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Extension Staff For Home Demonstration Clubs in Wilkes



Here are shown members of Extension Staff for Home Demonstration club work in Wilkes county. Left to right are: Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home agent; Miss Ruth Thompson, assistant home agent; Miss Claire Lockhart, secretary.

CLINGMAN LUNCH ROOM RESULT HOME CLUB WORK

The Clingman Home Demonstration Club is one of the youngest clubs in Wilkes County and is one of the most active clubs in the county.

Soon after the club was organized, the group of women began thinking about a community project for their club to sponsor. The

President, Mrs. Woodroe Mathis, presented to the club the need for a lunch room for the Clingman school. She emphasized the fact that they had 197 children enrolled in school, and they had no way of getting a hot lunch. She felt that a lunch room would be one of the most worthwhile projects they could undertake as it would certainly be one way they could help improve the health conditions in their community.

Immediately, the women began to become extremely interested in this project, however, they were all of the opinion that such a project would be a rather large undertaking for such a young club.

Soon after the project has been discussed thoroughly with the club members, the president, Mrs. Mathis, contacted Mr. C. B. Eller, Superintendent of County Schools, and asked him to meet with this interested group of people. He was to tell them just what assistance they could get from the government and other sources. At that meeting, Mr. Eller told them that there was an old school building in the county, and that it could be donated, provided they would tear it down and move it to their community.

This was very interesting to the women; at least they had a good start towards their project. But, up until now, they had said nothing to the men of their community. The women had been doing all the planning and working, and they decided that it was time the men came in with their assistance, therefore they called a mass meeting of the patrons of the school. Letters were sent out to these patrons by the members of the Clingman Home Demonstration club. Mrs. J. P. Pardue, of Roaring River, a member of the Roaring River club, as well as one of the main people responsible for the lunch room in the Roaring River school, was invited to speak to this assembled group the first of November.

Despite the bad weather, a large group gathered to hear about the plans for the Clingman School lunch room. The women bargained with the men; the men became very interested. The women would raise the money provided the men

would tear down the old building and move it to the school building grounds. A building committee was appointed at this meeting, composed of Mr. Denver Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mathis, and Mrs. Woodie Mathis. Mr. Johnson took charge of the building program, and with the cooperation of the majority of the men in the community, plans began to shape and everybody started to think their dreams were coming true.

Within three or four days the building was torn down and moved to the school grounds. Realizing their responsibility, the women of the Clingman club began to think of ways to raise money, as a large amount of capital would be needed in order to complete this project which they had begun. The first money-raising event was an old fashioned pie supper which was a huge success, netting \$429.00. At every club meeting, auction sales were held, proceeds going to the building fund.

Mrs. Harvey Pardue, Mrs. Carl Mathis, Mrs. Harry Greene, Mrs. Fred Melton, and Mrs. C. H. Sturdivant canvassed Elkin, Ronda, Roaring River, Wilkesboro, and North Wilkesboro for any donations from business and professional men or individuals which they might wish to contribute to this worthy cause. This canvass added another \$200.00 to the fund.

Three or four radio entertainers held programs at the school building. Around \$120.00 was raised in this manner.

A group of women, Mesdames Woodroe Mathis, Harvey Pardue, Harry Greene, Carl Mathis, Troy Redding, Millard Mathis, and Armstrong Gray, sold on the Home sold each Saturday. Products sold were contributed by the people of the community, ranging from pot holders to molasses. Another \$327.00 was made.

When \$800.00 was in the treasury, the actual building began, with Mr. Denver Johnson in charge of the building. When the \$800.00 was used, more money was needed; in fact, the money was needed faster than it could be raised. Therefore, the vice-president's husband, Mr. Harry Greene, came to the club's rescue. He let them have \$1,000 for one year without interest. Mr. Troy Redding gave his assistance by electrically wiring the building himself and paying for the materials. He also had the lumber for the tables dressed and cut in Elkin, and by the help of the community, the tables were put together in the afternoons and nights.

Mr. Granville Greene gave the logs for building. The men in the community, using the trucks of Mr. Woodie Mathis and Mr. Denver Johnson, took the logs and had them sawed for the building.

The Clingman community is indeed grateful to Mr. Greene and Mr. Johnson for all their assistance towards making the lunch room possible. Without their assistance, the lunch room would not have opened for a long while yet, for as we know, two or three cannot build and operate a school lunch room. These two men will be long remembered for their fine cooperation with the Home Demonstration Club women, as well as the other men of this community who gave such great cooperation to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Greene.

We are mighty proud of our Clingman Home Demonstration Club. For a young club, they have done mighty fine for themselves. They have proven to themselves and other people in the county that they have the initiative and courage to get out and work for what they want—a better community in which to live. We are proud of them, as they are proud of themselves, because they have done what it takes to be honored.

These men and women can look to a brighter future now. They know their children will have hot lunches at school which are so important. They can have a brighter future because they have taken the first step in improving the conditions of their beloved community. Everyone in this community will long remember the Clingman Home Demonstration Club, as the club was the real cause of this project being started and completed.

"If I Knew You Were Comin' I'd A Baked A Cake"



Home Demonstration Club members are great home-makers and what could be a better start than a delicious cake. Mrs. Ralph Swanson, of the Boomer club, is shown here putting finishing touches on two and we're hungry (Photo by Lane's Studio).

T. H. Wagoner, Age 90, Claimed by Death

Funeral service was held at Union chapel for Thomas Hamilton Wagoner, 90-year-old citizen of Mulberry township who died Friday.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Freeland Royal, of McGrady, and two brothers, J. J. Wagoner, of Halls Mills, and C. C. Wagoner of McGrady.

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Clubs Operate The Curb Market

The Wilkes County Home Demonstration curb market is sponsored by the Home Demonstration clubs in the county. This market was organized in May, 1939 for the purpose of serving the women in Wilkes County. The market is

open each Saturday morning during the entire year. It has meant a great deal to the sellers as well as the women in town. Approximately \$7,000.00 worth of food was sold at this market during the past year. The picture above shows Mrs. Ralph Swanson, secretary of the club market, getting her cakes ready to go to the market. Miss Zelma Pennell of Moravian Falls is president of this organization.

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