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**III. PERSONAL REPORT SUMMARY:**

Days in field.....	227½
Days in office.....	66½
Days annual leave.....	15
Days sick leave.....	0
Days leave without pay.....	2
Legal holidays taken.....	6
Number home visits made (adult).....	621
Number 4-H Club demonstrations visited.....	30
Total number different homes visited.....	500
Office calls.....	77
Telephone calls.....	136
Number news articles or stories prepared for press.....	98
Number individual letters written.....	681
Number different circular letters prepared.....	48
Number meetings attended.....	376
Number miles traveled.....	14,945

**IV. STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION**

**1. Financial Support:**

The County Board of Supervisors and the Home Demonstration Advisory Board are the two organizations giving financial support to Home Demonstration Work. The Supervisors made an appropriation of \$500.00, to this amount the Home Demonstration Advisory Board added \$100.00, making a total of \$600.00 from the County. The County Board of Supervisors consists of four members, one representing each of the four magisterial districts. The board meets monthly at the Courthouse, at which time the Home Demonstration Agent gives a monthly report of work done in the County through the Home Demonstration Organization during that month.

The monthly reports given are similar to the following report:

Report of Home Demonstration Work in Spotsylvania County for Month of October 1935

In October the agent met 4-H Clubs in the following communities:

Chancellor	Spotsylvania
Massaponax	College Heights
Margo	Good Hope
Belmont	Paytes

Home Demonstration Clubs met at:

Parker	Paytes
Chancellor	Spotsylvania
Four Mile Fork	Thornburg
Partlow	Belmont
Brokenburg	Shady Grove
Lead & Zinc Mine	

On the fifth of October the Agent with Norma Lee Dickinson and Gordon Hildrup went to Washington to broadcast on the Farm and Home Hour program. The subject for the talks was 4-H Club Work.

The County Home Demonstration Clubs held the Annual Achievement program on the fifteenth with 500 in attendance at the program. Club

members made exhibits of canning and the clubs put on an educational exhibit of table service for all occasions. The entertainment feature was a pageant with eighty-five men and women taking part. Reports showed that through the club projects that a number of homes had made housing and sanitation improvements.

The 4-H Achievement was held on the twenty-sixth. Club members made exhibits in line with the club projects--approximately 300 club members and parents were present.

In October the agent made seventy-six home visits, attended the District meeting in Charlottesville for club contests, acted as a judge at the Orange County Adult Achievement program, attended thirty-six club meetings, the attendance at the meetings being 1,747, and travelled 1,175 miles in carrying on club activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mattie Puckett, Home Demonstration Agent

## 2. Advisory Board:

The Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Advisory Board was organized as an active body in the fall of 1928, since that time it has been most active in promoting and carrying on club activities. The prime function of the board is to plan with the District agent and the County Home Demonstration agent the work that is best suited for the county needs as a whole and to assist with carrying out the plans that are made. The board is composed of twenty-two members. Three regular Advisory Board meetings and three Advisory Board Committee meetings were held during the 1935 club year.

An outstanding piece of work done by the Advisory Board was the sponsoring of a lunch that was served at the Chancellorsville Sham Battle Celebration. \$350.00 was netted from this function, this sum being divided equally between the Advisory Board and the County Health Association.

The Advisory Board sent ten dollars to each County Club Treasury, leaving eighty-five dollars from the hundred and seventy-five for the Advisory Treasury. The Advisory Board contributed prizes for both the Adult and Junior Achievement exhibits.

The following is the program for Home Demonstration work for the Club year; Home Kitchens was selected as the major project with Foods as a suggested minor project and a County-Wide Campaign featuring Better Housing Equipment for Labor-Saving and Sanitation.

County Goals for 1935:

1. Reach more people--25% increase in attendance.
2. Meetings start and close on time.
3. Each member report project work done at end of club year.
4. Each club include in community projects Better Housing and Sanitation Campaign.
5. Each club affiliate and have representative at State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.
6. Encourage and foster 4-H Work.

The planning meeting for the 1935 Club Work was held in November with a good attendance and the county as a whole well represented. The morning session was devoted to a review of club work and plans for another club year. The group decided on Home Management as a major project with demonstrations centered around Home Kitchens. Foods was suggested as a minor project for the county, the other minors to be chosen by the individual clubs. For the County Campaign, the group decided to promote a County-Wide Campaign featuring Better Housing Labor-Saving Equipment and Sanitation. Following the morning session, a group luncheon was enjoyed. A short after-noon session devoted to recreation was held.

