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Summary of Activities and Accomplishments.

Organization.

156-days devoted to adult work by Agent.

124- " " " 4-H " " " .

86.5-" spent in office.

193.5-" " " field.

207---demonstration meetings held with

2946---attending.

5---Leaders Schools with

210---present.

665---farm and home visits.

315---differnet homes visited.

764---individual letters written.

54---circular letters.

1241---bulletins distributed.

577---office calls received.

2---events at which Extension Exhibits were shown,

8---news articles published.

12---Home Demonstration clubs with

276---women enrolled.

13---4-H clubs with

375 ---girls enrolled. 262 girls completing.

41--- County Council of Home Demonstration clubs.

4---meetings held--attendance-183.

60--officers as members.

1--4-H Council.

2--meetings held--attendances--130

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Summary of Activities and Accomplishment

95-members enrolled.

125-4-H club Leaders.

14-4-H meetings held by leaders with
623--in attendance.

Visits by District Agents and Specialist.

2--Negro Subject-matter Specialist.

2-- " District Farm Agents.

8--- " " Home Demonstration Agents.

1-- " 4-H Club Specialist.

3-- " State Agents.

Project Activities.

276-women enrolled in Foods and Nutrition(Major Project)
(3 months devoted to food preparation).

906-dishes prepared as demonstrated.

209-food plans made.

350-families had good gardens.

175-good year-round gardens.

310-families made canning budgets(included women other than club
members).

175-filled canned budgets.

51,125-quarts canned by women.

18-pressure canners in the county.

8-new ones this year.

75 -families with year-round poultry supply.

150-4-H club members canned-

940-quarts of fruits and vegetables.

375-girls enrolled in Foods and Nutrition.

83-meals plans submitted and prepared by them.

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Summary of Activities and Accomplishments

4-contest held for 4-H Club members.

946-participating.

13-Demonstration teams trained(4-H girls.)

1-recreation night with-
250-attendance.

75-meetings of an extension nature participated in by agent with-
4275-attendance.

1-camp for girls with-

1-leader

1-agent-

8-girls attending.

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Changes in County Extension Organization

FORM

Edgecombe County, one of the largest counties in the state has a population that is about 60% Negro. There is also a very high rate of tenancy and a large number of day laborers. Due to the fact that so many of these people move every year it is necessary to check the roll of club members twice each year.

In a county of this kind where so many landlords own large farms with many families, landlords are realizing the expense to them of families who move every year. It is really in evidence, the change coming about in the relationship between landlord and tenant, that really is for the good of all. A finer spirit of cooperation is being brought to bear on extension work as landlords are realizing the more informed these families are about better living more contented farm families are, which means all concerned are benefited; in health, money saved and higher standards of living. Extension families are really getting ahead of other rural farm families in the county. This is really attracting attention.

County Commissioners still give their support to the work.

(a) materials for demonstrations and office supplies are generously taken care of. The Home Agents office has recently been equipped with shelves in both rooms.

Cooperation is given to both Agents through the daily paper for any publicity.

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Form

County Council

The County Council is composed of officers from the 12 Home Demonstration clubs in the County has a membership of 60.

Number of meetings held--4

Attendance at meetings held--183.

The Council has been a most important factor this year in promoting important Extension programs and sponsoring special activities that arise.

Mrs. Martha Hart of Rt. 2, Rocky Mount, said in the June meeting, "In this one year I have learned more about our work through the Council than any other way". She especially likes hearing reports of what other clubs are doing.

Realizing our club officers are "key" people so much more can be done by working in a group.

The Council is an agency working for the farm people back home to help meet their needs and that of the community. "Free Speech" on part of women at these meetings reveals much to the agent.

In the March meeting of the county council, Mrs. D.F. Lowe, Negro District Agent was present to speak to the women. She talked to the women on the "New Food and Feed Program", emphasizing the need of people in rural communities to do things. Mrs. Lowe was very much impressed by the way the women were able to conduct their meeting and said, "Five years ago no one could have told you they could do that".

Mrs. Flossie J. Parker, Supervisor of Rural Schools in the county, spoke to

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County Council

the group on the U.S.O. and made an appeal. \$2.10 was contributed by the women.

The women contributed \$8.00 through the Council to the Home Demonstration Loan fund. Before organizing the Council it was very hard to create ~~intere~~ interest in this meeting. Now reporting through this organization has stimulated interest and each year the contribution has increased.

The January meeting is held jointly with the Farm Council and at this meeting "The Outlook" is the main theme of the meeting. The plan for 1942 is to hold separate sessions for men and women in the morning. At this time club women will read 1942 goals for club and community.

The October meeting is a planning meeting. Plans for new program, Achievement Day, husbands' Night, getting in yearly reports are given and discussed by women.

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in 1941
Women's Clubs and Enrollment

1. Acorn Hill	22
2. Draught	20
3. Brick	15
4. Dixon	20
5. Kingsboro	24
6. Marks' Chapel	22
7. Providence	25
8. Hoberson	25
9. Sharpsburg	31
10. Wimberly	23
11. Willow Grove	22
12. Wells	27
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General Policies

The Home Demonstration work in the county for 1940 was conducted in 12 Home Demonstration Clubs.

There were 16 4-H Clubs.

The program and the work of the Home Demonstration Clubs is conducted by the Home Demonstration Agent.

beginning with the 1940 work it was decided that the program include one special meeting to which the men would be invited, especially when the lesson to be given required some special assistance from the husbands.

At this special meeting the county agent would be asked to attend. Assistance was given by the county agent in the lesson on Home Gardens in the February meeting.

All clubs were worked jointly by the agents this year, with each agent having two separate clubs. 1942 plan calls for each agent working together in all 4-H Clubs.

Program planning for the Farm Council meetings ^{is} ~~are~~ done jointly so as to take care of the interest of both the men and women.

The county agent is always made welcome to the Council meetings of the Home Demonstration Clubs.

An agents conference the afternoon of the first Monday in the month is a great help in planning special work for the month.

The county agent does cooperate nicely in the matter of cutting stencils for programs and letters.

Joint circular letters are sent out to save time, paper and often create more interest.

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Changes in County Extension Organization

Procedure-Monthly meetings

The copies of programs following are typical of the procedure in both Home Demonstration and 4-H Clubs meetings.

For 1941 the Agent has sent from her office copies of the monthly programs for the clubs. This has been done on the ~~on~~ first day of the month. Any material necessary for special numbers or reports was included. These programs have served as a guide for pres. and have resulted in an improvement in meeting procedure.

A decided improvement in the singing has been due to getting the words of songs and has meant that new songs could be taught more easily. In the Oct. meeting the Agent asked the presidents if these programs had meant anything to them or helped in any way and if they would still like to receive them. They all exclaimed, "Please send them". Mrs. Emma Barnes, Rt. 2, Rocky Mount, and pres. of the Kingsboro Home Demonstration Club said, "These programs just help me so much to plan a good meeting".

The Agent has made it known that the women are to take charge of the recreation in the monthly meetings. This worked successfully in both 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs.

Each club woman is given a copy of the program of work in the January meeting. This keeps her informed as to the demonstrations and other club activity for the month.

The women have pledged themselves to let nothing and no month be so busy that some of them do not get the lesson and pass it on to others. They have been convinced what a break in the monthly meetings mean. This year has shown improvement in beginning meetings more promptly.

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Procedure--Leaders Schools.

5-Leaders Schools were held.

1-Foods and Nutrition.

1-Gardening.

1-Home Beautification.

1-Canning.

1-4-H Leaders.

210-leaders present.

The school in Foods and Nutrition was conducted by Miss Wilhelmina Laws, Negro Subject-Matter Specialist. The demonstration lesson was on Yeast Breads--and the making of liquid yeast. This proved a most interesting lesson to leaders as well as other club women who had not been able to have yeast bread as often as they liked because of the inconvenience of getting yeast. This supply could now be on hand by making liquid yeast. Each leader was given $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the mixture to take home for the first practice lesson. They were also asked to hold an extra meeting to give the demonstration to other club members inasmuch as the yeast bread lesson would be too long for one club meeting when the agent would demonstrate making rolls.

8-clubs were given this lesson by leaders.

310-club members present.

Miss Laws has meant so much to the work in the county in helping the agent develop the much needed leadership for conducting the work in such a way as to reach more people. Results of this work have shown up in such things as getting to meetings more promptly so as to help the agent, assisting with demonstrations, providing suitable places for the demonstrations, light and ventilation, and encouraging better club work on part of club women.

Mrs. Mary Reid, Rt. 1 Whittakers, N.C. a member of the Brick Home Demonstra-

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Procedure--Leaders Schools.

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tion Club in giving a report to the women in the club meeting said, "Ladies I just wish all of you could have been there to see how Miss Laws and our home agent worked to give us that lesson, as I sat there I made up in my mind one thing, if they worked that hard to help us just how interested we should be in trying to help ourselves. I have decided, said Mrs. Reid, that from now on I would do a better job in my club and community. This was Mrs. Reids first time to attend a leaders school.

7-clubs were represented out of 12 at the school.

16-women present.

Home Beautification and Garden Leaders met on the same day for the Leaders School. This was conducted by both the county and home agents. Each group of leaders entered into one discussion disregarding the idea of being different project leaders. It seems better results were noted because of the combination. The lesson given by the county agent "The Need for Better Gardens and How to Have Them". Mrs. Georgiana Taylor of Rt. 1 Whitakers, N.C. said, "I have been so busy helping and checking on other club members gardens that I am ashamed of mine".

