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## Co-Operative Extension Work - February 1939

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# COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS  
AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE COOPERATING

STATE OF TEXAS

EXTENSION SERVICE  
COUNTY AGENT WORK

Prairie View, Texas  
February 7, 1939

Mrs. J. O. A. Conner  
115 Gaines Street  
Sulphur Springs, Texas

Dear Mrs. Conner:

Please find enclosed all letter mail that was received todate.

Try to get our 1937 Annual Report<sup>etc.</sup> that was sent to Dr. Davis,  
S. F. A. College, while you are in Macogdoches.

*attentive  
JWR* { I am enclosing my letter from Mrs. Garrett which gives you  
I have no doubt though about Jewell's ability to direct you  
to the right person when you get to town.

I hope that your week has been pleasant and the work altogether  
satisfactory in the counties where you have been visiting.

Very truly yours,



(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
January 3, 1939

Mr. I. D. Garrett  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Annie and Teacher:

I received the information requested including the name of Mrs. W. R. Harrison. I have not written to Mrs. Harrison because I hope to come to Nacogdoches early enough to talk with you before time for going before the Commissioners' Court.

Let me know by return mail how Judge Varner is feeling about Negro agents. I would like to get this information so that if you think a trip there for meeting the Court on the 9th would be useless, I might ask for another date.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
January 3, 1939,

Mr. Sam Stripling  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Mr. Stripling:

During my recent visit to Nacogdoches County Judge Varner gave me permission to meet the Commissioner's Court on Monday, January 9, for the purpose of requesting a county appropriation for Negro Extension agents for Nacogdoches County. I appreciate the willingness with which Judge Varner granted this permission, but I am asking you to advise me on the procedure I should follow in this connection.

It was convenient for me to talk with Messrs Carl Monk and Hal Hayter while in Nacogdoches and these gentlemen expressed interest in the Negro agent project to the extent that I believe they are willing to use their influence in our behalf. At your convenience please call this matter to their attention again.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
February 7, 1939

Mrs. I. D. Garrett  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Annie:

Because of an urgent demand it will be necessary for me to be in Golind, Texas on Monday, February 13. Mrs. Conner will come to Nacogdoches Saturday or Sunday with Jewell McBroom to keep the engagement for meeting the court Monday, the 13th.

Mrs. Conner will appreciate any and all the tips on how to proceed in getting the court to put up the money necessary for the service of an agency.

It is quite a disappointment to not be able to come to Nacogdoches myself, but you may expect me as soon as it is convenient for me to make the trip into that part of the state.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
December 7, 1938

Mr. W. E. Jones  
Box 269  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is a hard matter for me to apportion my time in a manner that would enable me to do the things that I am interested in when I visit such places as Nacogdoches. Visits to friends takes up more time than you ever dream of.

I am sorry to have been forced to leave town before Church was out. I was trying to get to Houston while it was yet day that I might prepare for a conference which I had called at Houston for Monday morning.

When you have had an opportunity to get the reaction of some of the citizens, both white and colored if necessary, I shall appreciate knowing what your suggestions are on how I should proceed further in requesting an appropriation for an agent's salary in that county.

It is possible for us to contact counties for \$35.00 per month, but Nacogdoches county would be better off if the salary offered exceeded the minimum. In that way we would be justified in giving some of our best agents.

I hope it will be convenient for you to let me hear from you very soon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
December 17, 1938 .

Mrs. Annie Garrett  
Macogochas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Garrett:

Please get the name of a woman in the County  
Superintendent's Office whose name sounds like  
Mrs. R. E. Harvin. I understand that she is  
very friendly toward any project of improvement.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
January 14, 1939

Miss Elizabeth Tucker  
Steven F. Austin College  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Miss-Tucker:

The copy of Mr. Davis' letter enclosed is for your information. Please have Mr. Davis let the Vocational Supervisor get better acquainted with our work also.

I have written to Jeanes Supervisor, Mrs. Helen Wright, and to Professor W. E. Jones to be sure that we have the necessary expressions coming from Negroes in regard to placing a home demonstration agent in the county at this time. I am hoping that Professor Jones will find it convenient to talk with you real soon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
January 14, 1939

Professor W. E. Jones  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Mr. Jones:

In conversation with Miss Elizabeth Tucker and Mr. W. R. Davis of Steven F. Austin College I was further assured that the influential citizens of Nacogdoches (white) were sympathetically interested in the welfare and progress of Negroes.

Miss Tucker is desirous of knowing, through you, the attitude of the Negroes in the county, towards Extension work and the need for same.

We would like to meet the County Commissioners Court in their February meeting to request the appropriation from the county and I do hope that it will be convenient for you to talk with Miss Tucker and Mr. Davis very soon.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jones, I am

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
January 14, 1939

Mrs. Annie Garrett  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Mrs. Garrett:

It occurs to me that I have written to all of the white folks and to two Negroes in Nacogdoches County, now, I will write to you.

