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## III. PERSONAL REPORT SUMMARY

Days in field.....	219 1/2
Days in office.....	71
Days annual leave.....	14
Days sick leave.....	1/2
Legal holidays taken.....	7
Number home visits made.....	826
Number 4-H Club demonstrations visited.....	125
Total number different homes visited.....	460
Office calls.....	543
Telephone calls.....	36
Number news articles or stories prepared for press.....	40
Number individual letters written.....	598
Number different circular letters prepared.....	27
Number meetings attended.....	360
Number miles travelled.....	11,710

#### IV. STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION.

Fowhatan County is in the lower Piedmont section of Virginia. Twenty-five miles west of Richmond, bordering its entire length of about 35 miles on the James River on the north, and the Appomattox River on the South. The County contains 273 square miles with a population of 6,113 people. There are 926 farms in the County, 479 of which are white. Of the total number of farms 631 farmers are owners, 137 part owners and 158 share croppers or tenants. The soil varies from gray to heavy chocolate or red clay; the latter is fairly productive when well tilled.

The principal crops grown in the County are corn, wheat, oats and hay with some increase in livestock, dark air-cured tobacco and poultry.

Fowhatan County has three magisterial districts. Each district is represented by a supervisor, elected by the people of his respective district, to serve for a four year term. For the past fourteen years this board has made an appropriation for home demonstration work in the County. The Board also furnishes the Agent an office on the Court Square. The Board has in the past offered its heartiest cooperation to Extension Work.

The County School Board, consisting of three members and the Superintendent of Schools, also makes a small appropriation for the support of home demonstration work. It gives its hearty support to the work in every way. It is always willing to lend the use of school

buildings for the meeting and cooperates in every possible way to aid our program.

The main function of the Advisory Board is to help make the County Program of Work, to advise with the Agent, and to sponsor and support all home demonstration activities at all times.

The Advisory Board in Powhatan County has functioned since before an agent was secured for the County. The personnel of the Board consists of ten members appointed by the Board of Supervisors representing the three magisterial districts. These ten women were original members. Each year the presidents of the clubs automatically become Advisory Board members for the period of time that they serve as president of their club.

The Board meets quarterly and at the call of the president if any emergency arises for its special consideration. These meetings are conducted in a parliamentary manner and records kept by the secretary of the action of the Board.

Plans for 1936 work were made at the December meeting of the Advisory Board 1935. Results of the County Campaign "A sink for every kitchen" were read. The interest in the campaign led them to a desire to study the kitchen as a unit. The major project "Kitchens" was selected and since home beautification had been studied in relation to the front of the home, but nothing had been done to encourage attractive back door yards; the County Campaign "Attractive, serviceable

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back door yards" was selected .

The home demonstration clubs reach 220 women directly and 125 indirectly. There are 479 home makers in the County.

The Advisory Board used as its community project again this year "County Library". The Library has been established for two years now. Since rural libraries is one of our Federation goals we thought it wise to continue work on circulation and addition of books. Four hundred and thirty-two books have been added this year and 8,000 checked out and read by one or more persons. Club members are still donating magazines and papers to the library. The W.P.A. furnishes a full time librarian for the project.

A 4-H Council composed of all officers and leaders of 4-H clubs was reorganized in December 1935. The council has 86 members on roll. At this meeting general plans were made for carrying out the Home Improvement major project for 1936.

The second meeting of the council was held in June at which time plans were made for camp, short courses, County Achievement Day and discussing the major project for 1937. The 4-H Club program reaches 118 girls, and the Junior Homemakers' program reaches 29 out of a possible 206 living in the County.

The general policy of the County Extension organizations is to cooperate with all agencies working for the good of the county. The organizations with which we have worked are: The Resettlement Administration, Works Progress Administration, National Youth Administration, the local chapter of the Red Cross, the Citizens' Civic Club,

the School Leagues, the County T. B. Association and the Public Health Department.

