

NEWS LETTER



A Message from the President

Mrs. P. P. Gregory, President of North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs sends greetings to all club members in the State.

"Words are so futile to tell you how much I appreciate in my heart the privilege of representing you at the Sixth Triennial Meeting of the A.C.W.W. in Denmark. It was a glorious opportunity, one which I shall never forget. I was proud when I attended the Congress and realized that its aims, its purposes, and its structure were trying to build a world peace. Our ever present feeling was that this world under God should have a new birth of freedom manifested so definitely in the heart of our savior."

Trip to Rural Denmark

We had so many wonderful experiences that it is hard to choose one to use in our publication.

I think, however, that one of our most interesting experiences was the trip to rural Denmark.

It was hard to choose the right trip in the first place with a list of 12 to choose from. I finally chose number 9 and up until the last minute I was undecided as to whether or not number 10 would have been the one to choose.

Trip number 9 took us to the eastern part of Jutland and offered us a

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November Issue

This issue of the North Carolina Federation NEWS LETTER will be given to delegates' accounts of two meetings of great interest to Home Demonstration Club members in North Carolina.

These meetings are the Associated Country Women of the World, and The National Home Demonstration Council Meeting.

Heart Throbs from the A.C.W.W. In Copenhagen, Denmark

Against a backdrop of war drums rumbling heavy portents over much of the world, and a shooting war at climax in Korea, the mothers of men met in Copenhagen, Denmark for a parley. Women whose hearts are torn and weary from the bloodshed and chaos of many battles and the stamping of communist boots echoing terror and desolation to myriad millions. Women with a passion for peace surging under, and above and through all the deliberations of the Congress. Many delegates were deterred from attending because of the extreme world situation. Those who were present were motivated by deep convictions and intent purposes, that we would do all in our power toward bringing about better understanding between the peoples of our world and backing the forces now working toward peace.

As a new member, and not the head of a delegation, my participation was more that of spectator. However, after the hours spent in briefing our United States delegation at Lake Success before departure, on board the Washington, and at the embassies visited enroute to Denmark, we had a good background of current events and conditions on which to base our thinking and action. As the tide of our thoughts washed upon the rocky promontories of world conditions, our hopes and plans got toe-holds on definite projects through which we might work.

Directing and inspiring her women, leading us with great ability, brilliant intellect, and broad sympathy, was our own Mrs. Raymond Sayre. Our hearts surged with pride and pleasure that we could claim her as our own.

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Program of Work, National Home Demonstration Council, For 1951

The National Home Demonstration Council at its annual meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi submitted the following program for 1951, with the hope that each state will incorporate in its program those points which will help meet the needs of its people.

Many states have worked on certain items of the program submitted last year; others have not. With the hope that each state will continue any phase of the program which is proving helpful, the following program of work for 1951 is submitted:

I. FAMILY RELATIONS

(a). Promote and give major emphasis to a FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM since living successfully in a family group is basic to good citizenship in the local and world community.

1. Consider the needs and interests of all age groups in planning the program of the year.

2. Urge all members of the National Home Demonstration Council to familiarize themselves with the proceedings of the Mid-Century Conference on Children and Youth and be prepared to participate in local and state programs that may result from this conference.

II. HEALTH

1. Encourage health and safety committees to further develop an educational program including physical and mental health as affected by, (a) nutrition, (b) housing, (c) early detection of disease, (d) facilities for health and medical care, (e) health insurance.

2. Work toward interesting well-qualified women in training for the nursing profession.

III. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Reaffirm our interest in and support of the United Nations.

a. Encourage specific study of FAO, especially the Foods and People Program.

2. Motion made to encourage the exchange and acceleration of students from our country and Western Europe.

IV. CITIZENSHIP

1. Work toward interesting all women in assuming their responsibilities as informed and active citizens.

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 choice of different farms and schools
 to visit.

We left Copenhagen on the morning
 of September 17th on a Danish bus
 with a member of the Co-operative
 Housewives Association as our guide,
 who could speak very good English.
 The bus passengers included eight
 Americans, two Scotch, five English,
 four New Zealand and six Australian
 ladies.

After crossing on a ferry and a
 long bridge we reached Horsens, the
 2nd largest city in Jutland. We were
 two hours late but when we arrived
 we were welcomed most cordially by
 members of the Housewives Associa-
 tion. We were each presented with a
 lovely corsage and were immediately
 ushered over to the City Hall and
 greeted by the Burgemaster and rep-
 resentatives of the local newspaper.
 Everyone on the streets stared at us
 frankly. Now we knew how it felt
 to be a celebrity.

