

# ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

## COUNTY EXTENSION WORK

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*DINWIDDIE*  
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INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL LEADERSHIP  
IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT THE EXTENSION PROGRAM  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

OVERALL COUNTY PROGRAM:

Long time planning has been conducted by five county committees in addition to the Rural Area Development Committee. Leaders in these committees have assumed the responsibility for carrying out those segments of the plans outlined for 1962. The agents have worked closely with these groups, but the leaders have shown much progress in assuming responsibility and initiating action. The RAD Committee especially has given evidence of a fine quality of leadership and community spirit.

HOME ECONOMICS:

The Home Demonstration Club leadership has been unusually strong this year. The County Home Demonstration Committee has functioned smoothly and efficiently. Their parliamentarian held a workshop on parliamentary procedure that was outstanding and that has resulted in more dignified and efficient club meetings.

Project leaders have given 99 demonstrations after receiving training by the agent and various specialists. The leaders have assumed the teaching responsibility more readily than in previous years. Leaders have also accepted the responsibility of passing on information to non-members. Many of them have invited a few neighbors in to fit a pattern or make a hat or share some other information in an informal way.

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YOUTH:

The rapid turn over in 4-H leadership is probably due to the fact that our clubs are all out of school. Leaders are recruited from parents who drop out when their children have past the 4-H club age or have left the program. The recruitment and training of 4-H leaders must be a constant process and the carryover is not as great as might be hoped.

Ten trained 4-H leaders are continuing in the 4-H program through the coming year. Twenty three new leaders were recruited and given some training in 1962. Each 4-H club program has been planned by leaders and agents at the community level. Leaders are holding project meetings and assuming responsibility in a very fine way. A county wide orientation meeting was held for new 4-H leaders.

Especially gratifying has been the willingness of men to serve as project leaders. Almost without exception those asked have accepted jobs as leaders for the boys. Eight new men leaders have been recruited during the year.

There are many fine leaders already involved and working hard in all phases of the county extension program. There is a great potential of leadership not yet involved. Motivation, recruitment and training of leaders should be one of the most important services agents can perform in the year to come.

PROJECT AREA: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, MANAGEMENT  
AND NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Farm Buildings, Fiscal Year 1962

THE SITUATION:

The production of beef cattle and hogs has increased in recent years. Adequate buildings needed for feed storage, housing and feeding have not kept pace with production. Changes in farming methods require building facilities not now available.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

Inefficient feeding practices, feed conversion ratio and mortality rate of livestock because of poor housing facilities.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

To improve feeding facilities, narrow the feed conversion ratio and reduce the mortality rate due to poor housing.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

More time has been spent in connection with farm buildings, this year, than with any other program. Following is a summary of buildings constructed or well on the way to completion:

Three pole type feed storage and cattle barns.

Five hog feeding operations - capacity 1600 head.

Three farrowing houses - capacity 18 sows.

One beef cattle feeding operation - capacity 75 head.

Two peanut drying houses - capacity 1600 bags

Assistance rendered has varied from simply ordering and furnishing plans prepared by our Engineering Department to drawing plans, working out

bills of material and doing all necessary engineering work with some supervision in construction.

Two hog feeding floors are in operation with gravity water systems in use as a water supply for the hogs and for cleaning operations. These systems were designed by the agent.

Although progress seems slow in this program, it is a matter of waiting until an individual is ready to move. These structures represent an investment of approximately \$60,000. Much more work is needed in this area.

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS STORY  
PHASE: FARM BUILDINGS  
HOG PRODUCTION  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

One farmer who has been in and out of the garbage feeding business for the past several years and varying in the number of hogs kept at any one time from 100 to 1500 head, has greatly improved his operations.

His supply of garbage has varied from much to little at times to more than was needed, making it necessary to use grain to finish out hogs during periods of low supply.

Up until this fall, his hogs have been confined in four different areas where natural water supplies were available. Feeding, both garbage and grain was either done on wooden platforms constructed for that purpose or on the ground. Much feed, especially grain, was wasted. The mortality rate was very high at times, due to inadequate housing and filthy conditions. Feeding lots were scattered over a wide area which complicated operations.

