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### FOREWORD

This report is a cross section of the different phases of work conducted in Virginia by local farm agents working in 29 counties of the State.

The Live-at-Home Program remains the foremost factor in Virginia Agriculture since a large number of our farmers have not come around to the place where they can see the use of producing their home supplies; hence the programs of agents continue to carry this phase of work as one of their major projects.

State and county organizations play a large part in awakening rural people to a sense of their duty along the lines of home supply and at the same time raising their standards of living through increased crop and livestock production.

Credit is due Virginia State College for Negroes and Hampton Institute for valuable assistance rendered by specialists furnished by these two institutions. These men have given unstintedly of their time and talents in helping to bring about better rural conditions in the State.

One field, two district, and 25 local agents working in 29 counties are responsible for the work carried in this report.

Approximately 10063 adult farm people and 8693 four H club members have been reached through extension activities this year.

For further information in detail see agents reports.

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AGENTS AND TERRITORY WORK  
in  
1936

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>AGENT</u>
1. Albemarle	C. G. Greer
2. Amelia and	
3. Nottoway	C. O. Jeffries
4. Appomattox	P. W. Callahan
5. Brunswick	S. E. Marshall
6. Buckingham	A. H. Shelton
7. Campbell	Boss W. Newsome
8. Caroline	J. S. Ruffin
9. Charles City and	
10. New Kent	R. E. F. Washington
11. Charlotte	J. F. Wilson
12. Chesterfield and	
13. Henrico	R. F. Jones
14. Dinwiddie	A. W. Pegram
15. Essex	B. F. Harrison
16. Gloucester	C. W. Young
17. Goochland	M. P. Hill
18. Greensville	George D. Williams
19. Isle of Wight	K. C. Rowe
20. King and Queen	F. W. Allen
21. Lunenburg	Howard M. Smith
22. Mecklenburg	H. D. Morse
23. Hansemond	H. P. Reid
24. Powhatan	A. P. Walton
25. Prince Edward	J. W. Lancaster
26. Southampton	S. G. Mansfield
27. Surry and	
28. Prince George	W. H. George
29. Sussex	M. D. Jones

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## COUNTY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

### County Advisory Boards:

County advisory boards are organized in 29 counties of the State where extension work is conducted by Negro farm agents. The activities of the boards are of a county-wide nature. Under the guidance of the county agents the boards plan and set dates for all county activities. This year there were 29 organized county advisory boards in the state with a membership of 996 farm men and women. Examples of different phases of work carried on by advisory boards are as follows:

**Greenville County** - "The county advisory board is a centralized organization made up of three members, (two men and a woman) from each of the ten-organized community farmers' clubs, and successful men and women from the three magisterial districts. Its membership numbers 67.

The object of the board is to bring together four times per year, its members who will study together problems which confront Negro farmers and try to find ways and means, approved by the Extension Service, for remedying these problems. The county advisory board cooperates with the State Extension Service in carrying out the state and federal program in the interest of the farmers in the county. The board decides and acts upon all issues of an extension nature which concerns the county; endorses and adopts the county program of work submitted to it by the community clubs at the beginning of the year. It sanctions and perfects plans for the holding of: county extension school, farmers' conference, county tour and fair. Delegates are selected and financed by the board to attend the two state wide extension meetings, namely the State Farmers' Conference and the State Advisory Board meeting. The boards also cooperate with schools, churches and health organizations of the county.

The outstanding activities of the board for this year have been the construction of a \$25.00 ~~barley~~ ~~community~~ ~~farmers'~~ ~~club~~ ~~in~~ ~~Barley~~ ~~Community~~; the holding of a county-wide farmers' picnic; and the continuation of the soybean cowpeas and one peck blackeyed cowpeas. The board turned over one peck of these seeds to each of five community farmers' clubs. Acting on instructions from the board, the clubs released the seeds to club members to grow and return to the club twice the amount received. At the end of 1935, growers of the seeds returned two pecks of each kind to the various clubs. The clubs let out the seeds this year and have received in return one bushel of cowpeas and one bushel of soybeans. The clubs, acting as agents for the County Advisory Board, will continue to release the seeds to club members to grow until every member has cowpeas or soybeans sufficient for seed, food, hay, and soil building purposes.

Thus the project continues to grow, benefitting the farmer, and coinciding with the new federal soil conservation program.

Sussex County - "The county advisory board held five meetings during the past year. At the January meeting the agent presented his proposed program of work to the board. The major activities of this group were as follows:

1. Financed three delegates to State Advisory Board meeting, held in Amelia County.
2. Cooperated in planning and sponsoring the annual farmers' conference which was held at New Hope Baptist Church. At this time they donated \$15.00 toward a singing contest for four H club members. One purebred pig, two bushels of purebred seed corn, and a 32 piece set of dishes were awarded to leaders selling largest number of tickets in the pig contest.
3. They loaned 375 pounds of lespedeza seed to eighteen community clubs for grazing and soil building, and raised two hundred ninety seven dollars and seventy-six cents by selling candy to help support the work in the county."

Powhatan County - "The county advisory board is again housing a class from the local school and a night class in its community center. This is being done without compensation to the board."

STATE ADVISORY BOARD - Greenville County

"The State Advisory Board, meeting once a year in September in some county of the state where agricultural extension work is conducted, is always conducted under the supervision of Field Agent J.B. Pierce, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The meeting brings together outstanding farmers (men and women), the farm and home agents who study together problems which confront Negro farmers and try to find ways and means for remedying these problems.

A district feature of the work of this board recently added is the State Community Improvement Contest. This contest embraces improvements made in the various communities on the homes. It also involves home ownership, sanitary toilets, self support, 4-H club enrollments, and school enrollments, also attendance.

The annual meeting for this year was held in Amelia County, September 7 - 10. The meeting was attended by the following delegation from Greenville County along with 96 delegates from other counties in the State of Virginia having extension work: Henry Gary, Skippers; Grace Carpenter, Pleasant Hill, North Carolina; and the local farm agent, George D. Williams. X

Business was transacted the first day. Caroline, Halifax, Amelia, Campbell, Dinwiddie, Isle of Wight, Gloucester, Buckingham, and Sussex were the nine winners as announced in the State Community Improvement Contest. Brunswick and Surry were winners in a

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Messrs. John R. Hutcheson, Director of Extension Service; C. L. Chambers, Field Agent U. S. D. A.; and C. A. Montgomery, Assistant Director, who attended the Negro State Advisory Board Meeting in Amelia County, September 9 to 12, 1936.



Mr. C. L. Chambers on Negro State Advisory Board Tour in Amelia County where eleven farm homes were visited.

separate class. This report was followed by a talk from Director Hutcheson who in the course of his talk said, that the State Advisory Board was successful and was doing practical worthwhile things. He oked the community improvement contest. He further stated that agriculture was fundamental, and that the best interest of the white people is tied up with the best interest of the colored people. One hundred five dollars were collected as fees from the delegates. This money, it was said, was to be used to pay prizes to winners in the nineteen hundred thirty seven community improvement contest.

On the tour on the second day, twelve farm homes were visited. Soil improvement crops -- lespedeza and cowpeas, brick brooders, and in many instances electric lighting and water pumping plants were seen. James Scott's farm was the most outstanding, having all of the above and the best arranged buildings and home. Mr. Chambers of the Washington office, who was present all during the first day, made the tour and expressed his pleasure and enthusiasm on such a well planned tour and the splendid farm homes.

Speakers on the last day of the meeting were the white county agent, Mr. G. K. Taylor, Commonwealth of Amelia County; Mr. D. F. Fenn, Hampton Institute, and Miss Wallace, State Home Agent. Miss Wallace noted that the board's problems were being considered as a family problem, or a family approach. She said everything done on the farm is to the ultimate end of raising the standard of living of the farm family. Mr. Jeffries, local agent, stated that 70 per cent of the one hundred ten dollars collected on the last day would be used for poultry in adult work and 30 per cent for poultry in junior work.

#### COMMUNITY CLUBS

Each of the 29 counties in the state where farm agents work has its community clubs. In this group of counties there are 249 community clubs with an approximate family membership of 8013. It is in these clubs that problems common to the communities are worked out and programmed. Examples of work, in point, are as follows:

Goochland County - "In the six organized clubs in the county there are 225 families. The Hadensville Community Club was again selected to enter the state-wide community improvement contest. As a result the people of that community worked and improved that community by building and repairing ten sanitary toilets, painted five homes, and had 4-H club members coming from 20 families in the community."

Nansemond County - "The Driver Community has accomplished outstanding work in club organization this year. Thirty one men purchased fertilizer this year with a saving of \$189.00. These men seeded 22 acres in sorghum and manufactured 459 gallons of syrup for 18 families. At 70¢ per gallon this is a saving to this community of \$321.30. The men aren't only reaping benefits from the community clubs, but the women in this section are doing equally as well in canning their home grown foods."

Essex County - "Club members of Good Hope Community have been successful in rearing day old chicks this season. Another feature of the program was home gardens. It was decided by the clubs that each member would have as many leafy fruits and vegetables as possible the year round. The Eberneser Club has excelled in this movement by having the largest amount of crops growing in the garden during the year."

Gloucester County - "The community clubs in three communities, namely Ware Neck, Sassafras, and Ordinary did excellent work this year with year round gardens. In these three communities 90% of the club members have excellent gardens. This great improvement in the year round gardens is a direct result of the group discussions at the club meetings and the garden demonstrations."

#### Plan of Work

Charlotte County - "Our plan for executing our program for the year, was to hold a meeting of our county advisory board; and discuss the best way this program should be carried out.

Then we met the several community clubs and listed on the black board different crops and projects. The farmers were asked to select the crop or project they preferred to demonstrate on. Local leaders are also selected at the community meetings. In this way a friendly spirit of brotherly love is kept alive.

Leaders are requested to always keep in mind improved practices so that farmers will not make a backward move.

COMMUNITY CLUB

Community \_\_\_\_\_ Magisterial District \_\_\_\_\_  
 President of Club \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Demonstration</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Family Population</u>				
(a) Owners	25			
(b) Tenants				
<u>Adult Work</u>				
Community clubs	25		Bill Flowers	Dendron
<u>Soil Improvement</u>				
(a) Clover	1	Improve	John Ellis	Waverly
Lime		the soil		
<u>Foods</u>				
(a) Irish potatoes	2	Home supply	Geo. Flowers	Waverly
(b) Sweet potatoes	1	Home supply	Bill Flowers	Dendron
(c) Garden (good seed)	3	Home supply	B. F. Mason	Savage
<u>Hogs</u>				
(a) Pasture Better feeding	1	Home supply	Robt. Holmes	Dendron
(b) Breeding center Purebred	1	Community sup.	M. Johnson	Dendron
<u>Feeds</u>				
(a) Corn Purebred seed	1	Home supply	Allen Epps	Dendron
(b) Clover Lime	1	Home supply	Daniel Ellis	Waverly
<u>Money Crop</u>				
(a) Cotton Good seed	1	Money crop	Moses Holmes	Dendron
(b) Peanuts Good seed	1	Money crop	Robt. Pretlow	Dendron
<u>Cooperative Marketing</u>				
A. A. A. Work				

### COUNTY FARMERS' CONFERENCE

Seven counties held farmers' conference during the year. Experts from the extension force, Hampton Institute, and Virginia State College for Negroes gave freely of their time in discussing farm problems and put on demonstrations to illustrate the same.

