

From comments made by the general public and reports made by club members on making use of information given, we feel that this has been the most outstanding feature of the Extension Program this year.

The result demonstrations started this year and previously have been quite successful and has been proven a great factor in stimulating the interest of more people.

The weekly radio program and news articles in the three county papers have also served as a great stimulus through the county, especially the radio programs that featured demonstrations.

The 1956 program will be strengthened by the success of result demonstrations and through our methods of publicity and getting information to the public. More and more people are beginning to seek our service in real needy areas.

The Result Demonstrations visited on the Annual Farm and Home Tour. The things pointed out to be seen on the tour served as a complete planning program for any farm.

The result demonstrations carried out in the seven farms and homes visited followed recommended practices as prescribed by the farm and home agent.

The group was impressed with the results of how one can make the farm and home convenient, attractive and comfortable with careful planning and a minimum of cash.

Result demonstrations conducted in these homes were for water systems, poultry, screened porch, color scheme, for entire house, yard improvements, storage, pastures, corn and tobacco. Yard improvement was selected in 1950 as a long term goal, definite progress have been made in the homes visited.

Pictures and color slides were taken of these projects so that those that did not make the tour could get some benefits of the improved practices.

The County Advisory Board planned the demonstrations with these families and made plans for the tour.

XII. Appraisal of Year's Work.

Emphasis this year were placed on Business and Legal Matters in Homemaking. Through demonstrations, use of slide projector (purchased by club members), news articles and radio programs, the people were well informed on the importance of Record Keeping and Budgeting.

to fame. With his wife, he is a member of the Home Demonstration Club. A real, honest-to-goodness working member. The success of the Stones' and North View Club can be contributed greatly to Mr. Stone being a member.

The Stones appeared on a radio program to tell of their achievements. Their pictures and news story was published in the Extension Service News, and the three county papers.

The Annual Farmers Tour visited the Stones also.

E. Outstanding Accomplishments of a club -

The Mt. Ararat Club in cooperation with other community organizations have made outstanding achievement in building a community center. This building is used by the groups in the community and to be used as a lunch room to provide hot lunches for school children attending the two room school in this community. The center was erected on the church property so that when the school is consolidated it will still be their property.

The club women planned early in the year to can feed to be donated to the lunch room, each member in October gave one gallon of feed.

A large home freezer was purchased in October for the lunch room. The club has made plans to improve the church and community grounds, work will begin immediately.

F. Significant Achievement of Extension Work.

The most outstanding accomplishments in the county were

has worked with local agents in 22 counties, having 275 demonstrators, he has never had as high a score, and it is quite a climb from where he found them. "They have graduated now", says Mr. Dean.

There are eggs and more eggs, all adding up to one of the most successful, if not the most, record of poultry demonstrators in the state.

For instance, last year from a year-round flock of 50 laying hens, the Stenes collected 7,817 eggs. Of these, they sold 481 dozen, the rest they used at home and gave to friends. They have no marketing problems, regular customers of the Stenes' happily pay 60 cents a dozen the year round.

The record would have been even better except for and still unexplained drop in production in December. "Probably, stated Mr. Dean, because of bad feed". The high peak in production came in September when they collected 67 dozen eggs. They have followed all recommended practices in housing, feeding and caring for their flock. One new house was built and new equipment for each house constructed.

Not only have the Stenes excelled in poultry but in many other areas such as running water in the house, improved pasture (he seeded 5 acres using recommended practices this year) and Mrs. Stone has completed several improvement projects in the home.

The Stenes live in an area where too many families depend solely on tobacco money for income, but not the Stenes'. They realized a total of \$768 from the sale of meat, lard, eggs and veals to supplement their tobacco income.

Mr. Stone said for health reasons, he eats two and three eggs (one raw) each day. Mr. Stone has another, and somewhat odd, claim

C. Activities of outstanding leader -

Mrs. Sophia Hubbard, 4-H leader, Whittle Grove Club was selected as the most outstanding leader in 4-H work and H. D. Work.

This was Mrs. Hubbard's first year as a 4-H leader. She has done outstanding work in helping and giving demonstrations to 4-H members in their projects. She encouraged her daughters to be demonstrators, one in room improvement and the other in yard improvement. She assisted these members in following recommended practices and these projects have really stimulated interest in the community.

The 4-H Club had more completions than any other in the county.

Through her efforts, the Home Demonstration Club that had become almost inactive, was restored and at present active again and taking part in all H. D. activities. Because of bad health for the two years previously, she was unable to participate in community projects and activities.

