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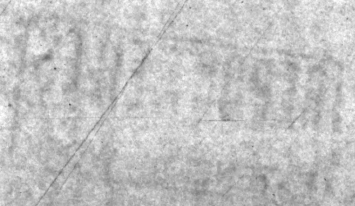
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III. SUMMARY OF INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Days in field	<u>1981</u>
Days in office	<u>86</u>
Days annual leave	<u>22 1/2</u>
Days sick leave	<u>0</u>
Days leave without pay	<u>0</u>
Legal holidays taken	<u>7</u>
Number home visits made (adult)	<u>459</u>
Number 4-H club members visited	<u>55</u>
Total number different homes visited	<u>340</u>
Number office calls	<u>602</u>
Number telephone calls	<u>399</u>
Number articles or stories published	<u>226</u>
Number individual letters written	<u>995</u>
Number different circular letters written	<u>26</u>
Number meetings attended	<u>314</u>
Number miles traveled	<u>11645</u>
Number radio talks given	<u>4</u>

IV. The county and its people

Geographically, Prince Edward County is located south of Cumberland and Buckingham Counties, north of Charlotte County and west of Nottoway County. It has an area of three hundred and fifty-seven square miles, and lies partially in the bright and dark fired tobacco belts of the state. This crop constitutes the major source of income for the majority of the people. A small per cent of the people receive an income from dairying, gardening, poultry and general farming.

The people are very definitely divided into three classifications, relatively, large land owners, small land owners and tenants. In the group of small land owners and tenants, the homes and incomes are inadequate for the maintenance of an average standard of living for all the people.

Leaders of the home demonstration clubs have accomplished much in improving home conditions in the county, and stimulating interest in, and an appreciation of better standards. Results of projects in all phases of homemaking are much in evidence in all homes reached by the Extension Program.

Due to the Extension program, many families have seen the need for better gardens, especially fall ones, to supply winter needs, and the advantage of producing more food and feed on the farm. More and better use of rural electric energy has been developed for better living conditions.

V. Financial Support of work

Board of Supervisors

The county board of supervisors is composed of six men, representing the six magisterial districts in the county. This board makes a yearly appropriation for the home demonstration agent's salary. This board also makes an appropriation for the partial support of the Farmville Community Rest Room.

County School Board

The county school board is composed of six men from different communities in the county. This body appropriates

a part of the salary of the home demonstration agent, and authorizes the use of a certain part of school time for carrying out the 4-H club program.

Farmville Town Council

A part of the salary paid to the matron of the Farmville Community Rest room is appropriated by the town council. This rest room is sponsored by the county homemaking board.

VI. Women's work

1. Organization

a. County Homemaking Board

The county homemaking board is an organization made up of representatives of the nine home demonstration clubs and of representatives of the Southside Health District, Farm Security Administration, Home Economics, Public Welfare, and Adult Education.

This year, lay women were added to the board to represent Public Welfare, Adult Education, Farm Security, and Health Department.

The main function of this board is to enlarge the program and secure cooperation of the educational, civic, and religious agencies, of the county. The board has found that if all agencies will pool their efforts in a coordinated program, benefits will be much greater than those achieved through the systemless, scattered efforts of the agencies working without a unified plan. This board is composed of seventeen women and six advisors who are all concerned with homemaking problems of all types of people. This board meets in the spring and fall of each year.

b. County Home Demonstration Committee

The county home demonstration committee is made up of the presidents from each of the nine clubs. This committee meets three times a year, once during the summer to plan a new program, once with the specialist for the purpose of planning the major project demonstrations for the year and to discuss progress made with yearly program.

The committee decided to place special emphasis on six goals during the year. Each of the clubs worked to improve parliamentary procedure, and strived for better attendance at meetings. From the beginning of the year, eighty club members were added to the enrollment, thirty two of these being new members. Leaders in each club gave two demonstrations without the assistance of the agent and in several clubs, the leaders gave more. A short time was devoted to recreation at the end of each meeting.

In the spring of 1940 when all home demonstration clubs were discussing needs and plans for the new year, house furnishings seemed to be outstanding along with food and yard development. When the county committee met to decide definitely on a project, it was evident from the discussion, that house furnishings would receive major emphasis for 1941. A representative from this group was appointed to attend the State Federation meeting at Blacksburg. The committee met again in October and with the help of the state specialist on house furnishings, outlined month by month, a new program and discussed ways and means for carrying out this program in order to reach more families.

The executive committee seemed most enthusiastic over the new program and the manner in which they expressed themselves displayed constructive thinking, which indicated that they are increasing their abilities for leadership.

c. Home Demonstration Clubs

There are nine home demonstration clubs in the county, two of these have been added during the past year. One unorganized group was also worked with. These clubs have officers similar to other organizations, in that they have a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and project leaders. These clubs hold twelve meetings a year and usually meet in the homes of the members. Occasionally meetings are held in schools and grange halls. Each club has two members on the county homemaking board, one the club president, and the other, an elected member.

d. Scope of work

(1) The estimated number of white homemakers in the county is given at one thousand one hundred and one.

One hundred forty one of these homemakers are directly reached by the Extension program. By means of the relationship between the active worker and his family and friends, and the extent to which the county campaign spread their influence, it is estimated that about four hundred twenty three additional individuals are indirectly reached.

(2) Enrollment for past three years:

<u>Year:</u>	<u>No. Clubs:</u>	<u>Membership:</u>	<u>No Reached</u>
			<u>Indirectly</u>
1938:	7	: 115	: 450
1939:	7	: 109	: 275
1940:	9	: 141	: 423

(3) There are six magisterial districts in the county. The names of these districts and the clubs that are in each are as follows;

a. Buffalo District - there are two home demonstration clubs in this district.

b. Farmville District- there is one home demonstration club in this district.

c. Hampden District - there are two home demonstration clubs in this district.

d. Leigh District - there is one home demonstration club in this district.

e. Lockett District - there are two home demonstration clubs in this district.

f. Prospect District - there is one home demonstration club in this district.

2. Project Work

a. Major

Food and Nutrition was selected by the home demonstration club women as their major project for 1940. This project was developed from a discussion lead by the county health nurse, given at a homemaking board meeting.