V. PROGRAM OF WORK

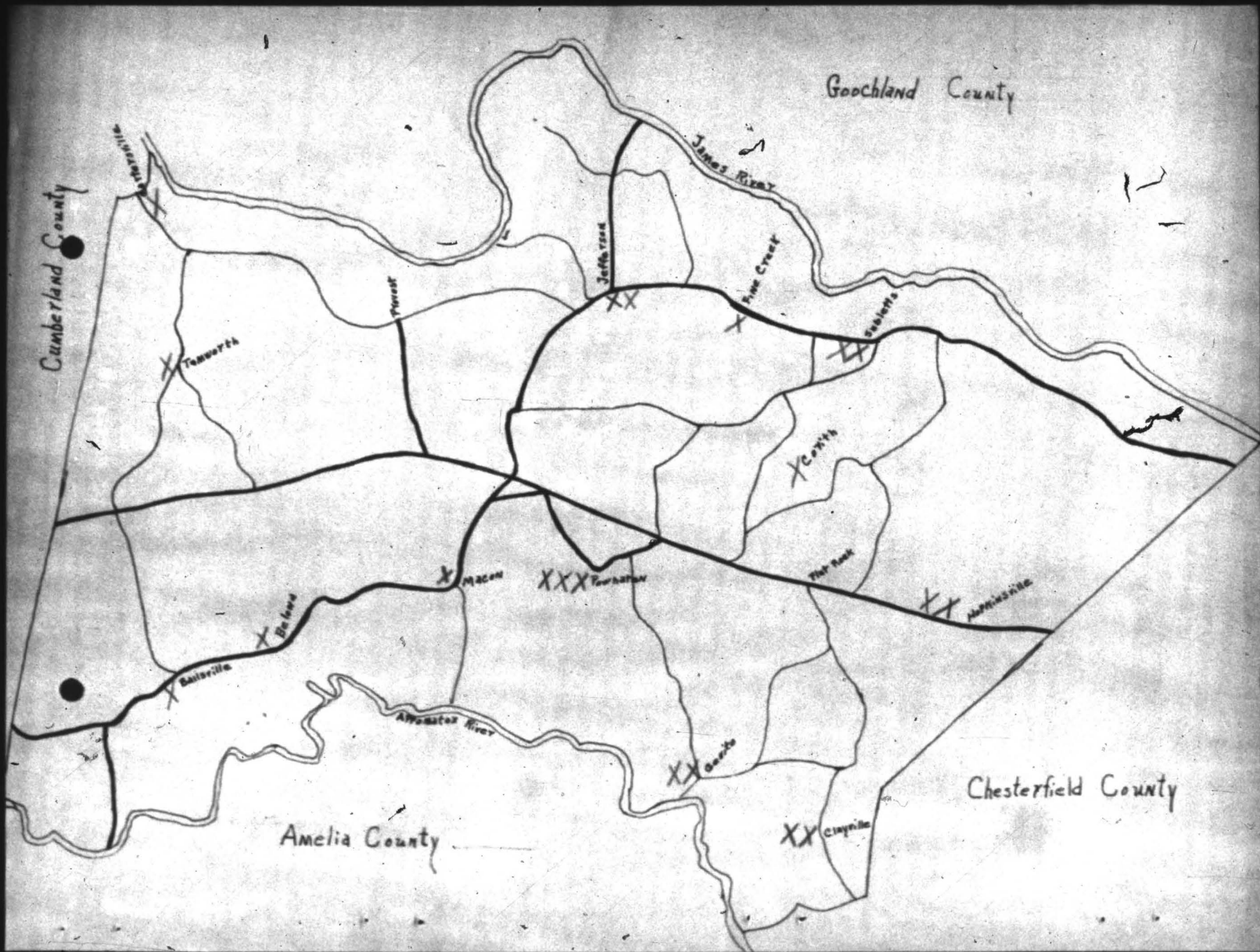
Index of map showing location of home demonstration and 4-H Clubs in the County.

    X     Indicates organized Home Demonstration Clubs.

    X     Indicates organized 4-H Clubs.

    X     Indicates organized "Junior" Homemakers.

Map of Powhatan County on the following page.



Home Demonstration Clubs

CLUBS	MEMBERSHIP	NO. of MEETINGS
Ballsville .....	21.....	12
Cartersville.....	39.....	13
Corinth.....	14.....	12
Genito.....	18.....	13
Hopkinsville.....	22.....	14
Jefferson.....	31.....	14
Muddy Creek.....	19.....	13
Powhatan.....	30.....	14
Subletts.....	26.....	14
TOTAL .....	<u>220</u> .....	<u>119</u>

4-H Clubs

CLUBS	MEMBERSHIP	No. of MEETINGS
Belona .....	16.....	13
Clayville.....	12.....	12
Fine Creek.....	8.....	12
Hopkinsville.....	13.....	14
Jefferson.....	13.....	15
Macon.....	15.....	15
Powhatan.....	11.....	9
Powhatan Branch.....	12.....	15
Subletts.....	10.....	16
7 TOTAL .....	<u>105</u> .....	<u>121</u>

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Others not in organization.....15 Work carried on by home visits.

Junior Homemakers

CLUBS	MEMBERSHIP	No. of MEETINGS
Clayville.....	14.....	12
Powhatan.....	15.....	16
TOTAL.....	<u>29</u> .....	<u>28</u>

Enrollment for past three years:

Year	WOMEN		GIRLS	
	No. Clubs	No. Members	No Clubs	No Members
1933	8	184	9	129
1934	9	198	9	118
1935	10	229	10	126
1936	9	220	9	118

The following six demonstrations were selected in our project of "kitchens" for 1936:

January.....Bask Door Yards  
 February.....Character Kitchens  
 March.....Healthful Kitchens  
 April.....Step Saving and Storage  
 May.....Home-made Labor Savers  
 June.....Kitchen Cleaning

More interest has been shown in the major project "Kitchens"

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than in any project studied in Powhatan County in recent years. Three complete new kitchens have been built according to recommendations. One hundred and ninety-six kitchens were rearranged for convenience as a direct result of this study; one hundred and ninety-one families have followed recommendations in obtaining labor saving equipment and one thousand one hundred and sixty-three articles were bought; two hundred and twenty-eight labor saving articles were made.

Twenty-nine families are keeping home accounts and three families are budgeting expenditures. Powhatan home demonstration club women estimated that one thousand and eighty-nine dollars (\$1089.00) were saved as a result of this year's program.