Charlotte County - "The farmers' conference in Charlotte County was held this year in the St. Louis Community with the following results: Fourteen kitchens were improved, one pressure cooker purchased in time to conserve fall killed meats, and seven farmers seeded lespedeza for soil conservation program."

King and Queen County - "The King and Queen County Farmers' Conference was held in the Little Plymouth Church on September 2, 1936 with 143 men and women in attendance to discuss better farm and home practices. The meeting was called to order by Mr. George White, Jr., president of the advisory board. Rev. Morris, pastor of the church, conducted the devotional exercises. Farm Agent T. W. Allen gave the opening remarks, after which Mr. J. L. Charity, district agent, gave an address with a collection of poultry feeds and a modern poultry house to illustrate his discussion on "poultry improvement on the farm."

The afternoon of the same day Mr. Charity conducted a round table discussion on soil improvement. The farmers reacted to the addresses very readily. As a result five of the interested farmers purchased lime and are carrying demonstrations in wheat this season."

The following story of a successful pork demonstration was told by a farmer in the Isle of Wight County Farmers' Conference held March 27, 1936.

Isle of Wight County - "Harvy Tyler who was very successful in his pork demonstration said his demonstration had more to do with curing and marketing for the best returns. "I killed 4,700 pounds of pork for market in 1934. I was offered at the time I killed twelve and one-half cents, ten cents, and eight cents per pound for the hams, shoulders, and sides. I decided to cure the meat and wait till spring and market it. This meat was sold for 35¢, 32¢ and 30¢ during the summer. You can readily see that I saved money by this method that was brought to my attention by following up the Extension program." "

### EXTENSION SCHOOLS

+ Campbell County - "The sixth annual extension school was held at Hill Creek Baptist Church near Gladys, Virginia. The speakers were District Agent T. B. Patterson, Soil Improvement; J. S. Higginbotham, Hampton Institute, Fall and Winter Gardens; Dr. E. G. Trigg, Virginia State College, Livestock; and District Agent J. L. Charity, Poultry. As a result of this school there are five year round gardens on farms where they have never been before; four poultry houses have been improved; and three hundred purebred baby chicks were purchased; 172 acres of land have been seeded to soil improvement crops on 11 different farms; and for the first time in the history of the farms, four sheds have



Farmers arriving at the Altha Grove Baptist Church in Bedford County to attend a two day extension school. There were over 20 such schools held in the State this year.



Purebred bull calf won by Buckingham County at the Virginia State Farmers' Conference as second prize for bringing the largest delegation, the longest distance to the conference.

been built to protect family cows. The good effect that the different extension schools have had on the different farm families through the county during the past six years can not be expressed in dollars and cents. A week does not pass during the year that some man or woman does not speak of some useful information received at an extension school."

Greensville County - "The county extension school, as the name implies, is a school for farmers who come together for a two day session once every year in the month of February for the purpose of being instructed along various lines of farming by extension speakers who are specialists in their lines of work. These speakers are invariably supplied by Hampton Institute and Virginia State College for Negroes.

The ninth annual county extension school was held this year with a total attendance of 145 people for the two days. The first day of the school held at Greensville County Training School, embraced two features. They were, the holding of a cooking class and a farm shop work class.

The cooking class was conducted by Mrs. M. E. V. Hunter, Director of Home Economics, Virginia State College for Negroes. Under Mrs. Hunter twelve women made corn meal and flour muffins, chicken a la king, and cabbage slaw. A follow up of this work by this office has revealed the fact that many of the women present put into practice things learned in this cooking class.

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The farm shop class/conducted by Mr. Klinck, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department, Hampton Institute. Mr. Klinck, took the men in farm shop work and did soldering, sharpened tools, spliced harness, and demonstrated belt lacing. The men present were unanimous in their appreciation of this shop work class."

Sussex County - "As a result of the extension school, 23 farmers have been influenced to carry year-round gardens during the year who have never carried them before. Five farmers enrolled in building soil through cover crops and using lime, rye, and lespedeza."

COUNTY TOURS - "Henrico County"

"The Fairfield District Tour was conducted on August fifth with 40 persons in attendance to see 17 farms and homes of New Bridge, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, and Dry Bridge communities of Richmond, Route 3, and Sandston Route 1 of Henrico County to teach rural people better farm and home practices. Among the farms seen on this tour were the following:

Two stops were made in Seven Pines Community. B. H. Houston of Richmond Route 3, who does general farming in this community took the group to see his six acres of extra good corn with cowpeas and soybeans drilled in the corn field, 300 Barred Plymouth Pullets that were well colored; 15 brood

rows, bread to ration daily and the fattening pigs which he plans to market during the year. Mr. Houston has painted his dwelling, barn, poultry house and all outbuildings of the farm. The group was greatly impressed with the sight of the farm.

After the tour was completed the group took lunch and held an informal program where expressions were made as to the results of what was seen on the tour.

Professors J. E. Settle, and J. R. Thomas of Virginia State College, Ettrick were parties of the tour and spoke at the meeting. Both speakers complimented the people for the good work accomplished through the efforts of the tour."

### LOCAL LEADERSHIP

This year there were 6437 local leaders who assisted farm agents in planning and carrying out their programs of work. Without this leadership aid it would be next to impossible for the agents to do efficient work. One example will serve to show the results of this faithful leadership.

King and Queen County - "There are 14 local leaders who assisted with the various phases of extension work in the county.

Mrs. Florence Johnson of Salvia, Virginia has done very good work as a leader in her community. She has assisted the families in her community in attempting to grow enough vegetables in their gardens so that they would have an abundant supply to can for the winter. Mrs. Johnson canned for herself 263 quarts of fruits and vegetables. As a result she won first prize for her community at the county fair. Her canned products were estimated at twenty cents per can. This calculation proved her garden to be worth \$52.60 regardless of the bad season in this section for gardens.

Mrs. Johnson has also been very cooperative in helping the Salvia Community to increase its membership. We started out with 11 families, now 31 families have been enrolled."

### ANNUAL STATE FARMERS' CONFERENCE

The Annual State Farmers' Conference was held at Virginia State College, Ettrick, Virginia, April 22 for a one day session. It was estimated that 1500 farm men and women including eight home, 25 farm, one field, and three district agents were present. This is by far the largest group of Negro farmers that has ever been brought together in any one place in the State, many of whom had never been to the College before.

Dr. J. M. Gandy, President of the College, welcomed the delegates and among other things said, "The success of the south, particularly, depends upon the ability of both races working together for the common good of the colored and white races."

Mr. J. E. Hutcheson, Director of Extension for Virginia, was introduced by Mr. J. B. Pierce, Field Agent U. S. D. A. Among other things Mr. Hutcheson said, "There is land enough in this country to over produce more than the markets can take. Some of you did not like the different phases of the old AAA program, but they stood between you and low prices. My advice to you is do not plant any more cotton, tobacco, or peanuts than in past few years."

Dr. Shinn, Senior Agriculturist, Extension Service, Washington, D. C. spoke principally of the youth on the farm. Some striking things said by Dr. Shinn were as follows: "We have many boys and girls damed up on the farm with no outlook in the cities. Something should be done to reach these older boys and girls. Let us see if we can't do something to help stranded youth on the farm. Every time you help others you help yourself. The farm population must continue to increase to supply leadership for the cities."

Mr. Chambers, Field Agent in charge of extension work in the south, was the next speaker. Said he, "The greatest chance for the Negro is in agriculture." As an example of this thought, he told of the progress of one Virginia farmer among others, who had made good. He also advised dual purpose cows on the farm rather than purebred animals.

Other features of the conference, the college offered five prizes to the counties rating highest in the following scores: greatest number of miles travelled, largest number in attendance, largest number present at the opening, and largest number present at the closing. As a result of the contest the following counties were adjudged winners: Louisa first; Buckingham second; Mecklenburg third; Gloucester fourth; and Dinwiddie fifth. Mr. J. B. Pierce, Field Agent, was in charge of this contest and awarded the prizes.

Demonstrations -- Methods of installing running water in the home conducted by District Agent J. L. Charity and Director of Division of Mechanic Arts, H. E. Fauntleroy, Virginia State College. Methods of Storing Farm Products by Director of Agriculture J. L. Lockett.

The conference was under the general direction of Mr. J. B. Pierce, Field Agent, U. S. D. A. and Director of Agriculture J. L. Lockett.

#### X ANNUAL FARM AND HOME AGENTS' CONFERENCE

The annual farm and home agents' conference was held at Virginia State College, Ettrick, Virginia October 26 - 31 inclusive. Thirty two farm and home agents representing 36 counties, one field, and three district agents were present.

This meeting is called annually for the purpose of stimulating agents to larger service in the field through the means of lectures and demonstrations presented to them by specialist working in the field of extension activities.

Chief among the subjects discussed were Community Improvement for 1936 and Community Plans for 1937 by Field Agent J. B. Pierce; Developing 4-H Club Projects, G. A. Egan, State Boys' Club Agent; Discussion of Year's Work, Miss Maude E. Wallace, State Home Demonstration Agent; Trench Silo, H. H. Gordon, Assistant Agricultural Engineer; Organizational Work, Miss Hallie L. Hughes; Address, C. A. Montgomery, Assistant Director; The Agricultural Conservation Program, Director of Extension, J. R. Hutcheson; and an address by Dr. J. M. Gandy, President of Virginia State College. In addition to the above, members of the agricultural staff of Virginia State College, Hampton Institute, and the district farm and local agents assisted on the program.

Excerpts from lectures. Among other things Director Hutcheson said, "Dr. Knapp was the greatest philosopher the country has produced. Never forget the whole program of extension for which he stood regardless of the new things that are constantly arising. If land is not improved it comes out of the standards of living. The Lord has given us minds to think with. It is up to us to use them."

Mr. Pierce, "Nothing makes me feel happier and younger than my association with strong men and women who are striving to help our people as they have done through the years. I like to think back years ago when Dr. Gandy did work with rural people in connection with the Negro Organization Society. The development of this College must have been gained through his experience with the people in the field during those years."

Dr. Gandy, "After listening to Miss Wallace's address," Dr. Gandy said "Miss Wallace has outlined a program that would well cover five years of hard work. In the early days of education the average man was left out of the picture." He then told of the development of the College through special acts of Congress which helped to remedy educational conditions.

Among the visitors present were Dr. H. A. Hunt, Assistant to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.; District Agent Farrar, and D. F. Penn, Director of Agriculture, Hampton Institute, Virginia.