It was evident from her report that there was a decided need throughout the county for information and training in health standards and nutrition. The nurse obtained statistics from a clinic held for children who entered school for the first time. Facts reveal that of the seventy white children examined, forty six per cent had dental defects and fifty eight per cent were underweight. Children of this age have spent most of their lives in the home. We are told that the home is the work shop in which character is built and we also know that the children reflect the environment of the home in his physical characteristics.

In this field, the home demonstration club women felt that they could make themselves outstanding for they had the closest contact with the greatest and noblest institution in the world - the home. There the child can be trained in the most formative period of his life - his youth, to become well equipped mentally, physically and spiritually. In the words of J. G. Holland, "No nation can be destroyed while it possesses a good home life".

The home demonstration club women decided that they could be outstanding in the training of children and adults as well, to live hygienically by observing the proper physical health laws and by eating proper food, for one of the best protections of a nation is the health of its inhabitants. The responsibility rests with the home. The home demonstration club members accepted these facts as a home responsibility and in the effort to improve conditions studied food and nutrition as it effects the health of the family.

A number of the meetings were devoted to discussion and talks, namely; "Food Requirements For School and Pre-school Children", "Food Habits and How They're Established and Overcome", "Streamlining Our Meals", "Preparation To Maintain Food Value", "What to Plant in Fall Gardens" and "School Lunches". Joint meetings of men and women were held on Fall gardens, with a specialist from the State Department leading the discussions. The members found that good all year around gardens will contribute not only to the farm income, but also to the health of the farm family.

Some of the accomplishments due to this program are: one hundred and five families are serving

better balanced meals, ninety-six families established better food habits, while eighty-four are packing better school lunches. Forty families were helped in better feeding their children, twenty-three families noticed better health because of changed food practices, fifty-eight families are living at home, that is raising practically all food used. Forty-one canning budgets were made and carried out, with the home demonstration members in the county canning twenty-three thousand three hundred sixty-two quarts of food with an approximate value of four thousand two hundred thirty-six dollars and sixty-eight cents.

One of the community leagues in the county adopted the home demonstration plan of work on Food and Nutrition and sent representatives from the league to the leader training meetings. These representatives then mimeographed copies of information received and distributed copies to each family represented in that school. This was done to help promote interest in better food habits and nutrition.

b. Minors

The minor projects worked on by home demonstration clubs were house furnishings and clothing. The following results were obtained, fifty-four pieces of furniture were refinished, upholstered and covered, with five footstools reseatd, two hundred sixteen rugs, mats and cushions and bedspreads were made and eighty-three other handicraft articles. Walls and woodwork in forty rooms were improved, fifteen floors refinished, twelve rugs renovated; forty-four families applied principles of color and design in improving appearance of rooms, of these, five were living rooms, seven dining rooms, fifteen bedrooms, eleven halls and six others. One hundred eighty-six dollars and ninety-eight cents was saved home demonstration women due to minor projects in house furnishings.

The club women also made four hundred seventy-two dresses, made over one hundred and six garments, made four hundred sixty-eight other garments, refurbished six hats and thirty-four did own dry-cleaning at a total savings of six hundred seventy-four dollars and sixty-four cents.

c. Community projects

Each of the seven home demonstration clubs worked on community projects, also one of the newly organized clubs worked on this project. Two of the clubs prepared and delivered boxes to needy families on Christmas. Two clubs supplied needy families with food and clothing. One club gave kitchen equipment to a family that lost their home by fire and also bought books for an unfortunate school child. One club gave parties for the young people in the community and worked with the grange in making improvements on the hall. One club helped with the school lunch room by contributing equipment and vegetables to be canned, while another started work on a community club room. Each of these clubs sent cards to the sick and condolence to the bereaved of the community.

3. Project Leadership

a. Plan for training and use of leaders

Three meetings were held for training adult leaders, forty-one members attended these meetings.

b. Results obtained

Adult leaders gave twenty-seven method meetings and assisted the agent with a number of meetings. The leaders also held forty-two other meetings on organization, plans for entertainments, landscape work, and food selection and preparation. These leaders proved their capability of conducting the demonstrations in a very satisfactory manner.

4. Other Activities

a. Campaign

Health and Better Health Habits are a major problem in Prince Edward County, so the home demonstration clubs decided to place emphasis on these during the year. Health being the Federation Goal and Better Health Habits the campaign. Since these topics were so closely related, the county committee decided to work out plans together with one chairman serving for both programs. The county committee divided the program into four definite phases, namely; foods, health, dental hygiene and physical examination. There was a chairman in each club that worked with the members on these goals. Forty-two club members "adopted a family", being

responsible for giving them information necessary for maintaining better standards of health and health habits.

At the January home demonstration club meetings, a questionnaire was filled in by members. The questionnaire contained questions such as, amount of milk consumed, thirteen members reported drinking one pint daily and in October when a family record was taken, forty-eight were consuming one pint daily. Sixty-eight had physical examinations in 1939, with thirty-seven reporting in October for 1940. Fourteen visited the dentist, while forty-four reported in October having visited the dentist in 1940. From the questionnaire, it was found that the club members were not consuming the required amount of water daily, in October, fifty reported that they were consuming eight glasses daily. Thirty-two members improved in posture. Twenty-three families reported better health because of changed food practices. The committee expects that a noticeable carry-over of this work will be observed.

b. Income Earnings

The home demonstration program has not assisted farm women with income earnings in 1940.

c. Camps and Short Courses

There were no camps or short courses offered for women in 1940.

d. Recreation

Each of the seven home demonstration clubs devoted one meeting to family fun and wholesome recreation. A short period at the close of each club meeting is devoted to recreation, with leaders from the various clubs appointed to take charge. A number of the clubs gave parties and dances for the entertainment of their friends and families.

e. County Meetings

The Farmville Five County Fair was held in Farmville in September. The home demonstration club women

entered exhibits in the canning, needlecraft and gardening exhibits. The Prince Edward County home demonstration women competed with home demonstration women from three other counties, in putting up a booth showing emergency meals for one day and a party meal. The Prince Edward women won first, second and third prizes on these booths. The agent was pleased with the quality of exhibits on display and feels that another year the quantity will far exceed that of 1940.

