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FILE SEPARATOR

This committee plans the following projects:

1. Adult

Distribute flyer to all Hanover County grocery shoppers on a Friday in January. This flyer will give emphasis on importance of milk in diet.

2. Schools

- A. Conduct survey to determine if milk is needed in diet of school children.
- B. Install milk-vending machines.
- C. Try to popularize milk by use of posters, panel discussions and programs to be presented to PTA's. This shall be done in cooperation with homemaking departments.

In the adult program a check shall be taken again to determine if improvements are being made in the diet.

The amount of milk sales in the schools shall be checked before the promotion and after to determine changes.

6. Mass Media Personnel

The agents will continue to supply information of activities of the Extension groups and also practical information to the weekly newspaper "Herald-Progress" and the "Times-Dispatch". A weekly column "Art of Homemaking" will continue to be written.

Articles by HD Club and 4-H Club reporters will be submitted to the local newspaper.

7. Other Agencies

The Farmers' Home Administration will continue to be worked with in the Farm and Home Management program. Individual assistance will be given families through home visits after consulting with the F. H. A. Supervisor.

The agents will continue to work with the Welfare Department. HD Clubs contribute to the "Christmas Mother" project. The HD Kitchen will be used in December for these activities.

Health Department

The Home Demonstration Clubs will cooperate with the public health nurses by having them attend some of the club meetings and report work that is carried on throughout the county and services that are available to the people.

Library

The Home Demonstration Club members will continue to secure books from the tri-county library. The agents will continue to offer suggestions upon request of recommended current publications.

As much as possible Extension Service will cooperate with agencies in the county by attempting to understand their programs and keep them informed of the Extension program so as to avoid overlapping of effort.

8. Individuals and Families

The agents will continue to take an interest in individuals and learn to know them personally. They will let the people know they have nothing to sell but want to assist them with helpful information. When needed, special interest programs will be planned.

B. Plan for Professional Improvement

1. Read professional books and other publications.
2. Membership in professional organizations.
3. Participate in programs and workshops planned by other organizations.
4. Participate in Extension workshops.
5. Study particularly in the areas which will be emphasized in 1960.

C. The phase of the county program which should make the most significant contribution should be made by the Nutrition Committee.

This should have far-reaching effects because the committee members represent various organizations and interest throughout the entire county. These members are organized primarily to promote good nutrition practices throughout the county.

ing year of the Extension agents and other government agencies will be presented.

A later fall meeting will be scheduled for progress reports and recommendations for further action by this Service Board.

The relationship with the Service Board will be strengthened and maintained through delegating more responsibilities, such as assuming clerical work and organization of the Farmers' Picnic.

They will also be given more recognition.

As much as possible, they will be kept informed on current trends in farming and homemaking which should be of practical assistance.

3. Elected and Appointed Officials

An attempt will be made to further acquaint the elected and appointed officials with the Extension program through personal contacts and visits and through short pertinent reports to be given monthly and at the end of the year.

An effort will be made to find an appropriate time to discuss the Extension program with them.

They will continue to be given special invitations to all public functions of adult and 4-H Extension groups.

4. Organizations

Organizations will receive cooperation whenever possible. The Nutrition Committee will sponsor a program on good nutrition to two high school PTA groups in March.

The assistant agent will judge a style show of the Ashland Junior Woman's Club in March.

The Farm Bureau will assist with the 4-H Achievement Day, both by providing personnel and necessary finances.

5. Businesses

The agents will use commercial material, approved by the Extension Service, when of interest for group meetings or individual use.

The local utility kitchen will continue to be used for group meetings.

Windows in local stores will be used for exhibits for National HD Club and 4-H Club Weeks.

Services of the power company home economists will be used for assistance with lighting and home planning.

Prizes and expenses of the Farmers' Picnic will be met through contributions by local business firms.

As much as possible there will be a continuous contact with local electrical appliance companies to install proper lighting equipment and have available for sale. Benefit should be mutual.

B. Strengthening Leadership (Areas which will need greatest emphasis during the year and plans for reaching goals.)

1. Program of Work Leaders
Hold a leader training meeting.
2. Program Development Chairmen
Hold a leader training meeting.
3. Home Demonstration Executive Board
Work with them individually and at meetings called as the need arises.
4. Committeemen Chairmen
Work with them in carrying out their program.
5. Adult 4-H Leaders
Hold at least 4 meetings during the year and work with them individually.

