

NEWS LETTER

"In private life and through the years of my legislative experience in North Carolina, I have always had a keen interest in the splendid work of our Home Demonstration Clubs. I feel that the results obtained merit high praise and establishes this type of extension service as a definite benefit to our people. It is hoped that the number of Home Demonstration Clubs can be greatly increased. As Governor of North Carolina, I want those who are making this splendid service available to know and understand that they shall have my full cooperation."

R. GREGG CHERRY,
Governor, North Carolina.

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"Congratulations to the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs on the News Letter, which, I understand, is to come off the press about the middle of August. The News Letter will extend the values and the influences of the Federation as one of the most significant educational agencies of our state.

"The North Carolina Good Health Association is deeply appreciative of the support of the whole six-point program for providing more doctors and more hospital facilities for the people of North Carolina, with special regard for the rural people of North Carolina. The Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs have been virtually in every forward and humane movement in the recent history of our state. Because of their public spirit, high social impulses, intelligence, and energetic work, the farm women and the people of North Carolina are on the march to a better day."

FRANK P. GRAHAM,
President, Univ. of North Carolina.

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"We have long been appreciative of the interest of Home Demonstration Club members in welfare activities.

"As we look to the continued development of the public welfare program of North Carolina, we bespeak your sympathetic understanding and your effective support."

DR. ELLEN B. WINSTON,
Commissioner of Public Welfare.



MRS. A. W. PIERCE

Mrs. A. W. Pierce, Route 2, Pikeville, Wayne County, for 19 years a home demonstration club member, is president of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Mrs. Pierce is a member of the Wayne County Board of Education and the County Library Board.

THE PRESIDENT'S GREETING

The pleasure and inspiration which came to me as I visited the district meetings is to be mine again at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs on August 22. The reports at the district meetings, showing your achievements, the interest in your organization as evidenced by the large attendance and the fine spirit of friendliness, loyalty and cooperation were encouraging, I assure you. The opportunity of meeting women whom I seldom see and many whom I had never met was truly one of the most joyous and happiest experiences in my life.

I send greetings to the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. You are doing, and have done, a magnificent public service for North Carolina, and, if an inventory of our State assets were to be taken today, I believe that the work of the Home Demonstration Clubs would

stand out in bold relief and represent a contribution to the life of the State that could never be calculated in dollars and cents. The people of North Carolina, in all walks of life, pay tribute to your sustained and progressive service to the rural life of our people. You have my best wishes, and I am sure you also have the gratitude of all the people of North Carolina.

O. MAX GARDNER,
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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"During the past four years the Home Demonstration Clubs and the State College were giving all strength and time to the winning of the war. The work of the Home Demonstration Clubs was an indispensable part of the whole mobilization and use of the resources of our great nation during the conflict.

"The prosecution of the war left many problems of adjustment and reconstruction for the home front. We will welcome you to State College during the week of August the eighteenth for the purpose of making plans for action in the fields of post war social, economic and religious readjustment."

J. W. HARRELSON,
Chancellor, North Carolina
State College.

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I think every organized group of women in the South will be glad to welcome the first official letter sent out by the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs to its members and friends. Representing as it does one of the largest and most active women's organizations in the nation this Federation can speak today in a troubled world with understanding because of first-hand knowledge of the situation in the many communities which its membership embraces.

I greet you my friends with whom I have worked for more than a third of a century with high regard for your leadership and character and I am happy to give my parting message of love and affection to you in this your first letter to the people we have served together. God bless you and make his face to shine upon you.

Always,
JANE S. McKIMMON.

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HOUSEWIVES OF NORWAY

"I am requested to tell of some of the experiences of Norwegian housewives in coping with the conditions left us by this terrible second World War.

"A freight steamer, from another country, was expected to unload, in Oslo, several hundred tons of tomatoes. The unloaders were on strike and threatened to dump the cargo into the sea. The tomatoes were already paid for, however, and the housewives of Oslo couldn't see the use in destroying such a valuable cargo. Fresh vegetables are very scarce in Norway in the spring. The coal situation does not allow greenhouses to force an early production of such foods. Within a few days, about two thousand housewives gathered together to protest the dumping of the tomatoes. A representation was first sent to the Parliament, but they could do nothing in the matter. Then the two thousand housewives marched down to the ship to handle the case themselves. The few policemen on hand could do nothing before this army. The unloaders tried to hinder them, and then the police had to protect the housewives. Within a short time, the whole business was finished, and the tomato cargo neatly arranged alongside on the key where it was promptly called for by the growers to be distributed among the buyers.

