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How the Records of the Extension Service May Enrich Your Family History Research

The records of the Extension Service are some of the most interesting and underutilized records held at the National Archives . . . and you just never know what you might find! Although not the typical vital records that genealogists seek, they may help family history enthusiasts learn more about their ancestors with a glimpse into rural life during the first part of the 20th century.

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Baking, Soil Erosion, and Rats...Oh My!

How the Records of the Extension Service May Enrich Your Family History Research

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History of the Extension Service

- Office of Experiment Stations, 1888–1915, to conduct scientific research on more scientific and effective agricultural practices.
- Office of Cooperative Demonstration Work (1904–14)
- Office of Farm Management (1906–15)

Smith-Lever Act of 1914

(PUBLIC—No. 95—63d CONGRESS.)

[H. R. 7951.]

Sixty-third Congress of the United States of America;

At the Second Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

AN ACT

To provide for cooperative agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges in the several States receiving the benefits of an Act of Congress approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of Acts supplementary thereto, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order 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, there may be inaugurated in connection with the college or colleges in each State now receiving, or which may hereafter receive, the benefits of [illegible] Act approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An Act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," twelfth Statutes at Large, page [illegible] hundred and thirty-[illegible], and [illegible] of Congress approved August [illegible]eth, [illegible] hundred and ninety (Twenty-sixth Statutes at Large, page four hundred and seventeen and chapter eight hundred and forty-one), agricultural extension work which shall be carried on in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture: *Provided*, That in any State in which two or more such colleges have been or hereafter may be established the appropriations hereinafter made to such State shall be administered by such college or colleges as the legislature of such State may direct: *Provided further*, That, pending the inauguration and development of the cooperative extension work herein authorized, nothing in this Act shall be construed to discontinue either the farm management work or the farmers' cooperative demonstration work as now conducted by the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 2. That cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics to persons not attending or resident in said colleges in the several communities, and imparting to such persons information on said subjects through field demonstrations, publications, and otherwise; and this work shall be

carried on in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture and the State agricultural college or colleges receiving the benefits of this Act.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of paying the expenses of said cooperative agricultural extension work and the necessary printing and distributing of information in connection with the same, there is permanently appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $480,000 for each year, $10,000 of which shall be paid annually, in the manner hereinafter provided, to each State which shall by action of its legislature assent to the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That payment of such installments of the appropriation hereinbefore made as shall become due to any State before the adjournment of the regular session of the legislature meeting next after the passage of this Act may, in the absence of prior legislative assent, be made upon the assent of the governor thereof, duly certified to the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided further*, That there is also appropriated an additional sum of $600,000 for the fiscal year following that in which the foregoing appropriation first becomes available, and for each year thereafter for seven years a sum exceeding by $500,000 the sum appropriated for each preceding year, and for each year thereafter there is permanently appropriated for each year the sum of $4,100,000 in addition to the sum of $480,000 hereinbefore provided: *Provided further*, That before the funds herein appropriated shall become available to any college for any fiscal year plans for the work to be carried [illegible] shall be submitted by [illegible] to each college [illegible] Secretary of Agriculture. Such additional sums shall be used [illegible] the purposes [illegible]ated, and shall be allotted annually to each State by the Secretary of Agriculture [illegible] manner herein[illegible] provided, in the proportion which the rural population of each State bears to the total rural population of all the States as determined by the next preceding Federal census: *Provided further*, That no payment out of the additional appropriations herein provided shall be made in any year to any State until an equal sum has been appropriated for that year by the legislature of such State, or provided by State, county, college, local authority, or individual contributions from within the State, for the maintenance of the cooperative agricultural extension work provided for in this Act.

SEC. 4. That the sums hereby appropriated for extension work shall be paid in equal semiannual payments on the first day of January and July of each year by the Secretary of the Treasury upon the warrant of the Secretary of Agriculture, out of the Treasury of the United States, to the treasurer or other officer of the State duly authorized by the laws of the State to receive the same; and such officer shall be required to report to the Secretary of Agriculture, on or before the first day of September of each year, a detailed statement of the amount so received during the previous fiscal year, and of its disbursement, on forms prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Smith-Lever Act of 1914

- The Smith-Lever Act established a national Cooperative Extension Service that extended outreach programs through land-grant universities to educate rural Americans about advances in agricultural practices and technology. These advances helped increase American agricultural productivity dramatically throughout the 20th century.
- Today, cooperative extension continues to serve the educational and developmental needs of communities across the United States by supporting clubs, classes, and events that help citizens keep pace with the rapid modern advances in agriculture techniques and technologies.

Record Group 33-Records of the Extension Service

- Each U.S. county had an agricultural Extension Agent, who focused on helping farmers learn about and adopt new scientifically based agricultural practices; a Home Demonstration Agent, who helped rural housewives improve their home economics skills; and a “4H” agent devoted to youth education and activities, focusing on agricultural and home economics skills they would need as an adult.

- Each county agent submitted an annual report. Naturally, content varies, depending upon what information the county agent(s) chose to include. Some are more detailed than others. Sometimes photographs were included.

Rich Source of Information on Rural Life!

Record Group 33-Records of the Extension Service (continued)

- The 1909–1944 annual reports are arranged by state, then chronologically by year. For each year, there are reports from state administrators by subject area, followed by reports from each county.

- These records are available as microfilm at the National Archives at College Park.

(Please see Claire Kluskens's guide, *Agricultural Extension Service Annual Reports, 1909–1968, and Related Records* dated March 2020.)

How the Reports Are Arranged for Arkansas

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- "Negro" Division

1934-Madison County

County Agriculture Agent-Men's Division

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County Agriculture Agent-Men's Division (continued)

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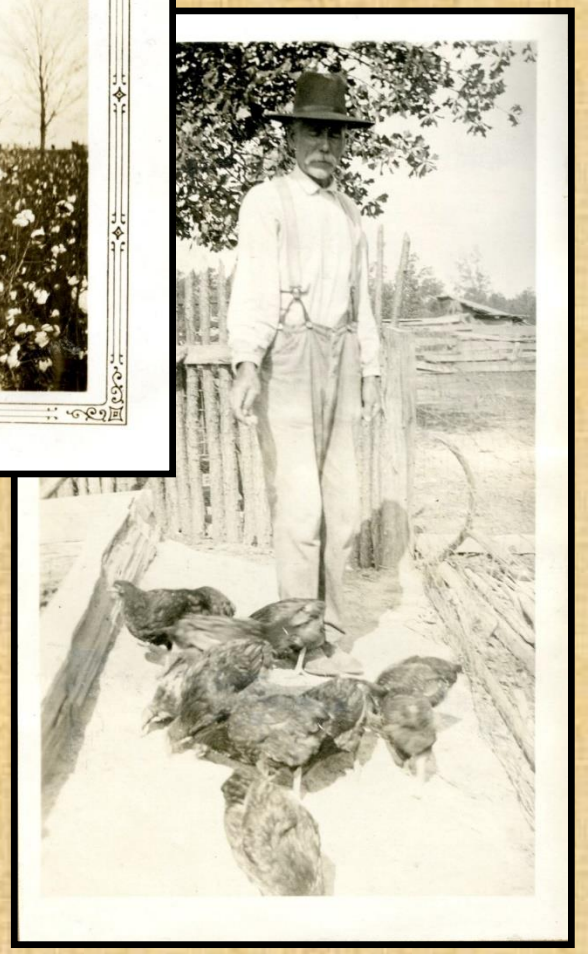

County Home Demonstration Agent-Women's Division

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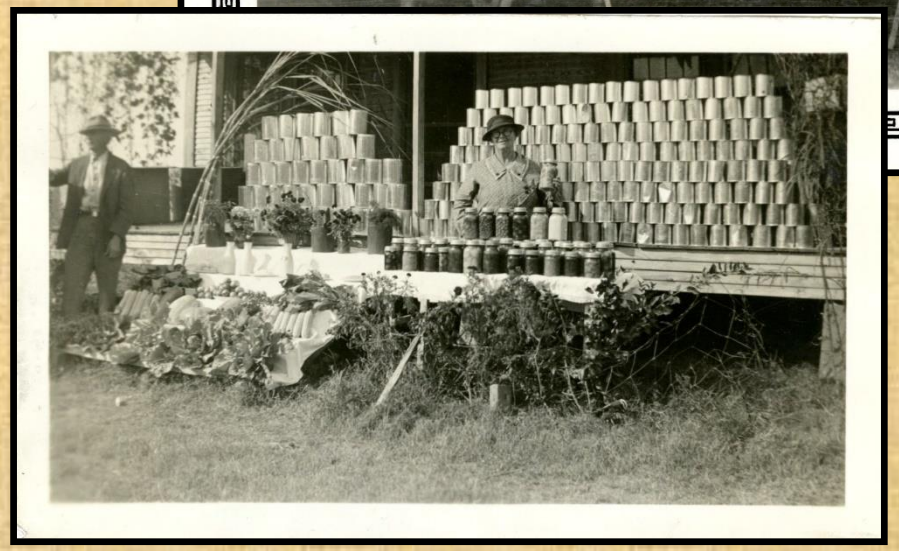

An Example of a Report from Arkansas

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- NARRATIVE REPORT OF COUNTY EXTENSION WORKERS -

Lee
(Name of County)

Report of Fannie Mae Boone Title Local Home Agent
From Feb. 1, 1929 to Nov. 30, 1929

Approved:

Date Nov. 30, 1929 Mary L Ray
District Agent

Date C. Bouslaye
State Home Demonstration Agent

Date
Assistant Director of Extension

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1929-Lee County

Status of County Extension Organizations

Since February first much interest has been created in the county, The people have responded to whatever call has been made. They are beginning to office calls more frequently and sometimes they use the telephone.

Letters are increasing in the mail asking for information,dates to meet clubs,schools,and communities.

County extension organizations will be more active another year as this is the first that has been done for nearly two years.

Forms of Organizations

The following clubs have been organized: 4-H,Home Demonstration,Canning, Clothing,Poultry, Corn,Pig.and the County Council. Each of these clubs have a president,secretary,treasurer,and various committees.

General Policies

It the policy of the clubs to urge each member to push his project through. Have something to show for what has been done at the end of the year.

Program of Work

The aim is to make a definite outline of work to follow. The activities are planned in harmony with the seasons.By doing this m morecan be accomplished and with greater effect.

Factors considered and Methods Used

The work is divided into committees each with a definiteaim.Each committee assigns work for the members that particular committee,so no one will be idle.By doing this more people will be put to work.

Foods and Nutrition

The preparation of foods has been stressed extensively. The women and girls have been urged to prepare better food,thereby improving the health of the family.Demonstrations in breads, salads,and meats were given. They certainly benn kept going. Some are baking better bread as well as preparing other palatable food.

