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LII. Personal Report Summary

Days in field.....	274
Days in office.....	129
Days annual leave.....	22
Days sick leave.....	4
Days leave with out pay.....	0
Legal holidays taken.....	7
Number home visits made (adult).....	420
Number of 4-H club members home visited.....	215
Total number of different homes visited.....	635
Office calls.....	195
Telephone calls.....	791
Number of new articles prepared for paper.....	88
Number of individual letters written.....	1076
Number of different circular letters prepared.....	74
Number meetings attended.....	355
Number of miles traveled	14,528

IV. THE COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE

Washington County is in the far southwest section of Virginia adjoining Tennessee. Almost all the land is rolling hillsides covered with a luxuriant sod of grass, therefore the farmers are able to put on the market fine cattle. The large farmers are much in the lamplight selling big herds of cattle, and raising such good burly tobacco, while the small farmer is hardly able to maintain a minimum standard of living. This accounts for the wide variance in the living conditions of the people. One of the most important changes that one notes due in a large measure to the extension program, is the well kept lawns and plantings of shrubbery. Rural electric lines are here, there and everywhere. Farmers have bought frigidaires, washing machines and other labor saving devices. These families are realizing that electric service means more than lights. Other improvements about the home which adds efficiency to the homemaker's job and allows time for more thought to the problems of living life to the fullest have been realized.

V. FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF WORK

The county organization which gives financial support to Home Demonstration Work in Washington county is a board, composed of seven men elected by popular vote from their respective magisterial districts. They are known as county supervisors, and have all authority in making appropriations for the work.

VI. WOMEN'S WORK

1. Organization

a. County Advisory Board

Washington County advisory board held two meetings during the year, besides two executive meetings. The first was held at the Martha Washington Inn with thirty-three present. The County Agent gave a most interesting talk on the Agricultural Standards and Their Effect On our Standards of Life. Mrs. Mahlon Robinson was elected chairman; Mrs. Robert Vance, Vice-chairman; and Miss Lela Clark, secretary and treasurer. The county program for 1938 was then discussed, and "Clothing" for a major seemed to meet the needs of the largest number. Improving the Home Grounds proved to be a universal need through out the county so it was selected as the campaign for the year 1938. The Federation Goal, "Rural Electrification" was chosen as so many communities reported a need for rural lines. The committee reported upon the Goals for the county which were: first, each club have some money making scheme and give one half to the advisory board; second, each club complete some community project; third, each club have at least one delegate to State Camp; fourth, each club federate; fifth, each club participate in county picnic; sixth, each club assume responsibility for being represented at all county meetings. These were accepted. The meeting adjourned to meet again in April.

In April the board met again to plan for the rest of the year. It had been decided that due to the county conditions it would be best to continue this under the same heading. Twenty-six members were present representing twelve of fifteen clubs. The Home Demonstration Agent showed by posters the average attendance at club meetings and brought out conditions which prevailed in various communities. The program plans for the 1939 were discussed. Plans were made to have the county H D C picnic on June 30th at a national park in the county. The committee of Achievement Day reported plans for an all day affair with a prominent speaker and good educational booths. A score card was also presented by which the clubs would be judged for the best in the county. The score card was as follows:

1. Attendance of Club (Average attendance).....	10
2. Represented at Extension Meetings/.....	15
a. County.....	7
b. District.....	4
c. State.....	4
3. Activities of the club	55
a. Clothing.....	10
b. Gardneing.....	5
c. Poultry.....	5
d. Foods.....	5
e. Home Improvement.....	5
f. Community projects.....	10
g. Campaign.....	15
4. Responsibility as a club citizen.....	20
a. Dues to federation.....	4
b. Support to advisory board.....	4
c. Leaders cooperation (attendance at meetings)	4
d. Number of demonstrations given.....	8

The club judged the best would receive a loving cup with their name and year engraved on it. The cup would be passes from one club to another each year. A delegate, the county chairman was elected to represent this board at the State Institute at Blacksburg. Mrs. Ab Rhea, the county youth chairman told of the number of 4-H clubs in the county and their program. The 4-H camp being close at hand, a detailed description of the program was given. A motion was made that the advisory board be represented by sending a leader. This board also voted to accept the responsibility of chartering a bus to take the women to the district meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at Nappows. For some time members had been interested in organizing a County Choral Club. The advisory board decided to take this as a project, and to find out through the different clubs how many would be interested in coming and joining this club.

In June an executive meeting of the advisory board was called by the chairman in order that she might obtain a report from all the clubs as to their needs for the 1939 program. All but one was represented and had a suggestion from their club. From these

it seemed that the county needed a study of foods especially the use of home grown foods. A representative of this board was asked to stay over for the program planning meeting after the State meeting of Rural Institute of Public Affairs when the specialist would discuss the varied needs of the different counties.

Another executive Meeting was called in September to make the final plans for the 1939 program. The demonstration which seemed most suited to the needs and the months in which each would come was decided upon. The county chairman of Citizenship presented some carefully worked out plans in this field. This was accepted. A committee was appointed to work on the county year books, and on the county campaign. A nomination committee was also appointed. The treasurer reported that \$49.00 had been turned in to her by the various clubs and that \$34.00 remained in the treasury. A committee to make off plans for the year was also appointed. The meeting adjourned to meet on November 12th for their fall meeting.

b. Changes in Organization

In Washington county it was decided best to leave the county board as it was. The executive committee was made up of the chairman of the county board and presidents of the Home Demonstration clubs. At the executive meeting in September, it was decided to change the name of this board to the Homemaking Board and invite all agencies carrying on a home economics program, which affected the home, to become a member of the board at the fall meeting.

c. Home Demonstration Clubs

The Home Demonstration clubs have been organized in Washington county to meet the need of the largest number of people. Sometimes the communities seem very close together but transportation is a big problem as the majority have to walk. Last year one woman in a community wanted a club, we made a survey of the community and found that the agent would have to travel quite a distance for only a few women whereas on car could take these women to a club about five miles away. In another community by survey it was found that twenty were actively interested, and there were a number who could not come or was antagonistic to the work. This the advisory board thought would be a good community to work in.

Each club has its set of officers made up of two leaders, president vice-president, secretary-treasurer, reporter and recreational leader, chairman of the county campaign, of the goal, and of other projects are appointed by the president. Each club selects some community project, as well as their club program to sponsor. The officers of the club are members of the county advisory board.

d. Scope of Work

1. The number of white homemakers in the county is 4,405 and the number reached directly is 425; and indirectly it is 750.

(2) Enrollment for past three years:

Year:	No. Clubs:	Membership:	No. Reached Indirectly:
1936	12	280	500
1937	15	370	600
1938	16	450	700

(3) The number of magisterial districts in the county are seven which are as follows:

District	No. Clubs
1. Saltville	1
2. Kinderhook	2
3. Abingdon	2
4. Holston	4
5. North Fork	1
6. Goodson	3
7. Glade Spring	2
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3. Project Work

- a. The Washington county women decided that since they had studied the fundamentals and principles of a Well Dressed House in 1937, it was time that they learned more about the Well Dressed Woman. Since the 4-H clubs had been doing this, the mothers realized their inadequate knowledge concerning such things as color, design etc.; so it was decided that clothing should be the major project. The demonstrations which seemed to furnish the largest number of needed subjects were Health and Posture. The women were at first dubious about the possibility of helping their postures. But more than one went and had themselves fitted up in a new foundation garment. A habit, due to badly fitted garments, of pulling down everytime one gets up, had been worked on considerably. At the Forrest Dress Contest much stress was laid upon posture. The next demonstration was "Care of Clothing". In this most emphasis was placed upon packing clothing for the winter. A large number of women felt that after you had a cedar box made you were safe from moths. One woman said that she had always wished she could have had her house lined with cedar. Many learned to make bags from newspapers to put their coats, etc., in. A study of "Attractive Dresses for Every Occasion" was then taken and proved to be very interesting. Work clothes was discussed and the effect of color combinations in apron and dresses. Many attractive models appeared at the next club meeting for the Style Dress Revue.

Later the demonstration on "Fall and Winter Fashions" was given. When you spoke of fashions, the majority usually remarked that they had no use for it as they didn't get a new dress but about once a year. The economy of studying fashion trends was emphasized, and at least thirty-five women were saved from buying a very popular colored coat to wear four or five years.

Many lovely dresses, children's clothes etc., were made in the "Renovating or Restyling" The theme song during these six demonstrations was:

There are styles that make us larger
There are styles that make us small
There are styles that seem to make us chunky
There are styles that seem to make us tall
There are styles that are correctly fashioned
These are styles right up to date
And the way we've planned these styles so fitting
We hope you'll appreciate.

