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ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

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III. Scope of Work

Although the agent's period of service is only for nine (9) months of the year, the home demonstration program will be carried on under the guidance of extension service personnel, with the assistance of club officers and leaders, and this report, when filed at the end of the report year, will include the work of the home demonstration club program for the year.

The same is true of 4-H Club work, which will be continued under the supervision of the farm agent, with the assistance of other extension service personnel and club officers and leaders.

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

No. Clubs : Membership

17 : 325

Other Women Reached by Home Demonstration Club Members
702

B. 4-H Clubs

No. Clubs : Membership

6 : 80

C. No Older Youth Organization in County

D. 336 families reached through other groups by agent.

E. 1,500 families reached through neighborhood and community leaders.

F. Other Methods Used to Reach Families

1. Radio

The farm and home agent have a weekly radio program, known as the Hanssmond County Farm and Home Hour.

2. Publicity

The agent uses the local papers for news articles regularly. Due to the fact that daily papers are used, it is impossible to have a weekly column.

3. Office Calls

Club members come to the office of the agent for help on special subjects, as well as for advice.

4. Visits

The agent uses home visits to reach non-club members and interest them in becoming club members.

Approximately two thousand five hundred (2,500) families reached by the above methods.

G. 2,700 families reached.

3,000 farm families in county.

IV. Adult Work

A. Home Demonstration Club Program

1. Project Work

a. Program

Program was determined by the interests of club members. Discussions were held in each club two (2) months before County Planning Meeting.

The County Planning Meeting was held with two (2) representatives from each club, who were, in most cases, the new and old presidents. Response to the roll call of clubs included reports of club interests for the new year's Program. These were listed on the blackboard, and from this list the year's program was made.

A copy of the Year Book is included in this report to show the program worked out at the County Planning Meeting. (See Appendix)

Our Program Planning Meeting was held in July this year. Thus, the agent and County Chairman had an opportunity to discuss the program with the specialists while attending the Institute of Rural Affairs.

A copy of the 1949 Program is included to show the ~~4yr~~ program to be carried next year. (See Appendix)

b. Subject Matter Fields in Which Work Was Carried

(1) Clothing

Four (4) club meetings were devoted to the Clothing Program on "House Dresses for Work in the Home". The demonstrations were "Selection of Pattern and Materials", "Pattern Alteration", "Finishes", and the last month was devoted to modeling the dress in the club meeting, at which time the winner from each club was selected to model in the county dress review, which was held in June.

This Clothing Program proved to be quite interesting and helpful. The club members are continuing to make house dresses with the features advised.

(2) Food

The Christmas demonstration was on "Christmas Candies", which was given by the leaders. This demonstration proved to be quite interesting.

One (1) demonstration was held on "Table Serving Without the Help of a Maid". This demonstration proved to be quite interesting and helpful. The leaders in some clubs added to this demonstration "Flower Arrangements for the Table", which also proved to be helpful.

(3) House Furnishings

The handicraft program this year was on "Textile Painting". The agent conducted the leader-training meeting, and the leaders did a nice job on the demonstration.

A series of demonstrations on the "Livable Living Room" was held this fall, with demonstrations on "Color Plans", "Accessories", and "Furniture Arrangement".

c. Objectives of Projects

(1) Clothing

The main objective of the clothing project was to encourage the club members, as well as other women, to make or buy house dresses that are easy to iron, comfortable, durable, attractive, and have safety features for work around the home.

The methods used were by the leaders giving demonstrations on "Selection of Pattern and Materials", "Pattern Alteration and Fitting", and "Finishes". Club members modeled dresses, at which time the club winners were selected. These selections were made on the basis of the points stressed for best house dresses.

The club winner entered the county contest, which was held at the Spring Festival. There again the points stressed for best house dresses were presented, as well as put in the program, so every person present was conscious of these features.

As a result of the clothing program, club members report a total of two thousand and sixty six (2,066) dresses made; two thousand six hundred and sixty two (2,662) other garments made; and one thousand nine hundred and forty four (1,944) garments remade or remodeled.

(2) Foods

The objective of the demonstration on "Christmas Candies" was to teach club members better ways of making candy. As a result a large number of women made better candy. Quite a few made candy and gave it for Christmas gifts.

In addition to the above demonstration, club members continued canning and storing their food supply. They report a total of twenty eight thousand two hundred fifty eight (28,258) quarts of food canned; one hundred eleven thousand two hundred sixty eight (111,268) pounds of meat cured; seventy

thousand one hundred eighty one (70,181) pounds of other foods stored; and, eighteen thousand two hundred and seven (18,207) pounds of food frozen. One hundred twenty four (124) pounds of yellow cheese was made by club members.

The main objective of the project on "Table Setting and Service" was to show the club members ways of saving time and energy doing this job without a maid.

The method used was by the leaders giving a demonstration on "Table Setting and Service" stressing the ways of doing this job without a maid.

(3) House Furnishings

The main objective of the handicraft program on "Textile Painting" was to teach club members how to use textile paints, as well as ways of improving the appearance of their homes by the use of these paints.

The method used was by the agent conducting a leader-training meeting, and the leaders in turn giving demonstrations in the clubs.

As a result, club members report making three hundred ninety one (391) articles using textile paints.

The main objective of the project on the "Livable Living Room" was to encourage club members to improve their living rooms by arranging them to be of more service to the family, as well as using color schemes and accessories to improve the appearance of the room.

As a result of this demonstration, club members report a total of three hundred twenty three (323) changes made in living rooms. Also, a total of two hundred fifty nine (259) pieces of furniture were re-finished; and, a total of eight hundred and four (804) drapes and other accessories for the home were made by club members.

