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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF FLORIDA

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,
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COOPERATING

June 5, 1950

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT AND
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

Dr. George W. Gore
President
Campus

Dear Dr. Gore:

This letter comes to let you know that we are thank-
ful for the fine contribution you made for the success of
our recent 4-H club short course.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Gresham

J. A. Gresham
Negro District Agent

Floy Britt

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Negro District Home
Demonstration Agent

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GRESHAM, J A

October 13, 1950

Mr. J A Gresham
Florida A and M College

Dear Mr. Gresham:

I hereby accept your kind invitation to bring greetings on
Monday morning, November 6, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Agricultural Building, Room 201, to the Annual Agricultural and Home
Demonstration Agent's Conference.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

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Tallahassee, Florida
October 10, 1950

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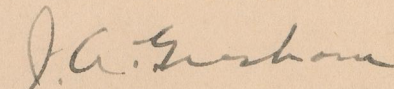
Dear Dr. Gore:

We are planning our Annual Agricultural and Home
Demonstration Agent's Conference which is to be held
here at the college November 6-10.

We hope that you can arrange to be with us during
our opening session and say a few words to the group.
This first session will begin Monday morning, November 6
at 8:30 in the Agriculture Building, Room 201.

You will be sent a program as soon as they are ready.

Yours very truly,



J. A. Gresham
Negro District Agent

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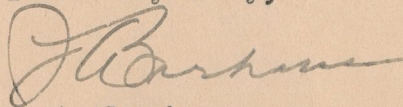
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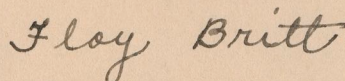
Dear Dr. Gore:

We are enclosing a program of our Annual Agents' Conference
for your information.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosure

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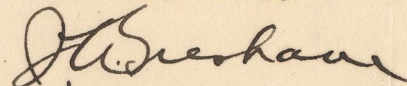
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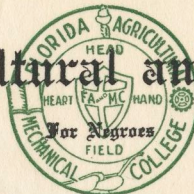
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GADSDEN COUNTY FIFTH ANNUAL NEGRO 4-H FAT STOCK SHOW AND SALE
1951

Name	Buyer	Weight After 3% Deduction	Price	Receipt	Prize	Total Receipt
Ellen Sanders (Champion)						
Herman Moore (Reserve Champion)	Thomas Little Lumber Co.	975	.51	497.25	23.00	520.25
Robert Green	Roxy Theater	805	.40	322.00	15.00	337.00
Malone McMillon	Suber and Johnson	925	.36	333.00	12.00	345.00
James McMillon	Inman and Johnson	640	.38	242.00	14.00	256.00
Soloman Sanders	Quincy State Bank	715	.37.50	268.13	8.00	276.13
Billie Pitts	A. L. Wilson Co.	770	.40	308.00	7.00	315.00
Edward Black	Joyner's Grocer (Midway)	615	.39	239.35	6.00	245.35
Charles Gilbert	Half-Way Service Station	600	.38	228.00	6.00	234.00
Abraham Mitchell	Whites Grocer	650	.34	221.00	6.00	227.00
Enouch Anthony	Bevis Grocer	725	.37	268.25	6.00	274.25
Anduster House	Citizen Bank	790	.39	308.10	6.00	314.10
J. D. Milton	Dupoint Meat Co.	515	.35	180.25	6.00	186.25
Joseph Bowie	A. S. & T. Tobacco Co.	320	.42	134.40	5.00	139.40
Charles Kenon	Coca Cola	630	.36	226.80	5.00	231.80
Eli Anthony	Quincy Livestock Co.	625	.30	187.50	5.00	192.50
Burnette Bowie	Planters Exchange (Havanna)	635	.36	228.00	5.00	233.00
Douglass Black	Florida Packing Co.	505	.30	151.50	5.00	156.50
	Gadsden Livestock Auction	500	.33	175.00	4.00	179.00
Commercial Steers						
Sanders Brothers						
	Gadsden Farm Supply	485	.36	174.60	15.00	189.60
George Dupont	Owen Green	855	.28.50	243.67		243.67
	Edward Robinson (Bainbridge)	684	.28.75	196.65		196.65
	Quincy Packing Co.	791	.30.30	239.67		239.67
				5,371.72	179.00	5,550.72

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The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



GEORGE W. GORE JR., PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

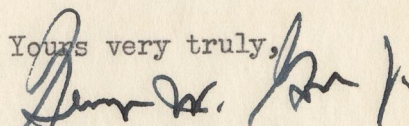
March 29, 1951

Mr. J A Greshman
Florida A and M College

Dear Mr. Greshman:

I am referring to you some material which I have received from Mr. Claude A Barnett, of the Associated Negro Press. I would appreciate any answers you may desire to send me concerning it so that I may give him an intelligent answer to the problem which he raises.

