

Johnson of Quinton, Va. in New Kent County.

We lost Mrs. Adelle Jones of Ruthville, Va. Charles City County, a faithful 4-H Club leader of many years standing.

Mrs. Edna Johnson, a 4-H Leader before the consolidation of schools in New Kent County, was killed in a tragic accident during the early fall.

Mr. George O. Charity, a native of Charles City, a close friend of all who knew him, a zealous worker for advancement of Agriculture, The farm manager of Virginia State College, and my graduating class-mate at Hampton Institute, passed at Virginia State College in the Spring.

" The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Dr. G. W. Watkins
 Mrs. Thelma Watkins
 Mr. N. S. Thornton
 Mr. Maceo Woodson
 Mrs. Safronia Woodson
 Mrs. Alease Smith (61-62)
 Mrs. Julia Moss (61-62)
 Mr. Theodore Butler
 Miss Yvonne Thompson Jr. Leader:
 Miss Betty Keatan
 Miss Lorraine Brooks
 Miss Laura Macon
 Miss Gloria Woodson
 Miss Geneva Williams
 Mr. James Pimberton

Mrs. Beatrice Brown
 Mrs. V. B. Cumber
 Mrs. Betty Taylor
 Mr. P. E. Evans
 Prof. E. E. Scott
 Mrs. Betty Taylor
 Mrs. Francis Gardner
 Mr. Charles Gardner
 Mr. Alexander Adkins
 Mrs. Georgia Adkins
 Miss Louise Black
 Mrs. Lillian Jones
 Janet Miles
 Mr. William Brown
 Janet Jones, Jr. Leader
 Lois Washington "
 Mrs. Wynn
 Mr. William Johnson
 Mrs. Gladys Depriest

EVALUATION OF YEARS WORK

As the Local Farm Agent in Charles City and New Kent Counties, I feel that our Extension work here in 1961 was good. It could have been better, and we feel that we can make it better in 1962 and in years to come. As I see it improvement can be accomplished by the following means:

1. Making it possible for the people to get a better understanding of what Extension Work is all about.
 - A. Leader Training
 - B. Publicity
2. Involve more people in Analyzing our County Situations, and in planning a program of work for their improvement.
3. Involving more leaders and demonstrators in the execution of the Program.

In all that we do may we remember to "Trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not upon our own understanding. In all our ways acknowledge him, and he will direct our path."

MEMORIAL

In 1961 we lost a faithful supporter of our work, a former Advisory Board Member and cooperator in New Kent County, Mr. Willie

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been prepared for and presented to us, and we appreciate it very much. As is the custom, the calendar contained a picture of our members who attended the previous years short course at Virginia State College. Sufficient Calendars were made for each member and leader to have one.

Community 4-H Clubs

Experience has shown that although the community club is more difficult to maintain and operate, the results in terms of getting things done, excel the results of the "school" clubs. The reasons are obvious when we realize that time for club work is very limited at school. On the other hand mass communication and mass contact can be effected at school, which is impossible in the community club. During 1961 such clubs operated with the following leaders:

Lanexa Club, Lanexa, Virginia.. Mrs. Goldie Williams
Quinton, Club, Quinton, Va... Mrs. M. L. Williams, A. Brown & H. Christian.
Second Liberty, Quinton, Va. Mrs. Marion Williams
Tunstall Club, Tunstall, Va. Mrs. Delphia Washington
Plum Point, West Point, Va. Mrs. Althea Holmes
Cumberland Club, Mr. & Mrs. Maceo Woodson
Liberty 4-H Club, Ruthville, Va. Mr. Loyd Cotman
Mt. Zion 4-H Club, Charles City, Mr. & Mrs. James Armstead

4-H CLUB LEADERS

With great appreciation for their assistance, we list now the names of our 4-H Leaders. Without them it would be impossible to have an effective 4-H club program.