It is very hard on the part of the agent to keep up interest in the school for Home Beautification Leaders who have been in charge of the Clean-Up Campaign in the county. Each year some new idea must be advanced for this reason. Much initiative is noted and independence on the part of leaders as they carry out this work. For 1941 the general idea was, General Cleaning of Premises, with emphasis on providing rest centers on porches and yards. Mrs. Bloomer Hines, Rt. 1 Box 148-A Tar-

Procedure-Leaders School.

told how her boy followed a suggestion of the agent for making chairs and swings from branches of trees, and painting them white. She said, "Mrs. Parker knows we have chairs, tables, benches and swing on the yard and on the porch." Leaders reported how old benches and chairs were repaired, painted and put in places for rest periods.

287-families participated in the Clean-Up Campaign.

15-out-door living rooms made.

167-benches and other seats provided for rest places.

One does not have to question the importance of training leaders through Leaders Schools when results are checked by those who attending.

1-school was held by the agents with the 4-H Club leaders, Saturday February 22, 1940. In an effort to keep leaders informed and to assist them with their problems in club work. A copy of the program has been included. A special feature of the program was the talk by the county supervisor of rural schools Miss Flossie J. Parker, who explained how 4-H Club work might be correlated with other classroom activity. Of much interest was the material brought to the group by Mrs. Dickens on work done in the Soberson 4-H Club.

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Procedure-How Leader function.

26-Leaders in Foods and Nutrition.

The year 1941 gave leaders plenty of work to do and the response has been very good indeed. The training given them in 1940 has certainly been reflected in what they have done this year.

45-meetings were held on various projects this year by leaders in the absence of the agent.

840-attended the meetings held.

An improvement in reporting has also been noted.

In Foods and Nutrition the major project for 1941 leaders have kept major project record sheets, showing attendance, and work done by the club members, very good reports have been made at the monthly meetings. They have also scored themselves and sent these to the agent at the beginning of the month.

Without the help of leaders this year some of the work accomplished would have been left undone.

The "yeast bread" lesson of April was a long one. To make liquid yeast and bread was too much to cover in one lesson. At the Leaders School in March, Miss Wilhelmina Laws asked each leader to hold an extra meeting and teach the women how to make this yeast.

16 Leaders put this demonstration over in an extra lesson.

The committee on refreshments for the Annual husband's night is composed of Foods Leaders. They are able to plan the food very well.

4-demonstrations were given by Foods Leaders in the absence of the agent.

2 -demonstrations were started by the agent and left to be finished by leaders.

Again for 1941-Miss Ella Bellamy of the Willow Grove Club is the best leader in Foods and Nutrition. Her record of work done for this year shows:

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Procedure--How Leaders Function

Club is the best leader in the Foods and Nutrition Project. Her record for work done this year shows:

1. Sent in score sheet for each month work was done.
2. Completed 2 demonstrations for the agent--Yeast bread
Southern Rice.
3. Gave a complete demonstration to her club in-liquid yeast
Cheese Souffle.
4. Scored high in personal appearance--wearing a white uniform
for giving demonstrations.
5. Attended leaders school and was on time.
6. Attended all club meetings this year and on time.
7. Cooperates in all club and county activity.
8. Made reports in all club meetings.

Mrs. Mary Reid, Rt. 1, Whitakers, and Foods Leader in the Brick Home Demonstration Club is mentioned for a little device that proved quite helpful in stimulating attendance. The back of an old calendar was marked off in squares to show the months of the year for meetings. When the roll is called each member answering has a gold star placed by her name. Attendance increased and the women were proud of their gold stars.

12-Garden leaders worked in the county to help the agent check on gardens of other club women and to make their garden a good demonstration. Much encouragement and help was given by them.

2-meeting during the year the Garden Leaders give a talk from the letter received from the office so that other members may benefit from the information since not enough letters can be sent out. At the end of the year a report of:

Number of gardens in the club is sent in and a record of the

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Procedure--How Leaders Function.

none sold and had plenty for the table.

Mrs. Elizabeth Slade Rt. 1, Behtel planted 25 different vegetables in her garden but did not have the success as of last year when her garden was featured in the Agents' report. This year her rating was kept down by destruction caused by drought and insects.

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Procedure

- (a) Number of Non-club members reached---137
(b) " " farm homes in the county---1350
(c) " " tenant families reached---325

In 1940 Agent and Leaders reached 61 non-club members.

" 1941 " " " " 137 " " " .

Leaders have worked with the women in their immediate communities.

The number of families total 50.

Non-club members with whom Agent has worked 87. Of this number 50 families were reached through the two Home Improvement Projects being sponsored in the county.

37 were reached by the food Conservation Program.

Of the 20 women enrolled as increase in membership for 1941--12 of these were reported as women helped with home problems by Home Demonstration club members.

Foods and Nutrition Leaders reported having taught 26 women how to make liquid yeast for bread.

24 helped with canning by Leaders.

Tenant Families Reached.

Est. 325 tenant families have been reached this year through 4-H and Home Demonstration club work.

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Procedure

Farm families in county

The new census report shows number of farm families in county (Negro) 1350. 10 years ago this figure was 2262. This number (2282) however included some day laborers.

The rural negro families have not decreased that much in number, but the definition for farm family has given a different interpretation thereby reducing many family groups to the class of day laborers, even though they live in rural communities and earn their living through farm work.

The county and Home Agents have a mailing list of over 2000 farm families, this still does not include 2 communities. We estimate about 2400 different families in the county.

A very careful check and distinction has to be shown in reporting the number of people reached and number of farms reached, if not we would find our report showing more farm families reached than there are farms in the county.

One landowner in the county has 49 farm families on what is considered 1 farm. Day laborers no tenants.

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County Program of Work

Factors Considered and Methods Used in Determining
Program of Work.

For the last two years the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs composed of 60 officers from the 12 Home Demonstration Clubs have met in the month of Oct. to discuss the program for the incoming year. We find now the women are able to point out some of the needs of their respective communities, and from their discussions many of the goals are set up for the county.

This year this is especially true with the change brought about by the state in adopting a state-wide program many of the things already worked out and planned have been included under county goals where possible. Suggestions often made by Agent to women help them reach conclusions on program.

Helpful suggestions from the District Agent, Subject-Matter Specialist who observe the work in the county and people are helpful aids in determining the program of work. The Agent has also attempted to plan program based on materials and crops common to this locality.

Considering the fact that so many day laborers are involved in our program the work is arranged so as to have most of major project activities come when there is less farm work to be done.

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County Program of Work

Project Activities and Results-
foods and Nutrition (Major Project)

Number women enrolled-276

Number women completing-197

Number Leaders-----

Number Leaders Schools held: Agent--2
Specialist--1--Others--0

The following shows demonstrations given by Agent:

Month-----	Demonstrations-----	Attendance-----	Results.
Dec.-----	Making our own decorations for the Home.	197-----	141 women made 301 articles.
Jan.-----	Making the family food budget-----	206-----	173 budgets checked by Agent.
Feb.-----	Gardens and Canning Budgets.(men pres.)----	276-----	205 canning budgets made.
Mar.-----	Milk and eggs as meat substitute in children's diets.(Creamed eggs) -----	257-----	190 women prepared 309 times.
April-----	Yeast breads(making liquid yeast)-----	209-----	79 women prepared bread 301 times during month.
June-----	Busy day meals(southern rice)-----	146-----	96 prepared dish 207 times in month.
July-----	Re-organization of pantry (Cleaning and re-arranging containers for storage)-----	74-----	29 reported some improvements.

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County Program of Work

Project Activities and Results

Foods and Nutrition (Yeast Breads -- Meal Planning)

"Raising bread standards" was continued in yeast bread lessons. Women had asked for rolls for two years. The problem of having yeast for ~~one~~ bread was solved in lesson on making liquid yeast.

209 women were given lesson on "Yeast Breads"- Home assignment- serve rolls to the family at least once each week. Results-150 women prepared and served hot rolls 309 times during the month.

3 leaders reported having left the Leaders' School, made more yeast from small amount given them at the school.

The bread lesson has resulted in use of more plain flour. Club women report now buying one half plain and one half self-rising flour.

"Meal Planning for busy days" was the lesson given in June. The Agent feels that this was the lesson that proved most interesting to women present and a much needed lesson.

For the most part a busy day means a poorly planned and prepared meal, for the family; "Southern Rice" was demonstrated to 146 women and prepared 207 times by 97 club members.

Each club woman was asked in Feb. to keep a record of and bring to bar. meeting number of eggs served during month, amount of milk used and number of different ways eggs were served to family.

The experiment given to show importance of eggs- Hard cooked VS Hard-boiled was almost unbelievable until women noted difference in texture

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Project Activities and Results

foods and Nutrition (Yeast Breads--Meal Planning)

and flavor of egg. "Creamed eggs" was prepared and served by 190 women 309 times.

Mrs. Ethel Lane on November 25, 1941 remarked to Agent who was assisting with Meat canning, "Everybody at my house has learned to eat eggs and cooked like they ought to be".

Milk and eggs as a meat substitute in childrens diets revealed startling fact that too few eggs used and the small amount of milk consumed by farm families.

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Project Activities and results.

foods and Nutrition (Con't).

The Foods and Nutrition Program for 1941 was planned with the idea of increasing food supply of farm families so farm women would be able to better use information gained from 1940 program. Throughout the year this idea of "need for producing more food" was emphasized in each lesson.

