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Farm and Home Convention

Hundreds of farm men and women will travel to N. C. State College for the Farm and Home Week Program. They are pleased that they are to have the opportunity to hear such important people as General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Dorothy Thompson, world traveler and author of the daily newspaper column "On the Record," who will be the guest speaker on the N. C. Federation Day Program on Thursday.

Other speakers, who the farm people are greatly interested in, are Congressman Stephen Pace; J. B. Hutson, President of the Board of Directors for the Tobacco Associates, Inc.; James E. Thigpen, Assistant Director Tobacco Branch of Production and Marketing Administration, Washington, D. C.; Thomas J. Pearsall, Speaker of the N. C. House of Representatives; Dr. T. B. Hutchinson, Dean of the School of Agriculture, Blacksburg, Virginia; Dr. L. D. Bayer, Director of N. C. Experiment Station, and Dean of the School of Agriculture at State College; and, Mrs. Virginia S. Swain, Extension Specialist in Family Relations.

There will be classes of vital interest to the women on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The classes include such interesting subjects as: "Tricks of the Cooking Trade" by Miss Mary Daknke, Kraft Food Company; "Homestead Planning," John H. Harris, Extension Specialist in Horticulture; "The Art of Living and More Livable Homes" by David C. Mobley, New York City; "New Fabrics, New Finishes—Their Use and Care" Beth Peterson, E. I. Dupont de Nemours Company; "Making Lamp Shades", Rose Elwood Bryan, Extension Specialist in Home Management and House Furnishings; "Preparing Our Children for Adolescence," Mrs. Virginia S. Swain, Family Relations Specialist; "Music Appreciation," Dr. Frederick Stanly Smith, Superintendent of Music in Raleigh Public Schools; "Canning in Tin," W. A. Maddux, Dixie Canner Company; Recreation, Eleanor Barber, Asst. 4-H Club Leader; "What Makes for a Successful Club Meeting," Mrs. Verona L. Langford, Pitt County Home Demonstration Agent; poultry classes on

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Miss Dorothy Thompson

Miss Dorothy Thompson, noted columnist, will be guest speaker for the Federation at their Annual Meeting and their guest on August 28 at the Raleigh Auditorium.

Miss Thompson, whose column, "On the Record," appears in newspapers throughout the United States and in several foreign countries, was born in Lancaster, New York, July 9, 1894, the daughter of Peter and Margaret Thompson. Her father was a Methodist minister. When she was seven her mother died. At 14 she went to live with an aunt in Chicago, where she attended high school and Lewis Institute, and was graduated from Syracuse University in 1941.

Miss Thompson has for many years reported world wide events. She has a great deal of information on present day world crisis. Her column appears three times a week in more than 150 papers throughout the United States. In addition she writes for a number of magazines and lectures occasionally. She has written several books, including "Listen Hans," "I Saw Hitler," "Refuges," "The New Russia," "Political Guide," "Once on Christmas," and "Let the Record Speak."

It is a rare privilege that the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs has in having Miss Thompson as their speaker, Mrs. Glenn Duncan, President of that organization expects the largest attendance in the history of the Federation to hear her.

An Appraisal of Home Demonstration Work After Thirty-Five Years' Operation in North Carolina

By Jane S. McKimmon

In any appraisal of Home Demonstration Work in North Carolina after nearly thirty-six years of successful operation, strong factors stand out as the foundation upon which that success rests.

First is the demonstration method of imparting knowledge where the learned and unlettered alike can learn how to do by seeing a thing done—hearing the doer explain his movements and being permitted to do it for himself. This gave the organization its name.

The second factor upon which success rests is the large body of project leaders which from its beginning the demonstration method brought into being. They were used later to teach their neighbors what they had learned for themselves.

The third factor is the farm women's and girls' clubs now organized in the 100 counties of the state which constitute the machinery through which the farm woman and her daughter come together with their neighbors for social intercourse as well as for work.