The roll call for these months brought out individual discussion as "The Color Most Becoming to Them", "My Short Step in Sewing", etc. A contest on "do You Know Your Lines" was enjoyed one month. The county Correct Dress Contest was well attended, fifty different women entered some class. In a questionnaire sent out in the fall, seventy-five percent thought it was an educational feature of their program that they would like to see continue even if they did not take clothing in 1939 as their major project. The winners in the county made a very fine showing for their club and county at the State Style Dress Revue.

b. Minors

Canning demonstrations are still one of the most popular minors, as the women are becoming more conscious of the fact that when their pantry shelves are filled so much cash is added to the family's income. One club was amazed that 8210 cans were preserved in their club at a value of \$2066.75, especially since the seasons had not been very good. The women were not the only persons who saw in the good vegetable garden an income equal in many cases to the cash crop planting but the men were surprised at this fact brought home.

Seating chairs came in for its share of minor demonstrations and 78 chairs and stools were bottomed.

The most noticeable results were seen in the difference the refreshments looked after a number of clubs had discussed "Attractive Refreshments". Previous to this the plate served was equal to a most unattractive luncheon plate. This was too much for women who had to go home and cook for hungry farmers. Now more thought and pride is put upon making something attractive out of what one has at hand without thought of what Mrs. Jones served last time. "It is better etiquette to serve less", you will hear them say - or that Emily Post said this was what should be served.

A very helpful study was made of "Table Service" for the well ordered home. Many rules of etiquette were brought. Mother's discussed about how to get "John to acquire better table manners".

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c. Community Project

One club established a public library by each member giving a book. Then twenty-five dollars was used to buy new books. Two Book-lovers Clubs were asked to contribute their books of the year so it has a good number of books. A N.Y.A. girl is giving part of her time to this work while the club librarian looks after most of the details. The club was able to get a trained librarian to classify and catalogue the books. It was decided that they charge ten cents a week for the new books.

Another club decided that the school in their community needed some new quarters for their Home Economics Department. Each member tried themselves and soon two basement rooms were made ready for the girls. The next H.D.C. meeting was held in these rooms. Each member brought gifts as pot holders, tea towels, pans, bowls, etc. About \$10.00 had been previously made by the club and a set of dishes was bought. This club also completed the planing of shrubs about the school.

Another club established a circulating library for its own club members, and a news stand in two sections of the community. Club members brought magazines, funny papers, etc. to these two places and the poor people in the community are urged to take them home to read and then bring them back. From record kept a large number has enjoyed this privilege.

One club clothed a child and saw that he had books to go to school. They also made money to plant their church grounds. Several other clubs made a beginning towards the planting of either the church or school grounds.

Another club made a base planting of forsythia around their school grounds, but news came to the club that a family in their community was in dire circumstances due to sickness. The club decided to help by giving an ice-cream supper. The president of the club was able to secure some clothes from the Welfare Department also some food. Thirty dollars was made to get the necessary doctors medicines, etc., to tide the family over until the crops were gathered. The club felt this far more important than the planting of the school grounds.

d. Project Leadership

- a. Three county Training Meetings were held by specialist at Blacksburg to equip leaders to take over meetings and to help with other demonstrations when the agent was not present. Fifty-three attended these three meetings with an increase of fifteen over last year.
- b. Each leader took over at least two demonstrations and helped with others. The leader of one club gave as many as five of the six major demonstrations.

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4. Other Activities

- a. The campaign for 1938 was Home and Yard Improvement. In January a county meeting was called of all the club chairmen to make out plans for the campaign. It was decided that a slogan was needed, so one of the county papers gladly cooperated and ran a contest in their paper. The slogan chosen was "Washington County, Virginia, Let's Work Hard, For the Well Kept Home in the Well Kept Yard". This one was written by a club member. The club disposed of about 300 of these stickers and used them on their correspondence. By this time the campaign was well advertised and the chairman were ready to launch it in their various clubs. All the chairman thought it should be competitive but it was left to the club as to whether the yards would be scored previously or not. Each member would have a record book which was made out by the committee and mimeographed (copies of these will be found in the appendix). Each club would select the three best records by September 15th and send in to the county chairman. The county contest was divided into three classes: 1st, Contest of winners from club; 2nd, Contest between clubs for the best work; 3rd, Contest between clubs to see which might get the largest number of non-members to participate in the campaign. Three hundred and sixty record books were distributed. About forty non-members were interested in the campaign and promised to do things and keep records.

The State Landscape Gardening Specialist visited sixty-three homes and gave suggestions. The Home Agent and committees visited over seventy-five. Articles were published in the papers as to the transplanting of native shrubs and how they might be used to beautify the homes. The county chairman spoke to a large District Meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Association on "Beautifying with Natural Shrubbery".

April 11-15th was designated as clean-up week and club chairman reported a 100 percent membership clean-up with as many more influenced indirectly to clean up their premises also.

A garden tour was conducted for the members to see the many different things that county gardeners had accomplished in various types of locations and different types of homes. A visit to a hot house and nursery gave the women a better knowledge of plants and shrubbery.

Flower Shows were held in ten of the sixteen clubs in the county. Ribbons were given for the best arrangement for tables, bookcases, and baskets; also for the best specimen of various flowers.

At the end of the year, seventy-six handed in their record books for scoring. Every member said that they had done something. The first place winner had with the help of her family built an outdoor living room, sodding it over with grass. Outdoor chairs were made so that everyone could enjoy the beauty of the garden below. An outdoor fireplace set the final touches, and it will be the means of bringing much happiness to not only the family but to their friends as well.

The non-members did so many interesting things such as building rock walls, bringing in native shrubery and various other things. The most outstanding achievement of the whole campaign was the gaining of cooperation between all members of the family - father, mother, brother, and sister.

b. Recreation

At the November meeting of the advisory board, the women voted to have an old fashioned basket picnic for their social feature of the year. A park out in the mountains was chosen as the place, so everyone looked forward to the day. Instead of sunshine, we had rain but about 125 braved the day and enjoyed a real good get together as no program had been planned.

6. County Meetings

The Correct Dress Tea was held at the Methodist Church, as the culmination of the clothing project. Plans had been made to receive the guests as they arrived and serve them cold punch and cookies but on account of the rain the tables had to be moved inside. A musical program was the first feature of the afternoon while the winners of the clubs primped for the contest. Entrants were made in home, church, shopping, and informal dress entertaining in both classes, Correct Dress and Style Dress Revue. After this, everyone "ah" and "ah" when the women appeared in an outfit that had been renovated and told the story of its origin. Each one voted it not only an enjoyable occasion but a very educational one.

The Washington county Choral Club was organized in July as a project of the advisory board with twenty members. The president, vice-president, and secretary were elected, and a director was chosen. The club was fortunate in getting a very capable person as director who at the time was president of the State Federation of Music clubs. Due to interest, the club held five practices in August and three in September. It was decided that during the winter months that the club would not meet but once a month. The club made its first appearance at the county Achievement Day and was well received.

The annual Home Demonstration Club Achievement Day was held at Central School in Abingdon with over 200 women in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, and group singing was enjoyed. Reverend R.C. King gave the invocation. The president of the Chamber of Commerce welcomed the women and spoke highly of the work they are doing in the county. One of the women responded, thanking all the agencies who had had a part in making the day a success. The Washington county Choral Club delighted the audience with several selections. Dr. M'Ledge Moffet, Dean of Radford College, gave a most inspiring talk, using the subject "Dusting you Attics". She spoke of the outworn prejudices and fears as cluttering up our mental life, just as old dusty furniture clutters up our attics. She challenged the club members to give their young people better training that they might become better citizens. The lunch which had been furnished by the women was enjoyed, and it took much persuasion to get

them back in place to begin the afternoon program. After group singing the District Agent spoke of the quality of the booths. First place was awarded the one carrying out the slogan: "The Housewife Feeds the Farmer, but the Farmer Feeds us All." This was a display of farm products, and the products that were made from each, even a coop of chickens was brought in. Second place went to the one showing a dining room with a beautiful set table with bits of old china and old glass on a refinished drop leaf table. Third place was given to Health Train which was an electric train bearing cars labeled with health giving foods. Posters emphasized certain preventatives and attracted much attention. Other booths were made up of hobbies, hand crafts, and other products of the home. A symposium composed of women from each club told of interesting work, and problems in each community. Questions such as - "How has your club interested home maker who cannot attend the club meeting", - "Do you feel that your club room has been an advantage to your club?" There was one for and one against each question. And many other questions brought out a lively discussion. A loving cup was awarded the Bethel Club for its high standard of club work during the year. Campaign winners were awarded prizes. Everyone agreed that day had been instructive as well as a happy one.

Bethel and Oak Hill clubs sponsored club fairs which were both educational and social. The Greendale and Glade Spring clubs cooperated in putting on their own community fairs.

5. Participation in Federation

- a. Thirty-eight Washington county women attended the District meeting at Harrows, 100 miles away. A bus was chartered and twenty-nine had a glorious time learning each other better. The contacts made meant a great deal to the work. Each was enthused over the program, and everyone came home determined to have a choral club.
- b. The thirty-eight women who attended the Federation of Home Demonstration Club gave a splendid report to their club. Each spoke of Mrs. Sayre's talk and of the Style Dress Revue, and Fashion Show. Everyone expressed a wish to see more of the buildings and grounds.
- c. The National Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs met near enough for nine Washington county women to attend. Each one seemed impressed with the large number of women from all over the United States and such outstanding people. Their eyes seemed to be opened to the immensity of the program and that problems which were confronting us were confronting those over the United States.