In January "The family food budget" proved most interesting.

173- club women made these plans as outlined by North Carolina Extension Service. Many women thought this too much of an increase to take on in one year since many families produce such little food. Not nearly enough for their families.

Mrs. Emma Barnes of Rt. 2, Box 367, Rocky Mount, N.C. says, "It's really worth so much to know how short you are in raising what you should". The Agent was anxious to have each family get a good picture of amount of food needed, so when suggestions were called for in connection with the test farm meeting, it was decided we should give the people an "eye picture" of the amount of food that should be produced for one individual.

Better Gardens, more hogs, poultry was in evidence everywhere, trying to carry out suggested practices to increase food supply.

Food and Feed Program.

To further emphasize increased production the "Food and Feed Campaign" is launched in all North Carolina.

Est. 3000 families were asked to join in this campaign by letter from

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Project Activities and Results

Foods and Nutrition

Food and Feed Program(Con't)

white County Agents office. 1500 families pledged their efforts to carry out this program.

On a visit to check the garden of Mrs. Leola Dancy, Rt. 1, Box 67A, Battleboro, and who was packing lima beans, she said, "Believe me, I shall save every bean in here this year. Last year we let so many stay here and waste but things are too critical." Mrs. Dancy is listed among the families to receive certificate for producing 75% of food and feed.

This program resulted in enlargement and fencing of 136 home gardens. Families were made to realize that gardens in many instances were too small.

210- homes were visited for purpose of determining why families failed to sign in this program. 50% didn't realize significance of program. 10% were indifferent. 10% thought it couldn't be done.

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County Program of Work
Project Activities and Results-Clothing.

Dress Revue.

Number of women enrolled----256 } This represents women completing
Number of women completing--76 } better dress-and modeling in the
Dress Revue-Dec.14 at the Achiev-
ment Day.
Clothing Leaders -----26
Number of Dress Revues held-1
Number of women entering---56
Number of dresses made-----76

The Annual Dress Revue held at the time of the Achievement Day does much to create and hold the interest of the women in the clothing program. The objective is-to show well made clothing and correct dress for different occasions.

2 types of better dresses were made by the women-tailored and sport dress and a more dressy type.

To see how the women had used information gained from the program the preceding year was most gratifying.

Cost of dresses modeled---\$63.65.

Most expensive dress-----\$1.87

Most inexpensive dress----- .35

Honors in Dress Revue were won by:

Kingsboro Home Dem. Club-1st place.
Sport dress---Cost \$1.37
Sharpsburg-" " " 2nd "
Tailored dress-Cost \$1.25
Providence Home Dem. Club-3rd "
Tailored dress---.35

The awards were red, white and blue ribbons. The agent has attempted to discourage the use of prizes in order to build up a greater and more lasting appreciation for the work itself.

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Project Activities and Results--Clothing.

Dress Revue(cont.)

Though not as many entered the Dress Revue in 1940 as in 1939:

1939----76
1941----56

It was due to the season of the year, coming immediately after a very busy season many of the women were unable to get ready in time.

75 % of the work done in preparation for the revue was done by Clothing Leaders.

1 schedule "Finishes" was held.

2 demonstrations given by agent-reading and Adjusting Patterns, and Finishes.

It was necessary for leaders to hold extra meetings for fitting-
10 fitting meetings were held.

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County Program of Work

Project Activities and Results-Clothing

- (a) Income earnings for clothing
- (b) Improved appearance.

Number of women taking in sewing-----3

Amount of money made-----\$146.25/

The largest amount of this money was made by Mrs. Ida Williams of Willow Grove Club--\$66.30.

1940-amount of money raised-\$98.10-illness caused decrease.

When the Agent paid Mrs. William a visit in March she was very busy cutting. She (Mrs. Williams) explained that about 2½ days are spent in cutting, all garments are labeled- latter part of week spent in finishing garments. She sews for almost everyone in the community.

Garments are cut with use of pattern. The Agent gave Mrs. Williams directions for making a door pocket in order to keep her patterns straight. This meant they could be kept orderly and without having to go under the bed for them when needed.

The following suggestion helped Mrs. Williams get more money for her sewing. By bringing some of the well made garments to the meeting and exhibiting them, we were able to compare a well made garment with a poorly made one and show how they should differ in price. Dresses formerly made for \$.20 now bring \$.30 and \$35 (childrens garments)

(b) Improved Appearance.

Rural women in Edgecombe County are really becoming "clothes conscious."

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County Program of Work

Project Activities and Results-Clothing

- (a) Income earnings for clothing
- (b) Improved appearance

No longer do we see at club meetings "hair sticking from under hats" or soiled dresses. Three years ago this was much in evidence.

Much thought now is being given to accessories and how they match.

For at least 2 years after coming to the County if the Agent met a woman at the club meeting and then at church you couldn't believe it was the same woman.

Many things and agencies have been influential in bringing about the change;

1. Agent attempts to talk and be an example.
2. The Clothing program has been an important factor.
3. The talk given by the District Home Agent, Mrs. D.F. Lowe, to the women on Grooming, has done very much,

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Project Activities and Results-Clothing

Cotton Stamp Program

All possible assistance was given farm families in acquainting them with the Cotton Stamp Program.

In the April meeting Clothing Leaders brought information to club women from letter sent out from North Carolina Extension Service on wise spending of these stamps.

41 office calls to Home Agents office meant passing on information.

At the time of the June Farm Council meeting attended by between 500 to 600 people the Home Dem. Agent gave an illustrative demonstration on "Making Use of the Cotton Stamp". The materials for display were furnished by the Belk-Tyler Dept. Store, local merchant.

Mrs. Martha Hart, Rt. 2, Rocky Mount commented on the demonstration by saying, "You made us think of everything for the home and family". Stressing wise spending for necessities and good values for money spent were given most emphasis.

Mrs. Geneva Moseby of Rt. 3, Tarboro, N.C. said, "I haven't heard of anything better, it means we will have to buy necessities and not cars and things our families don't need."

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Cooperation with Other Agencies
(Red Cross)

Number of women taking part-----24

Number of garments made-----79

Due to the demand for garments put on the Edgecombe County of Chapter of the American Red Cross every agency available was called upon to help with the sewing. The Negro home agent was glad to be asked to share in this work. A letter from the office for clubs willing to help to write or get in touch with the agent brought prompt replies. This request came for us to help during one of the most busy seasons of the year.

Replies as, "We will do our best", "You can depend on us". Still another said, "Even though we are very busy we will help all we can".

Clothing Leaders were called upon to be responsible for this work.

Materials, patterns, buttons and thread went out from the office to the following clubs: Sharpsburg, Providence, Willow Grove, Kingboro, Brick and Draughn.

Women have donated thread and buttons for garments where not enough were provided.

39--Women's dresses were made.

40--Children's dresses were made.

32--yards of material ~~is~~ now on hand to be made into children's dresses.

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Project Activities and Results.

Food Conservation.

Number of women enrolled-276

" " " completing-175

" " leaders-----12

" " " Schools held-Agent-1 Specialist-0 Others-0.

The Canning program is interesting to every club women whether she is able to meet all requirements or not. They participate in this work if no other. Standards are still too low and too few women have yet filled a canning budget. However in 1940-50 women filled a canning budget and in 1941 we find-175 filling a budget. Women with larger families or course whose job is a bigger one represent the smaller number in this group.

310-women made a canning budget. 409 were assisted with canning and preserving foods. This number includes some homes where only 4-H Club members were assisted when mothers were not members of a Home Demonstration club.

58-Non club members.

51,108-containers were filled by Home Demonstration club women.

The problem of storage for canned goods is a big one. Many of the women who do the best and most canning have the biggest problem of packing food in boxes under the bed. With the lesson on the "Re-arrangement of the Pantry" many suggestions were given as to how we might make improvements on what we have. Many good pantries were wasted because of no ceiling, big openings in walls and floors.

29-improvements were made on storage for canned goods.

3-ceiled-using corrugated paper boxes.

2- " " lumber.

6-provided with shelves.

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Food Conservation.

1-new pantry(new home agent suggested on shelves needed).

3-painted and cleaned.

5-boarded(boards repaired).

1-new floor.

8-had shelves already in kitchen enclosed for protection.

These homes were visited by Agent in special home visit or at time of club meeting.

The month of May was devoted to the canning of Garden Peas in both the Home Demonstration and 4-H Clubs/22 clubs were given the demonstration. Club women have reported the most successful results yet in the canning of peas.

Mrs. Ethel Underhill, Rt. 1, Whitakers, canned 25 qts. of peas representing largest number of jars canned by any individual club members. In addition she had plenty of fresh peas for the table.

Mrs. Ida Williams, Rt 1, Whitakers, of the Willow Grove club canned her first vegetables this year. The half day, September 3, 1941 was well spent when the agent assisted her with canning of lima beans. She is such an interested club member. She was featured in the 1940 narrative with her first good garden. She was really proud of her 12 pints of lima beans canned, and with another crop of beans then to be canned, it really meant a new beginning in canning for her.

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One day was spent assisting a Farm Security family with the canning of a calf. Mrs. Winnefred I Wiggins F, S. A. Home Supervisor having two clients with animals butchered and ready to be canned in the same day asked the home agent if she could possibly put off other work to take care of this

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Food Conservation

Negro familt. Mrs. Lillian Lane, Rt. 1, Box 217, Elm City was so appreciative and after canning 7 qts. of the various cuts, she assured the agent every scrap of meat would be saved.

