railway Co., and other interested friends this camp is owned by the 4-H Clubs of the surrounding counties. At present the plant consists of a large dining hall and eight lodges. It is situated on the James River in sight of the first permanent English settlement in America. Aside from the historic interest, it is an ideal Camp-site consisting of five acres gently sloping to the river's edge and having sufficient shade for comfort. There is an excellent beach where the swimming is good.

One of the interesting features of this camp was the dedication of the several lodges. A simple but effective ceremonial was used and these dedicatory services were used in place of the regular vesper services on two evenings. Each county in which the club members and friends had raised \$300.00 for camp development had a lodge dedicated to its club membership. The counties availing themselves of this opportunity were Louisa, Accomac, Henrico and James City (each of these lodges has the name of the county over the doorway and flies the county banner.) Several other counties have almost reached this goal and will have their lodges dedicated next year.

The dining hall was dedicated, with a suitable ceremonial, to Mr. C. J. Johns, General Agricultural Agent of the C. & O. Railway Co., to whose untiring efforts the existence of the camp is largely due. This hall is now known as Johns Hall and an attractive marker proclaims the fact to all visitors.

The boys and girls attending this camp were of a high type, and set a worthy standard for it.

The work of the week was largely along the line of camp development and by comparing the appearance of the camp at the beginning and end of the week it could be seen that much had been accomplished.

(Further report of this camp will be found in the report of Eastern Virginia District)

DISTRICT PLAN OF WORK FOR SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA, 1928.

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Finance.

- 1. To get continued support in all counties now having home demonstration work.
- 2. Get long-time appropriations in counties where advisable.
- 3. Get increased appropriation in Campbell County.
- 4. Work especially in Botetourt and Floyd as new counties.

- 1. This has not been done. In both Henry and Washington Cos. the new Board of Supervisors voted out the appropriation over strong county support of the work.
- 2. Fauswell Co. made appropriation for 3 years. Halifax for 4 years and Bedford 5.
- 3. Campbell County made \$100.00 increase.
- 4. This was done, but with no satisfaction as yet. The prospect is fairly good for Botetourt. Franklin and Montgomery are making appropriations for the first time this year.

11. Development of Program Work

- 1. Get all Adv. Bds. to functioning more actively especially in Wash. Co.
- 2. Help agents and Adv. Bd. in each county to plan work effectively

- 1. All Boards are more interested and active.
- 2. Met Adv. Bds. in each county and did this

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GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Continued)

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

3. Plan with agents for best use of specialists.

3. This has been done

4. Work for more local assistance in putting on programs in counties.

4. It is easier to get local help in most counties of the District than formerly. F Tazewell is an exception to this and special effort is needed there along this line.

5. Check plan of work of each agent at intervals to note progress.

5. This has been done and helps both the agent and district agent to stick to goals.

6. Stress more work with women

6. A District goal was set of "at least one new H. D. Club with women in each county." All counties have attained this except Tazewell. There some special food work has been carried on with women in unit groups of four demonstration in the unit of work. Women's work is growing, but still needs emphasis.

7. Help Agent plan community organization with farm agent in at least two counties.

7. This was attempted in Halifax and Bedford but has not been accomplished. This work has been planned in Montgomery Co. with the specialist in Community Organization and will be started in December.

8. Get existing Home Dem. Clubs "Standardized."

8. This cannot be known until the reports have been scored in the State office. Progress has undoubtedly been made along this line.

9. Have each county do some work in Foods especially Tazewell and Halifax.

9. This has been done. Details given under county headings.

10. Encourage Poultry Institute.

10. These have been held in Bedford, Washington, Campbell, Halifax and Henry.

11. Have one District Short Course for 4-H Club members at Chatham.

11. This was held in July with total attendance from three counties of 85 boys and girls.

12. Have "Better Homes Week" observed in as many counties as is practicable.

12. This was done. Detailed report is attached.

13. Have agents give more attention to our state trips, scholarships and prizes.

13. (a) Two boys from Washington Co. went to the poultry show at Madison Square Garden in January on the State Judging team.

(b) A scholarship to the State Short Course was awarded a girl from Roanoke Co. this yr.

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS; (Continued)

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

14. Give help to agents in putting on programs as follows:

(a) Establishing more women's work by meetings, talks and visits.

(b) Help with special food work in Halifax and Tazewell.

(c) Garden and 4-H Club work in Campbell County.

(d) With Better Foods Clubs where needed.

(e) Score in yard improvement contest in Bedford.

(f) With poster contest and milk-for-health follow up work in Henry County.

(g) Wash dress contests in Campbell, Halifax, Henry and Roanoke.

(h) Score girls rooms in two counties if needed.

(i) With Short Courses for girls in Campbell, Roanoke, Bedford and District Short Course at Chatham.

(j) With Woman's Camp for Campbell and Bedford. (j) This was done.

(k) County Fairs and exhibits in each county. (k) Some type of fair or exhibit was held in each county.

(e) A demonstration team of two girls from Bedford Co. won a trip to Camp Vail.

(d) Three counties of the district have women entered in the Soft Wheat Millers Baking Contest. The State prize in this contest was won by a Roanoke County woman and the district prize by a Campbell Co. woman. Nearly all the counties had entries in the State Wash Dress Contest.

(a) This was done.

(b) Have done this only by planning with agent and specialist.

(c) The garden work was successfully accomplished. The 4-H organization is not yet satisfactory.

(d) Have met some of these and helped with plans, etc. All counties but two had Better Foods Clubs.

(e) This was done. There are 25 enrolled in this contest, and much good work being done.

(f) This was done. Poster contest very successful with 85 entries.

(g) These were held in all counties mentioned except Campbell.

(h) Rooms were scored in Roanoke and Henry.

(i) This was done.

(j) This was done.

(k) Some type of fair or exhibit was held in each county.

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Continued)

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(1) 4-H Club Councils.

(1) Helped with these in only two counties.

III. Subject Matter Assistance.

- 1. Help in getting charts, books, etc., that will be helpful to agents.
- 2. Give demonstrations and talks where advisable.
- 3. Score yards and rooms.
- 4. Judge in wash dress contests and at fairs.

- 1. Did this, especially in foods and poultry.
- 2. This has been done, especially at short courses and institutes.
- 3. This was done.
- 4. Judged at only one wash dress contest and at fairs as needed.

IV. Publicity.

- 1. Try to get counties to average two news articles a week.
- 2. Help get pictures and stories into news and farm papers.
- 3. Help plan for educational exhibits at fairs.

- 1. Only three counties. Roanoke, Henry and Bedford have made this average so far.
- 2. This has been done.
- 3. This has been done.

V. Office.

- 1. Get agents to keep two days a week for office work.
- 2. Be systematic in filing and making reports.
- 3. Plan effectively.

- 1. Mondays and Saturdays have been designated as office days in each county, and kept unless something more urgent came up.
- 2. Have tried to do this.
- 3. The planning for this year has been more effective.

OUTSTANDING WORK BY COUNTIES

Bedford: So much good work has been done in this county this year that it is hard to say that any one piece is the outstanding work. Excellent work has been done as follows;

- 1. Two Home Demonstration Clubs with women have been organized and are on an

interested and interesting working basis. One of these, the Big Island group, is doing yard improvement work with 25 contestants. The yards were scored in February and will be scored again next May. These yards have been visited and all but one contestant have made great improvements in yards and gardens.