The fourth factor for the success of home demonstration work is that strong force, the great county agent system of men and women headed by its Director. For best results home and farm agents work together with real cooperation while each plans and executes his or her own special work with the farmer or the family. A very vital part of this system is the district agent and the home economic and agricultural specialist. For successful work, they together with the whole county agent system and the people themselves have planned and carried out the work agreed upon.

What the farm woman and girl found in Home Demonstration Work was the satisfaction of their urges—to have something; to be something; to do something; to get recognition.

The demonstration method has been fruitful of results. It has not discounted knowledge to be obtained from any source, but it accented the use of as many faculties as possible in imparting that knowledge.

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Meeting of the National HD Council

The meeting of the National Home Demonstration Council will be held at Jackson Springs, October 6-10. This is a nation wide organization of 40 state Home Demonstration Councils of farm women. The theme of the Council is "Harmony in the Home, Order in the Nation, Peace in the World."

Mrs. J. Wayne Reiner, President, is happy to welcome the delegates from 40 states to her own state, West Virginia. Director J. O. Knapp in charge of Extension in that state will extend a welcome also.

One of the highlights of the program will be the report of the President and from the states. Panel discussions by Council members will be on the following topics: Harmony in the Home, Order in the Nation, and Peace in the World, which will be of great interest.

Outstanding leaders will participate in the program. Dr. Douglas Ensminger, In Charge of Rural Sociology Extension Work, USDA, will lead discussions on "Trends in Rural Life."

Recreation, singing, and the fellowship will hold an important place on the program.

West Virginia is not far from North Carolina; October is a beautiful time of the year. The meeting will be of value to everyone who attends.

Home isn't a place that gold can buy
 Or get up in a minute.
 Afore it's a home,
 There's got to be a heap o' livin' in it.
 —Edgar A. Guest



Mrs. Glenn Duncan

Mrs. Glenn Duncan, Chatham County, President North Carolina State Federation Home Demonstration Clubs. Farm woman, mother, leader, Mrs. Duncan works with enthusiasm with her own family and her neighbors, in Silk Hope Community, in Chatham County, and throughout North Carolina for improvement in social, economic, and spiritual life of the people in the homes and on the farms of North Carolina.

Since 1935 Mrs. Duncan has been an active leader in Home Demonstration work. She assisted in securing the financial support needed to employ a full-time Home Demonstration Agent for Chatham County in 1946. She was Chatham County's first County Council President when the Home Demonstration Club women organized and Federated. In 1939 Mrs. Duncan was elected Chairman of the 8th District of North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. In 1942 Mrs. Duncan was elected Chairman of the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund for the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. She has been an officer of the State Federation since having served as Treasurer and in all three of the Vice-President's positions.

Mrs. Duncan will preside Monday night at the opening session of Farm and Home Convention and also on Wednesday night, at the State Council, and at the Federation Program on Thursday.

Coming together is a beginning,
 Thinking together is unity
 Keeping together is progress,
 Working together is success.

The Federation Day Program

Mrs. Glenn Duncan, President of N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs announces the program for Federation Day, August 28, will be held in the Raleigh Auditorium. The State Council Meeting will be held at 9:30.

At 10:30 a.m. the 22 Annual Meeting of the N. C. Federation of H. D. Clubs will convene in the same hall. The theme is "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." It is at this time that Miss Dorothy Thompson will speak. Mr. John Park, Editor of the Raleigh Times, will present her.

Greetings will be extended by Col. J. W. Harrelson, Chancellor of N. C. State College; Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon; Miss Verna Stanton, Assistant State Home Agent; Mrs. James Gup-ton of Charlotte, President of State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. P. P. Gregory, 3rd Vice-President of N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; Mrs. B. B. Everett, President, Associated Women of N. C. Farm Bureau Federation; and Mrs. Harry Caldwell, Master of Grange.

