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NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK APRIL 29-MAY 6

TODAY'S HOME BUILDS TOMORROW'S WORLD



Home Demonstration Club members throughout North Carolina will observe the Sixth National Home Demonstration Week from April 29th through May 6th.

In North Carolina more than 67,000 club members will have an opportunity this year to stress the responsibility of the home and family in developing and maintaining those qualities we value in a democracy. The following objectives have been set up for the week:

1. Highlight the idea that the home is the training ground for democracy and that homemakers have a unique opportunity to further the appreciation and understanding of the freedoms won by our forefathers and the responsibilities that go with these freedoms.
2. Help families to understand and to cooperate with all defense mobilization programs.
3. Develop ways for homemakers and volunteer leaders to share their "know how," acquired in home demonstration work, in the interests of defense.
4. Capitalize on the special contributions that younger homemakers can make to strengthening the nation.

Clay County Club Members Sprout Wings for the Mind

"He that loves reading has everything within his reach. He has but to desire, and he may possess himself of every species of wisdom and power to perform"—In this atomic age when we tremble with fear, when we are prone to distrust our brothers across the sea, when more and more people are developing heart conditions, stomach ulcers and "nerves" we need as never before to find "wings for our mind"—something that will lift us above the sordid newspaper headlines filled with war and tragedy—the common thought found to prevail in the mind of the masses. Good books are the silver wings upon which we journey into other lands to see the good in neighbors across the sea—they keep us soaring above misunderstandings and teach us to appreciate all races.

Home Demonstration women of Clay County, realizing the need for

stronger wings, met in the County Library for a training school. The meeting was attended by Education Chairmen and Committee, representing different clubs, County Council President, and many other members. Several books were reviewed by Miss Phyllis Snyder, Regional Librarian. A discussion of our problems followed. Seeing the need for greater financial assistance to this work, we agreed to write State Legislature to consider additional help. We also voted to meet with the County Commissioners and ask their help in considering extra support for library work in the county.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners in March, the Home Demonstration Club committee was present to fulfill their duty. They took the commissioners to the library to see the lack of space, the poor lighting, the absence of comfortable chairs, poorly painted walls, etc. The

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Beaufort County Plants Dogwood Trees

To beautify our homes and communities, we in Beaufort County have carried out the idea of using flowers and shrubs native to us. In particular, we have used the dogwood which is also North Carolina's state flower. All of the clubs have participated but to name a few specifically, Wilkinson Club had a committee to name and set a dogwood tree at the church in their community. Bonneron Club put two dogwood trees at their Community Building. Terra Ceia Club placed a tree named for her at the grave of Mrs. C. B. Carowan. Mrs. Carowan was an active club member and President of the Beaufort County Council at the time of her death. Mrs. Sam Moore, a member of the Pineville Club, set twenty-one dogwood trees around her home. At Aurora the American Legion ground received a tree named for Miss Belva Bennett, an active member of the Home Demonstration Club now and for many years, having the distinction of being a club member longest. She is a Past President of the County Council. Trees have been set at homes, schools, churches, and other public places by clubs and individual members throughout the county.

Mrs. Emma Sprouse,
Publicity Chairman
Beaufort County

My English Letter Friend

By Mrs. Paul Sudderth
Cherokee County

During these past twenty months I have learned to understand and have a close personal feeling for all news coming out of England. My letter friend has explained their conditions so thoroughly I have a personal interest in what happens to them.

My friend's family consists of Nancy and Bob, the parents; Michael, aged ten, Marjorie, eight and now a new arrival, born January 10, 1951. Their home is in Sunderland, England. Nancy and Bob are school teachers.

We have exchanged our favorite recipes, magazines and household hints. Woman's Institute is the title

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of their work equivalent to our Home Demonstration Clubs. They do more dramatics than anything else but have a few craft projects too. They do not have a Home Demonstration Agent or any paid worker to instruct them. Each member is called upon to give a demonstration of her favorite hobby. Nancy is an expert knitter and taught her club to knit the "Fair Isle" design last year. I have a beautiful set of sweaters with this particular design in the yoke. Also another two toned knitted wool blouse Nancy has sent as gifts to me.