This same procedure was repeated
 five more times on our three day trip.
 Each time we were greeted with much
 speechmaking.

The two evenings we were away
 special dinners were given in our
 honor with abundant and delicious
 food. It was interesting to see that
 the Danish rural people did the same
 things we do—love to sing and eat.
 Their Danish songs were beautiful
 and tuneful.

Each night we were all "billeted"
 out to a different family. Mrs. Greg-
 ory and I had the delightful experi-
 ence the first night of staying with
 the Frede Kjers. Mrs. Kjer was the
 president of the small local associa-
 tion in that particular township. Mr.
 and Mrs. Kjer could speak just a few
 words in English, but with the aid
 of a Walt Disney picture dictionary
 and an atlas and photographs of our
 homes and families, we had a most
 delightful and unforgettable time.
 They were so happy to have us in
 their homes. We could feel it, even
 though they could not express it flu-
 ently.

The next night we stayed with an-
 other charming family in a neighbor-
 ing town. But that is another story.
 Our visits were all too short. We all
 hope to go back some day.

Mrs. W. K. Cuyler, Durham
 Durham County
 District 14

The Rural Family in World Affairs

Stanley Andrews, Director, Foreign
 Agricultural Relations of Washing-
 ton, said that the farm family will be
 one of the great solid stepping stones
 upon which America is built. The
 American farm family must become
 more productive to feed our nation
 and the less fortunate areas of the
 world.

Outside of highly developed areas
 as the United States, Canada, and
 Western Europe, 95 per cent of the
 people depend on some form of agri-
 culture for their livelihood. The less
 developed areas, the family is a so-
 cial, economic, and even political unit
 tied together by its economic struggle
 for existence.

When Communism sweeps into a
 new nation, its major tool of infiltra-
 tion has been land reforms—cutting
 up the farms and dividing them among
 the tenants and landless. In most parts
 of earth, the last group are swept into
 controls by dictators.

In spite of the religion of China
 and Russia, the peasant and agrarian
 class of landless people fed the fires
 of the communists revolution and be-
 came instruments which the Russian
 communist system was imposed on the
 people.

The key family of today are rural
 people with the United States pro-
 ducing most of the food for the world.

Mrs. Marvin D. Ratchford
 Gastonia
 Gaston County
 District 6

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On Danes Day, when thousands of
 the women of Denmark met with us,
 they and we felt heart-warmed and
 satisfied by the most excellent address
 of our own Ambassador, Eugenie An-
 derson, serving so ably and accept-
 ably in cementing friendship between
 their country and ours. She said,
 "Every citizen must understand and
 import to our young, the great preci-
 ousness of our free life. If men and
 women of our free world live up to
 our responsibilities and I'm sure we
 will—we can be sure that freedom will
 ring again in every land."

We felt the surge of friendliness
 and democratic spirit when the two
 queens of Denmark met with us and
 thousands of their subjects at the of-
 ficial opening of the Congress. Queen
 Ingrid graciously welcomed us in
 English, and the mother Queen Alex-
 andrine walked with Mrs. Sayre and
 sat with her during the meeting.

The warm greetings, the extraor-
 dinary cordiality and hospitality of
 the women of all Denmark as we were
 entertained in their homes and feast-
 ed and welcomed on our rural tours
 through their beautiful countryside
 were overwhelming.

And so, when more than five hun-
 dred women from twenty-one coun-
 tries left their duties at home, travel-
 led hard and long from the four cor-
 ners of the earth, to gather together
 and discuss and plan what we can do
 for the welfare of our families and
 the promotion of peace in the world,
 there will be reverberations.

The earnestness and enthusiasm of
 speakers and hearers; the hard work
 and almost hair splitting perfection
 poured into resolutions that will guide
 our activities and efforts during the
 coming three years; the consciousness
 of our privilege as mothers and house-
 wives and our obligation to our consti-
 tuents and to the peoples of all lands,
 will surely bring greater harmony and
 understanding of the basic principles
 of freedom, and bind our individual
 efforts into stronger ties of friend-
 ship and peace in the world.

I ask every woman in North Caro-
 lina to join her five delegates to this
 great and worthwhile Congress as we
 strive to carry out Mrs. Sayre's clos-
 ing admonition, "Go forth in faith
 and action. A secret plan is held in
 your hand, God who knows of this
 plan will do things for the world with
 this hand."

Mrs. D. A. McCormick
 McDonald
 Robeson County.

