

Cooperation with other Agencies

This agent makes an all out effort to cooperate with all agencies in the county that have assistance for farm people. Some of the being the ASC office ,Soil and Water Conservation Office and financial agencies ect.

Summary Statement.

In performing the duties of this office this agent made 574 farm visits, received 122 telephone calls, wrote 18 news articles distributed 2820 bulletins, Circulars and letters ,Conducted 15 demonstrations, Held 98 meetings, held five training meetings attended many meetings in interest of Extension Work.

I have worked 269 days. These were devoted 121 days to adult work, 40 to young people and 118 to 4-H work.

The program emphasis were divided in to program planning, crops, livestock, marketing, soil and water conservation, forestry, management farm buisness, family economics and community development.

Farm And Home Development Cont.

Beginning four years ago Mr. Golden owned enough farm machinery to do a fair good job of farming providing he hire his bailing and grain harvesting. There has not been any major machinery purchased during that time.

In the beginning Mr. Golden owned six grade milk cows and 2 brood sows, none were pure bred. He now has three milk cows 10 pure bred grade Herford cows and a Pure bred Herford bull. He also has four brood sows, a pure bred Yorkshire boar and sow .

Mr. Golden owns about 30 acres of land , most of which is suitable for pasture, hay, and forestry. Two years ago he was assisted in getting lease on a 200 acre farm for five years. This would be suitable for full operation but Mr. Golden does not have enough operating capital and desires to continue part operator until he has built his herd to about 35 or 40 brood cows. He also hopes to acquire more land in the future.

All of the Golden children are 4-H members and completed projects in market pig for the last 3 years. Their gross earnings from these projects are around \$595.00 and prizes and awards amount to about \$62.00. Both Mr. and Mrs Golden are 4-H leaders and have done much to make this project outstanding in the county.

Poultry Cont.

These demonstrations were observed by people throughout the county at field meeting and community tour this year.

Circular letters and bulletins were sent out throughout the year containing information on proper management jobs, feeding, housing and all the peculiar items that go to make good poultry flock management. To day we have a number of flocks with 100 to 200 laying hens which is not enough to be considered a commercial flock. We do believe we have a number of families who could do well if they would develop such flocks.

Farm And Home Development

The George Golden Family has been the family which I have worked with in this program. The family consist of Mr. and Mrs. Golden and five children; four girls and a son. Mr. Golden is part time farmer who wishes to become full operator in the future. When Mr. Golden began work in farm and home development program, he lived in a six room home which was partly finished. To day he has not finished his house but progress has been good. All rooms have been finished and decorated. There are modern kitchen cabinets and central wood heating unit. He has running water in the kitchen. Some of the conveniences purchased are auto, deep freezer refrigerator and television. He is now planning for complete bath in the home.

In gaining some progress along this line there were farm visits, circular letters at the appropriate, time with respect to jobs in season, two field meetings held in order to observe cultural practices, fertilizer results, weed control demonstrations and harvest methods. Assistance from specialist in agronomy, soil and water conservation, forestry specialist and commercial concerns were also used in putting over the program

#### Livestock

Emphasis on improved livestock has been going on in the county for some time. This county has become a producer of feeder calves, fat steers, race horses, sheep and pure bred hogs. Our emphasis has been on production of feeder pigs, cattle feeding improved breeding stock of cattle and hogs.

The objectives of this area of work for this year ;

- (1) To help farmers to develop livestock projects that will add to income,
- (2) To improve breeding stock.

Farm visits were made, circular letters written, bulletins sent out and meetings held to give educational information to farmers. There has been a noticeable improvement in quality of breeding stock on many farms with which we work.

#### Poultry

In poultry the objectives and activities have been the same as for livestock. There are three demonstrations located in the Esomont, Union Ridge and Cobham Gardensville communities.

these methods will be in more detail later in the report

#### Gardens

Gardens have been a major project for a number of years. It is a belief that most rural and urban, for that matter, if they have space should have a good year round garden. This is essential for better health, better diet and better use of income and in many cases better use of labor.

There were five garden demonstrations conducted in the county. A garden tour was conducted in the Esmont community, monthly garden suggestions prepared by specialist from the Extension Service was sent to key people in the county. Many bulletins on gardening were mailed to residents of the county and the Esmont community exhibit did much to encourage good gardening.

#### Crops

The crop projects carried by farmers in the county consisted of small grain, corn for grain and silage, grasses and legumes for pasture, hay and silage. A few soybeans are grown.

The objectives of our work with crops were to: (1) to help farmers increase yields, (2) to get farmers to improve pastures, (3) To interest farmers in better small grain production.

ed to these members amounted to \$589.37 this year. The awards include Grand Champion Barrow, Lynchburg Junior Hog Show and Sale, Second and Third Award in Class of Barrows at Virginia State Fair, Richmond and fourth in Class Short Horn Steer Class Virginia State Fair, Richmond.

Four Club Members attended 4-H Short Course at Virginia State College this year.