New Kent

Mrs. Eva J. Brown
Mrs. M. H. Carter
Mrs. Helen Watkins
Mrs. E. J. Harris
Mrs. Helen Burrell
Mrs. Thelma Watkins
Mrs. Delphia Washington
Mrs. Foldie Williams
Mrs. Mary L. Williams
Mrs. Alice Brown
Mrs. Louise Christian

Mrs. Carrie A. Jones
Mrs. Nora Jones
Mrs. Carrie C. Jones
Mr. Lloyd Cotman
Mrs. Sussie Taylor
Mr. Curtis Miles
Mr. James Miles
Mrs. Bertha Cotman
Mr. James Trower
Rev. S. O. Trower
Mrs. Jacquelyn Wallace

and leaders attending this Clinic. Mr. Robert Pulliam, Leader of Charles City and Frank Waters and Oliver Seldon of the Ruthville and Mt. Zion 4-H Clubs attended this Tractor clinic.

4-H WELCOME YOU SIGNS (HIGHWAY SIGNS)

The Charles city County Advisory Board donated sufficient money to the Charles City 4-H Clubs to purchase 4 highway signs saying, " Charles City 4-H Clubs Welcome You. " The New Kent 4-H clubs brought 10¢ per member and the community 4-H clubs of New Kent donated toward the purchase of 4 such signs for New Kent County. We contacted the County Agent at Providence Forge and asked that he invite his members and Leaders to share in the Highway sign project. They in turn purchased 4 signs. There fore , in the near future a total of 10 4-H Club welcome you signs will ^{be} placed along the main roads entering Charles City and New Kent Counties.

LANEXA 4-H CLUB ATTENDS THE STATE FAIR

The Lanexa 4-H Club, a community club in New Kent county decided to make arrangement to attend the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond in September. They asked their parents to help the secure transportation. As a result several parents stayed off from work that day and provided cars for the group to get to the fair. We left watkins school, Quinton, Va. at two P.M. and returned to New Kent about eleven o'clock that night. The group toured the educational exhibits with special emphasis on the 4-H club and N F A and the V P I exhibits. Afterward all got lost for fun on the midway.

4- H Calendar PROJECT

The 4-H Calendar was prepared for us as usual by R. C. Scott of Richmond, Virginia. For the past 10 years this beautiful calendar has

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RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Many clubs held recreational activities during the year. Just a few of them will be mentioned to show the value and type of such. Quinton 4-H Club, Mrs. M. L. Williams, Mrs. H. Christian, and Mrs. Alice Brown took two bus loads of members and parents on a picnic to Mark Haven Beach. Liberty 4-H Club, Mr. Lloyd Cotman and Mrs. Carrie Jones, Leaders, took one bus load of 4-H members and friends to a picnic to Seaview Beach in Norfolk. Second Liberty 4-H Club, Mrs. Marion Williams, Leader, sponsored a lawn party for their club. Cumberland Club, Mr. and Mrs. Maceo Woodson, Leaders, held several picnics and parties at the community center. Mt. Zion 4-H Club, Mr. and Mrs. James Armstead, Leaders, sponsored several lawn parties for their club.

These and other activities give the members something in the line of wholesome activity to work for and to look forward to.

4-H CLUB WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

This conference is held each August at Virginia State College. There the members learn the importance of care and conservation of our wildlife and natural resources. Our county delegates to this conference which lasts for three days were as follows: Dortha Richards, Milton Adkins, Janice White, Delcena Williams, Kate Johnson and Joel Adkins.

