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Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark and Dean Rusk to Speak at Convention

Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark was born in Richland, Kansas, on January 27, 1900. She graduated from the College of Sisters of Bethany, Topeka, Kansas, in 1917, and received an A.B. degree from Washburn College in 1921.

Following study at Sargent's Dramatic School, Carnegie Hall, New York, in 1921-22, Mrs. Clark devoted nine years to the theatre.

In 1931, Mrs. Clark was employed in the Kansas Legislature and in July, 1934, became a teller in the Richland (Kansas) State Bank. A year later she was elevated to assistant cashier of the bank, and was elected to its presidency in 1938.

In 1936, Mrs. Clark became Democratic National Committeewoman for Kansas. She was elected vice-president of the Democratic Midwest Conference (thirteen states) in 1947.

Since 1940, Mrs. Clark has owned and managed a general store and grain elevator in Richland, and has actively managed her seven farms in that locality. She also manages thirteen farms for her mother, Mrs. Albert Neese of Topeka.

Mrs. Clark served as volunteer Savings Bond chairman for Shawnee County, Kansas, during the war. She is a director of the 4-H Club of Monmouth Township, and is treasurer of the township's Farm Bureau. Mrs. Clark is a member of the Upsilon Chapter, Alpha Phi Sorority.

President Truman nominated Mrs. Clark for Treasurer of the United States on June 6, 1949. She was confirmed unanimously by the Senate on June 9, and took the oath of office on June 21, 1949.

Dean Rusk, Asst. Sec. of State for Far Eastern Affairs, will be one of the featured speakers at the 1950 Farm and Home Week program to be held on the N. C. State College campus July 31 through August 3.

Mr. Rusk, one of the State Department's most popular speakers, will address the evening session of Farm and Home Week on Tuesday, August 1.

Born in Cherokee County, Georgia, in 1909, Mr. Rusk attended Davidson College in North Carolina, graduating with a B.A. degree in 1931. As the



MRS. GEORGIA NEESE CLARK

recipient of a Rhodes scholarship, he continued his studies at Oxford University, England, where he received B.A. and M.A. degrees in 1934. He also conducted special studies at the University of Berlin.

In 1934 he became associate professor of government and dean of faculty at Mills College, Oakland, Calif. Six years later he entered the Army, in which he eventually became assistant operations officer and assistant chief of staff plans in the Burma theater, and assistant chief in the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff. He was separated from service as a colonel in 1946.

For several months Mr. Rusk was assistant chief of the Division of International Security Affairs in the State Department. He then was appointed special assistant to Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, a post he held for nearly a year. In March, 1947, he became director of the State Department's Office of United Nations Affairs and in this capacity served as adviser at the UN General Assembly in 1947 and as alternate U. S. representative at the 1948 General Assembly meetings in Paris.

Early in 1949 President Truman appointed Mr. Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, and in May of last year he was appointed Deputy Undersecretary of State. Several months ago he became Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

Farm and Home Convention, July 31—August 3

Farm and Home Week offers a program of education, inspiration and recreation. Headquarters will be at the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum where the general sessions will be held and where most of the exhibits will be displayed. Among the featured speakers of the week are Dean Rusk, Asst. Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, Dept. of State, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, Treasurer of the U. S., Washington, D. C. and Governor W. Kerr Scott.

Mr. Rusk will speak on Tuesday evening. Gov. Scott will address the group on Wednesday evening and Mrs. Clark is scheduled for Thursday evening.

Another highlight of the week will be the Cotton Style Revue on Wednesday morning when Miss Elizabeth McGhee, the 1950 Maid of Cotton will be featured.

There will be talks, discussions and demonstrations dealing with improved methods of farm and home activities. "Home Grown Farm Buildings," crop and livestock production, clothing, nutrition, family relationships and other phases of better family living will be of interest to both men and women. Publicity chairmen and club secretaries will have an opportunity to attend classes in news and feature story writing.