I arrived in Prairie View at 6:30 Sunday remembering very vividly my pleasant week-end visit and your usual warm hospitality. In spite of this, I hate Wimpy, but don't tell him.

There seems to be nothing to be done now but to get a few of the Negro farmers to tell their white friends that they want a Negro agent. I hope it will be possible for you to see a few of them as they come into town. Tell them that I have been to Nacogdoches twice because of my interest in their problems.

If there is anybody you think I should write in this connection please advise me immediately.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
January 14, 1939

Mr. W. H. Davis  
Steven F. Austin College  
Macogoches, Texas

Dear Mr. Davis:

I appreciate the privilege of talking with you recently and to find that we have another friend in Macogoches County.

I am enclosing our 1938 Plan of Work, 1937 Annual Report, and some information from East Texas counties that I hope you will find interesting. Since this material is our file copy, I would appreciate your having it convenient for me to bring back to Prairie View in February when I come to meet the Commissioners' Court.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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Prairie View, Texas  
January 14, 1939

Mrs. Helen Wright  
Jeanes Supervisor  
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Mrs. Wright:

I regret that it was not possible for me to pay even a "pop call" during my most recent visit to Nacogdoches. To say that I was trying to get enrolled at Steven F. Austin College would say more than I could say with a multitude of words.

I talked with Miss Elizabeth Tucker and Mr. W. R. Davis at length regarding the need in Nacogdoches County for Extension Service. They are willing and seem anxious to lend their influence to having an appropriation made for the service.

Please have one or two Negro farmers in good standing to talk with their Precinct Commissioner or friends in town expressing their wish for an agent. I get the idea that the business men of Nacogdoches would like to know that the Negroes themselves want.

I will be glad to write to a few of the farmers if you think it advisable, and you will forward me the names and addresses.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) I. W. Rowan  
District Agent

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STATE OF TEXAS

EXTENSION SERVICE  
COUNTY AGENT WORK

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

January 21, 1939

Mrs. I. W. Rowan  
Negro District Agent  
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rowan:

I was interested to have your letter expressing your desire to have a negro home demonstration agent in Nacogdoches. Some men other than Commissioners' Court that you might like to contact in Nacogdoches are Mr. Sam Stripling, Stripling-Hazelwood Drug Store; Mr. Joe Mock, Manager of Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Hal Tucker, First National Bank; Mr. J. E. Reese; Mr. Rob Muckelroy who is Mayor; Mr. A. B. Ford, County Agent; Mrs. Eula Newman, County Home Demonstration Agent.

I hope that you will be successful in getting a home demonstration agent, and I shall offer every assistance possible.

Yours very truly,

*Beulah Blackwell*  
Beulah Blackwell  
District Agent

BB:MES

Nacogdoches, Texas,  
Feb 5, 1939

Dear Rowan:

I'm sure you have wondered what on earth has happened to me but I've been waiting to write you so, I could have something definite to tell you concerning the Agent we contact several of the leading farmers, of course they are anxious for an agent providing it doesn't cost them anything as they don't have any funds. We knew that to begin with didn't we? The Farmers promised to talk with each Commissioner and

well we dont do any  
thing for ourselves here  
but hold our hands. But  
maybe when the Commission  
Court meets they will  
be in favor of an agent.

Teacher & Whimpy are fine  
Whimpy bite James several  
times on his hands he couldnt  
work for 2 wks & Teacher  
had Whimpy bottom teeth  
extracted so he cant bite.  
I do hope you are feeling  
fine I've been attempting  
to have the "flu" for 2 wks  
so far I'm staying up. We  
are having plenty of rain  
Hope you will be coming  
up here next wk.

Write soon  
with love  
Friend  
Ann.

Meet with the Commission  
Court next wk.

It is with regret  
I have to say this but  
Miss E. Tucker called Leach  
Thursday & told him she  
Mr Muckelony, City Mayor,  
Mr Davis and a few more  
prominent men of the city  
& two men from Austin  
head of the Agriculture Dept  
held a meeting but Mr.  
Varner wasn't in the meeting  
Miss Tucker is going to  
see him she said the  
colored citizen's would  
have to raise some money  
before they would con-  
sider placing an agent  
here isn't our county  
cheap? especially when  
it comes to us Zige



RESUME OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, 1939

No. of Women's Clubs 14

No. members enrolled 369

No. of Girls' Clubs\*\* 12

No. members enrolled 333

No. of families benefitted through Home Demonstration Work 840

No. of Home Food Supply demonstrators 14 women, 12 girls,  
(Women and Girls)

No. of Home Food Supply cooperators 355 women, 321 girls,  
(Women and Girls)

No. of cans and jars of food put upon pantry shelves 5712

No. of homes beautified by following recommendations 275

No. of garments made by women and girls 3332

No. of chickens raised for home use 10405

No. of dozen eggs used at home 49405

No. of dozen eggs sold 49405

No. of poultry houses built and improved 360

No. of bedrooms improved 235

No. of kitchens improved 70

No. of families assisted in health activities 350