The 1934 Housing Survey made in ten counties of Virginia showed that the rural homes in Virginia were in need of repair, that the sanitary conditions of many homes were poor and that a large number of rural homes were void of even

the simplest conveniences; these factors greatly influenced the Advisory Members in planning a program that feature Home Management, Better Housing, and Better Sanitation.

There are one thousand four hundred and sixty four white homemakers in Spotsylvania County. Club work is reaching three hundred and twenty homemakers directly and one hundred and fifty indirectly.

**3. 4-H Club Council:**

The 4-H County Council is composed of the officers of the 4-H Clubs in the County. This organization assists in making the county plan of work for 4-H Clubs. At the beginning of the Club year the group meets, makes out a plan of work for the coming year, and sends a copy to each club with goals and suggestions for programs. There are sixty-five members of the 4-H Council. One meeting was held during the year.

**4-H Program of Work**

The County Council met and made the following plan for Club work:

**County 4-H Goals for 1935**

**OBJECTIVES**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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| 1. Each Club make plan of work for year's work.                                    | : | This was accomplished.  |
| 2. A Club Social in communities having club work.                                  | : | Three socials were held.  |
| 3. Each club have members entering available contests.                             | : | 196 entered Correst dress,<br>169 entered Judging Contest,<br>52 entered County Canning contest,<br>20 entered Davis contest, and<br>206 entered County Health contest. |
| 4. Each Club member enter growth work and do something definite to improve health. | : | Each Club member tried definitely to improve posture.   |

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| 5. Club members taking part in and exhibiting on Achievement.  | : | Representatives from all County clubs present at Achievement program. |
| 6. Send delegation to State Short Course and Jamestown.  | : | Short Course and Camp were not held.                                  |
| 7. Club monthly program centered around the following topics:<br>Self-Improvement, Growth Work, and Music. | : | All Clubs held programs on suggested topics.                          |

There are seven hundred and twenty white girls of club age living in the county, two hundred and eighty seven girls have been reached through the Food and Nutrition and Gardening programs.

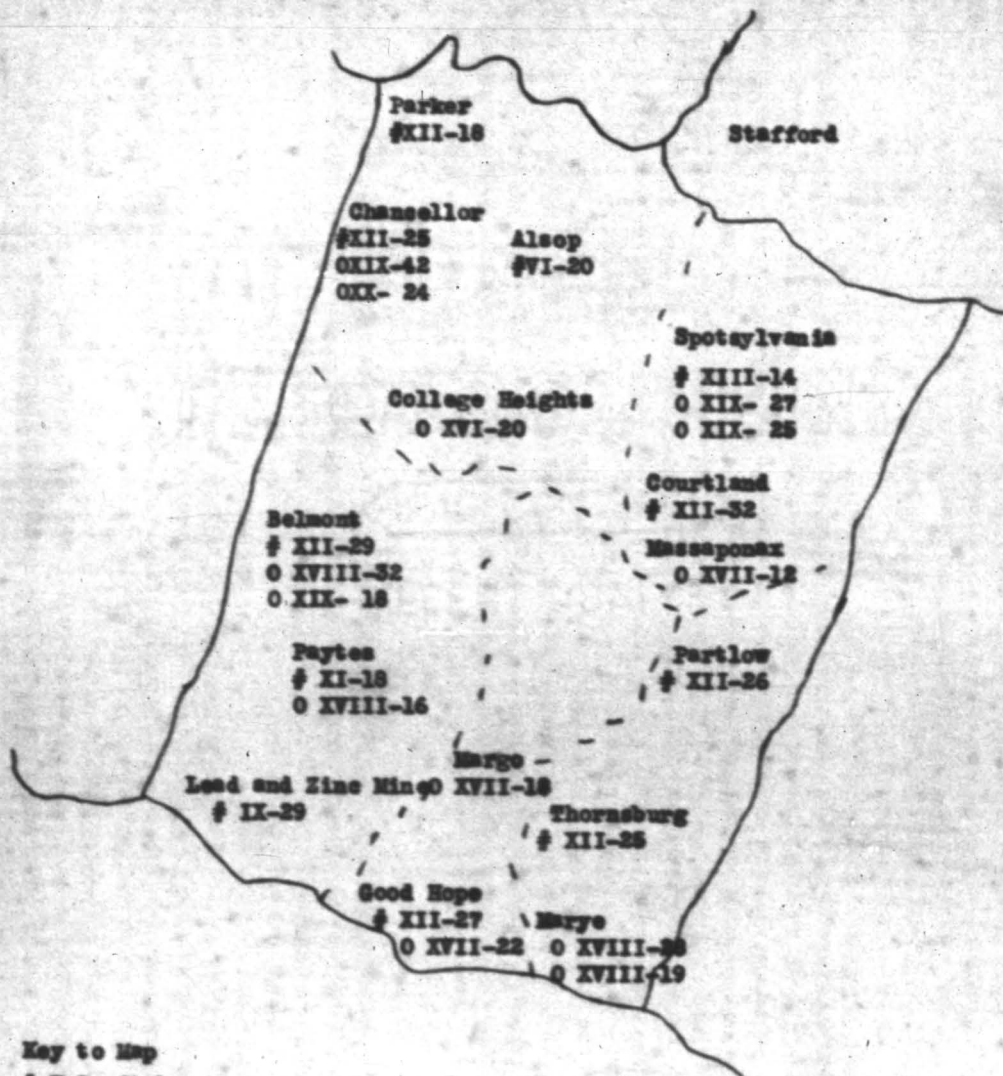
At a recent Home Demonstration Advisory Board meeting the members set as a County goal "Encourage 4-H Club Work: by securing club leaders, putting on get-together meetings for 4-H members and parents and by offering prizes for local 4-H Contests." The agent believes this will be the means of creating interest and securing a larger club enrollment.

