

NEWS LETTER

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To All Vice-Presidents

Dear Vice-Presidents:

As we begin a New Year we heartily congratulate all the counties who achieved their goal of 100 new Home Demonstration Club members and praise the efforts of others for a good try. But it is no time to quit, for as Mrs. Gregory said in writing to you last year,

"A winner never quits
And a quitter never wins."

Let's marshal all our forces and resources and "keep on keeping on" until every farm woman in North Carolina is a member of some Home Demonstration Club.

Take stock of your community and list all the women who are not members and try to enroll them.

At this season of the year many farm families are moving from one community to another. Make that newcomer in the community feel she is "important," as Miss Iris Davenport would say. Get her interested in the activities of the community. We must be "Good Samaritans" to go out and talk with those not familiar with club programs and benefits, urging them to stop, think and cooperate in a project that will not only mean much to them as individuals, but to members of their families and their communities. To those of us who know what club work has done and will continue to do, if more and more farm women will support it, we must be on the alert to use our God given talents to demonstrate it to others.

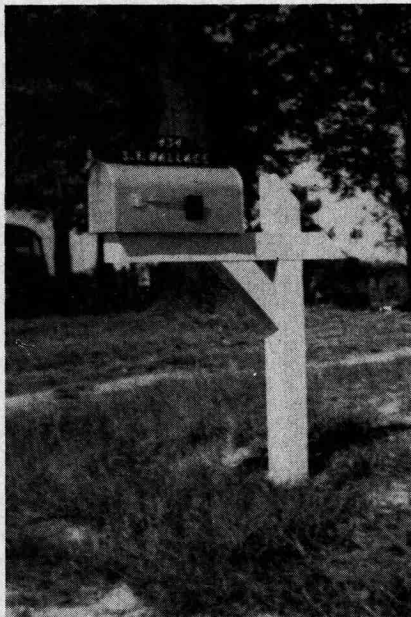
Our club work covers every phase of farm life from "covering the barn to the advantages of a democratic form of government and the value of the Bill of Rights." It expresses life as it is lived and dreamed, yet with all this wealth of materials thousands of farm families have never been reached.

Many ways of getting new members have been suggested. One county gives a beautiful silver loving cup to the outstanding club based on new members, projects and achievements. Let's plan our work and then work our plan.

Perhaps you have some plan as a county or local club. Will you share it with others in this—the beginning of a new year?

Above all, let's shout forth our in-

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**Mailbox Improvement Contest**

The Sampson County Home Demonstration Council sponsored a Mailbox Improvement Contest in 1950. All club women were given a copy of recommended directions for a standard and name plate. Club women began to ask for a copy of this to give to their neighbors so the County Home Beautification Leader asked the postman to put a copy in every rural mail box. Two postmen wrote in their approval and offered their assistance in the project. Much publicity was given the project. An article about it appeared in both county papers and in *The Tarheel Postmaster*. The County Home Beautification Leader presented a radio program on it.

Fifteen clubs participated in the contest. 114 members had new standards, 36 had new boxes, 105 had added name plates, 46 had completely new boxes and 92 had painted an old box and standard. The Rowan club won first place, Taylor's Bridge second, Herring third, Westbrook fourth and Mingo fifth.

The Grange Organization in the county worked on this project, too. On every road the new mailboxes can be spotted. This improves the appearance of the highway, helps the mail-carrier to deliver the mail faster and helps strangers to locate families in the community.

Mrs. B. C. Clifton
Sampson County

Guilford's Tale of Events

The year 1950 has been an eventful one for Guilford County.

In carrying forward our theme of "Better Citizenship," the past year we have had some outstanding speakers, including Miss Louise Alexander, Professor at Woman's College, at the Federation meeting held in the Alumni House at Woman's College in the spring; Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president of Guilford College, who was guest speaker at our Achievement Day program. Then in the afternoon Mrs. W. Kenneth Cuyler, our representative to Denmark, brought up a vivid picture of her trip there, followed by an interesting review of the trip to Biloxi, by Mrs. Carl Stanfield.

Guilford County has twenty-three clubs totaling some 900 members. Perhaps we are prouder of the large number of YOUNG home makers who are becoming active club women than anything else.

All twenty-three clubs joined the Betsy Ross organization by making a United Nations flag, and in every instance these flags were used in a special ceremony at a school or church program.