While visiting the farm, one day last spring, the agent suggested that if he planned to stay in the hog business, that he should consider improving his facilities. Apparently he was not interested at the time. However, soon after that he requested the agent to look over his place for a suitable location.

A building site was selected without the presence of the owner. After showing him the place selected, he thought it should be at another location. After pointing out to him that the place selected had the proper exposure, had access to a gravity water supply from a farm pond

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supplied by springs, had shade available for summer and protected from wind in winter by woods and was conveniently located, he seemed better satisfied, but not too much interested. A few days after that he requested the agent to get some plans together but still said that he probably would not use them.

Since this was to be a combination garbage feeding and grain operation, no plans were available to meet his requirements. The agent spent considerable time drawing a set of plans that would appear to meet the conditions.

It was decided to use a conventional type feeding floor and bedding area with a garbage feeding platform attached to the back side of the building. Since it was necessary to have both the conventional floor and garbage feeding platform well below the water level in the pond and still not get too low for a truck to get in and out, a split level plan was designed. The garbage platform was to be about four feet above the main floor with ramps for the hogs to go up and down. This left about four feet fall from the water level in the pond to the garbage platform and about eight feet to the main floor.

The pond was approximately 100 feet from the end of the building and a 3 inch pipe with a cut off valve was recommend because it was necessary to depend on volume rather than pressure for cleaning operations.

The conventional floor designed was 40 X 120 feet divided into six pens with one-half of the area covered by roof. The garbage feeding platform was 14 X 120 feet with a system of gates and doors to keep the various lots of hogs separated and shut out from the platform when desired.

Only a few days after the plans were delivered the owner called and said he had a bulldozer on the job and wanted help with the grading operation.

After starting construction he decided to build a grain storage house, 20 X 40 feet, over one end and to install an automatic mix mill with sugar carrying ground feed to self feeders across the entire length of the building.

With a one-fourth inch stream of running water supplying drinking basins in each pen and a three inch supply available for cleaning and provision for feeding either garbage or grain, he is now in a position to manage his operations more satisfactory. The building has been completed and in use for about six weeks and will accommodate about 400 head of hogs.

PROJECT AREA: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, MANAGEMENT  
AND NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Market Hog Production-Feeder Pigs and Market Hogs  
Fiscal Year 1962

THE SITUATION:

More farmers are engaged in the production of feeder pigs and hogs for sale than ever before. The number sold during the past year was at a high point. Hog production fits in well with operations on many farms and is becoming an important source of income.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

High death rate between farrowing and marketing.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

To increase the number of pigs saved at farrowing time and reduce the mortality rate between weaning and marketing.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

In an attempt to stimulate interest in the production of better type hogs that would produce larger litters, three farmers were assisted in selecting herd boars, and through 4-H Club work a bred gilt chain and a purebred chain program was started. Also, a market hog show was organized with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce in Petersburg.

A total of twelve radio programs have been prepared and presented on subjects related to the hog program.

In cooperation with the State Division of Markets, twenty gilts were selected and entered in the Courtland Commercial Sale.

Dinwiddie County participated in an area swine meeting held in Petersburg and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. A total of nine

farmers and others interested in swine production attended from the county.

Following the area meeting in Petersburg, a county meeting was held with the assistance of four specialists. All phases of hog production was discussed. A total of 28 producers attended, which was a high percent of all commercial producers in the county.

Assistance has been given in installing farrowing crates in one house and winterizing another. Other building operations will be reported in another section.

Although most commercial producers vaccinate their own hogs, agents have vaccinated over 1300 head of hogs this year on about 45 farms. Some time has been spent in teaching F.F.A. students and a few farmers the proper method of vaccination.

Assistance has been given to the State Division of Markets and to the Virginia Agricultural Marketing Association in organizing a commercial swine marketing program. The first sale date has been set for December 31. Number one hogs will be graded out of each lot offered for sale and all others sold according to size, as has been the custom on the auction market. It is planned to hold a sale on Monday of each week.