Twenty-six new sanitary toilets were built; six bathrooms installed; two new sewage systems and five complete water systems installed this year. Twenty kitchen sinks were installed and twenty-eight kitchens screened according to recommendations.

Very good reports of improved storage have been made; one hundred and thirty-six storage improvements have been made - eight of these were for foods; one hundred and twenty-one for kitchen supplies and equipment; two for clothing and five for other supplies and articles.

The County Campaign this year was "Back Door Yards". Early in February and March the leaders and agent scored back door yards and porches and made suggestions to be followed out for their improvement. A great deal of interest was shown in the campaign at first, but the extremely dry spring and summer checked a number of

improvements that had been planned. Only twenty-seven work porches were improved and sixty-nine back yard made more attractive. One hundred and sixteen people planted shrubs, but very few are growing. Club women all over the county are asking that this project be carried over another year.

Minor projects have been varied and interesting this year. Each club has had at least one meeting on Citizenship - Wild Flower study has been another favorite among clubs this year. Of the home economics projects foods and food preservation was studied most. Although the number of quarts of food canned this year fell twenty five thousand and three hundred and fourteen quarts short of last year's record. Ninety nine canning budgets were made and filled as completely as they could with so poor and inadequate food supply grown in the gardens this year. Eleven thousand three hundred and sixty-four quarts of food were canned this year, valued at two thousand six hundred dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2,600.25) of this number two thousand seven hundred and sixty-one quarts are fruit and juices, two thousand four hundred and twenty are tomatoes, three thousand nine hundred and forty-five are other vegetables, seven hundred and ninety-four quarts are meats and one thousand four hundred and forty-four quarts are pickles, jam, jelly etc.

Eighteen canning demonstrations have been given by the home agent, leaders and specialists this year. Eight new pressure cookers have been purchased.

Every home demonstration club has a health leader who is a

member of the County Nursing unit. The health leaders are given a few minutes at each meeting to report on health activities of the County and they are called on by the Health Department to advertise clinics and to help conduct them.

Poultry study has especially benefited the Hopkinville Club. It has a poultry leader who gives timely information each month on some phase of poultry management. Every woman in this club has a home flock from which she supplies her home food needs and also supplements the family income. The members of Hopkinville club have had some very interesting and helpful poultry discussions. Poultry raisers of Powhatan County receive each month a circular letter of poultry information prepared by the Poultry Specialist of V.P.I. Extension Division.

Planning and planting the best home garden possible was stressed at club meetings early in the year. Circular letters with garden information, (prepared by the Extension Garden Specialist of V.P.I.) have been sent out each month to all of last year's subsistence gardeners and home demonstration club members who were not subsistence gardeners. The Spring and summer gardens were almost a complete failure due to the drought. They were estimated at a 90% failure. Fall gardens were fairly good; most of the food canned was grown in the Fall gardens. The failure of Spring and summer gardens has caused more people to plant winter and fall gardens.

Twenty-two homes have improved lawns, one hundred and sixteen have planted shrubs, eighteen have improved fences and gates, twenty-four

have started outdoor living interest and eighteen have improved walks and drives. The improvement made in beautifying homes in this County is very noticeable and adds much to the attractiveness of the County.

Each club sponsors some worth-while community activity. These activities have varied from school improvement, community houses, community recreation to roadside beautification. The Subletts Home Demonstration Club in cooperation with the school board had a well dug at the Subletts' school. Gentle Home Demonstration Club is making plans to build an outdoor fireplace on its community grounds. This club gave a Halloween party and asked everyone to bring a stone for admission. These stones are to be used in the fireplace. Fifty-four women in Powhatan County served as leaders of their club this year. Nine of these as presidents - nine as secretaries and the others as poultry, garden, health and project leaders. The project leaders have improved on their last year's record considerably. Cartersville project leaders have given all of the major project demonstrations for their club this year. Three leader training meetings were held for project leaders with an attendance of forty-three. Fifty-seven meetings were held by these leaders.

Eight Powhatan Home Demonstration Clubs are members of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Seven clubs sent delegates to the State meeting in Blacksburg and paid all expenses. Thirty-four representatives of Powhatan County attended the District meeting of

of the Federated Home Demonstration Clubs Held at Westhampton High School. Those attending felt that this was a most helpful meeting.

Seventeen women attended the Associated Country Women of the World meeting in Washington last June. They brought very nice reports back to the County. They stressed the size of the organization and the importance of everyone sharing responsibilities in our home clubs.

The County Flower Show was held May 26, 1936. In spite of the dry spring the show was a credit to the County. There were one hundred and fifty-seven exhibits in the various classes. Mrs. Adkerson and Mrs. Dunnington of the Richmond Garden Club served as judges.

The Achievement Day program was held in the morning, followed by an attractive luncheon prepared and served by all clubs. Miss Janet Emerson, Food Specialist of V.F.I. Extension Division, gave an address on "Conservation of Human Resources". The County Canning Contests were held at this time and also a County Cake Contest. The club women seemed to enjoy a different type of Achievement Day program very much.