#### FAIRS

Powhatan County - The county fair was held October 8 and 9 with an attendance of 1000 people and 800 entries of exhibits. The quality of the exhibits were of the same high standard as displayed in former years. The exhibits consisted of field crops, poultry, woodwork, needlework, canned goods, and the 4-H club exhibits. Ten samples of corn that had been taken to the State Fair, and won as many prizes, were also on exhibition in the four H club department and won additional prizes. The Fair Association paid out \$93.50 in cash prizes this year despite the very dry year that confronted the farmers in this county. The county board of supervisors gave \$25.00 to the Fair Association to go towards the payment of premiums. Private contributions in the county toward the fair amounted to \$50.00.

Adult



Group attending the Powhatan County Fair.  
There were 24 county fairs held in the State this year  
at which exhibits of farm and home products were shown.



Men who took part in the riding tournament at  
Charles City County Fair. This is an annual event  
at this fair where each community is represented by a  
rider.

Among the visitors at the fair were the county officers, clerks, members of the Board of Supervisors, Commissioner of Revenue, banker, sheriff, the white agents, home and farm.

The exhibits were judged by County Agents R. F. Jones, C. G. Greer, M.F.Hill, and District Agent J. L. Charity. In the women's department the judging was done by Miss L. A. Jenkins, district agent, and Mrs. Kate R. Greene, local home agent of Nelson County."

Buckingham County - "Seventy seven farmers of Buckingham County exhibited at the local fair exhibiting 363 different exhibits, and winning \$32.50 in cash prizes. This fair is known as the Five County Fair because five counties cooperate and hold this one fair.

The poultry of Buckingham was especially outstanding, the Barred Rocks leading. This is a result of farmers following improved methods in breeding the home flock. Information being obtained from the following sources: Annual State Farmers' Conference held at Virginia State College, Local Farmers' Conference held in the county yearly, and through monthly organized community meetings."

#### ADULT DEMONSTRATIONS

##### Corn

Southampton County - "Corn in this county is an all important factor in farm economy. A large percentage of the corn is used in producing pork. Pork production is an important item in our farm program. Corn demonstrations began early in the fall with field selection of seed. For the most part corn demonstrations follow crop pastured acres of the previous year, and peanut crops of the previous year followed by cover crops of rye. The average yield with the demonstrators is 31½ bushels per acre.

Edward Joyner of Branchville Community produced 39 bushels of corn per acre. This corn demonstration followed a cover crop of rye, seeded in peanut land at harvest time. The cover crop of rye was turned under early in April. The land was harrowed twice with a spike tooth harrow. The corn was seeded with soybeans the latter part of April in four foot rows, eighteen inches apart. Six hundred pounds of 3-3-3 fertilizer was used as a side dressing around the middle of May and 200 pounds of nitrate of soda as a top dressing with final cultivation." X

Surry County - "Over two hundred farmers in Surry County and more than 100 farmers in Prince George County made corn enough to serve them for 12 months and some to sell. The following practice is used in growing corn in this territory: The use of purebred or high grade field selected seed; corn following a green manure crop or land pastured by hogs; deep plowing and shallow cultivation; a well harrowed seed bed before planting with rows four feet apart, seeding corn from 18 to 24 inches in drill; the use of two hundred pounds to 300 pounds of commercial fertilizer, 4-8-4 in drill before planting. There were 16 demonstrators who followed this general practice in growing corn this year. They produced an average yield of 47 bushels per acre on 121 acres.

ADULT



Sorghum demonstration on the farm of T. B. Chapman in Isle of Wight County which produced fifty gallons of syrup. Farmers are being induced to grow this crop for syrup in the live-at-home program.



Corn demonstration of George Carly in Sussex County on which he made a profit of \$193.05. The corn followed a crop of crimson clover turned down for soil improvement. There were 439 corn demonstrations conducted this year in 21 counties.

corn followed a hog-down crop of soybeans. The land was plowed in early spring and harrowed twice before planting. The plowing was preceded by broadcasting barnyard manure at the rate of three tons per acre. Rows were four feet apart and corn was seeded. Twenty four inches in drill. Two hundred pounds of 4-8-4 commercial fertilizer per acre was used in drill. The crop was cultivated five times. At the last plowing 100 pounds of nitrate of soda was broadcast in balks."

#### WHEAT

Powhatan County - "L. T. Harris of the Mohemenco Community made 30 bushels of wheat on his acre this year on land that was an alfalfa fallow, plowed early in the spring and seeded to corn with manure applied. A good seed bed was prepared in October and sowed to wheat with 400 pounds of 3-8-3. Mr. Harris has been following the Extension Methods of farming since its inauguration in the county. The results are that he has one of the most productive farms in the county."

Greensville County - "In keeping with the live-at-home program, farmers are encouraged to grow wheat for home consumption. Twenty-four wheat demonstrators were enrolled this year to spread the idea and to teach cultural practices in wheat production. According to the 1929 census report, 133 acres seeded in the county yielded an average of 12 bushels of wheat per acre. The 1935 census lists 423 seeded acres of wheat with an average yield of ten and seven tenths bushels per acre. The 24 wheat demonstrators for this year seeded 30 acres with an average yield of 15 bushels per acre. Roland Adams, Star Route, Emporia had a two acre plot that yielded 25 bushels per acre."

Appomattox County - "Wheat growers of the county are urged to use good seed and to treat their seed for smut and prepare good seed bed as prerequisite for assuring a good crop. They are further advised that an application of nitrate of soda at seeding time or not later than the latter part of March at the rate of 125 pounds to the acre will materially benefit both the yield and the quality of the crop. Wherever this advice has been acted upon in the county satisfactory crops of wheat have been harvested.

Mr. Hix of Hixburg was able to thresh an average of 12 bushels from his eight acre field. Mr. Walker of Pamplin got an average of more than fifteen bushels from his 12 acre field. There are many other creditable yields reported throughout the county. As I go among the farmers I am convinced that they are pretty well supplied with bread to carry them through the year."

#### LEGUMES AND FORAGE CROPS

Campbell County - "Five years ago lespedeza was only being read about and discussed in this county. Today we have lespedeza growing on more than three hundred different farms. When lespedeza was first produced in this county it was used only as a soil improvement crop, but now it is being used as a hay crop, for pasture, soil improvement, and 32 farmers are

producing seed for the market. With the assistance of local leaders the seeded to lespedeza. We have 20 demonstrations of lespedeza for hay crops this year, and each demonstrator has reported good results."

Prince Edward County - "Demonstrator James H. A. Earley of Meherrin, (Route 2,) seeded two acres of land to lespedeza and secured a very good stand. As a result of his last year's seeding he won the first prize on the best exhibit of lespedeza hay at the Five County Fair this fall."

Dinwiddie County - "Lespedeza is a new grass to the farmers of this county. The possibility of saving seed, the large yields of hay, and its ability to hold and improve soil and to grow most any where makes it a desirable crop for the farmers here. Through efforts of the extension agency the colored farmers have 500 or more acres on the soil."

#### COTTON

Manassas County - "Mr. Robert Brown of Route 2, Suffolk, average 1200 pounds of cotton on a five acre plot this year. His net income from this cotton was \$206.00 after all expenses were paid. This was accomplished by planting his cotton where soybeans were harvested last year. After the land was thoroughly prepared for planting this crop by April 15th 450 pounds of 10-8-10 fertilizer was applied to the acre at time cotton was planted. He side dressed this cotton when it was six inches high with 75 pounds of nitrate of soda. During the growing season frequent cultivations were applied to keep down weeds. He was well pleased with the results obtained by the use of these improved methods." X

Surry County - "Four demonstrations in cotton were carried on 14 acres. The average yield per acre was 338 pounds of lint cotton. Langham Watson, Surry made 340 pounds of lint cotton per acre on four acres. This crop followed soybeans. The land was plowed during the month of March, re-followed in April and harrowed twice before planting. Four hundred pounds of 4-8-4 commercial fertilizer was used in drill before the crop was planted. Rows were four feet apart and cotton was left to a stand of 15 inches in drill. The crop was plowed five times with a shallow set cultivator."

Isle of Wight - "From past observations and study of cotton culture in Isle of Wight County a plan was worked out for the farmers whereby they might get the cotton to mature before danger of winter damage. This is the plan, select land that warms up early that is of average fertility. Prepare seed bed well and plant as early as danger from killing weather has passed. Fertilize heavy with a complete fertilizer and apply top dressing just before second cultivation. Cultivate thoroughly until cotton shades the ground. The distance between rows and plants in hill is governed by the fertility of the soil. The richer the soil the more distance to be allowed up to four feet rows and plants 24 inches in drill."

Mr. Roosevelt Eley, Route 1, Zuni, Virginia is one of the demonstrators in the county that carried a cotton demonstration according to the above plan. He made 1500 pounds of seed cotton per acre and had it all harvested before it had been damaged by winter weather."



Peanut demonstration of J. C. Woodrick in Isle of Wight County. He is a tenant farmer working under the direction of the local agent.



Cotton demonstration of Thomas Wilson in Isle of Wight County. There were 35 result demonstrations conducted with cotton in four counties of the state this year.

## PEANUTS

**Surry County** - "Seeding peanuts after a clover or rye fallow with the use of 300 pounds of 300 pounds of ground limestone or marl lime is the general practice of peanut growing in this section. Seven demonstrations in Virginia Runner peanuts were conducted in Surry County on 63 acres with an average yield of 51 bushels per acre. An increase yield above State's average of 16 bushels per acre.

John Ricks, Dendron, made 60 bushels per acre on five acres. He seeded peanuts after corn on a soil which had wood ashes applied at a rate of four tons per acre. Land was plowed during the month of April and harrowed twice before planting. The crop was seeded during the second week in May. The crop was cultivated five times and harvested during the second week in October."

✓ **Hansemond County** - "Mr. Rochelle Boone of Route 1, Whaleyville harvested one hundred forty six bags of peanuts on a eight acre plot especially prepared for a peanut demonstration this year. This average netted Mr. Boone a gross income of \$50.40 to the acre. This demonstration in peanuts was planted in a field where corn and soybeans were harvested by hogs last year and a cover crop of rye sown for the winter. When the rye was eight inches high it was turned under and the land prepared was applied to the acre ten days before the peanuts were seeded. Two hundred pounds of lime plaster was applied to the acre after the last cultivation. Shallow cultivation was practiced during the plowing season for this crop. The results obtained convinced 17 more farmers present when this crop was harvested that these improved methods are worthwhile. Mr. Boone has been following these extension practices for the last three years."

## HORTICULTURE

Home gardens go a long way towards helping to keep farmers out of debt since much of the cost of running a farm is the food cost. To this end all agents encourage farm people to carry good year round gardens. This year 670 result demonstrations were carried. Examples of which are cited as follows:

**Sussex County** - "Demonstrator George Williams, Route 3, Disputanta had one acre in garden. He broke the land in the fall putting down ten two horse wagon loads, of barnyard manure. As soon as it was warm enough in the spring he disked and harrowed it until thoroughly pulverized. Rows were laid off and 200 pounds of 5-10-5 fertilizer applied at planting time.

