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III.

PERSONAL REPORT SUMMARY

	Miller-----	Fanning-----	Total
Days in field.....	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	133 $\frac{1}{2}$	210
Days in office.....	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	74
Days Annual Leave.....	6	3	9
Days Sick Leave.....	10	0	10
Days leave without pay.....	0	0	0
Legal holidays taken.....	0	3	3
Number home visits made (adult)	295	513	808
Number 4-H Club demonstrations visited.....	56	61	117
Total number different homes visited.....	264	199	464
Office calls.....	187	293	480
Telephone calls.....		13	13
Number news articles prepared for press.....	46	51	97
Number individual letters written.....	664	672	1336
Number different circular letters prepared.....	13	21	34
Number meetings attended.....	16	47	63
Number miles traveled.....	3274	7838	11,112

IV. STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION

1. Home Demonstration Work was established in Amelia County in 1923. During the past twelve years it has become one of the most popular organizations in the county. For the last two years the appropriation has been made without opposition from anyone. Amelia is a rural county with no commercial plants to give employment or bring in revenue. It is located in the southeastern part of the state. Tobacco, corn and hay are the chief crops. Amelia is not a wealthy county and the people are anxious to find out how they can save money. The representatives of the Extension Organization Work with the people and help them plan, so that they can live better. Practically every family in the county is reached either by the farm or home agent.

At the present time there are 12 Home Demonstration Clubs; 14 4-H Clubs, and 3 Junior Homemaker Clubs in the county, with a total enrollment of 425 people.

2. Home Demonstration Work received financial support from the following:

(a) The County Board of Supervisors, which is composed of a representative from each of the three magisterial Districts, namely; Leigh, Jackson, and Giles. The general policies and affairs of the county are managed by this Board. For the past twelve years these representatives have made an appropriation for Home Demonstration Work.

(b) The County School Board is composed of three members, one appointed to represent each of the three districts. This Board supervises the educational work in the county. They have made an appropriation for Home Demonstration Work for the past twelve years. This Board is most cooperative and allows us to have 4-H Club meetings with the children at the school during school hours when necessary.

2. COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE WORK

(a) The county Advisory Board is composed of twenty-six members. Some of these are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. The rest are the presidents of the Home Demonstration clubs, who serve only as long as they hold office in their local clubs. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to help the agent plan the work for the county and assist in carrying out these plans.

The officers of the Board are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who hold office for two years. The officers form the Executive Committee and meet with the agent when it is not necessary to call the whole group together. Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

The most outstanding work of the Advisory Board has been the payment of \$75.00 to Jamestown 4-H Club Camp to be used in erecting bath houses. Part of this money was raised by producing a play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard"

Local people took part in the play, and it was produced in two communities. The majority of the local clubs made a voluntary contribution to this fund.

The Advisory Board sponsored a most successful garden tour in May.

Since House Furnishings was the major project, a Letter Writing Contest was conducted. Seven stories were written on the subject, "Is It Worth While To Put Time and Money Into a Home To Make It More Comfortable and Attractive?" The stories were judged and entered in the State Contest. The Advisory Board awarded a prize to the county winner at the Annual Achievement Day Program. (For Prize winning letter see Supplement page 1)

The Board paid their dues and sent one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. They also voted to pay the expenses of one club girl at the State Short Course - Paid \$2.50 to sending delegates to the National Rural Home Conference.

The major project for 1935 was selected at the October meeting of the Advisory Board. The agent had sent several suggested outlines of projects to the Board members and they had discussed these projects at the club meeting. When the vote was counted it was found that the members wished to continue with the House Furnishings Unit selected in 1933.

The work in 1934 was most successful and the club members thought it wise to give most of their time to making their homes

more comfortable and attractive.

There are 1,068 white women in Amelia County. Through Home Demonstration Work we have reached approximately 186 women directly and 325 indirectly.

3. 4-H CLUB COUNCIL

The 4-H Club Council is composed of the officers from the fourteen clubs in the county. Leaders are exofficio members. The aim of the Council is to sponsor 4-H Club Work and spread its influence wherever possible. It also trains the officers as to how to conduct their meetings properly.

The Council met in November and drew up the following Plan of Work for 1934 - 1935:

<u>GOALS</u>	<u>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</u>
1. Hold 12 monthly meetings in each club :	Average of 9 meetings held in each club.
2. Have 15 members attend the State Short Course.....	No State Short Course.
3. Have 15 members attend the District Short Course.....	No District Short Course.
4. Each club be represented at Achievement Day.....	10 Clubs represented at Achievement Day.
5. Each club make program out for three months in advance.....	Each club made program for three months in advance.
6. At four of the meetings have some feature of "First Aid".....	12 clubs had some "First Aid" feature at four meetings.
7. Have a Critic in each club.....	Five clubs had a Critic.
8. Each club pay 10 cents per member to the Council by May 1st.....	Fifty club members paid 10 cents to the Council.
9. Every club have Initiation and Installation Ceremony.....	Each club had Initiation and Installation Ceremony.
10. Have Parents attend at least one club meeting during the year.....	Six clubs had parents visit club meetings during the year.
11. Each member give a demonstration.....	175 Club Members gave a demonstration.

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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| 12. The Vice-President of each club collect Record Books.....              | : | Vice-President of 10 clubs collected Record Books.    |
| 13. Each club have a social feature during the year.....                   | : | Seven clubs had a social feature.                     |
| 14. Each club learn one new song and game at each meeting.....             | : | Twelve clubs have learned a new song at each meeting. |
| 15. Hold Selection Day in June.....  | : | Selection Day held in July.                           |
| 16. Have fifty-percent of clubs in the county have original club song..... | : | No original song.                                     |
| 17. Hold County-wide Achievement Day in October.....                       | : | County-wide Achievement Day in October.               |
| 18. County Council give club play.....                                     | : | Unable to give play.                                  |
| 19. Each club adopt a definite Plan of Work.                               | : | Each club had a definite Plan of Work.                |
| 20. Each club have judging in each project                                 | : | Each club had judging in each project.                |
| 21. 20% of all club members be five-pointers:                              | : | 20% of club members are five-pointers                 |
| 22. Have a leader in every club.....                                       | : | Leaders in seven clubs.                               |

The Council has been inactive this year because club meetings could not be held in the county from July 15th to October 1st, on account of infantile paralysis. However, the members helped with the 4-H Achievement Day Program. The Council paid for the Achievement Day Prizes.

