

A Salute To The Citizens Of Sampson County

Sampson C'nty's Agricultural Program Has Helped Most Of Area's Tan Citizens

CLINTON — Sampson county is located in the Coastal Plain area of the Southeastern section of North Carolina and has an estimated population of 49,780 people with 7,218 of these being farm operators. Out of the 7,218 farm operators, 3,094 are non-whites.

Sampson County is composed of 13 communities in which home demonstration clubs for rural and urban women are organized in 12; with an enrollment 724 difference members. 4-H Clubs are organized in ten schools with 1,332 boys and girls between the ages of ten and twenty-one.

The county is strictly an agricultural area with its principal cash crops being tobacco, cotton and corn. It is also the home of one of its largest produce auction markets in the U.S.A. This pro-

duce market alone yields over a million dollars annually. The principal industry of Sampson County is lumbering.

There is a textile plant at Roseboro, an electrical products plant in Clinton (the county seat), a bottling company for soft drinks, and a boat factory. Other industries include food products, printing and publishing. One weekly newspaper and one bi-weekly paper are printed here and there is one radio station.

All agricultural workers, federal, county and state composed what is known as the County Agricultural Workers' Council and serves as a general planning board. However, all Club officers of the 12 home demonstration Clubs make up the Home Demonstration Club Council, which helps to plan and carry out the

Extension Program. This Council has 60 members.

Officers of the 4-H Clubs have their own separate 4-H County Council and Leaders organization. The purpose of both Councils is to help plan the program of work that will promote better family living through organized methods and better farming and home-making practices. There is also an Advisory Board organized in the County for the purpose of making and helping to carry out plans for Farm and Home Development families.

There are five Extension Agents and one clerical worker employed in Sampson County; three men and two women. Two of the men and one of the ladies work directly with Farm and Home Development.

To plan the Extension Program for the County, families were called in a series of meetings known as Program Projection. In these meetings the farmers were given facts concerning the county situation. From these facts they were able to recognize their needs and discussed possible solutions to their problems. They did not stop there, however, before the meeting was complete they had outlined what was to be done, who was to do it and how much would be done each year for the next five years. This was another effort on the part of the Extension staff to get the people to feel that it was their program. In no time everybody was busy working to reach the goals that they had set.

As a result, a series of interesting events have taken place in the past twelve months. Over 500 people observed a Family Show, 125 men, women, boys and girls participated in this program. The women and girls will realize a great saving in the clothing budget by making their own clothing. Garments were made and modeled in the following categories: Dressy Dress, All-Occasion Dress, School Dress, House-dress, Pajama, House-coat, Party Dress and Suits. In between each category of styles, special talent was given by the 4-Hers. The top winners from the fashion show and talent program will represent the county in the District Federation.

The winners of the Fashion Show and Talent program were: Children's outfits, Demulress Cousin, Church dresses (adults), Mrs. Alie Butler, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and Mrs. Odessa Monk; Church dresses (4-Hers), Marie Wright, Clara Bronson and Gwendolyn Johnson; All-Occasion dresses

(adult), Mrs. Juanita Underwood, Mrs. Maggie Cousin and Mrs. Little M. Merritt; School dresses, Joan Williams, Edna Wright and Jeanette Bronson; House-dresses (adults), Mrs. Jerusha Robinson, Mrs. Beatrice Faison and Mrs. Matthews; Sport dresses (4-Hers), Carolyn McCollum; Party dress (4-H) Denahillus Hargrove, Albertene Butler and Willie M. Peterson; Housecoats, Mrs. Effie Doughtry, Mrs. Alice Faison and Mrs. Rena Sams; Pajamas, Mrs. Ella Brewington, Mrs. A. Bronson and Mrs. Gladys Frayar; Suits, Mrs. Luberta Williamson, Mrs. Ruth Thompson and Mrs. Durant. Names are listed in order of place won: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Talent winners were: Classical, Pezzie Ann Hayes; Semi-classical, Paulette Bennett and Jesse Graham; Religious, Willie M. Chavis; Popular, Mary Robinson and a trio by the Graham Sisters and Hattie Williams; Folk, Lois Price and Linda Underwood and Randolph.

Sampson county was in the spotlight at the State Council meeting in Raleigh during the year with a home demonstration club choir. This choir was in charge of all the music for that occasion. The choir was supervised and directed by Mrs. Clarice Sampson, music leader and a member of the Andrew's Chapel home demonstration club. Persons participating in this singing group were: Mesdames Mildred Fowler, Thelma Parker, C. Sampson, Corolla Faison, Mamie Simmons, Maggie Cousin, Addie Johnson, Cora F. Powell, Leah Powell, Lu-bertha Williamson, Rena Sams, Marie Caldwell, Mils Caldwell, Emmaline Sampson, Maggie Faison, Estella Chestnut, Elizabeth Williamson and Miss Mabel Powell.

Many interesting compliments were given these ladies for the performance given. 57 Sampsonians attended this State Council meeting and all enjoyed it.

The farm people of Sampson County believe that in order to keep progressing, they must read current newspapers, good magazines and attend meetings. This our people do on the local, district and state level.

