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II: COUNTY SITUATION CONCERNING THE 1952 PROGRAM

Charles City and New Kent Counties are both almost entirely rural with a small population. Eighty-five percent of Charles City's small population is negro and about fifty percent of New Kent's population is negro.

The C & O Railroad runs through both counties and the Southern Railroad passes through New Kent. Providence Forge is the only village in either county. It is centrally located between the two.

The chief sources of income in Charles City and New Kent are derived from agriculture and timber. The farming is varied with grain, beef cattle, dairying and poultry, the main types. There are grain elevators located at Providence Forge which have provided a ready market for grain. Other income is derived from fishing, trapping, and various other businesses and occupations. These counties are conveniently located to Williamsburg, West Point and Richmond, to which points both men and women commute. Industries in these counties is limited to saw-milling and related manufacture.

The white homes of both Charles City and New Kent are for the most part comfortable standard homes. There are no communities in either county which could be classed as above or below average as a community. The above and below average homes are scattered through the county. Generally speaking, the citizens of both counties are interested in the welfare of their county and work toward its improvement. Because of the size of the counties they are handicapped in many respects.

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There is only one white school in each county. The negro elementary schools are scattered through the county with a consolidated high school in each county. There is one Indian elementary school serving both Charles City and New Kent. The state and county pay tuition for Indian school students to study in Oklahoma.

Both Charles City and New Kent have well staffed health departments with one sanitation officer and one health officer serving both counties. There is a well equipped clinic at Providence Forge which serves both counties.

There are few doctors serving in these counties; however a new doctor has settled in Charles City this year.

The churches serve as a nucleus for many social groups. Churches have been on the incline for the past few years, and have made many improvements in buildings.

IV CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1952 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

The house furnishing program has probably made the greatest contribution to better living this year, since every member of the family benefits from the changes made in the home. This program was carried in both the 4-H and home demonstration clubs.

The 4-H girls learned to care for their own rooms and began to develop an appreciation for furnishings in good taste. They learned methods of caring for their rooms which should be a help to them as housewives. There were forty-two girls carrying this project and thirty-six of them completed the necessary requirements.

The adults did several phases of work in this field. The greatest number of people made changes in their homes as a result of the work on color in the home and floor finishes. There was a program in the club on floor finishes and then followed a demonstration on sanding and refinishing which was attended by thirty-five adults, both men and women. As a result of this program twenty-two families have improved their floors.

Through the foods program the women learned better methods of preparing meats and also learned new and improved uses of the home freezer.

Through the federation goals on citizenship and home and community beautification more people were reached than through any other phase of work. In several communities personal contacts were made to enlist people to register for voting. With the two year program in citizenship many women became voters for the first time. In the spring a clean-up campaign was held in each home demonstration community. This way each family, both white and colored, were contacted and urged to clean up their yards and entrances. Letters were sent out through the schools and were also mailed to those not having children in school.

The agent also feels that work in the rural arts field makes a great contribution to the family which is not always readily recognized. By learning to create articles of handicraft, a woman finds a certain satisfaction. It enables her to relax for a few moments thus relieving her mind of every day cares. Through this rprocess she becomes a better

homemaker. The adult clubs worked with baskets this year and showed a great deal of interest. Several clubs held extra meetings and learned to make more advanced articles.

V. ADULT WORK

A. PROJECT WORK

1. SUBJECT MATTER IN HOUSE FURNISHES

In this field there were several subjects of importance that were planned which contributed much to the better living conditions to the families participating. The program which was planned included care of the floors, making bedspreads, planning color in the home, refinishing furniture and reseating chairs. Two result demonstrations were planned on bedroom improvements.

In the spring, the agent gave demonstrations in all the home demonstration clubs. This demonstration included a description of floor finishes with actual samples shown of different types of finishes. Demonstrations were given in cleaning and waxing floors, showing the different care of different types of floors. As a follow-up of these demonstrations, a public meeting was held at an actual sanding and floor finishing demonstration at the home of a club member. Thirty-five men and women attended this demonstration. Each person interested was given an opportunity to handle the sanding machine. Due to a current failuer in the afternoon, the floor was not completed that day, however the agent and a few interested persons completed the job the following day. This home will be used as a result demonstration.

