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provide proper guidance for youth development in Virginia. A few of the definite responsibilities of the Virginia Agricultural Extension

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

(1) (Virginia Agricultural Extension Service)

(2) Efficiency in marketing, distribution, and utilization. Introduction

Cooperative Extension Work is an educational program financed by the Federal, State, and County governments. This educational program is affiliated with the State land-grant colleges and universities. Its purpose is to disseminate information relating to agriculture and home economics to rural people for the purpose of improving their standards of living.

Extension work is based on the assumption that there are certain worth-while facts known to a comparatively few that could, with profit, be known by the many. It also assumes that those in possession of the facts have the desire and ability to impart the information in a manner that would be understood and accepted by the people to whose business and life it applies. A program in agricultural extension work is simply an organized plan of presenting information.

We in the Extension service believe that much can be done to help Virginia enjoy a better life despite the uncertainties of constantly changing conditions in Agriculture. The Extension Service of the Land-Grant Colleges in Virginia is dedicated to help maintain a strong agriculture and improved family living; and to

The 64 agents influenced 7,968 farm families, 4,409 rural non-farm

families, 2,591 urban families to make some change in agricultural practices; and 9,466 farm families, 10,179 rural non-farm families, 3,862 urban families to make some change in homemaking practices.

Methods Used To Influence People

Agricultural Extension Work is comprehensive; therefore, proper use of all the available means and agencies is essential. Since participation in Extension activities is strictly voluntary on the part of farm people, Extension workers must (1) create the desire to make desirable changes in farm and home practices, (2) start the program from present practices and the present level of living, (3) make the program economically sound, and (4) develop a program that will raise the level of living and increase the cash income.

In most cases, more than one method or means must be used to accomplish results. Methods that involve action or show results are the most effective, but in most cases they are expensive and reach a limited number of people. Usually, they must be supplemented by methods that reach a larger number of people, therefore, being less costly.

Means and agencies used by Extension workers are in four groups: Action, Results or Visual - including result demonstrations, method demonstrations, exhibits, film strips and motion pictures; Printed materials - including bulletins, circulars and leaflets, newspaper articles, correspondence, posters, charts, circular letters; Oral which includes group discussions, tours, schools or short courses, office calls, telephone calls, community or county meetings,

radio and farm or home visits; Indirect influence - including the final test of effective teaching which is in the result accomplished. One of these many ways of teaching gives opportunity to repeat for the sake of emphasis and yet maintain interest. The real fundamental means of Extension teaching are the method and result demonstrations. Other methods usually create interest or give support to these demonstrations.

Families were reached through 27,179 farm or home visits, 17,819 office calls, 25,342 telephone calls, 693 radio programs, 967 newspaper articles, distribution of 156,291 bulletins, and 1,038 adult result demonstrations. Agents and specialists conducted 1,566 training meetings for local leaders with 19,403 leaders attending. The farm and home agents held 9,329 other meetings in adult work, 4-H club work, and young men and women club work with 264,421 persons attending. Local leaders held 2,976 meetings for adults, 4-H club groups, and young men and women club groups with an attendance of 60,122 persons.

Organization and Planning

The 47 counties reported 264 advisory councils or committees with 7,028 members. These councils carried on 632 meetings in connection with Extension organization and program planning with 14,078 persons attending. Other program planning meetings included 904 community or local meetings with 15,567 persons attending and 184 county meetings with 5,982 persons attending. There were 79 fact-finding surveys made during the year for program planning purposes. Agents were assisted by 6,779 voluntary local leaders with organization, planning, and conducting Extension Work in the counties.

North State Agricultural Advisory Board

The North State Agricultural Advisory Board of Virginia was organized in Powhatan County in 1926. The objective of this organization has been to cooperate with the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service and other related agricultural agencies in improving the standard of living of farm families in Virginia. On the county level, the Agricultural Advisory Board embraces many phases of farm and home life in the respective counties. The County Advisory Board is composed of representatives from the various community clubs. In all counties committees and sub-committees assist with the educational program pertaining to the different phases of rural development. Once each year two representatives from the County Advisory Board, one man and one woman, extension personnel, representatives from the state and Federal agricultural agencies, and the land-grant colleges attend the annual meeting. These men and women come together to study and discuss problems confronting farmers and try to find ways and means of remedying them. The annual meeting is held in a different county each year, at which time the respective County Agricultural Advisory Board serves as host for the event.