I try to send packages of items that are very scarce there, or not available, such as chocolate, nuts, canned meats, nylon hose and American dress patterns.

At the present time their meat ration is very low. A family of five is allowed around forty cents worth of meat per week. Their prices are much higher than ours at present. Nancy uses a lot of fish to supplement their diets.

My two sons exchange birthday greetings with Michael and Majorie, also comic books. The English comics are more of a small paper instead of book form. Our children have learned to enjoy these papers and share them with their friends. Our American comical cards amuse them very much so I have sent boxes of these to send their friends.

Music in Pasquotank

The State Home Demonstration Office for some time has been stressing music in our program of work. For 1951 we are really trying to have music.

In preparation for our music program, a three-nights leader's music school was held in November. We had two very good teachers, both being trained choral directors. We were taught the fundamental of music, and much time was devoted in teaching us to lead and direct group singing.

In January, our agent brought to the clubs a most interesting Music Appreciation program. Giving very briefly, a resume of the leaders music school, and telling something of the life and works of two American composers, George Gershwin and Stephen Foster, playing some of their greater compositions on a record player. She also gave the origin of our State song, and commended Burl Ives, "The Way-faring Stranger," for the preservation of the American Folk Song and Ballads.

Naturally, the idea for our music program, is to create a desire in every club member to sing. In connection with our County Spring Federation, we are having a "Song Festival." The fifteen clubs will compete against each other. The regulations for entering are:

1. All participants must be a member of the Home Demonstration Club.
2. Must memorize all three songs.
3. One song to be chosen by contesting club, and one by the judges.
4. Score for judging:

Percentage of members	25
Tone	15
Diction	12
Rhythm	12
Attack, Release, Phrasing	11
Interpretation and Effect	25

100

The three songs are "Tell Me Why," "Jacob's Ladder," and "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The women are already working on these songs, and there will be keen competition between the clubs. Of course our dream is some day to have a Pasquotank County Course.

Mrs. Vernon G. James,
 President,
 Pasquotank County Council

I feel that I was given the Prize of all Letter Friends. Nancy and I dream of the day that somehow, someday we will have the pleasure of meeting in person.

Watauga County

For the past year there has been a great deal of competitive interest created by our new point system! Each member of the various Home Demonstration Clubs of Watauga County are vying with each other to see who may gain the most points and receive the gavel for this year. New members, attendance at County council meetings, leaders giving demonstrations—all these and several other things all count so many points each. There has been much more interest and activity in our clubs since the point system has been started. We plan to continue to use the new system, making changes and improvements as we go along. Already since the first of the year three new clubs have been organized and we have plans for at least eight more. The problem now is to find time for our home agent to meet with the groups.

Our women are giving more thought to food preservation and homemaking than ever before in view of the Korean War situation. Home Demonstration work takes in so many phases of living, and especially farm life, that we all benefit from it. We have come a long way toward better methods of living and here's hoping we continue to improve our standards of healthful activity through our clubs.

Mrs. Dean Reese,
 President Beaver Dam
 Home Demonstration Club

Twenty-Fourth District Meeting

Mrs. George Bowen, District President, will preside over the 24th District Federation Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs in Plymouth on April 12th at the Plymouth Theatre, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. W. V. Reynolds of Tyrrell County will serve as secretary. Mrs. Walter Wynne of Martin County will give the devotional, and Mrs. Hilton Chesson of Washington County will extend the welcome to which Mrs. Ben Harris of Hyde County will respond. Tyrrell County Club women will give the district report.

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the *Progressive Farmer* will be the guest speaker. He will be introduced by Mrs. H. R. Swartzell of Beaufort County. Mrs. P. P. Gregory, State Federation President, will bring greetings and give highlights of her recent trip to Denmark by illustrated lecture in the afternoon. Various committees will also give their reports in the afternoon.

The 24th District is composed of Hyde, Beaufort, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties.

News From Mitchell

The Achievement Day Program which was held by Mitchell County Home Demonstration club members on October 28 still rings in the hearts of many of us and serves as an incentive to an even better club year during 1951. It was the most outstanding county-wide program that we as home demonstration members have been privileged to attend.

