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COUNTY EXTENSION WORK

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IV. COUNTY SITUATION

Chesterfield County located between the James and Appomattox River, and surrounded by the city of Petersburg, Hopewell, and Richmond is considered to be one of the larger Virginia Counties, from the level of population and industries. It is a peninsula 33 miles long, and twenty miles wide, with an area of 484 square miles, and a population of approximately 49,791. According to a survey made by the Dinwiddie, Chesterfield Agent group on a house painting check there were 1115 negro families.

There are approximately 215 full time negro farmers in the County, many do part time farming, and work in near by factories, and on public jobs, and other work full time in plants and etc.

This condition has affected the extension program inasmuch as the larger percent of clubs must be met at night, which means long hours, and tiring jobs of trying to get all in that must be accomplished.

For the second year Chesterfield County was one of those drought affected areas, and foodstuffs grown on the farm was at a minimum. This caused living expenses to increase, and the need was seen for trying to remedy the same.

Living conditions are pretty good, that is the standard is pitched at a moderate height, and in order to reach this height, many short cuts must be taken. Realizing this the women of the county saw the need for having the year's program on Money Management, and Budgeting the Family dollar.

V. ADULT WORK

The entire year's work was based on money management in it's different phases. We felt that in order for such a program to be effective, we had to start just where we were, and use actual figures of each individual in working out same. By each lady putting down figures to represent her income, and her expenditures, they would be more aware of the situation.

Money Management The objectives of this topic as set up in the plan of work was:

1. To teach a plan for making the family dollar go further.
2. To create a saner, happier attitude toward life, through money management.
3. To teach women how to select a bargain.

To carry out this topic as planned to achieve the goals set up the following procedures were used:

1. We discussed budgeting in a round-table manner, each lady was asked to keep a daily record of money earned and spent in one month, based on family income.

2. Illustrative materials were used along with the flannel-graph board.
3. Discussions were held on bargain selections and how to buy them. Each lady gave an experience encountered by her in same. This proved to be real interesting, and members derived a great deal of pleasure sharing her experiences, good and bad in picking out bargains.

Some of the points mentioned to remember in securing bargains were as follows:

1. Don't buy large quantities of new products unless you are familiar with same. (Stick to name brands)
2. Don't buy if there is not a need for buying.
3. Don't buy with the hopes of finding a need for the particular article, you may never find it.
4. Don't buy the pig in the bag type of product, always make sure you can examine the goods.
5. Always read labels, and examine for flaws. Unfold folded articles, and hold up to see.
6. Ask clerks why certain goods are put on sale.
7. Buy from a reputable dealer, and remember that sometimes what seems to be a bargain, if not from same, may prove to be a headache, an embarrassment, or even a Fine or Jail sentence.

A little game was rigged up by the Home Agent called Pinch or Snell, many tiny bags were made of cloth, and into these were placed different condiments and food-stuffs from the kitchen. These bags were numbered, with a key kept aside to identify each number, and were passed around. By simply Pinching or Snelling the ladies were to identify each. Results of identity in most cases were very poor. This I felt was a good way to show how the pig in the bag bargain could be misleading.

Results from this topic was favorable, and even though some members would not always keep a record of cash spent and saved, it was most interesting to them, and I believe it did much to improve their spending.

Many were not aware of how much she spent even on trivial things, nor how much she could save if allowed to force herself to. The Citizens bank of Petersburg presented me with Gleaners for the ladies to fill and save. These came when the project was about ended, but a few were passed out and the ladies responded very well from it.

Miss Alverson visited an Agent group at Va State College and passed out materials to each Agent on budgeting, and keeping a record of Money Earned and money spent.

Like some of the women in my clubs I sometimes forgot to jot down items, and it soon was forgotten completely.

Several weeks ago I took unto myself a husband, and now I have begun to keep a record of spendings and earnings again. My husband have become interested in this step, and serves as a good reminder to me whenever I buy or earn.

VI. WIRING LAMPS AND BOTTLES

The second topic discussed under money management was the making of articles for the home, the women choose to wire lamps and bottles and thus save pennies on sums.

