

ANNUAL NARRATIVE & STATISTICAL REPORT

EASTERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT

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December 1, 1924 - November 30, 1925.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

In the following narrative summary of home demonstration work in Eastern Virginia, I shall attempt to give my plan of work for 1925, together with the results achieved and the recommendations for another year.

PLAN OF WORK FOR 1925:

OFFICE: To have regular office days
To keep work up to date
Get itineraries and reports in on time
Help with publicity all possible
Use more time for preparation of new phases of work.

FIELD: (Goals set by Eastern Virginia Home Demonstration Agents).

POULTRY: At least one new and one remodeled house in each district. At least twenty-five (25) poultry club members in each County with 100% reports. Every County having some form of adult poultry work.

4-H CLUB WORK: Each Club having a written plan of work.
Every Club member having a bank account
A Club Rally in every County.

ADVERTISING: Average of at least two articles per week published in some paper.

(I shall assist all possible in forwarding the above program in the district.)

FINANCE: To have appropriations made in all counties and to raise the amounts where possible. To do promotion work in two counties and secure appropriations if possible.

PROGRAM OF WORK: To encourage the advisory councils to build their programs around the five year program for the development of Virginia's agriculture, selecting one or two definite points to develop at a time.

ADVISORY COUNCILS: To continue intensive work until each County has a strong, live working body which feels its responsibilities in regard to putting a county program of home development into effect.

SHORT COURSES AND ENGAGEMENTS: To assist with the State and Petersburg Short Courses and to help plan those in the various counties. To have one or more engagements for farm women in the district. I think this phase of our work should be developed.

CAMPAIGN: To help plan and carry out some kind of county-wide campaign, or contest, in each county.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS: To encourage the organization of at least one new club in each county.

UNIT WORK IN FOOD AND CLOTHING: To assist the home demonstration agents and advisory councils in planning and carrying out at least two units in each county.

FAIRS: To encourage local exhibits of food and clothing club work in the spring, also County or District Fairs later. To help with organized 4-H Community Club Exhibits. To make judging as educational as possible.

SUPERVISION: To visit the counties frequently. To make the best of time and money expended.

RESULTS:

OFFICE: I have not spent as many days in the office as I should in order to have prepared my work the best, however, have tried to keep up reports, itineraries and correspondence.

FIELD: The following achievements were accomplished as a result of the goals set by the Eastern Virginia Home Demonstration Agents.

POULTRY: While I haven't the exact figures for every county, I think there was an average of nearly twenty-five poultry club members, although each county did not have that many. Mecklenburg had sixty-two (62) members and forty-one (41) completed the work. Eight (8) counties reported fifty (50) new and remodeled poultry houses. (I have no figures for the other four). All counties except two (Princess Anne and Sussex) had either Farm Flock Management Demonstrators or the Poultry Improvement Contest.

4-H CLUB WORK: All counties except three (3) had county club rallies. The Every-Member Bank Account idea is being pushed, but has not been accomplished yet. Most 4-H Community Clubs have written plans of work.

PUBLICITY: While we did not reach quite our goal in publicity, there has been an average of over eighty (80) articles per county. On a whole, I think that is better than any previous year. On account of the fact that there are only three (3) county papers in Eastern Virginia, I have tried to help all possible with publicity. Have encouraged the agents to write articles and have done all I could to assist along the line. Four (4) counties are getting out News Letters, more or less regularly. Personally, I am convinced that "It Pays to Advertise", and I hope I have succeeded in instilling the idea into the minds of the agents.

FINANCE: We have had the most difficult financial propositions that I have ever experienced to face during the year, however, the work remained in all the counties and I do not think there will be any difficulties in 1926, unless something unforeseen happens. We secured a few small increases. In Princess Anne, the Advisory Council has raised the local money to keep the work in the County.

Owing to the fact that there were so many new agents, it has been impossible for the District Agent to do much promotion work in unorganized Counties. However, I feel there is interest in Surrey, Hanover and Lunenburg.

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PROGRAM OF WORK.

Plans and their development. County Plans and Plans of Work were made out early in the year. These were developed by the home demonstration agents and their advisory councils. These plans have been referred to and checked up on from time to time. I think the form of the plans was perhaps the most "readable" and "workable" of any yet evolved. In practically all instances copies of the county plan were made and given the advisory council members. On a whole, the councils have assumed much more responsibility this year, than before. They have not only helped make the plans, but have also assisted in carrying them out.

I helped plan and attended all the camps and short courses held in the District, with the exception of one. (James City County). Also attended the two Encampments for Farm Women, and assisted with the program.

The following county-wide campaigns, or contests, have been carried on.

Amelia -----	Room Improvement
Brunswick -----	Home Improvement
Dinwiddie -----	Dinwiddie The Beautiful
	Foultry Improvement Contest
Gooseland -----	4-H Contest
	Foultry Improvement Contest
Henrico -----	Room Improvement
Norfolk -----	Kitchen Improvement
Towhatan -----	Keep Well Food Contest
Sussex -----	Kitchen Improvement Campaign

I assisted in making plans for all the above.

New home demonstration clubs have been formed in seven counties. Unit work in food and clothing has been carried on in every county, either with regularly organized home demonstration clubs, or new groups of women. Princess Anne has done the most spectacular piece of work with women, having organized seven clothing and food units.

Exhibits of work from every county were made at Community, County, or District Fairs and Exhibits. Each County made exhibits at the State Fair; all except one, won prizes. Seven of the twelve counties entering exhibits in the home demonstration club department were from Eastern Virginia. All the Blue Ribbons except one were taken by the clubs from these counties. We are very proud of these facts because they represent hard work on the part of the women.

I judged the exhibits at seven fairs, and six exhibits of club work, where we have home demonstration agents. Also judged the exhibit of the woman's department at the Essex County Fair.

The District has been handicapped by the fact that exactly one-half of the agents are doing the work for the first time. Necessarily much time has been spent with these new agents trying to advise them, however, I am sure they might

have made less mistakes, could I have been with them here.

As before stated, one home improvement, one kitchen improvement, and two room improvement contests were carried on this year. I gave six days to the home improvement contest in Brunswick County which I scored the home and assisted with the plans. I spent three days with Mrs. Davis while she scored the kitchens in the Norfolk County Kitchen Improvement Contest. Unfortunately, I was unable any except with the planning of the girls' room improvement contest in Amelia and Henrico.

