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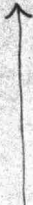
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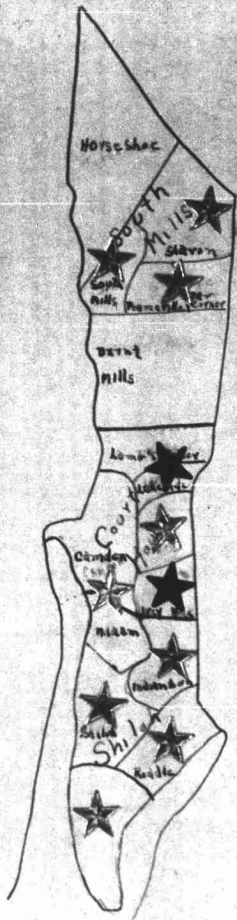


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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Camden County lies in the extreme Northeastern corner of the state of North Carolina. It is a long narrow county being only 7 miles wide at the widest point, and nearly 25 miles long. The total area is about square miles, with about six in swamp to every one in cultivation or timber.

The population is slightly more than 5000, and is slowly diminishing as farm families move to industrial areas where wages are better. The 1940 census gave 561 farms with 481 white and 157 colored operators.

Agriculture is the chief industry with the farmers growing Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, soy beans, corn, and cotton. Livestock raising is on the increase. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised for market. The Camden-Currituck Cooperative Market ships away several carloads of live stock every 2 weeks. This market is supervised by the farm agents of the two counties.

Camden County is located in the midst of an important defense area which offers the tenant farmer and day laborer work at comparatively high wages. This gives low income groups a chance to pay debts and buy needed materials; while at the same time, it is causing the land owner a great deal of worry as much valuable land is lying idle while most of the men work in the defense plants of Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

The county is not over organized. The extension organization is by far the most far reaching agency working there. Nine Home Demonstration Clubs serve the more thickly populated areas of the county and two negro clubs enroll most of the negro women in the two strictly rural areas. These influence directly 180 white and 65 negro families. The 4-H Clubs, two in each school, enroll the majority of the group between the ages of 10 and 20 years.

The county is divided in 10 communities with 18 neighborhoods with respectable men and women acting as neighborhood leaders and reaching a large percent of the families in the county with any emergency program.

The Farm Security Administration has a very small number of clients in the county with a part time Farm and Home Supervisor. Of the clients, only 3 white and colored are members of Home Demonstration Clubs.

The Agriculture Workers Council is composed of the Farm Agent, Home Agent, F. S. A. Farm and Home Supervisors, the A. A. A. Representative and Chairman of the Farm Defense Council.

The nine Home Demonstration clubs meet monthly. Each club is organized with 4 officers and 11 project leaders, selected by the members.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Continued)

The county Federation meets sometimes once and sometimes twice a year (spring and fall) with an inspirational program presenting some phase of home making.

In the spring of 1942 the clubs sponsored a dress revue in which 35 dresses were modeled by the club members. These models definitely impressed on the minds of those present that farm women can be well dressed on a very small amount of money if they buy wisely, plan well and use good workmanship.

In the fall of 1942, the Federation Meeting theme was Food. A talk on Food; one on Increased Egg Production; and an exhibit of 45 fruits and Vegetables harvested from Camden County gardens that day and the day before, constituted the program.

The District Federation Meeting was in Carritack this year. 65 Camden women attended. We were represented at the State Council Meeting by Mrs. P. P. Gregory, Corresponding Secretary.

The state emergency program was carried through month by month, emphasizing the things the government stressed.

General Policies

The Farm and Home agents worked together in organizing the Farm Defense Council, composed of representatives from the 18 neighborhoods. These community leaders are assisting in carrying out emergency programs evolving out of the present crisis.

The assistant farm agent and the home agent work together with 4-H clubs sponsoring joint educational programs, campaigns, Church Sundays, and Contests.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK: PROJECTS

FOODS AND NUTRITION

January 1942 found our women facing a new world. The physical examinations of the draftees for selective service revealed that many of the boys had been on diets deficient in essential foods. At the outlook meeting, all members were urged to feed their families more of the protective foods. All families were urged to have the following:

1. Milk- a family cow, more if the family was large.
2. Eggs- a flock of 50 hens.
3. Fruits- small fruits planted for home use.
4. Vegetables- a year around garden.
5. Strains- planted for family consumption.
6. Lean meats, beef, pork, and mutton.

Victory Gardens:

Our neighborhood leaders were asked to help sell Victory Gardens to every family in the county. 19 meetings were held with these leaders who were sent out to personally contact their neighbors, and explain to them the information they had received, and to urge them to plant bigger and better gardens, use better seed, to cultivate more carefully, and to plan for the surplus by canning or selling.

All Home Demonstration members were asked to improve their own gardens and to help 2 non-club families plan for a better garden.

Food Preparation

After influencing our families to produce more foods, our next step was to help them to prepare and serve them better. The February demonstration showed the women how to prepare the foods in order to get the most minerals and vitamins.

How The Neighborhood Leaders Assisted In Putting Across The Foods Program
The following letters from Foods and Nutrition Leaders show results that are typical in the various parts of the county.

Indiantown Club: Mrs. L. L. Stevens

"We are checking with non-club families to see that they are planning to grow a garden this year. We are trying to help them with more ways to conserve their surplus fruits and vegetables, and to consume more milk and butter. We are urging them to increase their poultry flock to meet the new demands.

Old Trap Club: Mrs. Harvey Gregory

1. We reached 15 families in regard to planting a garden.
2. We helped 2 non-club families to can meat in February.
3. One family of 5 was helped to buy a cow.
4. Neighbors assisted with the care of a sick child.
5. Two new club members were added to the roll.
6. Club members helped 6 non-club families make whole wheat rolls.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK: PROJECTS
FOODS AND NUTRITION (Continued)

Shiloh Club: Mrs. Geneva Forehand

1. All our club members are growing a Victory Garden.
2. Club members through the School Lunch Room are trying to see that all school children are getting a balanced lunch.
3. Non-club members are being encouraged and helped to plan meals that contain the food essentials.
4. We are urging our families to make and fill their canning budgets.

Soybeans

No one has raised any edible soybeans. A few had tried cooking some of the field varieties, and complained that they could not get them done, and did not like them anyway. The November demonstration was on cooking edible soybeans. When the women tasted the soy bean Chile Con Carne and Sandwich Spread, they were amazed at the goodness of the beans, and many declared they they were going to have a row in the garden next year.

Whole Grain Products

The demonstration in May interested many families in buying a small quantity of whole wheat flour for rolls, muffins and cookies. The fact that wheat had not been produced on county farms in previous years left some families in doubt about growing it for home use. Several families are producing it for the first time this year to try it.

Use of Sugar Substitutes

Sugar rationing left housewives in distress for a short time, but they began to look for substitutes. Food and Nutrition leaders listened to radios, read magazines and papers for information, and the news of a new substitute rapidly passed from one to another. The Home Agent was frequently called on for recipes.

Cooperation With Other Agencies

In October, the Pasquotank County Health Department asked the Home Agent to put on a demonstration at the State Teachers College for negroes in Elizabeth City for the student body of 375 and about 25 staff members. This was the first of a series of special programs for the benefit of the student teachers on The Elementary Child.