A Message from Extension

Miss May Cresswell, Mississippi State Home Demonstration Agent, when introducing Mr. M. L. Wilson, Director, Extension Service, Washington, D. C., presented to him a United Nations flag made by the Mississippi Home Demonstration Club members, and asked that this flag be placed in his office in Washington. In accepting the flag, Mr. Wilson expressed his appreciation to the Mississippi club women, and to the Extension Service, for the splendid work done by the club members and 4-H girls in making a sufficient number of flags to be flown side by side with our United States flag in our schools, churches, and civic organizations in observance of United Nations Day, October 24th.

In stating the 1951 Problems of Mobilization in Citizenship, Education, Health and Friendship Nationally and Internationally, Mr. Wilson stressed the fact that Home Demonstration Club members have a great role to play by adjusting their programs to meet the needs of more people. We should plan programs to carry out the activities that are fundamental to the welfare and happiness of families. "Let us hope that women in Russia and other countries behind the Iron Curtain somehow learn through the Voice of America, or through other channels, what women in a free world can accomplish," said Mr. Wilson.

The twenty-nine North Carolina delegates were extremely happy in hearing Mr. Wilson's remarks about our "State's Improvement Program" on mail boxes, church and home yards, and the model mile. He told of a recent visit to North Carolina, and that it was most evident that a steady growth of interest in community improvement among our club women was the great secret of the transforming of old out buildings to new buildings, trash piles to beautiful flower beds, and the identification of each residence by the new mail box bearing the family's nameplate.

Our Extension Service in Washington is in great need of more Extension workers. There are twenty-five hundred counties participating in this great program of work carried on by Home Demonstration Clubs, with six hundred and twenty counties calling for Home Demonstration Agents so that they might organize clubs in their counties.

Mr. Wilson closed his address with these thoughts, "Efficient homemakers are aiding men to perform their jobs more efficiently.

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Country Women's Council

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Country Women's Council was held in the Buena Vista Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi, October 19-20, with Mrs. Spencer Ewing presiding.

This organization is the United States' branch of the Associated Country Women of the World, and was formed after the London Triennial Conference in 1935. It was first known as the U. S. Liaison Committee, but in 1946 the name was changed to the Country Women's Council, U.S.A., since that seemed more representative and adequate.

Five national organizations—The Associated Women American Farm Bureau, The Country Gentlewoman League, The National Home Demonstration Council, The National Master Farm Makers Guild, and the Women's National Farm and Garden Association; four regional organizations and thirty-eight state organizations make up the Country Women's Council.

The aims of the C.W.C. are to bring the A.C.W.W. constituent societies of the United States into closer relationship in order to carry out the A.C.W.W. projects and further its aims and purposes more efficiently.

At the meeting in Biloxi the following goals of the C.W.C. were set up for 1951:

1. Know your A.C.W.W.
2. 100 per cent participation of local clubs in contributions for Penny for Friendship.
3. Support United Nations, particularly F.A.O., in every way possible.
4. To promote an active selling campaign to distribute Study Folders overseas in order to further a better understanding of the United States in other countries.
5. To secure full representation on the London Committee.
6. To keep better records for questionnaires.

Today, as never before, the Home Demonstration Club women in North Carolina are taking an active interest in the study of their own organization. They are proud to be a part of it. They should be equally proud that they belong to the great group of rural women, numbering approximately four Million, that make up the Country Women's Council in the United States, and to the World organization with its more than six million members around the globe.

Mrs. George Apperson, Chairman
Country Women's Council



MRS. GEORGE APPERSON
President of the Country Women's Council

Our U. N. Observer

As United Nations Observer for the Country Women's Council, from April 1, 1949 to August 1, 1950, Mrs Adelaide S. Barts made her report to the Council Meeting by way of a written report read by the Secretary.

Mrs. Barts made much mention of the intricate proceeding of the U.N. and of the great time involved in becoming acquainted with them. She has made many appearances before groups throughout the United States in an effort to acquaint them with her observations, chief among them being that united homes are a prerequisite to United Nations; that united homes must stem from a stabilized way of life and a high standard of living, as compared to a united unit tied together by its economic struggle for existence under the heavy bond of a socialistic government.

In her report Mrs. Barts also made mention of her observance that in some parts of the country large daily papers carried detailed reports of what happened at U.N. each day, while in other sections they were barely mentioned. Often areas of understanding and agreement were ignored, while areas of disagreement were played up. She emphasized the fact that if our real interest in the PROGRESS of the U.N. was more universal the news would be forthcoming.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—St. John 8:32.