On the theme of Better Citizenship leading to peace, we had a most interesting program on Ladies' Day at the Guilford County Fair, in October. On our program we had thirteen foreign born students representing nine nations: India, Holland, Great Britain, Chile, Germany, Trans-Jordan, Poland, Cuba, Hawaii, and Latvia, and Cuba. These were students from Guilford and Woman's College except the young woman from Latvia who sang for us, and a young German boy from Summerfield, an exchange student. Meeting these boys and girls was a pleasant experience, mutually, we hope, and we feel a greater means of building understanding between our nations.

No tale is complete without an end. The end of ours is that: we started the year in the red, but by increasing our 'dues' slightly we end the year with a comfortable small sum in the black, in spite of increased demands on our treasury from our growing and progressive Home Demonstration work in Guilford County.

Mrs. Leo. R. Palmer
Rt. 8, Greensboro.

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Annual Harvest Sale

It was in 1945 when our Annual Harvest Sale of handmade and home produced products started. The County Council met in early fall to make plans for the Achievement Day, and the celebration of our 10th anniversary of club work. The Council decided this would be a good way to raise money for the treasury of the County Council and voted to have the sale in the afternoon. It proved so successful that the next year we voted to make it an annual event, and have continued this practice each year since then.

One club agrees to take charge of the sale. The members choose the auctioneer, usually one of their own club members with ready wit and a quick tongue.

There are beautiful handmade articles of crocheted work; baby sets and booties, tatting edges and articles, useful and pretty pillow cases, aprons, pot holders, dish towels, toys, decorative wastepaper baskets, clothes pin bags, luncheon cloths, many kinds of delicious pickles, jellies, jams, and baked pies, cakes, cookies, and persimmon puddings. Sometimes we have dressed chickens, sausage and other meats.

This year our profits from the sale amounted to \$83.30.

Mrs. Grady P. Norwood
 Treasurer Chatham
 County Council
 Rt. 1, Pittsboro

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terest with "LOVE" in this manner:

LOYALTY OPTIMISM VISION ENTHUSIASM

Then others will see our good works and join with us in our efforts to solve the economic and social problems of rural people that will do so much to enrich living.

The task is ours. We can take it or leave it, but I have full confidence in you that you are ready to accept the responsibility and march forth to victory.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. H. Johnson
 First Vice-President
 North Carolina Federation of
 Home Demonstration Clubs

Does Your Club Need Money?

Here are a few tips from the Chalybeate Club in Harnett County.

Each fall we have a chicken or barbecue supper, followed by an auction sale. The club members bring produce, canned goods, aprons, stuffed toys and dolls, quilts, etc. for the sale. Last year each member made a quilt square and embroidered names on it. Each person paid 10c or more to have his name on the quilt. It was quilted by the club and sold at the fall auction. This quilt added \$297 to the club treasury.

The club's steady income is from birthday dues paid by each member and the sale of assorted greeting cards and stationery.

Chalybeate Club women have been busy as bees this fall and winter. On September 13th they sold sandwiches at the tobacco warehouse. On September 18th they put on an exhibit at the Dunn Fair and won a \$30 prize. On October 6th they had their annual supper and auction sale. From October 16th to 21st they operated a lunch stand at the North Carolina State Fair. On November 13th the club sponsored a group of radio entertainers and sold candy, popcorn and peanuts.

In 2½ years the building fund has grown to \$1800. The Chalybeate Club hopes to change their dreams of a community building to a reality in the near future.

Mrs. James Tutor
 Chalybeate Springs
 Home Dem. Club
 Harnett County

United Nations Flags

The Home Demonstration women of Wilkes County made a great effort to better acquaint the county with the United Nations during the month of October. There were 231 United Nations flags made by approximately 375 4-H club girls and farm club women. Special meetings were held over the county at which time twelve of these flags were presented to schools, four to churches, and four to community centers. At the club meetings during that month, the home agents stressed the functioning of the United Nations, the flag and the United Nations Hymn. The local radio station and newspaper cooperated beautifully in helping the women to extend this information to all the citizens of Wilkes County.

One of the clubs used a flag which they had made to arrange an educational display in a downtown store window. This created a great deal of interest among the many shoppers who stopped to study it.

The highlight came when 300 women attended the Home Demonstration Achievement program which was held on United Nations Day, October 24, in the county courthouse. The front of the courtroom was banked with pines with a United States and United Nations flag on either side. A globe surrounded by small flags of the countries belonging to the United Nations was used on a center table.

Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, addressed the group, paralleling the growth of the United Nations with the growth of the United States. This was followed by a pantomime "Flags Will Fly" presented by the club women. Of special interest to everyone was the United Nations Tea, served by club members dressed to represent many countries of the United Nations.

Mrs. John Robert Church
 Rt. 2 North Wilkesboro

Calendar of Events

Executive Board and Board of Directors Meeting, March 23-24.

