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## Two Most Outstanding Contributions Made To Family

### Living In 1961

The two most outstanding contributions made to family living as a result of this years program were the Home Improvement and Safety projects. Why? Because the projects involved the entire family. The 4-H and Home Demonstration clubs were working together on related projects - Safety, Room Improvement, Laundry and Storage. The whole family adults and youth were working out ideas together on how to make their home and community a better and safer place to live. Approximately ninety-five percent of the families realized the safety hazards around the home and in the community, and did something about removing them. More first aid kits and medicine cabinets were built or set up with necessary supplies. Those families not having cabinet or kits were urged by their children to use a special drawer or closet for medical supplies.

One parent admitted she did not realize how necessary and convenient it was to have a special place for the flash light, alcohol, aspirins and other medical supplies until she and the children began to participate in club discussions, demonstrations and assignments.

The mothers and daughters were working on improvements inside the home. The father and son built medicine chest and checked hazards on the outside. The girls club project was the

bedroom. Information through discussions and demonstrations were given on cleaning and arrangement of bedroom, how to keep clothes and other articles in place, how to make articles for bedroom and improve lighting. The Home Demonstration clubs conducted training meetings, discussions and demonstrations on how to laundry clothes (shirts, sheets and sweaters) and how to store them.

Bulletins, news articles, pamphlets and personal contacts were used to distribute information to the families.

On 4-H Achievement Day posters, exhibits and demonstrations were shown to the public on safety in and around the home, which included, toxins, traffic accidents and how they could be avoided, how to handle live stock, right and wrong ways of using farm machinery, how important it is to remove sharp and dangerous articles in and around buildings.

On Home Demonstration Achievement Day, exhibits emphasized or gave ideas on how to laundry garments for the family, how to improve storage space in bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms.

The clubs were very pleased with the project work accomplished and the lessons or ideas learned. There were women who changed their ideas in ironing a shirt, sweater hanging and folding a fitted sheet because they liked the extension method. The method was new, easy and most desirable. Most women working are ready to accept ideas which make homemaking easier and more satisfying with less time and energy.

1961 NARRATIVE REPORT

1. County Situation Considered in Working Out Program for 1961.  
Hanover County (land area 466 sq. mi. or 298,240 acres-water area 5 sq. miles) lies in both the Coastal Plain and the Piedmont Plateau; the fall "line" separating these geologic provinces cuts the county roughly in half. In the Coastal Plain the soil is sandy and silty; in the upper or Western part it is of the residual type. About three-fifths of the total area is wooded. The county is dotted with sawmills, planing and excelsior mills and millwork plants. Hanover's many excelsior mills have helped to make Virginia the nations leading excelsior producer.

Because of its nearness to Richmond, many Hanover people are employed in non-agricultural lines. Hanover is an important agricultural county in many ways and is among Virginia's leading counties in income from truck vegetables.

The Negro population in Hanover is 6,532. There are 287 farm operators - 197 owners, 53 part owners, 1 manager and 36 tenants (1954), and 118 farm operators (1959). The definition of a farm was changed between 1954 and 1959. For 1959, each place operated as a unit of 10 or more acres from which the sale of agricultural products totaled \$50 or more, as well as each place operated as a unit of less than 10 acres from which the sale of agricultural products totaled \$250. or more, was counted as a farm. For 1954,

each place operated as a unit of 3 or more acres on which the value of farm products produced totaled \$150 or more, as well as each place of less than 3 acres from which the value of all agricultural products sold totaled \$150 or more, was counted as a farm. The change in definition of a farm affects the comparability of the data for 1959 and 1954, particularly in respect to the number of farms and the number of farms reporting each item.

The definition used for a farm in 1959 is more restrictive than that used for 1954 and part of the changes in the number of farms from 1954 to 1959 resulted from the change in definition. The urban is 11.9 of the total population, non-farm 44.4 and rural 43.9. The total population has increased from 21,365 in 1950 to 27,368 in 1960 which is due mostly to the urbanization of the lower or eastern end of the county.

The families in the Eastern section of the county receive their income chiefly from truck or vegetables crops, while the families from other sections of the county, receive their income from a variety of occupations. These being general, tobacco and poultry farming, lumber mills, sawmills, pulp mills, carpentry, bricklaying, the railroad, shirt factory, freezer plant for chickens, and domestic work.

A larger percentage of the women work. Some of these women were reached through night meetings, personal contacts, home visits, letters, training and committee meetings held by the agent and leaders.

There are three consolidated elementary schools, one high school and approximately twenty-five churches in the county. The overcrowded conditions and the bus transportation in high school cause the schedule to be so arranged that there is not much time for a large 4-H Club program in the high school. However, one leader has organized a 4-H group in the high school and meets during lunch period. There are 26 enrolled. Two clubs hold meetings after school, to reach those 4-H members in the vicinity of Ashland. Since recreation is a long-time-goal and Hanover County has no larger urban centers with municipal recreation programs, most of the county recreational activities are sponsored by the county Recreation Center. Other community recreation programs are sponsored in the various communities by the schools, churches, 4-H clubs and other civic and social groups.

With the interest of the county in mind the Board of Supervisors has adopted a Subdivision Ordinance, requiring approval from the Health Department and others before any tract may be used for housing development.

The sanitarian must survey the property and determine whether it is satisfactory from a health stand-point. During the past year fourteen subdivisions were approved. The use of unsatisfactory sewage disposal systems has, in some instances, endangered public health. Consider the dangers inherent in the common situation of individual well and septic tank systems both on the small subdivision lot. Installation of proper systems require at least two visits by the sanitarian and

preferably three or four. Last year three hundred and forty-four (344) septic tank systems were installed in the county. In order to sell milk to a processing plant the dairy farmer must be able to guarantee safe, wholesome milk. To help him produce this safe milk, the sanitarian takes regular inspections of his barn, milk house, etc. He works with the dairy men to solve any sanitarian problem. At present we are inspecting eighteen (18) dairy-farm selling milk to Richmond Dairies. Under supervision at the present time are the following establishments:

- 71 Restaurants
- 9 School Cafeterias
- 31 Service Stations
- 5 Grocery Stores
- 3 Trailer Camps
- 4 Summer Camps

In addition to these duties the sanitarian is available to advise on various health matters.

II. County Extension Program - Adult

A. Organizations

1. County Agricultural Extension Advisory Board

The County Agricultural Extension Advisory Board is the over-all organization which supports the Home Demonstration club work and 4-H club work in the county. The leaders and officers are selected by the various clubs to serve as members of the organization.

Objectives:

- a. Meet quarterly
- b. Sponsor Recreation Center Program
- c. Cooperate with the State Advisory Board
- d. Sponsor Community Improvement Program
- e. Cooperate with Farm and Home Development Program
- f. Cooperate with State Farm and Home Institute
- g. Sponsor Annual County Picnic
- h. Cooperate with other county and state organizations.

The County Advisory Board held three (3) meetings in 1961. The first to evaluate the 1960 program and set up planned activity schedule for the year and elect delegates for State Advisory Board, the second to plan Recreation Center Anniversary Program and Community Improvement Program, and third check on results of picnic, anniversary and give report on State Advisory Board meeting.