The theme of our program was "The United Nations Flag—A Symbol of Peace, Faith, and Freedom for all the Peoples of the World." Every phase of the program was keyed to the United Nations. In her devotional, Mrs. Bill Haberneck brought out that, "We must try to understand each other—or make allowances for our differences right here among ourselves, and for the greater differences that far away people see in us and we in them."

A special guest at the morning program was Mr. Lester A. Schlup, Chief, Division of Extension Information, Washington, D. C. Mr. Schlup had this to say of the days activities, "I was very much impressed with the caliber of your home demonstration club members and their activities, the excellence of their exhibits, and the inspiring character of the program which featured the United Nations."

A luncheon was held for the members in attendance which was followed by a talent program in the afternoon. Songs, poems, readings, and folk games from other countries were presented by club members to further carry out our theme.

The day's program ended with a serious note as the Bandana Club presented the skit, "All Flags Will Fly."

We were especially proud that the roll call showed each of our 17 home demonstration clubs well represented because we think it shows the intense interest in home demonstration work in our county.

Mrs. Ben Robinson,
County Council Pres.
Mitchell County

Craven County Leaders

The Leader Training Program has done much for Home Demonstration Club women in Craven County. Our program has so broadened that every woman can find an interest. Our Club women are more interested because they take an active part in every meeting. It is amazing to see women take on responsibility, give demonstrations,

Art and Craft Interests in Jackson County

To-date four workshops have and are opening their doors to people of their respective communities—Addie, Fisher Creek, Victory and Greens Creek.

Space for these shops has been donated by interested Home Demonstration Club members. Many articles have been and are being made by enthusiastic and energetic groups.

Most of the articles which have been made were for home use. More than \$22.00 worth have been sold. This figure is expected to increase as more articles are made by various members of Community workshops.

The following articles have been made: etched copper and aluminum trays, hammered copper, lamp shades, hooked rugs, copper foil pictures and plaques, seed pictures, stenciling, basket making. Corn shuck articles have been made which includes hats, belts, bedroom shoes, mats, baskets, chair and stool bottoms. Some are using honeysuckle or chinese grass.

The Cope Creek 4-H Club house is being used by Home Demonstration members for their use in making craft articles.

Addie 4-H Club is studying crafts by voluntary help of members of the Addie Home Demonstration Club. They have made baskets and copper foil plaques. Cope Creek 4-H Club made copper foil plaques.

The publishing of an excellent Tri-State Cook Book was sponsored by Jackson County Council members. The proceeds from sale of this book is to be divided between the Council and an Orphanage in Louisiana. The Council members plan to use this money for the improvement of better living in Jackson County.

Mrs. Frank H. Brown, Sr.,
President
Jackson County Council

organize games, who, ten years ago, were too shy to answer roll call.

Project Leaders are selected because of their outstanding interest in the subject. These are then trained by Specialists to give the demonstrations in their specific fields during the year. This year, Clothing Leaders and Citizenship Leaders worked together in learning about the United Nations, and they directed the flag making project. Timely notes were discussed at the Club meetings by Garden, Poultry and Home Beautification Leaders. Through the efforts of the Education Leaders, our women have

Twenty-Fifth District Federation Plans

The Twenty-fifth District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet April 11th in the Dr. W. T. Griggs High School at Poplar Branch, N. C.

Presiding over the meeting will be Mrs. Earl White, Chairman, from Manteo, Dare County, and acting as secretary will be Mrs. N. D. Chappel from Belvidere, Perquimans County. The invocation will be given by Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Chowan County.

Welcome will be extended by Mrs. J. P. Morgan, President, Currituck County Council; Mr. W. H. Tuck, Superintendent, Currituck County Public Schools; and Mr. Norwood Ansell, Chairman, Currituck County Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Vernon James, President, Pasquotank County Council, will give the response.

Greetings will be given by Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent.

The feature of the day will be an address by the Hon. L. Y. Ballentine, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, who will be presented by Mrs. Dudley Bagley of Currituck County.

