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INTRODUCTION

Duplin County is located in the Southeastern coastal plain of North Carolina, having a population of 39,731, with Kenansville as its county seat.

This county is rural in nature having cotton and tobacco as its chief money crops. Duplin County is well known for its truck crops, especially berries, blue, straw and dew berries. The markets where such truck crops are sold are Faison, Rose Hill, and Wallace. The markets draw buyers from many states in the union. The truck crops are beans, corn, peas, mustard, onions, cucumbers, melons, broccoli, cabbage, potatoes, pepper, and squash.

Members of the Board of Commissioners and related County personnel are:

Commissioners

Mr. George Bennett.....	Chairman.....	Warsaw
Mr. Tyson Lanier.....		Bouleville
Mr. A. C. Hall.....		Wallace
Mr. Arthur Whitfield.....		Kenansville
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Superintendent of Public Welfare.....	Mrs. Ines C. Boney	
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County Accountant.....	Mr. F. W. McGowan	
Sheriff.....	Mr. Ralph J. Jones	
Treasurer.....	Mr. Ralph J. Hones	

Statistics show at the present time we have 1932 Negro Farm families in Duplin County this year. We have reached 732 of this farm families this year.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

This being my second year of Extension work in Duplin County I have learned a great deal more about it. There has been considerable improvement made since this time last year.

ORGANIZATION: Last year there were eight(8) Home Demonstration Clubs organized and functioning. They were Kenansville, Sandy Cross, Faison, Island Creek, Grant Wretch, Warsaw, Rose Hill and Stanford. This year three (3) new clubs were organized, which were Byrd's Chapel, Carlton Town, and Smith Chapel. At the present time we now have eleven (11) home Demonstration clubs with an enrollment of three hundred and forty-six (346) members.

The Home Demonstration County Council is made of of the officers from the different clubs in the county. Our County Council enrollment this year is fifty-five (55) members. This County Council has functioned very well in many ways, some of which are as follows:

1. Assuming responsibilities of leadership
2. Making plans for Achievement Days
3. Promoting Home Demonstration work in all phases
4. Planning year's work for county

The County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs is held annually about a month before the District Federation is held. Our county Federation was held November 8th this year with thirty-seven (37) women participating. The District Federation was held December 4, 1947 in Kinston, North Carolina. Duplin County's first prize winners in the Canning exhibit and the Brass Revue to compete with the other counties. Five (5) ladies attended the District Federation.

GENERAL POLICIES: Home Demonstration Clubs are organized in eleven (11) communities out of fourteen (14). These clubs were organized where Extension work was most needed and where there was most interest. As we improve we hope to have clubs in each of the fourteen (14) communities.

In some cases the Farm Agent and I have joint meetings in Farm and Home Demonstration Work and in many cases in 4-H Club work. We also have our Neighborhood and 4-H Leader training meetings jointly.

PROCEDURE: There is a schedule for both Home Demonstration, 4-H clubs and leader training meetings. Each Home Demonstration and 4-H club meets monthly. In both Home Demonstration and 4-H clubs the meeting is conducted as follows:

1. Meeting is called to order
2. Roll is called
3. Reading of minutes
4. Unfinished business
5. Report of committee
6. New business
7. Program or Demonstration
8. Adjournment

PUBLICITY: The following methods were used this year in making 4-H and Home Demonstration club work more familiar to the public:

1. Through circular letters and other material of extension nature
2. Newspaper articles
3. By attending and addressing Parent and Teachers meetings.

4. By attending and making remarks concerning work at churches and other meetings in the different communities.

NEGRO EXTENSION NEWS

By Mable P. Blackmore

Negro Home Agent

County Tour: The Home Demonstration Clubs of Duplin County witnessed a one day tour from Kenansville to Raleigh, Saturday, August 30 with 30 members present. Many places of interest were visited including the State Museum, Hall of History, Chavis Park, Art Gallery and the Capitol building. The home Agent and Club president Mrs. Annie Roberts led the group to each place of interest and secured persons to show us around. The tour was sponsored by the Stanford Home Demonstration Club with Mrs. Sudie Stackhouse supervising.

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Second Annual County-wide Picnic: One hundred three adults, older youths and 4-Hers attended their second annual county-wide picnic at Atlantic Beach, South Carolina August 23, 1947.

