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ANNUAL REPORT OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS
CALENDAR YEAR 1919

State of Virginia

County Henrico

Report of Selevia H. Slacum County Home Demonstration Agent.

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State Home Demonstration Agent

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Form No. 753

ANNUAL REPORT OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK
FOR WOMEN and GIRLS
CALENDAR YEAR 1919

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MISS SYLVIA H. SLOOUM,
County Home Demonstration Agent,
R. D. 2, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

NOTE: This report is for the calendar year. A copy is furnished each agent in advance in order that she may become familiar with the data necessary for the report. Three copies should be made, two of these sent to the State Agent and the third retained for the agent's file.

Aside from statistics, both the state and Washington office hope to secure, from your report, accounts of your methods for developing plans of work. Will you, therefore, include this information in detail?

1. No. of years Home Demonstration work has been carried on in county: 6
2. No. months you have been employed during this year: 12
3. No. girls' clubs holding regular meetings: 12 Attendance: 1321
4. Girls' Club members:
- | | Enrolled | Reporting |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| First year ----- | <u>27</u> | <u>6</u> |
| Second year ----- | <u>16</u> | <u>6</u> |
| Third year ----- | <u>5</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Fourth year ----- | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
5. No. women's clubs holding regular meetings: 8 Attendance: 1011
6. (a) Have you a central county council or advisory board directly supporting and assisting your work? Yes What is it called? Advisory Board for Home Demonstration Work
- (b) How long has it been in existence? Some No. of members 16

NOTE: (c) Who are its present officers? Chairman Mrs. Sylvia Slooum
Secretary Mrs. H. H. Zimmerman, Pemberton

(d) Does the county organization have a definite plan of work for meeting the local needs of development? Yes

(e) Are there local committees or units who assist the county organization? Yes

1. (Outline your plan on separate sheets attached to this report) See note Page I
2. (f) Do you have regular conferences with the county farm agent in regard to general extension work in the county? Yes
3. No. girls' clubs holding regular meetings: _____ Attendance: _____
4. Girls' Club members: _____ Enrolled _____ Reporting _____

- (g) How is your work and the work of the farm agent coordinated? Give reports of cooperative work.

No plan and work out such county projects as fairs, Club projects and campaigns together. We usually have a conference each Saturday and plan the work for the coming week. I have a list of his Club members and he one of mine. We are in a community we visit them all. Also we attend Agricultural & Home Economics Club meetings together.

- (h) Are community activities developing in your county as a result of your work? Yes.

How See page II at back of report.

7. Number of:

Consultations at home or office	<u>140</u>	Home demonstrators visited	<u>167</u>
Bulletins distributed	<u>2050</u>	Visits to farmers and others	<u>176</u>
Letters written	<u>964</u>	not included above	<u>191</u>
Schools or clubs visited	<u>152</u>	Club members visited	<u>4381</u>
Meetings held	<u>97</u>	Estimated attendance	<u>6</u>
Articles relating to your work prepared for publication			<u>6</u>
Miles traveled - by rail <u>728</u> by auto <u>6779</u> by team _____			
Clubs visited - - - - - <u>144</u>			

8. Short Courses:

	Number held		No. Scholarships given		Attendance		No short course held owing to the illness of the home demonstration agent.
	Women	Girls	Women	Girls	Women	Girls	
Community							
County							
District				<u>1</u>			
State				<u>1</u>			

9. No. of girls using scholarships at normal schools, agricultural schools or colleges: 0

10. No. girls paying all or part of school expenses from money earned in club work: 18

11. No. of exhibits, fairs, poultry shows, etc., held in county: 3

13. Suggestions:

What do you consider the most effective and satisfactory demonstration work done in your county this year? Describe it in detail.

The cooking club work done last winter was very effective. Meetings were held each week in four schools. It seemed to bring me closer to the people and I was able to do more definite work than before.

The ant campaign recently made was successful. It was carried on through the schools and different organizations. Over 14,000 letters have been reported killed. With a saving of over \$2,000 to the County.