4-H CLUB TRACTOR CLINIC

The Tractor Clinic is designed to teach boys how to care for the tractors; not repair them, but to care for them so they will last longer and not need so many repairs. It lasted for two days, and was sponsored by Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia and the American Oil Co. All expenses of transportation, meals, and lodging was free to the boys and

Some leaders who rendered special assistance making it possible for these our delegates to attend the short course were: Mrs. Mary L. Williams, Mrs. Gladys Armstead, Mrs. Mecio Woodson and Mr. Joel Washington.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Two county-wide Rural Life Sunday programs were held in April and May of this year. One was at Union Baptist Church for the members in New Kent County, and the other at Mt. Zion Church for the members in Charles City. The rural life Sunday programs tend to bring the members a deeper appreciation for the Heart H in 4-H. The programs were well attended and most of the clubs of the county were represented in them. One of the highlights of the program was the presentation of some special awards. The 4-H Plaque Meritorious Service Award was presented to R. C. Scott, Inc. of Richmond for their continuous support of our 4-H Calendar and other projects.

A certificate for 35 years service of 4-H Leadership was presented to Mrs. Nora Jones. The 10 year service certificate was presented to Mrs. E. J. Brown, Mrs. Helen Watkins, Dr. G. W. Watkins, Mrs. Thelma Watkins, Mrs. Helen Burell, Mrs. E. J. Harris, Mrs. M. H. Carter. The 5 year 4-H 4-H Leader Certificate was presented to Mrs. Mary L. Williams, Mrs. Alice Brown, Mrs. Henrietta Christian, Mrs. Goldie Williams and Mrs. Delphia Washington.

4-H CLUB MAY DAY

A 4-H Club May Day was held on the second Saturday in May in Charles City. This event took on more of the "Share the Fun" type of Activity. Games, Dancing, refreshments, songs, and the may pole were highlights of this event. The day was enjoyed by all. Noldes Bread Co. provided free buns and cake to supplement the refreshments. This event was elected to become an annual one.

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to the State Fair in Richmond, recreational programs, 4-H Highway sign project, and attending State 4-H Club meetings. The value of these programs and activities can best be measured by those who participated in them. We cannot measure value here in this report. However, we shall try to describe some of the activities, and the reader will have to draw his own conclusion as to their significance.

SWEET POTATO SHOW AND SALE

This project was held at the Ringa Community Center in Richmond, early in December, 1960. 4-H members from about twenty counties, Charles City and New Kent counties included, attended. The purpose of the activity was to demonstrate to club members the advantage of applying the best available information as related to the production, harvesting, storage and grading and marketing of sweet potatoes. These basic principles can be applied to any project.

Members attending this show and sale from our area were: James Archer, Emory Harris, Herald Christian, and Cornelius Cotman.

4-H CLUB SHORT COURSE

The 34th Annual Short Course was held at Virginia State College, June 19 to June 23. This statewide meeting which brings about 300 or 400 boys, girls and leaders from 40 or more counties has as its theme, Learn, Live, and Serve through 4-H. Charles City and New Kent counties were present with their full strength of delegates. They were: Anne Gardner, Gloria Crump, Portia Jones, Ethel Jones, Janet Jones, Iris Jefferson, Susan Jones, and Floyd Miles of Charles City. The New Kent delegates were: Stanley Taylor, James Johnson, Maggie Carter, Delores Sutherland, Gloria Woodson, and C. E. Calender, Local Farm Agent.

The delegates at the Short Course heard lectures, saw movies, participated in workshops, classes and discussions designed to enhance their appreciation for 4-H Club work, better rural living and abundant living.

Our trip to Surry County was very inspirational and educational. Mr. Thompson, the New Kent Delegate, brought back a very moving report of the State meeting. His account of the Elmont, and the Solon Wooden farm operations was very informative and helpful.

ANNUAL AGENT'S CONFERENCE

The Virginia Agricultural Extension Agents meet in their annual Conference around November 1 of each year. It is a professional improvement meeting, and we always receive excellent instruction from the various specialist and State Agents on how to get a better job done as Agents in the various counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia. So much is covered at this meeting which last for a full week, until it would be impractical in my thinking to review it at this time.

FIELD MEETING AT VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE EXPERIMENT STATION

On September 14 an Agronomy Field meeting was held at the State College Station. Mr. M. T. Carter, Agronomist, and manager of the station conducted the tour. Much helpful information on soy beans, corn, pasture, small grain and soil was given. Attending this meeting with the Local Farm Agent was Mr. C. B. Smith of Ruthville, an outstanding farmer.

