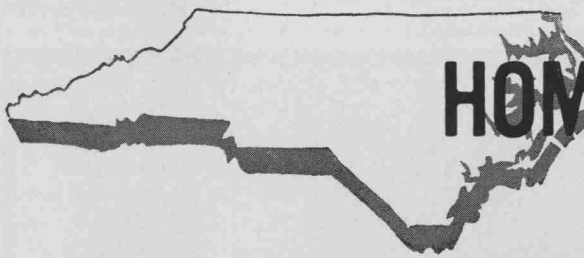


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Off to Texas

It's a very special day for a country woman when she sets aside all work and home duties and boards a plane to Texas for the National Home Demonstration Council meeting. As she soars into the sky above her beloved mountains, her heart is thrilled and she is reminded of what the psalmist said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." As the hills are left behind she finds herself high above the clouds and she learns it is true, "Behind the clouds the sun still shines."

Mrs. Herman Kennickell
District No. 4

Our Train Trip to National Home Demonstration Council Meeting

Our train trip to the National Home Demonstration Council meeting in San Antonio was a very enjoyable journey. Five North Carolina delegates traveled together. Our trip was long and time consuming but never tiresome for we spent the time visiting, sleeping, and eating in the diner.

We made our only change of trains in New Orleans. The approach to the city over Lake Pontchartrain was very beautiful. We left New Orleans on the Sunset Limited crossing the Mississippi River over the impressive Huey Long Bridge.

We were very interested in seeing the rice fields, herds of cattle, oil wells and refineries and the broad expanse of land which could be none other than Texas, the Lone Star State.

Mrs. C. F. McIntyre
Chairman, District No. 21

Touring to Texas

My trip to Texas is one I'll never

This issue of the "News" gives to its readers the program of the National Home Demonstration Council as told by the delegates.

forget. The drive down in a new 1956 Chevrolet with two nice people was really an enjoyable one. The driver was a young man going in service at El Paso, Texas; the other, a friend going to visit friends and the National Home Demonstration Council.

We left Laurinburg, North Carolina, on Wednesday morning, September 19th at 6:00. The weather was perfect, fair and mild. We went down through South Carolina by way of Columbia and on through Georgia by Savannah. Having never been through Georgia I enjoyed seeing the country-side. I was disturbed by the drought and the dried up pastures and fields and I was just as impressed by so many pecan groves.

On through Georgia, Alabama and into Mississippi and it was getting dark by now. We stopped at a nice tourist court in Meridian, Mississippi, to spend the night. It was 9:00 and we had driven six hundred and sixty-three miles.

At 7:00 the next morning after having had a good night's sleep and breakfast we were on our way. We crossed the Mississippi River at Vicksburg and then we were in Louisiana. I'll have to say I was a bit disappointed in the size of the Mississippi River. It was smaller than I thought. Then we went on through Louisiana and on to Texas.

We were met in Beaumont, Texas, by some friends.

On Saturday morning at 6:00 we left with our friends for San Antonio, another 300 miles. We arrived around 1:00. First, we went to the train station to get our tickets back home. Then we went to the zoo, the Alamo, the Chinese tea gardens and the sunken gardens. When we were

so tired we could go no farther, we went to a motel for the night.

Mrs. Jesse Snead
First Vice-Chairman, District No. 22

Congressman Burleson

Mr. Omar Burleson, Congressman, 4th Congressional District, Texas, recognized the convention theme, "Prepared unto every good work"—II Timothy 2:21, as the central principle of our society for family, community and nation. He discussed this theme as applicable to foreign policy. It is essential that we avoid disconnected and high-keyed approach to our responsibilities in the world. In a democracy our foreign relations grow out of and are expressive of our entire national life; they reflect our total culture. It is impossible for us to be isolationists. We must mingle with the world on all planes, and if we are to fulfill the responsibilities of leadership in the world, it is essential that we achieve a union of our moral purpose and our physical power.

Mrs. H. D. Robertson
District No. 26

Tour of San Antonio

On Monday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m., 832 club women met at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, to tour the city. Each bus had a delightful hostess who is a native of Texas. We can well understand the Texans' pride in the "Lone Star" state as we viewed the many points of interest one of which was the Spanish Governors' Palace built in 1792. We saw the San Fernando Cathedral which is over 200 years old and still in daily use. We crossed the San Antonio River beautifully landscaped and wandering through the heart of the city. We spent some time at the San Jose Mission where

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we were served Mexican refreshments. We saw the Alamo known as the "Shrine of Texas Liberty" where men fought hard to protect themselves and their families. Next we visited Roosevelt Park, then Fort Sam Houston, the largest army base in Texas, 3000 acres in area. Next we visited the Chinese Sunken Gardens which is one of America's most beautiful gardens and the Open Air Theatre near-by where outdoor meetings are held. As we arrived back at the Gunter Hotel, we were convinced that these three hours and three dollars were well spent.

