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### III. SUMMARY OF INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Days in field.....	191
Days in office.....	80
Assistant Agent - days in field.....	29
Assistant Agent - days in office.....	9
Days annual leave.....	25
Days sick leave.....	10
Days leave without pay.....	
Legal holidays taken.....	7
Number home visits made (adult).....	435
Number 4-H Club demonstrations visited.....	250
Total number different homes visited.....	570
Office calls.....	104
Telephone calls.....	720
Number news articles or stories prepared for press.....	77
Number individual letters written.....	927
Number different circular letters prepared...	17
Number meetings attended.....	458
Number miles traveled.....	9,010

#### IV. THE COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE.

Henrico County is located in the Eastern part of the State on the James River. The county surrounds Richmond, the capitol of the State.

The chief source of income for the farm people comes from dairying, trucking and general farming. It is affected economically by general business, because of its proximity to the city. One half of the population is suburban. Many farms in the county are small, so the farm income is supplemented by a salary from Richmond earned by the man or by one member of the family. Richmond is a large tobacco center with quite a number of cigar and cigarette factories and many of the girls of club age living in the county leave their homes to work in these factories and other manufacturing plants and industries.

Henrico County has a population of 36,000 including both white and colored, and covers 280 square miles. It has 407 miles of hard surfaced roads and some of the most valuable land in the state lies along the James River. Some of the famous old homes typical of Virginia are located in Henrico County - "Varina - On - The-James" where John Rolfe took his bride Pocahontas, being one of the oldest. Others with historical background are Curles Neck, Wilton, Tree Hill and Tuckahoe. Many of the old homes in the county have been modernized by installing heat, light, and water systems.

The County has also some of the finest modern homes, and many of cottage and bungalow type. The homes of the county are kept in good repair, both exterior and interior.

Many changes in the county have resulted from home demonstration work.

One of the most important has been the large number of farm homes being modernized by installing water, lighting and heating systems. Many of the families not being able to install complete water systems have sinks, and water in the kitchen. With a number of electric lines extending to the most rural sections of the county, many articles of electrical equipment for the homes have been purchased.

One very noticeable result of home demonstration work has been from the yard improvement project carried over a period of years. Many homes have landscaped their yards from plans made by the Landscape Specialist.

The rural women are more interested and more active in the civic organizations and of the welfare of their respective communities. This has resulted from the citizenship talks and discussions on the programs of the various clubs.

#### V. STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION.

##### 1. a. Board of Supervisors.

Henrico County has the County Manager form of government, adopted in March 1934 by the vote of the tax payers. The County Manager is appointed by and responsible to the Board of Supervisors, which is composed of one member from each Magisterial district of the county, to-wit; Brookland, Fairfield, Tuckahoe and Varina. The County Manager, and the Board of Supervisors have the management of the financial and general affairs of the county.

The Agent sends a report of home demonstration work to the County Manager each month and this report is included with those from the heads of

all other departments in the County Manager's monthly report to the Board of Supervisors. A copy of the County Manager's monthly report is also sent to any tax payer upon request.

The appropriation for home demonstration work, included in the county budget, was increased at the June 1937 meeting of the Board from \$480.00 to \$600.00. The Board also provides an office in the courthouse for the agent. All mimeograph work for the agent is done by one of the stenographers employed by the County.

b. School Board.

The School Board is composed of four men appointed by the Board of Supervisors, one from each magisterial district. The School Board appoints the County Superintendent of Schools, and both have the general management of the public school system in the County. A new Superintendent was appointed July 1937. Both the former and the present Superintendent are enthusiastic supporters of Club work.

The Board appropriates \$200.00 to the salary of the agent. A school bus is furnished by the Board, giving free transportation to all club members attending Jamestown 4-H Camp, making it possible for many more boys and girls to attend than could do so otherwise.

A copy of the report which the Agent makes to the County Manager is sent to the County Superintendent each month and the Agent attends the Board meetings once a year in person and gives a report of the activities of club work.

## 2. County Organizations

### a. County Home Demonstration Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board is composed of twenty-four representative women, comprising the president and one outstanding member appointed by the president, from each home demonstration club, and two members at large, selected by the appointed members. Three Board meetings are held each year, in March, July and November.

The functions of the Advisory Board are to advise and assist the Agent in carrying out the extension program in the county; select the major project for the county; adopt the plan of work for the year; select the county campaign; select one of the State Federation goals and sponsor all other county wide activities. The Board members keep in touch with other county organizations and help to promote a spirit of good will toward county extension work. The president of the Board acts as the official representative of home demonstration work.

At the regular October 1936 meetings of the Home Demonstration Clubs, the President and Agent presented to her members the four major projects from which they were to make a choice. The various needs of the communities were discussed by the women, then the project which would assist the women in meeting most of their needs was chosen in the meetings of the ten clubs. At the planning meeting of the Advisory Board in November 1936, the major project, "House Furnishings" was chosen, selecting the unit, "The Well Dressed House". The women felt the need of having some assistance in selecting better furnishings for their homes. The increase value in farm products

sold, and the salaries earned in the city by a son or daughter in the family gave the women an opportunity to have more money to spend on improvements for furnishings of the home. Nine out of the ten clubs voted their greatest need was to make improvements to the house furnishings.

As a result of a survey made of the farm homes in the fall of 1936, it was found that a small percentage of the homes in the county had adequate storage space. Knowing the need for better storage, the Board voted to have "Storage Spaces" for the county campaign.

From the seven State Federation goals, "Library" was selected by the Board for the county-wide goal. The Board sponsored a Tour to Williamsburg to visit the restoration. The County Woman's Chorus has grown this year under the sponsorship of the Board.

In February 1937 a club institute was held by the Advisory Board for the officers of all the Home Demonstration clubs. A speaker well trained in parliamentary law gave instructions in carrying out the duties of each office and discussed the work for the coming year. A Hand Book for the year was prepared by the agent and given to each member of the Board. The Hand Book contained a program of all county, district and state-wide events, by the month. All rules, regulations and goals sponsored by the Board were given in the Hand Book, which proved to give much service to the officers of the clubs.

A Scrap Book contest was sponsored by the Board to encourage all clubs to mount in a book newspaper clippings of club, county, and state activities and programs of all events, which eventually will make a history of the club.

The Advisory Board has continued to sponsor the County Woman's Chorus which has grown into a permanent chorus the county is well proud of.

The Board has sponsored many outstanding accomplishments this year.

b. 4-H Club Council.

The County 4-H Club Council is composed of all the officers of every 4-H club in the county. Leaders are ex-officio members. The purposes of the county council are to unify the club work in the county; to make a county plan of work for the year; to give training in parliamentary practice, game and song leadership, working up programs and all essential phases of leadership. It is the responsibility of the council to see that the program of work is carried out.

In January the Council held their planning meeting. The plan of work and achievements for the past year's work were discussed and a new plan of work for the year was prepared and formally adopted by the Council. The officers were divided into their respective groups to receive instructions from the leaders regarding the duties of the various offices.

The 4-H Club Council is financed by the individual clubs, all clubs over 25 members give \$1.00, and clubs with less than 25 members give fifty cents to the council. This money is used for carrying on county-wide activities in 4-H club work. The Council paid the expenses of a 4-H Leader to chaperone club members to the State Short Course.

The Goals and Achievements will be found on the following pages.

HENRICO COUNTY 4-H CLUB COUNCIL OF 1937

GOALS

1. Each club hold twelve meetings a year.
2. Programs for monthly meetings to be made out in advance by program committee.
3. Each club member be well informed on parliamentary law.
4. The program committee plans to use as many different members in the programs during the year as possible.
5. Each club have one or two leaders.
6. Every member must complete project carried and hand in record book to county agents by the first of November.
7. Each club improve quality of membership.
8. Each club member know the club pledge, motto, and meaning of 4-H's.
9. Every girl taking the Clothing Project must make and keep an attractive notebook on details of project.
10. Every club have a girl and boy enter in the Health Contest where there are boys in the club.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1 held 24 meetings  
8 held 12 meetings  
6 held 11 meetings
- All clubs accomplished this.
- All officers were trained in parliamentary law.
- About one half took part on programs.
- 7 clubs have 2 leaders  
4 clubs have 1 leader  
4 clubs have no leader
84. 69 completions.
- The quality of club work improved over last year.
- 100% know meaning of 4-H's.  
85% know pledge and motto.
- About 95% kept notebooks.
- Fifteen clubs were represented by girls and two clubs with boys in the County Health Contest.

Henrico County 4-H Club Council of 1937 (continued)

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| 11. Each club member enter all contests when they are eligible.  | 75% entered Style Dress Revis.<br>Other contests were not entered.                                  |
| 12. All members exhibit at State Fair if there are entries in their project.   | Thirty-three members exhibited at State Fair.   |
| 13. Each club raise some money to carry on club work during the year.  | Ten clubs raised money to carry on work.  |
| 14. Each club have members attend Achievement Program in November.   | Twelve Clubs were represented at Achievement Program.   |
| 15. Each club make an effort to have one or more members attend Jamestown Camp and State Short Course when ages permit.                      | Ten Clubs were represented at Jamestown Camp.<br>Four clubs were represented at State Short Course. |
| 16. Each club put on a special program when invited to do so by the school principal and organizations.                                      | Ten Clubs have held special programs.   |
| 17. Officers of each club attend two meetings of the 4-H Club Council.   | Ten Clubs were represented at meeting of the Council.   |
| 18. Each club have recreation at meetings when time will permit.   | This was carried out when possible.   |
| 19. Each club with a membership over fifteen will pay to the Council treasury \$1.00; all clubs with less than fifteen members will pay 50%. | Only four clubs accomplished this.  |
| 20. At the December meeting of the Council a social will be held at the conclusion of the business.  | This will be accomplished.  |

### 3. Relations With Other Organizations.

#### a. Henrico Welfare Association.

This association is composed of and represented by the following departments in the county set-up: Health, Welfare, Red Cross, Tuberculosis Association, Farm and Home Demonstration Agents, ministers of the county, and other representative county people are members of this organization.

The association holds monthly meetings at the Y. W. C. A. The heads of each department including the agent, gives a report of the work in their department during the month. This meeting gives all county workers a splendid opportunity to acquaint themselves with the activities of the other county workers. The Welfare Association sponsors the Christmas seal sale, assists with the Red Cross Roll call, and Community Fund. The president of the Welfare Association is a member at large of the Home Demonstration Advisory Board.

#### b. Henrico Branch of Red Cross.

The Henrico county branch of the American Red Cross is composed of representative people of the county and all county workers. This organization puts on the Red Cross membership drive and give free hospitalization to poor people in need of medical care, distributes clothing and shoes to needy families. The meetings are attended by the agent, who presents needy cases of women and girls in club work. All requests have been fulfilled.

#### c. Henrico Garden Club.

The purpose of this organization is to create a desire in the county people to landscape and improve their home grounds. Many home demonstration women are members of this organization. Each year they sponsor

a county school ground improvement contest, offering three prizes to the schools making the greatest improvements during the year. It also sponsors a Home Yard Improvement Contest among its members. Members of the Garden Club are interested in home demonstration activities and are always willing to assist in our program when called on. One member gives timely talks on flowers and garden working at the monthly meeting of the home demonstration club of which she is a member. Four members judged at flower shows sponsored by Home Demonstration Clubs, and two members made talks at club meetings during the year.

d. Housewives League.

This is an organization made up entirely of city women, of which the agent is a member. By being a member of the League, the agent has made many interesting and helpful contacts with city women. These women are familiar with and interested in the home demonstration work.

The president of the League served as one of the judges for the Club Scrap Book contest.

e. County Health Unit.

The County Doctor and two nurses have cooperated with the agent in developing the fourth "H" - Health, in our 4-H clubs. After the leaders and agent have selected a group of the healthiest 4-H club girls from each club, two county nurses visit the clubs, score the girls and select the healthiest one over 14 years of age, and under 14 years of age from each club. A County Health Contest was then held. The doctor examined 34 girls and selected the county health champion.

f. County Parent-Teachers Association.

This Association is familiar with the home demonstration program, and sponsors 4-H club activities. During the year the agent was invited to speak at five meetings of the P. T. A.

The Agent is a member of the Advisory Board of the County Parent-Teachers Association. This organization sponsors 4-H club work.

g. Richmond Branch of the Virginia Home Economics Association.

The agent is a member of the State Association and of the Richmond Branch. At the February meeting of the Richmond Branch a panel discussion with an adjoining county was given on home demonstration work. A president of a home demonstration club and a 4-H club member assisted with the panel. About 50 Richmond Home Economists were present and heard of the work done by the 4-H and home demonstration clubs.

VI. PROGRAM OF WORK

1. Index to Map.

Home Demonstration Clubs

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>No. Meetings</u>
1. Antioch	38	12
2. Beulah	32	14
3. Creighton	38	14
4. Dumbarton	59	11
5. Glendale	47	14
6. Highland Springs	59	12
7. Laurel	50	12
8. Longdale	76	12
9. Montrose	47	12
10. Varina	68	11
	<u>514</u>	<u>124</u>

Junior Homemakers' Clubs

1. Highland Park	15	10
2. Varina	23	12
	<u>38</u>	<u>22</u>

4-H Clubs

1. Brookhill	20	12
2. Dumbarton	78	11
3. Glen Allen	39	11
4. Glen Echo	22	11
5. Glendale	7	12
6. Glen Lea	25	12
7. Highland Springs	104	12
8. Laurel	20	12
9. Longdale	28	12
10. Montrose	44	12
11. Ridge	19	11
12. Sandston	44	12
13. Short Pump	17	11
14. Varina	81	24
15. Westhampton	35	11
	<u>583</u>	<u>186</u>

Tuckahoe Creek

Short Pump

Tuckahoe Dist.

Ridge

Westhampton

James River

Richmond

Glen Allen

Laurel

Longdale

Dumbarton

Brookland Dist.

Brookhill

Highland Park

Glen Lea

Glen Echo

Highland Springs

Fairfield Dist.

Montrose

Sandston

Varina Dist.

Varina

Antioch

Glendale

Charles City County

Map of Henrico County  
280 square miles  
36,000 population

- 4-H Clubs
- Home Demonstration Clubs
- Junior Homemakers Clubs

Chickahominy River

## 2. Scope of Work.

a. In Henrico County there are 5,517 white homemakers; 514 of these women were reached directly through home-demonstration clubs and 938 other women were reached indirectly.

There are 2,476 girls of club age in Henrico County, and 565 of these girls are reached through the fifteen 4-H clubs; 485 other girls are reached indirectly.

### b. Enrollment For Last Three Years.

Year	<u>Women</u>		<u>Girls</u>	
	No. Clubs	No. Members	No. Clubs	No. Members
1934	10	387	13	442
1935	9	395	15	734
1936	10	500	15	790

## 3. Women's Work.

### a. Major Project

The "House Furnishings" project was chosen as the major, devoting six months to the unit, "The Well Dressed House." The following demonstrations were given during the year:

1. Color Plans for Rooms.
2. Step by Step With Windows.
3. Beauty Underfoot.
4. Table Wearables.
5. Making Little Things Count.
6. Flowers for Life.