The county home demonstration clubs held their annual Achievement Day on October 24, at Hampden-Sydney College. There were sixty-seven women present. Features of the program included an address by the Assistant Director of Home Demonstration Work, a panel on achievements for the year, with representatives from each of the clubs participating and a symposium on State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. The program was interspersed with numerous readings and special music. An exhibit, "Food Supply For One Person Each Year," was on display, with each club contributing to this exhibit.

5. Participation - Federation

a. District

The county home demonstration clubs were hostess to the District Federation Meeting this year. Eighty club members were present, with each club assisting in the preparing and serving of the lunch. The members seemed most enthusiastic over entertaining the Federation and it was a privilege for them to have an opportunity to attend.

b. State

Fifteen home demonstration club women and the agent attended the State Federation of Home Demonstration clubs in Blacksburg. These members brought excellent reports back to their respective clubs. All clubs except one was represented at the state meeting, the delegate from this club was ill and could not attend. Each of the clubs, for the first time, affiliated with the State Federation by paying membership dues.

c. National

There were no women from this county to attend the national convention.

d..Work on Federation Goal

The Federation Goal and campaign were on Health and Better Health Habits and since these were so closely related, the committee decided to use the same goals. Accomplishments of this work was reported under campaign.

6. Story of Achievement For Club Giving Best Program

Congratulations are in store for the Jamestown home demonstration club again this year on their outstanding accomplishments for the year.

Most attractive year books were made by the executive committee with the emblem enlarged for the covers. In these books was a list of all meetings, topics for demonstrations, the hostess for each month and leader. These leaders had charge of the devotional and recreational period of the meeting. The project leaders conducted three meetings without the assistance of the agent. The club paid dues to the County Homemaking Committee and affiliated with the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Two delegates were sent to the State Federation meeting.

This club has thirteen active members who carry out both major and minor practices. For their community project, they sent baskets to unfortunate families at Christmas time.

The president is a most enthusiastic worker and keeps the members interested and working by her fine example. She does not drive and frequently on club meeting days has to leave her home at five o'clock in the morning in order to get a ride to the meeting with her husband, who delivers milk. She either visits in the home of the meeting or a nearby neighbor, which means she really makes an effort to be present.

This club won first honor for booth at Five County Fair.

7. Story of Outstanding Achievement By Individual

Mrs. H. N. Gordon of the Social Hour Home Demonstration Club of Farmville, has been outstanding in her work this year. She is one of the charter members in the county and is a most enthusiastic worker and booster of Extension work.

This year, Mrs. Gordon served as one of the project leaders for her club and gave two excellent demonstrations. She follows extension recommendations in all of her activities, and contributes her good management abilities to knowledge gained through the Extension program.

Mrs. Gordon attends all club meetings, serves on a number of committees, and is ever ready to help fellow members. She is a most outstanding club member and a fine person with whom to work.

VII. 4-H club work

1. Organization

a. County Council

The 4-H County Council is composed of all the officers and leaders of the 4-H clubs in the county. This council has forty-seven members and meets twice a year to plan for and carry through the 4-H club program in the county.

The goals set up by the council for 1940 and the results obtained are as follows:

Goals	Results
1. Have a committee in each club to check enrollment at April meeting and drop all members who have not started project.	1. This was done with a very small percentage of the members dropped from the roll.
2. Have each club send at least two delegates to District Camp. One boy	2. Two clubs sent three girls, one club sent four girls, with two

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| and one girl , having
greatest achievement. | ' | other clubs sending
one girl and one boy
each. |
| 3. Having Council send two
delegates to State
Short Course. | ' | 3. Two delegates were sent
to the State Short Course,
one girl and one boy. |
| 4. Have each club make out
plan of work to be pre-
sented at the February
meeting - plans to be
made by club officers
and leader. | ' | 4. This was accomplished. |
| 5. Have leader or County
Agent check project re-
cord of each member
each month. | ' | 5. These were checked at
six meetings. |
| 6. Encourage each member to
work on a hobby during
the year and sponsor a
4-H Hobby show at the
end of the year. | ' | 6. One program was devoted
to the topic of hobbies,
with a large number of
members working on them. |
| 7. Each club have at least
fifty-per cent attend-
ance of officers at
County Council Meetings. | ' | 7. This was accomplished. |
| 8. Have activity to raise
money with each Club con-
tributing to Council
Treasurer. Sr. Clubs two
dollars, Jr. Clubs one
dollar | ' | 8. All but one club paid
dues to the Council. |

b. 4-H clubs

There are nine 4-H clubs in Prince Edward County. Four of these groups are senior groups, four junior groups and one of all ages. Each club holds twelve meetings a year. During the school term, these club meetings are held in the school auditorium for the period of one hour for each meeting, twice one club met for forty minutes. In the summer

majority of the clubs meet in the members' home and the meetings last from two to four hours. The 4-H club agent and the home demonstration agent met these clubs together for the program and general business meeting. Following this period of the meeting, the girls and boys divide into separate groups for the project work.

2. Project work

The Family Activities Program is carried on by the one hundred thirty-five girls enrolled in club work in the county.

The following is an outline of the program as carried out by the majority of the clubs.

December, Christmas Suggestions, Personal Accounts - January, Home Responsibilities - February, Foods For Health - March, Planning Your Wardrobe - April, How To Select Patterns and Fabrics For Individual Needs - May, What To Look For In Ready-Made Clothing, Comparison to Home-Made Garments - June, Cutting and Fitting First Garment - July, Rally Day and Correct Dress Contest - August, Finishes For First Garment, Plan For Second Garment, Construction of Second Garment - September, Fine Laundering, October, Reports and Achievement and November, Reorganization and Handicraft.

a. Results obtained

The major emphasis for the family activities program chosen by the club girls for 1940 was clothing.

The following results were obtained; one hundred and ten dresses were made, seventy under garments and thirteen aprons were made. The members also mended two hundred twenty-two garments, cleaned one hundred and thirty-eight and restyled or remodeled eighty-three garments, making a total of six hundred thirty-six articles made and remodeled, with a total savings of two hundred eighty-seven dollars and one cent. Twenty-nine members made a clothing inventory, fifteen kept clothing accounts for one year, with twenty-eight keeping personal accounts, thirty-four girls learned to select own clothing, with twenty-six improving the care of their clothing; eighteen improved grooming and sixty reported that the clothing

program helped them to dress more appropriately.

