

NEWS LETTER

Professor Aguero is Guest of Turkey Knob Club Women Alleghany County

Professor Caesar Augusto Aguero of the Spanish Department of Appalachian State Teachers College was guest of some of the ladies of the Turkey Knob Home Demonstration Club during Spring Holidays. Mr. Aguero is a native of Costa Rica. He was educated in the schools of that country and has done advanced study in this country.

Friday night he was guest speaker at the Grange meeting. He did not know of the Grange as an organization in his native country. He compared and contrasted life and conditions in Costa Rica with that of the United States as he had found it. He was a very interesting speaker with a pleasing personality and he spoke English very fluently.

He spoke to the members of the W.S.C.S. at their regular meeting Saturday afternoon using the subject, "The Missionary and the Mission work in Costa Rica." He told the group that about three percent of the people were Christians and that the different denominations meant little if you were really a Christian. The Catholic religion claims the other ninety-seven percent of the people and is the state religion of the country.

Professor Aguero addressed the MYT Sunday evening on the subject "Growing Up in Costa Rica." He sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" in Spanish with such feeling that it was very uplifting.

He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Osco Ward and family during his stay in the community. Mrs. Ward is County Council President of Home Demonstration Club of Alleghany County.

Time would not permit him to accept all the invitations of the people in the community but he did visit in the homes of Mrs. Burton Osborne, Mrs. C. D. Cox and Mrs. Joe B. Cox, members of Turkey Knob Home Demonstration Club.

Mr. Aguero's visit was one of the many projects of our club and community in their efforts to do something to help make a better world through a better understanding between its people.



IVY BAKER PRIEST

When home demonstration club women see the signature of the Treasurer of the United States, Ivy Baker Priest, on their greenbacks, they will remember that she was their guest speaker at the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. This meeting was held in the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum and attended by more than 1,200 club women.

Mrs. Priest was thoroughly informed about the home demonstration club program in the state and urged the women to continue a program which not only raises the standard of living but also to include those things that bring families closer together.

She concluded her address by saying, "The reason for continuing the American Way of Life can be found in the basic meaning of the word "Free." "F" for Faith, "R" for responsibility, and the two "E's" for Education and Experience.

News from Chatham

This year Chatham County Clubs are placing emphasis on four phases of work: Health, Music, Citizenship, and Education.

In March the Health Leaders gave a demonstration in their respective clubs on "First Aid." Among other things, the new method of artificial respiration was learned. Since so many of the farms in Chatham County have ponds, this knowledge is very timely.

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Playing Together

In Randolph County we have become very conscious of the truth of the old adage "The family that plays together stays together." We give that a broader interpretation—"The community that plays together works together." People who enjoy a fish fry or ball game together one day will most likely carry that fellowship into a civic meeting later.

County-wide, Randolph Home Demonstration Clubs have sponsored ice cream suppers, community sings, fish fries, sports events and picnics for their clubs and communities.

The Holly Spring-Pleasant Ridge Club is following a definite recreation plan. Last year club women who had sons in the 10-15 year age bracket worked with their husbands to organize a junior baseball team. The club purchased some equipment, a field was donated and put into playing condition. Fathers served as coaches and umpires and scheduled games. One rule was strictly enforced, "No arguing with the umpires." We want our children to learn to take defeat gracefully, and they had defeats. But they took victory better because of that.

At times the fathers and sons chose sides and played each other. Everyone had such good clean fun and the children went about their tasks most willingly knowing that on game day Dad would put aside his work and play with them.

This year, in addition, club members will hold a series of summer meetings for girls 10-16. They plan demonstrations on party favors, simple entertaining, some choral work and crafts.

Mothers plan bi-monthly parties for the 1-9 age group of children stressing working and playing together and suitable crafts.

Here's to more family and community recreation in North Carolina.

Any club desiring further information about the Holly Spring-Pleasant Ridge Recreation Program may write Mrs. Elmer Allen, President, Holly Spring-Pleasant Ridge Home Demonstration Club, Route 1, Ramseur, N. C.