2. Federation Goal

Citizenship was carried as the Federation Goal this year, because the club members felt the need of continuing the work on getting people to vote. One (1) club meeting was devoted to Citizenship.

- An intensive program on the importance of voting was set up. Club Chairmen volunteered to take club members to register and pay their poll taxes.

As a part of the Citizenship Program, it was decided to study the lives of the ten (10) Outstanding Women of 1947. These were reviewed by the club chairmen as a part of the Citizenship Chairmen's reports at club meetings during the year.

One month's report was devoted to the Youth Camp. The program was explained to the clubs and they were urged to make a contribution to the project. As a result a total of two hundred ninety six dollars (\$296.00) was added to the 4-H Camp Fund.

The clubs also made thirty three (33) mattress covers for camp. Most of these covers were made from feed bags.

3. Other Activities

a. Slip Cover Clinic

A two-day Slip Cover Clinic was held in April, at which time two (2) slip covers were made by club members.

Mrs. Dorothy Hayes, of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, helped the agent with the clinic.

The club members left the clinic feeling that they had learned a great deal, and could make other covers at home.

As a result of this program, club members made two hundred thirty four (234) slip covers during the year.

b. Spring Festival

The home demonstration clubs held a Spring Festival this year in the place of their Achievement Day.

A County Dress Review of house dresses made by club members was featured. Prizes were donated by local stores of Suffolk.

Each of the six (6) 4-H Clubs gave playlets, bringing out features of 4-H Club work. The agent feels that home demonstration club members left the meeting with a better knowledge of 4-H Club work.

A copy of the program of the Spring Festival is included in the Appendix of this report.

4. Leadership

a. Organization

In the seventeen (17) clubs, there are five (5) club officers, making a total of eighty five (85) officers.

These leaders gave their time in conducting club meetings, as well as planning for these meetings.

The club presidents attended two (2) meetings of the Home Demonstration Committee.

b. Project Leaders

One hundred and two (102) leaders have been active during the year in carrying out the food, clothing, and house furnishings programs.

Six (6) leader-training meetings were held. Four (4) were conducted by the specialist, and two (2) by the agent. There were a total of one hundred and forty eight (148) leaders present at these six (6) leader-training meetings.

The leaders gave one hundred and forty eight (148) demonstrations. The following demonstrations were given by the project leaders: Christmas Candies; Selection of Pattern and Material; Pattern Alteration and Fitting; Finishes; Table Serving and Setting; Textile Painting; the Livable Living Room (Color Plans); Accessories; and Furniture Arrangement.

c. Federation Goal Chairman

Citizenship was the Federation Goal for the year. Each club had a Citizenship Chairman, appointed by the club president, making a total of seventeen (17) in the county, as well as the County Citizenship Chairman, appointed by the Chairman of the Home Demonstration Committee.

The County Citizenship Chairman made the detail plans for the year's program, and mimeographed manuals were sent to club chairmen to help them with their monthly club reports.

d. Home Grounds Improvement Chairman

Each club had a Home Grounds Improvement Chairman, appointed by the club president, making a total of seventeen (17) in the county.

These chairmen held monthly club discussions on "Rose Culture", using mimeographed manuals prepared for their use. These discussions included insects and diseases affecting roses, varieties of roses best suited to certain conditions, and etc.

As a result of the home ground improvement work in the clubs, members report a total of two thousand nine hundred and five (2,905) plantings made in yards; four hundred twenty one (421) improvements made in lawns; and, three hundred ninety two (392) rose bushes added.

e. Library Chairman

Each club had a Library Chairman, appointed by the president, making a total of seventeen (17) in the county. These chairmen urged club members to read, and provided them with book lists as well as books.

As a result, club members read six hundred (600) recommended books during the year.

B. Other Means of Reaching People

The farm and home agents have a regular weekly radio broadcast, known as the Nansensond County Farm and Home Hour.

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These broadcasts are given by the agents, with local people assisting, as well as specialists. The public is listening regularly, and it is surprising how often club members will say, "I heard you give that information over the radio".

The press has been used quite frequently to announce club meetings, give write-ups of club meetings, as well as news articles on timely subjects.

V. Work With Youth

A. 4-H Clubs

1. Organization

a. County Council

The County Council is composed of the officers of the six (6) 4-H Clubs in the county. The council meets semi-annually.

The fall meeting was held the last Saturday in October. The morning session was devoted to training club officers, after which a model club meeting was held. This proved to be quite beneficial in conducting club meetings.

Lunch was served by the Chuckatuck Home Demonstration Club.

In the afternoon session a talk on "How a County Council Can Improve 4-H Club Work" was given by J. H. Rogers, district farm agent. Council officers were elected, after which they were installed.

Each club held an Installation Service for their club officers, which proved to be very helpful as it made the officers realize their responsibility.

The spring council meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, July 21, at Culpepper's Park, Suffolk.

A short business session was held, at which time plans were made for 4-H Camp at Virginia Beach, scheduled for the month of August. Also, the

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council discussed plans for participation in the Nansemond County Agricultural Fair, scheduled for September 13-18. It was decided that the clubs would each have an exhibit at the fair.

After the business session those attending played games and went swimming in the pool, although the unsettled weather conditions of the day made it impossible for full participation in games and swimming.

Attendance was rather small due to the fact that so many of the members were needed at home to work on the farm.

2. Project Work

a. How Program Was Determined

The 4-H Clubs meet in the schools during the winter months, so it is necessary to limit the type projects offered.