I helped plan the 4-H Club Rallies held in the District and attended five.

Altogether I have made one hundred and twenty-one (121) visits to the various counties to assist in planning and developing programs of work and for special occasions.

In addition to the above, I spent three week's time at Blacksburg in August, attending or assisting with the State Short Course, Farmers' Institute, and Homemakers' Association.

In May I attended the meeting of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, which was held in Richmond.

About ten (10) days time was given to assisting at the State Fair.

I also had the privilege of attending the meeting of the American Country Life Association in Richmond, and the Educational Conference in Norfolk.

In December, 1924, I chaperoned the Virginia delegates to the National Boy's and Girl's Club Congress in Chicago. This was a wonderful opportunity, which I appreciated very much.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY:

Number days in field -----	267
Number days in office -----	202
Number agents visited -----	121
Number visits to counties:	
Amelia -----	8
Brunswick -----	7
Durham -----	12
Goochland -----	10
Henrico -----	11
James City -----	10
Mecklenburg -----	7
Norfolk -----	11
Princess Anne -----	12
Prince George -----	15
Powhatan -----	9
Sussex -----	9
Number visits to counties without agents -----	3
(Hanover, Chesterfield and Essex)	
Number meetings Extension Committees -----	46
Attendance " " " -----	600
Number other meetings attended -----	165
Attendance -----	33045
Number agents appointed -----	4
Number letters written -----	1476
Number different circular letters -----	19
Number copies mailed -----	625
Number bulletins sent out -----	32
Number boys and girls clubs visited -----	30
Number home demonstration clubs visited -----	17
Number demonstrations given -----	24
Number demonstrations visited -----	48
Number boards supervisors met -----	10
Number school boards met -----	6
Number days annual leave (Dec. 1, 1924, Nov. 30, 1925) -----	3
Number days sick leave -----	2
Number legal holidays -----	2
Number miles traveled by automobile -----	8195
Number miles traveled by train -----	11077
Total number miles traveled -----	19270
Number conferences -----	406
Number fairs and exhibits judged -----	14
Number fairs attended @ -----	15
Number short courses (including State Short C.) attended -----	7
Number encampments for farm women attended -----	2
Number newspaper articles -----	26

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1926:

The Advisory Council still needs strengthening in several counties in order that they may assume definite responsibility in planning and developing County Programs.

Home Improvement and Yard Beautification Campaigns should be stressed. Plans for the same are already being developed.

I believe Better Foods Campaigns should be conducted in several counties. Dinwiddie will be ready to put one on in the Spring, I think.

More definite Adult Poultry Work needs to be carried on.

The agents should be encouraged to do more publicity work. This will not be easy for Eastern Virginia, but should be pushed because of the definite results that may be obtained.

AMELIA:

The Advisory Council in this County has functioned very well. At the February meeting, it was decided to put on a girl's room improvement contest. The Council assisted in securing the members, collecting the prizes, etc. It was also decided to participate in the Better Homes Movement. Two separate ideas were carried out. One member opened her new home to the public, while a district committee in another part of the county was responsible for the arrangement of an attractive girl's room and a program appropriate for the occasion. (Detailed accounts of the above activities occur in this report).

The 4-H Club Rally took place September 24th. It was a beautiful day and nearly five hundred (500) of the county people representing every section assembled at the Court House.

The program, including Club reports, demonstration teams, and a parade of floats was well carried out.

When the new Court House was completed, the home demonstration agent was given an office.

Two demonstration teams from Amelia won Efficiency Award Pins at the State Short Course, while the one consisting of Hallie Hudgett and Alma Whittington, two third year Bread Club members, was selected to go to Camp Vail, where they gave their demonstration, "Oake Making and Icing".

BRUNSWICK:

The thought of Better Homes has been upper most in the minds of the home demonstration agent and her Advisory Council.

A Home Improvement Contest, which includes the entire home, has been staged. Money for the prizes was secured from the Lawrenceville Business Mens' Association. Over thirty (30) people have done definite work in this contest.

One of the contestants, Mrs. John Osborne, opened her home during Better Homes Week. The efforts and results were so far reaching that this endeavor received honorable mention from the National Better Homes' Office. (A detailed account of the above occurs in another section of this report.)

The most successful 4-H Camp that I ever attended was held on the Meherrin River. The subject, Farm and Home Engineering, was chosen as the central theme and all subjects for study revolved around it. At least five hundred (500) visitors enjoyed the assembly, evening program and vesper services.

This was truly a "Community Activity".

All the Clubs in the County, Home Demonstration and other woman's organizations have formed a federation. This promises to accomplish much, as it brings

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the rural and small town women together as nothing else can.

DINWIDDIE:

Organization has been the key note in the County this year. We now have well organized, active, county and district Advisory Councils and a strong 4-H Club Council.

This was one of two counties in Eastern Virginia to attempt a Poultry Improvement Contest. Twelve plants were scored, although more would have entered, had the roads been in better condition so that the scoring might have been done. There has been noticeable improvement in houses and flocks.

A campaign for Dinwiddie the Beautiful, was launched in the spring. One hundred and ninety-five (195) cards were signed. Owing to the terrible drought, the Advisory Council decided to continue the campaign another year.

A successful county Club Rally was held in May and an Achievement Day in November.

Miss Katherine Farrar, the popular and efficient home demonstration agent, resigned October 1st. She is succeeded by Miss Leslie Zion.

GOCHLAND:

Club work has been much stressed in this county, although and honest effort has been made to further organizations among the women. The farms are still enormous in size, and the women have almost no means of conveyance. Few drive cars, and private roads are not good, however, I really think the women are realizing the need for the service the home demonstration agent can render and more will be done along this line another year.

A contest was put on among the 4-H clubs. This aroused much interest and effort. Banners were awarded the winners at the County Commencement.

The Advisory Council has developed greatly in realizing it's opportunity.

An office has been secured on the Court green. Needed equipment and furnishings are being added by the Advisory Council.

A Sweep-Well Contest is now being put on by the County. Last year the Supervisors refused to make the appropriation and the local funds were raised by the Advisory Council, however, the Supervisors assumed the responsibility again this year.

Two demonstration teams received Efficiency Pins at the State Short Course.

HENRIOD:

Two new home demonstration clubs have been organized.