#### 4. General Policies:

The agent cooperates with any county project she is asked to help with. The past year she has cooperated with the County Health Association, the Red Cross, the County Rehabilitation, and Relief Workers. The schools of the county cooperate with the agent by giving two periods a month for club meetings.

V. PROGRAM OF WORK:

1. Map of County



Key to Map  
# H.D. Clubs  
O 4-H Clubs

Roman numerals-Number meetings  
Arabic numerals-Members in Club

2. Scope of Work:

Year	Women		Girls	
	No. Clubs	No. members	No. Clubs	No. members
1933	9	236	14	244
1934	9	217	14	333
1935	11	265	15	287

3. Women's Work:

(a) Major Project--Home Management

The Women of the County have majored in Home Management with demonstrations centering around Home Kitchens. The following six demonstrations were given in connection with the major project: Attractive Kitchens, The Healthful Kitchen, The Step-Saving Kitchen, Storage Units for Supplies and Equipment, The Back-Door Yard and Homesade Labor Savers.

There are eleven clubs in the county, nine of the clubs with an enrollment of 214 have taken the six demonstrations in the Home Management project. The other two clubs have been organized since the beginning of the club year. One group is a relief group which has had all meetings on Foods and Handicraft, while the other newly organized group has had some of the demonstration of Home Kitchens. Each Home Demonstration Club had two club leaders. These leaders were trained at special leaders' training meetings to assist the agent in giving the demonstrations on the major project. Three leader training meetings were held. The leaders held twenty meetings, assisted agent with other demonstrations and devoted forty eight days to club leadership work.

In connection with the major club project, a County-Wide Campaign on Better Housing, Labor Saving Equipment and Sanitation was featured. Each organized club included the County Campaign as one of its community projects.

A committee was appointed from each club which made a survey of the community homes as to conveniences, sanitation, etc., and tried to interest those visited to make needed improvements. A total of five hundred and sixty three homes were visited by fifty four committee members from the clubs; with the result that 190 enrolled in the campaign made a number of improvements. The following report shows some of the results obtained through the campaign and major club project:

31 kitchens improved storage facilities  
36 kitchens were painted  
57 kitchens made lighter and more cheerful  
33 kitchens arranged for convenience  
28 kitchens had working heights improved  
125 kitchens had water installed  
227 kitchens had sinks installed  
34 kitchens stools were secured  
63 families made home-made labor savers  
12 families secured tea carts  
25 pressure cookers were bought  
27 wells were improved  
26 back porches were screened  
38 homes screened  
36 back-door yards were improved  
13 baths were improved  
8 new baths installed  
2 homes installed heating systems  
28 sanitary toilets were built

(b) Minor Projects--Food Preservation

Six clubs have taken Food Preservation as a minor project. Demonstrations on the canning of fruits, vegetables, meat and chicken have been given to these groups. All club members were urged to can. The value of a canning plan and how to make a canning plan was discussed with all clubs in the county. Club women reported 51,954 quarts of meats, fruits, vegetables, pickles and preserves canned.

The most outstanding work done in food preservation was done by Mrs.

Alice Sullivan a member of the Paytes Home Demonstration Club. Mrs. Sullivan has a family of four; she has canned by a plan and has canned over 700 quarts of fruits, vegetables, meats, jellies, and pickles. In addition, she has a number of bushels of dried beans, peas, and apples stored. Mrs. Sullivan entered both County Canning Contest and was a county winner in each contest.