Four (4) winter projects were offered each club, and the group decided which project they would carry.

b. Subject Matter Fields in Which Work Was Carried

(1) Clothing

(a) So You'd Like to Sew

Most of the girls were interested in this project, because they wanted to learn to sew.

(b) Make or Break

The older girls were interested in this project, because they wanted to do further work in their clothing project.

c. Project Selections

(1) Clothing

(a) So You'd Like to Sew

The main objective of this project was

to teach girls how to sew.

Short demonstrations were set up and were given at each club meeting. The demonstrations were: Outfitting a Sewing Box; Making a Needle Case; Making a Stuffed Toy; and, Making a Broomstick Skirt.

At the end of the project an exhibit of project work was held, at which time club winners were selected.

(b) Make or Remake

The objective of this project was to help the girls to sew better.

These girls carried the project "So You'd Like to Sew" with the other girls, but did extra work. Rather than making broomstick skirts, these girls made woolen skirts. The entire program was worked out to give them advanced work.

As a result of the clothing program, several of the older club members did outstanding work this year. The winner in the county dress revue tied for first place in the district.

Barbara Ann Presson, county winner, and member of the Chuckatuck 4-H Club, tied with the winner from Mecklenburg County for district first place in the dress revue contest.

A newsclipping picture of the district winners is included in this report. (See Appendix)

3. Other Activities

a. Rural Life Sunday

Rural Life Sunday was observed in four (4) communities. The clubs attended church in a group, with participation of club members in the

service. Club members read the Scripture, led in prayer, and had special music.

A copy of one (1) of the Rural Life Sunday Programs is included in the Appendix of this report.

b. 4-H Club Camp

Ten (10) club members from the county attended the 4-H Camp held at our new camp at Virginia Beach. The "polio" situation was the cause of the poor attendance.

The camp proved to be quite good. The regular camp schedule was followed. A class in camp development was held with campers divided into groups. Some campers worked on putting in window panes, while others cleaned up the grounds. The older boys lifted some of the buildings and put cinder blocks under them. These club members felt that they had a real part in developing camp.

c. Spring Festival

The six (6) 4-H Clubs presented playlets on 4-H Club work at the Spring Festival of the Home Demonstration Clubs.

d. Achievement Day

Nansemond County 4-H Clubs held their Achievement Day observance on December 6, 1947, at the First Baptist Church, Suffolk.

The program included singing of Christmas Carols by the group; welcome given by Rev. J. Lester Lane, pastor of the church; devotionals including appropriate Christmas messages by club members. Highlighting the meeting were talks on "Responsibility of Parents and Leaders in Club Work" by Mrs. Henry Brothers, leader of the Cypress Club; and, "Importance of 4-H Club work to Rural Virginia" by J. W. Rogers, district farm agent.

Individual and club awards were made by the farm and home agent.

A copy of the program is included in the Appendix.

e. County Agricultural Fair

Each of the six (6) 4-H Clubs had creditable exhibits at the Nansesmond County Agricultural Fair held in September at Suffolk.

The exhibits showed a great deal of thought and work on the part of participating members and their leaders.

Cypress Club won first place, and a prize of twenty dollars (\$20.00); Driver, Chuckatuck, and Whaleyville each placed second, with prizes of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) each; and Kings Fork and Holland won third place, with prizes of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) each. The clubs plan to use the money in their various club activities.

4. Leadership

a. Organisation

In the six (6) 4-H Clubs there are six (6) club officers, making a total of thirty six (36) officers.

These leaders gave their time in conducting club meetings, as well as planning for these meetings.

The club officers attended two (2) County Council meetings during the year.

b. Adult

There were six (6) adult leaders working with 4-H Clubs during the year. These leaders assisted the club members in carrying out club programs, as well as acting as project leaders for the girls.

The girls were divided into two (2) project groups, the leader working with one (1) group, and the agent with one (1) group.

c. Junior

In each club some of the older girls acted as junior leaders and gave the demonstrations.

B. Honor Club

We have no Honor Club in the county.

C. Older Youth

We have no Older Youth program in the county.

VI. Work Done by Agent in Cooperation With Other Agencies:

A. Farmers Home Administration

The agent gave a talk on the "Live at Home Program" at a county meeting of the Tenant Purchase group of the Farmers Home Administration.

B. Rural Electrification Administration

The agent helped the local R. E. A. officials estimate the percentage of increase of electrical equipment to be bought in this area in the next ten (10) years.

VII. Evaluation of the 1948 Home Demonstration Program

The agent feels that the work done on the clothing project "Dresses and Aprons for House Work" has stimulated interest in clothing. As a result this program will be continued in 1949 with work on "The Better Dress".

The progress of 4-H Club work has been another important part of the 1948 program. The quality of project work has improved greatly, and has caused a great increase in interest in 4-H work on the part of parents, as well as members. The leadership in 4-H Club work has developed a great deal. The home demonstration clubs have had excellent leadership, and in the past year the agent has seen this leadership spread to the 4-H program.

Citizenship, as the Federation Goal, has meant a great deal to the program. The club members were made to realize their civic responsibility, and the importance of exercising their

A P P E N D I X

Home Demonstration Clubs Year Book

Spring Festival Program

1949 Program

News Clipping Picture District Winners in 4-H

Dress Revue Contest

Rural Life Sunday Program

4-H Club Achievement Day Program

NANSEMOND COUNTY
Home Demonstration Club
YEAR BOOK
1948



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of
the United States of America and
to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation indivisible, with liberty
and justice for all."

CREED

As homemakers we will strive to:

Have our organization foster the highest ideals in home, church, school and public life.