The federation of home demonstration clubs held two very good meetings. The one in October perhaps was the best ever attempted. The women really put the program across themselves. The clubs were scored on the following basis: Attendance 50%; Stant, 30% and Report of Activities 20%. The highest scoring Club received the banner. Several visitors, including Mrs. M. E. Davis, State Home Demonstration Agent, were present, and added to the pleasure of the day.

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The 4-H Clubs held a successful Rally at Byrd Park in May. This County also staged a Room Improvement Contest. The Advisory Council assisted in these activities.

An Encampment for Farm Women was held at Hedge Lawn Camp in August. There was a majority of Henrice County women present.

JAMES CITY:

Marked improvement has been noticed in 4-H club work in this county. The best exhibits we have ever seen from the county were on display at the Peninsula Fair. Two girls went to Blackburg for the State Short Course. A camp for club girls was held at Kings Mill Cabin on the James.

A splendid Better Homes demonstration, which represented cooperation of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg High School Home Economics Department, Women's Clubs and Home Demonstration Clubs was staged in Williamsburg and the county. (A detailed account is given elsewhere in this report).

The only County Encampment for farm women was held at Kings Mill Cabin. This was such a success that I am sure it is only the beginning of such events.

Miss Massey, home demonstration agent, was instrumental in the establishment of a Poultry Association. Through the Farm Bureau a "Have Your Home Campaign" is being waged.

MECKLENBURG:

4-H Club work has been emphasized in this county. Two club rallies and exhibits were held in the early summer. The largest number of delegates from any single county came from Mecklenburg to the Petersburg Short Course. Two demonstration teams won efficiency awards at the State Short Course. A series of club fairs preceded the State Fair, while the club exhibits were most attractively arranged at the County Fair.

Agnes Mason, of the Baskerville 4-H Club, was adjudged the Champion Biscuit Maker in the State in 1924. This year she won four (4) first prizes on loaf bread, including exhibits made at the State, Petersburg and County Fairs. Also she was awarded the Soft Wheat Miller's Association Scholarship to the State Short Course in 1926 and on account of this splendid record achieved the honor of being one of the representatives of Virginia at the National Boys and Girls Club Congress in Chicago, by winning the Scholarship offered by the Northwestern Yeast Company, to the best outstanding bread club girl of the State.

NORFOLK:

The Kitchen Improvement Contest was the most outstanding piece of work accomplished this year. The Advisory Council assisted materially in planning and developing the entire project. This aroused much interest throughout the county for home conveniences among those who did not formally enter the Contest. (An account of the closing of this occurs in another part of this report). An educational booth consisting of kitchens "before and after" was shown at the Norfolk County Fair.

Miss Rutherford resigned September 15th and was succeeded by Miss Julia Fisher. The 4-H Club Rally and Field Day held at Great Bridge, November 7th, was a great success.

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A Keep-Well Food Contest was staged with good results in the early Spring. Fifty per cent of the children entering continued and sent in reports. The Advisory Council assisted greatly in making it a success. Prizes were offered for the best food and health posters. Public programs were given in many communities during the contest in order to further acquaint the people with the idea.

A demonstration team from this county went to Camp Vail.

A most successful camp was held in June. Again the Advisory Council rendered invaluable service.

The County Rally and Exhibit was held on October 24th. Although it rained in torrents, over two hundred and fifty (250) club members and friends attended. The club work was placed in booths which had been erected by the various clubs. The program given by the club members was built around the 4H's. This was one of the most effective Rally Days in Eastern Virginia.

PRINCESS ANNE:

The work with women has been the most outstanding in this county. Seven groups were organized to study food and clothing. Thirty (30) dress forms have been made.

Splendid exhibits were made at the Norfolk Fair. Four organized 4-H club booths and three home demonstration booths were put up, besides numerous individual entries.

A demonstration team earned efficiency awards at the State Short Course.

PRINCE GEORGE:

The Advisory Council planned to participate in Better Homes Week. The home of one of the members was used.

Successful demonstrations were arranged and a very profitable day spent. Over one hundred and forty (140) people visited the home.

A 4-H Club Rally was held in August.

SUSSEX:

Work with women has been carried on through Clothing and Food Units in several places.

Delegates were sent to the Petersburg and State Short Courses.

A Kitchen Improvement Campaign has been carried on during the year.

BETTER HOMES WEEK - May 11-16, 1925:

County ----- Amelia
Time Covered ----- May 11th - 16th, 1925.

OBJECT: To give suggestions for well equipped home. To encourage room improvement girls to demonstrate effective, inexpensive improvements.

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Number meetings held ----- 2
Number people taking part
Advisory Council.
Number people reached -----125

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY:

Articles in Blackstone, Crews, Richmond and Farmville papers.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

A number of the Advisory Council had a new modern improved home. This was opened on the afternoon of the 15th to the public. The Advisory Council members were the hostesses. Many ideas had been used to combine the antique and the modern, much of the planning had been done by the hostess herself. This home was a revelation as to what might be accomplished by thought and planning.

On Saturday the women of Mattox displayed a bed room which had been fitted up for the occasion. The furniture had been bought or borrowed and painted a soft gray. Curtains, draperies and other finishing touches were given so as to make the room a delight to the heart of any girl. A short appropriate program was given at the school house nearby, after which all came to see the room. This was a great incentive, especially to the girls in the Room Improvement Work.

BETTER HOMES WORK:

County -----Brunswick
Time covered ---One week -----May 12th-17th, 1925
Object: To show how a farm home may be made convenient at little cost.
Number meetings held -----Executive Committee, four times, house open each
day during week.
Number people taking part ----- 200
Number people reached -----4000
Number homes reached ----- 400

Estimated Amount of Publicity: Numerous articles in county and state papers. Announcements in churches, schools, woman's clubs, farmers unions, etc.

Special Features:

This was one of the Better Homes Activities in Virginia which received honorable mention. A farm home a few miles from Lawrenceville was selected. Many interesting improvements were made at small cost. The owner, with the help of a colored boy, refinished the walls, floors and much of the furniture. This home was also a combination of the ancient and the modern. The most beautiful piece of old furniture were refinished and placed to a good advantage.

This was a good piece of cooperative work with all agencies; all the woman's clubs combined to make it a success, each day having a special program, featuring "Music in the Home", "Live at Home", "Home Conveniences", "Gardens", "Recreation", "Community Gatherings", etc. These clubs were from all sections of the county and so spread the interest for Better Homes.