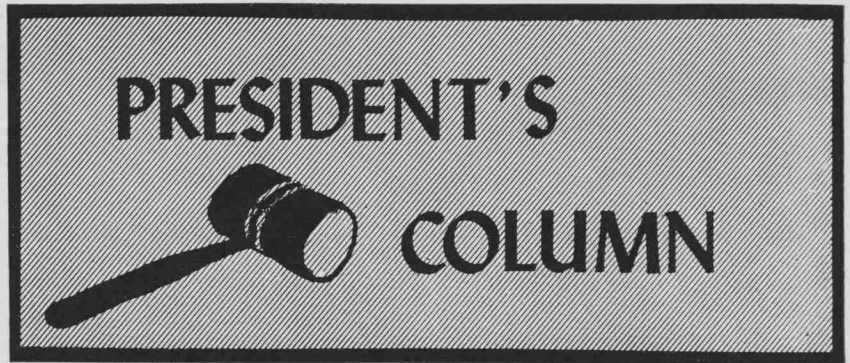
Mrs. D. L. Whitfield
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The Banquet

The banquet was one of the high lights of the National Home Demonstration Council meeting. We all were seated in the Banquet Hall of the Hotel Gunter and adjacent rooms. As we entered the Hall we could see beautifully decorated tables. The speakers table was decorated with Texas roses. On other tables citrus foliage, limes, and ligustrum berries of Texas formed the motif. Tiny Mexican hats and the convention paper, "The Texas Round-Up" were at each place. Mexican troubadours were on the stage and furnished colorful entertainment.

The National Treasurer, Mrs. Jay Lawrence, gave the invocation and Mrs. E. L. Survant, who is National Secretary, was toastmistress.

Mrs. Cecil Eakins
 Chairman, District No. 19



Greetings:

This being the last time I shall speak to you through this column I want to thank each of you again for the privilege of serving as your President, for your consideration and many kindnesses.

You have been wonderful to work with and I shall ever look back upon this past year as one of the happiest and most pleasant years of my life. May we ever continue to hold high the ideals and carry forward the principals of our great organization.

Will you give to the incoming officers the same loyal and unselfish support you have given this past year, so that the coming year will be one of the best we have ever had. Mrs. Proffitt will need your cooperation if this is to be done.

We want the best for our county, state and national leadership—we want to give our best. Women, it is a great privilege to be a member of a Home Demonstration Club—to have a part in their work and to learn more of our different phases of the work.

Please see that all the objectives set forth in our Executive Board meeting be carried out to the best of your ability, for in so doing—we are progressing.

Our organization is a wonderful training school for leaders, and the world today is in need of capable leaders. You can never know what the future has in store for you.

"May the future that lies before you
 Many gifts of gladness hold
 And the skies bend above you
 Never lose their tint of gold."

Last but not least, I would like to say a farewell word to Miss Ruth Current and Miss Verna Stanton for

their wonderful help and encouragement during my three years as your Vice-Presidents and President.

I wish it were possible for each of you to have had the opportunity as I to know them and see first hand the tremendous amount of work they are doing for us. Miss Current's work is in the field of organization and promotion of Home Demonstration work and Miss Stanton's in the planning of work for the Federation.

It has been an eye-opener to me to see and know the amount of work done, and all the extras they are called upon to do and, of course, with all the interruptions that come—it is unbelievable so much can be accomplished.

So, from an humble heart, thank you again for the TREMENDOUS work you are doing for us and the good of our state.

My love and best wishes always.

Lee Berryhill
 President

Music at the Convention

From the prelude beginning the Vesper Services on Sunday night September 23rd to the closing notes on Wednesday afternoon of the 26th the vast audience of nearly 3,000 delegates, attending the 20th National Home Demonstration Council meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, enjoyed the music so beautifully given to us by the organist, Mrs. Betty Kotilla and National Convention Chairman of Music, Mrs. Maynard Gaines. Both native Texans, Mrs. Gaines is responsible for the little Blue song books used throughout the Convention. They made nice souvenirs to take home and sing again the songs we all enjoyed there together.

Each program was always opened and closed with lovely music by Mrs.

Kotilla with Mrs. Gaines always there to teach the eager audience a new song. One of these was the new National Song "Ever Onward" written by Mrs. Dorothy D. Bullock of Antherntonville, Ky. She was first place winner in the National song contest. This was the first song she ever had published. Among the other awards in the contest was honorable mention going to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cole of Rutherford County North Carolina. Their song, "God Bless Our Homes" was written for the home demonstration clubs.

The youth of Texas entertained us with marvelous talent in song and dance on Texas night and throughout the convention. Among the soloists were Joseph Messinger and Mrs. Edith Noel Luce both of San Antonio.

