

1940 ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

PRESENTED BY

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OF

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY FARMERS

COUNTY OFFICIALS

AND

DISTRICT AGENT - JOHN W. MITCHELL

## I. ECONOMIC AND STATISCAL BACKGROUND OF NEGRO FARMERS IN DURHAM COUNTY

Durham County has seven townships, with 143 Negro homesteads in the entire county. (taken from Tax Supervisor's Office, January 7, 1938) with a valuation of \$177, 738.

It has one high school and ten elementary schools, with 42 teachers, including one vocational Agriculture Teacher, One home economic's teacher, a farm agent, a county supervisor of schools, a county nurse and a home agent.

These county workers have organized themselves for the sole purpose of improving farm and home conditions, and health sanitation betterment, as well as social and recreational development.

If these county workers can teach their rural people the importance of producing commodities where they have a ready market, that they not only become self supporting, but are contributors to society, instead of parasites on society, and by so doing they are placed in a position to contribute to their immediate communities, in schools, churches, and thereby maintaining a better communities a better standard of living for their country and state.

## II. DURHAM COUNTY PROBLEMS

- (a) Large percent of tenants in county.
- (b) Large percent of farmers grow one cash crop, (tobacco).
- (c) Not able to see advantage of diversified method of farming.

## III. SUGGESTIVE SOLUTIONS OF THESE PROBLEMS.

- (a0) Teach and preach home ownership through the shcool and churches.
- (b) Begin demonstrations with younger people on diversified farming in poultry raising and hay raising, as well as small grains.
- (c) Assist in making a market for truck crops.
- (d) Stress the importance of keeping records on the farm, what is produced and sold on the farm. To continue driving hard on producing high yields of corn per acre in the State Corn Contest.
- (e) The Board of County Commissioners of Durham County are putting forth special efforts to improve better farming, better living vonditions and a more wholesome home for all the people of Durham county. Through this board they are making available \$300.00 to be used in prizes to encourage the farmers and their families to raise their standard of living.

EXTENSION PROCEEDURE

1. To depend on individual contact with farmers who can put into practice better methods and ask them to help get others to do what is recommended by the extension Department.
2. Keep a live community organization.
3. Make tours in the County and in other counties when possible.
4. Keep work before the public by news articles.

EXTENSION LITERATURE CHARTS

Keep work before the public by news articles, circular letters, distributing of bulletins and other material used in keeping the farmers well informed as to what is going on in the agriculture profession.

1. Circular letters on various subjects
2. Distribute bulletins and other material to farmers.
3. Call in District Agent whenever it is convenient, to lecture on different subjects on various occasions.

VI. SPECIAL SUMMER SCHOOL WORK

The agent is to keep himself well informed at all times.

1. Attend Annual Extension Agent's Conference at State College, Raleigh, N. C.
2. Attend District Meetings for Agents, and have personal interviews with the Supervisor and others.

VII. COUNTY GOALS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 1940

1. Drive hard for 150 good gardens.
2. Get records from four or five home garden demonstrations.
3. Get ten 4-H club members to carry a poultry demonstration.
4. Get ten farmers to keep at least 50 hens on the yard the entire year.
5. Organize a County Poultry Club.
6. Get five swine demonstrations in the County.
7. Get five farmers to build a self-feeder for pigs.
8. Get 70 adult farmers to carry corn demonstrations.

9. Get one hundred 4-H club members to carry corn demonstrations.
10. Get four farmers to grow over 100 bushels of corn per acre.
11. Get five alfalfa demonstrations in the county.
12. Get 150 farmers to sow five acres of one of the following:  
Peas, Lespedeza, Clover or Soy beans.
13. Give ten demonstrations in terracing.
14. Give ten demonstrations in pruning.
15. Give five demonstrations in poultry culling.
16. Get ten farmers to plant extra vegetables, grow extra live stock for marketing purposes.
17. Home and Yard improvement :-
  1. Take two communities and work with the Home agent in getting some outstanding work done, such as painting, whitewashing, beautifying grounds and other projects that will improve the looks of the home.
  2. Get at least ten families to enter the "Home Beautification Contest."
18. Furnish all farmers with all information that is available for better rural improvement.
19. Seek Whole-hearted cooperation from individuals, organizations and groups, that will help to make living conditions better in Durham County.
20. Give the best service and cooperation possible to every person, organization and group.
21. Distribute books and magazines to 4-H club members.