For transportation three Queen City busses were chartered which began loading at 7:30 A. M. Places of loading were Kenansville, Warsaw, Magnolia, Rose Hill and Wallace, leaving Wallace at 9:15 and arrived at the beach at 12:30. Upon arrival a short program was given consisting of songs, reading of papers, poems remarks by County Agent announcements by the Home Agent and recreation.

The busses began loading at 4:30 and were back at the County seat by 7:45. Everyone seems to have enjoyed the trip very much.

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FARM AND HOMEMAKERS CONFERENCE: During the week of August 13-15 there were three Home Demonstration members to attend the Farm and Homemakers conference held at A. and T. College in Greensboro.

They were Mrs. Neppie Dobson, Mrs. Sarah Taylor, and Mrs. N. B. Wells. The conference began on Wednesday at 10 a. m. with registration and adjournment at 1:00 p. m. Friday. The delegates were in class discussion on Nutrition and Health, Home Management and Renovation. Home Laundering, Home Gardening, Dairying Farm and Home Beautification and Improvement, and Community Planning and Cooperation.

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SPECIAL COUNTY PROJECT: Mrs. Pummie Graham of Route 1, Magnolia Home Demonstration member in the Stanford community has one the project homes carried on in Duplin for the year 1947. Mrs. Graham has remodeled and painted these rooms. They are two bed rooms and a kitchen. She has also made improvements in other rooms. She is now beautifying her yard. A fish pool has already been constructed unnecessary shrubbery is to be removed and landscaping done. Mrs. Graham has purchased a new kitchen unit with sink and two cabinets painted in blue and white, with the top covered with inlaid linoleum. In remodeling it was necessary to change a double window so as to fit the sink in. A small breakfast nook is being built in.

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NEGRO 4-H AND H. D. ACHIEVEMENT DAYS HELD IN DUPLIN: Wednesday, Nov. 5 the Negro 4-H Clubs of Duplin County held their Third Annual 4-H Achievement Day at Magnolia High School with an attendance of about 128 persons including 4-Hers and adults. An inspiring program was presented with an address by Mr. Charles J. Thomas, of Magnolia.

County Championships and certificates were awarded as follows:



Clothing - Garnett Murray; Food Preservation - Cleasather Hill; Room Improvement - Mable L. Costen; Wildlife - Gloria Blackmore; Dairying - Jerald Ch sten; Poultry - Ben Miller; and swine - Herbert Hayes. Prizes were also given in best girl's and boy's Team Demonstrations: Verneice Frederick and Bernice Martin of Warsaw 4-H Club; and Frank Murphy and Thomas Murpby of the Magnolia 4-H Club.

Girls winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in the dress revue were: Loretta, Carlton, Myrtle Chasten and Alma Judge Respectively.

The Club having the best exhibit was the Kenansville Club. Prizes were donated by Duplin County merchants.

HOME DEMONSTRATION: Saturday, November 8, 1947 the Negro Home Demonstration Clubs of Duplin County held their second Annual Achievement Day At Magnolia High School. Due to inclement weather the attendance was poor.

Mrs. Queen Shappless won first prize in the Dress Revue and Mrs. Julia Kenan won second. In the General Wear, Mrs. Neppie Dotson won first place. In the Better Dress Revue Mrs. Margaret Hill won first place and Miss Mary Kenan second. In the canning exhibit Mrs. Marie Monk won first place for having the best canned products.

For exhibits Kenansville club won first place and Chinquaspin second. Winning prizes were donated by Duplin merchants.

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NEGRO 4-H GIRL WINS AWARD: Gloria Blackmore of Route 1, Box 112 Warsaw, North Carolina who attended the State Wildlife Camp at Camp Whispering Pines, Cary North Carolina during the week of June

9-14, 1947 was awarded a certificate last week at the State Negro Short Course at A. and T. College in Greensboro, North Carolina for having the best Wildlife Project for Negro 4-H boys and girls in the state of North Carolina.

This is Gloria's first year as a member of the Warsaw 4-H. In addition to her Wildlife Project she is carrying a Room Improvement project.