6. Story of Achievement by Club Carrying the Best Program

Buffalo Pond Community, which is three miles northeast of Wallace, is a rural community which centers around a one-teacher (who teaches the first five grades) school. There has previously been no community life, the nearest church being two miles away, the people attending it, or one three miles away or going to Bristol, eight miles. Many seldom go to the church. Our members are wives of small farm owners and some are

tenants. No phones in neighborhood, two families have gotten electricity in last year. Families are large, if there are any. Our secretary is a mother of fourteen, another member had twelve. We do not ask our members for donations to the club, any money we have is from the annual ice-cream supper. Only two women in the club drive a car though most of the families have a car.

The year just past in Buffalo Pond club has found us busy in providing a home for our year old organization. Thirty-five dollars was on hand for this purpose, having been cleared at an ice-cream supper held during the club's first year. As one room of our school was used to store coal we obtained permission to use this room for a club room at our expense. When we looked at our room, we saw window glass all gone, sashes falling out, floor rotted under west windows, walls and floor black and sooty from several year's storing of coal. To make the story of a year's work short, the windows were replaced, the floor repaired, the walls gone over with buff-colored kalsomine, the floor and wainscoting painted a coca shade, the windows screened, a door bought and hung. Curtains with colorful valances and tie-backs were put in place over the new shades. Our treasury being exhausted with improvements heretofore related, another ice-cream supper was held with net proceeds of eighteen dollars. With part of this, we plan to purchase table and chairs to complete the furnishings. In the meantime we are using some temporary furniture which had been loaned to us.

A meeting had been held each month at the scheduled time; the topics have been varied and practical. At a special poultry meeting, we had as our guest, a poultry expert from Blacksburg who made an informative talk and answered questions on all phases of poultry husbandry. After a demonstration on bottoming chairs, several members obtained material from the Home Demonstration Agent and restored discarded chairs to usefulness. One member bottomed a set of six for a non-member; another family bottomed several with leather thongs which they obtained at negligible cost. The club had the teacher's chair at the school bottomed, the seat previously being two planks nailed on the frame. At the April a plant exchange was held and plants of perennials were distributed. Forty-five rhubarb roots were distributed to families who had none. Iris roots and jonquil bulbs will be given to those who desire to use them in improving the premises. Thirty-five forsythia plants, given to the club, were delivered to members to stimulate interest in the yard improvement campaign.

To put on our campaign, a committee called on all the families in the neighborhood whether members or not, asking them to cooperate in our yard and grounds improvement contest. Two judges were selected from the Abington Road club these visited each home, making notes on the condition of the grounds so that any changes would be given credit. In addition, these two judges were invited to address a meeting of the club on the subject. This they did, stressing not flower or shrubbery planting alone, but the importance of the cleanliness of the premises from empty tin cans and blowing papers, the need for weed cutting along the fences, the value of mowing the lawn, the necessity of paint. Though a good beginning was made, it was decided to continue this project as our minor next year accordingly we are not turning in our "blue books" but will

keep them over until next fall when cash prizes will be given to those to whom the judges award first, second, and third places.

Three members represented the club in the Dress Contest in Abingdon in August, winning one first place and one second place; the dress for informal entertaining which won first place was exhibited by its owner in the Dress Revue at Blacksburg. A prize of two dollars, which was won at Achievement Day in 1937, by the president was given to the club in the form of a first and second prize of one dollar each for the best individual jars in the canning contest in September 1938.

Together with Wallace PTA our club arranged for a meeting held at Wallace High School in June, 1938. When Mrs. McHenry of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association presented a talking movie on the cause and prevention of tuberculosis and Mr. Russell Ratcliffe of the TVA gave an illustrated lecture with colored slides on "Erosion Control and Home Beautification". An audience of approximately one hundred and twenty-five witnessed the presentation.

A foundation planting of forsythia has been made around our school and successfully nursed through the first summer. This winter we plan to assist on obtaining play ground equipment for the school and starting a school library.

This summer a most enjoyable garden tour was conducted, three gardens and one greenhouse in the vicinity being visited. The garden illustrated both the formal and informal type of planting; at one garden the group was graciously entertained by the owner who served cookies and a fruit juice beverage from an antique punch bowl, the table being a huge mounted mill stone.

By forming a subscription club to a well-known and practical farm paper we obtained the paper at half price, thus giving it to homes which had previously taken no periodicals.

By helping with an ice-cream supper and giving cash donations, our members assisted in raising thirty dollars for a tenant family which was in desperate circumstances on account of illness. This was expended for medicines and groceries to tide them over until crops were harvested. Our president obtained a supply of clothes for them from the county Welfare Department and quilt from a charity club of which she is a member. Also sheets and pillow cases and eight dollars more for supplies.

It is hoped that we prove our usefulness along many lines, that our membership will increase and our opportunity for service broaden.

7. Story of Outstanding Achievement by Individual

For a number of years I have been a member of the Oak Hill Club but never seemed to accomplish any big thing. Each year we planned a program that met our needs seemingly but something always seemed lacking. One thing that we needed in our community as a whole was electricity but numbers of men had tried and it seemed an impossible undertaking.

At the fall meeting of our advisory board it was decided that the women tackle the job and put their shoulder behind the load. They appointed me chairman of this committee. At a county meeting of the extension workers for electricity, and representatives from all sections of the county interested in a rural line, it was decided that I contact the local small company for prices. This I did but prices were prohibitive. The next development came in the form of a message from the Home Agent asking that I get some men to go with representatives of the Appalachian Company to make a survey of Washington County, and keep it

under my hat. Two weeks later I was invited to attend a meeting of the Appalachian Company's workers, key-men in the county and Home and County Agents. We pledged the support of our club in helping these men get a quick sign up. Two days later I appeared before my club and discussed the contracts, and asked that they give them their support. Material was likewise sent to other clubs. In two weeks over two hundred had been signed up. In the meantime the local company tried to prevent the Appalachian from coming in. The State Commissioner sent a person down to investigate. I had already had a number of visits from the president of the local company, who offered to reduce their rates, but they had made their promises before and didn't abide by them. A county meeting was called with representatives of both sides present. I was called on to speak for the group although there were more than seventy-five men present. In a few words I told of the number of times we had asked that they give us rural lines and never had even a survey been made. The State representative asked that the people who wanted the Appalachian Company to stand and all present stood. The local company had to withdraw their complaint and every farm home in our community including my own that could afford even a small amount have their lights burning brightly. Through our Home Agent we have become educated to the fact the electricity and lights are not one and the same but as the trucks pass my door bearing frigidaires, radios, etc., I say there goes electricity. Our old plantation home has become a place of comfort and ease because of back breaking burdening toil eliminated by the use of electricity.

I am proud of my part in bringing so much happiness to so many people by means of rural electric lines.

VII. 4-H CLUB WORK

1. Organization

a. County Council

The 4-H council of Washington county met on December 11th with thirty members present even if it were snowing and sleeting. The club president introduced their members and gave a short report of the work done in their club. Following this, one of the clubs gave a demonstration on Parliamentary procedure, which gave thought for discussion. The Glade Spring club installed their officers so that the other clubs might see how it was done. To complete the various ceremonies, the Barracks club told of the requirements they set for their new members, and gave a mock initiation. Mrs. Ab Rhea, one of the 4-H leaders led a discussion on "Building an Interesting Club Program". After luncheon together, the program continued with group singing of new songs. Patty Rhea and Ernest Yeatts gave very interesting reports on their trips to the National 4-H Congress at Chicago.

Honor Club requirements were set up by the council for 1938, and plans were made for sponsoring county wide activities. It was decided that the county should have a spring rally in Abingdon with a pageant in the morning put on by the various clubs, and the Correct Dress in

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the afternoon. Committees were appointed to see the Rotarian, Civitans and Chamber of Commerce in order that they might sponsor certain parts of the program. A carnival was planned to make some money to sponsor the county 4-H camp. After the election of officers the council adjourned to meet in April again.

The council met for its second meeting in April. After the roll call and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mrs. Mabel Kreger delighted the group with her marvelous discussion on "The Values of A Good Hobby". Her talk was followed with an exhibition of hobbies which was very interesting. The Committee made very favorable reports. The Rotary Club would give a trip to State Short Course to each of the five girls who proved winner in the Correct Dress Contest. The Civitans would give one to a boy and the Chamber of Commerce would give fifteen dollars to be used to the best advantage. Part of this was to be used to buy prizes for the Junior Girls winning in Correct Dress Contest and the other boys. A committee reported that a camp would be held the first week in June, and the expenses would be \$4.75. Each would be asked to bring lunch for the first night. For handcraft, leather work seemed to be the most popular. Details were left to the committee and the Home Agent. Only girls who had their project up to date would be eligible to attend. The pageant was discussed and all clubs were getting their part ready. The date was set for June 30th at the Town Hall Theatre in Abingdon. A committee reported on the Achievement Day at Bristol and told of the program planned by the Chamber of Commerce. The treasurer reported \$26.07 in the bank, \$23.00 of which had been cleared from the carnival. Approximately \$75.00 had been taken in, and after the expenses were paid one-half went to the club sponsoring the booth and one-half to the council. The council then adjourned.