Exhibits and demonstrations of new home equipment, farm machinery and methods of crop production will attract numbers of people.

Tours will be made to the Executive Mansion, the Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill, Duke University, and to historical places of interest in Raleigh.

Contests, choruses, group singing and other enjoyable features are planned for the week. Be sure to plan to spend July 31-August 3 on State College Campus.

Promise Yourself

To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

—CHRISTIAN D. LARSON.

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News From The Counties

Brunswick

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Brunswick County put their combined forces toward a county Health Department with the help of co-operative state and county officials and interested citizens. This goal was reached by combining with Columbus County. We have their County Doctor one day a week and two full time County Public Health Nurses.

One very beneficial result was the spraying of houses last summer which gave some of us complete absence of flies and other insect pests in our homes. This health service has also been very beneficial in the schools. Much good has resulted from the eye and tonsil clinics. The clubs will help with the county-wide X-Ray work this summer. Some clubs have assisted in the school lunch rooms and helped beautify churches and grounds.

The clubs have been working for some time to get telephones over the county and hope they have started the ball rolling and that we will eventually have telephones all over the county.

The annual flower show put on by the county clubs gives a great deal of pleasure not only through the beauty of the flowers, but also the social getting together and enjoying the picnic that goes along with the gathering.

Bertha Reed,
Winnabow Club,
Brunswick County.

Pasquotank

Pasquotank County Council under the direction of Mrs. Vernon James, Council President, and Mrs. Carol Jackson, Vice-President of the Council, took the challenge of adding 100 new members to the Home Demonstration Club enrollment by Farm and Home Week. Club Vice-Presidents served as membership chairmen in each club.

A total of 112 new members have been added. Two new clubs have been organized with a total 33 enthusiastic members. The other new members were added to clubs already organized.

This goal was reached by personal visits and invitations to non-club members by club members and agents. The majority of the new members have been young women.

Mrs. Vernon James,
President, Pasquotank
County Council.

Tyrrell

Mrs. C. E. Morris, President of Tyrrell County Council, and Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, had the privilege of attending the Training School held in Plymouth in January at which time Miss Verna Stanton presented the N. C. Federation of H. D. Clubs' Plan of Work for 1950.

As the result of these women's enthusiasm, a committee composed of Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. W. V. Reynolds and Mrs. Floyd Spencer visited each club in the county in February by a schedule set up by the Home Agent, Miss Mary Ann Beam, and presented the Plan of Work for 1950 with special emphasis on the membership drive and the year-round information program.

We have 12 clubs with a membership of 258 and a total of 39 new members.

Each club in the county has a Publicity Chairman, and several clubs have already had one feature story published in the local newspaper, and we have a County Publicity Chairman, who features the County Council activities and special events.

Mrs. L. L. Gibbs,
Chairman, 24th District,
Tyrrell County.

Curb Market Progress

Everything grows with time. Approximately 27 years ago the first curb market was started with only a few sellers. The public became interested and in 1949, there were 44 markets in progress, with a total of 1,152 sellers who sold \$340,644.90 worth of produce.

The top selling market was Durham, second ranking went to Charlotte and

Something To Live For

My home's a lovely place to me
Not fine furnishings or things the
eyes may see.

Every day is another chance to live
Better than yesterday and to others
give:

Something to Live For.

My family of ten bring happiness
untold

No work too hard, no sacrifice too
great, no feeling old

When I can see joy, peace, cooperation
and love

Around our hearth we kneel to ask
help from above.

Something to Live For.

Our community is beautiful in spirit,
dear to my heart

Yet I look beyond and try to do my
part

To relieve aching hearts, hungry
bodies, and tired hands.

Cheerfully then I'll pray for God's
mothers in other lands.

Something to Live For.

Home, Family, Community, our Em-
blem says

Let's be busy bringing sunshine on
cloudy days

Time rushes on and our lives are
fleeting!

