

DISTRICT COUNTY AND HOME AGENTS HOLD WORKERS' CONFERENCE IN E. CITY

County and home agents of 16 counties of the Eastern District met in an Extension Workers' Conference in Elizabeth City last week which was highlighted by information, inspiration and fellowship, and an intensified approach to Extension work explained. The conference was held at the Virginia Dars Hotel.

The purpose of the conference is to bring you up to date on Extension methods," said District Home Agent Mary Harris, who introduced Dr. Bruce Ratchford, Assistant Extension Director.

Dr. Ratchford spoke on "The Farm and Home Development Method." The farm and home method is not something new but a concentrated approach to working with farm families," said Dr. Ratchford, pointing out that in two counties of this district additional agents have been employed to concentrate on the farm and home development method with farm families.

In the other 14 counties of the district the agents are to apply this method in working with one or more families in each community, Dr. Ratchford suggested. Briefly, the plan is to work with a family as a unit. The family determines its needs and desires. With the

agents assisting, the family then takes inventory of the present farming system. Plans are made for adjusting and improving the farming system to provide increased income. Plans for attaining the family's needs and desires are set up over a period of years. The family is provided with the latest farm and home recommended practices.

This involves working very closely with farm families. Mrs. J. C. Fessenden gave some excellent suggestions on how to work with people more effectively.

The district groups of the County Agents Association and the Home Agents Association met on Tuesday night. In the County Agents' meeting the four agents who attended the National Agricultural County Agents Association annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, gave reports and associational business matters were taken care of.

At a group breakfast on Wednesday morning Assistant Director Bob Shofner presented service pins to workers having 10 and 20 years of service.

Wednesday morning, Assistant Director Shofner discussed many personal matters pertaining to Extension workers.

Farm families now come under social security. This was explained by farm management specialist, Bill Turner.

"Research enables us to find successful new varieties and practices," stated Dr. E. T. York, Jr., in charge of the Agronomy Department at State College. "Research is most important but its value is accomplished through education. The Extension Service is the educational arm of Agricultural Research." Dr. York gave some valuable information.

Wednesday's hour and a half lunch period was spent on a yacht cruise down the beautiful Pasquotank River. Lunches prepared by the hotel were distributed as the group went aboard the boat. This was a very enjoyable trip even though the clouds sprinkled a little rain. County Agents S. L. Lowery and Max Chestnutt were hosts.

On meeting schedules, Miss Maude Schaub discussed features of annual report preparation. Miss Schaub emphasized the importance of annual reports being sent on time.

Wayne Corpening, Agricultural Agent of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, presented each county agent with a bound copy of recommended farm practices.

"Enriched corn meal is a must in the health of our people," Mrs. Fessenden said. She urged all agents to encourage every miller to enrich corn meal, also to assist in trying to get the General Assembly to make enriched corn meal a law.

Dr. E. R. Collins discussed diverted acres under the 1955 farm program. He also pointed out the availability of TVA ammonium nitrate for demonstration work.

Livestock Specialist Jack Keller advised how more good ladino clover pastures fit into livestock production. "This is an excellent use for some of our diverted acres," Mr. Kelley said.

"All of this adds up to better farm family living," says County Agent C. W. Overman. "The research and educational program is for farm people. Its success depends on the extent to which farm people put the planning and practices into use on their farms and in their homes. It is not our purpose to tell farm people what to do but rather to give the people the information and assist them in using it."

Monday and Anne were among the shoppers in Norfolk Saturday.

Mrs. Irvin Whidbee visited her father, Ben Harrell at his home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Layden of Fort Mammouth, N. J., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents.

Charlie Ward was admitted to the Albemarle Hospital Saturday.

James Layden of Newport News visited Mrs. Sidney Layden, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Layden, Jr., Sunday.

The Young Married People's Sunday School Class of Burgess Baptist Church enjoyed an evening of good fellowship and a turkey supper at Burgess Hunters' Lodge Friday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. William Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. William Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. White, the Rev. and Mrs. Phil Quidley and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Basnight.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SHOFNER DISCUSSED MANY PERSONAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO EXTENSION WORKERS.

FARM FAMILIES NOW COME UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY. THIS WAS EXPLAINED BY FARM MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, BILL TURNER.