VI. For Special Consideration

A. Public Relations

1. State Organization

Good public relations will be maintained within the State Extension Organization itself by:

Continuing weekly staff conferences of county Extension workers to discuss office problems and keep coworkers in the office informed as to program for which each is responsible.

By scheduling work for the one office secretary for a more steady flow of work and trying to eliminate as much as possible the pressure of certain periods of heavy work.

By keeping the secretary informed of where agents are when out of the office.

2. Parent Organization

Public relations with the County Agricultural Extension Service Board will be maintained by special dinner meetings. February 16th is scheduled for the first meeting when plans for the com-

V. Leadership

A. Plan for Leadership

1. County program Leaders

a. County Agricultural Extension

Service Board

b. Youth Council

c. Home Economics Council

No. in 1959 Goal for 1960

5

14

0

6

1

6

2. Home Demonstration Leadership

No. in 1959 Goal for 1960

No. organizational leaders

64

63

No. project leaders (subject matter)

60

64

No. Federation program of work chairmen

9

9

No. program development leaders

9

9

No. result demonstrators

1

8

No. training meetings by specialists

6

7

No. training meetings by dist. agents

0

0

No. training meetings by agents

1

0

No. training meetings by others

1

1

Attendance at all training meetings

88

128

No. meetings held without an agent

59

64

No. meetings leaders assisted

31

34

Demonstrations by leaders

56

64

Talks and discussions by leaders

136

250

3. 4-H Club Leadership

No. in 1959 Goal for 1960

No. Club officers

76

84

No. adult project leaders

8

10

No. junior project leaders

6

7

No. result demonstrators

0

5

No. training meetings by specialists

0

1

No. training meetings by dist. agents

0

0

No. training meetings by agents

4

5

No. training meetings by members club dept.

0

0

No. training meetings by others

1

1

Total attendance at ldr. tr. meetings

32

48

No. 4-H leaders trained individually

3

2

No. club mtgs. held by ldr. w/out agent

56

60

No. additional club meetings at which

4

7

leaders assisted

48

30

No. demonstrations given by adult leaders

34

42

No. demonstrations given by junior leaders

(b) 4-H Clubs:

4-H community club work should be emphasized in 1960 because:

- (a) There is a decrease in the membership in the school clubs due to different circumstances in the various schools
- (b) Members are interested in taking projects which cannot be carried on in the schools.
- (c) Clubs do not fit into the high school schedule.

Plans for reaching goal:

- (a) To work closely with clubs already organized.
- (b) To strive to secure more adult leaders and organize more clubs.
- (c) To work with unorganized group which have been unable to secure leaders.

B. Plan for informing the public about Extension Home Economics program:

1. Through activities for National Home Demonstration Club Week.
2. Achievement Day Program to which interested non-club members are invited.
3. Information given out by leaders at Atlantic Rural Exposition.
4. Through year books for 4-H club members.
5. Through local press.
6. Through material given out to non-club members in addition to club members.

Plan for work with unorganized clubs and communities:

Means which we will use to reach families and individuals not participating in organized clubs:

Through -

1. Farm and home management program.
2. Special interest workshops.
3. Special interest committee work.
4. Information given upon request by telephone or letter.
5. Extension bulletins upon request.

- (2) Areas which need the greatest emphasis during the year and plans for reaching goals in these specific areas:

(a) Housing:

Housing is an area in Hanover County which seems in need of greater emphasis during the coming year. 34 requests were made for assistance with problems in housing, either with building plans or remodeling.

An Ashland textile plant reopening, a clothing plant to be built in 1960 near Ashland employing 125 persons and eventually 250, and a mining company which shall expand operations promise residential construction in Hanover County to continue at a peak rate.

Commissioner of Revenue Francis C. Noland reported that building permits for the first 11 months of 1959 totaled \$3,340,075 - nearly all of it for residential construction.

About 55% was for the Henry District, 37% for Ashland, and 8% in Beaverdam District.

A Housing Committee will be organized to assist in helping to analyze the facts as to the situation in the county and suggest improvements which could be made which would best serve the families needs. Because of many new families moving into Hanover County, it would seem advisable to emphasize what to look for in buying a house and consideration before remodeling.

Press and circular letters will be used as methods of informing the public as to information available from the Extension Office.

Demonstrations at HD Club meetings will give information on general storage and how to get more work space in the kitchen which should assist families in making better use of existing conditions or planning for storage in new homes.

The demonstration on "How to Paint A Room" to be given at HD Club meetings will suggest methods of beautifying and preserving rooms of either old homes or new houses to be built.

For those having special interests in other phases of housing, county-wide meetings shall be scheduled.