Extension workers are cooperating with the Rehabilitation work in every way possible. There are eleven white Rehabilitation clients in the County. Nine of these are home demonstration club women.

The Cartersville Home Demonstration Club has done the best work of any of the nine clubs during 1936. The project leaders of this

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club have given all of the demonstrations in the major project.

The Year Books were made by the Executive Committee at the beginning of the year. The following goals were set for the club to work towards.

1. Be represented in all contests open to club women.
2. Pay Federation dues and send delegate to State and District Federation meetings.
3. Take part in all County Extension Meetings.
4. Be represented 100% in all leader training meetings.
5. Make further progress on community house.
6. Have an Achievement Banquet for husbands.

This club has bought an acre of land to build the community house on and has made One hundred sixty seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$167.15) to start building. The six major project demonstrations were given and as minor projects, "County History", "Wild Flowers", and "Chair seating" were used. They had an all day meeting the day the chair seating demonstration was given. Six chairs and twenty stools were seated.

Each club has sponsored some social and recreational meeting during the year. They have varied from picnics, bridge parties, dances, game parties to community suppers. Group singing has been enjoyed a great deal.

One hundred and eighteen 4-H club girls are enrolled in first year Home Improvement work. Sixty of this number completed the required project work. Twenty-seven girls improved their bedroom

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color scheme, eighteen improved selection of furniture, thirty-one improved arrangement of furniture and twenty-nine improved arrangement of pictures and accessories. A total of ninety-eight rooms were improved; fifty-seven bedrooms, twenty-two living rooms and nineteen others. The actual cost of this project was one hundred sixty three dollars and seventy-two cents (\$163.72) and the amount saved is estimated at ninety eight dollars and ninety-three cents (\$98.93). Forty-seven girls cared for their own rooms, thirty-nine girls improved storage space for clothes and eighteen members kept personal accounts. One hundred and thirty-six entered the home improvement contest. Margaret Younce won first place in the contest with her home-made clothes closet.

Fifty-four 4-H club girls entered the Kerr Canning Contest, thirty-six the Bell Contest and thirty-one the Hazel Atlas Contest. The total number of quarts of food canned as a result of this program is five thousand five hundred and sixty three; valued at One thousand sixty six dollars and ninety-five cents (\$1066.95).

Seventy-eight girls grew flowers and forty-eight have helped beautify the home grounds. Five boys and one girl took poultry for a project. Four of the boys completed with forty-five birds and the girl completed with thirty-four turkeys.

Ninety-eight club members entered the Growth Work Contest, of that number fifteen were examined by a doctor, forty by a nurse and forty-six

by the Agent or leader. (Eighty-five 4-H club members are five pointers.) Margaret McDonald won fourth place in the health contest at the State Short Course. Twelve members have made definite improvements in posture, twenty-seven have improved their teeth and sixty have improved food habits.

Every 4-H Club is urged to accept some community activity. These have varied; one club has planted trees, one keeps the school ground clean another keeps the church grounds.

The following project program was carried out in the best 4-H Club in the County:

- November 4-H club books; Christmas gifts for home use.
- December Study 4-H growth work standards; check health habits.
- January Poultry.
- February Canning and canning budgets.
- March The bed and how to make it.
- April Putting bedroom furniture in its place.
- May Color notes for the bedroom. Considering the room and the person who uses it.
- June
  1. Handy clothes closets. Inexpensive closets, improvements, accessories.
  2. Furnishing a room by a plan. Considering needs and finances, plan adequate furnishing.
- July
  1. Painting furniture. Preparation for and use of paints and enamels on furniture.
  2. Home-made furniture. Dressing tables, stools, folding screens, etc.

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August 1. What can be done to floors. Refinishing; how to care for finished floors.

2. Linens for bedrooms. Requirements, materials, Styles, construction, finishes.

September Window curtains. Reconditioning, selecting materials and making.

October Winter bouquets. Using native and garden materials in the house. Make reports; complete 4-H club books.

This club has an active older club girl for a leader. It has had all of the required meetings and had a ninety-five percent completion in project work. This club sent two girls to Jamestown Camp and two to the State Short Course in Blacksburg.

Twenty-three older club girls are acting as leaders for their clubs. These girls take more leader responsibilities than do the women, but they can't be depended upon because they are working away from home part of the time.

Getting reliable leaders for 4-H clubs is a problem that has not been solved in Powhatan County. Four leader training meetings were held with an attendance of forty-five. 4-H club leaders gave thirty-four of the major project demonstrations this year.

Fourteen Powhatan 4-H club girls attended Jamestown 4-H Club Camp. This was the first time that this County has sent 4-H club girls to Jamestown Camp in several years. All of the girls seemed to get so much from the week of camp life. Ruth Bethel attended the Conservation Camp at Jamestown in August. She came back and gave nice reports to all of the 4-H clubs of the County.

Five girls and one boy attended the 4-H Club Short Course at V.P.I. All of these delegates were sent by their clubs with expenses paid.