The other group at Forest put on a community fair which has created much interest. An account of this is given under "Fairs and Exhibits."

2. A 4-H Club Council has been organized.

3. Water supply campaign put on in which 100 surveys were made, for farm home water supplies.

4. Camp for women held.

5. Greater interest and support secured from both Advisory Board and Board of supervisors.

6. Demonstration team won trip to Camp Vail.

7. Successful poultry institutes held in two sections of the county.

Campbell: After having the work carried by popular subscription in this county for a year, the Board of Supervisors and School Board again appropriated for it with a \$100.00 increase.

The Agent's outstanding work this year has been a continuation of the garden work started last year. This year the work was put on a contest basis and thirty contestants tried to out do each other in the success of their gardens. A vegetable and flower show was held the last of August. The garden specialist who scored the gardens and judged the vegetables at the show said he considered this a good piece of work the the weather had been unpropitious for such success in gardens in the county this year.

Floyd: Good work was done in this county and many friends made for Home Demonstration work during the year that an agent was kept there on Extension funds. However, owing to a shortage in school funds, and an up-stir over this it was thought best not to ask for an appropriation this year, and the agent was removed in February.

Franklin: This is a new county, added to the District by a \$1,000 appropriation for Home Demonstration work this spring. The agent went to the County the first of April, had done good work and is receiving splendid cooperation. The outstanding work in this county has been in the organization of adult work. The agent is now working regularly with 8 groups of women. Six of these have been organized into Home Demonstration Clubs. The 4-H Club work is being gotten into line this fall and promises to keep pace with the adult work. Two interesting pieces of community work have been done.

1. In the Snow Creek community a meeting of men and women was held for the purpose of cleaning and beautifying the church and grounds. This is a non-denominational community church and work on it will be continued during the year by this Home Demonstration Club.

2. The Community Fair in the St. Peter's Community was most interesting. A full account of that comes under "Fairs and Exhibits."

Halifax: The agent has put especial effort on food work this year, and an attempt to interest more women in feeding their families properly. This is much needed in the "tobacco counties." One new group of women has been organized in one of the poorer sections of the county and some good work accomplished with them in selection of foods, and canning for the winter diet.

A group of girls in a "Square Meal Club" in this same section has rounded out the community food program.

A Wash Dress contest held on Court Day in the spring created much interest.

Henry: A new and inexperienced agent was put into this county last fall so only routine work was attempted with the exception of a county-wide Milk-for-Health Poster Contest. This was held in the early spring as follow-up to the Milk-for-Health Campaign of the year before. Much interest was evinced in this contest and 83 posters were sent in. Many of them were excellent.

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A number of Better Foods Clubs have continued the food for health work in an interested and encouraging way.

With the advent of a new Board of Supervisors in this County Home Demonstration work, along with most of the other county welfare agencies was discontinued. The county people made an amasse protest, but the situation does not seem encouraging for reestablishing the work immediately.

Montgomery: Work in this county has been always more or less upset by changes of agents, as this county has been used as a training county for new home demonstration agents. However, this year, for the first time a small appropriation has been made toward the work by the county, and a regular agent is being kept there.

Probably the most outstanding piece of work being done is the garden work with children. This is being done around Radford cooperatively with the Radford nurse, as follow-up to the Better Foods work done last fall. The gardens are good and the gardeners apparently much interested in raising health foods.

A meeting of sewing club leaders was held in October at which time the Clothing Specialist gave instructions in the conduct of the work. This meeting promises to be of help in raising the standard of work in the County.

Roanoke: The agent in this county carries regularly the fullest program of routine work of any in the District. Special work of this year has been a garden campaign and a Wash Dress Contest. The Garden Campaign was most successful.

Number of Homes reached - 50.

Results - 50 gardens were enrolled in campaign, 32 complete reports received at close of campaign. 30 reports show at least 25 qts. of vegetables and 25 qts. of fruits canned for each member for fall, winter and spring. Reports show 10 winter gardens started for first time and 16 gardens treated successfully by spraying for diseases and insects. 32 reports show at least 2 new vegetables grown in gardens this year. Monthly letters were sent to all entering in campaign and a number of those enrolled state the help they have

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gotten from these letters. 56 homes are adopting improved practices relative to home gardening.

The Wash Dress Contest was held in July preliminary to the State Contest. Interest was county-wide and 65 attractive dresses were entered. First prize was a Singer Sewing Machine given by the local agency, but it was understood that this machine was to go to the County Woman's Club House regardless of what woman won it.

The County Club of 200 women backs Home Demonstration work and the two organizations do some very effective cooperative work.

A County Junior Woman's Club has recently been organized with the County Home Demonstration Agent as sponsor. In this group there are a number of young women who were formerly 4-H Club members. This is an enthusiastic, capable group and will doubtless mean much to the County.

Tazewell: In this county the agent has carried very successfully the junior work and is making a special effort on adult work.

A poultry improvement contest is being carried in one section of the county with adults. Sixteen contestants were enrolled and much good work was done. This contest closed in November of this year. Eleven members carried their work through to completion and have requested to continue as demonstrators.

The big piece of work planned for the county this year was to demonstrate better food habits in three sections of the county. This has been done through Better Foods Clubs with Juniors and Food Units with the women in all three sections. We feel that the work is accomplishing much good, tho' owing to the difficulty of securing local leaders the work has not been done as effectively nor as enthusiastically as we hoped.

Washington: Work in this county has gone well during the past year. Club work has been done very successfully.

Two boys from the Abingdon Poultry Club went to Madison Square Garden as members of the Virginia Judging Team in January and helped to win first place for the team.

This stimulated interest in the poultry club work all over the county.

The chairman of the Advisory Board in this county was one of the five women in Virginia to receive a "Master Farm Homemaker" award by the "Farmer's Wife" this year.

Owing to the location of a cheese factory in the county and the increased interest in dairying, the Board of Supervisors "swapped off" the home demonstration agent for a farm agent in July, saying they could not afford both. The work was discontinued July 1st.

OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For Bedford the outlook is better than it has been for years. There is more interest in the work than ever before. Recommend helpful supervision of the new agent. Some more time should be given to counties where agent or work is new. Effort should be made to get work in one magisterial district where it has hitherto been unsuccessful.

2. In Campbell the present agent has such a hold on the people and the Board that it will probably be best to retain her in the county a least for awhile. Agent requires pushing in organization and planning of work.

3. Floyd. Best left alone for awhile.

4. Franklin. Rather close supervision should be given. Outlook encouraging.

5. Halifax. Agent steady and dependable but needs help in planning and in introducing new features. Try to get cooperation of two agents in developing community clubs with both juniors and adults.

6. Henry. Leave alone for awhile. People of county will make effort to get work reestablished. District Agent should keep in touch with situation and be ready to help if called on.

7. Montgomery. Rather close supervision should be given. If work goes well this year Board will probably make larger appropriation next year.

8. Roanoke. Agent most capable in District. County Woman's Club great help with work. Not anticipating further trouble over appropriation, but be watchful.