One activity sponsored by the state organization is the community improvement program. The state organization invites every county to enter its demonstration community improvement contest annually. Community and 4-H clubs must be organized before the community can participate in the contest. Every family in the community, owners and tenants, is invited to take part in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Williams and Flom

The purpose of the contest is to encourage home ownership, assist Point Community where Community Improvement Work is sponsored by farmers in becoming self-supporting, aid them in making greater the New Kent County Advisory Board.

contributions to commercial agriculture, emphasize the conservation

The two counties winning awards in the 1956 Community of our natural resources, and to encourage home comforts and home Improvement Program were announced. This program stresses farm and beautification. Ten community awards are made each year ranging home development, farm buildings and machinery, family life improvement from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Awards are based on a point system whereby and development, and health. Also included is family participation a community must earn a minimum of 200 points before it is eligible in community organizations. The program is designed to improve to compete for an award.

living standards of rural people throughout Virginia. One thousand

During each annual meeting a tour is made in the host one hundred and fifty-seven (1,157) families in 36 counties participate to visit farms and homes to see result demonstrations, invited in the program for 1956. The ten counties winning awards both adult and 4-R club work. For many years the organization has

in 1956 were:
placed great emphasis on the farm and the home as a unit for better living.

County	Community	POINTS	PRIZE
Sussex	Hunting Quarter	525	\$25.00
Westmoreland	Wagoe-Woodbridge	501	25.00

Advisory Board of Virginia convened in Charles City and New Kent Counties, September 2nd and 3rd. On the first day the group met at

Hanover	Corinth Chapel	471	10.00
the Second Liberty Baptist Church, Quinton, Virginia; on the second			
Widewater	Elton Hill	462	10.00
day the meeting was held at the Elton Baptist Church, Ruthville,			
Fitzcivlenia	Union Hall	457	10.00
Virginia.			
Greensville	Dehlie	447	10.00

Highlights of the Annual Meeting were County Progress

Campbell	Yellow Branch	437	10.00
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Reports of Community Improvement Work made by the various delegates.

Caroline	Sports	437	10.00
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Report of State Home Demonstration Committee, the History of Extension

Appomattox	Hinburg	432	10.00
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Work in Charles City and New Kent Counties by C. E. Skelander, Local

Farm Agent, and an address by Henry Fowler, Assistant Professor of Agriculture Economic, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

Other outstanding events were tours to visit the farm and homes of

and one girl. The recipients of the two scholarships for the school year 1958-59 were: Audra Mae E. Boney, 4-H club girl of Dinwiddie County, and Levon Roane, 4-H club boy of Westmoreland County.

The scholarship is payable at the rate of \$50.00 for each semester during the school year. So long as the recipient conducts himself in keeping with the requirement of the college where he is enrolled and maintain an average of 'C' or above.

The State Organization also allocated the sum of \$500.00 to assist in underwriting expenses for the next NFE delegate.

The organization honors one outstanding farm family each year. These families have made considerable progress in areas of soil and water conservation, crop and livestock production, poultry production, sound business methods for farm and home, good family relations, and community and county leadership. Six families have received plaques during special programs in their honor. They are:

The Harvey M. Thomas Family Caroline County Poultry Production	1953
The Theodore E. McClenny Family Southampton County Livestock Production	1954
The Arthur R. Glover Family Isle of Wight County Farm Management	1955
The John H. Maclin, Sr. Family Brunswick County Agriculture and Rural Living	1956

The Frank E. Owens Family Randolph County Agriculture, Family Relations, and Leadership	1937
The James Tucker Family Crawsville County Forestry and Farm Management	1938

Community Development

Farm and home agents and voluntary local leaders assisted with various activities in community development and public affairs directly related to farm and home practices. Activities included citizenship with 5,969 persons participating and 369 leaders assisting, developing and improving county and community organizations with 4,390 persons and 359 leaders, local projects of a general nature with 32,019 persons and 3,132 leaders, regional or area development programs or projects with 351 persons and 28 leaders, national programs and proposals affecting agriculture and rural life with 1,067 persons and 54 leaders, and emergency activities with 609 persons and 102 leaders.

Better Farm Marketing and Production Practices

Crops and Livestock

Negro extension agents and voluntary local leaders assisted farmers and other individuals in some phase of crop and livestock production and marketing practices. Reports show that recommended practices were adopted by 5,324 families in grain crops, 4,107 in hay and other forage pasture range, 1,094 in cotton, 4,947 in tobacco,

1,671 in fruits, 6,652 in vegetables including potatoes, 2,806 in flowers and ornamental shrubs, 1,836 with dairy animals and products, 3,356 with poultry and products, 686 with beef cattle, and 3,606 with swine.