There are 504 white girls in Amelia County between the ages of 10 and 19 years, and 125 between the ages of 20 and 24 years of age. This year 192 girls were enrolled in 4-H Clubs. Approximately twenty girls under 24 attend Home Demonstration Club Meetings, and 44 through the Junior Homemaker groups. The agent will be able to organize more clubs when more leaders are secured. An attempt is being made to secure more members in the clubs already organized.

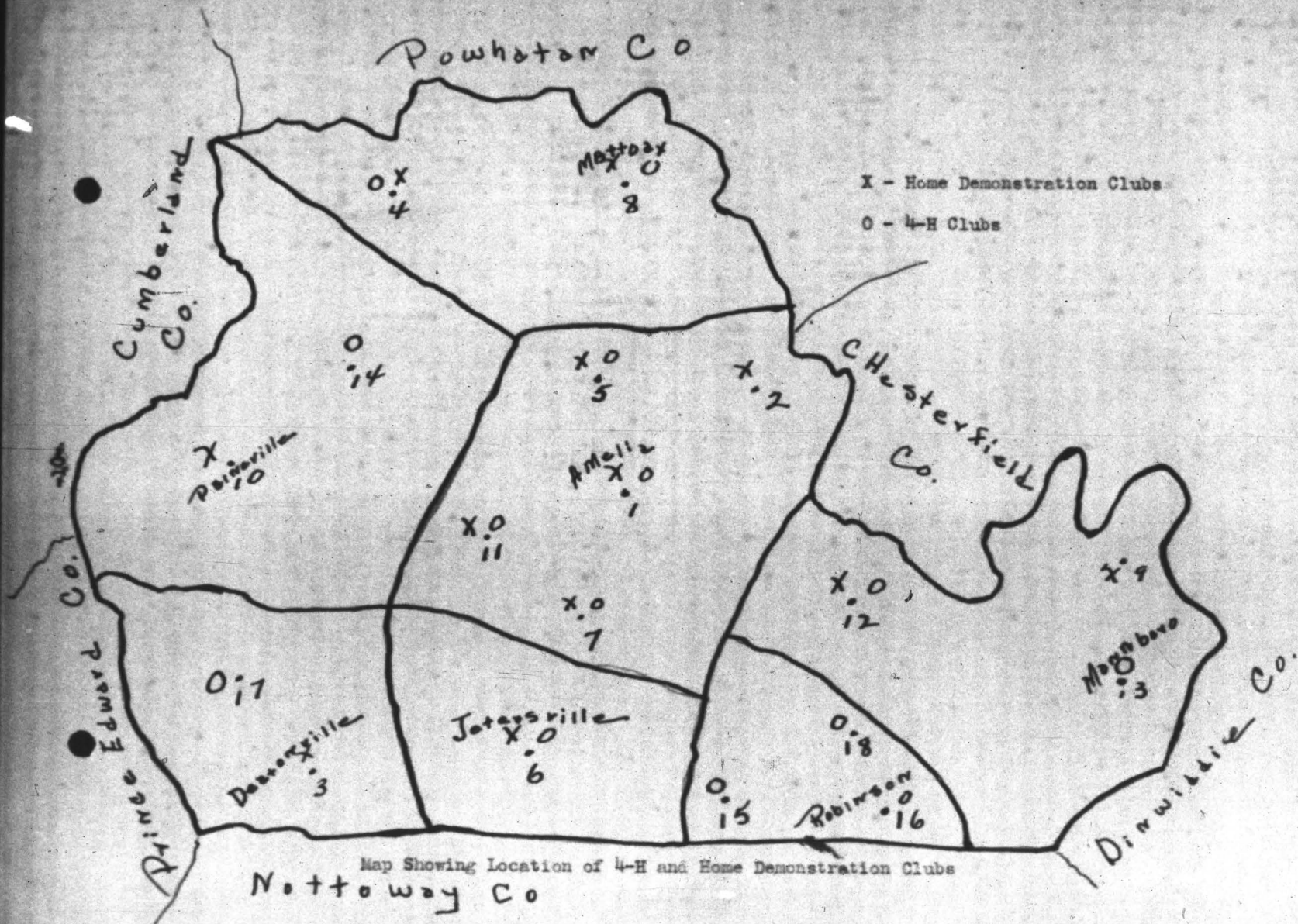
4. GENERAL POLICIES

The aim of the Extension Program is to help all of the people in the county. The Advisory Board, Home Demonstration Clubs, and 4-H Clubs have assisted the Relief Agency and Rehabilitation Workers in their work when called upon. More of our marginal people have been reached in this way.

The county Garden Club, Parent Teacher's Association, Red Cross and other local agencies have been assisted where ever possible. In many communities the club members belong to one or two of these other organizations. Often time is given at club meetings to discuss and plan for community activities which the club women support.

V. PROGRAM OF WORK

1. On the following page you will find a map of Amelia County, showing the rural communities with the location of 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs. Facing this is a key to the map showing the membership of each club and the number of meetings:



Home Demonstration Clubs	Membership	No. Meetings
1. Amelia	11	3
2. Chula	10	11
3. Dentonville	22	11
4. Earnest Workers	16	12
5. Grub Hill	11	11
6. Jetersville	19	11
7. Maplewood	15	6
8. Mattoax	10	11
9. Namoxine	16	11
10. Painville	24	11
11. Truxillo	13	6
12. Washington Academy	19	7

TOTALS : 186 : 111

4-H CLUBS	Membership	No. Meetings
1. Amelia	62	26
5. Grub Hill	12	9
6. Jetersville	23	9
13. Mannboro	10	7
7. Maplewood	7	9
8. Mattoax	10	10
14. Morven	11	6
4. Pine-Grove	15	13
15. Promise Land	8	6
16. Robinson	8	6
17. Rodophil	8	9
11. Truxillo	7	9
18. Vochees	5	7
12. Washington Academy	6	8

TOTALS : 192 : 119

2. SCOPE OF WORK

(a) Enrollment for the past four years:

Year	<u>Women</u>		<u>Girls</u>	
	No. Clubs	No. Members	No. Clubs	No. Members
1932	10	184	22	218
1933	12	268	23	228
1934	12	213	22	247
1935	12	187	14	192

3. WOMEN'S WORK

(a) Major Project: The major project for this year was House Furnishings with emphasis placed on The Attractive Home. Leaders were urged to attend all Training Meetings in order to give more assistance with the work. This was the second year of House Furnishings Work and we found most interest in demonstrations on "Aids to Meal Service" "Table Linens," "Re-upholstering Furniture" and "How to Make Slip Covers," "Accessories For Personality" and "Pictures for the Home."

