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PROJECT NO. 11

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Local Agents

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>County</u>
Allen, Mrs. M.G.	Ashland	Hanover
Carter, Miss R. R.	Amherst	Amherst
Crowder, Mrs. C. G.	Denniston RFD	Halifax
Flagg, Mrs. Y. B.	Bedford	Bedford
Fletcher, Mrs. Z.C.	Gordonsville RFD	Louisa
Saunders, Mrs. E. G.	Martinsville	Henry
Smith, Mrs. S.V.T.	Masie's Mills	Nelson

This is summary progress made from July 1st, 1922 to September 30th, 1922 for all above counties.

QUARTERLY REPORT HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

July 1 - September 30th, 1922.

ORGANIZATION

Advisory Board

The Amherst Agent reports as follows, "An advisory board was organized August 14th with a membership of seven. Their first pledge was to be responsible for the county appropriation for home demonstration work".

The Advisory Board of Hanover County met and pledged \$60.00 for home demonstration work.

The Advisory Board in Bedford asked for and received an appropriation of \$150.00 for the continuation of extension work in the county. The board also met and pledged to fix up a booth for the county fair, Sept. 26th - 29th.

Community Clubs

The Amherst Agent says, "The women, boys, and girls of one community club met and cleared the grounds for a new two room school building. The men have pledged to give days' work to assist in putting up the house."

From Bedford County, "Community club organized at Creasy pledged to paint the school. The one organized at Irving raised \$86.00 at its first meeting to assist in building a new school. A committee was sent to the school board to ask for a building. This committee was cordially received and given the assurance that everything possible would be done to give them a school. There are 19 families and 30 children of school age and their nearest school is 5 miles. The Montvale community club has raised \$20.00 to repair the school-house. The work will be done by members of the club." Two community clubs have been organized in Bedford with 48 members.

Community clubs in Henry County held exhibits. The Preston Ridge people made a good showing of sewing, garden vegetables, bread, apples, soap, canned goods, and some potted plants. The community fair held at East Martinsville school house was well patronized also. More than one hundred and fifty entries were made which included sewing, canned goods, bread, cakes, chickens, potted plants, homemade soap, and rugs.

WOMEN'S WORK

Clubs

"The 21 club women in Bedford take an active part in the work of the community clubs and some of them hold offices in the same."

In Halifax this quarter 2 new women's clubs with 25 members have been organized.

Extracts from Hanover report. "The women of Ashland were recently organized. They are holding weekly meetings and bringing in new members at each meeting and showing signs of interest in the work."

In Louisa 25 women made their club uniforms this quarter. One new club was organized in Nelson county with 8 members.

GARDENS

50 women have winter gardens in Halifax.

The Hanover Agent says, "20 persons have promised to plow their gardens this fall so as to have less trouble with cut worms next spring." In Nelson six winter gardens have been started

Canning

Miss Carter of Amherst has this to say about the women in canning. "The year's plan of work called for 100 quarts per family. Every home visited so far has gone over this mark. Some have 250 quarts and 300 quarts already and have not yet canned their late fruits, such as apples and pears. The women have shown a great deal of interest in the new method of canning. In a recent demonstration one woman present reminded the girls that they should watch the agent carefully because when she was a girl she had no opportunity to get what was being taught now."

The 21 women in Bedford average 100 quarts of fruits and vegetables canned, and 50 pounds of dried peaches and apples.

Mrs. Crowder of Halifax says that each club woman promised to can at least 100 quarts. To date 95 is the smallest number reported and 800 is the high water mark.

Cooking

The making of yeast bread is still being pushed forward as the women are inclined too much towards quick breads.

Home Improvement

Much emphasis has been laid on making the home more sanitary as well as better looking. Agents have assisted in selecting colors for tinting walls, purchasing curtains, remodeling and repairing homes along with giving valuable help in arranging flowers and lawns. The idea of clean bright kitchens and sleeping rooms is constantly dwelt on.

Halifax reports that all club women are now using wood boxes and clothes-bags, and that 26 are giving the boys' rooms special attention.

General Remarks

Mrs. Flagg of Bedford says that more parents are becoming interested in the work and always arrange affairs so that the girls can attend the meetings. Several ministers of the same county of published the meetings in the local colored paper and encouraged their members to take hold of demonstration work.

Mrs. Fletcher took an account of her club picnic to the editor of the county paper to be published. He accepted it and stated that he would be pleased to put in short articles from time to time. A white lady of Louisa visited one of the clubs recently to see what was being done. She brought a guest with her and both spoke well of what they had observed and urged those present to continue in the work.