PROJECT AREA: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, MANAGEMENT  
AND NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Farm Records

THE SITUATION:

Due to the price cost squeeze, farmers need to continuously evaluate their farming operations. A good system of farm records is necessary to do the job. With few exceptions, county farmers keep very poor records. A program in the county designed to inform farmers of the need and methods of keeping suitable and worthwhile records seems imperative.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

Inadequate records being kept by farmers.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To improve farm record keeping by county farmers, and thereby increase their farm efficiency.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

Ten farmers were enrolled at the beginning of the year in the VPI Mail In Record Program. With the exception of one, they all will complete the year in the program.

Many personal contacts have been made by the Assistant Agent with these people in assisting them with the program.

The Extension Secretary has been responsible for coding and processing the income and expense sheets each month and this has proven quite satisfactory.

The Assistant Agent has closed out most of the records for 1962. One or two new participants will be set up in the near future on the program.

With a few exceptions the nine farmers who have continued with the program through the year are well pleased with this system of record keeping. It has caused them to keep a much better set of records than ever before.

Three community meetings were held for county farmers on "keeping better farm records" during the early winter. A total of 40 farmers attended these meetings and there was high interest in improving farm records.

As a point to generate interest, the need for better records was approached from the angle that concerns most farmers and that is "what does Internal Revenue want to see in the way of records if the farmer's return is audited". This concerns many farmers and they were quite anxious to know how to set up a good record system that would satisfy "Uncle Sam".

With the use of flip charts at each meeting the proper methods of setting up a long time depreciation schedule using VPI Farm Inventory Record Book - 19 was explained.

The use of a good expense and receipt record book was emphasized and an efficient method for making entries in this record book was brought out.

Then a simple method for filing away paid bills and receipt invoices for future reference was shown so that the farmer might be able to substantiate his claims if ever called on to do so.

These meetings resulted in a number of farmers improving their existing record system and several setting up an entirely new system based on the information given in the meetings.

Several farmers were visited and personally assisted in setting up an acceptable record program.

Four radio programs were made regarding record keeping. Three news articles were published also on this topic.

In conversation with farmers, they seem to be increasingly aware of the need for good farm records, and interested in improving their record keeping system.

PROJECT AREA - COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Rural Area Development

THE SITUATION:

The total farm income for Dinwiddie County ranks second among the seven adjoining counties. However, when figured on average income per farm, it ranks second from the bottom. Population increased by 17.5% during the past ten years and the number of farms have decreased nearly 30%. There is a need for off-farm employment. There may be a need to take a closer look at the total resources in the county to determine the possibility for development.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

Lack of county wide representative committee to identify major problems, plan for their solution and coordinate efforts of various groups.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To organize and maintain an effective RAD Committee and necessary sub-committee for the purpose of making a complete analysis of the county situation, determining problems and possible solutions and to coordinate efforts of all groups.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

In January 1962 the agents prepared visual aids for presenting background material pertinent to Agriculture, Economics and Family Living in Dinwiddie County.

Personal visits were made to the persons who had been selected to represent all areas of the county and segments of the population in the first meeting to consider the need for a Rural Area Development Program in the county.

In early February 1962 about 15 of the 25 persons invited, met and received an explanation of the purpose of the Rural Area Development Program and back ground information relating to the county situation. This group indicated an interest in a Rural Area Development approach to county problems. The group named a temporary committee of twenty persons fairly representative of the county as a whole. Two weeks later this committee met. After receiving more detailed back ground information and explanation of RAD, the committee divided into smaller groups to discuss problems and select projects. An executive committee was elected with W. D. Allen, Jr. of Hebron as chairman. The general committee has continued to meet quarterly. The executive committee has met each month. Mr Allen has led the group in a positive and vigerous manner and has given freely of his time and efforts to become better informed himself and to keep others interested. Involvement of all members of the committee has been high and the following projects are in progress, with a sub-committee working on each one.

1. A forestry program with a long time plan for improving privately owned forest land and the management practices involved.

Two demonstrations were established using approved methods plus some experimental work in seeding pines and controlling hardwoods.

2. A livestock program which has placed special emphasis on increasing the number of swine in the county as a means of securing extra income rather rapidly.

3. Development of a handicraft industry.

Aid in developing a handicraft industry was requested by the county Home Economics Committee on Rural Arts. The RAD Committee has agreed to assist in a survey to determine sources of hand made salable items and finding retail and wholesale outlets for them. The training of workers and maintaining standards will be left largely to the Home Economics Committee.