Reports show that eighty-five women have improved the selection of household furnishings; ninety have used recommendations in repairing, remodeling or refinishing furniture. One hundred-forty rooms have been made more comfortable and attractive through the House Furnishings Program.

Eighty-six women have followed recommendations in improving the arrangement of rooms. Sixty-four women have improved treatment of walls, woodwork and floors. It is estimated that six hundred sixty-one dollars has been saved through the House Furnishings Program in Amelia County.

Re-upholstering Furniture seems to have been the most popular demonstration. At least three pieces of furniture have been re-upholstered in each community. One club woman said she showed the chair which she re-upholstered to a man who specializes in upholstering, and he would not believe she had done the work.

The demonstration on Table Linens has been popular too. One club woman uses her feed bags to make attractive luncheon sets. Since her table is large she uses one whole bag for the center and adds a four inch band of material from another bag. She uses a decorative stitch where the band is added. Napkins are made to match.

Many improvements have been made which cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Rooms have been made more attractive by re-hanging pictures. In many homes unsightly accessories have been discarded and those remaining arranged more attractively.

In February the agent announced that the county campaign would be Better Rural Housing Program. A copy of the letter sent to each club member is found on page 2 of the supplement.

Reports show that the following improvements have been made in addition to those already listed: Forty-seven roofs have been repaired: five houses painted and two new houses built; twenty four porches have been repaired: five chimneys have been made safer; forty-three windows have been repaired: eighteen pieces of labor saving equipment has been bought and twenty-eight home-made labor saving devices constructed.

(b) The Amelia County Women are proud of their food preservation work. This was a splendid season and we find the club members report having canned 10,833 quarts fruit, 18,077 quarts of vegetables, 3,033 quarts of meat and 7,116 quarts of other foods. Valued at \$9,620.00.

(Due to the illness and death of the Home Demonstration Agent the canning budgets were not filled out in time to enter any of the canning contests. One club member sent thirteen canning exhibits to the State Fair and won first prize on all except one and received second place on it.

Miss Agnes Maupin, representative from the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Company has given three canning demonstrations in the county. Two in canning fruits and vegetables and one on meat canning. These demonstrations were well attended.

Four clubs have canned 325 quarts of fruits and vegetables for hospitals who have free wards.

Three clubs have had demonstrations on "Making American Cheese for Their Own Use?" A group of Rehabilitation women were given a demonstration on Making Cottage Cheese. One woman says she has used all the surplus milk which she had in making cheese since that time.

Two clubs were interested in school lunches. The well balanced lunch and how to pack a lunch box properly have been stressed.

Home Management problems have been discussed at almost every club meeting. The women are planning their work so that they will have more free time. They say that they find their work is easier in the rooms where the furniture has been re-arranged.

Each club had a poultry leader who brought timely reports on the care of poultry. One club member reports that she cleared \$170.00 on her spring chickens. Fifteen women are keeping accounts of their flocks and an effort is being made to get others to follow their example.

Practically every club member makes her own clothing. Demonstrations have been given on Selection of Materials; Correct Lines for Slender and Stout Women, Remodeling Old Clothes and Construction of Childrens Clothing. One club member reports she has made fifty-nine garments during the year.

Every club had a garden leader and time was given for her report at each meeting. All of the club members had a Spring Garden and approximately 85% report they have planted a Fall and Winter Garden.

A Back Door Yard Campaign was started in 1934. Twenty-five women report that they have made improvements in their back yards. All of the clubs have asked to continue this project for another year. One club member has received a prize from the Amelia County Garden Club for the work which she has done. Pictures of her yard before and after improvements were made are shown on page 03 of the supplement.

(c) The club members are not only interested in their homes, but they also like to have community programs. In many localities the schools have been consolidated and the only recreational features are those sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs. All of the clubs have a Christmas Party.

The Deatonville Club gave a lawn party and featured a "Tacky Wedding" for entertainment. Namosine Club gave a lawn party in July. Recently they produced a play "Clubbing a Husband"

The Grub Hill Club and the Painville Home Demonstration Clubs have given old fashioned square dances. Grub Hill also gave a "Tasty Supper and Oyster Supper"

A Minstrel was given at Mattox in the club room and the club received half of the money taken in at the door.

Earnest Workers gave a Tasty Supper and exhibited a booth at the South Side Virginia Fair.

The Chula Club helped secure subscriptions to the Farmers Wife.

(d) The leaders have been most helpful in carrying on the work. It would not have been possible to accomplish as much as we have this year without the leaders. All of the Leaders Training Meetings were held before the new agent came in May. When the leaders learned that the new agent was new in the work, they did everything possible to help her. They gladly gave or helped give the demonstrations. In many communities they held meetings while the former agent was sick. Records for the year show that the leaders have given 41 demonstrations without the help of the agent and have assisted her with 25 more. They have given 85 days to leadership work.

In the Earnest Workers Club one of the leaders secured jars from the Sheltering Arms Hospital in Richmond to be filled by Club members. In another club, jars were filled for the South Side Virginia Hospital.

The Leaders have helped club members re-upholster furniture and make slip covers in a number of communities.

(e) Two women spent the entire week at Adult Camp which was held at Jamestown 4-H Camp in August.

Twenty more visited the camp for one day. All expressed a desire to return next summer.

(f) Amelia County was represented by 15 women at the State Federation Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs in Blacksburg. The Advisory Board and eight clubs sent delegates. This was the first vacation which many of the women had had in years and they enjoyed the programs thoroughly. All were impressed with the talk and demonstration by Mrs. Tobey. The reports have been good and each representative expressed the regret that she could not bring more back to her club.

All of the Amelia County Clubs paid their dues to the Federation.

(g) The Annual Garden Tour was conducted in May. One-hundred twenty-five men, women and children visited two gardens in Chesterfield County, Southern Daries Ice Cream Plant and Valentine Museum in Richmond. Three school buses carried the group at a cost of about fifteen (15) cents per person. This is the largest number of people who have ever gone on a Home Demonstration tour from this county. Many expressed the desire to go again soon.