Conservation and Management

Recommended marketing and production practices were adopted by 4,567 families in soil and water conservation and management, 3,596 in forestry, 1,804 in wildlife, 6,829 in planning and managing the farm business, 2,493 with farm buildings, and 2,793 with mechanical equipment.

Marketing, Distribution, and Service Organizations

Educational assistance was given in organizational problems, financial problems, operational problems, and public relations and membership problems to 43 members of 2 formally organized purchasing cooperatives and 1,232 members of 9 farm and home services cooperatives. The informally organized groups receiving assistance were 13 marketing and purchasing groups with 215 members and 3 farm and home service groups with 100 members.

There were 21 surveys made on specific problems of marketing and service facilities during the year. Assistance was given 957 farmers, homemakers, and other individuals in marketing products through roadside or other farm retail markets; 1,761 buyers, sellers, handlers, processors, and transporters of farm products were assisted with marketing problems; 23 food retailers were assisted with

merchandising problems; and an estimated 4,095 persons were assisted with consumer information on agricultural products.

Farm and Home Unit Approach Work

There are 126 families participating in the Farm and Home Unit Development Program. Farm and Home Development Work is a unit approach which recognized that the farm family, the farm business, and the home are inseparable. This program is more than just planning; it seeks what they have in the way of resources in land, labor, equipment, capital, and their living standards. It also reveals objectives and goals of the farm families.

Separate inventories are made for the farm and for the home which are brought together for study. After inventories have been studied, alternate procedures for achievement of goals are then suggested to the families. Final decisions are made by the farm families. Plans are then developed with the people, not for them. Once the plans have been developed, technical assistance is provided by Extension agents and specialists in carrying them out.

The major objective of the Farm and Home Unit Development Program is to get the results of research put into action more rapidly than has been done in the past. Families participating in this program are selected by the Extension agent or by a sub-committee of the County Agricultural Advisory Board. In the Farm and Home Unit Approach the Extension Service provides farm families with council and assistance which will enable them to:

1. Identify and analyze effectively their major farm and home problems and opportunities.
2. Determine a definite course of action in relation thereto which will produce the maximum in terms of economic returns and family satisfaction.
3. Put such plans into effect as rapidly as feasible.
4. Adjust plans wisely to meet ever changing conditions.
5. Use the results of Farm and Home Unit Demonstrators for the benefit of others.

Home Demonstration Work

Improving Rural Living

Thirty-four (34) home demonstration agents reported 359 home demonstration clubs and other groups with 7,051 members organized to carry out recommended practices. To meet the challenge of improved family living Extension programs planned by the people with assistance of Extension personnel have these objectives: improved diets, better dressed families, improved housing and surroundings, improved house furnishing, better management of money, time, and energy for healthier and happier individuals and families. Recommended practices were adopted by 10,577 families in clothing, 12,083 in foods and nutrition, 4,434 in home management, 5,045 in family life, 3,825 in family economics, 9,277 in health, 8,331 in safety, 7,678 in house and surroundings,

and 7,330 in house furnishings.

District Home Demonstration Committee

The District Home Demonstration Committee of the State Advisory Board was organized in 1949. This committee is composed of home demonstration club members and home agents, all working together to strengthen the Extension program and to influence more people throughout the state to achieve a higher standard of living. The presidents of the organization are executive board members of the State Advisory Board. Since its organization the program has included work on housing, health, recreation, and reaching more people.

Three district meetings are held during National Home Demonstration Week in various counties in the state. Established goals are evaluated through reports of activities, needs and interests of people were studied, and plans for continued work formulated, based on facts and other background information. Each year the sum of \$150.00 is donated to the delegates who attend the Regional 4-H Camp.

The rural families of Virginia are enriched as the results of these leaders coming together, sharing experiences, exchanging ideas, and enlarging their vision as to what the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service offers to those who would improve their family living.

Program Projection

In 1959 attempts were made to assist agents and leaders with the organization of Home Economics or General Interest Committees

and to strengthen those which were previously organized. In about 17 counties home economics or general interest committees are organized for the purpose of expanding the Extension. Committees have been organized for food and nutrition, Clothing and Health, Housing and Yard Beautification.

Supervisors attended and assisted some of the committee meetings and directed the groups toward proper selection of committees. Information from Specialists in newsletters and bulletins have been helpful.

