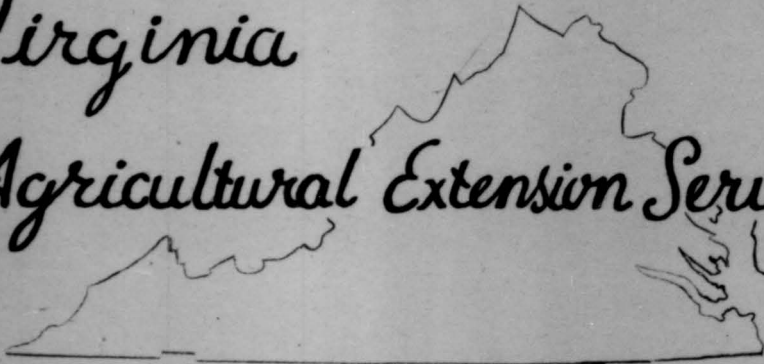


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### III. THE COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1952 PROGRAM

Thought, time and consideration were given to planning the 1952 program in terms of the community and county needs. Problems affecting farm homes, farm families, rural communities and non-farmers were presented in club discussions. The program development leaders were instrumental in securing this information. Final selection was approved by the county home demonstration committee.

### IV. CONTRIBUTIONS OF 1952 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

Definite contributions to better family relationship and community life have been witnessed in Wythe County by the 1952 extension program. Families have been drawn closer together through careful study of problems affecting them, such as:

1. Ways to eliminate fatigue and save time and energy in everyday chores,
2. Ways to enjoy family and neighbors through community participation,
3. Ways of changing food habits for better nutritional habits,
4. Ways to improve health problems.

- Nutritionally, whole families and communities have been informed of the need of better food habits. This year, 209 home demonstration members reported making definite changes in their daily food habits; while others reported planning and preparing 1762 balanced diets.

- Families have been made conscious of how to maintain better health. Health was selected for the Federation and County Goals. Families began with testing of herds for brucellosis, home and water inspection, and encouraging annual physical examinations. Also, there are nine indigent children who have had tonsils and adenoids removed through donations made by home demonstration clubs. The county-wide health campaigns received \$500 from the 18 organized home demonstration clubs. Their desire to continue improving health problems will have good effects for many years to come.

- The eight organized community clubs as compared to the six organized clubs in 1951 show increased evidence and participation of rural families in working together for rural improvements. Community clubs were organized to improve and encourage families to a better system of farming, home improvements; and community improvements. Meetings were held monthly, and sometimes oftener, to discuss and solve their problems. All eight organized community clubs offered something informational and entertaining to all family members. As a result they were "fired with a new spirit of love and pride" for their community.

Besides certain phases of planned participation in the community clubs, the county youth had an opportunity to be active in one of the seventeen 4-H clubs. Girls received special training in: Breadmaking; Meal Planning and Preparation; Preservation of Foods; Better Sewing and Construction; Room Improvement, and Yard Beautification. These were all tied to the needs of the family and the community.

Further details and results are given in this report under correct heading and title.

V. ADULT WORK

A. Project Work

\* 1. Foods and Nutrition

The home demonstration food program was planned to emphasize ways to prepare attractive buffet meals to save time and labor; to encourage use of milk and eggs in diets through further use of frozen desserts.

(a) Serving Meals Attractively - Special Buffet Dishes

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(1) To teach homemakers the convenience and ease in serving buffet meals	(1) Method demonstrations of setting table for buffet meals	(1) There were 240 members who reported using buffet dishes when entertaining.
(2) To suggest types of foods that can be served more easily	(2) Each member was provided with suggested menus and recipes	They found it gave ease and enjoyment to guests as they wandered around a buffet table serving themselves. The members found buffet meals a field for unlimited originality from the part of the hostess in planning and preparation.
(3) To show homemakers how to set a table - buffet type	(3) Magazine references given on subject	

\* Long Time Program Planning

\* (b) Frozen Desserts and Desserts from Milk and Eggs

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(1) To aid homemakers by helping them to use supplies on hand	(1) A nutrition specialist from Virginia Agricultural Extension Service conducted a Leaders Training Meeting. Leaders were taught the objectives of this demonstration. Leaders taught other club members by demonstrating the above objectives. They demonstrated two new recipes and discussed several new recipes demonstrated at leader training meeting. The "Fruit Whip" was a favorite in all clubs.	Two-hundred, sixty six women reported using these recipes regularly in preparing desserts. Requests for 476 recipe leaflets were made for Simple Frozen Desserts. The objectives were successful in improving better desserts and better diets. Frozen desserts using milk and eggs - an easy method.
(2) To teach good principles of freezing desserts		
(3) To suggest new recipes to offer variety and encourage use of milk and eggs		

(c) Table Service and Manners

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(1) To teach the homemakers rules pertaining to serving and eating of food involved out of customs	The agent used Family Table Service and Set the Table for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Emphasis was placed upon: (1) Hot food should be served <u>hot</u> and cold food, served <u>cold</u> . (2) A meal which has been prepared well could be ruined if served disorderly and unattractively, (3) Plan the table setting and menu to simplify service in every way possible, (4) Make it a step-saving menu with the minimum number of steps to the kitchen.	There were 359 women who reported using this demonstration and found it paid in saving time. Also, they found their families were more appreciative and complimentary to the more attractive table setting.
(2) To teach that a tired, nervous, uneasy hostess makes a meal an ordeal rather than a pleasure for herself or her guests,		
(3) Try to answer any doubtful questions on table service correctly		

\* Long-Time Objective program planning

\* (d) Other Nutritional Activities  
Previous Demonstrations - Prior to 1952

<u>Demonstrations</u>	<u>Results in 1952</u>
(1) Recipes for Special Meat Dishes	(1) 380 members are using these recipes in preparing family meals
(2) Vegetable Cookery (Seldom used vegetables)	(2) 418 members are using these demonstrated recipes for better balanced diets
(3) School Lunches	(3) 738 school children are carrying better balanced lunches as a result of needed demonstration studies by home demonstration clubs.

(e) 1952 Family Food Preservation Supply

All 492 members have either canned, frozen or stored food for family use. These include:

Canned fruits . . . . .	58,876 quarts
Canned vegetables . . . . .	54,715 quarts
Canned tomatoes . . . . .	12,066 quarts
Canned meats . . . . .	19,462 quarts
Frozen foods . . . . .	31,975 quarts
Cured meats . . . . .	109,152 pounds
Stored vegetables . . . . .	1,385 bushels
Stored fruits . . . . .	984 bushels

2. Home Management

(a) Saving Time and Energy in the Kitchen

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(1) To teach correct kitchen arrangement saves steps and labor	(1) Conduct a leader training meeting for club leaders	(1) The leader training meeting and demonstration were given before the present agent arrived in Wythe County
(2) To teach how to store kitchen utensils to decrease lifting and stretching	(2) Have Home Management Specialist from Virginia Agricultural Service teach leaders the objectives	(2) There were 156 members who reported rearranging their kitchens to save time and energy. These improvements were reported from all 18 home demonstration clubs
(3) To suggest better shelf arrangement for greater convenience	(3) Provide leaders with bulletins and information on objectives	

\* Long-Time Objective program planning  
(6)

• \* (b) Saving Time and Energy in New Cleaning Methods

The desire of club members to be more active in community organizations led to a study of doing better work in less time and with less fatigue.