Today send food, visit, send cheerful
greetings!

Something to Live For.

—Mrs. M. W. Richardson, Chairman
5th District, Rowan County.

Chapel Hill ranked third.

There has been quite a bit of progress due to the advancement of curb markets not only in the economic fields, but socially as well. From the social standpoint it serves as a means of friends having a chance to share their experiences, failures and progress.

Economically speaking the curb markets of the state have served as a ways and means for many families to get a start and progress in the things that would have been otherwise impossible, such as education for their children and furnishing their homes for better living.

Nothing is worth having unless you work for it. Therefore, it is quite evident that the curb markets are really worthwhile, because they require a maximum amount of work.

May the curb markets continue to improve and grow in the future as they have in the past.

Mrs. J. W. Breedlove,
State Chairman of Markets,
Nash County.

Alexander County's Achievement

About six years ago a Methodist minister and his family came to our county to serve four churches on the Taylorsville charge. Almost the first question he asked was "Do you have a hospital? Where do you go for hospitalization?" Thus, was sown the seed which sprouted and grew into a 20 bed hospital, representing an investment of \$233,795.00. This building was dedicated Saturday afternoon, May 6, 1950 in ceremonies held at the hospital.

It is of modern design, brick construction with large windows; the outside being practically glass. The building is fireproof and is heated by radiant heat. The nursery is sound proof and is partitioned to allow separate bassinet space.

The campaign for funds to build this hospital lasted for two continuous years. Who and what were responsible for the happy termination? It was the hundreds of people of Alexander County who gave their chickens, eggs, furniture, livestock, bakery goods and linen to be auctioned for the benefit of the hospital. One little clothes pin apron brought approximately \$150.00, a bushel of apples sold for \$500.00. Three small churches raised \$1,000.00 and a scrap metal drive under the leadership of a local physician amounted to \$1,284.00. It was the dollar donations, plus the Board of Directors working day and night.

Two auction sales, with Grady Cole of W.B.T. Charlotte, at the auction block was held at the Court House in Taylorsville. The first sale on Saturday, December 18, amounted to \$2,182.67 and was held in spite of rain, sleet and snow and lasted well into Sunday morning. In the second sale, \$2,477.00 was raised. Since all articles were not sold, the auction was continued the following Saturday and \$1,478.00 was realized. The Home Agent's office was the collecting center and Mrs. Agnes Watts, Home Demonstration Agent and the office girl were kept busy for days tabulating the articles for sale together with the names of the donors.

The Home Demonstration club women from the 14 clubs played a most important part in this county-wide project and I'd like to tell you more of their work. Near Christmas of 1947 a sale of food, farm produce, baked products, Christmas wreaths, aprons, etc. was held in the Home Agent's office which resulted in raising a little more than \$100.00

The next important thing our ladies did was to help in the membership certificate campaign. They served as leaders in their various communities contacting all families. A membership certificate cost \$15.00 and entitled the member to vote in meetings of the members of the corporation.

One lady donated a crocheted table cloth for the auction sale which brought \$100.00. This beautiful cloth was presented to Mrs. Grady Cole in grateful appreciation of the interest and hard work of her husband. Others gave dressed chickens, rabbits, cakes, pies, pumpkins, butter, eggs, walnut kernels, peanuts, popcorn, molasses, canned products, bedspreads and quilts. Almost any item from the farm was there for sale.

Still our women were not satisfied!! They wanted the name Alexander County Home Demonstration Clubs on the bronze plaque in the reception room of the hospital, so they decided to furnish this room. \$221.00 was raised for this project and the money was given in small amounts by almost all the club women in the county. The furniture is of sturdy aluminum construction with plastic upholstery. A beautiful flower arrangement of dwarf plants was placed on the table by one of the members.

For the grand finale—the dedication service—the hospital was decorated throughout with flowers grown and arranged by club women from all over the county.