County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Agent \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONNAIRE ON SANITATION IN RELATION TO HEALTH - 1947A. Home

- (1) Safe Water Supply: In how many homes was the water supply tested? 4  
Was it tested by health Department sanitarian? Yes
- (2) Sanitary Privy: How many sanitary privies have been built this year?  
9 Were they built according to specifications given out by the Health Department? Yes
- (3) Garbage Disposal: What was done? That which could be use for feed was used, and the other was burned.
- (4) Milk Care: What was done? Information was given on the bottling of milk in regular milk bottles.
- (5) Insect control: What did the Health Department do? Gave information on insect control, the use of D. D. T.
- (6) Rodent Control: What did the health Department do? What did Extension do? Gave information on how rodents could be controlled.
- (7) How many grounds were cleaned up around barns and outbuildings? 19
- (8) List other home sanitation problems worked on: Menso worked on screening the homes and repairing the old screen doors and windows.

B. School

- (1) In how many schools was water supply tested? 0 by whom? 0
- (2) Sanitary toilet facilities: In how many schools is this a problem? 2  
How many schools are there in your county? 24 (Include all schools).  
Who cooperated in this work? 4-8 Leaders, children and teachers.  
List results accomplished: Each week a certain group was assigned to take charge of cleaning the toilets.
- (3) How many school buildings and grounds were cleaned up? 9 Who did the work? Girls and boys with the assistance of the agents.
- (4) In how many school buildings was the lighting improved? 0
- (5) How many lunchrooms have home demonstration club women help start this year? 1 How many have they helped improve? 1 How many lunchrooms are there in the county? 5
- (6) Garbage Disposal: What was done? Give away for feed.
- (7) Insect Control: What was done? Control by the use of D. D. T. and screens. Who cooperated?

- (8) Rodent Control: What was done? Information was given on the control. Who cooperated? H. D. Club members, teachers and 4-Hers.
- (9) List other school problems worked on: Care taken with common colds so as not to spread.

### C. Community

- How many churches have made the following improvements this year? (Give number in each blank space):
  - Safe water supply 0, who cooperated?
  - Sanitary toilet facilities 0, who cooperated?
  - Clean buildings 13, who cooperated?
  - Clean grounds 2, who cooperated?
  - Garbage disposal 0, who cooperated?
- How many churches are there in the county? 31
- How many communities had a clean-up campaign? 9
- How many communities did not participate? 9
- How many club houses and community buildings have made the following improvements this year? (Give number in each blank space):
  - Safe water supply 0, who cooperated?
  - Sanitary toilet facilities 0, who cooperated?
  - Clean buildings 0, who cooperated?
  - Garbage disposal 0, who cooperated?
  - Insect control 0, who cooperated?
- How many club houses and community buildings are there in the county? 0

How many problems assisted with? 2 Which one? Testing of H<sub>2</sub>O supply and toilet specifications.

How many leaders were trained to assist with Sanitation in Relation to Health? 2 Who trained them? County and Home Agents with information from the Health Department.

How many of these leaders assisted with the program? 2

List and explain sanitation problems (other than those named above) that were carried on in your county:

Give number of meeting held on Sanitation in Relation to Health:

Home Demonstration	<u>11</u>	Attendance	<u>132</u>
Community	<u>4</u>	Attendance	<u>73</u>
4-H Club	<u>9</u>	Attendance	<u>597</u>
Others	<u>          </u>	Attendance	<u>          </u>

How many exhibits were made on Sanitation in Relation to Health? 0  
Where?

How many news articles were published on Sanitation in Relation to Health?

How many radio programs were given on Sanitation in Relation to Health? 1

STATE-WIDE HEALTH PROBLEMS

FOODS IN RELATION TO HEALTH: In Duplin County this year as well as all the other counties in North Carolina we have done a great deal of work on our three state-wide problems. Sanitation In Relation to Health, Housing In Relation to Health, and Food In Relation to Health. In Duplin County there is a great deal for production of a larger variety of foods. In February of this year twenty-two (22) days were spent on Foods in Relation to Health assisting two hundred and nine families (209). Our program was joint. The county Agent and I worked with both men and women. At our joint meetings charts were shown showing that we produced 896 acres of Home Gardens in Duplin County, and that we should produce 1030 acres of Home gardens. After the need for home gardens was outlined, a discussion period was led by the County Agent on "Soil Conservation." Following that discussion, I discussed the Variety of Vegetables In the Garden and Vitamin C In the Planning. It was demonstrated the exact proportions of Vitamin C needed for one person daily.

As a result of this demonstration and home visits two hundred and nine (209) families had home gardens with an average of twelve vegetables in the garden the year around.

The 4-H Team Demonstration was on "Vitamin C In The Diet". A copy is included.