Have our homes reach out in service to the communities and help unite the people.

Have cooperation and progress the leading forces in our communities.

Study the best ways to do every day work that we may find joy in common tasks well done.

Be kind beyond the standards of charity; avoid thought and words that condemn; be more thoughtful than love requires; maintain the highest ideals of Christian life.

1948 CLUB YEAR BOOK

Your Name _____

Your Club _____

Club President _____

Club Vice-President _____

Club Secretary _____

Club Treasurer _____

Club Meeting Date _____

Club Clothing Leaders _____

Club House Furnishing Leaders _____

Club Citizenship Chairman _____

Club Home Grounds Improv. Chairman _____

Club Handicraft Leader _____

Club Miscellaneous Leaders _____

**NANSEMOND COUNTY
HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman.....Mrs. W. A. Staylor
Suffolk, Rt. 4

Vice-Chairman.....Mrs. R. W. Bradshaw
Suffolk, Rt. 4

Secretary.....Mrs. O. C. Bradshaw
Suffolk, Rt. 3

Treasurer.....Mrs. F. O. Forbes
Holland, Rt. 1

Citizenship Chairman.....Mrs. B. D. Jones
Holland, Rt. 1

Home Grounds Improvement Chairman.....Mrs. Earl Bunch
Suffolk, Rt. 1

Library Chairman.....Mrs. N. H. Bradshaw
Suffolk, Rt. 1

Home Demonstration Agent.....Miss Margaret Rusher
Suffolk, Box 144 Phone 146

YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE

Mrs. W. C. Knight.....Mrs. U. B. Vaughan

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

Club	President
Bethlehem	Mrs. O. C. Bradshaw
Box Elder	Mrs. Frank Wright
Chuckatuck	Mrs. E. N. Woodward
Cherry Grove	Mrs. Joe Baines
Cypress	Mrs. W. C. Knight
Eva Minix	Mrs. J. H. Costen
Holy Neck	Mrs. June Davidson, Sr.
Homemakers	Mrs. Pressley Byrd
Kings Fork	Mrs. Parke Ashburn
Liberty Springs	Mrs. J. W. Tidwell
Margaret Rusher	Mrs. C. F. Vick
Magnolia	Mrs. E. F. Gillette
Reids Ferry	Mrs. J. A. Martin
Rural Whaleyville	Mrs. C. J. Warren
Sleepy Hole	Mrs. J. P. Brooks, Jr.
Somerton	Mrs. Sydney Hayes
Thompson	Mrs. P. B. Butler

CLUB REQUIREMENTS

1. Represented at each meeting of the Home Demonstration Committee by President, or substitute 10 points
2. Two leaders or substitutes attend each training meeting 10 points
3. Leaders give 6 creditable demonstrations... 10 points
4. Citizenship Chairman attend training meeting and give reports at club meetings 15 points
5. Home Ground Improvement Chairman or substitute attend training meetings, and make reports at club meetings..... 5 points
6. Handicraft leader attend training meeting and give one demonstration..... 5 points
7. Miscellaneous leaders attend training meetings and give demonstrations..... 5 points
8. Pay \$3.00 State Federation Dues and \$3.00 County Dues by April 1st..... 10 points
9. Each meeting during the year an average attendance of 75%..... 10 points
10. 100% of club members turning in written reports by September 30th..... 10 points
11. Each club sponsor 4-H or Youth Movement 10 points

CLUB OBJECTIVES

1. Each club get new members.
 2. Each club furnish one adult leader to work with youth.
 3. Each club pay expenses of leaders to training meeting, and pay for supplies for club demonstrations.
 4. Each club have 100% of club members voting.
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CITIZENSHIP

Mrs. B. D. Jones.....County Chairman

Slogan: Nansemond County Women Informed and
Participating Citizens

Suggested Goals:

1. Each club have 100% of its' active members voting.
2. Each club participating in the project for the youth camp.
3. Develop a better understanding of our peoples problems, strengthen leadership, and promote wholesome living.
4. Encourage the love of reading and ownership of good books.
5. Each club member take part in County Health Projects.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Call to Order

Devotionals

Songs

Roll Call

Minutes

Report of Treasurer

Leaders Reports:

 Citizenship

 Home Grounds Improvement

 Library

Business—Old—New

Check of Previous Month's Work

Demonstration

Homemaker's Creed

Adjournment

YEAR'S PROGRAM

Month	Demonstration	Given By
December—Candies—Christmas Party		Miscellaneous Leader
January—Citizenship		Citizenship Chrm.
Book Report		Library Chrm.
February—Selection of Patterns and Materials		
Styles and Types		Clothing Leader
March—Pattern Alterations		
Fitting—Cutting		Clothing Leader
April—Finishes		Clothing Leader
May—Modeling the Dress		
(All day meeting)		Clothing Leader
June—Club Choice		
Table Serving or Setting		Miscellaneous Leader
July—Handicraft—Textile Painting		Handicraft Leader
August—Recreation		
September—The Livable Living Room		
Color Plans		House Furnishing Leader
October—Accessories		House Furnishing Leader
November—Furniture Arrangement		
		House Furnishing Leader

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DATE TIME PLACE AND HOW LONG

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH—Furniture Clinic(County Meeting)

February—Home Demonstration Committee Meeting.

JUNE—Spring Festival.

JULY—Home Demonstration Committee Meeting.
(Program Planning)

SEPTEMBER—Slip Covers(County Meeting)

OCTOBER

"What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other?"

—George Elliot

Date:.....

Place:.....

Devotionals:.....