Individual families with difficult problems in house planning or remodeling will be visited by Extension workers. Where specialists will be called in for help, as much information as possible will be obtained in advance by the agent so as to make the best possible use of the specialists time.

C. Other activities which may contribute to the youth program:

1. Camp:
Encourage each club to have representative attend camp in 1960 and bring back a report to their local club.
Have two 4-H members attend Conservation Camp. Have their trip publicized through the press and reports to local clubs and County Council.
2. Contests:
Encourage 4-H leaders to hold contests in local clubs and to select members to represent club in county contests. Contest winners will be urged to participate in the District Contest.
3. Rural Life Sunday:
The home agent plans to cooperate with the county agent and local leaders in having clubs plan participation in observing Rural Life Sunday in each of the communities.
4. National 4-H Club Week:
The agent plans to have 4-H Clubs participate in setting up exhibits in local community windows during National 4-H Club Week. Publicize through the press.
5. 4-H Rally Day:
Hold a county wide 4-H Club picnic for all 4-H members, leaders, and parents.
6. Fair:
Encourage 4-H members to enter exhibits at the State Fair.
7. Finance 4-H Activities:
Encourage members to sell 4-H litter bags to car owners.

IV. Scope of Work

A. (1) Goals for 1960:

	No. in 1959	Goal for 1960
No. H. D. Clubs	8	9
Membership	226	275
No. H. D. Groups (unorganized)	0	0
Membership	0	0
No. 4-H Clubs	14	14
Membership	218	200
No. YMW Clubs	0	0
Membership	0	0
No. Community Clubs	0	0
Membership	40	65
No. Home Ec. Committees	2	3
Membership	21	27
No. General Interest Committees	0	0
Membership	0	0
No. Youth Committees	1	1
Membership	7	7
No. Other Organizations	0	0
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families	82	96
No. Other families reached	300	350
No. Different families reached	600	650

3. Clothing

- a. Project:
"Looking Your Best"
- b. Topics to be included:
 - October: Organizational meeting
 - November: Hands
 - December: Christmas program
 - Hair
 - January: Posture - Rating Sheet
 - February: Skin
 - March: Teeth
 - April: Feet
 - May: Rating sheet
- c. Number of clubs, groups:
One
- d. Goals:
To give members self-confidence by learning to look their best at all times.
- e. What the members are to learn:
To care for themselves and their clothing, to develop good posture and walk and to speak in a low clear voice.
- f. Plans for carrying out project:
Plan with the members in how to carry out the project.
The agent will meet with the clubs each month of the school year beginning in October. Demonstrations are to be given by the agent and the members.
Have each of the members keep a record of work done on project.
- g. Notes on results, adjustments, accomplishments:

2. Home Management

- a. Project:
Housekeeping
- b. Topics to be included:
 - October: Organizational meeting
 - November: Distribute "Doing Housework" manual and explain project
 - December: Christmas program
Demonstration on "Dustless Dust Cloth"
 - January: Wash and wax linoleum floor
 - February: Wash windows
 - March: Broom or mop cover
 - April: Hang up clothes
 - May: Make bed
- c. Number of clubs, groups involved:
Three
- d. Goals:
To learn the best ways to do the everyday cleaning of the home.
- e. What the members are to learn:
Members learn the quickest and easiest way to keep the house clean and shining.
- f. Plans for carrying out project:
Plan with the members on how to complete the project.
The agent will meet with the clubs each month of the school year beginning in October.
Demonstrations are to be given at the meeting by the agent and members.
Have each of the members keep a record of work she has done.
- g. Notes on results, adjustments, accomplishments:

d. Goals:

To make the best use of the furnishings the members have.
To choose or make accessories the members need to give
their rooms pep.

e. What the members are to learn:

To see what they have and how to plan improvements.
To make the best use of furnishings they have on hand.
To learn how to make or restore the simple accessories
they need.

To improve their rooms and homes by keeping them well cared for.

f. Plans for carrying out the project:

Plan with the members on how to complete the project.
The agent will meet with the clubs each month of the school
year beginning in October.

Demonstrations are to be given at the meetings by the agent
and members.

Have each of the members keep a record of improvements she
has made in their rooms and turn in to agent in April.