D. Activities of outstanding family -

Mr. & Mrs Lewis Stone, members of the North View Home Demonstration Club, South Hill, made outstanding improvements in their poultry project along with many other accomplishments.

The Stones' were selected in 1951 as poultry demonstrators under the supervision of the home agent and Mr. A. Lawrence Dean, Poultry Specialist. When Mr. Dean first visited the home to score the project and give information on improvement, they scored 56 and at the last scoring they had reached 97. Mr. Dean said, in the many years he

B. Growth of Leadership -

<u>HD Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>: 1951</u>	<u>: 1952</u>	<u>: 1953</u>	<u>: 1954</u>	<u>: 1955</u>
No. project leaders (subject matter)	: 47	: 43	: 46	: 50	: 52
No. goal chairmen	: 2	: 2	: 2	: 2	: 2
No. program development leaders	: 13	: 15	: 17	: 19	: 20
No. result demonstrators	: 26	: 43	: 46	: 54	: 41
No. training meetings by specialist	: 2	: 0	: 2	: 3	: 3
by district agent	: 0	: 0	: 1	: 0	: 0
by agent	: 9	: 9	: 5	: 5	: 9
Attendance at all meetings (training)	: 57	: 71	: 98	: 78	: 107
No. meetings without an agent	: 24	: 30	: 40	: 37	: 56
No. meetings leaders assisted	: 98	: 87	: 109	: 113	: 77
Demonstrations by leaders	: 42	: 57	: 69	: 84	: 73
Talks and discussions by leaders	: 8	: 10	: 13	: 16	: 30

<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership:</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>: 1952</u>	<u>: 1953</u>	<u>: 1954</u>	<u>: 1955</u>
No. club officers	: 23	: 33	: 33	: 36	: 51
No. adult project leaders	: 27	: 17	: 17	: 24	: 32
No. result demonstrations	: 4	: 11	: 30	: 32	: 49
No. training meetings held by specialist	: 0	: 0	: 1	: 1	: 2
by agent	: 11	: 9	: 7	: 7	: 12
by district agent	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0
by member club dept.	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0
by others	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0
Total attendance at leader training meetings	: 64	: 49	: 62	: 60	: 82
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	: 49	: 62	: 60	: 40	: 41
No. club meetings held by leader without agent	: 62	: 42	: 35	: 38	: 67
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	: 80	: 83	: 89	: 94	: 101
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	: 59	: 67	: 75	: 59	: 63
by junior leaders	: 21	: 33	: 40	: 48	: 56

2. Subject Matter Leaders -

These leaders attended leader training meetings and gave demonstrations in club meetings and to individuals. They also keep check on members to see if recommended practices were being used.

3. Program Development Leaders -

These leaders made note of needs in the communities during the year. A survey was conducted to help gather more information about needs and problems. One meeting during the year was devoted in discussion on community needs and problems. This information was presented at county program planning meeting.

A popularity contest and talent program was held last year to finance the 4-H county and state activities and a camera, slide projector and screen were purchased at a cost of \$187 to be used for educational purposes.

The county activities in detail were reported under other activities and 4-H Werk, VII - B.

D. Professional Workers' Council -

This group is made up of the high school Principals, Home Economic and Agriculture teachers, Elementary Supervisor, Farm and Home Agent. Its functions are to coordinate the County Vocational Program and to encourage and promote better working relationship and better rural living.

Werk was continued on the three demonstration homes selected in 1953. Regular meetings are held to discuss the over-all County program.

XI. Leadership

A. Contributions of the following Volunteer leaders to the program.

1. Organizational -

Leaders were trained on how to plan and conduct successful meetings. These leaders help to keep the clubs in tack by supervising others in clubs to carry out their duties. They also provide suitable meeting places. They attend county activities and keep members informed about county goals.

The annual Farm and Home Tour is sponsored by this group. This year seventy-five persons visited seven homes and farms on the annual farm and home tour. The purpose of the tour was to visit result demonstrations in poultry, screened porches, bedroom storage, water systems, kitchen equipment, yard improvement, color scheme, pasture, garden, summer hay, alfalfa, corn and tobacco. Four of the seven homes visited had complete water systems. Each demonstrator related to the group what had been done to improve the farm and home in carrying out recommended practices. The tour ended at the Aurora Park, John H. Kerr Dam for lunch and recreation.

