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Home Demonstration Leaders.

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ORGANIZED SERVICES

Cooperation with agents. During this year 35 counties have had home demonstration work.

While work was carried on from January in both Greene and Madison Counties, no agent working in both, no appropriation was effective in either county until May 1st, both counties having made small appropriations effective at this time. The agent working both counties was put in charge of the work in Greene County and a new agent sent to Madison.

The Greene County appropriation, made by the county school board, expired September 1st. In spite of a very heavy debt, the board continued the appropriation for the month of October and the State Office carried the work until December 1st in order to give the new members of the board of supervisors elected in November time to organize, hoping that the board would make an appropriation since the people of the county were asking for the same. The board has not as yet, December 1, 1923, had a meeting. The agent, therefore, is being transferred to a county where the agent is resigning December 31st.

Early in October Nelson County made an appropriation and asked for an agent. This appropriation is especially gratifying as it was made at the request of the women of the county, the women themselves going before the board of supervisors and asking for the appropriation. An appropriation of \$700.00 was

unanimously made. When meeting the board the women gave as one reason for wanting a home demonstration agent the good work being done by the negro home demonstration agent, stating they wanted the same help for the white women and girls of the county that the negro women and girls were receiving. An agent now working as assistant in Montgomery County will be sent to Nelson January 1st.

New Agents. September 1st a new agent, Miss Grace Hyl, went to work in Loudoun County, a county in which the financial support comes from the county health organization. This organization contributes \$1000.00 and an office for the support of the work. Miss Hyl had worked as assistant agent for two summers with one of our experienced agents, had attended several state meetings at Blacksburg as well as assisting with county short courses and fairs, and was well prepared to take charge of the county.

April 1st the appropriation made by the school board and the board of supervisors in Amelia County became effective, and an agent who had been working as assistant in Montgomery County since the first of January was put in charge of the work there. The work is moving forward in a most satisfactory way. The bread judging team from this county was first place in the State Bread Judging Contest, and the girls in the sewing club finished up all first year sewing club requirements before the opening of school in September and are now well started on their second years work.

Home Demonstration Agents. At this time there are 25 home demonstration agents, 1 assistant agent, and 1 agent in training in Virginia.

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AMES

Jackson, Miss Nell
 Campbell, Mrs. Ray E.
 Chappell, Miss Coraella
 Clayton, Miss Mary Fred
 Chatham, Miss Lucile
 Cook, Miss Harriet T.
 Cook, Miss Martha
 Davis, Miss Solly Guy
 De Carlo, Miss Ruth
 Diawidde, Miss Martha
 Edwards, Mrs. T. E.
 Ferguson, Mrs. G. S.
 Garbutt, Miss Annie
 Gilbert, Miss Lillian
 Hagy, Miss Claudia
 Hayter, Miss Rose
 Hayl, Miss Grace
 Hubbard, Miss Eleanor
 King, Mrs. Margaret
 Lawrence, Miss Marian
 McAdams, Miss Blanche
 Long, Mrs. John G.
 Marlin, Miss Eleanor
 Massey, Miss Isabel
 Miller, Mrs. Deane D.
 Newman, Miss Mary
 Reynolds, Miss Katherine
 Riche, Miss Helen
 Rutherford, Miss Lema
 Suttle, Miss Mary
 Staples, Miss Lucy
 Sisk, Miss Virginia
 Tracy, Miss Helen
 Walker, Miss Ann L.
 Westbrook, Mrs. Edith K.

SMITH

Maxwell
 Neary
 Nelson
 Nythe
 Diawidde
 Brunswick
 Halifax
 Greenland
 Princess Anne
 Montgomery
 Sussex
 Campbell
 Stafford
 Prince William
 Prince George
 Greene
 Louisa
 Bedford
 Alleghany
 Amelia
 Grayson
 Ashurst
 Hottelway
 James City
 Albemarle
 Spotsylvania
 Rockingham
 Norfolk
 Prince Edward
 Fairfax and Arlington
 Henrico
 Augusta
 Chesterfield
 New Kent

Assistant AMES

Barron, Miss Ruth
 West, Mrs. Irene D. (Respective agent)

Albemarle

Montgomery

One agent only, Miss Staples, is working in the counties, Fairfax and Arlington.

Agents in Leave. The agents in Amherst, Heriot, Fitchburg, and Tamworth Counties resigned to be married. They are now living in the counties where they worked and are giving their successors valuable assistance.

Madison County was formerly with Greene in charge of one agent, but since the first of May has had an agent of her own.

The agents in Fairfax and Wythe Counties both resigned to take up other work.

Having known for some time that these agents were leaving, we had others ready trained to take charge of the work which is going forward in a satisfactory way.

Appropriations. The county financial support for home demonstration work is from the following sources: boards of supervisors furnish local support in 15 counties; the board of supervisors and the school board jointly furnish local support in 12 counties; while the school board alone supports the home demonstration work in 4 counties. In 1 county the appropriation of the board of supervisors and the school board is supplemented from private sources; in 1 county private sources alone support the work; while in the remaining 5 counties the work is supported from other sources.

The amount from county sources for the support of home demonstration work varies. In one county the amount is \$1,200. One county appropriates \$1,100., \$300. of this for an assistant working for 12 months and \$800. for the full time agent. Four counties appropriate \$1,000; two, \$900; four, \$800; two \$750; one \$664; one \$650; one \$625; four \$600; one \$525; four \$500; two \$450; three \$350; one \$300; and from private sources two counties together

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appropriate \$300. supplemented by room, board, office and garage. The total appropriation from public and private sources for the support of home demonstration work at the close of this club year is \$22,514.00. In addition to the appropriations for the support of the work in a number of counties the agents are furnished an office and some office equipment. The counties are here and there assisting in supporting this phase of the work.

District Agents. There are three district home demonstration agents; Miss Burke, headquarters at the University of Virginia, has the Northern Virginia counties with 12 agents and 1 assistant agent in her district; Miss Benson, headquarters at Blacksburg, has the Southwestern Virginia counties with 9 agents and 1 assistant agent as her district; and Miss Slocum, headquarters at Richmond, has the counties of Southeastern Virginia with 14 agents as her district. Each of these district agents has made a report for her respective district which accompanies this.

District Agents' Statistical Report

	Burke	Benson	Slocum
Visits to home demonstration agents	106	76	125
Conversations with home demonstration agents	190	160	170
Conversations with others	224	125	426
Visits to unorganized counties	12	10	11
Boards of supervisors met	11	9	14
School boards met	1	2	4
Appropriations made - old	10	6	11
- new	5	-	1
Clubs visited - girls	26	21	33
Attendance	279	430	1015
" - women	15	9	15
Attendance	215	102	230
Extension meetings	22	20	41
Attendance	256	260	740
Other meetings	79	65	160
Attendance	6100	6725	24127
Meetings addressed		65	
Attendance		225	

	Days	Hours	Minutes
Demonstrations given	42	20	20
Demonstrations visited	126	51	20
Fairs attended	10	10	16
Fairs judged	16	10	12
Letters written	1279	675	1279
Circular letters written	30	10	-
Circular letters distributed	400	322	-
Bulletins distributed	275	22	40
Newspaper articles			20
Days in field	267	220	20
Days in office	51	70	40
Miles traveled:			
Rail	16,310	9,125	7,512
Auto	2,409	2,705	2,562
Other	25	-	-
Total	21,722	11,820	14,062

Specialists. There are two specialists working in the home demonstration department; one in Foods and one in Clothing. Each of these agents has made a detail report of her work. In addition to the two specialists in the home demonstration department, the three poultry specialists give a great deal of time to assisting the home demonstration agents in their poultry work which is a State-wide project for home demonstration agents.

