

# NEWS LETTER

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Federation, organized in 1920, passed another milestone with the holding of the annual meeting on August 22, Thursday of Farm and Home Week being known as "Federation Day."

While the twenty-sixth anniversary called for no celebration as the twenty-fifth did last year, the privilege of coming together for an annual meeting, after an interval of five years, made the more than 900 women from 89 counties feel that each year contributes to the whole and from the reports much had been accomplished by having had the State Council to meet annually to carry on the business of the organization.

Dr. Dennie H. Cooke, newly elected president of East Carolina Teachers College made the address of the day, after greetings had been extended by presidents of the other women's organizations of the State. The theme of the meeting being "Today's Vision—Tomorrow's Reality," Dr. Cooke emphasized the increased use of electricity and labor saving devices as a partial solution of the labor shortage, more rural telephones, more consolidation of high schools, where prac-

tical, and the necessity of Good Health taking its place along with Good Schools, Good Roads and Good Farms in the State's program.

At the Federation luncheon held at the Carolina Hotel with 150 County Federation Presidents, district chairmen, past State presidents, members of the Executive Board and guests present, Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, Mrs. J. K. Plummer and Miss Elizabeth Gainey who retired on June 30 were honored. The tables were decorated by the Wayne County Club women and their home agent, who also served as hostesses at the Garden Party later in the afternoon, along with the County Federation presidents of the Southeastern District, who had provided home-made cookies to be served with the punch.

Gratifying was the report of National Home Demonstration Week as given by the president, Mrs. A. W. Pierce. Reports from sixty-six counties showed an increase of 67 clubs with 2,079 new members; 49,202 cans of food collected and \$17,526 in cash contributed to UNRRA.

Mrs. Herman Johnson, chairman of the Loan Fund, reported seven girls

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## GOOD HEALTH FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Recommendations of the National Committee for Medical School Survey to the North Carolina Medical Care Commission are as follows, amplified in more detail in the report, and for which the commission will ask the 1947 General Assembly for \$5,290,000:

I. That the trustees of the University of North Carolina establish a four-year school of medicine situated on the campus of the University at Chapel Hill; provided:

a. That a hospital and health center program to provide greatly enlarged facilities be carried forward and that a practicable plan for financing medical and hospital care be established;

b. That such a school of medicine be an integrated part of a State University medical center which will include:

1. Appropriate facilities for the basic medical sciences, for research and an adequate general, teaching hospital;

2. A school of nursing;

3. A program for the preparation

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## State Federation Officers



Officers of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs for 1946-1947 are pictured above. They are, left to right front row: Mrs. George Apperson, Mocksville, Davie County, first vice-president; Mrs. Glenn Duncan, Siler City, Chatham County, president; Mrs. P. P. Gregory, Shawboro, Camden County, third vice-president. Back row, left to right: Mrs. C. H. Carter, Gatesville, Gates County, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Eva U. Person, Louisburg, Franklin County, treasurer; Mrs. Loy Howard, Davidson, Lincoln County, recording secretary; Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Kinston, Lenoir County, chairman of Jane S. McKimmon Educational Loan Fund. Mrs. J. S. Gray, Franklin, Macon County, second vice-president was absent when the picture was made.

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## GOOD HEALTH

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of essential personnel in fields ancillary to rendering medical and hospital care;

4. The present school of public health for the training of personnel in that special field;

5. The present school of pharmacy;

6. An active program for graduate and postgraduate education for physicians and allied medical personnel both at the medical center and in the State as a whole;

7. Arrangements to provide hospitals throughout the State with clinical consultations, roentgenologic, pathologic, and other services as may be desired by them;

8. A competent administrator at the medical center to coordinate all the activities of the center and integrate these on a State-wide basis as needed, and desired, in order to insure the utmost effectiveness in providing a better health program for North Carolina;

c. That such a school of medicine and associated services of the medical center, responsive to the will of the people, be integrated effectively and continuously with a State-wide network of hospitals and health centers in so far as these volunteer to cooperate; merely to expand the two-year medical school at Chapel Hill in order to graduate a greater number of physicians is not regarded as sufficient justification for such expansion;

d. That full utilization be made of the facilities of the voluntary, non-profit hospitals of the State; that these institutions remain autonomous units, expected to operate with high standards of service as required to provide proper medical care to the people of the State;

e. That, as far as possible, the activities of the four-year school of medicine be coordinated with those of the privately-endowed medical schools of the State to afford maximum service within North Carolina.

II. That the planning of the medical school development proceed as may be convenient; that, however, the construction and operation of the expanded medical school appropriately be timed with the development of the program for the construction of hospitals and health centers, in order to insure a properly coordinated advancement of the total State-wide health-service project of North Carolina; further it is thought that the exact sequence of elements involved in this project cannot be committed to blue prints at this time on the basis of information available to the Committee.

