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III. PERSONAL REPORT SUMMARY

Days in field .....	174
Days in office .....	115
Days annual leave .....	10
Days leave without pay .....	0
Days sick leave .....	8
Legal holidays taken .....	6
Number home visits made (adult) .....	366
Number 4-H Club demonstrations visited .....	347
Total number different homes visited .....	512
Office calls .....	102
Telephone calls .....	268
Number news articles or stories published .....	127
Number individual letters written .....	979
Number different circular letters prepared .....	30
Number meetings attended .....	247
Number miles traveled .....	7681

#### IV. STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION

##### 1. County Organization Giving Financial Support to Home Demonstration Work

The Board of Supervisors is composed of a representative from each of the four magisterial districts of Nottoway County.

The financial condition of Nottoway County is very good, which enabled the Board of Supervisors to increase the appropriation for Home Demonstration work 10% over that of last year.

##### 2. County Organization Supporting the Work

a. The Advisory Board for the Home Demonstration work is composed of 18 members.

- (1) The Board works with the home agent, selecting the project work for the year and making plans and seeing that these plans are carried out.

The most outstanding piece of work this year was to make plans for the new year's work and Achievement Day. This Board met four times.

Since there was more money in circulation in 1936 the women felt that they would get away from the "Live at Home Program," so they chose Handicrafts as their major project. The women of this county have always enjoyed handicrafts of all kinds and the really rural groups have a great need for social contacts. For this reason they enjoy coming together and working on such projects.

The following demonstrations were unanimously voted upon:

December - Christmas Gift Suggestions and Parties  
January - Corn Shuck Mats  
February - Hooked, Crocheted, and Braided Rugs and Mats  
March - Landscaping  
April - Reseating Chairs and Stools  
May - Cushions for Chairs and Couches  
June - Table Linens  
July - Fireside Baskets and Canning Non-Acid Vegetables  
August - Recreational Meetings  
September - Canning Contest and Landscaping  
October - Achievement Day and Poultry Culling Demonstrations  
November - Election of Officers

In this county we have about 1,865 white farm and town homemakers. Of this number we reach 239 directly by home demonstration work and about 400 indirectly.

b. The 4-H Club Council

It was not until January, 1936, that we organized a 4-H Club Council and formulated some objectives for the year. The objectives were as follows:

1. Each club should follow a definite plan of work.
2. A parliamentary law course in each school was to be conducted in each club.
3. Have a planned program for each meeting.
4. Have all officers present at each council meeting.
5. News articles should be published each month about all club work.
6. Have a council meeting at least four times a year - January, April, August, and September.
7. Have outside speakers for at least two of the county council meetings.
8. Follow a planned program of recreation at all club meetings.
9. Have an Achievement Day November 16 with each club having exhibits and having Mr. Klean as speaker.
10. Have a Rally Day in the form of a picnic at Crystal Lake at Rottoway on June 15.
11. Send two delegates to Blackburg Short Course and as many delegates as possible to our district camp.
12. Have each member carry at least one project and keep approved record on same.
13. Have record books and notebooks checked twice a year, May and August, by the project leader and two members appointed by club president.
14. When possible increase the scope of the original project or carry a minor project in addition to the original project.
15. Put in the hands of each club all material adapted to that club.
16. Have all clubs take part in the following contests: Health, Dress Bureau, Canning, and County Achievement Contest.
17. Enter the dairying and poultry contests.
18. Have at least 90% completion of project work and records.

The Leaders' Organization took the place of the 4-H Club Council up to January, 1936. The purpose of the 4-H Club Council is to help make definite plans of work for the nine 4-H Clubs in the county. This year six meetings were held, at which time the 4-H Club work for the county was planned and discussed. At each meeting the leaders met with the officers of each of the 4-H Clubs. There are 15 members of the Council. All officers from the three big clubs are members of the Council. There are 898 white girls of club age in the county. This year 171 girls were reached directly.