Mrs. D. H. Hart
Siler City
Chatham County
District 14

Along the Way

Twenty-eight Home Demonstration Club women from North Carolina went to the National Home Demonstration convention at Biloxi, Mississippi on a chartered bus October 13th-22nd. We represented each district in North Carolina, and were from Manteo to Murphy. The first day we spent getting acquainted and making friends until we reached the mountains, then all we could do was to view the beautiful scenes which unfolded before our eyes. The trees were arrayed in the gayest of colors, red, brown, yellow, orange and green, up the mountain side, down the mountain side and into the valleys they were clustered with a rocky stream running here and there. I have seen the mountains in the summer, winter, spring and fall, but never have I seen them as beautiful as they are this year. In fact, I have seen mountains in seven other states, but none are as beautiful as those in our own North Carolina.

In the afternoon we visited the Cherokee Indian Reservation, saw where the Indian children go to school, how they learn the art of weaving cloth and baskets, and how they make pottery.

Nightfall of that first day found us at the Regal Hotel in Murphy. We were welcomed to the hotel coffee shop with menus written in our honor with greetings from the management. After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast we started out over the mountains into Tennessee. Just a few miles out of Murphy we visited the beautiful Place of the Woods—the Church of God. There we saw the Ten Commandments written in stone up the mountain side—a glorious sight to see. At Chattanooga we climbed up and around the lofty Lookout Mountain and looked out as far as eyes could see over the city and into five different states. On our way down we wound around the mountain several times before we were on the way to Birmingham, the great Pittsburg of the south, and Meridian.

The next morning at about eight thirty we were on our way to New Orleans, Louisiana. After a few hours on the highway and passing over the beautiful Lake Pontchartrain we entered the quaint and picturesque city and checked in at the Bienville Hotel. Then we freshened up a bit, had lunch and toured the city. We saw the old French burying ground where the graves were above ground five tiers deep. We saw Jackson Square where New Orleans holds her great public

meetings, and the French Quarter with its narrow streets, its old, old buildings with iron trellised balconies, old shops and cafes. We went into the St. Louis Cathedral, built in 1794, with its beautiful and priceless painting. We entered patios and gardens from the old world, and toured the immense parks and play grounds of the city which were covered with beautiful trees, green grass and borders of flowers. After seeing many interesting sights, we drank New Orleans famous coffee and munched doughnuts before returning to our hotel rooms for the rest of the night.

Nine o'clock next day found us on our way to the beautiful Biloxi, by way of the Lake Pontchartrain bridge and along the beautiful gulf road, with stately homes, beautiful hotels, palms, shrubs and flowers on one side and the clear blue waters of the gulf on the other.

Mrs. B. F. Copeland
Beaufort
Carteret County
District 20

Pennies for Friendship

\$7,016.80 was sent to Pennies for Friendship. \$3,689.47 was sent in too late to go on this year's report. All money must be sent in by August 30th to count on that year's report.

Pennies for Friendship are counted in English money. Each penny here counts two there. People of five countries are taking up this Penny for Friendship. We are 5th in what we give. Only one country gave less than we did.

This money is used to help in the expense of carrying on the work of the A.C.W.W.

We are only asked to give one penny, and no one seems to be too poor to give that little. Delaware reported that they gave five cents per member.

It was suggested that we have some outstanding event such as a tea, or a place in our Achievement Day Program to take an offering for this cause, and maybe we would receive silver instead of pennies.

A collection was taken and \$35.00 received. This money goes into the current expense of running the A.C.W.W.

The number one goal for 1951 is 100 per cent of the clubs contributing to the Pennies For Friendship.

Mrs. L. C. Deaton
Candor
Montgomery County
District 10

Report of Triennial Meeting of A.C.W.W.

Miss Jennie Williams, of Banner, Wyoming, Western Director for the National Council, reported on the Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World in Copenhagen, Denmark, which she attended as a Council representative.

Of the 5,500,000 women represented at the Conference, 1,500,000 were represented by the National Home Demonstration Council, making this the largest organized group having representation. There were 150 delegates from the United States.

The group was divided into working committees, and the United States had a representative on each of the committees.

The Danish people entertained royally for the delegates attending this Conference. The Danish people are getting on their feet, despite the ravages of war that are still evident.

She urged that Home Demonstration Club women recognize the influence their organized strength can have in world affairs, and to work to make itself felt in the three years before the next Triennial meeting.

Mrs. Fred G. Bowman
Granite Falls
Caldwell County
District 7

Stephen Vincent Benet Gives Us A Prayer for Brotherhood

God of the free, we pledge our hearts and lives today for the cause of all mankind,

Grant us brotherhood in hope and union for the days to come which shall and must unite all the children of the earth.

Our earth is but a star in the great universe, yet of it we can make, if we choose, a planet unvexed by war, untroubled by hunger or fear, yet most of all,

Grant us brotherhood, not only for this day, but for all our years, brotherhood not of words, but of acts and deeds.