The Center Anniversary was held on October 15. A program climaxed the drive for the center, principal speaker, Mrs. T. T. Hewlett, District Agent

The annual picnic was held at Dandridge Lake (owned by members of the board) in July, and was well attended by 4-H and Home Demonstration club members.

The board cooperated with the Civil Defense by distributing information to the people. Cooperation was also given community organizations such as P.T.A., T.B., Churches, Red Cross and Cancer Drive.

The agent and one board member attended the State Advisory Board meeting, which was held in Surry County. A demonstration was given on progress of Georgetown in the Community Improvement contest.

Cooperation were also given the Farm & Home Development families in getting together, new ideas for yard improvement, housing, and home management.

Three representatives attended the Farm & Home Institute at Virginia State College.

2. County Home Economics Committees, General Interest and Home Economics Council

We have one General Interest Committee to plan and present a Recreation program for 4-H club members and to assign junior leaders, adult leaders and parents to supervise the recreation.

3. County Home Demonstration Committee

The Home Demonstration Committee consists of leaders of each adult club.

Objectives:

- a. Re-organized because of the illness of two officers and

working schedule for several members

1. elect new officers
  2. add more members to Yearbook Committee
- b. Meet atleast twice a year
1. Plan program for the year
  2. evaluate or check progress and give committee reports, yearbook, picnic, Home Demonstration Week and Achievement Day.
- c. Assign Goal Chairmen, one in each district to assist in carrying out goals
- d. Cooperate with County Picnic
- e. Publish yearbook
- f. Sponsor Home Demonstration Week Program and Achievement Day
- g. Cooperate with other organizations.

Two meetings were held this year. The first one was held in January to plan for Home Demonstration Week, Yearbook and evaluate 1960 Work.

The second meeting was held in July to make plans for Achievement Day, and to plan for home demonstration projects for 1962

Projects selected were:

Food & Nutrition

1. Wiser Buying for Better Foods
2. Buying Clothing Foundation Garments
3. Buying Foundation Shoes, Coats and Suits.

House Furnishings

1. Shampooing Furniture
2. Using color in Home Furnishings
3. Selection of Household Furnishings

One new goal Chairman, was added in Henry District to work with project and organizational leaders in helping to set up and carry out goals and objectives. Two new officers were elected and one member added to the yearbook committee.

The committee cooperated with the Annual Home Demonstration and 4-H Picnic by supervising swimming for 4-H members and assist with games and awarding prizes.

A yearbook was published by the committee and made available to all clubs in January.

Home Demonstration Week was celebrated with a tour to the modern Sunlight Laundry in Richmond, Virginia.

The committee cooperated with the T. B. organization, Civil Defense, Cancer Drive, P.T.A., Red Cross by helping to distribute literature and acquaint people with the purpose or benefit of these organizations.

B. Subject Matter and Special Emphasis Area

1. Clothing Care

Problem (a) How to get satisfying results from present wash-day practices.

Goal Teach the Easiest and Best Way of Doing the Family Wash.

The members and leaders were asked to bring clothes or garments to the leaders and club meetings which had been laundried and were satisfactory and those that they were not satisfied with after laundrying. A discussion was held with full participation, from each on the main things to look for in selecting

washable garments, which were quality fabric, colorfastness, controlled shrinkage and good construction, (hems, seams, etc). Each member who brought garments was asked to tell how it was laundered. Approximately a third of the members had not followed the rules in selecting and washing garments. Through demonstrations and discussions lessons were taught on how to read, labels, laundry clothes made from synthetic fibers and the easy and most satisfactory way to remove spots and laundry.

Bulletins on How Laundry Is Made Easier and How to Remove Stains were distributed to the groups following each meeting. Demonstrations, with the use of charts, posters, laundry equipment and clothing, members were taught how to save steps when work is organized, how to arrange equipment, types of detergents, water softeners, bleaches bluing and starches; how to assort clothes remove stains, how to hang clothes and how to laundry and hang sweaters, mans shirt and a fitted sheet. Leader Training meetings were held on how to laundry, hang and fold a fitted sheet, and a mans shirt. Each leader gave a demonstration in her club and assisted members in setting up an exhibit for Achievement Day, on these phases of laundry. More interest was shown on the Shirts and Sheets than Sweaters, which is probably due to house wives having less work to do an laundryng sweaters. More emphasis will be placed on sweaters another year.

As a follow up after the laundry projects were completed, a tour was made to one of the most modern laundries, to observe the

methods of folding sheets and ironing shirts. The group was very pleased to see that the same methods they had learned were being used.

Problem (b) How to make Dry Cleaning Less Expensive.

Goal Increase the number of club members Dry Cleaning at home to reduce expense.

Families were taught how to treat spots and heavily soiled areas. Demonstrations were given on dry cleaners that are safe, how to apply cleaner, how to rinse and dry.

Each member brought a garment to the meeting and explained how it was done.

Famphlets and bulletins were distributed on dry cleaning.

Problem (c) How to Store Clothes seasonally.

Goal-: Improve the methods of Storing Garments.

The women were given information and demonstrations on why clothes should be stored seasonally and the important things to do in storing woolen garments.

Discussions and demonstrations with use of visual aid were held on the kind of storage containers and necessary supplies, how to protect clothing not in use from the light fading, extra sail, extra wear from coat hangers and insects which attack.

Miss Mary Settle, Home Improvement Specialist, trained agent in making use of Storage Space Savers. Plans were given on how to make the Savers. Following the meeting, leaders were trained or given the same plans to follow. The Space Savers made were removable shelf, step shelves for spices, step shelves for platters

or bowls, verticle file, door rack, knife rack and mixer dolly. The women were very pleased with the Storage Space Savers and plan to make more of their own. Two clubs have made a set to use for club demonstrations. One club exhibit a set of Storage Space Savers on the Achievement Day Exhibit and received many favorable comments. Questions came from club members and others persons who attended. It is felt that this demonstration was valuable and interested most of the women present. Another club exhibit ideas on Storage, for bedroom, bath room and kitchen. This club won second prize on its exhibit.

## 2. Foods

Problem (a) How to Get Teenagers to Eat Better.

Goal: Improve the Health of Teenagers.

Leaders were trained in methods of helping teenagers improve eating habits, improve skin, teeth and hair by eating the correct foods.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, Food Specialist, gave assistance in training leaders to help teenagers eat better. Demonstrations were given on snacks and refreshments, which were most helpful. As a result the leaders in each club have trained teenagers how to improve eating habits, and have taught how good health and good looks require a good diet.

Pamphlets and receipes on snacks and refreshments were distributed to the youth.

One of the receipes (Tuna Dip) was used in the 4-H Food Contest this summer. The receipes are now being used by many of the club

members when serving their guest at parties, socials, and club meetings. The refreshments have improved in food value. One Home Demonstration club set up an exhibit on Foods For Teenagers Achievement Day in order for the public to examine or observe.

Problem (b) How to Improve Methods of Table Setting and Manners.

Goal: Get More Club Members to Learn Correct Table Manners and Service.

Demonstrations and discussions were conducted on table manners in each club meeting. A table, silver, napkins, china, glasses and center piece were used to show the correct way to set a table. Demonstrations were given also on how to sit at the table correctly and how to eat special foods.

Bulletins or pamphlets were given each member on table Setting and Manners.