5. General Policies, Including Relations with Other Organizations

It is the general policy in this county for the agent and home demonstration clubs to cooperate with all worthy organizations.

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The Woodland Club gave a minstrel, the proceeds from which were used to purchase a State Aid Library for the school. Fifteen dollars was taken in. On other occasions the members of this club have given the proceeds of refreshments to the school.

The Indian Oak Club has taken the care of an orphan child to clothe and send to school.

Through the leadership of the Jennings Club women from relief families were grouped at various homes and taught how to preserve their surplus of fruits and vegetables. As a result, 1,400 quarts of canned products were placed on the pantry shelves in needy homes.

The members of the Hottoway Club canned 110 quarts of fruits and vegetables for a woman who was in the hospital. Through their efforts she was admitted to the hospital. Crutches for a little girl, a victim of infantile paralysis, were bought.

All clubs joined the Red Cross and have given some time to cutting out garments for the needy.

The agent has given three days to visiting Rural Rehabilitated families and assisting the Home Economics worker of Resettlement work to plan her program.



HOM DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

<u>NAME OF CLUB</u>	<u>NO. MEMBERS</u>	<u>NO. MEETINGS</u>
Jennings -----	20 -----	12 -----
Genito -----	19 -----	12 -----
St. Marks -----	50 -----	12 -----
East Blackstone -----	20 -----	12 -----
Bethel -----	21 -----	12 -----
Woodland -----	20 -----	12 -----
Nottoway -----	16 -----	12 -----
West Crewe -----	17 -----	7 -----
West Blackstone -----	17 -----	12 -----
Indian Oak -----	27 -----	12 -----
Hamlin -----	14 -----	12 -----
Wellville -----	18 -----	12 -----
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12 clubs	239 members	139 meetings
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<u>4 - H CLUBS</u>		
Busy Buzzers -----	22 -----	12 -----
Four-Leaf Clover -----	12 -----	24 -----
Crewe Yikers -----	12 -----	16 -----
Busy Bees -----	12 -----	14 -----
Jennings -----	19 -----	14 -----
Burkegille -----	20 -----	10 -----
Hustlers -----	28 -----	11 -----
Blackstone -----	16 -----	11 -----
Crewe -----	30 -----	10 -----
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9 clubs	171 members	122 meetings

2. Scope of Work

a. Enrollment for past three years:

Year	WOMEN		GIRLS	
	No. Clubs	No. Members	No. Clubs	No. Members
1933	:	:	:	:
1934	11	206	4	55
1935	12	234	9	155
1936	12	239	9	171

3. Women's Work

a. Major Project

In the 12 home demonstration clubs there were 90 demonstrations given on handicrafts. Two were given by the specialists and 88 by the agent. Forty were given by leaders. In December all the clubs had demonstrations on Christmas Gift Suggestions, Candies or Cookies, or Christmas parties. Recipes were given for cookies and candy; patterns for such articles as home made toys and collars were given.

The demonstration for the month of January was on Corn Shuck Mats. Practically every woman attending the meetings made a corn shuck mat. The mats were of various sizes and styles.

Demonstrations on Hooked, Braided, and Crocheted Rugs and Mats were given in February. A 9 X 12 rug made by one of the women as a result of this demonstration was exhibited at the five county fair and sold for \$25.00. One woman has made a specialty of small hooked table mats and has sold more than \$15.00 worth for bridge prizes, Christmas gifts, etc.

The month of April was devoted to the Reseating of Chairs and Stools. More interest was shown in this demonstration than in any other during the year. 144 chairs and stools were resealed.

Methods of Making Cushions for Chairs and Couches were shown during May. Numbers of discarded chairs and couches were given new spring outfits.

Table Linens held first place in June. These included luncheon sets made from feed bags, gingham, cotton prints, Indian Head, and bur-lap. They were of various shapes and sizes and were finished with fancy embroidery stitches, hemstitching, rickrack braid, and fringe.