Palmer Springs Community was selected this year as the Live-at-Home project by the County Advisory Board. This project is sponsored by the State Advisory Board. Eighty-two families were scored in this project.

Information for improvement was given through 4-H, Home Demonstration and Community Clubs. The leaders also reached a large number of families through the Sunday School and Church. Yard Improvement was stressed, 34 families reported making improvements in their lawns, 29 families reported improving their seed production.

C. County 4-H Council -

The council met three times this year to plan the 4-H club projects, special activities and train 4-H officers.

This group planned and carried out the following activities: The observance of National 4-H Week and Rural Life Sunday, Annual 4-H Picnic, attendance of State 4-H Short Course and Wild Life Conference.

wide programs, annual educational trip and Farm and Home Tour.

Each year an educational trip is made to some place of interest. The eight annual trip was made to Manteo, N. C. to see the Historical Drama, "The Lest Celery" and to visit Fort Raleigh and the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kill Devil Hill. In previous years, trips were made to Natural Bridge, Luray Caverns, Mt. Vernon, Washington, D. C. and three trips to Williamsburg and Jamestown. The purpose of these trips were to stimulate interest in the Extension Program and to know more about the State. A popularity contest and talent program was conducted by this group to finance the printing of year book for 1956 and to sponsor a County-wide Christmas Banquet.

This group was host to the District Home Demonstration Committee. They also cooperated with the County Advisory Board in the annual Farm and Home Tour.

B. County Advisory Board -

This is the over-all planning board for the Extension Program in the county. It is composed of leaders from each community and officers of the other county Extension Organizations.

Three meetings were held this year. This board keep leaders informed about current information and long term goals are planned.

Plans for participation in all county and state activities are planned in this group such as, County Fair, The Community "Live-at-Home" program, State Farmers Conference and State Advisory Board and trips to Experiment Stations.

IX. Scope of Work.

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	13	14	16	16	15
Membership	238	268	306	309	311
No. 4-H Clubs	11	11	11	12	17
Membership	290	295	297	324	307
No. other families reached	203	397	600	617	800
No. of different families reached	667	918	1000	1380	1450
No. of community clubs					
Membership					

B. What was done to increase Scope of Work?

The scope of the Home Demonstration work has been increased through weekly radio programs, weekly news articles in three county papers, educational booth at county fair, tours, county and community programs.

X. Organizations.

A. County Home Demonstration Committee -

The Home Demonstration Committee in the ever-all planning board for the H. D. Club program and activities.

This group met two times this year, one was to plan the club projects and the other to plan special activities such as participation in National H. D. Week Observance, county fair, county-

Virginia State College. Miss. Aramintia Valentine, President State Short Course attended the Regional Camp in Washington, D. C. These delegates were selected because of their achievements in 4-H work. Reports were given to club and county council groups. These delegates participated in radio programs after each conference.

4. Annual County Picnic

The annual picnic was held in the county at the Aurora Park, John H. Kerr Dam. This was the first year that the picnic was held in the county, as a result, a larger number of members, parents and leaders attended. Approximately 250 joined in a day of varied activities.

5. County Fair

Club members displayed exhibits at county fair, a total of \$31.50 were awarded in prizes.

VIII. Young Men and Young Women's Work

No such organization in County.

B. Other Activities

1. National 4-H Week

The County 4-H Club observed 4-H week with a joint program highlighting different features of their work. The purpose of the program was to show through demonstration some of the knowhews and skills learned through training in 4-H work.

Some of the topics selected for demonstrations were; Table Manners, Dress for the Occasion, Conducting a 4-H meeting, Introduction and how to start Conversations. Two hundred and twenty-five attended this program.

Two leaders were awarded certificates for years of service, Mrs. E. M. Burton, 10 years and Mrs. Rachel Harris, 15 years.

The week was climaxed with a radio program, four of the county award winners participated on this program.

2. Rural Life Sunday

A county-wide program was held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Chase City. Each club in the county participated in this service. The entire program was conducted by 4-H members with a former 4-H member, Rev. R. H. Kent, as guest speaker.

Approximately one hundred and seventy-five attended this program.

3. 4-H Short Course, Wild Life Conference, Regional Camp

Nine 4-H girls and one leader attended the 4-H Short Course and three girls attended the Wild Life Conference both held at

To aid in group participation of games, the committee decided to purchase a record player so that musical games and dances could be used to include a larger number of players at one time.

5. Projects selected by individual members

The projects mentioned previously were selected by the 4-H Council and Planning Group. Each member was encouraged to work on these projects, however some also selected individual projects.