The objectives were: To teach women how to make their own electric lamps in an economical way from bottles, kerosene lamps, jugs and other objects.

To encourage more proper lighting in the home.

Method Used:

Leaders were given demonstrations on how to make their own electric cord and wire a lamp, they in return repeated it at the regular meeting, and as many of the ladies as cared to made a lamp for her home.

VII. WINDOW TREATMENT

The third sub. topic discussed and carried out from the general theme or topic of Money Management was Window Treatment.

This topic was selected with hopes that it would make more women conscious of how to decorate her window, the one spot in the home that deserve much consideration.

The Objectives were:

1. To teach women how to select suitable material for different types of curtains and draperies.
2. To encourage economy in the home by making curtains and draperies at home.

Method Used:

The Agent made 2 kits, one was composed of samples of materials used in making glass curtains, and the other was samples used in the making of draperies with Hooks- Rods and Pins.

Two sample draperies were made one lined using the Fleat O Tape, and the other unlined, showing Pinch Pleats.

After these samples were shown the women were taught how simple it is to make curtains and draperies. Many did not know the correct length for same, they being Sill Apron and the Floor length.

Results:

Women were made conscious of the correct way to make curtains and the approved length. In making home visits I have discovered that quite a few have taken up hems or cut off those long curtains or draperies that come middle way between the Apron and the Floor.

VIII. HAT MAKING AND DECORATION

According to the 1954 plan of work this was the next topic listed under main topic listed under money management, but was for the special group:

The objective were:

1. To encourage women to make old hats for economy sake.
2. To develop skill in creative ability.

Unfortunately this topic was not carried out because the home agent was hospitalized during the month set aside for same, and it was not carried out. Plans are being made to hold this Clinic in December.

IX. MAKING THE HOUSE DRESS

In the spring many women liked to blossom out in new inexpensive dresses, so they choose this topic to comply with economy that was being stressed.

The Objectives Of This Topic Were:

1. To teach proper methods of sewing at home.
2. To create a sense of pride in home made articles.
3. To teach what to look for in buying and making a good house dress.

Procedure:

Patterns were secured, taking into consideration, all of the good points that go to make a good house dress, this was discussed at the first meeting.

Samples of material suitable for house dresses were shown in a little exhibit.

X. CLUB CHOICE

Each year during the month of August the clubs usually have a slack month where they are left to choose whatever topic they may wish. It is optional whether the groups meet or not.

Interest seemed to be pretty keenly centered on making the Bread Basket out of Reed and the aluminum tray.

The objectives were to give the members a chance to make their own selections on topic.

- To give members a chance to work on any previous topic again.
- To provide a vacation from club work if desired.

Method Used:

Discussions were held in the meeting preceding the August meeting and instructions were given to members.

A Leader Training Meeting was given by Miss Peery on May 15th, and 4 leaders attended, each making a basket in the demonstration. This was followed up by a clinic on August 18th at Chesterfield Court-house fair grounds. Each of the leaders attended and assisted with the helping of 20 members to make baskets. The group worked from 10:30 until 3:30.

- Two clubs, Hickory Hill and Union Branch made aluminum trays.
- One club Finney Branch stencilled fabric.
- Kingland cut out dresses.

Drew Bluff, Whitehall and Good Hope did not meet. Pleasant View and Middlethian planned for the county fair.

Results:

A varied number of things were done with excellent results since all persons worked on topics they were interested in.

XI. FURNISHING HOME WATER & FFLY

The need for more modern facilities and conveniences for the home, inspired the county to choose this topic as one of their subjects. This was selected for the long time Project, to carry over for a period of 5 years.

The Objectives were:

1. To instablish more running water systems in the homes.

2. To make an improvement over the present water systems, and
3. To provide sanitary water systems.

Procedures Used:

Persons were selected from each club group to be result demonstrators, and visits were made to see demonstrations, then the monthly meetings were held at these locations to visit same. Discussions were held on how to care for the systems properly.

Results:

Results have been undetermined thus far, since it is a long time project, and quite a few people already have running water.

