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COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Several organizations aided the Extension Agent in carrying out the Extension program in 1958. They were two county Advisory Boards, four community improvement clubs, one garden club, two 4-H Leader groups, two community center organizations and (18) eighteen 4-H clubs, and also the Charles City County Fair Committee.

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

The adult leaders of the communities and the above named clubs of the counties make up the membership of these two boards; one in each county. The boards meet four times each during the year to plan, promote and evaluate the extension program. No mention will be made here of the boards activities for the projects and activities mentioned throughout this report are either directly or indirectly related to the function of these Advisory Boards.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUBS

Located at Rathville, Plum Point, Mt. Castles, and Tunstall; these clubs worked to promote improvement programs in their communities. They also cooperated with the total or comprehensive county improvement work. Notable activities in 1958 included their cooperation with the county-wide clean-up campaign, fire prevention week, the youth council movement, the Mt. Airy Fara Field Day, and the purchase of several school buildings for community centers.

GARDEN CLUBS

The garden club for some reason, did not function in 1958 as it has in previous years. However, at the time of the Fair, the club decided to go to work and revitalize its program. Two special flower shows are on the agenda for 1959. The objective of the garden club is to study, incourage and promote beautification of the home, church and school landscapes of the county.

4-H CLUB LEADERS ORGANIZATIONS

One 4-H Leader organization in each county worked vigorously in 1958 to improve the 4-H club program. Further elaboration will be found in this report in the section devoted to 4-H club work.

The eighteen 4-H clubs mentioned above will also receive further attention in the same section.

COMMUNITY CENTER ORGANIZATIONS

The community center organization at Ruthville functioned as usual in 1958, and a new one was started at New Kent, Cumberland Community.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE

Having as its chief function the promotion of the Charles City County Fair, this group operated successfully in 1958. The Fair was held on October 10 and 11 and will receive further attention under the section, "Adult Activities."

TYPE OF AGRICULTURE

CROPS

Cash-grain is the type of farming followed in these two counties. Soybeans, corn, wheat, oats and hay are the crops grown in order of their importance. Soybeans, corn and wheat are marketed to a great extent, and other grain to a lesser degree. Much of the crop produced, corn especially, is used for feed purpose. Improvement in the farming practices can be noted, but many improvements can yet be made.

LIVESTOCK

Hogs, milk cows and poultry are the principal livestock produced. In our scope of activity, more hogs are marketed than the cows or poultry. Most of the people produce the home pork supply, and market the excess. However, we do have some good number of persons who get quite a sizeable portion of their income from marketing hogs. As is the case in many counties, the number of milk cows on the small farms is decreasing. Poultry is slowly on the increase, and it is in our plan of work to try to speed up and continue this trend.

ADULT PROJECT ACTIVITIES

POULTRY FLOCK IMPROVEMENT

Several instances of poultry flock improvement are noted for 1958. Improvement in feeding, management, sanitation, and larger poultry numbers (hens for egg production), is the slow but observable trend.

Mrs. Julia Mess, Providence Forge completed her laying house and got good production from her 200 hens. Mr. Bennie Crump made improvements and did a good job of marketing with his flock of about 200. Mr. James Smith topped the list by starting a project with 500 hens in a new house. And Roberta Daniels, 4-H club girl of New Kent County has been submitted for a State 4-H club award for her nice report and good management of the 120 hen 4-H project.

To the average reader these will seem like very ordinary instances, but we here know that just two or three years ago we had trouble finding as many as 100 hens at any one place. Rather, I should say "more than 100 hens" at any one place. Possibly in the next two or three years, some of these 200 and 500 hen flocks will get to be 1000.

LIVESTOCK

FIELD DAY AT MT. ADRY FARM

Mr. P. S. Brown continues to be our outstanding livestock demonstrator and cooperator. For the past years he has marketed about 700 hogs annually.

In August of 1958 a group of farmers and Agricultural leaders from around the State visited the P. S. Brown farm on a specially arranged tour. We observed 80 brood sows under good farm management, about 250 acres of corn, 300 acres of soybeans, and the equipment necessary to manage such an operation.