#### Home Poultry:

Two clubs have taken poultry as a minor. Culling and Feeding and Care of Baby Chicks were subjects for the meetings with the poultry groups. In addition to the clubs taking poultry as a minor, two members from other clubs have kept a poultry calendar record. Miss Nettie Hess has carried a very successful poultry project. Through a County Poultry Contest last year, Miss Hess improved both her poultry, housing, and flock. She has regular egg customers in Washington and gets a better price the year round for eggs than she could get at local markets. A very accurate account was kept and a profit of over \$200.00 has been made during 1935 from this project.

#### Clothing:

Three clubs carried clothing as a minor project. Eight meetings were held along the line of clothing. Two clothing clinics for remodeling clothing were held, the state clothing specialist being present for one of these meetings. Club women over the county report 273 garments remodeled and 437 garments home dry cleaned.

Mrs. John Sullivan reports that during the year she has remodeled seventeen garments; these garments include dresses made from one or more garments and childrens coats and suits from adult coats--practically the only expense of remodeling the garment was the cost of the thread and buttons.

### House Furnishings:

For a minor project three clubs have taken House Furnishings, Demonstrations on Pictures in the Home, a Livable Living Room, Window Treatment and Furniture Arrangement.

The Chancellor Club with an enrollment of Twenty-five report under the house furnish project, seventy six windows improved, thirty six wall improved, twenty four floors improved, six living porches improved, eight storage spaces for clothing improved, eight reported making slip covers, and fifty nine pieces of furniture was remodeled and refinished.

### Home Gardens:

Home gardens was selected as a minor project by three clubs. Planning the Home Garden, Control of Garden Insects, and the Storage of Vegetables, were discussion topics. With the garden groups the State Garden Specialist met each group once.

Mrs. Mercer Dickenson, of the Belmont Club, planned and had an excellent garden--her garden not only supplied food during the late spring, summer, and fall months; it produced a sufficient amount for her to can and store the necessary vegetables to take care of her families needs until fresh vegetables are again available. At the present time Mrs. Dickenson has parsnips, salsify, lettuce, kale, cabbage, spinach, and turnips in her winter garden.

### Home Beautification of Grounds:

One club has had a yard improvement contest in progress for the past year and a half. Nine Home Demonstration Clubs have had demonstrations on Back-Door Yards. Thirty six back door yards were reported improved.

Members of the Belmont club have done some very outstanding work in

yard improvement contest with twenty-one enrolled. At the final scoring in the early fall, it was found that eighteen of those enrolled had made notable improvements in their yards. The improvements included, sowing grass seed, sodding, fences, walks, drive ways, and the planting of shrubs and borders.

(c) Community Activities

Nine of the county home demonstration clubs had as one of their community projects, the Promoting of the County-Wide Campaign on Better Housing, Labor Saving Equipment and Sanitation. In each community a club committee made a house survey and enrolled members for the campaign. As other community projects, the Belmont club donated \$20.00 toward the improvement of the school library, Spotsylvania club gave \$10.00 to the R.E. Lee school library and donated a box of clothing to a needy family. The Maude Wallace club made a donation of \$12.00 to the County T.B. Fund, the Partlow club donated \$5.00 to this fund, the Paytes club canned soup mixture to be used in serving hot lunches at school during the coming winter.

Every club with the exception of one has had at least one money-making scheme.

(d) Leader Training

Three meetings for the training of club leaders for the Home Kitchen project were held. The State Home Improvement Specialist assisted with two of the training meetings. Sixteen club leaders were trained through these meetings.

Mrs. Bertie Effinger, a club leader for the Spotsylvania club, has done outstanding work as a leader. Mrs. Effinger has given two demonstrations in her own club in the absence of the agent, and has given one demonstration in another community in the county. Mrs. Effinger attended all three of the Leaders' Training Meetings.

(e) State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs:

There were twelve women from Spotsylvania County in attendance at the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Every organized club in the county at that time and the County Advisory Board sent representatives to the meeting. The women attending this meeting were very pleased with the program and expressed themselves as having received much benefit from the entire program. They especially liked the open discussion feature of some of the meetings. Each representative gave a report of the Blacksburg meeting to her local club. Fifty six county women attended the District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

(f) County Meetings:

The Adult Achievement Day was held in October. Every Home Demonstration Club was well represented. Five hundred people were present for the occasion. Each club gave a report of club activities and project accomplishments by club members. Club members made exhibits of canning; and an interesting educational exhibit showing table service for breakfast, lunch, and dinner was made by the clubs.