The 4-H Club Achievement Day this year was in the form of a tour. We met at the school and went on school buses to Beaumont Scout Cabin - A big out-door fire was built and we gathered around it and organized into four indian tribes. Then each tribe was given rules for a Nature Contest and Tree Identification Contest. Each tribe then went into the woods to work on the Contest. Points were given to the winning tribe in the various contests. Then we had a short discussion of trees led by the Beaumont Scout Master. Each club member was urged to plant at least one tree each year. Mr. P.S. Hlandford, Supt. of Virginia State Industrial School for Boys gave a splendid informal talk on Citizenship. This type of Achievement Day was different and worked out nicely.

Each club has a few minutes at the end of the meeting devoted to play. Each club has been urged to start collecting recreational material to be used in the community. All of the clubs have had one or more recreational meetings this year.

Two Junior Homemaker groups are organized and working in Powhatan County. The total enrollment of these clubs is twenty-nine members. The program is planned at the November club meeting with the Agent leading a discussion of needs and interest. One club decided to study the same Home Improvement project that the 4-H club girls took.

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The other club made out a group of topics to be studied and discussed at each of the twelve meetings during the year. These topics consist of things that these girls were interested in knowing about, reading, social customs, handicrafts, travel, entertaining and wild flowers. These clubs mean much to the girls in a social way for there are very few social gatherings for this age girl in the community. The N.Y.A. has been a great help to a number of the Junior Homemakers who have not been in a financial position to attend college and have not been able to get other work.

#### VI. PROGRESS MADE DURING 1936

One new Junior Homemakers club was organized this year at clayville. Two 4-H clubs consolidated and two home demonstration clubs consolidated.

The major project work for women, "Kitchens", was very popular and brought good results. The project leadership was much better this year than before for the women's work, but project leaders for 4-H clubs are not satisfactory nor reliable. Developing leadership is one problem that still needs a lot of time, thought and training for Powhatan County.

The percentage of completions of 4-H club project work is very low this year. The Agent is not at all pleased with sixty out of one hundred and eighteen completing the project requirement as set forth in the Home Improvement project.

VII. PLANS FOR 1937

"Furniture, Old and New" was selected for 1937 major project with the following six demonstrations:

- Furniture Styles
- Putting Furniture in its Place
- Porch Furnishings
- Steps to Reconditioning
- Wood Finishing
- Chair Seating

Each club selects its own minor project demonstrations.

The same campaign "Back Door Yards" is to be used again this year. Definite county goals and objectives are to be drawn up at the December Advisory Board meeting.

The girls have selected the second year Home Improvement project. With the following monthly topics:

- November 4-H club books, or household files; Christmas cards and decorations.
- December Check-up 4-H growth work standards; posture.
- January Minor project.
- February Minor project.
- March Comfortable corners in livable rooms. Suggestions for living rooms.
- April When pictures hang on the walls. What, where, and how.
- May Making the porch attractive. Furniture, pillows, shade, plants, etc.
- June 1. Refinishing furniture. When and how to use

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transparent finishes.

2. Some simple slip covers. How to fit and make simple covers for small chairs.

July

1. Flower arrangements for the home.

2. Attractive table linens. Materials, styles, construction, finishes; budgets.

August

1. Home-made rugs and mats. How to braid, Crochet, or hook rugs or mats.

2. Useful accessories. How to make one or more articles for bedroom or living room.

September

Handy helps for kitchens. Making racks or Holders; Improving equipment.

October

Winter gardens for indoors. Make club reports; complete 4-H club books.

4H Club Room Improvement  
Project



## Cartersville H. D. Club Has Banquet

### Miss Sallie Guy Davis Talks on Com- munity

By Mrs. F. D. Irving  
CARTERSVILLE, Oct. 23.—The Cartersville Home Demonstration Club held a banquet for their husbands and friends in the agriculture building of Hamilton High School on Friday evening, October 23.

A delicious turkey dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. Louis Anderson, chairman of the banquet committee. Coffee was donated by Gill Coffee Company of Norfolk and served by a representative.

The guest speaker of the evening, Miss Sallie Guy Davis of Lynchburg, home demonstration agent for this district, was presented by Mrs. J. A. Ransone, the chairman of Achievement Day. She spoke on "What Home Demonstration Work Means to a Community." This topic was most ably presented by Miss Davis and inspiration was given all for future work.

Mrs. F. F. Fleming, president of the club, introduced the next speaker, W. C. Switzer, principal of Hamilton High School. He gave a most excellent address on "Good Citizenship."

A narrative report of the year's work of the club was given by Mrs. I. W. Stonnell, one of the club leaders.

Mrs. Joel Clingenpeel then afforded the members and guests much entertainment with puns in nursery rhymes on members of the club.

The forming of a men's club in the community was presented for consideration by Rev. J. Sidney Cobb. The banquet closed with the creed by the members. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ransone, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Switzer, Miss Lucy Blake, Miss Linda Walton; C. G. Cragwall, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wietar Anderson, Mrs. J. H. Pleasant, Mrs. C. P. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holman, Mrs. W. A. Abernathy, Miss Austa Abernathy, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Clingenpeel, Mrs. E. E. Pruden, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cooke, Mrs. Henry Owen, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stonnell, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rhodes, Mrs. J. E. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Miss Mary B. Rhodes, R. C. Foxworth, Mrs. F. L. Dabney, Mrs. R. L. Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Trice, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Stonnell, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Anderson, Mrs. B. S. Brent, Miss Sallie Guy Davis, Mrs. J. S. Hobson, Mrs. Celeste De Vota, Mrs. B. B. Ford and Mrs. D. B. Stout.