4-H CLUB WORK

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES - GENERAL

During 1961 twenty four 4-H clubs with 459 members made up the 4-H organizations of the two counties. Seventeen of these clubs met monthly in schools, and seven of the met in various members homes, churches, and communities; usually in the community center. The school clubs had teachers as their leaders, and the community clubs had adults in their communities as their leaders. The clubs carried out such activities as Rural Life Sunday, National 4-H week programs, exhibits at the fair, projects, trips

STATE-WIDE MEETINGS

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTE

This State meeting was held at Virginia State Collgen, Petersburg, August 1 through 3. Its broad purpose seems to be to bring useful and useable information on Farm , Home and Community Improvement to the people of Rural Virginia on a state-wide basis. It is reasonable to assume that the people who put forth the necessary effort to attend this meeting are generally leaders in their community. At this Institute they become the recipients of some of the best information on the afore mentioned subjects from some of the best minds of our State and Nation.. As usual Charles City carried a small delegation to this Institute: Mrs. P. R. Evans, Home Economics Teacher, Mrs. Dora Bowman, Mrs Gertude Green, Mr. Julius Oliver, and C. E. Calender, Local Farm Agent.

STATE ADVISORY BOARD

The State Advisory Board met in Surry County in September, 1961. Delegates from our Counties were Mr. Hugo Thompson, Mrs. Lena Newsome, from New Kent and Charles City, respectively, and C. E. Calender, Local Farm Agent. This is the second year that we have been represented in full and properly, and with the necessary fees, and expenses for the two county delegates. The required delegation is one man and one woman and the fee is \$18.00 per county.

It is the opinion of the farm agent that our improvement in our representation at this State meeting is due to the improvement of our local Advisory Boards in both counties. We hope to improve yet in the area of participation in the Community Improvement program which is sponsored by the State Advisory Board. Mt. Zion Community in Charles City is organized and working to report in this program in 1962.

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Other clubs making exhibits at the Fair were: Tunstall 4-H Club, Mrs. Delphia Washington, Leader; Cumberland 4-H Club, Mr. and Mrs. Maceo Woodson, Leaders; Willing Workers 4-H Club, Mrs. E. J. Brown, Leader; Second Liberty 4-H Club, Mrs. Marion Williams, Leader; and Lanexa 4-H Club, Mrs. Goldie Williams, Leader.

Outstanding among the 4-H exhibitors were the following:

Gay Harris-Needle work handicraft	Lorraine Brooks-Hand made rug
Carolyn Braxton-Table setting	Kenneth Christian-Field crops
William Woodson-Garden	Jane Johnson-Sewing (Clothing)
Mrs. Alice Brown, 4-H Leaders individual exhibit	

The over-all purpose of the County Fair is to encourage farm, home, and community improvement, and to develop leadership through friendly competition in exhibit and activities.

In detail, the fair attempts to provide and encourage the following:

1. Education To demonstrate what has been done, what can be done, and how, and to exchange views
2. Inspiration To encourage and stimulate a productive and a creative spirit
3. Fellowship To experience the joy and the thrill of working together toward one common satisfying goal
4. Recreation To provide an enjoyable recreational activity for youth and adults
5. Leadership To develop leadership ability by having individuals and committees to carry out separate responsibilities, each of which is necessary to the success of the Fair

PATRICK HENRY HOSPITAL FESTIVAL AND FAIR

A committee from our Charles City Advisory Board again supported this activity in October. The hospital is one for old and indigent persons. Clothing, food, jewelry, linen, etc. are accepted from persons who will donate them. They are sold at the hospital fair for the benefit of the institution. Mrs. Mamie Jones of Ruthville is our Chairman.