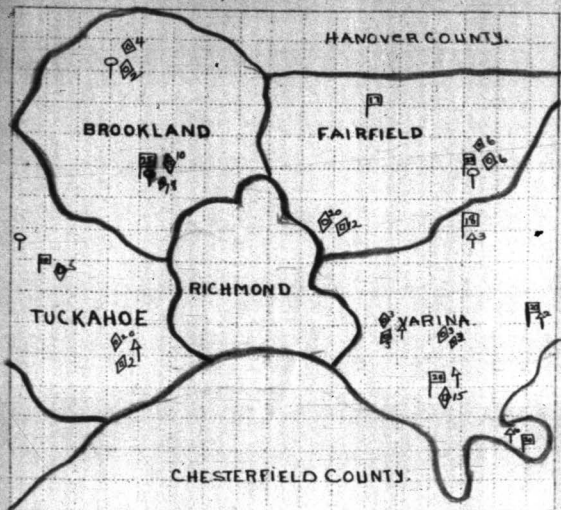
The home demonstration clubs are organized into a county association. It will stand behind county projects. Now the question of a school nurse is being supported.

Suggestions for work needed in your county next year and your plans for carrying on your work.

We need better poultry methods. People are content to lose half their chickens. Hope to have a better poultry campaign in January or February. We hope to have a school nurse by January 1, 1920. Expect to have her assistance in putting on a health and clean up campaign in March.


We need better organized Agricultural and Home Economics Clubs. Hope to organize and establish new ones in January.

We need hot school lunches served. Going to consolidation. Many children come 10 miles to school. This will be done where ever possible.

MAP OF Henrico COUNTY.

LEGEND:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ☆ Community Clubs | ◊ Girls - Poultry | □ Best rooms established |
| ◻ Women - Poultry | ◊ Girls - Dairy | ○ Bee keeping demonstrations |
| ◻ Women - Dairy | ◊ Girls - Gardening | ○ School lunches |
| ◻ Women - Gardening | □ Home Demonstration centers | |
| △ Home Improvement Demonstrations | ○ Fish ponds established | |

- Draw an outline map of your county, or secure a county map and locate your clubs, using the symbols above. Inscribe in the symbol the number of demonstrators enrolled, i. e., if you have fifteen women enrolled as poultry demonstrators in one community, show it thus 

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HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR
WOMENMISS SYLVIA H. SLOCUM,
County Home Demonstration Agent,
R. D. 6, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

1. Total number of organized clubs in county: 8.
2. Total number demonstrators enrolled in clubs: 160
Individual demonstrators not in clubs: 20
3. Estimate the number of women aside from demonstrators influenced directly by your work: 600
4. Specify number and kind of most important demonstrations given by agents to groups of women:

KIND	NO. GIVEN	KIND	NO. GIVEN	KIND	NO. GIVEN
Utilization of vegetables		Invalid cookery		Vinegar	
Dairy products	<u>5</u>	Cookery under steam pressure	<u>2</u>	Laundry	
Poultry products	<u>2</u>	Fireless cooker	<u>3</u>	Clothing	
Bread Making		Canning	<u>10</u>	Home conveniences	<u>3</u>
Child Feeding, including school lunches	<u>5</u>	Drying		Kitchen arrangement	
		Brining		Improving the home grounds	

5. Estimated total attendance of women at demonstrations: 200
6. No. women giving demonstrations to clubs: 0, to individuals: 50
7. No. women making bread in their home under your direction:
Quick breads 50; Yeast breads: _____
8. No. bread exhibits: 1
9. Name in order of importance the locally grown products such as peanuts, sweet potatoes, feterita, etc., that are being used in bread making:
.....
.....
10. No. gardens grown: 100; No. winter gardens 60
No. orchards, groves, or vineyards established: 10

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR

WOMEN. cont'd.