Farm and Home Week, July 30-August 2.

National Home Demonstration Council and Country Women's Council, August 13-17.

This issue of the News Letter is devoted to items of interest from the Northwestern and Southeastern Districts.

Club Woman Wins State Contest



Miss Ruth Current, (left) State Home Demonstration Agent, presented Mrs. H. E. Carter, winner of Essay Contest, a bouquet of roses honoring her achievement.

For her "Twelve Reasons Why I Belong To A Home Demonstration Club," Mrs. H. E. Carter of Sandy Ridge Club in Stokes County, North Carolina, received a citation during Farm and Home Week in Raleigh. The following are twelve of her many reasons for being a club member.

1. *Social.* I like the social advantages. We farm women have too few opportunities for social contacts with other women. The Club gives us the chance of seeing others once a month. Also we have two recreational meetings each year in which the entire family can take part. We enjoy this and need it.

2. *Educational.* The work of the Club is educational. We have demonstrations each month whereby we learn new and better ways of doing things. Outstanding speakers and specialists come to us for county-wide meetings.

3. *Leadership.* The Club is a good training ground for leadership. Most farm women are shy and timid for they have few opportunities to lead in anyway. In the Club we may become officers and this may lead to even higher offices.

4. *Progressive.* It helps to get us out of a rut. When we hear others and see them demonstrate better ways of doing things we are much more apt to try it.

5. *Fellowship.* The fellowship we have with others in our monthly meetings, Federation meetings and Fall Achievement Day is definitely worth-

while. On these occasions we make new friends and renew our ties with old ones.

6. *Citizenship.* The ideals for which the Club stands tends to make us better citizens. No woman is apt to repeat the Club collect month after month without thinking of what it means, and maybe striving a little harder to live up to it.

7. *World Citizenship.* We learn a sense of world citizenship by having our delegates come to us and report on the National and International Federation meetings, by sending our "Penny for Friendship," China Relief and others.

8. *Broadening.* The things mentioned give us a feeling of wider horizons and makes us broadminded. We realize that "Me and my wife, my son John and his wife — us four and no more," is not a satisfactory philosophy of life. The Club sponsors a library and brings more books within our reach.

9. *Charity.* We develop charitableness by contributing to worthy local, national and international relief funds sponsored by the Club.

10. *Artistic.* The Club helps us artistically by teaching us ways of remodeling and improving our homes, landscaping our grounds and by bringing us the latest fashions and better grooming and personal appearance.

11. *Financial.* The Club means much to us in dollars and cents. The help we can get from it depends upon the call we make on its resources. By

learning better methods of cooking, canning, freezing we can serve better, tasteful meals less expensively.

12. *Recognition.* Last, but by no means least, is the recognition we receive for work we have done. Even though we realize that "virtue is its own reward," we all enjoy a pat on the back and a word of approval when we have earned it. The Home Demonstration Club supplies this "pat."

Club Work in Orange

As we start the New Year we can look upon the past year's accomplishments in Orange County with pride. One of the outstanding activities have been in the development of more leadership in the county and clubs by officers training schools and club planning meetings. There has been a greater participation at club meetings by project leaders. 80 leaders have conducted 62 demonstrations in local clubs with 1,459 in attendance.

Orange County is a small county, mostly rural in population, having 17 Home Demonstration Clubs with an enrollment of 418 women. 70 new members were gained in the membership drives. 205 visitors were welcomed to one or more meetings. Though rural, the town of Chapel Hill has enjoyed a curb market for the past 12 years. At present there are 25 sellers with total sales amounting to \$30,546.20.

Community projects have been numerous. Tram Road, Calvander, and Gravely Hill are working on club houses. Aycock Club has beautified the road intersection in their village. Orange Grove Club has helped in floor finishing and landscaping the new Baptist Church. Mail box improvement has been a county wide project sponsored in cooperation with the agricultural agencies, the Grange, Highway department, and mail carriers in the county.

Two years ago the county council sponsored a fund to equip a county home demonstration laboratory. In addition to an annual contribution, this year each club has sponsored community sales, suppers, plays, etc. with proceeds going to the laboratory fund.

The citizenship program has received an excellent response in the United Nations Flag Program. In addition to those for schools, churches, and American Legion Posts, 20 were made for the town of Chapel Hill. At a United Nations Day program held on University of North Carolina Campus, a flag was presented to Chancellor

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Duplin County

The eight hundred Home Demonstration Club women of Duplin County, representing twenty-seven clubs, have been busy doing the usual things all club women do. We have been growing in many ways. Our county reached the goal of one hundred new members and more communities are asking for clubs. As evidence of growth in leadership, County Councils, Federations, and Training Schools have been well attended. There has been a real spirit of cooperation. In April 255 women provided their own transportation to a District Meeting in Jacksonville. In November when the Council found need for additional funds on very short notice, the clubs came together and put on a Talent Show. This helped to strengthen our organization by providing the opportunity to work and play together, as well as to receive financial gain.

