

About  
Tomato Clubs  
of  
Randolph County  
by  
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During the  
School year 1913-14  
while attending a  
teachers meeting  
at Asheboro, in my  
home County, I first  
heard Tomato Clubs  
explained in detail.  
The speaker was  
Miss Scott from  
Raleigh who has

charge of the  
Tomato Clubs in  
North Carolina.

Her mission to  
Randolph was to  
prepare it for  
Tomato Club organ-  
ization.

I was very  
much interested  
in this work and  
told my pupils

about it. We also discussed the articles in the North Carolina Day programme about the tomato club girls who have made good in this work.

Later in the spring a Tomato Club was organized.

in my community.  
I joined with the  
hope of making  
country life more  
attractive; and  
to learn more  
scientific ways  
of farming, and  
to make a little  
pin money.

I sowed my  
seeds about the

last of march in  
a cold bed. I  
failed to get a  
good stand but  
when transplanting  
time came I  
found it was  
better to not have  
the plants thick on  
the bed if you  
want good strong  
healthy plants.

my plants were  
strong and healthy.

I did not  
transplant them  
until rather late  
because the soil  
was dry and I  
kept waiting  
for rain. The  
rain didn't come  
so I set the

plants out and  
watered them  
carrying water  
about one quarter  
of a mile to do it.  
It was very difficult  
to get the plants  
to live. I had  
to replant many  
times to get a  
stand.



my plot was  
not fertilized very  
extensively on  
account of dry  
weather.

Owing to the  
fact that I was  
the house keeper  
and cook for a  
family of eight I  
failed to get my  
my Tomatoes

cultivated as they  
should have been

Because of the  
continuous  
drought my  
yield was not as  
great as it would  
have been had  
the season been  
favorable although  
~~the~~ furnished a  
family of eight  
during the summer

a great many  
of my tomatoes  
wasted because  
I didn't have  
time to can them.

I have help  
prepare and can  
about two hundred  
and fifty ~~one~~ half  
gallon jars of  
fruits and made  
a great deal

of jellies and  
preserves during  
the summer.

My profit  
is very small  
but I think this  
thing pays because  
it teaches girls  
a better way of  
farming and

Canning and  
gets them interested  
in the things that  
are worth while.

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