Now that the county needs have been determined, the findings have played an important role in developing the county home demonstration program. The County Advisory Board and the 4-H Council also have felt this influence in the total county program.

Leadership

In 1959 it appears that one of the most outstanding accomplishments was the development of leadership. Many of the local and state organizations are benefited by the leadership developed through the home demonstration clubs. Well-qualified leaders are the key to an expanding Extension program and better living for more rural people.

Over a period of years, efforts have been made to build up the confidence of local leaders by training them well and then giving them a chance to serve according to their interests and abilities. Local leaders planned their home demonstration club programs, community and county-wide activities. Some demonstration club leaders

have representation on each county advisory board, the over-all organization for Extension work in the county. They have home economic and general interest committee to assist with better program planning.

Reports from 34 counties show that 1,062 food leaders, 796 clothing, 860 house and surroundings, 759 furnishings and equipment, 737 health, 549 safety, and 489 home management leaders assisted home agents in getting improved practices adopted by 27,000 families in the state. Thus, many families improved their living standards, were better informed, and became more effective citizens.

Home Demonstration Club Members Visit United Nations

Thirty-one (31) home demonstration club members from Mecklenburg County made Educational Tours to New York City. Visits were made to the United Nations Building, Empire State Building Observatory and the Statue of Liberty. The group was also guest at two television programs - "Do-Re-Mi" and "The Price is Right." Other attractions included movies and shows. This was the Twelfth Annual Educational Trip for home demonstration club members and the local home agent from Mecklenburg.

Home demonstration club members from Mecklenburg were:

Name. Peal Tucker, Catherine Hardy, Mary Tiedale, Jennie Freeman, Estelle Coleman, Leola D. Wood, Coria Spencer, Lucille Royster, Aleese White, Lula Pulliam, Matilda Puryear, Habel Pulliam, Roselle Harris, Elisabeth Hawthorne, Marial Parrish, N. Simmons, Cora Stone, Angeline Hardy, Lona Hayes, Lula Hodgins, Jessie Kerney, Ross Bennett,

Miss Luna Patterson, Mrs. Mitter, George Williams and Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Delores G. Morse. Other persons included on the tour were: Mrs. S.H. Winfield, Local Home Agent, Mrs. Odell Easter, Mrs. Elvia Harrison all from Brunswick, Mrs. Lissie Russell of Washington, D. C. and Miss Juanita Peel, Local Home Agent in Charlotte County.

Professional Improvement of Agents

Local Farm and Home Agents attended Summer School for Professional Improvement during 1959 as indicated:

COMMUNICATION TRAINING PROGRAM, Virginia State College, Petersburg
January 26-30, all agents attending

SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR EXTENSION AGENTS: Prairie View A. & M. College
Prairie View, Texas
June 6-25, four (4) farm agents
attending.

Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York
July 6-26, four (4) home agents
attending.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM AND HOME AGENTS: Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia
October 26-30, all agents
attending.

4-H Club Work

In 1959, membership in 4-H clubs reached an all-time high, with 17,120 boys and girls enrolled in 47 counties in which Negro agents are employed. These boys and girls, between the ages of 10 and 20, were enrolled in 451 Four-H clubs. The 4-H enrollment in 1959 exceeded that of 1958 by 459 members. The members enrolled

carried 22,927 projects and completed 15,441. The volunteer 4-H leaders working with 4-H club members also increased from 725 to 791.

4-H County Council

The 4-H Council is made up of the officers of each 4-H club in the county and the club leaders. The council plans the county 4-H program and assists the clubs and members in following through with the program as planned or making whatever adjustments that might seem practicable.

Forty-six (46) counties had county 4-H councils or committees with a total membership of 2,546 Four-H club members and leaders; and held 138 meetings to plan and conduct the 4-H program.

Other responsibilities of the Council are:

1. Helping to select and finance delegates to State and National events.
2. Make plans for observance of National 4-H Week, 4-H Sunday and 4-H Achievement Day.
3. Train officers to perform their duties.

The 4-H Council also has representation on the county over-all planning board, this helps to coordinate the work of the Juniors and Adults.

National 4-H Club Week

National 4-H Club Week was observed the first week in March 1959. Twenty-five counties reported having observed National

4-H Week in various ways. Some had special radio programs, and some had special assembly programs, other had 4-H banquets and leader training meetings; other recognized club members and leaders for outstanding work.