All agencies worked for the success of the week, special sermons by the ministers, the superintendent of schools working through the teachers and school children, farm organizations, banks and local merchants, all assisted.

This piece of work was well planned and carried out by the Chairman and her Executive Committee, together with the home demonstration agent.

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BETTER HOMES WEEK:

County ----- James City
Time covered ----- May 12th-15th inclusive
Object ----- More satisfying homes
Number meetings held ----- 3
Number people taking part ----- County Council of Woman's Clubs, representing
membership of 186. Forty people actually took part.
Number people reached ----- 806 attended meetings; about 1,800 reached.
Number homes reached ----- 800, including 150, representing college
students.

Special Features and Results:-

This was a splendid piece of cooperation between the various woman's clubs, business men, schools, and the College of William and Mary.

On Tuesday Miller and Rhoads Department Store of Richmond supplied the furniture, carpets, draperies, curtains, china, etc. to fit up two rooms of the practice house at William and Mary, correctly for summer living and dining rooms. This was open to the public while the home economics girls were hostesses. That same afternoon there was an exhibit of labor saving devices at the Williamsburg High School and a lecture on Interior Decoration at the College Chapel. Later in the Day, Miss Ann Chapman, a member of the Advisory Council, opened her remodeled home to the public. On Wednesday a flower show was very successfully held at the home of former Governor Dinwiddie, of pre-Revolutionary fame.

Thursday the Nerge Community Club was at home to their friends. There were demonstrations in arts and crafts. Also the Toano Woman's Club entertained the people of the county that night. Demonstrations were given in home recreation.

On Friday the people had the opportunity to visit the prize winning kitchen in a recent improvement contest.

The events of the week as planned, afforded people in all walks of life from the college people to the farm women an opportunity to participate in this great national movement.

BETTER HOMES WEEK - May 11-16, 1925:

County ----- Norfolk
Time covered ----- May 14, 1925.
Object ----- To conclude Kitchen Improvement Contest and
demonstration improvements that may be made at small cost.
Number meetings held ----- 1
Number people taking part ----- Advisory Council and Kitchen Contestants.
Number people reached ----- 100
Estimated amount of publicity ----- Several articles in both Ledger Dispatch
and Virginian Pilot.

Special Features:

This meeting served two purposes. It was the conclusion of the Norfolk County Kitchen Improvement Contest and a part of the movement for Better Homes in America. A program was given at the I.W.O.A. which consisted of special music, a talk by Mr. E. V. Coleman, one of the Norfolk County Supervisors, an address by Professor T. C. Johnson, on the propagation of shrubs and plants for the home. Mrs. E. E. Page, Chairman of the Norfolk City Committee on Better Homes, gave some interesting data regarding the Better Homes Movement. All Kitchen Contestants

strations were given: the use of the steam pressure cooker; salad making; table service; the use of the vacuum ice cream freezer. A chorus of children from the nearby high school gave several selections. Practically all the communities of the county were represented. During the evening talks were made by the Superintendent of Schools, Common-Wealths' Attorney, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, County Farm Demonstration Agent and District Home Demonstration Agent.

Various electrical appliances which can be used with the Delco system were demonstrated by a representative of the company. At milking time, the people were shown the best methods of separating and caring for milk.

This old home, which has been in the hands of the same family for several generations, was a splendid example of what may be done to modernize such a place and still have the air of Colonial Days.

KITCHEN IMPROVEMENT CONTEST.

County ----- Norfolk
 Time ----- February 27 - May 15, 1925.

Number contestants entering -----	42
Number completing -----	34
Total cost of improvements -----	\$425.90
Average cost -----	12.50
Number kitchens having walls painted -----	12
Number kitchens having wood work painted -----	25
Number kitchens having linoleum, new -----	13
Number kitchens having linoleum painted -----	3
Number kitchens having floors refinished -----	11
Number windows cut -----	3
Number doors with new glass -----	2
Number kitchens installing water -----	5
Number sinks installed -----	6
Number new drain boards -----	8
Number screened porches -----	2
Number new screens for windows -----	3
Number kitchens having painted furniture -----	20
Number kitchen cabinets or capboards -----	11
Number new wood boxes on rollers -----	9
Number high stools -----	17
Number table tops fixed to resist water -----	12
Number new and repaired shades -----	5
Number new curtains -----	14
Number new towel racks -----	11
Number kitchens rearranged furniture -----	15
Number hinged ironing boards -----	2
Number new shelves -----	13

REMARKS:

This contest was planned in detail by the home demonstration agent and the advisory council. Mrs. M. M. Davis, State Home Demonstration Agent, scored the kitchens at the beginning and the closing.

The prizes were offered by the merchants of Norfolk. The home demonstration agent visited each contestant several times during the contest, giving suggestions. The home demonstration clubs studied home improvement and assisted all possible. The Hab Clothing Company loaned their window, so that prizes might be displayed. This was attractively arranged and gave the contest much publicity. The Norfolk Newspaper was very generous also with publicity.

The contest was concluded during Better Homes Week. A meeting was held in the Norfolk Y.W.C.A., when the prizes were awarded. Later that day, in spite of a pouring rain, a successful tour of four prize winning kitchens was made.

The House Electrical, which was being put on by the Housewife's League of Norfolk, was also visited.

This was one of the most successful Kitchen Improvement Contests carried on in Eastern Virginia.

Miss Ola Powell, of the Washington Office, visited the kitchens on the second scoring with Mrs. Davis.

HOMES IMPROVEMENT CONTEST:

County -----	Brunswick
Time -----	April 1 - November 15, 1925.
Number homes entered -----	25
Number completed -----	18
Number districts -----	5 (All)
Value prizes -----	\$150.00
Total cost -----	\$2,035.00
Number houses painted -----	2
Number planting shade trees -----	2
Number planting shrubbery -----	5
Number planting flowers and vines -----	8
Number lawns improved -----	3
Number walks built or repaired -----	4
Number fences built or repaired -----	3
Number driveways made -----	3
Number outbuildings built, repaired, painted or moved -----	16
Number water supplies improved -----	2
Number homes having new screens -----	2
Number lighting systems installed or repaired -----	2
Number windows built -----	6
Number rooms in which walls were tinted, papered, or painted -----	62
Number floors refinished -----	46
Number rooms arranged for convenience -----	50
Number doors cut -----	4
Number having new or repaired furniture -----	6
Number wood boxes on rollers -----	3

REMARKS:

This home improvement contest was decided upon in the fall of 1924. Plans were made and the first scoring done by the District Agent the first week in April 1925. Many women who were not members of home demonstration clubs joined this contest.

