

This is an excellent reference book in food problems. Local merchants and business men have been very generous with information on consumer buying problems.

VII. The Look Ahead

The past year has been one of organization and getting the home demonstration program well enough established in the new consolidated area so that more time could be spent on special interest and program projection next year. The agent has found that since all clubs meet in the home, there is a limit to number accommodated in the clubs. Hence, the necessity of forming new groups to accommodate requests for membership. The agent should have more time for newspaper publicity, and preparing programs for various groups or agencies which have had to be refused because of lack of time. There is still the necessity of selecting and preparing material for programs which will be stimulating enough to warrant a woman's presence at the meeting. This also includes the importance of stressing methods of putting across. The same applies for the 4-H work and working through the 4-H leaders in club projects and activities.

dogs' on a grill."

The clothing program has developed into quite a big one. The agent, along with 3 Newport News leaders, received training methods in teaching tailoring classes with the clothing specialist Margaret Groseclose. These leaders have assisted in 3 beginners sewing classes, 2 advance sewing classes, 1 wool dress, and 2 tailoring classes during the year. We were rewarded with a fashion show as the program for the home demonstration Federation Meeting. 139 garments, made by home demonstration women, were modelled. These included coats, suits, dresses, and 2 men's sport jackets, as well as children's clothing.

B. Public Relations

Public relations with other agencies have always been good in the city. This has been possible because of the success of the Extension program and results which have been seen and read. Efforts of cooperation with other agencies have always repaid in interest and support of the program. Some of the agencies with which the agent has enjoyed working (personally and through representative women) are the Red Cross, service clubs, library, YWCA, women's clubs, garden clubs, etc.

C. Professional Improvement

The agent has attended the in-service training meetings held in the district and state. She found the new-worker's training most helpful in her work in Newport News. Professional reading has become a "must" - not only professional magazines but books. The agent purchased Food For Better Living, a text book by McDermott, Trilling, & Nicholas.

with the helpful assistance of Mrs. Clark that two other 4-H Clubs have been organized in the area. Edna and Barbara are both serving as Junior leaders, giving demonstrations and assistance where needed.

Mr. Clark and the youngest child Clarence are boosters of the work, encouraging the girls and supplying transportation for the groups when needed.

VI. A. Special Consideration

One achievement this year has been the increased interest in the foods program. The women enjoyed actual work participation in the Outdoor Cookery Program. With the increased interest in family "cook-outs" in this area, the women included the Use of Outdoor Grills in their 1960 program. Mrs. Inez Millar, Federation Food Chairman, with the agent, planned this program. These programs were turned into family recreation programs with every member of the family taking part. Work details were drawn from a hat that set up committees to cook chicken, make stews, keep fires, or other necessary duties. The men especially enjoyed this program of fellowship with the husbands of home demonstration members.

This program provided greater family benefits following the hurricane "Donna." Many homes were without electricity for several days, a large number for as long as 4 days. The know-how to build a fire easily and cook different foods on an outdoor grill was most helpful. Many of the women called in later and expressed appreciation for the program. Mrs. O. K. Fields of the Maxwell home demonstration club said, "It was so good to know how to cook something other than 'hot

3. 4-H Club Leadership

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. Club Officers	54	64	64	64	90
No. adult project leaders	23	25	26	22	16
No. junior project leaders	4	6	4	4	3
No result demonstrators	0	0	0	0	0
No. training meetings by specialists	0	0	0	1	0
No. training meetings by dist. agents	0	0	0	0	0
No. training meetings by agent club dept	10	11	12	13	14
No. training meetings by members c	0	0	1	1	0
No. training meetings by others	1	0	0	1	1
Total attendance at ldr. tr. mtgs.	105	128	117	233	171
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	3	3	4	7	16
No. club mtgs. held by ldr. without asst.	124	160	234	241	332
No. additional meetings at which leaders assisted	70	75	40	25	25
No. demons. given by adult leaders	118	130	175	235	310
No. demons. given by jr. leaders	6	6	15	16	12

B. Development of outstanding family.

Extension has developed leadership in the Ray Clark family. Mr. and Mrs.

Clark have a family of 5 children and live in the Denbigh area.

Mrs. Clark has served as a 4-H leader for 5 years. She first became interested in 4-H work through her daughters Barbara and Edna. These girls have been outstanding in all phases of 4-H work. The younger two girls Hazel and Frances are following their example. Hazel represented Newport News in the District Junior Poultry Consumption Demonstration Contest and was placed in the red ribbon class. It was

V. Leadership

A. Growth of leadership

1. Over-all program leaders

	1958	1959	1960
a. County Agricultural Extension Service Board	0	0	16
b. Youth Council	0	15	15
c. Home Economics Council	0	9	52

2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. organizational leaders	81	93	108	125	
No. project leaders (subject matter)	225	271	210	359	324
No. Federation program of work chmn.	25	26	30	36	40
No. program development leaders	25	26	30	36	40
No. result demonstrators	0	1	0	0	0
No. training meetings by specialists	6	2	1	3	2
No. training meetings by dist. agents	0	0	0	0	0
No. training meetings by agents	5	10	17	31	4
No. training meetings by others	8	5	7	6	9
Attendance at all training meetings	377	400	570	1025	863
No. meetings held without an agent	213	285	288	422	515
No. meetings leaders assisted	17	30	52	36	40
Demonstrations by leaders	116	110	209	297	257
Talks and discussions by leaders	228	225	371	402	515