Home demonstration agents have had assistance also from other specialists, receiving help from the horticultural department in small fruits, gardening, and, in a limited number of counties, in yard beautification. The department of rural engineering has been of invaluable assistance in the counties carrying on Kitchen Improvement Contests as well as in some few other counties. The Dairy Department has also given assistance to home demonstration agents in home dairy work, especially in butter making.

Girls' Club Agent. This agent has made in detail a report of the girls' club work. It is unnecessary for me to repeat the same here. I wish, however, to take the opportunity of mentioning the good work this agent, Miss Nellie Hughes, has done in assisting the two specialists, the one in Foods and

the use in clothing, in systemizing their subject matter and getting same in proper shape for the use of club members and home demonstration agents, and for the good series of fairs she has made up for the use of the home demonstration agents in reporting club work. Miss Hughes also manages the club girls' exhibits at both State and Petersburg fairs in a most efficient manner, satisfactory alike to fair managers, home demonstration agents, club members, and the home demonstration department, a most difficult piece of work well handled.

Home Demonstration Force. From the preceding it will be seen that at this date, December 1, 1933, the State Home Demonstration Department in Virginia is made up of 35 county home demonstration agents; 2 assistant home demonstration agents; 2 specialists; 5 district agents; and 1 girls' club agent working under the supervision of 1 state agent, making a total of 44 women.

Personal Report of State Agent

Field Work. I have spent a great deal of time in the field this year. I assisted the agents in Bedford, Chesterfield, Goochland, Henrico, Henricburg, Montgomery, Powhatan, and Prince Edward Counties with Kitchen Improvement Contests. This necessitated two visits of several days each to each county. I assisted the agent in Loudoun County with five community fairs. These were all-day affairs, real community meetings with basket dinners served on the ground, held at school houses, attended by men, women and children who came on foot, on horseback, in buggies, in automobiles, and in wagons drawn by horses and oxen.

I have met with or assisted in organizing advisory councils in 15 counties, discussing with these groups plans for home demonstration work in their respective counties and how advisory councils can make the work of the home demonstration agent more valuable to her county.

Meetings held or attended. I attended the State Farmers' Institute held at Blacksburg in August and assisted in organizing the Virginia Homeowners Association, a group of farm women from all over the State banded together for "better homes and better communities."

I held an annual meeting of all home demonstration agents for a period of one week in January, attended a joint meeting of the men and women agents for 1 day in August, and held a meeting of the home demonstration agents for one-half day at that time. I also attended two district meetings of agents and one district bread judging contest in the district where I did not attend the district meeting of agents.

In July I attended and assisted with the State club short course at Blacksburg, this taking an entire week.

I have held 6 meetings of district agents and specialists. These meetings have been held at times and places most convenient to the majority and with a view to making travel and living expenses as little as possible.

In addition to the above mentioned meetings, I have attended and addressed many others.

Kitchen Improvement. The kitchen improvement contests in the three counties last year were so successful that all the counties in which there are home demonstration agents have this year asked for contests and several counties without home demonstration agents have asked for help in this work. It has been impossible to meet all these requests for this work since there is no household management specialist in our force and the various agents already have all they can do in their respective lines of work. However, the specialist in foods, Miss Walker,

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has assisted the home demonstration agents in Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Prince George, and Sussex Counties. Miss Walker gives an account of this work in her report. Miss Surbe, district agent for Northern Virginia, assisted the home demonstration agent in Prince William County in such a contest, the second for that county, this having been one of the three counties in which I assisted the agents in this work in 1922; and I assisted the home demonstration agents in 3 counties, making a total of 15 counties in the State in which this work has been carried on this year.

In the eight counties in which I assisted the home demonstration agents, we worked in 129 communities, visited 324 homes, secured 289 kitchens, 207 of which belong to women who have not been interested in home demonstration work previous to the contest.

In visiting these 324 homes in these 8 counties, the home demonstration agents and I have traveled by auto 2,810 miles, many of these miles being in mountain cover and hollows and over roads impossible to travel even in summer unless the car be well equipped with chains and the driver an excellent one. A number of the homes are off the road and the last half mile or more of the distance had to be made on foot.

Every type of rural Virginia home-enter entered her kitchen in these contests--the humble three room cottage of the tenant farmer; the little log home of the proud mountaineer which boasted a big room below, a loft above, and a lean-to kitchen-dining room at the back; the dignified white columned mansion of the tobacco planter's wife; the big old substantial brick home of the wife of the fat cattle man; all up and down the scale including the modern cottage of the wife of

the well-to-do merchant-farmer living in the little village close by his productive acres; the kitchen of the woman living in the small town with a garden patch, poultry yard, and cow lot back of her home; attractive looking inconvenient kitchens; unattractive convenient kitchens; well equipped kitchens; kitchens lacking every equipment except a wood stove, a table too low and a few pots and rusty pans. It seems to me that it is impossible for any other type of kitchen to be in existence than has been entered in these contests.

In order to attract the women and get them interested valuable prizes were offered in each county. These prizes were given by the merchants and banks in the different counties. In some counties the advisory councils gave one or more prizes. These prizes were ranges, oil stoves, kitchen cabinets, white enameled tables, linoleum and Congoleum rugs, aluminum ware and other cooking utensils, chairs, high stools, floor mats and brushes, trowling, shovels, ice cream freezers, buckets, various collections of small kitchen utensils and household supplies, subscriptions to farm and home magazines, with other prizes of greater or less value.

The contests lasted from two to three months. When the contest began I, with the home demonstration agent, visited the kitchens, discussed with its owner its good and bad points, found out how much she felt she could spend on improvements, and suggested ways of making greatest improvements for least possible cost; the prizes being offered for the greatest improvements at the least outlay of money. Time, labor, and planning were not to be counted in cost when spent by the woman herself or some member of her family for which there was no money outlay.

At this first visit state and government bulletins with especially prepared material was given the owner of each kitchen and her kitchen scored. A

copy of her score card was left with each owner and also an explanation of each item in score card was made with reasons why her kitchen was so scored and suggestions as to how she could bring up her score.

From time to time during the period of the contest the home demonstration agent visited each contestant and by phone and letter let each contestant know the agent's interest was not waning. I also wrote each contestant and sent other literature with helpful suggestions bearing upon her special problem.

The agricultural engineering department furnished an engineer whose services were offered to any and every woman in the contest who was interested in getting running water in her kitchen or in any other phase of household engineering. Many of these contestants took advantage of this assistance as the tabulated results which follow will show.