One club exhibited ideas on table setting for Achievement Day. One table was set up correctly for informal dinner, another for a buffet (informal). The formal table was set with correct linen center piece, silver, glass-ware, china and a tray was also set up for demi-tasse.

The informal table or buffet brought out the rules for a well arranged setting with red and white as the color scheme. The center piece, table cloth and napkins were made by the members. This club won first prize on its exhibit.

### 3. Family Relations

Problem    How to Make the Home a Place to Understand Growth  
            and Share Responsibilities.

Goals: (a) Bring About Better Understanding Between Parents and  
            Children.

(b) Encourage More Family Counseling.

The clubs were given information in the form of pamphlets on Family Relations. Members were asked to read topics on children's part in family living, duties and responsibilities of parents and suggestions for helping to solve problems in parent-child relationship. The members gave reports on the topics and a discussion followed. The main points brought out in the discussions were that parents should plan more and give children more of their time in order to create a better understanding of youth and their desire to be understood.

The topic on family relations was discussed only in one monthly meeting, therefore, the members felt there was not enough time. The topic will be given further considering during our club choice months in 1962.

### 4. Safety in the Home

Problem    How to Avoid Accidents in the Home.

Goal:        Decrease the Number of Home Accidents.

Safety was taught through demonstrations, visual aids and discussions.

Each member was asked to bring in fifteen or more safety hazards found in the home, then given time in the meeting to report and

give ways they could have been avoided and how they were removed. Bulletins on Safety in the Home were distributed and members asked to continue reading information in addition to what they had already learned.

This project was very helpful to the women because the 4-H clubs conducted the same project. The whole family was given a chance to work closer together and carry information to their neighbors and friends. The results were very satisfying.

The families became more conscious about safety rules and more made First Aid Kits. Four out of five families with 4-H members revised or made a First Aid Kit or Cabinet.

Significant Story

Time and energy are two words the home demonstration club members, leaders and other housewives have on their minds most of the time. How may we do our laundry in less time with less energy? The problem was of chief concern to the home demonstration planning committee and it saw fit to include laundry in the program for 1961. This project was accepted with great interest and enthusiasm by all of the clubs. They wanted and realized the need of tips or short cuts on laundry.

Being aware that laundry did include a broad area, the members were asked which garments or articles gave them more trouble or consumed more of their time. The answers were, shirts, blouses, dresses and sweaters. The greatest requests were for help on laundering a "man's shirt", "hanging and folding a fitted sheet and laundering a sweater".

The leaders were trained and they in turn gave demonstrations in their club meetings.

The three demonstrations were set up in each club. The members were given an opportunity to iron or tell how to iron a shirt; hang and fold a fitted sheet. There was one demonstration given in the club meetings on laundrying a sweater and each member was given a pamphlet.

For further study at home on laundry, bulletins were distributed in the meetings.

A tour was made to one of the most modern laundries during home demonstration week. It was there that the members evaluated the results of the laundry project. They found that the extension methods they learned and knew were being used in the laundry, especially in ironing and folding shirts and sheets.

C. Other Activities

National Home Demonstration Week (Laundry Tour)

Hanover Home Demonstration clubs conducted a Tour to the Sunlight Laundry in Richmond. The adult clubs included Laundry and Dry cleaning in their program for this year. The Hanover clubs wanted to observe the methods and used in the laundry to help broaden their knowledge on the subjects. It was interesting to the members to see how the methods discussed in the club meetings were actually demonstrated in the laundry. The method of ironing and folding a Man's Shirt was done like they demonstrated in club meetings.

Two new members enrolled in Hanover club during Home Demonstration Week.

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During Home Demonstration Week, the Agent cooperated with the Civilian Defense Program by giving a demonstration in club meetings with the use of the Civilian Defense Kits and Charts. Approximately seventy-five persons received this information through charts, pamphlets and club leaders discussion with neighbors and friends.

Home Demonstration Achievement Day

November is the month that most counties have their County Achievement day to climax the Home Demonstration program. It is the time club members look back to see what has been accomplished or how far they have come. It is also the time when the public is told and shown what has been accomplished through Home Demonstration work, and given a better understanding of goals, objectives and standards.

The Home Demonstration clubs of Hanover County held their Achievement day on Monday, November 13, 1961 in the Recreation Center.

Clubs project exhibits on display were Storage, Georgetown; Table Setting (formal and informal), Hanover; Food for Teen-agers and Good Grooming, Ashland; Laundry, Elmont and Pleasant Grove.

The Storage exhibited ideas on how to store garments, articles and equipment in the bedroom, kitchen and bath room. Laundry showed the difference in the past old ideas and present new ideas of laundering, how to make ironing easier, how to hang and fold a fitted sheet and ironing a man's shirt. Food for Teen-agers gave information in the form of charts, and prepared snacks showing the foods which were important in diets of teenagers.

Good Groomings tips were also shown to help teenagers keep well groomed at all times.

The informal table setting consisted of the buffet style, bringing out the wall arranged setting with red and white as the color scheme. The center piece, table cloth and napkins were made by the members of the club.

The formal service was set up for a formal dinner with correct table linen, center piece, silver, glass wear, china, and a tray set up for demi-tasse.

The club members also showed their originality in arts and crafts showing work on crocheting, flower arrangement (fresh and dry) embroidery, christmas table decorations, miniature bedroom suit made from clothes pins and cans.

Other articles exhibited were, clothing and canning.

The club exhibit awards were:

Hanover H. D. Club .....	1st prize
Georgetown H. D. Club .....	2nd prize
Pleasant Grove H. D. Club .....	3rd prize
Elmont H. D. Club .....	4th prize
Ashland H. D. Club .....	5th prize

The Home Demonstration drive climaxed the program, with Hanover Home Demonstration club president, Mrs. J. J. Fields, crowned as "Home Demonstration Queen" and most popular member for the year.

The Home Demonstration Clubs surprised the agent with a special donation to the Recreation Center in her honor. The presentation was made by Mrs. J. J. Fields of the County H. D. Committee, Mrs. Bertha Allen and Mrs. Martha Price of Georgetown.

The judges for the exhibits were Miss Gloria F. Spencer, Local Home Agent and Miss Williams, of Louisa County; Mrs. Elsie Lively of Chesterfield County.

District Home Demonstration Meeting

The Home Demonstration Group II District Meeting was held in Lottsburg, Northumberland County on May 4. The Theme for the meeting was "Strengthening Our Homes For The New Frontier".

The afternoon session was highlighted with County Leader participation which included skits, panels, and fashion shows on Housing, Safety, Clothing, and Foods.

Mrs. Martha Price, leader of Georgetown Community, Hanover County, set up a Safety exhibit and gave a demonstration on "Safety In The Home".

Others attending from Hanover were, Mrs. Ann Baker, Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration club, Mrs. E. E. Moore, Elmont Home Demonstration club, and the Home Agent.

Farm and Home Improvement Institute

The agent and one representative attend Farm and Home Improvement Institute, Virginia State College, July 12, Hanover enrolled in the Home Ground Beautification class, taught by Dr. Watson. The information on yard planning, flower, shrubs and trees were very good and well taught.

Picnic

The Hanover Home Demonstrations Clubs held their Annual Picnic on Thursday July 27, Treasure Valley Park (Dandridge Lake Area at Studley, Virginia).

Swimming, games, dances and contests were some of the features for the day.