9. Essex. Needs developing better and more local leadership. Some county-wide work is needed.

10. Washington. Keep in touch with conditions. Ask for appropriation again next year.

11. Continue to push work with women over whole District. Improvement is being made along this line, and the work is strengthened wherever more work is established.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING NEW COUNTIES

Botetourt. During the months of October and November the assistant agent in Roanoke County has been working two days each week in Botetourt. Following this work an appropriation should be sought from county funds early in the new year.

Giles. The situation in this county should be carefully looked into and an appropriation sought.

Work should be done in two other unorganized counties during the year. The counties to be selected for such work should be determined by looking into conditions in several.

REPORT OF 1928 BETTER HOMES WEEK

No. Cos. observing Better Homes Week - - - - -	5
No. communities in above 5 counties observing Better Homes Week - - - - -	11
No. programs put on - - - - -	14
No. demonstrations put on - - - - -	2
No. people reached (estimated) - - - - -	1844
No. homes reached (estimated) - - - - -	460

Halifax. Three communities in this county put on 8 Better Homes programs. Two communities put theirs on through the Schools and one through its Woman's Club. All programs were put on with local help.

Montgomery. "The Old Brick House" in Blacksburg which is furnished almost throughout in antique furnishings was used as a demonstration during Better Homes Week.

Visitors were welcomed at any time, but on one afternoon a reception was held and ladies in colonial costume showed the guests over this interesting house.

Ministers at 6 churches preached suitable "Better Homes" sermons and the Lions Club took "Improving the Home and Grounds" as the topic at its weekly meeting.

Roanoke. The Ogden Garden Club put on a clean-up campaign for Better Homes Week. A program of work for each day was sent out to 65 homes such as - Monday, plan work; Tuesday, clean yard; Wednesday, paint or white wash, etc. Four painted homes, 30 did whitewashing, 6 did outside painting, 50 raked or swept yards, and all did some planting. Many bulbs and flower seeds were exchanged and planted.

Fazewell. The Town of Fazewell had a 3-day clean-up campaign during which time the town furnished trucks to haul off trash and premises were inspected for cleanliness and sanitation. A 100% improvement was the result.

The Woman's Club of Richlands put on two demonstration rooms and programs were given in these rooms for three days featuring home demonstration.

At Falls Mills the president of the home demonstration club gave a talk at Sunday School on improving the home. This was followed by a clean-up and community improvement week which resulted in much good.

Washington. Programs were put on at Abingdon and Valley Institute. At both of these demonstrations in home furnishing were given. In addition, a joint Home Improvement Day was held at Bristol by women of the two border counties of Virginia and Tennessee. Lecture demonstrations were given by specialists of both states, and these were attended by about 200 women and girls from the two states. A committee served lunch and it was made an all day affair.

CAMPS AND SHORT COURSES OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT - 1928.

4-H Club Camps

No. camps and short courses held in District - - - - -	4
Cos. participating were Bedford, Campbell, Halifax, Henry and Roanoke.	
No. club members attending - - - - -	221

No. leaders attending - - - - -	27
Average no. instructors from Extension Division - - - - - (This includes Dist. Agt. who attended each one)	2 1/2
No. having nurse to cooperate - - - - -	5
No. having physical examination of children - - - - -	2

1. Sedford Short Course:

Place held - - - - -	Camp Euthers	Time - - - - -	June 18, - 22.
No. girls attending - - - - -	48	Leaders - - - - -	6
No. instructors from Ext. Division - - - - -			2

Instructions:

Nature study, trees and flowers, was given by Mr. O'Byrne of Blacksburg and Prof. Freer of Lynchburg College. Social Customs and Health were the other subjects, and hand work included the making of baskets and painting of porch pillows.

Recreation: This was in charge of a special leader and included swimming, games, songs and stunts.

Financed: The camp was financed by each club member paying \$2.50 and bringing some eggs or vegetables.

11. Campbell:

Place held - - - - -	Lynchburg College	Time - - - - -	June 18 - 21
No. girls attending - - - - -	104	Leaders - - - - -	10
No. instructors from Ext. Division - - - - -			2

Instructions: Instruction was in the following subjects; basketry, sewing, and hygiene (personal and social)

Recreation: This had a special leader, and consisted of games, songs and stunts and a free trip to the movies.

Special Features: Members of the Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce who helped finance the Short Course came out for lunch on last day.

Financed: Each girl paid \$2.35. Difference was paid by Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and Board of Supervisors.

111. Halifax and Henry:

About 80 women attended and pronounced it most successful. They have come to regard this as an annual event and look forward to it most enthusiastically from year to year.

Of especial interest this year was the handwork which consisted of basketry and decoration of oilcloth luncheon sets and porch pillows. The basketry was taught by a Campbell County woman who had taken her first lesson in basketry at a former camp. Thus the camp is reaping the reward of its own labors.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITS

Roanoke Fair - While this is not, strictly speaking, a county fair, the 4-H Club exhibit is for Roanoke County solely. This county puts on no dead exhibits nor offers prizes for individual club exhibits. Each year the fair association provides space for eight booths and pays a flat rate of \$10.00 each to 4-H Clubs, putting on exhibits in addition to offering prizes for the three best. The booths are then decorated by club members and leaders and throughout the week some type of activity is conducted in each. The demonstrations this year were "Removal of Stains," "Care of Shoes and Hose," "Gifts Girls Can Make," "Exercises for Health," "Fresh Vegetable Salads," "Serving the Invalid in the Home," "Canning with Steam Pressure Canner" and "Variety of Grains in the Diet," the last being the making of oatmeal cookies, whole wheat biscuit and spoon bread. The booths were scored for attractiveness, educational value and activity. We are convinced that this type of exhibit means far more than the old type of competitive exhibit.

County Fairs - Fazewell, Henry, Bedford, Franklin and Halifax Counties held county fairs. The club exhibits at these fairs were of the usual type except that 3 of these activity booths similar to those in Roanoke County. In these counties fewer activity booths were put on and they did not replace the competitive exhibit, however the trend is decidedly in that direction.

County Exhibits - The Community fair has shown itself to be the most valuable from the standpoint of the extension worker. It goes far toward building up a community spirit, and, being of a more personal nature, does more in inspiring interest and hence to raise standards. Fairs of this type have been held in 4 counties in the district, Bedford, Campbell, Franklin and Montgomery.

In Campbell this exhibit was of vegetables and flowers only, following the garden campaign. It was not, strictly speaking, a community fair since people from different sections of the county exhibited, but it was conducted in the manner of a community fair. The exhibits were good, and of especial value since they demonstrated the possibilities of the fall garden.

Two community fairs were put on in Bedford County, a flower show held by the garden club of Big Island and a general community exhibit sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club of Forest.

The flower show was most successful and a valuable asset to the extension work being done in that community. In the club there are twenty-five homes entered in a yard improvement contest which is to extend over a period of more than a year, and all are busy making various improvements. The club held its flower show in the fall and plans to hold another in the spring, thus helping to insure year round effort in the flower gardens.

The Forest community fair was a marked success. This is a progressive community about ten miles from the City of Lynchburg. A committee from the home demonstration club solicited prizes and made up a catalog which was most attractive. The exhibits were of good quality and, in number, would have done credit to a county fair. The fair was well attended and received the liberal support of the entire community. This effort undoubtedly did much to strengthen community pride and unity. The club served a lunch and put on other money making features, thus realizing nearly a hundred dollars to be used in forwarding their community projects.