4. An Educational Survey is being conducted by a sub-committee of six persons to determine actual needs and recommend alternatives to meet the critical situation due to lack of space and other school facilities.

5. A summer employment clearing house for teen-agers.

A committee is compiling information on available jobs preparatory to assisting teen-agers secure temporary summer employment.

In addition to these projects, individual members have assisted other groups attempting long time planning such as the Appomatox Basin Industrial Development Corporation and the Zoning Commission. The RAD Committee has helped to increase understanding among organizations and coordinate efforts toward improving conditions within the county.

Members of USDA Agencies within the county are serving as a technical panel and all Extension Agents are serving as ex-officio members of the executive committee.

PROJECT AREA: EXTENSION HOME ECONOMICS  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Clothing

THE SITUATION:

Many homemakers construct clothing for their families. Others would like to do so because of the money that can be saved. People wish to be well dressed on limited budgets. 4-H girls wish to learn good construction methods and wardrobe planning to be well dressed.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

Women and girls lack basic construction skills and have requested assistance. They also need help with use and care of sewing machines and with selecting suitable patterns, fabrics and accessories.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To improve sewing skills and increase ability of women to select patterns, fabrics and accessories to create pleasing costumes.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

This program was carried out largely through the Home Economics Clothing Committee.

The committee used a questionnaire to determine the needs and interests of approximately five hundred Home Demonstration members in their several communities. A long time program was planned to include everything requested.

The most frequently mentioned interests were; selecting and fitting patterns, making hats, selecting becoming clothing, use and care of sewing machines and basic sewing methods.

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Two special interest meetings were held on selecting becoming clothing, and information received at these meetings was carried to all Home Demonstration Club members and over one hundred non-members.

The specialist or agent trained fifteen leaders in pattern alteration. Fifty four persons have been trained to date by the leaders.

Five special interest meetings on hat making were held in various areas of the county. Persons attending these meetings assisted many others. This program seemed to be of especial interest to non-members, who were interested in making hats of excellent quality. Approximately one hundred **sixty** women attended the meetings and many of them made several hats. This activity received favorable publicity and seemed to create much interest. Seven women from the city of Petersburg came to Dinwiddie to one of the workshops because two of them heard about it on the radio.

Eleven 4-H leaders received training in one or more phases of clothing construction, including getting the most out of your sewing machine. These leaders have assisted sixty seven 4-H girls with clothing projects.

The most significant phase of the work in clothing is the large number of requests that have reached members of the clothing committee the past few months. A full program is being planned for 1963 by the clothing committee.

PROJECT AREA: EXTENSION HOME ECONOMICS  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Home Management

THE SITUATION:

Homemakers are pressed for time. About one fourth are employed outside the home. Many others work seasonally with the farm crops. Shift work is a problem in many of the suburban homes. Incomes are low and money management skills are needed.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

Homemakers lack skills in planning and organizing their every day tasks to save time and energy. Assistance has been requested by some groups and individuals in money management information and record keeping.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To increase skills in management of time and money which will improve family living standards.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

The work this year emphasized management of time and energy, and was carried out largely through the Home Demonstration Clubs, though mass media was used extensively also.

The four areas included were:

1. Analyzing use of time.
2. Management of time and energy, in doing housework - Work Simplification.
3. Laundry management.
4. Management of available storage.

Thirty five project leaders were trained with specialist assistance in one or more of the above topics. Forty one demonstrations were given by the leaders to a total attendance of seven hundred and five.

A questionnaire was used with all Home Demonstration members to determine practices changed. All attending the series of meetings on home management reported some change in practice. The largest number of changed practices were in the laundry area and included proper measuring of laundry products, proper loading of machines and better consumer buying practices in purchasing laundry products.

Twelve homemakers participated in time use studies.

Work simplification principles were stressed throughout the series of meetings and all women attending one or more meetings reported using some or all of the work simplification principles in some phase of their housework.

A committee planned and prepared a most attractive exhibit for the Southside Virginia Fair, featuring the work simplification principles.