The Fall Meeting of the County Federation was held November 2nd, with the following Programs

Invocation.....Rev. Claude Moseley  
Pastor Trinity M.E. Church

Address of Welcome.....Mrs. T.H. Wootton  
Chairman, Advisory Board

Election of officers:

Song.....Dreaming

Club Reports.....Amelia-----Grab Hill  
Chula-----Earnest Workers  
Deatonville----Jetersville

Solo.....Mrs. Beatrix Hawkes  
School Supervisor

Club Reports.....Maplewood-----Painville  
Mattoax-----Truxille  
Namosine-----Washington Academy

Instrumental Solo.....Miss Virginia Selecman

The National Rural Home Conference-Mrs. E.F. Yates

The Forward March of Home Demonstration Work:  
Miss Sylvia Slocum--  
District Home Demonstration Agent

Song.....Home on The Range

Progress of the Rural Rehabilitation Program in Amelia County:  
Miss Selina Hindle.....Rehabilitation Home Economist

Report from Subsistence Gardens.....Mrs. Jeanne Thurber  
Subsistence Garden Supervisor

Summary of Home Demonstration Work..Miss Mildred Fanning  
Co. Home Dem. Agent

Awarding the Prizes.....Miss Lucy Blake  
Powhatan Home Dem. Agent

Homemakers Creed.....Entire Group.

One hundred women were present. A splendid canning exhibit was judged and prizes awarded. A handicraft exhibit of articles made by Home Demonstration Members was another feature of the program. A Bazaar was held and four dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$4.87) cleared. A newspaper account of the program is found on page 4 of the supplement.

(h) The agent served on the county Rehabilitation Committee and visited the clients homes with Rehabilitation Home Economist. An effort is being made to establish a Home Demonstration Club in one community. Three demonstrations have been given, the first to five people and the last to ten women. The group is eager to learn. One woman told the agent she wished they could meet every week because there were so many new helps in the demonstrations.

Home Demonstration Club members have been urged to invite the Rehabilitation Clients to their club meetings.

(i) The Earnest Workers Home Demonstration Club has done the best work this year. This club had the following Program of Work:

1. Have two project leaders attend each Leaders Training Meeting. Pay their expenses for gas from club treasury
2. Have some form of recreation on every program.
3. Pay dues and send a delegate to the meeting of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

4. Have a Christmas Party for our husbands.
5. Each member who can pay dues of five-cents per month.
6. Enter all contests for which eligible.
7. Each member keep a record of her canning and report it monthly.
8. Help reach more women in our community.
9. Adopt the County Plan of Work.
10. Sponsor 4-H Club Work.
11. Assist with the Relief Problems of our community.
12. Assist with the Community Association and School League.
13. Have a full attendance at the Federation Club Meeting.
14. Have our representative attend the Advisory Board Meeting each quarter.
15. Have the following demonstrations:
  - (a) Aids to Meal Service
  - (b) Table Linens.
  - (c) Upholstering Furniture
  - (d) Furniture and Slip Covers
  - (e) Accessories for Personality and Use.
  - (f) Pictures in the Home
  - (g) Baking Bread from your own Wheat.
  - (i) Community Dramatics
  - (j) Correct and Slenderizing Designs for the Stout Women.
  - (k) Correct Lines for Slender and Small Women.

The Earnest Workers Club has fifteen members and has held twelve meetings with sixty per cent attendance. Since the major project was House Furnishings, a Home Improvement Leader was appointed who sent in the following report:

"In the Earnest Workers Club, 13 women have improved the selection of household furnishings; 10 have improved the arrangement of rooms, 13 have improved the treatment of walls, woodwork and floors. 28 rooms have been made more comfortable and attractive. 20 pieces of furniture have been reconditioned. In all it is estimated that \$150.00 has been saved through the house furnishings program by our club members!"

The club gave a Christmas Party for their husbands. Later in the year they gave a Tasty Supper. In August the club gave a "Stork" shower for one of their members. A booth demonstrating accessories for the living room was put on exhibit at the South Side Virginia Fair. One club member demonstrated how to make accessories during the week.

One member from this club sent thirteen canning exhibits to the State Fair and won twelve blue ribbons and one red. She also won first on four exhibits at the Annual Achievement Day.

The club sent two delegates to the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in Blacksburg, and one other member was there for part of the meeting. Another member spent a week at Jamestown Adult Camp.

A contestant from the Earnest Workers Club won first prize in the county Story Writing Contest.

The Club members report 1,276 quarts of fruit, 2,116 quarts of vegetables, 452 quarts meats and 833 quarts of other foods canned for home use. In addition, they canned fifteen dozen jars of fruits and vegetables for the Sheltering Arms Hospital in Richmond.

(k) Each club in the county started the new year with a Christmas Party.

In July the Deatonville Club held their Annual Picnic. The 4-H Club members met in the morning and the Home Demonstration Club in the afternoon.

The Namoxine Club quilted a quilt for one of their members whose home burned last winter, at their picnic. This club also has some form of recreation at each one of its club meetings.

The members of the Chula Club have made a splendid study of the Relationship of the Homemaker to Civic Affairs. They invited a local lawyer to be guest speaker at one program and served a picnic supper afterward.

4. GIRLS WORK

(a) The major project for the club girls was Home Improvement. Some very good work has been done, even though the clubs could not meet from July 15th to October 1st, on account of infantile paralysis.

The girls have had demonstrations on First Aid for the Living Room, Homemade Rugs and Mats, Bedroom Linens, Handy Helps for Kitchens, Dressing Up The Porch, Flowers in the Home, Attractive Table Linens. They found the demonstration on Rug Making most useful because they could make use of the materials which they already had on hand.

Reports show that eighty-five girls have improved the color schemes of rooms in their homes; forty-three have repaired, remodeled or refinished furniture. Twenty-five helped finish walls, woodwork or floors in their homes; Seventy-five took care of their own rooms regularly; forty-nine rooms were improved through 4-H Club Work in this county.

The girls saved money by reconditioning fifty-three pieces of furniture, seating twenty-nine chairs or stools. They helped can food and many of them learned how to sew.

The girls earned money by working in the tobacco, picking black eyed peas, weeding the garden and helping with the household tasks. Some picked pickles; other raised chickens.

One twelve year old club member made good use of the information which she had obtained from the demonstration on Rug Making. She made and entered a Rug in the contest sponsored by Sears Roebuck and Company. This rug won first prize and she received \$20.00 in prize money.

Shirley Whittington did the most outstanding club work in the county. She was selected to represent Virginia at the National 4-H Club Camp. Shirley says this about her trip:

"Being in Washington for a week with that group of fine outstanding boys and girls, who represented 43 states in the Union, was the greatest event of my life. I wish every other 4-H Club member could have the same opportunity!"

Shirley returned from college to give her report of the trip at the local Achievement Day. She visited the Achievement Day in a neighboring county and told the boys and girls about Camp.