Greeneville county put forth a special effort to get all former 4-H members to come to a county-wide meeting. Those who were away and could not come were asked to write or send telegrams of their whereabouts and what they were doing. Twenty-five former members sent telegrams or wrote letters to be read at the meeting.

4-H Sunday

The observance of 4-H Sunday has been a means of creating interest in 4-H work on the part of parents and the general public. Usually the third Sunday in May, or a Sunday near this date is set aside for 4-H club members to attend church together. The program is planned by the 4-H members and for them. The observance has increased from a few counties a few years ago to all counties observing 4-H Sunday either at a county-wide program or several community programs.

In Lunenburg County the Rural Life Sunday was observed on May 17, 1939 at the Pleasant Oak Church, Victoria. The program was conducted by 4-H members. After the devotions, a short skit, "What Our Church Can Mean to Us" was presented by six members. The speaker for the occasion was John Taylor, a native of the county

and a former 4-H member. John Taylor is in collage. The speaker was a challenge to all 4-H members. They were impressed with what 4-H had meant to him. The program gave members from the eight organized clubs an opportunity to worship and participate as a county-wide group.

4-H Short Course

Three hundred and thirty-nine (339) 4-H club members and leaders from forty-seven (47) counties attended the Thirty Second 4-H Short Course at Virginia State College, Petersburg, June 29 to July 3. "Salute to 4-H Alumni" was the theme of the Short Course.

Former 4-H club members served as guest speakers for the conference. Those serving as speakers were: The Reverend Carl Jones, minister in Lunenburg County; Miss Thelma B. Hewlett, teacher in Richmond, and Miss Argimtia Valentine, teacher in Petersburg.

Other features of the Short Course were classes in Farm and Home Safety, Careers for the Future, Social Courtesias and Good Grooming, Music Appreciation and Junior Leadership.

Club members participated in morning devotions, demonstrations, a tractor operators' contest, a talent program, and the candle lighting ceremony. Winners in the 1958 State Awards program received their awards on the last night of the Short Course.

4-H Wildlife Conference

One hundred and ninety (190) older 4-H members and leaders attended the annual 4-H Wildlife and Conservation Conference at

Virginia State College, Petersburg, August 4-6.

The conference is sponsored by the Federal Cartridge Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who gives \$325.00 annually to help in paying the expenses of the delegates while at the conference.

The program is designed to teach conservation of our natural resources to club members and leaders. The talks and discussions were in four areas: conservation of the soil, conservation of water, conservation of forest, and conservation of wildlife.

4-H Regional Camp

Eight (8) delegates representing Virginia at the 1959 Regional 4-H Club Conference held at Howard University, Washington, D. C. were: Mary Bradshaw, Hottoway; Phyllis Bolden, Gloucester; Savannah Williams, Nansswood; Cora Thurston, King William; Joseph M. Johnson, Jr., Caroline; Robert McClenny, Southampton; Glen Gilliam, Dinwiddie; and Julius Robinson, Necklensburg.

The purpose of the Regional Camp was to develop leadership ability and a greater appreciation on the part of 4-H club members for our democratic form of government.

Highlights of the program included an informal talk by Vice-president, Richard M. Nixon, who told of his recent trip to Russia, pointing out how fortunate American boys and girls are living in the freedom of a democracy compared to the repressive lot of Soviet youth.

Other addresses heard during the conference were made by E. L. Peterson, assistant secretary of Agriculture; C. M. Ferguson, federal extension administrator, E. W. Aiton, National 4-H Club Director, Dr. Willa B. Player, president, Bennett College; and Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president, Howard University; and L. H. Brannon, director, Oklahoma Extension Service.

The program also included a tour of the White House, the Capitol, Mount Vernon, the Department of Agriculture, and its Research Center at Beltsville, and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Wreaths were placed on the tombs of George and Martha Washington at Mount Vernon and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

The closing feature of the conference was the presentation of plaques to the following four outstanding leader in business and education for their contributions to 4-H club work: Dr. H. L. Harris, president, Follander Smith College, Little Rock; Arkansas; Dr. F. D. Patterson, president, Phillips-Stokes Fund; Walter S. Scott, president, Guaranty Life Insurance Company; and John H. Wheeler, president, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina.

4-H Achievement Day Program

The achievement day is the climax to the 4-H program. It is the time club members look back to see what has been accomplished or how far they have come. At the Achievement Day Program, 4-H members, clubs, and leaders are recognized for their accomplishments.