XII. USING THE MASTER MIX

With the steady increase of things on market to save time, (but sometimes not money, the busy housewife was constantly being led to buy the prepared mixes, which cost enormous prices, and sometimes the resulting product would not be too desired. This topic was chosen along with the others to further carry out the plan of managing the family income better.

The Objectives were:

1. To save time and money in food preparation.
2. To discourage the buying of ready made mixes.

Procedures:

1. Discussions were held and demonstrations were given by the club members on using the mix.
2. Club groups were divided, with each lady having a chance to make alone, or in a team, one of the products given in the booklet on "Home made Mixes". They save you time and money, by Janet L. Cameron.

These products were made and sampled at the following club meetings:

Drewry Bluff	Walthall	Hickory Hill	
Pleasant View	Union Branch	Kingsland	Piney Branch

Results:

Club members were satisfied with the products resulting from the Master Mix, and have expressed their desires to make the same at home. Many have already let me sample biscuits and cake made from the mix.

Federation Goals

1. Reaching more people
2. Better Housing

This year is a continuation of the two above named goals. For the first goal(s) Reaching more people, each lady made herself a committee of one to take some phase of the H.D program to a home of non-membership in the extension clubs.

In many instances the enrollment swelled. One H.D. club, Union Branch moved from 4 members to 14 during the year, and it is the hardest working club in the county. Likewise the same community has the largest 4-H club.

b. Better Housing.

The main objectives of this goal was to get more homes painted, on the outside in Chesterfield County. For two years previous, and beginning with the 3rd year, a contest of painting more homes was carried out between Chesterfield and Dinwiddie Counties. This contest ended in Sept 1954 with Chesterfield having won with 170 homes in the county being painted during the 3 year period.

Leaders were selected, surveys were sent out to submit names of persons and addresses of those having painted during the current year. These were compiled in the county office, and a list made to be available on the day of the check.

Four persons were selected from the Chesterfield County Advisory Board membership to do the judging in Dinwiddie County.

XIII. OTHER ACTIVITIES (Community)

1. Grape Pruning Demonstration-

On Feb 4th, a demonstration was held by Mr Aroian from Blacksburg, at the home of Mr Lawrence Bough of the Kingsland Community, to show the art of pruning grape vines, and the caring for same.

2. Attended a fruit clinic at Va State College on Feb 16th, to receive instructions in spraying Peach and apple trees.

3. Farmers Conference:

This conference is held at Va State College annually. It is a day that the county people journey to the college, to hear important messages delivered by some representative from the State or Federal Gov, and to witness an actual story of progress by some county farmer and his wife.

Agents usually encourage persons to attend from their county. This year prizes of seed were given to communities having the largest percentage of persons over 10 present. In many cases transportation was arranged to get members to the conference.

4. Home Demonstration Week Celebration-

The first week in May was observed as National Home Demonstration Week twenty-four club members went to Colonial Williamsburg. Mrs Gloria C. Jones, Home Agent from Sussex County, accompanied the group in my absence.

The objectives of this tour was to give a day of recreation and relaxation for the homemaker, and to observe the week as celebrated throughout the nation.

Procedures:

Committees were appointed to make all of the necessary arrangements for transportation and the number of members slated to attend.

Results:

The entire group spent an enjoyable day, and anticipated a return trip.

5. One Community group made plans for summer activities.

6. Hat Clinic:

A hat clinic was held for leaders of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield County, in Dinwiddie by Mrs Free from Laurenceville on May 21st. The Agent and 1 leader, Mrs Emma Branley from the Kingsland H.D. Club attended. Eight hats were made over by the two.

Assisted Miss A. L. Thomas Agent from Greenville County with refinishing furniture on May 24th.

7. Community Tours:

Beginning with the 2nd Sat in July and until the 1st Sat in Aug, tours were held to visit result demonstrations, both the Home Demonstration, and the Farmers Club joined together to have these affairs.

Objectives:

- To encourage better family living in the communities.
- To create a sense of pride in ownership and ability to follow instructions.
- To develop better cooperation among communities.

Procedures-

Committees selected demonstrators to visit before the tours. They planned where the tour would begin and where it would end.