11. Approximate number of quarts canned fruits (put up by women under demonstration methods)	13760	qts	\$ 6880
Approximate number of quarts canned vegetables	8640	qts	4320
No. pints preserves, jellies and marmalades	8320	pts	5824
No. pounds dried vegetables stored	540	lbs	6480
No. pounds dried fruit stored	600	lbs	72
No. pounds brined fruits stored		lbs	
No. pounds brined vegetables stored	4800	lbs	150
No. gallons vinegar made	960	gals	384
No. gallons fruit juices	50	gals	50
No. cans - beef _____, pork _____, poultry and game _____		cans	
No. cans fish and oysters		cans	
No. pounds smoked meat	16000	lbs	4800
No. pounds sausage made	1600	lbs	480
No. pounds lard made	800	lbs	320
Other products			
	PICKLES 3360	qts	2016
	CATSUP & RELISHES 1280	"	sub. 640
TOTAL VALUE OF ALL PRODUCTS			\$27,384.80

12. No. of fish ponds established or stocked: 0

13. No. of home demonstration centers established: _____

Used as Kitchens	<u>0</u>	Output	_____
" " canneries	<u>0</u>	Output	_____
" " drying plants	<u>0</u>	Output	_____

14. No. of women taking volunteer courses: 015. No. of demonstration units operated in mill or mining villages, etc. 0

How were these established?

(Use separate sheets attached to this form for detailed report)

16. No. of curb markets, marketing booths, farmers' exchanges, etc., established through cooperation with county home demonstration clubs: 0

		VALUE
a. No. pounds butter sold thru such agencies	_____ lbs	_____
b. No. pounds cheese " " " "	_____ lbs	_____
c. No. pounds poultry " " " "	_____ lbs	_____
d. No. dozen eggs " " " "	_____ doz.	_____
e. No. week-end baskets of fruits and vegetables sold	_____ baskets	_____
f. Other products	_____	_____

We attempted to establish
an exchange in Richmond
but did not succeed.

TOTAL VALUE ----- \$

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR
WOMEN. cont'd.

17. No. demonstrations in raising Belgian hares:

0

18. No. demonstrators in bee keeping:

0

19. How many women are planning household budgets?
How many are keeping household accounts?

*Don't know
Don't know*

If you have suggestions on this subject include them in the report. See
note on Pg 2411.

20. What work has been done in sewing or clothing conservation?

We have discussed remodeling clothes at several meetings. Miss Gallagher from John Marshall High School, gave an interesting presentation at a County meeting.

21. In what work are your women demonstrators especially interested?

The women are mildly interested in all matters pertaining to home improvement and development. They do not seem to want to study any subject much.

Suggest plans for next year's work with women.

It does not seem as though I am going to be able to use the programs as they are written for the second, third and fourth year clubs. The women do not want to continue the study of one subject for three or six months. They want more variety. Programs that vary each month or have space for an original meeting once in a while might be better. The women of my County seem to want more entertaining and less work. After what part on the program, they remain at home. Each club will have a program committee. They do splendid community work and will continue.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR
GIRLS
Gardening and Canning on
Tenth Acre Gardens**

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MISS SYLVIA H. SLOCUM,
County Home Demonstration Agent,
R. D. 8. RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

1. No. girls growing tenth-acre gardens: 32
2. Average cost of production per tenth acre: \$ 3.60
 " " " canning " " " " 4.44
3. Names of girls making best record with tenth acre:

Names	Address	Yield in pounds	Cost	Profit
Ethel Anderson	R#1, Richmond	348	\$6.04	\$44.65
Rhonda Henderson	R#5, Richmond	285	3.12	40.38
Mabel Davis	R#1, Richmond	548	16.97	39.03
Elizabeth Fleet	Glen Allen	412	19.55	37.20

4. No. girls having perennial gardens or orchards on tenth acre: 15
5. Total yield in pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables:
 Tomatoes 13405 Pimientos 30 Other products 10,120
6. Total pounds vegetables and fruits used or sold fresh:
 Tomatoes 4244 Pimientos _____ Other products 1206
7. Value of vegetables and fruits used at home or sold fresh: \$ 435