Review records and discuss with members in May.

g. Notes on results, adjustments, accomplishments:

III. County Extension Program - Youth

A. Organization

Brief description of organization, councils, and committees functioning in developing and carrying out the county youth program:

1. The Hanover Youth Committee which includes 4-H and youth is made up of men and women from different parts of the county. Their main interest is 4-H, setting up objectives in 1959 to interest parents in 4-H Club work, to organize community clubs and to try to keep 4-H members longer. They meet twice annually--members are invited to attend 4-H leaders meetings held during the year.
2. County Council
The membership of the county 4-H Council consists of the officers from each of the clubs, the Junior Leaders and adult leaders. Two meetings are held annually at which time the parents are invited also. The fall meeting is held to bring the new officers together and to train them for their duties in the local clubs. County officers are elected in the fall and objectives set up for the year. The spring meeting varies from year to year as the need arises. A program is planned for each meeting and members enjoy a short recreational meeting.
3. Adult Leaders Committee
Adult leaders committee consists of all of the adult leaders and a few active and interested parents throughout the county. The number of meetings varies from time to time. Plans have been made to meet quarterly during 1960.

They come together mainly for information and training in carrying out the 4-H program.

B. 4-H Project Work

Main projects for the year: "House furnishings, home management, and clothing.

1. House Furnishings

a. Project: "Your Room"

b. Topics to be included:

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| Oct.: | Organizational meeting |
| Nov.: | Distribute "Your Room" manual. Discuss manual and explain project. |
| Dec.: | Christmas program. Christmas decorations. Demonstrate dustless dust cloth. |
| Jan.: | Slides on "Your Room" |
| | Explanation and discussion |
| Feb.: | Bulletin Board |
| | How to make and use |
| March: | How to hang a picture |
| | Discussion on pictures |
| April: | Desk Lamp |
| | Discussion on good lighting |
| May: | Make Bed |

- ###### c. Number of clubs, groups involved:
- Three

to be done this year. These goals shall be kept before the families. When goal is accomplished, visits will be discontinued until home-maker requests additional help.

The assistant home agent will make plans at the beginning of each month for work to be accomplished during that month.

Home Demonstration Club meetings should provide sources for acquainting and interesting families in Farm and Home Management Program.

Whenever possible, talks explaining the program will be given to organizations in Hanover County.

The Farmers' Home Administration will continue to be worked with in locating new families. Program could be coordinated for more effective work and mutual understanding.

There is a need for a better understanding of the program. Information will be given at Home Demonstration Planning Meetings and Agricultural Extension Board meetings to the effect that it is not a separate program but actually another tool for Extension teaching.

Short, pertinent reports will be written for Board of Supervisors meetings on work accomplished.

Information on the Farm and Home Management Program will be included in the agent's weekly column in the county newspaper "The Herald-Progress".

Families will be visited in their homes or if common problems are being considered they shall meet in small groups.

They will be encouraged to determine goals and objectives towards which to work, and methods of realizing these goals.

Their resources will be studied to determine if all possible revenues are being realized.

These will be evaluated in the light of time and energy of family members as well.

Wherever possible, alternatives will be presented to the families and they shall be encouraged to make their own decisions. Subject matter specialists from VPI will be called upon to give additional help when necessary.

Whenever possible, group meetings will be held, film strips or illustrative material will be used when common problems are considered.

Special interest meetings on family relationships, home management and housing will be considered as a means of answering problems as indicated by these families.

Monthly news letters shall be mailed families enrolled in the program. These letters to contain information of timely and practical value. These letters are compiled jointly by the Farm and Home Agents.

To record help given to families, the assistant agent will use running notes recording help given to family and progress made. This information will be stapled in an individual manilla folder on the right hand side.

The left side of the folders will include the goals set up and work

C. Other Activities:

My plan for the use of other activities which may contribute to the overall program.

1. The County HD Club Committee will meet twice annually in planning and carrying out their program.
2. The County HD Club Executive Board will meet as the need arises to help with planning and carrying out the HD Club program.
3. National Home Demonstration Club Week
 - a. To acquaint the general public with the total Extension Service and its educational program for homemakers.
 - b. To help people understand their part in planning and carrying out the Extension Program.
 - c. To familiarize homemakers with research which relates to the home and family and to encourage them to put research findings into use.
 - d. To interpret to people the scope of Home Economics and its contribution to family and community life.
 - e. To recognize the work of volunteer leaders.
 - f. To inform people about the duties of the home demonstration agent.
4. District Federation Meeting
To encourage each club to have as many members as possible attend the District Federation meeting in 1959. Give members information on method of transportation.
5. Achievement Day Program
Cooperate with Achievement Day if members plan to continue this program.
6. Farmers' Picnic:
Work with committee in planning Farmers' Picnic.
7. Unorganized Groups:
If sufficient interest is shown to organize a new club, the agent plans to assist in the organization.
8. Judging done by local leaders.
The agent plans to continue using trained local leaders at fairs and other exhibits and to assist in training other judges if the opportunity arises.
9. Publicizing Home Demonstration Work:
The above will be publicized through the local press.