When the period of time for making improvements had come to an end, I again visited the county and with the home demonstration agent visited the kitchens of the various contestants, collected the score sheets upon the back of which the contestant had listed all improvements made and cost of same. After carefully tabulating these improvements and cost of same, and noting relation of cost to improvements, a report of the contest in each county was made and sent to the home demonstration agent and her respective contestants.

At the close of the contest there was a get-together day of all the contestants when the names of the prize winners were announced. In some counties these meetings were all-day gatherings of the contestants, their families and friends where a basket dinner was furnished by the contestants. In some counties

the prizes were announced at an all-day county picnic, such as a union County School picnic, a farmers' union picnic, a co-operative tobacco growers picnic, or some such county gathering at which there was a regular program. These picnics were attended by from 60 to 1000 people. In this way the work has been given wide publicity and attracted much favorable comment and attention.

Herewith follows a tabulation of some of the most important improvements made as reported by the contestants:

Walls and ceilings plastered, painted, papered or calcimine	-----	151
New ceilings	-----	5
New windows	-----	9
Glass panes in doors	-----	11
Floors oiled or painted	-----	80
Floors with linoleum	-----	95
Wood work painted	-----	88
Furniture painted	-----	138
Water in kitchen	-----	97
Sinks	-----	60
New drain boards	-----	61
Stoves cleaned, painted, etc.	-----	40
New ranges	-----	7
High stools	-----	138
Tables on rollers	-----	62
Table tops painted and varnished	-----	47
Table tops covered with glass or linoleum	-----	7
New pantries or old ones done over	-----	22
Wash trays	-----	35
Seedboxes on rollers	-----	104
Kitchens with new shelves	-----	216
New cupboards	-----	65
Small containers painted for spice, sugar, etc.	-----	22
Swivel racks	-----	51
Racks for pot lids, etc.	-----	17
Furniture and utensils rearranged	-----	138
New kitchens	-----	2
Kitchens with new shades	-----	4
Kitchens with new curtains	-----	88
Kitchens with new wire screens	-----	47

All of the above work was done at a total cost of only \$2,391.32.

Spunk	No. kitchens	Least Cost	Greatest Cost	Total Cost
Bedford	26	\$1.00	\$25.00	\$105.87
Chesterfield	22	2.15	144.45*	459.26*
Cecil	27	.90	104.75	321.91
Harise	24	.90	97.88	274.87
Hacklesburg	21	.90	167.20*	443.25*
Hartgomery	29	.90	225.00†	366.29†
Prokstan	26	.90	129.29*	301.05*
Prince Edward	22	1.00	144.50*	322.80*

*includes cost of range

†includes building over of kitchen

This tabulation does not measure results even to the one hundredth part.

Not only have dark, dingy, unattractive kitchens been made light, attractive and convenient, but other rooms of the home as well have been improved. In not a few cases the yards and out buildings have been beautified as well as the kitchens. Not only has the owner of the kitchen been interested in its improvement, but every member of the family from grandparents to grandbabies have been interested in and assisted with the work done. The joy of the proud owner of an improved kitchen is good to see. In every instance after the work has gotten well under way the women have become so interested in the work they have lost sight of the prizes offered and have worked because of their interest in their kitchens. Neither has the work stopped with the kitchens of the contestants. Neighbors and friends in the same or even in distant counties have taken up the work and have asked for assistance with hose water-curbs and for literature which would give helpful suggestions for improving their kitchens. Requests for plans and outlines used in this work in Virginia have come from the following States: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wyoming.

I consider this work the best, most far reaching and important of any work with which I have assisted in the five years I have been in Extension Work.

We were fortunate enough to have a government photographer for a week last year and a week this year to take pictures of our improved kitchens. These pictures have been used at various meetings all over the State, and never fail to arouse interest.

I have many requests for the coming year to speak at meetings such as County Farmers' Institutes, Mothers' Clubs, State Federation of Women's Clubs on this work. I expect to meet as many of these requests as possible.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Club Work. The home demonstration agents have carried on work with girls in cooking, canning, bread making, sewing, gardening, poultry, and room improvement with some little work in beekeeping, dairying, and home nursing here and there over the State. They have held short courses, picnics, rally days, and club fairs for their club members, reports of which are given in their annual reports and that of the girls' club agent.

Home's Work. The home demonstration agents have assisted the women in their respective counties in food and clothing work, home improvement, home dairying, gardening, poultry, and with all sorts of community problems such as rest rooms, clean-up campaigns, hot lunches in schools, etc. The interest in women's work is growing all over the State. I think the Kitchen Improvement work has helped to a great extent in showing the people of Virginia the possibilities of home demonstration work and how valuable to a county the services of a good home demonstration agent are.

Advisory Councils. Except in one or two counties advisory councils have been organized in every county in the State having a home demonstration agent. The majority of the councils are assisting the agents in financing short courses, community fairs, and cash activities of club members as well as meeting boards of supervisors and asking for appropriations.

These councils are made up of women and some few men representing the several registrial districts of each county with county officers; chairmen, vice-chairmen, secretary-treasurer. Each district of the county has a chairman. These district chairmen appoint their own district board, members of which are in most cases not members of the county board. These district chairmen are appointed by the county chairman and with the county officers form the county executive committee. This committee has authority to act for the county organization. The home demonstration agent is ex officio a member of all committees, county and district.

Records and Reports. While records and reports are far from perfect or even what they should be, yet our agents are keeping more accurate records and are learning to make better reports of work done. The percentage of complete reports turned in this year for the various phases of work is higher than before. There is still, however, great room for improvement. I do not believe we are giving our agents sufficient assistance and training in keeping records and making reports.

Publicity. In publicity work as well as in the keeping of records and making of reports our agents have improved to a certain extent. In this work also our agents need more assistance and training.

At the last annual meeting our agricultural editor met the agents by districts and gave helpful suggestions, and in addition has during the past year visited a number of the agents in their counties and given valuable assistance.

Shows and Exhibits. The county and district home demonstration agents as well as the specialists have given a great deal of time to county, county, district, and the State fairs. Demands upon my department for judges at fairs in counties having no home demonstration agents are greater than we can meet. For that more counties have home demonstration agents it will be less and less possible for us to meet these calls in counties having no home demonstration agents.

The home demonstration educational exhibit at the State fair this year was put on by the three district agents, and to my mind is the best we have had since I have had charge of home demonstration work. This exhibit showed every phase of work being carried on by home demonstration agents with both women and girls. Our department is very appreciative of the help given us in this exhibit by Mr. Brigham and his crew of assistants in making our placards and for the beautiful picture, a colored photograph of a farm home, which was the center about which all other parts of the exhibit were grouped.