IV. Scope of Work

	1936	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. Home Demonstration Clubs	25	26	31	36	40
Membership	570	602	608	860	898
No. H. D. Groups (unorganized)	0	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0	0
No. 4-H Clubs	12	16	16	16	16
Membership	149	195	192	165	168
No. YMW Clubs	0	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0	0
No. Home Ec. Committees	0	0	0	1	1
No. General Interest Committees	0	0	0	1	1
No. Youth Committees	0	0	0	3	1
No. Other Organizations	0	0	0	0	0
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families	0	0	0	0	0
No. Other Families Reached	1700	1800	1800	2000	2120
No Different Families Reached	2500	2600	2700	2800	2920

Increasing scope of work has meant taking to and interpreting Extension work to the expanding area of the new city and has also meant expanding it within the former limits of Warwick. Expanding means both services and programs. The agent established 4 new home demonstration clubs during the year. The new groups are in the upper end of the city. Efforts to establish clubs in the old Newport News area have failed. Demand is greatest in the upper end of the city where new houses and communities have developed. Greatest interest and demands have come from the young homemakers.

Mrs. Rosalie Steele, and Treasurer - Mrs. J. E. Ball. The leaders enjoy lunch and fellowship together after the meeting. During this hour, the leaders exchange plans and ideas of their individual club programs. Many program problems are solved through this exchange of ideas.

Leaders' Conference: Newport News had 7 women and one man leader and County Agent, Frank Stump, to attend the Annual Adult Leaders' Conference at Natural Bridge on October 28 - 30. These were Mrs. A. E. Graham, G. R. Norris, R. R. Monahan, Brice E. Johnston, J. E. Ball, J. P. Ross, Jr., E. H. Feedback, and Mr. Arthur Cunningham.

Mrs. Monahan served on the evaluation committee. Mrs. Ross assisted in the group singing and Mrs. Graham installed the new officers for 1961. We are pleased with the interest our leaders show in the 4-H work in Newport News.

Mrs. Johnston was elected Secretary for the State Leaders' Council at the conference. This is the second leader from Newport News to hold a state office.

Achievement Day: This meeting was held in the Denbigh Community Center Saturday, November 12, at 10 o'clock. Mr. Cullen Johnson, Director of Safety of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, from Richmond was the speaker and gave a most interesting and timely talk on patriotism. Awards were presented and recognition was made at this time.

their fathers. The program was planned by the girls and leaders to include special music by several of the girls. The President, Mary Lou Roundy, was mistress of ceremony. Sonja Eagle, a club member, introduced the speaker, John I. Weldon, Jr., who used as his topic "Relationship of Parents and their Teeners."

The Teeners meeting was held at Morrison Methodist Church in April. The speaker for this program was Mrs. Richard Krause, Director of Charm School. Mrs. Krause talked to the girls on etiquette at teas and teenage etiquette in general. This was in preparation for a mothers' tea the girls planned for their May meeting. After the program, the group enjoyed a spaghetti supper with their leaders serving.

The group entertained their mothers at a tea in June. This Teeners program has added a great deal of interest to our older 4-H girls program. The following program has been planned by the leaders for the Teener group for 1961:

Tea - Look at Me - (Understanding Myself)

What Good is School Anyway?

It's All in Knowing How - (Clothes for each occasion)

Turning Over a New Leaf - (New Year resolutions)

Manners - (At home, eating out, dating, traveling, etc.)

How To Act On A Date

Leaders Council: The 4-H Leaders Council meets the first Wednesday in the month with leaders attending. The leaders plan special 4-H activities to be included during the month's program. New officers were elected to serve this year as follows: President - Mrs. B. E. Johnston, Vice President - Mrs. W. R. Clark, Secretary -

Slides, showing 4-H work in Newport News, were shown by the Agent, Frank Stump. Judy Fisher sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Rosalie Steele. The Pocahontas 4-H Club was in charge of a social immediately following the tapping ceremony. Barbara Clark, 4-H All Star and Honor Club member, was Mistress of Ceremony.

4-H Club Week: National 4-H Club Week was observed in Newport News by the 4-H Clubs. An exhibit in a downtown Newport News store window was set up by the committee - Mrs. R. R. Monahan, Mrs. D. F. Schultz, and Mrs. J. F. Ross. This display showed work in the various projects done by the 4-H members. The Skating Party was the "kick-off" event for the observance.

Share the Fun Contest: The Share the Fun Contest was held on Friday, March 4, at the Sedgefield School. There were 28 entries. Senior winners were: (1) Nancy Watkins, (2) Judy Steele, and (3) Ida Mae Norris.

4-H Skating Party: The annual 4-H Skating Party was held on Saturday, March 5. About 140 club members, parents and leaders attended the party at Skateland.

Teeners Dinner Meeting: Girls of junior and senior high school age from four different clubs met once a month for a program after school, followed by a dinner. Groups take turn planning the menu, preparing and serving the meal, and donating the dessert. Forty cents covers the rest of the meal. The theme of the programs this year has been Family Life.

The Teener Group held their meeting in February as a buffet honoring

flags and 4-H decorations. Three of the clubs - the Star, the Crocans, and the Opechancanoughs - marched with their leaders. Many of the girls wore the 4-H uniforms, others wore green skirts with white blouses. The green and white 4-H colors were very attractive in the parade.