Cost of material for garden amounted to \$49.65. Value of vegetables used in the home amounted to \$86.14, and vegetables sold amounted to \$165.00 making a total value of vegetables grown \$251.14."

ADULT



Harvesting bright tobacco on the farm of John Macklin in Brunswick County. He is one of the best tobacco growers in the county.



Tying tobacco for the barn on the farm of John Macklin in Brunswick County. Motion pictures were made by representatives from the Washington office in August of the harvesting operations on this farm.

Chesterfield County - "Growing of a family garden became a practice by more than seventy-five per cent of the counties' rural people. Practically 50 of the gardens have some growing vegetables the year round.

Gardens play a very important part in the family budget. Fifty-one garden demonstrations were conducted that supplied more than 5,000 bushels of fresh vegetables for the table.

Guy Trent, Route 7, Richmond, who has been a marginal liver, had an acre garden and produced sufficient vegetables to feed a family of 12 and after Mrs. Trent canned for winter use, sold more than \$50.00 worth on the Richmond Market."

### BEAUTIFICATION

Greenville County - "Three yard beautification demonstrations were carried in the county program of work this year, but four were conducted. Four method demonstrations were given before a total of 45 people in four different communities. The work consisted in selection, arrangement, and planting of trees and shrubs. Lawn grading and seeding and arrangement of driveways and walks consumed three of the seven days spent on this work.

Richard Joyner, North Esoria, was by far the most important piece of work supervised. Three days were spent at this newly constructed home supervising the grading, seeding of the lawn, and arranging the driveway and walks. Shrubbery plantings were deferred until later. The owner and passersby state that the work already done improves the looks of the home by fifty per cent."

### LIVESTOCK

Gloucester County - "In one year the purebred poultry flocks on the farms of Gloucester have increased twenty per cent. Barred Rocks are in greater numbers. W. C. Davenport, Woods Road, Virginia is a very successful poultry man. This year he kept 700 white leghorn hens. During the year he sold an average of 240 dozen eggs per week. He ships his eggs to the New York market and by careful grading he is able to average thirty cents per dozen all through the year. Davenport hatches his baby chicks and by careful breeding and selection he is able to keep his flock true to type. He also has a small increase in egg production each year. He grows corn and wheat enough to furnish his flock grain.

There has been an increase of thirty per cent in the egg production in the small farm flock on 35 farms in the county as a direct result of proper housing, careful feeding and culling."

Brunswick's report also carries an interesting report on poultry.



New poultry house on the farm of Lee Evans in Isle of Wight County. There were 192 poultry houses built this year in 11 counties of the state from plans furnished by the Extension Service



Brooder house and poultry flock of Mrs. Vergie Wilson in Isle of Wight County. Her flock consists of 200 Barred Rocks and Leghorns that supplies her family's needs.

## SWINE

**Hammond County** - "Livestock raising is being practiced more each year by the farmers in this county. The improved methods that are taught by the Extension Service are responsible for this advance. Not only are the farmers getting direct results by the use of these methods, but the industry is offering a better type of farming. This type of farming has been built up by establishing demonstration centers located in the different Magisterial Districts.

Mr. John Everett of Route 2, Suffolk has estimated his hog crop for this year to be worth \$515. With five broods fattened 42 pigs during the month of March. He has raised 33 of them. They have averaged to November first 130 pounds each. These pigs have been raised on rye, lespedeza and soybeans during the spring, summer and fall months. Peanut meal tankage and corn have been their food up to the present date. He was successful in having his broods to fatten 36 more pigs during the month of September that are averaging 53 pounds each. With this kind of success obtained by the use of extension methods, Mr. Everett has proved the wisdom of using the service."

## SWINE SANITATION

**Sussex County** - "During the year the agent treated 10,177 hogs with the double treatment. The County Board of Supervisors have become so impressed with this work that they are still asking the local <sup>agts</sup> take care of all the hog work for both white and colored farmers.

The agent feels from reports received that those served are entirely satisfied with work done."

**Dinwiddie County** - "The larger portion of our time is devoted to hog sanitation. This involves immunization against cholera and hemorrhagic septicemia provided through the triple treatment. The latter disease made its first appearance in Dinwiddie County this year. Sometimes it makes its appearance with cholera and again by its self. Dinwiddie on a whole does not stand out as a hog raising county, but in the South East corner, the hog belt begins and runs through Sussex down towards Norfolk. It is believed that from that section comes up Hemorrhagic septicemia from which three outbreaks took place this year. There was a large outbreak of cholera in the county beginning in December and subsiding in August. During that time upwards of 1200 hogs were treated. Of that number 1000 were well or supposed to be, less than one half of one per cent died after treatment."

For detailed reports on swine sanitation see agents' reports. Four hundred and twelve adult swine demonstrations were carried through the year.

STUDY OF GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN NEGRO EXTENSION WORK

Year-- 1936

Name of Supervisor: J.L.Charity

Name of Supervisor: T.B.Patterson

STATE OF VIRGINIA

(A) Help supervisor gave negro county agent in extension activities for previous year. GOALS: (Data to be taken from supervisor's weekly or monthly field reports, and time given expressed in days or tenths of days).

	AMELIA	NOFOLLOWAY	BRANDRICK	SWANNOA	DINWIDDIE	GREENSVILLE	ISLE OF WIGHT	LUNENBURG	MECKLENBURG	LANESBORO	SOUTHAMPTON	SURRY	FR. GEORGE	SPOTSWYLD	TOTAL	ALBEMARLE	APPOMATTOX	BUCKINGHAM	CAMPBELL	CAROLINE	CHARLES CITY	NEW KENT	GLAUCOUSTON	HEIRICO	ESSEX	GLAUCOUSTON	GOCHMAN	KING AND QUEEN	POWHEATAN	PR. JAMES	TOTAL	General Total		
1. Working with local agencies in developing an agricultural and home economics program based on facts.	2		3.5	4	3	3	5	4	2.5	3	3	5		3	44	1				1					1			1			1	5	49	
2. Developing plan and calendar of work based on facts.						1							1	1	5			2		1	1			3			2	2			11	12		
3. Soil conservation and domestic adjustment.		1							1					1	5								1	2			3				11	26		
4. Developing and checking up on community and county adult organizations.	3	1	2	3		2		1	2	1					15					4			1	2			3					3.5		
5. Developing and checking up on community and county 4-H club organization.		1	1/2			1				1					3.5																			
6. Getting adult demonstrations and cooperators.																																		
7. Getting 4-H club enrollment.															1																		1	
8. Carrying on the live-at-home program.										1					1																	1	10	
9. Planning adult demonstrations (result & method).			1		1	2	1 1/2				1	1		2	9																			.5
10. Planning 4-H club demonstrations (result & method).							1/2								1/2																			
11. Training adult local leaders.																							1	1								2	2	
12. Training 4-H club local leaders.																							1				2	2				5	5	
13. Subject matter for adults.																																		
14. Subject matter for 4-H clubs.															1	1	2		1				1				2			3		12	13	
15. Getting reports and checking adult results.			1												1		1						1											
16. Getting reports and checking 4-H club results.										1		1			6			1			1		1		1		2	1		1	8	14		
17. Field meetings and tours.	2		1						1	2	1				8	1					2	1	3	2			2		3	1	15	23		
18. Achievement days and educational exhibits.			2			1	1		1	2	1																							
19. Short course and camps.																																		
20. Extension schools.	2		2		1	2		2	2		2	2		2	17	1	2		2	2						2			2		12	29		
21. Health (personal cleanliness, sanitation, proper diet).																																		
22. Recreation (clays, games pageants, etc.).																																		
23. Maintaining personnel and county relationships.	1		4	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	1 1/2	1 1/2		21				1			2					1				4	25		
24. Office organization (records and reports).						1/2			1/2						1																			
25. Conference with state and federal workers.																																		
TOTAL	10	3	17	9	8	12	11	9	11	10	7	9 1/2	2 1/2	9	130	3	3	5	3	9	4	4	7	5	7	4	5	9	12	6	86	216		

(3) Other data taken from Negro county agent's annual statistical and narrative reports for previous year.

ADULT WORK

1. Total number of Negro farms (Census) -----	779	1210	1045	1184	752	642	913	1927	918	1879	364	326	766	85	2920	1044	932	1187	546	307	658	141	571	522	561	628	447	962	
2. Number of farms cooperating - Men -----	268	216	500	350	460	600	107	20	287	102	746	336	36	384	62	0300	137	583	182	200	83	250	90	100	350	166	133	155	820
----- Women -----																													
3. Number farmers following soil conservation -----	380	400	412	150	250	575	200	150		322	363	322	216	350	150	50	607	375	78	40	9	60	7135	60	51	200	150	250	
4. Number adult crop demonstrations -----	84	36	65	94	211	194	144	24	58	82	108	117		125	75	113	14	38	29	16	10	77	25	10	50	36	18	28	120
5. Number adult livestock demonstrations -----	22	18	42	18	192	12	77	10	1	25	95	46		24	27	17	1	15	12	24	15	2		4	50	18		5	9
6. Number acres planted to winter cover crops, -----	9263	1200	1600	289	1300	1758	200	350		401	264	360	435	6121	100	0450	1026		150	100	100	1900	550	55	210	240	58	2000	1250
7. Number acres planted to summer cover crops, -----	185	200	950	340	500	743	500	731		956	172	1050	660	3010	15	15200	830		60	50	50	3300	1500	65		360		653	675
8. Number acres planted to pasture -----	5	2	15	101	200	650				485	83	250	210	1216	37	5	230				150	80				96	10		60
9. Number whole farm demonstrations established -----	12	2	1			5	1			43		8	5	2					1		1	1							
10. Number homes built 49 remodeled 116 landscaped -----			10	15		8	2	1		142	7	32	11	29	15	23	1		6	3	15	3	8	19	9		3	19	
11. Number kitchens improved -----			38	15	5	2	3			42		3	2	42	1		14				5	3	3	8	7		3	5	
12. Number sanitary toilets built -----	1	10	7	28	15	75	10	8		88	18	18		22	49	68	33	21	18	2	2	50	35	4	35	56	3	196	15
13. Number cows placed for milk supply -----				4	4	3	5	16		18		4	2	10	17	7	7	8	18			4	1			342		3	8
14. Number hogs placed for meat supply -----				18		5	50	7		65		247	196	15	137	20	16	17	10			1150	275	18		438	17	20	40
15. Number poultry flocks established (12 or more -----	260	260	34	8		1	20			18	17	10	8	6	21	18	3	9	8	25	10	190	95	12	56	960	8	10	7
16. Number home-made brooders established (brick -----	100	160	5	1		1	9	5		62	6	5	2	4	12	12	3	10		4	2	2	1	4	15	6	6	8	2
17. Number year round gardens established -----	760	25	14	32		20	40	29		56	21	56	47	8	147	34	8	21	2	12	8	200	95	10	75	7		10	200
18. Number homes providing ample supply of food -----	700	680		930	530	400	85	241		243	472	376	243	560	525	300	917		173	45	35	180	45		125		133	150	850
19. Number local leaders having active part in the -----	198	66	75	104	57	67	85	18	21	98	140		220	58	50	58	20	27	119	30	13	29	9	20	30	22	18	36	42