D. Plans for adapting and carrying out programs with urban families in Hanover:

There is not enough difference in the needs of the rural and urban families in Hanover to make a difference in the program.

E. Farm and Home Development (Farm and Home Management)

82 families were worked with in 1959. Of this number, 47 homemakers received assistance. The goal for 1960 is to enroll a total of 60 homemakers.

Membership will be increased as need arises. Many of the contacts in 1958 and 1959 have been made as a result of one neighbor recommending the program to another. It is felt that this practice should enroll additional families in 1960.

2. Housing

a. Problem:

To make the homes more attractive and convenient.

b. Topics to be included:

How to paint a room

General storage

How to get more work space in the kitchen

c. Number of clubs:

Eight

d. Goals

To learn to make family homes more attractive, convenient and healthful.

e. What the members are to learn:

How to paint a room.

To become better informed about general storage.

To learn what can be done to get more work space in the kitchen.

f. Plans for carrying out program; and measuring results:

A leader training meeting will be held by the specialist on "How to Get More Work Space in the Kitchen." The leaders will give this demonstration in the eight clubs in September.

The agent, trained by the specialist, will demonstrate "How to Paint a Room" in the eight clubs in March and will give demonstrations on "General Storage" in the eight clubs in October.

The public will be informed through the local press of the meetings on housing in the different communities. Interested people will be invited to attend these meetings.

The accomplishment sheet will be used for measuring results. Observation will be made of the changes in some of the homes. Also attention will be given to what members have to say about the lessons on housing.

g. Notes on results, adjustments, and accomplishments:

"What Goes With What (Foods)" in February and "Proper Storage of Food" in April.

Home Demonstration Club members will be kept informed of the activities of the Nutrition Committee and will cooperate with it in carrying out its program. Members will be informed of important meetings on better nutrition which will be held in Richmond and urged to attend them.

Foods programs will be publicized through the local press. People who are interested will be invited to the programs. Extra material will be available for non-club members.

Plans for measuring results:

1. Accomplishment questionnaire was included in the 1959-60 Year Books.
2. The Nutrition Committee survey will be used in the Home Demonstration Clubs in the spring.
3. Special attention will be given to comments made by members on their progress in "Better Nutrition".

Notes on results, adjustments and accomplishments:

The purpose of this committee is to help homemakers keep their families well dressed at less cost. Members of the committee are: Mrs. W. K. Seay, Ashland; Mrs. S. V. Trimmer, Old Church; Mrs. Charles E. Owen, Jr., Dowell; Mrs. Harry Selden, Ellerson; Mrs. Cornelia Walker, Gum Tree, Mrs. H. L. Corker, Beaverdam; Mrs. Bill Myers, Studley; Mrs. J. D. Isbell, Rockville; Mrs. R. G. May, Jr., Montpelier.

c. Home Demonstration Club Committee

The County HD Club Committee is composed of the president, program development chairman, and program of work chairman in each club and the county officers who are: President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, program of work chairman, program development chairman, news chairman, and 4-H chairman.

A planning meeting has been scheduled for January 28, 1960. The program will be reviewed to date and special activities planned for the rest of the year.

The second planning meeting will be held in May at which time the program will be planned for 1960-61

B. Subject Matter and **Special** Emphasis Areas

1. Foods and Nutrition

a. Problem:

To be better informed on how to feed the families well from a nutritional standpoint.

b. Topics to be included:

Serving food in an attractive manner

What goes with what

Proper storage of food

Outdoor cookery

Making green salads and dressings

c. Number of clubs :

Eight

d. Goals:

To plan, prepare and serve meals that furnish the food which the family needs.

e. What people are to learn:

To serve food in an attractive manner.

To use desirable combinations of food.

To store food properly.

To learn more about outdoor cookery.

To learn to make a variety of green salads and dressings.

f. Plans for carrying out program and measuring results:

A leader training meeting on "Serving Food in an Attractive Manner" was given by a Home Economist in business. The leaders gave this demonstration to each of the eight clubs in December. Material was furnished the leaders to give to the club members and non-club members. Leader training meetings will be held by the specialist on "Outdoor Cookery" and "Making Green Salads and Dressings." The leaders will give these demonstrations in the clubs in May and June. The agent, trained by the specialist, will give demonstrations on

1376 of the 1541 farms in Hanover County have electricity. The number of telephones having greatly increased thus makes it easier to contact members when time is limited.