At the morning program the homemakers listened to an interesting talk on the "Changing Pattern in Homemaking". The entertainment feature for the day was a pageant depicting an Indian, Puritan, Pioneer, and Present Day scenes. Eighty-five men and women were cast in the pageant.

In August, members of the Belmont club went on a tour to Orange county, visiting a number of famous historical gardens and homes. Twenty-eight from the Belmont community took advantage of this opportunity.

Twelve members of the Chancellor Home Demonstration Club made a tour to Maymont in Richmond in May, also to Poe's Shrine, and other historical points of interest in and near Richmond were visited by the group.

(g) Market Work:

The Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Club Market is located in Fredericksburg. The market is managed by a paid manager. This past year there have been <sup>6</sup>ten women selling on the market, two less than sold last year, however, the market sales show an increase of \$640.75 over last year's sales. The total sales for this year amounted to \$5,423.75. The money made on the market has been used for home repair, house furnishings, to install water systems, put in kitchen sinks, pay taxes, buy clothing and various other uses. 4-H Garden Club members report \$62.00 worth of summer vegetables sold from their gardens.

(h) Rehabilitation Work:

The agent has tried to cooperate with the Rehabilitation workers in the county. She has served on the county committee that suggested families to be considered for rehabilitation, and has visited a number of rehabilitation families.

(i) Relief Work:

The agent has cooperated with the organized relief workers in the county. A number of demonstrations on the preparation of foods have been given to relief groups in two communities. The relief group at the Lead and Zinc Mine have taken a keen interest in the meetings. Nine meetings have been held with the group and the attendance has been between twenty-five and thirty at every meeting. In September a community fair was held with this group; there were three classes of exhibits, canning, biscuits, and a collection of garden vegetables. Twenty four exhibits were entered in the canning, eighteen in the biscuit, and fourteen in the garden exhibit. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes were offered in each class; the prizes were sugar, flour, and jars. There were some very good products in each of the exhibit classes. Games and string music furnished the entertainment and ice cream was served the group for refreshments. Around seventy-

five were present for the Community Fair.

(j) Program of Best Club:

For attendance, participation in the Achievement program, and for the best report of club activities during the year, the Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Club was judged the best in the county.

Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Program of Work for 1935

<u>Monthly Calendar</u>	:	<u>Goals</u>
Jan. Attractive Kitchens	:	1. Reach more people.
Feb. The Healthful Kitchen	:	2. Start and close meeting on time.
Mar. The Step-Saving Kitchen	:	3. Club members report project work.
April. Storage units for supplies and equipment	:	4. Community projects (a) School Library Donation (b) Better Housing and Labor Saving Campaign.
May The Back-Door Yard	:	5. Affiliate and send representative to State Federation of Home Demon- stration Clubs.
June Home-Made Labor Savers	:	6. Have a money making scheme.
July Flower Arrangement	:	7. Hold community social.
Aug. Vegetable Salad	:	8. Recreation at club meetings.
Sept. Table Service	:	
Oct. Sandwich Demonstration	:	
Nov. Fruit Salad	:	
Dec. Christmas Suggestions for a Community Tree	:	

The six demonstrations on Home Kitchens, the major project, were given and the minor projects were carried out as outlined. Most of the goals set by the clubs were attained. Each member of the club gave a written report

of the work accomplished through club projects. A sum of ten dollars was donated toward the school library. A club committee made a house survey and enrolled members in the Better Housing and Sanitation Campaign. The club also donated a Christmas box to a needy family. Three money making schemes were held. A community social that was well attended was held by the club. A directed period of recreation or a social period has been a feature of each meeting. Thirteen meetings were held by the club. There are thirteen enrolled, the average attendance for the year was twelve.

(k) Recreation:

In making the program of work each club included some feature of recreation in the program. A number of clubs have had a recreation period at each meeting. The recreation has been in the form of games, songs, and contests suitable for home and community recreation. Because of prevailing health conditions in the county a number of clubs did not hold a summer community social as planned. Four clubs did hold socials and three clubs are planning for Christmas community get-together.

4. Girls Work

(8) Major Project--For the major county project the girls had the second year Food and Nutrition Work. Two monthly club meetings were scheduled, one for the food demonstration and one as a program meeting. The program centered around Self-improvement, Growth work, and Music. One club for a self-improvement program wrote and presented an excellent playlet, bringing out numerous social customs. In connection with the food program, a contest for judging canned fruits and vegetables was held by each club entering the Judging Contest. There are thirteen food and nutrition groups. The total enrollment for the

year was 287, with 261 members completing work and handing in record sheets. Reports on the food and nutrition work showed 1,566 different dishes were prepared, as a result of the food demonstrations. 185 reported better balanced meals, 165 improved method of packing school lunch, and 215 kept food record sheets.