Mrs. Floyd Cox
Publicity Chairman
Randolph County

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News Article from Person County

The two outstanding events in Home Demonstration Clubs of Person County have been the Rural Church Music School and the Bushy Fork Community Recreation Council which was started by the Bushy Fork Home Demonstration Club. Person County Home Demonstration Women sponsored a Rural Church Music School on March 30th and 31st at night in the Baptist Church in Roxboro, N. C.

Mrs. Eugene Umstead and Mrs. George Lindsay conducted the school. They said Person County Rural Church Music School was one of the best that they have conducted in the Northwestern District. Thirty-two churches sent representatives. Attendance for both nights was 261.

The group was taught how to teach their choir or congregation a new hymn.

The Bushy Fork Home Demonstration Club organized a most successful recreation council. Two local churches, the Bushy Fork Grange, P.T.A., and Home Demonstration Club took part in the re-organization meeting. Each organization agreed to contribute \$10.00 to the treasury to be used for material and supplies needed to carry on the work of the Council.

The names of each cooperating groups were placed in a hat and as each was drawn the program was assigned month by month, each group to have two programs each year. Host and hostess group furnish refreshments.

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The clubs in our County have given generously to the Cancer Hospital in Lumberton, North Carolina.

At the 14th District meeting in April, Chatham County's report was given in the form of a musical skit. The Chorus has entered the WPTF Contest and will join with the State Chorus at Farm and Home Week.

On Wednesday and Thursday of National Home Demonstration Week, our County Citizenship and Family Leaders, along with members of the County Chorus, participated in programs over Siler City's radio station WNCA. Our citizenship leader gave a short talk based on the theme for the week, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

During the month of May, we put on a beautification and clean-up campaign to help make our State and County a more attractive place. We invited the entire county to join us in this clean-up program.

Mrs. W. C. Brewer, Jr.
 County Council President

National Home Demonstration Week in Rockingham

The Home Demonstration club women of Rockingham County observed National Home Demonstration week, by honoring some of the outstanding club members. The club members of the different communities were honored by a tea, which included the families and friends of the honored.

The realization of club work was introduced to non-club women through these programs. The ability of these women to lead and to accomplish things was pointed out. It was amazing how much extension work has helped to create better ideas in the minds of rural women.

Club work has trained these ladies in leadership; they have served in local clubs, and also the county offices, which range from president to project leaders. They are also active, and able to serve in church and community work.

Some joined clubs in the beginning of club work of the community, in 1917. These have served faithfully and well in putting Rockingham County out front in the long range program.

During depression years funds for club work was exhausted. These women joined hearts and hands, and went to the county commissioners. They proved to them that club work was essential, and due to this they were allowed funds to continue this good work.

Because of the wonderful work in the clubs, these women have learned and put in to practice the latest ideas; and the use of the newest gadgets in every phase of home making.

Through efforts of women like these, rural life has been transformed; problems of our day have been solved along with building a better world through the medium of better homes. This is the basic of Democracy and freedom.

The following were recognized by presentation of corsages and club pins:

(1) Mrs. Joyner Lemons, Route 2, Reidsville, N. C.

(2) Mrs. R. T. Coleman, Route 2, Reidsville, N. C.

(3) Mrs. J. D. McCalister, Route 5, Reidsville, N. C.

(4) Mrs. L. V. Stokes, Route 4, Reidsville, N. C.

(5) Mrs. R. P. Mitchell, Reidsville, N. C.

(6) Mrs. A. O. McCollum, Route 5, Reidsville, N. C.

(7) Mrs. J. S. Carter, Route 2, Madison, N. C.

These women have placed themselves on the altar of sacrifice and service to put club work where it is in Rockingham County.

County-Wide Tea Marks National Home Demonstration Club Week

Celebrating National Home Demonstration Week, the Robeson County Council officers and Home Demonstration Club presidents entertained Thursday afternoon in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building in Lumberton at a County-Wide Tea.