The home agent prepared a lesson sheet on Feeding The Elementary Child and tried to present nutrition in a nut shell so that those who had had no previous training could have some basis on which to judge whether a diet was a good one or a poor one. The menus were served on a tray in dishes the same color as the ink used in printing the charts explaining them. Proper equipment was exhibited, and training the child to have good table manners etc. was discussed.

In return for this, the Pasquotank County Health Department has promised to help us with our health examinations this spring for 4-H club members

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK: PROJECTS
FOOD CONSERVATION

Number enrolled: 185
Number women leaders: 9

Canning

This year women began to plan early for canning. Jars were checked and lids were purchased. The women of the Willing Workers Negro Club bought through the Home Agent during July and August about 45 dozen new jars. Surplus vegetables from spring gardens and hogs killed in the spring found a place on many pantry shelves. About 80,530 were filled by Home Demonstration women this summer. Many filled their canning budget.

Louvenia Bright, colored canning leader of the Willing Workers Club not only more than filled her own canning budget this summer, but also took her steam pressure cooker with her to her neighbors and helped them to fill theirs. She helped 5 of her colored neighbors to can 175 quarts of beans, corn succotash and soup mixture with her own canner, and taught them how to use it so they could borrow the club canner, and go ahead with the work.

In all but one of the clubs we held a canning exhibit this summer with a jar of fruits, one of vegetables, and one of meats in each display. The best from each club was carried to the Home Agent's office to be judged in the county contest which was won by Mrs. Clarence Whitehurst of Sharon club on her exhibit of Pork Chops, Snap Beans, and Peaches. 50 women entered the contest this year.

Below is a news article from the Daily Advance of October 10. On the next page there will be found a circular letter used to remind the club women of the contests.

**Camden Winners
In Contest Told**

**Mrs. Clarence Whitehurst
in Canning Competition
Takes Kerr Prize**

Camden, Oct. 8.—Mrs. Clarence Whitehurst, president of the Sharon Home Demonstration Club, is winner of the Camden County Kerr Canning Contest for 1942. It was announced Friday by Miss Mennie Chambers, county home demonstration agent. Mrs. Weston Pugh of Old Trap took second place, and Mrs. J. L. McPherson of Pearceville was third, in contest of 50 entries.

The Kerr Glass Co. will give each of these women a dozen quart jars, and Mrs. Whitehurst's exhibit will enter the state contest competing against other county winners for the state prize. Each exhibit consisted of a jar of meat, vegetables and fruit.

These exhibits were brought to the August home demonstration

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORKS, PROJECTS
FOOD CONSERVATION (Continued)

Drying, Brining, Curing, and Storing

The July Demonstration was on drying fruits and vegetables. Several types of simple home equipment that might be used for drying fruits and vegetables were shown, and their use discussed. Processing and storing were demonstrated, and the women shown beans, corn, apples, pears, and peaches that had been dried in Camden County this summer. Apples that had been treated with sulphur, with salt, and some that had not been treated to hold the color were shown and compared.

As yet, the women have seen but little need of drying. They prefer canning, as it is quicker. One woman did can 30# of apples and several tried a tray or two of other things.

Food For Defense

In the month of March, Mrs. A. S. Johnson of the Sharon Club butchered a 400 pound beef. About 100 pounds of it was put in a cold storage plant for immediate use, and most of the remaining 300# was canned. She canned 89 quarts of stew, roast and steak, 20 quarts of soup stock. The Johnson family raises pigs, chickens and beef for home and market. They have a Victory garden and always can more than the canning budget requires. If every family would plan and produce accordingly, we would have enough food to win the war.

Cooperating With Other Agencies

At the Victory Harvest Show put on by the Garden Clubs of Elizabeth City in November, Camden County Club women had on display 10 different meats, 8 fruits and 16 vegetables.

The women of Elizabeth City were particularly interested in the canned meat exhibit since the idea of home canned meat was new to most of them.

There was canned meat as follows:

1. Canned chicken.
2. Fish.
3. Veal roast.
4. Beef steak.
5. Pork chops.
6. Sausage.
7. Sausage patties.
8. Hamlet.
9. Pork tenderloin.
10. Backbones and spare ribs.

To the left is a picture of the exhibit, which, I hope was better than the photography.



COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK: PROJECTS

HOUSE FURNISHINGS AND HOME MANAGEMENT

Number enrolled: 186
Number of leaders: 9

Farm Family Outlook

The playlet, "The Farm Family Faces 1942" was presented by selected members in each club. This aroused interest and discussion of planning for the future.

Family Business

6 families started keeping a family record. If all families would resort to records, they would soon learn where some of the holes in their family pocketbook were located.

Doris Staples, a 4-H Club member who has kept a family record for several years commented that they had no idea that their food was such a large item until they started keeping a record, and that they would never have believed their garden was so valuable to them. She was amazed at her poultry record showing a profit of \$89.00 for a flock of 70 hens over a period of five months. She said, "without a record, we would never have known how profitable the chickens were".

For the most part, women are willing to keep the records, but the men are reluctant or unwilling to reveal to the family information concerning the family finances, and continue to use the doling system instead of a budget.

Information of INFLATION AND PRICE CONTROL was discussed with the neighborhood leaders, and they, in turn, carried suggestions from one to another. Influential men and women visited their neighbors and talked inflation and price control, and referred them to certain articles in print.

Miss Pauline Smith, District Agent explained the program fully to members of Home Demonstration Clubs at the Spring Federation Meeting.

Conservation Of House Furnishings And Equipment

The information concerning conservation of house furnishings and equipment fitted right into the routine of homework. The information was given them just as they were engaged in spring house cleaning. This immediately put into practice many of the suggestions offered.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORKS: PROJECTS

HOUSE FURNISHINGS AND HOME MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Home Care Of The Sick

Camden County has no public health service, and only two doctors serve the entire county. There is a real need for the women of the county to have information necessary to carry on in case of an emergency, or illness in the home.

At the June meeting, a family medicine chest was demonstrated, showing necessary supplies needed in every home.

Community chests were brought to the meeting, and their supplies checked so that the members might know what they contained that was available for them to borrow in case of an emergency. These chests were provided by the W. P. A. 6 years ago, and all but one of them is still in tact. They contain sheets, pillow cases, baby dresses, towels, wash cloths, baby diapers, gowns, and bath robes. In communities where club rooms were not available, the chests were kept in the homes of some member, and are available to any family in the community that needs them. It is to be regretted that they are not being used more than they are.

Clothing for the sick room was demonstrated, showing suitable gowns, house coats, bed jackets, and bedroom shoes. Sottongarments were recommended as they are more durable and are easier to launder.

Invalid trays were prepared by the foods and nutrition leaders and brought to the meetings.

Mrs. Gregory of the Old Trap Club made a suitable tray using a wooden prune box. Mrs. Gregory removed the bottom and one side of the box, leaving the two ends to serve as legs, and the top to serve as table for the tray.

Conservation Of Time

Many farmers have gone to defense jobs, and left the farms for the women to look after. Women have added more and more to their tasks.