456 Qts. of fruits and vegetables was- were on the shelf of Mrs. Lanes' pantry. You just cannot refuse to help women like this.

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Project Activities and Results-Foods and Nutrition.

The School Lunch.

The Lunch project has received much attention in the schools in Edgecombe County, of which there are:

39-schools.
4,369 --Children enrolled.

In 1939-these 39 schools bought scales so that a check could be made on results of lunches served to the children.

During the year the agent was asked for and gave suggestions as to how the surplus commodities these schools were receiving might be used so as to give variety to the menus and to suggest better methods of food preparation.

A copy of suggested recipes given the Wells School proved so satisfactory that the supervisor of rural schools had copies made and distributed to all schools in the county.

To an audience of between 700 and 800 rural patrons and teachers on the third Sunday in December 1940. Suggestions were given on "How to Use Your Surplus Commodities and ways of Preparing foods for School Lunches". Some school were found frying bread, eggs were being boiled until dark, with apples, nuts and raisins just being passed out rather than used in salads etc. Also how evaporated milk might be used, making a cooked salad dressing; this recipe was also sent to all schools.

It was interesting to see pencils being used and to hear comments relative to suggestions.

"We shall certainly follow your suggestion for serving eggs from now on". "I really appreciated the recipe for cooked salad dressing".

"We are using the wheat cereal now as the children will eat it when served with milk and the prunes". These as many other comments were

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School Lunch Project. (cont.)

On October 17th, 1941- the agent ordered 260 bulletins to be given to the schools in the county on food preparation in quantity, menus booklets on fruits and how to serve them, nutrition plays and posters.

November 6, 1941 the agent answered a request to speak to the PTA group in the Wells School to stimulate the school lunch project. The call has come now to parents to get health certificates and prepare the food as no NYA help is available. Before leaving the meeting 10 of the patrons had volunteered to work in groups of two on one week shifts. 25 of the 45 families were represented in this meeting.

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Foods and Nutrition-Gardens

Women enrolled--276

" completing-175

Leaders----- 12

Schools----- 1

Realizing the fact that not much can be done in the line of gardening without help of men and knowing the need for much improvement in number and increase in variety of foods grown in gardens in the county; something had to be done.

The Home Agents' first step was to talk the matter over with the County Agent. It was decided that Feb. being a month when men are not quite so busy we would invite them to attend meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs. The County Agent was asked to take the first part of the lesson in charge.

Demonstrations given Feb.,

(a) Home Gardens-County Agent.

(b) Canning budgets-Home Agent.

With County Agent stressing, location, size, what to plant and how much, there followed questions and answers on insects and their control. Pledges for better gardens came from all present. This did open the way for the planning of canning budgets of how much we should have and how it can be done when garden is what it should be. 205 canning budgets were made.

The men were elated over being invited. Mr. Tucker, Rt. 2, Rocky Mount,

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said, he felt so much more work could be done if "we meet more often with the women because we could know more about what should be done".

350 families have improved their gardens this year by growing more vegetables and enlarging gardens. 175 good year round gardens which was an increase of 75 over 1940.

In the June Farm Council meeting where Est. 750 persons, including farmers and wives, "The Home Garden" was discussed by Mrs. Eugenie P. Van Landingham, Edgecombe County Home Demonstration Agent.

Landlords have helped greatly in the garden program in the County. Greater interest on their part has meant making possible material for fences, seed, and in some instances checking on the gardens themselves. Mrs. Ida Williams, Rt. 1, Whitakers, was one of the best examples. The landlord requires a good garden. Mrs. Williams raised 25 bushels of Irish potatoes, 40 bushels of sweet potatoes, has had surplus vegetable to give away. This is the first year she has canned vegetables. She hopes to never have to leave present location.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blade of Rt. 1, Box 155, Bethel, continues to grow 2 new vegetables each year-total of 29 vegetables this year.

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Special Projects.

At the time of the County Council meeting held January 3, 1941, Home Demonstration Club women discussed plans for doing community work, in an attempt to not just help non club members, or those not affiliated with the home demonstration work but also those so much in need that they seemed to have been forgotten by everyone. As suggestions came from various members a list was made of things needed to be done in the various communities. Each group of officers decided on projects to present to their respective clubs. The project decided upon was to be discussed in the next meeting with the home agent. The following club reports were so well carried out that they are included in this report.

Each president appointed what is known as a Special Project Chairman in each club and a committee of 3 women to work on the project. This group was to plan the work, report in club meetings work being done.

The three clubs included in this report are:

- Kingsboro Home Dem. Club--" Special Aid to a Needy Family-
with Clothing".
- Sharpsburg " " " " Sick Room Kit".
- Mark's Chapel " " " " Layingettes for Needy Expectant Mothers".

Kingsboro Club Report.

This committee of four club women had already observed the condition of a family in the community. So, the committee headed by the clothing leader visited the home and had a talk with the mother. The family was in a destitute condition. (day laborers) while there measurements were

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Special Club Projects.

Kingsboro Club Report (cont.)

Taken and the ages.

2 meetings were held the first month to cut garments being made from articles given by club women.

9 garments were made and given the first month and since that

18 " are reported made and given to family by the club. These

include, dresses, pants and shirts, slips.

The health condition of the family was very poor and the mother was encouraged to have a garden. This family does now have some nice greens growing in the garden. The children of school age are now able to go to school and one of the boys became a member of the 4-H Club. We have the promise of the County Agent to see what we can get this boy to do. We hope this starts the family on the road to a better way of living.

Mark's Chapel Women

made 2 layettes. These were given to two very needy mothers in the community and it was reported these women were very much in need and were also very grateful. There were 26 articles included in this layette.

Sharpsburg Women

Make and use a "Sick Room Kit". The Clothing Leader, who is chairman of this project, Mrs. Bloomer Lancaster, Rt. 1, Box 27-A Rocky Mount said, "It's the best work our club ever did."

When plans for this project were discussed it was suggested by the agent that the kit contain as many things as possible that would be needed in caring for the sick. It now has, soap, lysol, alcohol, cotton

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Special Projects.(cont.)

Kotex, iodine, towels, wash cloths, sheets, pillow cases, sleeping garments for young children and adults. Each club woman makes a contribution of anything she can to the kit.

The kit is in charge of the clothing leader. Any family in need of it may use it. After it has been used the things must be laundered and returned to the clothing leader who then sees to it that everything is made ready for use by washing it again.

For the Annual Husband's Night November 28, 1941, the Sharpsburg club was asked to render a number when the club was presented to the audience. An original demonstration worked out by the club women was "A Visit", this little skit gave all of the information about this project to the other women and guests present. It was most entertaining. They were given a big ovation.

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Project Activities---House Furnishings and Home Management.

Mattress Project

Though no records or direct checking was done by the Negro Home Agent in connection with the mattress project (this was under the direct supervision of the white agent) any opportunity to help the Negro families was welcomed. Filling applications, answering questions teaching the care of mattresses and how to improve beds and bedding, were some of the things done in connection with the mattress program.

261-Mattress applications were filled by the Negro home Agent.

500-blanks distributed.

150-bulletins were distributed. "The Clean and Comfortable Bed and Bed Bugs"

Feeling the need for an educational program to teach the use and care of these lovely mattresses, demonstrations were given the women in the regular club meeting during February and March. Bedding, sheets, pillow cases were included. The agents kit included, sheets, blanket, pillow cases, mattress pad and cover and spread.

In order to further get the information over a demonstration team of 4-H Club girls gave the demonstration in the County Team Demonstration Contest, "Correct Bed Making".

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Annual Husbands' Night sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Edgecombe County was held November 28, 1941 at 8:00 o'clock in the Community Center in Rocky Mount. Est. 300 husbands, wives and other guests enjoyed the evenings entertainment.

This annual event serves as a stimulus to club work and an evening of fun for farm people coming at the close of the busy harvest season.

Then it's a pleasure to see how women can be "drawn out" to do things for themselves. It has done more to develop leadership, cooperation and initiative than any other feature of the program.

Watching procedures and results of former years the women decided it would be much better for them to prepare less food and really entertain their guests. Also in keeping they said with defense programs and ideals, to be thrifty. More thought and time was placed on color schemes and decorations and program.

The scheme for decoration-red, white and blue.

The menu decided upon and served was; vanilla ice cream(white), cup cakes(red, white and blue frosting), red, white mints, peanuts(grown and buttered by women themselves).

Paper napkins-red, white and blue were placed on table covered with crepe paper in the patriotic colors. Only center piece was the small

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but usefull pile of articles to be given for prizes, wrapped in white paper, tied with red ribbon. Large glass bowls of nuts and mints added to decoration.

The main part of the program was given by the women. Each club was presented to the group by a stunt. This was decided upon by members. A most interesting and varied program was presented.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. John W. Mitchel, Negro State Agent. He said, "Its not an unusual thing to see young people perform, but to sit and watch a group of men and women put over such a program was unusual". "A few years ago", said Mr. Mitchell, "such a thing would have been thought impossible".

The games at the close of the program always "steals the show". The men and women are just like children. With the lovely space in the Community Center, it makes an ideal setting. Because of the size of the group one half were allowed to play at a time. The games were conducted by Miss Blanche Scales, Teacher of Wells School, Mrs. N. B. Jones, former Music Teacher.

There were plenty of delicious cup cakes to serve, ice cream for everyone.

Mr. Simpson Hart, Vice President of the Farm Council came up and said, "Mrs. Parker, this is the best one yet," but said Mr. Hart, "that's what we want to do improve all the time".