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Bakery-

Chocolate cake- N. H. A. Girls
Fudge cake - Graphene Crump
Apple Pie- Anna Smith
Potato Pie - E. Macon
Corn Bread - Graphene Crump
Fudge Candy - Edna King

Sewing-

Dress- Jane Johnson
Coat - Jane Johnson
Blouse- Lula Washington
Pillow Cases -Marrison Williams and Gracie Moss
Hand towels -Mrs. Nannie West
Quilt - Alma Lightfoot and Macie Jones
Dresser scarf- Mrs. Macie Jones
Chrocheted center piece- Iva Lee Holmes
Needle work handcraft- Gay Harris

Flowers- Rev. G. W. Boydkins, M. O. Green and Sally Tuppence

Miscellaneous and mechanics-

Home made soap- D. B. Mcray
Desk- Bernard Williams
Room Divider - Eugene Williams
Gun Rack - Thomas Crump
Hog Feeder- Adult Class

4-H Club

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138 members and 10 4-H Leaders displayed individual club and group exhibits. These exhibits included the work members and leaders had done in their gardens, flowers, handcraft, sewing and other projects.. Also their secretary's record books and a chart explaining the clubs activities during the year.

The best club exhibit and report receives the "Banner Club Pennant Award" each year. The Quinton 4-H Club won the banner for 1961. The leaders of this club are Mrs. Mary L. Williams, Mrs. Alice Brown, and Mrs. Henrietta Christian of Quinton, Virginia. The Banner was presented to the Quinton club by Mrs. Goldie Williams, the Leader of the Lanexa 4-H club, which has held the banner for the past three years.

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NEW KENT COUNTY FAIR

QUEENS-- Misses Shelia Billops and Marion Williams were crowned queens of the New Kent Fair recently. Both are from Tunstall, Virginia. Shelia Billops, the littlest queen of them all, won the highest honor in competition with fifteen other contestants. She won representing the Elementary school, and Marion Williams won, representing the high School. Both are students at G. W. Watkins School, Quinton, Virginia.

The fair was held at G. W. Watkins school, Quinton, Virginia. It was sponsored by the Agricultural Advisory Board in cooperation with the departments of Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics. Mrs. M. O. Green is the Home Economics Teacher and Mr J. A. Baker is the Teacher of Agriculture.

Blue Ribbon winners at the fair were as follows (red ribbon winners are also listed):

Corn- William Burrell and P. S. Brown
Wheat - T. R. Williams, Jr.
Barley - T. R. Williams
Sweet potatoes - R. R. Williams and Kenneth Christian
White Potatoes - Mrs. Ira Macon
Vegetable Garden - Mrs. Graphene Crump Pumpkin - Alvin Jones

Eggs- Mrs. Iola Burrell
Hogs - Nathaniel Lewis and P.S. Brown
Rabbits - Lewis Johnson

Canned Food - (all Mrs. or Miss)
Grape Jelly- Mrs. Veora Morris
Apple Jelly - Lucille Johnson
Pickle - Elmira Pimberton
Preserves- Iula Macon
Relish- Mary L. Williams
Beets- Glora Woodson, and Latha Turner
Squashm corn and tomatoes, Kate Johnson
Corn- Miss Lattie Turner
Cabbage and carrots- Graphene Crump
Sweet Potatoes - Iola Burrell
Beets and Apples- Mrs L. Crump
Peaches, Marcelle Braxton and Mary L. Williams
String Beans- Delphia Washington
Apples - C. Nash

RURAL LIFE INSTITUTE

G. W. Watkins School Quinton, Virginia
Tuesday, April 25, 1961 7:30 P.M.

Purpose: To aid in spreading useful information
on Farming, Homemaking, and related
subjects toward the end of better rural
living.

Sponsored by: The New Kent County Agricultural
Advisory Board
Mrs. Helen Watkins, President
Mrs. Delphia Washington, Secretary
Mr. T. R. Williams, Jr., Treasurer

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technic Institute in Cooperation with the U. S.
Department of Agriculture and County Governments

5. Removed paper, etc. from basements and attics
6. Repaired broken steps and porches

Churches, schools, 4-H clubs and local clean-up committees distributed clean-up suggestions, helps and information. They also assisted in collecting and tabulating the same.