Mr. Brown maintains a working force of 4 or 5 men. They wean, castrate, rotate from pasture to pasture, lot to lot and from farm to farm. A strong stock of hogs, and good sanitation practices have kept the disease problem at a minimum at Mt. Airy Farm.

The cropping practices at this farm are good, but as is the case everywhere, there is room for improvement. The Agents view is that increasing the amount of fertilizer per acre, the same amount of corn could be produced on a few less acres. However, there are so many acres with different textures and types of soil existing until a sweeping overall recommendation for fertilizer change would not HAVE to prove profitable. Mr. Brown is doing a good job....better than any other farmers that we know. He raises sufficient corn to feed his 800. And in 1958 this amounted to 10,000 bushels of just as good a corn as you want to see.

Record keeping has proved to be of great value in the Mt. Airy Farm operation. Mrs. Brown takes care of the record keeping. It is needless to explain why records would be important when one considers the vast amount of fertilizer which must be purchased, the labor which must be paid, the varying prices received for soy beans and other grain, gasoline and other tractor and mechanical operating expenses. The record clearly shows that one year when hog prices were low, it would have paid to give away the pigs and sell the corn.

Mrs. Brown does more than keep records. When necessary she drives any tractor on the place, hauls grain to market, gets parts for the machinery, and does what is necessary to keep the farm roofing. However, her regular occupation is that of School Teacher. The record shows that she has taught at G. W. Watkins School at Quinton, Virginia for some years. She is a community worker, a 4-H club leader, an advisory board member and a part of all the significant and progressive work being done in the county.

The Field Day at Mt. Airy Farm ended with refreshments being served by the hosts in the form of a chicken dinner and a watermelon feast. Visitors present from 12 counties, Petersburg, Richmond and Newport News, included Mr. M. T. Carter-Agronomist, Mr. Burton-Soil Conservationist, Mr. Ross W. Newsome-State Agent, Extension Service, Mr. Milton K. Brown-Farmer's Home Administration and several Local Farm Agents.

CROPS

In general crops were good this year, the best for several years. Whether this was due to the good season or to the good farming practices might be debatable. Nevertheless, everyone is glad of the situation.

Most of the beans are already combined, and that work is yet going on. Where-in recent years early winter rains caused many to be left in the field. Cash-grain being the main type

of farm operation, it is always necessary that we emphasize such practices as earlier planting, more attention to varieties, and better cultural and fertilizer applications.

Mr. C. B. Smith, Providence Forge, Mr. Welford Johnson, Roanburg, Mr. Howard Brown, Mr. Joseph Barndolph, Mr. James Miller, Mr. Harold Seldon, Mr. F. S. Brown and Mr. J. S. Ness continue to be our outstanding crops and pasture demonstrators.

FORESTRY

Partially as a result of a forestry demonstration held here last year by Mr. A. B. Lyon, Associate Extension Forester, V. P. I., Blacksburg, Virginia, we are about to have a forestry project followed through by Mr. Arthur Jones of Providence Forge, Virginia. Mr. Jones has several acres in hardwood and undesirable timber which he has begun to improve. He cut the pine from the place, and now plans to poison the hardwood, and set the place out in pines. Mr. Jones has requested our advice and assistance with this project, and also that of the A C S.

POULTRY

In August of 1956 our poultry Improvement Committee went on a tour to the Thomas poultry farm in Caroline County, Pennsylvania. Those attending were Mr. Benjie Grupp, Mr. W. L. Johnson, Mr. Aylus Johnson of New Kent County and G. E. Colander, Local Farm Agent. On this tour we observed improved methods of

feeding, watering, housing, cleaning and marketing of eggs. The committee made its report to the poultry demonstrators, and to the county Advisory Board. Some of the recommendations brought back from this tour have already been put into effect.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY FAIR

Three hundred and twenty persons and several organizations displayed 400 exhibits at the Charles City County Fair on October 10 and 11, 1958 at the Charles City Community Center. These exhibits included things from the home, farm, garden and orchard....also educational exhibits from the local school, W. F. A., N. H. A., and the 4-H Club.

Sweep stakes ribbons were awarded in each class, the two most outstanding of which were Mr. James Miles; Providence Forge, for his Home garden exhibit, and Bernard Charity, Rt.2, Charles City for his Rabbit Exhibit.