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The fact that women took charge of their own program, had an important part in the planning, made the occasion take on an entirely different aspect.

Copy of program included.

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Recreation - Value in Program

This year has been interesting to note how hostesses to Home Demonstration Clubs have planned their own recreation. This was even unheard of last year. The thing the Agent can appreciate is the carrying over into the home of these things.

In December 1940 the Agent suggested buying some of the inexpensive games for home and club use; how these made nice Christmas gifts for the children. At the April meeting in the Roberson Home Dem. Club the hostess Mrs. Ada Glast, of Rt. 1, Bethel, said "Ladies we will play bingo to-day". What fun they had. She also told how almost every family in the community had a game and what fun it afforded.

Mrs. Annie Pittman, of Rt. 1, Battleboro, N.C. said, "Mrs. Parker you should see how we have fun playing the games you teach". She has 7 children, and her family is such a jolly group. Mrs. Pittman belongs to the Wimberly Club.

At the Community Night in the Sharpsburg Club it was hard to believe my eyes to see Mrs. Lucy Phillips a most timid club member leading games as Agent walked in.

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PROGRAM OF WORK-THE FARM FOOD SUPPLY-1940

Subject	Demonstration	Home Assign.	Illustrative Material.
Dec.- Christmas sugg. Table Setting.	Table Setting.	Report at next meeting any improved practices in meal service at home.	Fosters of attractively arranged tables. Christmas suggestions.
Jan.- What shall the Family Eat? Outlook Meeting.	Making the family Food budget.	Discuss your plans with the family-report at next meeting.	Food Budget Sheets.
Feb.- The Family Garden. Canning budgets. Sch. foods Leaders.	Making garden plans, making canning budgets.	Be ready to report on your spring garden next meeting.	Sheets for month by month planting in Coastal Plain Sect. Canning Budget Sheets.
March Clean-up campaign. Milk and eggs as meet substitute in childrens diet.	Creamed Eggs. Start a recipe file.	Keep record of the no. eggs and amt. of milk used by the family-dishes in which they are used.	Food value charts. Recipe file.
Apr. Kest breads. School foods leaders. Report of clean-up campaign.	Rolls.	Serve rolls at least once each week. report in next meeting results.	Score card for judging rolls.
May Food Conservation. Sch. canning leaders. Stress canning and storage.	Canning garden peas.	Can at home by method demonstrated.	Jars of peas for judging.
June Planning busy day meals. Menu file.	Sothern rice. Suggestians for making file.	Prepare and serve to family-report foods Leader. Start menu file.	Menu file.
July Organization of the pantry. Fall gardening.	Thoroughly clean pantry, re-arrange by suggestions given. Plan fall garden.	Study your home and re-arrange as suggested.	Suggestion for storing containers, made from cans, etc., labeling for convenience.
Aug. Food Conservation. Picnic. Fall Gardens.	Canning a fruit in season.	Can at home by method demon. Canning reports at next meeting. Also garden reports.	Canning bulletins. Fall gardens plans.

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Program of Work-The Farm Food Supply-1940

Subject	Demonstration	Home Assign.	Illustrative Mat.
Sept. Food Conservation.	Beet relish or soup mixture.	List homes to be visited on com- munity tour. Make final plans.	
Oct. Kitchen Community Tours.	Tours		Things to be ob- served on tour. Pantry: a. Canning budget. b. " work. c. files, menu and recipe. d. Storage improve- ments.
Nov. Husbands' Night. Achievement Day.		Re-organization. Collecting records and reports.	

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Goals-----Accomplishments

- (a) 200 women serve more wholesome meals, as a result of better food supply and meal planning. (a) 175 women served more wholesome meals to their families as a result of better food supply and meal planning.
- (b) 150 women making Food Budgets and plans for producing an adequate food supply. (b) 209 women made Food Budgets and produced adequate food supply.
- (c) 50 farm families to increase fruit supply by improving and planting more trees. (c) 55 families increased their fruit supply by improving and planting more trees.
- (d) 175 year-round gardens. (d) 175 better year-round gardens.
- (e) 175 women to make improvement in storage facilities and take part in tour. (e) 29 improvements made (no tours).
- (f) 50 women to improve health of family by providing special meals for improving such conditions as constipation, underweight etc. (f) 20 women noted definite improvement in health of members of the family as a result of their work in nutrition.
- (g) 200 girls assisting with meal planning and serving in the home. (g) 175 girls assisting.
- (h) 150 girls to assist with the filling of the family canning budget. (h) 150 girls assisted with the filling of the family canning budget.
- (i) 50 girls meet the requirements of Food Conservation for the first year. (i) 25 girls met the requirements of the Food Conservation work for the first year.
- (j) 150 girls to improve the standards of dishwashing in the home. (j) 200 girls improved dishwashing standards in their home.
- (k) 250 girls keep and submit Food and Nutrition Record books. (k) 202 record books kept and submitted.

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Cooperation with Other Agencies

State Department of Agriculture

At the Annual Husbands' Night, Mr. John W. Mitchel, Negro State Agent, said "Five years ago when coming to the field day held at the Upper Coastal Plain Station, if you stopped to ask a farmer where or how to reach it he wouldn't know what you were talking about." This is not true today.

1941 saw the best attendance yet at the field day for Negroes. Estimated 750-800 people were present. 3 or 4 times as many plus many club women in the county attend now as compared with 3 years ago. Interest in the program features for the women has accounted for increase in attendance.

The Home Agents of Eastern North Carolina took this occasion to emphasize "Food and Feed Program". An exhibit showing the amount of food that should be produced on each farm for one individual to be adequately fed. This exhibit was used for illustrative material by Mrs. Marietta Meares Carrington, Negro Home Agent, Craven County, in her talk on "The Adequate Food Supply". Women say it was almost unbelievable to think one individual needed that amount of food.

The women wanted to remember at this time the Negro District Agent, Mrs. Dazelle F. Lowe and give her an idea of some of the gardens in Edgecombe County. A very large basket was bought by the County Council-\$1.25. Each club brought vegetables from their gardens to the Field Day.

Health Department.

10 girls were given physical examinations through the County Health Dept. Camp applications were filled and signed for these girls by the Health doctor. Dr. McDowell expressed himself as being willing to help us when ever called upon in any way possible.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL
NEGRO FARMERS FIELD DAY

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IN CHARGE OF MEN'S PROGRAM

Mrs. HAZEL SCALES PARKER, *Negro Home Agent.*

IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Morning Program - 10:00 a. m.

JOINT PROGRAM for MEN and WOMEN

Program

CALL TO ORDER	F. D. Wharton
Negro County Agent, Edgecombe County	
Singing, America	Audience
Led by Mrs. Hazel S. Parker, Negro Home Agent, Edgecombe County	
Invocation	Rev. M. M. Weston
Pastor St. Paul Episcopal Church, Tarboro, N. C.	
Negro Spiritual, Led by Mrs. Hazel S. Parker	Audience
Introduction of Chairman	J. W. Mitchell
Negro State Agent, A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.	
CHAIRMAN FOR THE DAY	Wm. H. Parker
Mortician, Tarboro, N. C.	
Welcome Address	R. E. Currin, Jr.
Assistant Director in Charge of Station	
Fertilization of Peanuts	Dr. E. R. Collins
State College, Raleigh, N. C.	
Negro Spiritual, Led by Mrs. Hazel S. Parker	Audience
Address	Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
President Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C.	
Singing	Audience
Address	Honorable John H. Kerr, Jr.
Member of Congress, 2nd N. C. Congressional District	
Introduced by Hon. W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture	
Singing, God Bless America	Audience
Announcements, Recognition of Distinguished Visitors	

Public address amplifiers will be used in connection with the entire program, furnished by the Tarboro Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Dinner

Barbecue, Hamburger, "Hot Dogs," Ice Cream, Cold Drinks, Candies, etc., will be nicely served and reasonably priced.

Afternoon Program - 2:00 p. m.

SEPARATE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Ladies' Program

INTRODUCTION OF CHAIRMAN	Mrs. Hazel S. Parker Negro Home Agent, Edgecombe County
CHAIRMAN	Mrs. Cleo. A. Tyner Negro Home Agent, Martin County
Song	Audience
CLUB COLLECT	
Song	Audience
Remarks by the Chairman	Mrs. Cleo. A. Tyner
"Food Requirements"	Mrs. Marrietta Carrington Negro Home Agent, Craven County
Recognition of Home Agents and Visitors	Mrs. Dazzelle F. Lowe Negro District Home Demonstration Agent
Adjournment.	

Men's Program

Beginning at two o'clock, men will start on a trip over the Test Farm to be shown some of the many and various experiments, in Field Crops, being carried on at this Station. Groups will be in charge of men selected by Mr. R. E. Currin, Jr., Assistant Director in charge of the Station.

Under the Shed, there will be a large EXHIBIT of TOBACCO and OTHER PLANT DISEASES which every farmer should see and study. These EXHIBITS will be in charge of SPECIALISTS who will be glad to explain and give information.

Because of the War, farming with machinery is more necessary now than ever before. Every farmer is asked to see the machinery on exhibition by the following companies: Turner Manufacturing Company, Whitakers; Dillon Supply Company, Rocky Mount; John Deere Plow Company, Pitt Implement Company, Tarboro and J. S. Gorham Company, Rocky Mount; International Harvester Company, J. L. Case, W. R. Long, Tarboro; Moline Plow Co.