Every type of home from the two room cabin to the colonial mansion was represented. The Business Mens' Association of Lawrenceville offered \$110.00 in prizes. Others have been secured.

Seven were obliged to drop out because of sickness or other good reasons.

When we returned in November for the final scoring the transformation in some homes was almost unbelievable.

Mrs. John Osbourne, one of the contestants opened her home during Better Homes Week.

One contestant had entirely rebuilt her kitchen and mostly with her own hands. She made the table, benches, cupboards, etc. herself. This room was in one of those old, inconvenient homes, built long before the Civil War when there were plenty of servants. Now after adding two windows, moving the pantry, painting walls, varnishing the floors, and adding furniture, this kitchen is a joy to the housekeeper.

One young woman who lives at home and cares for an invalid father had transformed the entire house. She refinished the walls and floors in ten rooms, painted the furniture in three bed rooms, and added furniture and other finishing touches until it is very home-like and comfortable. This home is known as "Sneaky Ordinary", was built long before the Revolution. When Tarlton's Troops ~~was~~ swept through that section, they burned many buildings, among them a meat house, which smoked for days, hence, the name "Sneaky Ordinary". A young girl, who can take her hand, and \$70.75 and work the transformation this one did, deserves credit.

This contest will be concluded at a meeting of the Brunswick County Council December 10, 1925, when the prizes will be awarded.

ROOM IMPROVEMENT CONTEST -

County -----Henrico
Time -----Three months

Number members -----	11
Number completing -----	9
Number districts represented -----	4
Value of prizes -----	\$35.00
Total cost to members, -----	\$50.51
Number furnishings made -----	60
Number pieces furniture remodeled -----	64
Number floors treated -----	7
Number walls treated -----	5

REMARKS:

This contest was planned by the agent and her advisory council at the March meeting. The council assisted in securing prizes.

Miss Eldona Oliver, State Clothing Specialist, scored the rooms.

This contest closed in time for Nellie Dowsher, the first prize winner, to have the use of the prize, (a trip to the State Short Course) this year.

ROOM IMPROVEMENT CONTEST:

County ----- Amelia
Time: ----- June-September

Number members -----	14
Number completing -----	14
Number districts represented -----	3 (All)
Value of prizes -----	\$65.50
Total cost to members -----	\$145.71
Number furnishings made -----	123
Number pieces furniture remodeled -----	15
Number pieces furniture painted -----	101
Number pieces furniture made -----	30
Number floors treated -----	13
Number walls treated -----	12
Number rooms in which wood work painted -----	12

REMARKS:

This contest was decided upon by the agent and advisory council at the February meeting. The council assisted in securing members and prizes. The rooms were scored at the beginning and closing of the contest by Miss Eldona Oliver, Clothing Specialist. The home demonstration agent made an average of six visits to each of the contestants room. All the girls who began the work completed. The prizes were awarded by the Chairman of the Advisory Council at the County Rally. A committee from the Council had previously assisted in selecting those that were purchased.

On Saturday, November 14th, a tour was arranged. All the girls were "At Home" to their various friends. The Advisory Council members furnished cars to take others to see the rooms. This contest will have far reaching results because it was well planned and developed.

REPORT OF SHORT COURSES IN EASTERN VIRGINIA - 1925:

Number counties participating in camps and short courses ----- 11
James City, Henrico, Goochland, Powhatan, Norfolk and Brunswick held county camps. Amelia, Dinwiddie, Sussex, Mecklenburg and Prince George were included in the Petersburg Camp.

Number members attending -----	241
Number leaders assisting -----	11
Number adults acting as chaperons -----	25
Average cost to club members -----	\$3.50
Average number subjects taken -----	4
Average number instructors from Blacksburg -----	1
Number short courses having nurses to cooperate --	4
Number short courses attended by District Agent -	6

Detailed report of each short course follows.

SHORT COURSE REPORT:

Name of County - Brunswick - Name of Short Course - Co. 4-H Club Encampment
Place held - Westward Hill on Meherrin River - Date - July 7th - 11th
Length of Short Course - 6 days - No. girls in attendance - 18
Number 4-H Clubs represented - 7 - Subjects taught and instructors -

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Farm Engineering -----	Mr. Chas. Seitz - V.P.I.
	Mr. J. B. Cole - V.P.I.
Concrete Work -----	Mr. D. H. Wheelock, Washington
Chair Caning -----	Miss Mary Curtis Cooke, Williamsburg
Enamel Work -----	Miss Sylvia Slocum, Richmond
Stenciling -----	Mrs. Hill Sloan - Brunswick County
Nature Study -----	Mrs. L. I. Case - Blacksburg
Physical Training -----	Miss Maggie Lee Matthews, Brunswick

Number chaperons 9 Number club leaders present 2
 Number club officers present 12
 How financed: Each club member paid \$4.00 or the equivalent in farm products.

Special Features:

This was a joint camp conducted by the farm and home demonstration agents. A permanent organization by tribes had been perfected before. Members who returned entered the same tribe as last year while others were added. The best team spirit I have seen this summer was shown at this camp. Much credit is due Mr. Hainey Abernathy, county club leader, who attended to all the details in this connection. All activities were conducted by the tribes, each having a chief and a medicine man.

Club meetings were conducted each morning by the county club officers and members present. Several demonstrations were given at this time. Yespers and evening programs were visited by hundreds of county people. This camp is held on the banks of the Meherrin River at Westward Hill. For at least one time during the year Brunswick County has a community center. Visitors attended the instruction periods as well as the recreation.

All were provided with special camp stationery. Many local people assisted with the instruction. A camp paper was written each day. This was read during the evening program.

Miss Pauline Ashmeade, Public Health Nurse, assisted with the Health Work.

Altogether I consider this the best planned, organized and conducted camp I have visited this year. Miss Cooke devoted two weeks time to it.

SHORT COURSE REPORT:

Name of county - Cecil - Name of Short Course - Sabot Hill
 Place held - Sabot Hill Farm - Date - 15th - 20th June, 1925.
 Length of Short Course - 5 days - Number girls in attendance - 12
 Number 4-H Clubs Represented - 3

Subjects and Instructors:

Canning, Bread -----	Miss Sylvia Slocum
Table Setting, Serving and Cooking-----	Miss Helman
Enameling on Glass and Furniture decorating -	Miss McGhee

Number chaperons - 6 - Number club leaders - 1
 How financed: Each member paid \$3.00 and 1 dozen eggs.