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(1) To teach women that a workable plan is essential for (a) every day tasks, (b) weekly tasks and (c) seasonal tasks	(1) A leader training meeting was conducted by V. P. I. Extension Home Management Specialist	(1) 64 members made definite changes to ease fatigue in daily tasks
	(2) Leaders trained club members demonstration objectives	(2) 144 members reported changes made in work habits of weekly chores
		(3) 52 members reported changes in doing seasonal jobs

\* (c) Repairing Small Electrical Appliances

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(1) To teach the homemaker to make repair of small appliances	(1) Conduct a leader training meeting	(1) Leaders gave a method demonstration to all club members
(2) To teach homemakers how to get help and where supplies can be purchased	(2) A representative from local electrical power company taught leaders objectives: cord repair, iron repair, splicing cord, etc.	(2) 73 members reported making 113 repairs from this demonstration
(3) To give her an understanding and the principles of how electrical equipment operates		

3. House Furnishings

Through freedom of expression, homemakers were encouraged to paint, paper, refinish, repair, and upholster any furnishings worthwhile. During 1952 the following improvements were made in house furnishings:

\* Long Time Program Planning

New homes . . . . . 15  
 New rooms added . . . . . 17  
 Old rooms remodeled and modernized . . . . . 17  
 Rooms with walls and woodwork improved . . . . . 296  
 Old rooms with sanded and refinished floors . . . . . 40  
 Rooms with furnishings rearranged . . . . . 229  
 Pieces of furniture repaired, refinished and  
 upholstered . . . . . 222  
 Pieces of furniture slipcovered . . . . . 67  
 Tufted bedspreads made . . . . . 17  
 Pieces of furniture made . . . . . 12  
 New pianos bought . . . . . 9

Significance of so many improvements could be partly the result of families active in home and community improvement contests in Wythe County.

4. Kitchen Improvements

Equipment purchased to save labor in the kitchen was the greatest number for any given room. Such equipment included:

New refrigerators . . . . . 38  
 New electric ranges . . . . . 28  
 New hot water heaters . . . . . 12  
 New home freezers . . . . . 22  
 New vacuum cleaners . . . . . 16  
 New electric washing machines . . . . . 21

Other kitchen improvements included:

Kitchens remodeled and modernized . . . . . 3  
 Kitchens with new cabinets . . . . . 30  
 Kitchens with new sinks . . . . . 24  
 Kitchens with new linoleums . . . . . 27

5. Rural Arts

Crafts - Mental Health - Weaving Baskets - Gifts for all Occasions - Hooked Rugs - Christmas Decorations from Native Materials were included in Wythe's 1952 Program.

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(1) To teach home-makers a craft for pastime, pleasure and for gifts	(1) Special interest group meetings	(1) Nine members designed and completed rugs

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Results</u>
(2) To help women to select a worthwhile hobby	(2) Leader training meetings	(2) 64 baskets and trays were made
(3) To help women evaluate handiwork	(3) Method demonstrations	(3) 116 gifts were made from demonstration

6. Clothing

A method demonstration on selection, care and use of new materials was given by the agent to all 18 home demonstration clubs. Samples were shown of both natural fibers and synthetic fibers. Care, use and finishes were discussed of each fiber. As a result of this demonstration 197 members reported using this information in purchasing materials and clothing.

(a) Sewing Tips - Emphasis on Pressing

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Methods</u>	<u>Result</u>
(1) To keep women informed of new improved sewing techniques	(1) Leader training meeting conducted by V. P. I. Clothing Specialist	(1) Demonstration was given in September, '52. Members reported having used the information 776 times
(2) To show techniques of special pressing problems	(2) Leaders gave method demonstration to all club members	

B. Other Activities

1. Community Projects

Each club selected a community project. Their main objective was to do something worthwhile beyond club goals.

- 7 clubs made contributions to churches and missionary societies
- 6 clubs made monthly donations of food and clothing to county welfare department
- 44 members were regular blood donors
- 3 clubs furnished and maintained First-Aid kits in schools
- 18 clubs donated \$500 in county-wide health campaigns
- 9 clubs donated \$90 to have tonsils and adenoids removed of indigent children

18 clubs made and donated 784 garments for county children from one to ten years of age. These garments were given to the county welfare department

8 clubs visited sick or sent cards to shut-ins

2. Outstanding Club

See Page 21

3. Outstanding Member

See Page 19 - 20

4. Federation Goal

The Federation Goal is Health with emphasis on Mental Health. The Federation and County Goals have made definite progress toward better family health.

Objectives

Results

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|---|--|
| (1) Eat well balanced diet                                | (1) 209 H. D. members changed food habits and served 1762 Basic 7 Meals to families  |
| (2) Safe water supply and home sanitation                 | (2) 40 homes and water supplies examined and tested  |
| (3) Take measures to prevent undulant fever               | (3) 352 cows tested for "bangs"  |
| (4) Develop good family recreation programs               | (4) 2 programs devoted to family recreation  |
| (5) Recognize cancer danger                               | (5) Booklets distributed to members  |
| (6) Cooperate with other health agencies                  | (6) 149 members had TB Chest X-Rays<br>44 members donated blood<br>10 members helped with pre-school clinics<br>84 articles made for local hospitals<br>27 layettes made for Save-A-Child Federation |
| (7) Make people conscious of need of helping mentally ill | (7) 15 clubs secured movies from State Health Department on Mental Illness. Crockett Club showed 3 of these pictures at community meetings   |

(8) Encourage complete physical examinations annually

(8) 258 members had complete physical examinations. Dr. Hendrix made public his diagnosis of H. D. women as follows:

27% Blood Pressure 180-200  
13% Blood Pressure 200 and over  
17% Low average - Hemoglobin  
9% Hemoglobin 62 - 77  
3% Hemoglobin 42 - 58  
(No resistance to disease)  
7% Tumors  
(3 members with active tumors)  
25% overweight  
11% Heart irregularity

#### 5. Community Improvement Work

There are 8 organized community clubs which meet monthly. These clubs are sponsored by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce. The four objectives include: Community Organization, Home Improvement, Family Food Supply, and Improved Sound System of Farming. Rapid progress has already been made by these communities in the county. They are becoming active leaders in public affairs and county organizations.

The winning community in Wythe County placed first in the District. The Crockett Club was commended for its development in leadership in all of its 21 community organizations.

Crockett does not have a school due to consolidation. The members rent an abandoned store building for its community center. They have furnished it with a modern kitchen, council and recreation rooms. The community consists of:

89 families  
77 families participating  
39 farms  
98 acres - average farm size  
3 churches  
56 telephones  
318 people in community  
279 people in community participating  
88% people in community participating

The attached chart and summary shows their increased progress and work with other organizations in the Crockett Community, which is one of the eight organized communities in Wythe County.

Activity:	No.	0	33	66	100	133	166	200	233	266	300
Church and Sunday School	1951	*****									
	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Church Youth Organization	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Church Adult Organization	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Community Club	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Home Demonstration Club	1952	*****									
	1951	***									
F. F. A. & F. F. A.	1952	****									
	1951	**									
4-H Clubs	1952	****									
	1951	****									
Farm Bureau Organization	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
P. T. A.	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Improving Appearance of Church	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Improving Appearance of Cemeteries	1952	*****									
	1951	*									
Improving school buildings & Grounds	1952	*****									
	1951	*									
Improving recreational facilities	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Community or County Fairs	1952	*****									
	1951	**									
Farm or Home Tours	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Cooperated with Health Program	1952	*****									
FAMILIES	1951	*****									
Do You have a telephone	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Do You have running water	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Do You have a bath room	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Do You have an electric range	1952	*****									
	1951	*****									
Did You improve your lawn	1952	*****									

REPORT AND SUMMARY  
OF  
THE CROCKETT COMMUNITY CLUB

Mr. Don Vaugler, President

Mr. Roger Riggle, Vice-President

Mrs. E. E. Rosenbaum, Secretary

Mr. Floyd Single, Treasurer

Miss Helen Callahan, Reporter



For the year

NOVEMBER 1, 1951 to NOVEMBER 1, 1952

C O N T E N T S

Letter of Transmittal

- I. Community Organization, Planning and Development
- II. Developing a Sound System of Farming or other Industries and Resources and Sound Use of Income
- III. Development of a Sound System of Home Management, Home Improvement and Family Living
  - A. Family Food Supply
  - B. Improve Convenience, Comfort & Attractiveness of Farm or Home
  - C. Expenditures for Home and Farm Improvements
- IV. In Conclusion

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Crockett, Virginia  
November 1, 1952

TO: The Citizens of the Crockett Community

Dear Citizen:

I transmit herewith a Report of the progress of the Crockett Community Club from November 1, 1951 to November 1, 1952.