The St. Peters community fair, Franklin County, offers a sharp contrast to the Forest fair in that in this case the community is in a mountain section far removed from any urban contact. It was equally as much of a success and will undoubtedly mean as much or more to the community. No effort was made here to make money, the sole purpose being to draw the community together, which was surely accomplished. The exhibits, which were creditable, were assembled and arranged by a committee from the home demonstration club in the hall of a mission school. One interesting feature was an educational exhibit of fall and winter vegetables from the school garden. This was done by one of the teachers at the mission and its purpose was to assist the Home Demonstration Agent in getting over the better foods work which is one of her major projects in that community. At a conservative estimate, 250 or 300 people attended this fair and were most enthusiastic. They propose to make this an annual event, and it will be of untold value in the community.

The Blacksburg Community Fair, Montgomery County, was sponsored by the community organization. Again we have a community of an entirely different type, this being centered around the state college. This was the first attempt of its kind and was most successful. This is one of the communities in which our Community Organization Specialist will work during the coming year. The fair has been one factor in drawing the people together.

The Riner Fair, Montgomery County, marked another successful effort in community work. This is the second or third fair which has been held in this community, and has come to be regarded as an annual event. It was managed by local people working in co-operation with the Smith-Hughes teacher, the County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent.

VIRGINIA

NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT

Narrative Report of Home Demonstration Work

December 1st, 1927 - November 30th, 1928.

Miss R. Belle Burke, District Agent.

Organized Counties Comprising District

Albemarle	Greene	Prince Edward
Alleghany	Loudoun	Prince William
Amherst	Madison	Rockingham
Augusta	Nelson	Spotsylvania
Fairfax	Stafford	

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT AGENT

December 1, 1927 - November 30, 1928

Days spent in field - - - - -	205
Days spent in office - - - - -	53
Days annual leave (December 1927 to November 1928) - - - - -	23
Days sick leave - - - - -	7
Legal holidays taken - - - - -	5
No. days leave for study - - - - -	21
No. visits to H. D. agents - - - - -	136
No. visits to unorganized counties - - - - -	22
No. meetings of Extension committees attended - - - - -	53
No. other meetings attended - - - - -	77
Attendance at meetings of Extension Committees - - - - -	1157
Attendance at other meetings - - - - -	6854
No. agents appointed - - - - -	5
No. agents discontinued - - - - -	3
No. letters written - - - - -	1435
No. different circular letters written - - - - -	21
No. copies circular letters sent - - - - -	1197
No. bulletins distributed - - - - -	310
No. boy's and girl's clubs visited - - - - -	5
No. women's clubs visited - - - - -	5
No. demonstrations given - - - - -	6
No. Boards of Supervisors met - - - - -	12
No. miles traveled by rail - - - - -	14531
No. miles traveled by auto - - - - -	5326
Total number miles traveled - - - - -	19857
No. fairs at which District Agent judged - - - - -	15
No. Short Courses and Camps attended by District Agent - - - - -	9
No. out of State trips taken (Land Grant College meeting, Washington) - - - - -	1
No. visits to different counties with H. D. Agents - - - - -	138

Albemarle - - - 8	Greens - - - - 4	Prince Ed. - - - 11
Alleghany - - - 8	Loudoun - - - 11	Prince Wm. - - - 15
Amherst - - - 10	Madison - - - 7	Rockingham - - - 4
Augusta - - - 15	Nelson - - - 14	Spotsylvania - 6
Fairfax - - - 6	Northway - - - 7	Stafford - - - 14

No. visits to counties not having H. D. Agents - - - - - 22

Rockingham - - - 6 Orange - - - 9 Rockbridge - - - 7

NARRATIVE REPORT OF DISTRICT AGENT

I presume that without question the most important part of a District Agent's work is that of looking after the financial support of the counties within her territory. While I have given considerable time to this phase of work I do not think it has required as much of my time as in some of the previous years and the appropriation record for

the district is perhaps better than it has been during my period of service as a District Agent. In several cases the County Home Demonstration Advisory Boards have without any assistance looked after the continuance of the appropriations for this work.

Two new counties in my district, Rockingham and Spotsylvania, made appropriations for Home Dem. work, 4 County Boards of Supervisors made increase in their appropriations and 3 other County Boards that did not appropriate county funds in 1927 made half the required appropriation this year. This was supplemented by funds from other county organizations.

In addition to the above I have been holding meetings and having demonstrations given by specialists in both Orange and Rockbridge counties with the hope that an appropriation for Home Demonstration work will result in at least one of these counties. I have had 16 visits to these 2 counties, held 10 meetings with an attendance of about 265; 4 of these were public meetings - the others committee meetings.

In the development of County Home Demonstration programs of work I have tried to assist definitely with all agents, while I have given especial attention to the new agents. I have had a change of agents in 4 counties and in addition agents were put into the two new counties referred to above.

A good portion of my time has been given to assisting with Camps and Short Courses, for girls and women, arranging and judging of exhibits at fairs, and Home Improvement contests and campaigns. With the exception of the above I have not given much subject matter assistance. The supervision of the work in 15 counties seems not to leave very much time for demonstrations and subject matter assistance.

I was granted leave for a little study during the last term of summer school. The course I took in Interior Decoration, Economics and Health Education I feel are helping me in my present work.

PLANS FOR WORK IN 1928:

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I. Finances

Work to hold financial support in each of my present organized counties. Try to get increased appropriations in Alleghany and Hottoway.

Did this. Got increases in appropriation in Alleghany, Hottoway, Fairfax and Nelson.

Work definitely in two or more unorganized counties with an appropriation for Home Dem. work as a goal

Rockingham and Spotsylvania made appropriations.

II. Development of Program Work

Strive to get Co. Advisory Boards to function more actively.

In most counties they take a vital part in planning and putting into effect the Home Dem. programs.

Work with each agent in detail on year's plan of work.

Did this.

At intervals check up with agents on plan of work.

Was not as systematic about this as I should have been.

Try to emphasize with agents the importance of planning in advance.

Stresses this with a few results.

Endeavor to get agents to make more effective use of specialists.

This is gradually coming about.

Give special attention to new agents.

This was done as is shown by number of visits to new agents.

Urge more work with women in each Co.

This was done in most counties with results.

Assist with Community Organization work.

Some assistance given to this.

Lead aid to agents in putting on effectively:

a. Unit courses in food, clothing, home improvement and poultry with women in all cos.

a. Helped particularly with the planning.

b. Definite assistance in the management of 5 or more flocks that pullets may be laying by November 15th. (All Counties)

b. This has not been emphasized as much as I should have liked. 5 counties report definite results.

c. Exhibits at Fairs. (All Counties)

c. Helped plan and arrange exhibits.

d. Short Courses, Camps and Rallies. (All Counties having such.)

d. Helped with plans for all, and attended all that did not conflict in their dates.