Special Features:

These girls were divided into two groups with captains as leaders. These groups assisted throughout the week. Several members of the advisory council spent the day at camp helping with the general activities. Miss Gene Smith, the

Goosland County Social Worker, assisted with the Vesper Services and evening programs, in addition to other recreation.

The site for the camp furnished free of charge by Mr. H. F. Dietrick of Sabet Hill Farm. The girls were comfortably housed and practically all gained in weight during the week.

A visitor's day program was given on Friday. This was an attempt to show the county people what had been done at the Short Course during the week. A play, "The Dinner Pail's Convention" was given. Two teams had been trained to give demonstrations. There were songs, yells, and other interesting numbers. Altogether it was a very successful Visitor's Day.

Miss Katharine Eagsdale visited the camp one day, bringing with her two 4-H Club Girls who were the visiting delegates from Poshatan County. We hope to carry on this little custom so that it may help to arouse other county interest.

Our greatest disappointment was in the attendance. For various reasons only a few girls came. Unless there is a great demand on the part of the advisory council and club members, I think the ~~year~~ agent's time may be more profitably spent on some other phase of work another year.

SHORT COURSE REPORT:

Name of county - Henrico - Name of Short Course - Charles Neek
Place Held - Charles Neek Farm - Date - June 29th - July 4th, 1925.
Length of Short Course - 5 days - Number girls in attendance - 19
Number 4-H clubs represented - 2

Subjects and instructors:

<u>Foods</u> -----	Miss Sylvia Slocum
<u>Clothing</u> -----	Miss Virginia Swink
<u>Hand Work</u> -----	Misses Swink, Hicks and Slocum

Number chapters - 4 - Number club leaders present - 1

Number club officers present - 5

How financed: Each member paid \$3.00 and 1 doz. eggs.

Special Features:

The girls were divided into two teams for all camp activities. An assembly was held each morning. Officers were elected and regular order of business carried on.

Wednesday night a camp supper was enjoyed on the banks of the James. This was attended by about thirty visitors.

The camp was held in one of the houses on Charles Neek Farm. The management was certainly generous in every way possible.

One night the girls visited the various homes and sang club songs.

Saturday a county Fourth of July picnic was held. Several hundred people attended. The advisory council members sold refreshments, the proceeds being used to send club members to Blacksburg for the State Short Course.

SHORT COURSE REPORTS:

Name of County - James City - Name of Short Course - Kings Mill 4-H Club Camp
Place Held - Kings Mill Cabin - Date - July 14-18, 1928
Length of Short Course - 5 days - Number girls attending - 21
Number 4-H Clubs Represented - 2
Subjects Taught and Instructors:
Foods ----- Miss Mabel Massey
Hand Work ----- Mrs. Charles Huskin
Number chapters - 1 - Number leaders - 0
Club Officers - 4
How Financed - Each club member paid \$1.50

Special Features:

The hand work consisted of modeling the blue pipe stem clay, which was dug from the banks of the James.

The camp was held in a beautiful oak cabin on the bank of James River. It was an inspiration to be there. Many lessons in housekeeping were unconsciously learned.

SHORT COURSE REPORT:

Name of county - Norfolk - Name of Short Course - Norfolk County
Place Held - Great Bridge - Date - 22nd - 26th June, 1928
Length of Short Course - 5 days - Number girls attending - 20
Number 4-H Clubs Represented - 5
Subjects Taught and Instructors:
Basket Making ----- Mrs. L. E. Bateman
Instruction in Foods and Clothing ----- Miss Catherine Dennis
First Aid, Home Nursing & Personal Hygiene - Miss Hilda New, County Health Nurse
Setting up Exercises, etc. ----- Miss Eva McKinney
Number chapters - 5 - Number club leaders - 1
Number club officers present - 4
Individual cost per member - \$5.00

Special Features:

The interest of the members of the Advisory Council was manifest at the Short Course. One sent her cook because the one that had promised to come failed to keep her appointment.

The Great Bridge Home Demonstration Club entertained the club girls one evening with a program and refreshments.

A former club girl who had recently graduated from Farmville assisted with the recreation.

To me, the most significant feature of this Short Course was the splendid cooperation on the part of the volunteers. All the instruction was given by them.

Miss Rutherford devoted about eight days time to this project.

PETERSBURG DISTRICT SHORT COURSE:

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Names of Counties Participating:

Amelia	Mecklenburg
Dinwiddie	Prince George
Sussex	Chesterfield
Nottoway	Greenville
Surry	

Name of Short Course - Petersburg District Short Course
Place Held - Petersburg Fair Grounds - Date - 13-16 July
Number of girls in attendance - 144 - Boys - 134 - Club Officers - 44
Length of Short Course - 5 days - Number Club Leaders - 10
Number 4-H Clubs Represented - 36 - Number chaperons - 21

Subjects and Instructors:

Bread Judging	Miss Katherine Farrar
Canning "	Miss Eleanor Marlin
Room Improvement	" Marion Lawrence & Miss Jean Gody
Home Nursing	Miss Alice Dugger, RCH

How Financed: Individual cost to each member \$4.00

Special Features:

This was a joint short course for the above mentioned counties. Petersburg always makes the club members welcome. All the Civic Organizations take pride in having them enjoy themselves. Tuesday the Kiwanis Club entertained at Wilcox Lake for the afternoon and supper. Later in the week, the Rotary, the Lions, and the Chamber of Commerce entertained at the Fair Grounds.

The entire short course was conducted through committees, such as Welcome, Vesper, Assembly, Evening Program, etc. These were composed of agents, club leaders, boys and girls. In this way the club members were a real vital part of the short course, sharing in it's responsibilities as well as it's pleasures.

During the Assembly Hour each morning, two counties provided a part of the program which consisted of songs, reports, demonstrations, etc. An hour was given over every afternoon to demonstration team work. This was good preliminary training for the State Short Course.

A camp paper, known as the "4-H Sound Wave" was published each day. This gave the news of the day besides important announcements and other information.

The Chamber of Commerce offered prizes to the most outstanding club members and the winners of various contests which were put on at the conclusion of the Visitor's Day Program. At this time the city and rural people met together for an afternoon of acquaintance and fellowship. The best features of the various assembly periods were reproduced. A Tag-of-War was staged between business men of Petersburg and the surrounding counties.