The camp was held and the council paid a deficit of \$18.00. The Rally Day seemed quite successful as well as the Achievement Day. This group is a very vital part of the 4-H program and carries much of the responsibility of the county program.

b. 4-H Clubs

The 4-H clubs of the county are made up almost entirely of girls due to the fact that the county Agent has been so busy with other agriculture work that he doesn't have very much time for club work. The clubs have their officers besides two local leaders, one project and one program. They consider the community and the needs of the club members before their program of work is made off.

c. Scope of Work

- (1). There are _____ girls in the county and three hundred and seventy-five are being reached.

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(2) Enrollment for the past three years:

Year:	No. Clubs:	Memberships:
1936	10	190
1937	21	290
1938	21	375

(3) Number of magisterial districts in the county and 4-H clubs are as follows:

District:	No. 4-H Clubs:
1. Saltville	3
2. Kinderhook	2
3. Abingdon	3
4. Holston	4
5. North Fork	3
6. Goodson	3
7. Glade Spring	3
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2. Project Work

- a. The county wide unit was clothing, along the line of selection and care. A study was made of the daily, seasonal and occasional care of clothing. The selection of clothing for various occasions was later discussed. Each girl was allowed to make anything that they decided they needed most. Everyone made a one dress, and then other garments such as slips, panties, aprons, pajamas, and gowns were constructed. A Correct Dress Contest was held in the summer, and nearly all the girls had made their dresses. All the winners were dresses made by the wearer. The county Style Dress Revue was held for both the senior and junior groups with thirty-two girls taking part. The winner of this group had a very attractive wool suit which she modeled in the State Clothing Contest. So many girls reported that they were doing all their sewing and part of the families, and gave all the credit to their 4-H clothing work.
- b. Health work was stressed in all the 4-H clubs. The county council offered a trip to the State Short Course for the healthiest girl. The county health doctor didn't have the time to examine all, so the clubs were able to get local doctors and nurses to make the examinations. In one club which was in the suburb of Bristol, every club member needed to gain. During the month that their health habits were checked they became conscious of the fact that they were drinking too much "pop" and eating too much candy. They voted of their own free will to keep records the second month, and everyone gained from two to seven pounds. A great many had their eyes fitted with glasses, their tonsils removed, and other defects corrected.
- A county contest was held for the club winners. The county health doctor examined these girls and made the scoring. The winner received a score of 97. The most emphasis was placed on posture, and personal cleanliness, and correcting habits such as nail biting.

c. Other Units Carried by Local Clubs

The clubs in the county carried units on - Food Preservation, Good Manners, Home Beautification and Arranging Flowers for the Home. Five clubs carried out units in poultry.

d. Story of the Best Project Work by an Individual

Spurred on by the success I had in 1936-37, I started out the year 1937-38 to work harder and learn more things. The major project was again clothing and I chose canning again as my individual unit.

My first garment this year was a sport suit, consisting of shorts, skirt, blouse, and kerchief. I entered this outfit in the club Correct Dress Contest, and was chosen to represent my club in the county contest held at Rally Day. I won the county contest and was given a free trip to the State Contest held during the State Short Course. Great was my surprise and also happiness when I learned that I had been selected as a blue ribbon winner in the State Correct Dress Contest. I entered this sport outfit in the Washington county fair and received second place as the best made dress or outfit.

During the summer of 1938 I made all my school dresses that I intended to wear to school in the fall. I made eleven dresses, three pieces of underwear, and a pair of pajamas. By making my clothes I could save quite a few dollars that I needed and wanted to use in other ways.

My second garment was a suit. I had never before made a wollen suit and at first was afraid could not make a success of it. However it was not as hard as it seemed. The judge chose my outfit to represent my club in the county Style Dress Revus. It was a pleasure to know that my outfit was worthy of first place in the county. By winning this contest I was eligible to enter the state contest.

I have enjoyed all my dresses, and tried to make them well. One of my dresses that I made during the summer took first place in the Glade Spring community fair. It only cost forty-three cents and I consider it one of my prettiest dresses.

My canning won first place in the Washington county fair and I entered eight quarts of fruits, meat, vegetables as a ballanced meal in the Glade Spring fair and won first place. I canned sixty-one cans by myself and helped with over three hundred more.

During the year I served as reporter of the club and was elected vice-president for next year. In closing my story of my 4-H club project I can only say that I consider 4-H club the best organization for boys and girls that I know. I give 4-H club work the credit of making me a better citizen for my club, for my community, and for my country.

3. Community Activities

a. Community Projects

Each 4-H club was asked to carry a community project in order

to meet the honor roll requirements set up by the council. One built an outdoor fireplace and made a very fine picnic ground which was needed in their community. Another club assisted the Home Demonstration Club in setting up a public library by soliciting books. A rest room for the girls and teachers was an asset to one of the schools as a result of a 4-H project. A number of the clubs set out flowers and native shrubery around their school grounds. One club set up a nursery for their Home Demonstration Club so that mothers who had small children might come to club meetings. One of the clubs raised thirty-two dollars and gave twenty of it to the fund for putting light in the school in order that it might reach the accredited list.

c. Raising Money for Club Activities

The 4-H clubs have many schemes for raising money for their activities. The ice-cream supper is the most popular way of raising money. In most instances the girls make the ice-cream at home, thus getting more profit. At these suppers, cake walks are popular. Boys in the local communities furnish the music and couples pay five cents to enter the cake walk. This is an easy way to earn money and it is fun too. About \$54.00 was made by the various clubs in this way.

Another way our clubs raised money was in giving One Act Plays. These plays were helpful to the children and brought in money for them also. Valley Institute had two One Act Plays for which they charged twenty-five cents and sold candy, and had a cake walk. They made \$32.00. The leaders deserve great credit for helping to put these on. They rehearsed with the girls and helped them with the costumes.

Glade Spring 4-H sponsored a picture show. They made \$6.00. More was made on the ice-cream suppers. Barracks 4-H club had an ice-cream supper and beauty parade. In this beauty parade they had men to dress up. The men competed for a prize and this brought in the women and many others interested.

Box suppers prove to be a good way to make money. The girls have to be good advertisers to make it go over big. Bingo parties are fun and progressive. At these bingo parties the club sponsors hot dog stands, ice-cream and candy. This is work but everyone has to work for things. The clubs have done nice things to raise money. The 4-H council sponsored a carnival. Each club that would sponsor a booth would get one-half the money raised by that booth. They had Bingo, Fishing Ponds, Candy, A Shooting Gallery, and Fortune-telling booths. A mistake was made by not charging an admission fee. Next time a charge will be made at the door. The council made \$22.00 on this scheme.

4. Local Leadership

a. Plan for Training and Use of Leaders

The leaders of Washington county deserve a great deal of praise for the excellent work that they have carried on in the county. A fall meeting was held to decide the county unit of work and discuss problems both county wide and in their own clubs. Club programs were worked on so that they might have something very concrete to work on in their clubs. Two other training meetings were held with an attendance of thirty-seven. The leaders were asked to hold one of the two summer meetings each month.

b. Results Obtained

The project leaders assisted the girls with their construction problems, often times calling extra meetings for those who were not able to get their regular meetings. They checked on the family units of work and sent in records of all project work done in their clubs. The program leader planned for recreation of the club, and accomplished much in the extra activities. Each club prepared a part of a pageant which was given at the county seat on Rally Day. Playlets were put on either as money making schemes or for P T A or Chapel programs. They arranged for transportation to Rally Day and Achievement Day. The 4-H club work could not reach out into many communities without these volunteer workers.

5. Other Activities

a. Camps

The Washington county 4-H camp was held from May 30th to June 4th with \$7 in camp. The setting was quite ideal as it is located right in the mountains with fairly good roads up to the camp. A place to swim, a big lodge in which to play etc., and electric lights everywhere make it a most interesting camp site. This year the camp was put on by the leaders in the county directed by the Home Agent for the girls belonging to the 4-H clubs in the county. No outside help was employed. As varied a program as possible was given to the girls.

The schedule ran thus but with sufficient elasticity to take care of undue interest in some particular field where time seemed needed:

6:30	First Call
7:00	Posture exercises and games
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Sprucing up the rooms
8:30	Inspection of room - staff meeting
9:00	Home Nursing - Pamunks
9:30	Home Nursing - Powhatans

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9:00	Nature study - Powhatans
9:30	Nature study - Pamunkeys
10:00	Leather work both tribes together but all divided into 4 groups for working
11:00	Small Powwows
11:40	Big Powwow
12:00	Get ready for dinner
12:30	Dinner
1:00	Go to rooms for rest
2:00	Bell to dress
2:15	Choice of Game leadership - Song leadership
3:00	Store open
3:30	Recreation period - Swimming, baseball, tennis croquet, etc.
5:00	Sprucing up for supper
6:00	Supper
7:00	Vespers
8:00	Evening program
9:30	Call to quarters
10:00	Lights out.