The project leaders were appointed by the President of each club in November. The first leader's meeting was held in December by the Home

Improvement Specialist, 17 leaders representing 10 clubs were present. Demonstrations for the January and February meeting were given. In February the second leaders meeting was held with 18 leaders present representing all clubs; demonstrations for March and April were given. In May the third meeting was held with all clubs represented by 17 leaders - demonstrations for May and June were given by the specialist. The leaders gave 52 demonstrations; seven were given by the agent and two were given cooperatively by agent and leaders.

The following reports from the women will give some interesting facts as a result of the House Furnishings demonstrations:

- 209 women improved the selection of household furnishings.
- 214 women repaired, remodeled, upholstered or **refinished furniture.**
- 408 pieces furniture repaired, refinished.
- 122 pieces furniture upholstered.
- 138 slip covers made.
- 206 women improved window treatment, shades, curtains, draperies.
- 309 rooms represented.
- 190 women improved arrangement of pictures, furniture, accessories.
- 165 women improved appearance of room by using better color scheme.
- 456 rooms improved by above mentioned means.
- 105 women improved furnishings of porches.
- 177 women made bath rooms more attractive.
- 83 women used dyes for reconditioning furnishings.
- 1215 articles of handicraft made.
- 1113 kept for home uses.
- \$31.20 money received from sales of handicraft.
- \$1366.45 total estimated savings due to house furnishings program.

Twenty project leaders attended three meetings with a total attendance of 52. The leaders did some very excellent work this year. They devoted 162 days to their leadership work, giving a great deal of time

in preparation for giving the demonstration. Some very excellent illustrative material was secured from various commercial firms. For the demonstrations on floor coverings and table wearables, rugs and linens were borrowed from a large department store in the city of Richmond. The agent feels that the leaders gave very excellent demonstrations in the major project. The members of the clubs enjoyed and received a great deal of helpful information from the House Furnishings program.

b. Minor Project.

1. Food Preparation.

Six clubs devoted eight meetings to the study of "Food Preparation" as a minor. The demonstrations given were:

- Summer Salads
- Yeast Bread and Rolls
- Table Setting and Service
- Cookies
- Sandwiches for School Lunches
- Sandwiches for Parties

In the demonstration on Summer Salads, all materials used were vegetables from the gardens and demonstrated to the women how every day vegetables may be made into attractive and appetizing salads.

As a result of the demonstration on Yeast Bread and Rolls, many women have reported to the agent they have used the recipe demonstrated and have had good bread. The bread demonstration was given at a meeting of one Junior Homemakers Club. Three members that have recently married and have homes of their own reported they were using the recipe and were making good bread.

## 2. Preservation.

The agent gave ten method demonstrations, three were given by leaders as a result of the project, 27,222 quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats were canned. Total cost of all canning was \$606.66 with a value of food canned, amounting to \$6,663.72.

There were 284 pounds of fruits and vegetables dried, valued at \$30.30. Vegetables stored amounted to 206 bushels, and 336 pounds of meat. Canning budgets were made out by all the club members at the March meetings of the clubs. Forty-four women canned more than their budgets called for. The number of families raising practically all food used, 81.

Fifteen steam pressure cookers were purchased by the county women. More women are becoming acquainted with the value of steam pressure cookers and more calls are being made on the agent for advice on its use. The agent has received many telephone calls this year for information and bulletins on canning, many of these requests come from people living in the suburbs of Richmond and having small gardens. The agent made 54 visits giving information on food preservation.

Nine out of ten clubs held canning contest at their October meetings. Sixteen exhibits were made in the Kerr Contest, consisting of one meat and one of tomatoes, or tomato juice. Seventy-nine women entered the Ball contest, a fruit and a non-acid vegetable. The agent made a talk on standards in judging before the contests were held. At the conclusion of the agents talk, the women did the judging, selecting the prize winning jars in each contest. This method of judging taught the women good standards

in canning. The winning exhibits in all the club contests were entered in the county contest held at the courthouse, two Richmond Home Economist were the judges. The winning exhibits in both the Kerr and Ball contest were entered in the District Canning Contest held in Richmond.

More interest was shown by the women in the canning contest than in former years. The three women whose exhibits won first, second and third place in the county contest will each receive two dozen free jars from the commercial firms sponsoring the contest.

### 3. Home Management

Under this project the following results were reported accomplished:

- 95 families rearranged or improved kitchen for convenience.
- 101 families obtained labor saving equipment.
- 73 families made 150 home made equipment or conveniences.
- 92 families cut new windows or added glass doors.
- 131 families secured better reading lamps.
- 14 families installed heating systems.
- 45 families secured better heaters.
- 35 families prevented heat waste by weather stripping or insulation.
- 78 families had electric lighting systems installed.
- 105 families repaired or painted roofs.
- 45 families painted exterior of house.
- 271 families repaired or reputtied windows.
- 38 families secured electric refrigerators.
- 33 families secured electric stoves.
- 68 families secured small electrical equipment.

Many homes are having electricity installed, resulting in the purchase of more electric equipment, which has given the homemaker more time for rest and recreation.

### 4. Home Health and Sanitation.

All ten clubs devoted one or more meetings to Health and

Sanitation. A former county nurse, now a member of a home demonstration club made talks at three club meetings on "First Aid" and "The Health of the Woman over Thirty," advising that every woman should have a physical examination once a year. Seventy-three women had physical examinations.

All home demonstration clubs have assisted with school dental clinics, pre-school clinics and other activities sponsored by the Health Department of this county.

Following are results accomplished in Home, Health and Sanitation:

- 10 families installed complete water systems.
- 6 families installed sewage systems.
- 21 families had wells or cisterns made safe.
- 13 families put in kitchen sinks.
- 12 families installed bath rooms.
- 39 families built sanitary toilets.
- 116 families screened house or patched old screens.
- 147 families controlled household pests.
- 25 families made 98 pounds of home made soap.

5. Home Beautification of Grounds.

All home demonstration club members have taken a real interest in the beautifying of the home grounds. Henrico Federation of Home Demonstration clubs, and the State Federation with the Garden Clubs of Virginia, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Virginia Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty, comprising 40,000 members are working together to regulate outdoor advertising which destroys the beauty of rural Virginia and to promote safety on the highways. Several clubs have written to the candidates for State Senate and House, asking them to vote for the bill at the next session of the Legislature.

Three clubs have assisted in improving the school grounds in their communities. One club gave \$25.00 toward financing the school grounds in their community. One club held an all day planting meeting to improve their club house grounds. All clubs have had garden leaders to give timely talks on flowers and garden planning.

Results of the Home Beautification work:

111 families made back door yard more attractive.  
166 families repaired and painted porches.  
164 families improved out buildings.  
210 families improved upkeep of grounds.  
92 families improved lawns - planting grass.  
74 families made walks, driveways.  
58 families made out door living rooms.  
65 families improved fences and gates.  
36 families planted shrubs to screen out buildings from view.

6. Clothing.

Four home demonstration clubs devoted five meetings to the clothing project. The following results were accomplished:

77 families followed recommendations in improving clothing.  
746 dresses were made. Estimated saving \$947.61.  
522 other garments were made. Estimated saving \$360.30.  
414 garments were remodeled. Estimated saving \$399.00.  
67 families do their own dry cleaning. Estimated saving \$64.50.  
102 women improved their grooming.  
132 women learned to wear comfortable, sensible shoes for walking.  
\$2,115.41 total estimated saving due to clothing program.

7. Gardens.

A garden leader for each club was appointed by the president and at each meeting the leader was given a part on the program, in which to

give timely suggestions on gardening. A monthly mimeographed sheet on "Suggestions in Gardening", prepared by the garden specialist at V. P. I., was mailed to each garden leader and from this material she prepared her talks for the club meetings. Better gardens were reported by 174 families and all of the vegetables and a portion of the fruits canned by the members were raised in the home gardens.

- 66 families followed recommendations in control of insects.
- 46 families followed recommendations in disease control.
- 85 families followed recommendations in marketing.

#### 8. Poultry.

Five clubs had poultry leaders giving timely suggestions on poultry raising at the regular meeting of the clubs.

- 144 families followed recommendations in poultry raising.
- 80 families followed recommendations in feeding for production.
- 55 families improved breeding plan.
- 48 families secured better baby chicks.
- 65 families improved poultry houses.
- 56 families followed marketing recommendations.
- 69 families culled poultry flocks.

#### c. Campaign.

"Storage Spaces" was selected by the Advisory Board for the County Campaign. A survey was taken of the homes in the county. As a result of the survey, storage space was inadequate in the majority of the homes in the county. There being a great need for better storage, it was selected as the campaign.

Other community work accomplished by the clubs:

505 books and magazines given to Grayson County  
Walking Library.  
225 magazines given to colored people.  
1,968 visits made to the sick.  
463 bouquets of flowers and sympathy cards sent  
to the sick.  
189 trays of food sent to the sick.  
1,024 garments given to needy people.  
339 household articles given to needy people.  
\$182.27 given to welfare work.

e. Leader Training.

Twenty leaders attended three training meetings with  
an attendance of 52 leaders. Fifty-two demonstrations were given by the  
leaders, seven by the agent, and two were given cooperatively with  
leaders and agent.

Two leaders made all the curtains for the miniature  
window for the demonstration, "Step by Step With Windows."

f. Camp.

The club members of Henrico county had the opportunity of  
attending the adult camp held at Jamestown 4-H club camp in August.  
Only eighteen club members, and six others from this county availed  
themselves of this opportunity. Jamestown camp is located on the James  
River, seven miles from Williamsburg and in sight of historic Jamestown  
Island. The camp program consists of lectures, community singing, tours,  
pilgrimages, recreation, swimming and fishing.

g. County Meetings.

1. Fairs. One club sponsored a Community Fair, which was held in their club house. In one room the women's work was on display, and in another room the farm and garden crops were exhibited. Substantial prizes were given to the families winning the largest number of blue ribbons. Brunswick stew, ice cream and soft drinks were sold during the day. Thirty-four dollars and twenty cents (\$34.20) was realized from the sale of the refreshments during the day. The fair brought together the community people for the day.

Another club had a booth at a community fair, winning seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50).

2. Tours. Sixty club members representing all clubs went by chartered bus and private cars to Williamsburg, where six restored historic buildings were visited. The interiors of the houses were especially interesting, because of the major project, which had been house furnishings. On the tour the women saw reproduced the best of the Colonial Period.

3. Achievement Day. Henrico Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs celebrated their 25th year of home demonstration work with a tea, held in the Y.W.C.A. auditorium in observance of Achievement Day, with 220 members and friends present.

Forty-five members were awarded the home demonstration pin, who attained the goals and requirements before eligible to wear a pin. The silver cup was awarded to the club doing the most outstanding work. The scrap books from nine clubs were on display during the afternoon. The

anniversary cake with 25 candles was cut by the first Henrico County Home Demonstration Agent, the presidents of the Advisory Board and Federation.

Booklets were given each one present with the years achievements reported under the seven goals of the State Federation. A copy of the booklet will be found in the appendix of this report.

The 25th Anniversary Tea was a real accomplishment, the women enjoyed the afternoon in fellowship. All refreshments for the afternoon were prepared by the club women.

The County Manager was present and being pleased with the booklet of achievements, the Manager used the contents for the October report to the Board of Supervisors. A copy of this will be found in the appendix.

#### 4. County Woman's Chorus.

The County Woman's Chorus, sponsored by the Advisory Board, has continued with great success holding rehearsal twice a month. Christmas 1936 the chorus sang Christmas carols for the patients in three hospitals in the city of Richmond. They have given musical numbers on one district program and at three county events. The first Monday in October, the chorus began their monthly broadcasts on the Virginia Farm and Home Hour program, over radio station W.R.V. A, Richmond.

#### h. Program of Rest Club.

The following report was written by the president of the club, winning the silver cup at Achievement program for the most outstanding

accomplishment. The year book of the club will be found in the appendix.

"The Longdale Home Demonstration Club has come to the end of its fifth year, and from our records a most successful one. We have on roll 66 members, with an average attendance of 31, as compared against 23 for 1936. Our books also show that 24 women attended six or more meetings against 16 in 1936, and we contribute that increased attendance to the well planned programs of our efficient chairman. The meetings have begun on time and moved rapidly, and they were not allowed to drag unnecessarily. Those things together with the splendid demonstrations of our leaders have held the enthusiasm of the women of our club.

"While we have had splendid attendance, only five pins were awarded. More were eligible, but due to the fact that they did not enter the canning contest they were eliminated. And in this connection and in defence of our members, I would like to say that many of them do not have gardens, so of course do no canning, and as that was the only contest included in the requirements they could not fill that requirement. We hope another year some provision will be made for this group of women.

"Our program for the year included two book reviews: "Gone With The Wind", by Margaret Mitchell, and "Bugles Blow No More", by Clifford Downey; a play reading of "White Oaks" by Maso de la Roche; six splendid demonstrations on our major project; four citizenship talks; current events, and music, both vocal and instrumental. Outstanding speeches for the year were "New Curriculum", "Home Planning"; "Fall Gardens"; "Health"; all given by authorities on these subjects. We also sponsored a Red Cross First

Training Class lasting about 13 weeks, at the end of which time, 12 women took the examination and received First Aid Certificates.

"Our financial report made a splendid showing with receipts of \$110.00 from three activities - a play put on by the members of our club, entitled, "The Laughing Cure", a bingo party at Southern Dairies, and a spaghetti supper. Out of this amount we purchased a new electric stove for our cafeteria, contributed \$5.00 to each of the following: Flood relief; welfare; library; dental clinic; delegate to Blacksburg, and \$2.75 to the 4-H Club for prizes. We also helped beautify the school grounds by planting shrubs and grass.

"For the social part of our program, we had a Christmas party with a tree and presents, and baskets for the needy, and entertained the teachers at a tea in the spring.

"I feel that I cannot close this report without saying a few words about Home Demonstration Clubs and the things they accomplish. I'll mention the two of major importance in my mind. First, they carry into homes helpful, economical and practical information and suggestions that they would not get otherwise. Second, non-political and non-sectarian, they afford different groups of women the opportunity of getting acquainted, from which contact some lasting friendships have been formed, and that alone is worth much.

"And a word about the one thing that has made our club a real success - co-operation - all of our members "a club with but a single thought" - to make it one of the best in the County, and all due entirely

to the tireless and efficient training of our Home Demonstration Agent.

"So in entering upon the sixth year, we do so with renewed interest and inspiration, with the feeling that when that year is closed we'll be able to say the same thing - another successful year has come to an end."