SANITATION IN RELATION TO HEALTH: We are also trying to improve the sanitary conditions of Duplin County including the large and small things. In this demonstration on Sanitation In Relation To Health", we worked mainly with screens and toilets. In our meeting I first asked the ladies how many had screened homes, full length or half, how many had sanitary toilets and what kind of fly and insect control they used in the home. Then a discussion was given on "general Sanitation" imphasizing screens and toilets. In the discussion we included the specifications of a sanitation toilet, the right type of wire to use for screens, and information on the use of D. D. T. As a result of this demonstration and home visits we were able to assist two hundred and nine families (209( on Sanitation In Relation to Health," emphasizing screens and toilets and three hundred and one on general sanitation including the clean up campaign. Four (4) sanitary toilets were built. Eight (8) homes were screened, and fourteen screens were repaired.

Enclosed is a copy of the report on "Sanitation In Relation To Health."

HOUSING IN RELATION TO HEALTH: The Housing condition in Duplin county are very critical. At this demonstration we outlined to the people that our of 1667 Negro farm families and over half of these owned their homes. Over half of these homes need major repairs. In spent twenty-seven days on Housing In Relation to Health assisting 209 farm families. Of these 209 families I have assisted nine in construction of new homes, 23 remodeling, one installing sewage system five (5) installing water system, 24 re-arranging kitchen and 54 improving other rooms.

For the last three years there has been a large number of new homes built, but I have only counted those families I assisted.

We have also improved the surrounding of the home.

FOOD PRESERVATION: Number of women enrolled 209. Number completing 209. Number project leaders 11.

There were 209 families assisted with canning this year in Duplin County. Last year we only assisted sixty-three (63). There has been considerable improvement this year in the quantity and quality of canning this year. Two months were devoted to giving demonstrations on Food Preservation. In these demonstrations the women were given instructions on the use of pressure canners and how it operated; the different types of jars and lids, the care of the pressure canner, and the canning of acid and non-acid foods. The two products canned in the demonstrations were peaches and beans. Quite a few of the ladies from the new clubs who did not see the demonstration last year on the use of the pressure canner said, "I am absolutely afraid to use a pressure canner." But after the demonstration said, "There is no danger in the canner if it is operated correctly", and they were sure they knew how now. There were forty (40) pressure canners purchased this year by some individuals and by some clubs. There were 36,499 quarts of vegetables canned, 42,333 quarts of fruits canned and 16,166 quarts of meats canned.

Mrs. Marie Monk of Route 1, Magnolia, North Carolina won first prize in the canning exhibit at the County Achievement Day and afterward took it to the District Federation in Kinston, North Carolina.

CLOTHING: No. of women enrolled 76. Number completing 64. No. project leaders 11.

This year there has been two (2) demonstrations on Clothing. They were on "The Use of a Pattern" and Remodeling Clothes". In these demonstrations we included information on the equipment used for cutting, measuring, marking, and pressing, how to read the guide sheet and follow it and how to alter a pattern. So in the other demonstration on clothing it was demonstrated how to keep the old wardrobe you have by just remodeling and still be in the latest styles. It included several different ways of making dresses longer and also ways to use drapes, flares and bustles.

A large number of ladies made dresses for the Dress Revue at the County Achievement Day. Mrs. Queen Shappless won first place in the dress revue and Mrs. Julia Kenan second, of Chinquapin Home Demonstration Club. In the General Wear Mrs. Neppie Dobson won first place, Island Creek Home Demonstration Club. In the better dress, Mrs. Margaret Hill won first place, and Miss Mary Kenan second. All of the first prize winners in County Federation participated in the District Dress Revue and won red ribbon.

There were 1,063 garments made the women carrying Clothing projects, 73 remodeled, with 104 women owning machines.

HOME MANAGEMENT: Number of women enrolled 36. Number completing 27. Number project leaders 11.

In Duplin County two hundred and nine (209) families were assisted this year; with a number of 8 keeping home accounts. All of these ladies were given instruction on how to keep this home account book, The books were turned in the later part of November.



LIGHTING-WATER-SEWAGE: The lighting system in Duplin County is still poor. Last year there were about 200, or more homes wired and about half of this number is still left unconnected. I've made several trips to the Power company. It has done a little good, but there is still quite a large number of homes that still need to be connected. Our rural people need more access to electrification.

