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III. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. High school girls encouraged to consider Home Economics major in college.

One hundred high school girls from West Point and King William High Schools attended the Tea sponsored in their honor at the Community Building, Central Garage, on December 1st.

Miss Phyllis Owen as guest speaker interestingly outlined the advantages of college home economics training to the girls. She cited the various fields in which home economics trained girls might serve and pointed out personality traits which contribute to success in those fields.

Mrs. G. O. Townsend, successful homemaker of King William County, Manquin, Virginia, presented the girls with information as to the advantages of home economics training from the homemakers point of view.

2. County Government Meetings

See 1st copy - News clipping

Approximately 100 persons (men and women) attended the County Government meetings.

3. U. N. E. S. C. O. Meetings Held

See clipping on let copy

Dr. Belle Boone Beard, Professor of Sweet Briar College, came to King William on July 8th to speak at a special county wide meeting on U. N. E. S. C. O. Approximately forty-five persons attended the meeting.

IV. ADULT

A. Project Work

1. House Furnishings

The January demonstrations were on re-seating stools and chairs. Fourteen were completed at the meetings and approximately fifty-six have been completed since. Leaders at Etna Mills and Sweet Hall secured rolls of fiber rope which they shared with their neighbors. They also assisted them with the

project.

May meetings were devoted to converting lamps and making of lamp shades. Forty lamps were converted in the meetings and more than that number have been converted or repaired since.

An upholstery clinic was held at Sweet Hall on March 29th for a special interest group.

Assistance to individuals in the field of house furnishings during the year included the following:

Selection of color schemes, mixing of paint, selection of curtains, methods of making and remodeling curtains, selection of slip covers, rugs, floor finishes, selection of furniture, pictures, lamps, lamp shades, arrangement of rooms and other.

2. Clothing

The February home demonstration club meetings were devoted to restyling clothing. Fashion trends were presented and garments to be remade were modeled and suggestions made for bringing them up to date. Coats, suits and dresses were remodeled. In fact, the remodeling project is one that was carried on throughout the year by a majority of club members - both for themselves and their families.

The home agent was frequently requested to give assistance on clothing selection, (fabric and pattern), construction and remodeling

3. The March demonstration was given to "Use of The Broiler" for quick preparation of nutritious meals.

Help on Planning, preservation and use of food has been given through radio, news articles, bulletins, talks, demonstrations and through individual assistance.

4. Youth Programs included primarily the Tea given for all high school girls in the county (see Section III), and the activities of the Jamestown 4-H Camp Committee.

The Jamestown Camp Committee of King William met for the first time on March 2nd. Those serving on the committee were:

Mrs. Lloyd Stevens
Mrs. G. O. Townsend
Mrs. T. P. Cross
Mr. Latane Fauntleroy
Mr. Billy Campbell
Mr. Wilmer Sweet
Mr. John Franklin Townsend

Three objectives were outlined by the Committee to raise funds for the Jamestown Camp. They were:

First - To sponsor the sale of the Jamestown Camp Blotter ads by 4-H Club members.

Second - To present the camp plans to other civic organizations in the county.

Third.- To sponsor a square dance on April 29th to help raise funds for the permanent Jamestown Camp establishment.

All of these goals were accomplished. Approximately \$700.00 was contributed from King William County toward the building of the new Jamestown Camp.

The June demonstrations were given by 4-H Club girls. They were on "Quick Breads"

5. U. N. E. S. C. O. (See Section III)

6. County Government (See Section III)

7. Handicraft involved two months club meetings in the making of approximately one hundred and seventy-five trays. These trays were made of aluminum. This project has been one of the most enjoyed projects of the year. A considerable number of trays made had original designs by the women. One club (Sweet Hall) had almost 100% original designs.

8. Recreation was featured in December and August. Christmas parties were held in the clubs in December and the August meeting was given to recreation. Two clubs had joint picnics on the river and a large number of club families attended the annual farmers picnic held in August

B. Other Activities

1. The Federation Goal chosen was library. The committee met on January 25th to set up goals for the year. The chief aim of the committee was to promote interest in reading.

Statistics show that the number of books circulated through the bookmobile in King William County from August 1948 to January 1949 was 2,535, and that from July 1st, 1948 to June 30th, 1949 8,046 books were circulated in King William County. This, of course, indicates a definite increase in the number of books read in the more recent month's report.

The bookmobile schedules were sent to the Library Chairman in each club and the local stations and stops were printed in the 1949 home demonstration club yearbook. Posters announcing the schedule were also used.

2. Home Economics Tea (See Section III)

3. The Tidewater Fair was held with eight counties participating September 12th - 17th. The King William Home Agent served as chairman of the Home Department. Both adults and youth exhibited and assisted with the Fair.

4. Six women from King William attended The Institute of Rural Affairs held in V. P. I. August 3rd to 5th.

5. Ways and means committee activities involved: A county wide bazaar held on December 1st, a bake sale, the serving of a Ruritan dinner, the sale of sandwiches at a dance and others.