Minor projects and their results are as follows:

Under Home Improvements, two hundred and two rooms were improved, namely; bedrooms, fifty-four, living rooms, fifty-five, dining rooms, twenty-six, kitchens, twenty-eight, porches, twenty-nine and ten others. Improvements in the selection of furnishings were made in seventy-seven rooms, in arrangement of furniture, ninety-one rooms, arrangement of pictures and accessories, sixty-two, in color schemes, forty-two, with twenty-eight floor plans made. Thirty-six storage spaces were improved.

Five girls assisted with home gardens, one of these girls did outstanding work with her project record. When one of the State Gardening Specialist was in the county and visited some of the projects with the home agent, this girl showed the type of record she was keeping, namely; the kind of vegetable planted and the month and date the first time each was used and the month and date the last time this vegetable was used, thus giving an accurate record as to the period of time each vegetable was used and the quantity produced.

Twenty-seven girls assisted with fall gardens, thirty-four reported that their garden provided leafy vegetables throughout the year. Forty reported that they stored vegetables for winter use.

One hundred twenty girls worked on beautification of the home grounds, one hundred and two of these girls completed projects by planting annual and perennial borders, trees and shrubs.

Fifteen girls had poultry flocks of their own and others assisted with the raising of the flock, making a total of two thousand six hundred and seven chickens for 4-H club girls. Thirteen girls kept a record on the farm flock, twenty-one assisted with the preserving of eggs for own use and twenty-four helped to fatten and dress poultry for market and home use.

Six hundred fifty-eight meals were planned and served alone by the club members. One hundred nineteen members reported that they had learned to like new foods. Seven

hundred fifty-three quarts of food was canned by club members alone, and seventeen thousand five hundred thirty-seven quarts were assisted with.

Nineteen girls worked on house furnishings, while sixteen concentrated on handicraft. Twenty-two pieces of furniture were repaired, fourteen pieces of furniture made, fourteen rugs or mats made, eight stools reseatd and two hundred eighty-one other articles made, making a total of three hundred thirty-nine articles with a total of one hundred forty-one dollars and fifty-four cents saved.

Home responsibilities

A large number of the girls chose the general care of their bedroom, while others worked on packing school lunches, cooking, serving meals, washing dishes, milking, feeding chickens, bringing in wood and care of the lawn. Each girl assumed two home responsibilities as a phase of her club work.

b. 4-H health work

Forty-five 4-H club members are five pointers, seventy-five made improvements in personal cleanliness, seventy-seven reported definite improvements on work clothes and shoes, sixty-nine improved posture, forty-two improved food habits, twenty-eight assisted in getting house completely screened, forty-two cleaned grounds around home and barn and forty assisted with the sanitary disposal of garbage.

c. Story of Best Project Work by Individual

Nancy Welch, seventeen years of age and a member of the Darlington Heights senior 4-H club did outstanding work for 1940, as well as displaying leadership in all club activities.

Under the clothing program, she made fourteen dresses, six under garments, restyled two garments, cleaned three garments and made one hat, at a savings of sixteen dollars and five cents. In the County Correct Dress contest, she won second place on a church outfit.

Nancy raised fifty chickens alone and assisted with the home flock. She improved four rooms and one storage space. Six handicraft articles were made at a savings of two dollars.

As a home responsibility, Nancy helped her mother by preparing breakfast and supper and making all of her clothes.

She is a conscientious worker and sets a fine example for other members to follow.

3. Community activities

a. Community project

Two 4-H clubs assisted the home demonstration club and a church organization in raising funds for purchasing equipment to be used in a community club room. Two clubs sent cards to sick and bereaved in the community.

b. Recreation

A small portion of time arranged for club meetings in the school was devoted to recreation, with a longer period given during the summer months. One county rally and recreation program was held, at which time all clubs were invited.

A number of homemade games were demonstrated to club members, with a number of families making these for home use.

c. Raising money for club activities

Six of the 4-H clubs raised money by inviting outside entertainers to their community on a percentage basis. Candy and ice cream was sold at these gatherings. Two clubs sponsored an amateur night. One club's chief source came through selling flavoring, however the other eight clubs also sold a small amount of flavoring.

Fifty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents was raised by the nine clubs. These funds were used to pay

county council dues, to send delegates to the State Short Course, community projects and socilas.

4. Local leadership

a. Plan for training and use of leaders.

Three leader training meetings were held here for 4-H club project work. Sixteen older club girls and leaders attended these meetings. Two other training meetings were given on organization work.

b. Results obtained

Six of the leaders assumed responsibility and assisted the agent with the program, however, the agent feels that more such leaders are needed in order to carry out club work to a greater advantage. One of the new leaders this year, did excellent work with her club, she held a number of extra meetings during the summer months in order to guide the girls in completing their project work. The leaders held a total of five meetings, with an attendance of thirty-four, they also held thirty-three other meetings, with an attendance of one hundred and thirty-two.

5. Other activities

a. Camps

(1) The fifteenth annual 4-H District Short Course was held at Hampden-Sydney College, June twenty-fourth to twenty-ninth, 1940. There were seventy-four boys, ninety-five girls, eight men leaders, seventeen women leaders, nine farm agents, four home demonstration agents and six instructors present, making a total enrollment of two hundred and seven.

The program included rural electrification, personality and character building, folk dancing and appreciation of our cultural heritage.

The handicrafts offered were, wooden bowls, wooden notebooks, stools and electric motors.

For the recreational program, club members

leaders and all-stars were divided into four Indian tribes. Each evening, these tribes assembled in the gymnasium for stunts, yells, songs and challenges. Following this period of the evening program, the camp paper was read and program was closed with the grand march or stories told by one of the instructors.

Vesper services were held each evening after supper, based on different topics with different counties having charge on certain nights. Many new games were learned and enjoyed during the supervised play period which followed vespers.

Twelve girls from this county attended the District Camp.

(2) The agent did not attend any other camp, however, six girls attended the State Short Course.

b. County meetings

Fairs

4-H club members entered individual and club exhibits in the Five County Fair which was held in Farmville. 4-H clubs in Prince Edward County won second, third, and fifth places in club exhibits. The Prince Edward County girls won eighteen dollars and fifty cents in prizes.