#### i. Recreation

The social committee of each club provides some form of recreation at the conclusion of the meetings. Many of the clubs serve light refreshments during the social period of their meeting, some clubs have games and contests while some have given one-act plays.

The social committees and the agent encourage recreation in the homes and many helpful suggestions have been made to club members for games and other amusements which might be used for this purpose. The agent has not found it necessary to work with the recreational centers as Henrico county is a part of the Richmond Recreational Association with five well organized centers in the county, and full time paid workers in charge of each center.

#### j. Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

District-Henrico County was joint hostess with an adjoining county to the annual spring meeting of the Eastern Virginia District, held in the auditorium of the largest high school in the county. Six hundred women from eighteen counties attended, 75 representing Henrico county. The program of the day will be found in the appendix.

State - Nine women representing seven clubs, and the Advisory Board attended the State Federation and the Institute of Rural Affairs

held in Blacksburg in July. The agent being away for study during the time the meeting was held, she did not attend. However, reports of the meeting given by the women attending was heard by the agent. The women gave very interesting reports and are enthusiastic over the 1938 meeting and urging more women from their clubs to attend.

Federation Goals.

Library - At the planning meeting of the Advisory Board in November 1936, it was decided to put special emphasis on the Federation Goal, "Library". A committee was appointed and the following objectives decided upon:

- (1) Every club member read 12 or more books a year.
- (2) Every member subscribe to one or more current magazines.
- (3) Have book and magazine exchange in clubs.
- (4) Give some assistance to school library.
- (5) Have four books reviewed at club meetings during the year.

The survey which has recently been made, shows some very gratifying results. In order to keep up with current events, all home demonstration club members have newspapers in their homes, while these women subscribe to 678 magazines. The sum of \$29.12 was donated to the school library project.

Nineteen book reviews were given at club meetings during the year, "Gone With The Wind" being the most popular. According to the reports, 2447 books were read by club members. Many were able to fulfill the objectives of 12 for the year.

One club has secured two traveling libraries from the State Library. Two other clubs have started a club library. The members take home a book, from the club meetings, and the chairman keeps a record of all books loaned.

**Rural Electrification** - The chairman of the Advisory Board, the Home Demonstration Agent, and the chairman of this committee attended a meeting held in March at Petersburg, on "Rural Electrification." The Agricultural Engineer from V.P.I. was the speaker. He gave some valuable information on how to secure an electric line into the communities, and what the people should know before wiring the home.

Henrico County people have been very fortunate in having electric lines extended out into many of our rural communities. Members of home demonstration clubs have taken advantage of this, as 78 homes have had electric systems installed. Many articles of electrical equipment have been purchased since more homes have that service.

36 electric refrigerators  
33 stoves or ranges  
131 reading lamps or floor lamps  
24 electric washing machines  
37 electric irons  
68 other articles of electrical equipment

To give more light in the homes, 92 new windows were cut and glass doors added.

Many homes in our country during the coming year will have their homes wired for electricity, and will enjoy its convenience and many of the labor-saving devices and equipment that it gives us.

**Home and Highway Beautification** - Henrico Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; and the State Federation with the Garden Club of Virginia; Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs; Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs; and the Virginia Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty; comprising 40,000

members are working together to regulate outdoor advertising, which destroys the beauty of rural Virginia and for safety on the highways.

Several clubs have written to the candidates for State Senate and House asking them to vote for the bill, at the next session of the Legislature.

All club members have worked toward the improvement of the home grounds. Several clubs have assisted in planting and improving the school grounds in their community. One club gave \$25.00 toward landscaping the school ground. Early in the spring, one club held an all day planting meeting to improve their club house grounds. One club pays for the up-keep of a community cemetery.

#### Results of the Home Beautification Work -

- 45 houses were painted
- 151 roofs and chimneys repaired and painted
- 111 back door yards made more attractive
- 166 repaired and painted porches
- 74 walks, drives, and fences were improved
- 92 lawns were improved
- 164 improved out buildings
- 985 trees, shrubs, and evergreens were planted
- 58 made out door living rooms
- 210 improved upkeep of grounds

Health and Sanitation - Health and Sanitation had a place on the programs of all the clubs. One club sponsored a first aid course, given by a representative of the Red Cross. Fourteen meetings were held with an average attendance of fifteen women. Twelve women received first aid certificates. Other clubs have had talks given on "First Aid" and "Health of the Woman Over Thirty."

Community health work sponsored by the clubs is very gratifying as you will see from the following gifts:

\$20.00 to the School Dental Clinics  
\$148.35 to the school cafeterias  
\$24.00 to the Red Cross and health bonds  
\$20.00 to the flood relief  
\$47.20 to Sheltering Arms Hospital  
\$182.15 to welfare work

Some very interesting work has been accomplished to improve the sanitary conditions of the homes.

13 kitchen sinks were installed  
8 homes had water put in kitchen  
12 bath rooms were installed  
10 complete water systems  
6 homes put in complete sewage systems  
21 wells were made safe and improved  
39 sanitary toilets were built  
116 homes improved screening  
147 controlled household pests  
154 made general clean-up of premises  
25 women made 98 pounds of homemade soap  
14 heating systems were installed

Citizenship and Legislature- Citizenship has been a popular topic with all the clubs devoting one or more meetings to it the past year. Four papers on Citizenship were prepared in the agent's office, and from these papers the following talks were given by the club women: "Know Your County"; "Citizenship - Its Privileges and Responsibilities"; "Do You Vote"; "Community Problems."

The paper on "Know Your County", gave all the county officers, their term of office and if appointed or elected. This acquainted the women with their county officers and employees. Many of the clubs have had guest speakers on Citizenship. Henrico's Commonwealth Attorney has been a

speaker for all the clubs during the past year. Ministers of the county have visited the clubs giving interesting talks on Citizenship and other topics.

As a result of the meetings devoted to Citizenship, many of the women have registered and are voting for the first time. It is the desire of our clubs that every woman votes. We are very proud of the interest the women have taken in promoting "Citizenship", and the part they have taken in the welfare of their community and county.

Public Relations - During 1937 many opportunities for cooperation between the home demonstration clubs and other organization presented themselves.

In February the Agent, the president of one of the clubs and a 4-H club member took part in a panel discussion describing our program as conducted today at a meeting of the Richmond Chapter, Virginia Home Economics Association.

When the National Congress of Parent-Teachers Association met in Richmond, eighteen club women served on the local arrangement and other committees, while members attended the various sessions.

The agent and several club women are members of the Henrico Welfare Association. A report of club activities is given at the annual meeting which is attended by many representative men and women.

Members of the Henrico Garden Club have been most cooperative in supplying speakers on the subject of "Gardening" and also judges for flower shows.

The 4-H Club girls helped furnish the flowers for the rooms of the

guest and also the general decorations for the meeting of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association held in Richmond in June.

Each year the Barton Heights Woman's Club and Barton Heights Junior Woman's Club provides substantial sums to be used as scholarships for the 4-H club girls to the State Short Course. A program descriptive of club work is given at one meeting of each of these organizations during the year.

The home demonstration agent herself is a promoter of "Public Relations" in that she is a member of the Richmond Business and Professional Woman's Club, the Henrico Garden Club, the Richmond Housewives League, the Virginia Home Economics Association, and the Richmond Chapter of this same organization.

Youth - The Youth chairman secured two new leaders for 4-H Club work. In January a survey was made by the women of the young people in their communities. It was very gratifying to find that not a great many girls who wish to work were unemployed. As a result of the survey, a number of girls became members of a Junior Homemakers Club and several are now coming to meetings of the Home Demonstration clubs.

Four clubs have sponsored socials, bingo parties and dances for the young people in their communities. One club served dinner on July 4th, to the baseball team and also to the visiting team. Two games were played during the day, which provided an attraction for the young people of the community.

4-H Club work is sponsored by the adult clubs. Eighteen women are now acting as leaders in the 4-H clubs, and have devoted 192 days to their leadership work.

#### 4. Girl's Work.

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a. Major project - clothing. There were 566 girls enrolled in 15 clubs, with 478 completing, making 84.56 percentage of completions.

All clubs were well organized, with officers having charge of the business meetings and programs. Meetings are held once a month for two hours. The girls were required to do the following work:

1. Keep 4-H notebook
2. Take an inventory of clothing on hand.
3. Keep an account of clothing bought.
4. Make an undergarment.
5. Make a cotton dress.
6. Take care of clothing.
7. Carry a minor project.

The following work was reported by the girls:

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- 609 dresses were made
- 546 undergarments were made.
- 63 made hats
- 10,421 garments mended
- 813 garments were dry cleaned
- 458 garments remodeled
- \$971.72 cost of all materials used
- \$2,151.86 value of garments made
- \$1,180.14 estimated savings due to clothing program
- 417 girls improved care of clothing
- 331 girls improved selection of clothing
- 381 girls improved grooming
- 410 girls wear appropriate dress
- 486 girls improved construction of clothing

All 15 clubs held Dress Contests at their May club meeting. The dresses were judged in two classes, for the girls over 14 years of age, and those under 14. All those winning first place, represented their club in the county Style Dress Review held in June. *There were* Thirty-five girls modeled the dress *they* ~~she had made in the County Style Review~~. The girl under 14 years of age winning first place was given a cash prize. The older girl who won

first place, represented Henrico County in the District Contest held in Richmond in October, with twelve counties competing. Henrico 4-H girl won first place in the district contest. The following day the State 4-H Girls' Style Dress Review was held, with Henrico County girl winning first place. The agent and club girl were (very) pleased that a Henrico County club member will represent the State of Virginia in the National 4-H Girls Style Dress Review to be held during the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in December. The agent has been selected to chaperone the Virginia girls attending the Club Congress.

The State winner's complete outfit cost \$14.38. The dress is blue silk crepe with dubonnet trim, and worn with dubonnet shoes, hat, purse, and gloves.

A correct Dress Contest was held in June with 55 girls entering the five classes, for work at home; school outfit; sport; church and shopping; and informal party. The girls were divided into two classes again, for the younger girls and older ones. The girls in the younger group winning first place were given cash prizes, and the girls winning first over 14 years of age, were given half their expenses to represent Henrico County in the State Correct Dress Contest held during the State Short Course.

b. Minor Project.

1. Canning - Sixty-seven girls completed the canning project. Each girl made out a canning budget for her family. Number quarts of fruits and vegetables canned by the girls, 8,118. The total cost of all canning \$110.92; approximate value of all canning done, \$1,507.53.

Many of the 4-H club girls assisted with the family canning for the first time.

2. Gardening. Forty-one girls and seventeen boys enrolled in the garden project, with a total of 55 members completing. A total of twenty and one half acres were planted in gardens by these club members, with a total yield of 255 bushels of vegetables.

All members were visited early in the spring to assist them in selecting a garden plot and to make a suggested garden plan. Other visits were made by the agent during the summer. Number of members growing flowers and improving their home grounds, 412. Nineteen girls had herb gardens.

3. Poultry. Twenty-six girls and one boy carried the poultry project. Visits were made to the club members home to talk over plans, and breed to select, where to get hatching eggs or baby chicks.

Results of project: 1,389 birds raised by club members; 27 members culled flocks; 21 members improved poultry houses; 27 members followed recommendations in chicken rearing; 18 members controlled disease and parasites; 25 members followed production feeding recommendations.

4. Growth Work. Every club member entered the Growth Work Contest. The health champion from each club entered the County Health Contest in June. The champion under 14 years of age was given a trip to Jamestown 4-H Club Camp, the health champion over 14, entered the State Health Contest held during the State Short Course.

Results - 385 members are 5-pointers; 344 members improved posture; 306 members made teeth improvement; 367 members improved food habits.

e. Community Activities. Eight clubs gave Easter Egg hunts for their members. Prizes and refreshments were furnished from the funds in the club treasury. Thirteen clubs held picnics and vehicle roasts for the members and friends. Three clubs gave Lawn Parties during the summer months to make money for their club treasuries. The club members were assisted by their parents with the parties.

d. Leader Training. Eighteen adult leaders assisted with the 4-H club program, eleven clubs have leaders and four are without. The leaders have devoted 192 days to their leadership work. Leaders gave 79 demonstrations without any assistance from the agent, 47 were given by the agent, and 39 were given cooperatively with leaders and agent. The leaders are organized and hold their business meetings at the same meeting the specialist gives instruction in project work. Various problems of the 4-H club work are discussed at the meetings by the leaders.

One leader has been outstanding. She attended all leaders meetings, not the 4-H club five times, giving the demonstration planned without the assistance of the agent; attended Jamestown camp as one of the counsellors and chaperones; drove her car, taking five club members to the State Short Course, where she was in charge of the Hamilton County delegation; held two all day meetings for the club, and in addition has assisted the agent with office work.

e. Camp and Short Courses. Thirty-nine club members and four leaders attended Jamestown 4-H Camp for one week in July. The school board furnished free transportation to these children to and from camp. The week was devoted to educational and recreational activities, A-class

in Personality Development was taught by the agent. Handbooks with mimeographed material on personality, grooming, manners and other things were prepared by the agent and given to each girl and boy in the class. The agent also assisted with the music and handicraft.

Afternoons were devoted to competitive games and swimming. In the evenings, camp fires, short plays, stunts, etc., were taken part in and enjoyed by the club members.

Nine girls attended the State Short Course, and one leader attended as councilor and chaperone. Henrico County was represented in the State Health Contest, and State Correct Dress Contest. Girls from the county entered the five classes of the Correct Dress Contest. One girl recommended by the Henrico County All Star Chapter was taken into the organization this year.

The girls gave reports of their trip at their regular club meetings on returning to the county, and from the reports given, the trip meant much to the girls. They reported that the program during the week was more interesting than ever before. Three of the girls had attended the Short Course in past years.

f. 1. County Meetings. The 4-H Achievement was held in November. Reports on club activities were heard, with outstanding club members reporting the county, district, and state meetings during the year. The State Boy's Club Agent was the guest speaker. Checks won on exhibits at the State Fair were given to the winners.

2. Fairs. Twenty-four girls exhibited their garments at the community fairs. One poultry member exhibited eight birds at the State Fair, winning \$8.00.

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4. Recreation. Each 4-H club devoted a part of the meeting to recreation at the conclusion of their program and project work. Recreation committees are appointed by the club president to plan the recreation for the meetings. However, more recreation is enjoyed during the summer months. Special meetings are held to celebrate holidays, such as Christmas, Easter, Valentine, and Halloween, which are devoted to recreation and refreshments.

5. Work with Older Youth.

There are two Junior Homemakers' clubs, with a membership of 36 girls, varying in ages from 18 to 28. Many of these girls work in Richmond and some are homemakers. Their meetings are held once a month at night and their programs have been devoted to the following: knitting and crocheting; embroidery; leather work; table setting and service; summer salads; yeast bread demonstration; style trends, development of personality; contract bridge; book reviews, and quilting.