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (PLAN OF WORK FOR 1928 CONTINUED)

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

e. Camp for women in Loudoun, Nelson and perhaps Amherst.

e. Loudoun did not have Camp for women. Nelson and Amherst successful.

f. 4-H Club officers and leaders meetings. (All counties having them)

f. Helped particularly with the plans.

g. Home Improvement Contests and Campaigns among adults. (Albemarle, Augusta, Alleghany, Amherst, Loudoun, Nelson and Wottoway.)

g. Gave assistance in each of these counties.

h. Girls Room Improvement contests and project work. (Fairfax, Greene, Madison, Fr. Edward, Fr. William and Stafford.)

h. Little done in this line this year.

i. Observe Better Homes Week in every county in District.

i. All but 2 counties. Observance in these prevented by rainy day.

j. Encourage Better Food Clubs.

j. A larger enrollment than previously.

k. Promote marketing on a small scale in each county.

k. Two counties have done quite well with this project.

III. Subject Matter Assistance

When help is needed by Agent, give demonstrations in food, clothing and home improvement.

Have done this when needed

Judge at Fairs

Judged at 15 Fairs and assisted in arranging and packing club exhibits at State Fair.

IV. Publicity

Encourage and assist each agent:

a. In having at least one article a week in the local paper.

a. This has been done by all but one co.

b. Send Club reports and articles to club letter and Extension News.

b. Some of this has been done.

xx Contribute some articles myself to newspapers and farm papers.

Have not done much along this line.

V. Office

Lend my aid as I can to agents in management of office, use of files, etc.

A little of this has been done.

In my own office try to be systematic in keeping files, records, etc.

Have not done this as well as I should.

Make an especial effort to spend more time in office than in former years.

Reports show 5 more days spent in office than in 1927.

VI. General

Lend any aid I can to Va. Homemakers Association.

I often bring the work of this organization before the County Advisory Boards.

Assist with work at State Fair.

Did this

When possible attend conventions that will give me contacts for further development of my work.

Attended Land Grant College meeting and Va. Homemakers Association meeting.

WOMEN AND GIRL'S PROJECT WORK:

Details of this work will be given by each County Home Dem. Agent but I wish to discuss these projects briefly from a District standpoint.

Women's Work: Advisory Boards: In each of the 15 counties of the District there is an Advisory Board composed of leading women representing the several sections of the county. In a few cases some men are serving on the Boards. The membership in these Cos. Boards range from 12 to about 24. The number of meetings held during the year varies from 2 in some counties to 4 in others. In most cases the members of these Boards realize that their function is to assist the agent in determining the County Home Dem. Extension Program and in putting the program into effect. They are of particular assistance in all county-wide activities. At a recent meeting the Chairman of one of these Boards said that she had always enjoyed and been benefitted by every meeting of the Board she attended. She has been a member for seven years.

Home Demonstration Clubs: Practically all of the counties in the district have organized groups of women known as Home Dem. Clubs. Even one of the new counties of the district has already started several Home Dem. Clubs and this year the number has increased in most of the counties. These groups build their programs around home and community projects. They are not only interested in their community and each year do at least one

piece of community work.

Food Work: We find the women are much interested in various phases of this work. It is planned on a Unit basis - that is a series of four demonstrations along a special line. This year the most popular food units seem to be Food Preservation, Meal Planning, and Dishes for Social Occasions.

Clothing: This work is also organized on the Unit basis with a number of units from which to choose. The units chosen by most counties this year seem to have been Wash Dress Unit, Household Service Unit, and Gift Unit. Much interest was taken in the County and State Wash Dress Contests.

Home Improvement: This type of work seems yet to be the most popular as well as the most far-reaching piece of work we have done with women. It is frequently done on county contest or campaign basis, but good results have been got by doing it as a project. Seven counties did this on county-wide basis this year with enrollments ranging from 25 to 100 per county.

Basketry: In a number of communities this work has been a means of holding the interest of groups of women. I have seen splendid reed exhibits put on at fairs by Home Demonstration Club women and I know of a few women who have made sums of a few hundred from a sale of their reed work.

County Camps and Short Courses: Only two were held in the district but both were well attended and the spirit and attitude of the women proved that it was a worthwhile project.

Marketing: As a goal for the district it was decided that each Home Dem. Agent would try to help at least 3 persons with some sales method not already practiced. Few counties have done much with this; I am sorry to say. Prince Edward established a County Club market at the small County Seat and the Home Dem. Club members sold on this market each Saturday - the clubs taking turn being responsible for the market each Saturday. They sold at the entrance to the Community Rest Room established by the Advisory Board. The

total Saturday sales on this small market from June 15th to October 31st were about \$1500.00. In another county, Amherst, the women have sold on a curb market in the nearby town of Lynchburg. They had some one sell for them on a 10% basis. Their sales twice a week since June totaled around \$1000.00. Products sold included vegetables, fruits (fresh and canned) chickens, eggs, butter, flowers, shrubs, walnuts, hickory nuts, etc.

While the above sales seem small, I believe it is a step in the right direction. I feel marketing needs more promotion than any project in the Virginia Home Dem. program. If we can help the women in an economic way it will enable them to install home conveniences and get some of the things they need and want.

Girl's Work; 4-H Councils: In about one-half the counties of the district there is a county 4-H Club officers and Leaders Council which usually meets twice a year. The Councils work out the county 4-H Club program of work and foster all county-wide club activities such as club rallies and Camps. In counties where the work of the council is carefully planned these councils greatly strengthen 4-H Club work.

4-H Community Clubs: In all the counties the 4-H Club project members are organized into 4-H Community Clubs. These clubs hold monthly meetings at which they put on Club programs and demonstrations. They also choose a community project and strive to carry out their goals along this line also. I observe that the counties that have the best club organization get the best results in project work also.

Clothing Clubs: This seems a very popular project with the girls and really the agents seem to be very fond of it also. In fact, I fear that in some counties Clothing Club work is done at the sacrifice of other phases of work. However, the girls do very worthwhile work in construction of and remodeling clothing and thereby save many ~~and~~ dollars. They also learn a great deal about selection as well as suitable dress for various occasions. The household furnishing unit seems to appeal to many girls and in a good many cases it is taken preliminary to the Room Improvement project.

Better Food Clubs: I think the enrollment in this project is second only to the Clothing Club enrollment. I consider this a splendid project to use in introducing work into a community. Large numbers can usually be gotten to enroll in this project and the result in many cases is the living demonstration - the improved health of the child. Through these clubs a child's food habits may be definitely and permanently changed, and often through the child the parents are influenced to plan and serve better balanced meals.

Cooking Clubs: Lack of a suitable place and of equipment reduces the enrollment in this club but where it is possible to have cooking good results are gotten in food preparation as well as in food selection and proper combinations. The effect of these Clubs is shown in meals prepared and served by Cooking Clubs to Board of Supervisors, Adv. Boards and other groups.

Bread Clubs: This club has perhaps the largest enrollment of any summer project. The girls are not only instructed in bread making but also in bread judging. Several girls of the District were interested in competing for the Northwestern Yeast Scholarship, a trip to the National Club Congress, Chicago. This was won by Mildren Wilkerson of Prince Edward County.

Room Improvement Club: This project is particularly popular among the older girls. They have the privilege of improving any room in the house but they usually choose their own rooms. In many cases the entire room is done over, including walls, woodwork, floors, furniture and furnishings. The influence of this project is very far-reaching and does not stop with the individual home.