Honor Club Picnic: Four-H Honor Club members and their families enjoyed a picnic at Deer Park. Recreation was enjoyed by the group - with boys and girls playing softball. A picnic supper was served the group attending.

Honor Club Project: The Honor Club members and fathers met on Saturday, April 9, for an all-day workshop at Mrs. Steele's home to make some necessary house repairs. Mrs. Steele's house was selected as the project for the Honor Club this year. Since Mrs. Steele is a widow, with limited income, there were many needed repairs to be made around the house. During the day, the members, parents and friends painted the interior of 2 rooms and the exterior trim of her house. The front porch was repaired and screened; the back doorsteps repaired and new wall cabinets added in her kitchen. This work was done through the Honor Club members with the help of their sponsors Mrs. Monahan and Mrs. Roundy. The agents were present at this workshop - with the County Agent taking a major hand in the supervision of the repair work. The results of the repairs have been favorable.

Honor Club Tapping: The Honor Club held tapping ceremonies Saturday night, October 22, in the Denbigh Community Center for 8 new members. Old members presented white carnations tied with white ribbons and bearing 4-H emblems to Mary Graves, Doris Hoover, Ginny Baker, Judy Monahan, Tommy Cox, Ann Graham, Sharon Collier, and Ida Mae Norris.

The Honor Club President, Janet Wood, presided. New officers were elected to serve this year as follows: President, Edna Clark; Vice President, Mary Lou Roundy; Secretary - Judy Steele; and Reporter - Margaret Johnson.

District Contest: Twenty-one awards were presented to members at the Northeastern District Contests in Richmond May 21. Blue ribbon awards for demonstrations went to Edna Clark, senior dress revue; Mary Graves, senior poultry consumption; Judith Steele, senior dairy; Janet Wood, senior food preparation; Eunice Hall, junior dress revue; Ann Graham, junior room improvement; Judy Monahan, junior dairy; and Janet Burgess, junior bread.

Blue awards for records were given Sharon Collier, junior clothing; Judy Monahan, junior food preparation; Hope Mayo, junior economic record; and Phylora Feedback, top blue award housekeeping exhibits.

Red award winners for demonstrations were: Hazel Clark, junior poultry consumption; Margaret Johnson, laundry; and Patty Overstreet, junior food preparation.

Red awards in records went to Cindy Overstreet, junior public speaking; Ann Graham, junior room improvement; Phylora Feedback, housekeeping; and Sylvia Willis, forestry.

White award winners included Cindy Overstreet, junior public speaking; and Judy Fisher, senior public speaking.

Loyalty Day Parade: A number of the 4-H Clubs took part in the annual Loyalty Day parade. These club members rode in cars displaying 4-H

Newport News leader, was chairman of the Fair.

The evening program was at 7:30 with Barbara Clark, Newport News All-Star, presiding. The main feature of the program was a Fire Safety Demonstration given by Duane McSmith, NABA Fire Inspector.

The annual Dress Revue was presented as a part of the program. Newport News winners were: Jr. Dress Revue - Hazel Clark, first; Phyllis Carawan, second; and Sandra Ball, third. Senior Dress Revue - Sharon Collier, first; Edna Clark, second; and Eunice Hall, third. All girls entering the Dress Revue were presented pink ribbons.

Officers of the Tri-Area Fair as follows:

Chairman - Mrs. Brice Johnston, Newport News; Secretary - Barbara Clark,, Newport News; and Treasurer - Mr. P. R. Caraine, York County. The Area Superintendents were as follows: Mr. Monahan, Newport News, Mr. Wilson - Hampton, and Mr. Christmas - York County. Committee for ads: Mrs. Roundy - Newport News; Mrs. Shields - York; and Mrs. Hunsecker - Hampton.

Honor Club: The Honor Club held its annual dinner meeting with 28 attending. Six new members were taken into the group. The sponsors and members enjoyed a turkey dinner, prepared and served by members of the Deer Park Home Demonstration Club. Dr. Herman Stevens, retired Baptist Minister, was the guest speaker. He showed his collection of knives (over 300) - telling a character story of a number of these. He illustrated youth through the comparison of the knives - a large pocket-knife about 14 inches long as being too big to be useful, a small knife about 1/2 inch as too small to be of any value, and so on.

Conservation Camp: Club member Ida Mae Norris and Mrs. J. E. Ball, leader of the Croatan Club, attended Conservation Camp at Virginia Beach and found it most informative and enjoyable.

4-H Short Course: Six girls, two boys, and a leader left Newport News Monday, June 27, to attend 4-H Short Course. Those attending were: Mrs. Phyllis Graham, 4-H leader, Tommy Cox, Jimmy Monahan, Marian Barnhill, Nancy Watkins - Talent winner from Newport News, Janet Wood - Food Preparation contest, Judy Steele - Dairy Foods contest, Mary Graves - Poultry Consumption contest, and Edna Clark - Dress Revue contestant.

Area All-Star Banquet: The agent attended the Area All-Star Banquet at Jamestown 4-H Camp. An interesting program was planned including the presentation of Keys and Awards to new All-Stars. Newport News had 4 members attending - two of these were new members - Edna Clark and Janet Wood. Mr. Cullen Johnson was the guest speaker.