Plans for 1926. It is planned for the coming year to carry on the same type of work as during the year past, but continuing the agents not to undertake so many different phases of work in any one community. Priority will continue to be the State-wide projects. Work in bread as well as other work in feeds will be more emphasized. More emphasis will also be put upon work with women. More attention will be given to the work of the advisory boards. The organization of the Virginia Homeowners Association will be pushed to completion. The agents will be assisted as much as possible in publicity work, will be helped in every way possible in keeping records and making reports. Kitchen improvement contests will be continued and carried on in as many counties as I can find time to handle. A better living room contest will be carried on in one county, perhaps in more. Text beautification

will be carried on in four or five counties with as many homes as the horticultural department can find time to assist us with this last, yard improvement, being the only new work to be attempted in an organized way.

Additional Assistance Desired. I should like very much an assistant state agent with headquarters here at Blacksburg who could do for the work with women what the state girls' club agent is doing for the work with girls, and who could assist in working up interest in new counties and securing appropriations in them for home demonstration work. Such a person would have more than she could do. If the women's work is to be organized such a person must be secured or I shall have to give up the kitchen improvement work. Until this time there has been no doubt in my mind but that the kitchen improvement work was the most important, but this work has aroused such wide spread interest among the women of the State I feel that more definite attention must be given to same in order to hold this aroused interest.

Statistical Summary

Days in field	-----	156 1/2
Days in office	-----	232
Days annual leave	-----	12
Days sick leave	-----	6 1/2
No. visits to home dem. agents	-----	75
No. Extension committee meetings	-----	33
No. attendance	-----	2942
No. other meetings	-----	25
Attendance	-----	2075
Counties employing agents for first time	-----	4
Agents appointed	-----	5
Agents discontinued	-----	3
No. letters written	-----	3084
No. different circular letters written	-----	22
No. circular letters distributed	-----	2921
bulletins sent out	-----	4000
No. boys' and girls' clubs visited	-----	19
No. demonstrations given	-----	2
No. boards of supervisors met	-----	1
No. miles traveled:		
Auto	-----	4,101
Rail	-----	12,088
Town	-----	20
Other	-----	25
		17,234

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State Work

The negro work is going forward in a very satisfactory manner. This year, for the first time, the boards of supervisors in the seven counties having local home demonstration agents are appropriating something for the support of the work. These appropriations are small but it is a beginning and as the years go by I hope greater appropriations will be made.

The negro district agent, Miss Justice, is submitting a narrative report of this work.

I am pleased to state there has been no change in the personnel of the negro home demonstration agents this year. These women are doing a good work and I hope they can continue with us for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted

State Home Demonstration Agent.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

E. Belle Hughes,
District Agent

Dec. 1, 1922 - Dec. 1, 1923.

Statistical

No. visits to home demonstration agents - - - - -	106
No. visits to unorganized counties - - - - -	12
No. fairs judged - - - - -	16
No. fairs attended - - - - -	19
No. consultations with home demonstration agents - - - - -	190
No. consultations with others - - - - -	304
No. bulletins distributed - - - - -	376
No. letters written - - - - -	1370
No. different circular letters written - - - - -	30
No. circular letters sent out - - - - -	408
No. schools visited - - - - -	26
No. clubs visited: Girls - - - - -	24
Attendance - - - - -	279
Yours - - - - -	18
Attendance - - - - -	212
No. advisory council meetings attended - - - - -	23
Attendance - - - - -	226
No. demonstrations given - - - - -	42
No. demonstrations visited - - - - -	124
No. other meetings attended - - - - -	79
Attendance - - - - -	2120
No. boards of supervisors met - - - - -	10
No. school boards met - - - - -	1
No. appropriations secured: old - - - - -	10
New - - - - -	5
No. days in field - - - - -	267
No. days in office - - - - -	21
No. miles traveled:	
Rail - - - - -	10,310
Auto - - - - -	1,489
Team - - - - -	25
Total - - - - -	11,824

Remarks

In addition to the work recorded in the foregoing, I spent three weeks of the year at Honesburg attending the annual meeting of the agents, assisting with the state short course for club boys and girls, and attending the Farmers' Institute and joint meeting for agents.

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I attended the meeting of the colored home demonstration agents held at Hampton and gave a little assistance in planning programs of work for the year.

I spent a week in Richmond attending Dr. V. L. F. Emerson's clinics and lectures, and gained many helpful points in nutrition.

I arranged for and held a meeting of agents in my district at Charlottesville April 28th to 30th, at which time we made some very definite plans for effectively carrying out the several projects undertaken by the agents this year.

I planned, got things lined up in detail, and put on a district bread judging contest at the University in which the winning team of three girls from each county of the district competed.

I did the scoring in the Prince William 1923 kitchen contest in which were entered twenty-five kitchens.

I assisted in planning, getting together, and arranging an educational exhibit at the State Fair, and was on duty the entire week of the fair.

I was made secretary of the committee appointed by the Virginia Agricultural Advisory Committee to work out a five-year program for the development of the rural home, and have attended two meetings of this committee.

Being secretary of the committee on Rural Home Development, the Extension Division gave me a most beneficial trip. I was sent as a delegate from the Virginia Extension Division to the American Country Life Association meeting at St. Louis, November 8th to 11th. The topic of the meeting was "The Rural Home." I enjoyed the conference thoroughly, and feel that I got some things that will be of help to us in our work here in the State.

I attended the Virginia Home Economics Association meeting held in connection with the State Teachers' conference, Richmond, November 20th.

The following summary shows my year's plan of work and accomplishments:

GOAL	Year's Work	RESULTS
Hold financial support in each of the present counties	<u>FINANCES</u>	Have held financial support in each of the present counties.
Get insurance where possible.		Have gotten insurance in 3 counties.
Endeavor to get appropriations in two additional counties.		Have gotten appropriations in Madison, Loudoun, and Nelson Counties.

Development of Fringes of Work

Meet all existing county advisory councils	Met all except the Prince William advisory council.
Assist in organizing advisory councils in other counties.	All counties except Augusta and Loudoun now have organized advisory councils.
Work in detail with each county on the year's program of work.	Did this without exception.
Check up with home demonstration agents from time to time to see if they are carrying out the year's plan.	Did not check up as often as I should.
Give special time and assistance to new agents and new counties.	Did this in most instances.
Endeavor to get agents to make a more effective use of specialists.	Agents made decidedly better use of specialists this year.
Lead aid to agents in putting on effectively:	
1. Unit course in increased use of milk and green vegetables.	1. Planned this in detail with each agent.
2. Intensive culling campaign.	2. Secured specialists for culling school in each county, and got all information possible from various sources on culling campaigns.
3. Short courses.	3. Assisted at one county, two tri-county, and the State short courses.

4. Exhibits at fairs.

4. Assisted 11 agents in arranging exhibits at fairs. Worked with the other two district agents in putting on at State fair educational exhibit entitled "Profit and Comfort for the Virginia Home Man."

5. County fairs.

5. Helped in planning and putting on five county fairs.

Subject Matter Assurances

Give demonstrations in foods, clothing, and home improvement work.

Gave 37 food demonstrations. Gave 5 clothing demonstrations. Spurred 22 kitchens in Prince William 1933 contest. Assisted Mrs. Davis in sewing work of Albemarle scholarship competitors. Taught 27 some of the room improvement girls in Amherst County.