In addition to giving a review of the program during the current year, this Report also attempts to present facts which will enable the reader (1) to evaluate the work of the Community Club during the current year and (2) to better acquaint you with your community clubs' purpose and organization.

Respectfully submitted,

DON WAMPLER

President

CROCKETT COMMUNITY CLUB

- Organized February 27, 1951
- Purpose To promote community organization, planning, and development; development of a sound system of farming; development of a sound system of home management, home improvement and family living, and general re-establishment of community life, social, economic, and spiritual.
- Organization President - Vice President - Secretary - Treasurer - Reporter - Chaplain - Counselor and 11 committees, duly elected and appointed
- Community What is known as the "Crockett Area", composed of 89 families, 77 of whom actively participated. Population includes 93 adults and 86 children. Churches - Kings Grove Methodist, Mt. Ephrine Methodist, and Rosenbaum chapel Luthern Cemeteries - Funds and labor provided by citizens of the community  
Community Center - Abandoned grocery store, only club in County to rent own building
- Goals
1. Promote community organization, planning, and development
  2. Promote development of sound system of farming
  3. Promote development of a sound system of home management home improvement and family living
  4. Promote development of good citizenship, public interest neighborliness, and good will among the people of the community
  5. Emphasize youth development
- Committees
- An executive committee that consists of all officers and chairmen of all committees.
- Summary of Committees
1. Community Organization, Planning and Development  
Committees: Program, Finance, Photography, Scrapbook, Publicity, Community Planning, Recreation, Refreshment, Youth Entertaining
  2. Developing a sound system of farming or other industries and resources and a sound use of income  
Committee: Farm Planning Committee
  3. Developing a sound system of home management, home improvement and family living  
Committee: Home Planning Committee

Summary of Committees under Group # I  
Community Organization, Planning, and Development

- Program Committee - Presented programs at each monthly meeting. Some typical programs would include: Band Concerts, speakers, story telling, stunts, Movies, etc.
- Photograph Committee - This committee has taken pictures of many activities and various events during the year to help the scrapbook committee attain its goal.
- Finance Committee - This committee sponsored projects during the year to raise funds to operate the club.
- Scrapbook Committee - This committee's accomplishments speak for themselves to all who have seen the yearbook for 1952.
- Publicity Committee - This committee took care of all necessary publicity and did an effective job.
- Community Planning Committee - This committee directed activities by the club in the improvement and beautification of the community. Among the accomplishments were: 2 paint days, grounds mowed and outside lights put up, 2 clean up days in July.
- Recreation Committee - In addition to providing recreation at all meetings, this committee sponsored game nights, stunts, etc. and attended a recreation meeting in Marion.
- Refreshment Committee - This committee added zest to the meetings by serving refreshments and also assisted with food on work days, dinners, etc.

RESULTS OBTAINED

Youth Groups: The group placed boys and girls basketball teams in the Wythe Count Independent League and played a 15 game schedule. These games were enjoyed by young and old alike and were attended by an average of 200 people. During the summer months the group played baseball, softball, and basketball on afternoons and nights. A few of the other activities included: Game night for pre-school and early school group, American Legion baseball player, Tri-County baseball, camping trip on Porters' Knob, very active in Fair, FFA, FHA, and 4-work, and many other entertaining activities.

Adult Groups: Monthly programs, community singing, movies, dinners, outside speak and entertainment, concerts, etc. Many participated in community organizations such as P. T. A., Civic Organizations, Farm Bureau, School Advisory Committee, etc.

Active Participation in:

Community Club	-	77 families	or	88% of population
P.T.A.	-	20 "	"	22% of Population
Home Demonstration	-	30 "	"	34% of population
Farm Bureau	-	24 "	"	24% of population
F. F. A. & F.H.A.	-	13 "	"	17% of population

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Church and Sunday School: Enrollment and average attendance at all churches upped. Presented pastor with gift of \$1950 toward new car. Remodeled basement, sponsored attendance contest (Upped attendance in one class 145%), painted, improved inside and outside, held picnics, signs put up, etc.

Telephone Expansion and Improvement - Active member served as President of Mutual Telephone Co., instrumental in securing a direct line to Wytheville eliminating crowded conditions, directories printed, active elected to new board of directors.

Cemeteries: Funds and labor for upkeep provided by members. All cemeteries in excellent condition. 1 acre bought for Mt. Ephrime, Kings Grove graded.

Farm Tours: Attended Black Lick Open House. Conducted tour of farms and homes with eight carloads attending.

Concerts: Two concerts presented by Rural Retreat High School Band. First was inside and attracted around 200 people. Second was an outdoor affair and attracted around 300 people and 70 cars.

Church Youth Organization: All M.Y.F. active in community and district, Kings' Grove help organize circuit group. Went on hayrides, picnics, and co-sponsored ice cream supper. Bible school at all churches.

Church Adult Organizations: W.S.C.S. active, also number of men joined and were active in newly organized Men's Club. Women of one church served lunch to Ruritan Club. Women of one church spearheaded drive to put carpet in one church.

Other: Repaired Welcome signs at all points of entrance to community. Purchased community licence tags for citizens. Gave a birthday supper for two of community's ladies. Attended meetings of almost all other communities in county. Attended Open House at Black Lick. Scrapbook displayed at BlackLick and used during the summer for classes at V. P. I. Group appeared twice before Board of Supervisors in an effort to get important road hard surfaced. Cooperated with R. R. Community club and got the road part of the way. Honored ladies with baby showers. Many were active in Community Fair - served on committees, many exhibited and won many prizes; stunt presented at "Community Night" one of best. Old-Men, Young boys baseball game played. Assisted new club in organizing. Average attendance upped from 48 to 70. Bus load from Crockett attended Institute of Rural Affairs in Blacksburg. Sponsored suppers, picnics, ice-cream suppers, etc. during the year. Supported basketball teams and bought new suit for girls

Summary of Committee under Group # 2

Developing a sound system of farming or other resources and sound use of income

Farm Planning Committee - This committee was in charge of encouraging better methods of farming, soil building, etc. One of the members served on the Wythe County Agriculture Board.

RESULTS OBTAINED

Improvement of Soil: 376 tons of lime spread (increase of 151 tons over last year)  
186 tons of fertilizer used on meadows, pasture and small grain  
(increase of 66 tons over last year) 118 tons of fertilizer used  
on cultivated crops (increase of 45 tons over last year).

Alfalfa and Ladino Pastures: Acreage of alfalfa increased during the year by 47 acres. Ladino clover increased by 150 acres.

Pastures In addition to fertilizer used, 376 acres of permanent pasture was mowed last year.

Livestock: Placed 4-H club calves in show at Bristol, one farmer bought \$1000 pure bred sire, several others bought sires.

Beef cattle	- 408	Increase of	158
Dairy Cattle	- 286	"	of 0
Bred Artificially-	29	"	of 24
Ewes	- 347	"	of 71
Lambs raised	- 341	"	of 70
Purebred sires purchased	- 15	"	of 8

Permanent Fence built: A total of 869 rods of permanent fence built.

Forest Trees: No forest trees were set out, however many farmers selected trees with care when using for lumber.

Wild Life: 21 families co-operated with wild life program. 200 ground hog bombs were distributed in an effort to control this pest.