The afternoon session will be highlighted with an address by Mrs. P. P. Gregory, President, N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, who will be introduced by Mrs. A. M. Spencer, President, Camden County Council. At the conclusion of Committee reports, Mrs. Verona J. Langford, Eastern District Agent, will install the newly elected officers.

read more good books. Food and Nutrition Leaders have been busy assisting their neighbors with better methods for preparing and conserving food. Much interest has been created in Child training and Family Relationships by the Family Life Leaders.

Club women are accepting active leadership in varied activities, such as, flower shows, planning and conducting teen-age recreation, community projects and civic drives. P.T.A. and Church organizations are finding willing and competent leaders. One of our biggest steps forward is through training leaders.

Mrs. Donald Witherington,
President, Craven County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

"He who beareth the torch shad-
oweth himself to give light to others."

Farm and Home Week
July 3-August 2

Farm Home Field Day

In spite of rain and mud, over 600 people watched with interest the many activities in progress at the Home Field Day held Friday, February 16, 1951 at the Frank Davis home in Ironduff, under the sponsorship of the Haywood County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs with the Ironduff Club serving as hostess for the day.

People watched with amazement the results obtained by George Barton of Greer, S. C., District Representative of the Reardon Company, who with the greatest of ease applied "Dramex" as a wall finish over sheet rock and obtained such a beautifully colored pastel wall that even the professionals failed to discriminate between it and a plastered finish. He was assisted by Mr. Robert Shannon, West Virginia field representative. They also showed the methods of cementing joints in sheet rock.

Simultaneously with the wall demonstration, ladies as well as their husbands were learning the ease of applying "Bruce Floor Sealer" for a durable and beautiful floor finish in their homes. This demonstration on sanding and finishing was done by Mr. Ed Fortune, Fortune Paint and Hardware Company in Asheville and Roy Parkman, Parkman Hardware Company in Waynesville.

Miss Pauline Gordon, House Furnishings and Home Management Specialist, N. C. State College, Raleigh, discussed with the visitors good home planning, good room arrangement, selection of furnishings, choice of materials, colors and eye appeal in the home. An excellent example of the effect of good finished floors was contrasted in the two bedrooms where one floor was finished and the other was not. In the kitchen, she pointed out the time-saving elements of good planning and arrangement. The utility room adjoining the kitchen was well accepted by the ladies as being well-planned and presenting desirable features for any farm family. Especially did she emphasize the value of color combinations and the choice of materials, colors and designs in the drapery materials as being suitable for the specific uses to which they were placed.

Furniture for the living room was placed for the day by courtesy of Garrett's Furniture Company, Waynesville, and bedroom furniture by C. N. Allen of Hazelwood. Also assisting in this cooperative demonstration were J. C. Penny's of Asheville, who furnished bed room draperies and

Duncan Upholsterers of Asheville, who furnished draperies for the den.

Osborne Lumber Company of Canton demonstrated the use of "Kem-Glo" for the kitchen and bathroom walls. Recognition was given to living room draperies from C. E. Rays Sons, Waynesville, and to the kitchen and bathroom floors by James Furniture Co., Waynesville; to Howard Hall of Clyde for the cabinet work; to Joe and Cash Medford of Ironduff, who were carpenters on the job.

The Davis' have extended a cordial invitation to any farm family to visit their home and see the results of these demonstrations.

Mrs. Otis Cole,
Publicity Chairman,
Haywood County

Growing Pains

Although farm women in some states were organized before 1915, it was in June of that year that five women in Avery's Creek township of Buncombe County, N. C. met for the purpose of organizing themselves into a club which they called "The Avery's Creek Unit of United Farm Women of America." From a membership of five, the club now has seventy-two members. This first meeting was held at the Methodist Church but thereafter they were held at various homes, the Union Church or the school house. The club soon gained new members, and they met faithfully twice a month even if it meant walking several miles over dusty or muddy roads to attend a meeting.

A year later the club sponsored its first public demonstration "Canning In Tin" which was well attended by all women of the community.

When the county obtained the services of a home demonstration agent the next year, the club changed its name to "Home Demonstration Club of Avery's Creek" and from then until now the club has continued to hold regular meetings with the same earnestness of purpose, thirst for knowledge and an awareness of community problems in the minds of the members.