## CALENDAR PLAN OF WORK

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## JANUARY

Meet the County Commissioners.  
 Hold three adult community meetings.  
 Conduct 12 4-H club meetings.  
 Continue to check on 4-H reading clubs, and  
 to have reports made on books read, and to  
 give reading certificates to teachers for  
 club members to fill in.  
 Give ten minutes for recreation at each 4-H meeting.  
 Hold two older boys community meetings.  
 Hold Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting.  
 Visit ten farms.  
 Visit two churches in the county.  
 Attend Parent Teachers' Meetings in two communities.  
 Try hard on getting a large attendance at the Oxford  
 meeting.

## FEBRUARY

Meet the County Commissioners.  
 Hold four adult meetings.  
 Hold two older boys community meetings.  
 Give three method demonstrations in terracing.  
 Conduct twelve regular 4-H club meetings.  
 Hold meetings of Advisory Board.  
 To have 4-H club members to select projects for the  
 year.  
 To hold County Wide outlook meetings.  
 To continue 4-H reading clubs.  
 To give ten minutes for recreation each 4-H meeting.  
 Visit twenty-five farms.  
 Attend two Parent Teachers' Meetings.  
 Attend two church Meetings.  
 Get four brooder houses built.

## MARCH

To drive hard on soil improvement.  
 To meet the County Commissioners.  
 To hold four adult community meetings.  
 To continue 4-H club reading and reports.  
 To give three demonstrations in pruning.  
 To hold a joint community meeting with Home Agent  
 and Pastor of Zoar Baptist Church and work  
 out a community project.  
 Organize a County Poultry Club.

## APRIL

To finish up soil improvement campaign.  
 To meet County Commissioners.  
 To give four method demonstrations in terracing.  
 To hold four community meetings.  
 To hold 12 regular 4-H club meetings.  
 To visit 50 farms.  
 Cooperate with the County Nurse, Supervisor,  
 Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Home Agent  
 and all other Health Workers.  
 Fix-it-week and better home week.

## MAY

To meet County Commissioners.  
 To give three method demonstrations in terracing.  
 To hold two community meetings.  
 To hold 12 regular 4-H club meetings.  
 To collect books to return to Durham Colored  
 Library for the summer.  
 To continue recreational activities at club meetings.  
 To select 4-H club delegate for Short Course.  
 Follow up the two County Projects

## JUNE

To meet the County Commissioners.  
 To hold Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting.  
 To hold two community meetings.  
 To visit 65 adult demonstrations.  
 To visit 25 4-H club demonstrations.  
 To attend Summer School.

## JULY

To meet the County Commissioners?  
 To hold two community meetings?  
 To visit three churches in the county?  
 To visit 30 4-H Club demonstrations?  
 To visit test farm?  
 To have fifteen days vacation?

## AUGUST

Vacation continues?  
 To hold farmers' picnic.  
 To visit test farms.  
 To attend 4-H Short Course, if held.  
 To start checking on fall and winter gardens.

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SEPTEMBER

- To meet County Commissioners.
- To judge the fall and winter garden.
- To hold four adult meetings.
- To visit 40 4-H club members.
- To visit county churches.
- To begin reorganizing 4-H clubs in schools.

OCTOBER

- To meet the County Commissioners
- To begin to collect material for annual report.
- To hold 12 regular 4-H club meetings,.
- To check adult and 4-H corn demonstrations.
- To attend P. T. A. Meetings in two communities.
- To visit 40 adult demonstrations.

NOVEMBER

- To meet the County Commissioners
- To hold regular 4-H club meetings.
- To complete material for annual report.
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