Summary of Committee under Group # 3

Developing a sound system of home management, home improvement and family living

A. Family Food Supply:

19 varieties of spring and summer vegetables, an increase of 7 over 1951.  
 6 varieties of fall & winter vegetables, an increase of 1 over 1951  
 Almost every home and farm has its own orchard and many gardens have both strawberry and raspberry beds. 22 acres of small fruit and berries planted this year.  
 Milk supply - 148 cows kept for home use, increase of 40 cows.  
 Hogs - 181 butchered, cured, canned or frozen, an increase of 28 over last year.  
 Beef, chickens, etc. butchered for home use - 5,609 lbs., an increase of 2,344 lbs. over last year.  
 Chickens kept for home use - 2,622, an increase of 166.  
 Quarts of food canned - 18,593, an increase of 3,703  
 Pounds of food frozen - 5,651, an increase of 2,051  
 Root vegetables stored - 996, an increase of 30 bu.  
 13 families improved or established home orchards this year.

B. Improve Convenience, Comfort and Attractiveness of Farm or Home:

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Running Water	34	39
Bath Rooms	27	32
Electric Ranges	28	47
Refrigerators	68	77
Washing machines	70	77
Home Freezers	12	15
Lawns improved	26	40
Storage space added	15	19
Residence painted	15	21
Rooms papered, painted, etc.	87	88
Floors refinished, etc.	45	62
Improved home furnishings	36	51
Farm buildings painted	25	25
Farm signs erected	7	10
farm signs improved	0	9
Homes remodeled	18	30
Central heating system	13	18
New dwellings	2	2
New farm buildings	4	16

C. Expenditures for home and farm improvements

Dollars spent for:	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>Increase</u>
1. Home Equipment	5,457.45	21,288.74	15,831.29
2. All Buildings	11,138.00	14,545.15	3,407.15
3. Farm Machinery	6,628.86	31,521.75	24,892.89
4. Home Furnishings	4,158.70	9,511.76	5,373.06
5. Automobiles	4,876.99	21,875.59	17,398.60

## SUMMARY SHEET

NOVEMBER 1, 1951 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1952

## CROCKETT COMMUNITY CLUB OF WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Number in family (At home): 93 Adults; 86 Children 51(1-10) 35(10-18)

## I. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT

No. of members of families taking an active part in:	1951	1952	INCREASE
1. Church and Sunday School.....	143	218	75
2. Church youth organizations, M.Y.F., etc.....	24	51	27
3. Church adult organizations, W.B.C.S., etc.....	46	61	15
4. Community Club.....	163	279	116
5. Home Demonstration Club.....	29	30	1
6. F. F. A. & F. H. A.....	8	13	5
7. 4-H clubs.....	4	8	4
8. Farm Bureau Organization.....	12	24	12
9. P. T. A. ....	21	22	1
10. Improving appearance of churches.....	45	117	72
11. Improving appearance of cemeteries.....	61	82	21
12. Improving school buildings and grounds.....	0	14	14
13. Improving recreational facilities in community...	0	52	52
14. Community or County fair.....	56	75	19
15. Farm or Home tours.....	6	46	40
16. Cooperated with community health program.....	54	83	29
17. Do you have a telephone.....	51	56	5

## II. DEVELOPING A SOUND SYSTEM OF FARMING OR OTHER INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES AND SOUND USE OF INCOME

1. Acres in farms 3,938 Acres in cropland 874 Acres in pasture 3,064

	1951	1952	INCREASE
2. Acres contour strip cropped.....	0	9	9
3. Tons of lime used.....	225	376	151
4. Tons of fertilizer used on meadow, pasture, etc..	120	186	66
5. Tons of fertilizer used on cultivated crops.....	73	118	45
6. Acres of alfalfa seeded.....	8	47	35
7. Acres of ladino clover & orchard grass seeded...	7	150	143
8. Acres of permanent pasture mowed.....	539	376	-163
9. Yield of grain per acre, (bus.).....Wheat.....	24	30	6
Oats.....	46	42	- 4
Barley.....	41	40	- 1
Corn.....	66	54	-12
10. Tons of hay harvested.....	521	451	- 70
11. Number cattle kept, beef.....	250	408	158
dairy.....	286	286	0
12. Number dairy cows bred artificially.....	5	29	24
13. Number ewes kept.....	276	347	71
14. Number lambs raised.....	271	341	70
15. Number registered purebred sires purchased.....	7	15	8

	1951	1952	INCREASE
16. Acres of cultivated land left bare.....	25	36	11
17. Rods of permanent fence built.....	985	869	- 116
18. Acres of forest trees planted.....	0	0	0
19. Did you cooperate with community wild life program?	0	21	21

**D. DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUND SYSTEM OF HOME MANAGEMENT, HOME IMPROVEMENT & FAMILY LIVING**

**A. FAMILY FOOD SUPPLY**

1. Number of different vegetables in spring & summer gardens.....	12	19	7
2. Number of different vegetables in winter gardens.....	5	6	1
3. Acreage of small fruit and berries planted.....	0	22	22
4. Number milk cows kept for home use.....	108	148	40
5. Number of hogs butchered for home use.....	153	181	28
6. Number of pounds of other meat butchered.....	3,265	5,609	2,344
7. Number of chickens kept for home use.....	2,456	2,622	166
8. Number quarts food canned.....	14,890	18,593	3,703
9. Number pounds of food frozen.....	3,600	5,651	2,051
10. Number bu. root vegetables and apples stored....	866	996	130
11. Home orchard established or improved.....	18	13	- 5

**B. IMPROVE CONVENIENCE, COMFORT & ATTRACTIVENESS OF FARM OR HOME**

1. Do you have running water.....	34	39	5
2. Do you have a bath room.....	27	32	5
3. Do you have an electric range.....	28	47	19
4. Do you have a refrigerator.....	68	77	9
5. Do you have a washing machine.....	70	77	7
6. Do you have a home freezer.....	12	15	3
7. Did you improve your lawn.....	26	40	14
8. Storage space added.....	15	19	4
9. Did you paint residence.....	15	21	6
10. Number rooms painted, papered, or plastered.....	87	88	1
11. Number floors refinished, painted or covered....	45	62	17
12. Did you improve house furnishings.....	36	51	15
13. Number farm buildings painted.....	25	25	0
14. Did you name your farm and erect a farm sign....	7	10	3
15. Did you paint or improve an old farm sign.....	0	9	9
16. Did you improve your mailbox.....	44	29	-15
17. Did you do any house remodeling, Etc.....	18	30	12
18. Do you have a central heating system.....	13	18	5
19. Did you start or finish a new dwelling.....	2	2	0
20. Did you start or finish a new farm building....	4	16	12

**C. EXPENDITURES FOR HOME AND FARM IMPROVEMENTS**

1. Dollars spent for home equipment.....	5,457.45	21,288.74	15,831.29
2. Dollars spent for all buildings.....	11,138.00	14,545.14	3,407.15
3. Dollars spent for farm machinery.....	6,628.86	31,521.75	24,892.89
4. Dollars spent for home furnishings.....	4,158.70	9,531.76	5,373.06
5. Dollars spent for automobiles.....	4,876.99	21,875.59	17,998.60

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## CONCLUSION

The foregoing report attempts to give in part some of the improvements and developments in the Crockett Community during the past year. This report attempts to evaluate the work of the Community Club and to better acquaint you with your club's purpose and organization.

To conclude this report, we would like to take you on an imaginary tour of the community and also pass on to you some of our views of what our club has meant to us.

As you enter the Crockett Community you are greeted by a freshly painted roadside sign - "Welcome to Crockett". All roads are plainly marked and mail boxes are painted and neatly lettered.

As you move on down the road, practically every home in view is gleaming white and the grass in the front yards is well cut. Unsightly fences have been removed from the roadside and replaced with new ones. Notice the fields on either side of the road and see how well cared for they are. As you step into one of the homes or farms you find better living conditions, modern conveniences, well-filled cellars and meat houses, and well kept gardens.

At the shopping center of the community you are greeted by wide and trash-free roads. The stores and buildings are clean and merchandise is well displayed on shelves.

You may pass one of the three churches in the community. These churches are sparkling clean and are surrounded by well-kept lawns and cemeteries. Improved parking facilities are also noted.