The Staples family of Shiloh is typical of what is happening all over the county. Mrs. Staples and the girls tended the fields this summer driving the tractor, picking cotton, chopping corn, pulling fodder, and attending to stock so Mr. Staples could work in a defense plant and add to the earnings of the family.

The Whitson family of Sharon is typical of the families in that end of the county. Mr. Whitson works in Norfolk on a defense job, coming home on Wednesday and Saturday nights to carry the eggs to market. Mrs. Whitson runs the farm, and raises chickens.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK: PROJECTS

HOUSE FURNISHINGS AND HOME MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The women are over worked, and realize that they need to reorganize their tasks, and simplify their work in order to get it all done. It was suggested that they take frequent rest periods during a busy day to renew their energy, and to reorganize the household tasks so that each member of the family shares in the work doing the tasks most suited to each, but changing frequently enough that one would not get too monotonous.

A dish washing demonstration was given to remind them to be more careful with their dishes for the sake of the health of the family. Especially were they urged to scrape them out, to wash and scald thoroughly whenever any member of the family had a cold.

Work clothes were discussed and demonstrated.

Rearrangement of Furniture:

Approximately 35 chairs were caned and 6 rebottomed with fiber. Many new slip covers were made to improve old furniture, and several sofas were reupholstered.

Comforter Project

In the month of June, the Comforter Project was completed for the County. 496 comforters, and 665 mattresses were made in this program for the low income families of the county.

4-H

Two girls improved their bed rooms, and one remodeled a kitchen this year.

Only Doris Staples of Shiloh is carrying a family farm and home account this year. Next year, her sister plans to keep the home account, and she will try keeping a farm account. It will be a joint affair, as a result demonstration, the first in the county.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORKS: PROJECTS

CLOTHING

Number enrolled: 185
Number of leaders: 13

In the outlook meeting, we discussed shortage of clothing that was bound to occur during this crisis. We knew that wool and cotton would soon be out of the question. Cotton was recommended for use wherever possible, since it is easier to launder, is inexpensive, and grown at home.

In the month of March, women were urged to check all garments and to make over those that were badly worn, and to care for them carefully in order to get the most wear from them.

The average club woman's wardrobe was made by the Home Agent and several of the clothing leaders. Garments were borrowed from the stores and were compared in price and workmanship as well as appearance with the ones made at home. They were all made in size 18 and were modeled by Louise McPherson, Secretary to the Home Agent. When the garments were being modeled, fit of the garments was emphasized, particular attention was given to waist lines, shoulders, and hem lines.

A county wide dress revue was sponsored in connection with the Spring Federation, May 29. 25 lovely dresses with suitable accessories were modeled by club women. Each model displayed her dress, and told the price or cost as she walked slowly across the stage. The cost of the dresses ranged from \$.75 to \$5.00. These included house dresses, sport dresses, and better dresses. Prizes for the best and second best dresses were given for each class of dresses by Belk Tyler Co. of Elisabeth City.

10 4-H dresses and house coats were modeled at the same time, but they were not judged.

A wardrobe demonstrator was selected for each club. The clothing leader was to assist with the selection of the needed garments, and the club women given recognition at the fall Federation. Only two were carried out.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK: PROJECTS

CLOTHING (Continued)

In October, we again studied remodeling old clothes. The Home Agent discussed 1942 styles. She displayed 3 made over garments, showing pictures of how the garments looked before and after they were remodeled.

The bulletin, Fashions For Victory, was given out to the women, and every suggestion discussed in it for remodeling old clothes was illustrated with a mounted picture from 1942 fashion books. Then the women brought out their old garments and plans for remodeling them were suggested by various ones of their fellow club members.

Washing rayon hose was demonstrated. Brushing, pressing and caring for clothes was discussed.

Lilly Spense, negro club clothing leader, did an excellent job of remodeling a 6 year old black dress for herself. Viola Lamb, another negro club member made a pair of pants for her grandson out of his father's old ones.



THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS

In February, the county was organized according to the A. A. A. neighborhood delimitation plan. Leaders were set up for the 18 neighborhoods in the county. These leaders were both men and women. About 95% of the women leaders were Home Demonstration Club members.

They worked on several emergency programs:

1. Victory Gardens: During this drive, about 99% of the families were contacted asking them to do the following things.
 - a. Grow a garden.
 - b. Use better seed, and take care of the garden better than ever before.
 - c. To plan for using the surplus from the garden either selling or canning
2. The First Scrap Campaign: About 2000 pounds of scrap were turned in from this drive, and several thousand more from later drives.
3. The Cost Of Living Program: Many men and women visited and interviewed their neighbors at home and in places of amusement, in season and out of season until about 90% of the families of the county had been contacted on the Cost of Living program in which they were urged to buy nothing that they did not need, and to help to prevent the prices from going beyond the amount the average American Citizen could afford to pay.
4. The Fire Prevention Program: Again they were called on in October to get it across to their neighbors that every fire was aiding the enemy, and they must help prevent such waste.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

When the Civilian Defense Council decided to have a Victory Day celebration honoring the boys from Camden County who are in service, they asked the Home Demonstration Club Women to be responsible for the lunch. It was much like an old fashioned picnic followed by music from the Elizabeth City Band and a public speaking.

Letters were written to every farm family (white) in the county asking them to furnish at least 10 sandwiches. The Home Demonstration Club President served as chairman in her community to collect the sandwiches and carry them in to the court house. A committee of women served the sandwiches, and men helped outside with the barrels of lemonade and ice water. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. It was believed that between 500 and 1000 people attended the program.

Below are news articles from local papers concerning it:

Victory Day Held Camden Courthouse With 1,000 Present

Wade Marr Speaks in Dr. Graham's Absence on War Program

Camden, Aug. 27—Over 1,000 people attended Camden County's Victory Day celebration, held on the courthouse green on Wednesday, beginning at 12:45 o'clock and ending at 3 o'clock.

Lunch was served to start the celebration and then speaking began. Featured speaker was Wade Marr, who appeared in the absence of Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, who was scheduled to deliver an address, but who telegraphed his regrets to W. I. Halstead, chairman of arrangements, at the last minute.

Marr told the assemblage that it was their duty to buy bonds and stamps and conserve, to further the war effort in every possible way for the boys who are fighting and dying on freedom's field abroad.

Also speaking were Commander Thornton of the Naval Air Base near Elizabeth City, and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Burke of the Coast Guard Air Station.

W. I. Halstead was master of ceremonies, and the music was furnished by the Elizabeth City High School band, under the direction of Gene Gorman.

Camden's Victory Day Program Great Success

Several hundred people attended Camden county's "Victory Day" program which was held on the grounds of the Camden courthouse on Wednesday of this week.

The event, which in normal times would have been termed an old time rural picnic, was held in honor of the county's service men and their families.

So huge was the crowd attending that all available parking space of the spacious courthouse grounds was taken up. A sandwich luncheon was provided free of charge, and included old fashioned lemonade.

Main event of the day was an address by S. Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, who paid tribute to the men of the county who are now in the armed services and their families who are doing their part in winning the war at home.

The day was declared a huge success by all who attended, and high praise was given those in charge of the program.