MAUDE STAUBO.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reports of Districts—July, 1946

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| Northeastern District | |
| Total Amount | \$721.65 |
| Dues | \$ 81.25 |
| Loan Fund | 481.75 |
| Penny for Friendship | 56.45 |
| Chinese Relief | 102.20 |
| Southeastern District | |
| Total Amount | \$648.77 |
| Dues | \$102.50 |
| Loan Fund | 429.50 |
| Penny for Friendship | 48.71 |
| Chinese Relief | 68.06 |
| Northwestern District | |
| Total Amount | \$621.17 |
| Dues | \$ 86.50 |
| Loan Fund | 405.30 |
| Penny for Friendship | 58.94 |
| Chinese Relief | 70.43 |
| Southwestern District | |
| Total Amount | \$515.78 |
| Dues | \$ 87.25 |
| Loan Fund | 298.00 |
| Penny for Friendship | 66.60 |
| Chinese Relief | 63.93 |
| Western District | |
| Total Amount | \$285.01 |
| Dues | \$ 65.00 |
| Loan Fund | 199.85 |
| Penny for Friendship | 11.91 |
| Chinese Relief | 8.25 |
| Total Amounts: | |
| Dues | \$422.50 |
| Loan Fund | 1,814.40 |
| Penny for Friendship | 242.61 |
| Chinese Relief | 312.87 |
| Total | \$2,792.38 |

Auditor's Report

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| Total Assets | |
| General Fund | \$ 771.08 |
| Loan Fund | 21,942.83 |
| Health Fund | 86.00 |
| Total | \$22,799.91 |

NORBORNE G. SMITH, Auditor
 Goldsboro, North Carolina

Chancellor R. B. House of the University of North Carolina in speaking of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, said, "Their method has been simple and unhesitating. (1) They sensed needs. (2) They defined issues. (3) They got expert advice on these issues. (4) They formulated a policy. (5) They worked to bring the policy into operation. Their leaders and these women wanted nothing for themselves; they wanted it just for North Carolina as a whole. But they do know what they want, why they want it, and how to get it."

A YEAR AGO

The war against Germany has been over for a year, but the war against famine is still on, in East and West alike.

Balance, patience and satisfaction, denied to many in the modern world, come in a great measure to us country people as a result of the largeness of our task and the impersonal nature of what we are up against, pests and caprices of nature, somewhat quaintly termed as "acts of God." In the thriving of our crops and beasts we witness the direct fruit of our labour and although the clock has no significance for the stockman and his wife, and young animals allow no early closing hours, yet, many present-day discontents will pass us by. Still every possible improvement in rural living conditions is needed to lessen our day to day toil and A. C. W. W. members are determined to do everything in their power to bring this about. In the meantime as country women we realize that upon the efforts of rural people the health of the world depends.

As for patience, well, it is the most essential virtue to possess nowadays. How maddening it is when you can grow some valuable food and plan to send it where it is wanted but shipping and exchange regulations forbid; or you need an essential commodity, and so do hundreds of your friends and neighbors, but you have to watch it go overseas; or again, when you can no longer buy something in your own country and yet you know it is becoming a glut in the country where it is made because you can no longer pay for it. Every day you see bewildering statistics and conflicting reports on who are hungry and who are not. You even begin to fear that the bad old days might come back when food was dumped in the sea. In the past year through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations a start has been made for long term co-operation and the necessary monetary exchange and this, if successful, would prevent such a wicked dilemma from arising. We can only hope that no political cloud will hamper its great aim of bringing lasting plenty to the peoples of the earth. Until then emergency organizations have the arduous task of doing all that is possible under present conditions to stave off impending disaster.

—The Countrywoman—May, 1946

Associated Country Women Of The World

Miss Zimmern writes: "Mrs. Charles Russell, Mrs. Carlton-Smith and I have just returned from a wonderful week in Copenhagen, where we went on the invitation of the League of Northern Housewives to attend their Jubilee Conference. It was a great occasion to meet members coming from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland as well as from the hostess country, Denmark, and to be able to bring them greetings from A. C. W. W. members from all over the world. Mrs. Michelet, our own Vice President, had very kindly arranged a small meeting for us to address the presidents and secretaries of all our member societies, in these four countries; this gave us an opportunity to tell of what the A. C. W. W. had been doing since we had last met at the 1939 Conference in London and of our plans for the future. We were very much encouraged by the great interest taken in international work and the keen desire expressed to cooperate with us in the fullest possible extent. These Scandinavian women wanted to know how far we had been in cooperation with U. N. O. and its subsidiary bodies and what our contacts had been with other international organizations. We were able to tell them that we had been represented by Mrs. Boudreau, Chairman, National Farm and Garden Association, at the big Conference in Quebec of the Food and Agriculture Organization, while we at the office in London had followed the meetings of United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the plenary meetings of the Assembly of the United Nations. We had met the women delegates, had had a talk with Mrs. Roosevelt, and through the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organizations, had taken part in a deputation to the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council. Even if we had only had this one meeting our journey would have been well worth while, but at the big meetings, when over 1,000 members were present, we had a further opportunity for bringing our international message before the women of these Northern countries."