## Achievement Day Winners Listed

Special to The News Leader.

POWHATAN, Oct. 26.—The annual Achievement Day for Powhatan Home Demonstration Clubs was held at the Courthouse this year instead of in the High School as has been the custom for some years. Invocation was offered by the Rev. W. T. McDonald, after which the welcome was given by Mrs. W. P. Weisiger, president of the County Advisory Board, who also presided over the exercises. The Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Stiff rendered a vocal duet, following this by the reports from the clubs of the county, as follows: Corinth Club, by Mrs. Paul Wagner; Cartersville Club, Mrs. John Martin; Powhatan Worthwhile Club, Mrs. W. R. Parker; Jefferson Club, by Mrs. T. S. Curtis; Genito Club, Mrs. Wallace Moyer; Ballsville Club, Mrs. T. L. Timberlake; Hopkinsville Club, by Mrs. Julia Anderson; Subletts Club, by Mrs. Darrell Jervey, and Muddy Creek Club, by Mrs. Randolph Swann.

An interesting report was also given on the progress of the county library which is sponsored by the County Advisory Board. This report was made by Mrs. R. D. Tucker, chairman of the library committee. Miss Lucy Blake, County Home Demonstration agent, introduced Miss Janet Cameron, State food specialist, who made the address of the day.

After the report of the county agent, the prizes for the several contests were awarded as follows: In the cake contest: first, Mrs. E. S. Brent; second, Mrs. E. F. Yates; third, Mrs. H. W. Goode; fourth, Mrs. T. S. Curtis; fifth, Mrs. Paul Wagner.

Canning contest: first, Mrs. T. L. Timberlake; second, Mrs. C. B. Wathall.

Canning contest: first, Mrs. E. L. Johnson; second, Mrs. C. B. Wathall; third, Mrs. F. N. Brauer.

Best two jars of any canning: first, Mrs. E. L. Johnson; second, Mrs. Wiley Williams; third, Mrs. Randolph Swann.

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# Better Way Club Completes Successful Year at Cartersville

By Mrs. F. D. Irving  
Publicity Chairman

Here's to the achievements of the Better Way Club  
And its workers loyal and true  
May 1934 bring greater wisdom  
and riches  
To each of our members—so here's  
to you!

The November meeting of our Letter Way Club is a most outstanding one, as officers are elected and standing committees named for the ensuing year. We have passed through a happy and profitable year under the direction of the following officers.

Mrs. F. F. Fleming, president;  
Mrs. W. L. Anderson, vice-president;  
Mrs. C. W. Boggs, secretary;  
Mrs. J. E. Garrett, treasurer; Mrs. F. D. Irving, Publicity Chairman.  
Leaders: Mrs. E. O. Anderson, Mrs. J. A. Martin.

Finance Committee: Mrs. M. E. Blanton, chairman, Mrs. F. D. Irving, Mrs. B. B. Ford, Mrs. E. O. Anderson, Mrs. J. E. Garrett.

Achievement Day Committee: Mrs. W. A. Ransome, chairman, Mrs. Wistar Anderson, Mrs. W. L. Anderson, Mrs. J. C. Hobson, Mrs. B. B. Ford.

Flower Show Committee: Mrs. J. S. Hobson, chairman, Mrs. R. B. Trice, Mrs. R. L. Blanton, Mrs. D. B. Stout, Mrs. Linda Walton.

Publicity Committee: Mrs. F. D. Irving, chairman, Mrs. N. F. Sneed, Mrs. A. H. Cooke, Mrs. E. O. Anderson, Mrs. J. A. Ransome.

Community Fund: Mrs. Wistar Anderson, chairman, Mrs. Loyd Martin, Mrs. J. S. Hobson, Mrs. C. W. Boggs, Mrs. J. A. Ransome.

Membership: Mrs. Fred W. Rhodes, chairman, Mrs. E. E. Pruden, Mrs. J. H. Pleasants, Mrs. E. S. Taylor.

Visiting Committee: Mrs. H. S. Holeman, chairman, Mrs. C. W. Cardwell, Mrs. Harry Holeman, Mrs. W. A. Abernathy, Miss Austa Abernathy.

Christmas Tree Committee: Mrs. E. O. Anderson, chairman, Mrs. J. S. Hobson, Mrs. C. W. Boggs, Mrs. Loyd Martin.

Goals For Year

Goals for the year were adopted.

- I. Each person reach some person not reached before.
- II. Banquet for husbands or friends.
- III. Send delegate to Blacksburg.
- IV. Hold Achievement Day and flower show.
- V. Raise money for Community House.
- VI. Help with relief work.
- VII. Cooperate with other organizations.
- VIII. Have a community Christmas Tree.
- IX. Commit creed to memory.
- X. Send two demonstrators to Blacksburg.

On December, 1934 the club accepted the report of the Executive Committee which established a budget of \$80.00. Our Community Project of 1935 was raising money for the Community House. The Demonstration given by Mrs. E. O. Anderson, Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. W. L. Anderson was on the mixing and cooking plum puddings.