This year Shirley won first in Home Economics Judging at Selection Day. She received prizes at Achievement Day on all of her exhibits. She completed her project and canned over 200 quarts of fruits and vegetables alone besides helping with the canning for the rest of her family;

Not only has Shirley improved her own home, but she also takes an active lead in her local club and in all county-wide activities. She is a freshman in college now, but she plans

to continue carrying her club project. (A picture of Shirley is found on page 6 of supplement)

(b) The club girls have helped with the home canning.

They were unable to enter the canning contest because of the change in agents.

Several days were spent helping a leader train a Poultry Judging Team to take to the State Fair. The boys were young and lacking in experience, but they placed seventh in the contest. It is hoped they will do better next year.

Several of the girls took an interest in vegetable gardening. The following letter was written by one twelve year old club girl:

"My Back Door Garden--24 by 72 feet!"

"First a man plowed the land for me free of charge. Then Dad hoed and raked it over and he and mother showed me how to lay off rows and plant the seed. The first thing which I planted was four dozen strawberry plants given me by neighbors. I sat these along the back fence. I picked a few berries this summer and from the way the vines have grown there will be enough berries next Spring for our table, and some to can.

The first seeds which were planted in my garden were spinach, mustard, radish, lettuce and peas. I also set three rows of onions. We used a quantity of vegetables all summer, gave some away and still have enough to last until a new crop comes in, which is planted and growing now. I also had squash, snaps, butter beans, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, cabbage, peppers and tomatoes.

We had enough for our family, some to give to others, and enough to fill 200 quarts.

As soon as a row of any vegetable was used, something else was planted in its place until there was from two to three plantings on the same land.

It is October 15th and I now have lettuce, radishes, young onions, late cabbage, peas about six inches high, late carrots up and growing. We will have green butter beans and tomatoes because the house protected my garden and the first frost did not kill the vegetables.

I have just set four dozen strawberry plants and will soon set rhubarb, asparagus and horse radish plants.

All in all, my little garden has been wonderful, and is now. Lots of people have been to see it and said they had never seen as many vegetables grown on so small a piece of land. I feel that I made a success of gardening this year, and am glad I took it up as part of my club work.

Martha has been repaid for the work which she did in her garden. She has been encouraged in her work by her parents.

(c) There were few community activities this year, because of the county-wide quarantine.

Rodophil club gave a Square Dance and had a Brunswick Stew.

The Grub Hill Club gave two one-act plays and sold ice cream to a large audience.

The Pine-Grove Club held an ice cream social.

(d) The Pine-Grove Community Club had the best program for the year. They had the following Plan of Work.

1. To hold 12 monthly meetings--Time--2nd Friday night of each month.
2. To have each member give at least one demonstration during the year.
3. To have the years program made out in advance.
4. To assist in County Plan of Work
5. To have a club picnic--Public Program or party.
6. To learn a new song and game each month.
7. Have 100% attendance at County Rally.
8. To train members how to judge their projects.
9. Have at least 1 delegate at State Short Course.
10. Send 2 delegates to the District Short Course.
11. Have 100% attendance at Achievement Day.
12. To enter all contests for which we are eligible.
13. The club to be responsible for getting officers to the County Council Meeting.
14. To raise funds to help defray the expense of delegates to the Short Courses, and pay \$3.00 Pledge to Bath House Fund.
15. To do the best work possible in the Home Improvement, Poultry, Garden, Corn projects in which we are enrolled.
16. Keep Record Books up to date. The Assistant Leader to see that books are completed and reports made to agent.
17. Strive to build a Club Room.

The Pine-Grove club had twenty-two members and met the second Friday night in each month. Fifteen girls carried Home Improvement as their major project. Four boys belonged to the Poultry Club and three to the Corn Club. Nine meetings have been held with a 90% attendance.

All of the club members have given at least one demonstration, during the year. The topics of some of the demonstrations have been: "How to Hang a Picture," "How to Select Seed Corn," "Artificial Respiration," "Arrangement of Flowers," "Poultry Judging" and "Accessories for the Living Room."

One boy won first on his corn exhibited at the State Fair. Fifteen club members sent exhibits to the Achievement Day and won prizes on eight of these.

When the county Home Improvement Work was judged, Josephine Woods, a member of this club, was declared the winner. Her exhibits was entered in the State Contest. She won second place in this contest and received a Walnut Rocker as a prize.

The club cleared fifteen dollars (\$15.00) on the ice cream festival described in V-4-C.

In October the club gave a Hallowe'en party at the home of one club member, and invited their parents. The group planned the program and prepared the refreshments with the assistance of their club leader. Both old and young spent an enjoyable evening.

The club girls have made mats, breakfast sets, chair sets, curtains, painted furniture and refinished walls and woodwork in their homes. The majority kept fresh flowers in their homes during the summer months and many have green plants growing for this winter.

(e) The leaders have been most helpful. The success of the club program in the county has been due to the leaders. They have taken responsibility off of the agent and held the regular meetings when it was impossible for her to attend. When the clubs could not meet, the leaders visited the homes and helped the girls with their project work.

Mrs. Fred Robertson, leader in the Pine-Grove Club has done the most outstanding leadership work. She spent 15 days in project work; gave 3 method demonstrations and held two other meetings in connection with Home Improvement Work. Mrs. Robertson has not missed a club meeting during the year. She was leader for the Community Club and the project group. She attended three of the Leaders Training Meetings.

Mrs. Robertson helped train the Poultry Judging Team described in V-4-b. The girl who won second in the Home Improvement Contest, see V-4-d, was under Mrs. Robertson's leadership. The other achievements in the Pine-Grove Club are due largely to Mrs. Robertson.

The County Leaders Association elected officers in November and drew up the following Plan of Work:

1. Each leader make and keep a notebook
2. Assist in County Council meetings, club Ballies.
3. Send delegate to the State Short Course.
4. Send a delegate to the District Short Course.
5. Have picnic at the July Training Meeting.
6. Give a prize to leader with largest percent of girls giving demonstrations.
7. Leaders will assist in raising money for the club Pledge to build Bath House at Jamestown 4-H Camp.

The leaders have been active and have carried out this plan as well as they could.

(f) The only camp held this summer was the Junior Homemaker Camp held at Jamestown 4-H Club Camp. Eight girls from Amelia county attended. They were in charge of Vespers one evening and took part in all other camp activities. Each one enjoyed the week-end and said they would like to return next summer.

(g) Selection Day was held in July. Winners in Home Economics Judging, Best Church, School and Sport Dresses were selected.