It was fun each night before the main program began, to listen for the familiar tunes of the different State songs as they were played and recognized with ear splitting applause from the State's delegation. We North Carolinians did not hear the "Old North State" and upon inquiry, we found that they did not have a copy of the music. Let's not forget it next time girls.

We thank our many Texas friends for all their generous hospitality and special thanks to all the committees that worked so hard for our every comfort and enjoyment. Really Texas, we thoroughly loved and enjoyed every minute of it and will always remember "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon Us" as we try to accomplish the goals set for us this coming year, and may we all "Be Prepared Unto Every Good Work."

Mrs. W. Allen Harris
Chairman, District No. 6

One Afternoon in Texas

Monday morning Mrs. P. O. Brigham who went to Texas by car with her son Mr. John Brigham of Raleigh asked Mrs. Cecil Eakins, Mrs. M. B. Simpkins and me to go touring with them in the afternoon.

We left immediately after the morning meeting. John had found us a wonderful place for lunch, "The Westerner" on Highway 81. We ate lunch on the patio among the most pleasant surroundings.

We went for a short tour through Randolph Air Force Base.

Back to San Antonio where our first stop was the Alamo. There we saw war relics and documents and books of historical interest. There was also a portrait of the hero of all small boys—David Crockett.

We enjoyed a ride through Brackenridge Park and a stop to enjoy and marvel at the beauty of the Chinese Sunken Gardens.

In the heart of San Antonio we found the quaint old Spanish village, La Villita. Seven of the original houses have been restored and today house a rehabilitation center for handicapped persons. There they learn the ancient arts of weaving, ceramics, tin and copper craft, doll making, porcelain painting, glass blowing and leather craft. Back of the Cos House is the beautiful and unique Arneson River Theatre. It is built on the banks of the San Antonio River. The audience is on one side on rising tiers of grass covered seats and the performers on a patio-type stage on the other side.

We returned to the hotel very tired and foot sore but satisfied we had seen "a lot of Texas" in one short afternoon.

Mrs. Paul E. Stone
Chairman, District No. 10

Vesper Service

For the Vesper Service on Sunday evening the scripture Proverbs 31:10 was used. Special music was given by Gilbert Ware. Someone has said a man's greatness is measured by his service to others.

Our President of the United States said "I believe there is more power in a body of dedicated women than any other people."

Dr. Imogene Bentley spoke on the subject "What Are We Seeking?" She said outstanding women of the world take time for meditation and thought—"Take time to be still and know that I am God." Part of the answer may be found in what we read, what we buy, what we do, but most of all on what we meditate. We are all seeking the same thing;

First, our faith,

Second, our home,

Third, save our freedom.

We should find a way to make this life better; a return to faith, live better and think more about the beauty of Holiness.

Mrs. C. C. Macon
Chairman, District No. 12

Texas Night

An interlude of organ music by Miss Betty Kotilla, recognizing the different states, welcomed over 2,000 women assembled in the auditorium for the Texas Night program. The birth and growth of Texas unfolded before our eyes. The youth of Texas, in colorful costumes, portrayed each scene in a beautiful way. Tiny Indian boys took us back to the earliest Indian settlement. With the entry of the French flag, the era of 1685-1690 was portrayed by a French ballet. With the arrival of the Spanish flag, we whirled through the Spanish era with a stage of graceful señoritas. The green, white and red flag of Mexico came next with a dozen of tiny tots in gay Mexican costumes, doing the folk dances of Old Mexico. Midget dancers did the Mexican Hat dance, which was thoroughly appreciated. With the singing of "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You," the Bonnie Blue flag of the Republic of Texas was carried to the stage and teenagers, called the "Texas Stars," did a peppy square dance. The program closed with the flag of the United States in the center of the stage and everyone singing "God Bless America." This truly beautiful picture of the great growth of Texas is one of our best memories.

Mrs. Arlie Steelman
Chairman, District No. 11

La Villita

On Tuesday night, September 25, 1956, at 7 o'clock, we were literally carried back many years to participate in a fiesta at La Villita. We are told this was the original San Antonio, and has been restored within the city of the present San Antonio.

The generously filled plates of barbecued beef, beans, potato salad, pickles, fritos, hot-pepper-pods (Texas Strawberries!), peanuts, pralines, slices of HOMEMADE BREAD, GOOD COFFEE, will long be remembered as a very satisfying experience. Then, we enjoyed an hour of entertainment, opening with a Magician's act and several individual talent acts. The beautiful square dancing and singing by Red River Dave, of Radio Fame, and his company was most enjoyable.

