

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK

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Dear Co-Worker:

It is right now time for us to be making plans for the 1947 program of work. I know many of you have already done some good thinking and planning, and I hope you are getting down on paper all of the good suggestions that you are getting from club women.

"How great, how lasting, how successful, and how satisfying our world of the future shall prove may largely depend on how adequate Adult Education may prove."

The Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is recognized as the largest single adult educational organization in the whole country. It does, then, behove us to recognize our place and our leadership in assisting farm people in developing programs that will more adequately meet the needs of all of the people. Are we educating farm people for community living? Rural community life is being threatened. Can't we in some way bring about this realization and get the people to do something to correct conditions. This is one of our very biggest jobs, as I see it.

We agree that our programs should meet the felt needs of the people, but we must recognize, too, that one of the chief functions of Extension workers is to help bring people to an awareness of their needs. If we do not do this, we have lost one of the great potentialities as Extension leaders.

The District Agents and I have asked one agent in each of the five districts to develop a pattern plan of work to be presented to the agents at the Program Planning Conference. Dates will be given to you by the District Agent. The following agents are now working on the plan. They are calling two or three additional agents in to council with them: Eugenia Van Landingham, Northeastern District; Lois March, Southwestern District; Irene Brown, Northwestern District; Eleanor Southerland, Southeastern District; and Josephine Johnston, Western District.

A pattern plan is enclosed for you and a copy for your assistant. The 3 State Problems have been approved in this office. This plan we are sending to you is to serve as a guide only. You may make any change you think best as to subjects (except in the three State Problems). We think it will be advisable if the program in a district can be as uniform as possible, not too varied. We will have to keep in mind the need for specialist help and a varied program in every county would make getting help difficult.

I am asking the District Agent to see you and go over the proposed plan as soon as she possibly can. Meantime, won't you be contacting your club women for their ideas.

Our responsibility in planning the 1947 program is greater than it has ever been. We do want the thinking of club women. We want facts. We want to be down to earth and most of all, keep in mind our big objective - people, all of the people being given an opportunity to share what you have to offer them.

Sincerely,

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