Judge at fairs.

Judged at 15 fairs.

Publicity

Encourage and assist each agent:

1. In having an article a week in the local papers.
2. To send club reports and articles to Club Letter and Extension News.

Six agents have exceeded the average of one article a week in local papers.

Have sent a few to each.

Office

Lend my aid I can to agents in arrangement of office, use of files, and simple office equipment.

Have seen that three agents have gotten offices without charge. Have not rendered much assistance in use of files and other office equipment.

In my own office keep necessary records, of my work and the work of my agents. Study bulletins, periodicals and current literature.

Have necessary records on file.

Have not given enough time to study of bulletins, periodicals, etc.

Phases of Work Done by Agents in Northern Virginia.

At the district section of annual meeting of Home Demonstration Agents held at Klatsberg January 8th to 13th inclusive the agents of my district voted that each would try to put across the following in her county:

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1. Publicity - an average of four articles a month in the county paper.
 2. An active advisory council.
 3. Hit county rally.
 4. Intensive calling campaign.
 5. Unit course in increased use of milk and green vegetables.

Six agents have considerably exceeded their goal as to articles in the paper.

Only one of the agents who adopted the plan of active advisory council fails to have an organized council. She, however, has representative women assisting her in the various sections of the county.

Only five county rallies have been held.

Each county has held a calling school and each agent has reported some calling. Of course some have made the campaign much more successful than others.

The unit course in increased use of milk, fruit, and green vegetables has been put on in all counties, - in some with a greater degree of success than in others.

I shall mention some of the outstanding pieces of work done in each county.

Reference to the agents' reports will substantiate my statement by records.

Albemarle. - About 40 club members competed for the six McIntire scholarships offered to Albemarle club members. The quality of the work of many of the contestants was exceptional. The grade of work done by the room improvement girls excelled any of other years. It is interesting to find that each of the winners of these scholarships in previous years without exception is making good.

Alleghany. - It is pleasing to observe how an active advisory council has changed the agent's attitude. Last year she would not consent for us to line up any citizens to appeal in behalf of the appropriation for home demonstration work. Now she feels the salvation of the home demonstration work of the county lies in the power of the advisory council composed of splendid men and women. This council accomplished

one of the best pieces of work done by any council in my district in putting on a county club rally. They handled it entirely. I presume the agent's report will include the details of this.

Ashebet. - No room improvement work had ever been attempted in this county. The agent was very desirous of lining up several communities with an enrollment of at least 25 girls. Much to her disappointment, I held her down to one community with 6 girls. Three completed the work, each making a good job of the renovating of her own room. They arranged a booth at the county fair in which they displayed their fixed-over furniture, draperies, etc. This attracted much attention and caused much favorable comment.

Augusta. - Possibly the best piece of work put on in this county was a one day culling school held the latter part of August. There were 50 persons in attendance representing various communities of the county. Many of these persons were sent as representatives of Farmers' Unions, Home Demonstration Clubs, or other organizations who came to learn the methods and go back to give demonstrations in their respective communities. The agent did very good preliminary work for this. She had live birds of several breeds in place for the school and also had two picked birds. The poultry specialist reported it as one of his most successful days in the field. Those who attended the school are culling flocks in their communities and assisting the home demonstration agent with culling demonstrations.

Greene. - The agent in this county has done splendid club work, but poultry is probably the work that has went most to the people of the county for they are keen on seeing things from the dollar and cent standpoint. They have been very appreciative of the work of the poultry specialist and quite a number of persons are becoming interested in standard bred flocks whereas previously almost the entire county has had only mongrels. The home demonstration agent has done some very good work in the culling campaign as her records will show.

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Fairfax and Arlington. - These counties had to suffer from the change of agents. Miss Hancock resigned August 1st and Miss Steptoe took charge. Miss Hancock had aroused some interest in the county fair before resigning. Miss Steptoe kept this interest so alive that it resulted in two very splendid district fairs which were really put on by the people with the guidance of the extension workers. Miss Steptoe is handling the work nicely in these counties.

Lewis. - Agent began work there September 1st. At the request of the people of the county she is pushing food and nutrition work.

Madison. - The clothing work has been the outstanding work in this county. Quality has been exceptionally good. Every article sent to the State fair took a prize, there being several blue ribbon won.

Nettong. - The exhibits at fairs have been quite good in this county. There were six county fairs held, a number of single entries were made at both Richmond and Petersburg fairs, and a goodly number of prizes won. In addition to this, two home demonstration clubs put on booths at the Petersburg fair and one organized boys and girls' club put on a booth at the same fair. While they were 50 or 60 miles from Petersburg, the clubs sent committees to arrange the booths. Nettong had more competition from four or five other counties but she won the blue ribbon in home demonstration booths and boys and girls' organized club booths. It is interesting to note further that the women are banking their money to send a representative to the Farmers' Institute and the boys and girls' club are saving theirs to send a delegate to the State Short Course.

Prince Edward. - The work with the women in this county has been outstanding. In addition to a very successful kitchen contest, they have four organized home demonstration clubs which held two county federation meetings a year. Both meetings were held at the Farmville Normal School and were most successful. One of the four

clubs report having come up to requirements for a standard club. A new home demonstration club was recently organized. This was an outcome of the kitchen contest.

Prince William. - This county was the first to put on a second kitchen contest. A very unique feature was the part played in this by contestants of the first contest. They lined up contestants for the second contest, assisted in soliciting prizes, and acted as hostesses at the "get-together" of the second contestants. Further details will be found on the agent's report.

Stafford. - Some very splendid club work has been done in this county but this agent probably got in the most successful rat campaign in this district. The board of supervisors, school board, and Farm Bureau offered the prizes. The Stafford Bank bought the poison. The supervisors were so much pleased that at the end of January they desired the extending of the time of the campaign and voted additional money for prizes for the second half of the campaign. There were 7,500 rats and mice actually caught. It was a little hard to estimate the number killed by poison. The number caught was an average of about one for every person in the county.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Elizabeth Hoover,
District Agent

Dec. 1, 1922 - Dec. 1, 1923.

Statistics

No. visits to home demonstration agents	74
No. consultations with home demonstration agents	120
No. consultations with others	125
No. visits to unorganized counties	10
No. birds set	9
No. appropriations secured: OIA	6
Nov	-
No. schools visited	20
Attendance	540
No. clubs visited: Girls	21
Attendance	403
Women's	9
Attendance	102
No. other meetings attended	65
Attendance	6725
No. meetings of all kinds addressed	65
Attendance	255
No. demonstrations given	27
No. demonstrations visited	21
No. fairs attended	10
No. fairs judged	10
No. letters written	675
No. circular letters written	10
No. circular letters distributed	222
No. bulletins distributed	22
No. miles traveled:	
Rail	9,100
Auto	2,300
Total	11,400

Remarks

In 1922 each agent in this district put on a countywide poultry calling campaign with very good results. In order to follow up the work already begun, we, as a district, decided at the annual meeting of agents in January to continue the poultry work of the fall with a housing and feeding campaign. The following are the results:

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Counties taking part -----	7
New houses built -----	56
Houses reroofed -----	60
People keeping record and feeding Va. ration	116
New cage built -----	29
Houses cleaned and white-washed (but not reroofed) -----	30
Mongrel flocks replaced by pure-breds --	31
Selecting breeding pens -----	11
Poultry shows planned -----	2
No. people taking part in campaign (report from only 2 counties) -----	251
No. people taking part in contest (report from 1 county) -----	60
No. people reached (report from 2 counties) -	2098
No. homes reached (report from 3 counties) -	447
Leaders conferences held -----	1
Attendance -----	22

This fall the agents continued the poultry work with calling throughout the counties not as campaigns, however, but wherever a call came for a demonstration as a result of last year's calling or publicity this season.