Mrs. J. S. Gray, 2nd Vice-President, will preside at the afternoon meeting to be held at Pullen Hall, State College, at which time reports from the 16 districts will be given by the district chairmen. A garden party honoring Miss Thompson, State and District Officers will be given at 4:30.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff and General of the Armies, will speak at the evening session of Farm and Home Convention in Riddick Stadium.

Meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World

The Associated Country Women of the World will be held in Amsterdam, Holland, September 8-13. This organization is composed of 70 women's organizations from 17 countries. The North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs is one of the 70 organizations to send delegates. Five women from N. C. from all sections of the state, the Northeastern, Southeastern, Northwestern, Southwestern and Western counties are having a part in sending a delegate.

Home Demonstration Club members have sent to the organization of rural women money to assist in defraying the expenses of the conference.

The delegates from North Carolina are Mrs. Geo. Apperson, Mrs. Eva U. Person, Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Mrs. J. Brooks Tucker and Mrs. Walter Pike.

AN APPRAISAL

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**Mrs. Eva U. Person**

Farm woman — leader — teacher — Mrs. Eva U. Person is known and loved by thousands of young and not so young people in Franklin County, who appreciate her willingness to do all she can to make living in her part of the world more worthwhile.

A Franklin County Club woman—Mrs. Person has served as local club leader, club president—County Council President—as Secretary, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman of the 14th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, before being named State Treasurer in 1944 of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, which place she has held ever since.

Not only is Mrs. Person a leader in Home Demonstration Club work but she is also a recreation leader for the entire community. Every year for many years she has served as counselor for the Franklin County 4-H Club Camp.

She plays the piano and directs the music, as well as serving as an adviser for Vesper Services and Evening Programs at Camp.

At home in Franklin County, Mrs. Person lives on a large farm and teaches in the local graded school.

No chance? Why the world is just eager

For things we ought to create.

Its store of true wealth is still major,
Its needs are insistent and great.

It yearns for more power and beauty,
More laughter, more care, more romance,

More loyalty, labor and duty.

No chance? Why there's nothing but chance!

Proof of its effectiveness is that things began to appear in the home and community soon after work started which were not there before. Conveniences, comforts, and beauty came into being and where gardens followed and saleable cooked foods, they produced enough income to help pay for many of these blessings.

Have there been objective results? Yes, but along with them have gone new attitudes toward community responsibility, getting together socially, assisting her neighbor to do what she has done herself, organizing community recreation, clean up and beautification. All of which has done much to revolutionize community life.

Perhaps the most resultful output of the demonstration method through the years is the local project leader it has developed. The home agent is but one in a county though many times she is greatly aided by an assistant agent. Even so, the two cannot possibly reach all those desiring help at all times. Therefore, from the first, home demonstration work was done in the state by the leader who, because she could teach her neighbors successfully, became the key figure in the whole system of project instruction.

Project leaders today, as they are reported, number from 3 to 10 to a club and are to be found in each of the 100 counties.

They have faithfully multiplied the agent's efforts in a community and from timid, self-effacing women, they can now demonstrate to their neighbors in several projects each, and some have been employed in outside agencies. Their ability and leadership is evident when because of this they have been elected president or hold other offices in state or district organization with real efficiency.

The State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs now numbers around 40,000 and has its annual meeting at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, Raleigh, with an attendance of 1,000 to 1,200 women members. To see those officers conduct meetings and realize that they are products of that same training, much of which she is now giving to her clubmates, is always a thrilling experience.

This appraisal is of our strength. There are weaknesses, of course, but no room to record more in a short article. I would like to say, however, that the greatest weakness today is an inability to secure experienced

**Mrs. George Apperson**

Mrs. George Apperson of Davie County, First Vice-President of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will represent that organization at the meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World in Amsterdam, Holland, to be held on September 8-13. Because of her leadership ability and her experience as a rural homemaker, teacher, church worker, and officer of local County, District and State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, she will be an ideal delegate to attend the conference of the ACWW which is composed of 70 women's organizations from 17 countries. Mrs. Apperson will represent N. C. in a fine way and bring back to club women in the state many splendid suggestions for improving the work of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

agents, and the fact that there seems no way to relieve the agent body of the heavy load it must carry.