The Annual Achievement Day was held October 19th with over 100 club members present. The program was as follows:

Meeting called to order.....	Virginia Badgett President Co. Council.
Invocation.....	Rev. D.P. Rogers Pastor Presbyterian Church
Song.....	Home on The Range

My Trip to National Camp.....	Shirley Whittington
A Challenge to Club Members.....	Miss Lucy Blake Powhatan Home Dem. Agent
Report from Amelia "All Stars".....	Clifford Bowlin President "All Stars"
Combined Report of Club Work.....	Gwendolyn Ellingson
Recognition of Leaders.....	Mrs. T.H. Wootton Chairman Advisory Board.
Summary of 4-H Club Work.....	Miss Mildred Fanning Co. Home Dem. Agent
Farm Agents Report.....	Mr. J.B. Lewis Co. Farm Agent
Play "The Heritage".....	Members of "All Stars"
Song.....	Rhododendron

Eighty-five exhibits were judged. A newspaper account of the program may be found on page five of the supplement.

(h) There are three Junior Homemaker Clubs in the county with 44 members. They had the following Program of Works:

1. Hold 12 meetings.
2. Send 2 delegates to the State Short Course.
3. Send 4 delegates to the District Short Course.
4. Have our club represented at Achievement Day.
5. Have some feature of "First Aid" at 4 programs.
6. Each club member pay 10¢ to the County Council.
7. Have parents attend one club meeting during the year.
8. Each member give one demonstration.

9. Have some social feature during the year.
10. Learn one new song or game at each meeting.
11. Hold Selection Day in June.
12. Learn how to judge the articles which we make.
13. Have a leader for our club.

The Ammon Club has done the most outstanding work. This club has fifteen members and has had demonstrations on, "Knitting," "Ediquitte," "Bound Button Holes," "Table Service," "Social Customs," "Rug Making," "Seating Chairs," with corn shucks, "Linens" and Hobbies.

In May the club members gave a play and cleared \$14.00 on it. They sent four members to the Junior Homemaker Camp at Jamestown.

Five of the members have been married during the year, and the club has given each bride a shower. In addition to this the group gave a Theater Party and each member took a guest with her.

The girls report that they have crocheted 20 pairs of gloves, 19 collar and cuff sets; pieced 6 quilts; made 35 scarfs and center pieces in addition to helping with the Canning and preserving in their homes.

(1) Part of the recreation has been discussed under V-4-C and V-4-h. The Mattox Community Club gave a Weiner Roast and entertained their parents.

The Happy Junior Homemakers have probably had the best Program of Recreation. This club gave a White Elephant Party in December. In June the club members entertained the boys at a party. In August they gave a Tea at the home of one of the club members. Former Agents in the County and the District Agent were guests. An account of this Tea is found on page 4 of the supplement.

VI. PROGRESS MADE

This has been a difficult year for Amelia County. A new Agent came to the county December 1, 1934. The Extension Organization suffered a great loss in the death of this agent, April 23, 1935. She was replaced by an agent with a small amount of experience.

In July the infantile paralysis epidemic caused all club meetings to be closed. This was unfortunate, but it gave the new agent a chance to visit more homes and become acquainted with the people.

The leaders have done an excellent piece of work. We need more of them in order to reach a larger number of people. The Leaders Training Meetings have been well attended.

The agent is not satisfied, because records show a decrease in enrollment and she feels the 4-H Club Members are capable of doing better work. However, the boys and girls have done some good work.

They have developed their abilities to cooperate with other club members and many of them are urging their parents to become club members.

The women are deeply interested in making their homes better places in which to live. The majority have very limited means with which to work, yet every woman has made some improvements in her home. An effort has been made to reach more marginal people. The club women are becoming more interested in this class of people, and it is hoped the leaders will take charge of more meetings, thus giving the agent more free time.

The people have been exceptionally cooperative and the agent has enjoyed working with them. Apparently the people are pleased, because the appropriations for 1936 was made without any objections from any person in the county. This was the second year in the history of the work that such a thing has happened.

VII. PLANS AND GOALS FOR 1936

In October the Advisory Board met and selected the major project for 1936. Since foods and House Furnishings have been stressed for the past four years, it was decided to place more emphasis on Clothing during the coming year. The topics were discussed at the September meeting of each club and the women felt they were most interested in "Making the Most of the Family Clothing Dollar?"

The following Plans and Goals have been made for 1936.

**A - General and County-wide Activities**

1. Reach more homes.
2. Hold quarterly meetings of the Advisory Board.
3. Have a Spring and Fall meeting of the County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.
4. Have 4-H Achievement Day in the Fall.
5. Pay the rest of our Pledge to Jamestown 4-H Club Camp.

**B - Home Demonstration Group Activities**

1. Have two project leaders for each club.
2. Have a garden leader for each club.
3. Have a poultry leader for each club.
4. Have a parliamentarian for each club.
5. Have recreation on each program.
6. Each club pay dues and send a delegate to the State meeting of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.
7. Adopt and carry out, where possible, the objectives of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.
8. Work for hot lunches in every school.
9. Each member keep a record of her canning and report it at each club meeting.
10. Enter all Contests for which eligible.

11. Have regular monthly meetings.

C - 4-H Club Activities

1. Hold 12 meetings in each club.
2. Have 15 members attend the State Short Course.
3. Have 10 members attend the District Short Course.
4. Each club be represented at Achievement Day.
5. Each club make out their program for the year.
6. Have a critic in each club.
7. Every club use the Installation and Initiation ceremony.
8. Have parents attend one club meeting.
9. Each club member give at least one demonstration during the year.
10. Vice-President of each club get records from members in October.
11. Each club have a social feature during the year.
12. Hold Selection Day in June.
13. Hold County-wide Achievement Day in October.
14. Each club have a Plan of Work
15. Each club have Judging Work in each project chosen.
16. Have a leader for each club.
17. Every girl enter the Correct Dress Contest.
18. Every girl enter the Style Review.
19. Campaign for Better Shoes for Better Health for Club Girls.

## Create the Home Of Your Dreams

By MRS. F. S. ROBERTSON

A Member of Pine Grove Home  
Demonstration Club,  
Amelia County

**S**INCE LIFE at its longest lasts but a few years, why not make it as happy as possible, and what better way to do that than by creating the home of our dreams? This will require both money and work, but I know of no other investment that will yield as large a degree of satisfaction to all parties concerned.

Too often the house is the last item to be considered in the list of improvements, with the result that by the time the head of the house feels that he is financially able to do so, his sense of the beautiful has been so dwarfed and his capacity for enjoyment so stunted that he is ill at ease in his new surroundings. How many women have packed lovely gifts away to become yellow with age, or out of date, waiting for the time to come when her home would have a suitable place to display them.