Using the club colors of yellow and green, all the appointments were most beautifully carried out. The table was covered with a white linen cutwork cloth, and centered with a most artistic flower arrangement of yellow glads, gypsephilia, and greenery. At one end were used a pair of five branch silver candelabra holding yellow tapers, and at the opposite end stood the punch bowl surrounded by greenery. Yellow fruit punch, was served by Mrs. A. C. Oliver, and dainty cakes with yellow and green trim were served from the table by Mrs. R. D. Kinlaw, Mrs. Ted Ingraham, Mrs. Sandy Tyner, and Mrs. D. H. McPhail.

Introducing to the receiving line formed just inside the door, was Mrs. D. A. McCormick. In the receiving line were Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Oliver, Mrs. Robert Byrd, Mrs. Julius Singletary, Mrs. Paul Graham, Mrs. A. A. Inman, Mrs. Edward Ivey, Mrs. M. L. Mitchell, Mrs. David Collins, Mrs. Cliff Newberry.

Rural Church Music School in Yadkin

In observance of National Home Demonstration Week and National Music Week, and to further promote and encourage the state music program of the Home Demonstration Clubs, a Rural Church Music School was held in Yadkin County May 4 and 5, 1953, at 7:30 p.m. at Center Methodist Church, Yadkinville. Reverend Victor Murchison, pastor of Friends Meeting, Winston-Salem, was leader of the school.

On the first evening, after a welcome by Mr. Ernest Long, member of the host Church, devotions were led by Reverend Baxter Phillips, pastor of Yadkinville Baptist Church. Then, Mrs. Charles W. Gough, County Music Chairman, introduced Mrs. J. C. Dodson, of Durham, Northwestern District Music Chairman, who spoke on The Purpose of Our Rural Music School. Next, Mrs. Gough presented Mr. Murchison, who led the discussions as follows: Congregational Singing, including the purpose, Choir's part, importance of accompanist, and pastor's part. After this, there was a sample Congregational Hymn Sing. The next discussion was the Choir Music, including the purpose of a choir number selection of number, then types of choirs and special event music.

When the discussions were finished, a fellowship hour was held in the church basement. For this period each club in the county brought a homemade coconut cake and two gallons of homemade ice cream. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the 186 who had registered from 29 different churches in the county.

The second evening was equally as successful with the church filled nearly to capacity (no registration was taken.) The discussions led by Mr. Murchison this evening were on the Mechanics of Church Music. There was a question period and after this a sample worship service. Mr. Murchison was in church. Mr. Joe Cash, soloist sang "My Task" and the County Chorus, as Choir, sang "Behold Our God." Mrs. Worth Hinshaw was pianist for the entire program.

In every way the school was indeed a success. The fellowship of pastors and members of different religious denominations was wonderful! This should be equally as helpful for a better understanding among our rural churches here on the Music program will be.

Mrs. Charles W. Gough
County Music Chairman

News from Moore

Somebody said "It couldn't be done," but he with a chuckle replied, "Well maybe it can't but I'll never be one to say "No" until I have tried."

Well, it has been done, and the Springfield Home Demonstration Club is now the proud owner of a club house.

For ten years the club members have worked for, and dreamed of a club house, a place where we can assemble for our club meetings, and also use for a community recreational place, our building fund grew slowly, and at times it looked like we would never see our dreams come true.

Our first project was making and selling chances on two quilts, with the money received from this we bought two war bonds. These bonds will mature in 1953 and 1954.

During the years, we had a Brunswick stew supper, a Box supper party at the Victory warehouse, and the members tied tobacco for the husband of one member.

Two years we won first prize on our booth at the Moore County Fair.

In 1952 we were the proud winners of the one hundred dollar prize offered in The Foods and Nutrition Contest.

In the fall of 1952 we bought the little one room colored school building "Shady Side" and one acre of land on the Union Church road.