"RESEARCH ENABLES US TO FIND SUCCESSFUL NEW VARIETIES AND PRACTICES," STATED DR. E. T. YORK, JR., IN CHARGE OF THE AGRONOMY DEPARTMENT AT STATE COLLEGE. "RESEARCH IS MOST IMPORTANT BUT ITS VALUE IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH EDUCATION. THE EXTENSION SERVICE IS THE EDUCATIONAL ARM OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH." DR. YORK GAVE SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION.

WEDNESDAY'S HOUR AND A HALF LUNCH PERIOD WAS SPENT ON A YACHT CRUISE DOWN THE BEAUTIFUL PASQUOTANK RIVER. LUNCHEONS PREPARED BY THE HOTEL WERE DISTRIBUTED AS THE GROUP WENT ABOARD THE BOAT. THIS WAS A VERY ENJOYABLE TRIP EVEN THOUGH THE CLOUDS SPRINKLED A LITTLE RAIN. COUNTY AGENTS S. L. LOWERY AND MAX CHESTNUTT WERE HOSTS.

ON MEETING SCHEDULES, MISS MAUDE SCHAUB DISCUSSED FEATURES OF ANNUAL REPORT PREPARATION. MISS SCHAUB EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS BEING SENT ON TIME.

WAYNE CORPENING, AGRICULTURAL AGENT OF THE WACHOVIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, PRESENTED EACH COUNTY AGENT WITH A BOUND COPY OF RECOMMENDED FARM PRACTICES.

"ENRICHED CORN MEAL IS A MUST IN THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE," MRS. FESSENDEN SAID. SHE URGED ALL AGENTS TO ENCOURAGE EVERY MILLER TO ENRICH CORN MEAL, ALSO TO ASSIST IN TRYING TO GET THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MAKE ENRICHED CORN MEAL A LAW.

DR. E. R. COLLINS DISCUSSED DIVERTED ACRES UNDER THE 1955 FARM PROGRAM. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THE AVAILABILITY OF TVA AMMONIUM NITRATE FOR DEMONSTRATION WORK.

LIVESTOCK SPECIALIST JACK KELLER ADVISED HOW MORE GOOD LADINO CLOVER PASTURES FIT INTO LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION. "THIS IS AN EXCELLENT USE FOR SOME OF OUR DIVERTED ACRES," MR. KELLEY SAID.

"ALL OF THIS ADDS UP TO BETTER FARM FAMILY LIVING," SAYS COUNTY AGENT C. W. OVERMAN. "THE RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IS FOR FARM PEOPLE. ITS SUCCESS DEPENDS ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH FARM PEOPLE PUT THE PLANNING AND PRACTICES INTO USE ON THEIR FARMS AND IN THEIR HOMES. IT IS NOT OUR PURPOSE TO TELL FARM PEOPLE WHAT TO DO BUT RATHER TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE INFORMATION AND ASSIST THEM IN USING IT."

MONDAY AND ANNE WERE AMONG THE SHOPPERS IN NORFOLK SATURDAY.

MRS. IRVIN WHIDBEE VISITED HER FATHER, BEN HARRELL AT HIS HOME WEDNESDAY EVENING.

MR. AND MRS. BOB LAYDEN OF FORT MAMMOUTH, N. J., SPENT THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS WITH THEIR PARENTS.

CHARLIE WARD WAS ADMITTED TO THE ALBEMARLE HOSPITAL SATURDAY.

JAMES LAYDEN OF NEWPORT NEWS VISITED MRS. SIDNEY LAYDEN, SR., AND MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY LAYDEN, JR., SUNDAY.

THE YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OF BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH ENJOYED AN EVENING OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND A TURKEY SUPPER AT BURGESS HUNTERS' LODGE FRIDAY NIGHT. THOSE PRESENT WERE MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY COPELAND, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM LANE, MR. AND MRS. J. B. PERRY, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM STALLINGS, MR. AND MRS. E. A. WHITE, THE REV. AND MRS. PHIL QUIDLEY AND MR. AND MRS. D. B. BASNIGHT.

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BURGESS CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Earl Biddick was hostess to the Burgess Home Demonstration Club Wednesday night. The meeting opened by singing America the Beautiful. The hostess gave a beautiful Thanksgiving Devotional from the 100th Psalm and including the Lord's Prayer. The roll was called with 12 members present. The club voted to have the Christmas party at the Hunters' Lodge December 15. Names were drawn for exchanging Christmas gifts. In the absence of Miss Perry, Mrs. Sidney Copeland gave a demonstration. The meeting closed with the Collect. The hostess served nuts and cookies with bottled drinks.

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