Mrs. Carlton-Smith read her message from the Farm Women of the United States to the Northern Housewives in Swedish, and as a result was invited to visit Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden in the autumn

and speak to the Scandinavian home makers. She made many interesting contacts while in Denmark and came back with much information about food and living conditions in the countries which had been occupied. Her impression is that the food situation in these northern countries has been relieved by the generosity and capacity for production of Denmark, but that clothes, shoes and textiles for household use are practically nonexistent and that these shortages are causing great hardships.

Mrs. Charles Russell says she met many women at the Copenhagen meeting who had been to the A. C. W. W. Conference in London in 1939. They were delighted to have first-hand news of life in England after the lapse of so many war years. They all inquired about the English hostesses with whom they had stayed, asking after most of them by name. The memory of these visits kept on coming to their minds as they endured the horrors of war in their own countries and wondered to what extent their British friends were suffering, too. Mrs. Russell tells us that each speaker at the Northern Housewives' Conference stressed the need for recognizing the fact that women must play a greater part in public life. They insisted too that the public must be made to realize more fully the value of the role the housewife is called upon to play.

From Mrs. Russell's letter—"In the *Countrywoman* of April you saw the article I wrote about 'Letter Friends.' I have had a most tremendous increase of interest on the part of Institute members and among them had a special request for North Carolina, and I am wondering whether you could help me to fix this up.

"We are, of course, immensely glad and relieved that the actual fighting is over, but here in England conditions are hardly better in many ways than they were during the war period. So far as rationing is concerned, we are down to a standard as low as anything we had in the worst periods of the War."

Friends of Mrs. Helen Carlton-Smith who is so pleasantly remembered in North Carolina will be interested in the following quotation from her letter of July 15, written from Belgium. I quote:

"I attended a meeting recently in Denmark and Sweden—it was ex-

tremely interesting. Norway is in great need of warm clothing for winter and especially shoes. I took 2 pounds of sugar for a friend in Oslo and when I gave it to her she broke down and cried. I laughed and said to her, 'Come now, how terrible to weep for joy over ten cents worth of sugar. What a world we are living in when people cry over two pounds of sugar.' Norway had no sugar during the war and none now. Denmark has been marvelous and they have sent such foods as butter, meat, bacon, cheese, etc., in enormous quantities to both Norway and Finland. Russia has given a lot of food to Finland and there was not a great deal of complaint about Russia from Finland—although no country wants any other to dominate them.

"Things are in some ways better here—they have made a remarkable recovery in most parts. Everything is so dear—it is shocking and such things as butter, rice, sugar, candy, etc., can only be bought on black market. I have been for a few days with friends, the J. Pieraerts of Rue de La Regence, 55—Bruxelles. They have been just marvelous to our boys and nurses here—housed them, fed them, brought any home they found tipsy, so they would not get into trouble—and go on taking in those that are still here. I went with Yvonne Pieraerts today black-marketing—they had no sugar and were expecting Americans over the weekend. We finally found two pounds for which we paid \$8.00. I bought them a pound of rice and paid \$5.00 for it, as a special treat. (\$3.00 for ½ pound of peanuts.) I gave them a tiny tin of peanuts and tiny box of chocolate someone sent me from America and I thought I had given them heaven. If you know anyone who would enjoy sending these people a parcel because of their kindness to our people I have given you the address. They would write them, as they speak English and I think it would be so fine. They had on the book, I saw, many boys from North and South Carolina.

"I am taking on the autumn sale this year. It is the only effort we make to earn any money. All through the war, the British furnished the articles for the Briny and Buy, so this year I am trying to get the things from U. S. A., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Again would your women like to send us about six boxes? You can send 7 pounds of food in tin in an overseas box weighing 11 pounds—home tinned tomatoes, peas, corn or meats or fruit, tinned jam and nuts of any description."

DO YOU KNOW THAT

As a member of your Home Demonstration Club you belong to County, to District, to State, National and International organizations?

1. County and District

You are a member of your County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and a member of one of the sixteen District Federations.

2. State

Being a member of your county Federation you are a member of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs of 40,105 members in 1,637 clubs and are represented on the

- (a) State Council of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.
- (b) State Planning Committee of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association.
- (c) Roadside Development Council of the State Garden Club.