Before the December meeting is held, the Executive Committee, with the program chairman holds a committee meeting to plan the program for the year. These suggested programs are presented to the members at the December meeting for the approval of the members, and if adopted, are made into book form and a copy given to each member at the January meeting.

Special activities accomplished: made and sold quilt; sponsored a dance; tea for Mothers in May; members went on tour to visit the Restoration at Williamsburg; pounding party for under-nourished children in community; gave food and toys to the children of a poor family at

Christmas; week-end party and socials for club members. Personal accounts have been kept by the members during the year and plans have been made to hear reports on these accounts at the December meeting.

Henrico chapter of the 4H All Stars organization has a membership of fifteen boys and girls. Three meetings have been held this year, one to make recommendations for new members, one social meeting given for new members taken in at the State Short Course, and one to make plans for the district dinner meeting to be held in December.

Five members of the Henrico Chapter attended the All Star Conference held in Blacksburg the week-end before the State Short Course. The county chapter paid half the expenses of the county health champion to the State Short Course, to enter the State Health Contest held during that time.

#### VII. PROGRESS MADE DURING THE YEAR

The agent feels that progress has been made in both adult and 4-H club work. Eighty-three new members have enrolled in home demonstration clubs this year, and at the same time we have lost members by the families moving into the city or into other counties. The 4-H club enrollment is not as large as last year, but the quality of work is better and the number of completions is greater. More girls took advantage of and entered the Correct Dress Contest. The leaders of the adult clubs did an excellent piece of work. Much time was devoted by the leaders in preparing their demonstrations. The 4-H club leaders work is also very commendable.

The agent believes that progress has been made this year in all phases of home demonstration work.

The agent has a fifteen minute broadcast on the Virginia Farm and Home Hour over radio station WRVA, on each Monday, from 1:15 to 1:30 p. m. The first Monday of each month, the County Woman's Chorus gives two numbers. The chorus has selected at their theme song, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes." The chorus provided the musical numbers on the Virginia 4-H Achievement radio program on November 6.

#### VIII. PLANS AND GOALS FOR 1938.

It is the desire of the agent that more women in Henrico County will be reached directly through the home demonstration clubs. There should be a thousand or more women reached through the clubs. Plans will be made this year to increase membership.

All clubs that are now organized will continue, and helpful and interesting meetings planned for the year. The state federation goal - Youth - has been selected by the women. Plans will be made the first of the year for the boys and girls of the county, and how the adult clubs can assist with making life more interesting and profitable for the youth of the county. Adult clubs will sponsor all 4-H club activities.

The agent will work toward having a leader for each 4-H club, with a membership of about 500 girls. Larger completions of project work will be the aim this year. The agent will try to visit in more homes of the county, and make new contacts with women that should be attending home demonstration club meetings, and give more assistance to the sub-marginal people.



Winner in the State 4-H Girls  
Style Dress Revue representing  
Virginia in the National Revue



State Clothing Specialist Congratulating The  
Winner In The State 4-H Girls Style Dress  
Revue At The Conclusion of The State Contest.

## 4-H Style Queen



MURIEL HAYRE.

Miss Hayre, who is the daughter of Joseph B. Hayre, of Osborne Turnpike, is the year's State 4-H "Style Queen," having been chosen for the honor by extension leaders from eighteen other county contestants. She is completing her fourth year in a club of 115 members. The outfit she made is a blue crepe dress with dubonnet trim, and complete, with shoes, hat, gloves and purse, cost \$14.55. She will represent the State in an all-expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago on Dec. 1.

### **4-H Club Girls Dress Completely on Less Than \$15**



Believe it or not, the four district winners in the 4-H Style Dress Review who came together here today to select a State winner spent only \$15 each for their complete outfit. This contest was the final result of all the 4-H girls in the State who were working on clothing projects this past year. They represented over 15,000 club girls in Virginia. The State winner was Muriel Hayre, of Henrico County. The three runners-up were Irene Crowe, of Rockingham; Joquiline Tomenson, of Washington, and Janie Dodson, of Pittsylvania. The winning outfit of Miss Hayre cost only \$14.95. Left to right are Miss Crowe, Miss Dodson, Miss Hayre and Miss Tomenson.

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#### HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS HAVE BIRTHDAY

Miss Sylvia Slocum, who was first home demonstration agent of Henrico County, cuts the cake at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, observed Friday at the Y. W. C. A. Left to right, Mrs. Ada Willson, chairman of the advisory board; Miss Slocum, Miss Marion Lawrence, present agent, and Mrs. Hiram Sanders, Federation president.—Staff Photo.



### CREIGHTON CLUB CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Creighton Home Demonstration Club celebrated its twentieth anniversary on Thursday. In the picture, from right to left are, front row: Mrs. Drury Miles, president; Mrs. L. D. Ellis, Mrs. W. L. Kirby and Mrs. J. H. Evans, former presidents. Back row, Mrs. R. D. Catlin, Mrs. H. D. Smith, Miss Virginia Swink and Miss Marion Lawrence. Miss Swink and Miss Lawrence are county agents.—Staff Photo.

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### HOME DEMONSTRATION LEADERS AT MEETING

Shown at yesterday's meeting of the Eastern Virginia District, Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, are, left to right, Miss Sylvia Slocum, home demonstration agent of Eastern Virginia District; Mrs. Edna K. Cottrell, district vice-president; Mrs. Benjamin Wailes, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Club, and Miss Maude Wallace, assistant director in charge of home demonstration work.—Staff Photo.



In the final dress contest for the clothing project carried out by the Henrico 4-H clubs, Marjorie Hayre (left), of Varina, won first place for girls over 14 and Margaret Harris, of Glen Allen, first for girls under 14.

## Henrico County 4-H Clubs Conduct Annual Dress Revue



Above are winners in the various classes. Left to right are: Norma Thomas, Highland Springs, sportswear; Rebecca Allen, Varina, school-wear; Frances Molyneux, Highland Springs, church and street wear; Marguerite Newcomb, Highland Springs, homework wear; Mary Agnes Rogers, Varina, party wear. Girls under 14: Helen Horner, Sandston, party wear; Margaret Fidler, Montrose, working at home apparel; Virginia Jordan, Montrose, church and street wear; Dora Thompson, Dumbarton, school wear, and Elizabeth Walters, Highland Springs, sportswear.

Tuesday, November 9, 1937

## Mrs. Walker Heads County H. D. Clubs

### Longdale Group Wins Loving Cup for Work.

MRS. Elmo Walker, of Sandston, was elected president of the Henrico Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at a tea which celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary at the Y. W. C. A. Other officers elected were Mrs. A. O. Zimmerman, of the Antioch Club, vice president, and Mrs. Wiley Cross, of Laurel Club, secretary. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. H. R. Saunders. Several choruses were sung by the Henrico Chorus Club, of which Mrs. W. F. Day is director. The reports were made in book form and each member received a copy. The Longdale Home Demonstration Club received the silver loving cup for the most outstanding work of the year, presented by Mrs. Ada Wilson, chairman of the advisory board.

Miss Marion Lawrence explained the requirements and achievements that had to be met in order to receive a club pin. There was a total of forty-eight pins given the members by their local president. This was ten more than last year.

The scrap book awards were named as follows: First, Montross, Buelah, Longdale, Highland Springs, Creighton, Varina, Glendale and Laurel. These were presented by Mrs. Milton Elke, president of the Housewives League. The president, Mrs. Sanders, cut the anniversary cake, assisted by Mr. Willard F. Day, Henrico County Manager. The guests of honor attending were Mr. Day, Miss Sylvia Slocum, district agent of Home Demonstration Clubs; Mrs. E. G. Curriu, Jr., of Meredithville, health district chairman; Mrs. James Cowan, of Chesterfield, vice president of Roadside Beautification; Mrs. A. Milton Elke, president of Housewives League; Miss Marie Hunter, editor of Southern Planter Magazine; Mrs. A. Quinn, Miss May Settle and Miss Agnes Agnew.

## Demonstration Clubs Observe Anniversary

In observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of some Demonstration Clubs in Henrico County, a tea will be held from 2 to 4 P. M. Friday, November 5, in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium.

Special invitations have been sent to the presidents of the Richmond Housewives League, Henrico Garden Club, Henrico Welfare Association, Barton Heights Senior and Junior Woman's Clubs, wives of school board members, wives of county supervisors, Miss Ella Agnew, first county agent, Mrs. Eudora Richardson, Mrs. Ella Funk Myers, Mrs. Janet Stuart Durham and Mrs. L. R. Curry.

Home Demonstration Club pins will be awarded to 48 women who have attained the seven achievements and the silver cup will be awarded to the club having done the most outstanding work during the past year.

## Creighton H-D Club Plans Celebration Of 20th Anniversary

The Creighton Home Demonstration Club will celebrate its twentieth anniversary on Thursday, April 1, at 2 o'clock, in the Chapel on "Byron." The demonstration agents who have worked in Henrico County during this period will be guest speakers, and all former members and friends have been invited to be present. There will be a short musical, followed by a social hour. Miss Mary Pemberton is general chairman, with Mrs. Wilbur Ratcliffe in charge of the social.

## Henrico Home Demonstration Club Work 25 Years Old

Henrico Home Demonstration Club work is 25 years old this year and in observance a tea will be held from 2 to 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium.

Outstanding women's club leaders in Richmond and Henrico County have been invited to attend.

Miss Sylvia Slocum, first home demonstration agent for the county has written the following account of the clubs from their organization through their present activities: This year Henrico County is celebrating the 25th anniversary

of the organization of home demonstration work. The year 1911 saw a new type of education begun in Virginia—the girls of Nottoway, Amelia, Cumberland and Halifax Counties were organized into canning clubs. They learned by doing. By the spring of 1912 the number of counties organized for home demonstration work numbered eight, Dinwiddie and Henrico being among these.

Miss Myrtle Rhea, the rural school supervisor, was the first county worker (later known as home demonstration agent) in Henrico County. She was assisted this first year by Miss Sallie Goggin, principal of Glendale School. Girls in various sections of the county were organized in clubs.

In those days each girl cultivated one-tenth of an acre of tomatoes. Packages of seed were distributed in the spring. Each member was asked to sow the seed, transplant the plants, set them in the garden, hoe, prune, stake, pick, sort, can the ripe fruit, and later, market the products. Many a club girl had 500 quarts for sale during the following winter. Those were real canning club days!

In December of 1912 Miss Louise Osborne of the Glendale Club was awarded a free trip to Columbia, S. C., to the National Corn Show, in recognition of the splendid work done during the preceding summer.

In 1913 Miss Sylvia Slocum, a teacher in Woodward School in Tuckahoe District, became the county worker. During the coming year work was carried on among the girls in canning, while poultry clubs also were established in 1915.

Each year exhibits were made at the State Fair where efficient work was recognized.

Until March, 1916, only four months each year were devoted to the work. However, much interest was aroused. The program in Virginia was under the able guidance of Miss Ella G. Anew, the first State home demonstration agent.

Since 1916 full time workers have served the county as home demonstration agents. These include Mrs. F. O. Dorey, nee Miss Belle Ferguson; Miss Virginia Swink, who is now home demonstration agent in Greene County; Miss Edna Draper; Miss Alma Burgess, and Miss Marion Lawrence, the present popular, efficient home demonstration agent.

In the fall of 1916 organized work was begun with the women of the county. Home demonstration clubs were organized at Varina, Dumbarton, Seven Pines, Meadow, Glendale, Glen Allen, Beulah, Craighton and Curles

Neck. In 1936 several of these organizations celebrated their 20th anniversary.

The year 1918 saw the club members assembled at the Y. W. C. A. in Richmond for the first county meeting, at which time the federation was formed, Mrs. M. E. Pearce becoming the first president.

In the summer of 1918 a small group of Henrico County 4-H Club girls met at Highland Springs. This was really the beginning of county 4-H short courses, which were continued until 1928, when the Jamestown 4-H Club Camp was established.

Besides studying better home practices during these years, the home demonstration clubs have assisted with county and community activities such as securing the first financial aid and creating sentiment for a public health nurse, purchasing library books, establishing school lunches, securing equipment for cooking clubs, sending representatives to the meeting of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, taking part in better home demonstrations, encouraging 4-H club work by offering prizes and assisting with the programs, aiding the 4-H Club Camp at Jamestown financially, purchasing health bonds, besides numerous other types of social and welfare work.

With a membership of over 500 enthusiastic women, the organization is ready to march ahead into other fields of service.

## 520 Delegates Discuss Home Problems

By Rhea Talley

"Should you spank your child?" "What should you do when your 6-year-old daughter takes two hours to dress every morning?" "Should boys and girls go in for social drinking?" were some of the problems discussed by the 520 delegates from the Eastern Virginia District of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at their meeting yesterday at Westhampton High School.

Dr. Ada H. Arlitt of the University of Cincinnati spoke on "Some Problems of the Modern Family" at the morning session, and discussed family life in an afternoon forum, with delegates firing questions at her from all sides.

From the ages of 1 and a half to 3 years, said Dr. Arlitt, the principal problem the child offers to his parents is that of disobedience, to which the remedy is to "sell the idea to the child." "Shyness is often the trouble with children from 3 to 5," she continued. "If your child is bashful, don't try to show him off; leave him alone and his shyness will disappear."

### Stories Problem of Child 5

The problem of telling wild stories was called by Dr. Arlitt the chief problem when the child gets to be 5 years old. "Say to the child 'That is a let's pretend story,'" she advised. "It helps him to see the difference between what really happens and 'let's-pretend.'"

"When your son gets about 12," said Dr. Arlitt, "you think he has lost his table manners completely. But don't worry, because he follows what he has been taught when he is outside the home. Wait until he falls in love. Then he will begin to criticize your manners. You have to be fine enough for the girl of his dreams."

In the afternoon Dr. Arlitt answered other questions about child training.

### Family Committee Reports

The committee on family life, in the report presented by Mrs. W. I. Hudstep of Ames City, brought back the following questions with answers:

"Should a 6-year-old be polite to company and apologize?" The answer was "In general, no."

"What should you do with a 14-year-old child who is always teasing?" The answer was, "He is just trying to be the center of attraction. Leave him alone."

"Can you manage any two children alike?" The answer was "In general, no two children are alike."

"Should I spank my child?" The answer was, "If you spank, spank where the offenses take place."

"Should boys and girls be permitted to do social drinking?" The answer was "Teach them it isn't good taste."

The report of the youth problem group, read by Mrs. M. L. Dickerson of King William County, said that parents should organize music groups and orchestras.

Mrs. E. R. Graves of Henrico read a report from the library committee, and Mrs. T. L. Curtis of Powhatan summarized the objectives of the group on home and highway development.

Mrs. Benjamin Wallis, president of the State federation, who is a professor of sociology at Sweet Briar College, urged her members to back the child labor amendment when it comes before the State Legislature.