If our brothers are oppressed, then we are oppressed,

If they hunger, we hunger,

Grant us common faith that men shall know bread and peace, that we shall know justice, righteousness, freedom, equal opportunity and equal chance to do his best not only in our land but throughout all the world.

And in that faith let us march towards the free world our hands can make.

U. S. Study Folder

"The United States of America, It's People and It's Homes," is an aid to understanding contemporary American life. The folder was prepared by a committee of Country Women's Council of the United States as one of a series issued by the Associated Country Women of the World.

Several folders have been circulated by the A.C.W.W., but this is the first to be prepared about a nation by its own country women. Also, it is the first to be published in a form and number permitting our friends at home and abroad to have copies to share and to keep. It required two years to get our present folder.

The folder contains "America The Beautiful," "Johnny Appleseed," "A Pioneer Hero," "The Statue of Liberty," a commentary on the history of the United States, some of our favorite recipes, many of our industries and recreational work, with pictures to illustrate each, and many other interesting things in our homes.

The 125 North Carolina copies which have been guaranteed will arrive shortly, but they should be only a small part of the total orders.

Everyone that can should get the folders and send them to friends abroad. Folders should be sent unsealed with no letter enclosed and marked "Gift Book." Postage is about 9 cents. Letter can be attached to outside with additional postage. When sent as gifts there is no duty on them.

Mrs. A. G. Thompson
Reidsville

The Rural Welfare Forum

The Rural Welfare Forum was discussed by Mrs. R. E. Mehl, of Kansas. She said, Rural Welfare has a wide scope and phase. Among the many things considered under it are, improved nutrition, land tenure, transportation, housing and equipment, industries and handicrafts, social surveys, social security, extension technique, and population problems.

Some of the problems in other countries are:

New Zeland

distribution of food, child care
low dilinquency

Denmark

low calories

Norway

community and family care
health control, school lunches
compulsory education

Mrs. Carl Stanfield
Brown Summit
Guilford County
District 12

The U. S. and the U. N.

The 1951 Russian timetable calls for a major thrust in Germany, said Francis H. Russell, Washington, director of the office of public affairs of the State Department. Red defeat in Korea has upset the Russian timetable for this year.

Other points Mr. Russell made included: North Korea has furnished the world with a picture of what happens to a country that becomes a puppet in the hands of the Kremlin and is marked expendable. The invasion of South Korea awakened the world and for the first time a world organization took concerted military action to preserve the security of a nation that was the victim of an armed attack.

Discussing the possibility of peace in the future, Mr. Russell declared that a number of factors are operating to bring about a victory of the free world in the cold war. Among these, he said, are the fact that three-fourths of the productive capacity of the world is in the hands of the free people; that the United States is contributing to the economic health of other countries while Russia is draining and weakening her satellites; that a monolithic state has certain basic weaknesses, such as the stress arising from an attempt to make daily the minute decisions affecting the lives of hundreds of millions of people; the lower standards of living imposed on the people by the state; the difficulty of passing on power to another after the death of the leader, and the strong attraction of human freedom, even in an area where it is rigidly eliminated.

"The symbol of the future," the speaker said, "is not a swastika or a hammer and a sickle, or any other insignia of tyranny. The symbol of the future is a man free—free to grow, free to play his own part in the world—looking to the future confident and strong. That is the symbol of the free world today."

Mrs. W. M. White
Concord, Rt. 1
Cabarrus County
District 8

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Thorough study in Family Relations will not only improve our Democracy, but will improve our christian program which is our greatest need today in establishing world peace."

Mrs. Ernest Eakins
Burgaw
Pender County
District 19

Business Meeting—Country Women's Council

At the annual meeting of the Country Women's Council held in Biloxi, Mississippi, on October 20th reports of the Department Chairmen were given.

The report from the Chairman of *The Country Woman*, the magazine of the organization, showed 1229 subscriptions forwarded to London at a cost of \$391.75.

11,500 packages were sent last year to 24 countries in Europe, according to the report of the Friendship Parcels Chairman. Having just returned from the conference in Denmark, the Chairman said that one package ties 100 people into closer friendship and helps our neighbors across the sea to stand on their feet again.

Many countries have set up agencies to receive and distribute packages. The contents of the packages have changed in recent years from food and clothing to many articles useful in the program of rehabilitation, such as sewing materials, carpenter tools, and so forth.

Because of a paper shortage in Europe and Asia printing has practically stopped and the people are asking for books, especially scientific and medical. Law books are in great demand.