Committees cooperated well in putting the fair over. Mrs. E. T. Banks, retired School Supervisor of Charles City was the general chairman in charge of the fair day. Judges were Mr. T. W. Allen, Local Farm Agent, King and Queen County, Mr. L. N. Wynn, Local Farm Agent, Richmond County and Mrs. Ethel K. Jones, Local Home Agent, King William County.

A program for recreation, including hula hoop contests, games and dances added to the enjoyment of the occasion on Friday and Saturday nights of the Fair. A bigger and better event is planned for 1959.

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY CENTER -- NEW KENT COUNTY

The citizens of Cumberland Community, New Kent County decided to organize a Community Center Association with the following purposes and objectives:

1. To raise funds to purchase Cumberland School building. (The building was up for public auction as a result of consolidation of the county schools.)
2. To provide for a better use of leisure time.
3. To encourage wholesome recreation.
4. To encourage better citizenship.
5. To encourage religious training.
6. To encourage community and County improvement.

The organization came into being in late August, 1958. In September it purchased the building at auction for \$2900.00. (Money borrowed from the West Point Bank). Since that time, chairs and tables have been purchased, and several other small improvements made to the building.

A program was set up and is now in operation to carry out the above stated objectives and purposes. It is felt that the Cumberland Community Center Association will be a very worthwhile project for New Kent County.

CHARLES CITY COMMUNITY CENTER

This organization was started in Charles City County in 1950, and since then has made steady but sure progress. From a starting point of zero to the present building which is conservatively estimated at a value of \$30,000.00, this organization has come a long way.

Community programs of various natures have had successes

and failures. Patrons have made contributions. Others have gone on bank notes, and now on this \$30,000.00 building, the association only owes \$800.00.

The next project of this association involves the installation of running water, rest rooms and the perfection of a heating system. The heating system was installed in the last two weeks.

The community center is now being used for such activities as basket ball games, teen-age parties, socials, movies, dances, and for the physical education classes of the Ruthville High School. The county is convinced that this Center Project is one of the most significant movements presently in progress in the county.

MT. CASTLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB

A community Improvement club was organized in Mt. Castles Community during February of 1958. Of the 35 families that make up the community, 15 were represented by having a member of the family present.

The purpose of such a club was explained and some possible objectives set forth. Those present agreed to participate fully in the work, and to try to get other families to do the same.

A committee was appointed to visit each family and acquaint them with the community improvement work. This committee also is to get the survey questionnaire filled in by each family by the next meeting. The group decided to meet each month. Mrs. Clara Belle Winston was elected president and Mrs. Alva Carter

secretary. Their addresses are Providence Forge, Virginia.

STATE-WIDE MEETINGS

Farm and Home Week was held at Virginia State College on July 8, 9, and 10, 1958. This was the second experience with this activity which takes the place of the old farmer's conference of previous years. It was sponsored by the Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics, Virginia State College, the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service, Departments of Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics, the Soil Conservation Service and the Farmer's Home Administration.

Delegates from our counties were Mrs. Nora Jones, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. Spencer Bowman and C. E. Calender, Local Farm Agent. The addresses, forums, and demonstrations presented were very educational. Group meetings were held on Marketing and freezing fruits and vegetables, care of synthetics, art in the home, electricity on the farm, liquid fertilizers and their use and feeder pig and laying flock projects.

STATE ADVISORY BOARD

The State Advisory Board met in King William County in September, 1958. Our County was not represented with a delegation, however, we did send our fee. Our Community Improvement Club did not get the survey questionnaire completed and therefore we had no report to make. However, we shall do our best to be on par with this work in '59.

ANNUAL AGENT'S CONFERENCE

This conference is held every year around the last of October at Virginia State College for the professional improvement of the Virginia Farm and Home Agents. Many outstanding speakers from State and Federal Agricultural Agencies generally address the group. The information gained is always very helpful. This year, however, the Charles City and New Kent Farm Agent had to leave the conference on the second day due to death in the immediate family.