The securing of a hospital for Alexander County was truly an achievement representing the concerted effort of the citizenry of our county. We are happy to have had a small part in this victory.

By Mrs. Carl Motsinger,
7th District Chairman,
Alexander County.

Virginia Edwards Club

The members of the Moyock Home Demonstration Club voted to change its name from the Moyock Club to The Virginia Edwards Home Demonstration Club, in honor of their former Agent, who is now Mrs. William Brumsey.

Mrs. Brumsey, organized the Moyock Club September 1, 1929 and was agent in Currituck County for 14 years, resigning July 3, 1943.

The members of the Moyock Club, chose the change in name because of their affection and appreciation for Mrs. Brumsey for her untiring service and active interest in the Moyock Club.

—Mrs. Mabel T. Murray
Publicity Chairman.

Lest We Forget

"Home, Fountain-Head of Democracy," the theme of our National Home Demonstration Council for this past year, 1949, is an all important one. Let each of us as homemakers and club workers, repeat it in our minds and hearts, for it is truly the basis for all the good things for which we strive. This theme, which was the basis for the entire program of the National Meeting, Colorado Springs, Colorado, October, 1949, was pointed up through every speech made, every pageant presented, the songs sung, and the friendly attitude of all representatives of the different states and nations who attended.

As Rev. Paul Roberts, of Denver, Colorado, said in his address during the National Council Meeting last October, "There is no longer a place in the world for persons with limited outlooks; we must be big personally and help others to be big; we must understand the different problems of other peoples of the world; we must learn to be democratic before criticizing other forms of government; we must get rid of prejudices and try to use persuasion instead of coercion and believe in the best of others." So let us keep this theme before us as we go about our work in our own club, county and state.

HOME, the fountain of democratic living; HOME, the head of this democratic way of life. Let us broaden out to take in, not only our immediate neighbors, but those neighbors of other counties, states and nations. You have no idea what the contact with a foreign homemaker will mean to you, your club, and to your nation, which is striving to preserve goodwill between all nations so as to prevent further war, and to maintain peace for all time.

Remember, **You** are the HOME, the HEAD, the FOUNTAIN of This Democracy.

Mrs. F. A. Read, Chairman,
14th District,
Franklin County.

God help me to be a neighbor
To those by whom I live;
I want to know and love them
To borrow and to give;
I want to share their sorrow,
To laugh when they are gay;
To touch their hand in sadness,
Show them a sunny day.
I want to learn to trust them,
Each day to know them better;
To build in them a faith in me
That will not be broken ever.

—AMEN.

Ole Granddad

Ole Granddad came to our house fer
To finish out his days;
To smoke his pipe and spin his yarns
And mend our ailin' ways.
He's been here quite a spell now, and,
You know, we're glad he came.
To tell the truth, we need him, and
He feels fer us the same.
I wonder how we managed when
The plantin' time came 'round,
And Grandpap wasn't here to hoe
And loosen up the ground!
'Cause I'm not much on gardens, and
My husband can't be found,
When tools are right fer usin', and
The compost bed is sound.
Ole Grandpap, when the day is o'er
And dishes put away,
Just lifts the kids up on his lap
And hears about their play.
He solves their many problems, and
He soothes their fears away.
He helps them with their lessons, and
He hears them while they pray.
He builds a shelf or cabinet,
And oils a squeaky door.
He prunes the shrubs, and trims the
hedge,
And always asks fer more.
Ole Granddad likes to listen when
He knows I need an ear.
He'll stop and put aside his book,
And say, "Draw up a 'cheer'!"
Ole Granddad's like Brer Rabbit when
I start to lay him out.
He gets a twinkle in his eye
That dances when I shout!
I cannot help but marvel, when
The smoke has cleared away,
Just how he keeps his temper while
I'm givin' him his pay.
He's worth his weight in coins, and
This household's sure been blest,
'Cause Granddad's come to stay here,
and
To outlive all the rest!