Tri-Area 4-H Fair: Newport News was host to the Tri-Area 4-H Fair this year at the Sedgefield School. The 4-H children of York, Hampton, and Newport News entered exhibits from project work. About 550 people visited the fair on Saturday when it was open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Exhibits were entered in clothing, foods, health and safety, room improvement, home improvement, better electric, and handicrafts. Also garden, flower arrangement, and poultry. Livestock exhibits were judged on Thursday before the fair. Other exhibits were judged on Friday. Newport News had many exhibits in each division. Mrs. Erice Johnston,

carried Electric I and II this year with each girl giving a demonstration during the year.

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES

4-H Overnight Camp: 165 members and families enjoyed a picnic at the 4-H Camp at Jamestown June 3; 127 of this group stayed overnight. The group had breakfast and enjoyed a swim on Saturday morning before returning home. Mrs. R. R. Monahan was in charge of the recreation program. The group enjoyed a Bathing Beauty Contest with the men modeling girls' bathing suits. The 4-H leaders presented a skit - Through the Years As A 4-H Leader. Leaders were dressed as 6 month-olds on through the grandmother. Everyone enjoyed the games and music until bedtime.

4-H Camp:

Senior Camp: Nine senior club members and a leader, Mrs. R. R. Monahan, attended Senior Camp at Jamestown.

Junior Camp: The agent spent 6 days at Junior 4-H Camp at Jamestown. Thirty-eight children, 2 junior leaders, and 2 agents from Newport News were among the 265 camping together. Included in this group were York, Hampton, James City, Charles City, New Kent, and Augusta Counties. The group enjoyed a well-planned program including classes in Entomology, Firearm Safety, Plant Identification, and Handicrafts. In spite of several days rainy weather, the group toured Jamestown Festival Park area and a trip on the Jamestown Ferry. The group attended the "Common Glory" only to be rained out.

These officers (only the top 4) belong to the 4-H Council which meets twice a year. In the fall, there is a training meeting for new officers, combined with a planning meeting for winter events. In the spring, there is an election of officers, with planning for summer events. Clubs meet twice a month and are all community clubs -- they have never met in the schools in this area. An Honor Club of older members helps furnish junior leaders for younger clubs. It also sponsors the talent night program.

B. 4-H Project Work

Main projects for the year have been "Food Preparation" and Clothing. Three beginning groups used the project "So You Want to Sew." This is the project found to work most successfully with new leaders. Work was actually done at project meetings. Four articles are made and, at the end of the year, these are judged by the agent or by another 4-H leader. She discusses what a well-made article should be and lets the members select what they consider the best. Ribbons are given the three highest. All articles are then saved for display at the fair. Four groups were given a series of sewing lessons at the Extension center, one for gathered skirts, two for blouses and one for dresses. They met each day for a week for 3 hours. Only eight girls were accepted so that each girl had a machine to use. Grooming was carried by 3 groups this year. Older girls carried clothing projects and made very attractive dresses. Ten clubs carried food preparation and/or bread projects. Most of these had previously had the clothing project. Food demonstrations were given by the leaders and often the members helped. In several cases, another project was also carried for part of the year or alternate meetings to give variety. The Denbigh Debs

5. The home agent plans and carries out
 - a. Leader-training meetings -- either given by specialist, others or self
If given by agent, it means developing subject matter, illustrative material and information sheets for leaders, members and development of methods to be used.
 - b. Agent-given meetings -- same as above
 - c. Special interest and other activities -- same as above
 - d. Methods of work with individuals
 - e. End-of-month informational letters to
 1. presidents
 2. program chairmen
 - f. Bi-monthly letters to members and friends about activities and homemaking information
 - g. Certain amount of newspaper releases
6. The home agent reports
 - a. Monthly -- statistical and narrative and travel
 - b. Annual -- " " " " "
7. The home agent evaluates
 - a. formal -- leaders return sheets from programs given
members return reports from year's work - in October

III. County Extension Program - YOUTH

A. Organization

There have been 18 4-H clubs meeting during the year, 16 of which the home agent worked with. These clubs have at least one volunteer leader, some of them two. These leaders serve as both organizational and project leaders. Club officers are elected by the members to serve one year.

D. PROCEDURE FOR DEVELOPING AND CARRYING OUT PROGRAM

In Newport News this applies chiefly to the large home demonstration program

1. Through understanding of local conditions.
2. Survey of home demonstration members, gaining information which explains some situations and helps build the program
3. Preparation for Program Planning
 - a. Meeting with pre-planning committee to discuss procedures to use with the meeting of club chairmen -- agent presents outlook material and other local information
 - b. Meeting of program chairmen in March, when Federation Program Chairman presents outlook material and agent gives general local conditions and result of surveys, maps, etc.
 - c. Summary of "needs and wishes" sheet, done and presented by Federation chairman
 - d. Presentation of temporary year's program and adoption
 - e. Clarification of objectives
4. Club Organization
 - a. Agent holds the following meetings:
 - Program development chairman -- leader training for duties
 - Program of work chairmen leader training for duties and subject matter
 - Presidents -- leader training for duties, etc.
 - Secretaries-treasurers -- leader training for duties, etc.
 - Federation subject matter chairmen--planning work in each department
 - Finance committee
 - Year Book committee
 - Federation Day committee (formerly Achievement Day)

a sport coat made by his wife. Mrs. Spiers has conducted a tailoring class this year for the members of the Brentwood Club.

After the fashion show, the members of the Lone Pine Club served the group punch and cookies. Mrs. J. N. Parker was chairman and Mrs. M. L. Turnage co-chairman of the social hour.