SHORT COURSE REPORTS:

Name of County - Fowhatan - Name of Short Course - Hagenot 4-H Camp
Place Held - Hagenot Springs - Date - July 22-26, 1925
Length of Short Course - 5 days - Number girls in attendance - 26
Number 4-H Clubs Represented - 7
Subjects and Instructors:

Physical Training -----	Miss Ala Porter
Enameling Glass -----	Miss Gemella McGhee
Music -----	Miss Katherine Ragsdale
Basketry -----	Miss Alice Simpson
Correct Manners -----	Miss Marion Lawrence
Food Demonstrations -----	Miss Helen Hicks - Mrs. E. D. Jorvey

Number Chaperons - 6 - Number club leaders - 3

Number club officers - 12

How Financed: Cost to individuals - \$2.50 and 1 doz. eggs.

Special Features:

The girls were divided into three tribes, each having a Chief. They formed the self government committee which made and posted the camp rules for the week. A prize was given the tribe according to highest score. The club members worked out the following code, which was adopted by the body:

We are kind
 We are truthful
 We serve gladly
 We observe the beautiful
 We cherish only love and sunshine in our hearts.
 We are happy.

A special evening program was enjoyed by about 50 visitors on Thursday. An exhibit of hand work done during the week was held on Friday. Practically every girl was able to carry home with her a souvenir of the camp in the form of hand work of her own making. The Visitor's Day Program on Friday afternoon was indicative of the work carried on during the week. It was in the form of a club meeting, the newly elected Chairman of the 4-H Club Council presiding.

Miss McGhee, the Goochland County Home Demonstration Agent, assisted with the instruction. She brought a demonstration team, Gladys Houchens and Lucille Staples, who gave the demonstration "Table Setting" at an Assembly Period. These two girls were the delegates from Goochland County who attended the Powhatan Camp.

The girls were provided with special stationery for correspondence. Miss Ragsdale gave two weeks of her time to camp activities. This was one of the most successful camps held in Eastern Virginia.

ENCAMPMENT FOR FARM WOMEN - 1925:

CAMP KING'S HILL

James City had the only County encampment for farm women to be held in Eastern Virginia. Twenty-two were in attendance. The cabin, a most delightful camp on the James River, was loaned the home demonstration agent by the owners.

The women enjoyed bathing, hiking and the social hours together. The hand work consisted of pottery making.

These women really became acquainted with each other, and that has surely had its effect upon all County activities.

2 - Single Entries.

	Prizes
(a) Sewing - 21 exhibits -----	\$41.50
(b) Room Improvement - 4 Exhibits	
(c) Canning - 11 exhibits -----	15.25
(d) Bread - 15 exhibits -----	.50
(e) Poultry - 12 exhibits -----	35.00
(f) Eggs - 12 exhibits -----	2.00

Remarks:

The above exhibits were of very good quality as shown by the amount of prize money.

This county also sent exhibits to the State Fair and won several prizes.

COUNTY FAIR:

County - Brunswick
Number Fairs - 1 --- Kind ----- County
Exhibits ----- Adult

(a) Booths:

Four splendid booths were put on by the home demonstration clubs. The quality was good and they were attractively displayed.

(b) Individual Exhibits:

There were no entries for home demonstration club numbers.

4-H CLUB EXHIBITS:

Sewing ----- 20 (Quality best have seen from county)
Canning ----- 1 (Fair quality)
Bread ----- 3 (Very good)
Cooking ----- 10 (Splendid posters)
Room Improvement ----- 0
Garden ----- 0
Poultry ----- Do not know number

There were two educational booths, one food and one clothing. Food, clothing, and room improvement posters were used. Various menus were represented.

Remarks:

This was truly an educational fair, put on almost entirely by home talent.

County ----- Dinwiddie
Number Fairs ----- 3 --- County Exhibit and Rally, Exhibits at Petersburg Fair.
Community Fair, Sunny Side.

COUNTY EXHIBIT

1 - Exhibits ----- Adult work ----- No display.
11 - Exhibits ----- Club Work

Food and Clothing club work were exhibited on May 9th, when the County Rally was held. Only ribbons were offered.

EXHIBITS -- PETERSBURG FAIR

- 1 - Exhibits ----- Adult
Booths; The Smith's Grove and Thrift Home Demonstration Clubs put up very attractive booths, winning third and fourth prizes.
- 11 - Exhibits ----- Club Work
Booths; Sunny Side, Dinwiddie and Beams 4-H Clubs put up booths, Sunny Side winning first place.
- 111 - Single Entries ----- Sewing ----- 36 exhibits
Canning ----- 5 "
Bread ----- 5 "
Room Improvement ----- 5 "
Garden ----- 5 "
Poultry ----- 11 "
- Altogether, 22 prizes were won on the above entries.

SUNNY SIDE COMMUNITY FAIR:

This fair is usually held a few days previous to the Petersburg Fair, so that the best exhibits may be sent there.

It is a typical community fair, but of high quality. There were eight single farm exhibits besides numerous entries of both farm and home products. The 4-H club booth was displayed and then put up again in Petersburg.

COUNTY EXHIBIT:

County ----- Goochland
No. Fairs ----- One exhibit held in connection with County Commencement.

EXHIBITS ----- Adults ----- No display
Exhibits ----- Club Work
Clothing ----- Numerous exhibits of good quality
Canning ----- A good showing, considering that it was kept over during the winter

Remarks:

This exhibit was held in connection with the County School Commencement at the State Farm. It was well displayed in the Chapel and was the occasion of much favorable comment.

FAIR REPORT:

County ----- Henrico
No. Fairs ----- 1 ----- Kind ----- County

1 - EXHIBITS ----- Adult
Booths ----- Four home demonstration club booths were put up according to standard requirements. These were most attractive and occasioned much favorable comment.

11 - EXHIBITS ----- Club Work
Two 4-H Club Booths were erected.

Single Entries: Canning ----- Display small and poor
Sewing ----- 12 entries

Bread -----	Few Entries
Cooking -----	Splendid posters
Room Improvement -----	Small display
Garden -----	Several good baskets

Remarks:

The booths and garden baskets were the best of the club work exhibits.

The work with women made a much better showing than that with boys and girls.