Charlotte Shermer,
Forsyth County.

Results of National Home Demonstration Week

Home Demonstration club women held "Open House" across the state April 30-May 6, in observing National Home Demonstration Week.

"The Home-Basis of a Better World" was a challenging theme as club members recounted their accomplishments and recognized leaders for their contribution towards the improvement of home and community living. Twenty-three new home demonstration clubs were organized during the week and 1556 new members were enrolled. An attendance of 28,495 was reported as participating in the various events of the week.

FARM WOMEN URGED TO READ GOOD BOOKS

Mrs. W. B. Castleberry, Route 1, Clayton, who has reared 11 children, cared for two older people and worked side by side with her husband on the farm, still has time for planned reading.

Mrs. Castleberry is an enthusiastic advocate of a planned rest period and reading program for every farm woman. Reading and rest periods can and should be arranged by the farm wife without interference with her work, she emphasizes.

She has been too busy to take a real vacation away from farm duties but she says she has visited many foreign lands, seen many unusual sights and experienced many an explorer's thrill without ever leaving her rural home—all this has come to her through reading.

Here is what Mrs. Castleberry says about her reading program: "For the past three years I have been very interested in the reading program sponsored by the home demonstration clubs of Johnston County. Each of our clubs has an Education leader who checks out books from the bookmobile and the county library. These leaders then release the books to club members, who read them and give a short book review at the meeting.

"Our club women like to read and this year I have already read six books. I was glad to have an opportunity to read so many different books without any cost except the time it took to read them. I arrange my reading periods so that they do not interfere with my work in any way.

"After each noon meal is over, I rest a few minutes and this time is spent in reading. At night after my day's work is ended, I read before going to sleep. I prefer non-fiction books. I just can't think of anything that would have been of more value.

Membership Drive

Have you reached the goal of a gain of one hundred new members in your county this year?

The following counties have reported:

Nash	216
Buncombe	147
Halifax	125
Iredell	125
Pasquotank	112
Catawba	92
Lincoln	77
Person	69
Cabarrus	65
Cleveland	65
Bladen	62

I Came to America

Club Women:

Recently, at one of our club meetings, we were asked to submit 12 reasons under the heading, 'Why I am a H. D. Member.' Now, to me, that that was of greater significance and import than any average club member would probably realize. Why? Well, I'm classed as a 'friendly alien,' having come from 'Merrie England' just four years ago, the wife of one of your wonderful ex-G.I's.

Often have I longed for the opportunity to show my appreciation for the kindness, understanding and warm welcome extended to me by you grand women of America, and more especially, by the members of the H. D. club. I found it very easy to compile that list of reasons I mentioned above. I had so many new ideas in housekeeping and homemaking to learn, new friends to make, to replace, in some measure, those left behind in the Old Country. I wanted, above all, to become a good American, in every sense of the word, and there again, the H. D. club stands behind me all the time. Beginning a new life in a new country wasn't at all easy to start with, and more especially so for one of my calibre, who is inclined to suffer from an inferiority complex under the most favorable circumstances. However, I took the plunge, joined the local club, and never for one single moment have I regretted that step. It was the best possible move I could have made. I was made to feel thoroughly at home among the members, who will one day be my fellow country women, the day I give up my British citizenship. Speaking of citizenship, there again I score by being a club member. I have gained a fuller and deeper interpretation of that all-important word, mainly through the enlightening talk so ably given by our Agent.

I could write on and on, extolling the praises of the H. D. club organization, but I know space is limited, so I will close by saying that any woman who is not a member of a H. D. club is missing something really inspiring, instructive, and wonderful. Finally, just let me say 'thank you' for everything, club women, and may God continue to bless you and yours.

A fellow club member,
Mrs. Marvin Rice,
Pamlico County.

FARM AND HOME WEEK

July 31-August 3

State Federation Day

August 3