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**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK  
IN AGRICULTURE AND  
HOME ECONOMICS**

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AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE COOPERATING

STATE OF TEXAS

EXTENSION SERVICE  
COUNTY AGENT WORK

*Smetana  
Millican  
Kunten*

508 North Bryan  
Bryan, Texas  
May 30, 1940

Mrs. I.W. Rowan, District  
Home Demonstration Agent  
Prairie View College  
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rowan:

Since your visit in Brazos County on Tuesday, May 28, 1940, the following things have been done with regards to the Cotton Mattress Demonstration Program:

1. Plans for opening separate centers for Negroes will be discontinued for the present.
2. Negroes will use the same centers set up by whites, but will work on different days, alternating on three (3) day shift.
3. Three more centers will be opened to be used jointly by Negroes and whites. (*Reliance, Edge, Harvey*)
4. Negro families will use the centers during the latter part of the week, beginning on Thursday, June 6, 1940.
5. Each center will be supervised by a member of an organized Home Demonstration club who has had training in mattress making and/or a non-club member who has also had training in making mattresses. Two persons will be asked to act as supervisors for each day.
6. Each applicant will be notified from five to six days prior to the time he is to come and make his mattress.

I believe this plan just about covers the main points in the Mattress Campaign and will fit the needs of Negroes in Brazos County.

Looking forward to your visit with me on Saturday with pleasure, I am

*Elna will study applications at 9AM on Saturday HDA office.*

Yours respectfully,

*Elna I. Lee*

Elna Irene Lee, Negro  
County Home Demonstration Agent.

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR OPERATING MATTRESS LAKING CENTERS(NEGROES)

BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS

<u>FIRST WEEK</u>	<u>SECOND WEEK</u>	<u>THIRD WEEK</u>	<u>FOURTH WEEK</u>
HARVEY	EDGE	HARVEY	EDGE
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RELIANCE	SMETANA	RELIANCE	SMETANA
MILLICAN		MILLICAN	
BRUSHHEY		BRUSHHEY	
WHITE SWITCH		WHITE SWITCH	

Home Dem. Agt's. - Work with Cotton Mattress Dem. Program, week of 6-24-40

Mattress Center	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Milligan		Training Meeting for Community Committee, Center Supervisors	Finish Up
Harvey	Training meeting for Community Committee, Center Supervisors.		Finish Up
Smetana	<i>Tues &amp; Wed May 2, 3</i>		
Kurten			<i>Finish Up</i>
Reliance			

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1. White community leaders will handle supplies and collect fees.
2. White community leaders will be responsible for keeping buildings locked so that materials will be safe.
- 3.

Negro community leaders will see that applicants receive their calls and tickets on the days

Notices

? Do you know {Who will beat center  
" has been notified}