Achievement program

The annual 4-H Achievement Program was held on Friday evening, October twenty-fifth in the Green Bay High School. One hundred thirteen were present, including club members, their parents and friends. Club reports were given by representatives along with highlights of county 4-H club work, by the 4-H Club and Home Demonstration Agents.

One of the professors from Hampden-Sydney College made the address, extolling the work of 4-H clubs.

Representatives that attended the District and State Short Courses, introduced other members who attended.

The County Agent of Cumberland, former 4-H Club agent, presented the awards, after which the Junior and Senior clubs of Green Bay entertained the group with a movie.

4-H club Rally Day

The county 4-H club Rally Day was held at Bear Creek Lake, on July thirteenth. Due to rain, a large number was not present, however, favorable comments were heard here and there by those who attended. A Correct Dress contest was held on the same day, with the girl and boy winning, representing the county in the state contest.

A picnic supper was enjoyed, after which the group joined in games, songs and dancing.

6: Story of Achievement of your best club

The Green Bay senior 4-H club did outstanding work during the year. This club had a new leader, however, the junior leader assisted with the program a great deal. This leader does splendid work and is especially interested in both groups.

Summer meetings were well attended with a large per cent of projects completed.

This club won second place on their 4-H club exhibit at the Five County Fair.

Money making plans were carried out without the assistance of agents. One amateur program was given and flavoring was sold. The county council dues were paid, one delegate sent to District Camp and one to State Short Course.

As a community project, the club assisted the home demonstration club in making money to equip the community club room.

VIII. Older Youth

One older youth group was organized during April,

with the resident National Youth Administration girls and boys. There were twenty-three girls and twenty boys enrolled. The girls' project was discontinued in August, since it did not conform with the defense program, so therefore the club was disbanded at that time.

The meetings were divided into three periods, namely; business, program and recreation. Both boys and girls participated in the program, a number of these being in discussion form. The girls were given additional training in food preservation.

IX. Progress made during the year

This report covers progress made from December first, 1939 through November thirtieth, 1940.

There were seven Home Demonstration Clubs at the beginning of the year, with sixty-one members, two new clubs were organized and at present there is an enrollment of one hundred and forty-one. The agent also works with nine other women in an unorganized group.

The 4-H club year started with seven clubs, with an enrollment of one hundred and eleven girls. Two additional 4-H clubs and one youth club were organized, bringing the girls' enrollment up to one hundred fifty-eight. One hundred and two of these girls completed their project.

Three additional 4-H leaders were added this year, making a total of six, with two older club girls serving as leaders for a junior club.

Leaders in both Home Demonstration and 4-H clubs assumed responsibility and in a number of instances displayed unusual leadership ability.

A total of thirty-two method meetings were given and sixty-four other meetings were held by leaders.

There are still many families in the county who are not being reached, and a greater effort is being made to influence these people.

X. Plans and goals for 1941

The Home Demonstration Club members have chosen House Furnishings as their major project, Yard Development as Federation Goal, and will cooperate with other agencies on Safe Water Supply Campaign for 1941.

Goals set up for the Home Demonstration Committee are as follows:

1. Each club and committee send one delegate to State meeting. Each club affiliate with State Federation by June first.
2. Work to increase more active membership in clubs.
3. Each club hold four meetings without agent, new clubs two meetings.
4. Sponsor 4-H Leadership work.
5. Devote ten minutes of two meetings or more during year on citizenship, the first meeting to be devoted to parliamentary procedure.
6. Each club have community project.
7. Continue to sponsor Community Rest Room.

The 4-H club girls will place special emphasis on Clothing under the Family Activities Program. The 4-H Club Council will not meet until December to work out definite goals for 1941.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

600 H. D. Members Attend Central District Convention

FARMVILLE — Approximately 600 attended the meeting here yesterday of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in the Central District. Dr. J. L. Jarman addressed the visitors, and Mrs. Harry Griffin of Buckingham County responded to the welcome.

The meeting was held in the State Teachers College auditorium, and was presided over by Mrs. J. J. Riegel, district president.

Among those appearing on the morning's program were Mrs. Malcolm Peck, State president of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, who spoke on "Today's Challenge," and Miss Elizabeth Carmichael, family life specialist of V. F. I., whose topic was "Learning to Live With Others."

The feature address of the afternoon session, which followed luncheon, was made by Miss Maude Wallace, assistant director of the extension service, V. F. I., in charge of home demonstration work, whose subject was "Are We Intelligent Consumers?" Miss Wallace stressed the importance of keeping accurate accounts of expenses in the home and on the farm so that members could know at all times how they spend their money, of intelligent buying in the home and of the need for clubs to stress the importance in their work of "Consumer Education."

Mrs. Ben Waller, State chairman of public relations, conducted a symposium with members of various clubs through which discussions on programs for health, sanitation, local clinics, vocational guidance, recreational activity, conservation, roadside beauty, family gardens, library work and even training of domestic servants showed much progress is being made along these lines by various clubs throughout the district.

Assisting Mrs. Waller on this

program were Mrs. B. A. Epperson, Halifax County and Mrs. W. H. Whitten of Bedford County.

The day's program was interspersed by musical selections by the Roanoke County chorus of 14 voices and a reading by Mrs. H. Lee Scott of Farmville.

Miss Agnes Mason, Prince Edward County demonstration agent, Mrs. S. W. Putney and Mrs. J. B. Leseuer of Farmville were in charge of arrangements for the meeting and were assisted by the following county hostesses: Mesdames J. F. Aloop of Prospect, W. L. Glaze of Five Forks and Misses Kathrine Lambert and Ella Smith, home demonstration agents from Nottoway and Appomattox.

Sixteen counties in Central and South-Side Virginia were represented at the meeting.

Landscape Expert Was Here Tuesday

Mrs. Mary C. McBryde, landscape specialist from V. F. I., was in Prince Edward County Tuesday with Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent, visiting homes and making suggestions as to flower gardens, permanent sod, locations of shrubbery.

Mrs. McBryde went to the home of Mrs. Bennett Chappell, at Abilene, and then to homes in Prospect of Mrs. A. C. Straw, Mrs. Newton Brisentine, Mrs. Clifton Wilkerson, and Miss Evelyn Moore, and to the Prospect school at the request of Miss Rucker.