The Daily Advance
Aug. 27

The Independent

CIVILIAN DEFENSE (Continued)

Salvage

The salvage committee asked the Home Demonstration Clubs to set up salvage stations for the collection of waste and scrap materials.

Circular letters were gotten out to the community leaders and the club members from time to time. Newspaper articles announced the salvage campaign. Mr George Haskett announced it over his local news broadcast over WONO two days.

Three of the clubs sold their scrap piles to the junk man for the club treasury. Figures as to how much was turned in or how much was collected for the club treasuries are not available at the present time.

The following newspaper articles announce the campaigns:

**Attention Called
To Camden Scrap
Collection Depot**

Camden county's scrap salvage campaign is now going on, according to announcement by Miss Mamie Chambers home demonstration agent, in which she urges the full cooperation of every citizen of the county in salvaging all available scrap to help the country's war effort.

Dewey Berry of Shiloh is chairman of the Salvage Committee, and Mrs. Harvey Gregory of Old Trap is chairman of the Women's salvage work. Miss Chambers announces.

The following official Salvage stations have been established, and each one is urged to put the scrap on the pile most convenient to them, but do it now.

Old Trap, Hubbard and Pugh's store, Cotton patch at Bray's corner; Riddle, Jake Forbes' Store; Indiantown, C. W. Forehand's Store; Shiloh, Dewey Berry's Store; Camden, Camden School;

Belcross, Gregory's Service Station; Burnt Mills, Mrs. C. C. Meigs Home; South Mills, South Mills High School; Pearceville, N. C. Pearce's Store; Sharon, A. W. Whitehurst's Barnyard.

When the scrap has been collected, Dewey Berry of Shiloh will send his truck to each of the stations to collect the iron and rubber, etc., and haul it so it can start on its way to the war.

The South Mills and Camden Schools are sponsoring the campaign for salvaging the scrap in their respective communities.

The Home Demonstration Clubs in Indiantown, Old Trap, Riddle, Belcross and Sharon communities are sponsoring the drive in those communities.

An average of 3,600 persons per program attended 15 midget auto races at Akron this year.

**Camden County Is
Also In the Scrap**

**Dewey Berry of Shiloh Is
Chairman of the
County Drive**

Camden, Oct. 9—Camden County is "getting into the scrap too", according to a report received today from Miss Mamie Chambers, home demonstration agent.

Salvage drives are now under way by the school children of Camden and South Mills for their respective communities and in Indiantown, Old Trap, Riddle, Belcross and Sharon Home Demonstration Clubs are sponsoring the drive in their communities.

Dewey Berry of Shiloh is the chairman of the Camden County salvage committee and Mrs. Harvey Gregory of Old Trap is the County chairman of the women's salvage work.

The following official Salvage Stations have been established in Camden County: Old Trap, Hubbard and Pugh's store and cotton patch at Bray's Corner; Riddle, Sheriff Jake Forbes' store; Indiantown, C. W. Forehand's store; Shiloh, Dewey Berry's store; Camden, Camden school; Belcross, Gregory's Service Station; Burnt Mills, Mrs. C. C. Meigs home; South Mills, South Mills school; Pearceville, Mrs. N. C. Pearce's store and Sharon, Mrs. A. W. Whitehurst's barn yard.

People throughout the county are urged to find their old scrap and carry it to the most convenient scrap pile and to do this at once. A truck will visit each of the scrap piles or official scrap depots next week to collect all the contributions and send them on their way to war.

The Independent
Oct. 13

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Community Projects

Each of the clubs selected a project in relation to National Defense—something that they as club members could contribute to all out war efforts:

1. Old Traps: 100% of members serving watches as scheduled at the local watch post.
2. Fearceville: 100% of the women serving watches on Sundays as scheduled.
3. Indiantown: 100% of the women making a Red Cross garment, either knitting or sewing.
4. Belcross: Each woman buying a 10¢ stamp a month for the stamp book until a bond could be bought.
5. Shiloh: 100% of the members growing a Victory Garden.
6. Camden: 100% of the members serving 2-4 hour watches at the local watch post as scheduled.
7. Riddles: Each member grow a Victory Garden and ask one non club member to grow one.
8. Sharon: Each woman buy a defense stamp once a month for the club album which would later be turned into a bond.
9. South Mills: Every Club member making a Red Cross garment, either sewing or knitting.

In each club, the home beautification leader acted as project leader to be sure the project was carried out.

Libraries

Through the help of the County Commissioners, the State, and Miss Lillie Grandy, money was provided for a bookmobile to be used by the two counties jointly. Just at that time, the tires were frozen, and the Bookmobile could not be released. Thousands of volumes were being bought, and there was no means of circulating them. It was decided that boxes of 30-50 books be packed and carried to each community in the counties by the Home Demonstration Agents to be kept in a club room or in the home of some dependable club member who would serve as librarian and keep up with the books. In that way, a small library was kept in reach of every man, woman, and child in the county. It was changed once a month, and hundreds of books were read.

In October, the W. P. A. released a Bookmobile and provided the workers to drive it. A schedule was made out, the books were all collected, and returned to the library. At the present time, our books are lying idle, and W. P. A. books are being circulated in that way. We do not know how long it will last. The only reason we have that traveling library here when others can not get it is because we are in a defense area. The bookmobile makes the rounds in both counties twice a month, spending a week in Pasquotank and a week in Camden.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Red Cross Work

Twenty five Home Demonstration Club women received their certificates for having completed their course in First Aid Training.

All club members contributed to the Red Cross last spring. Several of the clubs made special donations.

75 pounds of yarn has been received by Camden County to be knitted into sweaters, mufflers, wristlets and socks. At the present time, much of it is still under construction. The following have been completed:

- 25 sweaters
- 9 mufflers
- 5 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of wristlets.

Publicity

Once every eight weeks a radio program was given over WONG. This gave the women a wonderful opportunity to get news of accomplishments of the work before the people of the entire area. It was also an aid in putting over the defense programs.

Newspaper articles were published by the local papers that revealed many interesting facts pertaining to the extension program.

An exhibit of fresh fruits, vegetables and nuts was on display at the Elisabeth City Harvest Show attended by 600-800 people.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Dedication Of Mary Grandy Community House
The Shiloh Home Demonstration Club Women with the help of their husbands and friends finished paying for their community building and dedicated it June 29 in honor of Mary Grandy, the mother of Miss Lillie Grandy.

The building cost about \$2000.00 when it was built, and with its kitchenette, library, large open fire place in the main room, it will serve as the scene of many a good time for the people of Shiloh, and will be an asset to the entire community for years to come.

Tribute Paid Mary Grandy Dedication Shiloh Building

Climax of Ceremony Is Unveiling of Portrait by Miss Lillie Grandy

Camden, June 30.—The Mary Grandy Community Building, representing months of work and planning was dedicated in Shiloh Monday afternoon at five o'clock before several hundred people who gathered for the event which climaxed with the unveiling of Mary Grandy's picture by Miss Lillie Grandy, a daughter, of Elizabeth City.

Dr. C. R. Williams, paid tribute to the woman for whom the building was being dedicated.