The winners in the contests were:

Oldest woman .....	Mrs. Nannie Allen
Oldest man .....	Aubrey Green
Tallest man .....	Junius Davenport
Tallest woman .....	Mrs. Ann Gay
Largest woman .....	Miss Rosa Cephas
Largest man .....	Percy Howard
Largest feet (woman) .....	Mrs. Edna Sherman
Largest feet (man) .....	Peyton Randolph Jr.
Traveling longest distance .....	Mrs. Elizabeth McAllister
Longest number years married .....	Mrs. Nannie Allen
Largest family present .....	Mrs. Rose L. Morton
Youngest baby .....	Allen & Christophal Daniels
Smallest feet (woman) .....	Mrs. Frances Davenport
Smallest feet (man) .....	Aubrey Green

Judges and committees for the contest were:

- Mrs. J. J. Fields
- Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Gay, Sr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gay, Jr.
- Mrs. Bertha Allen
- Mrs. Dorothy Ross

Approximately 250 persons were present, representing six of the 4-H clubs and five Home Demonstration clubs.

State Advisory Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the State Agricultural Advisory Board met in Surry County, Lebanon Elementary School, September 6-7, 1961.

The Theme of the meeting was "The Farm and Home as a Unit For Better Living".

Mr. C. R. Vaughn, of Brunswick County, president of the Board presided both days.

On the first day we were welcomed by Mrs. P. K. Howell, member of Surry County Agricultural Advisory Board; minutes were read by

Mrs. T. T. Hewlett, Secretary; Community Improvement Awards for 1960 were presented by Mr. S. E. Marshall, Assistant Secretary. In the afternoon the group went on a tour to two of the most outstanding farms, Mr. & Mrs. Quincy Blunt and Mr. & Mrs. Solon Wooden. There we saw many modern improvements in and around the homes. One home was a new brick, ranch style, the other a remodeled plantation home. Peanuts and corn were the chief crops. Majority of the families raised hogs.

On the second or last day five counties were asked to give reports on their Community Improvement demonstration community. Georgetown Community of Hanover County reported. Pictures were shown of the new homes built, and homes remodeled. A description was given of each by one of the Home Demonstration Leaders in that community Mrs. Martha Price. This report received many favorable comments from other counties. The History of the Extension Work in Surry was given by Mr. B. B. Jones, Local Farm Agent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m..

Community Improvement Work

Objective: Promote Better Living Through Improved Farm and Community Practices.

- Plans: (a) Support Community Improvement Program.
- (b) Advisory Board Select Contest Community and Help in Promoting the Home Improvement Work.
- (c) Elect a Scoring Committee From Board and From Community Competing - Home Demonstration, Community and 4-H Clubs Represented.

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Plans: (a) Committee Encourage More Yard and Mailbox Improvement in Contest Community.

The Community Improvement Program is sponsored by the State and County Advisory Boards. It encourages communities to improve the living conditions in the home and on the farm.

Georgetown Community, represented Hanover, in the State Community Improvement Contest. Each year some improvements are made in and around the homes.

This year Georgetown was selected as one of the communities to make a report in the State Advisory Board on progress made.

Mrs. Martha Price, Home Demonstration leader and County Advisory Board member gave the report by showing the pictures of seven new and remodeled homes. She explained the improvements made by each family and discussed what part the County Advisory Board, Home Demonstration leaders and 4-H leaders played in stimulating interest in better farm and home life.

There are 36 owners and 1 tenant living in Georgetown. This year, 3 homes were painted, 3 rooms added, 1 new home built, 15 rooms painted, 10 pieces of shrubbery added, 7 driveways improved, 2 out building erected, 6 mailboxes painted, and 1 home remodeled. Thirty-one (31) families raised gardens. Six (6) families purchased furniture and bought electric equipment. One church in the community installed a pool, cement steps and improved the drive-way, the other church installed heat, completed bathrooms and began improving the drive-way.

D. Urban Work

There are not any special projects or programs with urban families. The families that are interested in homemaking seem to be satisfied with the same program of work the extension service offers in the rural areas.

E. Farm and Home Development

There were two families enrolled in Farm & Home Development in 1961. They were Mr. & Mrs. Berry Shelton, Providence community, and Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Stills of Bethany community.

Objective: Teach Families How to Plan and Manage Farm and Home Through the Unit Approach.

Plans: (a) Work With Two Families

- (b) Visit Families to Give Information on Management of Projects Carried.
- (c) Help One Family in Equipping Utility Room.
- (d) Assist One Family With Yard Improvement, Home Improvement and Get Specialist Help When Necessary or When Family is Ready to Begin Project.
- (e) Assist Families in Keeping Records.

The Farm and Home Development Families have been enrolled since 1955. Each year progress has been made in their goals. One family built a new home and has made improvements each year. They were, yard improvement (yard graded, grass and flowers, and parking area) new furniture, rugs, curtains, draperies. For 1961 a new utility room has been completed for her laundry work.

The other family added two new rooms and a bath in 1955. Since then furniture, draperies, mattresses, bed linens, bed, rugs, electric iron, oil stove, and alip covers have been purchased. Three rooms painted, storm doors installed, front porch and back cement porch built, and one rocker upholstered. The bathroom fixtures have not been put in but efforts are being made to put aside.

This year the Stills family was not able to undertake any major project, however, the following articles were purchased or made: 1 couch cover for living room; linoleum in kitchen; rug and spread in boys room; lamp and ash trays in living room; television light, and buffet shelves made by son; closet built in hall way; back yard improved by cleaning, planting shrubbery and grass; and planned a section of the yard for family cook-out.

### III. County Extension Program - Youth

#### A. Organization

##### 1. County Youth Council

Objective: To Support the 4-H Club Program. Develop More and Better Ways of Training and Developing Club Leaders and Members.

Plans: (a) Meet Once a Year to Bring Clubs and Leaders Together to Check Progress Made in Present Year and Make Plans For the Next.

(b) Appoint a Planning Committee to Plan Special Activities.

(c) Cooperate With 4-H Youth Exchange Program.

- (d) Offer Leader Service Pins For Those Eligible.
- (e) Elect Leaders and 4-H Members For Short Course and Wildlife Conferences.

The council met once this year, in July. Leaders, junior and adults representing the various clubs reported and discussed progress made in projects, Rural Life Sunday, 4-H Short Course, and 4-H Achievement Day.

A general discussion was led by the president and other officers on how to get more parents or adult leaders interested in the short course, wildlife conferences and other training programs. As a result of the discussion, one parent, a 4-H leader volunteered to attend the Short Course in 1962 and help the 4-H members with their activities.

A committee was appointed to plan activities for 1962.

The IFYE State delegate was not able to make the trip last year, therefore, counties were not asked to contribute this year. There were not any service pins offered this year because all leaders eligible had received pins or certificates, however, a gift (flower arrangement) was presented to Mrs. Phyllis O'Kelly, former supervisor of Janie Porter Barrett School and a friend of 4-H club work, on her leaving the school for another position.

## 2. County 4-H Planning Committee

Objective: Plan and Supervise 4-H Activities.

Plans: (a) Assist 4-H Members in Selecting Suitable Projects For the Year.

- (b) Plan For 4-H Achievement Day (4-H Week)  
March 11, 1961.

