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ANTIOCH EVENING SCHOOL

The colored farmers of Antioch Community were organized for Instruction through the Evening Classes. It was necessary to organize two classes; Restoring and maintaining soil fertility, and Food Conservation.

Dec. 28 the first class was organized with 14 adults, while Jan. 8 dates the organization of the 2nd class with 14 adults on Growing, Harvesting and Storing Farm Products.

In January instruction was given on how to lay off terrace rows, and the value of terracing, rotation of crops, and breaking land. In February instruction was given on Fertilizing, both commercial and barnyard. In March instruction was given on the value of Legumes, their advantages and disadvantages, cover crops, bare follow, etc. In April instruction was given on home mixing fertilizer, how to apply it, preparation of land, etc.

Lessons on Food Conservation or Storing Farm Products
were as follows: January, how
to kill, cure, store meat, make
lard and sausage. February,
preparing land for gardens and
truck, kind of seed to plant.
March, planting gardens and
truck. April, study of insects
and how to eradicate them.
Demonstrations have also been
given showing how to mix
poisons for insects and to apply them.

These lessons had a course of 14 lessons each, 10 lessons have already been given leaving 4 more yet to be taught in the summer.

The class closed April 23 with a banquet for about 100 people. Chicken, sandwiches, cake and punch were served by the home economics girls and the women teachers, conducted by the Vocational Agriculture teacher.

Our County Agent has also cooperated with us from time to time.

We have served outsiders who did not attend the evening

school, therefore the Vocational Agriculture instructor has gone farther than the evening school. J. L. Dunlap, Vocational Agriculture Instructor.