Canning Clubs: This is still a very important project and in this district we get a fairly good enrollment. Besides learning the art of canning the Club girl's products affect the winter diet materially. The Club girls are influenced to plan their canning to meet the family needs for the winter. Four scholarships to the State Short Course are offered at the State Fair to Canning Club girls.

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This year all four of these scholarships were won by girls from our district.

Garden Clubs: The work in this project aids materially in promoting both Canning and Better Foods Clubs. Only a few counties have many enrolled in this project. However, they have done splendid work in providing fall and winter vegetables. The boys of Loudoun County have for the past two years done excellent work in the Garden Club.

Poultry Clubs: I am sorry that in the district as a whole there has been a decline in enrollment in this project. However, Alleghany County majored in Poultry Club work with an enrollment of more than 250 club members. Individual Poultry Club members in several other counties have done good work and their records show a substantial profit.

Club Rallies: Seven of the counties in the district held County 4-H Club Rallies. At the rallies all or most all of the Community Clubs were in attendance and took part in the program. In some counties exhibits were put on in connection with the Rally. The Rally gives a splendid opportunity to show to the County people some of the effects of 4-H Club work.

REPORT OF 1928 BETTER HOMES WEEK:

No. counties observing Better Homes Week - - - - -	11
No. counties making county-wide observance - - - - -	5
No. counties having one or more communities observe Better Homes Week - - - - -	6
Total no. communities in above 5 counties that observed " " " by communities	11
Total demonstrations put on in district - - - - -	9
Total no. programs put on - - - - -	33
Total no. people visiting Better Homes demonstrations (est) - - - - -	2050
Total no. people attending programs or demonstrations (est) - - - - -	4842
Total no. homes reached (est) - - - - -	1334

For detailed reports of Better Homes Observance in Northern Virginia District I refer the reader to each County Agent's Narrative Report. Albemarle County's Better Homes Week on the community plan was the most extensive and spectacular piece of Better Homes work done in the district. I am giving an account of this piece of work as Albemarle's outstanding accomplishment of the year. This will be found under "Outstanding

Work Done by Counties."

We have found that Better Homes programs can be made to serve a dual purpose. They feature National Better Homes Week and in addition offer a splendid opportunity to get across subject matter in ~~xxx~~ the county. This was done very effectively in Augusta County. All bed room campaign members were urged to attend the Better Homes program which dealt with the general principles of interior decoration as particularly applied to bed rooms. In addition to this the Art Class of Mary Baldwin put on a demonstration of a properly furnished bed room. This was also very helpful to those planning to improve their bed rooms. In Amherst, Prince William, and Alleghany counties the Better Homes Program was also very effectively tied up with the Home Improvement work featured in the County of Amherst. Dining rooms were emphasized. In Prince William, living rooms, and in Alleghany the Better Homes program featured bed rooms.

In some of the counties very splendid Better Homes programs have been gotten up and put on by Home Dem. Clubs. In most cases they used their own members and other available local people on the programs.

CAMPS AND SHORT COURSES:

Number of Camps and Short Courses held in District (includes 2 for women, Amherst and Nelson.

Counties participating in same:

	Amherst	Fairfax	Loudoun	
	Nelson	Hottoway	Pr. Edward	
	Madison	Stafford	Pr. William	
Average no. of Club members attending per county - - - - -				37
Average no. local people per co. helping as leaders, chaperons and instructors - -				4
Average length of course in days - - - - -				4
Average cost to Club members - - - - -				\$3.50
Average no. subjects taken - - - - -				4
Average no. instructors from Extension Division - - - - -				12
Number short Courses and Camps having a nurse to cooperate - - - - -				5
Number Camps and Short Courses attended by District Agent - - - - -				9

Amherst County had a Short Course for women this year for the first time and Stafford County put on a county 4-H Club Camp for the first time.

As a whole the attendance at Camps and Short Courses was considerable better

this year. However, Nottoway County fell down on its quota of Club members attending the Petersburg Short Course. In several counties the cost per member was somewhat reduced and I think that encouraged better attendance.

In general programs at Camps and Short courses are reducing the amount of subject matter and giving more time to organized recreation and hand work. I think this is a step in the right direction. I am pleased also to see that the county camps and short courses are getting the use of more local help and thus there is less demand for help from the Extension Division. The 4-H Club members themselves are taking a very active part in the putting on of County, District and State Camps and Short Courses.

While only a few counties are yet having Women's Camps, I feel more counties should be encouraged to hold Women's Vacation Camps if they have suitable sites. These camps mean so much to the rural women from the standpoint of relaxation and contact with other women as well as the information gained through the demonstrations given at camps.

REPORT OF HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK:

No. counties having some phase of Home Improvement work - - - -	13
No. counties having contests - - - - -	2
No. counties having campaigns - - - - -	5
No. counties doing Home Improvement work on project basis - - -	6
Total no. persons enrolled - - - - -	372
Total no. persons making improvements - - - - -	279
Total no. Homes reached (est) - - - - -	710

Home Improvement work in the district includes improved living rooms, bed rooms, dining rooms, and yards. While Home Improvement work in this district has not been done with as many people as in some previous years, I believe just as effective work has been done with the women. I feel Girl's Room Improvement work needs to be more emphasized. Lack of assistance from State Office reduced the number of contests but I believe just as effective results can be gotten on campaign basis and very good results can be obtained when done as a project.

No, considerable interest is taken in the exterior of the homes. Albemarle

has over 100 enrolled in the Yard Improvement Campaign which continues into next year while a number of the counties have several enrolled in the Yard Improvement Contest fostered by the Southern Planter Magazine.

In the Girl's Room Improvement Project work started soon after the agent began work in Rockingham the several Room Improvement girls entered various rooms of the house, including kitchen, dining room and bed rooms. Every girl who enrolled made improvements. Upon the completion of the improvements made in rooms a tour was arranged on which about 50 persons went. The several rooms were visited and the work done by the girls observed. The last room visited on the tour was the improved dining room. In this improved room the Club girls had a tea and served 50 guests. Thus, they had not only practice in interior decoration but also in social functions.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK AT FAIRS:

No. of Fairs in District at which Home Demonstration work was shown - - - - -	24
No. Club exhibits held (not at Fairs) - - - - -	2
No. of Fairs and Exhibits at which District Agent judged - - - - -	16
No. of days District Agent spent working on Fairs and exhibits - - - - -	28
Seven of the above days were spent at the State Fair	

I believe the time Home Dem. Agents put on exhibits and Fairs is time well spent. With the exception of one, every county in the district put on Home Dem. exhibits at one or more Fairs. Prince Edward County for the past several years has held a County Educational Exhibit but that was not put on this year. The Home Dem. Clubs in that Co. are planning a bazaar for early in December. That will to a certain extent take the place of the exhibit, and I hope in addition will help the women to earn a little money from their home made products. I think as a whole the women and girl's exhibits were better arranged and better placarded. Some educational exhibits were put on and at a few Fairs demonstrations were given.

The plan adopted a couple of years ago at the Annual Meeting of Home Dem. Agent's in regard to Home Dem. Club booths has worked splendidly. The clubs are no longer in competition but instead each booth coming up to standard is allowed a certain amount of

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expense of putting on the booth. I think more effective exhibits are gotten and the feeling among the Home Demonstration Club members is better than it used to be when the booths were competitive.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE COUNTIES:

I shall mention some of the outstanding pieces of work done by the several counties and reference to the agent's reports will substantiate my statements by their records.