NOVEMBER

"We give thanks
From grateful hearts come humbled thanks
For blessings of the year,
For health and peace and happiness
For hope and love and cheer."

—T. C. Davis

Date:.....

Place:.....

Devotionals:.....

AUGUST

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man."

—San Walter Foss

Date:

Place:

Devotionals:



SEPTEMBER

"Health is wealth is as true of the community as of the
individual."

Date:

Place:

Devotionals:

JUNE

"Our credit is built on things we do,
Our habit on things we shirk.
The man who totals the biggest plus
Is the man who completes his task."

—anonymous

Date:

Place:

Devotionals:



JULY

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives,
I like to see a man live so that the place is proud of him."
—Abraham Lincoln

Date:

Place:

Devotionals:

APRIL

"It is the women who will remake the world
The women who have eaten of sorrow;
They will sit on door stones in the unbroken dusk,
And teach their sons to make a clean tomorrow."
—Frances Frost

Date:.....

Place:.....

Devotionals:.....



MAY

"Real joy comes not from ease, not from riches, not from
applause of men, but from having done things that are
worthwhile."
—Wilfred T. Greenfill

Date:.....

Place:.....

Devotionals:.....

FEBRUARY

"The secret of success is constancy of purpose"

—Benjamin Disraeli

Date:

Place:

Devotionals:

MARCH

"What a man does for himself dies with him,
What he does for his community, lives long after he
is gone."—Theodore Roosevelt

Date:

Place:

Devotionals:

DECEMBER

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace,
Good Will to Men."—Luke 2:14.

Date:.....

Place:.....

Devotionals:.....



JANUARY

"I always think the cover of a book is like a door
Which opens into someone's house,
Where I've not been before."

Date:.....

Place:.....

Devotionals:.....

SPRING FESTIVAL

Spinaface



Dresses

*for work in
the home*

Entertainment by
4-H CLUBS

Nansemond County Home Demonstration Clubs
Kings Fork School
June 22, 1948

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES IN DRESS REVIEW

Bethlehem	Mrs. Edgar P. Savage
Box Elder	Mrs. R. H. Grizzard
Chuckatuck	Mrs. Harvey Saunders
Cherry Grove	Mrs. R. C. Tripp
Cypress	Mrs. Marshall Brinkley
Eva Minix	Mrs. Frank Harrell
Holy Neck	Mrs. S. A. Laphoon
Homemakers	Mrs. R. B. Sears
Kings Fork	Mrs. Hilton Morgan
Liberty Springs	Mrs. J. W. Baggett
Magnolia	Mrs. E. C. Carr
Margaret Risher	Mrs. N. H. Bradshaw
Reids Ferry	Mrs. R. M. Yates
Sleepy Hole	Mrs. W. E. Byrum
Somerton	Mrs. W. A. Staylor
Thompson	Mrs. A. G. Griffin
Whaleyville	Mrs. Howard Godwin
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JUDGES FOR THE DRESS REVIEW

Miss Elizabeth Robinson Home Demonstration Agent
and

Club Women from Sussex County

POINTS TO LOOK FOR IN HOUSEDRESSES

Whether you make, or whether you buy, your housedress
be sure it has these features:

- FREE ACTION AND COOLNESS for comfort.
- SAFETY FEATURES for work around the stove, for stooping, for getting up and down on chairs or ladders.
- TIME- and ENERGY-SAVING FEATURES that make a garment quick and easy to put on- quick and easy to iron. It must have pockets that are useful and are placed where they can be reached without fumbling.
- DURABILITY both in material and workmanship.
- ATTRACTIVENESS based on usefulness and comfort.

CLUB MEMBERS MODELING APRONS, WORK JACKETS

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Mrs. J. H. Gardner	Mrs. Herman Presson
Mrs. A. L. Latimer	Mrs. Paul Parks.
Mrs. Edward F. Gillette	Mrs. J. L. Hare
Mrs. Frank Holland	

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DRIVER CREDIT THE MOST ESSENTIAL

Call to Order Mrs. W. A. Staylor

Welcome

Group Singing Led By: Margaret Harrell

Accompanied By: Ann Harrell

"Movie Camera Pageant" Whaleyville 4-H Club

Roll Call of Clubs Mrs. C. C. Bradshaw

Dress Review Club Representatives

Commentator Mrs. Harvey Harrell

"The Home" Chuckatuck 4-H Club

"The Song of The Dish Towels" Kings Fork 4-H Club

"4-H Quintuplets" Cypress 4-H Club

Group Singing

"Meeting an Emergency" Holland 4-H Club

"The Singing Hen" Driver 4-H Club

Presentation of Prizes

Homemakers' Creed

Social Hour

Refreshments by: Reids Ferry Club

CHARACTERS IN 4-H PLAYLETS

"Movie Camera Pageant"

Announcer	Ernestine Riddick
Tom Ellington	Charles Riddick
Tom's Father	Horace Griffin, Jr.
Tom's Mother	Betty Umphlette
Billy, Tom's Little Brother	Bob Skinner
Betty, Tom's Girl Friend	Jackie Warren
Betty's Mother	Sheila Copeland
Jane Blake	Barbara Baines
Jerry Blake	Wallace Griffin
Mrs. Blake, Their Mother	Peggy Bradshaw
Teddy Brown	Curtis Baines

"The Home"	
Mr. Taylor	Eddie Griggs
Bobby Taylor	Gordon Presson
June Taylor	Otelia Westbrook
Helen Taylor	Barbara Ann Presson
NORMA	Elizabeth Westbrook
Eva	Thelma Bunch