"Intellectually Mrs. Grandy was no ordinary woman," the speaker declared. "She was well educated, cultured and refined, being at one time the only college woman in the Shiloh community from Beltsboro to the Sound Road and to Indiantown."

He recalled the days when as a boy in her Sunday school class he was hypnotized by her charm and personality. "Spiritually and ethically she reaches the summit of her magnetic personality," he declared. "She loved God and her church. She loved little children and the newly poor and spent much time ministering to the suffering."

Following the principal address, the picture of Mrs. Grandy was unveiled to hang in the building which represents a cost of \$1,071.00 in addition to the lumber and labor which was given.

Sacrifice for Building

The program opened with a song, "America, the Beautiful," and the invocation was made by the Rev. C. K. Wright. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Wilbert Forbes.

Mrs. Mary T. Knight, former Camden County home demonstration agent under whose administration the proposed project grew to a reality, acknowledged the contributors to the building.

People in the community, county and adjoining counties have made sacrifices that this project could be completed, Mrs. Knight said.

Truss for lumber were donated by Messrs. Guy Gregory, Howard Sawyer, Charlie Brown, Charlie Gregory, Willie Gregory, Clinton Stevens, Jim Fugh, Willis Burgess, J. B. Williams, Dennis Bartlett, Weaver Gregory, Ashburn Leary, Vincent Leary, Claude Brockhead, Jim Bennett, Will Owens, Old Staples, John Forbes, Jake Forbes, Dr. W. L. Stevens, Mrs. Beulah Alston, Mrs. Mamie Godfrey and Mrs. Jackie Walker.

Men giving a day of work on the building were Messrs. C. L. Brockhoff, Cecil Furehand, H. T. Sawyer, O. D. Whaley, William Whaley, Clyde Forbes, Willie Hughes, Milton Staples, Charlie Gregory, Wiley Cartwright, L. S. Knight, and L. B. Godfrey.

Blue prints were checked and revised by Ralph Burgess and Dennis Bartlett. Tyucks and gas for hauling lumber to P. F. Gregory's mill was furnished by G. D. Berry and the work was done by C. C. Berry and Marcelle Gregory.

Appreciation Expressed

Guy Gregory was acknowledged for his untiring interest.

Mrs. Knight thanked Miss Lillie Grandy, Mrs. King, Jake Forbes, M. D. Stevens, E. P. Leary, P. F. Gregory, Kramer Bros. and J. G. Etheridge for contributions of money.

She reviewed the Baby Contest and expressed the appreciation for the many nickels and dimes which flowed into the treasury from many other sources to help pay the excesses of the community building.

"Every member of the Shiloh Home Demonstration Club, sacrificed to make this dream come true," she said.

The final receipt was read to the congregation by Mrs. Guy Gregory.



MISS LILLIE GRANDY

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Recreation

The December meetings of the clubs were held in the form of Christmas programs. After a short business session, the meeting was turned over to a program of planned recreation in each club.

The Camden club women presented a skit with one of the women acting as Santa Claus. At the end of the skit, Sants presented each one present with a Christmas gift.

Several of the clubs invited their husbands and children to enjoy an evening of fun and merriment with them.

Two of the clubs had an old fashioned Christmas dinner served at noon with each club member bringing some covered dish to add to the menu. Fried chicken, potatoes, jelly, and all the good old country foods were enjoyed.

The Pearceville, Sharon, South Mills club party was held together at the south Mills Club room on their regular meeting night.

At each of the club meetings, the recreation leader is responsible for some form of recreation to send the members home wearing a smile - a stunt, a game or a contest.

The August Meetings were set aside for planned recreations:

1. Wiener roasts were planned for Shiloh, and Riddle Clubs.
2. Fish Fries were enjoyed by Indiantown, Camden and Old Trap.
3. Ice cream suppers were planned and executed by Sharon and Pearceville.
4. Old fashioned parties with ice cream made on the ground were enjoyed by both of the negro clubs.

The week the parties were planned, it rained all the week, and to some of them, we almost had to swim. At Sharon, it was impossible to go for some of the club members in the car, so we took the horse cart and bumped them over to the party. Mrs. Eddie Taylor became the champion rope jumper for the club jumping 95 times without missing while her High School daughter was able to jump only 73 times.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FEDERATION DAYS

District Federation

Approximately 65 club women representing all the clubs of the county attended the annual Federation Meeting in May and enjoyed the well planned program and the hospitality of the Currituck Women.

Spring Federation

The Camden County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs held its annual meeting at Shiloh School Building on May 29.

Mr. Don King gave a talk on Civilian Defense. He urged the people to hope for the best and prepare for the worst. He instructed them what to do in case of an air raid, and explained the handling of incendiary bombs and gas, and cautioned all not to repeat propaganda stories picked up here and there.

Miss Pauline Smith, District agent, made a very impressive talk on Controlling "the High Cost of Living." Miss Smith's talk was instructive as well as interesting, giving a very definite picture of the part club women must play in the present crisis.

The latter part of the program featured a dress revue with 35 club women modeling sport, house, and better dresses. Prizes were given for the best and second best in each group by Belk Tyler Co. of Elizabeth City.

Fall Federation

The Fall Federation Meeting was held at the South Mills School Oct. 29 with Miss Rose Elwood Bryan as guest speaker. Miss Bryan reviewed the past year's program, pointing out that N. C. was one of the two states in the union that had had the nerve to junk all the well planned programs for 1942, and go on a state wide emergency basis. Mr. F. D. Allen spoke on "Increased Egg Production" urging the women to increase the efficiency of their flocks by proper food, floored houses, better ventilation, vaccination against diseases, etc. The garden leaders put on an exhibit of fruits, vegetables and nuts harvested that day and the day before on Camden County farms. There were 45 varieties on display.

44 women were present from 7 of the 9 clubs,

OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The present Home Agent has been on duty only five months. She has studied the county, the clubs, and the people, and visited more than half the club members both white and colored. No formal survey has been made, but from what she has observed so far, the following recommendations are made for 1943:

1. Better organization of community leaders. The agent must learn the set up as it now is, and try to perfect the organization, and improve the efficiency of the organization carrying out emergency programs.
2. A new club organized in the Burnt Hills section. There was a club there 7 years ago, but it soon died from lack of interest. A new group of people has moved in, and some of the girls who grew up in 4-H Clubs have married and settled in the community now, and they are asking for a club.
3. Stress Victory Gardens and production of Home grown wheat, soybeans, meat, milk, poultry, etc.
4. Stress food conservation.
5. Urge the people who have more money than usual to invest a part of it in conveniences and permanent improvements for their homes.

**4-H CLUB
NARRATIVE REPORT
CAMDEN COUNTY**

1942

**Mary Tester Knight
Dec. 1, 1941- June 30, 1942**

**Marie Chambers
July 1, 1942- Nov. 30, 1942**

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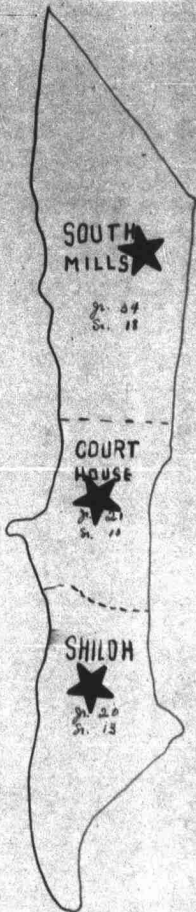
CAMDEN COUNTY

North



Township Lines

Schools



III. INFORMATION

The extension Department is practically the only outside organization working with the boys and the girls in the schools of Camden County except the Boy Scout Troup in South Hills School. There is no vocational training in any of the county schools, and the only help or instruction these boys and girls receive from outside the home on farm and home problems comes through 4-H Clubs.