8. Total of canning done:
- | | Tomatoes:
ducks | Tomato pro-
ducts | Pimientos: | Other veg-
tables | Fruits |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| No. qts in tin | <u>800</u> | | | | |
| No. qts in glass | <u>750</u> | <u>250</u> | | <u>275</u> | <u>400</u> |
| No. pts ketchup | <u>75</u> | Green tomato pickles | <u>100</u> | Dixie Relish | |
| | | B. S. Chutney | | Other products | |

9. Total value of all tenth-acre club products \$ 681
 (Compute from price list furnished you, or when the products are marketed, use price actually received)

We had such a poor season that the gardens were cut short. Hence the small number of products.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR
GIRLS
Gardening and Canning on
Other than the Tenth-Acre**

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MISS SYLVIA H. SLACKOW,
County Home Demonstration Agent,
R. D. 2 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

1. Approximate total area of gardens cultivated (exclusive of tenth-acre plots):

I do not know of any girl who cultivated a garden other than her own tenth-acre. Many helped as before.

2. Pounds vegetables raised in garden: _____ Value: \$ _____

3. Total number quarts canned from gardens (other than tenth-acre). Name the most important.

Name of vegetable	Qts in tin	Qts in glass

4. Total value of canned products from gardens: \$ _____

5. Total No. qts vegetables canned from farm & orchard 617 Value \$ 308.50

Total No. qts fruits " " " " 710 Value \$ 355.50

6. Pounds dried vegetables saved 75 Value \$ 22.50

" " fruits " 100 Value \$ 10.00

7. Pounds vegetables and fruits brined X Value \$ X

8. Total containers products marketed: glass _____ tin 100 Value \$ 20.00

General Data for all girls in Gardening and Canning Work.

9. How many girls gave demonstrations in canning? 10 Drying? 6
Use of club products: 0

10. Equipment made or purchased by all club girls:

Kneeling pads and tool aprons		Garden tools	
Spraying outfits	<u>10</u>	Holders	<u>30</u>
Towels	<u>30</u>	Aprons	<u>25</u>
Emblems	<u>10</u>	Packing paddles	_____
Jelly paddles	_____	Fly traps	_____
Briers	<u>2</u>		
Sewing bags	<u>10</u>		
Cups	<u>25</u>		
Uniform dresses	<u>8</u>		
Canning outfits	_____		
Others	_____		

COMBINED REPORT OF
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR
Women and Girls
POULTRY

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MISS SYLVIA H. SLOCUM,
County Home Demonstration Agent,
R. D. 8. RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

	Girls	Women	Value
1. No. enrolled:	50	90	
2. No. demonstrators fulfilling minimum requirements of club membership:	10	—	
3. No. regular organized clubs:	6	—	
4. No. demonstrators taking charge of entire flock:	—	75	
5. Average number of fowls in flock:	—	50	
6. No. demonstrators raising feed for flock:	—	54	
7. No. of demonstrators purchasing standard bred stock:	—	50	
8. No. of demonstrators purchasing pure bred eggs:	—	60	
9. No. of demonstrators using standard bred males at head of flock:	—	50	
10. No. of demonstrators making brooders:	—	10	
11. No. of poultry houses built:	—	12	
12. Approximate number of chickens raised:	150	300	
13. Approximate number of chickens fattened for market:	200	500	
14. No. pounds market poultry sold:	225	6000	\$ 3600
15. No. pounds poultry eaten at home:	150	2500	
16. No. fowls culled:	None	None	
17. No. demonstrators producing infertile eggs:	—	15	
18. No. roosters eliminated for infertile egg production:	0	0	
19. No. egg circles organized:	0	0	
20. No. cooperative breeding associations:	0	0	
21. No. dozen eggs preserved in water glass:	—	250	
22. No. dozen eggs used at home:	—	5400	
23. No. dozen eggs sold cooperatively:	—	0	
24. No. standard bred fowls sold for breeding purposes:	—	20	\$ 80
25. No. standard bred fowls retained at home:	—	75	
26. Total Value of Products:			\$ 3680

27. List of equipment, other than above, made or purchased:
~~Self feeders, some criticism, incubators, brooders, trap nests, sanitary drinking fountains.~~
28. Give results as to greater use and better cooking of chickens and eggs in the home.