Other speakers were Mrs. Janet Stuart Durham, Miss Hallie Hughes, Dr. L. H. Walton and Miss Maude E. Wallace, State home demonstration agent, Mrs. Edna K. Cottrell of Goochland County, vice-president, presided.

Reports were made from the 15 counties in the district, with Miss Sylvia Slocum, district home demonstration agent, in the chair.

Mrs. A. M. Perkinson reported that the Dinwiddie clubs had among other things, 100 crocheted rugs, 1,000 pieces of block printing and many shuck mats and samplers.

The Henrico 4-H clubs, according to Mrs. M. R. Otey's report, have improved 1,084 rooms at a saving of \$1,676.44. The report showed 1,940 items of improvement, and 595 girls with improved posture.

King William County's report, made by Mrs. C. S. Watkins, showed that each member has promised two quarts of canned goods for a hot lunch project. Welfare work was discussed by Mrs. Robert Morris, reporting for Brunswick County.

Mrs. Frances Gordon described the herb gardens which were an outstanding project in Accomac County, and the organization of craft groups was discussed by Mrs. M. S. Kincaid of New Kent County.

Mrs. Maude Joyner described the publication of a county history by the Chesterfield County group and the establishment of a regional library was discussed by Mrs. Harlow Nephum. Improvements in home furnishings were the achievement of Norfolk County, for which Mrs. W. L. Smith reported. Charles City County, with Mrs. E. D. McIntyre as spokesman, reported the refurnishing of a clubhouse.

Mrs. Charles DeShazo described the market exchange of Essex County, and Mrs. Edwin Riley reported three gardening schools in King and Queen County. Mrs. E. F. Yates discussed the establishment of a rest room in Powhatan County, and Mrs. Rex Wilroy described Nansemond County's market day, which has already made \$3,000 worth of sales. Recreation work in Amelia County was described by Mrs. T. H. Wooten, and achievement day in Goochland by Mrs. James Bowles.

Sunday, March 21, 1937

## Home Demonstration Clubs To Meet at Westhampton



DR. ADA HART ARELITT

Home Demonstration Club members of Eastern Virginia will meet at Westhampton High School in Henrico County at 10 o'clock Tuesday, March 30.

Mrs. Edna K. Cottrell, vice-president for eastern district, will be the presiding officer. Mrs. Benjamin Wallis, professor of sociology at Sweet Briar College and president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, will address the group on the present day opportunities of rural women.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Ada Hart Arelitt, professor and head of the department of child care and training at the University of Cincinnati, who will discuss the topic, "Some Problems of the Modern Family."

Miss Maude Wallace, assistant director in charge of Home Demonstration, will speak.

Four discussion groups will be conducted in the afternoon. Home and highway development will be the topic led by Mrs. Janet Stuart Durham of Richmond. Home and family life will be led by Dr. Arelitt, libraries in rural Virginia will be discussed by Mrs. Wallis, while youth problems will hold the attention of another group with Miss Hattie Hughes, State Girls' Club agent, as leader.

Activities of 1936 will be discussed by a group of advisory board representatives from the various counties.

This is one of a series of four district meetings which will be held in sections of the State. They will be attended by representatives of the 17,917 members of the 661 Home Demonstration Clubs.

## Mrs. Atkinson To Make Talk At Dumbarton

Mrs. R. C. Atkinson, chairman of the Dumbarton Home Demonstration Club garden committee, will give a talk on "Planting Bulbs for Spring Bloom" at the luncheon to be given by the club at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the home economics room of Dumbarton School.

Mrs. W. E. Walker of Sandston, president of Beulah Club, will review the book, "Gone With the Wind." Miss Marion Lawrence, county home demonstration agent, will present the projects for the coming year and will lead a discussion on program planning. A major project will be selected.

Mrs. E. R. Graves is luncheon chairman and is being assisted by Mrs. L. R. Bowman, Mrs. L. H. Faber, Mrs. N. O. Spatig and Mrs. U. L. Sweeney. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. Graves at 4-3066.

## Longdale Club Meets Wednesday At the School

The Longdale Home Demonstration Club and Parent-Teacher Association will meet at the school on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The 4-H Club-Girls will give a dress revue. Mrs. W. I. Lane will make a humorous talk entitled "How to Break Up a Club."

The third in a series of talks on citizenship will be given by Mrs. W. C. Schermerhorn, Jr., her subject being "Community Problems." Mrs. H. R. Sanders will have charge of the demonstration which will be "Making Little Things Count." Mrs. William Anderson will play a violin solo. The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. J. N. Cross, Mrs. J. C. Waldrop and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell.

## Montrose Club Gives Bingo Party

The Montrose Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a bingo party at 10 South Jefferson Street at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. M. R. Otey, general chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. F. A. Meredith, reservations and tables; Mrs. C. F. Wermuth and Miss Mallie Arnall, prizes; Mrs. Irene Lumsden and Mrs. J. L. Strang, bingo prizes; Mrs. G. R. Mitchell, candy chairman; Mrs. Nelson Williams and Mrs. E. L. Osborne, hostesses.

The following have reserved tables: Mrs. J. C. Payne, Mrs. E. L. Osborne, Mrs. M. H. Fidler, Mrs. H. M. Martin with Mrs. B. H. Walls, Mrs. C. F. Wermuth and Mrs. Nelson Williams, Mrs. E. O. Doeppe with Mrs. F. A. Meredith, Mrs. M. R. Otey, Miss Wallace Arnall and Miss Marion Lawrence.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. F. A. Meredith, 2-7832; Mrs. M. R. Otey, 2-9954, or Mrs. Nelson Williams, 2-5218.

## Home Economics Association To Hear Talks

The Richmond Branch of the Virginia Home Economics Association will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening in Parlor A of the Hotel John Marshall.

Miss Gertrude Drinker, economist for the Dairy Council of Richmond, will discuss "The Advantages of a Local Branch to the State Organization," and Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt, teacher at Albert Hill School, will speak on "Revolutionizing the Teaching of Home Economics."

"Scientifically Lighting the Home with Stereopticon" will be the subject of a talk by Miss J. Phyllis Owen, lighting consultant. Mr. Ted Cieslak will speak on "Planned Kitchens" and Miss Helen Roll, dietitian of the Johnston-Willis Hospital, will talk on "Shadowing the Footsteps of a Dietitian for 24 Hours."

## Creighton Club Plans 'Womanless Wedding'

The Creighton Home Demonstration will sponsor a "womanless wedding" Friday at 3 P. M. at the Glen Lee School.

Mrs. Hampton Davis is general chairman and she will be assisted by Mrs. Robert Rose, Mrs. W. A. Ratcliffe, Miss Mary Pemberton, Mrs. Bert Littlepage and Mrs. W. L. Drake. Mrs. Herbert Smith is chairman of refreshments. Mrs. Bert Littlepage is chairman of music.

Those taking part on the program are Mr. G. A. Totty, Mr. Carl Hiter, Mr. Hampton Davis, Mr. W. L. Drake, Mr. H. M. Ratcliffe, Mr. W. A. Ratcliffe, Mr. Charlie Rose, Mr. Robert Tate, Mr. James Anderson, Mr. J. D. Falmore, Mr. L. E. Tucker and Mr. E. P. Tucker.

## Demonstration Club Will Meet

Mrs. Oscar Johanning will be hostess to the Beulah Home Demonstration Club at 10 A. M. tomorrow.

The luncheon will be served at 12:30. Mrs. D. H. Davis and Mrs. T. C. Robertson will assist Mrs. Johanning as hostesses. Mrs. T. C. Robertson will give a demonstration, "How to Make Slip-Covers for Furniture." Mrs. Elmo Walker will review several magazine articles on youth problems, and Mrs. Soukup will read a paper on "Facts About Our County."

All members are asked to bring a favorite recipe.

## Demonstration Club Hears Talk

The Amloch Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. R. East.

The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Marian Lawrence, whose talk was "Color Schemes for the Home."

Officers recently elected for the new year are as follows: President, Mrs. W. R. East; vice-president, Mrs. Meredith Winn; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Thompson; publicity chairman, Mrs. W. C. Chase.

## Club Members Meet Today At School

Home Demonstration Club members of Eastern Virginia will meet at 10 A. M. today at the Westhampton High School.

Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, head of the department of child care and training of the University of Cincinnati, will be the guest speaker. She will discuss "Some Problems of the Modern Family," in one of four forums which will feature the afternoon's program.

Other forum leaders will be Janet Stuart Durham, who will talk on "Home and Highway Development"; Mrs. Benjamin Wallis, professor of sociology at Sweet Briar College and president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, who will discuss "Libraries in Rural Virginia"; and Miss Hallie Hughes, State Girls' Club leader, who will talk on "Youth Problems."

Mrs. Wallis will speak in the morning on present day opportunities for rural women.

Mrs. Edna K. Cottrell, vice-president of the Eastern District, will be presiding officer.

Another speaker will be Miss Maude Wallace, assistant director in charge of Home Demonstration Clubs.

## Longdale Home Demonstration Club to Meet

The Longdale Home Demonstration Club will meet at the school this afternoon at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. W. H. Merritt, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Cleveland Waldorp, will sing. Mrs. Walter E. Stoner will review Margaret Mitchell's novel, "Gone With the Wind."

A citizenship talk will be given by Mrs. Frank E. Miner. Mrs. H. R. Sanders will give a demonstration on "Flowers for Life." Hostesses for the afternoon include Mrs. W. S. Lane, Mrs. D. T. Sutton and Mrs. Floyd Edwards.

## Mrs. M. R. Otey Will Entertain Montrose Board

The Montrose Home Demonstration will meet at the home of Mrs. M. R. Otey, newly elected president, 303 National Street, Montrose Heights, at 2:30 o'clock Thursday. A program and budget for 1937 will be outlined.

Other officers elected at a recent meeting were: Mrs. Irene Lunaden, vice-president; Miss Mallie Arnall, secretary; Mrs. E. L. Osborne, treasurer; Mrs. B. H. Walls, historian; Mrs. M. E. Fiddler, welfare; Mrs. E. O. Doeppe, county campaign leader; Mrs. Nelson Williams, program chairman; Mrs. H. E. Lindsey, music chairman; Mrs. Nelson William, publicity chairman; Mrs. M. H. Fiddler and Mrs. C. M. Wermuth, major project leader; Mrs. B. H. Walls, garden chairman; Mrs. J. E. Payne, librarian; Mrs. J. L. Strong, Mrs. Irene Lunaden and Mrs. J. E. Payne, committee for bingo party; Mrs. Otey and Mrs. Lunaden, advisory board.

This club is planning to take part in the county project, "Storage paces," this year. Also in the library contest. A donation to the Sheltering Arms Hospital will be made.

## Demonstration Club Has Meeting

The Varina Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. C. E. Meredith on the Curies Neck Road, with Mrs. G. E. Nance presiding.

A paper, "Some of the Problems of Our Community," was read by Mrs. E. J. Kohl. A report of the advisory board meeting recently held was given by Mrs. H. J. Elliott and a financial report by Mrs. Ada Willson.

Mrs. C. E. Meredith was elected as Varina club delegate to Blacksburg. Miss Marion Lawrence, club agent, invited all adults to camp at Jamestown from August 4 to 9.

There will be no meeting in August. The September meeting will be held in the Varina School auditorium. Mrs. George Drinker will be in charge of the program and Mrs. J. A. Loving will be hostess.

## Sue Wampler Will Assist Miss Lawrence

Miss Sue Wampler of Big Stone Gap has been appointed assistant home demonstration agent in Henrico County. She will begin work July 1.

Miss Wampler has been head of the home economics department in Tazewell High School for the past two years. She received her degree in home economics at Harrisburg State Teachers College in June, 1935.

Miss Wampler is receiving her training in home demonstration work under Miss Marion Lawrence, home demonstration agent for Henrico.

For the past month Miss Wampler has met with ten Home Demonstration Clubs, and fifteen 4-H Clubs in Henrico County. She has judged the girls' dresses in the club-style dress reviews.

## Creighton Club Meets Thursday

The Creighton Home Demonstration Club will hold its October meeting in the home of Mrs. Robert Ross on the Mechanicsville Turnpike, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At this meeting a canning contest will be held in which all members are asked to participate. Each can of fruit or vegetable must be packed in a white quart glass jar. No others will be eligible. Ketchup jars must contain either a meat, fruit or spiced juices, and the Ball jars must contain a fruit or vegetable. These will be judged by Miss Marion Lawrence, county home demonstration agent. The guest speaker of the afternoon will be the Rev. Clayton C. Crawford, pastor of the Montrose Presbyterian and the Fairfield Presbyterian Churches, whose subject will be "Good Citizenship." During the business session a nominating committee will be named to bring a slate of officers for election at the November meeting. After the business a social hour will be held.

## Creighton Club To Sponsor Turkey Dinner

Creighton Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual turkey dinner at 12:30 P. M. Thursday at Camp Arrowhead on Harvey Road.

Mrs. Herbert Smith is general chairman and will be assisted by Mrs. Robert Rose, Mrs. Norwood Carroll and Mrs. Hampton Davis.

The monthly meeting of the club will be held at 2 P. M. and Mrs. Horace McClure, former Henrico County nurse of Staunton, will be the guest speaker. She will speak on "The Prevention of Cancer."

During the business session, Miss Mary Pemberton, chairman of the nominating committee, will read the committee's report. She

is being assisted by Mrs. Herbert Smith and Mrs. H. D. Davis. Officers and committee chairmen will make their annual reports.

Donations for Sheltering Arms Hospital will be taken.

## Montrose Heights People Attend Williamsburg Tour

The advisory board of the Home Demonstration Club of Henrico County sponsored a tour of Williamsburg Tuesday.

The places of interest that were visited were the old courthouse, Governor's Palace, the Capitol, Raleigh Tavern, the Ludwell Paradise House and the college and gardens. About 59 guests were present.

Among those from the Montrose Home Demonstration Club were: Mrs. M. R. Otey, Mrs. Irene Lumsden, Mrs. Mary Strang, Mrs. W. H. Wermuth, Mrs. A. B. Gary, Mrs. Fred Poseau and Mrs. Nelson Williams, John Lumsden and Mrs. W. N. Bowden.

## Dumbarton Demonstration Club Will Give Luncheon Tomorrow

The Dumbarton Home Demonstration Club will hold a luncheon tomorrow at 1 o'clock in the Home Economics Room in Dumbarton School.

Mrs. E. R. Graves is chairman of the luncheon committee. She will be assisted by Mrs. L. R. Bowman, Mrs. L. H. Faber, Mrs. N. O. Spatig, Mrs. U. L. Sweeney and Mrs. H. J. Hughes.

Mrs. G. C. Jones, president of the club, will preside at the meeting to be held at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. E. Walker, of Sandston, president of Beulah Home Demonstration Club, will review the book, "Gone With the Wind." Mrs. R. C.

