

--First Negro Agent Here Resigning--

She Tried To Sell Good Living

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AFTER thirteen years of county service as Negro Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor is resigning.

Mrs. Taylor is moving to Detroit in September where her husband is employed as an inspector for Chrysler Corporation.

In July of 1951 Mrs. Taylor moved to Randolph County to become the first Negro Home Demonstration Agent in the county's history.

She has held this position since then with the exception of a short time while she was on a leave of absence.

A native of Guilford College, N. C., Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of Bennett College in Greensboro and worked in Union County for two years prior to accepting the position in Randolph more than a decade ago.

She has also done graduate work at North Carolina A&T College and the University of North Carolina. She is near completing her masters degree.

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WHILE A resident of Randolph Mrs. Taylor has been extremely active in civic affairs including membership on the Asheboro Human Relations Committee. Also she chairmanned a sub-committee on housing for this organization.

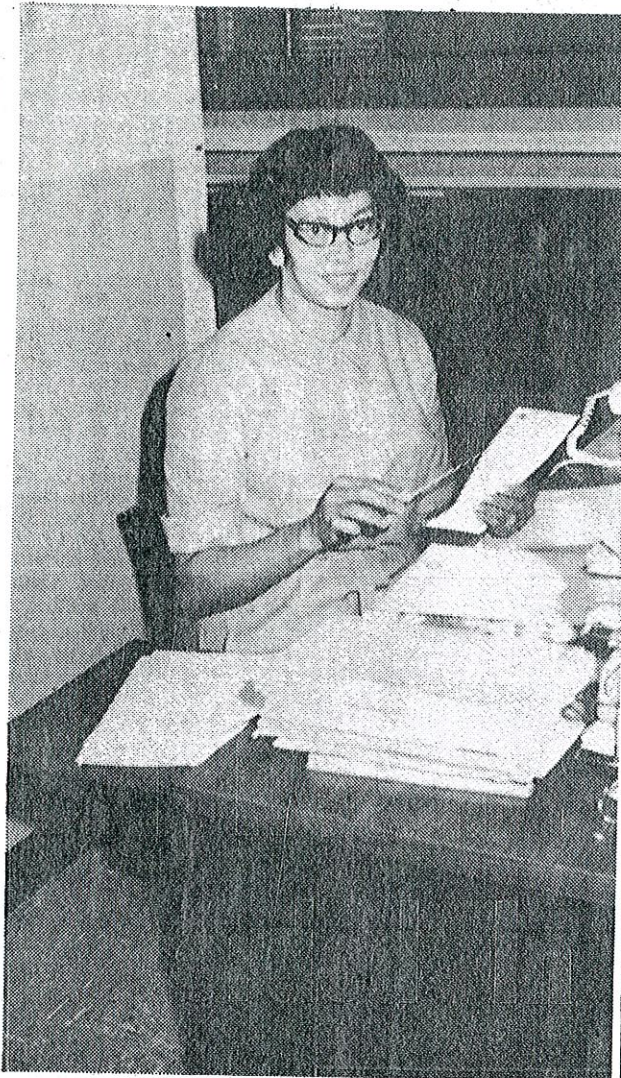
One of Mrs. Taylor's major areas of work during the past several years has concerned encouraging Randolph County residents to improve their housing.

She described her objective as "to motivate and educate people to want and have comfortable and convenient, sanitary, attractive homes at low cost".

"I have just tried to sell good living," she said.

At present there are at least six homes under construction or recently completed with her assistance.

In addition to her work with



MRS. BETTYE J. TAYLOR

... Leaving Randolph Soon

Methodist Conference, a member of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at A&T College and is a member and lay speaker at the Raleigh Cross Roads Methodist Church in Guilford College.

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HER WORK in Randolph during the thirteen years here has centered around working with citizens and groups in the fields of nutrition, foods, housing, home management, family relations and clothing.

It has been her job to help

housing, Mrs. Taylor is a district director of Youth Work for the Greensboro District people take full advantage of their earnings and to enjoy a better life.

Mrs. Taylor said that her plans for the future are still indefinite; however, she indicated she would like to go back to school and complete her masters degree.

Commenting on the changes that she had seen take place in Randolph during her residence here, she said, "There have been many pleasing improvements in the

county, but not as many as I would like to have seen."

"You must set your goals higher than can be achieved," she added.

Concluding, Mrs. Taylor said, "I have enjoyed working in Randolph County as Home Economics Extension Agent for 13 years, and I am very happy to have had the opportunity to make some small contribution to the progress and development of Randolph County. I feel that the success I have had has been due in a large measure to the fine support and cooperation that I have received from the County Commissioners as well as the citizens of the County. I am therefore grateful to everyone for the cooperation and support given me," Mrs. Taylor said.

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