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Demonstrations on Fireside Baskets and Mats made from native materials were given to a few of the clubs in July. Other clubs were given demonstrations on the Canning of Non-Acid Vegetables.

b. Minor Project

Foods

A number of the recipes given in 1935 have proven to be very popular and are still being much used. Demonstrations have been given on Refreshments for Parties. Two demonstrations have been given on Meat Canning and two on Non-Acid Vegetables.

56 women entered the Ball Canning Contest and 56 entered the Kerr. Mrs. R. B. Oliver, Jr., of the St. Marks Club, won first place in the Ball Contest for the county and fourth place in the district contest. Mrs. C. F. Trump won first prize in the Kerr Contest in the county and third in the district contest. 38,230 quarts were canned by the home demonstration and 4-H Club members, valued at \$10,451.40. 90 women made out canning budgets this year.

Home, Health, and Sanitation

28 sanitary toilets were built and 28 homes were screened according to recommendations. Two hundred families followed recommended methods of controlling flies, mosquitoes, and other insects. This was done by having doors and windows screened or by being more careful with garbage and better sanitation generally.

Home Poultry

25 demonstrations were given on Culling Poultry for Egg Production. Two demonstrations were given by the poultry specialists. The agent has been called to perform several post-mortems on sick birds. It was discovered that five of these had typhoid, two had tumors, and all of them had either tape worms or round worms. Six brick brooders and six poultry houses were built.

Clothing

There were 805 dresses reported made at a saving of \$411.00 by the members of the home demonstration clubs. 1,723 other garments were made at a saving of \$465.30. There were 253 other garments remodeled at an estimated saving of \$112.50. This is a carry over from clothing work of former years.

House Furnishings

In the past two years the exterior and interior of the rural homes in Nottoway County have shown quite an improvement. Sixty women have improved the walls, woodwork, and floors of their homes. There have been 31 living rooms improved, 31 dining rooms, 54 bedrooms, and 45 other

rooms improved. There were 86 pieces of furniture refinished, 8 pieces upholstered, and 39 slip covers made. There were 75 women following recommendations for improving window treatments. 62 women have improved the arrangement of their rooms and 39 women have improved furnishings for porches, and 14 improved bath rooms. Three electric refrigerators were installed. Much of the handicraft work done in the major project was on articles used as house furnishings, such as wall hangings, pillows, rugs, etc.

#### Home Gardens

In January there was a garden meeting at Nottoway Court House, at which time the garden specialist discussed the planning and planting of the home garden and disease control. Both the farm agent and the home agent have visited a number of gardens, recommended certain treatment of disease control, and sent out a monthly garden letter to each home demonstration club woman that had a garden. The farm and home agents have helped in disease control by visiting a number of gardens and distributing bulletins on various subjects. It is very interesting to notice that the rural families are including in their gardens carrots and more greens, such as kale, turnips, and spinach.

#### Home Beautification of Grounds

225 women have made improvements in the yards and grounds in addition to the seven demonstration homes. Emphasis was placed this year on the improvement of walks and driveways. Landscape specialists gave miniature plans showing detail arrangements of walkways, shrubs, and shade trees to each owner of a demonstration home. 120 women attended these demonstrations.

One demonstration on Landscaping was given at the home of Mrs. C. F. Schmidt. As a result of this demonstration the following improvements were made: The house was painted, a new porch and steps were built, and the house was underpinned with neat green lattice-work; the yard was top surfaced; grass, shrubbery, and flowers were planted; and a new walk and driveway was made which added much to the general appearance of the place and prohibited people from driving to the back door instead of the front.

#### County Campaign

The county campaign this year was storage improvements. There were 104 families that made storage improvements. Three cellars were dug which included storage for fruit, vegetables, and fuel. There were 33 improvements for storage of food, 23 for kitchen supplies, 19 for clothing, and 30 other storage improvements. Plans for storage space for foods were given by the agent to two families.