In one county a group of poultry leaders met to help agent put on the housing and feeding campaign. In four counties the advisory councils assisted with the campaign as they did also with the calling work.

I attended and judged at 10 fairs and 2 club shows. Without a doubt the quality of the products at the fairs this year was far superior to that of those fairs I judged in 1922. I believe the agents' work showed the greatest improvement in quality. In some instances there would have been very little at the fairs but for the different departments put on by the county and home demonstration agents.

A meeting of all agents in this district was held in Roanoke in March. The topics discussed at that time were home demonstration clubs, bread work in the State. Demonstrations were given in judging bread and in making seed baskets. Each agent made a basket to take home with her. Since that time four agents have used that demonstration on camps and short courses as hand work for the children with splendid results. Not only the children but the parents were intensely interested in the work, and one club girl is now making gifts of seed for Christmas.

On September 8th a district level judging contest was held in Danvers, and seven counties sent representatives. The three contestants from each county competed individually in judging biscuit, with Danvers County winning first. This entitled these girls to compete in Richmond against winning teams from the other two districts. The Chamber of Commerce and the other organizations of the city contributed toward the success of the contest either in funds for entertaining girls, by securing cars for sight-seeing trips, or in securing the use of public buildings.

This district had 11 demonstration teams to attend the state short courses: 6 in sewing, 3 in cooking, and 2 in poultry. It was very gratifying to me when I learned that a sewing and cooking team from this district had won trips to Camp Hill at Springfield, Massachusetts, being able to give the best demonstration of all the teams represented. These demonstrators have won staunch supporters for demonstration work. The sewing demonstration was "The Selection and Fastening of Materials and Laces Suitable for Making Undergarments," while the cooking demonstration was "The Preparation and Serving of a Breakfast."

Four advisory councils have been organized in the different counties with from 8 to 24 members each. They have already assisted with one kitchen contest, one club show, two county camps for girls, and poultry selling work.

Only one county held a kitchen contest. This was similar to the other contests held in the State. Twenty-eight contestants ^{and 60} entered the contest with kitchens of every kind. At the close of the contest a "get-together" meeting and tour of inspection was held and prizes announced. The first prize was a kitchen cabinet, second prize a three piece set of aluminum, and third prize an enameled top table.

The publicity work throughout the district has been much better than heretofore. Each agent has endeavored to keep something of her work before the public in each issue of the county papers. There are usually one or two issues per week.

ANNUAL REPORT

of

Sylvia Bloom,
District Agent

Dec. 1, 1922 - Dec. 1, 1923.

Statistical

No. visits to home demonstration agents	128
No. consultations with home demonstration agents	170
No. consultations with others	496
No. visits to unorganized counties	11
No. boards met	24
[Did not ask for appropriation in two instances]	
No. appropriations secured: Old	11
New	1
No. meetings of extension committees	41
Attendance	790
No. clubs visited: boys and girls'	28
Attendance	2015
Women's	15
Attendance	200
No. other meetings	160
Attendance	3438
Letters written	1578
No. demonstrations given	10
No. demonstrations attended	30
No. fairs attended	24
No. fairs judged	12
No. bulletins distributed	40
No. newspaper articles written	20
No. miles traveled:	
Rail	7,512
Auto	9,343
Total	16,855

Recreation

December - 1922

The first two days of the month were spent attending the meetings of the State Educational Association. The meetings of the Home Economics section were especially interesting and enjoyable.

I was very fortunate in being invited to visit Prince William County at the close of the kitchen contest. This trip furnished many valuable ideas which were used in connection with similar work in other counties.

Some time was spent in Chesterfield and Henrico Counties preparatory to bringing the question of finances before the official boards.

Two visits were made in Cecil County, one to interview some of the leading women in regard to becoming members of the proposed advisory council and the other to assist with a demonstration in steam pressure cooking.

January - 1923

The question of appropriations remained unsettled in Chesterfield and Henrico when I left for the annual home demonstration agents' conference in Hackettsburg. However, in both instances the matter was decided upon without the presence of a representative of the Extension Division.

The agents' meeting was one of inspiration and uplift. Several meetings were held by districts where we were able to attack our problem more in detail.

Following the meeting almost at once the State-wide anti-rat campaign was staged. While visiting the various counties we did everything from helping to seek heroin carbamate to writing newspaper articles.

One of the most important pieces of work done in the district in 1923 was begun this month. Several visits were made to Amelia County where interested citizens were interviewed with the thought of having a home demonstration agent in the county, provided the people wished one and the official boards saw fit to make the necessary appropriations.

While attending the agents' meeting it was decided to put on a kitchen improvement contest in Henrico, Chesterfield, Powhatan, and Cecil County, provided

the advisory councils thought it wise. Some time was spent in Richmond in an effort to interest an organization in becoming the host at a meeting of the advisory council women. The Retail Merchants Association responded and had a luncheon served later at the Y. W. C. A. The county agents from the above four counties met the district agent for a conference regarding the plans for the contest.

February - 1922.

Seven different counties were visited during the month. The advisory councils of Brunswick, Norfolk, Princess Anne, Surrice, Chesterfield, Ceciland, and Pesham Counties met. All the home demonstration agents were busy with their plans of work for 1922. Some good thought was spent and I am sure bore fruit throughout the year.

The spirit which makes for success under difficulties was surely present in James City County at the meeting of the Farmers' Institute. The weather and roads were both as bad as we usually have in Virginia, but in spite of these facts, over seventy-five people were present during the day, while a most interesting program was carried out.

From James City we went to Hampton. This was my first visit to the Rural and Industrial Institute. We attended the meeting of the colored extension agents. It was an inspiration to see and hear these workers make plans to forward the agricultural life of their people.

Monday, the 12th, I met the school board and board of supervisors in Amelia County and secured the appropriation for home demonstration work for the first time. This made fourteen organized counties in the district of Eastern Virginia.

Very interesting meetings of the Norfolk and Princess Anne advisory councils were held in Norfolk. Several forward looking plans were made such as the work with vegetables and fruits and a plan for an educational exhibit at the Norfolk fair.

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On Saturday, February 25th, the advisory councils of Henrico, Chesterfield, Powhatan, and Southampton Counties met in Richmond to perfect plans and policies for the Kitchen Improvement contest. This was the first meeting of its kind to be held in Virginia. The women were entertained for luncheon by the Retail Merchants' Association and later were guests at the Made-in-Richmond Exposition.