Nine radio programs, two circular letters and fourteen news stories were concerned with time management information. A feature story for the Southside Virginia News gave a composite picture of work simplification principles as applied by different homemakers in the county during the time they were working outside their homes with the tobacco crop.

SUCCESS STORY  
PHASE: House Furnishings-Restoration of Old Furniture  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

Dinwiddie County people appreciate the traditional things. The area is steeped in the early history of our country. Old houses and family heirlooms are the accepted thing. Even so, participation in a series of eleven community workshops by Home Demonstration Clubs on refinishing furniture was unexpectedly large. Thirty seven non-members participated in addition to one hundred and forty three members. Several special interest and club demonstrations had been held in the past, but it had been some time ago. Also the new members and young homemakers were the group who were reached this time. The emphasis was on removing old finish from wood and refinishing in the best manner to bring out the natural beauty of the wood. Pieces refinished ranged from small tables to massive chests and dining tables. A beautiful hand made walnut cradle over 100 years old was one of the unusual pieces which was completed. A slightly different problem was a new walnut bookcase which had not been finished. The owner of this piece had the patience and perseverance to apply 14 thin coats of a penetrating wood seal rubbed down between each coat. This resulted in a satin finish on a really fine piece of furniture.

It is difficult to estimate the total number of pieces of furniture refinished as a result of these meetings because many of the women helped others, and many of them have completed several pieces since the meetings. Sixty nine pieces were begun at the workshops and have since been finished, much to the satisfaction of the women involved.

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS STORY  
PHASE: RURAL ARTS  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

A committee of fifteen women representing various age groups and different areas of the county were organized into a Rural Arts Committee in 1951 largely because of their own interest in creative arts and crafts. They demanded a program in this area. Most of the members of this committee are talented and have given generously of their time to train other interested persons. From a very small beginning, with only one or two training workshops each year in 1960 and 1961 the committee has moved into a position of leadership in the county Home Economics Program. Their accomplishments in 1962 included:

1. A survey to determine the number of older, unemployed persons in the county who would like training in handicrafts and art principles, either as therapy or as a source of income. This is still in progress and results are not yet tabulated.
2. Two workshops to renovate antique lamps. Over 100 persons participated. About two thirds of the persons reached were non-members.
3. A training meeting for handicraft workers in Vacation Bible Schools. This was open to all churches in the county and about 30 persons participated.
4. The committee trained Home Demonstration Club leaders for a meeting on Christmas decorations and gift ideas. The trained leaders conducted 11 meetings with an attendance of 185.

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5. Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist worked with the Committee on how to get started on a crafts marketing program. A limited wholesale outlet was found at Appomatox Manor Gift Shop, and all members of the committee sold some articles. Another wholesale outlet was found for cornshuck dolls.
6. The committee sponsored a training workshop on making cornshuck dolls, with Miss Peery instructing. The members are now ready to teach others and are producing a limited number of the dolls for market.
7. Four members of the committee have assisted other counties in training leaders.
8. Two members of the committee have held neighborhood training workshops in needlework, ceramics, and making dried flower arrangements.
9. The committee has reached approximately 425 persons with direct training and information. Since much of this was leader training, it seems probable that this small group has had a widening circle of influence. Their publicity has been excellent, and has created public interest.

PROJECT AREA - 4-H AND OTHER EXTENSION YOUTH PROGRAM  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Senior 4-H Clubs

THE SITUATION:

Only 15% of the 4-H members enrolled are 14 years of age or older. Drop outs are heaviest as members enter the 9th grade. Competition for members time and interests are heavy at the ages of 13 and 14 and thereafter.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

The present organization and program does not hold senior 4-H club members at a desirable level.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To develop a program that will interest and involve Senior 4-H club members.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

A countywide Senior 4-H Club was organized in early winter with 16 members drawn mostly from existing community clubs. Monthly meetings were held with the group taking the Career Exploration project as a group project. George Blume, VPI Specialist was used for one of the meetings, practice interviews, aptitude tests, and other methods were used in developing the project. Recreation was planned and conducted by the members at most meetings.

A tour of industries in the Norfolk-Suffolk area was made to study various careers in action. Among the places visited were a hospital, an agricultural business concern, and automobile plant.