### c. Community Activities

#### Library

Woodland gave a minstrel show, the proceeds from which were used to help purchase a State Aid Library for the school. \$15.00 was taken in. On

other occasions the members of this club have given the proceeds of refreshments to the school.

#### Community Work

The St. Marks Club furnished 110 cans of soup mixture for hot lunches at the school. The East and west Blackstone Clubs served the Achievement Day luncheon to 112 people.

The Indian Oak Club has sold lunches on two different occasions to make money for their adopted daughter. About \$20.00 has been made to buy clothes and books for this child.

#### Help With Relief Families

Through the leadership of the Jennings Club, women from relief families were grouped at various homes and taught how to preserve their surplus of fruits and vegetables. As a result, 1,400 quarts of canned products were placed on pantry shelves in needy homes.

#### Citizenship

West Blackstone - In order to preserve the interesting old recipes in the county a collection is being made of the favorite ones. We hope to save these for the citizens of the county by publishing them in book form. Pictures of several rural kitchens have been taken. These will be included in the booklet.

#### Saylers Creek National Park

The Genito Club under the leadership of Mrs. C. W. Phelps is responsible for a bill in the Legislature being passed appropriating \$1,500.00 to start a National Park on the battle grounds of Saylers Creek. This project was started in 1934 but the bill was not passed until the spring of 1936. Since that time a number of people have donated the land where the battle was fought. Not only is the passing of this bill important in making this historic ground but it will be a means of building good roads to the community. The battle of Saylers Creek was the big battle just before the surrender at Appomattox.

#### d. Leader Training

Three leader training meetings were held in the county. Two of these meetings were held by the Home Improvement Specialist and one by the agent, with a total attendance of 80.

Miss Mamie Smith has been named as the most outstanding leader in home demonstration work in Wottoway County for the year.

Miss Smith joined the Jennings Home Demonstration Club late in 1933. At the second meeting she attended she was elected secretary and treasurer of that club, which office she held for two years. Owing to one of the

by-laws of this club, that no member shall hold one office more than two years, Miss Smith was no longer eligible to that office. She was then made club leader which office she still holds.

In 1935 she was sent by the club to the state meeting at Blacksburg. In June, 1936, she attended the third tri-ennial meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World at Washington. She also got up an exhibit of handicraft for this meeting. She made two entries in the hobby show, one of hand made pictures, the other of different types of mats.

Since Smith was made club leader she has not failed to attend a single leaders' meeting held in the county. She has also attended several of the advisory board meetings acting as alternate for members of the board and was present at Achievement Day. She gave four of the major demonstrations for the year to her club and two result demonstrations.

Since handicrafts was the major project for the year Miss Smith did a good bit of this work making three shuck mats, fifteen hooked mats, seven crocheted mats, one pine needle mat, one honeysuckle mat, one bur-lap darned with wool mat, two crayon wall hangings, six hand made pictures, two crocheted hats, two crocheted scarfs, and one pair of crocheted gloves. She has made twenty-five garments and made over a number of old garments.

A sweepstake prize on her handicraft work was won by Miss Smith at the club fair held in September. She also won six ribbons at the five county fair held at Blackstone.

e. Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

Twelve women from Nottoway County attended the District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in Lynchburg. The most interesting number on the program at this meeting, according to the women of this county, was the address on "The Home Beautiful" by Dr. R. A. Lapsley of Roanoke, Virginia.

Ten women attended the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs held in Blacksburg. The hobby show created a great amount of interest. Miss Mamie Smith from this county added two hobbies to this show. The only criticism made was that there were too many interesting things going on at one time.

f. Associated Country Women of the World

The opportunity of attending this conference in Washington was certainly the greatest privilege the rural women of America have had. The general theme of this meeting was to encourage world peace by bringing about a better understanding between all nations. Nine women from Nottoway County attended this conference.

g. County Meetings

Fairs

The Blackstone Courier-Record sponsored a Five County Fair held in Blackstone. This was the first fair in five years. The farm and home exhibits were small but very good in quality. The small number was possibly due to the fact that the people were out of the habit of exhibiting at fairs. Besides the women's regular exhibits the home demonstration women had a special exhibit of their handicraft articles and demonstrated the making of these articles.

