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REPORT OF THE
SOUTH-WIDE CONFERENCE OF STATE AND DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
OF EXTENSION WORK WITH NEGROES

Washington, D. C.
June 23-28, 1945

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FOREWORD

The work of the conference centered on some major problems with which Extension Service is concerned. Among the problems discussed were: the role of Extension Service in the post-war cotton program, wartime food production and conservation for home use, a program for our farm youth, assistance for veterans and displaced war workers, a conversion program for the cotton South, rural health, and improvement of extension methods.

A committee was appointed for each of the problems discussed. Each committee met and fully considered the aspects of the problems as presented by the speakers who covered the subject. After full discussion the committees prepared a brief set of recommendations. This report consists largely of the recommendations made by the committees and accepted by the conference as a whole. It is hoped that these recommendations will be used in the States by the supervisors in helping individual agents plan and carry on extension work to help rural people meet these specific problems.

Important sidelights of the conference: a presentation to Miss Lizzie A. Jenkins, district home demonstration agent of Virginia, upon her retirement on June 30, after 32 years in the service; a sightseeing tour of the capital, and a dinner at Slowe Hall. Dr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board, Claude A. Barnett of the Associated Negro Press, and Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune were the principal speakers.

One of the unexpected pleasures of the conference was the attendance of J. C. Hotchkiss, formerly chief organizer, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs in England and Wales. Mr. Hotchkiss has been recently appointed director of 4-H Clubs for the British West Indies.

Also in attendance at the conference was Director I. P. Trotter of the Texas State Extension Service.

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Name	Title	Address	Number of Agents Supervised	Farm Dem.	Home Dem.
<u>Oklahoma</u>					
Paul O. Brooks	District Agent	Langston Univ. Langston	10	4*	
✓ Mrs. Helen M. Hewlett	State Home Agent	" "			8 5*
J.E. Taylor	State Farm Labor Specialist	" "			
<u>South Carolina</u>					
E.N. Williams	Ext. Supervisor	State College Orangeburg	19	10*	
• Mrs. Marian B. Paul	State Home Dem. Agt.	" "			14 14*
<u>Louisiana</u>					
T.J. Jordan	District Agent	Southern Univ. Scotlandville	15	3*	
✓ Mrs. Ruby F. Henton	State Home Dem. Agt.	" "			11 4*
<u>Tennessee</u>					
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✓ Miss Bessie Walton	State Home Dem. Agt.	P.O. Box 1171 Nashville 2			8 4*
<u>Texas</u>					
W.C. David	Acting State Leader	Prairie View College Prairie View	50	9*	
Mrs. I.W. Rowan	State Home Dem. Agt.	" "			42 11*
J.V. Smith	Regional Farm Labor Specialist	" "			
<u>Virginia</u>					
R.W. Newsome	District Agent	Virginia State College, Ettrick	27		
✓ Miss Blanch D. Harrison	State Home Dem. Agt.	" "			11 2*
Miss Lizzie A. Jenkins	State Home Dem. Agt. (Retired)	" "			
S. E. Marshall	Farm Labor Spec.	" "			
<u>West Virginia</u>					
L.A. Toney	District Leader	West Va. State College Inst., Institute	2	1*	
✓ Mrs. T.J. Livisay	State Home Dem. Agt.	" "			2 8*
T.M. Campbell	Field Agent	Tuskegee Institute Alabama			
John W. Mitchell	" "	Hampton Institute Hampton, Virginia			

* Emergency War Food Production and Conservation Assistants