- (c) Plan For Training Program On 4-H Day.
- (d) Plan For Rural Life Sunday.
- (e) Plan For a Leaders Association Meeting On Achievement Day.

The 4-H Planning Committee met in September and made plans for 4-H Achievement Day, March 10, 1962. Classes were planned and a new activity added, the 4-H County Demonstration Contest elimination.

Leaders were asked to support the Rural Life Sunday, 4-H Day and other County and State activities. A Leaders Association was organized in June, and one leader, Mrs. Louise Pryor, attended the State meeting during the time of the Short Course at Virginia State College.

The 4-H Council Planning Meeting met on July 20, 10:00 a.m. Recreation Center.

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Ruth Shelton, leader of Ashland 4-H club. Roll call and purpose of the meeting was given by John Fleming, president.

The Home Agent reviewed available projects for 1962, which were outlined previously by the agent and leaders. A discussion period followed with each club representative reporting his clubs interest or needs. Projects receiving the highest votes and selected were:

CLOTHING (Make or Remake Your Clothing)

FOODS

Bread making  
Meal preparation

HOME GROUND BEAUTIFICATION

GARDENING

June Tunstall of Ashland was elected Treasurer for the committee.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows:

Evelyn Laurence, Janie P. Barrett 4-H club

June Tunstall, Ashland 4-H club

Miss Nora Wilkins, Leader, Janie P. Barrett 4-H club

Mrs. Yvonne J. Tinsley, leader, Ashland 4-H club was added to the 4-H Week Committee, which will meet in September.

B. 4-H Project Work

1. Safety

(a) Safety In The Home

Goal: Make Home A Safer Place To Live.

Safety was selected by the planning committee as a joint project because both groups (boys and girls) were interested. There had been a number of accidents in the county last winter, especially loss of homes by fire and car accidents. The club leaders and members wanted to help in getting the county more safety conscious and also get the families to work as a whole, and do what it could to decrease the number of accidents in the communities.

The 4-H members were asked to make a survey in and around their homes to find the safety hazards, atleast 13, and report in club meeting. This assignment was most interesting to the girls and boys. They responded approximately ninety five (95) percent, and made their parents aware of hazards that had not been recognized.

Special groups were assigned to each phase of safety from pamphlets on safety. Reports were made by each and danger spots in safety discussed. Each group made posters bringing out the ideas of safety and exhibited on 4-H Achievement Day.

(b) Safety In Buildings and Surroundings.

Goal: Decrease The Number of Safety Hazards in Buildings and Surroundings.

Each member in this project group was given pamphlets and he reported hazards found in buildings and surroundings.

Discussions and demonstrations followed. The group made posters teaching the ideas learned in this phase of Safety and exhibited 4-H Day.

(c) Safety in Transportation.

Goal: Help in Decreasing the Number of People Injured or Killed in Traffic Accidents.

The members, especially the boys were very interested in trying to make traveling safer in the county and communities.

Each member of the group listed safety hazards he thought should be removed or checked. A general discussion was conducted by junior leaders. Danger spots were listed and given to members for their records. Bulletins were distributed and exhibits were made for 4-H Day.

(d) Safety With Machinery

Goal: Teach How Wrong Use of Farm Machinery Brings Loss to Farm People.

This phase of safety was very interesting to the boys who helped

operate farm machinery. They were given a chance through reports and discussions, to tell about their experiences and how farm machinery could be used safer by farmers. Many of the boys had seen or heard of farm accidents and were interested to know what safety precautions could be used.

Bulletins were distributed after meetings telling how farm hazards are caused and how they could be prevented. Groups were given assignments to work on posters with pictures which would show the points taught and learned in Farm Machinery Safety.

(e) Safety With Livestock

Goal: Help Decrease Number of Accidents Caused by Improper Handling of Livestock.

Each member was asked to prepare a list of dangers and report in club meetings. A general discussion was conducted with participations from members. The boys gave their experiences with Livestock and what lessons farmers could learn if they followed the safety rules. Bulletins were given for future reference or to give to their neighbors or interested persons.

The members learned that accidents could be reduced if 4-H members would try to encourage other people to be cautious thus making the entire community safer. Posters were made for Achievement Day.

(f) Safety With Fire Arms

Goal: Help Prevent Accidents With Fire Arms.

Members were taught how carelessness with fire arms often results

in injuries or deaths.

4-H members told how accidents with fire arms maybe avoided. Bulletins were distributed and members asked to teach others in their community the importance of being careful. Posters were made for Achievement Day to help also in teaching others what members had already learned.

## 2. Room Improvement

Project: Improving The Bedroom

Goal: Improve The Appearance of Bedroom.

The Bedroom was selected because there are so many girls and boys who have the responsibility of taking care of the home while their parents work.

Through visual aids, the members were taught how a well arranged bedroom should look and how articles and clothes should be stored or kept in place.

They were giving assignments to collect pictures of well arranged rooms, then re-arrange theirs, keeping in mind where the lights should be placed.

After the assignments, members reported on improvements made. Bulletins were distributed and each club made posters showing well arranged rooms. Each member made atleast one article for the bedroom.

## C. Other Activities

### 1. 4-H Week (Achievement Day)

Objective: Have an Achievement Day and 4-H week program jointly to give club members and leaders,

majority are teachers, a better chance to participate in a training program, exhibit project work done and receive recognition for accomplishment made.

Plans:

- a. Schedule the program March 11, 1961.
- b. Each club take an active part in the program, club members wear Uniform selected by 4-H Council.
- c. Conduct training classes in safety, leadership, room improvement, electricity, recreation and foods.
- d. Award pins and certificates to leaders who are qualified.
- e. Present County project pins and Certificates to those winning in county contest.

The 4-H Training and Achievement Day (4-H week) was held Saturday, March 11, 1961, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Janie Porter Barrett School, Peaks, Virginia. The theme was "Learn, Live, and Serve Through 4-H".

The 4-H Training and Achievement Day Program open with Joyce Medley, President, J. P. Barrett 4-H club, presiding. Devotional was conducted by J. P. Barrett 4-H club, with James Harris, Leader, Elmont 4-H club as Pianist. Mrs. Phyllis O'Kelly, Superintendent J. P. Barrett School gave a hearty welcome to the group.

The Local Home Agent presented Mrs. O'Kelly with a gift from the 4-H clubs for her kindness and outstanding work toward 4-H. Purpose of 4-H week and 1960 4-H Club Highlights were given by

Miss Isabell Stills, Leader Gayteen 4-H club.

There were five (5) classes taught by the following Instructors: Social Courtesies - Mrs. Elaine Washington, Local Home Agent, Henrico County; 4-H Officers Training - C. E. Calender, Local Farm Agent, Charles City County; Gardening - J. M. Johnson, Local Farm Agent, Caroline County; Foods - Mrs. Viola Myrick, Foods Insturctor, Janie Porter Barrett School; and Clothing Mrs. A. B. Rivers, Clothing Instructor, Janie Porter Barrett School.

The afternoon session open with Charles Moore, Member East End Sr. 4-H club presiding.

Reports of the classes were given by 4-H members who attended that class.

A Safety poem was given by Beatrice Lewis, Secretary 4-H County Council.

Demonstration on "How to make useful items from discarded cans were given by Phyllis Winston, Bethany 4-H club.