Kathleen Mansfield has done very good work in the Food and Nutrition Project. She has attended eighteen 4-H Club meetings and has been active in all phases of club work; she entered the judging contest and two of the available canning contests. She was a county winner in both the canning and judging contests; she was county winner in the Davis Contest and competed in the District Contest. Her project report shows that she assisted in planning home meals, had regular home duties that related to food work, canned a total of 366 qts. of fruits and vegetables, and prepared the dishes prepared at the food demonstrations.

(b) Minor Project--Canning

How to make a canning plan and the value of making a plan for canning was discussed with every 4-H group. The clubs had a demonstration on the canning of fruits and vegetables. Twenty-eight made a canning plan and followed it. 179 club members reported a total of 8,518 quarts of fruits, vegetables, and other products canned.

The garden project had an enrollment of sixteen boys and twenty-two girls, making a total of thirty-eight. The State Garden Specialist met the three garden groups in the early spring and gave suggestions for the planning and planting the home garden. Meetings were held on insect control and other garden topics. Timely garden information was sent to each garden club member monthly. \$62.00 was realized by garden members from the sale of summer vegetables. There were twenty-four who completed the garden work and sent in record books.

In connection with the Food and Nutrition Project, growth work was stressed through-out the year on the club program. Each of the 287 food members practiced some definite rule for health improvement, 206 club members entered club health contests, 261 reported improved health, due to better food habits, and 203 reported improved posture.

(c) Program for Best Club 1935:

The Belmont 4-H Club

<u>January</u>	:	<u>June</u>
Main dishes for breakfast, check Club books, posture demonstration, recreation.	:	Vegetable Salads, report of project work, check Club record books, recreation.
<u>February</u>	:	<u>July</u>
Quick breads, beverage, home courtesies that count, songs and games.	:	Canning fruits and vegetables, program topic, Table Manners and general courtesies, recreation.
<u>March</u>	:	<u>August</u>
The canning plan, introductions for program topic, recreation.	:	Simple summer desserts, Club picnics.
<u>April</u>	:	<u>September</u>
Dishes from canned and fresh meat, program meeting on Southern Folk Music, song period.	:	Club Canning Contest, topics for program meeting, Traits That Build Character, recreation.
<u>May</u>	:	<u>October</u>
Club contests for Judging, Health and Correct Dress, program topic, Leadership, recreation.	:	Record sheets, Recreation, Achievement plans.
	:	<u>November</u>
	:	Election of Officers, Parliamentary rules, Recreation.

**The Belmont 4-H Club Goals:**

1. Make plan of work for year's work.
2. Have a Club Social.
3. Club members enter available club contests, and club winners compete in County Contest.
4. Each member enter growth work and do something definite to improve health.
5. Each member take part and exhibit on Achievement Day.
6. Send delegate to Short Course and Jamestown.
7. Hold monthly programs, centered around the following topics: Self-improvement, growth work, music.

The Belmont Community 4-H Club had a total enrollment of sixty-eight. The Food and Nutrition work was divided into junior and senior groups, with eighteen enrolled in the Senior group and thirty-two in the Junior group, making a total of fifty in the Food and Nutrition project. Forty-two completed the project and handed in record sheets. The club held local contests and the club winners competed in the county contests. All food members entered the growth work and each member tried to improve her posture. A number of members from the Belmont Club had exhibits at the Achievement program. This club was given the County Banner for its report of club activities and its participation and attendance at the Achievement program. The programs on growth work, music, and self-improvement were followed as outlined.

**(d) Leader Training:**

There were six 4-H Club leaders trained for leadership work in the Food and Nutrition project. Four leader training meetings were held. The 4-H Club leaders held twenty-four meetings and devoted thirty-six days to club work.

Miss Crene Dickenson, Club leader for the Chancellor Senior 4-H group, attended three leader training meetings. She gave two demonstrations and held two additional meetings in the absence of the agent. She helped with

an oyster supper the club gave to make club money and she was most helpful on Achievement Day by assisting with the recreation program.

(e) County Meetings:

The County 4-H Contest Day was held in July with a good attendance. The contests were held the latter part of the after-noon with contests for Growth work, Correct Dress, and Judging. Nine contestants took part in the county growth contest, twenty-eight in the correct dress, and ten in the county judging contest. Prior to the County Contest, each county club had held contest meetings featuring these three contests--following the contests, a picnic supper was enjoyed on the Court House green. A recreation period followed the supper hour and program closed with a Candle Lighting Ceremony by the County All-Stars.