Number winter gardens started	86
Fireless cookers made	4
Number keeping first hatched pullets	60
Number making yeast bread weekly	15
Oil stoves purchased	2
Number pounds soap made	16
Number pounds fruit dried	
Number culling demonstrations	3
Number quilts made	10
Number rugs made	3
Number garments made	50
Number finished club uniforms	30



Club Women of Halifax Co.

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GIRLS' WORK

Clubs

The Hanover agent reports that she has organized a club composed of girls who are doing domestic work in white homes in Ashland in the effort to help the girls render better service.

Fairs

The girls were well represented in the community fairs held in Henry County.

Sewing

The Amherst agent has assisted one club girl in the making of her clothes to take to boarding school this fall, while the Bedford agent helped four club girls get clothing made for the opening of the county schools which they will attend.

From Hanover comes the following story from the agent, "A few days ago I heard one girl ask another if she made the dress she was wearing. "Ho", she said, "I had it made". "Child", said the other, "I made this one (referring to the one she wore) and I feel proud of it. I am making another."

Canning

From Hanover comes the good news that five of the club girls have induced their mothers to use the cold pack method of canning. These girls have canned more than 500 quarts and have two bushels of dried fruits.

Canning is still going on in all of the counties and if the season is favorable many of the young vegetables which the District agent has observed on her recent trips will be put up.

Gardening

It is generally agreed that there has been an increase in gardening. This was brought out in the various conferences and picnics. Tomatoes from the Italian seeds sent out in the spring have not done as well as we had hoped for.

Cooking

Fifteen Hanover girls have bought regulated size bread pans and are planning to put bread on exhibition at the county and state fairs. One girl, 12 years of age, does most of the baking in her family.

Two Amherst girls are making bread in hope of having it good enough to send to the state fair.

The Halifax agent says that 8 of her girls are making yeast bread weekly.

Club Girls of Louisa and Hanover Counties.



Ucher prints of these pictures may be had
from Dist. Agt. or G. Jenkins

Room Improvement

This feature of the work seems to make a special appeal to the girls and considerable work has been done. They have made runners, curtains, bed sets, and rugs.

Two Louisa county girls have papered their rooms.

The following report comes from Henry, "One of our clubs wanted a rug to match a room outfit which was being made and no girl and no girl had enough rags to make it, therefore, all the members agreed to bring a clean ragged garment on club day. The agent brought two packages of blue dye for cotton goods. In two hours later we had gathered the big wash pot in the yard was full of blue garments. Girls brought wood to keep the fire going and water from the spring to help with the dyeing. Very soon we had the bushes, fence, and grass in the yard draped in blue. They made from those rags a rug of which they are very proud.

All counties show that the girls are taking an interest in potted plants for their homes next winter as well as in the flowers of the door yards.

The Halifax worker says that 15 of her girls are taking special care of flowers while 25 have some definite part of the general house work to do in order to keep their homes looking well. The Henry agent reports three successful demonstrations in starting outings with girls.

General Remarks

Six Amherst girls are to enter boarding school this fall. Two of them will be very much missed because they were real leaders in club work.

Bedford clubs have raised \$7.75 this quarter to purchase materials for club work.

Seven Hanover girls have earned money this summer to assist with school and club expenses, one of whom picked and sold \$23.00 worth of berries. Two others made \$22.00 on garden products with a winter garden already started.

The Louisa agent seemed too modest to report it, but it has come to the ears of the District Agent while on a visit to the county that Mrs. Fletcher is contributing financially to the support of an orphan girl who attends the Christiansburg school. Her interest caused an uncle to come to the girl's assistance.

Four Halifax girls are preparing for boarding school this fall.

Number girls improving rooms	6
Number clubs buying canning outfits	2
Number making club uniforms	95
Number having winter gardens	26
Number towels	17
Number wash cloths	12
Number night gowns	8
Number princess slips	3
Number pairs bloomers	10
Number dresses	15
Number curtains	11

Number runners	18
Number bed sets	7
Number laundry bags	2
Number baskets	2

CLUB RALLIES AND PICNICS

Halifax reports a very enthusiastic gathering at their first picnic and club rally. About 100 persons attended. The girls sang club songs, made reports of their work, played games and gave their yells.