I will not use your name in connection with the reply unless you so desire.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

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MEMORANDUM to State Extension Agents:

How many counties in your state really need Negro county agents who do not have them? How many home demonstration agents are needed? How many counties ought to have an assistant Negro agent? Give figures of farmers served in answering the last question.

Has there been any effort in your state to change the status of the Negro county agent, i.e., to assistant county agent? What effect would that have on your work? How does your Negro county agent's salary compare with those of white assistant county agents?

What efforts have you made to secure additional or equal salaries for your county agents? What results have you had?

What is the situation regarding Negro farm labor in your state? If workers are needed for migratory crop gathering, do you think your state could furnish a number of workers for a temporary period?

Has there been much imported labor used in your state? West Indian or Mexican? How many of each? Do you think imported labor has kept Negro labor out of jobs in your state? Why?

Legislation is being prepared in Congress now to permit the importation of a large number of foreign workers. Have you any ideas about this? Please express yourself fully.

How many Negroes are on PMA committees in your state? Do Negro farmers participate in PMA elections in your state? To what extent? Have your county agents been instructed to get Negro farmers out to vote in these PMA elections?

Are you aware that the new PMA committees are going to be of the utmost importance in agriculture in the future? Do you not agree that Negro farmers ought to elect at least one Negro farmer on every PMA committee in order that the committee may understand the problems of all of the people? What efforts have you made to get Negro farmers to come out and vote or to file for election on these committees?

Please describe what efforts you have had your county agents make to acquaint Negro farmers with Farm Credit Administration, Farmers Home Administration credit or REA cooperatives? Why in your opinion do not more Negro farmers take advantage of the services of these agencies?

How many Negro farmers in your state belong to farmer cooperatives of any sort? Why not more? How many Negroes in your state have FHA construction or farm buying or long term loans? I do not mean production loans, but the bigger loans.

How many soil conservation workers are there in your state? How does PMA soil practice function with Negro farmers?

Is there a tendency in your state to use Negro county agents to do pruning and veterinary work or to perform any tasks for large white farmers?

Do you believe that if there were a Negro representative in the extension service office at Washington where policies are made, that such a person might be effective in helping improve overall conditions for extension workers?

How do you feel that 4-H Club boys and girls in your state compare in ability and knowledge and opportunity with white 4-H club boys and girls? Do you believe they would be able to compete if all were thrown into one exhibit? Why not? What are the specific needs of the 4-H Club instruction program in your state?

(Continued)

(Memo to State Extension Agents, con'td)

Is there any organization of Negro farmers in your state? In North Carolina, I found the best organization among Negro farmers of any state in the South. That may be one of the reasons why they have the largest number of Negro farm operators and owners and why they have the largest number of extension and home demonstration agents of any state in the South and why they are the best paid. In addition, there are two tobacco specialists and four subject matter specialists working out of the Negro land grant college, A & T at Greensboro.

The extension and vocational education people in North Carolina have encouraged Negro farmers to organize for their own information and benefit without going into politics. The Negro farmer needs to be prepared to cope with the many changes taking place in agriculture today.

Are there any schools available to farmers generally in your state where farmers and farm youth can be taught the handling of the new mechanized equipment which is spreading so rapidly in the South? Has your land grant college organized such a course?

Do you have a close tie-up and cooperative understanding with the Negro land grant college in your state?

It will be most serviceable if you can get these answers back to me at your earliest possible convenience.

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AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT AND
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Mr. C. A. Barnett
The Associated Negro Press Inc.
National News Service
3507 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Barnett:

Reference is made to your recent memorandum to State Extension Agents. We have ten Negro County Agents and twelve Negro County Home Agents employed. You can easily see that our great need is more county and home agents to be placed in counties where the Negro farm population will justify the employment of County Agricultural Workers. I would say that Negro County Agents are needed in at least eight other counties and Negro Home Agents should be placed in six additional counties. In my opinion we need assistant county agents in seven counties. These counties follow with the number of Negro farms in each county: Alchua-699, Jackson-1,212, Jefferson-767, Leon-827, Marion-976, Gadsden-771 and Broward-635. The last named county has no Negro Extension Worker.

There has been no effort to change the status of Negro County Agents to assistant agents that has come to my attention, but the average annual salary of Negro Agents is nearly \$900.00 less than white assistant agents. All direct efforts that have been made to secure additional salaries for our workers were made through conferences with the Extension Service Director's office and local County Commissioners. I would consider that results have been fair when one considers across the board efforts. Some relief have come from both sources during the past two years. I understand that there is to be a small salary increase from the state office starting July 1 of this year.

It has been a general practice for this state to furnish migratory labor to other areas of the country for crop harvesting and I see no reason why this practice could not be continued if needed. Some imported labor has been used, but I do not have facts to show that this labor has kept Negroes out of jobs.