Mrs. David Williams
President Duplin
County Council

Twelve Things To Remember

The great Marshall Field has long since gone to his reward, but he left behind him many worthwhile things besides the world-famous-department store which bears his name. Not least among these requests to mankind is the following bit of advice entitled "Twelve Things To Remember"—
They are

1. The Value of Time
2. The Success of Perseverance
3. The Pleasure of working
4. The Dignity of Simplicity
5. The Worth of Character
6. The Power of Kindness
7. The Influence of Example
8. The Obligation of Duty
9. The Wisdom of Economy
10. The Virtue of Patience
11. The Improvement of Talent
12. The Joy of Originating

What a storehouse for joyful living lies within these twelve simple thoughts! Each is well worth much more than a few minutes of thoughtful consideration.

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lor R. B. House for the University of North Carolina and one to Mayor protem Hobbs for the town of Chapel Hill. Smith Level Club sent one to the Exchange Club in England.

We are looking forward to a good year in Home Demonstration work in 1951.

Mrs. Paul Long, President
Orange County Council

The Walnut Cove Cemetery Wakes Up

Several months ago the Home Demonstration Club of Walnut Cove, N. C. decided to do something about the town cemetery. The results of this decision have bolstered the theory that one should never underestimate the power of women, even though they are called the more deadly of the species.

Mrs. C. J. Helsabeck, Club President, stressed the thought that death is natural and we should prepare for it in a material way as well as in the spiritual way.

Working capital was secured from magazine subscriptions, cold drink sales, and a concert directed by Miss Eula Tuttle of Greensboro Senior High School.

The reactivated cemetery organization in cooperation with the club committee composed of G. W. Neal, H. H. Davis, J. W. Hutchison, Trustees; Mrs. J. V. Lewellyn, Secretary and Mrs. C. J. Helsabeck, Treasurer, bought two adjacent lots for a more spacious entrance. Deeds have been printed, and are being made to plot purchasers. Notary service was donated by Mrs. H. R. McPherson.

John Harris, Extension Specialist, and Mrs. Christine Y. Gentry, Stokes County HDC Agent, assisted in plans for landscaping after a general clean-up. Stones were straightened and up-growth removed. Cray Tilley and Uncle Bud Hairston worked for minimum wages. Mr. J. A. Neal sowed grass, and J. A. Dillon furnished a mule free of charge. Mr. Reid Forrest, R. W. Sands, and Norman Dunlap of the State Highway Dept. helped with the cemetery drive. The entire community pitched in to promote the beautification project since the women started it.

The original cemetery organization came into being in the year 1922 when Susan Vaughn Fulton, first wife of the late J. H. Fulton died.

Beyond Walnut Cove Memorial Cemetery stand the majestic Sauratown Mountains, a unique mountain range within the borders of Stokes County.

The burial ground beautification program is not complete, but cemeteries, like Rome, are not built in a day.

Catherine Ragland Jones
Stokes County

"Cookery Around the World." Send \$1.00 to ACWW Office, Flat I, 15 Collingham Rd., London S.W. 5, England.

News From Randolph

Randolph County club members are very glad of an opportunity to tell about the activities going on in our county. We know that the things we are doing are not world shaking event within themselves but through concerted effort we hope to make our mark.

Our Family Life leaders have been active, giving demonstrations in all the clubs during November. Our very newest club, Gray's Chapel, held this meeting at night and made a true family affair of it. The husbands enjoyed the discussion on "The Art of Staying Young" just as much as the ladies.

Mrs. Ralph Cox, County Family Life leader, gave a radio talk on this subject also.

During December the clubs had meetings with special emphasis on International Relations. Many clubs invited guests to speak to them. These guests were people now living in our communities who came from abroad.

We learned Christmas customs and traditions from many countries including Germany, Latvia, Great Britain, Mexico and The Netherlands.

The Health leaders have taken their responsibilities seriously and are working with County Health officials encouraging not only club members but everyone to take all possible precautions in the prevention of disease.

The results of our reading program have been gratifying this past year. Sixty reading certificates and twenty-one advanced certificates were presented to club members at our Achievement program in October. This number represents only those books on which reports have been given.