Achievement Day

The adult Achievement Day was held at Blackstone at the Methodist Church on October 16. "Development of Personality" was the subject of an address delivered by Mrs. Ethel Auld of Roanoke before the ladies of the Nottoway County Home Demonstration Clubs. Mrs. Auld reminded her hearers that Christ was the most outstanding personality who has ever lived. He prayed, loved, served, and never thought about himself. The secret of personality, the speaker declared, is "others."

The women who heard Mrs. Auld were charmed by her talk. One remarked that it was worth a million dollars to her. Another said she had never heard anything as worthwhile in her life. The women are still talking about Mrs. Auld and she is continually being quoted.

The Rural Electrification program for Nottoway County was explained by the farm agent. We were very proud of the fact that a recent project has gone through allotting Nottoway County \$110,000.00 for lines that are to be built in the near future.

The District Agent judged the canning in the final contest. Handwork and canned products were exhibited by each club. Reports from 11 clubs were given on attractive posters.

The East and West Blackstone Clubs served a delicious lunch to 112 people. Afterwards pictures were made of the entire group.

h. Market Reports

The Woodland Home Demonstration Market at Blackstone was open eight days this year. There were four women selling on this market. The total sales amounted to \$42.00. On account of the drought in May it was impossible to run a market profitably and so it was closed at this time.

One woman in this county has made and sold a rug for \$25.00. Another has made and sold 15 hooked mats for bridge prizes. She received \$15.00 for these mats and has a number of orders for other mats to be used as Christmas gifts.

1. Rehabilitation Work

Eighteen of the white women from the 28 Rural Rehabilitation families are members of the home demonstration clubs. The agent with the Home Economist of Rural Resettlement spent 3 days in visiting these homes. The Resettlement work has been very helpful in Nottoway and the work of the two organizations has become more closely related in the past year.

J. Program of Best Club

The Jennings Club was organized in February, 1930, with six charter members. This club has had a small enrollment until this year, when it increased its membership 58% over that of last year. The enrollment is now 19. The Jennings Club is particularly interested in handicrafts and has done excellent work in this project this year.

As Planned

6 demonstrations in Major project - Handicrafts

Minor Projects

(a) Two demonstrations on Landscaping

Make as many improvements as possible

As Carried Out

: 6 demonstrations on Handicrafts were  
: given to the club. Four of these  
: demonstrations were given by the leaders, this being the largest number  
: of meetings conducted by any one  
: club. In this club both leaders  
: attended all three leaders' training  
: meetings. All members of this club  
: took part in each demonstration with  
: a few exceptions. Twelve meetings  
: were held during the year and each  
: meeting had a very good attendance,  
: even if the snow was so deep in February that most roads and schools  
: were closed. In the past several  
: members have added quite a bit to the  
: family income through projects of  
: their own, such as selling articles  
: of handcraft, poultry raising, keeping  
: boarders, nursing, etc. The  
: greatest amount made by one member was  
: \$358.35.

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: Two demonstrations on Landscaping were  
: given in this club, which inspired 19  
: women to make improvements either by  
: grading, plantings, repairing, and  
: painting fences, building sidewalks,  
: and building outdoor living rooms in  
: order to make their homes more  
: attractive.

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: 12 storage improvements were made, 33  
: pieces of furniture refinished, 2  
: homes were painted, 2 members bought  
: new refrigerators.