In our Home Nursing Classes we had the following:

1. Correct making of bed and care of a room for sanitation
2. Story of life
3. The use of the hot water bag and other ways of making a patient comfortable.
4. Taking the temperature, pulse, and respiration

In nature study classes the two tribes were divided into groups according to their interests as :

1. Birds and their foods
2. Bird sanctuaries
3. Identification of wild birds
4. Identification of wild flowers

The girls did take quite a bit of interest and some very interesting booklets and displays came out of it.

Of all the activities throughout the whole week the leather work seemed the most popular. They took it to class with them, to rest with them, to recreation and it seemed that wherever they were the work was there too. A very fine exhibit of finished articles were on display the last night, as pocket books, key rings, belts, napkin rings, and book markers.

The recreation hour of choice seemed to be enjoyed by all. The songs for the pageant were easily learned with out the feeling that we were practicing for something. Two afternoons they had something in dramatics and that led to the pageant too. It gave them something definite.

The outdoor recreation took the form of swimming, baseball, tennis, croquet, horseshoe, can ball etc. A tournament the last day in each of these added much to the spirit of the games.

The theme of our vesper program for the week was "Friendship" and it was a subject of interest to all.

Our evening program seemed quite popular. The first night was given over to the opening ceremony, challenges, etc. Tuesday night a Major Bowes program was put on that even the Major himself would have approved of. Wednesday night, we invited the 4-H boys and other boys to come up for a party. The boys had a grand time of it and wanted to come back. Thursday night the girls enjoyed a real honest to goodness banquet with all frill and fancies of toast master and toasts. Friday night a pageant, The Great White Spirit was presented to about 75 guests, and following the pageant the closing ceremony and candlelighting service.

Even tho the weather was bad, the spirit of the girls, was up and going and all seemed to have a very profitable as well as happy time at camp.

Nineteen of our girls attended the State 4-H Short Course. Five of these were winners in the county Correct Dress Contest. Two of the girl's outfits were placed in the blue ribbon class and one in the red. A number of our girls took part on different programs, and acted as discussion leaders. They do so enjoy having a little share in making the big ball roll. Although the weather was bad each one returned more enthused over the work and determined to be a bigger and better 4-H club member.

- d. The county for the first time in a number of years sponsored a fair. The 4-H clubs were invited to take a part in this undertaking. Various clubs put on educational booths. The winner showed the advantages of a well packed school lunch in a very attractive way. The second place went to the club which pictured the activities at 4-H camp and why it was important for boys and girls. The third prize was given to a booth which had made vases etc., out of bottles, phonograph records, and made arrangements for all the different places in the home, such as tables, mantel, floors etc. Others carried out the theme of - "A Well Dressed 4-H Girl" - "History of 4-H Club Work" - "Hobbies of the 4-H Club Girls" and a general exhibit.

The 4-H Rally of Washington county was held in Abingon in June 30th at the Town Hall Theatre. Over 500 boys and girls were present, besides many visitors. A pageant "The Spirit of American Music" was presented by the various clubs. The judges decided in favor of the Indian Epic as first place due to the fact that the costumes were made by the girls and the effect was very lovely. The negro part took second, and was very typical of plantation days. In the afternoon the Correct Dress Contest took place in the form of a playlet. Winners in all five classes were announced. The health winners were examined by the county health doctor and the winner was given a score of 97. Lunch was enjoyed and everyone seemed to have had a good time.

The 4-H Achievement Day was held at Bristol along with Sullivan county, Tennessee. Since the two counties join and part of one is in Tennessee and a part of the other is in Virginia the Bristol Chamber of Commerce sponsors this celebration. The program opened at 10:00 A.M. when the club members attended the show as guest of the Saramount Theatre. They assembled at the Municipal Stadium where they ate their lunch. At one o'clock they were welcomed by the mayor, and

addressed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce. High lighting the program was the announcement of awards for outstanding achievements. Awards were given for the best poultry record, clothing, canning, record book and home improvement. The big prize is a trip to Chicago given a boy and girl from both counties. The girl winner in Washington county had been active in 4-H club work four years and completed ten different projects. She won the State Correct Dress Contest in 1937, and was president of her local club and the county council. She also served as Big Chief at county camp and as a Junior leader of her club.

6. Story of the Achievement of Greendale Club

The Greendale 4-H club set out at their first meeting determined to meet the Honor Roll requirements set by the county. To give impetus to the start, one of our members won \$20.00 in a contest for the club. We initiated our new members and put them on a period of probation, setting certain requirements for them to do. This gave us an enrollment of girls who were interested in doing things. Our Christmas gift display was surpassed last year's in both quality and quantity. Bundles of clothing, and food stuffs were brought in, and given to needy families. We studied personal grooming as our club unit and realized many benefits as was experimented on our fellow students and watched results.

Later in the year the club put on two One Act Plays, had a cake walk, and other amusements and cleared \$15.00. Small amounts were made by selling candy at various school functions. The club thought that a picnic ground with an outdoor fireplace was needed in the community, so we set to work. After many difficulties, the fireplace was built by the NYA boys. The grounds were cleaned and flowers painted. We hope in another year to add tables, benches and maybe a cover over the fireplace.

The members of our club all wanted the national 4-H uniforms, so we gave an entertainment and made enough money to buy the material. Each girl bought pattern, buttons, collar etc. We had great fun in doing this and it kept up our summer attendance remarkably. In the pageant that the 4-H club put on for Rally Day, we took the part of "Faith and Hope", and were in uniforms. We didn't get a placing but the judges remarked on how nice the whole group looked.

Members of our club took part in the Correct Dress Contest. One wore a sport suit. She made the buttons out of spools and it was very attractive. Our representative in the Home Work outfit won the county and took a red ribbon in the state contest.

Two of our members attended the county 4-H camp, and one was elected to the office of Big Chief for 1939. Three of the girls were selected to go to Blacksburg to the State 4-H Short Course and brought back much inspiration and enthusiasm to our club.

Our club sponsored a party at Easter time and a picnic in the summer which furnished much needed recreation. The county award for the best project in Home Improvement was presented to one of our members, and also for the county record book. The Bristol Chamber of Commerce gives the outstanding girl in the county a trip to Chicago and our president came second. Our club was one of the three to meet the honor roll and we feel very proud of our year's work.

VIII. PROGRESS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Looking back to the number of both 4-H and Home Demonstration clubs it seems as if we have not progressed, but in both cases clubs have been combined so that the actual number of communities being reached is more than in 1937. The program of the Home Demonstration clubs has been adjusted to meet the needs of the club members and every effort has been made to get more women to participate. We have not been so anxious about getting too many women enrolled but getting those who are members to be active, regular attenders. The county year books have been a great deal of help in strengthening the program. Individual annual reports were given to the members and the leaders were able to hand in a much better report.

In the 4-H club, the leaders worked to make the program better. A calendar for the year was made out for every member. In the May meeting they decided where they would meet for each month, and the date for the summer months. A space was allowed for the club program to be filled in. This seemed to increase the attendance and interest during the summer. A little county paper published every two months, kept the members informed about what other club were doing.

IX. PLANS AND GOALS FOR 1939

Our goal in 1939 is not only increase the Home Demonstration roll but also increase the average attendance of the club member. To find out the boundaries of the club, and see how many, the members can interest from one meeting to another. Each one is listing a person in their community as an extension friend to whom they are carrying information from the club meetings. We are anxious to strengthen our club program so that the clubs will have a steady and natural growth.

X. APPENDIX

Washington County 4-H Club Calendar

January

Business - Appoint finance committee Report of initiation committee
Any club business

Program -

Agent - Discuss food score cards; Discuss Minor projects

Leader - Check work sheets and growth cards -

Home Work - Keep food habit score card

February

Business - initiate new members (sec. send to gent a complete roll)
Report of finance committee
Appoint committee to work on 4-H Camp
Appoint committee to plan spring rally
Make necessary plans for county 4-H carnival
Discuss county 4-H chorus

Program -

Choice of Demonstration -

Leader - Check work sheets Check to see that all have notebooks
Make a list of girls and what minor projects they are taking
Check growth cards.

Agent - 10 minutes with poultry group

Home Work - Go over material given on minor projects - Bring to next meeting
at least one question -

March

Business - Report of committees - Discuss progress in plans for spring rally

Program -

Leader - Recheck minor projects -

Agent - Discuss - Personal accounts - 10 minutes with minor projects -
garden- flowers- vegetables -

Home Work - Keep personal account records -

April

Business - report Discuss 4-H contests - plan for summer meetings - Urge
members to plan meetings during vacation- Report of
spring rally and camp committee - Eligibility to attend

Program -

Leader - Check personal accounts-

Agent - Discuss daily care of clothing -

Home work - 1. Chose a typical outfit for a particular occasion list price of
whole outfit.