Books broaden the horizon of our lives, helping us to learn more of people everywhere. Reading has helped many of us to keep abreast of current events and deepened our appreciation of the historical heritage that is ours.

These are a few of the things we are doing in Randolph County. Our past achievements are but a step toward the goal we seek.

Mrs. Floyd Cox
President Randolph
County Council
Rt. 1 Asheboro

The Countrywoman is published in London, England, every month by ACWW. The \$1.00 for subscription should go to your state chairman, Mrs. Clyde King, Nashville, N. C.

Skit:**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

SETTING: Home of any club member just before the club meeting.

CHARACTERS: Hostess and three or four members who have arrived early.

Hostess: Come in, I'm delighted to see you. I certainly hope we have a good crowd this afternoon.

Mrs. Black: So do we, we always enjoy our meetings so much better when the attendance is good.

Mrs. Brown: Mary and Gladys are coming and Helen plans to come if her baby is better.

Mrs. Gray: We all ought to make a special effort to come to help along our new president.

Mrs. White: Yes, it encourages her and besides, we are scored on our attendance.

Mrs. Black: During the past year we met our scoring qualifications on attendance rather well, but you know, I've been thinking, we are scored on Parliamentary procedure to, and we fell down rather badly at times on that.

Hostess: That is true, it is a wonder our Home Agent doesn't give us a good talking to on the subject.

Mrs. Brown: Oh, dear no! Our Home Agent is far too tactful to do anything like that. She teaches us many things directly, but one thing we can learn from her indirectly is the use of tactfulness on all occasions.

Mrs. Gray: Yes, I can see that she's letting us finally conclude ourselves that we can do something about it.

Mrs. White: I've been in the habit of thinking our president observed it and possibly the secretary, but it did not concern the rest of us. Now I see how wrong I was.

Hostess: Each member should know the basic rules and apply them.

Mrs. Black: That's true. Our president and secretary usually abide by the correct rules, but when the rest of us talk all the time and fail to address the president before speaking we not only fail to conform to the rules, but we are guilty of being very rude to our president and other officers.

Mrs. Brown: Just what is Parliamentary Procedure?

Mrs. Gray: The word "Parliamentary" comes from Parliament which is the English legislative body corresponding to our Congress and its general rules for conducting an orderly meeting have come to be standard procedure. Like the rules for good manners they have been growing up since the beginning of time.

Mrs. White: Also, like the rules for good manners, they are based on courtesy and consideration for other people.

Hostess: Yes, and a person accustomed to observing good Parliamentary Procedure can conduct himself properly at any meeting anywhere.

Mrs. Black: In a way it seems rather foolish to address the president, etc., among a few neighbors in someone's home.

Mrs. Brown: On the contrary, when people are seated in rows as in an auditorium orderly conduct is more natural than when people are grouped informally in a home as we are here. If we don't make an effort to have order just look at what we do.

Mrs. Gray: We did act disgraceful toward our president and club at our recent election.

Mrs. White: Half of us did not even know what business the other half transacted during part of the meeting.

Hostess: Where can we learn the rules of Parliamentary Procedure?

Mrs. Black: We can learn by observing and practicing it. We can all address the President before we speak and we can refrain from talking among ourselves when someone else is speaking.

Mrs. Brown: I find that a good way to learn about anything is to ask someone who knows more about it than I do.

Mrs. Gray: Our Year Book on page 41-42 tells us some of the points we need to know about Parliamentary Procedure in our club meetings if we'll all take time to read it quietly at home.

Mrs. White: Most of this is for the president and secretary but on page 14 there are some rules applying to the members.

Mrs. Black: I'm glad we've had this discussion. Let's suggest to the other members that we prove our loyalty to our club and president by observing these rules.

Hostess: (Looking out) Here comes our Home Agent and our president now, and I believe our other members are coming just in time to begin our meeting promptly.

Mrs. William Elkins
Elkton Club
Bladen County

The 1950 conference of the ACWW was a kind of miniature United Nations session. The delegates had a singleness of purpose—women must work in the world nowadays even more than in their homes.

Achievements in Chatham County

We're passengers on the H. D. train,
It may not take us to fortune and fame,
But the stations ahead for which we're bound,
Have conveniences equal to those in town.

Electricity for all to lighten our loads,
Telephones, freezer locker, and good roads,
Better schools, and better hospital care,
Balanced diets, and well made clothes to wear.

Our Home Agents, County Agents too,
Will steer our train and take us through,
We'll gather passengers at each station,
And extend our help to every nation.

"Home Demonstration Organization,"
To understand this, gives much elation.
We studied our Year Book, read it through,
It will help us better work to do.