Jessie Armstead prize winner in the county contest and winner of second place in the state,bakes more bread at home. She has given demonstrations to other girls since her return from Little Rock.

Mrs.Amanda Bowman,R.1,Moro,bakes bread and sells it to the people in the community. She also has customers in Moro who come out to her for breadeevery week. This gives her extra money for the home.

We urge teachers,where possible to serve hot lunches in school.

Food-preservation

Few realized heretofore what it took to supply a family of five,or any number,with food through the winter monthsuntil the canning budget was emphasized.Several have worked on this project this year.

Mrs. Willie Young,Felton-canned beef for the first time. Just a half beef was used.Steak,stew, roast,hamberger,chili,hash,and soup stock are on her shelf now. She sees now where it is a saving for her family.

The illustration on the opposite side shows the ladies canning in the St.Paul Community,during one of the visits of the Movable School.

Clothing

Much emphasis is put on remodeling. Many garments which have been discardedare brought brought back into service.Whenever it cannot be used by the older ones it is converted into a useful garment for the children.

The sewing done by the girls is of a greater variety than that done by the women. The girls are required to follow an outlined course.This gives them more different things to do. Much time is spent in seeing that they are careful about their selections as to color, cost, becomingness,durability,and suitability.

At our County Dress Contest the women and girls much taste had been used in the selectionof thier dresses.

Hat making was given special consideration. Many are making hats who had once felt that they could never make them satisfactorily.

1929-Lee County

Home Managment

The sinks have saved so much in the homes where they have been installed. Aside from the four sinks, a vacuum cleaner, five electric or gasoline irons, four women have purchased charcoal buckets for ironing. They also use themin preparing light meals. just about as easily and quickly as an oil stove. Bread cannot be baked on them because there is no oven to them.

Home Furnishing

This project has not been carried as fully as planned. We find that the greatest trouble with the rooms is they too crowded and oft times the wrong kind of furniture.

Home Health and Sanitation

These subjects have been discussed extensively with club members. The proper kind of dress for the different seasons, care of the bed room, number of persons in a bed or room, and dish-washing are all discussed. Ventilation of rooms, bathing, in fact everything along this line is brought out.

Home Gardens and Beautification of Home Grounds

Mrs. Janie Ivory, R,1, Marianna, sells on a average of five to six dollars worth of vegetables every week. She has a year round garden. During the summer season she had from eighteen to twenty different kinds of vegetables growing in the garden at one time.

She has saved eighteen different kind of garden seed for another year.

In eleven communities the ladies took special interest in their yards. Some preferred lawns others had just flowers. There were communities that work in beautifying the home grounds but eleven did more on a larger scale.

We always stress yard cleaning to prevent the accumulation of rubbish and destroyweeds, thereby helping to keep down disease and mosquitoes.

Home Poultry

Four women have bought standard-bred eggs this year. for the first time. In two instances they were satisfied with the hatching. One raised about 75% o f the chickens hatched.

Mrs. Mary Smith, R.2, Marianna, has been able from the sale ofher chickens, milk and butter to buy clothing for her three youngest daughters during the summer.

Home Dairy

Mrs. Rachel Anthony, R.1, Marianna, have used the barrell churn for the for the first time. This enables Mrs. Anthony, who sells quite a lot of vegetables as well as milk and butter, toget her produce ready earlier and saves time to be used for something else.

Mrs. Ivory serves as a hand in the field can get her milk ready for her customers and have energy enough left to do good work when she goes to the field.

1929-Lee County

Miscellaneous

Four club women signed up to raise tomatoes for the canning factory.Each had one-fourth acre. Because of the rain and drought they didnot realize as much as they could have under more favorable conditions.

Mrs.Joyce Allen R.1,Moro,is using the money made from the sale of her tomatoes to help repair her kitchen.

No better thing could have been done for us than for the department to give the Negro Movable Demonstration School.The farmers and their families are benifited form several angles. Aside from the demonstrations given to the men and women separately they enjoyed the lantern slides and moving pictures.

The farmers are given seaonal demonstrations in soil testing, , seed testing, vaccinating hogs,fertilizers,spraying,plowing,pruning and various other things that they should know,while the women and girls are being instructed in cooking,canning,sewing,hatmaking,and necessaryinformationfor them.

The pictures bring the information right before their eyes in an interesting and impressive way. If there is any push in them they will put some of it into practice.

There were no community nor county fairs this year.The exhibits taken to the State Fair was put on display in one of the show windows down town.One of the furniture dealers,Mr.Baw,let us use the window in his storeroom for three days.This display was quite a stimulant.

Community Activities

When a club has been organized in a community it must be kept alive. The members must be wide awake and keep something going from time to time. They must co-operate with other organizations.

The St.Paul Club gave an outing in the late summer after crops had been laid by and the rush season was over for canning.We went to a good fishing placeo about twenty-five miles from that community. After the first catch four were assignedthe cleaning and cooking of the fish.When dinner was over and everything cleared away we fished again to take some home for those who could not go.

This caused other clubs to want to do something too.

It is the policy of the agent to visit the churches,take part in the school programs,when asked, and do any thing that comes to hand for the benifit of the community other than the extension program.

Newspaper Clippings

Articles about the work have been put in the paper from time to time. The printer Mr.Jackson has been very nice by allowing space in the paperfor them.If for any reason the article is late or the paper is crowded,it is carried over to the next issue.

Much good has come from the these publications. It has been found that the farm folk read the county paper in large numbers.

Some of the articles are on the opposite page.

1929-Lee County

Outlook and Recommendations

The outlook for the work another year is very encouraging.Every thing has taken on new life.It will be easier to do more work and better work. Knowing the people and their needs makes me be in a position where I can render more service.

Teachers, Smith Hughes InstructorsHome Economic Teachers,Jeans Supervisors and other professional workers go to summer school every one or two years to improve themselves; I recommend that some place be provided whereFFarm and HomeAgents may go to get special training along their particular line of work thus enabeling them to do more efficient work.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments

Every project has not been carried out fully but much good has beenaccomplished. The greatest room in the world is the room for impovementis an old saying that is oft times heeded just for a while,but we hope to improve along as many lines as possible every year. The work must keep going to show up what has been done and what can be done.

Our County Club Rally was largely attended.Men,women,boys and girls came from nearly evert community in the county.This was a beginning of what we hope to do.

More than one hundred colored farmers of Lee County visited the Expreiment Station on the September 6,.No pains were spared by Mr.E.B.Whitaker and his assistants in showing the visitors over the farm and telling them every detail.

Special effort was put forth by the agent to let the farmers know about the day and they showed their appreciation by coming in large numbers.

The representation was larger this at the Short Course than for several years. Every contest was not enbered because of the short while that the work had been on,but we won the distinction of being the neatest group there.

Miss Mary Moore,Aubrey, won first in quilt judging and Sarah Noel,Rondo,Won third in second year sewing.

A picture of group may be seen on the opposite page .Mr.and Mrs.H.C.Ray,Mr.C.C.Haraway are to be seen with us.

Miss Moore is fourth on the first row and Sarah Noel is first on the second row.

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“Negro” Reports

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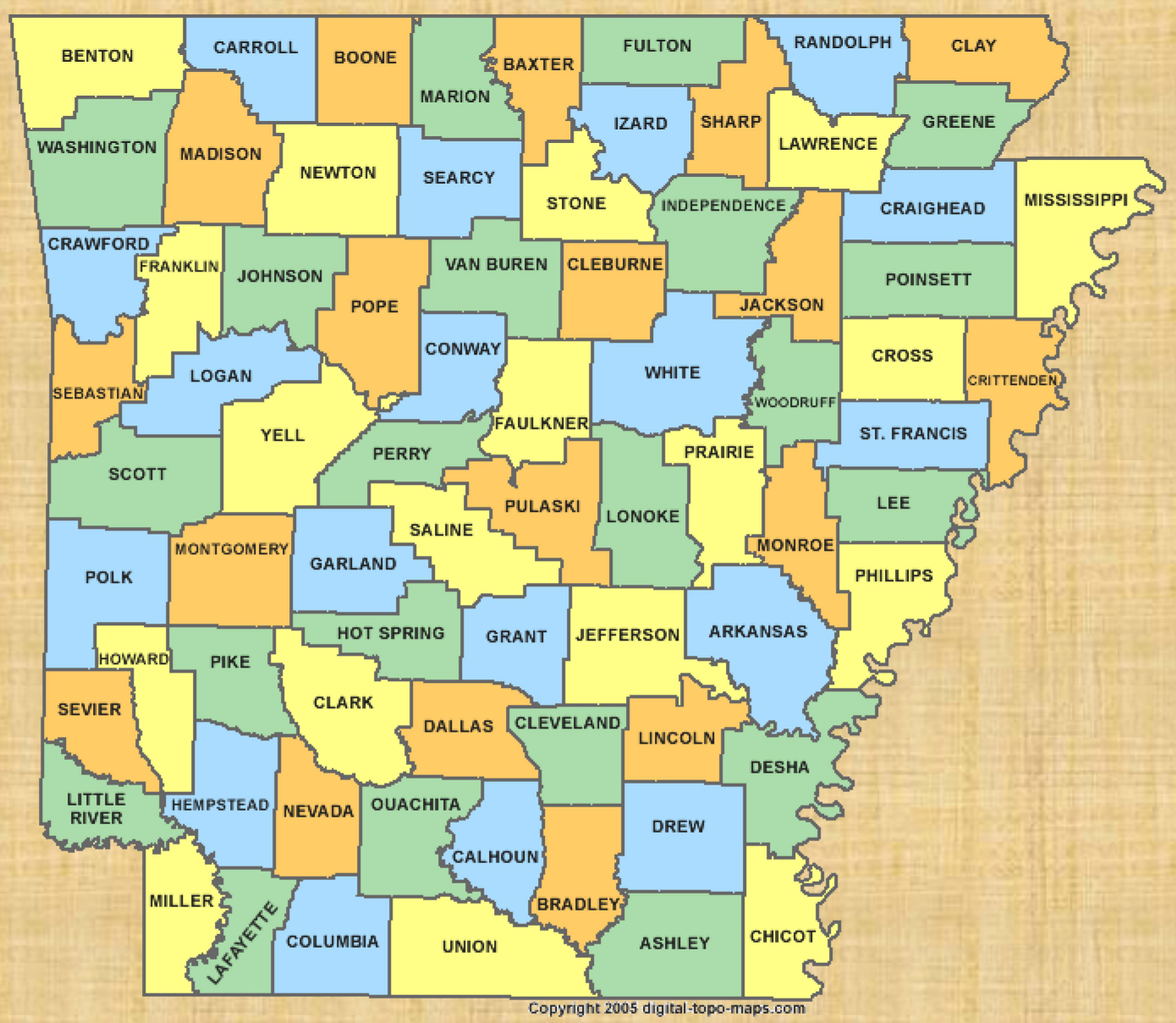