The report of the Chairman of the International Visitors Department explained that this committee had had little opportunity to function.

The C.W.C. Bulletin has 23 editors from foreign countries on its list and 55 rural women in Germany have received copies. There are 47 members in the C.W.C., 5 national, 4 regional, and 38 in the states.

Mrs. J. Speight
Stantonsburg
Wilson County
District 22

Mrs. H. M. Johnson, First Vice-President of the State Federation, urges all club members to begin thinking about the membership goal for next year. She says "If you have a plan as a county or local club, will you share it with others in the New Year? Above all, let's shout forth our interest with "LOVE" in this manner;

LOYALTY
OPTIMISM
VISION
ENTHUSIASM"

Greetings at the National Home Demonstration Council Biloxi, Mississippi, October 16-19, 1950

Dr. Fred T. Mitchell, President of Mississippi State College greeting the National Home Demonstration Council meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, spoke of the historical setting of the southern part of Mississippi. He told something of the interesting things there and of the beautiful homes and gardens. He said that plants came up and grew so fast that once after planting we had to gather up the tools and hurry from the garden or one would be enveloped or hidden by the plants. Dr. Mitchell said the Home Demonstration Club had made important contributions to the Nation, and thought the reason for the success of the club lay in the thought and spirit of the club collect.

In speaking of the opportunity the club woman had for doing many good things he said we often allow ourselves to be disturbed by small things, and lose many hours grieving over lost things and things we cannot help, and that these hours could better be spent devoted to the good things in life. His last statement summarized his thought briefly. "Life is too short to be little."

Mr. Boswell Stevens, President Mississippi Farm Bureau also brought greetings to the Home Demonstration Council. He said that he considered it an honor to have them come to Biloxi for their meeting. He said he was proud of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and the roads there, which were the best due to the influence of the farm people. Mr. Stevens said the next legislature expected to authorize a road building program on a pay as you go basis.

Mr. Stevens spoke of the good cattle section of the state, of the hill area, where no "isms" abound, the coast area where the one crop system had been replaced with one of diversification. The forest section at one time had been denuded but with a program of conservation Mississippi had again become an exporter of lumber.

Miss Viola Kiker
Polkton
Anson County
District 9

Introduction of Theme

In introducing the theme of the National Home Demonstration Council, "Family Responsibility in Today's

World," Mr. L. I. Jones, Director Mississippi Agricultural Extension Service, stated that united families are necessary for United Nations. The world *family* means close relation. The relationship in the home should be one of love. Unless we love each other, differences and misunderstandings will arise. Parents should talk to their sons and daughters more about love than money or position in their selection of a husband or wife. If this guidance was given there would be fewer divorces and broken homes.

Happenings in the home have more influence on the children than other associations such as school, playground, or travel. The young years are the molding years.

Social sciences must be improved to match the progress in physical sciences. Many farmers know more about treating the soil and animals for high production than he knows how to handle his boy or girl to make them account for the best.

We need more christian homes. More parents should discuss God and christianity with their children. Many children never hear of God until they go to Sunday School. Values found in christian homes should be the center of the education process and through such teachings the United States can continue to lead a world seeking freedom.

Mrs. Dennis G. Higdon
Sylva
Jackson County
District 2

The official delegates and visiting delegates from other organizations were entertained with a colorful and most delicious luncheon in the Rose Room in the Buena Vista Hotel at Biloxi, Mississippi. Mrs. Spencer Ewing, CWC Chairman, of Bloomington, Illinois, was in charge. She expressed her delight at having all delegates present, also two visitors, one from Puerto Rico and another from Canada.

A Dutch-treat breakfast was held Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 a.m., for the official delegates of the Southern Region. Mrs. R. Cosby Newton, of Bennettsville, South Carolina, our Regional Director, was in charge. Delegates from twelve states were present and were introduced. Mrs. Newton gave each delegate a copy of each state's report, so we may become better informed about our regional work.

Mrs. J. S. Gray, Past President
Franklin
Macon County

Rural Women Want a Practical United Nations

On Thursday evening, October 19, the Country Women's Council Meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Florence Reynolds, of Food and Agriculture, Washington, D. C., speak on "Rural Women Want A Practical United Nations." Mrs. Reynolds explained the meaning of F.A.O.—not a widely known organization—and gave her reason for joining the staff. She said that after losing her husband as a result of World War II and having a small son to rear, she felt that this was where she could do most to make this thing of keeping the peace work. "War is bred in Man's mind, so we must plant peace in them. We have a last chance and very little time. The world is turning to us and looking to us for guidance." said Mrs. Reynolds, who has just recently returned from a travel and observation of many countries of the world. She asked the question, "Are we prepared to assume our responsibility?" In answer she said, farm organizations are the main help in teaching us our responsibility and that farming is the biggest business in the world. "Two-thirds of the people of the world are farmers, yet two thirds of the people don't have enough to eat." said Mrs. Reynolds. She says that the only way we can feed other nations is to teach them how to make use of their own resources. "Basically, the cause of unrest the world over is hunger." Mrs. Reynolds explained and she described in detail the horrible circumstances in India. Her talk closed with this statement, "If 'Point-Four' succeeds it will be because the *women* of the world make it succeed."