4-H CLUB WORK

1. Number of farms reached -----	250		275	195	100	225	150	160	146	531	478	256	204	61	195	235	102	156	103	100	50	113	97	80	98	81	133	200	180
2. Number of boys and girls club age -----	1232	1720	1500	1774	2700	2023	1786	1736	4833	3900	3420	1308	1046	2043	2011	725	1592	1774	2058	981	1409	1957	1382	814	1168	1107	1111	804	2245
3. Number of club members enrolled -----	371		498	331	381	525	375	171	205	1051	629	459	250	260	276	309	209	293	230	157	96	215	106	129	153	245	208	297	314
4. Number of completions -----	373		461	280	281	434	368	105	168	825	575	440	232	240	275	271	131	272	201	84	60	213	104	109	68	213	139	284	261
5. Percentage of completions -----	94		92	84	84	82	98	61	67	98	86	96	93	92	88	87	62	92	87	57	61	99	96	84	44	86	66	95	83
6. Average years in work -----	3		2.5	3	5 1/2	4	2.5	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	2	3.5	1.5	3	2	3	2	4.5	4	1	2	2	1	3.5	3
7. Local club leaders (adult) -----	16		28	14	8	15	23	6	9	52	33	11	8	15	16	11	13	14	14	6	4	25	13	12	13	13	11	15	7
8. Local club leaders (boys) -----	2				10	3	2	12		35	4	2	2	3	6	3	4	14	4			4				3	3	3	4
9. Local club leaders (girls) -----	1			1	1.5		1	8		21	6	1	1	6	5	6	9	14	6			2				2	4		3

NOTE: When one agent is doing both lines of work only one figure used under B-2 and B-1-9



Hog demonstration of J. C. Woodridge in  
Isle of Wight County which brought \$368.00 on the Richmond  
market in July. There were 20 hogs in the demonstration.

## SOIL IMPROVEMENT

Greenville County - "The objectives of the soil activities for this year have been erosion control, and the building and maintenance of soil fertility. Demonstrations toward this objective were terracing, cover crops for green manure and to prevent washing, pastures, barnyard manure, leaf mold, and summer and winter legumes. Successful demonstrations were also carried in crop rotations.

Two hundred sixteen acres of farm land on 17 different farms were terraced; forty-four acres had dams built and other methods used to stop gully washing. Fifty acres of rye was grown for cover crops, while 20 acres were turned under for green manure. Pastures consisted of lespedeza, crimson clover, and mixed grasses, and totaled 150 demonstration acres. Fifteen demonstrations in ten different communities on cowpeas and soybeans embraced 75 acres. Five acres had leaf mold added which increased the crop one third. Six farmers in six different communities practiced crop rotation for the first time."

### Buckingham County

"Over three thousand acres of land has been seeded to legumes in attempting to carry out the soil conservation program for 1936.

Four hundred sixty three farmers are hauling barnyard manure from the stable, direct to the field. This is the result of a lecture on soil improvement given by District Agent T. B. Patterson of Virginia State College at the first local farmers' conference held in this county in 1934."

## HEALTH

Charlotte County - "A great deal has been done through the cooperative efforts of the community clubs, and local leaders along the line of health and recreation.

Twenty eight sanitary toilets were built. Eighty three homes screened against flies and mosquitoes. Four hundred fifty homes and home surroundings were sanitary. Seventeen families induced to use more milk and green vegetables in the family diet. Three to purchase cows who did not own one. For recreation, farmers get most of it by meeting at churches and schools, in the community clubs, and school leagues.

The agent, in cooperation with the supervising teacher, Mrs. R. G. Wingo, and the other agencies such as community clubs, county advisory board, local school leagues, county wide league, working together to improve health and sanitation in the county, has accomplished a great deal of good toward that end."

## SOIL CONSERVATION

Mecklenburg County - "The New Soil Conservation Program is a program very difficult for our farmers to understand. Most of our farmers were induced to sign the "Work Sheet" after assuring them that it was not binding. Many of them, who signed the work sheet, have not qualified for payment by reducing their required acreage and putting in the necessary soil conservation crops. During the signing of the applications for the "Grant" we could tell the farmers never understood its purpose nor its workings from the number of questions asked before signing the applications by those who qualified as well as those who did not. We have worked continuously with the county agent and all the committees in striving to put across the program. We feel assured that the program will be better understood for 1937 and more farmers will comply."

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Powhatan County - "From time to time the county agent is being called upon to render his decision in the matter of some needy person. These cases are referred to either the Red Cross or the Relief Worker which ever happens to be in the office at the particular time. While relief is not approved of in all cases, it is essential in others and must receive its due consideration."

## STATE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

As a result of the State Community Improvement Contest originated by Field Agent J. B. Pierce, the records show that 21 communities took active part in the movement involving 889 families. Among improvements accomplished last year in the 21 communities competing were 15 homes bought, 171 families joined community clubs, 60 families became self supporting, 24 homes were painted, 128 sanitary toilets built, 277 boys and girls added to the four H club rolls, and 107 were enrolled in schools. An example in point is given in Brunswick's report to show the work accomplished in one community.

Brunswick County - Kitchen improvement was not planned as a part of the county program. The Oak Grove Community Club, with the assistance of the agent and district agent, Miss L. A. Jenkins, sponsored a Kitchen Improvement Contest. Thirty-eight kitchens entered the contest. All the kitchens in the contest made some improvements. Mrs. Eva Byrd, Mrs. Helen Rice, Mrs. Maggie Short, Mrs. Hattie Rivers, and Mrs. Eliza Walker took the lead in this work. All of the above named persons painted their kitchens, covered their floors, screened, either built kitchen shelves or cabinets, and did many other things adding to the appearance and convenience for the work in the kitchen. Similar improvements in other kitchens in the contest could be related."

Adult



Farm home of Mr. & Mrs. Lee Evans of  
Isle of Wight County which was painted during the  
State Community Contest. There were 24 homes  
painted in the state during the contest.

### NEGRO FOUR H CLUB WORK

The 4-H club program has continued to attract Negro rural youth and to give them inspiration to become good citizens.

In the 29 counties of the State where extension work is carried on, there are 5,110 Negro farm homes with 8,693 four H club members enrolled. The market value of products produced by the 7,302 club members completing their work for the year amounted to \$166,221.

### COMMUNITY 4-H CLUBS

Community 4-H club meetings are held monthly, at which time members receive instructions from their local agents and leaders for conducting club work. Agents held 373 four H club meetings, also trained 147 judging teams and 121 demonstration teams. In addition to instructions, the programs of the meetings consisted of group singing, recreation, and short plays. A great deal of instruction was received through county and state contests on judging, singing, correct dress, games, speaking, and growth work.

The following are a few examples of successful 4-H meetings conducted during the year.

Nansemond County - "The Little Fork Training School Club did outstanding work this year. Last winter eight of these club members bought 750 day old chicks, and also six purebred pigs for club projects. During the regular club meeting a group was trained to compete in the singing contest that was conducted at the Annual State Short Course held at Virginia State College. These singers were successful in winning the first prize offered at the Short Course. With this kind of club spirit these boys and girls have gone back to their community with a stronger desire to do better club work for next year."

Forhatan County - "The Saint James Club with a membership of 17, all of whom completed their work for the year, is the most outstanding club in the county. This club sent a judging team to the county club rally on corn judging and won first place; sent two delegates to the State 4-H Short Course at Virginia State College, and helped the county to win fifth place, a cash prize of \$6.00. In addition the club held seven meetings during the year with an average of 12 members. The club was represented 100% at the county fair and won \$6.00 in prizes."

### COUNTY JUNIOR COUNCILS

Twenty-two of the 29 counties have county junior councils that assisted in conducting 4-H club work as the following examples will show.

Greensville County - "The county club council is a federation of the four H clubs which cooperates in sponsoring community, county, and state four H club activities. The council, having a proper corp of officers drawn from outstanding club members, under the auspices of the local farm



Mansenond County delegates at the State Short Course that won first place in the Singing Contest with groups of 16 club members.



Powhatan County 4-H Rhythm Band at the State Short Course and directed by Mrs. L. M. Simpson, one of the outstanding 4-H leaders in the State.

agent, held two meetings this year. The council sponsored the county wide 4-H club popularity contest which netted \$415 which sum is deposited in the council's treasury and is to be used to establish a scholarship fund in conjunction with the county advisory board which is to be used in helping the deserving 4-H club boy or girl in obtaining a college education."

**Poshatan County** - "The program for the rally, as planned by the council, consisted of demonstrations in corn and poultry judging. The correct dress contest was one of the main features of the rally. Each club was asked to raise five dollars to defray the expenses of the rally and to assist in sending delegates to the Short Course. All club members and leaders were asked to wear their club uniforms. Each club was asked to have a demonstration team. The clubs were to compete for cash prizes which amounted to \$20.00. Nine clubs turned in cash which amounted to \$39.50.

The contestants at the State Short Course won fifth place and took back to the county a sum of six dollars in cash. This was accomplished by the untiring efforts of the club leaders and definite plans made by the county four H club council."

**Surry County** - "In Surry County the council decided to interest the members of each 4-H club in landscaping the church and school grounds as a contribution from 4-H clubs. As a result one church and two school grounds were landscaped."

#### County Club Rallies

This year 19 counties conducted county club rallies with a program consisting of songs, games, and contests in judging, speaking, growth work, and correct dress.

At many of the rallies contestants were selected for the State Contest in singing, growth work, judging, speaking, and correct dress.

The rallies give the parents of club members and other interested citizens a better idea of what club work is doing to develop the latent talents in boys and girls.

**Greenville County** - "The annual county club rally was held this year on August 31 with an attendance of 450 four H club boys and girls and 200 adults. Ten of the 14 clubs in the county were represented. The activities engaged in were singing contest, correct dress contest for boys and girls, popularity and games contests. District Agent T. B. Patterson was present at the morning exercises and besides serving as one of the judges made an address to the group. Ten dollars in cash prizes were awarded four H winners in the various contests. Refreshments for this outing were furnished by farmers themselves. Each farm family contributed ten cents which furnished lemonade and barbecue. This was one of the most successful rallies ever to be conducted during the present agents tenure."