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I am not sure that I have much factual information on legislation being prepared in Congress to permit importing Foreign Labor. I do understand that the major farm organizations are backing bills by Senator Ellender and Representative Poage, a Texas Democrat. These bills would leave as is the program for voluntary movement of domestic farm workers, but provide some assistance in obtaining foreign workers. The Ellender-Poage proposal would authorize the government to establish recruiting centers in Mexico in cooperation with the Mexican government. Farm employers accepting recruits at border points, would reimburse the government for transportation costs. The Labor Department, which has charge of the program for farm workers, is backing Senate and House bills which call for complete government responsibility for movement of both foreign and domestic farm workers. With the Department paying the full transportation, housing and medical costs.

I know of no Negro production and marketing committeemen in Florida. They participate in PMA elections only to the extent that they vote for a slate of candidates that they take little or no part in nominating. In keeping with the reorganization plan in the United States Department of Agriculture PMA authority will be increased at national, state and county levels. The reorganization is in three parts-- Soil Conservation, United States Department of Agriculture Defense Activities, and Research. Instead of having divided authority between PMA, Soil Conservation and Forest Service. PMA will have top authority. It does appear that one or more Negroes should be placed on each PMA committee in the state where we have enough Negroes to justify such action. Encouragement has been given Negro County Agents to spot and make efforts to have qualified Negroes put on these committees in the past, but renewed efforts are to be made in view of what seem to be facing us.

At our Annual Agents' Meeting which is held here at A & M College early in November officials from the Washington and State offices are brought in and provisions of the Farm Credit Administration, Farmers Home Administration and Rural Electrification explained. All of our agents work very closely with county administrators of these services and generally speaking a very wholesome relationship exists. In my opinion one of the reason that so few Negroes take advantage of these services is that if one can qualify for a loan he usually is the type that landlords make every effort to keep including pressuring one way or the other the local committee or administrator. No one is interested in the shiftless tenant. Another reason is lack of information.

Mr. C. A. Barnett
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There are twenty chartered county farmers cooperatives in Florida with a membership approximating 1,200. The activities of these organizations were slowed down during World War II, and have not completely recovered from that set back. We do not have the definite number of long time loans that have been made to Negroes, but those facts can be secured from the Regional Office at Columbia, South Carolina.

We have only one Negro SCS worker in the state and he is located here in Leon County where the state capitol is located. PMA functions the same with Negro farmers as with other farmers so far as I am able to understand.

I know of no case where Negro County Agents are used in pruning and veterinary work for the type of farmers mentioned in your memorandum. There is no doubt in my mind that if we had a high type Negro representative in the Washington office of the Extension Service that such a person might be effective in helping improve the overall condition for the extension worker.

Negro 4-H boys and girls can compete on equal terms with other 4-H club members if given equal opportunity, but it is common knowledge that they do not have the same opportunities. The greatest need for our 4-H club program is the help that trained personnel could give. We have no such personnel.

In each of the ten counties where we have county agents there is at least one Negro farm organization and in three counties there are several community organizations.

From time to time tractor and other power equipment schools are held in the state for the benefit of farmers. The last of which was held here at A & M College for 4-H club boys and older youths with 118 in attendance. Instruction was given by agents of a local implement dealer, and teachers of the college's agricultural staff. Wholesale oil dealers cooperate in the various counties in providing expense money in connection with holding power equipment, maintenance and repair schools.

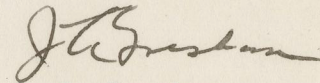
It would be hard to improve on the spirit of cooperation which exists between the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Florida Agricultural Extension Service. Every effort is made by all concerned to keep it that way.

Mr. C. A. Barnett
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A close working relationship is kept alive by frequent conferences and visits by instructors of the Agriculture Division to counties where we have workers, to assist with cattle show and sales, ham and egg shows, poultry and hog show and sales.

Sorry about the delay. I have been out of the office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. Gresham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

J. A. Gresham
Negro District Agent

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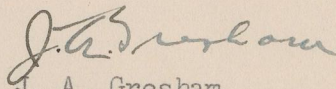
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If at any time we can be of service to you, please make
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September 29, 1951

Mr. J A Gresham
Florida A and M College

Dear Mr. Gresham:

The national representative of the Farm Credit Bureau paid me a visit this week and suggested that Mr. W T Sheddick, State Director of the Farm Credit Bureau, with offices at 204 West University Avenue, Gainesville, be invited to discuss the program at the October meeting of your agents. I am passing this information on to you for what it may be worth.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

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Mr. Dir. Pr. Mrs.
Mr. Mrs. Pr. Mrs.
204 W. Main St.

O. O. Box 579

Gammon, Ill.