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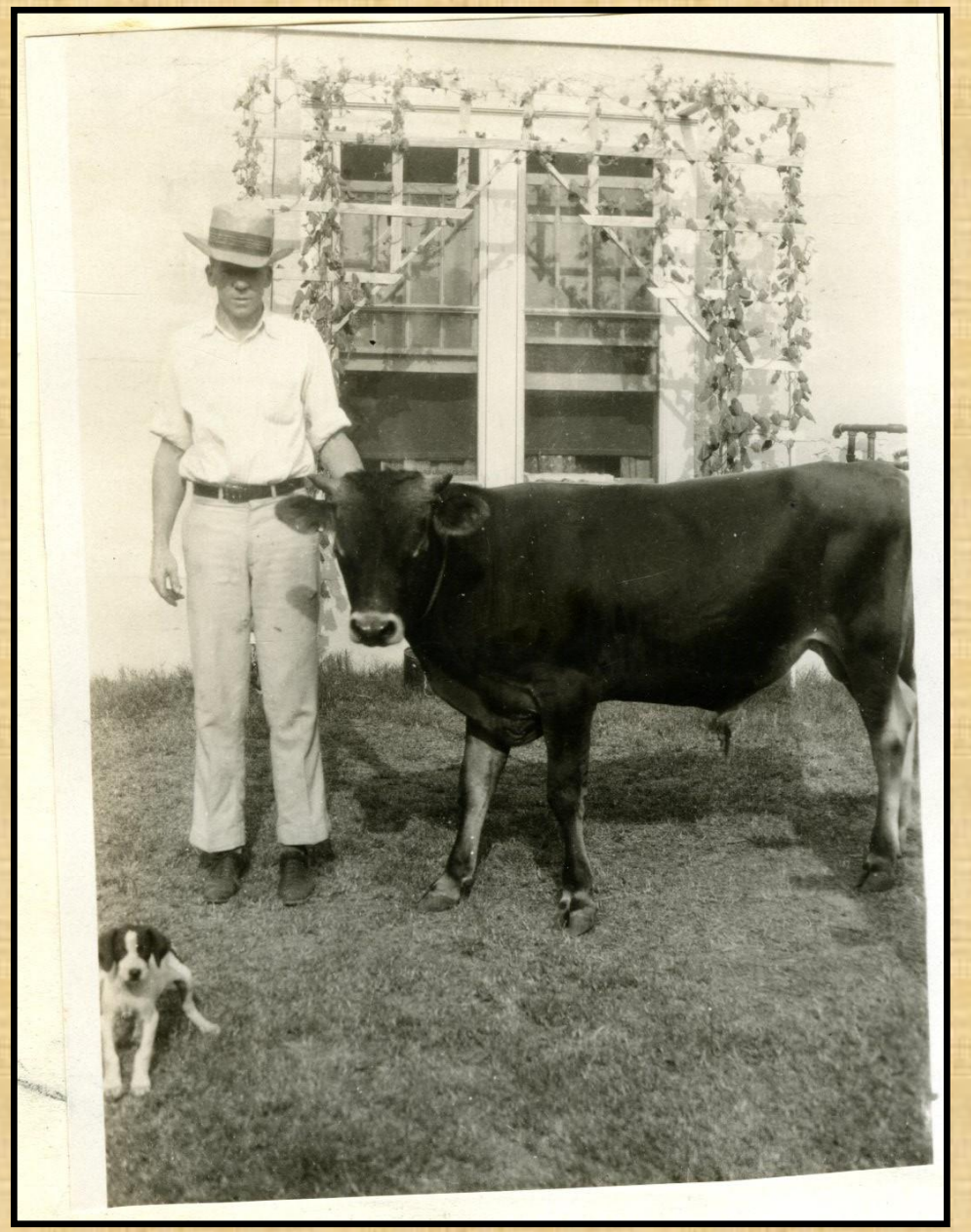

Dairy Husbandry

DAIRY HUSBANDRY

The interest of this industry in this county is on the increase ansd as soon as the farmers get the assurance that we are going to become tick free they will strive to push this industry more than they have in the past.The Camden Chamber of Commerce is now making a survey to find out what the consumption of milk in Camden is and also how many cows we have in the Camden trade territory.Pastures and feed work has been the part of the program that most of the attention has been given too The planting of permanant pastures of Bermuda with a supplementoof Japan and Burr clover is the foundation of out permanant pasture work. Seven of these demonsrtations are now under way. The planting of rye and oats for a winter pasture is given much thought by the leading dairymen.Mr. Slaughter went as far as to plant two acre or rye for each cow. Mr. Slaughter purchased a bull from a register og merit cow paying $350.00 for him. His neighbors all made fun of him for it at the time but they have all changed their minds now as he has ten heifer calves from himnow which are worth the price he paid for the bull according to Mr. Slaughter.

1929-Ouachita County

Poultry

A Thanksgiving Feast

Not every County in the State can produce turkeys with as much success as the poultrymen of Madison County.

The above picture is one taken on Albert Markley's farm near Alabam.

1934-Madison County

OUT OF THE MUD

THE OLD ROAD

THE NEW ROAD

1919-Cleburne County

YEAR BOOK

« 1935 »

Union County Home

Demonstration Council

...AND...

Home Demonstration Clubs

El Dorado, Arkansas

Home Dairy

Home Demonstration Notes.

By Pearl Finlay—Home Demonstration Agent in Polk County.

An excellent piece of work was begun in Old Potter community Thursday, March 7, when Mr. Woodley, dairy specialist, demonstrated the construction of a concrete milk cooler. The cost of construction materials was around $4. The saving on milk and cream will soon repay this small cost. This cooler may also be used as a refrigerator to store foods other than milk products. Those who witnessed the demonstration were well pleased and several expressed a desire to install coolers in their homes.

BUTTER EXHIBIT TOO.

Mrs. Walter Logan of Mena Takes Honors; Mrs. Albaugh Second.

In connection with the live stock show the women held a butter exhibit under the direction of Miss Pearl Finlay, county home demonstrator. There were 17 entries of butter by local makers and the judging was done by Miss Mollie Lindsey of Waldron, Scott county home demonstrator.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

First, Mrs. Walter Logan, Mena.

Second, Mrs. C. U. Albaugh, Route 1, Mena.

Third, Mrs. Ada Myrick, Route 3, Mena.

Mrs. Amos Musgrave, home science instructor at Hatfield high school, conducted a demonstration in the morning with the assistance of 4-H club girls. The uses of cottage cheese in cooking, in salads and in sandwiches were shown. The girls assisting in the demonstration, which was staged on the court house lawn, were Ada Mae Rigdon and Lucille Addison of Rocky; Alice and Annabelle Konkler of Mena; Margaret Hoheimer and Jessie Hayes of Hatfield; Geneva Allen of Cove.

Mrs.C.U.Allbough, a master Farmer's wife with some of her excellent butter. She has moulded 1500 pounds this year.

She is one of the few in Polk County who prefer to make butter for the market rather than sell cream.

1929-Polk County

Clothing

Clothing.

A school dress contest was held with Sybil Shipley, Hindsville, winning. She entered the State Contest using a brown peque for a school ensemble including, hat, gloves and purse. Imogene Coger, Huntsville entered the State Contest in the party dress class. She used a white organdy with a blue ribbon sash. The total cost of her party outfit including slippers was $5.18. Thirty five girls enrolled in clothing but only 27 completed.

137 dresses were made
678 other articles were made including hats, gloves, purses and coats.

4-H Club dresses made from feed sacks costing from 5 to ~~6 to~~ 7 cents.

1934-Madison County

Clothing and House Hold Arts.

Clothing is always an interesting subject
The clothing program has emphasized the follow

1. Selection of material as to durabi
   suitability.
2. Pattern selection.
3. Construction
4. Care and renovation.

Each community had a house dress contest;
winners Mrs. John King, Hartwell, won first pl
used a blue figured print which was very becom
simple pattern was used which made a very attr
easy to laundry and easy to get into. Her dre
If it had been purchased at the store ready ma
have cost $1.98, giving her a profit of $1.15.

Some of the dresses entered in the C
contest. (house dress).

Thrift garments are also made . Lovely
children's garments and house hold articles ar
sacks. Besides garments a made from sacks, ch
clothes are made from adult garments. Mrs. Jo
Hartwell, made an overcoat for her six year ol
discarded lady's coat. The material is a brow
it was ripped apart, mended and throughly clea

oy was cut so the mended places would not show.
g is an old silk petticoat dyed a brown to match
David, the little red-headed son, now has a good
h would have cost at least $10 but only cost 25¢
nd thread since the buttons were used from the dis-
at.

John King, Hartwell, has no children of her own
ceives boxes of discarded clothing from friends
ee. She works these over for the children in her
whose parents can not afford to spend money for

ild's dress made from a pongee petticoat made
John King.

1934-Madison County

Canning and Gardening

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND STATE LAND-GRANT COLLEGES COOPERATING

GPO 8—3923

Gardening and Canning Contest Enrollment Card.

Please enroll me in this contest. I will try to keep a record of all my gardening and canning work and report to you at the end of the year.

I will try to keep the canning budget and thus have a greater variety of canned products for my family.

Signed: _____

_____

Address

By returning this card you will have your name filed and recieve vaulable bulletins and helps from time to time. Send it back today.

Members of the Prairie View Home Demonstration club who won the County Gardening-Canning contest. The prize an 18 qt. pressure cooker is shown in the picture.
Below:: Officers of the club holding the prize.
Mrs. Alfred Housley is holding the canner, is Secy. and Mrs. H. M. Stephens, at her left is local leader and is a sister of Mrs. Houseley. Mrs. Barney Fritche is Vice. Pres.

1929-Logan County

CATHERINE HARRIS OF HOLLY GROVE AND HER 360
QTS. CONTAINERS OF FRUIT,VEGETABLES AND MEATS.
CANNED DURING THE SUMMER.

1934-Monroe County

Banana Trees!

Mrs. C. W. Everett, Magnolia Club. Exhibit of handicraft. Mrs. Everett uses this little log house as a work shop.

Grove of twenty-five banana trees at the home of Dr. & Mrs. J. W. Slaughter, 1111 W. Main St., El Dorado. The stalks have been taken up (November 27), dirt shaken off and put in the cellar for winter. They will be set out again in the spring. There will be about 75 trees from the sprouts.

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1934-Union County

Better Homes Week

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hawn, Forum. This house is made of native sones and logs with handrived shingles. There are the living room, breakfast nook and kitchen on the first floow with two bed rooms up stairs. Mr. and Mrs. Hawn have done all the work mking the house cost $100 for cement, nails and flooringand windows.