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Farm Security

The Home Agent was called upon to assist a Farm Security client with a meat canning demonstration on the 25th of November. It was almost impossible to go because of Annual Reports. Realizing the many favors shown by the F.S.A. home Supervisor, Mrs. Winnefred I. Wiggins, it was in- to say "no". Mrs. Wiggins is often saved the job of a demonstration in that many of her clients are members of Home Demonstration Clubs. In May on visiting Mrs. Ethel Underhill, Rt. 1, Whitakers and Mrs. Lillian Lane of Rt. 1, Elm City, Mrs. Wiggins found that these women had already had a demonstration in canning garden peas.

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"Thrift and Health for Better
Living".

PROGRAM OF WORK-1942

Subject	Demonstration	Home Assignment	Illustrative Material.
Dec. Repairs and Improve- ments for happier Living.	What can we do to be more comfortable at Home? Simple home repairs.	Check at home the no. of things that need to be done. Use what you can and report.	
Jan. Family plans for 1942. School for Leaders.	Outlook meeting.	Work with your family in making plans so all may be informed and can assist in reaching goals.	Lesson Sheets.
Feb.- Food for Health. The Nutrition Situation and what we shall do about it.	Providing the Food needs of the family. (a) Gardens. (b) Canning Plans. (c) Meal plans. Cooking to save food values.	Work out food needs for 1 year. Make a Canning budget. Cook veg. as dem. Report work in next meeting.	Food Plans.
March.- My Clothing Needs. Gardens.	The Family's Clothing needs. (a) Values for money paid. (b) Dressing for the weather.	Check the clothing of each member in a woman's the family and list wardrobe. the garments needed. Posters.	Garments for a woman's wardrobe. Posters.
April.- Taking Care of What You Have.	Let's take care of what we have. Dem. "Care of Cook Stove".	Check over your equip- ment on farm and in home-see what can be done to improve it.	Material for dem. 2 brooms to show proper care.
May.- Whole Grain Products and their Use. Canning School.	Prep. and serving a whole wheat cereal. Whole wheat biscuits.	Plan to include the whole grain cereals and whole wheat bread in diet and report.	Hand Mill.
June.- Home Care of the Sick.	"When some one is ill in the home" Prep. of diets. Making-equipment for sick room.	Bring to meeting any article made as dem. you might use in the home.	Home made firstaid kit large paper bags-news- paper.
July.- Food Conservation. Judging.	Canning Dem. String Beans. Peaches.	Can at home by method demonstrated.	Jars of be beans and peaches for judging.

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PROGRAM OF WORK-1942 "Thrift for Better Living".

Subject Demonstration Home Assign. Illustrative material.

Aug.-

Food Conservation. Brining and
Planned Recreation pickling.
County divided into
4 districts for Sat.
Recreation. Men, wom-
en and children.

Sept.-

Wise Use of Time and Money.	The best way to spend time and Money. Providing for needs.	Report in the next meeting any suggestion put in- to practice as a result on lesson.	Posters.
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Oct.-

Clothing Clinic.	Care and Repair of clothing. Mending-Patching Darning.	Darn or patch a gar- ment to make it use- able. Exhibit it in the November meeting.	Material for spot ting garment. Clothes hangers. Shoes and shoe trees, brushes. Garment poorly cared for.
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Nov.-

Building Strong Bodies. (Proteins) Care of Milk.	Bean Leaf.	Prepare dish at home serve, Report no. times Report if home grown beans are used.	Nutrition charts showing food value and effect of protein in diet.
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Major Project Goals:

1. 200 women to budget clothing needs of family and plan for meeting these needs.
2. 200 women to exhibit a repaired garment in the November club meeting.
3. 25 women to keep a Clothing Record for family for one year.
4. 250 women make needed repairs to roofs, steps, screens, doors, windows, and porches.
5. 100 women to study the nutritional and health conditions of their family and provide diets and other practices for correction.
6. 200 women to learn to prepare and serve food for the sick and make some kind of equipment that can be used in caring for the sick.
7. To get at least 10 families now producing own wheat to begin using some of this as whole wheat cereal and some for whole wheat flour.

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Summary of Activities and Accomplishments.

Organization.

124-days devoted to 4-H club work.

13-4-H clubs.

375-girls enrolled.

1-County Council.

2-meetings held-attendance -130.

95-members.

27-local leaders.

1-4-H Camp.

8-girls attending.

8- " " State Short Course.

1-4-H Leaders School held with

10-Leaders attending.

45-meetings held by leaders with

623-attending.

1-Achievement Day(Dec. 1940)

150-attending.

Project Activities.

375-girls enrolled-roads and Nutrition.

262- " completing.

50- " enrolled in food Conservation with

20- " completing.

83- meal plans submitted for checking then prepared and served by girls.

2741- dishes reported prepared .

150-4-H club members canned.

9701-quarts fruits and vegetables.

4-contest held for 4-H club members.

946-participating.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments.

Organization.

13-demonstration teams trained.

1369-attending demonstration.

1-Dress Revue with

188-members entering.

2-exhibits made

145-different exhibitions.

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Organization

Number of 4-H Clubs and enrollment.

1. Acorn Hill	25
2. Mattleboro	39
3. Dixon	22
4. Draughn	31
5. Lancaster	27
6. Lawrence	36
7. Leggett	24
8. Maclesfield	35
9. Providence	26
10. Roberson	24
11. Wells	25
12. Willow Grove	36
13. Kingsboro	25

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Project Program

- (a) Project Instruction.
- (b) Team Demonstration on Major Project.
- (c) Demonstration Given by Agent.

Method demonstrations have been the main procedure in presenting project instructions. This has been supplemented by the use of free material, posters and reading material from the Extension Service. Team demonstrations have also been used as a means of presenting and stressing project work. Some of the demonstrations are follow up work of project instructions.

Exhibits by agent and club members have been used in presenting project instruction.

- 1-Team demonstration was given on the major project-Foods and Nutrition,
" Meal from the Emergency Shelf".

Demonstrations given by the agent:

- 1-Cream of Tomato Soup and Dishwashing.
- 2,Meal Planning.
- 3.Corn Meal Muffins.
- 4,Mock Sausage.(meat sub.)
- 5,Table Setting and Table Manners.

Projects-Foods and Nutrition

Number of girls enrolled-----375

Number of girls completing-----262

4-H Club girls reported having prepared and served 2741 dishes.

83-Meal plans were submitted for checking and then prepared by the girls.

Record Books show-----2016 meals prepared in the home.

The doubled interest in the foods work this year was probably due to the fine work done in 1940 program.

The foods work began in February with a lesson in "Cream of Tomato Soup" and Dishwashing. Not only was the preparation of the food demonstrated but the correct serving and eating of soup. The home assignment given was, to prepare a cream soup at home at least twice and to wash the dishes as many times as possible as demonstrated. In the March meeting-project leaders reports showed:

251--girls prepared a cream soup.
347--times.

From the leader of the Mablesfield club, Mrs. Annie Hurdle came this comment "Mrs. Parker the mothers wanted to know what had happened to the girls and what has Mrs. Parker taught them about washing dishes". They never saw such a change in anything before".

In March each club was asked to make an exhibit of dish towels and pot holders. This was done to encourage neatness and attractiveness in dish towels for the home kitchen.

The Mablesfield club exhibited the largest number of articles with:

27-club girls exhibiting
27-pot pads and towels and also making pockets for holding them.

The Wells 4-H Club had the most attractive exhibit. These articles were exhibited at the Achievement Day.

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Projects-Foods and Nutrition.

4-H club girls have contributed in no small way something in the "raising of bread standards" in the home. In the Roberson club a comment came from one of the Home Demonstration Club women as a result of a bread lesson in the 4-H Club, when Mrs. A. M. A. Glant, Rt. 1, Box 98, Bethel said, "We do use eggs in the corn bread since our home agent demonstrated it." "We like it so much. Formerly corbbread meant meal and water.

In the Battleboro 4-H Club, Carrie Grant said in the March meeting, "I don't like cornbread" when asked to sample it. She was persuaded to do so then remarked Carrie, "This is good it taste like cake".

It has been observed and checked on by the agent that the girls are using materials and information passed on to them by a higher percentage than many of the woemn. This seems to say that much good can be or is possible through 4-H Club work.

A decided improvement in the meal plans passed in in 1940 and 1941. In 1940 plans sometimes contained two or three meats with no vegetable. Now just the reverse of this can be noted.

Projects-Canning

number of girls enrolled-----50
" " " completing-----20
1st-----18
2nd-----2

940 quarts were canned by the girls completing, realizing the importance of the 4-H club girl in the average farm home in the county the agent has attempted this year to prepare the girls so as to be able to contribute to the improvement and bettering family life. Food conservation was listed as one of the important items.

The work began in the May meeting when the demonstration "Canning Garden Peas" was given.

237-girls were present for these demonstrations.

In July and August the Dixon and Willow Grove 4-H Club girls met with the Home Demonstration Clubs to receive the demonstration, these were soup mixture and peaches.

Gladys Quinichett was to have exhibited her canning budget for the second year at the Achievement Day but bad weather prevented this. Mrs. Olivia Quinichett, H. C. 1, Whitakers said "We never could have done so much without her help. Often I had to be in the field food was ready to be canned".

On visiting the home of Ethel Glast 4-H Club girl from the Roberson community, in showing me her work Mrs. Glast said "This is Ethel's and I do believe it looks better than mine." Ethel was able to can all of the peas.

Special Activity-Parent's Night.