4-H Pictures

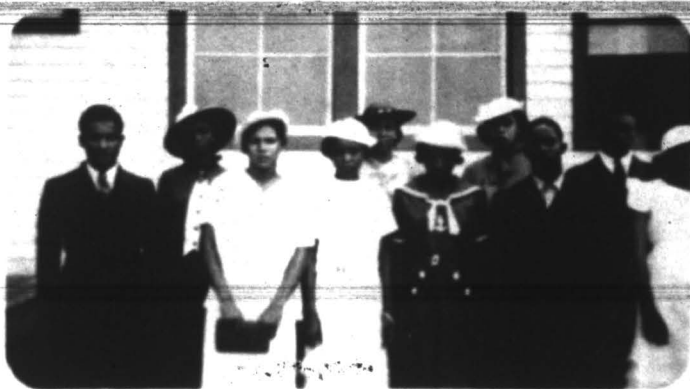
The correct dress, a new feature this year in the Negro 4-H club contest which was conducted on a state-wide basis. These groups for work, school, and church took part in the contest at the Goochland County Club Rally.



Correct dress for work



Correct dress for school



Correct dress for church

Henrieville County - "This county is one of the five that meets jointly in conducting their Rally Day. The purpose of this joint get-together is to gain district interest in club work and to perfect a more uniform program from county to county. The counties are as follows: Isle of Wight, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, and Henrieville. These counties have been meeting jointly since 1928. The rally, this year was held at Ivor, in Southampton County, on the grounds of Gilfield Baptist Church. A program was conducted with club offerings from the represented counties that were present. A singing contest was held among the counties. After the contest, at which this county won third place, games were conducted on the grounds for one hour. Lunch was served and the program concluded by short lectures posing from District Agents Charity and Patterson of this state. Over 600 club members, visitors, and friends were present to enjoy the club activities rendered by the different counties at this rally day."

#### LEADERS

Four H club work would not be possible without the voluntary county and community leaders who give freely of their time and talents to make club work a success. This year, in the 29 counties or 303 communities, where extension work is being conducted, there are 447 adult leaders who assisted with 4-H club program. In addition to the above 241 older boys and girls served as local leaders in 18 counties.

During the year 450 training meetings were held for local leaders with 5,307 in attendance

Gretna County - "Mrs. Maude Berry, Route 3, Petersburg, has been an active leader of the Walthal Club for three years. The club membership was secured by Mrs. Berry and her club won first place and \$4.00 at the county rally program on July 21st. The money was used for expenses of delegates, from her club, to the State Short Course. The Walthal Club also won first place and three dollars on exhibits at the County Fair."

Henrieville County - "Miss Mary L. Baker of Little Fork Community has been outstanding as a leader for several years. She was the second to be the secretary of the Silver Spring Club. She was selected to be the club secretary for three consecutive years. Twice, she served on a culling team that was selected by her club, and assisted her team mate in culling 11 different farm flocks of chickens in one year. This club girl was one of the first to be selected to sing on the county 4-H singing contest. She is serving now as the chairman of the club program committee and has been responsible for all club programs that have been rendered by her for two years. Not only is Mary active in her respective community, but is filling her mother's place in keeping the farm home together while her brothers do the farming. Mary has been an active club member for eight years. This type of leadership is found in other communities as well as Little Fork."

### THIRTEENTH ANNUAL STATE SHORT COURSE

The thirteenth annual State Short Course of 4-H clubs was held at Virginia State College, August 11 - 14, 1936 inclusive, with an attendance of 424 delegates and visitors. This number includes 178 boys, 155 girls, thirty-three agents, 38 leaders, and 20 other visitors.

The most outstanding features of the program were the judging, growth work, singing contest, correct dress, speaking, record books, game contests and dress parade. Thirty seven counties entered these contests with three hundred eleven club members taking part. Of the 511 club members taking part 169 won places.

A high record for the judging contest was established by Halifax, Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Nansemond, King and Queen, Gloucester, Buckingham, Louisa, Lunenburg, and Brunswick Counties. In the growth work contest the following counties made high records, Southampton, Hanover, Campbell, Nelson, Nansemond, Surry, Powhatan, New Kent, Bedford, and Buckingham.

In the speaking contest Charlie Bough, Goochland County, won first place with others making the following order of standing: Celestine Simpson, Powhatan; Margaret White, Nottoway; Thomas A. Wilson, Isle of Wight; Russell Hunter, Campbell; Mathew J. Robinson, Henrico; Eloise George, Surry; and John W. Perkinson, Amelia.

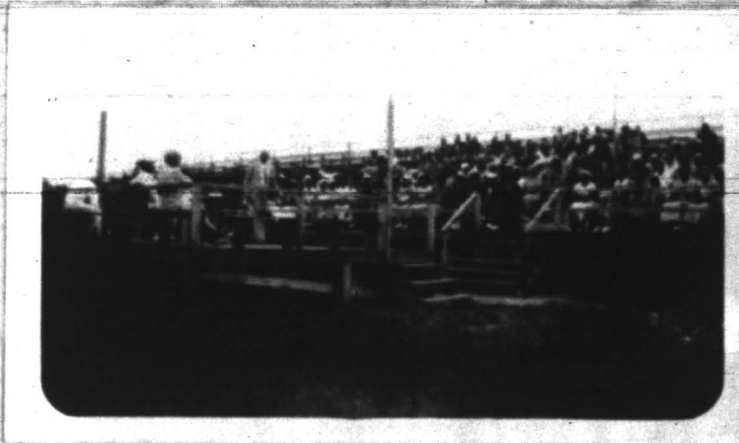
The dress parade on Wednesday afternoon attracted a great deal of attention with the boys dressed in white uniform and the girls in the National 4-H uniform. Each county was scored and stood in the following order: Nelson, Goochland, Surry, Chesterfield, Bedford, Pr. Edward, Louisa, Nottoway, Nansemond, and Powhatan.

Points were given for places won in the various events and \$66.00 in ten cash prizes was awarded to the following counties. Nansemond, Nelson, Surry, Bedford, Louisa, Powhatan, Buckingham, Halifax, Southampton, and Hanover.

This year a greater interest was shown with games and recreational contest. This feature was conducted by a committee of agents headed by George D. Williams of Greenville County. The contest consisted of relays, sack races, potato race, 100 yard dash, dodge ball, 50 yard dash, volley ball, high and broad jumps. Certain features were planned by both boys and girls. One of the features that gave the boys and girls a great thrill was the use of the new swimming pool in the College Gymnasium.

Mr. G. A. Elean, State Boys' Club Agent, commended the boys and girls for their record made in enrollment and completions. He raised the question with the members of "What is Success" and pointed out the importance of knowing the direction in which one is going.

A very pleasant feature was the work of Mr. Wilson King of Isle of Wight County, who had charge of the music. It was good to see the hearty response which he was able to secure in the group singing. It was,



The Greenville County 4-H club rally that was held on the County Fair Grounds where a county wide singing contest was conducted.



Sack Race, one of the featured games in the State Contest at the Virginia State Short Course, Virginia State College for Negroes.

also, interesting to have the judges report that the team trained by Mr. Wilson, that of Isle of Wight, was the best one in the whole contest. Hansemond's group placed as second best of the entire group.

Since club work is expected to assist boys and girls with their every day problems, it was deemed wise to conduct an appropriate dress contest. Costumes shown indicated how boys and girls should dress for work, school, church, and an informal party. Twenty-four boys and girls won places in this contest.

Discussion groups were conducted by Miss Hallie L. Hughes, Blacksburg, and Miss Susie Shepperson of the College faculty; group instruction in first aid was given by Messrs Moore and Yardell; swimming by Coach Jefferson and Miss Lucille Lewis; party planning by Mrs. Kate R. Greens; setting-up exercises, Miss Lewis and Mr. Mansfield; leaders' meeting was conducted by Mrs. L. P. Simpson of Powhatan.

The singing contest on Wednesday night was a new feature and was most enjoyable. Twenty-one counties entered this contest, which was divided into groups of fours, eights, and sixteens. Awards were made as follows:

Groups of Four - Charlotte	Groups of Eight - Isle of Wight
Albemarle	Halifax
Southampton	Chesterfield
Groups of Sixteen - Hansemond	
Wottoway.	

Mrs. Rose Butler Browne of the College faculty was the speaker for the vesper services on Thursday night. She took for her subject "A Personal Inventory" and urged club members to imitate the big stores that take an annual inventory and cast off such habits and manners as prevent them from being their best selves.

On the last evening club members who won places in the various events were awarded ribbons and ten cash prizes to the highest ranking counties.

Officers elected for 1936 were as follows:

President	Mathew J. Robinson	Henrico
Vice President	Charlie Baugh	Goochland
Vice President	Portia Folkes	Wottoway
Secretary	Inez Winston	Hanover
Assistant Secretary	Thelma Crawley	Dinwiddie
Yell Leader	McCoy Hunter	Hansemond
Treasurer	C. G. Greer	Albemarle

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#### FAIRS - STATE AND COUNTY

Two hundred twenty-five four H club members from 24 counties sent exhibits to the Virginia State Fair at Richmond. The exhibits consisted of corn, cotton, gardens, peanuts, potatoes, and eggs. Of the 225

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Four H club leaders in attendance at the State Short Course, Virginia State College. There are 447 adult 4-H leaders in the 29 counties of the state.



Club members in attendance at the Goodland County 4-H Rally. There were 19 county club rallies held during the year.

club members who sent exhibits 106 won prizes which amounted to \$225.00 in cash.

For the third year in succession the Sweepstake prize of \$10.00 for the best ten ears of white corn on exhibit, was won by Powhatan County.

Club members from 26 counties sent 1492 exhibits to county and state fairs on which they won \$452.00 in cash prizes.

Hennessy County - "Exhibiting at the state and county fairs is another important phase of extension work that is rendering better standards for our club members to work. Exhibiting is one way that higher goals are set for during the period of one year. Greater efforts are made by the club members to improve their seed and livestock so that they may have a better showing at the state and county fairs. The competition set up in exhibiting is maintaining an effort to keep these methods in practice. Bushels of purebred seeds are purchased each year to maintain the standard of their projects. Purebred pigs, eggs, and poultry are bought each year to improve the type of livestock that take prizes at the fairs. Therefore exhibiting at the fairs means to the club member that the public will see what is being produced by him. Knowing that this condition exist all club members do their bit in holding their exhibits to higher caliber so they might stand a chance of getting a prize."

#### CROP DEMONSTRATIONS

##### CORN

There were 1,579 club members enrolled with corn demonstrations this year, and 1,275 completed the work producing 33,493 bushels on 1,237 acres. Good seed fertility, and tillage were among the methods stressed in conducting the demonstrations. The following are a few examples of successful demonstrations conducted:

Surry County - "Of the 63 demonstrations conducted in corn by 4-H club members, there were 61 completions. These boys made an average yield of 52 bushels per acre on 61 acres at a cost of 27¢ per bushel.

Harvey Jenkins, Dendron 1, made 64 bushels on one acre. This crop was seeded on a rye fallow. Four tons of barnyard manure was broadcast in early spring before plowing. Two hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer, 4-8-4 was drilled before crop was cultivated shallow. Just before the fifth and last plowing was made 100 pounds of nitrate of soda was broadcast in every other balk."