A Fashion Show was presented. Mrs. Delores William, Physical Education Instructor, J. P. Barrett School was Narrator. 4-H members taking part in the Fashion Show were: Sandra Wright, Brenda Wright, Gayle Wright, Julian Shelton, Constance Carter, Audrey Hayden, Estella Washington, Betty Shelton, Barbara Clairborne, Corine Wilkerson, Beverly Smith, Margaret Lewis, Barbara Mills, Rosetta Jordon and Annie Slanten. Approximately three hundred and fifty or more attended.

Geneva Johnson of Bethany 4-H club was crown Queen of the 4-H

Clubs by Mrs. Thelma T. Hewlett, District Agent  
Eight (8) 4-H members were presented 1960 County Awards by Miss  
Maxine Lewis, Student of Union University, Richmond, Virginia,  
former 4-H member, for outstanding project work. They were  
Estella Washington - Achievement; Juanita Dandridge - Canning;  
Arnita Fleming - Clothing; Roland Moore - Gardening; Sylvia  
Johnson - Health; Eva Hart - Home Improvement; Charles Moore  
and Audrey Hayden - Leadership.

4-H County Song Books were presented to fifteen (15) 4-H club  
members for completing and turning best record books in on time.  
Club Projects were Exhibited, the results of the judging were as  
follows:

Elmont, Grand prize, Purple Award and Cup; Bethany and J. P.  
Barrett, 1st prizes; East End Jr. and Sr. 2nd prizes.

Certificates were presented to the following 4-H clubs for  
best 1960 health project: Bethany, Barrett, East End and  
Gayteen.

Pictures were taken of the groups by J. R. Fleming, Instructor  
J. M. Gandy High School, Ashland, Virginia.

The Judges were: Miss Gloria Spencer, Local Home Agent, Louisa  
County; T. W. Allen, Local Farm Agent, King & Queen County; and  
Royal Taylor, Instructor J. M. Gandy High School, Ashland, Virginia.

The program adjourned with a 4-H Social.

2. Rural Life Sunday

Three clubs cooperated in celebrating Rural Life Sunday they were  
Georgetown, Ashland, and J. P. Barrett. Special sermons on Farm

and Home life were given by the ministers of the county church. Leaders and members sat together, wore 4-H chevrons, displayed pledge and motto banner and gave the objectives of 4-H Sunday.

3. Wildlife Conference

Five representatives from Hanover 4-H clubs attended the Wildlife Conference, which was held August 1, 2, 3, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

Discussions and speeches on wildlife and conservation were: Soil and water conservation; Why 4-H club members should be interested in Conservation of Natural Resources; What a good 4-H Forestry Project can mean to club member; Methods of protecting wildlife; Improving home grounds with native trees and proper lawn management.

A very Educational Field Trip was made to the Agricultural Research Station, Virginia State College Farm, during the conference.

A Candle Lighting Ceremony was held on the Front Campus on the second evening. 4-H members and leaders participated.

Representatives from Hanover County were: Constance Johnson, Mt. Zion; Ruth Howard, Browngrove; Laura Randolph, Mt. Zion; Emily Carrington, Ashland; S. G. Fleming, Home Agent

4. Picnic (Met jointly with Home Demonstration Clubs, page 18)

5. Short Course

Objectives:

- a. Teach 4-H members, improve practices in Agriculture, Home Economics and Community Leadership.
- b. Train 4-H members to take various leadership roles.

- c. Give members a chance to get acquainted with others in the State.

Plan: Have atleast one leader and five members attend short course.

One leader, four girls, and two boys attended the State 4-H Short Course, June 19-23. The delegates received training in maintenace and care of farm machinery, public speaking, rural arts, social courtesies and good grooming, parliamentary procedures, food and nutrition for teenagers.

Beatrice Lewis and Dayle Taliaferro gave summaries of their classes during the General Session at the end of the week. Beatrice Lewis was elected assistant secretary of the State 4-H Short Course.

6. 4-H Contest

Hanover County 4-H clubs cooperated with the 4-H contest this year. Girls were enrolled in the Clothing and Meal Preparation contest.

LaRee Lacy of Ashland GayTeen club won first place in the County Dress Review (May) for her outstanding work in clothing and was eligible for District Contest. She competed with King and Queen, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Lancaster, Louisa and Henrico. Counties in the District contest and won first place.

During the 4-H Short Course in June the State contest was conducted and she won second place.

Beatrice Lewis of Elmont 4-H club competed in the Individual Meal Preparation contest and won first place in the County, District, and State.

Other girls competing in the county contest who were in close competition were : Dress Review, Audrey Hayden third, Estella Washington 2nd, Food Preparation, Margaret Campbell, 2nd.

Bethany 4-H Club Honors Leader

Bethany 4-H club presented a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Louise Pryor, leader of their club. Cards, gifts and refreshments were in appreciation for her kindness, interest, support and understanding.

The agent and teachers attended.

Ashland Leaders Entertain 4-H Members

A Hayride and Out door cookery activity was sponsored by the leaders of Ashland 4-H Club for the club members . One of the leaders furnished the truck for transportation. The hayride was held in Caroline County at the home of one of the leaders. A home-made grill was made by the leaders using cinder blocks, and wire . After the grill was set up the club members were given the opportunity to roast hot dogs and hamburgers. Punch and cookies were served as desserts.

The boys and girls were very pleased with the outing, especially the hayride. Plans are now being made for another activity like this, for next year to teach the members how to build and use out-door grills and supplies.

IV. Scope of Work

	1957	1958	1958	1960	1961
No. H. D. Clubs	17	17	16	15	14
Membership	198	202	194	186	179
No. H. D. Groups *(unorganized)	3	3	2	2	3
Membership	27	27	20	23	32
No. L-H Clubs	12	12	12	8	7
Membership	273	262	246	238	235
No. YM Clubs	0	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0	0
No. Community Clubs	1	1	1	1	1
Membership	17	20	22	22	26
No. Home Ec. Committees	0	0	0	0	0
No. General Interest Committees	0	0	0	1	1
No. Youth Committees	0	0	0	0	0
No. Other Organizations	0	0	0	0	2
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families	2	2	2	2	2
No. Other Families Reached	241	254	269	279	291
No. Different Families Reached	449	462	489	493	500

A. Goal: Reach and Interest Unorganized Groups.

To increase the scope of work more individual contacts were made to homes of members of unorganized clubs. Other contacts were made through the churches, schools, telephone, and visits to other community organizations.

This year public relations was emphasized more. The agent and leaders made new contacts by giving speeches in community and county meetings on the objectives of Extension Program and by cooperating more with community and counties programs. Some of the contacts were made while distributing information on Civilian Defense.

Unorganized Home Demonstration clubs were invited on tours, visit exhibits, training meetings, and demonstrations. The leaders of the unorganized groups assisted with judging of exhibits.

Although the enrollment has decreased the agent, in many cases,

have visited the homes of unorganized club members or inactive club members and found that the Extension touch still remains. Reaching club women because of their work schedule still remains a problem, however, Extension information is being sent to urban and rural families through circular letters, bulletins, pamphlets and news articles.

A special club meeting was given by Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club in honor of one of their club leaders Mrs. Janie Pryor, who has served as a leader for 25 years. A report was given on club accomplishments and <sup>of</sup> 1961 District Meeting by Mrs. Ann Baker, president. A corsage was presented Mrs. Pryor for her years of faithful service as an extension worker.