Projects selected by individuals were - Clothing, Feed Preparation, Feed Preservation and Room Improvement.

Demonstrations were given to small groups on individual projects by leaders and agent.

One training meeting on feeds was conducted by Mrs. Mary Thompson, Feed Specialist, two others were conducted by the agent with 15 leaders attending. Thirty-two enrolled in Feed Preparation with 26 completing.

Clothing Unit II and III, 102 members enrolled in this project with 80 completing. A total of 361 articles and garments were made.

Room Improvement - 38 enrolled with 27 completing, a total of 92 articles were made or rearranged for convenience.

Feed Preservation - 28 enrolled with 25 completing, a total of 1,875 quarts of feed canned, 620 quarts and 145 lbs. frozen.

Thirty-two leaders assisted with the projects. Eight leader training meetings were held by agent.

Demonstrations and film strips were used as teaching aids to help members spot danger hazards and ways of removing same.

Eighty-four members enrolled in this project with 68 completing. Seventy-seven others reported carrying out some safety measures. Thirteen leaders assisted with this project.

3. Yard Improvement

The committee selected this project because they felt that each person could do something to help beautify their homes and to help members to realize how attractive surroundings can contribute to good family living.

Demonstrations were given with the use of the flannel board and film strips were shown as teaching aids in planning ways and means of beautifying the home grounds.

All the members reported making some improvements on their lawns. Eighty-six enrolled in this project with 45 completing.

4. Planning Recreational Activities

This project was selected by the committee to encourage more wholesome recreation.

Each club planned three activities for the year. Committees were formed to work out plans so that everyone could participate in the activities of game on recreational nights. New games were taught to club members and leaders. At the end or beginning of each club meeting a game was played.

1. Money Management

This project was selected because the committee felt that each member of the family should realize the importance of knowing their needs and how much it cost to meet them. The group felt that starting early planning allowances and earnings were very important.

In discussing this project it was discovered that a very few 4-H members received any definite allowance. Club members were urged to ask parents for an allowance by the week or month so they could have experiences in handling money. This topic was also discussed in Home Demonstration Club meetings and County meetings to encourage parents to bring their children in on the planning so they could realize the needs of the whole family.

Demonstrations and discussions were held in each 4-H club.

Four members selected this as a project with two completing. Thirty-seven others reported making some changes in their spending.

2. Farm and Home Safety

This project was selected so that members could learn to recognize and remove danger spots likely to cause fires, accidents or injuries. The adult group worked on this project also.

Club members used safety check sheets to spot danger areas in their home and on the farm.

A total of \$50 were received in prize money. A large number of the prizes in the general exhibit went to club members.

The club members were employed by the fair association to work in the exhibit building for the entire week.

VI. Farm and Home Development

In selecting families, the farm and home agent decided on a list of families that they felt would cooperate with the program and ones that apparently needed help. Seven families were visited, five showed interest, they were thus selected for this program.

To date we have made bench mark inventories and goals were listed for attainment. Tentative plans have been made to help these families to reach some of the goals.

VII. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work:

Twenty-seven junior and adult leaders participated in the planning of the 1954-55 program. This program was planned jointly by boys and girls since in most cases due to limited space they meet together in their monthly meeting, therefore, activities were planned that would be of interest to both groups.

After discussion from the junior and senior leaders and the background information given by the agent the following program was planned: Money Management, Farm and Home Safety, Yard Improvement Planning and Recreational Activities.

mentary School.

Cool Spring had a brick form built around the flag pole at John Green and flowers were planted. The other clubs planted flowers in the brick form built at the entrance of the high schools. Petunias were planted for the summer and Pansies for winter and spring. With this arrangement, these plants provided attractive appearance the year-round.

Union Level club selected as their community project the two churches in this area. The same arrangement is used as is used for the schools.

2. County Fair

The home demonstration clubs cooperated with the fair association to make the 1955 fair more educational. Committees from each club met with the fair manager to discuss how they could aid in helping the exhibits by making them more educational.

Twelve clubs displayed unit exhibits. Each group planned its educational exhibit to teach some important lesson. Some of the topics used were; Necessary pots and pans to make cooking easier; "Add beauty to your home, use winter bouquets, visit the forest for materials"; "We save \$\$\$, we use feed bags in a variety of ways, Do you?" "We use the basic 7 feed group in conserving feed for winter." Early American Stenciling. These topics were based on projects worked on this year. The general theme was - Save Time, Money and Energy.

