

STATE PURPOSE 650

A. Agent Training

Home economics agents from the entire state were given training in the area of consumer competence related to housing, which was planned by the state staff for 1969 program of work.

Conferences, with special assistance on housing problems, were conducted with the staffs of 26 individual counties.

B. County Programs

The county home economics programs for organized groups emphasized the goals and values aspect of family housing. Nineteen counties presented programs to organized groups, and to the public by means of TV, radio and newspaper. The state department provided slides and other teaching materials for the programs. Home planning programs in other areas of housing were given in 17 counties to the above-mentioned groups.

A series of classes for families planning to build within the next two years was offered in Greene County in November. A total of 45 people took advantage of this opportunity for learning.

C. Long-Range County and Area Programs

Specialist gave assistance in planning long-range housing programs with three area development associations. The Coastal Plains Area, through these meetings, has plans developed and underway for a six-county housing fair to be staged in April 1969.

Comprehensive county housing programs were planned by county staffs and specialists in Nash, Yancey, Greene, Harnett and Buncombe Counties.

D. New Materials and Programs

Consumer materials related to family housing problems were prepared by the state staff for 1969 programs of work in home economics. Lesson sheets, outlines, teaching guides and illustrative materials were prepared in the following areas of housing: (1) Home Kitchens, (2) Planning Bathrooms, (3) Interior Building Materials, (4) Resilient Floor Coverings, (5) Home Exhaust Fans, (6) Heating and Cooling the Home, and (7) Paints-- Problems and Solutions.

Study sheets for 15 house plans were prepared for printing.

Plans for remodeling and addition to the Franklin County office building were drawn by specialists. Also drawn were plans for community buildings in Nash and Mecklenburg Counties.

Specialist mailed out 16,875 home blueprints during 1968. This was the largest number ever distributed in a like period of time. In 1967 about 10,000 blueprints were distributed.

Specialists worked with Unico paint representatives, setting up plans for continuation of paint research program in cooperation with North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

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State specialist prepared and sent to all home economics agents information on trends in mobile home design for 1969.