Mrs. McBryde will be back again in May for two days.

Homemakers Plan Program for 1940

Health, housing, social and educational conditions, economic outlook, citizenship and home life were discussed and worked into a program at the annual Spring meeting of the Prince Edward County Homemaking Board held in the Circuit Court Room, Farmville, Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. J. A. LeSueur, chairman, presiding.

Reports and talks were made by Miss Sally Guy Davis, district extension supervisor; Mrs. S. W. Putney, Farm Security home management supervisor; Miss Carrie Bliss, superintendent of public welfare; Miss Mamie Rice, county health nurse; E. F. Striplin, Prince Edward county agent and Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Estelle B. Bradshaw reported that the Council of Cooperative agencies had chosen "Safe Water Supply" to be used as the campaign for 1941. Other recognized needs were adequate milk consumption and year round gardens, she said.

Representatives present were Mrs. Ding Berry, and Mrs. W. L. Glaze from Five Forks; Mrs. W. L. Vaughan, from Jamestown; Mrs. C. C. Campbell and Mrs. A. C. Straw, from Prospect; Mrs. J. A. LeSueur and Mrs. C. L. Ramsey, from Farmville; Mrs. Robert Wilson, from Green Bay; Mrs. Olivia Overton, from Darlington Heights and Miss Grace Wilkerson, from Hampden-Sydney.

4-H Club Council Stresses Head, Hands, Heart, Health

40 Attend Meeting at Farmville Last Saturday

Head, Hands, Heart and Health—the four essentials of the 4-H Clubs—participated in the Mid-winter program of the 4-H County Council held in Prince Edward county court house, at Farmville, Saturday morning.

Thirty boys and girls, members of the Council, were present; three adult leaders, and seven others—40 in all.

Reports were made by Laura Farmer, chairman of goals committee; Guthrie Maloney, chairman of finance committee; and James Bryant, chairman of camp committee.

Miss Sallie Hughes, state girls club agent, of Blacksburg, spoke on: "Good Officers and Leaders, What They Can Mean to a Club, and Their Responsibilities." William Garrard, of the Farmville Herald, made suggestions as to writing 4-H Club news.

Miss Cassie Boswell, of Rice, led in group singing.

Miss Agnes Mason, Prince Edward home demonstration agent, and J. F. Blair, assistant county agent, had charge of arrangements, and Sam Land, 4-H agent in Nottoway and adjoining counties, attended.

Horace Carter, of Worsham, president of the council, conducted the meeting, with Mabel Grace Cunningham, of Darlington Heights, as secretary.

Every member of the Prospect Senior Club was present—100 per cent attendance.

Those present were:

Worsham—Horace Carter, Laura Farmer.

Prospect—Rosemary Elam, Catherine Booker, Walter Southall, Jr., Alma Crawley, Mary August Clements, Mrs. B. E. Taylor, Jr.

Rice—Lucy Walton, "Mutt" Walton, Edith Walthall, Miss Cassie Boswell.

Darlington Heights, Jr.—Walter Cunningham.

Darlington Heights, Sr.—James Bryant, Ralph Towler, Mabel Grace Cunningham, Bill Covington, Guthrie Maloney.

Green Bay, Jr.—Hilda Mae Kaufman, Fay Humphreys, Frances Glascock, Mrs. H. A. Humphreys.

Green Bay, Sr.—Louise Cook, Margaret Jennings, Frances Jennings, Florence Jones.

Prospect, Jr.—Robert Brisentine, Evelyn Moore, Bobby Elam, Martha Lou Chick.

Jamestown, Jr.—Claudia Bradshaw, Charlotte Roth.

And Miss Sallie Hughes, William Garrard, Sam Land, Miss Virginia Cook of Bagby Chapel; H. W. Roth, of Rice; J. F. Blair, and Miss Agnes Mason.

Prince Edward 4-H Rally, Bear Creek, Saturday at 2:30

About 75 Prince Edward County 4-H Club boys and girls, some of them accompanied by parents, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock will hold their annual rally day at Bear Creek Lake in Cumberland County.

Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent, and J. F. Blair, boys 4-H Club agent, will be in charge. Miss Mason said that last year the rally was held at the Green Bay lake in Prince Edward County. This year, she said, Green Bay lake is dry, and so the Prince Edward boys and girls have to go to Bear Creek Lake in Cumberland county.

A "Correct Dress Contest" will start things off Saturday afternoon. Both boys and girls will take part. Miss Ella Smith, home demonstration agent of Appomattox County will be the judge.

The contestants will compete in dressing correctly for the following activities: (1) Farm and home work; (2) School and specialists at sports; (3) Church and street; (4) Active sports; (5) Informal parties.

The winning boy and the winning girl each will receive a prize of \$3 towards paying their expenses to the State 4-H Short Course at Blacksburg July 23 to 27.

4-H Health Talk to Heights Junior Club

Annie Mae Gibson, president of the Junior 4-H club of Darlington Heights, at its meeting, Feb. 5, read the county goals for 1940, finance report, and camp committee report which was made at the County Council meeting in Farmville, Jan. 20.

After the business, an interesting program was given with Cleo Cash in charge. J. F. Blair, assistant county agent, introduced Mr. Yound, who gave a talk to the boys on cattle.

Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent, talked on "health" and gave out food score sheets to be kept by the girls. The record books were checked by the leaders, Mary Sue Bailey and Mabel Grace Cunningham. Frances Dickerson had the best kept book.

Rice Hi School News

Jamestown 4-H club gave a sock party in the school Thursday night to raise money to send a delegate to the Hampden-Sydney short course. Musical entertainment was furnished by Sammie Wilson with Ann Bradshaw, Margaret Bradshaw, James Farley and Thomas Bradshaw. Delicious refreshments were served.

Farm Electricity Meetings Oct. 11

Will be at Worsham And Darlington Heights

Friday afternoon, October 11, E. T. Swink, electrician for the Agricultural Engineering Department of V. P. I., will speak at two meetings in the county which have been arranged by E. F. Stripin, county agent, and Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent.

The meetings are scheduled for Worsham at the High School at 2:30 in the afternoon, and for Darlington Heights at the High School at 7:30 at night. The meetings are open to the general public and are especially for those interested in electrical equipment for the country home and farm.