ENTERTAINMENT IN 4-H PLAYERS

"The Song of The Dish Towels"

"Towel's Captain Presents"

Emmette Haddock	The Entire Club	Announcer
Charles Haddock	*****	Tom Haddock
Harold Griffin, Jr.		Tom's Father
Betty Haddock	"4-H Quintuplets"	Tom's Mother
Book Maker		Nancy Brinkley
A		Edna Earl Bunch
B		Catherine Brinkley
I		Ann Harrell
O		Gene Harrell
U		Elmer Brinkley, Jr.
W		F. J. Brinkley, Jr.
Y	*****	Marilyn Brinkley
1st. H	"The Home"	Ann Bunch
2nd. H		Billy Jones
3rd. H		Betty Jean Rountree
4th. H		Mac Brown
5th. H		Betty Ann Knight

"Meeting an Emergency"

Bill Edward Felton, Jr.
Stan Billy March
Faye Helen Smith
Lola Thelma Lee Carr
Joe Halbert Copeland
Doris Jean Taylor
Ruth Betty Sue Gardner
Frank Elisha Duke

"The Singing Hen"

Jack Eddie Phelps
Mary Vera Jakeman
Laying Hen Annie Jo Jory
Boarder Hen Frances Vick
Rooster William Percy Gillette

SONGS

1. How D'Ye Do (Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

We're always glad to meet new friends
Our greetings are to you.
We cannot all shake hands you see,
So here's our "How d'ye do."

2. We're Here For Fun (Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

We're here for fun right from the start,
Pray drop your dignity.
Just leugh and sing with all your heart,
And show your loyalty.
May other meetings be forgot, let this one
be the best;
Join in the songs we sing today,
Be happy with the rest.

3. Get Acquainted (Tune: Tipperary)

It's a good time to get acquainted,
It's a good time to know
All the hustlers, all the live ones
That are here to make things go.

Good-bye chilly shoulders,
Farewell, glassy stare;
When we all join hands and pull together
We're sure to get there.

4. Sing Your Way Home

Sing your way home, at the close of the day;
Sing your way home, drive the shadows away;
Smile every mile; for where-ever you roam
It will lighten your load,
It will brighten your road,
If you sing your way home.

5. Dreaming

My home must have a high tree,
Above it's open gate;
My home must have a garden
Where little dreamings wait;
My home must have a wide view
Of field and meadow fair,
Of distant hill, of open sky,
With sunlight everywhere.

My home must have a friendship
With every happy thing;
My home must offer comfort
For any sorrowing;
And every heart that enters
Shall hear its' music there,
And find some simple beauty
That every life may share.

My home must have its' mother,
May I grow sweet and wise;
My home must have its' father,
With honor in his eyes;
My home must have its' children,
God grant the parents grace,
To keep our home through all the years,
A kindly, happy place.

6. Sweetly Sings The Donkey

Sweetly sings the donkey, at the break of day;
If you do not feed him, this is what he'll say:
Hee-haw! hee-haw! hee-haw! hee-haw! hee-haw!

7. H. D. Candle

This little H. D. light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little H. D. light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little H. D. light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood, etc.

Hide it under a bushel? No! etc.

Don't you go and (blow) it out, etc.

The fifth time, sing the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. verses,
one line of each.

8. S-m-i-l-e (Tune: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah)

It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E;
It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E;
If you find that you're in trouble,
It will vanish like a bubble,
If you'll only take the trouble just to
S-M-I-L-E.

It isn't any trouble just to G-R-I-N - GRIN;
It isn't any trouble just to G-R-I-N - GRIN;
If you find that you're in trouble,
It will vanish like a bubble,
If you'll only take the trouble just to
G-R-I-N - GRIN.

It isn't any trouble just to G-I- GIGGLE - EE;
It isn't any trouble just to G-I- GIGGLE -EE;
If you find that you're in trouble,
It will vanish like a bubble,
If you'll only take the trouble just to
G-I- GIGGLE - EE.

9. Vitamins (Tune: Tramp, Tramp, Tramp)

When you're feeling down and out with dyspepsia,
nerves and gout,

When your liver fails to function as it should,

All the patent dopes you've tried, all the
different "paths" beside,

Never, never found a thing that does you good.

You need carrots in your diet, onions,
beets, and spinach greens.

All your ills will fade away,

If you eat a lot each day,

Of these vegetables so full of vitamins.

Parsnips, fried or fricassed; rutabagas? Yes,
indeed!

Lettuce, turnips, and a stalk of celery.

With tomatoes, corn and beans (don't forget the
spinach greens!)

From your aches and pains will surely set you free.

Veg--ee-- in your diet,

Swiss chard, kale and other greens.

Just to keep our systems right, make us feel
good day and night,

By supplying the important vitamins.

10. Bicycle Built for Two

Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer, do,

I'm half crazy, all for the love of you.

It won't be a stylish marriage;

I can't afford a carriage.

But you'll look sweet on a seat

Of a bicycle built for two.

HOMEMAKERS' CREED

As home makers we will strive to:

- Have our organization foster the highest ideals in home, church, school and public life.
- Have our homes reach out in service to the communities and help unite the people.
- Have cooperation and progress the leading forces in our communities.
- Study the best ways to do every day work that we may find joy in common tasks well done.
- Be kind beyond the standards of charity; avoid thoughts and words that condemn; be more thoughtful than love requires; maintain the highest ideals of Christian life.