In March, demonstrations were given in each of the clubs on planning color schemes for the home. The purpose of this demonstration was to help homemakers use color to a better advantage in the home. As a direct and indirect result of this program eighty-seven persons improved color schemes in their homes.

Making bedspreads was planned as a part of the bedroom improvement program. The agent trained leaders who assisted her with the demonstrations in each of the home demonstration clubs. Most of the women who made bedspreads ordered sheeting which had designs stamped on them as they felt it would be easier to learn this way. However some women in each club used feed bags which made the cost of their spreads much less. Good taste was used in selecting designs and those using feed bags selected a design which would cover their seams. Sixty-five bedspreads were made as a result of this program.

Early in November a two day furniture refinishing clinic was held for both counties by the agent. Only seven women attended this clinic, however these women will serve as leaders in their clubs and help others with their refinishing problems. Six clubs held all day workshop meetings on reseating chairs. One club held an evening meeting at which time they resealed stools. All together fifty-two stools and chairs were resealed. The different types of stools on which the women received instructions included hand canning, pressed cane, and fiber cord.

The agent feels that the work done in this field has probably

made the greatest contribution to family living in the 1952 program year. All members of the family will benefit from the more comfortable well planned homes and the women have received much personal satisfaction from the contribution they have made by refinishing furniture and floors. At the achievement program held in October, the Tunstall Club exhibited the tufted bedspreads which they had made showing the types of material and equipment needed and the steps in making a spread. The exhibit was effective and one that would interest a person in making a spread, had they not seen the demonstrations.

## 2. SUBJECT MATTER IN FOODS AND NUTRITION

The home demonstration clubs planned three demonstrations in the field of foods and nutrition. The most important of these perhaps was the study of meat cookery. Because of the extreme high prices of meats, the women felt that they needed to learn to use the less expensive cuts to better advantage and to learn to get the most food value from all cuts of meat. Leaders were trained by food specialist and they either gave or assisted the agent in giving these demonstrations at their club meetings. Four clubs held all day meetings at which time the leaders prepared the meat for the lunch. In each case a less expensive cut of meat was used and the leaders showed how it could be cooked to retain the most flavor and food value. The other clubs had the demonstrations at their regular afternoon or evening meetings. In giving these demonstrations the agent and leaders used charts and a flannel graph to illustrate.

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Since many families are adding freezers to their homes, the need was felt for a program on freezing foods. Most of the women who owned freezers felt that they knew the basic rules for freezing fruits, vegetables, and meats but that they needed to know how to make better use of their freezers for other foods and also how to care for their home freezers. When the food specialist trained the leaders for this demonstration, she put special emphasis on freezing pre-cooked foods such as cakes, pies, and other baked or fried products. She also emphasized the necessity of using proper package materials for all foods which go into the freezer. Leaders gave this demonstration in all clubs except one, at which time they made a cake batter suitable for freezing. They baked part of the batter and showed how to wrap a baked cake for the freezer. They packaged the rest of the batter before it was baked to show that it could be frozen either way. Leaders in two clubs brought cakes to the club meeting, which had been frozen, to show the quality. It is difficult to measure results from this type of program but the agent feels that every homemaker who owns a freezer and saw this demonstration would result in making better use of her freezer.

Because of its relationship to Christmas, making cookies and candies was demonstrated at the December club meetings. Only one of these demonstrations was given at each meeting. Five clubs made cookies and decorated them. Four clubs made Christmas candies. The agent gave these demonstrations with the help of foods leaders.