III. That the State of North Carolina consider education on an interstate or regional basis in dentistry both for white and Negro students; in medicine for Negro students and in public health nursing for Negro students as discussed subsequently in this report;

IV. That the University of North Carolina develop a philosophy of medical education, research, and medical care which will make it a service facility for the whole State.

its Bonds available to repay the loan or as an additional source of cash in case of emergency.

Every previous major war has meant a period of rapidly rising prices, followed eventually by drastically falling prices and a severe depression. When the general price of this country falls, prices of farm products lead the parade downward. Changes in our general price level have made and broken more rural families than any other economic factor.

## LEGISLATION

Many women, when urged to take an interest in Legislation, say "Oh, I don't like politics. I don't want anything to do with it." Legislation and politics are two very different things, yet very closely connected. Our Legislators in Raleigh and Washington—whether put there by our home-town politicians or by the people themselves—make the laws under which we must live. Then if women wish to continue being considered the guardians of our homes, should they not take an active interest in Legislation and express their opinions to the lawmakers of our state and country? It is not only a privilege but a responsibility which women should not shirk.

Excerpt from the talk of Mrs. W. T. Bost to the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

There are certain programs, that this immediate group is especially concerned in—the need, for instance, to extend rural electrification; the need for price guarantee and crop insurance to farmers; the development of domestic and foreign markets for agricultural products. You are interested too in furthering the success of the small farmer, the independent farmer and in aiding the home ownership for small farms. You want your children to have equal educational opportunities with children in other states regardless of how rich or how poor a state may be. If these are the things that you stand for and want, then throw your voting strength to that end.

It is needless to remind you that today as never before there is need of women with strong hearts and minds that are not afraid to stand up for the things they believe in. Don't muff your chance. Don't sit at home on election day and let your next-

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## "HANG ON TO THOSE WAR BONDS" ECONOMISTS SAY

During the war, rural families in North Carolina did a splendid job for their country and for themselves by producing the food needed to win the war, by getting their debts in shape and by making investments in War Bonds. The financial welfare of rural people in the next fifteen or twenty years will depend greatly on how they plan and handle their financial affairs during the next few years.

Economists say a most important part of a sound financial program for rural families is to keep their War Bonds as long as possible. War Bonds grow into money and the longer a person has them, the faster they grow. Families who need money for operating expenses or for repairs and improvements which cannot be paid out of operating income will usually find it to their advantage to borrow from a bank or production credit association rather than to cash any of their War Bonds. A family that obtains credit for such expenses will still have

## Report of District Meetings

### North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

MRS. GEORGE APPERSON,  
2nd. Vice-president

It is gratifying to report that this year the Home Demonstration Club women of North Carolina were privileged to hold their regular District Federation meetings in all sixteen districts in our State.

From these districts have come interesting accounts of the many varied and unique reports given by the individual counties.

Group singing has been a part of practically all the programs, and in several of the districts, meeting time has been given for program planning for 1947.

More than 5,500 club women and visitors attended these meetings, and from the various interesting reports, it is clearly evident that Home Demonstration Club work did not lag during the war year. Much progress is shown in all of the districts. Home Demonstration Club women helped and encouraged by an efficient group of Extension Staff members, have been busy building our organization into a bigger and better one.

District 1 held its Federation meeting in Sylva on June 7, 1946 with Mrs. Henry Francis, chairman, presiding. The theme of the meeting was, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." Two hundred and fifty club women and visitors attended the meeting and welcomed as their guest speakers Mrs. A. W. Pierce, State President, and Miss Ruth Current, State Home Agent. New officers for 1947 are Mrs. Henry Francis of Waynesville, Haywood County, chairman; and Mrs. H. O. Waldroup, Hayesville, Clay County, Secretary. The 1947 meeting has been invited to Waynesville, Haywood County.

The 2nd District meeting was held in Walnut, Madison County on June 5, 1946 with Mrs. D. M. Abrams, presiding.

Miss Current spoke to 240 interested women on "Higher Goals for Home Demonstration Clubs," and Mrs. A. W. Pierce spoke on "Better Health for North Carolina." Mrs. Walter Pike of Henderson County is the new chairman for 1947 and Mrs. Frank Jackson, Mill Spring, Polk County, the new secretary. The Federation will meet in Mitchell County in 1947.

The 3rd District of Home Demon-

stration met on June 12, 1946 in Sparta, with Mrs. Ward Ray, presiding. There were 300 women present and Miss Ruth Current spoke to them on "Needs for the 1947 Program." The officers for 1947 are Mrs. Ward Ray, West Jefferson, Chairman and Miss Annie Norton, Stony Point, Secretary. The 1947 meeting is invited to Boone, Watauga County.