Seven clubs received blue ribbons, three red and 2 white.

assisting members in preparing articles to be finished in club meetings, three others conducted by agent.

Three-fourth of the club members painted and decorated at least one article, thirty-two completed more than five.

5. Heusing

No project was selected this year on any phase of heusing, members were urged by project leaders and agent to continue previous project selected.

Two hundred and forty reported making some improvements in the home. Water systems were stressed. The systems were installed.

6. Poultry

Poultry demonstrators selected previously were continued with two new ones added. Mr. Dean scored these flock and gave information for improvements.

News articles and radio programs were used to encourage better poultry production in the county.

Four demonstrators participated in one radio program.

B. Outstanding Home Demonstration Club Community Projects and Community Improvement Work.

1. Community Projects

Three Home Demonstration Clubs selected as their project school beautification. Lambert Chapel is working with East End High School; Skipwith, West End High School and Cool Spring, John Green Ele-

Two leader training meetings were held with 22 leaders. Twelve meetings were held by leaders and 42 by agent. Two hundred and twenty-five reported making changes in Home Management problems.

3. Farm and Home Safety

This project was selected because of the increasing number of accidents occurring in the home and on the farm. With more power machinery and labor saving devices being used, the group felt that a greater need for this project was realized.

Club members were given check sheets to use to help spot danger areas. Demonstrations and film strips were used as teaching aids in pointing out ways and means of removing hazards. Everyone was encouraged to observe National Safety Week through newspaper articles and a radio program. During this week, three club members participated in the radio program.

One hundred and eighty-seven reported making their homes and farms safer.

4. Rural Arts

Early American Stenciling was selected because the committee felt that some art should be included in the program to develop an appreciation of the things around the home and also help stretch the dollar by making use of discarded articles or beautify these in use.

A leader training meeting was held by Miss C. Perry with 12 leaders in November, 1954. Leaders held 12 other meetings in

ment should be included in the program such as, legal matters in home-making (wills, deeds, banking and insurance) if they were going to make good budgets.

Selecting and buying household equipment was considered such a big project that the groups decided to work on one phase of it, small kitchen equipment.

In budgeting and planning the income, the committee felt that there is a great need in knowing what to buy, especially during the harvest season. A larger number of high pressure deer to deer salesmen with inferior goods to sell are forever hounding the homemaker.

Record books were secured for club members. Discussions and demonstrations were held in club meetings on the importance of keeping records and some information were given on how to make budgets and keep records.

Three clubs held meetings at night so the whole family could be present to learn about the importance of good management in the home and on the farm. Two lawyers and one insurance agent gave talks to such groups.

Demonstrations were made and displays on necessary small equipment needs in the kitchen to aid in saving time, money and energy in preparing family meals.

Three radio programs were devoted to Home Management in January, February and October. One news article was published in the three county papers on Budgeting and Record Keeping and several others on Social Security.

The Whittle Grove Club used the theme "Money Saving Main Dishes" for their Educational Fair exhibit booth.

Check sheets on what feeds were served most in the home were checked by club members. The results of the check sheets were discussed in club meetings and in one county meeting. It was observed by the members that they were serving a limited variety of feeds to their families.

The basic seven feed groups were discussed and used as a guide in preparing "Money Saving Main Dishes". Colorful Basic 7 Feed charts were given to members to hang in their kitchens.

Members reported making improvements in preparing meals and feed habits.

2. Home Management

From surveys conducted, discussions in club and county meetings the need for better home management were felt. Tobacco being the chief source of income and this crop is marketed during a three month period, with so much cash coming in at one time it presents a problem of careful budgeting in order to spread the money over a period of nine months. It is a tendency to spend too much during the market season with very little or any to use the remainder of the year, therefore a number of the families live one year in the rear as far as finance is concerned.

The new Social Security law including farmers present another need for keeping records.

The committee thought that all phases of Home Manage-

Homemaking (Wills, Deeds, Banking and Insurance), Buymanship of household equipment, Farm and Home Safety, Variety in using home produced feeds. The overall goal for the year "Producing more feed for the Family and Livestock", other goals were: Better Family Living through understanding of legal matters and planning; make the farm and home a safe place to live; increase pressure water system; reaching more people through leaders and small community groups and plan more recreational activities for the entire family.