Then you will want to spend some time around the Community Center, and abandoned grocery store. You will probably note the fresh coat of paint, the repaired porch, the parking area and the basketball court near by. If you were to attend a club meeting, you would find babies in arms, children, and every other age group up to the oldest. The club's work is organized so as to assist all existing organizations - 4-H clubs, F.F.A. & F.H.A., P.T.A., the Boy Scouts, the Home Demonstration Club, the Farm Beureu. Every man, women, and child finds something to do; some part to take in the community program.

As you pass the "Call Again" sign at the far boundary of the community, you feel differently and it lingers with you a long time afterwards. Maybe the difference can be explained by many in the Crockett area. We feel that our Community Club is responsible for our progress toward improving rural living standards. In our case, the community improvement program has proved to be a major factor in the rebirth of community pride and has done much to foster the highest ideals of neighborliness and christian living.

Folks have found the following as a result of the community club: they have good neighbors, a new community spirit has developed among the people everywhere, farm income has been stepped up, better home living is enjoyed, and a greater personal joy of living is being experienced.

● In conclusion, we, the citizens of the Crockett Community, wish to thank our sponsors and the Bristol Chamber of Commerce for the opportunities they have given us to work with and to know our neighbors.

---Respectively submitted by

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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VI. 4-H CLUB WORK

A. Project Work

\* 1. Food Selection and preparation

There were 37 adult, junior leaders, and project leaders who received special training in this project by Virginia Extension Specialist, Mrs. Mary L. Thompson. There were 14 clubs composed of 232 enrolled girls. They planned 1333 meals and served 829 meals. Only 156 girls completed the minimum requirements. This was due to lack of group leaders needed in assistance and due to the impossibility of the agent meeting neighborhood groups from consolidated school club enrollment.

\* 2. Clothing

There were 6 clubs, composed of 151 girls with 5 adult leaders, assisting in sewing projects. These included:

(a) So You'd Like to Sew (Beginners)

(b) Make or Remake (Advanced)

There were 101 girls who completed the projects. They made 575 garments and remodeled 119 garments.

\* 3. Rural Electrification

During the absence of a home agent in the county, the Assistant County Agent worked with all 17 clubs. He was assisted by a representative of the Appalachian Electric Power Company in training members how to make simple cord repairs and how to care for electrical appliances. Club attendance was poor during this period. Records were inadequately kept by those attending. The assistant county agent did the best he could under the circumstances. He showed a movie one month on "How Electricity Works in the Home and Farm". Records show 146 enrolled with 73 completions.

\* 4. Home Furnishings

This is a year round project for girls interested in home furnishings. There were 21 girls from 4 clubs enrolled. These are girls whose mothers are home demonstration members and the entire family belong actively to different community clubs. There were 13 girls completing the project. Records show improvements made in 38 rooms.

\* Beautification of Home Grounds

There were 10 girls in one club that used this for a summer project. All 10 girls completed the project. They were assisted by parents in keeping well trimmed lawns, flower beds, shrubbery pruned, attractive entrances, and walkways.

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\* Food Preservation

There were 18 girls in four clubs that kept records with family food preservation needs. These girls included:

- (a) 7 members kept records on freezing foods
- (b) 6 members kept records on canning foods.

They canned 336 quarts of food and helped with 6186 quarts for family use. They froze 427 pounds and helped with 2720 pounds for family use.

B. Other Activities

1. County 4-H Council

The County 4-H Council has met twice and has been helpful in making county plans. At the last council meeting in November, 1952, members unanimously voted to have adult leaders vote upon county program and problems.

2. Achievement Day

The 4-H Annual Achievement Day was held at Wythesville in the Court House. There were 250 members, leaders, parents and friends who attended the program. The program consisted of reports and accomplishments by individual clubs; perfect winners; and summary of year's work by agents. Entertainment was given by individual members. The guest speaker was Mr. Horace Sharitz. Medals were awarded by agents to the project winners for 1952.

3. District 4-H Camp

Wythe County joined with Floyd and Pulaski Counties for one week at Holliday Lake. There were 31 girls from Wythe County attending. It was the second largest group at camp. Reba Patton from Wythe was made Big Chief for the week. Reba was the only All-Star member present at camp.

4. Contests

The district contests were decided before this agent arrived in the county. Records show that Reba Patton was alternate in Room Improvement Contest. She was awarded a scholarship to attend State 4-H Short Course.

5. National 4-H Week

All clubs found some way to observe National 4-H Week. The Annual Achievement Program climaxed the week's celebration. Ivanhoe Club gave a special assembly program at school.

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6. Rural Life Sunday

The 4-H clubs went to church and sat together in a group. They were recognized by the church pastor and presented to church members in a group with their adult leader. One circuit minister met three groups in his churches. He recognized each 4-H group in his church sermons.

VII. YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S WORK

Wythe County does not have an organized group of young men and women. The agent works with people of this age group in home demonstration clubs, community clubs and civic organizations. There are 85 women receiving regular help in home demonstration and community clubs.

VIII. SCOPE OF WORK

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	: 17 :	17 :	18 :	18 :
Membership	: 365 :	420 :	437 :	432 :
No. 4-H Clubs	: 17 :	17 :	19 :	17 :
Membership	: 307 :	350 :	350 :	359 :
No. YMW Groups	: :	:	:	:
Membership	: :	:	:	:
No. of other families reached	: :	:	:	: 1720 :
No. of different families reached	: 600 :	600 :	700 :	540 :
No. community clubs	: :	6 :	6 :	8 :
Membership	: :	875 :	1220 :	1765 :

IX. BRIEF STATEMENTS OF COUNTY COMMITTEES

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

This committee held two planning meetings during 1952. The spring planning meeting was held on April 1, 1952, the date of arrival of present agent to report for work. The second meeting was in September, 1952. The purpose of this committee is to plan programs and select objectives beneficial to all living in the county.

B. 4-H Council

Report of this has already been made under 4-H Club Activities.

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C. 4-H Project Planning Committee

In August, 1952, all club officers, project leaders, and adult leaders met to plan program and select objectives for 1953. Leaders and officers decided to stress quality work on fewer projects. This decision was unanimous. The committee felt it would give the agent and leaders more time to prepare better materials for teaching the projects. This was the first attempt of ever having a 4-H Planning Program Committee. Already results are improving. More clubs are enrolled in same projects rather than numerous projects. There is definite continuity in project work. Leaders are doing better work.

D. County 4-H All Stars

At present, there are only 4 all-stars living in the county. Others are in school, in military service, or they live outside the county boundaries.

X. LEADERSHIP

A. Contributions of volunteer leaders to the program

1. Organizational

(a) Home Demonstration

There are 72 organizational officers in the 18 clubs who give freely of their time and talents in furthering the extension program in the county. Outside of meetings, they discuss their office and club work with friends and family. They are proud of their club activities and county accomplishments. All civic organizations recognize the power and strength of these outstanding women.

(b) 4-H Clubs

There are 51 organizational officers in the 17 girls 4-H clubs. Not all these girls accept their responsibilities and duties as club leaders. They need further guidance and counselling upon their duties. They fail to give proper time and planning to their duties previous to a club meeting. This may be the result of too few adult leaders. Clubs with local adult leaders always have club programs planned and prepared.

2. Program Development Leaders

Both leaders and agents have been better trained in 1952 in regard to responsibilities expected. Not all clubs selected wide awake leaders for this position. Clubs with capable leaders are strong and active in the county program. Also, they have more ideas to offer in a

county-wide committee meeting. The agent depends upon these leaders for ideas and worthwhile suggestions to keep "all links" strong in the county program.

3. Subject Matter

Subject matter leaders were selected in each club. Sometimes members were given a choice of which subject or project group to teach. These leaders were given specific training by subject matter specialists, professional workers, or the home agent. Only 2 clubs have failed to send leaders to training meetings since April 1, 1952. One small club was absent due to death and funeral of a member. Their interest and enthusiasm helps in teaching so many topics studied.