2. Bring an old garment, or material for new - pattern, scissors,
pins, needles etc.

May - 1st meeting

Business - arrange for judges of correct dress contest -
Place of Meeting -

Date of Meeting -

Leader - Check notebooks - Help with problems brought in -
Agent - Occasional care of clothing - pressing, spotting etc.
Tip - clean and mend first garment or cut out new -
Home Work - Baste and fit garment cut - side seams etc.

May - 2nd Meeting

Business - Plans for spring rally

Place of Meeting -

Date of meeting -

Program -

Leader and Judges - Correct dress contest - Growth contest - Check 1st garment
and notebook and list eligible to attend spring rally
Home Work - Continue to work on first dress -

June 1st Meeting

Business - Encourage interest in minor projects - Discuss State 4-H Camp

Leader - Check first garment

Agent - Give canning demonstration (where not already given)

Place of Meeting -

Date of Meeting -

Home Work - Make suggested changes on first garment - Bring material for 2nd garment

June 2nd Meeting

Business - Report of county camp -

Place of Meeting -

Date of Meeting -

Program -

Leader or agent - Check cutting of second garment

Home Work - Soak dress etc.

July

Business - Elect delegates to go to State 4-H camp

Encourage interest in contests selected

Place of Meeting -

Date of Meeting -

Date of meeting

Program -

Leader - Check work sheets - Check progress in minor projects
Agent - Fitting garments - Fancy finishes -
Home work - Practicing on finishes -

August 1st meeting

Business - Reports of delegates to State 4-H Camp
Plans for Club achievement program - Style dress revue , Jars notebooks
Get judges -

Place of meeting -

Date of meeting -

Program *

Leader - Check minor projects - Check work sheets -
Agent - Seasonal care and storage of clothing - Check garments
Home work - Finish all work by September meeting - Bring jars & notebooks, garments

August 2nd Meeting

Social Meeting - If you have had a party or something - and have missed another meeting ; let this be a regular meeting

Party or
picnic

September

Business - Give out report forms to be filled out by October
style dress revue - Canning contest - Notebook contest

October

Business - Records - reorganization -
Leader - Summarize reports from Home agent

November

Business - Enroll new members - Appoint committees - Discuss objectives for new year
explain purpose of 4-H council (remind officer to attend)
Agent - Meat canning (where needed) - Xmas suggestions

1. Plan of work and program
2. Membership and initiation
3. installation

December

Business - Install new officers - Report of committees - report of 4-H council
Program - - Christmas in other lands - Christmas carols - exchange of handmade gifts - contests -

What are you doing to put your Club on
the Honor Roll????????????

Honor Roll Requirements:

1. Make plan of work before Feb. 1st
2. Have a community Project
3. Contribute \$1.00 to \$2.00 to county Council
4. Have 85% attendance at regular Club meetings
5. Hold initiation ceremony in Feb for new members
6. Have 100% completion of projects (case unavoidable council
may excuse)
7. Have representation at all county meetings.
8. Have a delegate at State and County camp
9. Have a club Notebook
10. Put on a public program, play etc. of some kind.
11. Observe correct parliamentary procedure in conducting all
meetings.

It is urged that all Clubs take part in all County Activities

1. 4-H county Carnival..... Unless changed March 19th
What are you planning to do?
2. County 4-H Chorus, Led by: Mrs. Marion Graybeale
Mrs. K.H. Farrier
(To meet one Sat. each month)
Miss Virginia Clark
3. County 4-H News published every two months--
Be sure your Reporter has something to report.....
Write a story, a song, a poem, a joke, etc.
4. Spring Rally:

- A. Correct Dress Contest...
- B. Growth Work Contest....
- C. Exhibit: best Individual Notebooks
Club Notebooks
Hobbies...
- D. Parade
- E. Pageant put on by different Clubs

(These are merely
tentative plans
maybe changed)

5. County Camp..... Will you be there?
6. County Council.....
7. Achievement Day.....

Here's to the best that we can do in 1938

Washington County "ally Day
1938

10:00.....Arrive at Town Hall Theater..... Set in Costume for Pageant

10:20.....4-H TrailRhododendron

10:30.....Presentation by Clubs..... "The spirit of America Music"
Reader..... Mildred Duncan, Damascus

1. Indian Epic..... Damascus Club
2. Pilgrim Epic..... Clinchburg
3. Omitted..... Valley Institute
4. Colonial..... Glade Spring
5. Pioneer..... Liberty Hall
6. Cowboy..... Parks and Good Hope
7. Negro..... Barracks
8. Mountain Ballads..... Green Cove
9. Lumberjack..... Tumbling Creek
10. Omitted..... Brumley Gap
11. Gay Nineties..... Meadowview
12. World War Cleveland
13. Merry-Go-Round West Bristol.... and Betty Johnson
14. Reflection..... Greendale

During the reflection..... all sing together.....
Sons of the soil are we, lads of the field and flocks
Turning our sods, asking no odds where is a life so free?
Sons of the soil are we, men of the coming years,
Facing dawn brain ruling brawn, Lords of our lands we'll be.....

All Sing.... Dreaming.....

My home must have a high tree above its open gate,
My home must have a garden where little dreamings wait,
My home must have a wide view of field and meadow fair
Of distant hill, of open sky with sunlight everywhere.

All sing.... Star Spangle Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light what so proudly we hail'd at
twilights last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars thro the
perilous night, O'er the ramparts we watch'd - were so gallantly streaming
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gives proof through the
the night that our flag is still there.
O... say does that Star Spangle Banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and
the land of the brave.....

12:00 Lunch on Martha Washington Campus....

Immediately following lunch Girls and Boys in Correct Dress Contest
get ready for judging..

Others play games.....

2:00..... Correct Dress Contest, ... Open to Public..... Leitchfield Hall

2:45..... Sing Club Songs.... Yells

3:00..... Parade.....

Our sincere appreciation for their cooperation and interest goes to:
The Chamber of Commerce Abington Mr. Wery... use of Theater
The Rotary Club, Mr. Barnhill... use of Leitchfield Hall

High P. candlelighting service

1. We light this candle to our party
2. Sing - "My Country 'Tis of Thee"
3. We light this candle to our Home Demonstration Agent
4. We light this candle to Our 4-H's

Ching Head - We pledge our head to clearer thinking

Betty Heart - We pledge our heart to greater loyalty

Betty Hands - We Pledge our hands to larger service

Nellie Health - We pledge our health to better living

5. Sing 4- H Trail

Nell
6. From the light of these candles we light this candle in deep appreciation of our councilors and instructors.

Margie Overby
7. We light the candles of the representatives of all our clubs

8. Sing Follow the Glean

Priscilla -
9. We light a candle to Washington County.

10. Sing Rhododendron

11. Taps

NEW C. P. C. W. N. W. C.

Chief of the Foshatans:

My Indians are loyal brave, and kind. They chose new chief for me to be head of the whole tribe. Come forward Chief. I place my head band on your head. Keep the Foshatan spirit going.

Chief of the ⁵crankys:

My Indians are good. They are peaceful but they win many games. I will try to be good chief next year. Oh Braves.

High Princess: The camp of 1938 draws to a close. Even though the weather has been bad the spirits of my two tribes have been high - may you be as loyal to your new Princess. Will the High Princess of 1939, come forward:

High Princess Foshantas - I place on your head my head gear. May the tribes be as loyal to you as they have been to you.

(Sing Foshantas)

Resolutions....

Awarded to Edmundsons... Mary Catherine Davidson.... Cooks...

Bethel Fair
Mrs. Shearers

Prizes offered in Fancy Work

- Best embroidered Centerpiece
- " " Scarfs and runners
- " " Guest towels
- " " Pillow Slips
- " " Bed Spread
- " " Buffet Set
- " " Luncheon Set
- " " Crocheted Pocket book
- " " Dress or Blouse
- Best Sack "edspread
- Best Sack exhibit.
- Best Modern Quilt
- Best preserved and oldest quilt.
- Best set Pot holders
- Best house dress.

Prepared Foods

1. Best Biscuits
2. Best yeast rolls
3. Best salt rising bread
4. Best Angel Food Cake
5. Best Devils Food Cake
6. Best Coconut cake
7. Best Chocolate Pie
8. Best Lemon Pie
9. Best Chocolate Pie
- 10.

Candies

1. Best Fudge
2. " Sea foam
3. Most attractive Plate Candy

Canned Foods.