Mrs. D. K. Snyder
Chairman, District No. 9

Eastern

The report of the Eastern Region was given by Mrs. Corodon S. Fuller in charge. It was brief but interesting. New Jersey had workshops to help county councils with parliamentary procedure, program planning, etc. Rhode Island gave a great deal of emphasis to Health and Safety; West Virginia used county evaluation sheets relative to local conditions. Delaware focused attention on Highway Safety as travel through the state causes an excessive traffic situation. Massachusetts chose UNESCO Coupons for Ceylon as the major project; Maine has a long-time program on Farm and Home Development; and Maryland used the theme in short course "Family living in other lands."

Mrs. M. B. Simpkins
Chairman, District No. 20

Central

The reports for the Central Region were led by Mrs. Theo Sander Howard, South Dakota.

North Dakota is spotlighting information on Health and Safety; Nebraska is studying Social Security for Farmers; Michigan has all counties active in Okinawa project with gifts and home economics scholarships; Missouri has a survey on needs of young homemakers resulting in special schools, television programs and news columns. Ohio launched the first Homemakers Short Course at Ohio State University; Kansas gives minimum of two home economics scholarships for upperclass girls and two freshmen. Wisconsin held 8 district meetings with homemakers; South Dakota had 100% cooperation in counties on Highway Safety. Illinois had two delegates from each county attending the annual Citizenship Conference and Indiana shares credit with Brazil College of Home Economics.

Mrs. Raymond Thompson
Secretary, District No. 14

Southern

The first report was from the Southern Region and was led by our own Mrs. Charles Graham, Regional Director. These facts alone inspired those of us from North Carolina. It was with rapt attention that comparisons were made as the state presidents gave number of clubs, number of club women and highlights

of work accomplished.

Alabama emphasized leadership development; Arkansas conducted a statewide survey to get better program needs for the most people. Florida and Georgia made great strides in improving 4-H camps. Family reading program was very successful in Kentucky—"An unlearned world in an uninformed world." Louisiana furthered International Relations by financing a visit from Miss Rottink of the Netherlands. An educational program in Health and Safety was started in each county in Mississippi. North Carolina gave an outstanding report on work accomplished in the field of Citizenship; a contest was held in savings bonds. Leadership development was stressed in Oklahoma. Puerto Rico's objective was to reduce accidents in the homes and on the farms. South Carolina supported four foreign orphans and enacted legislature for the enrichment of all rice and corn meal products. Believing in the motto—"Alert today—alive tomorrow" Texas supported the Civil Defense Program. Virginia backed a Safety Program.

Mrs. Alton Chapman
Chairman, District No. 22

Western

The report of the Western Region was made on the last afternoon of the convention. The program was presided over by Mrs. Lewis Edmundson, Regional Director. All reports were brief but showed a great variety of interests stressed. For instance; Alaska, the newest member of the National Council, reported on their Scholarship program for a week's short course for homemakers at the University of Alaska. Wyoming told of their participation in Civil Defense. Oregon told of their method of selecting a delegate to represent them at the Associated Country Women of the World meetings. Washington started new homemaker and 4-H programs. New Mexico participated in community projects such as Civil Defense and Health and Safety. Montana chose International Relations, and told of the "Peace Garden" on the Canadian border. Idaho told of their progress of developing leadership in their clubs. They have only had home demonstration clubs for six years. Colorado told of their study of program planning. Hawaii was quite

proud to have been visited by the President of the Associated Country Women of the World. Their program of working with many races of people was interesting also.

Mrs. P. O. Brigham
District No. 17

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, former Secretary of Health, Welfare and Education, Washington, D. C., gave the banquet address. Her talk was built around the convention theme, "Prepared Unto Every Good Work." Her first point was on the inevitability of change and our responsibility of meeting it intelligently in our own lives and in law and government. "This is every citizen's responsibility, if we wish to keep a government of 'We' instead of 'They.'"

She compared the way of life when she could first remember her Grandmother drying fruits and vegetables on the cellar door to our modern way of preserving fruits and vegetables. She told what home demonstration work by our agents has meant to our farm and rural women since 1910 to 1956—starting out with 315 home agents in 1910 to over 5,000 at present and said, "Changes will be even greater in the next fifty years, will it be better or worse, largely we decide which way the changes take us."

Do we remember vividly enough self in self government or do we say they instead of we? Are we going to leave our job to political politicians? Are we willing to give of our time to self government? Each of us is an essential cog in our government.

Litter bugs and traffic offenders are the evaders of their part in our government. Sharing responsibilities is what helps our government. We inherit our freedom so casually we fail to appreciate it and help preserve it. Anyone who absents herself from voting doubles the power of one who votes.

The task of our country is to find the equation between human and science. Principles should be put first. "I should do all I can to make a better world." Nothing is static. What was good yesterday is not good today unless we have made it better. We must continue to struggle because the struggle is worthy.

Mrs. J. N. Moore
Chairman, District No. 7