\* 4. Community Leadership

The only organization which gives the agent an opportunity to view a whole community working together is the community club. Here is beautiful integration of men, women, girls, boys, and pre-school children of all rural churches and political beliefs working happily together for community improvements. Those communities which are organized show definite leadership in other civic and county organizations. The enclosure of the Crockett Community is a good example of the growth and influence of community leadership in Wythe County previously shown in this report.

\* B. Growth of Leadership by Project Leaders

Growth of H. D. Club Project Leadership	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. project leaders (subject matter)	80	85	162	170
No. goal chairmen			18	18
No. training meetings held by Specialist	2	7	12	5
by Agent	5	2	2	2
Attendance at all training meetings	112	303	225	370
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	111	91	93	66
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	121	148	154	151

\* Long Time Program Planning

<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
No. adult project leaders	22	24	16	17
No. junior project leaders	2	12	4	18
No. training meetings held by Specialist		2	0	5
by Agent		6	11	7
Attendance at leader training meetings		303	61	102
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	7	1	18	22
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	53	45	40	16
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	0	24	28	14
No. demonstrations given by leaders	70	45	55	16
by adults				2
by juniors	3	4	6	16

C. Outstanding leader and her accomplishments

Each club was requested to present the most outstanding member for 1952 with annual accomplishment report. Judges were selected to make final selection. Mrs. Brown Hedrick of the Putonia Home Demonstration Club was the final choice.

Mrs. Hedrick was selected because of her outstanding work in club, community, and church. Her record showed:

1. Perfect record of club attendance
2. Attended special interest training meeting on Hooked Rugs
3. Attended extra club meetings on Etching Trays and Etching Glass
4. Adult leader for Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club
5. Helped 4-H club prepare a radio program
6. President of Mt. Pleasant P. T. A.
7. Donated 1 quart milk daily to a sick neighbor for the past six years without charge
8. She gave free rides to club members on days club meets
9. Assisted with 2 Bake Sales for club
10. During 1952 her home improvements included:
  - (a) New yard fence with new paint
  - (b) Painted kitchen and hall
  - (c) Papered bedroom

- (d) Bought new curtains for living, dining and 2 bedrooms, 2 new lamps, and 1 new living room chair
- (e) Made 12 changes in her kitchen to save time and energy
- (f) Helped club members upholster 3 chairs
- (g) Used previous demonstration information 22 times
- (h) Gave information of 1952 demonstrations to 100 other people

11. During 1952 she planned for her family needs during the winter by:

- Canning 150 quarts of vegetables
- Freezing 200 quarts of vegetables
- Canning 75 quarts of fruits
- Freezing 200 quarts of fruits
- Freezing 2000 lbs. of meats
- Curing 200 lbs. of meats
- Storing 15 bushels of vegetables
- Storing 6 bushels of fruits

## WYTHE COUNTIANS IN SPOTLIGHT

### Outstanding H. D. Club Woman Of Year A Pioneer In The Work

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ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

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MRS. R. BROWN (BETTS) HEDRICK

Our Spotligter today is a lady who was selected as the outstanding County Home Demonstration Woman of the year—a coveted honor and one of which the recipient can be justifiably proud. The award entails a tremendous lot of work on the part of the winner as the competition is great with members from 18 county clubs participating in the contest. However, our good friend, Mrs. Rufus Brown (Betts) Hedrick, a member of the Petunia Club, made the grade on high and topped the hill at the head of the race.

To be the Home Demonstration woman of the year, the winner of the title must be outstanding in all phases of club work, community work, and homemaking, and under each section there are dozens of things to be accomplished before one is considered for the honor. Mrs. Hedrick met the test in each instance with a high rating from the judges.

"Betts" has been an active member of the Petunia H. D. Club for approximately 15 years and has worked in practically every capacity of the club's activities. She is one of the pioneers in county Home Demonstration work and has seen the movement grow from a few scattered clubs to the 18 active clubs now functioning efficiently throughout the county. She is high in her praise of the many practical and useful demonstrations presented at the meetings and thinks the clubs have been of invaluable service to farm women as a means of better homemaking and better social life.

In looking back over her 15 years as a club member, she could enumerate countless improvements in the farm homes and environment of her neighbors and herself which have been brought about through Home Demonstration work.

"Betts" takes a keen interest in the schools and has been a member of the Mt. Pleasant Parent-Teacher Association for 20 years. This year she is one of the Representatives for the Sophomore class at George Wythe High School. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Hedrick was born in Wytheville March 6, 1903, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Vernon. She attended the Wytheville schools and upon graduation from high school studied stenography at night under the tutelage of Mrs. Essie B. Marshall. During the day she worked in the law office of the late Waller Staples Poage at no salary in order to study under Mr. Poage's daughter and secretary, the late Miss Emily Poage.

In October of 1921, "Betts" decided she would make a better housewife than a career woman, so on the nineteenth of that month she changed her name to Hedrick and took up her residence on a farm in the Mt. Pleasant community. She has four children and two grandchildren.

This busy housewife and club-woman takes time out for her hobbies, the collection of antique glass and her grandchildren. She has a rare collection of glass and china, and her mother's hobby was the same as hers and "Betts" has added to the collection.

Mrs. Hedrick is an example of the splendid work being done by the farm women in Wythe County. Through these clubs their homes have become modern and attractive both inside and out, they have learned the advantage of serving balanced meals, how to use home freezers, the best canning methods, how to repair and upholster furniture, new ideas for school lunches, how to sew and make rugs, and

this month the demonstrations will center around Christmas gift making and Christmas arrangements for the home made from materials on the farm. The fine community spirit fostered by the Home Demonstration clubs is reflected in the country homes throughout the country. We extend heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Hedrick for the honor bestowed upon her and to all the H. D. club women of the county for making their communities a better and more attractive place in which to reside and rear their families.

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**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**WYTHEVILLE, WYTHEVILLE, TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1935**

**SETS ACHIEVEMENT**

**TRADITIONAL TO CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE PLANNED**

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**GEO. WYTHE F. F. A. ENROLLMENT TOPS FOR PAST 22 YRS.**

The George Wythe Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has the largest enrollment this year that it has ever had since it was organized some twenty-two years ago. The chapter President, Jake Pope states that the chapter has one hundred and three members. Other chapter officers are Sherman Collins, Vice-President; Udall McPeak, Secretary; C. A. Harris, Treasurer, and Raymond Dean, Sentinel. One hundred per cent of the students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture are members of the George Wythe Chapter. This organization, which is a member of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers appears to be off to one of its best years.

Last June thirty members of the chapter attended the State Camp at Smithfield, Virginia for a week. In August an educational trip was taken by thirty-three members of the chapter to the West Virginia State Fair at Lewisburg, W. Va. One chapter member, Tommy Lawrence, won third place in the fat steer class at the West Virginia State Fair. In September the same steer was shown in Richmond at the Atlantic Rural Exposition. Although Tommy did not win his class at Richmond, he made a creditable showing of which the chapter is justly proud.

For perfect work this year, the chapter is subject to a fine of from \$20.00 to \$100.00. The notices are first issued by the Commissioner of Revenue. Failure to heed the notices results in a jail sentence. D. B. Swecher, Commissioner of Revenue for Wythe County reports that there were 4800 income tax reports filed at his office. According to the information sheets received from the State Taxation Department all have compiled with the law but 11 people. He (Continued on page four)

**CROCKETT COMMUNITY DAY**—The Crockett Community Center won first place in the fourteenth Southwest Virginia Community Day. The wheel in the game was turned by the community center around the Crockett. The picture depicts life in Crockett. Roy Riggle, vice-president; H. King, counselor; John King, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Garnett D. Va. Horsesh...**

**Wythe Post "American"**

Post 229 of Rural Retreat, Va. along with other Legion Posts is a part of a vast organization with a colorful history. This week various posts will observe "American Legion Week."

The American Legion is the largest veterans' organization in the United States which was organized by fighting men overseas. It sprang from the comradeship of the members of the AEF in World War I. They were perpetuate the friendships they formed in training camps and on the fields of battle.

