



T O W A R D N E W H O R

Such is the motto of the Future Homemakers of America—an organization of high school girls who are learning to live better today in order that their lives and those of their families may be better tomorrow.

The national organization—founded in June 1945—is composed of chartered state associations, which in turn are made up of chapters in junior and senior high schools offering home-making. Prior to 1945, high school home economic clubs were only statewide organizations, known by various names such as Junior Homemakers, Home Economic Clubs, Betty Lamp, Future Homemakers, etc.

When the need was felt for consolidation of the various state clubs into a nationwide organization, representatives from 29 states met to draw up the plans. Several months later details had been worked out and the Future Homemakers of America was begun with an initial enrollment of 2,487 chapters with 92,516 members in 42 states and the territory of Hawaii. By 1948, the organization had grown to 6108 chapters and 237,133 members in 47 states and territories. Today the chapters number over 7,000 with more than 300,000 members in all 48 states, Hawaii and Alaska.

Typical of the 7,000 chapters of F. H. A. is that at Rosman High School. It is one of two chapters in Transylvania County—the other being at Brevard High School. Its membership, which is entirely voluntary, consists of 9th and 10th grade girls enrolled in homemaking courses.

There are four membership degrees of achievement in the F. H. A.: (1) Junior Homemaker, (2) Chapter Homemaker, (3) State Homemaker, and (4) American Homemaker. The standards



In the FHA lounge Katie Brown (seated) and Grace Gillespie look on as Barbara Chapman does a little ironing on a skirt she just completed.

for degrees of achievement and bases for evaluation are determined by the National Executive Council and the National Advisory Board of the Future Homemakers and are revised from time to time in light of experience.

The purposes of the F. H. A., a sister organization to the Future Farmers of America, are: (1) To promote a growing appreciation of the joys