March - 1933.

Two counties were visited during the month. Miss Massey and I entertained the 4-H club girls who were students at William and Mary College for supper one night. This was an effort to bring the girls together and keep them acquainted with club work. We are still thinking along the line, and expect to organize all the former club members into a 4-H Alumni Club at College. It seems to me that if we can keep these girls in touch with the work while they are in college, they will be all the better leaders when they take their places in other fields of endeavor. The James City and Southampton Boards of supervisors continued the appropriations for home demonstration work for another year.

Early in the month a district agents' meeting was held in Charlottesville in connection with the meeting of the Dairywomen's Association. A conference of agents from Sussex, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, and Prince George was held to further plans for the coming work.

Several of the "Better Homes" lectures were attended in Richmond. The first visit was made to Lunenburg County where some promotion work regarding home demonstration work was begun.

April - 1933.

This month saw the fourteenth agent begin her duties in Eastern Virginia. Miss Marian Lawrence went to Amelia County.

A series of Farmers' Institutes were held in Henric County at which talks were made. These were very interesting meetings, and attracted much attention from the farmers and farm women.

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Several days during the week of the 16th were spent in Richmond attending Dr. W. E. P. Emerson's nutrition clinics and lectures. It was a great opportunity and I am glad that I could avail myself of it.

The Prince George school and club fair was attended at Disputanta. The exhibits were a credit to the club members and home demonstration agent. Arrangements were made at William and Mary for the district meeting which was held there in May.

Another conference was held in Petersburg with the agents from Sussex, Prince George, Dinwiddie, and Brunswick. The subjects of the Petersburg short course and fair were discussed.

May - 1933.

Nine counties were visited during the month, eight organized and one unorganized. The preliminary arrangements were made for the Washington Short Course. The spirit of cooperation exhibited by the college officials was splendid.

The conference for Eastern Virginia home demonstration agents was held at William and Mary College the 4th and 5th. This was a success from every point of view. The motor trip, the well developed program, the visits to historic points, etc. It was an inspiration to spend a few days in that interesting section of the State.

During the month Nise Walker began her food demonstration with the vegetable unit work. An itinerary had been worked out and was completed.

Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Prince George, and Sussex advisory councils were guests on the 19th of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon when the kitchen improvement contest was discussed and decided upon.

The meetings this month certainly gave those who attended a broader outlook upon the work than they had before. Many conferences were held regarding the short courses to take place in June. Another visit was made to the meeting of the Lancaster Tobacco Growers' Association.

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The Amelia County advisory council met at the new post room and office of the home demonstration agent. This building was rented and equipped to fill a direct need in the village.

June - 1922.

Four advisory councils met during the month, and two short courses were attended. The Norfolk-Princess Anne short course was held at Driver's Agricultural High School in Nansemond County. I gave the demonstrations in canning, preserving, etc. An All-Star Canning Club girl who is now a student at William and Mary College directed the athletics. Visitors Day was an interesting feature of the week. Three demonstration teams added to the program.

At Westhampton short course there were seventy girls from four counties. We had more volunteer leaders there than ever before and they certainly helped. The Visitors Day program here, besides an address by Dr. Bentwright, President of the University of Richmond, consisted of demonstrations, illustrating the work that had been done during the week.

A conference was held in Hillsburg regarding the coming short courses there. Several days were spent in Norfolk visiting the members of the school board and kitchen contestants.

July - 1922.

The Brunswick County 4-H camp was attended during the first week. It was an almost ideal location. We helped with instruction and management.

During my annual leave I went to Blue Ridge, N. C., to attend the Southern Community Y. W. C. A. conference. It was an inspiration and I gleaned many ideas from the organization of the conference itself, also the conference of the North Carolina home demonstration agents which was in session and which I visited. This was time well spent.

Upon my return the Petersburg district short course was held. My work was that of director of the girls division.

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While it may be hard to "blow the whistle" for rising at 6:00 a.m. and still find yourself working at mid-night, I believe it is the best and most outstanding piece of work we did.

I attempted to take the place of the State Agent on three different occasions at the closing of kitchen contests. These were certainly most interesting meetings. The women were all so anxious to tell what the contest had meant to them and so delighted with the prizes.

The short courses and picnics gave opportunities for many conferences. I went down to Jamestown with the Herriot County farmers. This also presented opportunities for several conferences.

I attended a meeting of the Varina home demonstration club, and helped Miss Swink with office work.

August-1933.

The first two weeks were spent at Slackburg attending the State Short Course and Farmers' Institute. I had charge of one of the girls' dormitories at the short course, and helped wherever possible to make it a success. During the Farmers' Institute and agents' meeting many conferences were held and plans made for the fall work.

The first engagement for farm women took place at the I. W. O. A. camp during the third week of this month. Plans had been made and details almost entirely worked out by the district agent. It was a busy week, but one crowded with satisfaction. After this came the Williamsburg short course. We helped with the general course offered the girls and with the supervisors.

This was a month of outstanding events and very interesting. The Princess Anne and Norfolk advisory councils were met at Coahoma. Suggestions were given them for their proposed work. On account of other work, only four home demonstration agents were visited during the month.

September - 1923.

The Fair Begins

The exhibits at New Kent, Norfolk, Williamsburg, and Henricburg were judged and the Henric County fair at Varina attended. Four advisory boards were met. The district bread judging contests were held in Richmond and Petersburg. These were arranged for by the district agent. A new home demonstration agent was placed in Powhatan County.

October - 1923.

Visits to fairs were continued. Altogether eleven were judged and four attended. A joint meeting of the advisory councils for farm and home demonstration work was attended in Henricburg County. The meeting of the federation of home demonstration clubs in Henric County was attended. Met the Brunswick County board of supervisors and secured appropriation.

November - 1923.

The boards of supervisors were met and appropriations secured. Considerable time was spent in counties where it had been impossible to visit for some time. Many conferences were held regarding annual reports.

Outstanding Phases of Home Demonstration Work.

AMELIA

The new agent, Miss Marion Lawrence, began her work April 1st. Three phases of club work were undertaken: sewing, canning, and bread. A rest room and office were acquired and equipped by the business men and interested women of the village.

The county had the largest delegation at the Petersburg short course. Several girls also attended the State Short Course. The bread judging team from the county won first place in the Eastern Virginia contest, and also won the State championship. It was impossible to hold a county fair as the advisory council decided

to have several district and community fairs. Three were successfully held. The club members, although this was the first year of home demonstration work, exhibited in every class possible at the State fair and won some prizes in each one.

BRUNSWICK

In Brunswick, Miss Cooke has cooperated with the two women's clubs of Lawrenceville to the extent that a very good county library has been established with branches in several different communities of the county. The home demonstration clubs are working towards increasing the number of volumes in the various local units.

A very successful camp for club members was held in July, sixty-eight boys and girls attending. A good program was carried out. Many county people visited the place during the week and were able to see at first glance how the boys and girls were cared for.