In the fall when clubs were reorganized, the agents, leaders, and senior 4-H members felt that rather than continue the countywide club that community senior clubs would more nearly meet the need.

To date one strong community club has been organized with 15 members. Plans are being made to organize other senior community clubs.

The agents and leaders have made a concerted effort to encourage and assist senior members to be more active as junior leaders, participate in contests and demonstrations, attend senior 4-H activities and to work on their 4-H records. As a result of these efforts, four boys gave demonstrations in district contests, compared to none last year. Girls demonstrated in two new areas. County contests were divided into junior and senior contests for the first time and participation was much increased. Three boys and three girls attended State 4-H Short Course. The largest delegation in several years, six boys and girls attended Senior 4-H Camp, one to Forestry, three to Conservation and two to Senior Camp.

Fourteen senior members served as junior leaders and did an outstanding job. This was an increase of 7 over 1961. A number of 4-H'ers worked on achievement records during the year and there seems to be an upswing in interest in this. Instruction on assembling records is being given to the Senior Club at McKenney at their monthly meetings.

One of the most outstanding accomplishment of the Dinwiddie Senior 4-H'ers was the exhibit which they placed in the Southside Virginia Fair.

The job of putting up this annual exhibit was turned over completely to these boys and girls. They did a marvelous job. They planned, built and erected the exhibit entirely on their own. Their theme was "4-H In Orbit". Many fine complements were received and a blue-ribbon was awarded the exhibit. This event gave senior 4-H in Dinwiddie quite a boost.

One of the best measures of success for this effort to increase senior member enrollment can be measured by the fact that a total of 45 senior members are enrolled this year compared to 23 last year. Only 15% of the 4-H members enrolled in 1961 were 14 years or older. During 1962, 26% of the total 4-H enrollment were 4-H'ers 14 years old or older. An increase of 11%.

SUCCESS STORY - 4-H CONTESTS  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

Involvement of every 4-H member enrolled in the county 4-H contests has been a goal of the 4-H leaders and extension agents for the past five years. Customs in 4-H competition have changed over the years, but by 1957 only a few girls wishing to qualify for District Contests in Style Revue and Bread Demonstrations had been coming to a central place for judging and awarding of ribbons.

In 1958 a definite effort was made to increase the scope of the county 4-H contest and the member participation at both junior and senior age levels. Thirty five members participated and five leaders assisted that year. Growth and expansion have been gradual and both girls and boys have been included in the contests. Each year participation of members has increased, and more leaders and parents have assisted and observed. A real effort has been made to secure qualified judges, trained in the area in which they were to judge. Extension agents from surrounding counties, teachers and other professional people have been generous with their time to assist with the judging. The Danish system of judging has been used each year, for the past five years. Blue ribbons have not been limited to any certain percentage and all blue ribbons have carried with them a 4-H Camp Scholarship of about five dollars. This money has been donated each year by the County Home Demonstration Committee and 4-H Council. The camp scholarships are much valued by members and may be used for any out of county 4-H event.

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In 1962 two separate contests were held for the junior and senior age groups. Out of a total membership at that time of fifty five boys and eighty five girls, nine boys and seventy six girls participated in ten contests. Forty eight blue ribbons and camp scholarships were awarded. Forty eight leaders and parents observed and assisted. Five girls and three boys represented the county in District competition where two of the girls were blue ribbon winners, representing the District in the State Contests during 4-H Short Course in Dairy Foods and Poultry Consumption.

The contests were organized in such a manner that each member could observe many other contestants and hear the judges comments. Both leaders and parents, as well as members have remarked that they learned a great deal this way.

Girls past second year clothing modeled their outfits with accessories and were judged by the regular senior style revue score card. A year or two of this should help them to acquire poise and experience toward the time when they are eligible for the senior style revue contests.

There were twelve girls in the junior style revue and nine girls in the senior style contests. Other contests were Nutrition Demonstrations, Bread, Dairy Foods and Poultry Consumption Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Electricity, Forestry, Livestock and Conservation Demonstrations.

Five junior leaders assisted with the junior contest in several different ways. The most significant contribution of the junior leaders was through the training they gave to the younger girls and boys.