The time to surround your children with the refinements of life is when they are young. They will then be spared much embarrassment when they go to take their place in the world. Every child has a right to be born in a comfortable and attractive home, but on every side you see children with eyes ruined by poor lighting systems, constitutions undermined by many colds contracted in draughty rooms and often living in such crowded conditions that both health and morals are adversely affected.

Eye specialists tell us that the majority of eye-glasses worn become necessary because of eye strain during childhood from lack of proper illumination and not from originally impaired sight. If electric lights are not possible, there are a number of lamps on the market that give an excellent light and are not prohibitive in price.

A coat of paint will work wonders on an old house and is necessary to preserve the wood. A leaky roof will ruin the best of houses and the disposition of whomever lives in it. Floors properly finished will add much to the beauty of a home and save many hours of labor. Running water would be the most important contribution to the health, happiness and comfortable living in a large number of our rural homes. Very few houses have adequate closet and storage space. Screening the porches will keep out the flies by day and the mosquitoes and bugs by night, thus adding much pleasure to the summer time.

The young folks will be much more willing to remain at home if they have a home to which they are proud to bring their friends and a room of their own furnished to suit their needs.

Every member of the family ought

to consider it a duty and a privilege to give of his time and labor to make the house a home in the real sense of the word. A house that has been made comfortable and attractive and kept in good repair will be much more readily sold if it becomes advisable or necessary to sell.

A community is always proud of a citizen whose home is beautiful and well kept.

**Editor's Note**—The above letter was awarded first prize for Amelia county in the Federal Housing Administration's nation-wide contest on the subject: "Is it worth while to put money and work into making a house more comfortable and attractive?" It will be entered now in the state contest, in competition with winning letters from other counties.

Another Southside woman's letter on this subject, treating it in a somewhat different manner, will be published in The Southside Virginia News next week.

BETTER RURAL HOUSING PROGRAM.

The following are the plans for carrying out our county-wide program for this year:

1. Letter Contest among all men and women of the county who are interested.

The subject of the letter is: "The Most Worthwhile Improvement Made In our Home" To be written by the October Club Meeting. A prize is offered for the best letter.

2. REPAIR HOUSE AND FURNISHINGS

Suggested Improvements at Low Cost

1. Repair leaking roof
2. Repair Chimney to lessen fire risk.
3. Re-putty windowpanes.
4. Improve Interior Walls
  - (a) Clean Walls.
  - (b) Repair breaks and holes.
  - (c) Cover with builder's paper or wall paper board.
  - (d) Paper, calcimine or white-wash.
  - (e) Increase light by using only soft light colors on walls.
  - (f) Finish wood trim.

5. Re-condition Floors

- (a) Repair, tighten, or stain and wax.
- (b) Stain and wax.
- (c) Paint floor or old linoleum.

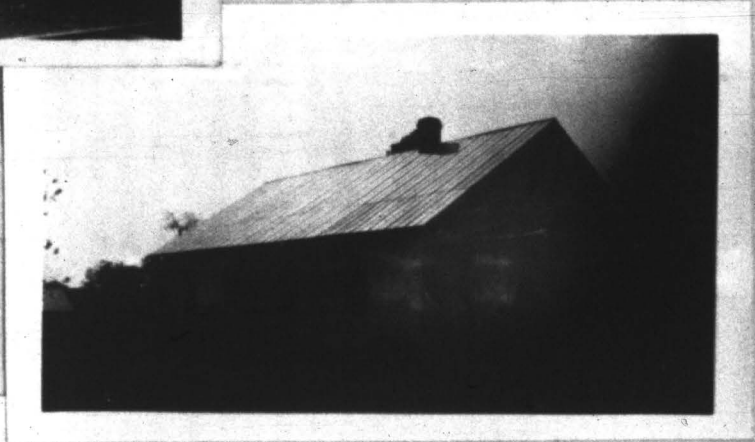
6. Re-condition Furniture

- (a) Reseat old chairs.
- (b) Re-cover worn chairs cushions.
- (c) Repair and remodel work pieces.
- (d) Refinish with paint and enamel.
- (e) Make new pieces of scrap material.

Suggested Improvements at Moderate cost.

1. Repair or replace roof.
2. Make Chimneys safe.
3. Repair damaged window casings.
4. Improve Interior Walls
  - (a) Repair as needed.
  - (b) Insulate walls.
  - (c) Paper or paint
  - (d) Increase light by using only light soft colors on walls.
  - (e) Refinish wood trim to blend with walls and ceiling.
5. Condition Floors.
  - (a) Repair or replace flooring
  - (b) Refinish floors.
  - (c) Cover with linoleum or use rugs.
6. Re-condition Furniture
  - (a) Reseat old chairs.
  - (b) Upholster chairs.
  - (c) Make slip covers.
  - (d) Apply transparent finish to good woods.

Complete report on all repair work must also be in by the October Meeting.



## Amelia Clubs Have Outstanding Year

### Achievement Day Program Includes Interesting Reports

Reports of an outstanding year in H. D. Club work were given at the Amelia county Achievement Day program held last week at the Amelia high school auditorium with 100 members present. Mrs. T. H. Wootton, chairman of the county advisory board, presided.

Miss Sylvia Slocum spoke on "The Forward March of Home Demonstration Work," showing how the movement is growing all over the country, and another glimpse of the national scope of farm women's organizations was given by Mrs. E. F. Yates of Powhatan who attended the recent meeting of the Country Life Association at Columbus, Ohio. She said that such subjects as health, religion, reading, leisure time, more attractive homes, electricity, credit, taxation, citizenship and cooperative endeavor were discussed there.

**Report Much Food Preservation**  
Miss Selina Hindle, Rural Rehabilitation home supervisor, spoke saying that reports from 31 families in Amelia show that all have canned or dried fruits and vegetables for winter use, the majority have winter gardens, all have hogs for meat and repayments have been made to the Rural Rehabilitation corporation.

Mrs. Jeanne Thurber, subsistence gardens supervisor, reported that an average of 180 quarts of fruits and vegetables has been canned by each subsistence gardener.

Miss Mildred Fanning, home agent, gave a summary of the club work of the year. Her record of the canning done by about 175 club members was exceptionally good. It showed that 10,833 quarts of fruit, 18,077 quarts of vegetables, 3,033 quarts of meat and 7,116 quarts of other foods, such as pickles, preserves, jelly, etc., were canned during the year. This total of 39,059 quarts of canned food is valued at \$9,629.

