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I N T R O D U C T I O N

This is a continuation of the Annual Narrative Report made by
Frances Corbett, Home Agent of Duplin County.

Frances Corbett, came into Duplin County on September 16, 1952,
succeeding Alease MassenberG, who was transferred to Craven County.
Her work began on September 16, 1952.

Home Demonstration work is a nation-wide system of rural education.
It is maintained to aid rural men, women, boys and girls to meet the ever-
changing problems of the farm, the home and the community, and to develop
a more satisfying life. The home demonstration agent is a graduate home
economist, and has the rank of professor in extension work. She teaches
her works in a broad field of home economic. Working in home, community,
field and garden she must be able to find the answers to many questions.
She uses the family approach as she works through personal contact and
through rural leadership and organizations.

Plan of Work:

The plan of work is still being carried on as planned by Miss Massenberg for 1952.

The plan of work for 1953, was developed by the women themselves at their County Council Planning Meeting with the aid of the District Agent. Slides on "Objective Planning" were presented to the people to help them with their program for 1953. After the slides were shown and outline was drawn up and the leaders were then given an opportunity to discuss their problems and the things that they needed for the coming year. The program that was developed from the outline by the women for 1953 was as follows:

1. For the month of January, "Out-look Meeting" - This is to discuss the general outlook for the rural family for 1953. That is to discuss the prices on various commodities, such as tobacco, cotton, meat, household commodities, dairy production, clothing and textile, and home furnishing. February - "Gardening, Insect Control," rotation. The people felt that they needed a broader knowledge on planting of gardens. They felt that they needed to know how to plant a variety of vegetables, and how to control insects.

March - "Clean Orderly Kitchen," how to properly clean and organize the working units in the kitchen. Various methods used in keeping a kitchen clean and orderly.

April - "Clothing Construction" - The women felt that they needed more instruction on the actual making or construction of a garment.

May - "Color in the Home"- This plan of work will be used to show the people what paint can do for the home. The correct blending of color scheme, and how they can select the proper color schemes to be used.

June / "Canning" This the women and men felt was needed. The women can, but there is a great deal of spoilage. The want information, to help them

prevent the spoilage in their canned foods.

July - "Family Recreation"- There is a need for the family to learn to play together. This makes for a greater and happier relationship in the family.

August "Community Recreation " - This is a time when the whole community can get together for recreational purposes.

September - "Mattress" - Better information on the buying, use and care of the mattress.

October - "Preparation of Vegetables" - To teach the women how to make better use of the foods they have canned, and to teach them ways in which they can make this canned food more palatable and attractive.

November - "Care of Clothing" - Correct methods used in cleaning, storing, and mending clothing to make for longer wear.

December - "Family Relationship" To help the family work together on all the family problems, such as budgeting, household planning, gardening, etc., to bring a closeness as a family unit.

Activities of the Home Demonstration Clubs:

Three of the clubs held husband and wife activities this fall. The clubs of Warsaw and Byrd's Chapel held informal socials inviting their husbands. Games were played and refreshments served. The club of Wallace held a banquet at the Wallace Elementary School. The club had a very well planned program. They also invited the faculty of the Wallace Elementary School.

Two County Council meetings have been held this fall. One was the planning meeting for the year program for 1953, the other one was to make plans for the Achievement Day program. Both the meetings were well attended. At the planning meeting all the clubs were represented except two. In all there were thirty five women who attended this meeting. At the meeting held to dis-

cuss the program for Achievement Day there were twenty-two present.

"The Southeastern District Federation" held its Eighth Annual Meeting at the Shawtown High School at Lillington, North Carolina. The theme of the meeting was "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." Greetings to delegates was given by Mrs. Fernicy Swinson, President of the Southeastern District.

The main address was given by Mrs. Harriet P. Pressley, Woman's Program Director for Radio Station W.P.T.F., Raleigh. Mrs. Pressley spoke on "Making a career of Homemaking." Skits were given by Cumberland, Harnett, Wake and Wayne Counties. There were twelve members of Duplin County present. The report of Achievements made by the clubs for the year was made by Mrs. Marie S. McCalop of Warsaw, and President of the County Council.

The Duplin County Adult Achievement Day program was held in Warsaw at the Douglass High School. Mrs. Marie S. McCalop, president of the County Council preside. The welcome address was made by Mr. Belton, principal of the High School and the response was made by Mrs. McCalop. The address was delivered by Miss Wilhelmina R. Laws, District Agent. The clubs put on exhibits and prizes were given to the clubs who had the best exhibit.

Out-look Meeting:

The outlook meeting that was held at the County Court-house in Kenansville was well attended by both the men and women of the Negro Communities. Much valuable information was given by the specialist from Raleigh on the outlook for farm commodities, textiles, clothing and home furnishing.

4-H Activities:

The 4-H Clubs held their County Council meeting in October. In this meeting the officers for the year of 1953 were elected. After the regular meeting square dancing was taught.

The Annual 4-H Achievement Day was held at the Wallace Elementary School at Wallace. This was a very well planned program and well attended by the 4-Hers all over the county. The speaker was Mr. Cooper the 4-H Club Specialist was introduced by Mr. J. A. Spaulding, Negro District Agent. Mr. Cooper gave an inspiring talk in "Hands." The achievements of the clubs were given, the installation service of the new officers and certificate of Merits and Medals were awarded to the 4-Hers.

"Fair Exhibit" - The 4-H Clubs of Duplin County put on an exhibit at the State Fair this year. The Exhibit was one on "Safety" which bought the 4-Hers a white ribbon and two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.) in prize money.

Meetings Attended and Participated in:

Challenge Program: The Negro Home Agent was made chairman of the Food and Nutrition program of the Challenge Program. Three meeting have been attended, and data has been collected and compiled and turned in to the president of the challenge program.

Rural Progress Planning:

A meeting of the Rural Progress Planning was held at the Kenansville High School on October 24. Mr. R. E. Jones was the speaker at the committee meeting. Mr. Jones told the committees how to get started on their programs. He suggested the organization of all the communities reports were made by the various committee.

State Agent Meeting: Which was held for two days in Raleigh at Shaw University.

Out-look Meetings: Held at Kenansville, N. C.

District Federation : Held at Lillington, N. C. for a day.

Agents Planning Meetings Held in Raleigh for three days