4-H leaders and 4-Hers in the various communities met together to plan their 4-H Church Sunday Programs for the year. 4-Hers were in charge of the programs and selected their own speakers. This was an excellent opportunity to strengthen the bonds between the 4-Her and his church and at the same time develop leadership. Parents, who turned out in large numbers, took this opportunity to sit back and watch the youngsters perform.

Twelve 4-Hers from Sampson County attended camp this year at the 4-H Camp at Swansboro, N. C. They spent a week camping on the water front in their two-year old camp. Eight cabins, four for boys and four for girls, two bath houses, a staff house, a

kitchen and auditorium used for assembly, recreation and dining and a vast area were among the facilities available to campers. A typical day at camp included: Flag Raising, breakfast, cleaning up, morning assembly, swimming class, recreation, craft class, lunch, rest period, electricity class, recreation, dinner, flag lowering, evening program and vesper. Campers had charge of all programs and the flag exercises but had the supervision of their agents assigned to their group. An efficient staff of instructors taught classes in crafts, electricity, swimming and recreation. All 4-Hers had an excellent time camping with campers from other counties and participating in the various activities.

Studying wildlife was a new experience for the 4-Hers from this county attending Wildlife Camp, held at A. and T. College in Greensboro. Each day was devoted to studying a different kind of wildlife. Included were Forestry, Water Conservation, Animal Life and Birds. Lectures and tours gave them an opportunity to learn many things about wildlife. Before leaving for home each camper pledged himself to go back home and not only do all in his power to preserve wildlife, but to encourage others to do the same. The camper from this county made her appeal to fellow club-mates in news articles, radio broadcast, as well as individual contact.

The 4-H Short Course gave 4-Hers an opportunity to get a chance to get a taste of college life. 13 4-Hers from this county spent the week in Greensboro on the campus of A. and T. College. While there the used the college dormitories, class rooms, dining hall, and gym. Varied and interesting activities which included classes in music, good grooming, safety, everyday courtesy, a fashion show, social and other educational activities. District winners on 4-H demonstrations were given an opportunity to compete for the State title. For a long time, this week was the talk of all the 4-Hers who had the opportunity to share these experiences.

4-Hers from Sampson County participated in the Southeastern District 4-H Federation this year held at Whiteville. At this meeting district winners in the various demonstrations were determined. Prizes were awarded to each first, second and third place winner. First prize in each area was an all-expense trip to the Short Course at A. and T. College for one week.

Fifteen 4-H girls participated in 4-H activities at the District Federation. Mary Boykin won second place in the fallowed garment dress revue. Mary worked very hard, assisted by her teacher-leader, Miss M. Smith. This activity gave Mary inspiration and a great deal of challenge to do a

better job next year. Mary pledges to recruit new members next year, and to encourage them to take advantage of the opportunities in 4-H work. This was her first experience in an out-of-county activity.

Paulette Bennett was honored in talent and did attend the 4-H Short Course at A. and T. College, Greensboro, in June.

Junior 4-Hers in this county were given an opportunity to take part in the 4-H Enriched Corn Meal Contest. There were three county winners. The county winners displayed muffins at the State Fair. It is hoped that through this program more people will realize the importance of enrichment in corn meal.

Junior 4-Hers also have an opportunity to take part in a canning contest. Adults from each community have organized themselves into a group known as the 4-H Leaders' Organization. These leaders assist 4-Hers with their projects, and various activities. They meet monthly for nine months of the year to discuss their problems. Each year they add a little bit of entertainment to their work with a banquet or party.

The 4-Hers participate annually in a District Dairy Cattle Show in Fayetteville and a county Dairy Cattle Show during the week of

the county fair.

Sampson County has a 4-H Poultry Chain operating among its 4-Hers. Each year 10-12 4-Hers are selected by the 4-H Club Leaders to receive 4-H Chicks. Usually the chicks are given to the clubsters in late February or early March, at 50 chicks per member. These club members keep the chicks about 6 months and return seven chicks per 50 birds received, which are sold at public auction. The money is placed in the county 4-H Club treasury and is used to purchase chicks for another year. Last October 4th, 13 coops, containing seven birds each, were returned to the chain. They sold for \$2 per bird to \$4.60, an average of \$3.02 per bird per coop.

Farm and Home Development is a relatively young program in Sampson County. It is designed to give assistance to individual farm families in solving problems around the farm and home and to raise their standard of living.

Families were given assistance in setting up goals for each year for a five-year period. All available information of help in reaching these goals was made available to these families. This year the families, after learning that by producing their own food, they could save a large portion of their income to use for other necessities, set out to produce a square

meal around the home. Gardens were planned according to size of family and to produce at least ten different vegetables.

Small fruit was added to decrease the amount of fruit purchased. The meat supply was not forgotten. In some families poultry, beef and pork was produced while others made plans to add them this year. Many families that couldn't afford cows this year resulted to canned and dried milk in order to economize. About 1-3 of the approximate 200 families were able to produce a square meal around the home. Others fell short by only a small margin. These have begun planning for a better food production program next year.

It is impossible to tell you just how much this has meant to the economy of the families. To give you an example, we refer to the J. C. Pridden family of the West Clinton community. This is one of Sampson County farm families who believe in the theory, "if you are going to do it, do it well." Mr. Pridden doesn't mind contacting his county agent for information pertaining to any phase of farm operations and at the same time, maintain and increase the production and quality of his crops. His farm crops consist of tobacco. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 18)

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