The 4-H Achievement Day was held in October. The morning program consisted of the reports of the various clubs with club members giving talks on "Why I Have Stayed in Club Work Six Years", "What 4-H Club Work is and What it Does", and "My 4-H Project Work." The guest speaker was the State Boys' Club Agent who gave a summary of 4-H work in Virginia. After a picnic lunch, the after-noon was turned over to directed games and songs. The awarding of the prizes for club exhibits was the closing feature of the day's program.

Club members made exhibits of canning, 4-H Club Books, potatoes, and corn.

(f) Older Girls Work:-- County All-Star Chapter

The Spotsylvania County All-Star Chapter has a membership of five boys and five girls. The organization has held a number of meetings during the year--it sponsored an entertainment to raise funds. The All-Star Chapter is sponsoring growth work by paying part of the expense of a club boy and club girl

to enter the State Growth Contest each year. In connection with the County Contest Day in the summer, the All-Stars held a Candle Lighting Ceremony. Recently the All-Star group drove over the scenic Skyline Drive, had an out-door supper on the mountain followed by Vespers.

(g) Recreation:

The Chancellor 4-H Senior Club has carried out a very good recreation program. A recreation period was held in connection with each club program meeting. In the summer the group had a community picnic supper.

VI. PROGRESS IN 1935

During the 1935 Club year there has been an increase in the Home Demonstration membership in the county. Two new clubs were organized, far better results were obtained through the County Campaign this year with a number of non-club members enrolling in the campaign and making improvements. The agent has been able to reach a number of relief clients. More interest, in general, seemed to be shown in Home Demonstration Work. In the girls work, there has been a decrease in the Food Project membership. There were 333 enrolled in 1934 and 287 enrolled in 1935, however, there was a larger number completing the work this year than last. In 1934 there were 247 completions and this year 261 out of the 287 completed project work and handed in record sheets.

I do feel that progress has been made the past year in Club Work, but I cannot say that the progress has been to the extent that I am entirely satisfied with the results. I think we still need to get better results from the Club projects and that a larger number of county people should be reached through the Club Organisation.

**VII. PLANS AND GOALS FOR 1936:**

The County planning meeting for the women was held November 9th with seventeen advisory members present. The group decided on Home Handicraft as a major county project with Foods and Landscape Gardening as suggested minor projects.

**County Goals for 1936**

1. Reach more people.
  - (a) Each member try to get a new member.
2. Encourage 4-H Work by:
  - (a) Securing leaders.
  - (b) Put on a get-together for 4-H Club members and parents.
  - (c) Home Demonstration Club offer prizes for local 4-H Contests.
3. Hold at least three executive meetings.
4. Each club sponsor the County Campaign as a community project.
5. Affiliate and send delegate to State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.
6. Each club have at least two meetings without agent.
7. The County Campaign will feature House Repair and Sanitation.

The 4-H girls are taking 1st year work in the Home Improvement project with demonstrations centering around the club girls' room. The girls will take Food Preservation as a minor project.



Group of Relief Clients at Lead and Zinc Mine Community Fair



Exhibits of Canning, Biscuits and Vegetables at the Community Fair

SPOTSYLVANIA HOME DEMONSTRATION ACHIEVEMENT  
PROGRAM



"It Takes a Heap O' Livin' in a House to Make it Home"

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE

October 15, 1935

MORNING PROGRAM

Zion Methodist Church

10:00

Invocation

Mrs. Joe Johnson, Advisory Chairman, Presiding

Song - "Come Thou Almighty King"

Reports of Home Demonstration Clubs

Belmont	Miss Mary Gardner
Brokenburg	Miss Mary Ellis
Chancellor	Mrs. Leo Jones
Courtland	Miss Fettle Hess
Maude Wallace	Mrs. W. P. Waite
Parker	Miss Lilly Hall
Partlow	Mrs. Tom Humphries
Paytes	Mrs. Alice Sullivan
Shady Grove	Mrs. Grace Wilkerson
Spotsylvania	Mrs. Lester Burruss

County Summary of Club Work ... Miss Mattie Puckett  
Home Demonstration Agent

Piano Selection Miss Virginia Harris

"Changing Pattern in Home Making" - Dr. M. Ledge Moffett,  
Dean of Women, State Teachers College, East Radford

Awarding of Prizes Miss Belle Burke  
Announcements

Luncheon on Court Green 1:00

Period to View Exhibits in Court House

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

2:15

COURT GREEN

Pageant Depicting Four Periods in American Life

Presented by County Home Demonstration  
Club Members.