At the January meeting the Finance Committee suggested the club members make a quilt. This was adopted and the following committee named, Mrs. B. B. Ford, Mrs. D. B. Stout, Mrs. J. H. Pleasants.

The minor projects of the year were adopted and the demonstration on Household Accounts and Budgets was presented by Mrs. E. O. Anderson.

The mile of Pennies Project, suggested by Mrs. J. S. Hobson was adopted in February. It was decided to hold Achievement Day on October 5th. Saving Food dollars by living at home was the demonstration given by Mrs. E. O. Anderson.

In March Mrs. Lovings addressed the club and asked its members to help sponsor the Garden project in the county and three ladies were named, Mesdames Anderson, Irving and Heath.

The gift of shrubs by our Club for the beautification of Miss Slocum's garden was reported.

Mr. Raulins, pastor of the M. E. Church conducted a prayer service, dedicated for World Peace.

Cutting the Cost of Clothing the family was the March demonstration.

April meeting was held at Roadside cottage, the home of Mrs. J. C. Hobson. 44 Flappers, a play, was presented.

Under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Blanton, and was a huge success, as the figures will prove in the finance report.

Mrs. F. D. Irving reported on the District meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs held at Chester, Va. Ten of our members attended this meeting. The clothes we Buy was the demonstration presented by Mrs. L. A. Martin in April.

At the May meeting, Mrs. F. B. Trice and Mrs. H. S. Holeman were added to the quilt committee. Mrs. Janis Bowles gave an interesting talk on "What Home Demonstration clubs Have Meant to Goochland Co."

Our June meeting was held in the home of Mrs. B. B. Ford. An interesting demonstration was given by Miss Blake on "Buying Kitchen Equipment."

The following were appointed to investigate the possibilities of se-



MRS. FULTON P. FLEMING, Cartersville, president of the "Better Way" Home Demonstration Club.

curing a Home Demonstration Agent for Cumberland county. Mrs. J. A. Ransome, Mrs. Wistar Anderson, Mrs. J. S. Hobson. The president, assisted by Mrs. E. O. Anderson gave our demonstration "Resources for Richer Living."

August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Abernathy. Mrs. F. F. Fleming, president, gave a most interesting and complete account of her trip to Blacksburg to attend the Homemakers Association.

A special meeting was held at Home Ec. cottage to join our quilt.

In Sept. our club approved the Finance committee's project of serving a plate dinner at a Poultry Show sponsored by M. E. Blanton, for promoting the sales of Casco Feeds in this community. The following committee served: Mrs. W. L. Anderson, chairman, Mrs. Wistar Anderson, Mrs. F. D. Irving, Mrs. M. E. Blanton, Mrs. W. A. Abernathy, Mrs. J. S. Hobson.

Final plans for Achievement Day were discussed and Mr. Clingpeel made a talk on fall gardens.

In October the club sponsored the making and presenting of a birthday cake to Mr. J. B. Wall, editor of the Farmville Herald, commemorating the sixth anniversary of the Cumberland Page. Mrs. F. D. Irving, Mrs. N. F. Sneed and Mrs. E. O. Anderson were named to serve on this committee.

Achievement Day held on Oct. 5th at Hamilton High School proved a success from the standpoint of finance, pleasure and achievement. Delicious refreshments were served by the respective hostesses at each meeting.

As publicity chairman and a member of the finance committee it gives me great pleasure to present to the public a complete report of the past years financial achievements.

Free Will Offerings	\$15.47
Lunch Achievement Day	27.78
44 Flappers (play & candy)	35.71
Mile of pennies	22.51
Washing quilts	1.33
Int. Bank	.41
Quilt made and sold	9.65
Net proceeds from supper	
Oct. 14	86.79
Shrubs sold	16.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$163.25</b>

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### Mrs. Fleming Heads Cartersville Club

CARTERSVILLE, Jan. 16.—Mrs. F. Fleming was elected president of the Cartersville Home Demonstration Club, formerly known as The Better Way Club, at a recent meeting held at the Home Economics cottage here. Mrs. W. L. Anderson was elected vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Boggs, secretary; Mrs. J. E. Garrett, treasurer and Mrs. Francis D. Irving, publicity chairman. Mrs. L. H. Martin and Mrs. Vivian Martin were named leaders.

The major club project for the year will be kitchen and backyard improvements.

### POWHATAN COUNTY BEGINS SERIES AGRICULTURAL PLANNING MEETS

W. F. Michaux, County Agent for Powhatan County announced that starting Thursday, a series of meetings among farmers began in each community to last until Mar. 15th.

Leading representatives of banking, farming, clubs and other branches of industry gathered in the Powhatan Community House January 18th to have the objectives of the County planning groups explained. This group was addressed by P. S. Farrar, district Agent of Farmville and K. N. Ellis, Agricultural Economist of Blacksburg.

Thursday, January 23, leaders of all groups in leading communities gathered in the County Agent's office to study available materials for these discussions on outstanding Agricultural problems of the day.

