

LULING FOUNDATION FARM SHORT COURSE

The fourth Annual Tri-County Short Course was held at the Luling Foundation Farm, Luling, Texas, July 24, 1934 with 450 Farm Men, Women, boys and girls in attendance from Caldwell, Guadalupe and Gonzales counties.

A well planned program was carried out for the benefit of those present, with Home Ownership as the principle theme. Thomas Mayes, Negro Agricultural Agent for Caldwell county gathered information as to land ownership among Negroes in the county. His talk brought forth many facts as to why Negroes were losing land rather than gain land in ownership.

S. T. Toney, Negro Agent for Guadalupe County, led in round table talk on Home Ownership Handicaps and things favorable to ownership.

L. C. Crenshaw told of buying 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land at \$8 an acre and when this land was paid for he bargained for 108 acres which was paid for between 1901 and 1909 at a sum of \$800. In order to pay for this land he peddled chickens, fruits, vegetables, and pork products. He later bought 80 acres of land for \$1600, paying for this with three crops, then built a home with a good barn, orchard, hogs, cows and chickens valued at \$2,885. Mr. Crenshaw now has upwards of 900 acres of land, bought and paid for. He cited the fact that a down-payment on a home is in every case less than the down payment on a car and that a home can be paid for at the rate of 5 to 10 years and a car has to be paid for in 12 months.

Mrs. I. W. Rowan, District Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration in yard beautification and identification of native shrubbery. A table 4X6 feet, filled with sand, brought very clearly to the mind of all the women how easily shrubbery can be rooted for the home. Foundation plantings and screen plantings were discussed with the kinds of plants for each. In the afternoon Mrs. Rowan discussed bedrooms with stress being placed on a Boy's bedroom for comfort and beauty in the home. Boys are very often neglected in the home so far as comfort and conveniences are concerned and this has a tendency to drive the boys away from home.

Mr. Elgin Hicks, in charge of turkeys at the Foundation Farm, gave the essential points in hatching, feeding, and caring for the flock. Diseases, cure and prevention were given in a practical way. A miniature brooder house for turkeys was displayed by Mr. Hicks. It had canvas drops to protect the birds during cold and rainy weather. A man who can raise 1800 turkeys successfully, without diseases taking a heavy toll, is in a position to give instruction to a group of farmers. Mr. Hicks has accomplished this feat.

Mr. Jack Shelton, Manager of the Foundation Farm, spoke on Land Ownership and recited very vividly the "Future of Agriculture", a story of the old days about a farm home in the grove, with cows, chickens, hogs, orchards, vineyards, smokehouse, and the live-at-home program of long ago. He says that our salvation is that kind of farm set-up for today.

Every convenience of the Farm was at the disposal for the farm people for the day. A large tent was placed in a shady grove of budded pecan trees, with a canning house, chairs and plenty of ice water on hand. Basket dinners was served to all present and recreation had for a short breathing spell.

J. H. Williams, Asst. Dist. Agent, demonstrated to the group of men and boys budding, and the making of budding knives and other materials necessary for successful budding, planting and care of pecan groves was stressed.

H. S. Estelle, District Agent, with a 6X10 ft. sand table, demonstrated with the aid of a planting board, how to plant an orchard, the distance fruit trees for the different sections of Texas must be planted, the proper planting and pruning of an orchard, spraying for control of scale insects, treatment for borers and the treatment of other insects.

Diseases of animals were discussed and questions answered by J. H. Williams. H. S. Estelle discussed pastures and crops that could be planted now to insure feed for the winter to take the place of corn crops lost on account of the drouth. C. H. Waller spoke to the women on home and conveniences of the home.

The group of famers that met at the farm this year were more earnest and showed every indication that they were there to carry information back to their community for better living.

COUNTY GOALS

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Garden and Pantry Demonstration:

- I. At least one demonstrator for each club.
- II. Making a canning budget and fill.
- III. Start fruit plot or enlarge or repair garden.
- IV. Can at least eight (8) standard containers of fruit, vegetables, juices for exhibit.
- V. Provide adequate storage space for food canned and dried.
- VI. Start recipe file: Tomato recipes.
- VII. Have at least two (2) fresh vegetables in garden each day of the year.

Yard Demonstration:

- I. At least one demonstrator for each club.
- II. Make a Yard Plan.
- III. Sod the lawn - level - fence
- IV. Make door step planting
- V. Screen outbuildings with permanent planting.
- VI. Root cuttings for future planting.
- VII. Plant trees for shade, and background
- VIII. Provide sanitary cut-house.
- IX. Walks where needed.

Clothing Demonstration:

- I. At least one demonstrator for each club.
- II. Make a clothing budget for individual
- III. Keep individual expense record
- IV. Provide storage space for clothing.
- V. Make at least one dress for individual.

Poultry Demonstration:

- I. At least one demonstrator for each club
- II. Buy at least fifty (50) baby chicks of breed preferred.
- III. Save at least thirty (30) pullets from spring hatch and baby chicks purchased.
- IV. Secure good cock, of chosen breed.
- V. Provide housing for birds.
- VI. Attempt to defray expense from sales.

Bed Room Demonstration:

- I. At least one demonstrator for each club.
- II. Remove dust catchers.
- III. Refinish floor - one piece of furniture.
- IV. Make one rug, curtains, chair pad.
- V. Provide at least one need in:
Covering
Linen
Spread, etc.
- VI. Improve storage for clothing and furnishing.

Kitchen Demonstration:

- I. At least one demonstrator for each club.
- II. Paint or paper walls (if needed)
- III. Take inventory of equipment.
- IV. Construct or secure labor saving devices - built-in furniture.
- V. Add windows where needed.

COOPERATORS' GOALS

Garden and Pantry:

- I. Make canning budget; fill.
- II. Have year round garden with at least two vegetables every day.
- III. Provide storage space for canned and dried food.

Yard:

- I. Organize yard for convenience and neat appearance.
- II. Plant one shade tree; six (6) shrubs.
- III. Screen one objectionable sight.
- IV. Make cutting bed.

Clothing:

- I. Keep individual expense account
- II. Provide space for temporary and permanent storage.
- III. Take inventory of individual clothing.

Poultry:

- I. Provide sufficient feed for proposed flock.
- II. Save at least twenty-five (25) pullets from spring hatch.
- III. Adopt at least one improved idea; in:
 1. Housing
 2. Feeding
 3. General Care

Bed Room:

- I. Arrange room for convenience and comfort.
- II. Make one piece of furnishing
- III. Remove dust catchers
- IV. Keep windows clean

Kitchen:

- I. Construct or provide labor saving devices
- II. Group furniture to save steps
- III. Take inventory of equipment.

GENERAL GOALS

Demonstrators and Cooperators:

- I. Assist non-club members in a "Live-at-home Program"
- II. Records available for Home Demonstration Agent at all times; regular reports on demonstration or activity.

Clubs:

- I. Regular Meetings
- II. Affiliation (active) with County Home Demonstration Council
- III. Representatives to State Short Course
- IV. Sponsor:
 - A. Tour
 - B. Fair
 - C. Achievement Day