Refreshments and social hour following the program or meeting. Fifteen of the twenty members attended and expressed their appreciation to their leader for her help in keeping the work organized.

Members of unorganized clubs were invited to the social in order to keep them interested and informed on the accomplishments the club had made in 1960 - 1961.

V. Leadership

A. Growth of leadership

1. Over-all program leaders

	1959	1960	1961
a. County Agricultural Extension Service Board	76	61	58
b. Youth Council	0	0	0
c. Home Economics Council	39	45	---

2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
No. organizational leaders	152	184	179	180	181
No. project leaders (subject matter)	89	110	97	97	99
No. Federation program of work chairmen	14	17	17	21	24
No. program development leaders	23	25	25	32	35
No. result demonstrators	47	56	60	66	70
No. training meetings by specialists	5	3	2	6	6
No. training meetings by dist. agents	4	6	7	6	6
No. training meetings by agents	35	43	45	44	57
No. training meetings by others	1	1	2	6	15
Attendance at all training meetings	653	911	952	1007	3814
No. meetings held without an agent	59	68	72	65	73
No. meetings leaders assisted	53	65	74	80	86
Demonstrations by leaders	75	91	103	115	121
Talks and discussions by leaders	67	77	83	87	95

3. 4-H Club Leadership

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
No. club officers	57	64	84	56	56
No. adult project leaders	27	31	31	32	37
No. junior project leaders	14	21	25	31	35
No. result demonstrators	31	38	42	46	50
No. training meetings by specialists	1	3	1	0	1
No. training meetings by dist. agents	1	2	2	3	4
No. training meetings by agent	21	25	31	37	40
No. training meetings by members club dept.	1	0	0	0	1
No. training meetings by others	1	2	4	6	8
Total attendance at ldr. tr. meetings	354	434	466	343	381
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	35	37	34	37	48
No. club mtgs. held by ldr. without agent	63	67	75	80	85
No. additional meetings at which leaders assisted	57	59	69	71	75
No. demonstrations given by adult ldrs.	45	53	62	75	78
No. demonstrations given by junior ldrs.	27	31	43	49	54

Leadership Training

Simple Refreshments and Helping Teenagers to Eat Better were the subjects for discussion and demonstration in the <sup>Hanover</sup> Henrico/Home Demonstration Leaders meeting on Friday, January 13, Home Demonstration Kitchen, Hanover, Virginia.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, Food Specialist, Extension Service, V. P. I., Blacksburg, gave a demonstration on nutritious foods teenagers could use in serving refreshments or snacks in home or social events. They were:

- Tasty Date Bars
- Hot Spiced Tomato Juice
- Round Dogs
- Quick Pizza
- Deviled Cheese Dip
- Quick Punch

Those Attending were:

Mrs. J. J. Fields, Hanover, Mrs. Mabel Smith, Hanover, Mrs. Helen Randolph, Hanover, Mrs. Dorothy Ross, Hanover, Mrs. S. G. Fleming, Hanover; Mrs. Louise Jones, Henrico, Mrs. M. B. Anderson, Henrico Mrs. Thelma T. Hewlett, District Agent, Mrs. E. E. Moore, Elmont, Mrs. Viola Myrick, Janie Porter Barrett, Mrs. Auralia Ware, J. M. Gandy School, Mrs. Elaine Washington, Henrico and Mrs. Mary Thompson, Specialist.

Home Demonstration leaders, Club members, Home Economics Instructors and Agents were present and were very pleased with the valuable information received.

B. Accomplishments of Two 4-H Members

Perfect attendance, interest, good cooperation and good leadership are the words associated with two 4-H club members the Agent worked closely with and has seen grow since they enrolled in 4-H club work eight (8) years ago. It was in 1953, when Elmont 4-H club was reorganized with all new members. Two of the members James Harris and Beatrice Lewis (cousins) had been in the same class competing against each other since enrolling in elementary school. They were ten years of age at that time and were among the first to be elected as officers in 4-H when the club was organized. Beatrice was elected Secretary and James, Chaplin.

That first year, the agent trained all of the officers in parliamentary procedure and gave each a pamphlet to study on the duties of club officers. James' mother had just enrolled him in music and he was so anxious to play the piano as his part in leading the devotionals. A few months past, less than a year, and finally one day before the meeting, he came to the agent and said "I believe I can play atleast one song for our club! The agent was very pleased with the news because he was the only one taking music or could attempt to play at that time. James played a hymn in that meeting, and in each meeting that followed until January of this year (1961) when he began playing basket ball and had to practice on the club meeting date. After basket ball season he worked and was making preparation to enter college.

Beatrice was always active, spoke and wrote well and liked to use good english. She served as an excellent secretary. The years following she was elected treasurer, vice president, then president and junior leader. During that period James was also an officer, vice president, treasurer, pianist and junior leader. Both Beatrice and James attended each 4-H Day, Picnic and 4-H Council meetings since 1953. They served as junior leaders for training meetings, 4-H council meetings, short course, wildlife conference, and rural life Sunday. They assisted agent in conducting craft classes and panel discussions in Extension programs, Sunday Schools, and Vacation Bible School.

Beatrice completed Clothing, Meal Preparation, Good Grooming, Health, and Safety Projects. She has won County awards for Meal Preparation Project, Leadership and Achievement.

James completed Gardening, Good Grooming, Yard Improvement, Electricity, Health, Safety and Leadership Projects. He won County Awards for Electricity, Yard Beautification and Leadership Projects. He will also receive an Achievement award in our next Achievement Day Program.

Beatrice served as Leader to the 4-H Short Course for two years and was commended for having a good personality and ability to get along with and discipline 4-H member. She competed in the Meal Preparation Contest this year and won first place in the County, District and State individual contest. She was elected assistant secretary of the State 4-H Short Course last summer. The Elmont and Browngrove 4-H clubs presented a program on television in 1957. She was the reporter and explained the

Purpose of 4-H work and recited the poem "The Four H'S Spell Happiness". Comments came to her from County and State officials.

James continued to cooperate with other organizations and was pianist for his Church, Sunday School, B. T. U. Sunday School Union, 4-H Council, Achievement Day Programs, and other organizations that requested.

While the two members competed and progressed in 4-H work they were also competing and progressing in school. They studied together and took part in nearly the same activities - Student Council, Science - Math Club, National Honor Society, YTeens, Athletics, Choir (Beatrice), Band (James), they also sang in their church choir.

This year, 1961, they found themselves still studying together and working towards their goal - "Higher Standard in School". James was president of his class.

Somewhere down the line Beatrice had a little trouble with english and naturally her grades were not quite as good as James. She talked with her instructor on what her weakness were and in a short time she was back in the race again, smiling and studying hard to do her best.