Parents and pupils have been slow to see the value of Club Work. We have tried through 4-H Achievement Days, Exhibits, Home Projects, and good Club Programs to create a favorable attitude toward this work.

There are three elementary schools in the county with an enrollment of 487, and two high schools with an enrollment of 138. 16 busses are used to carry the white children to school. Two of them make the trip to Elizabet City daily to carry High School pupils from the Court House Township to the City High School.

4-H work is organized in September for the school year, and runs until the next September. That gives eight consecutive months for regular meetings and leaves the summer for visitation and camp.

Our school officials have been willing to give us time each month for meetings. As yet, they have given little assistance or encouragement to the club boys and girls.

IV. ORGANIZATION

1. Number of 4-H clubs and enrollment
There are 6 clubs with an enrollment of 116.
In each of the three schools in the county there are two 4-H clubs, a Junior club composed of girls in the 5, 6, and 7 grades, and a Senior club composed of high school girls.

The clubs meet jointly with the boys clubs for an opening and educational program. The officers are divided between the boys and the girls. Officers are allowed to serve only one year in order that as many as possible may have the experience and training. All meet once a month except Camden Junior, it meets twice.

The Camden Senior club is composed of girls who attend the Elizabeth City High school. As the school bus passes through Camden, the girls get off and attend the club meeting in the Home Agent's office. When the meeting is over, she carries all the girls home.

2. There are no elder youth or recreation clubs.
3. 4-H Achievement Days- Local and County.
An achievement Day is held each year in the fall.
4. 4-H County Council.
We do not have a county council due to the distance club members have to travel, and lack of transportation facilities to get club members to the meetings.

Goals for the year:

A. State:

1. Send representative from each club to Short Course.
2. Enter at least three state contests.
3. Have one representative at Wild Life Camp.

B. County.

1. Each club in county take active part in achievement program.
2. All clubs represented at summer camp.
3. Every club taking active part in service at various churches on 4-H Sunday.

C. Individual.

1. Every club member carry a project.
2. Every club member keep a health record.
3. Every club member cooperate with community organizations in sponsoring 4-H Defense Work.

IV. ORGANIZATION (Continued)

5. Schedule of Meetings.

A. Schedule of Mary T. Knight and Tom Brown for 1943 school session.

First Week	
Wednesday	Camden Junior
Fourth Week	
Monday	South Mills Junior and Senior
Tuesday	Camden Senior
Wednesday	Camden Junior
Thursday	Shiloh Junior and Senior

B. Schedule of Mamie Chambers and Fleet Allen for 1943 term (Fall '42)

All meetings held the week after third Sunday:		
Tuesday	South Mills Junior	10:20
	South Mills Senior	11:15
Wednesday	Camden Junior	8:45
Thursday	Camden Senior	4:00
Friday	Shiloh Junior	1:15
	Shiloh Senior	2:00

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AS EXECUTED

(Joint Educational Programs)

September: Organization

The Club Pledge

Song: The Ploughing Song

Election of Officers---Assistant County Agent, Presiding

"Professor Gals" on Parliamentary Procedure---Home Agent.

Announcements

Pledge To American Flag

Enrollment Cards Filled In

October: Patriotism and National Defense

The Club Pledge

Song: God Bless America

Minutes Read and Approved

Business and Announcements

4-H and National Defense-----4-H Club Girl

Respect To The American Flag-----4-H Club Boy

Talk: Citizenship-----Assistant County Agent

Citizenship Oath-----Home Agent

Song: Dreaming

Pledge To the American Flag

November: Thanksgiving

The Club Pledge

Song: Song Of The Open Country

Minutes read and approved

Business and Announcements

Special Music: Come Ye Thankful People Come

Thanksgiving Skit-----Home Agent

Pledge To The American Flag

December: "Spirit Of Christmas"

The Club Pledge

Silent Night

Minutes Read and Approved

Business and Announcements

Talk: The Spirit Of Christmas---Assistant County Agent

Play-----Home Agent

Pledge To The American Flag

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AS EXECUTED (Continued)
(Joint Educational Programs)

January: "Table Etiquette"

Club Fledge
The Floughing Song
Minutes read and approved
Business and Announcements
Table Setting Demonstration-----Club Girl
Do's and Dont's in Table Manners-----Assistant County Agent
Fledge To The American Flag

February: "Grooming"

The Club Fledge
Song: Dreaming
Minutes Read and Approved
Business and Announcements
Team Demonstration: Grooming
Fledge To The American Flag

March: Health

Club Fledge
Song: 4-H Health Song
Business and Announcements
Minutes Read and Approved
Health Examinations
Fledge To The American Flag

April: "Summer Activities"

Club Fledge
Song: Dreaming
Minutes read and approved
Business and Announcements
Health Exercises
4-H Camp
4-H Church Sunday

May, June, July, and August: No Joint Meetings Planned

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AS EXECUTED (Continued)
(Joint Educational Programs)

September: Organization

Songs: The Ploughing Song
The Club Fledge
Introduction of 4-H Club Work-----Louise McPherson
Election of Officers-----Farm Agent, Presiding
Enrollment of 4-H Club Members
Songs: America
Fledge To The American Flag

October: Fire Prevention

Songs: Dreaming
4-H Club Fledge
Business
Minutes of last meeting
Roll called
Business
Joint Program
Introduction-----Home Agent
Talks: Damage Done By Fires-----Club Boy or Girl
Talks: How We Can Help Prevent Fires--Club Boy or Girl
Plans For Fall Achievement
Separate Groups to fill out Mobilization For Victory
Reports

November:

Club Fledge
Songs: Dreaming
Business
Separate Meetings
Boys: Victory Gardens
Girls: Demonstration- Meat Substitutes
Soy Bean Chile Con Carne.
Soy Bean Sandwich Filling.
Cocoa made with Dried Skimmed Milk.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AS EXECUTED

(Project Programs)

September

Organization
Parliamentary Procedure

October

Collecting Materials For Handicraft Work
Making Pocketbooks

November

Net Wash Mats from Looper Clips and Corn Shucks.
Peanut Aprons from scraps.

December

Christmas Gifts

January

Spuck work, continued.
Making bedroom shoes.

February

Fine needle mats.

March

Sock dolls and stuffed toys.

April

Exhibit of work done during the year.

May and June

Canning fresh fruits and vegetables.

July

4-H Camp

August

September

Organization

October

Filling out Mobilization For Victory Reports for Achievement Day.

November

Food Demonstration on meat substitutes.

VI. PROJECTS

HANDICRAFT

Number enrolled 116
Number completing 110

By special permission we carried Handicraft as a major project during the year. We have been interested in learning crafts and perfecting it to the extent that the girls might open a roadside market. So far, interest and workmanship have not developed to the extent that we would be justified in undertaking the project.