Mr. Swink has for several years been working with rural people and helping them use electrical current practically and economically on their farms. He will have many suggestions to offer regarding the kinds of equipment most suitable for farm and home use.

It is expected that several local merchants who are engaged in selling and installing farm and home electrical equipment will co-

Home Dem. Club at Darlington Heights

A home demonstration club was organized in the Darlington Heights community, Monday, June 16, with the following officers elected: president, Mrs. R. P. Welch; vice-president, Miss Emily Harvey; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Overton; song leader, Mrs. H. I. Shorter; recreational leaders, Misses Mary Sue and Evelyn Bailey.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. C. T. Bailey with 19 present. Mrs. S. A. Overton was appointed to attend the County Home Demonstration meeting on Tuesday, June 18th. The demonstration which was on "Flower Arrangements", given by the home demonstration agent, Miss Agnes Mason.

The following were present, Mrs. T. C. Bailey, Misses Dorothy, Evelyn, and Mary Sue Bailey, Mrs. J. T. Baker, Mrs. Elmer Rondurant, Mrs. C. L. Chick, Mrs. Hall Deikill, Miss Emily Harvey, Mrs. C. T. Lambert, Mrs. L. E. Morris, Mrs. D. C. Morris, Mrs. S. A. Overton, Mrs. Char-It Robbick, Mrs. L. H. Scruggs, Miss Mary-Jane Scruggs, Mrs. H. I. Shorter, Mrs. R. P. Welch and Miss Sarah Wilkerson.

PROSPECT SENIOR AND JR. 4-H GET TOGETHER

The Junior and Senior 4-H clubs of Prospect met together on June 4 at 2 p. m. with Misses Rae Chick and Mattie Lou Chick with 26 present and Mrs. B. E. Taylor, junior club leader, Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent, and J. F. Blair, boys' club agent. Senior president, Miss Rosemary Elam, presided.

The Hampden-Sydney Short Course and State Short Course were discussed, with delegates elected to represent the club for both camps.

Garden Meetings Held for Two Days In Prince Edward

A. G. Smith, garden specialist from the V. P. I. Extension Division, led discussions on fall gardens in meetings held in Prince Edward county on Wednesday and Thursday.

The first meeting was in the home of Mrs. C. E. Roberts on Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock sponsored by the Social Hour Club of Farmville, and at 5 p. m. the same day, a meeting was held in the Rice High school auditorium, with the Jamestown and Beahy Chapel Home Demonstration Clubs acting as joint hostesses.

On Thursday at 2 o'clock, Mrs. T. C. His was hostess for a meeting in her home at Prospect; at 8 o'clock Thursday, the Abilene, Feldon and Five Forks clubs will be hostesses for another meeting to be held in the Worsham High school auditorium.

Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent and County Agent E. F. Stripin will assist on the programs for all the meetings, which are being sponsored by the home demonstration clubs of Prince Edward County and the agricultural community planning committee.

4-H Club Girls Exhibits Make Fine Showing in Home Products

4-H club girls of the five counties contributed fine exhibits of their products at the Five County Fair. These are shown in the big tent along with the home-products entered by their mothers, big sisters and aunts.

Miss Agnes Mason, Prince Edward home demonstration agent, is in charge of the exhibits.

The prize winners are:

Apple sauce—Barbara Caldwell, Spout Springs, 1st; Nellie Paulette, Appomattox, 2nd.

Beans (string)—Nellie Paulette, Appomattox; Mattie Clark Vaughan, Rice; June Lindsay.

Beets (pickled) — Margaret Moon, Spout Springs.

Blackberries (canned)—Barbara Caldwell, Spout Springs; Nellie Paulette, Appomattox; Margaret Moon, Spout Springs.

Club books (4-H) — Barbara Smith, Oakville; Nellie Price, Guinea Mills; Frances Dickerson, Pamplin.

Butterbeans (canned)—Thelma Southall, Prospect.

Carrots (canned) — Margaret Moon, Spout Springs.

Cucumbers (pickled)—Barbara Caldwell, Spout Springs; Edith

Walthall, Rice; Emily Walthall, Rice.

Dress (girl's)—Jo Anne Olgers, Rice; Frances Fears, Burkeville; Frances Ferguson, Prospect.

Peaches (canned)—Jane Glenn, Prospect; Margaret Moon, Spout Springs; Helen Martin, Oakville.

Peaches (preserves)—Margaret Moon, Spout Springs; Barbara Caldwell, Spout Springs.

Peaches (pickled) — Margaret Moon, Spout Springs.

Pears (canned)—Barbara Caldwell, Spout Springs; Jane Glenn; Faye Humphries, Green Bay.

Slips (girl's)—Mary Jo Taylor, Prospect; Virginia Harvey, Evergreen.

Soup mixture—Nellie Paulette, Appomattox; Margaret Moon, Spout Springs.

Strawberries (preserves)—June Lindsay, Spout Springs; Barbara Caldwell, Spout Springs.

Tomatoes (canned) — Nellie Paulette, Appomattox; Thelma Southall, Prospect.

Tomato juice—Nellie Paulette, Appomattox; Margaret Moon, Spout Springs; Audrey Webb, Pamplin.

Leaders Learn About "Streamlined" Meals

Prince Edward County home demonstration leaders Monday in Farmville attended lectures and demonstrations on "Streamlining Our Meals" by Miss Ruth Jamison, State homemaking specialist from Blacksburg.

The leaders met in the morning with Miss Jamison and Miss Agnes Mason, county home demonstration agent, in the circuit court jury room, where the lectures were heard. In the afternoon, practical demonstrations as to cooking vegetables and preparing salads were given by Miss Jamison in the kitchen of the High school cafeteria.

The leaders present were: Abilene club—Mrs. Merle Keiser and Mrs. O. L. Vassar; Felden—Mrs. Stanley McKay and Miss Marie Allen; Farmville—Mrs. C. E. Savage; Five Forks—Mrs. A. W. Covington and Mrs. Tom Long; Jamestown—Mrs. R. M. Bradshaw and Mrs. W. H. Price; Prospect—Mrs. Cook Hix and Mrs. J. F. Aloop; Worsham Community League—Mrs. Neal Bedinger.