### 3. SUBJECT MATTER IN CLOTHING

Two better dress clinics were held which were attended by eighteen

women. Each group met for five classes. The first class included a discussion on the selection of designs and fabrics suitable for the better dress. After sufficient time allowed for shopping, the construction classes began. The agent held both of these clinics with the assistance of clothing leaders. In these classes the women learned to fit patterns, cut the garment and special finishes used for better dresses. As a result of this program twenty-five better dresses were reported made. Only women who had had some previous clothing construction were enrolled in these clinics. The Sandy Point Club exhibited garments made at the better dress clinic at the achievement program in October.

Two demonstrations were planned in the clothing field for the regular home demonstration club meetings. These demonstrations were of clothing accessories and good grooming. The program committee included this in the year's work because the women felt they needed information in choosing proper accessories and in achieving the all over well groomed appearance. It is difficult to measure results of a program such as this but the agent feels that the women were helped in making wiser choices in their selection of accessories and in becoming better groomed. The agent gave these demonstrations in all the clubs, actually showing the women how to brush and care for the hair and nails. Information was given on care of the skin, care of the clothing and other subjects relative to being well groomed.

4. SUBJECT MATTER IN RURAL ARTS

Each year the home demonstration program includes some phases of rural arts because the women feel that they get a certain satisfaction

from learning to create useful articles. While farm women frequently do not have leisure time, they need to have some creative pleasure of making something. The handicraft chosen for the 1952 program was basket making. This particular handicraft had never been carried in Charles City and New Kent before. The agent felt that this program would merely give the women a satisfaction of having made something different. However many useful and attractive baskets were made for their homes and as gifts.

The agent trained leaders from each club in basket making. These leaders in turn held workshops in their own clubs. Three clubs held extra all day meetings on basket making in addition to the regular club meetings. The leaders training meeting included only three types of baskets; bread baskets with plywood bottoms, flower basket with plywood bottoms, and bread baskets with woven bottoms. However many of the leaders showed so much interest in the basket making that they learned on their own to do more advanced work. The type of baskets made in the clubs included bread baskets, flower baskets, (some with handles), waste baskets, serving trays, letter holders, sewing baskets and others. Approximately two hundred and seventy baskets were made as a result of this program.

As a carry over from previous years, club women are still making etched aluminum trays and are decorating articles with textile paints. Approximately thirty-six aluminum trays were made this year.

Chair seating is one phase of rural arts in which the home demonstration clubs participated in this year. However because the agent felt that this was actually a part of the furniture refinishing program a discussion of this phase of the program is given under V-A-I, Subject

o Matter in House Furnishing.

5. SUBJECT MATTER IN HOUSING

o The home demonstration program did not include any work in the field of housing, however the agent has assisted a number of club members and others in this field. On one occasion the housing specialist from VPI came to the county and made two home visits. One home in the Tunstall community was a home in which remodeling is to be done. The problem was in adding new rooms to the house without destroying the outside appearance. Bathrooms are to be added, also one or two bedrooms and an utility room. This home will become a result demonstration as the work is begun. The agent has assisted eleven families with remodeling problems including plans for bathrooms, changing windows and building storage spaces.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. PARTICIPATION OF AN OUTSTANDING FAMILY

Family cooperation is one characteristic the extension service always works toward in its program. Whenever possible every member of a family is drawn into a program. One family in New Kent County, which for some years has shown a great interest in the programs supplied by the extension service, has been the A. C. Frase's of the Quinton community. Mr. and Mrs. Frase have both participated in several phases of community work. Mrs. Frase is a member of long standing of the Quinton Home Demonstration Club. She has served as club president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and has been a project leader during the time of her membership. Her two older children, A. C. Jr. and Edith were members of the 4-H club and did outstanding work. Edith

who is now in college, served as assistant recreation leader at the Jamestown 4-H Camp in 1952. Mrs. Frame is secretary and treasurer of the Quinton Community Center which was organized last year. Mr. Frame has participated in this project by serving on the house and grounds committee, seeing that the land was cleared and part of the materials in place for the proposed community building. Mr. Frame is also a member of the Corn and Pasture Club and president of the newly organized Farm

PARTICIPATION OF CLUBS IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Eltham and Quinton Home Demonstration Clubs have each organized a community center with the ultimate aim of building community houses. Each club has purchased land which has been cleared. The Quinton Community group has purchased part of its building materials which have been placed on the property. Since the men in the community plan to do the building themselves, the work is progressing slowly.