Some 500 delegates represent the various units of the first...

D. Outstanding 1952 H. D. Club

There were four outstanding clubs for 1952 with less than five points difference between the first and fourth club. These clubs were: Bethel, Petunia, Fairview and Black Lick. All four clubs had done outstanding work in community, club, and Federation Goal objectives. All four clubs had presented a radio program during 1952 which gave publicity to their work. The judges final decision placed Bethel Club first because of its:

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| (1) Outstanding club attendance                        | 92.7% |
| (2) Federation Goal objectives                         | 91.3% |
| (3) Leadership participation                           | 100%  |
| (4) Activities of members in other civic organizations | 88.4% |

### H. D. Clubs Story Of Progress Told In Visible Way

Achievement Day Held  
Here Friday Big Success;  
Dr. Hendrix, Miss Fontaine  
Among The Speakers

The word Achievement was defined in a material way Friday, when the county Home Demonstration Clubs held their annual Achievement Day program at the Presbyterian Church House. From the beautiful autumnal decorations to the very smallest exhibit, the work "achieved" by these club women was an inspiration to all. Only those persons fortunate enough to be present can appreciate the remarkable job of homemaking these farm women are doing under the direction of their Home Agent and Leaders.

The exhibits were open to the public during the morning and at 12 noon luncheon was served by the Women of the Presbyterian Church.

#### Afternoon Program

The afternoon program was presided over by Mrs. Jim Ward, of Rural Retreat, county H. D. chairman, and the Rev. James C. Massey, pastor of the Wytheville Baptist Church gave the devotional. Mrs. Irene Schrader, Home Agent, welcomed the members and guests after which Mrs. Ward stated the purpose of Achievement Day and Mrs. Fred Hounshell, county secretary, called the roll.

#### Dr. Hendrix Speaks

Mrs. A. B. Greiner, Rural Retreat, introduced Dr. Paul C. Hendrix, who gave a talk on "The Value of Periodic Physical Examinations." Dr. Hendrix gave physical examinations to over 200 club women the past year and in his talk gave a report based on these examinations. His talk was followed by the singing of the Homemakers Song in unison.

Mrs. J. R. White, of the Mt. Pleasant Club, introduced Mrs. A. R. Flinn, Jr., who talked on "Life In Greece," followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Walter Clark.

Mrs. White also introduced Miss Lena Fontaine, Presbyterian Missionary to Korea, who spoke on "Life In Greece."

#### County Club Report Given

The county club report was given by Mrs. Fred Hounshell and Miss Hazel Sharitz gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Fred Greene, former Wythe County Home Agent, was in charge of the awards and recognitions of the club members. Mrs. H. Brown Hedrick, of the Petunia Club, was recognized as the outstanding club woman of the year. Other outstanding club women receiving recognition were: Mrs. Paul Neff, Rural Retreat; Mrs. Henry Copenhaver, Crockett; Mrs. J. R. White, Fairview, and Mrs. M. E. Myers, Speedwell.

#### Outstanding Club

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club was recognized as the outstanding club of the year, with the Petunia Club as runner-up, Fairview in third place, and Black Lick, fourth.

A Home Demonstration pin was presented Mrs. Jim Ward, retiring president, who turned the gavel over to the new president, Mrs. Joseph Kelley, of the Cove Club.

Mrs. J. R. White, who was in charge of the Achievement Day, was presented a corsage by Mrs. Seiden Fontaine in appreciation of her splendid work.

The committee for the Achievement Day program was composed of Mrs. J. R. White and Mrs. G. M. Ager of the Mt. Pleasant club and Mrs. D. W. Hounshell, of the Black Lick Club.

There were four outstanding clubs for 1935 with less than five points difference between the first and fourth club. These clubs were: ...

- (1) Outstanding club attendance
- (2) Outstanding club objectives
- (3) Outstanding club participation
- (4) Outstanding club activities in other

Homecoming at Speedwell

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ed in District "T" play. e celebration will end with a e in the High School Audi- um Saturday night. The ecoming Queen and her court e honored at intermission.

DEFEAT TIGERS

he Rural Retreat Indians eced back from a 52 to 8 set- by Pembroke to ambush the edwell Tigers 42-20 on Satur- afternoon. Co-Captain, George yns, who missed the Pen- e game due to a knee injury, ack in the line-up. Dobyns, urster and Hawthorne led the

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George Wythe's Baby Maroons ed their football season in a t of triumph last Wednesday t as they battered the Nar- e Green Wave 20 to 14. e Maroons scored in every ter except the last, while Nar- s scored in the first and third ds. lly Turley ran the ball around eft end from the 20 yard line arrows for the first. Wythe- T. D. and George Tarter ed through the middle of the for the extra point. e Maroons second score came ng the second period when er drove through the Green e line just a few yards from goal. Turley's line plunge for point failed.ddy Flincham set up the last ointer when he grabbed a n Wave fumble and deliver- o the 6 yard line of Nar- s. Tarter, on a second try,

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## WYTHE COUNTIANS IN SPOTLIGHT Crockett Community Club's President For Past Year An Example Of "Winning" Spirit Of People Of The Section

By SALLY WOLFENDEN  
ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER  
(PHOTO BY GREAR STUDIO—WYTHEVILLE)



DONALD KENT WAMPLER

Last week a small community in Wythe County gained statewide prominence, not because of some tragic disaster as is so often the case today, but for the simple reason that its citizens had banded together to make the community they call home a better place in which to live.

Of course we are speaking of the Crockett Community, which won the \$500 prize in the Southwest Virginia-East Tennessee Community Club Improvement contest as well as the \$50 prize in the Wythe County contest. In the area contest there were 17 other clubs participating and the competition was keen, but the Crockett club emerged victorious by the unanimous vote of the judges.

Led by nineteen-year-old Donald Kent Wampler, the citizens of the Crockett community have proved to all that a group of people, young and old, working together in harmony, can accomplish almost impossible feats and bring to their community and county the respect and recognition of the entire country. A visit to that section will show any "Doubting Thomas" the result of the work these people have done to improve their homes, their schools and their churches for the children, young people and adults all of whom played an integral part in making their community tops in the county and area contests.

To these people the awards will be a means for further improvements, but their real satisfaction goes back over the entire year when together they planned and worked out the improvements to be made and through the months worked together to accomplish

their goal. The united effort on the part of the people of the entire community brought about a spirit of cooperation and neighborliness which will never be forgotten by those who participated in the work.

In choosing Don Wampler as their leader in November 1951 the Crockett Community Club members made a wise selection, for this young man possesses all the qualities of leadership. When there is a job to be done, he is willing to do his share and more and is always ready to lend a helping hand. He is blessed with a wonderful personality which makes working with him on a job a pleasure rather than a burden.

Don is quick to tell everyone that he doesn't deserve the credit as all the honor received was his by the united efforts of all; however, those present at the judging in Bristol last week state that his presentation of the Crockett Club's accomplishments was a masterpiece and no doubt went a long way in winning the area award.