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As Planned

As Carried Out

(b) Food preservation	:	This club demonstrated and helped
	:	others to can 1,400 quarts of fruits
	:	and vegetables.
Teach others to can in	:	
addition to doing their own	:	
canning. To have 50% of	:	
club enter canning contest.	:	
	:	
Pay club and federation	:	The Jennings Club paid in full all
dues	:	dues for 1936
	:	
Send delegate to county,	:	This club was represented at all county
district, state, and	:	meetings. One delegate was sent to the
national meetings	:	state meeting at Blacksburg, 2 members
	:	attended the conference of the American
	:	Country Women of the World, 15 of the
	:	19 members were present at the county
	:	Achievement Day
	:	
To hold one social during	:	A contest in attendance and keeping
the year	:	records was held during the year. The
	:	losers in this contest entertained the
	:	winners at a social event held in
	:	November.
	:	
To exhibit handiwork and	:	This club conducted a club fair and took
canning at fairs and	:	an active part in the county fair and
Achievement Day	:	exhibits that were shown at Achievement
	:	Day. Miss Smith of this club is the
	:	outstanding leader of the county for
	:	this year.

The club feels that its success during the past year has been due to three things:

First: The club, at the first meeting of the year, planned the year's work and made uniform year and record books for each member, with each meeting planned in detail. These books were carefully followed throughout the year.

Second: Both of the club leaders were present at all leaders' meetings throughout the year and prepared and made demonstrations interesting.

Third: All members showed a good spirit of cooperation and good will toward each other, and toward club work in general.

E. Recreation

Each club had one meeting in the form of a social during the past year, either in the form of a picnic, weiner roast, or a party, and one club gave a public program where a small fee was charged as a means of making money for this club. In the majority of the clubs ten or fifteen minutes is devoted to recreation such as contests, group singing, and games.

4. Girls' Work

a. Major Project

There are nine project groups organized in this county. The enrollment to date is 171. The major project for this year was clothing. 159 girls completed their year's work. There were 181 dresses, 159 slips, and 241 handicraft articles made. The estimated value of the clothing program for this year is \$413.80. The clothing specialists held three leader training meetings. Each club conducted a style dress revue. Shirley Walker won first place in the county and attended the district contest in Lynchburg.

Work of Best Club

The Crewe 4-H Club was organized in the spring of 1935 with an enrollment of fifty boys and girls. The girls in this club were divided into six project groups. Ten members and two leaders of this club went to Jamestown Camp. One club member was made Big Chief of one of the four tribes. Two girls, two boys, and one leader attended the short course at Blacksburg. One boy and one girl were made All-Stars at this meeting.

Clara May Freeman, of this club, had the honor of winning the Growth Contest and represented the county at Blacksburg in the State Contest.

Kernit Schlab won first place in the Poultry Judging Contest. He was placed on the Poultry Judging State Fair Team and tied second place, which gives him a trip to Chicago. The Kiwanis Club of Crewe will finance this trip for him.

The Crewe Club won first place in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Eight boys and one girl tried out for the county judging team with the following results: first, second, third, and fifth places. At the county fair the members of this club took eight first prizes, eighteen second prizes, and ten third prizes, and assisted in selling food at the 4-H Club booth.

Twenty-one of the girls in this club entered the Style Dress Revue, one winning second place in the county. Twenty-five entered the canning contests.

The Crewe Club won the banner at the Achievement Day banquet, at which time one of their members, who is president of the County Council, presided.

The Indian Oak Club, which is a sub-division of the Crewe Club, with Mrs. C. F. Trump as leader, has done the most outstanding work. There are 12 girls enrolled in this club. They have conducted 12 meetings besides 2 extra meetings, at which time they made and sold doughnuts. The money received was used to buy club pins and they helped to pay the expenses of one member who attended the Jamestown Camp.

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All members of this club completed their work for the year. All entered the Style Dress Revue Contest and the Canning Contest. At the county fair each member exhibited and the prizes that they received amounted to \$5.00. All the members except three are under 15 years old.

b. Minor Project

Canning

48 girls entered the three canning contests. Lena Bourne won first place in the Atlas and Kerr Contests in the county and fourth place in the district in the Atlas. Ann Ellett won first place in the Ball contest in the county. 2,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned this year by 4-H Club girls. In each club a canning contest was held preceding the district and state contests. Thirty girls have made out canning budgets.