To the average passer by this little building may look pretty shabby, but we club members are proud of it. The interior of the building has been done over with sheet rock on the walls, cello-tex ceiling, hard wood floor and new windows. We have also bought an electric stove and a new screen door and paint for the roof have been donated.

And may I say also, without the help of the husbands of the club members this could not have been done, for they so very generously gave their time in the remodeling.

We hope as time goes on to have a building the community may well be proud of, this is just a beginning.

Mrs. J. Wesley Thomas, Secretary
Moore County Council

Kitchen Shower and Tea Given by the Rockford Home Demonstration Club in Surry County

On Thursday afternoon, May 7, the Rockford Home Demonstration Club in Surry County gave a kitchen shower and tea for Stony Knoll Methodist Church. The church has just been completed and so far equipment for the church kitchen has not been pur-

chased. The club decided to give a kitchen shower for the church as its project for National Home Demonstration Club Week.

All the ladies from the Rockford community—non-club members as well as club members, and the ladies from the Stony Knoll community were invited. One of the purposes of this occasion was to attempt to better acquaint the ladies with the work of the Home Demonstration Club. There seems to be an interest in the work in that community because we already have three members from there. We have added seven new members to our club this year and as a result of the kitchen shower and tea we hope to get more members.

The meeting began with the singing of "Hail, Club Women, Crowned Thru Service." The president of the Rockford Club, Mrs. Louise Simpsons, gave a short talk in which she explained the plan of the organization of the club. She told some of the topics the club is to study this year and some of the highlights of the club's activities.

There was a very attractive display of the useful gifts which included pitchers, glasses, paper cups and napkins, can openers, tea towels, dish cloths, measuring cups and spoons, and forks, trays, and many other articles for the kitchen as well as some money. This was only a beginning in equipping the kitchen with things that will be needed. The club members hope that by this expression of interest in the excellent task that they are now completing the ladies will see some of the values to be derived from Home Demonstration Club work in any community.

Plans for Duplin

The Duplin County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs at their May Meeting made plans for the Spring Federation, and a county-wide dress revue to be held in Kenansville High School auditorium June 3 at 8:00 p.m. For this meeting the leaders from various clubs are making all the plans. Prizes are to be awarded for the best in each group.

Invitations are being sent to former home agents who reside in the county, also district chairmen, State Clothing Specialist, and County Commissioners to attend.

We always look forward to our dress revue. Club women in the county make and model coats, suits and all types of dresses that will not have that "homemade look," instead they will have that "handmade look."

Mrs. J. B. Torrans

Clubhouse Progress in Columbus

It seems to be a race between the clubs of Columbus County to see who can get a club house the quickest. In the last year 2 new club houses, White Marsh and East Tabor, have been completed, a kitchen added to Western Prong and a complete job of remodeling on Hallsboro. Sandy Plains and Weyman have the lots for theirs. In fact Weyman Club women have just set out 4 acres of tobacco that they expect to harvest and complete their building in the early fall.

East Tabor recently held open house at their new club house. The president, Mrs. Elbert Wright, greeted the guests at the door and quite eagerly another member of the home demonstration club or one of the husbands showed you around the building. While taking a look of the building, you were told the story behind the scenes.

In 1948, East Tabor Home Makers set as their goal a community building where various meetings could be held and where the youngsters of the community could gather for recreation. Those first years were rather difficult ones as far as the building fund was concerned. The club was newly organized, and at the end of two years there were only thirty-five dollars toward the building.

Instead of being discouraged, they accepted this as a challenge. If the goal was to be realized, they had to put forth a greater effort. So the work began. Quilts were sold. Dinners were prepared for the civic organizations and for the public. Rummage sales, selling sandwiches, sponsoring baby contests, having bake sales, maintaining a booth at the annual Yam Festivals, and selling greeting cards were the various methods used. In this way the treasury continuously grew and by November of 1952 we thought that it was time to start the actual building.