CHARLES CITY COMMUNITY CENTER , AND CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, NEW KENT

It is felt that both of these adult project activities are discussed sufficiently under " County Organizations" on pages 1 and 2 of this report.

FARMERS CONFERENCE

Mr. M. T. Carter, Agronomist, Virginia State College, Petersburg Virginia, came to our area in March. He discussed with our farmers corn and soy bean production for 1961. This one night conference was held jointly with the Adult Vocational Agriculture Class of New Kent, Mr. N. S. Thornton , Teacher, and the County Advisory Board. Farmers from New Kent and Charles City were invited and were present. All felt that the session was very valuable.

RURAL LIFE INSTITUTE

A Rural Life Institute was held here on April 25, 1961. It was sponsored by the New Kent Advisory Board, with the purpose of aiding inspreading useful information on farming, homemaking and related subjects toward the end of better Rural Living. All of our people evaluated the program so highly until I feel it worthy to include the program as a part of this report. The program is attached to the next page.

It was decided that we would make the Rural Life Institute an annual event, and that it will be held for two evenings instead of one.

1000 hogs now annually with management practices that are good in all respects, has shown all of us what is possible with hogs.

Mr Annanias Christian of Providence Forge is holding out and doing well with his Yorkshire breeding. He has sold many very good animals around in the county, and his stock is helping to upgrade the hogs in the county. Mr. Christian and the Farm Agent traveled quite a ways through several nearby counties seeking a serviceable Landrace Boar this summer. We did not find one that he wanted to purchase, but he is still intent on securing one. He likes the Landrace-Yorkshire cross, and wants to prove to himself and to us just how good it will turn out to be.

FORESTRY

We did not get any more forestry (tree setting) demonstrators this year, but those already underway are showing up nicely. They are being carried on by Mr. H. D. Brown of Ruthville, Mr. R. L. Taylor, Rt. 1 Charles City, and Mr. Arbery Jones of Providence Forge, Va. Each of these men have done considerable work in poisoning, belting and setting out of pine seedlings.

SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME

TWO HUNDRED PERSONS OR HOMES reported "Spring Clean-up Work" done during the month of April. "Clean up for health, safety and beauty" was the slogan of the campaign. These families or homes reported having done such things as :

1. Raked the leaves and brush from the lawn.
2. Gathered and carried away cans and bottles .
3. Painted fences, mail boxes, and lawn furniture.
4. Improved garbage disposal system.

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However, we do have a good number of persons who get quite a sizeable portion of their income from hogs. The number of milk cows on our farms has decreased in keeping with the trend on the small farms throughout the state. A significant number of our farms have small poultry flocks; 200 to 500 layers. These laying flocks produce the home egg supply and provide a side-line income which is important in many cases.

ADULT PROJECT ACTIVITIES

CROPS

The following men were our small grain demonstrators this year: Mr. Basil Harris, Mr. H. D. Brown, Mr. C. B. Smith, Mr. James Miles and Mr. Harold Seldon of Charles City. In New Kent; Mr. P. S. Brown, Mr. Richard Christian, Mr. T. R. Williams, and Mrs. J. S. Moss. They conducted demonstrations in corn, wheat and soy beans.

Mrs. J. S. Moss and Mr. T. R. Williams carried the best demonstrations in Pasture in New Kent. Mr. Herbert Cotman, and Mr. T. E. Jones, Sr. conducted the best pasture demonstrations in Charles City.

Livestock

For the first time we have a farmer who really showing us or finding out for himself what can be realized in beef cattle production. Mr. T. R. Williams, Sr. has gotten up to about 25 head of beef. It appears that although the investments are higher than those of our general farming enterprises, the income is higher also. At least two other farmers are planning to try to get started in the near future.