During those first years, the home agents very ably taught the women better methods of canning, how to make better bread and how to make those wonderful hats. All day meetings were often held in order to complete some of the longer demonstrations. To mention a few: canning, hat making and dress form construction. Only very good reasons kept the women from attending these demonstrations so eager were they to learn better every phase of homemaking.

Some of the club projects they carried included: sending a 4-H girl to Raleigh for Short Course; giving plays at the little one room school house to raise money; helping each other by holding quiltings and bean stringings and helping members during sickness.

The club did not disband during the years when Buncombe County was not able to have a home agent, but continued to meet to discuss community problems and from time to time to hold demonstrations on home-making by leaders.

In the year of 1934, this club had the honor to have one of its members chosen as best farm woman of Buncombe County, and that August Mrs. Richard Ledbetter represented her county at Farm and Home Week. At the present time, the club is happy to have as members Mrs. George Glenn, who is the only one living who was at the very first meeting, and Mrs. J. J. Cochran and Mrs. Walter Johnston who became members during the first years of the club's history. They recall with pleasure the wonderful help given them by the following women who served as home agents: Mrs. Sarah Porter Ellis, Miss Edna Edwards, Miss Annie Lee Rankin and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon and Miss Ruth Current, State Agent. In the last years, all the present members appreciate the service rendered them by Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans.

The same spirit of loyalty pervades the club today that so ably held it together all through the years. They are still learning to do things better and to make the most of what they have for more beautiful and happier homes. Learning together and sticking together has made for a wonderful spirit of cooperation that one finds in a home demonstration club the world over.

Mrs. George Glenn,
Buncombe County.

News From Henderson

We have organized an active County Choral Group. Our County Council meetings are most enjoyable with a morning business meeting followed by lunch—each member bringing a covered dish and then a short session in the afternoon.

As incoming president of the County Council of Henderson County, I feel that a most successful year has passed in the Home Demonstration program, and plans are already materializing for a successful 1951.

Virginia Gillespie, President,
Henderson County Council.

The Twenty-Third District H. D. Club Women Have Many Plans For 1951

The Home Demonstration Club women of the 23rd district are planning a full program for the year and there is work for every club member.

To find the homemakers' problems and help her make home life the first and highest thought is one of the goals.

We want to tell the story of Home Demonstration work to everyone, especially to those who are not familiar with the organization and its benefits. Every club in the four counties, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, and Northampton, are asked to put on a membership drive and try to reach every woman in the entire district.

The Spring Federation Meeting for the 23rd district will be held in Jackson on April 25th at 10:30 o'clock. Miss Iris Davenport will be the guest speaker for the morning program. Miss Davenport is an accomplished speaker and is in great demand throughout the South. She is well educated, outstanding in home economics, and has had much experience in helping farm women with domestic problems. Sometime ago she was named one of the seven most distinguished southern women of the nation. "You are Important" will be her subject for the day.

Mrs. P. P. Gregory, our State President, will talk in the afternoon and tell about her trip to Denmark and with her smiles and funny stories she is always interesting.

The entire program will be based on the part an individual has in her county and community and how Home Demonstration work can help with the problems. In other words, Home Demonstration work is Adult Education. Let's share it with everybody.

Mrs. W. L. Askew,
Chairman, 23rd District
Gates County

Neighborhood Meetings Held in Tyrrell

January is the month when Tyrrell County farmers and farm women join with their neighbors in farm and home meetings. These are held annually in each community throughout Tyrrell County. These meetings which were begun in 1944 have become an established event, and one which the farm men, women, and children look forward to each year. They enjoy seeing the colored slides of people and improved practices projected on the screen. Through these colored slides

Transylvania County's Point System

Home Demonstration Club women in Transylvania County are enthusiastic over the point system which the County Council adopted for choosing the outstanding club in the county each year.

The system is based on a number of activities in which clubs may participate.

Active club officers will receive five points each. Project leaders can earn ten points for each demonstration they conduct in their own club and 25 points for each demonstration in any other club. This has already boosted attendance at leader training meetings.

Members will receive five points for each community activity in which they take part. These include youth recreation, solicitation for the polio drive, cancer fund, Brevard College Loyalty fund, etc.