Mr. Hawn has made two chairs for the living room; one from hickory limbs, having a wicker effect, and the other from a tree trunk. Th s is a "wing chair, the bark was peeled and Mrs. Hawn stained. She up holstered the back and arms and made gay cushions for both chairs. She uses hooked rugs on her living room floor. With the open fireplace, day bed, book shelves and easy chairs this is a very livable living room.

Better Homes Week.

On Tuesday afternoon May 1, 1934 the second annual Better Homes Tour was held. A truck and several cars left the court house at 12:30. The first visit was to see the bed room of Nellie Catherine King,a 4-H club member of the Huntsville Jr. 4-H club: and also to see some of the kitchen improvement work of her mother. It is very noticeable that when ever one member of a family, either the mother or the daughter, starts any home improvement work the other will start something too. Nellie Catherine started painting and refinishing the furniture in her bedroom and then Mrs. King got busy on the Kitchen. With the help of her husband rearrangement and painting was ddone.

The yard and garden of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bedell was visited next. Shrubs and perennials divide the yard from the vegetable garden; the rest of the garden is fenced with a substantial wire fence. The side next to the street has a rambeling roses growing on it. From here we went to the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Glaes although it was not completed Mrs. Glass showed us all over the house even to the attic and explained her plans. A bed room was visited at Mrs. Ed Reeds and then the home of Mrs. Bruce Hargis. At this house we saw the freshly "redone" rooms and the color schemes which had been carried out.

1934-Madison County

Another place of interest was the storage house of Mrs. Perry Markley of the Smyrna Community. The inner walls are of logs, the space between the logs if filled with clay, and the outer wall is a rock veneer laid up with a clay mortar. The roof is covered with hand-rived shingles, and the ceiling is plastered with a 6 in. layer of clay. The one planed board was for a door casing. Mr. and Mrs. Markley did all the work themselves and all the material come off the farm except the nails which cost about 80¢.

The home which created a great deal of interest was that of Mrs. Raymond Hatfield, Hartwell. She is another one of the young house keepers who dosen't have very much money to spend but she and her husband bought an old house and has made it very livable by working and not spending very much money. They use the bed room as a living room and has made it very attractive by building book shelves and magazine racks and the use of paint and oilcloth. Building paper was used on the ceiling and a very attractive paper which harmonized with the building paper was used on the walls.

The magazine racks are built on both side of a window one above the other to the ceilling since the ceilings are low. The book shelves are built on either side of the fireplace. A light green oil cloth is used on the table and for the type writer cover.

The rock garden and lily pool of Mrs. Edgar Lingbarger was very interesting since she had arranged the rocks in a naturalistic way. She had collected very beautiful rocks from different parts of the farm.

Her tulip bed was in full bloom at this time and each year it is quite a show for she has a great many varities.

The antique furniture of Mrs. John A. Phillips was very interesting: all of which was walnut and has been in the Phillips family a long time.

Gardens, yards, homes, cellars, and poultry flocks were visited as well as the Community House at Hartwell. An old store building belonging to Mr. Dock Perry was donated and an all-day working was held last year at which time the women did the papering, white washing and cleaning while the men built seats put in some petitions and windows. This building has an auditium and three Sunday School Class rooms and a storage room. The young people of the Community have given plays and bought a piano and song books. This building is used for Sunday school and all other gatherings of Community interest.

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A group of people on the Better Homes Tour.

Sibyl, Shipley, a garden and canning club member of the Hindsville 4-H club, giving a demonstration in using a push plow. The women on the tour are visiting her garden.

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The home of the Fay Smith's, Hindsville. There are four members of this family-- the mother and father, a son just out of high school and a thirteen year old girl.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hawn, Forum. This house is made of native sones and logs with handrived shingles. There are the living room, breakfast nook and kitchen on the first floow with two bed rooms up stairs. Mr. and Mrs. Hawn have done all the work aking the house cost $100 for cement, nails and flooringand windows.

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1934-Madison County

Civic Organizations

Ray L. McLester.

Founder of Cleburne County Farmers' Union, Present Secy. County Union, Member Executive Committee Ark. State Farmers' Union and Mgr. Cleburne County Ware House and Marketing company, Heber Springs, Ark.

The above represents a quarterly meeting of the CLEBURNE COUNTY FARMERS' UNION, July 3-4th. Representatives are here from the twenty local organizations from different points incounty. At these meetings we discuss methods of promoting the agricultural interests of the county.

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Schools!

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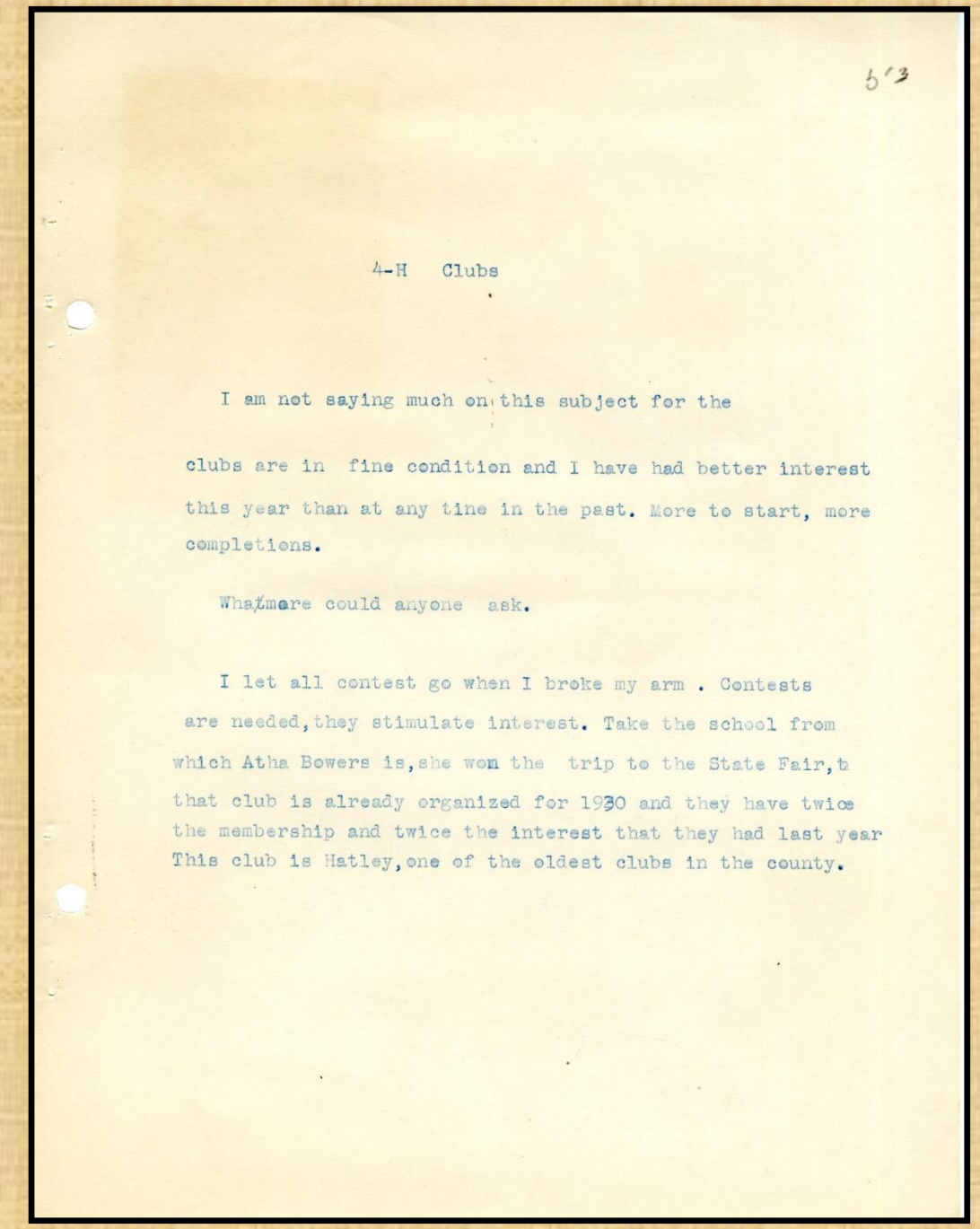
Pope County Schools

4-H Clubs



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4-H Clubs

I am not saying much on this subject for the clubs are in fine condition and I have had better interest this year than at any time in the past. More to start, more completions.

Whatmore could anyone ask.

I let all contest go when I broke my arm . Contests are needed, they stimulate interest. Take the school from which Atha Bowers is, she wom the trip to the State Fair, t that club is already organized for 1930 and they have twice the membership and twice the interest that they had last year This club is Hatley, one of the oldest clubs in the county.

1929-Pope County

4 - H Clubs

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What we had to draw a 4-H club from - they organized but did little work - Center Valley.

Hartley

A the Bowers, who won the State fair trip.

Club already organized, 31 strong for work in 1930.

Broomfield 4 - H Club

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Broomfield - new, but a fine club. When this club organized it was too late, & had a full schedule, for the women to start a club so they have attended all 4-H meeting.

There are as many boys as girls but this was a summer date, the Co. Agent don't keep those but works at home.

Mars' Hill

One of the best, the Co. Agent is almost in the picture - but he's making it.

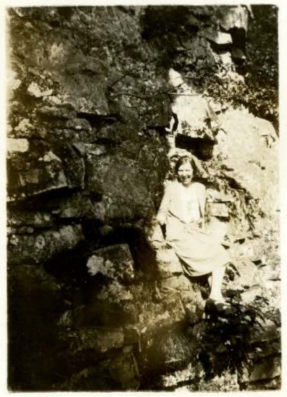
Leader - Mrs. Ed. Stokes

Liberty Hill - the only school in where they have a hot-dish in the school lunch.

1929-Pope County

W. K. Williams and
D. J. Burleson on
Magozine mtn.
attending the 4 H Club
Camp.
They are shown
taking their morning
shave, at the spring.

(Right) a group of
4 H Club members
ready to start the hike
down the mtn, after
three days spent on
the mountain top.
Mr. Burleson, Mr Phillips
and Mr. Baker are standing
in the back.



(Left) a Cliff on the mtn
side, there are many cave,
and springs along the mountain
side. The 4 H club members
made many exploration trips
here.
A wonderful view may be
had from any point on the
mtn. top.
The club members enjoy
the camp on Magozine mtn.
very much.

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Below is a picture of the boys of the Boynton Club with their sponsor after having been given a demonstration in vaccinating hogs. If you will notice some of the boys are handling the instruments. Some of the boys have their field selected seed corn which was given them by Mr. John Smotherman.