COUNTY FAIR:

County ----- James City
 No. Fairs ----- 1 ----- Kind ----- Peninsula
 Exhibits ----- Adult

Booths - Four club exhibits were put on by the various clubs. They were either depicting activities, or were an educational project. They were all very good.

Exhibits -----	Club work.
Sewing -----	18
Canning -----	19
Bread -----	24
Cooking -----	0
Room Improvement -----	9
Garden -----	0
Poultry -----	6

Remarks:

The club exhibits put on by the women were especially good, while the individual entries made by both women and girls were by far the best we have ever had at this fair.

The results of club work were in evidence. The woman who won first prize on her collection of fruits and vegetables was a former club girl.

FAIR:

County ----- Mecklenburg ----- Kind ----- 1 County - 4-H Club
 No. Fairs ----- 5
 County Fair - Adult Work

No special display by home demonstration club members.

Exhibits - Club Work	
Sewing -----	10
Canning -----	10
Bread -----	12
Cooking -----	3
Room Improvement -----	0
Garden -----	2
Poultry -----	26

Club work was very well displayed in separate buildings. The poultry was especially good. The judge said it was the best club poultry seen this year.

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CLUB FAIRS:

Club fairs were held at Baskerville, Wightman, Buffalo Springs and Chase City. The exhibits were assembled for the State Fair. These exhibits gave the people an opportunity to meet and spend a social hour together. The attendance was about 350.

COUNTY FAIR

County ----- Norfolk
No. Fairs ----- 1 ----- Kind ----- County
Exhibits ----- Adult Work

(a) Booths - The home demonstration clubs put up booths representing the year's activities. An educational booth showing a kitchen "before and after" a contest attracted much attention.

(b) Individual Entries - One hundred and forty-one entries were made by home demonstration club members.

4-H Club Exhibits.

(a) Booths - Four 4-H Clubs put up booths. These were attractive and caused much favorable comment.

(b) Individual Entries - Sewing ----- 78
Canning ----- 27
Bread ----- 4
Cooking ----- 6
Room Improvement ----- 5
Garden ----- 54
Poultry ----- 4

The sewing exhibits were the best in the district. In fact, all club exhibits were of superior quality.

EXHIBIT

County ----- Powhatan
No. Fairs ----- Kind ----- Exhibit of Club Work
1 - Exhibits ----- Adult

The members of the William Worker's Demonstration Club displayed the food and clothing unit work which had received prizes at the State Fair.

11 - Exhibits ----- Club Work

(a) Five 4-H Clubs had their exhibits displayed in artistic arranged booths.

(b) Individual Entries - Sewing ----- 52
Canning ----- 15
Bread ----- 40
Cooking ----- 0
Room Improvement ----- 1
Garden ----- 0
Poultry ----- 10

The quality of the above exhibits was very good.

This was a county rally and exhibit combined an account of the fact that there was no county fair held. It surely was a success.

PROGRAM AT RALLY

The morning program consisted of songs, yells, stunts, etc., by the club members. The four-fold purpose of club work was brought out by a series of splendid stunts. There was a fashion show with eight living models, which represented the head and hand, a health play, a biscuit demonstration to show development of the home, and an operation on the heart.

Miss Bess M. Rowe, of the Farmer's Wife, was a visitor.

Club reports were given in the afternoon. Exhibits were judged. The clubs scored on the day's activities, the winner being awarded a banner given by the Bank of Powhatan.

COUNTY FAIR

County ----- Princess Anne
No. Fairs ----- 1 ----- Kind ----- Norfolk County
1 - Adult Exhibits.

(a) Booths Three home demonstration clubs put up booths displaying the work taken up during the year.

(b) Individual Entries - Many women made entries in the open class for home demonstration club members.

11 - 4-H Club Exhibits.

(a) Booths - Four 4-H Clubs had booths put on according to the standard requirements.

(b) Individual Entries - Sewing ----- Many entries, but not of very high quality
Canning ----- Small number of entries
Bread ----- Excellent Quality
Cooking ----- No exhibit
Room Improvement --- A few articles
Poultry ----- Good quality

Women and girls won over \$126.00 in prizes. They are much encouraged.

COUNTY FAIRS

County ----- Prince George
No. Fairs ----- 2 ----- Kind ----- Exhibits at Petersburg;
at School Fair.

1 - Adult Exhibits.

(a) Booths - The Grater Home Demonstration Club put up a booth and won third prize. It was most attractive and displayed the results of the program which has been studied during the year.

(b) Individual Entries - No special class for home demonstration club members.

11 - 4-H Club Exhibits.

(a) Booths - The Rives 4-H Club put up a booth which won fifth place in the scoring. It was very neat and attractive.

Sewing ----- 12
Canning ----- 6
Bread ----- 8
Cooking ----- 0
Room Improvement ----- 5
Poultry ----- 10

The exhibits were of fair quality. The quantity should have been greater.

COUNTY FAIRS

County ----- Sussex
No. Fairs ----- 2 ----- County ----- Exhibits at Petersburg
Exhibits;

Owing to circumstances, no exhibits were made at the county fair.

PETERSBURG FAIR

Adult Exhibits - No entries.

4-H Club Exhibits -

Sewing -----	Good number, fair quality
Canning -----	Several exhibits
Cooking -----	No entries
Bread -----	Few entries
Room Improvement -----	Several good exhibits.
Garden -----	No entries
Poultry -----	Have no record.

1 - Adult Exhibits.

(a) Booths - Four home demonstration club booths were put on by the following clubs; Indian Oak, Nottoway County, Smith's Grove and Thrift, Dinwiddie County; Crater, Prince George County.

11 - 4-H Club Exhibits.

(a) Booths - Eight booths were put on by the following clubs; Sunny Side, Beams and Dinwiddie, Dinwiddie County; Mattox and Pine Grove, Amelia County, Hives, Prince George County; Pine Grove and Bethel, Nottoway County.

Individual Exhibits.

Individual entries were made by Amelia, Brunswick, Nottoway, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Mecklenburg, and Sussex Counties.

The display was most attractively arranged and brought forth many favorable comments.

STATE FAIR

Each county in the district sent exhibits to the State Fair and eleven of the twelve won prizes.

Agnes Mason, of Mecklenburg, won the Scholarship offered by the Soft Wheat Miller's Association, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Seven of the twelve counties to send exhibits in the home demonstration department were from Eastern Virginia. Four of the five first prizes were won by these counties.

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