Better attendance at club meetings has been encouraged by allowing 20 points for 100% attendance during the year. Also five points are given for each new member. Club women will earn 5 points for each Book Report Certificate they receive, and 10 points for the Advanced Award in Reading. One point will be given for each year book accomplishment sheet report.

Individual club participation in National Home Demonstration Week and Achievement Day is also encouraged by points. A club can add 10 points to its total by paying Federation Dues at the January County Council meeting. Clubs sponsoring a 4-H club with an active leader may earn 25 additional points. Members also receive points for attendance at meetings in and out of the county, health improvement, and mailbox improvement. Points will be totaled and the outstanding club named at Achievement Day in October. It is hoped that this new program will mean more active clubs and a more interested and informed membership in Transylvania County.

Mrs. Joe Norman, President,
Transylvania County Council

those attending the meetings are able to visit the farms and homes of Tyrrell County and see the practical way in which improved farm and home practices have been established. These hurried picture visits to the various sections of the county seem to appeal to the youth and adults alike.

This year slides were shown on pastures, swine, sheep, and beef cattle production, 4-H Fat Stock Show, and Ideas for Remodeling and Build-

News from Chowan

Chowan County Home Demonstration Clubs are looking forward to making this year the best yet. In addition to their regular club program, each club has two special projects.

The County-wide project is a membership and attendance contest in every community with a minimum goal of 50% increase, and the organization of three new clubs. For the Membership Drive, the winning team and new members will be entertained by the losing side during National Home Demonstration Week, with special recognition for new clubs and their sponsors.

Other club projects include Roadside Improvement, with special emphasis on mailboxes, home and church grounds.

Community buildings play an important part in the club program. Chowan Club has a building that is used by the entire county, and houses the county library. Last year they re-finished the floors and tables, and added enough silver, china and crystal to serve meals for 100.

Realizing the value of a community building, Center Hill Club has recently secured a building which is rapidly being converted into a real community center. It was first used on February 21, when the club women and their husbands held a joint meeting, with a program on "Better Farming for Better Living."

Mrs. Emmett Jones,
Publicity Chairman
Chowan County

ing New Homes. 409 farm men, women, and children attended the 16 meetings and saw these slides. Home Demonstration Club women sponsor these meetings and look forward to having their husbands and children meet with them each year in January. This year Travis, Levels, and Lower Sound Side Club women served delicious suppers to their families. In other clubs the women planned special light refreshments.

Immediately after the pictures and refreshments a discussion period is held. At this time, which is also an enjoyable part of the meeting, the men, women, and children participate in the discussion.

Mrs. C. W. Spruill,
President,
Tyrrell County Council

*"A single voice is often lost
In life's din round is hurled;
But a chorus of voices blended strong
Can shape a better world."*

Plans From The Twentieth District

The Twentieth District Federation Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held April 27th in the Former U.S.O. Building in Morehead City, N. C.

Mrs. Rufus Oglesby, Chairman of Carteret County, will preside and Mrs. V. T. Hill of Pamlico County will serve as secretary. The devotional will be given by Mrs. Jack Barrow of Jones County and Mrs. Billy Smith, President of Carteret County Council, will extend the Welcome with response to Welcome given by Mrs. B. S. Sadler, Craven County. Greetings will be brought by Mrs. P. P. Gregory, President of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Pamlico County will be in charge of the County Reports. Carteret County Home Demonstration Clubs Chairman will present a program of special music.

The highlight of the meeting will be an address by Mr. Frank Jeter, Extension Editor, who will be introduced by R. M. Williams, Carteret County Agent.

The afternoon session will consist of a Community Sing and a presentation of the 1951 Program of work. Reports of various committees will be made and attendance Gavel awarded.

The meeting will conclude with installation of 1952 officers by Mrs. Verona J. Langford, Eastern District Home Agent.

Plans from Haywood

"To reach every homemaker in Haywood County" continues to be one of our major goals for 1951. Last year we enrolled 225 new club members and to date this year approximately 60 new members have been welcomed, making a total of 25 clubs and 660 members.