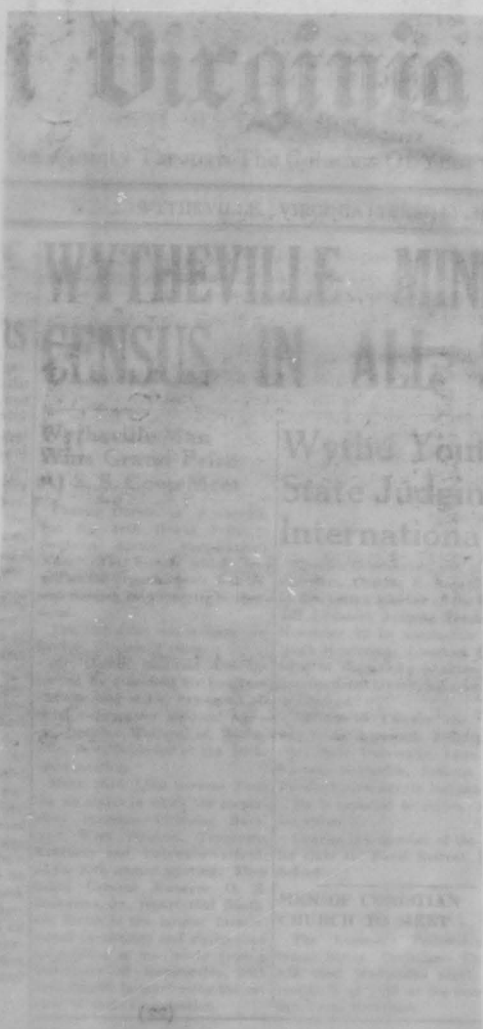
Don was born June 5, 1933 in Crockett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Wampler. After attending school at King's Grove two years he went to the Rural Retreat school and graduated there in 1950. He then went to West Virginia Business College in Bluefield and graduated at that institution in April 1951, completing the course in only seven months. He started to work as Deputy Clerk of the Wythe County School Board the same month and is still "at home" in the School Board office at the Court House during the day. His home however is Crockett and he commutes each day to his job here.

When questioned as to sports,

Don said baseball was his favorite. He played for Rural Retreat last year in the Tri-County League. He also likes basketball and was a member of the Crockett team in the Independent League last year. In fact, when it comes to sports, he likes them all.

Don is a member of King's Grove Methodist Church, where he teaches a class of young adults in the Sunday School. He is a life member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and the Lutheran Missionary Society through gifts made to the organizations by his grandfather. He is also a member of the Youth Fellowship.

Don is proud of his community and the friends he has made while serving as president of the Crockett community club. The next step is the club's contest with the Roanoke area winner, Santog, and we are expecting that Don and the Crockett folks will win again. However, if such is not the case, they have won the admiration of this entire section for the year's hard improvements they have made in their community and homes.



**FAMED WINDOW,  
BEST YET SAY SOME**

## 10 Seal Receipts In Wythe Now \$1,155.60

Majority Of All Money Received From The Purchase  
Of Seals Remains In Wythe County To Aid  
In The Continued Fight Against The Disease

### New Moose Members To Be Initiated At Meet Thursday

Wytheville Lodge No. 394, Loyal Order of Moose will meet in regular session Friday, December 1, at 8 P. M. in the Lodge Hall. A class of candidates will be initiated at this meeting.

All persons who have their applications for membership filed are urged to be present and members of the degree team are asked to attend and help confer the work.

### FIELDER'S JEWELRY SHOP, RURAL RETREAT GRAND OPENING IS SAT.

The Fielder Jewelry Store, of Rural Retreat, will hold a formal Grand Opening Saturday. The store was operated for several years by the late J. E. Fielder. Recently the store was purchased by his son, Frank A. Fielder. The formal and Grand Opening of the store under the new management will be held Saturday. At the formal opening one ladies

Thanksgiving week was a time of giving to the Wythe County Tuberculosis Association, with receipts to the present time amounting to \$1,155.60. The march toward the goal is going at top speed thanks to the purchase of Handkerchiefs and Seals, every one of which is a down payment on a gift of health for Wythe County.

Eighty-two and one-half per cent of every dollar contributed was used to support the Association program right here in Wythe County.

"You will want to brighten your holiday cards, letters and packages with these seals," Miss Lola E. county seal sale chairman. "Please buy them and be sure you use them."

### NEW MEMBERS OF CHURCH HONOREES AT GATHERING

The people who have joined the Wytheville Baptist Church since June 1 will be honored at a banquet to be held at the church tonight. It was on June 1 that the present

XI. WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

During 1952, all home demonstration clubs worked closely with the County Health Department. They gave publicity and assisted with the county health clinics. They donated food, clothing, money, work and time in furthering a better county health program. Besides these, 44 members were regular blood donors. Four clubs served food on days the Bloodmobile visited the county.

The agent has worked with the Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, U.S.D.A. Council, Southern States, Soil Conservation, and other civic organizations since reporting for work on April 1, 1952.

XII. BRIEF APPRAISAL OF YEAR'S WORK

Leaders were able to keep the county program active for two months when an agent was not available. Since the agent's arrival, leaders have continued cooperative assistance. Reports on accomplishments for the year reveal continued growth and interest in club, community, and county.

The work done by the 4-H clubs show lack of adult leadership when home agent is attending state meetings. Leaders fail to assume responsibilities if agent is not present. Junior leadership is beginning to grow and is becoming more helpful and effective in teaching projects. Not enough training meetings have been offered 4-H leaders in order for the program to be as strong as it should be. With the beginning of a 4-H Program Planning Committee for the first time, it is believed a strong 4-H county-wide program will develop comparable to the home demonstration program.

The county extension program is kept before the public through two county newspapers and a regular weekly radio broadcast. The varied and versatile planned county program holds the interest and esteem of the entire county population.

Community clubs have grown in membership, activities, accomplishments, and recognition. Their influence is recognized not only in Wythe County, but in counties surrounding Roanoke and all Southwest Virginia. Pride of the Wythe County Extension Program is expressed by the editor of the Southwest Virginia Enterprise of November 28, 1952, as follows:

## ENTERPRISE Editorials

### WYTHE COUNTY RINGS THE BELL AGAIN!

Once again progressive Wythe County has stepped into the limelight. Monday the coveted first prize in the Southwest Virginia-East Tennessee Community Improvement Contest for 1952 was won by the Crockett Club. The ENTERPRISE hastens to salute this fine Wythe Community, and to extend heartiest congratulations to the membership of the Crockett Community Club. We salute the officers and the efficient president, Don Wampler, who did such an outstanding job this past year. Our hats are off to all . . . once again Wythe County has rung the bell.

The tremendous strides made in recent years in Wythe County along many lines we believe has not yet been fully appreciated, or recognized by many citizens. Using the past five years as an example, all we ask is for the people to view the almost unbelievable accomplishments of this brief period of time. Since 1947 over a million dollars have been spent in road improvements. We have in this county one of two or three diagnostic laboratories in Virginia, and the Carter Park rates as second, if not first in conveniences, beauty and in number of visitors annually.

Today the county of Wythe rates as one of the top dairy producing counties of the entire area.

To be found on the farms of Wythe today are some of the finest and most costly registered beef cattle in the south or the nation. This holds good with sheep, while the yield per acre for corn and wheat from the fertile land of this county will compare favorably with any county in the Old Dominion.

The Four-H clubs of this county have leaped into prominence, while we are confident and have no fear of contradiction that the Home Demonstration Club work in Wythe will stand beside that of any county of equal population

in this or any other state. For results obtained, and for the far-reaching accomplishments that directly affect all members of the family, the ENTERPRISE has not the slightest doubt but that our HD Club work can always be held up in the entire Commonwealth as a shining example.

To add to the wonderful and almost unbelievable progress of the past few years—about three years ago the Community Improvement Club idea was born. It is interesting to note that Wythe was among the first counties in the Southwest Virginia area to embrace the idea. Once the Communities of this county decided to compete they really "rang the bell." Black Lick it will be recalled stepped into the limelight with first place in Wythe, and a high third place rating in all Southwest Virginia, and East Tennessee. This year, as is known Crockett won over all competitors, while such Community Clubs as Rural Retreat, Centrailla, and the newer clubs Speedwell, Lead Mines and Huddle reported a host of accomplishments in their respective communities.

It is indeed with a keen sense of pride that the ENTERPRISE notes the last form of real progress Wythe is making. As a newspaper primarily interested in Wythe, and keenly anxious to aid every way possible in her development, and to see prosperity always assured for all of her citizenry, we join with the citizens of Crockett, and the members of all Community Improvement Clubs in rejoicing in the envied laurels so justifiably won. The one key to all of Wythe's progress has been a simple but much used word . . . it is CO-OPERATION. We have given to the world a very fine example of ingenuity, cooperation, hard work, and self reliance.