From Louisa comes this report of club picnic through Mrs. Fletcher, local agent. "The club picnic was held on one of the school grounds with an attendance of more than 200. Five girls' clubs were represented in club uniform. Six women's clubs were present with about two-thirds of the members in uniform. The program consisted of club songs and yells with addresses by District Agent L. A. Jenkins and Mrs. W. T. Johnson of Richmond, Va., after which a bountiful lunch was served. Everything passed off pleasantly without a single thing to mar the peace and pleasure of the day and everyone went home happy. In a later report Mrs. Fletcher makes another comment on the picnic - "Two men who attended the picnic came to me in church Sunday and said, 'I never had a better time in my life. From this time on I shall give more time to the extension work. I am going to follow you up and try to get others to come out.' A lady who had to walk to the picnic grounds said that she would not have come if she had known the true distance from the station. I saw the same person in town Saturday and here is what she said, 'Mrs. Fletcher, I would not have missed that picnic for anything, and I am glad that I didn't know the distance because I would not have gone!'".

About 200 persons attended the picnic in Henry County July 21st. In Hanover County two picnics have been held, one tri-club, and one by a single club.

COUNTY WIDE WORK

Community Clubs organized	2
Club picnics held	5
Community fairs held	3
School houses built	1
School houses painted	4
Homes painted .r.....	9
Homes whitewashed	46
Out buildings whitewashed	12
Poultry houses built	11
Poultry coops	6
Liberty dress forms made	1
Homes screened	23
Homes equipped with water and light	1
Sanitary privies built	6
Privies made sanitary	7
Wells dug	3
Wells cleaned and new tops put on	4
Homes built	1
Homes repaired	4
Kitchens built	3
Kitchens ceiled	2
Kitchens equipped with modern furniture	1
Porches built	3
Kitchen cabinet made	1
Rooms papered	2
Poultry yards built	3
Flocks treated for lice and mites	5
Rose bushes planted	15
Canners bought	1
Demonstrations in dyeing	1
Demonstrations in canning	63
Demonstrations preserving eggs	1
Demonstrations in sewing	55
Demonstrations in cooking	14
Demonstrations in gardening	12
Number new communities visited	3
Public meetings	21
Attendance	2160
Talks by agents	96
Clubs visited	161
Visits to club members	427
Home demonstrators visited	252
Others visited	408
Articles published	8
Bulletins sent	497
Letters written	308
Circular letters sent	44
Consultations at home or office	337
Miles traveled (Rail. 1242 -Auto 2037	
Visits from district agent Team 694	4975
state Agent	1

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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District Agent L. A. Jenkins.

Number visits to Local H. D. Agents	21
Number community fairs attended	2
Number club picnics attended	2
Number public meetings attended	5
Attendance	820
Number club meetings attended	10
Attendance	125
Number homes visited	51
Number miles traveled:	
Rail	3731
Auto	318
Team	8
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Total	4057

Since July 1st I have assisted each local agent with her plans for getting exhibit work done.

Met the Hanover County board and asked for appropriation for H. D. Work and after failing to obtain it, assisted the County Advisory Board lay plans for raising some money for local aid.

During this quarter four local agents have taken sick and annual leave, namely: the Amherst, Bedford, Louisa, and Nelson agents. They have returned now much refreshed and have gone to work on winter gardens, fairs, canning, assisting girls who are getting their clothes ready to go away to school, as well as helping women get their smaller children ready for the public schools.

I attended and assisted with two community fairs in Henry County, the picnics and club rallies in Louisa and Halifax counties. During previous visits to the county assistance was given the girls in learning games, songs, and yells.

Prepared two articles for the Progress Record, the organ of the Negro Organization Society.

During the summer school here at Hampton twelve people who do extension work of one sort or another in the southern states came in and asked for suggestions and help along their several lines.

Spent a very profitable time, about five hours, with Miss Hughes,

Miss Eldona Oliver, and Miss Walker going over plans for the fairs, for sewing, and for the school lunch.

Made two trips to Amherst in interest of local aid and received the assurance of financial support from the Advisory Board. While in Amherst I attended the meeting of the Colored Fair Association and assisted in making plans for their fair September 28th and 29th.

Met two large Baptist associations, was given the chance to tell about Home Demonstration Work and received the approval of both gatherings. At such gatherings as this there is a wonderful opportunity to let people from long distances know what the work stands for because often times they are suspicious of it because as it is frequently expressed, "I just couldn't understand how we were going to get anything worth while for nothing" problem.

Respectfully submitted.

L. A. Jenkins

District Agent.