Agents invited some professional person to accompany members on the tour, and make constructive criticisms concerning projects.

Pictures were made of each demonstration visited.

8. County Fair:

The thirty second Annual County Fair was held at Chesterfield Courthouse Fairground, on Sept 24th, and 25th, highlighted on Saturday by a parade of 9 gale floats, an Orchestra, and several horseback riders. The floats were made through the cooperation of communities with Extension Clubs working together to produce same. Each float was based on a specific topic as follows:

1. Midlothian-- Grow more vegetables at home.
2. Walthall -- A cow, A sow, a hen on every farm.
3. Kingsland -- Home ground improvement.
4. Union Branch- Community group planning for county fair.
5. Union Grove -Grow quality tobacco
6. Pleasant View- Community Organizations.
7. Drewry Bluff -Freeze your meats, fruits, and vegetables at home.
8. Hickory Hill - Sew and Save to help the family budget.
9. Piney Branch- Grow more and save more for \$4.

Miss Mary V. Nugent and Mr J. R. Thomas both instructors at Va State College were the judges for the occasion.

The Fair was the best to be held, with more exhibits, more participation and more interest.

The following are items that were exhibited on the general booth.

38 articles of sewing	97 jars of fruit and veg.
3 entries of home made soap	9 potted plants
2 " of lard	4 bequets
3 " of butter	
3 plain cakes	
5 layer cakes	
3 plates of cookies	
5 plates of biscuits	
5 loaves of bread	
9 plates of rolls	
5 plates of corn muffins	

1. Exhibits were discussed prior to the Fair.
2. Selection of products to be exhibited were discussed.
3. Committees were appointed for each dept at the association meeting.
4. Persons were appointed to solicit membership for the association.

Club Prizes and topics

H.D. Clubs

Finey Branch-----	Stenciled Fabrics
Hickory Hill-----	Candlewick Bedspreads
Pleasant View-----	Money Management
Union Branch-----	Draperies
Drewry Bluff-----	Chair Caning
Good Hope-----	Canning
Walshall-----	Bargains
Kingsland-----	Using the Master Mix

XIV. Achievement Program

To climax the year's work in the adult clubs, a joint achievement program will be held on the 15th, of Dec at Carver High School, all clubs will be expected to be present and report on work done during the year.

Objectives:

1. To bring together all clubs and summarize the year's work.
2. To help get acquainted with each other.
3. To bring to the county people some success story of a county farmer.
4. To better acquaint the county with the Extension program.

Procedures:

1. Committees will decide on the program, at the county Advisory Board meeting.
2. Place and type of program to be held will be discussed.
3. Christmas gifts and savings will be given out to club members.

VI. A-H CLUB WORK

To carry out plans as made by the Jr Council in the Spring meeting, it was suggested that every other month a business meeting would be held with a project work month coming in between with demonstrations.

A. Food Preparation and Bread Making.

The objectives of these topics were to teach girls 1st, how to set the table correctly, 2nd, table manners, 3rd, how to cook basically cereals, vegetables, meats, simple desserts and breads, and to acquaint them with planning menus, and serving simple refreshments, how to measure ingredients correctly in the preparation of food, and how to follow a good recipe.

Procedures Used:

Larger clubs were divided into groups, to meet according to the project taken, and these groups were sub-divided to work on separate items or in teams.

After the product was prepared it was judged with criticisms being given to members to work on. All products were eaten by the members.

B. Make or Remake and So you'd Like To Sew.

Six clubs in the county choose these projects with 58 members enrolled. The first project was for older club girls, who had carried the same before. High school girls were especially interested in this project, because they could make over many useful garments, that otherwise would be discarded.

The smaller girls choose the So You'd Like to Sew project. Fifty of the 58 girls enrolled completed with 36 articles and 100 garments being made.

Objectives:

1. To teach girls how to use the paper pattern in making clothes.
2. To teach girls how to construct garments.
3. To teach girls what to look for in buying ready made garments.
4. To teach smaller girls the basic steps in sewing.

