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**'As A Leader, One Serves'**  
Is Theme Of Fall Meeting

By Roberta Garner  
(Items this week on Halifax, Franklin, Northampton, Wilson, Craven and Henderson Counties.)

**LEADERSHIP**  
"As a leader, one serves" was the theme of the Halifax County Home Demonstration Clubs' fall federation meeting. This meeting was dedicated to Miss Katherine Verna Stanton, assistant state home demonstration agent, who

retired from her position on Sept. 30, 1958.  
"One of her greatest contributions to the rural women of our state has been the development of leadership in home demonstration work. Her leadership training has spread far into many other groups, as the home demonstration leaders serve in other fields. The high quality of her work has not only been recognized and appreciated by the women of

Halifax County, but by women throughout the state," said the Halifax County Home Demonstration Club women.

**FIRM BELIEVER**

Mrs. Preston Massey, of Franklin County, is now a firm believer in following instructions for freezing vegetables, reports Assistant Home Economics Agent Winnifred Wiggins.  
"My family had not cared about frozen corn or butter beans. After I attended the frozen food clinic in Bunn last April, I decided to plant the varieties of corn and butter beans that are recommended for freezing," said Mrs. Massey.

When the vegetables were "just right" for freezing, Mrs. Massey followed established procedures

with amazing results. According to the Massey family, the frozen vegetables are equal in quality to those picked fresh from the garden.

Many of the Massey's neighbors received vegetables frozen by the homemaker. The family has 40 quarts of corn and almost another 40 quarts of butter beans for delicious eating this winter.

**GOOD EXAMPLE**

Northampton County has an excellent example of what adult leaders can accomplish. Home Economics Agent Leila Harrell describes them as a "ball of fire."  
Her latest success was an achievement banquet with Mrs. Joe Magee in charge. All of the planning and preparation was

done by the leaders. Then, to cut down the cost of the banquet, most of the food was donated by the leaders.

Several of the leaders are working on the development of 4-H community clubs. It is felt that, through these clubs, project work can and will be strengthened.

**FRIED CHICKEN**

A delicious benefit fried chicken dinner was prepared and served by the women of 12 Wilson County Home Demonstration Clubs. Home Economics Agent Ona Humphrey said the recipient of this donation of \$228.32 is the Lois Rainwater Educational Loan Fund, which is sponsored by the 25 home demonstration clubs in this county.

"Not only are we proud of the money raised, but we are pleased to see club members from different parts of the county work together and enjoy the fellowship which is always present on such occasions," reported Mrs. Charles Boykin, treasurer of the fund.

**FLOWER GARDENS**

One of the outstanding projects carried on by the Negro Home Demonstration Clubs in Craven County, is community flower gardens.

Negro Home Economics Agent Marie Jones said flowers of different varieties were donated by the club members; then cultivated by them. As the flowers matured, they were given to the local churches to serve as part of the decorations for Sunday services, weddings and funerals.

Mrs. Sudie Bell Rhodes, Cove City Home Demonstration Club member, reported that the gardens in their community were still furnishing beautiful chrysanthemums in assorted colors.

**CANNING HOUSE**

A "canning house" is the pride of Mrs. Lonla Coggins, Mountain Page community, Henderson County.

When her home was included in an expanding watershed two years ago, she was able to purchase other property in the community. There was a small house and garage on the new property.

After making many changes in her new homestead, Mrs. Coggins developed the garage into a canning house. The old wood stove is there and water is handy. It is close to the house, but it keeps the heat and confusion away from the house. She has ample room to work, as well as, room to store her canning supplies.

Assistant Home Economics Agent Justine Rozier reports that Mrs. Coggins is very pleased with the arrangement and proud of the quality of foods she conserved this year.

**GI Insurance Dividends Have Been Announced**

More than five million veterans who hold participating GI life insurance will share in regular annual policy dividends totaling \$256,000,000 during 1959, Sumner G. Whittier, administrator of veterans affairs, has announced.

Mr. Whittier said the dividends are primarily a refund to policyholders of part of their premium payments, and are made possible because the death rate among GI policy holders continues to be lower than the tables upon which the premiums were established by law.

The dividend declarations were listed as:

1. National Service Life Insurance (NSLI), which originated in World War II; \$235,000,000 pay-

able to approximately 4,950,000 policyholders.

2. U. S. Government Life Insurance (USGLI), which originated in World War I; \$21,000,000 payable to approximately 280,000 policyholders.

The 1959 NSLI and USGLI regular dividends are, respectively, \$5,000,000 and \$1,000,000 less than were declared for 1958, Mr. Whittier said.

However, he explained, individual policyholders will generally receive about the same amount as during 1958, since the number of GI policies in force declines between one and two percent each year.

Dividends will be paid as soon as possible after the anniversary date of each policy during 1959. For example, if a policy was issued any September 1, the anniversary date will be September 1, 1959, Mr. Whittier pointed out.

He added that dividends will be paid to holders of both term and permanent plan participating NSLI and USGLI policies.

Policyholders should not make dividend inquiries in advance, since this would delay processing time, Mr. Whittier stressed.

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