

Durham, North Carolina.

January 27, 1941

Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Durham County has had the services of a Negro Farm Demonstration Agent for the past ten and a half years, and of a Negro Home Demonstration Agent for the past six years. The work as carried on by these Agents during this time has vastly improved the farming and living conditions, as well as the annual income, among the negro farmers of Durham County. The work of these agents has been systematically planned and well executed, and they have earned the confidence and cooperation of both the negro and the white citizenship of the county, which has enabled the Board of County Commissioners to put on a coordinated program of development for the entire county.

Recognizing the results obtained by the negro agents, the Board of Commissioners have not only seen fit to continue the work of the negro agents through these years but have increased their appropriations. The work of the agents has had a most wholesome effect upon the young negro farmers of the county. We feel that there is great need for this type of work among the negro farmers of our state and, from the experience we have had and the results we have obtained, that the state would be fully justified in extending as rapidly as possible this work to the counties of the state which have not had the benefit of negro farm and home agents.

Respectfully,

H. L. Carver, Chairman of the Board of  
Commissioners of Durham County.

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