Mrs. Charles Gough
Hamptonville

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2. Study and practice conservation of natural resources, such as (a) soil; (b) forest; and (c) water, as a basic responsibility of citizens in a democracy.

V. EDUCATION

1. Maintain an active interest in home economics in our schools and colleges.

2. Encourage well qualified young women in the study of home economics.

3. Support programs of research in home economics.

4. Develop a year-round information program to tell the story of home demonstration work, culminating in National Home Demonstration Week.



North Carolina's delegates to the National Home Demonstration Council meeting in Biloxi, Miss., October 16-19, are shown above. They are, left to right, front row: Mrs. George Bowen, Plymouth; Mrs. D. H. Hart, Route 3, Siler City; Mrs. H. E. Carter, Sandy Ridge; Mrs. W. M. White, Route 1, Concord; Mrs. F. A. Read, Wood; Mrs. V. I. Hockaday, Route 1, Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Verona J. Langford, eastern district home agent for the State

College Extension Service; Mrs. J. S. Gray, Route 2, Franklin, past president of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; Mrs. George Apperson, Mocksville, past president of the Federation; Mrs. W. R. Langdon, Route 1, Coats; Mrs. F. G. Bowman, Rt. 1, Granite Falls; Mrs. M. D. Ratchford, Route 3, Gastonia; Mrs. W. L. Askew, Eure; Mrs. C. W. Gough, Hamptonville; Mrs. A. G. Thompson, Route 1, Reidsville; Mrs. J. P. Morgan,

Shawboro. Second row, standing: Miss Viola Kiker, Polkton; Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Route 2, Boone; Mrs. Epps McClure, Walnut; Mrs. John Baker, Route 1, Cameron; Mrs. W. F. Elzey, Robbinsville; Mrs. D. C. Higdon, Sylva; Mrs. Claude McDuffie, Route 1, Clarkton; Mrs. L. C. Deaton, Candor; Mrs. Ernest Eakins, Burgaw; Mrs. W. G. Lonon, Route 3, Marion; Mrs. Jack Speight, Route 1, Stantonsburg; Mrs. B. F. Copeland, Beaufort; Mrs. Carl Stanfield, Brown Summit.

Welcome to the National Council

In welcoming the delegates, Miss Mae Cresswell, Mississippi Home Demonstration Agent, said the large attendance opened the way for a better understanding of each other and the work being done by the Home Demonstration Clubs in every state.

Others welcoming the delegates included, Mrs. S. D. Spann, Mississippi Home Demonstration Council, and Mr. Alexander McKeigney, Executive Assistant to Governor Wright.

Mrs. W. F. Elzey
Robbinsville
Graham County
District 1

This Combustible Earth

"The only thing that could possibly impress the Russians or the nations in Europe, who might join the winner, is American superiority in strength," says Clayton Rand, publisher, author, and lecturer of Gulfport, Miss.

Mr. Rand, who recently visited Europe and knows the conditions there, says, "We are less prepared to defend Germany against Communist attack than we were in Korea. Dismantling of industries in west Germany was a great mistake. Only England is prepared to produce modern weapons immediately.

"More important than American dol-

lars and wonderful promises, is, unmistakable moral prowess and material power. We cannot combat the forces of Communism with prayers and preachments. We have to face it with force.

"We should strengthen our own sinews before we fortify others, and that means individually as well as collectively."

Mr. Rand says the Home Maker can play a very vital part in fighting communism, by the training that is given in the home.

Mrs. A. E. Vannoy
Boone
Watauga County
District 5

On the Way Home

At 2:15 p.m. on Friday, October 16, we left Biloxi, glad to be homeward bound after a very enjoyable stay of four days in Biloxi. We went to Mobile by way of Bellingrath Gardens. We went all through the gardens and were honored by being allowed to go inside the house and meet Mr. Bellingrath himself. We had a delicious dinner at a roadside cafe before spending the night at Mobile. We left at seven in the morning in a light rain. Along in the afternoon we arrived in Warm Springs, Georgia, where we stopped for a while to see the Little White House and a drive around the grounds to see the buildings. That night we stopped at a motel at Atlanta. We got an early start Sunday morning and after a very uneventful day's journey arrived at Raleigh almost on schedule.