The group was entertained during the fashion show with organ music by Mrs. Kitty Hutchinson compliments of "The Keynote" Company of Newport News. A \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond, given by Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank, provided interest as a door prize. Mrs. Charles Wilkerson, a non-club member, was winner of the Bond.

Mrs. Diggs introduced our guests for the meeting. These were Mrs. Betty Kyle, District Agent, and Miss Miriam Puster, Home Demonstration Agent of James City County. Reports show the attendance as being about 450 people. Comments have been very good.

Window Displays: The Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs was asked by the Retail Merchants Association to have displays in downtown store windows during Fall Festival - October 13, 14, and 15. Mrs. H. H. Diggs, Federation President, appointed the Benhigh Club to put up the displays this year. Mrs. Blanche Batson served as Chairman. An educational display on New Fibers was in Leggett's window. This display showed several garments made by club women and the new fibers used. This display brought considerable comment from the women. The other display was at the Young Men's Shop on the new craft. This craft - making tile trays and plaques - showed the steps used in making the trays.

Hospital Project: The one big All-Club project is furnishing some type of equipment for the proposed new city hospital, still in the planning stage. Each member was asked to make a dollar contribution to this project. This was the second year on this project.

Rural Institute: There were 9 women and 2 men attending the Rural Institute this year. Those going for the first time were very enthusiastic about the campus and college.

Tri-Area Presidents Luncheon: The presidents of Hampton, Newport News, and York met at Nick's Restaurant in Yorktown for their Annual "Dutch" Luncheon. The York Presidents were hostess for the meeting this year. Mrs. Singleton, President of York County Federation, presided over the luncheon. Mrs. Betty Kyle, District Agent, was guest for the event. Reports were given by the 3 area presidents, giving the highlights of each county Program of Work. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by 91 women, including Presidents, guest, and agents.

Federation Program: The Newport News Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs held its annual fall meeting November 2 at Sedgefield School. Mrs. H. H. Diggs, President, presided at the meeting. A Fashion Show was the highlight of the program with the Riverside Home Demonstration Club presenting the program. Mrs. C. E. Bryant, Chairman, and Mrs. F. G. Slate, Co-chairman, planned the program with their president Mrs. A. R. Roger, Jr. 139 garments, made by Club members, were modeled by members, family and friends. A variety of garments were shown by the group including coats for women, men and children; also dresses, suits, and sports wear for women and children. One complete family of 5 wore garments made by the wife, Mrs. Covey, of the Brentwood Club. Mr. Spiers, husband of another Brentwood Club member, wore

during the week. Mr. Woody discussed the Civil Defense Program as it is being set-up in Newport News. This was sponsored by the Home Demonstration clubs, as Citizenship is their Program of Work for 1960.

The White Oaks Club, with Mrs. Carl Sandahl president in charge, was responsible for promoting Home Demonstration Week in Newport News this year. An exhibit was placed in the Public Library on Main Street by this club. The exhibit used the theme and showed how Home Demonstration had a part in everyday living and in planning for the future of the family.

The highlight of the week's activities was the display of summer meals, showing table arrangements and food for 13 different occasions. The 40 clubs were grouped in 2's and 3's to give each club, with the food leader responsible, a part in the display. This display was open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Hilton Methodist Church. Grand Champion award went to the top score blue which was 96. This was a display for a Bridge Luncheon with Brentwood, Sedgefield, and Green Oaks Clubs arranging it.

Welfare Activities: All clubs participated in this project. Each club contributed \$2.00 for an easy chair for the Patrick Henry Hospital. Each club, for its own Christmas project, "adopted" a family or contributed articles to Salvation Army or took gifts to the Blind School. The Harpers-
each
ville and Hickory Clubs/adopted a patient at Patrick Henry. Throughout the year, they have visited them and supplied "spending money" and toilet articles, and tobacco for the man patient. In November, the Harpersville group entertained "Elmer" and his friends on his ward with a party at the hospital.

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Three tours were taken this year.

The Clothing Chairman and Vice Presidents of each club were invited to tour the Dow Chemical Plant in Williamsburg. The clubs were divided into 2 groups of 40 for the tour. The women enjoyed seeing the new research area of the Dow plant. Mr. Alberto showed the women garments made of the new fiber - Zefran.

A one-day trip during Garden Week to Eastern Shore with a glimpse of 10 old homes and interesting interiors gave the 37 women a better idea of our neighbors across the water.

On November 17, 150 Home Demonstration women toured the Colonial Store's new warehouse and the Nancy Carter Kitchen in Norfolk. Mrs. Evelyn Haythe, Chairman of the Tour, made the necessary plans for the group of women. Miss Rachel Kasbnick, Home Economist for Colonial Stores, gave a demonstration on a variety of foods with special emphasis on holiday foods.

The women were pleased with this tour in Norfolk. This is the first time a one-half day has been planned for the women and the response was pleasing with the largest number of participants noted.

Home Demonstration Week: The Home Demonstration Clubs in Newport News celebrated National Home Demonstration Week, using the theme "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

Chief Leroy Woody, Coordinator of Civil Defense for Newport News, showed a film "The Day Called X" in the Warwick Junior High and Magruder Schools

home agent feels that it has a true place if well organized. Other workshops are held as the demand arises. The office is responsible for introducing one new "craft" a year, but not compulsory for all clubs to participate. The agent has tried to keep the projects on a worth while basis - something which is a challenge and not just busy-work -- something which can have an individual and creative touch.