Requirements for completing handicraft project- First Year.
(Numbers 8 and 9 required, and 5 of the other 7)

1. Hat made from shucks or looper clips.
2. Small peasanty apron, and small corn shuck mat or doll.
3. 1 pair bedroom shoes, belt or pocketbook made from shucks.
4. 1 Honeysuckle mat or basket.
5. Learn to make quilts, shroeder, crochet or weave.
6. Make 1 stuffed toy for small child.
7. Make one piece of costume jewelry (necklace, bracelet or boutonniere) from native materials.
8. Keep scrap book for the year.
9. Keep a record of project work.

Demonstrations were given during the year on makings:

1. Looper clip mats.
2. Corn shuck mats.
3. Pine needle mats.
4. Dolls and stuffed toys.
5. Bedroom shoes.
6. Peasant aprons.
7. Pocketbooks from huck towels and colored yarns.

Results: After checking, we found that 625 articles were made.

The South Mills Junior Club has 34 members and made 235 articles. The Canden Junior club has 21 members and made 125 articles. These clubs are outstanding in their work. The girls are energetic and are not afraid of work.

Some of the handicraft articles made are:

1. Costume jewelry made from corn, peanuts, persimmon seeds, macaroni, watermelon seeds, acorns and paper.
2. Peasant aprons made from scraps of material.
3. Bedroom shoes.
4. Mats made from looper clips, shucks, pine needles.
5. Pocketbooks made from huck towels and colored yarns.
6. Dolls and stuffed toys made from socks, scraps, buttons and thread.

VI. PROJECTS (Continued)

Handicraft (Continued)

Louise McPherson, Camden Senior Club girl, did excellent work in handicraft. She made dozens of articles herself, and assisted the younger girls with their work.

She gave 33 demonstrations to the 4-H clubs of the county during the year, and assisted the home agent with all the other demonstrations given.

Louise did excellent work in chair caning. She caned 2 chairs for women who paid her \$2.50 each, and assisted or taught 23 other Home Demonstration Club women to do the work.

VI. PROJECTS (Continued)

CLOTHING

Number enrolled: 15
Number completing: 10

Clothing was carried as a minor project by approximately 15 girls. Most of them were members of Senior clubs and were Seniors in High School. We find that the older girls are more clothing conscious and are willing to spend time making dresses, blouses and skirts.

At the Federation Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs, girls carrying clothing as a project during were asked to model dresses and house coats. Ten garments were modeled. Each of the schools was represented. These garments were not judged, but each was given recognition for doing outstanding work.

Girls carrying clothing during the year made the following:

1. 30 dresses.
2. 10 skirts.
3. 6 House coats.
4. 15 pairs of bedroom shoes.
5. 8 blouses.
6. 9 Aprons.
7. 12 slips.
8. 4 handkerchiefs.

VI. PROJECTS (Continued)

FOODS AND NUTRITION

Number enrolled: 7
Number Completing: 4

Doris Staples of Shiloh Club is continuing to do outstanding work in food preparation. In 1942 Doris carried 9 projects including food preparation, food preservation, poultry, and an acre of molasses cane.

This year for the third time, Doris was declared county food preparation winner. In previous years, she won 2 gold medals and \$5.00 on her trip to 4-H Camp. This year, she won again the medal and trip to camp, and her records were entered in the state contest which she also won. The award for the state contest winner was an educational trip to Chicago to the 21st. National 4-H Congress.

During 1942 she planned and prepared 248 meals for a family of 5. Doris says she always chooses the kitchen when Mother asks the girls what they want to do. She always checks the list of Daily Food Essentials to be sure she has included all the essential foods for the day.

Baking and decorating cakes is quite a hobby with Doris. She has baked a birthday cake for every member of the family, one of them serving 75 guests. She did 105 decorated cup cakes for a birthday party, an anniversary cake, a wedding cake, and many others for use by the family and neighbors, and another one used at school as a prize in a contest that brought in \$30.00.

VI. PROJECTS (Continued)

ROOM IMPROVEMENT

Number enrolled: 3
Number completing: 3

Hellie Forbes and Ethel Outrell, both of the Camden Junior Club took their rooms for a project this year. They made curtains and bed spread and painted the walls, thus improving greatly the appearance of the rooms.

Deris Staples of the Shiloh Senior Club remodeled the kitchen. This was her fifth year of room improvement. The other work was done in her bed room. She took the project because her Mother had won a new congelem rug for the kitchen, and was not willing for it to go down until some other improvements were made. The walls were painted to make the room look lighter and cleaner. Cabinets were built to hold the cooking things in the kitchen thus releasing the pantry for the canned goods which heretofore had had to stay outside where it was in constant danger of freezing.

FOOD PRESERVATION

Number enrolled: 54
Number completing: 19

2119 quarts of fruit, vegetables and meats were canned by the 19 girls who finished the projects and turned in records of work done. 1606 additional quarts were canned by other girls on the 4-H Mobilization For Victory Report Blanks. That made a total of 3725 quarts of fruit, vegetables, meats, pickles, jellies, and preserved reported as having been canned by 4-H club girls during the summer of 1942.

VIII. THE HEALTH PROGRAM

A joint program on Health was given during the month of March.

A program was given and then the boys and girls met in separate groups for a check up by the agents. The two healthiest girls in each club were selected as examples for the club, and were to be checked by the county Health Doctor to determine the County Health Queen.

A great many girls are under weight, have bad teeth, poor posture, and defective eyesight. We are unable to carry through a very helpful program of health improvements. A county Health Department to assist with these programs would improve the general health of the entire county.

XI. FEDERATION DAYS

Achievement Day was held the first week in November as chapel programs in each of the three schools in the county with approximately 650 pupils and teachers present.

One of the club Presidents presided over the meeting, seated at a table on which were displayed the 4-H Club and the American Flags.

The following program was used:

4-H Pledge
Song: America The Beautiful
Pledge To The American Flag
Explanation of 4-H Achievement Day --Assistant Farm Agent
Bonds and Stamps-----Club Boy
Scrap Collection-----Club Girl
Food Production-----Club Boy
Food Preservation-----Club Girl
Other Projects-----Club Boy or Girl
Presentation of Other Awards-----Home Agent
Song: The Ploughing Song-----All

The assistant Farm Agent explained why we were having Achievement Days and the basis on which recognition was given. A Victory Certificate was awarded to each Club Member who had participated in the Mobilization For Victory Program by buying as much as \$5.00 worth of Defense Stamps; for collecting as much as 200# of iron or 30# of rubber; for raising a garden, poultry, calf, or sheep or pig, or any other project in food production; for food preservation.

Only one certificate was given to each club member, and the various activities were listed on that one. As the various speakers told of the work done in Camden County and that particular school, he called the names of those who had achieved something in that line, and the person whose name was called came to the front of the auditorium the first time he was mentioned. The Home Agent gave out the certificates as they came for them. The speakers all wore placards showing the subject on which he was speaking.

The Home agent was called on to award other awards and achievement Certificates, and to announce the County Champions.