Albemarle: This county again put on a very creditable Better Homes observance but it was quite unlike the demonstrations of previous years. Plans for Better Homes Week were worked out by the agents with the help of the County Advisory Board. It was decided to put the observance on a community ~~basis~~ basis encouraging not only the improvement of homes and surroundings but also of community centers - the church, school, or community hall. This plan was carried out with the colored people of Albemarle also - the colored farm agent working with his race.

Each community had a chairman and several committees. It was interesting to me that some of the chairmen were men who were much interested in the movement.

Sixteen communities observed Better Homes, and in many cases the people of the community did splendid pieces of work not only on individual homes but on the community projects such as improving school and church grounds, remodeling and renovating abandoned halls for use as community centers and the cleaning up of community cemeteries.

In addition to this the colored people of Charlottesville under the guidance of Mrs. Miller, our H. D. Agent, put on a Better Homes Demonstration House.

In the national awards for Better Homes observance Albemarle again received recognition - winning 3rd prize. This is the third time Albemarle Co., Virginia, has won a National Better Homes prize - something that has not been done by any other community in the United States. The other two national prizes won were both first prizes in the awards of 1924 and 1927. It seems that each time the Albemarle Better Homes plan was

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rather unique and unlike any other demonstration. I think the fact that the demonstrations are of a permanent nature makes them more valuable as demonstrations.

Alleghany: This county was very far down in the State scale of percentage growth in value of poultry industry during the past 15 years, and yet conditions in that county are favorable to poultry production. The Clifton Forge Chamber of Commerce wishing to do something for the surrounding rural territory realized the great possibility of promoting poultry work. The Chamber of Commerce put up one of the best propositions ever offered to 4-H Club members in Virginia and I doubt if it has been excelled in any state. Without cost to the Club member 25 blood tested baby chicks were placed with each of the 260 Poultry Club members, making a total of 6,500 baby chicks so placed. The only requirements made by the Chamber of Commerce was that each Club member should take care of the chicks and exhibit a pen at the Poultry Show in Clifton Forge in November. They were asked to exhibit a pen, as that would be an indication of a start toward a flock for another year. I have not got the exact figures but I understand that at least 60% of the chicks put out were raised. The Chamber of Commerce said they would be satisfied with 50% raised. On November 3rd the largest 4-H Poultry Club Show ever staged in Virginia was put on in Clifton Forge - 614 birds were exhibited by the Alleghany 4-H Poultry Club members and in addition a very good show was put on by the Alleghany adult poultry raisers. Splendid prizes were contributed by commercial firms, by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and the Clifton Forge Chamber of Commerce. The quality of birds in the show was as a whole quite good. These birds were not only show birds but layers also. From one home 20 pullets were brought to the Show in a wagon a distance of 25 miles and nine layed while on the way. Several others layed after reaching the show.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Home Demonstration Agent now have plans under way for furthering the poultry work another year. They propose to follow up and assist the successful Club members of this year in enlarging and building up their flocks. A marked increase was seen also this year in the number of baby chicks bought by adults of

that county.

Amherst: For the past two years women's Camps had been held in the adjoining counties. Amherst women heard of these and asked why could not they have a similar privilege. A camp-site was not available in the county but they could get the use of Sweet Briar College, as had been done for the 4-H girls for the past several years. Thus the Amherst women would have a Short Course instead of a Camp. I feared it would be more difficult since the surroundings did not lend themselves as well as a Camp to relaxation and the mingling together of those in attendance. The problems along this line resolved themselves into no problems since the women in attendance immediately caught the intended spirit of the Short Course and it was just as successful as the Women's Camps with which I have assisted. One of the women in attendance said there should be a reunion of those attending the Short Course and thus the interest kept alive until the next year's Short Course. So she extended an invitation to the 30 odd county women and instructors in attendance to be her guests for a day in October. Later the invitations came and I am told most of those attending the Short Course were present at the reunion given by Mrs. Dillard. I am sorry I could not attend. I understand at this get-together they made definite plans and suggestions for next year's Short Course. Many who attended say that they will be present and each will try to influence another woman to attend.

Augusta: This county definitely planned its Home Improvement work on a five year basis. The first year they had a Kitchen Contest, then a Living Room Contest; the following year a Dining Room Improvement Campaign, and this year a Bed Room Improvement Campaign. More people enrolled in the latter than in any previous piece of Home Improvement work. 70 persons enrolled and 56 completed and made reports. A prize was offered to the person who interested the greatest number to enroll and make definite improvements. The winner enrolled 24 persons and 20 submitted reports of improvements made. The person winning the county prize for greatest improvement made in comparison to money spent did an outstanding piece of work. She herself moved a stairway, built a closet, cut a window,

ceiled the room overhead and on two sides, put in the window and door facings, made five pieces of furniture, including a chair, papered the room, painted the wood work and all the furniture, besides making furnishings for the room. Many others did excellent pieces of work.

Fairfax: When Home Demonstration work was first being established in Fairfax Co. funds for support of the work were contributed by the various organizations of the County. It was about eighteen months before the county could arrange to take care of it from county funds. Then after the work had been taken over by the county the same civic organizations have continued to cooperate and have fostered several of the home demonstration projects, particularly 4-H Club work. The agent in that county gets good results in food work and she decided that her 4-H Clubs would invite for a luncheon the Board of Supervisors, the county officials and the officers of the various county civic organizations that had furthered Fairfax County 4-H Club work. A lovely luncheon was nicely prepared and served to 40 people by the 4-H Food clubs of Fairfax County. The menu consisted of things produced and made by the various project groups, such as vegetables from the Garden Clubs, chicken from the Poultry Clubs, 4-H rolls made by the Bread Clubs, etc. The president of the County 4-H Club Council told of the club work of the county and thanked the various organizations for having made possible the 4-H Club work in Fairfax County. Then the work and the accomplishments of each club project was described by a Club member, also an account of the county 4-H Club camp. Practically everyone invited accepted the invitation for lunch and I believe they went away very enthusiastic over the accomplishments and possibilities of 4-H Club work. Without question I believe all organizations represented will be even more eager to help with the furtherance of this splendid work for juniors.

Greene: This is a truly mountain county and in many cases the diet of the people is greatly lacking in milk, fruits and vegetables. The agent has realized this and has tried to push things that would influence the food habits. She has had a number of Better Food Clubs with definite results in individual gains in weight and general health. In this

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work she has been fortunate in having the cooperation of nurses sent out from the University of Virginia Hospital whose particular interest is the undernourished child. With the two forces working together more effective results have been possible. The home demonstration agent has for the past few years emphasized Canning Club work. This has materially affected the winter diet by providing a variety of canned fruits and vegetables. This year with the help of the State Garden Specialist she put on a county-wide garden contest among the women. Much more interest was shown than we anticipated and 23 women did good work along this line. They greatly increased the variety of vegetables planted and many are growing fall and winter vegetables for the first time. This is unquestionably another step in influencing better food habits of the people of that county.