At this point, the men in the community were convinced that the club actually meant business about a community building and decided to give their assistance. Everyone was rather surprised and delighted at their enthusiasm and interest. Mr. Austin Wright, Tabor City Yam King, postponed banking his potatoes for a couple of weeks in order to help get the building started. Mr. Whit Wright left his corn in the field and by the way it was not gathered until March. Mr. Lee Wright spent some trying days in a lumber yard selecting the right material for the building only to go back one day and find it sold. The men cooperated and worked hard. Many times if they were not able to

Hoke County Women Take Part in Many Community Activities

Hoke County Home Demonstration Club members have been busy this Spring. They have just given \$30.00 toward the purchase of a new piano at the Hoke High School in Raeford. They made corsages and boutonnières for all the seventh grade graduates in the Hoke County schools. During National Home Demonstration Club Week, they went on a tour to places of interest in Moore, an adjoining county. The highlight of this trip was a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ives. Mrs. Ives is ex-Governor Adlai Stevenson's sister. They were graciously received by Mrs. Ives who had a real old-fashioned log bee-gum on her porch but did not know how to set it up. The club women took a good bit of pride in telling her how to arrange the hive to attract the bees.

Hoke County women held joint meetings with the men during one of the early Spring months at which time the farm food supply was the main topic discussed.

work themselves, they paid for a substitute.

The building is of cinder blocks with a composition roof and with a celletex overhead. The floor is cement and will someday be covered with tile. The building is located in the center of the community and has a large area surrounding which will be used for a play ground. Developing the play ground is a project they will spend many worthwhile hours on in the future.

Mrs. Whit Wright, Chairman of the building committee, not only let her husband leave his corn in the field, but she left many household duties undone. It seems the Wrights were in there pitching, but let's don't forget the many others who were in there pitching.

Mrs. Elwood Thompson, Pres.
Columbus County Council

Forsyth County Agricultural Building

Forsyth County Club Women are this year celebrating 25 years of progress as an organized federation.

It was in June, 1928 that the officers of 9 clubs and Miss Alice McQueen, Home Agent, met to organize the Forsyth County Council. At this time the membership was 212. Today we have 32 clubs with a membership of 850.

We plan to have a celebration of our 25th anniversary at the opening of

New Hanover's President

Mrs. Herman Walton, President of the New Hanover County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, rises at 4:30 each morning, dons dungarees and boots and goes out to the dairy barn to milk sixteen cows. Again every afternoon at 4:30 she is there again, "feeding up," putting on the electric milkers, then weighing the milk on a scale and pouring it through the straining cloth. "People can't understand why I like to do this," she says, "But I do."

Sometimes her oldest daughter, Marie, who is a 4-H member, helps with the milking. Mrs. Walton has two daughters, Linda and Ruth. Raising her daughters and making a good home for them and her husband, who operates a grocery in town as well as the farm, keep her busy and happy, but she also finds time to have the Nursery Department at the Masonboro Baptist Church School and to help in community activities.

Mrs. Walton was elected President of the County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs for the 1953-54 term, and she undertakes also the presidential duties of her own club, the Masonboro Home Demonstration Club. She has not missed a meeting for the past eight years. She has also served as County Food Preservation Project Leader and Secretary and Treasurer of her local club.

In 1951 she and her family won first place in the county contest, "Better Farming For Better Living."

Mrs. Addison Hewlett, Jr.
Masonboro Home
Demonstration Club
New Hanover County

our new Agricultural Building, which will be completed this summer. In our 25 years, we feel that one of our greatest accomplishments has been our leadership development program. Today, leaders give five and in some cases, six meetings each year. In most instances, we have 100 percent of our clubs represented at Leader Training Schools.

Our programs of work have undergone great changes. Now, club women take full responsibility of deciding what will be given as month by month demonstrations and what will be special interest meetings.

One club leader made this statement in a recent radio broadcast, "As we look toward new horizons, the experience of the past 25 years inspires confidence in the future and the hope of greater service to Rural Forsyth County."