Hanover County has a well organized Health Department. Home Demonstration Club members have been active in helping a cancer unit. The Women's Clubs, Garden Clubs, Farm Bureau, and PTA in addition to church work and HD work keep all civic-minded people well occupied. Many of the Home Demonstration Club members belong to some or all of these organizations. Others serve as leaders of 4-H.

The 4-H program in Hanover County is handicapped by having their meetings held at activity period and lack of proper places to meet. There are conflicts in classes in the senior groups and so many extra curricular activities there is difficulty in keeping many members enrolled after they reach high school. Home Economics being taught in each of the two high schools has a decided influence on the drop in enrollment.

There are eight Home Demonstration Clubs in Hanover County. These clubs are usually represented at all county meetings and they have taken an active part in carrying out the program.

Members are always interested in foods and this year was no exception. In addition to foods, club members decided to work in Housing. They chose "Art In Daily Living" for their Program of Work.

The 4-H projects in the school clubs are "Looking Your Best", "Housekeeping", and "Your Room". Other projects on the farm and in the home will be carried by individuals and in community clubs led by Adult and Junior Leaders.

II. County Extension Program - Adult

A. Organization

The County Agricultural Extension Service Board is made up of a representative of each Ruritan Club and his wife, representative of the banks, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization Board, the different Extension Committees and a few of the old members of the County Board of Agriculture. A tentative date, February 16th, has been set for the first meeting to be held in 1960.

County Home Economics Committees

a. Food & Nutrition Committee

A permanent Food & Nutrition Committee was organized in July, 1958. Its primary purpose is to serve in an advisory capacity and promote good nutritional practices throughout the county.

Personnel of this committee consisted of Mrs. Charles Beck; Mrs. Eunice Swasey, HD & Woman's Clubs and church; Mrs. J. R. Gilman, Farm Bureau, church, and PTA; Mrs. W. W. Mallory, church, Southern States Cooperative, and Farm Bureau; Mrs. Kenneth Litton, HD Clubs, schools (substitute teacher), and PTA; Mrs. Betty Kyle, District Agent; Mrs. Julia Carson, HD Agent; Mrs. Vance Johnson, Mrs. R. B. Pace, Jr., Mrs. Harwood Cochrane, Mrs. Harry Hancock, and Mrs. Helen Hazard, Asst. HD Agent.

b. Clothing Committee

This committee consists of nine women from different parts of the county.

I. County Situation

Hanover County is located in both the Coastal Plain and Piedmont Plateau of Central Virginia. Adjoining Henrico County, it is an easy matter to reach Richmond from any point in the county.

Agriculture is an important source of the county's income, and sales of farm products in recent years have amounted to nearly 4 million dollars. Poultry is the principal farm product and contributes nearly 35% of the total value of sales of farm products. This is the sixth leading broiler producing county in the state. Milk with about 15% of farm sales, ranks second, following closely by cattle and calves with 12% of the total and vegetables about 10%. Hogs, small grain, soybeans, forest products and tobacco are also important sources of cash income on small farms.

Slightly more than one half of all farms are classed as residential or part time. Such farms include those that sold less than \$250 of farm products and those with value of sales of \$250 to \$1,199 and the operator reporting 100 days or more of off-farm work, or reporting other income exceeding the value of farm products sold.

About three-fifths of the county's area is wooded, and farms contain more than 100,000 acres of woodland. There are many plants which produce excelsion, lumber, mill work and fence posts.

Ashland is the largest town and is the site of Randolph Macon College. The Extension office is located in Ashland.

The population of Hanover County is 22,000 according to the 1950 Census with 30.8 percent non-white. There is a local home agent whose office is at Hanover Courthouse but no farm agent.

The east end of the county which is very closely located near Richmond is rapidly becoming urban, while the west end remains rural.

Many of the home demonstration club members are people who have lived in cities and have moved to Hanover County to have the advantage of country living and still enjoy many of the conveniences of the city. Many family members commute to Richmond where they are employed in business and office jobs. Their interests are quite different from the club members who have always lived on the farm and whose prime interest is working with her family for better farm and home living.

Clubs are varied as the economic and social status in the community. Club members are also of varied ages including young homemakers who have just begun to keep house as well as older members who have belonged to the clubs for many years. Because of this situation, the demonstrations have been keyed to meet the needs of the different groups.

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