Powhatan County - "Henry Walton of the Mohemenco Club, made 35 bushels of corn on his acre by the use of purebred seed, green manure, lespedeza and alfalfa, and a well prepared seed bed. This acre was well covered with barnyard manure and 200 pounds of acid phosphate was used. He sent an exhibit of this corn to the State Fair and won first prize and Sweepstakes. This was the third consecutive year that Sweepstakes have been won this county."



High jump. Another one of the games  
in the State Short Course athletic contest held at  
Virginia State College

Southampton County - "The outstanding acre of corn was that of Charlie Harvie of Ebeneza Community. Charlie planted one acre of Casey's Purebred corn and made a yield of 42 bushels. This acre was used the previous year as rye pasture for grazing hogs. It was fertilized previous to planting time with 12 single cart loads of barnyard manure. The land was broken seven inches deep and harrowed twice with spike tooth harrow before planting. This corn was seeded the early part of April in four foot rows, 18 inches apart. It was fertilized at planting time with 200 pounds of 3-8-3 fertilizer. It was top dressed with 200 pounds of nitrate of soda at last cultivation. Charlie won first place at both the State and Tidewater Fairs with his ten ear sample." A

### Cotton

\* Cotton demonstrations were conducted by 163 club members in nine counties. Of this number 150 club members completed their demonstrations. These club members produced 116,255 pounds of seed cotton on 161 acres by the use of good seed and fertilizer.

Sussex County - "Fifteen demonstrations were secured with cotton and carried out with very good results. In each of these demonstrations the agent saw to it that each member covered his plot with barnyard manure in the fall or late winter. This practice has not only helped the 4-H club members, but the adults as well. Every cotton demonstrator seeded purebred seed and as a result they had good yields.

Rudolph Speede, Route 2, Jarratt, produced 1,550 pounds of cotton on his acre. This crop followed clover. The clover was turned under with double plow land disked and harrowed, rows laid off three feet apart, using at seeding time 300 pounds of 4-8-4 fertilizers. At the third plowing he applied 100 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre. His income was as follows:

Value of crop	\$77.50
Total cost	37.25
Net profit	\$40.25

Manassas County - "Reginald Holland of Route 1, Holland, raised 1214 pounds of cotton from his acre and after his expenses were taken out he had as a profit \$38.70. This was done by having his land well plowed and disced three times before the crop was planted. Three hundred fifty pounds of 4-8-4 fertilizer was applied when the cotton was planted. His cotton was side dressed immediately after blocking with equal parts of potash and nitrate of soda at the rate of 100 pounds to the acre. With this 1214 pounds of cotton to the acre, was 189 pounds more than his father averaged to the acre on all of his cotton crop. These new methods in growing cotton are well advertised to all parts of the county by club members. Their fathers are gaining by these improved practices in cotton growing." L

### Peanuts

Four hundred ninety nine club members were enrolled with peanut demonstrations in eleven counties. The 454 club members completing their demonstrations for the year produced 515,910 pounds of peanuts on 400



**Corn demonstration of John Wilson of Isle of Wight County. There were 1579 club members enrolled with corn demonstrations during the year in twenty-nine counties of the State**



**Henry Walton, 4-H club member of Powhatan County, who won first prize and Sweepstake on the best ten ears of white corn at the Virginia State Fair 1936. This was the third consecutive year that Sweepstakes on corn have been won in this county.**

acres with a market value of \$23,515.00 ✓

Dinwiddie County - "William Gilliam of Church Road, Route 2, made 75 bushels on his acre. Gilliam turned an acre of cowpeas in the fall, broke again in spring, used good seed, 300 pounds of lime, 400 pounds of 10-4 fertilizer, gave one deep and five shallow cultivations with the above results."

Mansemond County - "Claude Baker of Route 1, Holland is one of the many club boys that produced an outstanding record in growing peanuts. This was done by using the improved methods that are being practiced by club members in the various sections of the county."

A cover crop of rye was turned under the last of April with one ton of lime well harrowed in the soil before the peanuts were planted. These peanuts were planted 12 inches apart in the row and the rows two and a half feet apart. This crop was planted on the tenth of May and cultivated once a week until the vines had covered the grounds. This fall when the peanuts were harvested they yielded 1,150 pounds to the acre. Claude has signed up to grow peanuts again next year. His profit on these peanuts was \$32.10. This method in growing peanuts <sup>not</sup> only improves the quantity, but the quality as well. Club members in other sections of the county are reaping similar results from their projects."

Sussex County - "In Sussex County W. T. Winfield, Littleton, Virginia housed 71 bushels of peanuts on his acre. This crop followed rye. The rye was turned under in the spring with double plow. Two weeks later the land was disked and harrowed, rows laid off, and peanuts planted, using at seeding time 1000 pounds of lime per-acre -- 200 pounds of 2-12-4 fertilizers used in the drill. The peanuts were cultivated flat."

#### Gardens

Demonstrations with gardens were conducted by 2,766 club members in 25 counties of the state. There were 2,307 members who completed their work for the year and produced vegetables with a market value of \$37,236. Club members have made a worthwhile contribution with the examples set in gardening in their communities or counties.

Mansemond County - "The spirit of better gardens has been stimulated by club members to such an extent that new vegetables are found growing in every organized community in the county. Club members have been responsible for this spread. This type of work was demonstrated by Doris Holland who lives in the Little Fork Community. Twenty-six different vegetables were grown in her garden this year. Six of these vegetables had not been grown by this club member before. After supplying her family with vegetables during the summer and fall, she sold to the village \$21.46 worth of vegetables. She has canned 98 quarts of these vegetables for home use. Her garden has been estimated to be worth \$51.00. This kind of club spirit is existing in all clubs in the county. It is responsible for more diversified groups of vegetables being grown in all community gardens."

Sussex County - "Dorothy Jones, Homeville, Virginia, had a good year round garden with 14 different vegetables on one-half acre. This garden was broken up in December and laid until it was ready to be used. With the use of four tons of barnyard manure in spring this land was disked and harrowed, rows laid off, and 300 pounds of 5-12-5 fertilizers applied. When the garden was planted it was well worked and kept free from grass and insects. After supplying the family of five with all the vegetables needed she sold \$82.29 worth of vegetables in the local town. The vegetables cost \$24.90. A net profit of \$57.30 was realized."

Isle of Wight County - "Ruby Brown, Route 1, Carrollton, Virginia completed a very good garden project. From her garden she supplied the family needs and canned 250 quarts of the summer varieties for winter use. At the county fair she won five prizes on the vegetables she had canned. She has in her garden at the present time, Collards, cabbage, turnips, kale, spinach, Swiss Chard and onions."

#### Potatoes

\* Two hundred eighty-eight club members were enrolled with demonstrations in Irish potatoes and sweetpotatoes; 255 of whom completed their projects for the year producing 6,683 bushels on 88 acres.

Dinwiddie County - "There were 22 result demonstrations conducted here in club work. Our objective has been to encourage the production for home consumption and to have some to sell. We also try to aid the boys in trying out methods for taking care of the crop after harvesting. Already there are six private storage houses in the county and other farmers are planning to build new ones. Those who have them are kind enough to let their neighbors use the unfilled portion of the storage house."

"W. E. Williams, Petersburg, Route 4, produced a large yield. Williams made 50 bushels on one half acre. He turned under a fallow of peas in the fall, sowed the land to rye, top dressed the land with barnyard manure, used 300 pounds of garden special fertilizer, gave one deep and one shallow cultivations and used the farm hoe to help keep down the grass." ↗

Prince Edward County - "There are 35 four H club members conducting projects in growing white potatoes. This is being done to increase the yield for home supply of white potatoes grown in the county. They are following the practice of thorough cultivation or preparation of the seedbed, better seed, better fertilizers, frequent cultivation of the crop, and keeping insects under control.

Olem Stokes of Farmville, Virginia R. F. D. 3 had one fourth acre of land seeded to white potatoes. This land was plowed with a two horse plow eight inches deep early in the spring. It was well manured and seeded to Irish potatoes. This was a very dry season. The crop yield was 24 bushels from his project."

## Poultry

Club members with poultry demonstrations have set good examples in leadership with their projects. During the year there were 2606 members enrolled in this project with 2156 completing the work for the year with a total of 50,421 animals involved in 29 counties of the state. Through four H demonstrations better methods of poultry production have been adopted on many farms as a result.

Nansemond County - "Blanche Boykins of Route 2, Holland was successful with her poultry demonstration this year. She used an oil brooder in a house 10 x 12 feet and raised 94 chicks out of 105 purchased this spring. Starter growing mash was fed to these chicks until they were two months old. These chicks averaged two and a half pounds each when sold. This project made for Blanche \$53.50 after all expenses were paid. She is making arrangements to operate her brooder earlier this fall than last year. Her object is to raise two broods by next spring. Five club members in this community are planning to construct brooder houses this winter. They became enthusiastic after seeing the results."

Goochland County - "Charlie Baugh of the Madensville 4-H club was the most outstanding club member in the county for 1936 with poultry. He bought 200 day old chicks, built a brooder house, and fed his chicks a growing mash as he was instructed by his local agent. He worked very hard with his chicks all during the year and only lost five out of the 200. After taking out all expenses Charlie had a profit of \$46.23. He is the president of his club, and won first prize in the speaking contest in telling the story of his demonstration. Charlie's club sent him as a representative to the State Short Course where he again won first prize in the speaking contest and was elected vice president of the Virginia State Short Course."

## Pigs

There were 711 club members enrolled with pig demonstrations, 704 with fat pig, and seven with breeding projects. Of this number enrolled 704 completed their projects for the year with 819 animals involved.

The old stock phrase of "Boy's pig becoming father's hog" is seldom heard any more, and a fine spirit of cooperation between father and son has been developed as a result of 4-H club work.

Nansemond County - "Norman Reid of Route 2, Holland has been a club member for five years. Two of these years he has grown pigs for his project. His project for this year has already proved successful. He has eight pigs to be marketed in December and that will average 140 pounds each. These pigs were farrowed in March and have been grazed on rye, rape, clover, and soybeans from spring until late fall. While grazing these pigs were fed peanut meal, corn, and tankage. With this balanced ration and grazing, Norman expects to make a profit of \$92.00 when his pigs are sold. Pasturing pigs with a balanced ration has become a general practice in all organized communities. The adult farmers are constantly found using these improved methods."

Buckingham County - "One girl carried a breeding pig for her demonstration. The pig was given to the club member by her father. In August the gilt farrowed nine pigs, the male hog being owned by the father who was congenial enough to give the toll pig to the club member. At six weeks of age the club member sold each of the pigs for \$4.00 each making a total of \$36.00 for which the club member used \$16.00 to pay her entire school term bus fair. Several books for school had to be purchased, this the girl used \$6.75, leaving a balance of \$13.25 for which the girl used for clothing and paying school league dues. As a result of this, since there are no boys in the family, the father has agreed to give the next girl, who is a club member, 12 laying hens to carry as a 4-H club project."