Others present were Miss Mamie Rice, Prince Edward County Nurse; Miss Marie Baldwin, Miss Jamison and Miss Mason.

Frances Ferguson Wins Dress Contest

Miss Frances Ferguson of the Prospect Senior 4-H club won first place in the girls correct dress contest which was held at Bear Creek Lake, in Cumberland county Saturday. Robert Dickerson of the Darlington Heights Senior Club won in the boys' contest. Each will receive a \$3 credit to the state short course, which will be held at V. P. I., Blacksburg, July 22-27. The winners will represent Prince Edward county in the state contest.

Green Bay

On the evening of Halloween the H. D. Club, the 4-H Club and the Woman's Bible Class sponsored a party which was well attended and much enjoyed. A prize was given for the most comical costume. Pins and cakes were sold and proceeds will go to the proposed project of wiring and furnishing a room in the old school building for a community social room.

Home Dem. Members At Achievement Day Meeting October 24

Sixty-seven members of the nine Prince Edward county Home Demonstration Clubs met at Hampden-Sydney College in, all-day session Thursday, Oct. 24, at an annual Achievement Day celebration.

By secret ballot, members of seven of the clubs voted for "the outstanding home demonstration member for 1940." Results were: Thrift Club, Abilene, Mrs. Merle Keiser; Bagby Chapel, Mrs. W. C. Bedall; Social Hour, Mrs. H. N. Gordon and Mrs. J. A. LeSueur (tie); Happy Hour, Felden, Miss Marie Allen and Mrs. N. A. Bedinger (tie); Five Forks, Mrs. Claude Southall; Jamestown, Mrs. W. L. Vaughan; Prospect, Mrs. A. C. Straw.

The Darlington Heights and Green Bay clubs did not vote because they are so newly organized that it was thought none of the members have yet had an opportunity to become "outstanding."

The morning program began at 10 o'clock, and the afternoon program at 1:30, with lunch in between. Dr. W. T. Williams gave the invocation; Dr. E. G. Gannon, president of Hampden-Sydney, made the welcoming address to which Mrs. W. T. Strook responded.

Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent, spoke about "Highlights", and Miss Maude E. Wallace, of V. P. I., Blacksburg, spoke on "Our Home Defense Program".

At the morning session, a panel discussion on "Achievements of the Year" was led by Mrs. J. W. Lindsey, with eight women from the nine clubs taking part. They were Mrs. J. W. Nelson, Mrs. R. A. Ranson, Mrs. C. W. Fears, Mrs. S. A. Overton, Mrs. Claude Southall, Mrs. A. C. Straw, Mrs. C. M. Redd, and Mrs. Venable Owen.

In the afternoon there was a symposium on "State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs", led by Mrs. S. W. Putney. Those who took part were Mrs. Merle Keiser, Mrs. O. L. Vassar, Mrs. Edward Bondurant, Miss Martha Grainger, Mrs. A. W. Covington, and Mrs. Russell East.

113 Attend Big 4-H Club Rally

Achievement Meeting At Green Bay On Friday

In a big rally celebrating their achievements for the year which ends November 30, 4-H Club members of Prince Edward County, with parents and friends, 113 in all, met Friday night, Oct. 25, in the Green Bay High School auditorium.

Nancy Welch reported for Darlington Heights, Sr.; Hilda Mae Kaufman for Green Bay, Jr.; Margaret Jennings for Green Bay Sr.; Thelma Southall for Prospect, Jr.; Walter Southall for Prospect, Sr.; Virginia Rice for Worsham, Darlington Heights, Jr. was represented, but no report was made.

Horace Carter presided; Rosemary Elam led in songs. Florence Jones made the welcoming talk; the clubs sang "Hogwaddrons"; the club reports were submitted; then "Home on the Range" was sung.

"Highlights of Prince Edward County 4-H Club Work" was given by Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent, and W. F. Shelton, 4-H Club agent.

George L. Walker, of Hampden-Sydney, made the address of the evening, extolling the work of 4-H Clubs.

Frances Ferguson introduced the group which attended the State 4-H Short Course, and Anne Owen introduced those who attended the District 4-H Short Course. Horace Carter played the piano, and the Green Bay clubs put on a movie show made up of shorts.

J. F. Blair, now Cumberland County agent, former 4-H Club agent, announced awards for the year.

The 4-H members in charge of the program were Horace Carter, Frances Fears, and Donald Hudson.

Local Delegation at Rural Affairs Inst.

County Agent E. F. Striplin, Home Demonstration Agent Miss Agnes Mason, and representatives of Prince Edward County home demonstration clubs left on Monday to attend the Institute of Rural Affairs at Blacksburg.

This Institute is an annual event, held on the V. P. I. campus. It opened Tuesday, July 30, and ended Thursday, August 1. Its general theme was the interdependence of agriculture, industry and labor, with speakers of national prominence.

The Prince Edward home demonstration leaders who attended were: From the Abilene Club, Mrs. W. A. Baker, Mrs. M. W. Davis, Mrs. R. L. Driskill, Mrs. Merle Keiser, Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Mrs. J. W. Nelson and Mrs. O. L. Vassar; from the Bagby Chapel Club, Mrs. C. W. Fears and Mrs. B. F. Thompson; from the Darlington Heights Club, Miss Martha Grainger and Mrs. Robert Maloney; from the Five Forks Club, Mrs. A. W. Covington; from the Jamestown Club, Mrs. Edward Bondurant and Mrs. W. L. Vaughan; from the Prospect Club, Mrs. Russell East, and from the Social Hour Club, Mrs. S. W. Putney, Mrs. R. A. Ranson and Mrs. Frances D. Hopkins.

BAGBY CHAPEL HOME DEM. TALKS ON BETTER HEALTH

The Bagby Chapel Home Demonstration meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. C. Bedell on Friday, Jan. 19, at 2:00 p. m. with all members present except one.

The demonstration for the month was "Better Health Habits". Miss Agnes Mason, home demonstration agent, discussed foods, health, dental hygiene and examination.

Miss Mamie Rice gave an appealing talk on "Better Health" in Prince Edward County.

The February meeting will be held with Mrs. J. D. Hardie with a demonstration on "Food Requirements".