1. Indian Scene
2. Puritan Scene
3. Pioneer Scene
4. Present Day Scene
5. Bountiful Harvest

Song "America"

## Spotsylvania Clubs

### Chancellor Home Demonstration Club

Mrs. R. C. Deval was hostess to the Chancellor Home Demonstration Club on September 18. In the absence of the president Mrs. Herbert Thompson, vice-president presided. A number of items of business was disposed of during the business section.

Miss Mattie Puckett, County Agent, gave a demonstration on setting a table for various occasions.

A club canning contest was held the winners being Mrs. Will Dickerson, Mrs. John Stock, Mrs. Dora Sanders and Mrs. Herbert Thompson.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

### Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Club

The September meeting of the Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Sanders with sixteen in attendance. In connection with the meeting a canning contest was held. Mrs. B. Effinger, Mrs. C. Aloop, Mrs. L. Pritchett, Mrs. A. Crismond and Mrs. Emmett Sneed won placement in the canning contest.

A demonstration on table service for a dinner was given.

The group made plans for a community social to be held on September 23.

The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting. The October meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Aloop.

### Paytes Home Demonstration Club

The Paytes Home Demonstration Group held the monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Payton. The club held its club canning contest.

Suggestions for the storing of vegetables for winter use were given by Miss Mattie Puckett, Home Demonstration Agent.

This group is planning for an all day canning meeting on September 21st at which time soup mixture and vegetables will be canned for hot school lunches in the Paytes community during the winter months.

## 500 See Spotsylvania's Achievement Program

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)  
SPOTSYLVANIA, Oct. 13.—Around 500 county people gathered for the Adult Achievement Program which was held at Spotsylvania Courthouse on October 13. The all-day program proved an interesting one.

The morning program included reports of achievements from the 19 county clubs, with a county summary of home demonstration project work given by Miss Mattie Puckett, county home demonstration agent. Dr. M. Ledge Moffett, dean of East Radford Teachers College, was the speaker for the occasion and gave a most excellent talk on the "Changing Pattern in Homemaking."

Club members made exhibits of canning, with Mrs. Alice Sullivan, Mrs. Mercer Dickenson and Mrs. Frank Boggs winning first place in the canning contests. The Belmont Club won first place in the table contest for the dinner arrangement. Chancellor Club was given first place for the luncheon table and Paytes Club won on the breakfast service arrangement. Members of the Rappahannock Garden Club judged the table exhibits and Miss Belle Burke, district home demonstration agent, judged the canning exhibit.

An interesting feature of the day's program was the pageant presented in the afternoon by a number of club members. The pageant was written for this particular occasion and depicted four periods in American life, including an Indian, Puritan, pioneer, and present-day scenes. The theme of the pageant brought out the progress made in agriculture and homemaking.

A prize for the club having the best report of work done during the year and the largest number of members present for the Achievement Program was won by the Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Club.

## Courtland Club's Next Meeting to Be Social

The Courtland Home Demonstration Club's recent meeting was held at the home of Miss Jeanette Meas with twenty-five members in attendance. Miss Mattie Puckett, agent, gave an interesting demonstration on the "Canning of Pickles and Relishes."

The club decided to hold its next meeting as a social on the lawn of the home of Mrs. B. Harrison.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Miss Meas and Mrs. Ashton White.

## COMMUNITY SOCIAL AT SPOTSYLVANIA

Demonstration Club Entertains At Interesting Party. Those Taking Part.

The Spotsylvania Home Demonstration club entertained the residents of Spotsylvania Courthouse and nearby neighborhood with a community social on the courthouse green Wednesday. The guests were received by Mrs. Lester Burrus and Miss Virginia Harris.

As a feature of the gathering the club presented a manless wedding with the following taking part: Mrs. Clara Aloop as the bride; Mrs. Lee Pritchett, groom; Mrs. Ethel Perry, maid of honor; Mrs. Arthur Crismond, best man; Mrs. Emma Sanders, bride's maid; Mrs. Lilla Waller, usher; Mrs. Scott Perry, flower girl; Miss Mable Aloop, ring bearer; Mrs. Lilla Owens, mother of the bride; Mrs. Bertie Effinger, minister, and Mrs. George Perry, soloist. The mock affair presented much amusement.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Miss Lina Sanger, Miss Dorothy Harris, Mrs. Nellie Harris and Miss Elizabeth Crismond.

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