Plan three meals that add up best,
For flavor and zest, health and rest.
Vegetables, fruits, frozen or canned,
Eggs, milk, and meats to make health grand.

Hillsides once covered with clay so red,
Now graze purebred cattle instead,
These calves are fat, hearty, and hale,
Pasture values tell in the milk pail.

In the family conference, all should know,
How the next earned check should go.
Planning together for that new barn,
Let each one speak, it will do no harm.

Building Good Citizenship is also stressed,
Inspiring us to do our best.
Allegiance to Government and to those who lead,
True to the trust in word and deed.

H. D. work in Chatham is a real asset,
Many helpful methods the whole family get,
We do things now the scientific way,
Find joy in our work, as well as play.
Mrs. Jeter J. Hackney
Chatham Co. Publicity
Chairman

Today is the day to do whatever is important to happiness.



Laden with gifts of food and clothing, members of fifteen Home Demonstration Clubs of Durham County are greeted at Wright's Refuge by Miss Lizzie Grey Chandler, Supervisor.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Several months ago, some ladies were rummaging through their scrap bags and they found some beautiful scraps of gay prints and other material. One lady said to another lady, "Why not use these pieces of material in a patch work quilt and give it to Wright's Refuge?" The other lady replied, "That is a splendid idea, I'll go right home and see what I can find in my scrap bag."

A few days later, at a circle meeting in the Nelson Community when the idea of making a quilt for Wright's Refuge was brought up, a pattern was selected and distributed and each lady was asked to make one square.

When the Nelson Home Demonstration club met, the ladies were all talking about the squares which they had made for the quilt. One member of the Nelson Club suggested that, the club make quilt squares too. Every one was thrilled over the idea, that she had a chance to make a small contribution to this project.

When all the squares had been completed, the ladies decided to have a quilting. Some donated linings, thread, and cotton. A day was set apart in the Nelson Club House for a quilting bee. The results of this

afternoon of fun and work were three lovely quilts ready for the children at Wright's Refuge.

In April, the club asked Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, superintendent of Wright's Refuge, to bring out to the Club House, some empty fruit jars for the club members to fill.

All summer long the Nelson Club members went about with a song of happiness in their hearts as they picked blackberries and gathered other fruit and vegetables with which to fill the jars for the little boys and girls under Miss Chandler's care. But filling jars was not all these ladies did. The long hot days, when they took time out from a busy schedule for rest and relaxation one could find their busy fingers sewing away on more quilt squares of different patterns.

When the busy summer had ended, and the tobacco and other crops had been harvested, the cans and freezer lockers filled to capacity, the farm children had been outfitted for a new school year, the Nelson Club women began to "Talk" quilting again. Some of the ladies sewed the squares together, others made pretty feed sack linings. Some friends donated cotton and thread. One fine day, the news went out, "There will be some more

quiltings." The Club members met in the homes this time, and while they exchanged recipes their fingers were busy again quilting.

When these quiltings were over, five more new quilts were added to the first collection for Wright's Refuge.

At one of the Nelson Club meetings the clothing chairman asked for contributions to the Needlework Guild. The club immediately voted to contribute to this, provided the garments would be given to Wright's Refuge. Again the club ladies began to sew and make little dresses and petticoats, other ladies bought shirts, and socks until there were eighteen garments ready for Miss Chandler's distribution.

For nineteen years, the Nelson Home Demonstration club has set aside one day before Thanksgiving for the collection of its contributions for this Home. This, the 1950 Thanksgiving day was the biggest and best day of them all.

Miss Chandler and some of the children came to the November Club Meeting and received hundreds of jars of food and articles of clothing.

Mrs. Jodie Shipp
Nelson Home Dem. Club

Telling The Story

Happy New Year club women and may you have worthwhile results from your year's work.

This will be a Happy New Year and a New Life for many young housewives this year for they are going to become members of a Home Demonstration Club in their community. They will say to us, "Why haven't I heard of such wonderful work before?" I need not tell you that our faces are going to be red when they ask us for they would have heard years sooner had we taken the time to tell them what home demonstration work will do for them, their family, home and their community.

Membership will be stressed in all clubs this year, so Vice Presidents get on your toes and fellow club members hold her up there. It is true your Vice President has charge of this membership drive, but she can do very little, alone, about telling the story to all the young Mothers in your community how they can make the best of her time, money and talent.

God gives all of us twenty-four hours a day, but even in a small community, the women spend their time twenty-four different ways. How do we know this? Well some of them are home demonstration club members and they arrange their time and work so they have hours away from household duties. You don't have to know them personally to spot one in any community either. She has been told by her Home Agent to budget her time. Therefore she has more time to spend with her family and friends or her hobby.