1929-Mississippi County

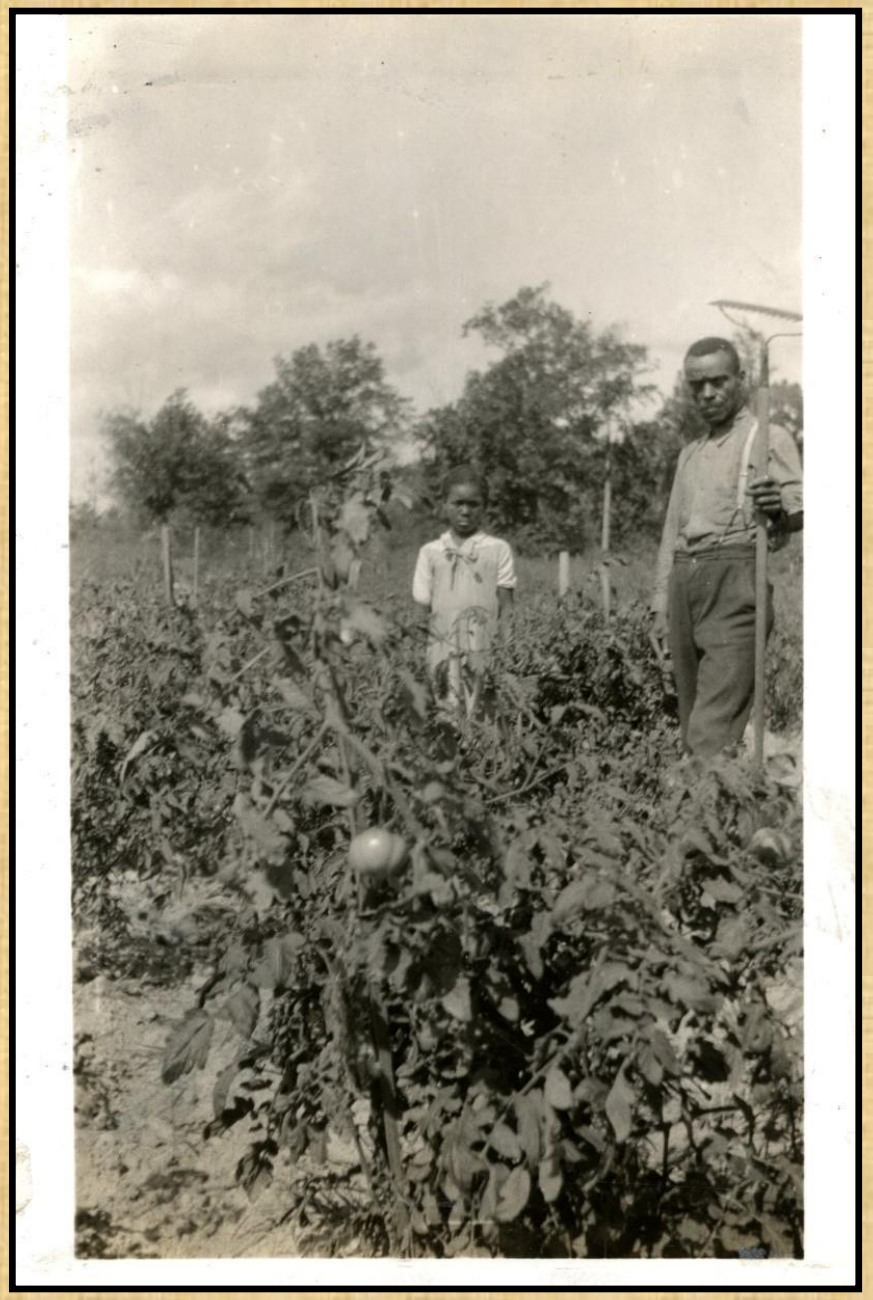
SMALLER TOMATO PLOTS.

One hundred and thirty-four girls grew smaller plots. These plots consisted of from two to four rows of tomatoes. They too, planted Marglobe seed, grew their own plants, and staked and tied their tomatoes.

The drought was a set back to both these plots and the one-tenth acre plots.

These girls canned from 10 to 50 quarts each, of tomatoes, making a total of 2,000 quarts.

A 4-H CLUB GIRL IN HER SMALLER TOMATO PLOT



1934-Monroe County

Lila Swihart

Below is a picture of Lila Swihart, 16 year old, 4-H Club girl showing a truck load of her watermelons ready for marketing. From one acre of melons the total amount received from the sale of melons was $197.97, less the total expense of producing them, including preparation of land, planting and cultivation was $46.30 giving a net profit of $151.67.

1929-Mississippi County

Lester King

no fertilizer was used against the fertilizer put in the row. To date Fernander has harvested 625 pounds of lint per acre.

Below is a picture of Lester King, 4-H Club boy of New Liberty Community near Blytheville, shown in his cotton field in growing season. He used 200# of Nitrate of Soda putting it in the top of the row after the land was bedded.

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1929-Mississippi County

Dorothy Bowers

Dorthy Bowers, 12 year old 4-H Club girls of the Perry club is one of my outstanding cotton club members for this year. Dorthy's cotton is on exceedingly good land and was fertilized with 200# of Nitrate of Soda which cost $5.22 per acre. At present she has picked 1075 lint cotton from her acre and will possibly get 150# more lint cotton. Below is a picture of Dorthy in her cotton field.

1929-Mississippi County

Maude Alice Williams

PHILLIPS COUNTY GIRL WINS RIZE AT TUSKEGEE

Maud Alice Williams, Negro girl from Phillips county, has been awarded ten dollars in gold in the national club contest at Tuskegee Institute, according to a telegram received today from Carrie Moore, in charge of demonstration work among Negro girls and women in this county. She is in charge of the Phillips county delegation participating in the contests at Tuskegee.

Number two in the row is Maude Alice Williams, who won the 2nd. prize, $10.00 in gold at the National 4-H. Conference at Tuskegee, Tarast, Ala.

1929-Phillips County

Edna Breeding

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

4-H Club Organizations.

The following schools have organized 4-H Clubs: Allendale, Banner, Leemon, Dyer, Roe, Blackton, Monroe, Creigh, Cypress Ridge, Stevens, Shiloh, Zent, White Oak, Bethlehem, Palmer, Parker, Fisher, Lawrenceville, Valley Grove and South.

I have made regular monthly visits to these schools and all instructions and demonstrations have been in keeping with the project work of the girls in each school. Most of these girls have completed their required clothing and cookery work.

Gardening and Canning.

Fifty girls were in the 4-H Gardening and Canning contest. Edna Breeding of Shiloh club won the County 4-H Gardening and Canning Club Championship. She won $8.00 in prizes at the County Fair on her canning and sewing entries.

Edna ready for work in garden

Home from County Fair

1929-Monroe County

"MY 4-H GARDENING AND CANNING CLUB WORK"

"I am a member of the Shiloh 4-H Boys' and Girls' Club of Monroe County.

I am the eldest of seven children and help my Mother with the housekeeping tasks.

After I joined the 4-H Club I obtained permission from Miss Embrey, our Home Agent, to do the required gardening and canning work for both first and second year club members.

First year demonstrations in gardening and canning are:

A- Grow 1/20 acre club garden

Plant as follows:
7 rows of tomatoes
2 rows in mustard
1 row in turnips
1 row in lettuce

B- Can

a- For home use: 2 dozen glass jars of canned fruits and vegetables.

b- For exhibit: 3 square quarts tomatoes, 3 square quarts peaches, 3 square quarts pears, 3 square quarts berries.

Second year demonstrations in gardening and canning are:

A- Grow 1/20 acre club garden

Plant as follows:
5 rows in tomatoes
1 row in beans
1 row in cabbage
1 row in beets
1 row in carrots
1 row in pimento peppers
(Rows about 60 feet long)

B- Can

a- For home use: 2 dozen containers of canned fruits

and vegetables.

b- For exhibit: 3 square quarts beans, 3 square quarts beets, 3 8-Oz. bottles fruit juice, 3 square pint jars Dixie Relish.

In addition to my gardening and canning club work, I completed the food requirements for first and second year 4-H Club Girls and also did the required clothing work for first and second year girls.

In the picture, I am wearing my club cap, apron and dress, which I made and the canned products show the prizes I won at our County Fair. From my entries, I made a sum of $8.00 on my products.

I am happy to be one of the seventy 4-H Gardening and Canning Club Firls of Monroe County. I plan to do better club work next year and enter some of the 4-H Contests at Fayetteville.

Edna Breeding."

1929-Monroe County

Woodrow Epperson

Champion Pig Club Member

Pig club work is very popular with the boys in club work. This year ten boys purchases pure-bred pigs. Woodrow Epperson of Chidester made the out most outstanding of any of the boys. He gave $25 for her when she was 6 week oldweighing 22 pounds. when she was 6 months old she weighed265 pounds and carried no excessive fat. Woodrow won first place att two fairs and made enough money to pay the first cost on the pig. His feed and labor costs was $12440. He intends to keep her and raise pigs to sell to other club members.

1929-Ouachita County

Thelma Huston

ACHIEVEMENTS BY A CLUB MEMBER.

Thelma Hutson, Osceola Arkansas, was a club member for five years covering practically all the work outlined in the five years course. Aside from sewing, cooking canning and gardening, she made contests a specialty entering and winning in these different ones viz; School lunch, twice, winning first in both,contests, table setting, winning in each of these contests and soup making.

The table setting as well as service of meals has meant much to Thelma. because this one project has been the source of financing her education.

She entered the state college at Pine Bluff in 1928, and secured the job of doing the tables for the teachers for a part of her board. That was done so well and she pleased som much that this year 1929 she secured work in the presidents home doing the tables and is now earning all her board. W

These contest mean so much to a club member in that they have a chance to learn more about the project and have a more thorough knowlede of the subject which makes them better able to do these projects more satisfactory.

All the girls we have taken to meetings at Pine Bluff have all returned when they were ready for high school.

This year there are five girls in college this year who were not there last year and who were 4 H club members in the county for several years.

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4-H CLUB MEMBERS WILL HOLD MEETING

Eighteen Southwest Arkansas Counties To Be Represented

An instructive program has been arranged for 4-H club members at the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture at Hope fruit and truck branch experiment station for September 11, according to extension agents, Mrs. Myrtle Watson and R. A. Cody.

G. W. Ware, assistant director in charge of the station, stated that the station staff had arranged the following special program for the club members:

Assembly and organization by extension agents, and a group tour through the station to inspect fruit, truck and field experiments—G. W. Ware, assistant director in charge.

Boys—Special demonstration in pastures, forestry and orcharding—Sam Dameron, technical assistant.

Girls—Special demonstration in landscaping and home planning—G. W. Ware, assistant director in charge.

Picnic lunch and recreational program—club members.

Inspection of laboratory, darkrooms, greenhouse, weather instruments and other special equipment—Jack Lincoln, technical assistant.

Visit through station's grounds and buildings, and inspection of livestock and special experiments—station staff.

The program is specially designed to show future farmers and home makers how useful farm problems are studied and solved by systematic experimental work.