4-H CLUB WORK

4-H CLUB SHORT COURSE

The 4-H club short course, a state-wide 4-H meeting which brings about 300 or 400 outstanding boys and girls together at Virginia State College each summer, was held on June 16 through June 20. Charles City and New Kent Counties were fully represented. Our delegates were Delores Wade, Joan Snead, Beatrice Williams, Hortense Hones, Marie Klack, Dorothy Charity, Olivia Harris from Charles City, and Juanita Brown, Lemuel Brown, William Brown, Jerome Johnson, Hugo Thompson, Kenneth Peaberton and Erselle Armstead from New Kent.

Aleen Jones, Charles City and Donald Jones, Ruthville served as Junior Leaders.

These boys and girls heard lectures and saw movies, participated in work shops, classes and discussions designed to enhance their appreciation for 4-H club work, better rural living, and a better and a more wholesome life.

The 4-H club leaders who made it possible for these boys and girls to attend this conference were, Mrs. Ester Black, Mrs. Lillian Evans, Mr. Loyd Cotaan, Mrs. Fannie Mae Wade, Mrs. Susan Williams, Mr. Howard Brown, Mrs. Delphia Washington, and Mrs. Alice Brown and Mrs. Mary L. Williams. Mr. Walford Jones and Mr. Howard Brown provided the transportation needed along with the Local Farm Agent.

4-H CLUB WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

The 4-H Club Wildlife and Conservation Conference is held in very much the same way as the short-course. One difference is that not as many delegates can attend. Usually the quota is five delegates per Agent; making a total of about 200 attendants. Here they are taught the importance of the care, preservation, and conservation of our wildlife and natural resources. Attending from Charles City and New Kent Counties were, Doris Williams, Charles Street and Kenneth Pemberton.

4-H CLUB SWEET POTATO SHOW AND SALE

For the past number of years some of the Agents in the Richmond and upper Tidewater area have attempted to have the 4-H Club boys participate in a sweet potato show and sale. The first thing the boy would have to do, of course, is to raise some good sweet potatoes. However, the general objectives of this project are:

1. Teach members how to keep records.
2. Teach the importance of keeping good records.
3. Teach the importance of good cultural practices.
4. Demonstrate the importance of doing ones best at all times.
5. Add a source of income to the boy and to the family.
6. Teach some of the techniques of marketing.

Clarence Cotaan and Lemuel Brown participated in the project from Charles City and New Kent Counties.

4-H CLUB ORGANIZATION

In 1958 there were 18 clubs operating in New Kent and Charles City county according to the annual 4-H club report submitted in March. Actually there were 24 clubs, but six of them were organized during the summer which was too late to be included in the 4-H Club report. Therefore, the statistical record shows 18 clubs, but this narrative report will deal with the 24 clubs as they actually existed.

These clubs had 51 leaders and 7 junior leaders. Twelve of the clubs were located in Charles City and 12 in New Kent, the last 6 of which were community clubs. These clubs were organized on the community level, and met in the members homes. It is felt by some that these 6 clubs got more actual work done than all of the other eighteen during the year, and they were only organized for 1/2 of the time. It was these community clubs that actually accounted for the success of the 4-H club Achievement Day in New Kent, and it was the community club

members who accounted for most of the exhibits at the Charles City County Fair.

The 18 clubs met at the school once during each month. It is found that these clubs can best serve as promotional for county-wide programs, they can be used for large group instruction or rather large group information dispersion, and in the mass media approach they can be used to carry over almost any A-H club idea. In the future we shall not expect to get a great deal of project work done in these clubs. We will encourage project participation, and we will give out project information, but we will actually expect to get the work done in the community clubs. Our ultimate objective is to have such a community club organized and functioning in each community.

COMMUNITY A-H CLUBS

The community club idea was spread abroad in the Spring of 1958. A call went out for community club leaders. By August, 6 clubs were really working, in New Kent and 3 in Charles City. We will deal here with the 6 New Kent Clubs, which were located at Tunstall, Mt. Calvary, Cumberland, Lanexa, Upper Quinton, and Lower Quinton.

These clubs met every two weeks during the summer. They worked on home, individual and community and club projects. They went on picnics and had socials for recreation. They

raised money to put over their programs, and 4 of the clubs sent delegates to the State Short Course and to the Wild-Life Conference. Some of them bought 4-H T-Shirts, caps and other 4-H supplies.

The following are the names of the community clubs, their location and leaders.