Mrs. Leslie Hicks, Federation Craft Chairman, and Mrs. Edel Pullen, Craft Coordinator, held a workshop for all interested craft leaders to introduce the new craft - trays and plaques made from linoleum, rubber, or plastic tile. Thirty-five clubs have had leaders to receive this training. Excellent reports are coming in from those making this craft.

Other crafts used during the summer were Swedish weaving, pine needle straw bags, nut and pod plaques and trays. Craft has been of value to several women of retirement age who have enjoyed every project offered and have asked for more.

The craft leaders had a display on Christmas crafts in the Center in October. This display was open to the public on October 25. Approximately 500 people visited this display on this day. Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Pullen were in charge of the display. The craft leaders of each club assisted by bringing in Christmas suggestions from each club. The display was open each day until November 11. Much favorable comment has been heard concerning this display. In November, a number of the clubs held workshops for members interested in making Christmas decorations.

question and answer session with Mr. Biggins explaining the changes - and why and how these were necessary.

The topic for the Citizenship reports in March was on Civil Defense. Chief Leroy Woody, Coordinator of Civil Defense for Newport News, showed a film, The Day Called X, to the leaders. He stressed the need for the people of Newport News to start, and carry on, a program in this area as Newport News ranks second in disaster area in the state. Mr. Woody showed the film at two schools - Warwick Junior High and Magruder - during National Home Demonstration Week. The Home Demonstration Clubs were sponsors for this program.

The Citizenship leaders received training in City Planning and Re-development on Monday, April 4. Mr. Moore, City Planner, Mr. McMurrin and Mr. Blandford gave a panel discussion on this subject. A question and answer session followed. Since the city has consolidated, this information was of general interest to the women.

The Program of Work Chairmen met Tuesday, October 4, at the first Methodist Church in Hilton. Mr. Fred Bateman, Representative from this area, talked to the leaders, giving them information on the new laws passed in the Assembly that will affect the people of Newport News. This information was given in reports to the clubs in November. This is the first of a series of programs on the Citizenship phase of Family Life Program selected by the group for 1961.

6. CRAFTS

Craft has always been included in the Home Demonstration program. The

and Mr. R. L. Woodall of Abbott, Proctor, and Payne. The women reported interesting meetings.

Social Security was the topic Mrs. Edra Mayer, Area Manager of the Social Security Administration, discussed with the Home Management leaders on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. A second training meeting was held on Thursday morning, October 20. The leaders receiving training gave the program at November meetings. These leaders stressed the need for homemakers to know benefits available and where to go for information. These problems concerning social security, as well as the other programs of legal matters, seem to be of vital interest to the urban women.

5. CITIZENSHIP

The Program of Work topic has been Citizenship this year. The Citizenship leaders gave reports at 4 meetings during the year. The topic of the programs given at the meetings in December was "Our Foreign Cousins." The Citizenship chairman in each club was responsible for the program. Most of the clubs had a person from another country to come and tell of Christmas customs in their native land. These included customs from England, France, Germany, China, Phillipines, Greece, and Japan. Many of the clubs had covered dish suppers and Christmas programs during the month.

Mr. J. C. Biggins, City Manager, spoke to the Citizenship leaders in January. His topic City Structure was most interesting. The leaders reported to their groups in February. Since consolidation of Newport News with Warwick, many changes have taken place. The women enjoyed a

A two day workshop for upholstery was held in May by the agent. Eight chairs were brought in to the Center. Two women worked on each chair. The muslin foundations were put on each of the 8 chairs and several of the chairs were covered with the upholstery fabric. The women enjoyed the all/^{day}workshops and were interested in the re-upholstering. Several have started a second piece of furniture since this workshop.

House Furnishings Chairmen met with Mrs. Marie Ellis, Federation Chairman, in charge and set up the following classes for 1961 -

Drapes	Braided and hooked rugs
Refinishing	Re-upholstering
Slip covers	Caning

These classes will be open to the public.

4. HOME MANAGEMENT

The Home Management leaders have been responsible for giving three programs at their Home Demonstration meetings this year.

The January program was Legal Matters for the Homemaker. Most of the clubs used Wills and Inheritance Laws of Virginia as their subject. Attorneys and representatives of the Trust Department of the local banks gave the talks. The women thought this to be one of the most interesting as well as needed programs. A number of the clubs invited husbands and neighbors in for their program. Attorneys gave the groups opportunity to ask questions.

The topic Mr. & Mrs. Peninsula Save was given by leaders to the "A" group in September and the "B" group in October. This was a program on family finances. The leaders received training in August by Mr. Wesley Kates from the Trust Department of the First National Bank,

The topic for the programs given by the agent to the "B" group of club meetings in February and to the "A" group in March was Furniture Selection. The agent gave points of furniture construction to be considered in shopping for new furniture. These included the following:

- (1) A reliable dealer
- (2) Shop around, compare before buying
- (3) Make a plan of pieces to buy - as to use of each and space in home
- (4) Scale furniture to size of room

Slides were used to show different arrangements of furniture.

Leaders gave the program on the Selection of Rugs in the groups in February or March. The leaders stressed the need for buying from a reliable dealer, when buying a rug. Training was given these leaders in January by Mr. Spencer at Spencer's Rug Shop.