There are only two families that I know are putting in hot and cold water and bath rooms. One is in Rose Hill, North Carolina and the other in Kenansville, North Carolina.

This year a demonstration was given on "Lights In the Home". In this demonstration the women were given information on the type of lights for the home, both electric and kerosene. As a result less low watt bulbs and colored lights are used.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS: Again this year the women have done remarkably well in caring for and repairing old furniture and furnishings. They have done some of the same things they did last year.

1. Made lawn chairs
2. Bottomed chairs
3. Made lovely dressing tables from old dressers
4. Made stools for dressing tables from nail kegs
5. Painted paint worn furniture, such as, chairs, beds, tables, and cabinets
6. Made book cases from old pieces of furniture

In furnishing for the home they have done the following:

- I. From white feed sacks they have made:
  - (a) Dresses (dyed desired color)

- (b) Bedspreads
- (c) Curtains (for kitchen and others)
- (d) Aprons
- (e) Quilts (linings dyed or white)
- (f) Pillow slips (embroided)
- (g) Table cloths
- (h) Napkins
- (i) Scarfs
- (j) Laundry bags

II From printed feed sacks they made:

- (a) Aprons
- (b) Dresses
- (c) Quilt bags
- (d) House coats

A demonstration was given on "Re-upholstering of Furniture" this year. Information was given the women as to the exact way to re-upholster a chair.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: At the present time there are no libraries on bookmobiles being operated but as our Home Demonstration program builds we are hoping to have a library for our clubs.

RECREATION: During the summer all of our clubs had what was called "Husband and Wife Night". At these get-to-gether games were played and refreshments on dinners were served.

In July there was a District picnic held at Jones Lake in Elizabethtown, North Carolina at which time 4-H and Adults attended.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

PRE-HALLOWEEN DINNER: There was a Pre-Halloween Dinner given at the High School in Kenansville, North Carolina on Wednesday night, October 29, 1947 with a total attendance of sixty-seven (67) members present. There were three divisions of the dinner which were the dinner, business section and games. The dinner consisted of Chicken, collards, potato salad, green peas and orangeade. During business section of the meeting money was collected for the office drive. There was a total amount of one hundred and one dollars (\$101.00) raised, after which games were played. The games played were such as the vegetable game and the poison spoon, etc. Everyone seems to have enjoyed very much.

HOME DEMONSTRATION ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Saturday, November 8, 1947, the Home Demonstration Clubs of Duplin County held their second annual Achievement Day Program at Magnolia High School. Due to inclement weather the attendance was poor. Six Clubs were represented out of eleven Clubs in the county. An address was given by Mrs. Mary Finlayson, Duplin County Health Nurse, after which Miss Edna A. Brinson Home Agent of Sampson County awarded prizes. Mrs. Queen Sharpless won first place in the dress revue and Mrs. Julia Kenan second of Chinquapin Home Demonstration Club. In the better Dress Mrs. Neppie Dobson won first place, Island Creek Home Demonstration Club. In the better dress Mrs. Margaret Hill won first place and Miss Mary Kenan second. In the canning exhibit Mrs. Marie Monk of the Stanford Home Demonstration Club won first place for having the best canned exhibit. For exhibits Kenansville Home Demonstration Club won first place and Chin quapin second. Prizes were donated by Merchants of

Duplin County.

LONG-TIME AGRICULTURAL PLANNING MEETING: During the week there was a Long-Time Agricultural Planning meeting held at Perry High School in Kenansville, North Carolina. There were eleven (11) men and women present with only five (5) communities represented. Mr. J. A. Speulding gave the purpose of the meeting. Mr. C. L. Taylor presented material on the hay, sweet potatoes, corn and tobacco situation in Duplin county. I presented the situation on the side and for poultry, dairy home gardens and eggs. This was the first Long-Time Agricultural Planning meeting and the next was scheduled for July 1, 1947.

SECOND LONG TIME AGRICULTURAL PLANNING MEETING: The second Long-Time Agricultural Planning Meeting was held at the Perry High School in Kenansville, North Carolina. At this meeting there were eleven (11) persons present, with five (5) communities represented. After thinking and talking over the meeting the County Agent and I thought it necessary to hold Community meetings to acquaint our people with the type of programs we are trying to put over and then in the fall hold our County meeting. At the present time the communities have not met with the following attendances: Smith Chapel 17, Sandy Cross 16, and Stanford 9.