Procedures:

1. Demonstrations were given by the Agent and Leaders on how to use the pattern.
2. Demonstrations were given on phases of construction of the garment.
3. Younger members were taught various stitches on hand sewing.
4. Paper guide sheets for stitching with the machine was given to younger members to practice on.
5. Girls were assisted in making articles of sewing beginning with the development of the sewing box.

C. HOME IMPROVEMENT

Seven girls enrolled in this project and 3 completed with making the required articles for their bedrooms.

Objectives:

1. To teach girls how to use some system in caring for their rooms.
2. To teach girls how to make useful attractive articles for their homes.
3. To teach girls how to arrange furniture orderly.
4. To teach girls how to renovate old chairs and how to electrify lamps.

Procedures:

1. Each girl was given a chart to make out for caring for her room.
2. Demonstrations were given on making articles for the home.

Other Activities .

- During National 4-H Club week two observances were held in the county. On March 10th, eleven boys and girls attended Carver High School took part in an assembly program, along with the Farm and Home Agent.

The Theme for the meeting was the National Theme "Working together for World Understanding".

- The importance of 4-H club work among the rural youth of America was stressed. All members having won State Awards during the past 3 years and those winning County Awards during 1953 were presented to the student body.

The 2nd County Bazaar was held on March 15th, with all organized clubs participating in sponsoring some game, chance, or food booth. Hand made articles were placed on sale. A door prize of a box of groceries was given to the holder of the lucky ticket. Money raised from the affair went to individual club treasurers to help defray club expenses during the year.

Rural Life Sunday:

The fifth Sunday after Easter has been set aside for Rural Life Sunday among the 4-H boys and girls of America, to Thank God and worship together in a group.

Each club was asked to make a special effort to observe this day or one very close to it.

Procedure:

Each club member and leaders were encouraged to attend church and take some specific part on the program for the day so planned for in advance.

Club members showed in some tangible way their appreciation for home, church, school and Community life.

The ministers were given a list of suggested sermon topics, prior to the service to plan for the program. Members dressed as near alike as possible, and sat in a group.

4-H Short Course:

I attended the State Short Course along with 5 girls, and 6 boys, 1 woman and one men leader from June 28th, to July 2nd, and directed the talent night program.

Wild Life Conference:

Four delegates and a leader attended the Wild-life conference at Va State College from August 3rd to 5th.

They were:

Ann Moses----- Piney Branch
June Stewart----- Walthall
Louvenia Finn---- Winterpock
Hazel Brown -----Union Branch
Mrs Magnolia Morton-- Zion Hill Leader

Workshops:

Frequent workshops were held in clothing and foods during the summer months so all girls might have a chance to do all required project work. Attendance was excellent, and interest was certainly keen.

County Fair:

Members took part in exhibiting samples from their projects and making group educational exhibits.

4-R Topics were:

Union Branch----- A pond on your farm
Winterpock ----- A good garden
Good Hope----- Safety
Piney Branch ----- House Painting
Zion Hill ----- Our Community
Walthall ----- Home Scene

These booths were selected from some phase of the years work, committees were appointed to set up the same at the Fair.

Achievement Day Exercises:

Objectives:

- To bring club members and leaders together in the Fall for the purpose of summarizing the year's work.
- To award members with prizes won from the County Fair, and to give special awards for outstanding work done.
- To develop a oneness among organized groups.

Procedures:

- A county wide meeting was held on Oct 30th, at Carver High School. Reports were made from individual clubs.
- Awards were presented to members won on projects exhibited at the Annual County Fair.
- County summaries were given by the Farm and Home Agents.
- A 4-R quiz was given directed by Mrs A. S. Jones, with all 4-R members taking part. Prizes were given to the first three contestants with the highest score. The meeting ended with the Pledge and Motto, and refreshments being served to the entire group.

VII. Young Men's and Women's Work

No work was carried on in this phase.

VIII. Scope of Work

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
No. HD Clubs or groups	11	10	9	9	9
Membership	125	135	118	124	123
No. 4-H Clubs	14	13	11	10	9
Membership	246	246	212	200	104
No. other families reached	46	72	127	51	39
No. Community Clubs	8	6	7	7	7
Membership	217	217	210	210	210

IX Organizations and how they functioned in the 1954 program.