Poultry

Four girls in this county carried poultry projects this year. Two entered county judging teams and assisted in culling home flocks. The farm agent and the club agent have both done a great deal of poultry work this year. Poultry Judging Teams were organized from the children carrying poultry as their major project. These children, with the club agent and the home agent, visited all the children's homes and demonstrated culling on these home flocks. Twelve poultry houses were built.

Growth Work

92 girls were examined by the District Health Officer and the County Nurse. A number of these have improved posture and corrected other defects as a result of the findings in these examinations. Clara May Fresman won the Growth Contest. Two girls were found to have leaky hearts.

c. Community Activities

One of the most enjoyable events of the year was the county 4-H Club Rally Day held at Crystal Lake on June 16, when 150 boys and girls and their parents came together to take part in this event. After the picnic lunch a very interesting program of string music, group singing, and speaking was enjoyed. After the program swimming and games were participated in by all.

d. Program of Best Club

The Crewe Club is the best 4-H Club in the county. It has an enrollment of 50 girls. The following is a copy of the project program that was carried out this year:

November	Make or reorganize 4-H Club book Christmas novelties
December	4-H Club growth work; foundation for good looks; keep clothing account
January	Minor project - Salads for Health
February	Minor project - Healthful Candy
March	Lingerie - Foundation garments
April	Cut garments; seams, hems, decorative stitches
May	Appropriately dressed club girl. Grooming an asset to good looks.
June	1. Study of complete outfit for dress wear. Selection of hat. Appropriate accessories for each occasion. 2. Making or refurbishing a hat.
July	1. Tailored sport or afternoon dress; designing and cutting 2. Short cuts, pockets, bound buttonholes and finishes for dress.
August	1. Care and repair of clothes; dry cleaning and stain removal. 2. Judge and score dresses.
September	1. Short cuts to smartness, buymanship, looking up to date and well dressed on a small amount. 2. Club style dress revue.
October	Make reports and complete 4-H books.

This club is divided into five project groups. Four hold their meetings in the home. The other one meets in the school. Besides the regular program for each month each meeting is made up of group singing, a demonstration by one member, then 10 or 15 minutes is spent in recreation, after which the hostess always serves refreshments.

e. Leader Training

This year we have held six leaders' training meetings. Four were given by the specialists and two by the agent.

Mrs. T. P. Harwood, leader of the Crewe Club, is a most excellent 4-H Club leader. She has attended all leader training meetings this year and all of her club meetings, both project groups and the big Crewe Club meetings. Besides this, she has visited a number of the other clubs in the county. Mrs. Harwood has devoted three days with the agent in visiting 4-H Club members. She attended the camp at Jamestown and helped in every way possible with all club activities.

f. Camps and Short Courses

Jamestown Camp

This was the first year that Nottoway County's boys and girls attended the Jamestown 4-H Club Camp. On July 6 fifteen girls and eight boys with two agents went by bus from Blackstone to Jamestown. Gertrude Craddock of Nottoway was made Big Chief of one of the tribes. All the club members, leaders, and agents agreed that it was an ideal camp in every way. A large number of boys and girls are now looking forward to next year when they can go to camp, which is very likely to mean that we will have to hold a county camp in Nottoway in order to accommodate those that will be qualified to attend camp next year.

State Camp

On July 18 we were delighted to have 4 boys, 3 girls, and 1 leader attend the short course at Blacksburg. This was the first time Nottoway County has been represented at this meeting. Clara May Freeman represented Nottoway County in the Growth Contest and received a blue ribbon at Blacksburg. Gwynell Cobbs won a blue ribbon in the Clothing Judging Contest.

6. County Meetings

The 4-H Club girls and boys took an active part in the five county fair held at Blackstone by their exhibits and selling food in the 4-H Club booth.