However each group has raised a large portion of their necessary funds and are expecting to continue with the project.

The Charles City Citizens Association is an organization made up of families in Charles City County. The purpose of this group is to improve living conditions in Charles City County. In 1952 this association has worked toward improvements in agriculture, roads, telephones, and the beautification of the courthouse. The home agent meets with this group each month and refreshments are served monthly by the home demonstration clubs.

3. GENERATION GEAR ACTIVITIES

Citizenship was the federation goal chosen by the home demonstration clubs for 1953. The purpose of this goal was to have women recognize and meet the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy. The points the clubs planned to stress were (1) to teach proper responsibility for law and order, (2) to have members attend the General Assembly and learn more about operations of the assembly, (3) to sponsor a clean up campaign the week before garden week, (4) to sponsor a first aid class, (5) to increase club membership, and (6) to make the home a place for better citizenship.

Each club had a leaders which worked under the guidance of the County Federation Goal Chairman. The club leaders each gave brief talks in December on respect for law and order.

In February about thirty women from New Kent and Charles City attended a session of the General Assembly. Mrs. C. L. Fisher and Mrs. B. L. Feltz, Citizenship Chairmen, arranged for all the women to have seats on the floor of the House of Delegates. This was the first trip to the General Assembly for many of these women.

In April the home demonstration clubs sponsored a clean up campaign which covered both counties. The Jr. Women's Club of New Kent cooperated with the New Kent Home Demonstration Clubs by sponsoring a poster contest in the schools on this subject. These posters were then placed in public places in the county. In Charles City County the home demonstration clubs sponsored a poster contest in the schools. These posters were used in the same way. In addition to posters, letters were sent through the mail and by the school children. Publicity was given

in the local paper and in a monthly church magazine covering Charles City County. The results of this campaign was obvious to county residents as many yards and entrances were cleaned up and improved.

In May seventy women from New Kent and Charles City chartered two buses for a trip to Washington where they visited the capitol and White House as well as other places of National interest. This trip was planned by the Citizenship Chairmen.

The clubs had planned to sponsor a first aid class but due to the inability to obtain instructions, these classes were not organized. An aim of the citizenship program was to increase membership in the home demonstration clubs. Membership was increased by forty-three members, part of these were obtained by adding one new club.

4. COUNTY OBJECTIVES

The county objectives which were set by the home demonstration committee were (1) to have every home demonstration member a voting citizen, (2) have clubs hold three meetings without the agent, (3) have each club continue to support Jamestown 4-H Camp building program, (4) to interest high school girls in furthering their studies in home economics and encourage worthy girls to enter the field of home demonstration work. These goals were supported by each club, however not all of the goals were reached. Many club members registered and voted for the first time, however there are still some club members who have never registered and do not vote. All clubs except one held two meetings without the agent. Three clubs held three meetings without the agent present. One club has no means of transportation unless the agent attends.

for that reason they held no meetings without the agent. Four clubs contributed to the Jamestown 4-H Camp. In March all clubs of both counties cooperated in entertaining the Jr. and Sr. girls of the counties at a tea at which time speakers from the home economics field told of their work in an effort to interest some of the girls to further their study in home economics. There being no home economics taught in either of the high schools, it is rather difficult to interest girls in this field, however one girl from New Kent County entered college to study home economics this fall.

5. RESULT DEMONSTRATIONS

Three result demonstrations in landscaping were carried over from the 1951 program. These demonstrations were visited five times. Seven meetings were held in these homes during the year.