Your neighbor might think you were, we might say, off the beam if we told her our Home Agent and Club Members could tell her how she could best use her money. She could learn to sew or learn to prepare more nutritious meals that would save doctor bills, learn arts and crafts that would bring in money for the family. In fact she learns the latest of everything in women's news in subjects of the home.

Perhaps your neighbor is very talented, no matter what kind of talent she has if she is not sharing it with somebody else she is missing a lot of happiness that should be hers by joining a Home Demonstration Club and sharing it with other women. I think good ideas are like water; if they can't be circulated or kept moving they become stale if just one person knows them.

So club women lets put on chains and pull some of our women out of

the rut they're in. Who knows, they may help us as much as we help them, but how can we know unless we tell them the story of Home Demonstration Club work and join them as a member in 1951.

Mrs. Wade Cornelius
President Forbush Enon
Club Yadkin County

Home Demonstration Club Work In Anson County

Anson County has 10 Home Demonstration Clubs with over 300 members. Three new clubs have been organized this year.

For the past two years the Anson County Library has sent out books to the clubs which are kept three months and returned to the library and new books brought out. One club member in each club acts as librarian and brings the books to the club meetings where the members can get them. The women have taken much more interest in reading since they can get the books so conveniently. At our achievement day held in November about 25 book review certificates were given to club members.

Most of the clubs have money making projects, and this money is used on a school or community project. Last September the Burnsville club made \$80.00 on serving a picnic supper to the Rotary Club at the local gymnasium, with the club members' husbands and others as guests of the Rotarians. This club had as its special project the opening of the school cafeteria. It gave money and equipment, a hot water heater being one of the pieces for the kitchen. It has contributed other things to the school; stage equipment, shrubs for the grounds, books for the library; \$50.00 on the gymnasium being built and \$10.00 for a first aid kit. Each year a medal is given the high school student making the greatest improvement for the school year.

All clubs made United Nations flags in October and presented them to the schools with appropriate programs.

On November 10, 1950 Anson County had its Achievement Day program in Wadesboro. About 100 club members were present. The exhibits were pickles, pillow cases, and dresses made from feed sacks. 25 dresses were modeled. Prizes were given for the best exhibits. Prizes were given the club with the most members present. Prizes also went to the club members with the youngest baby, and to the grandmother with the youngest grandchild. Mr. Sloane Guy of the First

Baptist Church made a talk on Citizenship. And the delegate to the National Home Demonstration Council meeting, held in Biloxi, Miss. in October, who happened to be the County Council president, gave a report of this meeting.

Brown Creek, and High Hill were hostess clubs for the social hour at the close of the program, and served cookies and coffee.

Viola Kiker, President
Anson County Council
Polkton, N. C.

Choral Group Gives First Performance

The formation of the Durham County Chorus did not take place over night. We had been talking about singing all year. In January at the first Council meeting, the question arose as to what kind of program club women would like at Spring Federation, and someone said, "Let's have a singer and some music this year."

Those words marked the beginning of our Music Appreciation Course, if it could be called such because some of us already interested in music dedicated ourselves to promoting music for its' recreational, educational and inspirational value to every club woman in the county.

Our first venture was truly an adventure. Unable to secure Mr. Norman Corden for our Spring Federation, we decided to make music ourselves. Every club was asked to present a selection: group singing, solo, duet, skit, band, piano—anything, just so it had music in it. In order that no club would feel inadequate, we called the program "Fun With Music" and offered prizes to the three top clubs. Among other things it was a talent survey, but most of all it showed us that women need music, both as participants and listeners.

As the day came nearer to the program, our hearts were in our mouths, so to speak. We did not know how many clubs would send entries, nor how many people would come to listen. Should we arrange other entertainment? As we said later, we didn't have enough faith, for there were fifteen entries from seventeen clubs, original music, dancing, singing, acting, a band, in fact just about everything one might wish in a musical way. Some of the ladies showed surprising talent, but everybody had a good time. And there were lots of 'listeners' too.

It was natural then for us to begin to think of a choral group for our county. Club women would call and

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It's The Songs Ye Sing!

'Tis said that music hath charm to soothe the savage beast. Now, a certain old timer would have us believe that there is a little beast in all of us. Evolution or not, the farm people of this state are being offered a music appreciation program designed, not with the thought in mind to soothe the beast in us, but to form the habit of listening to good music, interpretation of song, etc.