3. National

You are a member of the National Home Demonstration Council which holds its tenth annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska this year, November 10, 11, 12. Only 22 states belong to this organization, a small part of the 45,000 Home Demonstration Clubs in the United States with 1,035,702 members.

4. International

You are a member of the Associated Country Women of the World which, before the war, had the women of fifty-seven nations affiliated. The last annual meeting was held in London in 1939 with representatives from North Carolina attending. The next meeting will probably be held in Switzerland in September, 1947.

To receive so much help from our Extension Service of State College in our daily living, would be sufficient reason to want to be a member of a Home Demonstration Club as well as the mutual help derived from the companionship of our neighbors. To be a part of important state, national, and international work is an additional incentive. Great opportunities and great privileges are ours and with them great responsibilities of which we must be alert and aware. As homemakers we must take part in the life of our community, our county, our State, the Nation and the United Nations.

North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

***TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**

Theme: "Today's Vision—Tomorrow's Reality"

PROGRAM

Mrs. A. W. Pierce, President, Presiding

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Meeting of State Council
- 11:00 a.m. Song "Prayer of Thanksgiving"
- Collect of Club Women of America
- Welcome to State College Col. J. W. Harrelson, Chancellor, State College, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. I. O. Schaub, Director, Agricultural Extension Service, State College, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent.
- Response Mrs. P. P. Gregory, 3rd Vice President, Camden County
- Greetings Mrs. Karl Bishopric, President, North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. J. S. Mitchener, President, The Garden Club of North Carolina. Mrs. B. B. Everett, President, Associated Women of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. Mrs. Harry Caldwell, Master of the Grange.
- Solo
- Miss Jacqueline Harrison—Dr. Frederick S. Smith, Accompanist
- Presentation of Speaker
- Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, Assistant Director Emeritus
- Address Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, Washington D. C. and Charlotte
- Song "Allelujah"
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon—West Side—State College Dining Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Pullen Hall
- Mrs. George Apperson, Davie County, 2nd Vice Pres., Presiding
- Song
- Reports of Districts (3 minutes)
- Report of Committees
- Dist. 1—Mrs. Henry Francis, Haywood County
- Dist. 2—Mrs. D. M. Abrams, Rutherford County
- Dist. 3—Mrs. Ward Ray, Ashe County
- Dist. 4—Mrs. N. L. Boggs, Iredell County
- Dist. 5—Mrs. R. E. Capel, Jr., Anson County
- Dist. 6—Mrs. Charlie Graham, Davidson County
- Dist. 7—Mrs. Roy Bowman, Randolph County
- Dist. 8—Mrs. E. W. Lambeth, Durham County
- Dist. 9—Mrs. Frank Hulin, Montgomery County
- Dist. 10—Mrs. H. H. Bullock, Columbus County
- Dist. 11—Mrs. Carl Ward Brews, Brunswick Co.
- Dist. 12—Mrs. Owen Stokes, Pitt County
- Dist. 13—Mrs. John Mayo, Jr., Pitt County
- Dist. 14—Mrs. T. J. Harrington, Vance County
- Dist. 15—Mrs. R. F. Baynes, Hyde County
- Dist. 16—Mrs. C. H. Carter, Gates County
- Installation of Officers Mrs. Hubert Boney, Duplin County
- Song "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"
- 5:00 p.m. Garden Party—Campus—Holladay Hall
- 8:00 p.m. "Remember the Ladies"—Stadium
- Carola Bell Williams—Playwright, Artist, Monologist

"I have long been interested in the work of the Home Demonstration Clubs of North Carolina and during my term of office as Governor of the State I had the privilege of witnessing the fine influence exerted by these clubs throughout the State. I know of no finer organization in our State than the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

"I am confident that the News Letter will serve a very useful purpose and that it will be read by the member and friends with greatest interest. While the war is over, the problems of peace seem to be equally difficult. It is going to take the highest type of public spirit and patriotism to carry our State and Nation forward in the difficult years ahead. I am sure that the members of your great organization and the clubs of the State will play a very large part in making our State and our Nation even greater in the coming years."

J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON.

I welcome the opportunity to send a word of greeting to the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. During my service as Governor of North Carolina I became thoroughly acquainted with the outstanding work of this organization and the great contribution it was making to the enrichment of rural life in the State.

The work among the farm women of the State has been productive of wonderful results and has created a wholesome rivalry among farm wives in the various Club activities. Beneficial results of this work are manifest in every part of the State and the activities of the Home Demonstration Clubs are realized in beautiful homes, effective neighborhood cooperation, increased productivity on the farm and efficient saving of products of the farm for family consumption and market service.

I salute the women of North Carolina who are members of these Clubs and congratulate them upon their many worthwhile accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,
CLYDE R. HOEY.