

REPORT OF

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KING GEORGE

County Agent

Nov 1, 1917 - Dec 24, 1917

I began Demonstration Work Nov. 1st 1917, in Appomattox County and went around with County Agent B. M. Anderson for one week.

While there I traveled 150 miles, visited the homes of 80 farmers, about half of whom were Demonstrators. I learned Anderson's methods of Demonstration Work, and gave what advice I could. I also visited between 15 and 30 plots of alfalfa that was seeded this summer and fall. The majority of it was looking good.

I gave two farmers treatment for calves that were sick. Have been told since the treatment was very satisfactory. After being at Appomattox for one week I went to Blacksburg for the following Friday and Saturday, where I received instructions about County Agent work, and studied the census reports of King George County, where they expected to place me.

Sunday Nov. 11th I left Blacksburg for Greenville County to dehorn cattle with Agent C. P. Grizzard. While there I held three dehorning Demonstrations and had farmers in the different communities to come and see the work done and do some of it. I also showed Agent Grizzard that he or any one else could easily do the simple operation.

I made visits to a good many Demonstrators of Cotton, Corn and Peanuts while there. Gave three farmers advice about feeding hogs. Informed one farmer about "Contagious abortion". Going there I traveled 270 miles by rail; and 116 by auto and team while in County.

One of the farmers I held a Demonstration for
is a member of the League of Deafened, and was greatly pleased
with the work done for him. He by the way is a firm believer in
Demonstration work.

November 19th I left Greenville County for Fredricksburg
to join W. C. Shackelford and go with him to King George County,
where I was to begin County Agent work. After being introduced
to the Supervisors and other prominent citizens of the County by
Mr. Shackelford and a neighbor County Agent, I started on my work
over the County.

While in King George County from Nov. 19th to Dec. 8th,
when I left for the Agents' Meeting at Blacksburg, I got a rapid
survey of the County studying their conditions and methods of
farming, attended one teachers' meeting, and made a talk before
the teachers and County Superintendent trying to impress on them
the importance of Demonstration work and the ways in which they
could aid in the progress of the work.

During this period in King George, I traveled 601 miles
mostly by team; visited twelve white schools, leaving only two
unvisited. Those two I wrote to and secured the names and number
of boys in the schools between the ages of ten and eighteen years.
Haven gotten this from all the schools I find that I have so far
105 boys in the different schools between the ages of ten and
eighteen years. Am told there will be some more boys in after the
Xmas holidays. While visiting the schools I stopped in to see the
farmers of the different communities, told them who I was, and
asked who they were, and told them what I was there for.

I gave many of these talks about alfalfa, the preparation for higher and better corn crops, let their hogs come into the contests, restore farm houses and prevent loss of manure. I have arranged a place in a community for one bull and have been working on placing some more. Have also talked up grazing and other farm topics which are most beneficial at present.

I described 50 horses and 300 sheep that were effected by parasites to Dr. Chrisman, and sent the owners prescriptions for treatment. Have done some foundation work for farmers unions and met those already organized and offered them any assistance I could give. I met with the unions of Stafford, Spottsylvania and King George on Dec. 8th in Fredericksburg where B. C. Hodman was present and discussed co-operative buying and selling of farm products, implements etc. Have reached 225 farmers 105 school boys and twenty teachers while in county.

Dec. 11th I reported at Blacksburg at the Agents' Meeting where I received valuable information and instruction regarding Demonstration work of which I selected and laid most stress on points that were brought out that would apply to my particular local conditions. While there I studied problems for farmers of my county, and sent them circulars on information which they needed most. I got all the information I could on boys' club work for my county.

I returned to office on December 19th and spent the 20th, 21st and 22nd doing office work and making plans for the coming year. Dec. 24th I spent preparing this report for work done since Nov. 1st 1917.

Since I had no blank or details for report, I made this brief
of the work, I have done since November 1, 1917. Have arranged
for 3 days leave beginning Dec. 25, 1917.

Yours respectfully,

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County Agent.