A. County H.D. Committee:

After the committee was organized they met and set up objectives for the year.

- 1st- To plan for a second yearbook for 54-55 for H.D. members.
- 2nd- Elected delegates to attend the District H.D. meeting
- 3rd- Made plans to continue with goals: they being
 - a. Reaching more people
 - b. Better Housing
- 4th- Suggested securing District H.D. fee at regular planning meeting.
- 5th- Regular planning meeting was held on Sept 17th, at Carver High School. For the first time county personnel from various departments were invited to attend, and state their work problems. From these our program for the year was based.

Those persons attending were:

Mrs T. T. Hewlett-----District Agent
 Miss Alice Warren-----Welfare Dept
 Mrs Thomson-----Red Cross Worker
 Mrs Marguerite Christian-----Supervisor of Elementary schools.
 Mrs B. H. Britan-----County Health Nurse
 Mrs L. H. Barnes-----Home Economics Teacher
 Mr W. A. Brown-----High School Principal
 Officer Gill-----County Police Dept
 R. F. Jones-----Farm Agent

Club members:

Mrs Gladys Finn-----
 Mrs Nettie Harris
 Mrs Annie Epps
 Mrs Margaret Brock
 Mrs Margaret Stevenson
 Mrs Myrtle Moses
 Mrs Lelia Coles
 Mrs Maude Berry

B. County Advisory Board:

This organization met once during the year and formulated plans for the years work in both the Adult and 4-H clubs.

A tour to Beltsville Maryland was sponsored by this group to visit the experiment station.

Community tours to visit result demonstrations were also sponsored by this organization for the general county to visit. The paint contest between Chesterfield and Dinwiddie Counties was sponsored by this organization for the 3rd time. Chesterfield won the contest each year, with a total of 170 homes being painted during the contest period.

Judges were selected from each County Advisory Board to judge the other homes. Scores were made and these tabulated, according to the population of the county.

The Flaque given by Swartschild Jewelry Co, remained with the winning county each year.

At the County Adv Bd meeting delegates were appointed to attend the State Adv Bd meeting which was held in Sussex County Sept 9th, and 10th.

Mrs Atla Friend----- Rt 15 Richmond

Mr Henry Goods----- Rt 1 Chester were the delegates, Mr G. C.

Crawley of Winterpock is treasurer for the Board, he attended also.

C. County 4-H Council:

This youth organization met once during the year and planned for the 2nd meeting, but was not successful with the later. Plans were made for the general month to month program. It was suggested and plans were carried out, to only hold a business meeting every other month, instead of taking up time at each meeting to discuss business items. Other meetings would be devoted to project work.

Results:

We found this method to meet with the approval of everyone, and it was very effective. More work was done on projects.

D. County 4-H Projects Planning Committee.

This committee failed to meet in the Fall but, individual clubs planned their projects.

X. LEADERSHIP

a. Contributions of the leaders to the program.

Organizational, Program Development, Subject Matter leaders.

Our leaders in Chesterfield County have been acting in the capacity of all three. They are the backbone of the clubs in which they work. We have found this to be a fact, and where

we have good strong, hard working, pleasant yet stern leaders, the club members are prompted to do better work. They are on hand when the clubs are organized, when different programs or affairs come up for representatives, and they suggest topics, demonstrations, and sometimes projects suitable for the club member. They carry on in the absence of the Agent.

B. Growth by Leadership

<u>H.D. Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
No. Project leaders (subject matter)	25	0	27	48	45
No. goal chairman	8	12	12	10	18
No. Program Development Leaders	8	12	12	10	18
No. result demonstrators	15	10	10	10	9
No. training meetings by specialists	0	0	2	0	2
by District Agents	0	0	0	0	0
by Agent	2	22	29	32	14
Attendance at all training meetings	21	203	115	127	116
No. Meetings without an agent	23	18	8	10	9
No. meetings leaders assisted	48	35	48	78	23
Demonstrations by leaders	23	18	16	19	13
Talks and discussions by leaders	10	10	10	9	12
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	:	:	:	:	:

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership

No. Club officers	70	70	70	70	70
No. adult project leaders	43	36	23	20	21
No. result demonstrators	0	0	0	0	0
No. training meetings held by specialists	0	0	0	0	0
by agent	6	43	29	16	12
by district agent	0	0	0	0	0
by member club department	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance at leader training meeting	45	100	115	77	84
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	10	16	17	12	14
No. Club meetings held by leader with agent present	0	0	0	0	0
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	15	17	17	12	10
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	0	68	57	16	30
by juniors	0	27	6	22	7
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NO work was done in the Young Men and Women Clubs

C. Outstanding Leader and her Accomplishments

Mrs Maude F. Berry a 4-H leader for the Waltham 4-H club would be considered an outstanding leader by me.

She has raised 5 children, educated them all as far as she could, worked in all organizations in the community, worked at home and away from home. Year before last she decided to further her education, and went back to Va State College, and earned a B.A. Degree in Education, at present she teaches some of the Home Bound Children, and is listed as a substitute teacher in the county.

She is president of the Home Demonstration committee, Secretary of the Home Demonstration club, Senior organist at Bethesda Baptist Church, 4-H club leader, and a member of both the Community and Minnie Recreational clubs. She belongs to the National Ideal Lodge, and the Missionary Society.

D. Activities and Accomplishment of some outstanding family

The Archer family located in the Drewry Bluff Community, to my mind can be considered as an outstanding family, because there are only women in the immediate family. They manage their home, provide a year round garden, with ample vegetables for their use, raise enough poultry for their meat and poultry supply, and are generally known as leaders in whatever they attempt to do.

Mrs Mozelle Archer have been to the State Advisory Board meetings several times, made splendid reports, and have tried to put into practice some of the many things that she has experienced hearing.

All members belong to the H.D. club, the Community club, attend church regularly, and are always willing to assist others.

E. Most Outstanding Club

The Union Branch 4-H club is the most outstanding in the County. The enrollment is larger, interest is keener. Leaders are very, very good, and members are interested. This summer the leaders purchased a second hand portable sewing machine to be used in the club. Members of the Home Demonstration club agreed to help with the monthly payments.

Workshops were held during the summer on 4-H projects work. Attendance was superb. The group sponsors some event each month to raise funds to help meet the monthly payments. It was from this club that one girl won a Bulova Wrist Watch last year. In the State Awards program. A boy from this same club won 3rd place in the Junior tobacco sale in Petersburg this Fall, making several hundred dollars in the sale of his tobacco.

XI. Work in Cooperation with other Agencies.

No concrete work was done with any other agencies in the county, except that they were all invited to attend the Adult Planning meeting and bring in to the group "Some of the problems that they have encountered in their work" This they did, and the work, or program for 54-55 was based on same.

XII. Appraisal of Years Work.

The year Nineteen-Hundred 53-54 brought into the Extension field new ideas, and an abundance of experiences, and new encounters. For the first time we invited in county personnel to attend our Adult planning meeting and bring to us problems that they encounter in their work. All persons invited attended or sent a representative from his or her department.

From the suggested list of problems the program for 54-55 was set up with the hopes of solving some during the coming months.

Reaching more people was stressed by two clubs, and they about doubled their membership, which was a success point.

The Agent referred to the 1954 plan of work constantly and in most cases all work planned for was accomplished.

Workshops were held in the 4-H clubs and more project work was completed because of same.

The county won the paint contest for the third time, in the Chesterfield Dinwiddie house painting contest, which ended in Sept 1954. This showed that some one showed interest in the face lifting of their homes with a coat of paint.

Adult leaders attended both the State Short course, and the Wild Life Conferences at Va State College, the first time in several years, which showed more definite interest. The County Fair was a greater success than it had been, with new features here and there.

Each year there seem to be some new encouragements to spur individuals on to another year of hoped for success, and with the problems as given by the county personnels at our Adult planning meeting as a stimulus to help solve same, I feel that the year 1954-55 will end with a greater concept for delving into human problems, and solving them where they begin, in the home, in the community, and in the county.