Local developments in Poultry work.

Reports of special work in the county.

See Note Page III

This project not carried out.

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COMBINED REPORT OF
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR
Women and Girls
DAIRY

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County Home Demonstration Agent,
R. D. 2, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

1. Approximate number of dairy cows in county: _____
Average price of milk per gallon: _____ \$
No. cows purchased thru your influence: _____
2. No. demonstrators enrolled in butter making - Girls _____ Women _____
No. demonstrations given in butter making: _____
No. pounds reported made: _____ Pounds sold: _____
Average present price per pound of butter secured by demonstrators: _____ \$
Average price secured for other home-made butter: _____ \$
3. No. demonstrators enrolled in cottage cheese making - Girls _____ Women _____
No. demonstrations given in cheese making: _____
No. pounds reported made _____ Sold _____ Average price per lb _____ \$
4. No. demonstrators making Cheddar cheese _____ Pounds sold _____
Price per lb _____ \$
5. No. pounds of cream sold _____ Value \$ _____
6. No. of demonstrations given in milk cookery: _____
What milk dishes have proven most popular? _____
No. of families using more milk in the family diet: _____
No. of schools securing milk for the school lunch: _____
No. of pupils in these schools: _____
7. Equipment made or purchased:
Brushes _____ Butter workers _____ Paddles _____
Molds _____ Sanitary strainers _____ Dairy thermometers _____
Milking pails _____ Cheese presses _____ Iceless refrigerators _____
Barrel churns _____ Shotgun cans _____ Separators _____
Name others _____
8. What plans have proved especially helpful in the past year? _____
9. Plans for enlarging and developing dairy work in county next year.

Norfolk is one of the leading dairy counties in the state. There are many dairies of over 100 cows each. The milk is sold in Richmond. Very few women make butter, hence no work has been done along that line.

IMPROVEMENTS ON HOUSE AND YARD

Report only work done with
your advice or suggestions

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R. D. 8 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

1. No. of demonstrators following a definite plan for improvement of the home See next page
2. No. new houses built _____ Remodeled 20 Repaired _____
3. No. lighting systems installed 10 Heating systems 1
Water systems 4
4. No. kitchens improved by - Rearrangement of equipment _____
Screening 8 Improvement of floors _____
- Labor saving devices -- Kitchen cabinets 15
Wood boxes _____ Fireless cookers 10
Steam pressure cookers 2 Food choppers 20
Bread mixers _____ Bread raisers _____
Name others _____
5. No. of improvements in other parts of the house thru -
- Improvement of floors _____ walls _____
- Furnishings bought or made:
- Wheel trays _____ Sewing screens _____ Others _____
Luncheon sets _____ Wall pockets _____
- Laundry equipment:
- Washing machines 12 Ironing boards 10
Clothes hampers or laundry bags _____ Others _____
- Sleeping porches 8 Flower boxes 25 Others _____
6. Number of improvements in yard:
- Fences repaired 30 Unsightly buildings repaired or removed 10
Trees planted 100 Lawns or grass planted 50
Shrubs planted 150 Plantings of flowers, vines and other plants 200
7. What help or instruction on this subject will you need this year in order to best meet the needs of your county?

I need more time for this sort of work.
It requires individual visiting in the
homes.

This project not carried out.

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MUSCADINE GRAPE CULTURE

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(If muscadine grape demonstrations are not being carried on in your county report on other small fruit work, giving the names of fruits.)