Mrs. H. E. Carter
Sandy Ridge
Stokes County
District 26

The Shrimp Jamboree

One of the highlights of the meeting and the only social event including everyone was the Shrimp Jamboree held Wednesday evening in the Beuna Vista Hotel.

As we entered the door, aprons were given to each of us. We passed by one of the several large tables filled with shrimp, sliced ham, slaw, crabmeat salad, potato chips, olives, pickles and Coco-Colas and filled our own plates.

Each person had to shuck their own shrimp, which was a new experience.

We were entertained by the Nichols High School (Negro) Glee Club with several selections. Then a skit was presented by the Mississippi Home Demonstration Council—The Sewing Bee—It depicted neighbors, some with children, calling to sew and gossip. The characters were dressed in hoop skirts of the Ante-Bellum days. The background was a reproduction of Melrose, an ante-bellum show place of Natchez. This skit was a reproduction of one of the elaborate tableaux presented during the spring Natchez Pilgrimages. Mrs. Phil Gousset was narrator.

The characters mingled among the guests after the skit and presented each one with a corsage made of cotton bolls by the Home Demonstration members of the 26 counties of Mississippi.

Mrs. Claude McDuffie
Clarkton
Bladen County
District 18

Letter Friend Program

The Letter Friend Program is showing a great deal of progress in the State of North Carolina, and we are ahead of most of the other states.

Mrs. Ernest Tyler, our National Chairman of Letter Friends, of Crooks, South Dakota, used the North Carolina Letter Friend blank as a good example for other states to follow, at a breakfast held in the Rose Room at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi, at the National Home Demonstration Council Meeting, October 20th. Mrs. Tyler reported twenty-eight states were taking an active part in this program, and others getting started this year. She told of the personal pleasure she got out of helping to spread friendship over so many countries the world over.

North Carolina has twenty-six counties taking an active part now, and others becoming interested in our Letter Friend Program. One hundred and ninety-six women in North Carolina have received names and addresses for the last year. Many others are waiting for theirs.

In order to promote the Letter Friend Program in North Carolina, I would suggest that each county appoint an International Relations Chairman, who should be a County Council member. The Chairman would promote all International Relationships work in the county, such as the Letter Friend Program, Penny for Friendship, United Nations Appeal for Children, etc.

As Mrs. Tyler said, this Letter Friend Program has grown faster and larger than any of us expected, and could mean a great deal in helping to bring about the peace we all so sincerely want.

Mrs. W. R. Langdon
Coats
Harnett County
District 17

Mrs. R. Cosby Newton, Southern Director of the National Home Demonstration Council, Bennettsville, South Carolina, says that the greatest joy which can come to anyone is to work with a group of enthusiastic and energetic people who set for themselves high and worthy goals and then work with patience and determination until these goals have been achieved.

"The Southern District has a membership of approximately 400,000 and leads in the percentage of states belonging to National," said Mrs. Newton.

My Impressions of the National Meeting

I was very much impressed by the cooperative spirit of the women at the National Home Demonstration Council Meeting. They not only want to cooperate in the little things but in the big things too; and we do have big things to work out together. The friendliness of everyone was really heart-warming. You would be surprised, even with three meetings day to attend, just how many women you could find time to talk with.

I came back to North Carolina with the feeling that so far as Home Demonstration Club work is concerned, we are in reality "United States."

Mrs. John Baker
Cameron
Hoke County
District 16

The Family Responsibility in Today's World

The 14th Annual Meeting of the National Home Demonstration Council was held in Biloxi, Mississippi on October 16-19. I had the honor of representing the Fourth District at this meeting.

The theme for the entire program was "The Family Responsibility in Today's World."

On Wednesday morning Dr. J. D. Williams, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi gave a most interesting address on "The Responsibility of the Home As A Teacher Sees It." The keynote of his address was the responsibility of the home is not only to provide for the physical well-being of the child, but also to lay the foundations of mental health. The speaker said the basic essentials of a good home are mutual trust and considerateness. In listing what he described as the six responsibilities of the good home, he stated that all parents must realize that every person differs from every other person, even in the same family; that modern social conditions demand on the part of everyone a well developed personality; that good health is essential in all life's endeavors; that good judgment and an appreciation of relative values are essential in a complex society; that the essence of interest and motivation is knowledge and participation; and that attitudes are the basic materials of which character is made.

Mrs. W. G. Lonon
Marion, N. C.
McDowell County
District 4