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PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

1949

<p>December</p> <p>Peanut Cooke</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Midless Serving of Meals</p> <p>Program Planning Discussion</p>
<p>January</p> <p>The Cheerful Dining Ro</p>	<p>July</p> <p>Open</p> <p>(County Planning)</p>
<p>February</p> <p>Selection of Dining Ro</p> <p>Furniture and Furnishing</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Open</p>
<p>March</p> <p>Clothing-</p> <p>The Better Dress</p>	<p>September</p> <p>The Home Grounds</p>
<p>April</p> <p>Clothing-</p> <p>The Better Dress</p>	<p>October</p> <p>Handicraft-</p> <p>Metal Work</p>
<p>May</p> <p>Freezing Cooked Foods</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Handicraft-</p> <p>Metal Work</p>

FEDERATION GOAL: Rural Youth

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Club Objectives Recommended by Home Demonstration Committee

1. Have the clubs serve every family in the community	
2. Increase club membership 10%	
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6.	
Leaders and Committee Chairman to be Appointed, or Elected	
1. Rural Youth Chairman	6. One (1) Yard Improvement Leader
2. Two (2) House Furnishings Leaders	7. One (1) Program Development Chairman
3. Two (2) Clothing Leaders	
4. Two (2) Foods Leaders	
5. Two (2) Handicraft Leaders	

RECOMMENDATION

News Clipping Picture District Winners in 4-H
Dress Revue Contest

Oct. 3, 1948-

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot,



DISTRICT 4-H CHAMPIONS—Winners in the 17-county Southeastern Extension District in girls' projects, announced yesterday at the "4-H Little Congress" at the Cavalier Hotel, are, left to right, seated, Sallie Mae Hurt, Powhatan County, home laundering; Louise Pierce, Lunenburg County, frozen foods; Vivian Holland, Isle of Wight County, food preservation; Jackie Foreman, Norfolk County, clothing achievement; standing, with Miss Helen Ricks, district home agent, between them, are Barbara Ann Ersson (left), of Nansemond County, and Ruby Hite (right), of Mecklenburg County, who tied for district first place in the dress revue. Jane Foreman, district winner in canning, and Jean Sanderlin, district winner in home improvement, both of Norfolk County, are away at college and did not attend the congress.

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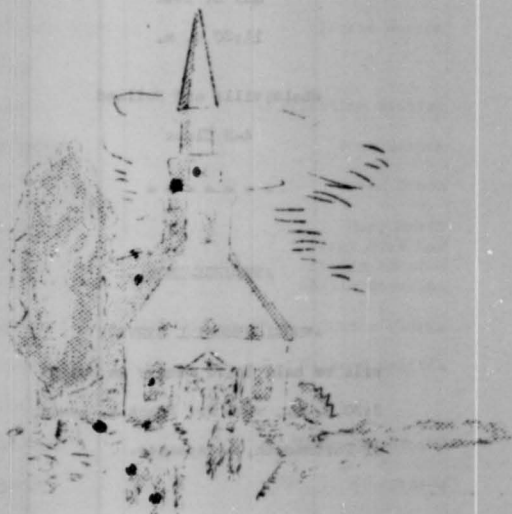
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Rural Life Sunday Program

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

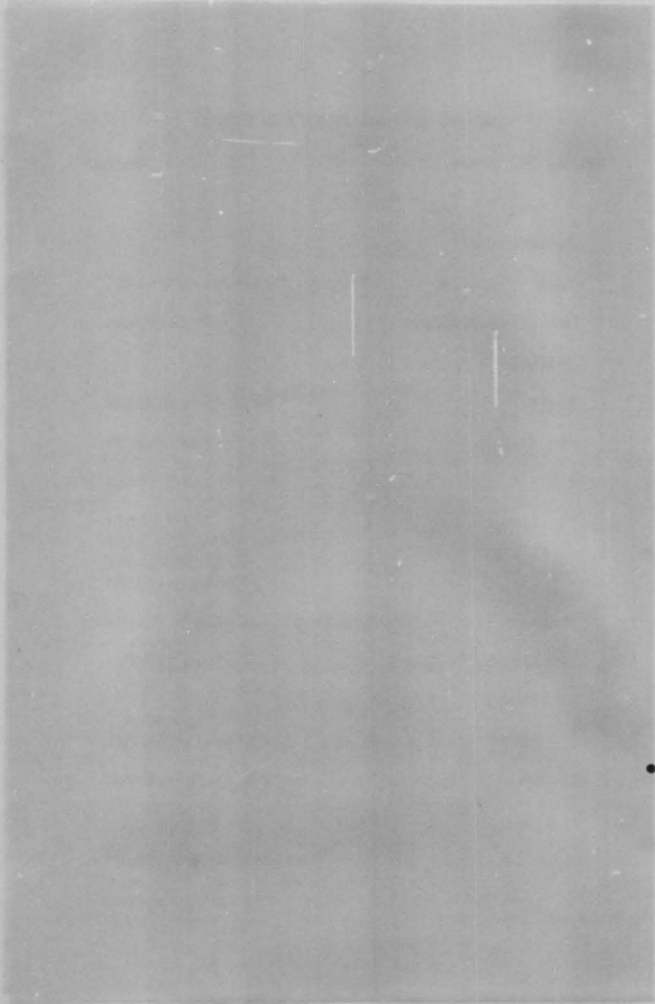


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Creating BETTER HOMES TODAY for a
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RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

May 2, 1948

11:30 a. m.

Whaleyville and Holland

4-H Clubs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held Third Sunday in May at
3:30 p. m., with Dr. Frank H. Lewis,
of Portsmouth, as speaker.