As I look back on this appraisal of values in home demonstration work, I would like to say to you women and men who have put into operation this great system of education, that you have brought through with ability, understanding, and courage the widespread results to be seen in home, farm, community, and the people themselves.

“You lead, and there follows after

A power that you cannot know;
For the ones you teach shall climb
out of reach,

When the seeds you are now planting grow.”

Sunshine and Cheer

The thing that really matters is the
"something else" you do,
Besides the getting dollars all your
whole life through.
It's just the touch you're giving to
others day by day,
The sunshine that you scatter all
along your way.

The kindly deed you're doing when
someone needs a friend;
The service that you render, the help-
ing hand you lend.
It brings a joy that's lasting, which
money cannot do—
To know that someone's gladness is
just because of you!

—Sidney J. Burgoyne



Mrs. H. M. Johnson

Mrs. H. M. Johnson, State Chairman of the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund, is a farm woman, mother, and leader.

Since 1935 Mrs. Johnson has been an active member of the Southwood Club in Lenoir County. She has served as Vice-President and President of her club, as President of Lenoir County Council for 2 years, Chairman of the 12th District Federation and has been a member of the Executive Board of the N. C. Federation of H. D. Clubs since 1942.

Mrs. Johnson actively participates in and serves as leader in county and community organizations working for the improvement of the social, economic, and spiritual life of farm people. She is an enthusiastic supporter of 4-H Club work.

Her oldest daughter, Annie Blanche,



Mrs. Walter Pike

Immediately following World War I, Mrs. Walter Pike became interested in Home Demonstration Work. She and her husband, a veteran of World War I, lived in Florida. There she served as club president for several years, actively support its continuance, and attended Farm and Home Week.

Upon moving to Buncombe and finally Henderson County in North Carolina, she was influential in securing the services of a home agent; she was instrumental in organizing her local club—becoming its president and finally its secretary-treasurer. She served as county council president for three years, and since its formation has helped in some capacity—either as officer or project leader.

During the several times that there were temporarily no home agents, she attended other clubs giving demonstrations. In 1945 she took the chief responsibility in entertaining Federal District 2. In 1946 she was elected chairman of Federal District 2 in which capacity she has worked for two years.

Recently she wrote and presented several different radio programs on Home Demonstration work. Also, she is a member of the Henderson County Agriculture Planning Board.

Mrs. Pike assists her husband with a large poultry farm three miles out of Hendersonville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pike are actively participating in the Farm and Home work so vital to our country.

began her duties as Assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Wayne County on July 1.

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Housing, Feeding, Breeding, Disease and Parasite Control by C. F. Parrish, T. T. Brown, C. J. Maupin, Extension Specialists, and R. E. Greaves, Asst. Professor of the Poultry Department, State College.

But, this isn't all that is offered during this week at State College. There will be exhibits and demonstrations, tours to places of historical interest in Raleigh, recreation, group singing, square dancing, and last but not least, seeing old friends and making new ones. Have you made your plans to attend?



Mrs. J. Brooks Tucker

Mrs. J. Brooks Tucker of Grimesland in Pitt County has contributed much to Home Demonstration Work in North Carolina. Mrs. Tucker has served as President of her local club, of the Pitt County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. She has served as International Treasurer of the Associated Country Women of the World for three years and has served on the United States Liaison Committee of the Associated Country Women of the World for eight years. Mrs. Tucker served as North Carolina Chairman of "Penny for Friendship Fund" and is now North Carolina Chairman of "Pen Friend" which promotes friendly international relation with rural women in foreign countries.