Five hundred club women and guests were present at the Federation meeting in District 4 held at Garden Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina on May 23, 1946. Mrs. N. L. Boggs of Iredell County presided. Mrs. W. P. Dorsey past State President and Mrs. W. C. Pou, Director of Southern States Home Demonstration Clubs brought greetings to the group. Mrs. Willis introduced Dr. Selz Mayo, Rural Sociologist of State College who was guest speaker. Dr. Mayo emphasized the deplorable lack of adequate public health facilities and urged his audience to take full advantage of the health services we do have. The challenging question, "Do I know what advantages I am paying for?" was left with his audience. Iredell County extended an invitation for the 1947 Federation meeting. No date was mentioned.

The Fifth District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs met in its annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church in Albemarle on May 24, 1946. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by the president, Mrs. R. E. Capel, Jr. The highlight of the morning session was the address by Chancellor R. B. House of the University of North Carolina, who was very fittingly introduced by Farm Agent, H. M. Singletary. "One of the most vital things in our day and generation," said Dr. House, "is the work of the Home Demonstration Clubs in the building of the home and the promotion of wholesome family relationship. Now, as never before, it will be the responsibility of the women folk to maintain some semblance of order out of the chaos and confusion that has spread over the earth prior to and since World War II." Rowan County was presented the gavel for attendance. An invitation to meet in Mecklenburg County next year was accepted.

"The Home in a Changing Democracy" was the theme of the 6th District meeting held in Mocksville on June 6, 1946. Mrs. Charlie Graham presided. Six hundred club women attended this meeting and enjoyed Mrs. Virginia Sloan Swain in her charming presentation of "Happy Family Relationships." A chorus of 70 small children gave a most interesting musical program in the afternoon. The present officers will serve in 1947, and the district meeting will be in Stokes County.

The Federation meeting in District 7 was held in Nathaniel Green School Greensboro on April 17, 1946. Miss Harriet Elliot of Woman's College, Greensboro, one of our nation's great women leaders, was guest speaker. Mrs. A. W. Pierce, President of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and Mrs. Bishopric, President of the Women's Federated Clubs brought greetings to the group of 250 club women and visitors. Caswell County will be hostess to the 1947 Federation meeting. Officers for 1947 are Mrs. C. K. Thompson, Chairman, Caswell, and Mrs. G. T. Hughes, Secretary, Alamance County.

District 8 held the Federation meeting in Roxboro on May 28, 1946 with Mrs. E. W. Lambeth presiding. Mrs. Virginia Sloan Swain was guest speaker to 264 club women and visitors. Her talk on "Happy Family Relationships" was both informative and inspirational. The 1947 Federation meeting will be held in Durham on April 24 with Mrs. R. E. Wood, Chairman, Pittsboro and Mrs. I. A. Lowe, Secretary, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The Federation meeting of District 9 was held in Sanford on May 2, 1946 with Mrs. Frank Hulin, presiding. Mrs. Ralph Womble, Vice President of the 9th District of Women's Clubs brought greetings and Mrs. Esther Willis, Southwestern District Agent spoke to the women on "Better Homes Through Organized Efforts." Miss Gaynelle Hogan introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Frank H. Jeter, Extension Editor, State College. Mr. Jeter spoke to an interested audience of 225 club women and visitors on, "A Job to be Done." He said, "North Carolina is the most beautiful land on which the eye of man ever rested and it is first in agriculture. We have done great things, but there are still greater ones ahead to be done." Troy in Montgomery will be hostess to the 9th Federation meeting in 1947.

The theme of the 10th District Federation meeting which met in Whiteville, Columbus County on April 23, 1946 was "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." Two hundred and thirty attended this meeting which was presided over by Mrs. H. H. Bullock. Miss Ruth Current, State Agent, Mrs. A. W. Pierce, President of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and Mrs. Annie Godwin, past president, spoke to the group. Dr. Frank P. Graham, President of our University was guest speaker. The officers for 1947 are Mrs. Hobson Sanderlin, Chairman, Council, Bladen County and Mrs. C. L. Campbell, Secretary.

District 11 held its Federation meeting in Southport, Brunswick County on June 19th, 1946 with Mrs. Carl Ward presiding. Miss Ruth Current was guest speaker, and used as her subject, "Setting Our Stakes." 180 women and 4-H Club members attended. Officers for 1947 are Mrs. B. Van-Bavel, Chairman, Burgaw, Pender County, and Mrs. Robert McDougal, Secretary, Leland, Brunswick County. The 1947 11th District Meeting will be in Burgaw, Pender County.