LIBERTY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dr. I. W. Johnson

Pastor

Processional

Hymn - 1, 3, 4 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Scripture Reading Jackie Warren

Prayer

Taeme Ernestine Riddick

The Emblem Jean Baines

Hymn 4-H Group

The Creed Mary Davis
Peggy Bradshaw
Evelyn Branton
Sheila Copeland

Poem - "Hoe and Pray" Hunter Clarke

Country Boy's Creed Wallace Griffin

Offering

Pantomime "Near The Cross"

Message Dr. I. W. Johnson

Prayer

Hymn - 1, 2, 3 "America The Beautiful"

Benediction Dr. I. W. Johnson

NANSEMOND COUNTY



ACHIEVEMENT DAY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dec. 6, 1947

4-H CLUB PLEDGE

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my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service, and,
my HEALTH to better living,
For my club, my community, and
my country.

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Call to Order

F. J. Brinkley, Jr.

Group Singing

Margaret Harrell

Bruce Eberwine, Jr.

Welcome

Rev. J. Lester Lane

Devotionals

Scripture Reading

Elizabeth Westbrook

Poem

"His Birth"

Jackie Walker

Prayer

Otelia Westbrook

4-H Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance

MEMORANDUM

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Roll Call of Clubs, Mrs. Betty Sue Gardner

Responsibility of Parents and Leaders in Club Work, Mrs. Henry Brothers

Individual and Club Awards, Margaret Risher

Group Singing

Importance of 4-H Club Work to Rural Virginia, J. W. Rogers District Agent

Adjournment

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

1. Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly peace,
Sleep in Heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from Heaven a-far,
Heavenly host sing Al-le-lu-ia,
Christ, the Saviour is born!
Christ, the Saviour is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

2. White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
Just like the one I use to know,
Where the tree tops glisten, and children
listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write,
May your days be merry and bright,
And may all your Christmases be white.

3. O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,

And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond-'ring love,
O morning stars together

Proclaim Thy Holy birth;

And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,

Descend to us we pray;

Cast out our sins, and enter in,

Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels

The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us

Our Lord, Emmanuel.

4. While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

All seated on the ground,

The angel of the Lord came down,

And Glory shone around,

And Glory shone around.

Jingle Bells

Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bob tail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing that sleighing
song tonight!

Chorus

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!

Jingle all the way;

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse

open sleigh!

(repeat chorus)

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed
our lot;
We got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upset.

Now the ground is white, go it while you're young,
Take the girls tonight, and sing that sleighing
song;
Just get a bob tail nag, to forty for his speed,
And hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack!
you'll take the lead,

6. Up On The Housetop

Up on the housetop, raindeer's pause,
Out jumps good old Santa Claus,
Down through the chimney with lots of toys,
All for the little ones Christmas joys.

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Up On The Housetop (continued)

Chorus

Ho! ho! ho! who wouldn't go?
Ho! ho! ho! who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop click! click! click!
Down through the chimney with good
Saint Nick.

First comes the stocking of little Nell,
Oh! dear Santa fill it well,
Give her a dollie that laughs and cries,
One that will open and shut her eyes.

Next comes the stocking of little Will,
Oh! do see what a glorius fill,
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks,
Also a ball and a whip that cracks!

7. The First Noel

The first Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where
they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night, that was so deep.

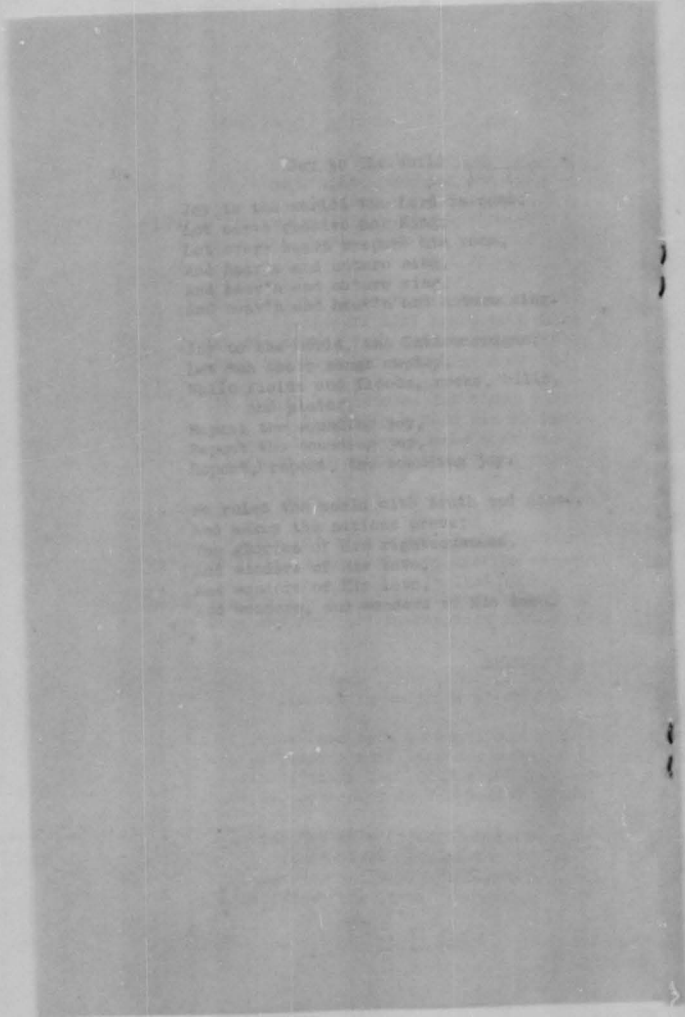
Chorus

Noel, noel, noel, noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King, was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Then entered in these wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee;
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Report of the Commission



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