VI 4-H CLUB WORK

A. PROJECT WORK

1. SUBJECT MATTER IN ROOM IMPROVEMENT

All girls enrolled in the 4-H club in 1952 carried the room improvement project (Your Room, Pep It Up). There were forty-two girls in this project of which thirty-six completed. The two Sr. clubs, the New Kent 4-H Club and the Charles City Sr. 4-H Club, carried a larger program in which they learned to make dressing tables, remodel furniture, make lamps, etc. The younger girls learned to make smaller articles such as trash cans and jewelry boxes and learned to care for their room and to arrange furniture to the best advantage.

Each of the five clubs carrying the room improvement project

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had a project leader who assisted in giving demonstrations and helping girls to carry their projects to completion. Because of transportation problems involved in a sparsely settled community, the agent attended the majority of the club meetings in order that she could help with transportation. For this reason leaders did not take full responsibility of the clubs.

Eighteen older 4-Her's and leaders attended a home improvement training meeting at Thalhimers in Richmond in July. These 4-Her's and leaders learned much about decorating the home and conducting the home improvement program. Miss Ruth Jamison, House Furnishing Specialist, conducted the meeting and was assisted by Mr. Ellry of Thalhimers.

2. SUBJECT MATTER IN FOODS AND NUTRITION

Twenty-eight girls enrolled in food projects including preparation of foods and bread making. Twenty-two of these girls completed their projects. Most of these projects were carry-overs from previous years and the instructions were given to the individual club members by the leaders and agent.

3. SUBJECT MATTER IN CLOTHING

Twelve girls carried the clothing project with ten completing. All of these girls received individual instructions due to the fact that the project was not being carried by the entire club. All of these projects were carry-overs from previous years work.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. CAMPS

Eight girls from New Kent and Charles City County attended the

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district 4-H camp at Jamestown in June. This camp program was planned to give the boys and girls training in recreation and leadership. Handicraft and other classes were held. The girls and boys attending the district camp came home with enthusiasm about the 4-H club which they radiated to other club members. The leadership they are given in conducting recreation and other activities is a help not only in 4-H club work but to the community as a whole.

Seven girls attended the State 4-H Short Course at VPI in June. Zona Mae Fairbanks was the first girl from either of these counties to be taken into the All Star organization. Zona Mae also participated in the state bread preparation contest, having won in the district in February.

## 2. CONTESTS

All girls taking 4-H projects were entered in county contests. The contest winners from 1951 participated in district contests in Richmond in February. One Charles City girl won the district food preparation contest and was entered in the state contest in June. There was also a participant in the district dress review contest, who won a blue ribbon. Other district contests entered were poultry, consumption and room improvement.

## 3. RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Rural Life Sunday was celebrated at a union service at the Memorial Methodist Church in Charles City on May 18th. All churches in the county participated in the service which honored the rural organizations including the 4-H clubs, boy scouts, FFA and home demon-

stration clubs. The 4-H club members and members of other youth organizations served as ushers and parking attendants at the church. The guest speaker for the day was Bishop St. George Tucker, Retired Residing Bishop of the Episcopal Church of America. Other special guests included the Commissioner of Agriculture and workers in rural organizations in the county. Approximately two hundred people attended.

#### 4. FAIR

The New Kent 4-H Club had an educational exhibit at the Tidewater Fair for which they won first prize. This exhibit showed the work of the club in making articles from feed bags. These educational exhibits develop interest in 4-H club work and help those attending the fair to see what clubs are doing. Many individual club members exhibited products from their projects which also helped to create interest in club work.

#### 5. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Charles City 4-H Clubs took as their community project the improvement of the school clinic. The clinic was in a run down condition needing mostly to be cleaned and kept in an orderly fashion. After obtaining permission from the school principal, the clinic was thoroughly cleaned, mattress aired and bed linens laundered. A new spread was purchased for the cot and a shade was furnished for the glass door. Club members took turns in laundering the bed linens as they were used.

#### 6. RADIO BROADCAST

Each 4-H club in Charles City and New Kent had an opportunity to present a half hour 4-H broadcast over station WREL. Each week

that Charles City and New Kent participated in this program, a club member was selected as 4-Her of the week. Three girls were given this honor during this year's program.