When a group of leaders were asked "should we continue our Parent's Night programs" Miss Alice Singleton, leader of the Battleboro Club said "Please do, my parents have already asked when ours would be this year".

This idea has done much to promote club work and give information where needed, especially to parents whom we find often ignorant of the 4-H Club program.

The agent attended four of such programs this year.

Lawrence, Leggett, Willow Grove and Battleboro 4-H Clubs.

The programs were made up of activity from the joint program and the project lessons.

Music used was songs used in meetings and contest selections.

This affords a nice time for the team demonstrations to be given to a group who would otherwise not hear them.

Programs are in charge of sometimes the president and again the chairman of the program committee. This gives rise to developing leadership.

A copy of the program given by the Battleboro Club has been included.

Record of Attendance

Club	Club Members Present	Parents and Friends Present.
Battleboro	38	150
Lawrence	27	45
Leggett	21	15
Willow Grove	35	80

On each program the home agent was asked to make remarks, this was a very good opportunity to talk about the "Parent's Part in 4-H Club Work".

Money Raised

Battleboro Club ---- \$5.25 - taking a silver offering.

Lawrence " ---- 3.10 - Sale of ice cream and candy.

Leggett " ---- 4.40 - sale of ice cream and candy made by club.

The following program was given at the Battleboro School on Sunday May 18, 1941, for the parents. The program was a full one but each number was well carried out and short. It gave the parents the most complete picture of the years work that could have been given without attending all meetings held.

Program

Mistress of Ceremonies----Mabel Clara Johnson----President.
Song-----Negro National Anthem-----Audience.
Lord's Prayer.
Song-----God Bless America-----4-H Club.
4-H Club Pledge.
Introduction of officers-----Geraldine Milbourne
Remarks----- Mabel Clara Johnson-----President.
Secretary's Report-----Mary Dicie Hymes
Food Leaders' Report-----Mildred Taylor
Clothing " "-----Mary Alice Whitehead
Report of Social Committee-----Blanche Taylor
Achievement Report-----Sarah Jones
Treasurers' Report-----Thelma Battle
Song-----Is Everybody Happy-----Club
"Everyday Courtesies"-----4-H Club Members.
Song-----Smile the Clouds Away--Club
Team Demonstration----"Meals from the Emergency Shelf"--Mary D. Hymes
Mary C. Johnson
Contest Song-----"A Merry Life"
The winter'll Soon be Over."
Remarks-----Mrs. Hazel Parker-----Negro Home Demonstration Agent
Song-----Star Spangled Banner-----Audience
Offering.
Recognition of visitors.
Closing-----4-H Club Motto-----Club.

Special Activities-Song Contest.

An increase in participation on part of 4-H clubs and attendance of parents at song contest verifies the fact that interest continues to grow in club work in the county.

Attendance-1939---250
" ---1940---450
" ---1941---552

- The following figures are totals taken from check sheets filled by 4-H club leaders the night of the contest.

Number of clubs participating in any one or all of the events:---14
" " " members present-----236
" " " " participating in the Song Contest-----204
" " " " " " " Dress Revue-----188
" " tickets sold by clubs-----442

@ 5¢ per ticket---with money kept in the local treasure.

Money reported by clubs-----\$22.10

Taken in at the door and turned over to the Council----- 5.50

Though not sponsored primarily for a money making scheme it does help some of the clubs who experience difficulty in getting funds for club work.

Regulations for the county contest are made to conform with those outlined

- for the state. This serves somewhat in giving the club members an idea of what to expect.

The following figures show how participation has grown in this project:

1939---73 club members entered the Dress Revue.
1940---136 " " " " " "
1941---188 " " " " " "

Honors won by clubs participating were as follows:

Largest delegation present-----Willow Grove 4-H club--32
" number in Song Contest----- " " " " "
" " " Dre ss Revue-----Traughn 4-H club---30

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Special Activities--Song Contest

Song Contest Results:

First place-----Battleboro 4-H club.
Second "-----Dixon " " .
Third "-----Lawrence-- " " .

- The Lawrence 4-H Club (winners in 1940 contest) was very reluctant in turning over the pennant to the Battleboro club.

The Agent welcomes any opportunity to have 4-H club members take the initiative in any phase of club work so for the first time the event was conducted by Mary Dicie Hymes, 4-H club girl from the Battleboro club.

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FOURTH ANNUAL SONG CONTEST
NEGRO 4-H CLUBS
OF
EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Tarboro Colored High School _____ April 30, 1941

PROGRAM
8:00 P. M.

1. Song ----- Hail! Hail! The Clubs're All Here!
2. 4-H Club ----- 4-Club Members
3. Remarks:
4. Dress Revue:
Clubs will appear in the order listed below for Contest
5. Finals ----- Winners from each Club Group
6. Song Contest of 4-H Clubs:
 1. Acorn Hill
 2. Battleboro
 3. Bellamy
 4. Dixon
 5. Draughn
 6. Kingsboro
 7. Lancaster
 8. Lawrence
 9. Leggett
 10. Macclesfield
 11. Providence
 12. Roberson
 13. Wells
 14. Willow Grove
7. Recognition Of: Leaders, Largest Club Delegation, Largest Number in Uniform, Largest Sale of Tickets
8. Decision of Judges and Awards: Dress Revue, Song Contest
9. Closing Song, "God Bless America" ----- Audience

JUDGES

Song Contest: Mrs. Thelma Gress, Tarboro City Schools
Miss Naomi Barrett, County Federal Music
Supervisor

Dress Revue: Mrs. Eugenia P. Vanlandingham, Edgecombe
County Home Demonstration Agent.

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Contests

Number participating

1. County		
Kind-----	County Wide Song Contest-----	204
2. County.		
Kind-----	Team Demonstration (Girls)-----	16
3. District.		
Kind-----	Eastern North Carolina Counties in Team Demonstration,-----	2
4. State.		
Kind-----	Song Contest-----	18
5. State.		
Kind-----	Team Demonstration-----	2

Contests have played their part in promoting and stimulating interest in club work this year. A spirit of friendly competition was most outstanding in connection with the County Team Demonstration and County Song Contest. An attempt is made to so place these events in the program that they might prevent "let downs" in club interest.

Much good has been accomplished towards getting parents informed and interested by being present for these occasions.

Mrs. Goffan Whitaker, Rt. 1, Box 116 said after attending the meeting of parents where a demonstration was given by club girls, "I certainly do learn a lot from these little girls".

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Honors Won.

For the first time (1941) Edgecombe County was able to win honors in both the District and State Team Demonstrations for girls. The Eastern District is made up of seven counties having home agents. This group represents one of the three districts designated by the District Home Agent. The purpose for this division is to select one team from each section to demonstrate at the time of the State Short Course in Greensboro, N.C. The contest for this section was held in Warrenton, N.C. on June 20, 1941. The winning team from the county represented Edgecombe County winning first place with a score of 95%. The Demonstration was, "Meals from the Emergency Shelf".

Entering the State Team Demonstration Contest at the State Short Course competing against, Alamance, Wake, Edgecombe brought the award back to her county and to Eastern North Carolina.

Also for the first time Edgecombe County wins some recognition in the State Song Contest. The group of 18 boys and girls did their best and were rated third place, competing with Gates, Northampton.

recreation--Plan

The plan for recreation in 4-H club work is:

1. A Recreation Leader in each 4-H club.
2. To have at least 2 short games at each club meeting.
3. That Recreation Committee in each club shall devote the program period to at least two special recreation events each year.
4. That each club put on one or two short plays on some phase of club work. One of these to be given during health week, a health play. It is suggested that these be given first to club members, then as many public performances as possible, especially for parents programs.
5. That each year a different boy and girl be selected to take special courses at the State Short Course in Recreation Leadership.
6. Each club recreation leader shall report to Agent number of games conducted by him or her for the year.
7. That the Agent will supply Recreation Leaders with games when requested.

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How Plan was carried out

1. Recreation Leaders are not selected each year but are retained unless they are leaving club.
2. The Agent distributed 17 games as answers to request from recreation Leaders.
3. In 6 of the 4-H clubs, namely; Lawrence, Leggett, Roberson, Battleboro, Dixon, Willow Grove, 2 program periods were devoted to recreation.
4. The Lawrence club recreation committee had the best planned recreational periods and played greatest number of different games for the year - total of 18. Leggett took second place.
for the most novel ideas-Dixon 4-H club.
5. boys and girls taking special courses in recreation Leadership have used material or suggestions.
6. Recreation Leaders have been given much help from Local Leaders in planning games for regular club meetings and no meeting in complete without games.
7. Seasonal games were conducted by Agent assisted by Leaders.

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recreation -dramatics

following the idea of the 1940 program in recreation 4-H club members continue their work in plays.

Four clubs worked on dramatics this year, Leggett, Willow Grove, Lawrence, Battleboro. Leaders called for materials at office, which also showed interest on their part. Most of the clubs now have a small collection of plays relating to different projects.

Number of health plays given--1--number times--4

" " plays on personal appearance or grooming--1 number times--1

" " " nutrition--2 --number times--3.

The plan of work again called for plays to be given in April meeting. 6 clubs, Leggett, Dixon, Lawrence, Providence, Battleboro, carried out this suggestion.

The above clubs also presented these plays and skits at Annual Parents Night programs.

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Report of Best 4-H Club 1941

The Battleboro 4-H club was re-organized, November 5, 1940 with an enrollment of 38 girls.