Atkinson, chairman of the garden committee, will talk on "Planting Bulbs for Spring Bloom." Miss Marion Lawrence, home demonstration agent, will present the projects for the coming year and lead the discussion on program planting.

The Kery and Ball canning contest will be held. The Kery exhibit will consist of one jar of meat and one jar of tomato juice or tomatoes. The Ball exhibit will be one jar of fruit and one non-acid vegetable. All members are requested to bring their exhibits. For luncheon reservations call Mrs. E. R. Graves, dial 4-3066.

## Creighton Club Will Sponsor Canning Contest

The Creighton Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Rose on the Mechanicsville Turnpike, tomorrow at 2 P. M. when a canning contest will be held.

Miss Marion Lawrence, county home demonstration agent, will be the judge. The guest speaker of the afternoon will be the Rev. Clayton C. Crawford, pastor of the Montrose Presbyterian Church and the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, whose subject will be "Good Citizenship."

## Clubs in Henrico Pick 1937 Topics

The advisory board of the Henrico Home Demonstration Clubs recently announced that house furnishings will be the main subject of discussion this year for the 16 clubs in the county.

Draperies, slip covers and cushions will be the minor topics, while storage space was selected as the county campaign project.

A women's chorus has been organized, and has sung on several occasions. It includes about 25 members and is headed by Mrs. Willard F. Day.

## Sandston Club Aids Library

### Beulah Group Donates to Mountain Work.

The Beulah Home Demonstration Club held its April meeting in the home of Mrs. T. C. Robertson.

Mrs. D. H. Davis, library chairman, gave a talk on the "Foot-Back Library" in the mountains of Virginia. The club voted a donation to help in the task of carrying books by foot to these isolated districts.

Mrs. Irving Phillips and Mrs. Phyllis Hughes, delegates to the Eastern district convention, gave their report. Mrs. H. A. Nuckols was a hostess; Mrs. W. Bowden, registrar; Mrs. E. V. Van Horn, pianist; Mrs. Otey, county representative, and Mrs. Elmo Walker, vice chairman of the meeting, and chairman of the courtesy committee.

The demonstration, "Beauty Underfoot," was given by Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Margaret Wilson. Mrs. Nunnally assisted Mrs. Robertson as hostess.

## Henrico 4-H Clubs Plan Style Revue Wednesday Afternoon at Y. W. C. A.

The Henrico County 4-H Club Style Revue will be held in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. in Richmond on Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Clothing is the major project in 4-H Club work this year and every club member has made a wash dress as a part of her required work. Each club has had a style revue before a group of people in the various communities, and every club member has been allowed to wear her dress. Miss Sue Wampler, assistant home demonstration agent in Henrico County, has been responsible for judging the garments, and has selected the girls making the best dresses to represent their club in the County Style Revue. Mrs. Helen Landon, of a department store fabric department; Miss Margaret Rawlinson, home demonstration agent in Chesterfield County, and Miss Gertrude Drinker, director of the Dairy Council, will serve as judges for the style revue.

1. An appropriate outfit to be worn while working at home or on the farm; 2. an appropriate outfit for school; 3. an appropriate outfit for sport, or for outings, picnics

and hikes; 4. an appropriate outfit to be worn for church or street; 5. an appropriate outfit to be worn for afternoon or informal parties.

The following girls will represent their club in the County Style Revue:

Short Pump, Mable Turner, Effie Mae Nuckols, Edna Davis; Sandston, Helen Horner, Frances Teller; Glen Allen, Nancy Lee Tinsley, Jane Kersey, Fannie Robinson and Gladys Heke; Ridge, Barbara Urben, Gladys Miles; Dumbarton, Elisabeth Pohlman, Dora Thompson, Doris Gilham, Louise Allman; Highland Springs, Shirley Tignor, Elisabeth Walters, Marguerite Newcombe and Norma Thomas; Varina, Gladys Aigner, Rebecca Allen, Muriel Hayre and Elsie Meredith; Montrose, Crysta Smith and Irene Baughan; Longdale, Anne Clarke, Bessie Soukup and Agnes Winfrey; Brook Hill, Dorothy Eldridge; Laurel, Pauline Watson and Eleanor Harvey; Glen Lea, Doris Byrum, Mary Dickenson and Mable Britton; Glen Echo, Shirley Driscoll, Nancy Marshall and Lillian Sperisen; Glendale, Constance Stecker and Joanna Jacobsen.

## All 4-H Clubs Of Henrico Plan Health Contest

More Than 570  
Members Are  
Participating.

THE Henrico County 4-H Club health contest will be held in the health department of the county courthouse on Tuesday, June 15 and 22.

The 570 4-H Club members have taken part in their health program this year. The county agent and club leaders, with the assistance of the county nurses, have selected two members from each club to enter the contest. These members have been divided into two groups, one under 14 years of age and the other over 14 years of age.

Dr. J. D. Hammer will give the final health examination and announce the winners for the entire county. The girl representing the younger group who wins first place will be awarded a trip to Jamestown camp, which will open for 4-H Club members in Henrico County June 22 to July 5. The older girl who wins first place will represent Henrico County in the State health contest, which will be held in Blacksburg July 19-24.

Girls from the following clubs were selected to report to the health department on June 15: Brookhill, Frances Wentzel; Laurel, Pauline Farmer, Edna Farmer, and Lucille Terry; Dumbarton, Lucille Taylor and Fannie Burnett; Short Pump, Marjorie Griffin; Glen Allen, Katherine Thacker and Eileen Powell; Longdale, Constance Strand and Agnes Winfrey; Ridge, Kenneth Pickles and Anne Matthews, and Westhampton, Marguerite Ford and Virginia Vaughan.

The following girls have been selected to report to the health department on June 22: Glen Echo, Louise Phipps; Highland Springs, Margaret Orange, Jean McCue and Dorothy Waller; Sandston, Helen Horner; Montrose, Ellen Colleen Boulware; Varina, Kathryn McLaughlin, Virginia Dorey, Alberta Kohl and Norma Lee Finnigan; Glendale, Mary Hughes; Glen Lea, Evelyn Keck.

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Westhampton School  
Henrico County

.. Program for the Annual Spring Meeting of the  
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PROGRAM

EASTERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT  
STATE FEDERATION OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

Westhampton High School  
Henrico County  
March 30, 1937

10:00 Meeting called to order Mrs. Edna K. Cottrell  
Invocation Dr. L. H. Walten  
Song America, the Beautiful  
Creed  
Report of Secretary  
Old Business  
New Business  
Address Miss Maude E. Wallace  
\*Special Music - - Henrico Home Demonstration Chorus  
"Some Problems of the Modern Family"  
Dr. Ada H. Arlitt, University Cincinnati  
Roll call by Counties  
Adjourn for Lunch

1:15 AFTERNOON SESSION.

DISCUSSION GROUPS.

Home & Highway Development Mrs. Janet Stuart Durham, Leader  
Libraries Mrs. Ben Wailes, Leader  
Youth Problems Miss Hallie Hughes, Leader  
Family Life Dr. Ada H. Arlitt, Leader  
Report of Findings Committee  
President's Address Mrs. Ben Wailes, Sweet Briar, Va.


"OUR 1936 ACTIVITIES"

Accomac	Henrico
Amelia	James City
Brunswick	King and Queen
Charles City	King William
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Essex	Norfolk
Goochland	Powhatan

Report of Courtesy Committee

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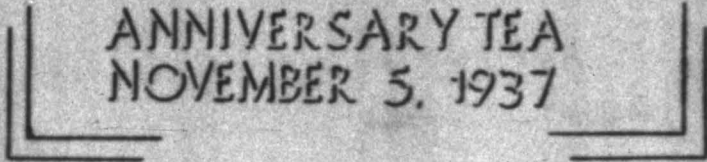
Program for the Annual Spring Meeting of the  
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HENRICO FEDERATION OF  
HOME DEMONSTRATION  
CLUBS

25th  
ANNIVERSARY TEA  
NOVEMBER 5, 1937



## INTRODUCTION

THE HENRICO FEDERATION OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING TO YOU ITS ANNUAL REPORT. WE HAVE USED THE SEVEN GOALS OF THE STATE FEDERATION IN REPORTING THE COMBINED WORK OF ALL THE CLUBS. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL LIKE THIS NEW METHOD OF PRESENTATION, WHICH ENABLES YOU TO STUDY THE WORK OF THE COUNTY AT YOUR LEISURE.

THE RETIRING OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF EXTENDING TO YOU THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE HELPFULNESS AND INTEREST EVIDENCED BY YOU DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND DESPEAK FOR THE NEW OFFICERS YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION.

THIS AFTERNOON, AS WE REVIEW OUR YEAR'S WORK, AND PAUSE TO TAKE BREATH BEFORE WE BEGIN ANOTHER, LET US MINGLE IN FELLOWSHIP OVER THE CUP THAT CHEERS, AND SAY WITH THE POET:

HASTE THEE, NYMPH, AND BRING WITH THEE,

MIRTH AND YOUTHFUL JOLLITY

SPORT THAT WRINKLED CARE DERIDES

AND LAUGHTER, HOLDING BOTH HIS SIDES.

PRESIDENT

*Mrs. H. R. Sanders*

SECRETARY

*Mrs. M. R. Oley*

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

*Mrs. C. O. Lamy*

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

MARION M. LAWRENCE  
HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

"THE WELL DRESSED HOUSE," A UNIT OF THE HOUSE FURNISHINGS PROGRAM WAS THE MAJOR PROJECT FOR THE YEAR 1937.

TWO LEADERS FROM EACH CLUB WERE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT. A TOTAL OF 48 LEADERS ATTENDED THREE LEADERS CONFERENCES HELD IN RICHMOND.

52 DEMONSTRATIONS WERE GIVEN BY THE LEADERS, 7 BY THE AGENT, AND 2 WERE GIVEN IN COOPERATION WITH LEADERS AND AGENT.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WILL GIVE YOU SOME INTERESTING FACTS AS A RESULT OF THE HOUSE FURNISHINGS PROGRAM.

209	WOMEN IMPROVED THE SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS.
214	WOMEN REPAIRED, REMODELED, UPHOLSTERED OR REFINISHED FURNITURE.
408	PIECES FURNITURE REPAIRED, REFINISHED.
122	PIECES FURNITURE UPHOLSTERED.
138	SLIP COVERS MADE.
206	WOMEN IMPROVED WINDOW TREATMENT, SHADES, CURTAINS, DRAPERIES.
309	ROOMS REPRESENTED.
190	WOMEN IMPROVED ARRANGEMENT OF PICTURES, FURNITURE, ACCESSORIES
165	WOMEN IMPROVED APPEARANCE OF ROOM BY USING BETTER COLOR SCHEMES.
456	ROOMS IMPROVED BY ABOVE MENTIONED MEANS.
105	WOMEN IMPROVED FURNISHINGS OF PORCHES.
177	WOMEN MADE BATH ROOMS MORE ATTRACTIVE.
83	WOMEN USED DYES FOR RECONDITIONING FURNISHINGS.
1215	ARTICLES OF HANDICRAFT MADE.
1113	KEPT FOR HOME USES.
\$31.20	MONEY RECEIVED FROM SALES OF HANDICRAFT.
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## LIBRARY

MRS. E. R. GRAVES, CHAIRMAN

AT THE PLANNING MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD IN NOVEMBER 1936, IT WAS DECIDED TO PUT SPECIAL EMPHASES ON THE FEDERATION GOAL, "LIBRARY". A COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED AND THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES DECIDED UPON.

1. EVERY CLUB MEMBER READ 12 OR MORE BOOKS A YEAR.
2. EVERY MEMBER SUBSCRIBE TO ONE OR MORE CURRENT MAGAZINE.
3. HAVE BOOK AND MAGAZINE EXCHANGE IN CLUBS
4. GIVE SOME ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL LIBRARY
5. HAVE FOUR BOOKS REVIEWS AT CLUB MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR.

THE SURVEY WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE SHOWS SOME VERY GRATIFYING RESULTS. IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT EVENTS, ALL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEMBERS HAVE NEWS PAPERS IN THEIR HOMES, WHILE THESE WOMEN SUBSCRIBE TO 678 MAGAZINES. THE SUM OF \$29.12 WAS DONATED TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY PROJECT.

NINETEEN BOOK REVIEWS WERE GIVEN AT CLUB MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR, "GONE WITH THE WIND" BEING THE MOST POPULAR. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, ALTOGETHER 247 BOOKS WERE READ BY CLUB MEMBERS. MANY WERE ABLE TO FULFILL THE OBJECTIVE OF 12 FOR THE YEAR.

ONE CLUB HAS SECURED TWO TRAVELING LIBRARIES FROM THE STATE LIBRARY. TWO OTHER CLUBS HAVE STARTED A CLUB LIBRARY. THE MEMBERS TAKE HOME A BOOK FROM THE CLUB MEETINGS, AND THE CHAIRMAN KEEPS A RECORD OF ALL BOOKS LOANED.

## RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

MRS. WILLIAM BEADLES, CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY BOARD, THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE ATTENDED A MEETING HELD IN MARCH AT PETERSBURG, ON "RURAL ELECTRIFICATION." MR. E. T. SWINK, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER FROM V.P.I. WAS THE SPEAKER. MR. SWINK GAVE SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SECURE AN ELECTRIC LINE INTO THE COMMUNITIES, AND WHAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW BEFORE WIRING THE HOME.

HENRICO COUNTY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE IN HAVING ELECTRIC LINES EXTENDED OUT INTO MANY OF OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES. MEMBERS OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS, AS 78 HOMES HAVE HAD ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED.

MANY ARTICLES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN PURCHASED SINCE MORE HOME HAVE THAT SERVICE,

- 38 ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS
- 33 STOVES OR RANGES
- 131 READING LAMPS OR FLOOR LAMPS
- 21 ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINES
- 37 ELECTRIC IRONS
- 68 OTHER ARTICLES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

TO GIVE MORE LIGHT IN THE HOMES, 92 NEW WINDOWS WERE CUT AND GLASS DOORS ADDED.

MANY HOMES IN OUR COUNTY DURING THE COMING YEAR WILL HAVE THEIR HOMES WIRED FOR ELECTRICITY, AND WILL ENJOY ITS CONVENIENCE AND MANY OF THE LABOR-SAVING DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT THAT IT GIVES US.

## HOME AND HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION

MRS. R. C. ATKINSON, CHAIRMAN

HENRICO FEDERATION OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS, AND THE STATE FEDERATION WITH THE GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA; VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS; VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS; AND THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF ROADSIDE BEAUTY; COMPRISING 40,000 MEMBERS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO REGULATE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, WHICH DESTROYS THE BEAUTY OF RURAL VIRGINIA AND FOR SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAYS.