VII YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S WORK

Work with this group of young adults has been limited to cooperation with church groups and the junior woman's club. The main objectives of the church groups are to promote church activities and to provide social and recreational opportunities. The home agent attends one church group regularly and assists with the program. The other church group asks only for service, which the agent is glad to give when possible. The junior woman's club is a civic organization which has as its goal many of the same things on which the home demonstration club works. The agent does not attend regularly but works with individual members in an advisory capacity.

VIII SCOPE OF WORK

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	13	15	12	10
Membership	210	220	152	181
No. 4-H Clubs	8	8	7	5
Membership	101	122	82	58
No. YMW Groups	1	1	2	0
Membership	15	18	57	0
No. of families reached		260	600	500
No. of different families reached		204	779	693
No. of Community Clubs				3
Membership				139

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IX SECTION OF ORGANIZATIONS IN 1952 PROGRAM

A. COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE

This committee which is made up of home demonstration club presidents, program development leaders and other influential women, is the group which formulates the home demonstration club program. In the spring this group met to check up on plans which had been made the previous fall and to make further plans for carrying out this program. They began at this meeting to make plans for 1953. Also final plans for delegates to state meeting and for achievement day and other county activities were made at this spring meeting.

This fall this group met again. At this meeting they brought together ideas from all the clubs to set up their home demonstration program for 1953. With the help of the agent and district agent the program calendar of demonstrations, federation goal, special clinics and activities and other county functions were planned for the new year's program. This committee is an over-all planning committee for all home demonstration clubs in the two counties.

X LEADERSHIP

A. CONTRIBUTIONS OF VOLUNTEER LEADERS

1. ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

In the ten organized adult clubs in the two counties there were thirty-two organizational leaders. These women are the officers of the clubs, including the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. This group of women conduct all of the business of the home demonstration clubs. There are three community groups organized with twenty-six organi-

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national leaders including presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and members of the board of directors. The five 4-H clubs had fifteen organizational leaders who took care of the business procedures of the clubs. In addition to these club officers there were several women who served in the home demonstration county committee and helped plan the work for the clubs.

2. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT LEADERS

Each home demonstration club has a program development leader whose main objective is to help plan a program for the county which will meet the needs of the people. Training was given these leaders individually at club meetings and as a group at spring meeting of the home demonstration committee. These women held at least one discussion in each club to help the club members see their needs and to help her get a better picture of the community situation. These leaders attended the county planning meeting and presented the ideas from the clubs. The program was developed from these ideas.

3. SUBJECT MATTER LEADERS

In the home demonstration clubs there were seventy subject matter leaders and federation goal leaders who helped to carry out the year's program. Duties of these leaders consisted of carrying information to club members through discussions, demonstrations and other ways.

Five training meetings were held for subject matter leaders which was attended by seventy-nine women. After attending these training classes the leaders went back to their clubs and gave the instruction to the club members. In addition to these five meetings, training was given in

November for two demonstrations to be given in the 1953 program. Leaders held thirty-four meetings during the year without the agent present. Leaders gave or assisted with two hundred and eighteen talks, discussions or demonstrations.

Leaders in the home demonstration clubs gave demonstrations on making tufted bedspreads, making baskets, cooking low cost meats, and good grooming. They also assisted with demonstrations on refinishing furniture, making the better dress and reseating chairs.

The federation goal leaders on citizenship gave forty-five talks at the club meetings or at other meetings. These leaders planned and carried out the goals discussed under V\*B, Federation Goal Activities.