MISS SYLVIA H. SLOOUM,
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U. S. RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

- | | <u>Girls</u> | <u>Women</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1. No. demonstrators enrolled: | _____ | _____ |
| How many demonstrations in the use of grapes were given in your county during the year? | _____ | _____ |
| 2. No. grape vines planted by demonstrators: | _____ | _____ |
| No. demonstrators planting five or more vines: | _____ | _____ |
| 3. No. gallons of grape juice made: | _____ | _____ |
| No. quarts of grape sauce made: | _____ | _____ |
| No. pints of all other products made: | _____ | _____ |
| 4. No. gallons of grape juice sold: | _____ | _____ |
| Average price per gallon for grape juice \$ _____ | | |
| 5. If other products were sold indicate number of containers, prices and kind of product. | | |

<u>Name of product</u>	<u>No. pints</u>	<u>Price</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What difficulties, if any, have you met?

State any special needs or suggestions for improvement.

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MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

MISS SYLVIA H. SLOCUM,
County Home Demonstration Agent,
R. D. 6 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

1. Report on demonstrations with special vegetables:

Name of vegetable	No. of demonstrations	Area planted	Results		Reason for failures
			No. successful	No. failures	
Chinese cabbage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
New Zealand Spinach	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chayote	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dashen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pimientos	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Redte Soybeans	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

REMARKS: None of this work was done in 1919. Have worked with pimientos before.

2. Special campaigns - give in detail interesting facts and methods used. (Use attached blank sheet)

- a. Fly eradication.
- b. Extermination of rats. - *yes. See note on Page II.*
- c. Child feeding and care.
- d. Red Cross and Junior Red Cross.
- e. School lunches. No. schools establishing hot lunch 8

	Value	No. members buy
	\$	-ing
3. War Savings Stamps bought by club members to date	\$	
Thrift Stamps	\$	
Liberty Bonds	\$	

\$ Do not record

4. No. of rest rooms established: _____

Methods of establishing Richmond being in the center of the county we have no need for public rest rooms. Women go to the W.C.A. and department stores when in town.

- 5. Do you own a camera? yes. Are you able to get satisfactory pictures of your work? yes.
- Can you use to advantage in your county photographs of club activities? yes
- Lantern slides _____ Charts yes
- Can you obtain for your use a stereopticon lantern? No

Report of Page 2 #6 - E.

The Henrico County Association of Home Demonstration Clubs was organized October 28, 1919.

The officers are president, eight vice presidents, one from each local club, a secretary and treasurer.

The vice presidents are the presidents of the local clubs and of course the leading women of the communities.

The officers of the association make up the advisory board. Plans are worked out at board meetings and then presented to the local clubs by the presidents.

There are to be three county association meetings a year. Two in the country and one in the city. Different clubs are going to entertain the association.

Answer to h on Page 3.

All our home demonstration clubs stand for community improvement and community activities. During 1919 the following have been accomplished.

3 community picnics

1 Community fair

1 Community bazaar.

Several Christmas trees are being planned.

2 Cemeteries were cleaned.

2 Lawn parties given. The proceeds of one being used for cooking equipment. The other for a scholarship to a short course.

1 County Club picnic was given.

Attendance 300.

In one community there were twelve different organizations representing two churches and a school. Following a suggestion given by the home demonstration agent the presidents and secretaries of these various organizations were organized into a Welfare Committee having a chairman and a secretary, whose business it is to plan community activities. Also a schedule of the regular meetings of these organizations is kept by the secretary and president. When any organization wishes to have a meeting other than its regular one, one of these officers is consulted to find out if there is to be a conflict of dates.

Answers to #19 Page 8.

Many women are trying to keep household accounts. So many things are used from the farm that it is hard and there doesn't seem to be time for it either. They are interested and want help, however.

Answer to #28 Page 11.

Henrico County has unusual advantages for poultry production owing to the Richmond Market being so near. However poultry work is not developed as it should be. We need a campaign to teach the people how to care for and feed baby chicks. They are satisfied with raising one half the chicks hatched. They have not proper facilities for caring for chickens.

Firstly, however, their attitude needs changing.

I hope to do something definite along the line this winter. Would like the help of a specialist for a better poultry campaign during January or February.