Number of meetings held for the year---9

"	"	club members with perfect attendance----	27
"	"	projects started-----	38
"	"	completed-----	32
"	"	exhibits held(local)-----	1
"	"	articles exhibited-----	30

This exhibit was made in the April club meeting. Dish towels and pot holders were made. Prizes were won by Secretary Mabel C. Johnson and Carrie Grant, for exhibiting the best made articles.

The club raised the amount of \$12.75 during the year. \$10.00 of this was raised at a party given in the Battleboro School by the club girls. The balance was realized through a silver offering at the Parents' Night and club duss.

The club paid its annual fee of .50 to the County Council.

The money raised was used to pay the expenses of delegates to the camp and State Short Course.

2 girls attended the Short Course and 1 girl the camp.

Each club member participated on monthly programs at the time of the monthly meeting with some members appearing as many as four times.

The club held its Annual Parents' Night program with the club members participating 100%.

The following are club accomplishments for 1941:

1. First place winners in County Song Contest.
2. " " " " " Team Demonstration Contest.
3. won honors for the county in the District Team Dem. Contest-1st pl.
4. " " " " " " State " " " " 2.
5. 27 girls made uniforms and entered the Dress Revue in April.

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Report of-Best 4-H Club 1941.

The Local Leader, Mrs. Mae E. Singleton Bullock reports having assisted the club with the following work during the year:

1. Purchasing and making uniforms.
2. Song Contest.
3. Team Demonstration.
4. Getting girls ready for the Short Course.
5. Party given by club.
6. Parent's Night program.
7. Organization work.
8. Making of dish towels and pot holders for exhibit in April.

Mrs. Bullock was recognized as the best leader in the county for 1941.
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Judging the cooperation and interest given the parents in this community it is thought to excel that of any other community in the county.

Record-Champion in Foods and Nutrition

Mattie Ruth Barnes of the Maclesfield 4-H Club is 13 years old.

Number of years in club work-----1.

Number of meals prepared at home this year-----150

Number of dishes prepared at home this year-----258

Number of times she took part on programs-----4

Number of times attended meeting-----8

In her Record book she wrote this story:

My Story.

I have just been a member of a 4-H Club for one year. I like it because I learn so many things, such as making pot pads and dish towels and learning to cook. My mother liked my towels and pads and also the food cooked at home by me. My mother says she likes everything I do. The new style of washing dishes, mother and I like to wash dishes the new way. I took a whole week and washed them this way and now I have forgot the old way. I hope to do much better next year as a club member.

This was considered one of the most interesting stories written by any club member as it was expressed just as the little girl felt. Her leader says, "She is an active interested club member."

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Camp.

The eastern North Carolina 4-H Club Camp for girls was held at Chowan beach, Winton, N.C. July 12-16.

Due to limited accommodations it was necessary to allot each county. The allotment per county was:

10 girls-1 leader-1 agent.

Edgecombe County represented with:

7 girls-1 leader-1 agent. Two of the girls were unable to attend because of illness.

The County Health Dept. cooperated by examining the girls, including a blood test free of charge. The application blanks were also filled by the health doctor. This was the first year to follow this procedure.

Delegates to the camp were also selected by club members and leaders based on meritorious work.

Two of the girls attending camp this year were second place winners in the County Team Demonstration Contest and won the award of a free of expense trip given each year by the home agent.

The following clubs were represented at the camp:

Willow Grove, Wells, Leggett, Kingsboro, and Battleboro.

Instructions in "First Aid", Use of the Cotton Stamp" with a handi-craft period devoted to the making of a stuffed animal were given.

The girls took the stuffed animal home as a souvenir, this article also served to make a nice exhibit at camp. "Social Courtesies" proved an interesting course and was climaxed with a lovely patriotic tea party.

Maggie Vines from the Wells 4-H Club said, "I do wish the camp could have lasted longer". She also said, "Mrs. Parker I shall have to tell everybody about this trip".

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State Short Course

All of the boys and girls attending the State Short Course are selected in the May meeting by the leader and club members. These selections are based on meritorious work.

Expenses are paid in part or in full depending on the amount of money the club has raised and the number of delegates they wish to send. The following clubs paid full expenses of their delegates this year: Dixon, Draughn, Leggett, and Kingsboro.

Paying half of the expenses of delegates were the following: Providence and Battleboro. The Battleboro club raised enough for the expenses of their girls but in as much as their demonstration team won first place in the county contest half of their expenses were paid by the Farm Council.

18- club members participated in the State Song Contest. This was the fourth time to compete. This also represents the number of years the Agent has worked in the county.

The county was also represented in the State Team Demonstration Contest.

The group of boys and girls from the county were enrolled in the different courses offered, this meant that each came back to the county with lots of different ideas.

Frances Lane, from the Dixon Club enrolled in the Handicraft class and was unable to finish her project until after she came home. This she did. Frances said "I want to teach all of the girls in my club to make a pair of bedroom shoes".

Casada Bellamy, Leggett 4-H club made the best report of the short course yet made by any member attending

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Demonstration Teams

13-Demonstration Teams were trained by the agent with leaders assisting.

1-Foods and Nutrition-"Meal From The Emergency Shelf".

2-Home Management-----"Dishwashing".

"Correct Bed Making".

8-Demonstration Teams entered the county contest-this meant that the state goal was met, which is, to have 8 teams enter the county contest.

This year following a different procedure than that of previous years, leaders thought it best, for the sake of interest not to hold the district elimination but to allow each team to work for participation in the county contest. This was done to encourage some of the inexperienced groups.

Since so much information can be given to Home Demonstration clubs as well as other 4-H Club members, these demonstrations are given to these groups whenever possible.

Each team had its first presentation in the March 4-H Club meeting.

The following clubs gave their demonstration at their annual Parent's Night:

Leggett 4-H Club-----	Number present-----	36
Battelboro " -----	" "	188
Willow Grove " -----	" "	115

At the time of the county contest " " -----45

At a meeting of the County-wide P.T.A. on December 15, 1940 the battleboro girls gave the Demonstration "Preparing and Serving a Breakfast Cereal" to an audience of-----700 est.

At the East-south North Carolina District Contest -----91.

August 26, 1941-4-H State Short Course-----200 girls and leaders/

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Team Demonstrations

1369-people were present at various meetings when the demonstrations were given. This does not include the number of club members present at time of club meetings when demonstrations were given.

The Farm Council an organization of farmers in the county have for the last two years been interested in helping the boys and girls in club work. In 1940 this organization paid full expenses of the winning team to the Short Course. In 1941 this amount was to have been given the boys and girls were to receive half fare. The girls received their award this year.

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TEAM DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

NEGRO 4-H CLUB GIRLS

TARBORO, N. C.

MAY 21, 1941

1:00 o'clock P.M.

PROGRAM

1. Song.....God Bless America.....audience
2. Club Pledge.....4-H Club Members
3. Remarks
4. "Dish Washing"....Kate Ruth Wiggins.....Kingsboro 4-H Club
5. Correct Bod Making"....Elnora Stoud.....Providence 4-H Club
Annie E. Gorhan
6. "Dish Washing".....Callie Mae Datts.....Acorn Hill 4-H Club
Susie Mae Swigs
7. Singing.....Audience
8. "Meals from the Emergency Shelf"....Mary Dieie Hymes..Battleboro
Mable Clara Johnson..4-H Club
9. Correct Bod Making.....Beatrice Walston....Lancaster 4-H Club
Gladys Walston
10. "Dish Washing".....Bernice Cofield.....Willow Grove 4-H
Gldaya Quinichett Club
11. Correct Bod Making.....Lena Ransome.....Loggett 4-H Club
Pearlie Bullock
12. Dish Washing.....Mattie Ree Barnes....Wells 4-H Club
Maggie Vinos
13. Singing.....audience
14. Remarks and Decision of Judges.
15. awards.....Mr. Simpson Hart..Negro Home A ent
16. 4-H Club Motto.....all 4-H Club members

JUDGES

- Mrs. Eugenia P. Van Landingham-Home A ent, Edgecombe Co.
- Mrs. Winnifred Y. Wiggins, H. H. Supervisor, F.S.C.
- Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, Negro Home A ent, Northampton Co.

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Looking to the future

	1940-----	1941
Increase in enrollment this year over last-----	340-----	374
Increase in percentage of completions this year over last-----	250-----	262
Increase in number of local leaders-----	18-----	27
Increase in number of team demonstrations-----	12-----	13
Increase in number of teams entering county contest	5-----	8
Increase in number of club members attending camp-----	2-----	7
Increase in number of club members attending State Short Course-----	18-----	18
Increase in number of clubs represented at State Short Course-----	5-----	9

Prior to 1940 club leaders were in charge of clubs but so lacking in information concerning the program that the work in the county was more or less unbalanced. Since more information has been given through leaders schools and contact with agents and other sources and materials a more balanced distribution of activities and accomplishments has been noted. There is no doubt that the future holds prospects for better club work in the county. At a meeting of the P.T.A. in the Wells School in November the parents expressed themselves as seeing a big improvement in the children since becoming club members. This club is just two years old, Mrs. Sarah Pitt of the St. Lake School ask the agents to please come to her school and carry on the 4-H Club because, "It seems to me where you all work the children are so interested and more active. Miss Flossine J. Parker, Supervisor of Rural Schools said "I would like to see a 4-H Club in each of the 39 schools in the county".

We have no evidence of a decline in interest in club work but the big job seems to be that of training leaders in club work to help the agent spread and conduct an effective 4-H club program.