Selections from several topics will be optional with each group. The chairman of the Community committees are as follows: Subletts, J. P. Jervey, Jr.; Berea, G. D. Hubbard; Trenholm, H. O. Williams; Powhatan, P. S. Hlandford. The chairman of the Clayville group will be appointed later.

### Hopkinsville Clubs Hold Jan. Meetings

POWHATAN, Jan. 27.—The January meeting of the Hopkinsville Home Demonstration Club was held in the home of the former president, Mrs. A. C. Winfree. Miss Blake, home demonstration agent, gave a report of her trip to N. P. I. to the agents' conference. She also made a talk on business enterprises that began as hobbies.

Mrs. Beaugard Winfree is president, and Mrs. W. J. Noble, Mrs. A. C. Winfree and Mrs. R. H. Hancock, project leaders of the club. The poultry leader is Mrs. A. B. Hancock; garden leader, Mrs. G. W. Boyer; health leader, Miss Dean Haseley, and flower garden leader, Mrs. Wiley Williams.

The 4-H club held its January meeting in the home of the president, Annie Estelle Winfree. Miss Blake gave an instructive health talk, and helped the girls dye some material to be used in making hooded mats for their bedrooms. The boys are learning to make footstools. Each member is working towards making their room more attractive this year.

The Hopkinsville 4-H Club met at the home of the president, Annie Estelle Winfree, on Monday, November 18. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Annie Estelle Winfree; vice-president, J. D. Shupe, Jr.; secretary and treasurer, Edith Boyer; cheer leader, Irene Sapp; reporter, Jane Shupe.

Miss Blake showed several ideal Christmas gifts for mothers, and also explained the project for 1936. The project is the "Bed Room." The goal for the club is a better club next year.

Before going home, Mrs. A. C. Winfree called all those present to join in a candy pull which all enjoyed very much.

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## Achievement Day At Powhatan

POWHATAN, Oct. 23—The Federated Home Demonstration Clubs of Powhatan county held its annual achievement day October 23. Exhibits were placed in the high school auditorium and judging and scout inspection was the opening of the day.

The program began at 2:30 and was called to order by the chairman of the Advisory board. Songs were sung and addresses made. Mrs. W. P. Weisiger gave a report of the home demonstration work in Powhatan county while Margaret McDonald gave a report of the 4-H club work in the county. Southall Farrar, district agent, was the speaker of the evening.

The day was brought to a close by announcing the prize and ribbon winners. Among those winning first place in the girls' contests were: style dress review, Margaret Younce; Ball contest, Beatrice Williams; Kerr contest, Margaret Younce; Hazel Atlas contest, Annie Estelle Winfree. Those winning first place in the women's contest were: Ball contest, Mrs. E. F. Yates; Kerr contest, Mrs. E. F. Yates; best pickle, Mrs. T. S. Henning; best relish, Mrs. Phillip Brauer; best jelly or jam, Mrs. E. F. Yates; best preserves, Mrs. E. F. Yates; artistic arrangement of flowers, in glass, Frances Cobb; in metal, Mrs. Motton; in pottery, Mrs. Blandford; in baskets, Mrs. Wiley Williams; autumn leaves or berries, Mrs. Wiley Williams.

## Powhatan

POWHATAN, Oct. 21—Achievement day was observed here on Saturday. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the exhibits as well as the program.

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Powhatan County Home Demonstration Clubs

Achievement Day.  
October 14, 1936

11:00 O'clock.

Mrs. Percy Weisiger, Advisory Board Chairman, Presiding.

- Song....."America"  
Invocation.....Rev. W. T. McDonald  
Vocal Duet.....Rev. & Mrs. Robt. Stiff  
Welcome.....Mrs. Percy Weisiger.  
Report of Bellsville Club.....Mrs. T. L. Timberlake  
Report of Genito Club.....Mrs. T. E. Moyer  
Report of Corinth Club.....Miss Ruby Hall  
Report of Subletts Club.....Mrs. Chas. Montgomery  
Report of Powhatan Club.....Mrs. W. R. Parker  
Song....."Carry Me Back to Old Virginny".  
Report of Hopkinsville Club.....Mrs. Julia Anderson  
Report of Cartersville Club.....Mrs. John Martin  
Report of Muddy Creek Club.....Mrs. J. E. Jones  
Report of Jefferson Club.....Mrs. T. S. Curtis  
Violin Duet.....Marion & Theodore Janderer  
Report of County Library.....Mrs. R. D. Tucker  
Address....."Human Conservation"  
Miss Janet Cameron, State Food Specialist.  
Agent's Report.  
Awarding prizes.....Miss Myrtle Howard

Virginia Homemakers Creed

LUNCH

Lunch Committee:

Mrs. B. S. Brent  
Mrs. W. L. Haxey  
Mrs. W. R. Parker

Canning Committee:

Mrs. Otis Davis  
Mrs. E. L. Johnson  
Mrs. W. J. Duke

Pianist.....Mrs. Fessie Green.

Cake Contest Committee:

Mrs. J. T. Moulton  
Mrs. Neil Hening  
Mrs. Arthur Hancock

Decoration Committee:

Mrs. P. S. Blandford  
Mrs. J. T. Walker  
Mrs. Harvey Coode