Finally when June 1961 came the finals were recorded. James came out as Valedictorian and Beatrice Salutatorian. Both were very pleased. Unfortunately James father passed a few days before Commencement, but with the help of his mother and friends he continued to go on doing his best. Because of their leadership ability and records in school several organizations gave them scholarships. The total amount James received made it

possible to enter Virginia State College this fall without having to work or ask mother for much assistance. His Sunday School gave a special program in his honor, presenting him with a gift. Beatrice was able to get a work scholarship at Virginia State College and too, being well thought of by her community and county, her church gave her a donation to buy all her books, and Elmont Home Demonstration club granted her a loan of \$83.00 to help towards her entrance fee at Virginia State College. Her job in school was made easier because of her experience in 4-H work. She says she knew how to set tables, prepare and serve food and teach other students who knew very little about foods. In making preparation for Open House at Virginia State this month, Beatrice helped other girls to plan and decorate their rooms. Beatrice selected French as her major and is doing fine in her class work and on the job. She has received a Virginia State College scholarship for the second semester. James is majoring in Mathematics and is doing well in his studies and has won a first place medal in his Rifle Range Club. In talking with the two members during the Thanksgiving Holiday they made this statement "Our 4-H work has help us very much in Leadership and in Farm and Home Projects! Although we did not take home economics and agriculture, the leadership, citizenship and farm and home improvement training learned in extension service made us stronger and more confident in what we do in our chosen fields, Mathematics and French. The people in Hanover have helped us, develop physically, mentally, and morally and have confidence in us, therefore, we are trying to do our best and not disappoint them.

VI. A. For Special Consideration

Community Improvement

Hanover County has felt the need for better community relationship and improvement since the State Advisory organized the community improvement program.

This program was started many years ago by the late J. B. Pierce and has developed more and more each year.

Hanover County has had three or four communities to enter the contest, and won prizes, but our present contestant, Georgetown Community, has brought about more community cooperation, interest, and understanding than any previous community.

When the Community Improvement began the people were not very interested, because of the lack of understanding. Some thought the program would increase their income tax others were satisfied and did not feel the need to improve. The few improvements made were encouraged by the Advisory Board and Committee. After the first year the scoring committee was enlarged to involve more people, especially some of those persons who were in doubt about the purpose of the Community Improvement Program. The program was explained and they were asked to distribute the improvement forms and help families record the work they had done.

The interests began to grow.

The agent visited the churches and explained in detail the objectives of the Community Improvement Program. The Home Demonstration club joined in helping to encourage the community people to make improvements.

The president of the County Advisory Board lives in that community and was the first to build a new home and improve his yard according to the methods suggested by the Extension Service. Others followed, atleast one or two homes being built each year. This community has won two state prizes and this year (Sept.) it was asked to make a progress report in the State Advisory Board meeting in Surry County.

Mrs. Martha Price, Home Demonstration leader, made the report by showing pictures of seven new homes and discussing improvements each had made, interior or exterior. She also reported how closely the church communities work together for the interest of all the people.

The report received favorable comments from the various counties and leaders in the State.

B. Good Public Relations

Civilian Defense

In cooperation with the National Civilian Defense Program, the agent has distributed two hundred or more defense kits to families, through stores, schools, home visits and personal contacts.

The agent is now serving on the woman's Civil Defense activity committee in the county and attends meetings which are held periodically by the chairman, Mrs. Marion Hergert, assistant Editor of the Herald Progress (county news paper). One slide film "How to Stay Alive In a Fallout Area" has been given in the P.T.A. meeting by the county chairman.

The Alpha Chi Pi Omega Beauticians Sorority Chapter of Richmond and Ashland held a Sunrise Breakfast Meeting on April 30, 5:30 a.m.. The Agent was the Speaker for the occasion. She spoke on "How To Use Our Talents To Contribute To Human Dignity In The Changing Times"

The Agent and leaders assisted Executive Secretary of the Tri-County T. B. Organization in preparing seals and letters to be mailed to persons in Hanover County. Two Home Demonstration Clubs and Two 4-H members assisted with the seals. Literature was also distributed to the people in the county on the time, place and importance of X-Rays.

The Agent attended the T. B. Meeting in March. Hanover Home Demonstration Clubs were presented a certificate of Merit for their contribution to the T. B. work.

Virginia Council on Social Welfare. The agent is serving a second term on the Virginia Council on Social Welfare Executive Committee for the fifth district. The Virginia Council on Social Welfare work is organized community effort for human betterment. It fastens and promotes an intelligent and widespread interest in all phases of social work, social problems and the health and welfare in general within the State of Virginia.

The agent became more interested in welfare work since having the opportunity to work with boys and girls from the State Welfare Department who are enrolled in the county schools and have joined the 4-H clubs.

Social Security. Two Home Demonstration leaders were given assistance with their Social Security forms. Pamphlets or leaf-

lets were distributed and explained.

### Schools

Cooperation was given the Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics and General Schools in distributing information to parents, and giving demonstration, supporting drives and other school activities.

The Home Economics instructor of John M. Gandy High School was invited to Extension Training Meeting on Christmas decorations, Fish cookery and Meal preparation.

The agent and adult leaders made christmas table and desk decorations for the schools in the county and presented them to the principals.

The agent cooperated with the churches by giving talks when requested. She was elected secretary of the Sunday School Union this year, belongs to the missionary circle of her church and helped in decorating the church for the Harvest Rally.

Cooperation was given agents and leaders in other counties with judging and programs during Achievement Days.

Good public relations was developed also through meetings, news articles, circular letters, pamphlets and bulletins.

A year book and weekly column was published by the Home Demonstration Committee with the cooperation of the news paper Editor, Mrs. Lois Hergert.

### C. Professional Improvement

The agent attended State Farm and Home Agents meeting, Virginia State College, Farm and Home Institut~~e~~, District and Home

Demonstration meetings, State Advisory Board, State 4-H Contest Committee meeting and In-Service Training meetings. She served as hostess for the training meeting on the New Filing system which was conducted by Mr. G. W. Slusser and Foods training meeting conducted by Miss Mary Thompson.

News papers, bulletins, magazines, pamphlets, and books were read regularly to keep up with new ideas which would be helpful to agent, leaders, club members and other families in the county.

#### VII The Look Ahead

This years work has been interesting to the 4-H and Home Demonstration members and leaders. Some of the goals were not reached, however, but with the leadership development program the agent is confident that more people will be reached and informed next year. The projects and goals were developed to the point where leaders, members and others received and used the information which was needed.

The future for the Extension work Hanover County seems brighter in many respects, although there are problems in reaching working mothers and fathers. The Look Ahead will be encouraging, I believe, after the families and leaders have a greater desire to change more with the time, and realize that methods change to bring about progress or development among all persons.

The organized clubs might not have a high percentage of members attending regularly but the leaders will continue to work and cooperate in helping to train and carry information to those

who are not able to attend regularly.

There will be more new homes built and more Extension help requested by home makers on housing, interior decoration, home management, home furnishings, food buying, and yard improvement. The agent will have to work harder to keep up with the many new methods and ideas.

There will be more individual help or training needed among farm and urban families. There will be more urbanization taking place in the county, therefore, Extension Service will have to adjust its program to serve urban as well as rural people.

In order to improve the home economics Extension work in the county there should be continued help and support by the leaders and parents in carrying Extension information to non-club members in the county. Home management must be emphasized more.

Small neighborhood groups should be organized close to the leaders in order for the club members to get more training and guidance. In making contacts with inactive club members the agent has found that they are still interested and using Extension ideas. They are ready to accept suggestions offered, therefore more information should be given through bulletins, pamphlets, news articles, by telephone, and personal contacts.

The agent, leaders, club members and friends of Hanover County Extension Service wish to thank the State Extension Staff and others for the cooperation, understanding and support given in 1961.