Answer to #2 Page 15.

During October we ran a Rat Campaign. A talk was made at a teacher's meeting. Then the home demonstration agent visited each school and aroused the interest of the children. Reports were sent from the schools to the H. D. A. Up to date about 14,000 have been reported killed. The campaign officially stopped Oct. 31, but the good work is still going on. A poster was placed in the courthouse and the numbers recorded as reported. Several articles have been seen in the different Richmond papers. Altogether much interest has been aroused.

We expect to serve school lunches in every school where possible as soon as the weather is cold.

Newspaper Items.

HENRICO AND THE FAIR.

When the state fair was proposed in Richmond in 1905, the driving purpose behind the organizers was to re-establish in Richmond a state exhibition for the stimulation of new and better agriculture. The real object of the fair was fat cattle, and not fat ladies; we wanted better seed corn, instead of tinned peas; it was desired to carry to the farms a knowledge that would shorten labor, lengthen hours for recreation, increase earnings and prolong lives.

To a very gratifying degree this aim has been achieved. In Henrico county alone enough good has been done to justify the fair. Henrico county was second premium for county exhibits; the girls' canning club won first prize for the third and fourth year; the pig club members won third, fourth and fifth prizes; the poultry club members won third, fourth and fifth prizes, and a Henrico county girl carried off the first honor for making the best bread. The boys' live-stock judging team from Henrico took first honor in competition with others of their team; the boys' dairy club members won two registered bull calves and \$75 in cash; a member of the lady beef club, who was a prize, sold his calf (over than eighteen months old) for \$180.00.

The value of the prizes, due directly to demonstration work in Henrico county, was over \$200. It would be hard to compute the additional value to the county from the increased production, both in quality and quantity.

Henrico soil is not as rich as the great prairie around Winthrop, but the soil and climate of Henrico combined give assurance that with a continuation of farm demonstration work, and with the backing and interest of the business men of Richmond, Henrico county can be made a rich agricultural county, and an enormous help not only to the farmers of that section, but to the consumers of Richmond.

The work of the past year is highly gratifying.

RODENTS BEING KILLED BY THOUSANDS IN HENRICO

Children of Westhampton Public School Lead in Race, Having Destroyed 200 Rats to Date.

Henrico County is in the midst of a campaign for the extermination of rats and mice, which is going forward with the greatest interest and enthusiasm, according to reports from all over the county. Since September 15, when the campaign was opened, 4,375 rats have been exterminated in Henrico.

Westhampton public school leads, with a record of 144 deceased rodents. Glen Allen school is only a week behind, with a record up to date of 100 rats destroyed since the campaign started. Colored schools in the county have not yet reported, but their record is expected to swell the total by October 25 to at least 10,000.

When it is estimated by experts in the employ of the United States Government that rats annually destroy 1,000,000,000 worth of food in the United States, and the average value of food destroyed by one of the rodents since the course of a year is \$1.50, Henrico County will be better off financially because of the campaign.

WOMEN OF HENRICO COUNTY WILL HOLD MASS-MEETING

Question of Securing School Nurses Will Be Taken Up Here on Tuesday.

Henrico County women will come to Richmond Tuesday in a mass-meeting which has been arranged at the Y. W. C. A., at which the question of securing a school nurse for Henrico will be discussed.

Plans for the meeting have been perfected by Miss Sylvia Starcke, home secretary, and her county advisory board, who hope to secure the co-operation of all the county organizations which will so give the opportunity to contribute to the salary and expenses of the nurse.

A county organization of the eight home demonstration clubs will be perfected at this meeting, and the final program of the State Y. W. C. A. will be presented by a speaker from headquarters.

The meeting begins at 10:30 Tuesday morning in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A., and after an intermission for lunch continues until 12:30.

On the list of speakers is Miss Jane Hancock, state health nurse, recently returned from overseas, who will talk on the urgent need of a school nurse in the county, and ways and means of making the services of such a nurse available for the present school term.