In District 12 the Federation meeting was held at Southwood School near Kinston with around 300 club members attending. Dr. Harold Meyer, Director of N. C. Recreation Commission was speaker. He emphasized the need of recreation as one of the premises on which successful individual lives and communities can be built. Officers for 1947 are Mrs. Hugh Pake, Chairman, Carteret County; Mrs. John Dail, Secretary, La Grange, Lenoir County. Carteret County will be hostess to the Federation in 1947.

The 13th District Federation meeting was held in Snow Hill on April 18, 1946 with Mrs. John Mayo, Jr. presiding. About 500 club members and visitors attended this meeting. Mr. W. E. Debnam, News Analyst over W.P.T.F. was guest speaker, and interested his audience with accounts of his experiences in the Pacific during the War. The 1947 Federation meeting will be held in Tarboro, Edgecombe County on April 17 with the same officers presiding.

On April 18, 1946 the 14th District held its Federation meeting at Louisburg College with Mrs. T. J. Harrington of Warren County presiding. Mrs. Virginia Sloan Swain was guest speaker on the morning program, and in the afternoon Dr. Jane S. McKim-

mon talked to the group, whom she affectionately termed, "her women," on Faith and Prayer. 433 club women registered for the meeting. Northampton County extended the invitation to the Federation for the 1947 meeting.

The 15th District held its meeting in Plymouth on April 25, 1946 with Mrs. R. F. Baynes, Chairman, presiding. Mrs. Edison Davenport, Past President, and Mrs. P. P. Gregory, 3rd Vice President of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs brought greetings. Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, guest speaker brought an an inspiring message to 492 women and guests on "The Magic of Good Speech." Frances Ellen Lewis, Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund Girl, was present at the meeting. New officers for 1947 are Mrs. R. F. Baynes, Chairman, Fairfield, Hyde County; Mrs. N. R. Rogerson, Secretary, Williamston, Martin County. The 1947 Federation meeting will be held in Beaufort County on April 10, 1946.

The 16th District Federation meeting was held in Hertford, Perquimans County on April 11, 1946. There were 450 present from 8 counties. Mrs. A. W. Pierce, President of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and Mrs. Arthur W. Greene, District President of Women's Clubs brought greetings. The theme of the day's program was "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." Mr. Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount was guest speaker. Edenton will be hostess to the Federation meeting on April 10, 1947. Officers for 1947 are Mrs. C. S. Fairless, Chairman, Hertford County; and Mrs. Conroy Perry, Secretary, Chowan County.

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in college this coming year. At a short memorial service, Mrs. Annie Godwin of Cumberland County paid tribute to Mrs. Lacy McArthur, past State president, and Mrs. Vernon James of Elizabeth City to Mrs. Mildred Ives Matthews, former home demonstration agent and one of the first three Loan Fund Girls.

Following the service, committee reports were given and newly elected officers installed. Haywood County, with 22 women traveling 13,244 miles, was awarded the gavel.

The evening meeting, for which those coming by bus for the day re-

mained over, featured a series of five skits by Carola Bell Williams, monologist of Boston, Massachusetts. In "Remember the Ladies" she portrayed five women who contributed to the recognition of women's rights in the United States. She placed the five characters she portrayed in the midst of their every day surroundings, and while carrying out their normal activities with family or friends, how they exerted their influence to win women's rights. Abigail Adams was shown in her home in Braintree in 1776. Mrs. Proctor of the Proctor Tool Company of Salem, Massachusetts in 1778; Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman physician in the United States, shown in her basement room on University Place, New York in 1851; Sarah Josepha Hale, shown at her desk in her Philadelphia home in 1854; Susan B. Anthony in a railroad station in 1895.

#### LEGISLATION

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door neighbor do your voting for you. I remind you, too, that voting carries with it the right to criticize.

If we have a great moral and spiritual heritage handed down to us by pioneer American women—and we believe that we have—we have a very grave responsibility in the exercise of that right to vote; to participate in community and governmental affairs and—it is not unthinkable—to even be represented at that council table when questions concerning the future of the American people are being considered. But that right has to be earned and earned the hard way—by active and persistent and intelligent citizenship.

Building Health for a Strong America is a national health program adopted by State 4-H leaders attending National Camp. The objective of the program: (1) to help members and their leaders gain a personal consciousness and understanding of physical and mental health consistent with advancing standards and scientific knowledge; (2) to help youth share in the responsibilities for improving the home and community health conditions; (3) to help youth share in the responsibility for sound bodies and mature personalities.

Organized farmers from thirteen nations on May 31 in London set up the framework for an international farm organization.