SEVERAL CLUBS HAVE WRITTEN TO THE CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATE AND HOUSE ASKING THEM TO VOTE FOR THE BILL, AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS HAVE WORKED TOWARD THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HOME GROUNDS. SEVERAL CLUBS HAVE ASSISTED IN PLANTING AND IMPROVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. ONE CLUB GAVE \$25.00 TOWARD LANDSCAPING THE SCHOOL GROUND. EARLY IN THE SPRING, ONE CLUB HELD AN ALL DAY PLANTING MEETING TO IMPROVE THEIR CLUB HOUSE GROUNDS. ONE CLUB PAYS FOR THE UP-KEEP OF A COMMUNITY CEMETARY.

### RESULTS OF THE HOME BEAUTIFICATION WORK -

- 45 HOUSES WERE PAINTED
- 151 ROOFS AND CHIMNEYS REPAIRED AND PAINTED
- 111 BACK DOOR YARDS MADE MORE ATTRACTIVE
- 166 REPAIRED AND PAINTED PORCHES
- 74 WALKS, DRIVES, AND FENCES WERE IMPROVED
- 92 LAWNS WERE IMPROVED
- 164 IMPROVED OUT BUILDING
- 985 TREES, SHRUBS, AND EVERGREENS WERE PLANTED
- 58 MADE OUT DOOR LIVING-ROOMS
- 210 IMPROVED UPKEEP OF GROUNDS

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mrs. SALLIE McCLUER, CHAIRMAN

HEALTH AND SANITATION HAD A PLACE ON THE PROGRAMS OF ALL THE CLUDS. ONE CLUD SPONSORED A FIRST AID COURSE, GIVEN BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RED CROSS. FOURTEEN MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF FIFTEEN WOMEN. TWELVE WOMEN RECEIVED FIRST AID CERTIFICATES.

OTHER CLUDS HAVE HAD TALKS GIVEN ON "FIRST AID" AND "HEALTH OF THE WOMAN OVER THIRTY."

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORK SPONSORED BY THE CLUDS IS VERY GRATIFYING AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE FOLLOWING GIFTS -

\$20.00 TO THE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS  
\$148.35 TO THE SCHOOL CAFETERIAS  
\$21.00 TO THE RED CROSS AND HEALTH BONDS  
\$20.00 TO THE FLOOD RELIEF  
\$47.20 TO SHELTERING ARMS HOSPITAL  
\$182.15 TO WELFARE WORK

SOME VERY INTERESTING WORK WAS ACCOMPLISHED TO IMPROVE THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE HOMES.

13 KITCHEN SINKS WERE INSTALLED  
8 HOMES HAD WATER PUT IN KITCHEN  
12 BATH ROOMS WERE INSTALLED  
10 COMPLETE WATER SYSTEMS  
6 HOMES PUT IN COMPLETE SEWAGE SYSTEMS  
21 WELLS WERE MADE SAFE AND IMPROVED  
39 SANITARY TOILETS WERE BUILT  
116 HOMES IMPROVED SCREENING  
147 CONTROLLED HOUSEHOLD PESTS  
154 MADE GENERAL CLEAN-UP OF PREMISES  
25 WOMEN MADE 98 POUNDS OF HOMEMADE SOAP  
14 HEATING SYSTEMS WERE INSTALLED

# CITIZENSHIP AND LEGISLATURE

Mrs. F. H. MEREDITH, CHAIRMAN

CITIZENSHIP HAS BEEN A POPULAR TOPIC WHICH ALL THE CLUBS HAVE DEVOTED ONE OR MORE MEETINGS TO THE PAST YEAR.

FOUR PAPERS ON CITIZENSHIP WERE PREPARED IN THE AGENTS OFFICE, FROM THESE PAPERS THE FOLLOWING TALKS WERE GIVEN BY THE CLUB WOMEN.

## "KNOW YOUR COUNTY"

CITIZENSHIP • ITS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

DO YOU VOTE?

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

THE PAPER ON "KNOW YOUR COUNTY", GAVE ALL THE COUNTY OFFICERS, THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AND IF APPOINTED OR ELECTED. THIS ACQUAINTED THE WOMEN WITH THEIR COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. MANY OF THE CLUBS HAVE HAD GUEST SPEAKERS ON CITIZENSHIP. HENRICO'S COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY HAS BEEN A SPEAKER FOR ALL THE CLUBS DURING THE PAST YEAR. MINISTERS OF THE COUNTY HAVE VISITED THE CLUBS GIVING INTERESTING TALKS ON CITIZENSHIP AND OTHER TOPICS.

AS A RESULT OF THE MEETINGS DEVOTED TO CITIZENSHIP MANY OF THE WOMEN HAVE REGISTERED AND ARE VOTING FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT IS THE DESIRE OF OUR CLUBS THAT EVERY WOMAN VOTES.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE INTEREST THE WOMEN HAVE TAKEN IN PROMOTING "CITIZENSHIP", AND THE PART THEY HAVE TAKEN IN THE WELFARE OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND COUNTY.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. W. L. DRAME, CHAIRMAN

DURING 1937 MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS AND OTHER ORGANIZATION PRESENTED THEMSELVES.

IN FEBRUARY THE AGENT, THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE CLUBS AND A 4-H CLUB MEMBER TOOK PART IN A PANEL DISCUSSION DESCRIBING OUR PROGRAM AS CONDUCTED TODAY AT A MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CHAPTER, VIRGINIA HOME ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION.

WHEN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MET IN RICHMOND, EIGHTEEN CLUB WOMEN SERVED ON THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENT AND OTHER COMMITTEES, WHILE NUMBERS ATTENDED THE VARIOUS SESSIONS.

THE AGENT AND SEVERAL CLUB WOMEN ARE MEMBERS OF THE HENRICO WELFARE ASSOCIATION. A REPORT OF CLUB ACTIVITIES IS GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING WHICH IS ATTENDED BY MANY REPRESENTATIVE MEN AND WOMEN.

MEMBERS OF THE HENRICO GARDEN CLUB HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN SUPPLYING SPEAKERS ON THE SUBJECT OF "GARDENING" AND ALSO JUDGES FOR FLOWER SHOWS.

THE 4-H CLUB GIRLS HELPED BURNISH THE FLOWERS FOR THE ROOMS OF THE GUEST AND ALSO THE GENERAL DECORATIONS FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION HELD IN RICHMOND IN JUNE.

EACH YEAR THE BARTON HEIGHTS WOMAN'S CLUB AND BARTON HEIGHTS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL SUMS TO BE USED AS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 4-H CLUB GIRLS TO THE STATE SHORT COURSE. A PROGRAM DESCRIPTIVE OF CLUB WORK IS GIVEN AT ONE MEETING OF EACH OF THESE ORGANIZATION DURING THE YEAR.

THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT HERSELF IS A PROMOTOR OF "PUBLIC RELATIONS" IN THAT SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE RICHMOND BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMAN'S CLUB, THE HENRICO GARDEN CLUB, THE RICHMOND HOUSEWIVES LEAGUE, THE VIRGINIA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AND THE RICHMOND CHAPTER OF THIS SAME ORGANIZATION.

## YOUTH

THE YOUTH CHAIRMAN SECURED TWO NEW LEADERS FOR 4-H CLUB WORK. IN JANUARY A SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE WOMEN OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. IT WAS VERY GRATIFYING TO FIND THAT NOT A GREAT MANY GIRLS WHO WISH TO WORK WERE UNEMPLOYED. AS A RESULT OF THE SURVEY, A NUMBER OF GIRLS BECAME MEMBERS OF A JUNIOR HOMEMAKERS CLUB AND SEVERAL ARE NOW COMING TO MEETINGS OF THE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS.

FOUR CLUBS HAVE SPONSORED SOCIALS, DINGO PARTIES AND DANCES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. ONE CLUB SERVED DINNER ON THE 4TH OF JULY TO THE BASE BALL TEAM AND ALSO TO THE VISITING TEAM. TWO GAMES WERE PLAYED DURING THE DAY, WHICH PROVIDED AN ATTRACTION FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY.

4-H CLUB WORK IS SPONSORED BY THE ADULT CLUBS. EIGHTEEN WOMEN ARE NOW ACTING AS LEADERS IN THE 4-H CLUBS. THE GIRLS IN 4-H CLUB WORK THIS YEAR ARE DOING SOME VERY EXCELLENT WORK.

FIFTEEN 4-H CLUBS IN THE COUNTY HAVE AN ENROLLMENT OF 565 GIRLS. THE MAJOR PROJECT FOR THE GIRLS WORK HAS BEEN CLOTHING. EACH GIRL HAS MADE ONE UNDERGARMENT AND ONE COTTON DRESS, KEPT A NOTEDOOK AND CARRIED ON SOME COOPERATIVE WORK AT HOME; SUCH AS CANNING, POULTRY, YARD IMPROVEMENT OR GARDENING.

FIFTY CLUB MEMBERS SPENT ONE WEEK AT JAMESTOWN 4-H CAMP. THE WEEK WAS DEVOTED TO EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

MURIEL HAYRE OF VARINA 4-H CLUB WON FIRST PLACE IN THE STATE 4-H GIRLS STYLE DRESS REVUE. MURIEL WILL LEAVE NOVEMBER 26, TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS, WHERE SHE WILL REPRESENT VIRGINIA IN THE NATIONAL 4-H GIRLS STYLE DRESS REVUE.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

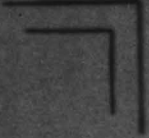
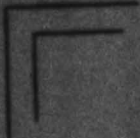
THERE WERE MANY OTHER INTERESTING EVENTS MAKING UP THE CLUB YEAR, WHICH MIGHT BE TERMED "WIDENING HORIZONS."

ON MARCH 30TH THE EASTERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT, STATE FEDERATION MET AT WESTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL. WE WERE CO-HOSTESS WITH GOODLAND. OF THE 500 PRESENT OVER 75 HENRICO WOMEN ATTENDED. A SPLENDID PROGRAM WAS CONDUCTED AND ENJOYED BY ALL PRESENT.

IN EASTERN VIRGINIA ALL THE SPRING AIR SEEMS PERMEATED WITH TOURS AND PILGRIMAGES-VISITS TO BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND HISTORIC SHRINES. ABOUT 60 CLUB WOMEN WENT IN A BUS AND PRIVATE CARS TO WILLIAMSBURG WHERE THEY VISITED THE RESTORED HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND SITES. THE INTERIORS OF THE HOUSES WERE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING BECAUSE THE MAJOR PROJECT HAD BEEN ONE OF HOUSE FURNISHINGS. HERE WE SAW REPRODUCED THE BEST OF THE COLONIAL PERIOD.

FOR SOME TIME WE HAVE BEEN THINKING OF BETTER MUSIC FOR RURAL WOMEN. OUR CHORUS CONSISTING OF 20 REGULAR MEMBERS HAS REHEARSED BI-MONTHLY UNDER THE ABLE DIRECTION OF MRS. WILLARD F. DAY. THIS GROUP FURNISHED THE SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE DISTRICT MEETING AND IN OCTOBER BEGAN THE BROADCAST OVER WRVA ON THE VIRGINIA FARM AND HOME HOUR. LISTEN IN ON THE FIRST MONDAYS AT 1:15 P.M.

SEVERAL CLUBS CELEBRATED THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY DURING THE YEAR. THE PAST WAS RECALLED AND IT WAS DECIDED TO BRING THE EXISTING MATERIAL TOGETHER IN THE FORM OF SCRAP BOOKS. HISTORIANS WERE APPOINTED, BEAUTIFUL BOOKS PURCHASED AND PUBLICITY ARTICLES OF CLUB, COUNTY AND STATE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED IN THE BOOKS. THESE BOOKS ARE ON DISPLAY AT ACHIEVEMENT DAY. WE FEEL THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT ITS SELF. NOW HE WHO RUNS MAY READ OUR RECORDS, WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

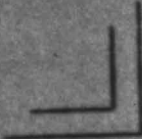



MANAGER'S REPORT

TO THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGRICULTURE  
HOME ECONOMICS

HENRICO  
OCTOBER 1937



County of Henrico  
Virginia  
October 31, 1937

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Henrico  
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Gentlemen:

For the October report I am presenting a discussion of accomplishments in Agriculture and Home Economics during the past year.

The State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs organizes its work under seven goals, viz., Library, Rural Electrification, Home and Highway Beautification, Health and Sanitation, Citizenship and Legislative, Public Relations, and Youth. The combined work of all the clubs in Henrico is discussed under these topics. 4-H Club work is reported under "Youth."

The work of the Agricultural Agents is described following the report of Home Demonstration work.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. J. Day*  
County Manager

#### Home Demonstration

##### Project Activities

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Library

The Advisory Board in November 1936 decided to put special emphasis on this goal and appointed a committee which decided on the following objectives:

1. Every club member to read 12 or more books a year,
2. Every member to subscribe to one or more current magazines,
3. To have book and magazine exchange in clubs,
4. To give some assistance to school library,
5. To have four book reviews at club meetings during the year.

In order to keep up with current events, all home demonstration club members have newspapers in their homes; these women also subscribe to 678 magazines. \$29.12 was donated to the school library project.

Nineteen book reviews were given at club meetings, "Gone with the Wind" being the most popular. According to the reports, altogether 2,447 books were read by club members, and many were able to fulfill the objective of 12 for the year.

One club has secured two traveling libraries from the State Library. Two other clubs have started a Club Library. The members take home a book from the club meetings, and the chairman keeps a record of all books lent.

Rural Electrification

The chairman of the Advisory Board, the Agent, and the committee chairman attended a meeting in March at Petersburg on "Rural Electrification." Mr. E. I. Swink, Agricultural Engineer from V. E. I., gave some valuable information on how to secure an electric line into the communities and what people should know before wiring the home.

Members of home demonstration clubs have taken advantage of the electric lines extended into many of our rural communities. 78 homes have had electric systems installed. Listed below are the articles of electrical equipment that have been purchases since more homes have this service.

- 36 electric refrigerators,
- 33 stoves or ranges

- 131 reading lamps or floor lamps
- 24 electric washing machines
- 37 electric irons
- 68 other articles of electrical equipment.

Home and Highway Beautification

40,000 women are working together to regulate outdoor advertising in order to preserve the beauty of rural Virginia and promote safety on the highways through the Henrico Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, the State Federation with the Garden Club of Virginia, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Virginia Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty. Several clubs have written to the candidates for State Senate and House asking them to vote for the bill at the next session of the General Assembly.

All club members have worked toward the improvement of the home grounds. Several clubs have assisted in planting and improving the school grounds in their community. One club gave \$25 toward landscaping the school ground. Early in the spring one club held an all-day planting meeting to improve their club house grounds. One club pays for the up-keep of a community cemetery.

Home beautification work resulted in 45 houses painted, 151 roofs and chimneys repaired and painted, 111 back door yards made more attractive, 166 porches repaired and painted, 74 walks, drives, and fences improved, 92 lawns improved, 164 outbuildings improved, 985 trees, shrubs, and evergreens planted, 58 out-door living rooms made, 210 improved upkeep of grounds.