Hooked and Braided Ruggers enjoyed an exhibit of their rugs March 30. This display was held at the Hilton Methodist Church with Mrs. Mary Sellers in charge. Many rugs, both braided and hooked, were on exhibit and viewed by a number of people as this was open to the public. Coffee and cookies were served the group by club women. This open house exhibit is an annual affair.

An annual workshop is the chair caning work done by a leader. Mrs. Marie Ellis held a two day caning workshop. Women brought chairs and put in caned bottoms. The chairs are very professional looking when finished.

A two day workshop on furniture refinishing was held in the spring by a leader, Mrs. Jessie McDaniel. Thirty-three attended the workshop. This workshop was held the month before the upholstery clinic so chairs could be refinished before being "done over."

New Textiles. The agent explained the new textile identification law which requires the labeling of all fabrics on the market; the 16 generic or family names given to fibers explaining these; and giving a portion of the 700 trade names available. Samples of fibers were passed for the group to examine. The agent stressed the need for purchasing fabrics with recommended percentage of synthetics over natural to receive a wash and wear fabric.

Mrs. Dalk, Hickory Home Demonstration Club member and a representative of Singer, held a machine cleaning clinic. Women brought the heads of their machine and actually cleaned them. She also took time to show the uses of sewing machine attachments which was very helpful.

The agent met with the Clothing Chairmen of the clubs to plan special interest programs in clothing for 1961. Special classes to be included are: beginner sewing, advance sewing, wool dress, simple tailoring, and advance tailoring. Requests have come in for classes in each of these divisions. Demands are great enough for 2 to 4 classes in each.

3. HOUSE FURNISHINGS

With new homes being built every day and much moving in-and-out, women have the problem of curtains and drapes -- new ones or re-fixing old ones. Two classes were held in draperies. The agent held both special interest meetings with good attendance at each meeting.

There has been great interest in making slip covers this year. One workshop was held in March. Two women worked together on a chair. Two additional workshops were held by the agent in April. This concluded the slip cover workshops set up for the year. 15 chairs were covered.

on Mondays from 10-12 in a series of 5 meetings. This class was taught by Mrs. McDaniel. The second class met on Wednesday nights 7-9 p.m., and was taught by the agent. The interest in both classes has been rewarding. Pattern alterations and cutting seem to have been the major problems with the sleeves, collars, and sippers as secondary problems. The garments finished are very well made.

The agent received training in methods of teaching tailoring classes. Three leaders, Mrs. Jessie McDaniel, Mrs. Betty Tuttle, and Mrs. Hazel Watkins, received training along with the agents and leaders from York, Hampton, and James City County. These 3 women assisted the agent in teaching tailoring to the 16 women in September and October.

Ten women received training in hat making in a series of 4 classes in February. Mrs. F. W. Ozley, Stratford Home Demonstration Club, was the leader. Each woman taking the class made two hats of straw. The 10 leaders who received training in hat making have held a number of workshops to help other women make spring hats. The hats, when finished, look quite professional and are most attractive. The cost is very little, compared to the hats on the market. Newport News women enjoy doing things with their hands.

An educational tour through Dow Chemical Company in the Research and Development Department was made by Clothing Chairman and Vice-presidents. Two tours were made with "A" groups going on Tuesday and "B" groups on Thursday. This was time well spent by leaders as new man-made fibers were seen.

The topic of the demonstration by the agent to the clubs this fall was

150 women of the Newport News Home Demonstration Clubs toured the Colonial Store's new warehouse and the Nancy Carter kitchen in Norfolk. Mrs. Evelyn Haythe, chairman of the Tour Committee, arranged for the group to see the storage area of foods, the butcher shop, the walk-in refrigerated area for produce and the salad kitchen where the various products are made for the market. The women saw the way in which the foods and supplies are delivered to the warehouse by train, and cars unloaded inside the warehouse.

Following the tour of the warehouse, Miss Rachel Kaebnick, Home Economist for Colonial Stores, gave a food demonstration. Miss Kaebnick prepared a variety of foods with special emphasis on holiday ideas, including a Thanksgiving Dinner menu and Christmas foods.

The agent has filled a number of requests for help in planning special recipes and meals and also help with quantity cookery. The food bulletins are always in demand in Newport News.

The agent has given assistance in the methods of canning and freezing fruits and vegetables. Several women brought pressure canner tops in to be checked for accuracy of the gauge.

2. CLOTHING

Three classes in beginning sewing were held in January. Each class met once a week for a series of 4 weeks. During this time, the women made simple cotton dresses. Mrs. Jessie McDaniel, City Clothing Chairman, taught the Monday day class; the agent taught the two night classes. The women are pleased with their progress in sewing.

During April, two classes in advance sewing were held. One class met

Tables were scored and placed in award groups of 6 blue, 6 red, and one white. Judges for this occasion were Miss Maude Weems, Home Demonstration Agent of Hampton, and Mrs. Irene Vohringer, York County Home Demonstration Agent. Slides were made of the tables. These are available for showing at the June Home Demonstration meetings with recipes and menus available. The Table Display was open to the public with over 500 people seeing the display.

The Food leaders received training in June in the Use of Outdoor Grill Cookery, the program for July. This leader trainer was held in the yard of the Federation Food Chairman, Mrs. Inez Millar. The "A" group received training one day and the "B" group on another day. Mrs. Violet Morris, a former Home Demonstration woman, gave the training assisted by Mrs. Millar. This was given as a workshop with each member receiving a work detail. The women prepared bar-be-que chicken, quick camp stew, baked potatoes, a summer salad tray, and watermelon. The groups enjoyed preparing the meal and were served the food afterwards.