X. CONTESTS

The following contests were conducted in the county:

1. Gardens: 96 boys and girls enrolled in the project.
69 girls enrolled, 87 completed the project.
Ethel and Willie Outrell won this contest. They are son and daughter of S. P. Outrell of Belcross and were members of the Camden Junior Clubs. Willie, aged 15, ploughed the garden and assisted with the heavy work, while his 12 year old sister, Ethel kept the weeds out, and did the lighter work. They raised 21 vegetables for a family of 7. About \$200.00 worth of vegetables were consumed by the family, and Ethel sold \$2.00 worth at a roadside market one day.
2. Pigs: 16 boys and girls raised 165 pigs.
The championship was won by Billy Old of the South Mills Senior Club. Billy raised 46 pigs at a total profit of \$572.92
3. Food Preparations: 5 contestants.
Doris Staples won the championship for the county for the third consecutive year. This was Doris's sixth year in food preparation, having increased the scope of her project every year. She started out helping Mother with breakfast by setting the table, washing the dishes, and preparing one dish at a time. Later she was able to assume more and more responsibility until the third year she planned and prepared 75 meals. The fourth year, she did 100 meals; the fifth 175; and this year, 245.
4. Handicrafts: 116 pupils carried the projects: 110 completed it.
Louise McPherson of the Camden Senior Club did the most outstanding work. Louise made dozens of articles herself, and assisted the girls in all six clubs with their handicraft work. She also assisted Home Demonstration Club women in caning 25 chairs. The picture shown below is Louise and the Camden club girls holding the articles made.
5. Records: 2 contestants
Louise McPherson's record was the best in the county

The following state contests were entered:

1. Records: Louise McPherson.
2. Foods and Nutrition: Doris Staples.

XI. HONORS FOR

1. County

- a. Camden Junior Club won the first place in the county as the most efficient club. A \$10.00 prize awarded by the First and Citizens National Bank of Elizabeth City to be used the summer of 1943 by the members of the club to help defray expenses to 4-H Short Course, or 4-H Camp.
- b. The South Hills Junior Club won second place and \$5.00 to be used the same way.
- c. Billy Old won championship certificate, medal, and \$5.00 to be used on his 4-H Club trip next summer.
- d. Doris Staples of Shiloh Senior Club won county recognition for food preparation. She got a medal, \$5.00, and chance to enter the state contest.
- e. Ethel and Willie Outrell won the \$5.00 prize for their garden. The money also to be used on the 4-H trip next summer.
- f. Louise McPherson won the \$5.00 for handicraft.
- g. Doris Staples won a medal for her farm and home account book during the summer.
- h. 68 Boys and girls received certificates for having completed a project, other than handicraft.
- i. 110 boys and girls won Victory Certificates for having done worth while work in the war effort.

2. State:

- a. Louise McPherson won the Records Contest, and was declared North Carolina's "O-Girl" with a free trip to Chicago to the National 4-H Congress.
- b. Doris Staples won the state Food Preparation Contest, and a trip to Chicago to the National 4-H Club Congress.

XIII. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Cassden Senior Club wanted to do something to help America to win the war. They took that as a project, and did the following:

1. Collected 1000 pounds of paper and sold it to the Fall Box Co., donating the money to the Red Cross.
2. Sew Victory Gardens.
3. Took 2-4 hour watches on Sunday afternoons at the local watch post.

XIV. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, April 12, 1942, four churches honored the 4-H boys and girls of their church. A special program was presented with club members taking part in the music, scripture reading and prayer. The sermon in each case was directed toward youth and the part they play now and in the future.

The following program used at Sawyer's Creek Church is typical of those used in all the churches:

Songs: America-----	-----All
Scripture Reading-----	-----Oneita Hastings
Prayer-----	-----Ann Jeralda
Reading: My Church-----	-----Louise McPherson
Special Music: America My Own-----	-----Four Club Girls
The Meaning of 4-H's-----	-----Four Club Girls
Your Flag and My Flag-----	-----Bernice Brooks
Credo for 4-H Club Members-----	-----Five Club Girls
Proper Flag Salutes-----	-----Raye Hodges
4-H Club Pledge-----	-----All 4-H Members

XV. RADIO PROGRAMS

Radio programs were given every other month over station WCNC in Elizabeth City.

XVII. CAMP

The 1942 camp was held at White Lake. Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and Currituck counties planned to camp together, but a larger number of boys and girls than had been anticipated signed up to go, and the camp had to be divided.

Pasquotank and Perquimans went to Camp Singletary, while Camden and Currituck went to White Lake Camp. 27 boys and girls (10 boys and 27 girls) went from our county with all 6 clubs represented.

The classes taught were Citizenship and First Aid.

Trips to the neighboring camp, a trip to the public beach one afternoon, swimming and bathing twice a day, Virginia Reels and Square Dances at night provided recreation for the campers.

The schedule of a typical camp day is published in the attached news article published in The Independent July 14.



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A typical camp scene



Off to visit the down town beach.

Four-H Boys And Girls Leave For Stay At Camp

Four-H club boys and girls of Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties left Elizabeth City Monday morning for White Lake 4-H Camp. About 170 boys and girls from the four counties are taking the trip. Fifty-five of the 4-H boys and girls are from Pasquotank County.

"This is a fine trip for our boys and girls," says F. H. Jameson, County Agent. "It gives them a chance to get away from home for a few days which will help them to more fully appreciate home when they get back."

A camp day will consist of many wholesome activities such as the following:

6:45—Time to get up
7:15—Setting up exercises and flag raising
7:30—Breakfast
8:00-9:00—Put camp in order
9:30-9:50—Assembly
9:50-10:30—Subject matter instruction.

10:30-11:30—Subject matter instruction

11:30—Lunch

1:30-2:30—Quiet Hour

2:30-5:30—Sports, play, swimming

6:30—Supper

7:30—Vesper service

8:00-9:30—Games

10:00—Taps

10:30—Time to get to bed

The camp directors would like to take this opportunity to express to the parents of these boys and girls their deep and sincere appreciation for your cooperation.

Everything reasonably possible will be done for the safety and protection of the children while they are gone.

The trip will be educational, teach sportsmanship and fair play, afford a vacation which all children need, and develop real personality and self-reliance.

XIII. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As we face 1943, 4-H Prospects are bright. We intend to cooperate with and participate in the state wide blanket program.

In the schools and among school officials, interest is growing. Mr. Burgess, the new principal at South Mills is very cooperative.

Mrs. Barry, the new Principal at Camden, and Miss Brown, one of the teachers said they were so glad we had the achievement Day in Chapel so they would know what was going on. They said that they had no idea their boys and girls had done as much as they had to further the war effort.

In Shiloh, Doris Staples, candidate for Salutatorian of her class in 1942, winner of the Chicago trip, was to miss 5 days of school. Mr. Copeland, the Principal, and all of her teachers said they were proud of the honor coming to their school, and they would see that Doris did not miss a thing because of her absence while on this trip, and would gladly make up the work with her when she returned.

At present, there are 123 girls enrolled, and seem quite enthusiastic about their club work. We hope to get at least a dozen of them to collect their records for a permanent record of their 4-H accomplishments, and hope to enter more of the state contests next year.