Achievement Day

The most spectacular event that has ever come to club work in Nottoway County was held Friday, October 16 in Crewe. It was in the form of Achievement Day Banquet, where 130 members, their parents, and friends gathered together to hear of the achievements that the different clubs and members had made during the past year.

Despite the terrific downpour of rain 115 club members were present at this banquet.

The Crewe 4-H Club led the county in the achievement for the year and the banner which the Blackstone Club held last year. The Crewe Club also won first place in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

The State Boys Club Agent gave an enlightening talk on the 4-H Club movement in Virginia, tracing the history of 4-H Club work from its beginning in 1908.

Mr. L. B. Nutter, Club Leader, gave some very interesting incidents that

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are very likely to happen in the life of almost any club leader who has a good sense of humor. Mr. T. P. Harwood, Mayor of Crewe, welcomed the 4-H Club members and their friends on this occasion.

Outstanding records made by the girls in the county are as follows:

Shirley Walker of the Burkeville Club won first place in the county Style Dress Revue with 65 contestants; Lena Bourne of the Blackstone Club and Ann Ellett of the Burkeville Club won in the canning contests with 48 others competing. Clara May Freeman with a score of 99½ won the county health contest with 92 girls competing.

Much credit is to be given to the Indian Oak Club with Mrs. C. G. Ashmore as president for the delightful banquet that was served. The club members brought the raw food into their schools and it was then carried to the Home Demonstration Club women and they prepared it, in this way making it possible for the club members to enjoy the banquet at the price of only ten cents each.

#### VI. Progress Made during Year

The Jennings Home Demonstration Club this year increased their enrollment 56% over that of last year, possibly due to the fact that they were particularly interested in handicrafts. There were 3 new cellars dug and 95 other storage improvements made as a result of the county campaign. 3,269 handicraft articles were made by the home demonstration women. 38,230 quarts were canned by the home demonstration women and 4-H Club members, valued at \$10,451.40.

One of the biggest pieces of work done this year was to organize a 4-H Club Council, which is made up of the officers of the three big clubs in the county, Burkeville, Blackstone, and Crewe. We have an enrollment of 171 girls in club work. Last year the enrollment was 155. The leaders have held 40 meetings this year. Last year they conducted only 10.

Fifteen girls attended camp at Jamestown and two went to the short course at Blacksburg. 159 girls completed their work this year. 180 dresses were made and 400 other articles. 48 girls entered the canning contests and 65 took part in the Style Dress Revue Contest.

Although some of the home demonstration club women have been very much interested in the handicraft demonstrations and have done excellent work in this project, the agent does not feel that the women as a whole have gotten the benefits from the year's work that they would have had they selected some other project under foods or clothing.

#### VII. Plans and Goals for 1937

##### Women's Work

Major Project - Foods - Foods for Family Fun Occasions

Minor Project - Transplanting Native Plants and Evergreens for Virginia

County Campaign - Landscaping

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The first county goal is to continue working on a community kitchen started at Nottoway Court House last year. The second goal is to sponsor 4-H Club leadership. Third, to have at least 75% attendance at each club meeting. We hope to have leaders hold more meetings so it will give the agent more time to visit in the homes. We expect to have a larger number of women attend the state meeting at Blacksburg, for this meeting seems to stimulate the interest in home demonstration work. We expect to increase the enrollment in each home demonstration club and get nine members to take part in all club activities.

Girls' Work

Major Project - Home Improvement - Room Improvement  
Minor Project - Clothing

We are making plans to get more project leaders to take care of the new members that will start club work next year. This of course means that there will be new 4-H Clubs organized. It is generally believed that 4-H Club work has made a great deal of progress this year and we are looking forward to a greater year in all phases of extension work in 1937.

4 - H CLUB PICNIC HELD AT CRYSTAL LAKE



PICTURES TAKEN AT JENNINGS CLUB FAIR AND PICNIC