4-H club members from 18 southwest Arkansas counties will visit the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment station on September 10, 11 and 12. Meetings for the other counties of Arkansas will be held simultaneously at the other two branch stations and at the main station. This is the first year that special study days have been set aside for club members.

The Union county 4-H club members will assemble at El Dorado on September 11, at 7:30 o'clock, and leave for the Hope station, according to Mrs. Watson and R. A. Cody, extension agents. Club members who want to make the trip are urged to get in touch with the county agents.

Ruth Williams, a member of Fairview 4-H Club who has made excellent records for the past two years in garden and canning and clothing.

When Ruth was a small child she was seriously burned and her face and hands disfigured. Through the kindness and generosity of Mr. Harvey C. Couch, president of Arkansas Power and Light Company, and Colonel T. H. Barton and other citizens of El Dorado it was made possible for Ruth to go to St. Louis for treatment and skin grafting operation. She has spent much time at the hospital this year and is very much improved.

Ruth, her family, and her friends are very grateful to Mr. Couch and Colonel Barton.

Ruth Williams

1934-Union County

Mrs. J. B. Williams, local leader of Fairview 4-H Club for the past ten years. Fairview Club is champion 4-H Club of Union County.

Katherine Williams, Champion 4-H Club Girl of Union County for 1935. Winner of Couch Medal. Winner in Southwest District, Couch Award - gold watch.

1934-Union County

Winners of 4-H Club Awards

Katherine Williams, (left above) champion club girl, winner of Couch award in Union county as well as in the southwest district competition. Mrs. J. B. Williams (center), local leader of the Fairview 4-H club for past 12 years. Mrs. Williams has never missed a county 4-H club rally and attends all meetings of her club. Wilson Pratt, champion club boy, winner of Couch award in Union county.

KATHERINE WILLIAMS WINNER OF 2 AWARDS

Fairview Girl Captures County and District 4-H Club Honors

Union County's champion 4-H club girl for 1935, and winner of the Couch medal, is Katherine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams of Farview community, and a member of Fairview 4-H club.

Katherine did not stop at that, but stepped up into the district contest, and won the Couch honor for Southwest Arkansas district. Of course she is proud of the beautiful watch she has received as a reward, and her club and her county are proud of Katherine for the honor she has brought home.

As a member of a "4-H club family," this little girl, when she enrolled in Fairview club, four years ago, inherited a place al- was with poultry. She started with baby chicks from the pen of fine Barred Rocks that Flossie had won as a prize at the [illegible] Fayetteville to State Camp was full of interest to her, and she

FAIRVIEW 4-H CLUB TAKES HONORS AGAIN

Certificate As Champion Club of County Is Presented

Again Fairview claims victory over other 4-H clubs of Union county, and holds the certificate of honor for champion club of 1935. Last year, Fairview won this same high place; and having held close to the top every year with high winnings, has inspired at least one club to give them a challenge for next year. Parkers Chapel Club says Fairview must beat them next year if they win first place.

This best-all-round club, organized in 1923, has pulled to the front, and kept to the front for so long, because of the fine leadership and teamwork of the members as well as their splendid work as individuals. No club organization has ever had more loyal mem- bers than this one. To the boys nes Paddock, vice president; Vernon Gregory, secretary; Lee Norris, treasurer. Past presidents are Ada Thurlkill Sewell, Jack Williams, Willie Mae Thurlkill, and tox, first in poultry; Katherine Williams, best canning exhibit.

Club Boy Champ Of Union County Has Fine Record

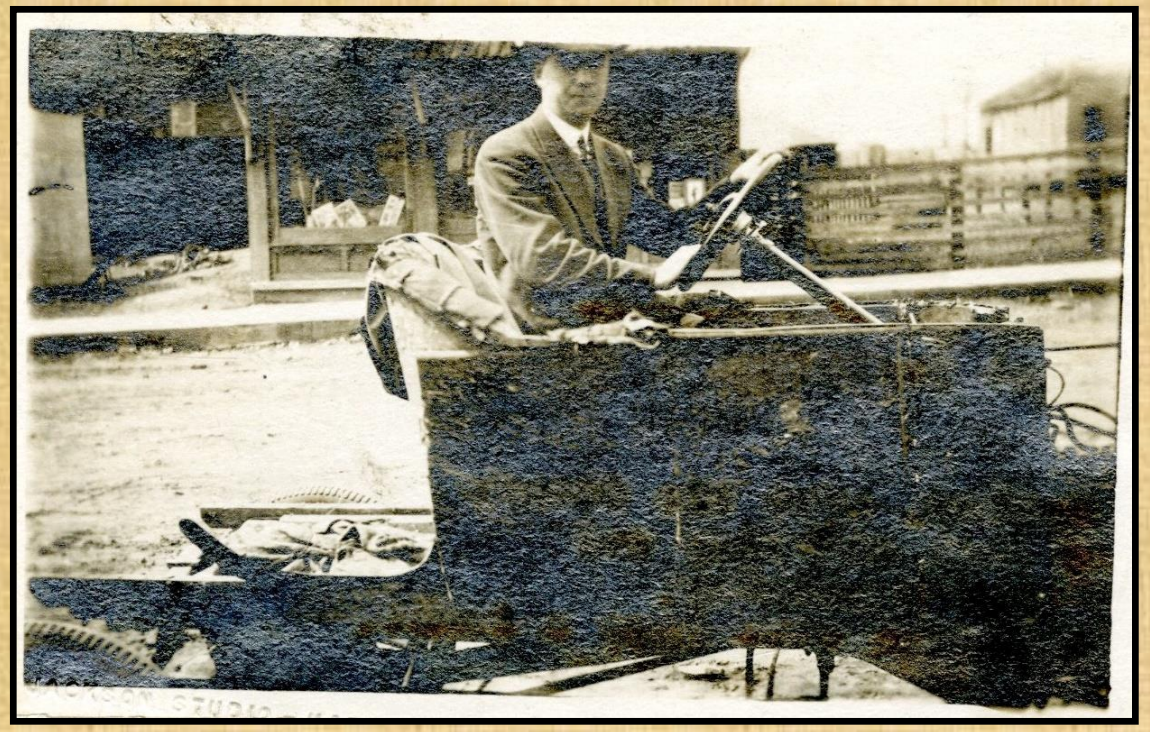
Wilson Pratt, the 4-H Club boy champion of Union county for 1935, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Pratt. He has an exceptionally good record as a 4-H Club member.

In the fall of 1933, Wilson enrolled as a club member in the Strong 4-H Club. He selected sweet potatoes for a project, and was very successful in the one-acre project. After paying for the seed potatoes, rent, and fertilizer, he had a nice net profit to start his project in 1934 without going into debt. In 1934, he selected sweet potatoes as a project once more. From this project he made enough money to purchase a start of hogs and to start a small bank account. With potatoes produced on his [illegible] face cattle, and a horse and saddle, with money enough to carry on his next year's project.

Wilson is a junior in the Strong high school, and after he finishes there he is going on to college to complete his education and then return to the farm.

1934-Union County

County Extension Agents



Steele Kennedy, Agent for Cleburne County, 1919

National Stock Yards, Illinois — August 14, 1919

Steele Kennedy,
County Agent,
Cleburne Co., Ark.

STEELE KENNEDY
COUNTY AGT
CLEBORNE CO ARK

ARKANSAS COUNTY AGENT MAKES GOOD.

We show on this page a likeness of "Farmer's Union" Kennedy, otherwise Steele Kennedy, county agent of Cleburne county, Ark., as artist Wilkerson saw him in his "fightin' togs" upon a recent visit to our office looking after the interests of his first co-operative shipment. This was a consignment of cattle which we had the pleasure of handling. Despite the fact that due to a 24-hour delay in delivery of the cattle to the yards the shipment struck one of the worst markets of the season up to that time. Mr. Kennedy was well pleased with the outcome, and especially with the attention and service rendered by our firm.

The story of how Mr. Kennedy came to be known as "Farmers' Union" Kennedy would unfold a spirit of intelligent co-operation in the subject of this sketch that could not be justly treated in this short space. Suffice it to say that the Farmers' Union is, and has been, a mighty factor in the upbuilding of things agricultural in Cle-

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strongly averse to any co-operation with him. Quietly he went to work getting photographs of the best farms, the best farmers and the best stock and crops in the county, had stereoptican slides made from them, and announced that on a certain date he would give a free lecture and picture show in that community. The house was crowded. You know the rest.

A comprehensive plan of community leadership is now under development. Each of the 25 or 30 Farmers' Union organizations in the county will elect a community leader, the appointment to be approved by Mr. Kennedy, the county judge and the state director of extension. Each community leader will act in an advisory capacity with the county agent. The plans of all will be correlated to one common end, the benefits accruing to not only members of the Farmers' Union but to farmers outside that organization. Thus there is developing a spirit of co-operation among the farmers of Cleburne county that bids fair to place that community in a high rank among the counties of the state. Among the leaders in Farmers' Union work are H. M. Badders, president of the county organization, and R. L. McLester, secretary and state organizer. It is fortunate that Mr. Kennedy has with him these enthusiastic champions of agricultural and live stock prosperity.

Mr. Kennedy made the prediction that co-operative shipping of live stock, when firmly established, would become a valuable stepping stone to greater accomplishments. His present plans are to follow this up with a campaign for a liberal introduction of pure bred stock to build up and supplant the present inferior class of stock abounding there. Along with his present activities in the promotion of co-operative shipping he is devoting much attention and effort to tick eradication, vaccinating and other progressive movements.

He took occasion while with us to pay a high compliment to this publication as an aid to county agents.

Marking and loading our first co-operative shipment of cattle, July 18, 1919.

Copy sent to Club Members.

FARMERS' AMBITION.

Written in 1918

By Steele Kennedy,
~~Emergency Agent for Stone & Van Buren Counties.~~

My Dear Club Member, says the County Agent,
You're just starting out
To travel a farmer's pathway,
That's filled with many a doubt.
You'll meet all kinds of weather,
Some dry and wet, and such,
But the soil without deep breaking
Will not make very much.

Be sure you have your soil broken deep
E'er planting time rolls around,
For you must have a good seed bed
If you grow stuff from the ground.
You may have the best of seed,
Good implements and such,
But without thorough preparation
You CAN'T make very much.

In cultivating your crop
There's many things to do:
You must cultivate it shallow or
You'll get mighty blue.
Plow deep at first, next harrow -
And use the harrow much,
But if you continue deep cultivation
You won't make very much.

Yes, use the harrow freely,
The geewhiz is important too;
Plant peas between your corn
Above all things you do.
All these things are necessary,
Yet farming isn't made of such,
If you don't make farming a BUSINESS
You'll never produce very much.

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF ARKANSAS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATING

EXTENSION DIVISION
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Heber Springs, Arkansas
September 11, 1919.