Lanexa Club	Lanexa, Va.	Mrs. Goldie Williams
Tunstall Club	Tunstall, Va.	Mrs. Delphia Washington
Mt. Castles Club	Providence Forge	Mrs. Birthell Crump
Cumberland Club	New Kent	Mr. Earl Meekins
Quinton	Star-Light	Mrs. Bertha Lewis and Mrs. Louise Christian
Quinton	Quinton	Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Alice Brown and Mrs. Iola Burrell
Liberty	Charles City	Mr. Loyd Cotman
Jerusalem	Charles City	Mrs. Millie Wade
Sunny Side	Charles City	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner

ACHIEVEMENT DAY PROGRAM AND EXHIBIT

The 4-H Achievement Day program and exhibit was held at G. W. Watkins School on October 25, 1958. Three hundred club members, parents, leaders and friends attended and took part in the affair.

A program was held which included individual club progress and activity reports, reports from the State 4-H Short Course and Wild Life Conference, showing of slides on 4-H club work, 4-H club songs, recreation, refreshments, an exhibit and

awarding of prizes. Mistress of ceremonies for the program was Yvonne Thompson-Junior 4-H Club Leader.

The Exhibit included the Home project work done by the members in their community clubs. The exhibiting was done by club groups. A first, second, and third prize ribbon was in each group. The best girls exhibit and the best boys exhibit in the whole show received a special prize. A 4-H club tie clamp and a girls 4-H club locket.

A banner club was also selected which was the club making the best progress report, the best exhibit and showing the greatest participation by most of its members. Also a sweepstakes ribbon was awarded to the 4-H Leader showing the most outstanding progress, and performance.

These special awards went to persons and clubs as follows:

Best boys exhibit - Lawrence Pemberton - Runstall

Best girls exhibit - Gay Harris - Lanexa

Banner Club - Lanexa

Best 4-H Leaders Exhibit - Mrs. Goldie Williams - Lanexa

Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Iela Burell, Mrs. Louise Christian, Mrs. Alice Brown and Mrs. Bertha Lewis, Chairman. Registration was handled by Mrs. Delphina Washington and Mrs. Mary L. Williams. General Secretary of the fair was Miss Elnora Bassett, Senior at G. W. Watkins School and Junior 4-H Club Leader.

The organization club of the school assisted with the exhibit and program also. The leaders of these clubs were Mrs. E. J. Harris, Mrs. Eva J. Brown, Mrs. M. H. Carter, Mrs. Helen Watkins, Miss Inez Bailey and Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Watkins.

A-H CLUB PICNICS

Several of the A-H clubs went on picnics during the past summer. They went to Log Cabin Beach and to Jones Lake; in Williamsburg and Hopewell respectively. Members carried their own lunches, and paid for their transportation part out of their treasures and part out of their individual funds. A good time was had by all who attended these outings. It was planned that at our next opportunity for such outings, all clubs as far as possible will go on their picnics together; that is on a joint picnic.

A-H CLUB CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

Charles City and New Kent A-H clubs spread joy and light of Christmas through their Christmas toy project. The project worked as follows:

A-H members brought to their December meetings, their unused and forgotten or out-grown toys. All of the toys were in good mechanical condition, however, they needed cleaning and dusting. Mrs. Willie B. Crump, Providence Forge Virginia and her children attended to that job.

A-H members brought these toys, assembled them, and sent them to the Welfare Departments of each county. These Departments distributed the toys to the needy and unfortunate children of the counties at Christmas time.

Seven clubs participated in this Christmas toy project.

The Leaders were Mrs. Carrie J. Adkins, Mrs. Susie Taylor, Mrs. Clara Brown, and Mrs. Adell Jones of Charles City. And Mrs. M. H. Carter, Mrs. Helen Watkins, Mrs. A. Tupponce, and Mrs. Willie B. Crump of New Kent. The 4-H Club members who brought the toys were Kate Johnson, Wilson Lemon, James Archer, Lamont Carter, Joyce Braxton, Bernard Washington, Anne Christian, Sandra Crump, Maxine Davis, Gloria Meekins, Dorothy Otey, Sandra Taylor, Norma Tyler, Dulcena Williams, Sharon Williams, Wilnett Morris, Calvin Sutherlin, Lorraine Meads, and Nakomia Lewis of New Kent County. And Juanita Crew, Elsie Adkins, Berverly Tyler, Carolyn Tyree, and Dwight Jones, and Cassandra Calender of Charles City.