Hogs- Mr. P. S. Brown of Dunstall is yet our most outstanding producer of hogs. His experience in producing and marketing about

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4-H CLUB LEADER ORGANIZATION

The New Kent 4-H Leaders organization made considerable progress during 1961. Monthly meetings were held at the homes of various leaders. Nine of these meetings were held, during which the basic, over-all planning for 4-H work was done. Meeting at the homes seemed to have stimulated greater participation than was apparent when the group met at the school.

4-H CLUBS

Twenty four 4-H clubs with 459 members make up the 4-H clubs of the two counties. Seventeen of these clubs met monthly in schools, and seven of them met in various members homes, churches, and communities; usually in the community center. Their activities consisted of meetings, projects, project work, social activities, exhibits, and participation in State 4-H meetings.

TYPE OF AGRICULTURE

CROPS

Cash-grain is the type of farming followed in these two counties. Soybeans, corn, wheat, oats and hay are the crops grown in order of their importance. Soybeans, corn and wheat are marketed to a great extent, and the other grain to a lesser degree. Much of the crop produced, corn especially, is used for feed purposes. Improvement in the farming practices seem to be made from year to year, but many more such practices can yet be adopted.

LIVESTOCK

Hogs, cows, and poultry are the principal livestock produced. In our realm of work, more hogs are produced and marketed than cows or poultry. Many of the people produce the home pork supply, and market the excess.

using the center were the Civic League, the 4-H Clubs, various ball teams, several school groups, the Virginia State College Alumni Association, social clubs and several church clubs. The Center was also used for physical education classes until the new school building was completed at Ruthville early in the spring.

The community center program also made some progress during 1961, in it's effort to develop and promote a more meaningful county-wide recreational program. Progress was made to the extent that the center was opened during more time, and on many more week-ends than in previous years.

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY CENTER- NEW KENT

The Cumberland Community Center is now 3 years old. Since there is yet quite a debt on the building itself, most of the emphasis there is still to raise money to complete the note obligations. However, the Center did have several recreational and cultural programs during the year. It also cooperated with the Civil Defense Educational program, and with the New Kent Fair committee.

Several organizations met regularly at the Cumberland center during the year. They were the Business and professional Womens Club, the Cumberland 4-H Club, the County Civic League, and the Community Center organization.

NEW KENT COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE

1961 was the second anniversary of the revived New Kent county Fair. It was planned and promoted by the Fair committee under the auspices of the County Advisory Board. The committee was composed of representatives from the County Advisory Board, the N. F. A., the N.H.A., the 4-H Club and the Community Center Association.

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

The organizations that cooperated with the Local Farm Agent in planning and promoting the County Extension Program during 1961 were two County Advisory Boards, four Community Improvement Clubs, two Fair Associations, two Community Center Associations, two 4-H Leader groups, one Garden Club and twenty-four 4-H Clubs.

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

Mr. James Miles and Mrs. Juanita White are the president and secretary of the Charles City Board, and Mrs. Helen Watkins and Mrs. Delphia Washington are the president and secretary of the New Kent Board. Adult leaders, demonstrators, and officers as well as leaders of the above named organizations make up the membership of these two boards; one in each county. These boards met four times each during the year to plan, promote and evaluate the extension program.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUBS

Community Improvement Clubs were organized and working in Mt. Zion, New Kent, Tunstall, and Ruthville. They worked to promote improvement programs in their communities. The principal work this year dealt with support of community centers, Civil Defense, Clean-up week, and cooperation with the County Fair. Mt. Zion Club has been selected to carry out the community improvement work in line with the State Advisory Board Program and is designated to report to the State Board in 1962.

COMMUNITY CENTER ORGANIZATIONS

The Charles City Community Center at Ruthville continued to work as it has done for the past 11 years to improve its facilities for better recreation in the county. There was an increase in the number of organizations using the center for various programs during 1961. Among these

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ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

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Charles City and New Kent
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