1. Best jar of Apples
2. " " Raspberries
3. " " Grape Juice
4. " " Peaches
5. " " Pears
6. Canned Strawberries
7. " " Beans
8. " " Carrots
9. " " String Beans
10. Corn
11. Greens
12. Peas
13. Spud Mixture
14. Tomatoes and Tomato Juice
15. Fried Chicken 28. peppers
16. Spare ribs 29. Sandwich Spread
17. Cucumber Pickles 30. Relishes
18. Watermelon " 31. Tomato Catsup
19. Peach Pickle
20. Green Tomato Pickle
- *21. Balanced Meal (no vegetables beside potatoes, salad, meat, beverage)
22. Apple jelly
23. Grape jelly
24. Strawberry " Pear jelly
25. Peach, Pear and Cherry Preserves
26. Pear Pickle
27. Tenderloin

Flowers

1. Best Arrangement of any Flowers
 - 2.
- Specimens:
1. Phlox
 2. Gladioli
 3. Nasturtium
 4. Zinnias
 5. Potage Plant
 6. Roses

Dried Foods etc.

1. Best exhibit of Sweet Potatoes
2. " " " Irish "
3. " " " Sweet peppers
4. Best " " Tomatoes

4-H CLUB CHICAGO-TRIP WINNERS



The four young people pictured above yesterday were declared winners of trips to Chicago in connection with the Sullivan-Washington county 4-H Club achievement day. From left to right they are John Thomas of Cleveland, Frances Deakins of Holston Institute, Louise Robinson of Glade Spring, and J. Powell Hawk of Holston Institute.

Awards Presented at 4-H Achievement Day

Trips to Chicago Given Four Students; 1,200 Attend Exercises

Twelve hundred farm boys and girls of Sullivan county, Tenn., and Washington county, Va., attended the annual 4-H Club Achievement Day celebration here yesterday.

Highlighting the program was the announcement of awards for outstanding achievements by 4-H members during the year.

J. Powell Hawk and Frances Deakins of Holston Institute, Tenn., John Thomas of Cleveland, Va., and Louise Robinson, of Glade Spring, Va., were announced as the year's outstanding 4-H Club members and will receive free trips to the national 4-H Club convention to be held in Chicago in December. There they will compete with hundreds of other farm youths for national honors.

Hawk, who has been in 4-H Club work for six years, has won first prize in the Pig Club for three consecutive years. He manages his pig project by himself, having entire charge of the breeding, feeding and marketing.

Thomas has been outstanding in all phases of club work for the last three years and was described as a farm boy who is interested in all departments of agriculture, especially baby beef, tobacco, poultry and corn.

Affair Sponsored By Chamber of Commerce

Awarding of the Chicago trip to Miss Deakins came about through her outstanding work in canning, clothing and gardening. She has won awards both locally and at the Knoxville fair in canning and clothing.

Miss Robinson, who has been active in 4-H Club work for four years, has carried out successful projects in poultry raising; won the state correct dress contest in 1937, and has been president of her local club and of the county council.

Achievement day is sponsored annually by the agricultural committee of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.

The program opened at 10 o'clock Friday morning when the club members attended a show at the Paramount Theatre as guests of the theatre management.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon they assembled at Municipal Stadium and were welcomed by Mayor Fred Vance and E. G.

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4-H Clubs Hold Achievement Day



County Achievement day was held in Abingdon last Thursday June 30, by 4-H clubs from over Washington county. Participated in by all clubs of the county, the program got under way Thursday morning at Town Hall Theatre, and ended in the afternoon at Litchfield Hall with the awarding of prizes.

In the above picture, left, is the winning Danascus club. Reading left to right, back row, they are: Doris Blackburn, Dorothy Parks, Edith Cornett, Iva Lee Parks, Mary Rosenbaum, Patty Rhea, Sarah Rhea, Margaret Parks, Margaret Cornett, Mrs. Ab Rhea, leader, Mildred Worley, Edith Campbell, and Mary Ficher. Front row: Vivian Edmondson, Rosie Rhea, Sylvia Blackburn, Mary Cornett and Ella Mae Cornett.

In the upper right hand picture the Glade Spring club enjoys a

picnic lunch. Left to right, back row, they are: Nancy Kelly, Jane Wright, Mrs. Mahlone Robinson, leader, Mrs. Phillip Cowerd, Dorothy Taylor and Eleanor Thomas. Front row: Evelyn Clark, Mary Lou Williams, Iowa Robinson, president of county clubs, Ann Lovan, Carolyn Hendricks, and Arleen Robinson.

In the lower right hand picture are the county leaders. Left to right, back row, they are: Mrs. Allen Smith, Good Hope; Mrs. J. L. McNew, Clinchburg; Mrs. John Stevens, Denton's Valley; Miss Virginia Clark, Parks; Miss Getha Jackson, county home demonstration agent. Front row: Mrs. Zeb Spahr, Valley Institute; Miss Mary McNew, Green Cove; Mrs. Weaver Cole, Barracks; Mrs. Grover Aven, Parks; and Mrs. H. W. Smeltzer, Greendale. (Forum Photo.)

Better Home Dem Club Holds Fair



Above are the officers of the Bethel Home Demonstration club, which held its annual fair last Friday, August 19, in Mrs. Jim Preston's store building opposite Bethel school. Left to right, standing: Mrs. Bruce Hackler, president; Mrs. C. F. Bonner, vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Roberts, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. L. W. Elrod, song leader. Seated: Mrs. J. M. Keller, leader; Mrs. Blair Roberts, reporter; and Mrs. Bert

Roberts, leader.

Lower left: Miss Leola Clark carried away the honors of winning the most blue ribbons at the fair. She is shown with fourteen of her entries which were awarded first prizes.

Lower right: Mrs. C. F. Bonner, wearing an old sun bonnet which belonged to her grandmother, stands before her first prize quilt. (Forum photo).

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BANQUET



CAMP POCAHONTAS

MATOAKA LODGE

6:30

ACHIEVEMENT DAY AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

The annual Home Demonstration Club Achievement Day will be held in Abingdon at the Central School, on October 8. A most interesting program has been arranged and anyone other than the club members are invited to come. The inspirational speaker will be Dr. Moffett of Radford College who will delight her audience with her address on "Dusting Your Attics." Everyone will want to be on time to hear the treatment that she gives to this unusual subject.

From the 15 clubs over the county will come exhibits both interesting and educational. The booths are on competitive bases and will show different aspects of the home demonstration program. Some of these being worked upon are: Health; The Housewife Feeds the Farmer, but the Farmer Feeds us All; Attractive, healthy School Lunches; Yard Improvement; Hobby, Lobby; The Correct Dress for every Occasion; Refinishing and Preserving Old Furniture; Correct Table Service; and several have Handcrafts of the Home; A county booth will also be provided for any club to put in their pieces of handwork etc., if their club does not sponsor a booth or if they have one that these pieces can not be exhibited in.

After lunch, the evening session will begin at 1:00 and a Symposium on Club Activities in the County will be led by Mrs. J. H. Mongie, member of the Greendale Club
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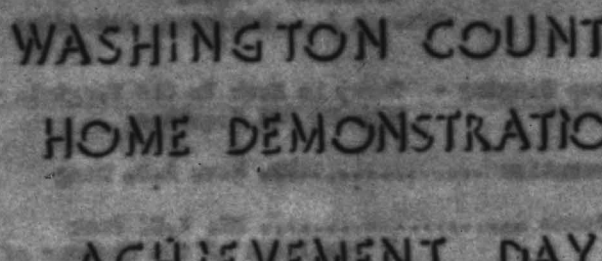
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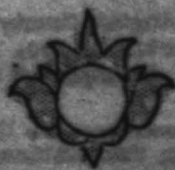
Others on this Symposium are: Mrs. Weaver Cole, Barracks; Joe Keller, Bethel; Homer LaScur, Buffalo Pond; Claude Garrett, Cleveland; J. D. Kelly, Clinchburg; Jim Kelly, Kelly's Chapel; W. M. Buchanan, Green Cove; Malcolm Whiteaker, Greendale; Denver Loudy, North Bristol; Walter Rhea, Oak Hill; Sutton Cowan, Pin Grove; J. E. Hutton, Greenfield; M. D. Miller, Valley Institute; C. M. Stevens, Abingdon Road; Sam Hendricks, Glade Spring; and Mrs. C. I. Jones, Wolfe's Creek.

From this the club members and others will learn much about what other clubs are doing.

Miss Helen Ricks, District Home Demonstration Agent from Blacksburg will make the awards for the best booth, Yard Improvement Campaign, and will present a loving cup to the club in the county having completed the best work in the county during 1938. The public is cordially invited to come and attend the meetings, see the exhibits and enjoy the day with the H. D. C. members. The program begins at 10:30 and will adjourn at 3:30.




WASHINGTON COUNTY
HOME DEMONSTRATION
ACHIEVEMENT DAY



CENTRAL SCHOOL
ABINGDON, VA.

OCTOBER 8, 1938



MORNING SESSION

Central School

Mrs. F. L. Robinson, Presiding

Group Singing - Carry Me Back To Old Virginia -
When We Get Together

Invocation Dr. Rev. R.C. King

Welcome Mr. F.C. Buck
President of the Chamber of Commerce

Response Mrs. C. N. Wood
Abingdon Road Club

Selections BY Washington County Choral Club
Directed by Mrs. Spence Graybeale
Accompanied by Mrs. E. H. Parrier

Address Dr. M'Ledgo Moffett
Dusting Your Attics

Announcements ...