At the January Council Meeting the year's activities were planned, which will include the Spring Federation featuring a County-wide dress revue, hostess for District No. 2 Federation, participation in the Home Demonstration Handicraft workshop to be held here at the 4-H Club Camp, a county-wide picnic with husbands as guests, participation in the Out-of-State Farm Tour, the August meetings which will be Farm and Home Tours with picnic luncheons sponsored jointly by Home Demonstration and Community Development, preparation of State Fair exhibit for the House Furnishings Booth, and Fall Achievement Day which will feature a husbands' ban-

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result was that the commissioners were duly impressed, and promised aid if it were at all possible with their limited financial budget.

We also requested good books of our Regional Librarian. One woman said, "I haven't time to fool on light, vulgar reading. I want to learn." Books are truly wings of the mind that lift us above the pots and pans, the drabness of daily drudgeries; that lure us into the sunlight of knowledge and truth; that lengthens the vision and touches the common-place into beauty. Our Clay County Club members continue to push this project.

Other campaigns have been adopted by club members—Each club in the county is sponsoring a different one—For example, Myers Chapel, whose president is the County Health Leader, will emphasize the fact that all projects are so tied in with health until there is no more important emphasis; Chatuge Club has the County Safety Leader, and will sponsor the Safety Campaign; Riverside has the Music leader and will encourage a greater enthusiasm for the music program; and others which space does not permit a discussion of but which show how our leaders are doing a better job over the entire county.

We hope many of our readers may come to Clay County someday to visit us and see the natural beauties of our little county. We hope the "Thrift Trail," suggested by Mrs. George Thompson of Hayesville, who ordered 5000 thrift plants in 1950 for farm families, will extend to you a beautiful welcome along our highways—At any season the 332 Home Demonstration Club members will extend a friendly welcome to fellow club members from our neighboring counties.

Mrs. Theta Barnard,
Publicity Chairman
Clay County Council

quet. These activities, plus their regular monthly meetings and special interest meetings, will keep Haywood County Club women busy during 1951.

Mrs. Paul Hyatt,
President, Haywood Co. Council

Bell Island—Hyde County

Traveling east on highway 264 in Hyde County the motorist attention is drawn to a sign which reads U. S. Refugee, Bell Island. This sign directs one down a dirt road to a project which had its beginning in the days of the CC Camps.

The location is ideal for swimming and other recreational activities which

Australian Woman Finds Home Demonstration Work Helpful

Mrs. Joshua Sutton of Route 3, Hertford was neither surprised nor disappointed when she came to the United States in June 1946 from Brisbane, Australia as the bride of a U. S. Air Force Veteran.

Until fourteen years of age, Mrs. Sutton lived in a rural area, then moved to Brisbane where she attended High School, then for four years worked as typist at the University.

Mrs. Sutton likes the life here, and although there are differences she has found them by no means insurmountable.

Mrs. Sutton feels that belonging to Durants Neck Home Demonstration Club has been a great help to her in becoming acquainted with the people of the community and their customs. She says that she has gained many new ideas in different phases of Home Economics.

In 1949, Mrs. Sutton and her daughter (she now has a son also) went back to Brisbane for a three months visit. As a result of this visit, she realizes that here is where the things are that she holds dear; her family, her home, and her friends.

are greatly needed in Hyde County.

The Home Demonstration Clubs, seeing the possibilities for carrying out one of their projects, decided to see what could be done about developing the grounds.

The grounds are government owned, and before any work could be done, permission had to be obtained and plans approved by the government. These were finally completed July 1, 1950.

Money was the next problem and right here the club women got busy. With the help of the Lions Club and the Veterans they soon raised \$118.00.

In a few days picnic tables with sheds and seats had been built. Two ladders and benches have since been built on the pier, and plans are underway for a three room bathhouse. In the near future it is hoped an outdoor fireplace and deep well can be added.

The Park at Bell Island was formally opened and dedicated on Labor Day, September 4, 1950.

A county wide picnic was held and enjoyed by a large crowd.

This is the second Park sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Hyde County. On September 2, 1946, Hyde Memorial Park was dedicated to Veterans of World War II.

Mrs. Ben Harris,
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