#### 4-H Leader Council

The 4-H Leader Council met three times during the year. The job of this organization is to assist in the 4-H Program. They aid in deciding the program and also assist in the instruction of Club Members with their projects and records.

#### Projects

##### Farm Income

Work on our major problem in trying to increase income of low income families in the county continues with emphasis on projects suitable to land and resources. Suggested projects such as poultry, christmas tree production, feeder pig production extensive farming of available land, vegetable production, feeding steers, production of good gardens and many others are the projects receiving emphasis at the present time. In bringing these items to the attention of the farm people the agent has used farm visits, circulars, demonstrations, discussions, and news articles.

The second Club which is located in the Cismont, Cobham Lindsay and Gordonsville Communities supporting the Albemarle Community Center at Cismont. There have been three business meetings with this club. Weekly meetings of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and numerous Recreational Activities during the year.

#### 4-H Junior Council

The 4-H Junior Council consists of 26 members. This Council met two times this year and assisted in working out the 4-H Program for the year. Two of its members attended the 4-H Short Course at Petersburg, Virginia.

#### 4-H Clubs

There were five 4-H Clubs organized in the county this year. 58 boys and 50 girls make up the enrollment.

Projects enrolled in were gardens, Home Ground Beautification, Swine, Beef Project. There were forty-nine completions, thirty in gardens, one in beef, seven in market pig, and eleven in Beautification of Home Grounds.

The Swine and Beef Projects have been the most outstanding projects engaged in by Club Members. Seven Club Members completed market pig projects and one Club Member completed market pig and beef project. Gross income and prizes award-

To accomplish their objective there were two meetings during the year with twenty five members present. One member attended the State Awards Program. Two members attended the District Home Demonstration Meeting in Fluvana County, two members attended the Farm and Home Week Program for one day.

#### Community Clubs

There are two Community Clubs in the County. The Progressive Club of Esmont which is the Demonstration Community for the State Advisory Board Community Improvement Program.

There were a total of twelve meetings, one garden and Home Ground Beautification Tour. One Community Exhibit and Recreational Activities conducted by these people. They have also made much progress in home improvement the past few yrs. This year seven young couples started building new homes, three families installed running water, five homes added new siding or painted the exterior of the house, two families added bath. Twenty families took part in the community tour, Twenty-seven families made entries in the community exhibit.

- A. County Advisory Board Meetings.  
Three Meetings a year.
- B. 4-H Junior Council Meetings.  
Three Meetings a year.
- C. 4-H Leader Council Meetings.  
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- D. Field Meetings at Demonstrations.  
6.
- E. Community Tours. One.
- F. County Tours. One.
- G. Community Exhibits and Achievement Days.  
Four.
- H. A Total of Twenty-Two Demonstrations were planned for poultry, corn production, pasture, garden, small grain, hay, beef cattle, hogs, and forestry:

County Organizations

County Advisory Board

The County Advisory Board which is the supporting body of Extension Work in the county has thirty-six members; twenty men and sixteen women, they assisted the agent in setting up the program, determined the objectives and helped to set in motion the work to be done by selecting demonstrations and Demonstrators and activities for the year.

The farming situation is slowly changing from diversified system of farming to a more specialized system, with the main projects being livestock production which lends itself to grass land farming.

There are however some commercial poultry farms, vegetable producers, fruit producers, small fruits producers etc.

Some of the objectivities for the county are to:

1. To encourage all families to have year round gardens.
2. To help farmers increase crop yields.
3. Get farmers to improve pastures.
4. To help farmers develop livestock projects that will add to income.
5. To help farmers improve poultry projects.
6. To encourage some farmers to establish commercial flocks.
7. To improve interest in 4-H Program.

In setting up our program for the year it was decided by the organizations concerned that we would have the following activities:

D. Increase ability and willingness to undertake organized group action when such will contribute effectively to improving their welfare.

As agent we try to or should try to for ever keep the guiding principle of helping people to help them selves", before us. We are supposed to join with people in helping them to:

1. Identify their needs, problems and opportunities.
2. Study their resources.
3. Become familiar with specific methods of overcoming problems.
4. Analyze alternate solutions to their problems where alternatives exist.
5. Arrive at the most promising course of action in light of their own desires, resources and abilities.

In this report I shall try to describe briefly what was attempted activities and accomplishments during the year 1959 in Albemarle County. This will be for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating and informing those who may be concerned of the work in the county.

### The Extension Agent Looks At His Job.

" To aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage the application of the same", as stated in the Smith Lever Act, says to me that the agent is a teacher in one of the greatest out of school educational programs in the world today.

The agent has the job of passing on to a very few people, of the many millions who receives knowledge from Extension Service, Research Findings from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Land Grant Colleges and Experiment Stations which will help them attain objectives as set forth many years ago.

According to the Scope Report these objectives are to help people attain:

- A. Greater ability in maintaining more efficient farms and better homes.
- B. Greater ability in acquiring higher incomes and levels of living on a continuing basis.
- C. Increased competency and willingness, by adults and youths, to assume leadership and citizenship responsibilities.

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