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

EVENING SESSION

Group Singing - - Dixie
Washington County Song

Roll Call of Clubs
Introduction of Visitors

Symposium - On Club Activities - Mrs. E.J. Clifton
Greendale Club

Special Music

Summary of Year's Work - Miss Getha Jackson

Awarding of Prizes - Miss Helen Ricks

Members of the Symposium

Mrs. Weaver Cole	Barracks
Mrs. Joe Keller	Bethel
Mrs. Homer LaSeur.....	Buffalo Pond
Mrs. Claude Garrett.....	Cleveland
Mrs. S. D. Kelley.....	Clinchburg
Mrs. Jim Kelley.....	Kelley's Chapel
Mrs. W. K. Buchanan.....	Green Cove
Mrs. Malcom Whitaker.....	Greendale
Mrs. Denver Loudy.....	North Bristol
Mrs. Walter Rhen.....	Oak Hill
Mrs. Sutton Cowan.....	Pine Grove
Mrs. J.E. Rutton.....	Greenfield
Mrs. H.D. Miller.....	Valley Institute
Mrs. W. H. Stevens.....	Abingdon Road
Mrs. Sam Hendricks.....	Galde Springs
Mrs. C.I. Jones.....	Wolfe's Creek

Competive Educational Booths presenting
different phases of their 1926 program of work
will be sponsored by the Home Demonstration
Clubs of Washington County.

We express our thanks to all those who have helped
in any way to make our Achievement Day a success.

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COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SPONSORS & CLUB PAPER

At our last council meeting it was decided that we would sponsor a Washington county club paper. The paper is to be published every two months, hoping to stimulate more interest in 4-H club work. The paper is to be distributed among all Washington county 4-H club members. We are urging every club member to contribute. What hidden talent do you have? Can you write a poem? a short story? , jokes a bout your club members. Feature stories of your project work? Interesting accounts of your community project? If so lets have them it will take the cooperations of each and every one to make our paper the success we hope for it.

DAMASCUS 4-H CLUB ONLY HONOR CLUB IN COUNTY

Damascus was the only honor club in our county during the past year. This year we're hoping that each club will take this as one of their aims to be an honor club. Each month our clubs should check their work to see just how much they are accomplishing and make every effort possible to complete their work. During the past year some girls have been handicapped by living so far from the se home, but this year clubs have been organized in the different grade schools and other means will be provided for each person to finish her project. So let's strive to have one hundred percent honor clubs for Washington county in 1938.

Come on Boys and Girls ! !

The County 4-H Council voted to pay half of the expenses of the healthiest boy and girl, and then boy and girl showing the most improvement in their growth work to the State Short Course in July.

Come on everybody! We'll be the healthiest county! We'll work not only for the trip, but for ourselves. We cannot be happy if we are sick, so lets all be jolly healthy champions.

"It's smart to be healthy".

Wallace Determined to be Best in 1938 !

The Wallace 4-H Club is progressing very rapidly and the members are becoming more interested in club work. The newly elected officers have gone to work with a bang!

A very interesting club program has been planned for the entire year. The program is a study of etiquette entitled, "Fatsy Goes Visiting" Every detailed of the trip will be studied providing very interesting programs. Project work too will be emphasized.

The reporter states: "We are determined to make Wallace 4-H Club the best in the County!" A very good Motto indeed.

NEWS ITEMS

We understand that Nancy Kelly is accomplishing quite a bit this year at the University of Tennessee. Nancy is taking Home Economics and likes it.

Jackie Tomlinson is at Business School in Charlotte, N.C. She was elected captain of her basketball team.

Mary Jane Bonham and Mildred Epperson are at V.L.

Carleen Rosenbaum became Mrs. Rosenbaum during the holidays.

The Cleveland Club regreted giving up Mrs. Charles Snodgrass as one of their leaders. Mrs. Snodgrass certainly did stand by us. She is now in Christiansburg, where Mr. Snodgrass is principal. We wish to welcome Mrs. Talley as Mrs. Snodgrass's successor. We are fortunate in being able to get her.

The Valley Institute Club congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Dutton. We hope that Dutton will let us initiate the bay into our 4-H club very soon.

Greendale Plans for Year

Greendale Club plans to be an honor club next year and have already completed their program for the year. As a community project they are planning to fix a Recreation Center including an open fire place and other picnic facilities.

To further the growth work program they are endeavoring to have every girl checked by a physician which is certainly a very fine thing to do.

At the next meeting work will begin on their club notebook in earnest, and each girl is being urged to have hers at that meeting.

At the last meeting the officers were formally installed and big plans have been made for the initiation of the new members in February.

One of the nicest things that they have planned to do that will bring them much joy and pleasure is the making of the 4-H club uniform. Each girl wanted to make one this year.

Watch that Green line shine!
Here's to you Greendale Girls!!!!

Clinchburg 4-H Club Has New Club Room

The Clinchburg 4-H club now has a cozy club room, arranged by the 4-H club girls with the help of the women's Home Dem. Club. The Home Dem. Club raised the money by selling lunch at an auction sale to raise money to help furnish the room. Curtains were made by members of the club and a linoleum rug bought. Stools were made from nail kogs covered with burlap and the bottoms painted. An oil stove was donated and by several showers dishes, glasses, etc. have been added. The kitchen is divided off from the other part of the room by screens covered with burlap, a heater has been recently given by one of the members and by each getting a joint of pipe we can sit up and be comfortable.

Plans have been made to decorate this room more during the coming year. The club project is to beautify the grounds around the building.

We urge all 4-H clubs to have a Club room as they add so much to the work that you are able to do.



COUNTY 4-H CHORUS TO BE ORGANIZED

The 4-H club members of Washington County are fortunate in being able to get such outstanding and talented leaders for the chorus. Mrs. Goybeale is well known for her Choral Clubs. Her choruses have won continually in the county.

Mrs. E.H. Parrior well known to those of you who attended camp, but a rather new comer to our county has twenty years of fine directing experiences.

Miss Virginia Clark who has been with us in almost all of our Club activities and at 4-H camp will help with our county chorus.

This will be an opportunity for you to learn our 4-H songs and other songs that you can teach your club back home.

We hope to learn the songs for the pageants that we will have here in Abingdon in the early summer.

The chorus will meet the 29th Saturday afternoon of every month and we hope that those who join will make an earnest effort to be at each one of the meetings.

SOCIAL

Green Cove Has Party

The Green Cove 4-H and Home Demonstration clubs entertained with a Grab Bag Party at the Green Cove Community Center. Everybody was blindfolded to grab a gift. Many games were enjoyed by both the girls and the women who attended. Refreshments were served by Mrs. W.M. Buchanan and Miss Lavaun Buchanan.

Cleveland Club Enjoys Christmas Party

The members of the Cleveland 4-H Club and their guests enjoyed a Christmas party at the school house Wednesday, December 22.

Everyone entered into the playing of many games. Mrs. Tom Talley, the club leader added to the fun with her music. A Christmas tree was one of the outstanding attractions of the evening. Each member received a present that either squeaked, rattled, hissed, tooted or something. Much merriment was the result. After a delicious salad course was served. "Home Sweet Home" was heard on the piano. It was time to go home. Reluctantly the guest departed.

Barracks The Barracks 4-H club members enjoyed a fun time at the December meeting after the business of the Club was over. Santa Claus appeared to distribute the lovely gifts which had been made by the girls. The boys too added to the party and some had made presents. Games and singing were enjoyed. A very pretty plate carrying out the colors and emblem of the 4-H club were served to each.

Glade Club The Glade 4-H Club entertained with a Christmas party during the holidays. Such merriment was manifested over the singing, games such as:

"I've Been to Harlem" etc that the folks around town began peeping in the windows. Keep them guessing club members.

Ferks..... Santa seems to have left all his packages at the Ferks School house on December 22nd. The Club enjoyed games of all kind. They suggest that you play "Squirrel" in the Tree" at your next social



When with all our trash and plunder
Our songs and cheers and thunder
We first rolled here to V.F.I.
They took us all for angels
And placed us near the sky!

Now an angel has its wings
(Sure they must be useful things)
So here's the part that stings,
Tho we flapped with all our might
We never flew a single flight!

Ah, we lived up on 4th floor
(And tho we had "all stairs" glory
Still we're coming back for more)
For if our wings did fail us
Nothing else did ail us,
And so it does prevail us
To thank "your stars" that ever thus
You All are willing to accept us.

So if we don't grow any dumber
We hope to join you all this summer
Again we'll dwell among your stars,
Rub elbows with old neighbor, Mrs.
True we hope that day is near
When our "eye" from stairs can disappear
Thus we could hitch our wagon to a star
And fly this time, high away and far!

We remain tried and true,
Always loyal to you
Thankful for your bounty
Sincerely Washington County.