SUCCESS STORY - 4-H DAIRY  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

For sometime there has been very little interest in 4-H Dairy work in the county.

This year a very fine adult leader, Baskerville Knott was secured for the 4-H dairy program in the county and the results of his efforts, with the assistance of the agents has been most gratifying.

Ten boys and girls were enrolled in dairy projects during the year.

Baskerville worked quite hard with the group preparing for dairy judging contests. A county contest was held, and a county judging team chosen from the top scorers.

Since there were no other dairy judging teams in Southeast District, the group participated in the East Central District Contest at Farmville.

Baskerville and one of the parents took the team to the contest and the team placed third with one of the team members placing high in individual scoring.

All members of the team were under twelve, and this made the team ineligible for state competition. However, a great deal of interest was generated in dairy judging.

During the summer a county 4-H Dairy Show was held under the lights at one of the local ball parks. The County Farm Bureau provided \$50.00 in prize money for the participants.

Eight boys and girls showed dairy animals and the competition was keen.

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As a result of the interest of the county 4-H dairy group and their leader, an area 4-H Dairy Show was set up at the Petersburg Southside Fair. Surrounding counties were invited to participate. The fair committee set up \$400.00 in prize money.

Ten animals were shown at the fair in this first junior dairy show, and prospects look good for a larger show next year.

The interest and enthusiasm seems to continue high in the county in the 4-H dairy project. We are looking forward to an even better year, in 1963. The fact that we have an adult leader who has assumed full responsibility for the project has contributed immensely to its success.

PROJECT AREA 4-H AND OTHER EXTENSION YOUTH PROGRAM  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

PHASE: Recruitment and Training of 4-H Leaders

THE SITUATION:

During the past two years about two thirds of the trained 4-H leaders have been lost to the program for various reasons. Only a few have been replaced. Two clubs are without project leaders. 4-H Club enrollment is small but few more could be handled by the present group of leaders.

THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM:

If 4-H enrollment is to increase, new leaders must be recruited and trained.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To stimulate interest and desire of capable adults to serve as leaders and offer them suitable training in organizational methods and various subject matter areas.

PROGRESS MADE IN REACHING OBJECTIVES:

The number of 4-H leaders working as organizational and project leaders has increased significantly during the year.

Five new organizational leaders were recruited and nineteen new project leaders. Of these fourteen are women and ten are men.

The total adult leader enrollment for 1962 was thirty three compared to twenty for 1961. Some of these leaders served both as organizational and project leaders.

During the year the agents made many personal contacts to recruit project leaders.

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In the late summer existing leaders were contacted and a list was compiled of persons who might make good organizational leaders.

The existing leaders and the prospective leaders were all invited to a "covered dish supper" and meeting to discuss 4-H work. The agents presented the present 4-H county situation, the prospects for expansion of club work, and discussed various other phases of 4-H work in the county. The meeting was quite successful.

Each of the new leaders has been given training by the agents through personal contact and group meetings.

Specialists from VPI in Forestry, Tractor, Auto Care and Safety, Foods and Nutrition, and Clothing were used to assist with the training.

The county adult 4-H leadership seems to be quite enthusiastic and interested. Their assistance during the year has made possible an increase in enrollment of fifty two members.

Also the leaders have taken much of the responsibility of project instruction and organizational work from the agents.

GENERAL APPRAISAL OF PAST YEAR  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY

There has been some growth and expansion in almost every area of the Extension Program in Dinwiddie County during 1962.

The RAD committee is fully organized and working on four major projects.

4-H club enrollment and adult leadership have increased and leaders are assuming more responsibility.

There has been a marked increase in the construction and improvement of facilities for livestock production.

The introduction of the VPI Mail In Record Program plus educational programs presented on farm records has resulted in greater interest in keeping more accurate and useful farm records.

Home Demonstration Clubs have remained active and vigorous in their effort to improve their homes and communities through an educational program. Membership levels have held about the same with twenty four new members off setting drop-outs. One new club was organized.

Over all committees in Forestry, Clothing, Nutrition and Rural Arts have carried out active programs, based on long time goals. The agents all agreed that other committees should be organized in the areas of livestock production, consumer information and youth.