This county, together with three others located near Petersburg, held a kitchen improvement contest during the summer months. This was a success. The home demonstration and 4-H clubs put on very good exhibits at the Brunswick County fair in October. However, one of the most interesting features was the single home exhibits which were put on by five different county towns. These exhibits enabled any one to see the many requirements of thought which the average housewife has to consider.

Shafterfield

During the anti-rat campaign which was conducted in January over 9,000 rats were reported killed. This of course means a saving of \$18,000 to the county as each rat is estimated to destroy \$2.00 worth of material per year. This was one of the counties entering the 4-county kitchen improvement contest. This is perhaps the most outstanding piece of work for the county as it brought the agent in direct contact with the women from each section. The advisory council has had several meetings, but the one held in November

was the best attended and will lead to better work, we hope. The closing of the kitchen contest was held in connection with the county picnic at the court house in August, when the prizes were delivered. Girls from Chesterfield attended both the Westhampton and the State short courses.

At least one new home demonstration club has been organized during the year. The Chesterfield Court House home demonstration club exhibit won second prize at the Petersburg fair. This exhibit caused many approving comments. It consisted of a kitchen worked out in miniature and represented the project carried on by most of the club members. The Chesterfield County fair is noted as being one of the best county fairs in Virginia, and the home demonstration work added its part to the success of the fair.

DEAD RATS

Over 7,000 rats were reported killed during the anti-rat campaign.

The home demonstration agent has spent a great deal of time working in the different communities for the promotion of the Poultry Producers' Association. Poultry clubs have been fostered for several years and many good flocks are in the county, however, the question of a market has been a serious one for some time. Now we are hoping that the people will sign up and become members of this new cooperative marketing association.

Early in the spring the county board of supervisors decided to improve the court house by adding windows and redecorating inside and out. At one of the meetings the home demonstration agent was requested to help beautify the court grounds. Several flower beds were planted and even though the summer was dry they were things of beauty. It took a great deal of effort on the part of the home demonstration agent and local women.

A full quota of boys and girls attended the Petersburg short course, and several went to Elizabeth for the State short course. The sewing demonstration team won

third place while the Dixville boys and girls won second in athletics there. One girl was admitted to the All-Star Honor Chapter. Two home demonstration clubs and five 4-H clubs put up exhibits at the Petersburg fair. About \$100. was won in prizes by the boys and girls alone. Last but not least, the supervisors increased the local appropriation for home demonstration work, and seemed to be of the opinion that more could be done along that line when the budget was made in the spring.

SCIENCE

Miss Davis was awarded the \$25. for having the best club exhibits at the State fair in 1922. An advisory council was selected and it began to function in February. This county was one included in the 4-county kitchen improvement contest. A county picnic was held at the State Farm as the conclusion. Girls from the county attended the Westhampton and State short courses. Club members won many prizes at the State fair. The county school and club fair was a great success, over 800 people attending.

Louise Johnson, a club member, who was admitted to the All-star Honor Chapter won the Montgomery Ward state scholarship to the International Boys and Girls Congress at Chicago. The bread judging team won the second place in the Eastern Virginia district contest. Another club member, Ellen DeVal, won the scholarship to the State short course offered by the Northwestern Yeast Company for making the best loaf of bread with their yeast. The above shows something of the type of club work done.

EXHIBIT

The county participated in the 2-county kitchen improvement contest. The home demonstration agent arrived in July, and another took her place. The women from Henrico and Chesterfield attended the first campment for farm women held in Virginia. Splendid exhibits were put on by the home demonstration clubs at the county fair. The federation of home demonstration clubs held its regular meeting in October.

JAMES CITY

An advisory council was organized. It decided to help make the Peninsula fair more of a success. A floral department was added and all exhibits improved both in quality and quantity. The Home Home demonstration club gave a reception to the county teachers in the fall. Several boys and girls attended the Williamsburg short course. Two demonstration teams gave demonstrations at the fair. Both women and girls won prizes at the State fair. Two home demonstration clubs put up exhibits at the Peninsula fair. The bread judging team won third place in the Eastern Virginia district contest.

ROANOKE

Here the largest kitchen improvement contest ever held in Virginia was staged. Nearly fifty women finished up victoriously. An advisory council was organized. The fall quota of girls attended the Petersburg short course, while several went to Blacksburg. Publicity has been an outstanding piece of work. The two county papers have been generous in publishing articles. Fifteen people have been lined up to start the home beautification work which is being begun by the horticultural department.

NEW JONES

The rat campaign was a success. Twenty-three first year sewing club girls started and twenty-three finished. Over one hundred dollars was won at Williamsburg by club members and \$75. at the State fair. Over 1,000 garments were an exhibition at the club fair held at New Kent Court House. A full quota of girls attended the Williamsburg short course. One of the advisory board women also went as a club local leader. The advisory council was organized.

WARREN

Organization is the outstanding feature. Nine 4-H clubs and five home demonstration clubs are in the county. The county has had publicity in the Norfolk

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papers. The advisory council has met regularly. The federation of home demonstration clubs has had several meetings. The Geneva home demonstration club won the \$50. prize for scoring the highest in the State. Club girls attended the Norfolk-Princess Anne short course at Drivers. A demonstration team was sent to Elizabeth. The annual county picnic was held at City Park. The 4-H and home demonstration club exhibits at the Norfolk fair were among the best in the State. The club stands given on annual field day held at Great Bridge were especially instructive of club work. The teams gave demonstrations at the Norfolk fair.

ROCKINGHAM

This was another county included in the 4-county kitchen contest. The closing feature was held July 6th in the form of a county picnic. The program was splendid. School lunches were started in several schools. Seventeen girls lined up for room improvement work. Thirteen completed the work. The prizes were purchased by the advisory council. At the fair a girls' bedroom was fitted up with furniture from the club girls' rooms. A program was given. An exhibit of home-made kitchen conveniences also attracted much attention at the fair. Good publicity work has been done by the home demonstration agent.

SPRING GARDEN

Several 4-H clubs and two home demonstration clubs were organized. This county took part in the kitchen improvement contest. A clothing demonstration team was sent to Elizabeth. The school fair was held in April. Over 400 garments were exhibited by the clothing club girls. Three 4-H clubs and one home demonstration club put up exhibits at the Petersburg fair, each winning third place. The club members attended the Petersburg and Elizabeth short courses. One home demonstration club member attended the State Farmers' Institute.

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PRINCIPALS

A home demonstration club was organized at Occaha. The Norfolk-Princess Anne short course was held at Drivers. The poultry demonstration team won the first place at Hinchburg which entitled them to represent Virginia at Camp Hill. Several 4-H Clubs put up exhibits at the Norfolk fair. A club fair was held at Occaha. The rat campaign was successfully carried on. The most outstanding piece of work is Miss de Course's ability to get local leaders and consequently the amount of work done in the community. Poultry club work has been well developed.

GENERAL

Coed-H clubs have been carried on in the county. The kitchen improvement contact was a success. The club members attended the Petersburg and State short course. An advisory council was organized.

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