Some of us have been slow in getting our tempo, musically speaking, into highgear in some communities. Probably to the observer we may have reached the uncertain state of the little boy who asked his mother if it was true that people were made from dust and returned to dust when they died. When assured that the Bible so stated, the boy replied that there was a person under his bed either coming or going.

Uncertainty does not abide in our minds, however. We know we are "coming." We realize it is a privilege to share in this program of music education and more and more of our people are coming out to join a chorus, etc. The long winter evening are at hand now, and they are conducive to neighborhood get-togethers — good-fellowship, the blending of voices in song, all this resulting in better friends, better communities. And so the cycle goes. Mr. Norman Cordon reminded the women of the 14th District at their annual meeting that if a people were singing-mad they couldn't be fighting-mad.

Life has become so speedy and strenuous that many have no time to pause and enjoy these simple things. The race for power, prestige, and the promotion of self-interests leave little time for songs to be sung. It is with pride that we rural people remember that the Wise Men and the Shepherds were also of the open country. Why did so many in Jerusalem and roundabout fail to hear the Heavenly Chorus? Was it because they were too busy with self? These ancient rural people had no property worries, so when the announcement came of the birth of the Savior and the heavenly Chorus took up the refrain, they saw and heard.

Shall we take a lesson from these simple people and remember It's The Songs Ye Sing that could mean the difference between dull hearts, heavy ears and closed eyes, and the ability to see the star in the night and hear the song on the air?

Mrs. D. H. Hart
Siler City, N. C.

Model Mile Roadside Improvement Contest

We decided in Surry County one of our most needed projects was the Beautification of Our Highways, and we are proud of the Sheltontown Home Demonstration Club for winning first place in the Model Mile Roadside Improvement Contest.

Few people in that community think their community is as attractive as it could be, but they will all agree that it looks better than it did a year ago. It was a year ago that the Sheltontown Home Demonstration Club entered the Model Mile Roadside Improvement Contest. No one in the club though they would win a prize, but it was their general opinion that they had as much room for improvement as any other group.

The Home Demonstration Club had long wanted to make the highway running through their community more attractive but somehow they had not had the proper incentive to get started, until they were told about the Model Mile Contest. This contest is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club as well as other State-Wide organizations, with the help of the Carolina Motor Club who provides the awards for the contest. At this time they saw an opportunity to approach the people in their community with a definite program.

As usual, some one person has to spark these movements and the people of the Sheltontown Community will agree that Mrs. Alvis Love was a natural for this job. Mrs. Love says it was all the people working together which made it possible to do what was done. She points out that much remains to be done, but at the same time she points with pride to some of the outstanding achievements accomplished this year. One of the goals reached by the club was to have each home owner clean up and haul away all rubbish and trash from premises.

"Unfortunately," added Mrs. Love, "the rubbish reappeared almost as fast as it was hauled away."

Perhaps the outstanding accomplishment was the removal of an auto graveyard. The owner of the garage and graveyard became so interested in what was being done that he not only removed the auto parts by truck and bull dozer, but removed his entire place of business to a less conspicuous place. Other accomplishments included cleaning up and re-landscaping of the church grounds and the painting of the small schoolhouse. The community raised the money to buy the paint for

the school building and the county furnished the labor.

In order that all mailbox supports be painted, the Home Demonstration club women bought paint and went down the road painting each support themselves. Next year, they hope to get each mailbox on a standard support so that all the mail box supports will be exactly alike.

The Model Mile Contest is being continued throughout our county and more clubs are planning to do more work in making our county more beautiful. Another thing we decided to do was to erect picnic tables for our tourists who pass through our county.

Mrs. Ola Atkinson
President of Surry
County Home Dem.
Council

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ask, "When are we going to start singing?" Getting started was a problem. We had no money for books or a director. Have you ever walked up to a person and asked her to do something for free? Well, we did and she said yes. Bless her. That one in a million was Mrs. Eugene Umstead, She was a singer and director and even furnished us with the necessary music.

The call went out and on that first night about thirty ladies came. Our director looked tired and wan when the evening was over. She said later she thought the task hopeless. But we improved, we wanted to sing and slowly we learned. We began to make progress.

On Achievement Night, as we walked briskly in, each of us in a dark dress, a simple white flower our only ornament, no one would have thought we were anything but professional singers. We slipped into our places and after a few opening chords sang 'God of Our Fathers.' During the program we sang many times.

We really don't know how good we were. Some people said we were fine, but it didn't matter to us. We were singing, singing together, creating a world of beauty into which any of us might wander at will. We had made a beginning. Music is a must in all our future plans.

Mrs. J. C. Dodson
Durham County Music Chairman

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