Loudoun: Last year very considerable results were obtained in a Kitchen Contest but I feel these results were far excelled in a Living Room Contest this year. They had a much larger per cent of members who enrolled to make definite improvements, the quality of work was of a better grade than the year previous and the improvements were extended to many other rooms of the houses, to say nothing of the influence in other homes. As a whole I believe the quality of the work in the Loudoun County living rooms was the best I have seen in any county. The rooms had dignity and yet seemed so livable and satisfying. I feel that the effect of all Home Improvement work is very far-reaching but my observation is that this piece of work was even more effective than I find it in most counties.

Madison: The Home Demonstration Club and Unit work with women in this county has excelled most of the counties of the district. The agent has worked definitely with 8 groups of women and in most cases results gotten have been very satisfying. The exhibit of project work put on at the Madison Fair by Madison County women was very creditable. In addition to the project work done by the groups of women, the Home Demonstration Clubs of Madison County renovated, fitted up and opened a Women's Rest Room at Madison Court House, the County seat.

Nelson: While this county had had home demonstration work for several years, there had never been an organized Community Group of women until this year. Last year at

the Women's Vacation Camp we had a woman from Amherst, the adjoining County., tell of the work of the Home Demonstration Clubs in that county. This year, the agent made an effort to start some organized work with groups of women in Nelson. Two clubs were started with a definitely outlined year's program. Both clubs put on creditable booths at the County Fair. Another community seeing these booths requested a Club for their women. That club has since been organized and the year's program outlined. Thus, 3 Clubs are going nicely in Nelson, a county in which it had been said the women were not interested in H. D. Clubs.

Nottoway: The effect of Home Demonstration work with women was as marked at the Nottoway Fair as at any fair attended. This was particularly noticeable in the open class for canned goods. Every container was of clear glass with glass top and the products were of excellent quality. In fact as a whole the quality in this department was the best I have ever seen at any fair. Each Home Demonstration Club of the County put on a booth at this Fair emphasizing a particular project included in the club year's program. One club displayed the supply of canned goods adequate to meet the winter needs of an average size family; one featured poultry for profit, since they had concentrated on the study of poultry; one displayed reed work as they had been doing a good deal along that line and had realized a little money from the sale of their reed articles; the other club had a display of hooked rugs, since they had been majoring on rugs.

Prince Edward: The agent in this county took seriously and tried to accomplish the district - goal to help at least 3 persons with some type of sales method not already used. She decided to advocate among her H. D. Club women a small Club market at the county seat. The thought of making a little money appealed particularly to the women of that county since that section of the state has recently been particularly hard pressed economically. They decided to hold this Club market on the street at the entrance of the Community Rest Room established through the efforts of the H. D. Advisory Board. This market would be open each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 12 A.M. There were 4 H.D. Clubs handling this market and each took its turn by Saturdays in being responsible for the products on the market and the handling of the day's sales. Any club member from any of the 4 clubs could sell perishables each Saturday, but only the club in charge of the

market could bring articles such as cakes, pies and dressed chickens. Products sold on this market included fresh vegetables and fruits, dressed and live chickens, eggs, butter, hams, canned goods, particularly soup mixture, cakes, pies, walnuts, hickory nuts, and flowers. About 45 club women have sold on the market, and from the middle of June to the last of October the receipts totaled about \$1500.00. While this is a small beginning it is surely a step in the right direction. The Home Demonstration Agent in Prince Edward says also that the social side of the Club market has been good; they have no trouble getting club women to handle the market. They women enjoy being with the other club women as well as they like the contacts they have made with the women of the small town.

Prince William: This was among the first counties of Virginia to start home demonstration work but even before home demonstration work was established there was in Prince William a county organization of women known as the Auxiliary to a County Farmer's Institute. The organization of women continued for a number of years and it stood for all movements that tend to the betterment of county and community activities. One of their accomplishments was the getting of home demonstration work established. Later the Farmer's Institute disbanded and the county group of women were left unanchored, so to speak. ~~They~~ They however continued as the County Auxiliary for several years; then came a representative of the Federated Farm Women of America who told them if they would become a part of that organization she could help them materially with marketing. They did this; it went very well for a while but later the Federated Farm Women's organization ~~was~~ was no more and the group of women were again unanchored. They still wanted to continue as an organization and stand for what their original constitution gave as their purpose - the promotion of all activities for the furtherance of community and county progress. The chairman ~~of~~ by the advice of agent thought they might affiliate with the Virginia Homemakers Ass'n. and become the Prince William Co. Homemakers Association. This plan was adopted and the work of the organizations is going nicely. They meet four times a year, each time at some different point in the county. They have lunch served by some local organization or individual, each member of the Homemakers paying 50¢ for her plate. After the Luncheon in-

interesting and instructive demonstrations are given by specialists and others on such as Table-Setting and Service, Books and Music in the Home, Christmas Gifts and Decorations. I think it splendid that this county organization can meet at different points in the county and I believe that it can mean as much to the women as Rotary or Kiwanis Clubs do to the men. The Prince William Homemakers are now planning to invite the County Agricultural Advisory Board and the County Home Demonstration Advisory Board to be their guests for lunch in December.

Rockingham: Home Demonstration work was just started in this county in July. Fortunately the county was accustomed to having to provide leaders for the 4-H Agricultural Clubs and so they did not have to be sold the idea of the value or necessity of leaders. That county has about 95 white schools and, so the only way to reach a reasonable number of communities is through local leaders; the leaders were more easily secured than in some counties. The agent felt she should have a leaders training meeting in the early fall to get things lined up for the 4-H Club winter work. This they did on October 13th. The morning meeting was given over mainly to the discussion of the effective function of the leader in 4-H Community Clubs. Lunch was served by the Home Demonstration Advisory Board which had been organized the previous year and had worked in getting home demonstration work established. In the afternoon separate meetings of the groups of food leaders and clothing leaders were held. At this time definite instructions for carrying on the projects were given. Twelve food leaders and ten clothing leaders were in attendance. I understand they are showing that they have assumed their responsibilities and are going forward with the project work in their clubs. They plan to hold another leader's training meeting in December. I believe every new county should organize project work on a leader basis if the leaders can possibly be secured. This is our best way of reaching a greater number of people than is possible otherwise in Club work.

Spotsylvania: This county started Home Demonstration work the first of September. The agent visited every school in the county and offered some type of Club work; the result is a club in at least three-fourths of the schools of the county. The enrollment runs be-

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tween 300 and 400 projects taken by most club members are Better Foods and Clothing.
That county surely seemed ready for club work.

Stafford: A County Camp for 4-H Club girls and boys was put on by the Farm and Home Agents in Stafford this year for the first time. They had the largest attendance of any county camp in the district - 71 girls and boys attending. Many county organizations and individuals cooperated splendidly in this piece of work. The Home Demonstrations Advisory Council assisted materially with contribution and work. The spirit of the Club girls and boys was exceptionally good and this contributed largely to the success of the Camp. Many county people visited the Camp each evening and quite a number attended the Rally held on the last day. I consider that that County Camp meant much for the future of 4-H Club work of Stafford County.

OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1929

The outlook for extending Home Demonstration work into other counties is only fairly good, but I plan to try definitely to interest people in some of the unorganized counties. I hope to be able to hold appropriation in the present organized counties and in a few cases to get small increases. In the counties having agents we must try to reach more people and I am confident we must emphasize projects that bring money if we expect the best results.