Copy

Dear Club Boys:-

We are nearing the end of this club year and I want you to pay special attention to a few things right now.

PREPARE YOUR RECORD BOOKS

All record books must be turned in by the last of next month and from them we will be able to tell who has made the greatest success in the club work this year. If you are trying for a prize you must have a nice, neat and well kept record book. Be sure to measure yields correctly and have two witnesses sign as requested in back of book.

EVERY CORN CLUB BOY TO BE A PIG CLUB BOY ALSO NEXT YEAR.

Every " Corn Club" boy should be a "Pig Club" boy next year. Now is the time to think about a pig pasture. Sow some rye and rape, wheat or something for a winter pig pasture. A good green winter crop will save grain and that means saving cash. It is necessary that the pigs have green feed through the winter also.

Turn under that acre which you intend to put in corn or some other crop next year and sow it in rye. This will allow the stalks to rot and add humus to your soil, then next spring you can turn the rye before planting. Thus the rye will give your soil protection during the winter, give a grazing crop and will be equal to a coat of fertilizer next year.

SELECT SEED NOW.

Boys, now is the time to select your seed for another year. Don't fail to do that this fall. Read the enclosed instructions on "How to Select Seed". Follow these instructions closely, as you remember we had trouble in getting seed this year. Save the best you have on the farm, take good care of it and that will mean a cash saving next spring.

Talk "Club work" to all the boys in your community and see how many you can get to join the club next year. BE A BOOSTER.

When I can help you in any way I want you to call on me.

Your sincere friend,

Steele Kennedy,
COUNTY AGENT.

RATS, Oh My!!

These Boys and their Dogs Killed this Pile of 176 Rats in Two Hours Time

During the spring months there seemed to be an unusually heavy infestation of rats on nearly every farm in the county. When it came time to plant gardens, it was a general complaint that the rats ate up the garden as fast as the plants came out of the ground, corn in the crib was being destroyed by the rats, rats were catching all the chickens and when corn was planted in the fields, rats ate up the corn as fast as it came out of the ground. Fields containing as much as 300 acres were destroyed by rats. One farmer reported that the rats ate up a litter of pigs.

A county-wide rat extermination campaign was put on by the Extension Workers in co-operation with the County School Board, the County Health Unit and the civic organizations of the county. Members of every school district within the county were invited to the county site for a meeting at which the "War on Rats" was explained and a member from each school district was selected as the official recorder and general supervisor of the owrk in his district. Prizes were offered to the individuals who killed the greatest number of rats during the six weeks campaign. According to the count turned in by the different official recorders, there were 53,690 rats killed during the campaign. The club boys and girls were responsible for the most of the rats that were killed.

Herbert Miles (left) Won First Prize for Boys by Killing a Total of 2360 Rats

1928-Mississippi County

1928-Mississippi County

(D) Rodent, or Rat Campaign.

Below is a photo of some girls who did fine service during the campaign.

Due to the knowledge of heavy losses sustained by the farmers and business firms of this county from the heavy infestation of rats, we extension agents decided to stage a comprehensive rat, or rodent campaign for the entire county. This campaign was sponsored by the County Chamber of Commerce, conducted by Extension Agents, endorsed by the Health Department, Civic Clubs, Business Firms, School Board, County Publications, Meetings were called for south and north end of the county, at which time we organized and explained to school directors as to methods to be used, the proper keeping of records of rats killed in their respectively district by individuals. Prizes were given by the business men and firms of County. The campaign

opened officially on June 4th, and closed the night of July 12th.

There were 1310 bulletins mailed out regarding the poison to be used, and also touching on rat proofing of buildings. A total of 4136 pieces of mail giving prize list, and other information were sent out during the campaign.

The following are individual boys and girls who won prizes and number of rats to their credit.

First Individual Boys,	Herbert Miles	(Red Line)	2253
Second " "	Lloyd Shelton	(Hatcher)	2109
Third, " "	Hiram Austin	(Ekron)	2089
Fourth, " "	Gleason Ward,	(Boynton)	985
Fifth, " "	Jack Pruitt,	(Etowah)	648
First Individual Girls,	Helen West ,	(Hatcher)	1902
Second, " "	Edna Wade,	(Pawheen)	712
Third, " "	Mary Nell Noonan,	(Manila)	426
Fourth, " "	Vergie Perkins,	(Dogwood)	253
Fifth, " "	Lovie Gunter	(Dogwood)	249

There was a total of 53,268 rats killed during the campaign. The Biological Survey Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture has clearly and definitely worked out that it costs $1.87 a year to keep a rat, 53,268 times $1.87 gives a total cost of $99,611,16 to the County for keeping this number of rats a year. Figuring that the campaign only caused the death of half of this number of rats, would be $49.805 minus the cost of poison $400.00 leaves a balance of $48.405.58. There will no doubt come lasting good from this campaign, the building of rat proof buildings, and knowledge and use of correct rat poisons.

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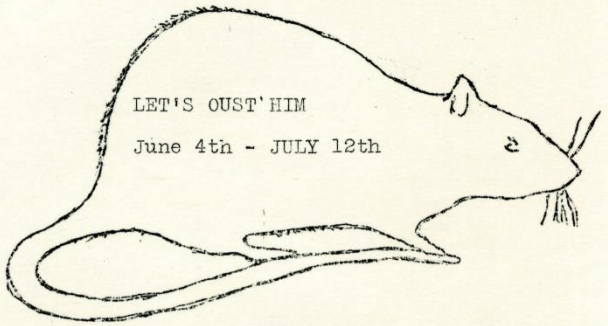
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF ARKANSAS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATING.

EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT AND
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK



Dear Sir:-

You no doubt have been informed that a county- wide rat extermination campaign is being conducted. Prizes are to be awarded to schools and also to individual boys and girls who kill the most rats during the campaign - June 4th to July, 12th. A copy of the prize list is inclosed.

In order that an accurate record may be kept of all rats killed, some one must act as recorder in each district and you have been appointed for your school district. We urge you to co-operate in this important piece of work. You will be furnished literature that covers the most efficient methods of killing rats.

Our goal is 200,00 0 rats killed during the ca mpaign. Your count will be official. It costs $2.00 per head to feed and harbor a rat for a year.

Won't you please try to work up some interest in your community? If you want to get your folks together and talk to them and want some one to help you, all you have to do is to notify us and we will see that you get the help you want.

Yours very truly,

S.D.Carpenter,
County Agent,
Osceola, Arkansas.

Cora Lee Coleman,
Co. Home Dem. Agent,
Blytheville, Arkansas.

J.E.Critz,
County Agent,
Blytheville, Ark.

RATS! MICE!

Don't Be A Slacker

Let's Oust The Rat

It costs $2 per year to board and harbor one rat. Rid your premises of rats. The campaign is to rid Mississippi County of rats and save the county half a million dollars. Everyone should enter the campaign. Kill rats every way, by trapping, using poison, with dogs and boys.

Ask the County Agent about the Prizes

Record rats killed with your school director.

Directions

FOR USING BARIUM CARBONATE

For Poisoning Rats

Mixing: Select a bait from each of the following three classes and mix powdered barium carbonate with it in the proportion of 1 part (by weight) of poison to 4 parts of bait (adding water when necessary to make baits moist):

(1) Meat—Hamburg steak, sausage, canned salmon, sardines etc.
(2) Fruits or vegetables—Apple, tomato, melon, etc.
(3) Cereals—Bread, rolled oats, etc.

Placing: Wrap teaspoonful quantities of the three kinds of poisoned baits separately in small paper bags or in small squares of newspaper and put one of each kind in places were rats are apt to feed. Remove uneaten baits each morning and put out fresh ones each evening. Continue this until all rats are gone.

Other Foods should be removed or made inaccessible to rats before poisoned baits are distributed.

Caution: Keep barium carbonate out of reach of children, irresponsible persons, and domestic animals.
Antidote: Cause vomiting by using salt, mustard, and warm water, followed by Epsom or Glauber salts. Call a physician.

Red Squill may be used where domestic animals and irresponsible people are. Either poison may be had from the local drug stores.

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MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS 1928

RODENTS

Early last year we found that the rat population of the county was larger than it had been for several years. Many complaints came to us that rats were doing great damage to stored grain and supplies of all kinds and also that they were eating the corn that was planted in the fields thereby ruining the stand. The U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey was asked to send a man here to start us off on a rat killing campaign through the schools. His first suggestion was that we get some prizes offering them to the school accounting for the most rats and to the individual boys and girls. This matter was presented to the Chamber of Commerce and they kindly agreed to furnish the prizes which were as follows: Schools, 1st prize $50.00 worth of books; 2nd prize $45.00 Victrola; 3rd prize $32.00 worth of play groung equipment. Boys, 1st prize $22.50 Winchester repeating .22 rifle; 2nd, trip to Farmers Week; 3rd shotgun; 4th single shot .22 rifle. Girls, 1st $25.00 wrist watch; 2nd trip to Farmers Week; 3rd $15.00 cedar chest; 4th $5.00 vanity. Rules for the campaign were made out and published with the prize list. All schools in the county that could be reached were and the campaign explained to the teachers and the boys and girls. Letters and circulars were prepared and distributed in which instructions were given for poisoning and trapping. The rats were killed by any method, their tails cut off and carried to school where the teachers counted them and reported to us each week the totals received. Letters and report cards were sent out each week during the campaign to keep on the interest. When the campaign closed at the end of six weeks we found that 50 schools had participated with 649 boys and girls reporting 95,849 rats killed.

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Texarkana, Arkansas,

March 13, 1928.

Dear Teacher:

It gives us great pleasure to report to you that with your help and cooperation the boys and girls of Miller County have killed over 28,000 rats during the campaign. That is fine, but we want to do better. The campaign will continue until April 1st and we hope you will encourage your boys and girls to speed up their killing activities.

It seems that our last letter did not have cards enclosed as stated. Two cards are enclosed in this letter. If you do not have room on these cards for all the names just put them on a sheet of paper and mail it in the addressed envelope that was sent in last week's letter.

It is really surprising how closely the ~~xxxxxxx~~ schools are running on their counts. The reports were checked over yesterday and no school has a lead that cannot be overcome in one week by a dozen other schools. Tell the boys and girls to keep on keeping on. Announcement of the winners will be made immediately after the campaign closed.

Yours for more dead rats,

Otto Foreland
Supt. of Schools

Tommie Stone
Home Demonstration Agent

J. B. Daniels
County Agent

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Ina Vaughn killed 2135 rats, won 1st prize for girls.

This school killed 7574 rats.

Basil Spruell killed 3082 rats, won 1st prize for boys.

These boys killed nearly 3000 rats with "flips" or "slingshots."

Ruby Dixon

Ruby Dixon of Black Diamond who won second place with girls killing rats Ruby killed in all 2127 rats

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RAT CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN BOTH COUNTIES

Fouke Youth Starts Early Drive and Bags 361 Rodents.