B. GROWTH OF LEADERSHIP BY PROJECT LEADERS

<u>Growth of H. D. Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
No. project leaders (subject matter)	59	96	96	75
No. goal chairmen				9
No. training meetings held by Specialist	4	4	3	2
by agent	1	1	3	3
Attendance at all training meetings	82	67	62	79
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	29	32	24	34
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	118	125	96	84

<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. adult project leaders	6	8	10	8
No. Junior project leaders	3	3	4	3
No. training meetings held by Specialist by agent	1	1	2	2
Attendance at leader training meetings	2	3	8	16
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	5	7	14	4
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	9	13	24	4
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted			24	11
No. demonstrations given by leaders	14	13	48	23
by adults	12	10	36	15
by juniors	2	3	12	8

C. ACTIVITIES OF OUTSTANDING LEADER

It is difficult to single out one leader and say she has done an outstanding job. However, Mrs. C. L. Fisher of the Quinton community has shown unusual leadership qualifications. She has served as a 4-H leader for eight years during which time she has helped girls with project work and club activities. She has helped them serve suppers and execute other money making projects. She helped them exhibit projects at the fair and to put up club exhibits for they won prizes two years.

In addition to her help with the 4-H clubs she served as county chairman for the federation goal, as president of the Quinton Home Demonstration Club and on the board of directors of the Quinton Community Center. As chairman of the citizenship goal she planned the citizenship work for the clubs as discussed in this report. She visited each club

and in addition she visited the Indian Church and worked also with the colored schools. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Women's Club and she cooperated with this club in her goal work.

It was mostly through the efforts of Mrs. Fisher that the Quinton Community Center was organized. She has shown much interest in this and other community activities. Mrs. Fisher is also very active in her church.

## II WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES

### A. SCHOOLS

During the school session, the agent works very closely with the principal and teachers. Although the 4-H club meetings are not held during school hours, school facilities are frequently used. Meetings are held in the school after school hours and special programs are presented in the school. Leaders have taken part in various PTA and other school meetings.

### B. SOIL CONSERVATION

The agent works with the Soil Conservation Service in helping to promote more interest in conservation through the home. During National Resources week, the agent and others helped the Soil Conservation Service prepare a recording which was broadcast over WRNL.

### C. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The home agent works closely with the health nurses in getting information to the people. Through home demonstration club meetings, publicity is given to regular and special clinics. The club have chosen health as their goal for 1953 and will work more closely with

the department next year.

B. WELFARE

The Welfare Department and the Extension Service keep in touch although there are few opportunities to work together. The 4-H and home demonstration clubs prepared Christmas baskets for families whose names are provided by the Welfare Department.

XIII APPRAISAL OF YEAR'S WORK

The agent feels that the extension program has been helpful and stimulating to both adults and youth. Through work with the 4-H club members the agent and leaders have been able to give these girls new ideas which they will carry with them and develop through the years. Although membership is smaller in the 4-H club the agent feels that there has been good project work.

Home demonstration club members have shown a greater interest in club work and have participated in many club activities. Activities which are planned in addition to the regular program gives an indication of growing interest. Through the trips taken to the General Assembly, Washington, Institute of Rural Affairs and to the National Home Demonstration Council Meeting show that the club women are interested in the program. Leaders have held additional meetings which also show that they are taking more responsibilities.

The agent feels that the 1952 program was a well rounded program, which offered homemakers an opportunity to learn many new and improved methods of doing everyday jobs, to cooperate in civic affairs, and to learn ways of turning leisure hours into interesting and profitable hours, and to participate in community recreation.

XIII SUPPLEMENT

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The above group of Charles City and New Kent boys and girls attended the Jamestown 4-H Camp during the week of June 9 to 14. Shown are: Front row, left to right: John Hofmeyer, Nellie Dingus, Charlotte Ayres, Shelby Cassell, Virginia Taylor, Julianna Reynolds, Victoria Kurdzill, Betty Gregory, Dorothy Windham and Harold Jackson.

Second row: William Waltrip, George Tyler, Reubin Payne, Aubrey White, Julian Lipscomb, Edmund Cox and Jimmy Perry.

Back row: Mrs. Mildred Payne, home agent; Stanley Hula, Curtis White, Bernard Haynes, Gordon Taylor, Kendall Lipscomb, Billy Perry and Carlton Mundie.