4-H CLUB LEADERS

A total of 58 4-H club leaders, 14 (fourteen) men and 44 women assisted the Agent in various ways in carrying out the 4-H Club Program in 1958. Without the help, encouragement and assistance of these leaders, our work would not have been as successful as it was. Many of these leaders were school teachers, but several lay or community leaders were added this year. These community leaders were the persons responsible for organizing and promoting the community 4-H Club work which was quite successful, and which is mentioned under a special heading in this report.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Seven of the above leaders were Junior leaders; older High School boys and girls. Their work and assistance with the program was vital, and we shall seek to expand the same in the future. We find that these young people are eager to carry out a responsibility if they are really given something to do. Some specific tasks carried out by these Junior Leaders during the year were: Chairmen for candy sales and money raising projects, Short Course and Wildlife Conference Chairmen, Secretaries at the Charles City Fair and at the New Kent 4-H Achievement Day, and assistance with the Mt. Airy Field Day Refreshments. Some of these leaders also attended the arts and crafts work-shop for adult leaders, learned the crafts, and helped to teach them to the other members at their local meetings. Outstanding among our Junior Leaders were: Donald Jones, Ruthville, Arleen Jones, Wayside, Elnora Basset, Quinton, Yvonne Thompson, Quinton, Sarel Anne Abrahams, New Kent and Betty Keaten, Lanexa.

4-H CLUB CALENDAR

For the past seven years a beautiful and impressive, as well as inspirational 4-H club calendar has been prepared for us and presented to us by R. C. Scott of Richmond, Virginia. The Calendar contains a picture of our most outstanding 4-H Club event, the 4-H Club Pledge and the names of the members involved in the 4-H Club Short and Wild Life Conferences. Also it contains the address, office hours and phone number of the local Farm Agent. The Calendar is strictly an educational project.

It is circulated principally within the county. No money transactions are involved in the matter, and we try to place one calendar in the home of each 4-H member.

4-H CLUB LEADERS

With great appreciation for their assistance, we list below the names of our 4-H Club Leaders:

New Kent

Mrs. Eva J. Brown
Mrs. M. H. Carter
Mrs. Helen Watkins
Mrs. F. Tupponce
Mrs. E. J. Harris
Mrs. Helen Burrell
Mrs. Thelma Watkins
Mrs. Delphia Washington
Mrs. Birtel Crump
Mrs. Goldie Williams
Mrs. Mary L. Williams
Mrs. Alice Brown
Mr. Earl Meekins
Mrs. Louise Christian
Mrs. Iola Burrell
Mrs. Bertha Lewis
Rev. G. W. Watkins
Mr. E. Thornton
Mr. W. Taylor
Yvonne Thompson
Betty Keaton
Elnora Bassett
Carol Abrahams
Annie M. Randall
Mr. Theodore Butler
Mr. B. T. Harris, Jr. (Deceased)

Charles City

Mrs. Lucy Jones
Mrs. Carrie J. Adkins
Mrs. Bernice Tyree
Mrs. Nera Jones
Mrs. Francis Jones
Mrs. Ethel Charity
Mrs. Sussie Taylor
Mr. Curtis Miles
Miss Janet Miles
Mr. James Miles
Mrs. Adell Jones
Mrs. Ogla Christian
Mrs. Beatrice Wilson
Mrs. Bertha Cotman
Mrs. Beatrice Brown
Mrs. V. B. Cumber
Mr. P. R. Evans
Miss A. Q. Franklin
Prof. E. E. Scott
Mrs. Betty Taylor
Mrs. Francis Gardner
Mr. Charles Gardner
Mrs. Pauline Craddock
Mr. Alexander Adkins
Mrs. Georgia Adkins
Mr. Charles Bowman
Miss Louise Black
Mrs. Ester Black
Mr. Loyd Cotman
Mrs. Tobitha Salden
Mrs. Millie Wade
Donald Jones
Arleen Jones
Mrs. Dorothy Calender

COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE -- Considerably much time was spent acquainting people with the Social Security program as it pertains to farmers. Farmers were assisted with their records, reports and blanks. Two more meetings are planned for the coming year to further acquaint the general public with the workings of this agency.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS -- People were informed of the clinics, and urged to take their children to them for the attention given there. Additional information was given out on the salk polio vaccine, and a favorable discussion of the same was conducted at several of our meetings.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION -- The agent stayed in contact with the representative of this agency to keep people informed on the changes and the occurrences and the opportunities in the F. H. A. program. Mr. Milton K. Brown, of the Petersburg Office was very generous in his time and efforts with us.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS -- The Vocational Agriculture Teacher and the Home Economics Teacher cooperated with the agent, and in some cases coordinated some of their work. (Particularly with the county fair.) The Young Men's Fairs, Home Improvement club, organized by Vocational Agriculture, worked with the Agent, and the Agent worked with that group on several of its programs. Mr. H. D. Brown is Vocational Agriculture teacher and Mrs. Lillian Evans is Teacher of Home Economics.

LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM -- The schools of both counties cooperate very nicely with the Extension Agent and with the Extension Program. In like manner the Agent works with the schools in their programs. We have found that our job of helping improve themselves, knows no bounds of school, church, or Extension office. That is, of course, if we are really concerned about getting the job done. Everyone can help. No one can do it alone, and we can all get more done by working together.

NEW KENT COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL -- This should have been included under the County Advisory Board activities, for the Youth council is a committee of the Advisory Board. Nevertheless, we will mention it here, for the council did carry out a project, and it should not be overlooked.

Two hundred-fifty (250) copies of a very inspirational, challenging, informative and helpful booklet, "How to be Young and Enjoy It," were secured from the Foundation of Christian Living, Pawling, New York. The booklet was secured at a cost of 10¢ each, and are being distributed to the teen-agers of the county free of charge. The distribution is being made through the school, with Mrs. Eva J. Brown and Mrs. Helen Watkins serving as general chairmen. It is hoped that some of the young people will be helped; but even if only one is helped, the effort will not have been in vain.

Any one working with young people in their teens would find this booklet a very useful tool in getting children to look to high level living. It's author is Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, an outstanding minister of our country and of the world. I shall quote below, the Teen Ager's Code as set forth in this booklet:

1. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.
2. Stop and think before you drink.
3. Ditch dirty thoughts fast, or they'll ditch you.
4. Show-off driving is juvenile. Don't act your age.
5. Be smart; obey. You'll give orders yourself some day.
6. Choose your friends carefully. You are what they are.
7. Choose a date fit for a mate.
8. Don't go steady unless you're ready.
9. Go to church regularly. God gives you a week. Give Him back one hour.
10. Live carefully, The soul you save may be your own.

FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moss and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seldon were the two families worked with in the Farm and Home Development Program. They were helped with farm and home accounts, Health, and Poultry flock improvement. We still hope to extend this work with these and other families during the year.

EVALUATION OF YEARS WORK

As the Agent, I feel that quite a number of things were accomplished during the year which were good. However, I know that there were a lot of things also which were not accomplished, which

could have been done. Using the past as a rule and guide, it is possible that we can do a better job in 1959. Many people were contacted by the Extension Program in 1958. Many people were worked with in the Extension Program, and many people worked with the Extension Program in 1958. However, Extension's influence can be broadened in some instances, and pin-pointed in others and thereby touching more people and also getting a thorougher job done with those already being reached.

MEMORIAL

During 1958, death claimed some of our friends and Co-workers. Among them were some outstanding leaders of the county and noble supporters and workers in the work being done her for the improvement of the people and the uplifting of humanity. These persons were:

Mr. B. T. Harris, Jr. - Ruthville
Mr. Thomas Johnson - Rt. 1, Charles City - Jerusalem
Mr. Washington Wade - Rt. 1, Charles City - Jerusalem
Mr. Ziph Harris - Rt. 1, Charles City - Parish Hill
Dr. C. S. Franklin - Ruthville

"Take up our quarrel with the foe, (ignorance and low level living). To you from failing hands we throw the torch. Be it yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, the poppies blow, On Flanders Field."