ADDRESS COUNTY CLUBS

Speakers Will Explain Drive Throughout District.

Miller and Bowie county workers inaugurated a six-weeks campaign for exterminating rats Monday, and discovered a modern counterpart of the famed Pied Piper in a schoolboy who exhibited 361 rat tails.

The boy who attends Roberts school near Fouke, Ark., told workers he he started a private campaign to rid his home and community of rats several weeks ago, and is after one of the prizes to be awarded in the rat killing program.

The campaign was opened by J. B. Daniels, Miller county farm agent, with an address to boys and girls clubs at the Roberts school. He will continue his educational program in the county while other workers start Tuesday in Bowie county.

Speak in Schools

W. R. Holsey, Bowie county farm agent, and D. C. Welty, will visit four schools in Bowie county this week. They will speak in the Friendship schoolhouse Tuesday night, at Water Valley on Wednesday night, at New Boston on Thursday night, and will be at Buchanan school on Friday night.

Letters were sent by the Chamber of Commerce to 100 Texarkana business men Monday, seeking their co-operation in obtaining prizes to be awarded in the rat campaign.

Ten prizes for children who turn in the greatest number of rat tails during the campaign will be awarded in each county. Prizes of playground equipment will be given to schools whose pupils lead those of others. The campaign will be participated in by pupils of high, elementary and rural schools of both counties.

Workers announced the object of the campaign will be to get rat tails. They expect children to obtain several hundred thousand during the six weeks of the drive.

Teachers in all schools of both counties have been mailed report blanks and are expected to announce results at their schools each week of the campaign.

Prize List Totaling $500 Put Up to Spur School Students in Miller and Bowie Counties

Rats, gophers or salamanders, and rabbits are marked for destruction by the rodent eradication forces in Miller and Bowie counties, with the campaign now underway having received a new impetus in the past week.

Donald A. Spencer, representing the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, will co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce and county farm and demonstration agents in conducting the control campaign, which will close on April 1.

Prizes totaling $500 will be distributed to urge boys and girls in the two counties to be modern young Pied Pipers with traps and poison for rats, under the new plan arranged by the directors of the campaign, M. E. Melton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, announced.

Each county will have 10 prizes, aggregating $250, with three for the first, second, and third schools, four for the boys' division and four for the girls' division, as the girls are expected to overcome a mythical fear of rats and mice for the eradication campaign.

An educational campaign, including addresses in the 60 Bowie county schools and 54 Miller county schools will be conducted as part of the eradication drive, with motion pictures to be used, according to a program arranged Wednesday at a conference between Mr. Melton, Mr. Spencer, J. B. Daniels, Millerc county form agent, Miss Tommie Stone, Miller county home demonstration agent, and Miss Beulah Blackwell, Bowie county home demonstration agent.

Demonstrations will be given by Mr. Spencer in the rural areas, at warehouses in the city ,at homes and business houses, in both city and rural communities, on ways of killing rats. Gopher eradication demontsrations will be given on the farms.

Special gopher traps will be made available at Texarkana for farmers and the best method of using them to get results will be demonstrated and explained by Mr. Spencer.

The 20 prizes will be offered in the counties as a whole, with each school's standing based upon the number of teachers in the school, so the smaller schools may have an equal chance with larger ones.

The boys' prizes will be as fol-

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7049 Rats Are Killed During Week in Drive

Students of Miller and Bowie county rural schools co-operating with rodent eradication forces of the two counties in a campaign to rid the community of rats, were responsible for the destruction during the past week of 7049 of the pests, according to Donald A. Spencer, representative of the bureau of biological survey of the United States department of agriculture, who is working with the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce in the drive, which will continue until April 1.

An educational campaign is being conducted in rural schools of the two counties in connection with the war being made on rats under the direction of J. B. Daniels, Miller county demonstration agent; Miss Tommie Stone, Miller county home demonstration agent; Miss Beulah Blackwell, home demonstration agent for Bowie county, and W. R. Holsey, agent for Bowie county.

Mr. Spencer has made demonstrations on how to kill rats in warehouses, and he will continue the demonstrations during the remainder of the drive.

Prizes are being offered in the campaign totalling $500.

Addresses in 60 Bowie county schools and 54 Miller county schools will be made as part of the drive. A number of these already have been made and several hundred students now are taking an active part in the campaign.

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Record Group 33-Extension Service Records-Most Recent Guide

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Agricultural Extension Service Annual Reports, 1909–1968, and Related Records

Claire Kluskens
(March 2020 edition)

Background

Annual Reports and other records in Record Group 33, Records of the Agricultural Extension Service, provide general insight into agricultural practices and rural life in the first half of the 20th century *as well as* give information about specific individuals. They document the work done by Agricultural Extension service employees from 1888 to 2000.

The earliest predecessor agency of the Agricultural Extension Service was the Office of Experiment Stations, 1888–1915, established in the Department of Agriculture, to conduct scientific research on more scientific and effective agricultural practices and to disseminate that information to farmers. The Office of Cooperative Demonstration Work (1904–14) and Office of Farm Management (1906–15) assisted in getting information to rural families. The research and information dissemination functions were combined in 1915 into a single "Extension Service" (its name has varied over time) which continues to this day.

Reports Available as National Archives Microfilm Publications (Archives 2)

Each U.S. county had (and still has) an agricultural Extension Agent, who focused on helping farmers learn about and adopt new scientifically based agricultural practices; a Home Demonstration Agent, who helped rural housewives improve their home economics skills; and a "4H" agent devoted to youth education and activities focusing on agricultural and home economics skills they would need as an adult. Each county agent submitted an annual report. Naturally, content varies, depending upon what information the county agent(s) chose to include. Some are more detailed than others. Sometimes photographs were included. These reports are available on NARA microfilm publications listed below, but it is possible that hard copies of the "state" and/or "county" copy of the report are available at *some* state or county archives.

The 1909–1944 annual reports are arranged by state, then chronologically by year. For each year, there are reports from state administrators by subject area, followed by reports from each county.

T845. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Alabama, 1909–1944* (115 rolls).
T846. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Alaska, 1930–1944* (2 rolls).
T847. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Arizona, 1915–1944* (22 rolls).
T848. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Arkansas, 1909–1944* (106 rolls).
T849. *Extension Service Annual Reports: California, 1913–1944* (54 rolls).
T850. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Colorado, 1913–1944* (77 rolls).
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T852. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Delaware, 1914–1944* (13 rolls).

T853. *Extension Service Annual Reports: District of Columbia, 1917–1919* (1 roll).
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T856. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Hawaii, 1929–1944* (7 rolls).
T857. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Idaho, 1913–1944* (47 rolls).
T858. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Illinois, 1914–1944* (82 rolls).
T859. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Indiana, 1912–1944* (80 rolls).
T860. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Iowa, 1912–1944* (195 rolls).
T861. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Kansas, 1913–1944* (186 rolls).
T862. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Kentucky, 1912–1944* (89 rolls).
T863. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Louisiana, 1909–1944* (67 rolls).
T864. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Maine, 1915–1944* (48 rolls).
T865. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Maryland, 1912–1944* (70 rolls).
T866. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Massachusetts, 1914–1944* (59 rolls).
T867. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Michigan, 1913–1944* (77 rolls).
T868. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Minnesota, 1914–1944* (105 rolls).
T869. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Mississippi, 1909–1944* (96 rolls).
T870. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Missouri, 1914–1944* (90 rolls).
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T872. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Nebraska, 1913–1944* (89 rolls).
T873. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Nevada, 1915–1944* (19 rolls).
T874. *Extension Service Annual Reports: New Hampshire, 1914–1944* (37 rolls).
T875. *Extension Service Annual Reports: New Jersey, 1913–1944* (45 rolls).
T876. *Extension Service Annual Reports: New Mexico, 1914–1944* (30 rolls).
T877. *Extension Service Annual Reports: New York, 1912–1944* (90 rolls).
T878. *Extension Service Annual Reports: North Carolina, 1909–1944* (144 rolls).
T879. *Extension Service Annual Reports: North Dakota, 1912–1944* (68 rolls).
T880. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Ohio, 1915–1944* (98 rolls).
T881. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Oklahoma, 1909–1944* (135 rolls).
T882. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Oregon, 1914–1955* (73 rolls).
T883. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Pennsylvania, 1914–1944* (44 rolls).
T884. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Puerto Rico, 1930–1944* (14 rolls).
T885. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Rhode Island, 1914–1944* (12 rolls).
T886. *Extension Service Annual Reports: South, 1913–1914* (1 roll).
T887. *Extension Service Annual Reports: South Carolina, 1909–1944* (91 rolls).
T888. *Extension Service Annual Reports: South Dakota, 1913–1944* (65 rolls).
T889. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Tennessee, 1910–1944* (64 rolls).
T890. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Texas, 1909–1944* (182 rolls).
T891. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Utah, 1914–1944* (30 rolls).
T892. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Vermont, 1912–1944* (31 rolls).
T893. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Virginia, 1908–1944* (82 rolls).
T894. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Washington, 1913–1944* (45 rolls).
T895. *Extension Service Annual Reports: West Virginia, 1912–1944* (47 rolls).
T896. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Wisconsin, 1913–1944* (49 rolls).
T897. *Extension Service Annual Reports: Wyoming, 1914–1944* (37 rolls).

Photographs Available on Microfilm (Archives 2)

M1146. *Photographs of Extension and Home Demonstration Activities (Series S), 1920–1954* (13 rolls).
M1147. *Photographs of Extension Service Activities and Personnel (Series SC), 1928–1943* (11 rolls).

Reports Available as Original Records (at Kansas City, Missouri)

Annual Narrative and Statistical Reports, 1945–1968. Arranged by year, then by state. For each year, there are reports from state administrators by subject area, followed by reports from each county. The National Archives Identifier (NAID) listed below may be entered into the National Archives Catalog (https://catalog.archives.gov) as a search term.

Contact information: National Archives at Kansas City, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108, 20740-6001. Phone: 816-268-8000; Fax: 816-268-8038; Email: kansascity.archives@nara.gov. These records are stored offsite. If a researcher would like to view the records in person, please contact National Archives at Kansas at least two business days in advance.

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Photographs Available as Original Records

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Contact information: Still Picture Reference, National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD, 20740-6001. Phone: 301-837-0561; Fax: 301-837-3621; Email: stillpix@nara.gov.

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Order Online at https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline. Click on "Microfilm" tab. Enter state name and extension into search box (such as Ohio extension). Click "Search." Click on microfilm publication title. Click on "View Important Publication Details" to get to the roll list. Save time! Determine which rolls you want to view before you go to Archives 2 to look at the microfilm!

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T873, *Extension Service Annual Reports: Nevada, 1915–1944* (19 rolls). (In Nevada, some agents had charge of more than one county).

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