It is also the time when the public is told and shown what has been accomplished through 4-H work, and given a better understanding of goals, objectives and standards.

Twenty-two (22) counties reported having achievement days. The programs consisted of reports from delegates who had attended the 4-H State Short Course, Wildlife Conference, and the 4-H Regional Camp, and other 4-H activities sponsored by the council. Articles and produce resulting from project activities were exhibited.

4-H Sweet Potato Shows

Two (2) sweet potato shows and sales were held this year, one (1) at Newport News, and the other at Richmond. The sweet potato shows and sales are designed as a climax for the 4-H sweet potato project which has as its objectives, grading, packaging, and marketing along with production.

Twenty-two (22) club members exhibited and sold 51 bushels of their best sweet potatoes at the show in Newport News. This was their second annual show. The best four bushels were sold for \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00 per bushel. All other potatoes were sold for \$3.00 per bushel, one dollar above the market price at the time. Four local Doctors, Carter, Downing, Cypress, and Shavers were responsible for the premium prices. The home Agent had an exhibit of food dishes made from sweet potatoes.

The Richmond Sweet Potato Show was the fourth annual show the fourth annual show. It was held in the Belgian Building at the Virginia Union University. Forty-four (44) boys exhibited 140 bushels

of their best potatoes packed and graded for the show. The potatoes sold for \$490.00 and brought \$64.00 in premiums.

Siegel Super Market paid \$7.00 and \$6.50 per bushel for the grand champion and the reserve champion lots respectively. The grand champion lot of three-bushels were exhibited by Richard Booker of King & Queen County, and the reserve champions were exhibited by James M. Johnson, Jr. of Caroline County.

Other first place winners were: Linwood Vassells of King William; Calvin Jones of Gloucester; and Frank Robinson of Mecklenburg.

The potatoes were purchased by, Siegel's Super Market, Food Fair, Colonial Stores, and Ultrap Market of Richmond, and French's Market of Tappahannock.

Baskets were furnished by the American Veener Packaging Company. E. R. McGeorge was the Auctioneer. Judges were from the State Department of Agriculture.

4-H Hog Shows and Sales

Four (4) hog shows and sales were held this year. Four-H and WFA members exhibited 347 hogs and sold 315 for a total of \$9,667.67. Premiums received from exhibiting the hogs amounted to \$423.00.

The show and sales were held at Lynchburg, Petersburg, Suffolk, and Newport News. These cities are in the hog producing area of the State and are convenient to a large number of club children.

The hog show at Suffolk had 44 hogs entered. Harvey Whitney,

NFA member from Sussex County, had the grand champion pen of three hogs. They were Yorkshire and Hampshire crosses, weighing 623 pounds, and were purchased by Gwaltney Incorporated at \$25.75 per hundred pounds. Donnell Lester, NFA boy of Sussex, had reserve champion pen. They were Hampshires weighing 631 pounds, and were purchased by Smithfield Packing Company at \$22.75 per hundred pounds. All other hogs were sold by grades for \$15.50 to \$17.00 per hundred pounds, higher than the market price on that day.

One hundred and sixteen (116) hogs were sold at the show and sale at Newport News. This sale brought a total of \$3,876.00 and averaged sixteen (16) cents per pound.

A 4-H Pig Chain was also started at the Sale at Newport News. Twenty (20) purebred gilts and two (2) purebred boars were presented to twenty-one 4-H club members. The 4-H'ers have agreed to the idea of giving back to the sponsors one (1) purebred gilt out the first litter. The sponsor will give to twenty (20) other 4-H club members the twenty (20) gilts with the idea of getting twenty (20) more gilts from the first litter. The chain will run for five years, in that time one hundred (100) purebred gilts will have been placed throughout the Peninsula Area.

4-H Tractor Maintenance Clinic

Each year, the American Oil Company finances a Tractor Maintenance Clinic for leaders and older 4-H boys. The clinic is held at Virginia State College, Petersburg. About thirty (30) older boys attend each year. Those attending go back and assist

the Extension Agent in organizing and conducting the tractor maintenance work in their counties.

One hundred and twenty-seven (127) members carried tractor maintenance projects and 72 completed the project. Those completing practiced good care, and maintenance on 89 tractors.

Local implement dealers cooperate willingly with the clinic and with the tractor maintenance program in the counties.

The tractor maintenance project is climaxed in the county with tractor operators' contest. The winner in each county contest participates in the State Tractor Operators' Contest held during the Short Course.

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VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

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