6. Other than the contributions made by each club to the Jamestown Camp some have made contributions to other worthy campaigns including cancer, Red Cross, Infantile Paralysis and the King William Community Building heating system fund sponsored by the Womans' Club.

V. 4-H CLUB

A. Project Work

1. Bread projects were carried by forty-seven 4-H Club members in two clubs. Thirty-five girls completed projects and made breads 1,351 times. Of those not completing all except two made worthwhile accomplishments.

Demonstrations were given on biscuits, muffins, griddle cakes, waffles and rolls to each club and exhibits made by members and judged at the club meetings following. Some exhibits were also made at The Tidewater Fair.

2. The Lanessville 4-H girls under the leadership of Mrs. B. O. Boyer have made worthy accomplishments in the clothing project during the summer and fall.

3. A personal grooming project was carried by the girls (3) on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation.

B. Other Activities

1. ● Jamestown Camp (See Section IV-4-4)

2. A Rural Life Sunday program was held at Jerusalem Christian Church on May 22. See program below.

See program on library

Approximately two hundred people attended this service. The 4-H'ers participating did much toward planning the entire program.

3. 4-H'ers Entertain King William Ruritans

Seven club girls and boys entertained the King William Ruritans on July 12th at the Community House.

Alice Beasley, President of the King William Sr. Club presided.

Gene Longest told about the fun had at the 1949 Jamestown Camp. Molly Jane Sweet, President of the King William Jr. Club, (winner of the blue ribbon on biscuits) gave highlights of girls project work and Flowers Townsend, a bread project girl, gave the highlights of training for girls on how to give demonstrations. Jimmy Garber reported on boys project work and the program ended with a skit used to portray various projects carried in King William County.

Lewis Parsley, 4-H'er, Duane, played classical selections on the piano while the Ruritans assembled for the program.

The program ended with the repeating of the club pledge.

4. Annual Picnic at Moore's Lake

Fifty-seven King William 4-H Clubbers and friends went to Moore's Lake for their annual all day picnic on Tuesday, July 26th. Wilmer Sweet, 4-H Club leader, transported the clubbers in a school bus.

5. SCOPE OF WORK

Number Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	1948 8	1949 9
Membership	176	190
No. 4-H Clubs	4	4
Membership	57	58
Number Older Youth Groups	0	0
Number Other Families Reached	145	120
Total Number Families Reached	620	635

VIII. FUNCTION OF COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

1. The County Home Demonstration Committee held the annual fall planning meeting in the home agent's office on September 6th. After a covered dish dinner the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Tarrant Fox and the following program was planned:

- December - Installation of Officers
- January - Club members work shop on Clothing Construction
- February - Club members work shop on Clothing Construction
- March - Club members work shop on Clothing Construction
- April - Club members work shop on Clothing Construction
- May - Club members work shop on Clothing Construction and
County-wide Fashion Show.
- June - How To Be Maid and Hostess at Home - Serving Meals
- July - Election of Officers
- Program Planning for 1951
- Learn new songs
- August - Club family picnic
- Institute of Rural Affairs
- September - Short Cuts in the Kitchen
- October - Short Cuts in the Kitchen
- November - Plans for Family Recreation

Mrs. Mabel Steenbergen, District Home Demonstration Agent, and Miss Mary B. Settle, Housing Specialist, were present.

In addition to the calendar of demonstrations for the home demonstration clubs plans were made for special interest group meetings on a county-wide basis with assistance from State specialists.

2. U. S. D. A. Council of King William County

The U. S. D. A. Council of King William County met on March 13th and elected the following Officers:

President - Mr. C. L. Wilkins

Vice-President - D. J. Kelly

Secretary - Ruth McNeil

This organization exists for the purpose of coordination and cooperation of programs serving the interests of King William County folks. There were in attendance representatives of agencies both within and out of the county who serve county folk.

VIII. Four days of assistance from specialists were given to King William County

(in the county) in 1948. One of these a leaders' training meeting.

Five days of assistance from specialists were given in 1949 (in the county). Three of these devoted to leaders' training meetings.

Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership	1948	1949
Number project leaders and goal chairmen	64	81
Number training meetings held		
___By specialist	1	3
___By Agent	28	9
Attendance at all training meetings	46	47
Number club meetings held by leaders with out agent present	19	14
Number club meetings held at which leaders assisted	17	6

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership		1948	1949
Number adult project leaders		2	2
Number training meetings held	By specialist	0	0
	By Agent	11	
Attendance at leader training meetings		18	
Number 4-H leaders trained individually		2	2
Number club meetings held by leaders without agent present		5	9
Number club meetings at which leaders assisted		10	15
Number demonstrations given	By leaders	7	9
	By juniors	5	4

X. The home demonstration club program has extended into two new localities now -
 Stna Hills and Colosse.

As a whole the influence of the home demonstration club program has
 contributed to better homemaking and better rural living in King William County.