A. Project Work.

1. Feeds and Nutrition.

The general theme selected by the committee was "Live-at-Home". In order to do this, the group realized that home produced feeds should be prepared in a variety of ways so that the families would not desire these same feeds attractively displayed on the market. In keeping with other projects selected for the year such as budgeting and record keeping, they decided to work on money saving main dishes and using left over and home produced feeds.

A leader training meeting with 23 attending, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Feed Specialist gave demonstrations on the two feed projects selected. Thirteen leaders gave demonstrations to their club in May on money saving main dishes. Seven leaders gave demonstrations on soups in October and four others assisted the agent.

Three radio programs were devoted to producing and preparing of feeds. Five club members appeared on one of these programs. Four newspaper articles were published in the three county papers.

With the new dam, we have plenty of fishing and boating area. As a result of the dam, we have access to 800 miles of shore land, however some portion of this area is located in North Carolina.

There are 15 Home Demonstration clubs, 17, 4-H Clubs and three Community Clubs organized in the county. The Farm and Home Agent work jointly with these organizations, planning and carrying out the Extension Program.

V. The Adult Program

For the first time the Home Demonstration Committee met jointly with representatives from the Community Club to plan their 1955 program of work. Sixty men and women leaders participated in the planning. To stimulate the thinking of the committee, as well as to secure additional information, several persons from the county, closely related to the people and their welfare were asked to be present to share their views on the needs of the communities.

The following individuals gave stimulating remarks, Mrs. Dorothy Harris, high school principal; Mr. Hallett, local sanitation officer; Rev. C. H. Thomas, United Presbyterian Minister and Mrs. Mattie Thompson, county home agent. The program development leaders gave reports of interest and needs from their communities.

After these discussions some county data and background information were given by the Local Farm & Home Agent.

With a clearer understanding of the county situation the committee was divided into small work groups as a result the following program was planned: Budgeting and Record Keeping, Legal phases of

With lower incomes the program has been greatly affected for the past three years.

There are two high schools in the county and three consolidated elementary schools and a number of others with 1 to 5 rooms. Most of the schools have hot lunch programs.

With the potential consolidated school system, and buses serving more than one school, children leave home very early and return late. Some children spend 9 hours away from home daily. 4-H clubs are met in the elementary schools, but with the high schools and their added subject matter and activities, time is not allowed for 4-H meetings. Nine of the clubs meet at night to provide opportunity for continuing 4-H club work.

The County Advisory Board is the overall organization in the county for the coordination and planning of the Extension Program. The Board meets three times a year. Other county organizations are; The Home Demonstration Committee, which meets twice a year, 4-H Club Council which meets three times a year to plan their individual part of the Extension Program.

Approximately 90% of the farm families have electricity. With the new telephone lines being run in the county, a number of families now have telephones, approximately 6 or 7% have water under pressure.

Recreational facilities are very limited in the county. Only one center is being developed in South Hill.

With the construction of the John H. Kerr Dam, we now have two well developed parks. This provide recreational outlet for people in the county and surroundings areas.

IV. County situation as it affected the 1955 program.

Mecklenburg County is located in Southside Virginia, in the heart of the bright tobacco belt. The area of the county is 669 square miles.

According to the 1954 Farm Census, there are 3,764 farm operators in the county compared to 4,034 reported in 1950. In the 1954 census there are 1,880 white operators and 1,903 non-white operators compared with 1,972 white and 2,062 non-white in the 1950 census.

The total population according to the 1950 census 33,497, of this number 16,920 white, 16,564 Colored (50.5% white and 49.5% Negro).

There are two areas in the county with more than 2,500 population, therefore they are classed as urban families.

There are a number of industries in the county but a very few Negroes are employed in such, the majority depend on the farm for their living.

The chief types of agriculture in the county are tobacco, cotton, peanuts, cucumbers, grain, cattle, swine and poultry, with tobacco being the chief crop. Because of the labor required to produce tobacco, other crops and feed production is neglected. Cucumber production has been encouraged in recent years since the crop matures in a short time and does not interfere too much with the tobacco.

Income from tobacco, for the last three years, was lower than it has been for at least 10 or 12 years, thus causing more people to seek other employment. Especially these one sided farmers. The percentage of Negro population has decreased 2% since the 1940 census.

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- N. D. Merse - First Farm Agent in the county started work in 1916,
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- Victor R. Powell - present Local Farm Agent began work July, 1954.
- Sylvia Ress - First Local Home Agent started work in 1945 and work-
ed for nine months ending December 1945.
- Delores Merse - present Local Home Agent began work July, 1946.

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