Health and Sanitation

Health and sanitation had a place on the programs of all the clubs. One club sponsored a First Aid Course given by a representative of the Red Cross. The Course consisted of fourteen meetings which had an average attendance of fifteen women. Other clubs have had talks given on "First Aid" and "Health of the Woman over Thirty."

Community Health work sponsored by the clubs included the following gifts: \$20 to School Dental Clinics, \$148.35 to school cafeterias, \$24 to the Red Cross and Health Bonds, \$20 to Flood Relief, \$47.20 to Sheltering Arms Hospital, \$182.15 to welfare work.

Sanitary conditions in homes were improved by the following: 13 kitchen sinks installed, 8 homes had water put in kitchen, 12 bathrooms installed, 10 complete water systems installed, 6 homes installed complete sewage systems, 21 wells were made safe and improved, 39 sanitary toilets were built, 116 homes improved screening, 147 controlled household pests, 154 made general clean-up of premises, 25 women made 98 pounds of soap, 14 heating systems were installed.

Citizenship and Legislative

Citizenship has been a popular topic to which all the clubs have devoted one or more meetings in the past year. Four papers on Citizenship were prepared in the Agent's office from which the following talks were given by club women: "Know Your County," "Citizenship--Its Privileges and Responsibilities," "Do you Vote?", "Community Problems."

The paper on "Know Your County" gave all the county officers, their term of office and whether appointed or elected. This acquainted the women with their

County officers and employees. Many of the clubs have had guest speakers on Citizenship. Henrico's Commonwealth Attorney has been a speaker for all the clubs during the year. Ministers of the County have visited the clubs giving interesting talks on Citizenship and other topics.

As a result of the meetings devoted to Citizenship, many of the women have registered and are voting for the first time. It is the desire of the clubs that every woman vote.

Public Relations

During 1937 many opportunities for cooperation between the home demonstration clubs and other organizations presented themselves. In February the Agent, a club president, and a 4-H club member took part in a panel discussion describing our program as conducted today at a meeting of the Richmond Chapter, Virginia Home Economics Association.

When the National Congress of Parents and Teachers met in Richmond, eighteen club women served on the local arrangements committee as well as other committees. Many members attended various sessions.

The Agent and several club women are members of the Henrico Welfare Association. Members of the Henrico Garden Club cooperated in supplying speakers on the subject of "Gardening" and judges for flower shows.

4-H club girls helped furnish the flowers for the rooms of guests and also the general decorations for the meeting of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association held in Richmond in June.

Each year the Barton Heights Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club provide substantial sums to be used as scholarships for the 4-H Club girls to the State Short Course. A program descriptive of club work is given at one meeting of each of these organizations during the year.

Youth

In January a survey was made by the women of the young people in their communities which showed that not many girls who wish to work were unemployed. As a result of the survey a number of girls became members of a Junior Homemakers Club, and several are now coming to meetings of the Home Demonstration Clubs. Four clubs have sponsored socials, bingo parties, and dances for the young people in their communities. One club served dinner on the 4th of July to contesting baseball teams. Two games were played during the day which provided an attraction for the young people of the community.

4-H Club work is sponsored by the adult clubs. Eighteen women are now acting as leaders in 4-H clubs. Fifteen 4-H clubs in the County have an enrollment of 583. The major project for the girls this year was clothing. Each girl was required to make one undergarment, one cotton dress, keep a notebook, and carry on one cooperative work at home, selecting one of the following: poultry, gardening, canning, or yard improvement. Eighteen boys have devoted their time to gardening and poultry.

One boy who had never before been interested in helping with the garden had a fine garden with twenty different vegetables. The total yield of the crops of all garden members was 255 bushels. Poultry club members have raised and are caring for 1,389 birds. One member had eight exhibits at the State Fair and won \$8.

As a result of the clothing work by the girls, 609 dresses were made, 546 undergarments, and 63 hats with a total saving of \$1,393.39 on these articles. The girls were encouraged to do their own mending, and as a result 10,421 garments were mended, and 813 garments were dry cleaned at home saving \$323.50. 458 garments were remodeled saving \$337.08.

In May and June all clubs held contests at which the girls modeled their dresses to be judged. A member of the Varina club won first place in the County, District, and State contests and will represent Virginia in the National 4-H Girls' Style Dress Show which will be held in Chicago as part of the National 4-H Club Congress from November 26 to December 3. The total cost of the winning outfit was \$14.39 which included all accessories.

In addition to the work on clothing, 67 girls were busy during the summer months canning 8,118 quarts of fruits and vegetables with a total value of \$1,507.68.

All clubs held Health Contests, and the County Health Champion represented Henrico in the State Contest. 385 members are five pointers; 344 have improved their posture; 306 have had dental work done; and 367 report improved food habits.

Fifty club members and four adult leaders spent one week at Jamestown 4-H Camp in educational and recreational activities. Ten club members, six "All Star" members, and two leaders attended the State Short Course.

#### Other Activities

Activities designed for "Widening Horizons" included several interesting events.

On March 30 the Eastern Virginia District, State Federation, met at Westhampton High School. Henrico clubs acted as co-hostess with Goochland. Of the 500 present over 75 Henrico women attended.

In eastern Virginia spring is the time of tours and pilgrimages, visits to beautiful gardens and historic shrines. About 60 club women went in a bus and private cars to Williamsburg where they visited the restored historic buildings and sites. The interiors of the houses were especially interesting because the major project had been house furnishings. Here we saw reproduced the best of the Colonial Period.

In order to encourage better music for rural women, a County Chorus was organized. The twenty regular members composing the Chorus rehearse bi-monthly. This group furnished the special music for the district meeting, and in October began the broadcast over WRVA on the Virginia Farm and Home Hour.

Several clubs celebrated their 20th anniversary during the year. The past was recalled, and it was decided to bring existing material together in scrap books. Historians were appointed, books purchased, and publicity articles of club, county, and state activities have been assembled in the books.

### Farm Demonstration

The Agent gives farm information and carries on educational work in the use of fertilizer, lime, sprays, animal parasites, selecting and care of live stock, registration of pure bred cattle and hogs. In carrying on this work the Agent traveled 13,496 miles, made 1,123 farm visits, wrote 963 individual letters and 43 different circular letters, gave 49 fifteen-minute radio talks, received 1,689 office callers and 3,805 telephone calls in the period December 1, 1936 through October 30, 1937. Specialists from V. P. I. assist the Agent in technical matters relating to his work.

The Agent prepares a monthly report on 1200 cows in the Herd Improvement Association. The Agent cooperated with the Emergency Seed and Feed Loan Office and the Richmond Production Credit Corporation in arranging loans for farmers that could not obtain credit through the Resettlement Administration or banks.

### Agricultural Conservation Program

Through the County Agricultural Conservation Association funds received from the Federal government for soil conservation are handled with the Agent as the administrative officer who is responsible for technical matters and carrying out government rulings and changes.

Farms that are entered in the program are given allotments of soil depleting and soil conservation acreage. Three supervisors employed by the Association inspect farms, check the crops grown on each field, and indicate the extent of fields in each farm on aerial photographs of the County. Field measurements are then taken on the photograph with a planimeter and the acreage devoted to soil depleting and soil conserving crops determined. The entire County has been photographed by aeroplane, and these photographs enlarged to a scale of 1" to 10 acres are used in checking performance on farms. Producers are paid on a percentage basis for soil conservation acreage out of the allotment received by the County Association from the Federal Government.

Early in the year the Agent held six night meetings at Varina, Elko, Highland Springs, Longdale, and Short Pump for planning and discussion of the details and operation of the soil conservation program. During 1936, 223 farms were entered in the program, and payment of \$16,637.08 was made to 194. 265 farms were entered in 1937.

### Agricultural Drought Relief

The Agent located marl lime beds and made arrangements with the owners for it to be mined under the Government Drought Relief program. About 300 tons of marl lime were mined near Elko by Federal paid farm labor from December 1936 to February 1937. The marl was allotted without charge to 63 farmers who agreed to use it in soil conservation work.

### County Rural Resettlement

The Agent worked in an advisory capacity with this Government agency which lends money to farm people with the purpose of making them self-supporting. \$29,333.70 was lent to 67 families and \$3,804.79 has been repaid.

### 4-H Clubs

4-H Club members from Henrico contributed the greater part of the

4-H dairy and swine show at the Petersburg and the State Fair. 4-H Club members won \$1,018.50 in cash prizes at these fairs. 79 different projects were completed which included 274 animals.

Representative 4-H members attended the Jamestown Encampment and the State Short Course at Blacksburg.

#### Negro Agent

The Agent carries on work in educating colored farmers in soil improvement, farm and home management, and raising crops, poultry, and live stock.

Adults are organized into clubs at whose meetings the Agent gives demonstrations in approved farm and home methods. While the clubs give an opportunity for educational work in agriculture, they also have a place in the social life of rural people.

To furnish an incentive for improved production, both in quality and quantity, the clubs sponsor exhibits of products and tours to farms where outstanding improvements and progress have been made. In October, under the auspices of the County Advisory Board and the State Extension Service, the First Annual Henrico Colored Fair was organized. Products were exhibited under the headings of Farm Products, Canned Goods, Garden Products, Baked Goods, and Domestic Articles.

Adult clubs furnish leaders for the 4-H Clubs which have for their main objective improved rural citizenship. 4-H Club members receive help in their agricultural, poultry and live stock projects from the Agent; the meetings give an opportunity for recreation, games, and singing; group discussion, contests and the annual rally furnish the basis for constructive work among the boys and girls.

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Henrico Courthouse  
Richmond, Virginia  
October 20, 1937

Dear Friends:

Henrico Chorus will hold their rehearsal on Friday, October 29, at 1 o'clock on third floor of the Y.W.C.A. Please notice the change in the date. We will not practice on the 22nd which is our regular time.

We have three engagements to sing. Please put these dates down on your calendar and do try to be present each date.

November 1 - Broadcast W.R.V.A. Henrico Home Demonstration  
Program - 12:15 to 1:30

November 5 - Henrico 25th Anniversary Tea, Y.W.C.A. 2 - 4 P.M.

November 6 - Broadcast W.R.T.D. National 4-H Achievement  
Program 12:30 to 1:30 o'clock.

It is very unfortunate that all three engagements are coming so close together, but it just can't be helped.

PLEASE be on hand Friday, October 29 at 1 o'clock for the practice, we are so anxious that we will have a full attendance. Make your plans now to be present on the above dates and places.

I am sure you have heard many nice comments about our first broadcast over W.R.V.A. Quite a number of people have told me that it was fine.

Looking forward to seeing all of the members of the chorus on the 29th.

Very sincerely

*Marion Lawrence*  
Home Demonstration Agent.

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DRESS  
CORRECT CONTEST



The Correct Dress Contest for 4-H Club Girls' will be held on Wednesday June 23, at 2:00 o'clock in the Auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. 6N. 6th Street. All club girls are urged to enter one or more classes in this contest.

Classes are--

1. An appropriate outfit to be worn while working at home or on the farm.
2. An appropriate outfit for school.
3. An appropriate outfit for sport, or for outings, picnic and hikes.
4. An appropriate outfit to be worn for church or street.
5. An appropriate outfit to be worn for afternoon or informal party.

Accessories such as hat, gloves and pocket book will be judged with classes 4 and 5. You may enter more than one class if you wish, a room will be provided for you to change your dresses. Girls under 14 years of ages winning first place in each class will receive a cash prize. Girls 14 years of age and over winning first place will be given part of their expenses to the State Short Course held at Blacksburg in July, and will enter the State Correct Dress Contest. Any 4-H Club girl may enter this contest, dresses worn may be made at home, or ready made dresses. Do not conflict this contest with the style dress revue with the contest the girl winning the best dress will enter. Only club members completing their major project, including under garment, dress, and note book up-to-date.

Will be glad for you to invite your Mother and friends to come to the contest. I will be looking forward to many club members entering the various classes.



DATE: Wednesday-June 23

TIME: 2:00 P. M.

Place: Y. W. C. A. Auditorium

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Henrico Courthouse  
Richmond, Virginia  
January 20, 1937

Dear 4-H Club Officers:

The 4-H Club Council will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday after noon, January 23, at 1 o'clock in Henrico Courthouse, on second floor at 22nd and Main Street.

All the officers of the 4-H Clubs in Henrico County are members of the 4-H Club Council. The duties and purpose of the council is to make plans and regulate club work for the entire county. Only ~~two~~ meetings are held each year, the other meeting will not be held until some time in the summer. At the meeting on Saturday, we will check over the plans for last year, and make new plans and set goals for 1937.

I hope that you will make your plans to attend on Saturday as we need your suggestions and you also want to attend so that you can represent your club and tell about the council meeting at the next meeting of your club. The council have some money in their treasury and at the last meeting they voted to serve refreshments at this meeting. PLEASE make every effort you can to attend the meeting on Saturday. Instructions will be given to all officers on their duties.

PLACE - Henrico Courthouse - 22nd and Main Street

DATE - Saturday - January 23, 1937

TIME - 1 o'clock to 3 P.M.

WHO WILL

ATTEND - All officers of every 4-H Club in the County  
Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, I am,

Sincerely yours

Marion Lawrence  
Home Demonstration Agent.

L. M. Walker, Jr.  
County Agent.

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Henrico Courthouse  
22nd and Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia  
May 8, 1937

Dear Friends:

Henrico Advisory Board will sponsor a Tour to Williamsburg on Tuesday, May 18, 1937. A chartered bus will leave Richmond Bus Center, located at 9th and Broad Street, at 8 A.M. Will possibly return to Richmond by 6 P.M. Cost of transportation for round trip on bus will be \$1.00.

The admission block tickets for five buildings will be \$1.25 for each person. The five buildings visited on the tour will be Palace - Capitol - Raleigh Tavern - Ludwell-Paradise - Gaol.

If you drive your car or go in some other car the price of the block ticket will be the same. If you drive your car please plan to reach Williamsburg by 10 A.M. or before. The tickets will be secured at the Old Courthouse Building on Duke of Gloucester Street.

This tour is being sponsored by the Advisory Board, but any friend or members of families of the home demonstration club members are invited to go. If you have not visited Williamsburg since the restoration, don't miss this splendid opportunity to see all five buildings for \$1.25. You may take your lunch or there are Tea Rooms, Restaurants and Drug Stores where you can get your lunch in Williamsburg.

Bus will leave 9th and Broad, Tuesday morning at 8 A.M. If you drive your car be sure to reach Williamsburg by 10 A.M. or before. **PLEASE** return the enclosed card by Thursday, May 13. Giving total number in your party wanting tickets for the buildings, also number of seats to reserve on the bus. Card does not require a stamp.

Sincerely yours

*Marion Lawrence*  
Home Demonstration Agent.