### Mrs. J. H. Hawkes Captures Prizes

When the prizes were announced in the canning contests it was found that Mrs. J. H. Hawkes had received first prize for best jar of fruit and vegetables, jar of fruit, vegetables and meat, jar of pickles and best preserves. Mrs. J. T. Jones received first prize for jelly. Mrs. F. S. Robertson was awarded the advisory board's prize for the best letter in the county contest. A handicraft exhibit and bazaar were other features of the program.

## Homemakers Hold Lawn Party Aug. 31

AMELIA, Sept. 4.—The Happy Junior Homemakers entertained a number of guests at a delightful social on the lawn of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Rucker, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Games, music and bridge were enjoyed from 3:30 to 6:00 by the group.

Miss Inez Whittington, Ruth Badgett and Anne Rucker with Miss Mildred Fanning were in charge of the arrangements for the party. Miss Elizabeth Anderson, president of the club and Miss Shirley Whittington preside at the punch bowl. Miss Esther Whittington was in charge of the games.

Guests included: Miss Sylvia Slocum, district home demonstration agents in Amelia County, Mrs. Anna Lee Skinner, Mrs. L. A. Ostein, Misses Martha and Julia Cosby, Miss Mary Moschler, Messrs. Ben Rucker, Roy Saunders and Howard Whittington.

Miss Hattie L. Hughes, State Girls Club Agent spent Tuesday, August 27th, with Miss Mildred Fanning. Plans for achievement Day and 4-H Club work for 1936 were discussed.

## Amelia Clubsters Achievement Day

### Prizes Given For Outstanding Work of the Year

AMELIA, Oct. 24—One hundred and twenty-five Amelia 4-H Club members and their parents gathered in the High School Auditorium at Amelia, October 19th for their Annual 4-H Achievement Day. Exhibits were visited from one to two o'clock. The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by Virginia Badgett, President of the 4-H County Council.

Rev. D. P. Rogers, pastor of the local Presbyterian church gave the invocation.

Shirley Whittington, who was one of the four selected to represent Virginia at the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington reported on her trip. She said the central theme of the camp discussions were: "Service". All who attended were urged to adjust themselves to a changing world if they would be of greater service to mankind.

A challenge to club members was given by Miss Lucy Blake, Powhatan County Home Demonstration Agent. Miss Blake said that club members are members of one of the largest organizations in the world. Annually 4-H club members received more than a million dollars in prizes. Because we are a part of a splendid work, we should do our best. She said that we emphasize demonstrations in our program, therefore club members should strive to be better demonstrators. Club members are not grumblers; they are willing to help others; and strive to be leaders rather than followers.

Clifford Bowlin, president of the Amelia County "All Stars" reported that a Plan of Work had been drawn up by the "All Stars" in which they plan to hold regular

meetings, send one delegate to the Annual "All Star Conference" help the Farm and Home Agent and take part in all club activities whenever called upon.

A combined report of the County 4-H Club work was given by Gwendolyn Ellington, Secretary of the 4-H County Council. She reported that there are 15 organized clubs in the county with 225 club members enrolled. 175 of these club members carried Home Improvement as their major project. All club members have made at least 2 articles for or improvements in their homes during the year. 160 have cared for their rooms and helped with the house work regularly and 79 girls improved the storage space for their clothes.

Mrs. T. H. Wootton presented leadership pins to the following 4-H Leaders, Mrs. J. C. Ashman, Mrs. J. W. Ashman, Mrs. Fred Robertson, Mrs. C. W. Ellington, Mrs. Alex Near, Miss Alma Whittington and Miss Ruth Badgett.

Miss Mildred Fanning, Home Agent, announced that clothing has been selected as the major project for the coming year. Community clubs will be formed where ever possible. The actual construction of garments will take place during the summer months when two meetings per month will be held.

J. B. Lewis, County Farm Agent gave a short report of the boys 4-H Club Work in the county.

A play, "The Heritage" presented by Alma Whittington, Ruth Badgett, Woodrow Bowlin, Bryon Badgett and Clifford Bowlin.

First, second, and third prizes were awarded to the following:

Best Hooked Mat: Gwendolyn Ellington, Maplewood.

Best Crocheted Mat: Doris Dickerson, Amelia; Shirley Whittington, Mattoax; Carolyn Marshall, Amelia.

Best Braided Mat: Shirley Whittington, Mattoax; Billy Wootton, Amelia; Lula Hutchens, Grub Hill.

Best Luncheon Set: Kathleen Nelson, Amelia; Virginia Kidd, Grub Hill; Martha Near, Jetersville.

Best Chair Set: Lots Beams, Amelia; Gladys Ellington, Maplewood; Martha Near, Jetersville.

Best Pillow: Gladys Ellington, Maplewood; Martha Near, Jetersville; Jane Morris, Jetersville.

Best Bureau Scarf or Vanity Set: Martha Near, Jetersville; Lucy Mae Long, Rodophill.

Best 4-H Notebook: Josephine Woods, Pine-Grove; Elizabeth Anderson, Pine-Grove; Hazel Clark, Amelia.

Best Fall or Winter Bouquet: Ella Wright, Mattoax; Kathleen Nelson, Amelia; Hazel Clark, Amelia.

Best Fruit and non-acid Vegetable: Josephine Wood, Pine-Grove; Mary Moyer, Pine-Grove; Thelma Wingo, Rodophill.

Best fruit and tomatoes or tomato juice: Mary Moyer, Pine-Grove; Shirley Whittington, Mattoax; Virginia Badgett, Mattoax.

Best Jar Canned Meat (beef, pork or chicken): Gwendolyn Ellington, Maplewood; Shirley Whittington, Mattoax.

Best Half Dozen Eggs: Donald Robertson, Pine-Grove.

Corn Exhibit: Waldo Dodson, Mattoax; Earl Gunger, Mattoax.

Garden Basket: William Wright, Mattoax; Wylie Magee, Amelia.

Forty, four year club members

### To Represent Va.



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MISS SHIRLEY WHITTINGTON.

### Amelia Girl Wins Washington Trip

Shirley Whittington, a member of the senior class at the Amelia high school, has won a free trip to the National 4-H club camp in Washington through writing a story, "What 4-H Club Work Has Meant to Me." Only one other girl in the state of Virginia receives this honor. Other prizes won by Shirley are a trip to Blacksburg for home economics judging, 4-H pin for being most outstanding club girl in county and a trip to Blacksburg for her story, "Correct Dress for School." She has also won several prizes at Amelia and the second prize in a state canning contest.