#### Beautification and Other Activities

In addition to their regular project demonstrations club members have found time for other activities that lend themselves to good citizenship. The following examples will show how this spirit is being developed in different counties.

Appomattox County - Beside carrying on their project work, the 4-H club members have found time to do some other pieces of work that can be considered outstanding. They placed sod on Iron Hill Jordan school grounds, seeded grass on the training school ground at Appomattox, added more than 50 volumes to its library and also made a contribution to the library at Appomattox Training School."

Isle of Wight County - "In addition to trying to do their club projects the clubs try to help their school in such matters as beautification of grounds, training basketball and baseball teams and any other project in the community that lends itself to the type of they can do." X

Essex County - "Beautification demonstrations have received many favorable comments from the public. The Good Hope 4-H Club has had the assistance of Mr. A. C. Sims, Hampton Institute, on two occasions and the demand is great for a continuation of this work, not only for the young people but for the older group as well."

Gloucester County - "The 4-H club in Ware Neck was very active in helping with the community improvement contest. In four cases four H club boys and girls were directly responsible for the building of sanitary toilets."

SUMMARY OF WORK AS PLANNED AND ACCOMPLISHED

<u>Work Planned</u>		<u>Work Accomplished</u>
<u>Organizations</u>	<u>No. Dem.</u>	<u>No. Dem.</u>
County Councils	29	22
Four-H Clubs	303	303
Leaders	630	678
<u>Demonstrations</u>		
(a) Crops		
Beautyfication	44	35
Corn	1579	1275
Cotton	163	150
Cowpeas	1	0
Gardens	2766	2307
Peanuts	499	454
Potatoes	288	255
Tobacco	24	23
(b) Livestock		
Dairy Calves	11	8
Pigs	711	638
Poultry	2506	2156
Sheep	1	1

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SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT AND COMPLETIONS BY COUNTIES

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>ENROLLED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
1. Albemarle	16	276	245
2. Amelia & Nottoway	14	371	313
3. Appomattox	10	309	271
4. Brunswick	18	498	461
5. Buckingham	8	209	151
6. Campbell	14	293	272
7. Caroline	11	230	201
8. Charles City and New Kent	8	253	154
9. Charlotte	12	331	280
10. Chesterfield and Henrico	16	321	317
11. Dinwiddie	12	331	291
12. Essex	6	129	109
13. Gloucester	9	153	68
14. Goochland	9	245	213
15. Greensville	13	525	434
16. Isle of Wight	19	375	368
17. King & Queen	12	208	163
18. Lanenburg	7	171	105
19. Mecklenburg	9	205	168
20. Hanessmond	17	1051	825
21. Powhatan	12	297	294
22. Pr. Edward	8	314	281
23. Southampton	13	629	544
24. Surry and Prince George	19	709	672
25. Sussex	11	260	240
	<u>303</u>	<u>8693</u>	<u>7380</u>

Percent of Completions 84.89

STATE SUMMARY OF ADULT WORK

<u>Family Population</u>	<u>WORK PLANNED</u>		<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>	
	<u>No. Co.</u>	<u>No. Dem.</u>	<u>No. Co.</u>	<u>No. Dem.</u>
Owners	29	7639	29	7654
Tenants	29	2530	29	2515
Total families	29	10169	29	10169
<u>Organization</u>				
Community	29	243	29	239
Families in clubs	29	5181	29	5332
Leaders	29	1326	29	1634
<u>Demonstrations</u>				
<u>(a) Small Grain</u>				
Corn	23	588	21	439
Oats	1	5	2	10
Wheat	10	91	11	108
<u>(b) Forage Crops</u>				
Clover	5	49	8	135
Alfalfa	5	11	6	12
Cowpeas	6	75	7	120
Soybeans	4	43	8	70
Mixed hay	2	48	5	110
<u>(c) Soil Improvement</u>				
Rye	6	96	4	20
Terracing	3	41	10	154
Clover	2	9	1	2
Lespedeza	12	143	16	245
Cover Crops	7	153	2	5
<u>(d) Money Crops</u>				
Cotton	4	44	4	66
Peanuts	5	87	5	74
Tobacco	2	23	1	1
<u>(e) Horticulture</u>				
Home Gardens	27	715	21	671
Pruning & Spraying	3	30	4	77
Fruits	1	30	7	88
Beautification	4	25	6	37
Sweet potatoes	3	44	3	31
Irish potatoes	3	29	2	30

Demonstrations	<u>Work Planned</u>		<u>Work Accomplished</u>	
	No. Co.	No. Dem.	No. Co.	No. Dem.
<b>(f) Livestock</b>				
Cows	5	56	6	20
Poultry	24	306	17	199
Hog breeding centers	12	139	11	412
Hog pastures	4	53	4	168
Hog sanitation	4	24	4	24
<b>(g) Home Improvement</b>				
Sanitary toilets	1	25	10	377
Water in home	2	8	6	17

STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT AGENTS

December 1, 1935 - November 30, 1936

	District I <u>Patterson</u>	District 2 <u>Charity</u>
No. visits to agents	124	104
No. visits to demonstrators	52	123
No. visits to other farmers	25	24
No. visits to business men	20	5
No. visits to club members	6	25
No. visits to schools	10	6
No. visits to counties without agents	11	42
No. boards of supervisors met	16	4
No. counties, new, making appropriations	0	0
No. old counties failing to make appropriations	0	0
No. farmers' meetings addressed	100	91
No. attending above meetings	7576	8625
No. fairs judged	4	9
No. letters written	5931	615
No. miles traveled by auto	13832	12982
No. visits to counties of other districts agents.	21	34
No. visits to each county in territory (See next page)		
No. days spent in field	146	205
No. days spent in office	140	90
No. conferences with agents in groups	7	3
No. miles traveled by rail	0	0

District No. 1 - Patterson

District No. 2 - Charity

<u>Counties</u>	<u>No. Visits</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>No. Visits</u>
1. Amelia	8	1. Albemarle	3
2. Brunswick	14	2. Appomattox	2
3. Charlotte	5	3. Buckingham	4
4. Dinwiddie	6	4. Campbell	2
5. Greenville	7	5. Caroline	6
6. Isle of Wight	9	6. Charles City	3
7. Lunenburg	5	7. Chesterfield	6
8. Mecklenburg	6	8. Essex	6
9. Nansemond	8	9. Gloucester	2
10. Southampton	8	10. Goochland	5
11. Surry	7	11. Henrico	5
12. Sussex	8	12. King & Queen	8
		13. New Kent	4
		14. Powhatan	8
		15. Pr. Edward	6

### RECOMMENDATION

At the present time we have only one clerk serving two district agents and 33 farm and home agents in this office. An additional clerk is very much needed since the present clerk, in addition to handling all correspondence, is required to send out all materials pertaining to adult and junior work, and type all narrative and statistical summary reports as well. It is hoped that some way may be found to supply an additional clerk.

PERSONAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF THOS. B. PATTERSON  
District Agent 1936

Visits to Agents

During the year I made 134 visits to extension agents. Thirty-two of these visits were made to counties in my territory. Eleven to counties without agents, and 21 to counties in other district agent's territory. The following activities will serve to show the reason for the above visits.

Boards of Supervisors Met

During the year 16 county boards of supervisors were met for the purpose of securing local aid for extension work. The boards met, in addition to continuing the work in their counties, increased the local agents salaries to a considerable extent. In two counties visited appropriations for extension work were made for the first time.

Farmers' Conferences

One hundred farmers' meetings, including 21 extension schools were attended throughout the year and addressed on soil improvement. Seven thousand six hundred seventy six farm men and women attended these meetings. Results accruing from conferences may be found in the body of this work

Fairs

This fall seven fairs were visited. At four of these fairs, namely The State Fair at Richmond, Tidewater Fair, Suffolk, colored county fairs, Brunswick and Powhatan, I assisted in judging field and garden crops.

Committee Group Meetings

During the summer I met 12 committees composed of five persons each, three adults and two juniors for the purpose of instructing them in their duties in connection with scoring their several communities entered in the community improvement contests.

Moving Pictures

In August I visited Brunswick, Chesterfield, and Powhatan Counties for the purpose of selecting demonstrations of Negro work to be shot for moving pictures. Pictures were made of these demonstrations later in the month by the photographers from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### Group Meetings

Four group meetings were held with agents for the purpose of assisting them in preparing their annual statistical and narrative reports and one to help prepare a program for a five county 4-H club rally.

### State Meetings

State-wide meetings attended through the year were the State Advisory Board, 4-H Short Course, Negro Organization Society of Virginia, Y.M.C.A. Economics Institute at Lynchburg, Inter-racial Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia, State Farmers' Conference, Virginia State College, Ettrick, Virginia State Planning Board Committee and the Executive Committee Meeting, Richmond, Virginia.

### X Soil Conservation Meetings

Soil Conservation meetings conducted by state officials were attended and assistance given to local agents in instructing farmers with making out work sheets. X

### Negro Organization Society Meeting

I attended the annual meeting of the Negro Organization Society held at Bowling Green, Virginia and presided at the Better Farms' Session at which time W. H. Daughtry, assistant agronomist, V. P. I., spoke on soil conservation.

### Miles Traveled by Auto.

During the year I traveled 13832 miles by auto, spent 146 days in the field and 140 days in the office.

### Land Grant College Broadcast

On December 18, 1936 I spoke over the N.B. C. Network on the subject "How Negro Farmers are Demonstrating the Live-at-Home Program."

Personal Narrative Report of John L. Charity  
District Agent  
1936

Meetings and Visits

This year I made 104 visits to agents for the purpose of assisting them in conducting their work and to inspect 123 demonstrations in their territory as well. In addition visits were made to 25 four H club members and 28 other farmers in my territory. I attended ninety-one meetings at which addresses were made to 8625 people in attendance. These meetings consisted of county farmers' conferences, extension schools, county 4-H club rallies, community club meetings, and county fairs. Attended district 4-H club camp in Eastern, North Carolina and addressed the group by invitation. There were three hundred four H club members in attendance at this camp, with a program consisting of recreation, demonstrations, singing, and addresses. Attended six county extension schools in other district agents territory at which schools I discussed poultry production.

Demonstrations

Conducted three demonstrations in other district agent's territory for the purpose of installing complete water systems in three different counties and one in county of my own territory. These demonstrations were conducted in Dinwiddie, King & Queen, Louisa, and Sussex Counties.

County and Community Fairs

Attended seven county and one community fair and assisted in the judging of exhibits.

Directed the arranging and setting up of the Negro 4-H club exhibit at the First State Fair, Richmond, Virginia.

County Boards of Supervisors

I met four county board of supervisors to secure local aid and kept in touch with the other 11 in my territory. All boards continued their local aid for the year and two increased their appropriations.

Radio Program

Attended the Land Grant Radio Program in Washington, D. C. on December 18, 1935 and accompanied Mr. W.H. Harris of Chesterfield County who was the farmer speaker from Virginia. Mr. Harris told the story of his success with poultry farming and assistance secured from the Extension Service with same.