Many of the clubs held their meetings in July out-of-doors with members and their families attending. The leaders assisted the group in cooking the meal. Each group prepared and served a meal at the meetings. Reports of the meetings were unusually good.

The Food leaders met with the agent and Mrs. Inez Millar, Federation Food Chairman, and set up the following special interest meetings for 1961 -

Frozen foods
Yeast breads
Easter candies

Cake Decorating
Box lunches

B. Subject Matter

1. FOOD

The Home Demonstration club members toured local meat markets as their program in April. The club members met at the markets during their regular club meeting and saw meat - beef and pork - cut and packaged. The programs were planned by the food leaders, with the store managers, to include the phase of meats of interest to the individual group. The reports of the various programs have been very favorable.

Several of the older clubs were not interested in touring the markets. These clubs had various programs, planned by the program chairman. A number of the clubs had food demonstrations given by the 4-H Club girls who are the city winners in the food demonstration contest.

Eggs - Everyday a Different Way - was the topic of the demonstration given by the food leaders at the Home Demonstration Club meetings in May. The leaders prepared eggs 3 different ways using the information given by the Specialist, Miss Mary Thompson, of VPI. Food programs are favorites with all of the clubs. Many clubs had covered dish meals this month in connection with the program on eggs.

The Food leaders received training in May in Easy Attractive Summer Meals. This leader trainer was held in the Hilton Methodist Church. The leaders set up 13 tables for various events. Included were the following:

Wedding Breakfast	Bridal Luncheon	Forever Young Birthday
Coffee Hour	Teeners Supper Party	Informal Family Dinner
Dinner at Eight	Bridge Luncheon	Coke Party
Children's Party	Family Breakfast	4th of July
Informal Luncheon		

As in any urban area, there are numerous organizations serving the population. Particularly active in Newport News is the Federation of PTA's, civic clubs in Denbigh, Deep Creek, Parkview, Morrison, Swansea and Hilton areas, forty-three Garden Clubs, six Women's Clubs, a Business and Professional Woman's Club, and church groups of every denomination.

II. County Extension Program - Adult

A. Organization

The City of Newport News Extension office has its homemaking programs directed by various committees. The City Home Demonstration Club Committee is composed of all the presidents of the Home Demonstration Clubs plus the city officers. This committee has two members on the Extension Service Board. There are also overall project chairmen to help plan and direct the work on any given project for the year. In order to increase the scope of Extension work in the city, each of these subject matter chairmen select a committee composed of non-club leaders of the community. These home economic committees then meet to outline objectives and make definite plans for improvement in that field.

This tends to increase both the scope and effectiveness of the program as well as playing down the feeling that one must be a home demonstration member to use Extension facilities. The fields covered by these committees so far include food, clothing, home furnishings, home management, craft, citizenship, and consumer reports.

There is also one general interest committee which has so far only worked on one project - hooked rugs. This is a city-wide project, open to the women in all areas, home demonstration members or not, and meets at the Extension center.

I. Situation

The City of Newport News has a total population, according to the 1960 census, of approximately 112,000. Of this number 35% are negro and 99% are urban or rural nonfarm. This leaves an Extension clientele of approximately 15,000 white families with a per capita income of \$1,650 and a household income of \$6,300. The area is a high cost-of-living area, second to Washington in rating, but wages are relatively low except for professional and civil service workers.

The median school years completed is eleven for all groups, white and non-white, with there being a substantially higher educational level for the all white group. School facilities are being added as needed to meet the changing population trends with the present school system being one of the most modern and progressive in the state.

Almost every home has electricity and telephones, and either natural or bottled gas is available. Most areas are serviced by city water and sanitary sewers. All roads are hard surfaced within a few months of their establishment. Health and medical care is becoming more efficient each year as the number of doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies become available.

There are four large shopping centers, all containing one or more super markets, now in operation throughout the city, with ten others in the planning stage or now under construction.

There is a City Department of Parks and Recreation which furnishes supervised recreation city-wide, as well as operating swimming pools, a recreation building, park and picnic facilities, little league, pony league, and minor league baseball diamonds.

VII. Outstanding Contributions

One contribution to the home demonstration program this past year has been the consumer buying reports given in each club by the club chairman. This is the second year these reports have been used. These reports continue to be the "boost" that is needed to stimulate interest in club programs. Some of the subjects included this year have been on selecting cooking utensils, household shears, fasteners, and childrens clothing. The agent has given the important high lights of each subject in a letter to the chairman each month, followed by suggestions for giving the report - always something to bring to illustrate the talk. The leaders themselves have mentioned that they enjoyed giving these reports and members say that it has added interest to the whole meeting. Urban people are a consuming rather than a producing group and less time, if any, is given over to vegetable gardens, etc. They do have a usually steady income, and to obtain the necessities for homemaking as economically and efficiently as possible is an objective for better family living.

A second contribution to the home demonstration program this year has been the Citizenship program presented by the leaders. The information has been given the program of work club chairman by city officials, then given by the leaders to the individual clubs. Programs have been on City Structure, Civil Defense, City Planning and Redevelopment, and Voting. Since the consolidation of Newport News and Warwick, these programs have been of general interest to each person and have contributed a great deal to better community living.

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