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9 Home Demonstration Clubs Active In County

owth Of HD ork Reviewed By Nan Ratliff

Demonstration Agent ines Program As It Developed During Administration

By Nan Ratliff umbus County Home onstration Agent) as Columbus Demonstration v 15, 1946 and started

reorganized and laying my future work. Raper, county agent, and 65 4-H Club boys and White Lake for the annual Week. We were acw Mrs. John Boone of Whiteville Home De-Club who acted as

the latter part of Au-19 4-H boys and girls 4-H Short the State

Agent Raper and I rethe 4-H Clubs of the They then had a total ship of 787 with 488 girls boys. In October, 1946, grember 6, 1946, the an-

grement Night for Home Clubs and 4-H as held jointly. Reports te 12 Home Demonstration staled that 253 members 10.150 quarts of fruit, garts of vegetables, and ringes of meat. A total ind, and 12,272 lbs of

tess of the evening was of the clubs. avel for the best percent-

tendance at the Achievefight was presented to the hiteville Home Demon-

High School and School 4-H Clubs were mi in 'December, 1946 as mty-second and twentylubs in the county under

Mership of Mr. Raper and Harrelson's X Roads Home Kration Club was begun in 1947 in the home of Mrs. Harrelson, Sr. The group beame the Brunswick HD There were then 13 clubs

New 4-H Club uniforms for were modeled in January, for the first time in the lade from cotton green and County 4-H Council, madeloth. Green and white camp at White Lake, and wrote jecket, shorts, over-strap White shirt and dickie, tite crocheted beanie made complete uniform.

was developed into the Better Farming For Better

over the county were pre-

of Western Prong com-4-H Club work," Marjorie has unued on page five) said.

Columbus HD Agents





Nan Ratliff, Home Demonstration agent, and Gayle Wells, assistant agent, who are the county's team in working with rural bourn, Hallsboro, Guideway and women for the betterment of farm life. Miss Ratliff has been with Boardman. In the nursing course accompanied them as the Extension Service here since 1946. Miss Wells, who is the first they learned about bed making, assistant agent in County HD history, came here for work last year.

New 4-H Council President Sets Fine Club Work Record

Fourteen Year - Old High School Freshman Wrote And Narrated Dress Revue; Serves As Officer For Group

Marjorie Ward of Williams packages of frozen fods Township, incoming president of pepared, 44,253 lbs. of the 4-H County Council, has an 2,569 garments made, unusually fine record of achievement in 4-H work.

In the three years she has been active in the club she was Mrs. Irby Walker, trea- secretary of the group her first the North Carolina Farm year, vice president for two Mrs. Mary McAllister, years, local program chairman sem District Agent, was for two years, attended 4-H



MARJORIE WARD of Williams we the first time in the Township, who was recently namely myself. This uniform ed president of the Columbus

> and acted as narrator for the Williams Township 4-H Dress Revue in 1949.

the 4-H County Council Social ed properly by historians as the Water Conference in Wil- Committee for 1948-49 and was "mother" of Home Demonstration January 29, 1947 which county winner in the frozen work in Columbus County.

Tas developed into the foods contest in 1947 and 1948. In any event, she was in

non Methodist Youth Fellowship gent. and was secretary of her eighth

Specialist of State College, of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ward, Sr. for an agent.

Hallsboro HD Club house.

The County of Clarendon. She is 14 years old the county of Clarendon. htwo interested women and will be a high school fresh-

February ten Family Life Club work anr have found my posed the board then. attended a lecture in project work interesting. As in-The leaders then car- 50, I will do my best to make the to her fellow club wo- the Council one to be proud of spoken extemporaneously to a ing from place to place. mation on the subject. and to uphold the meaning of

Collect

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment an always generous. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafriad.

Let us take time for all things, make us grow calm, serene, and gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the things that create difthat in the big things of life we are as one. And may we strive to touch mon woman's heart of us all; O Lord God, let us not forget

Drive For Agent In Columbus Led By Mrs. Powell

Woman's Club Committee Went Before County Commissioners In 1917 To Successfully Plead For Home Demonstration Work

Mrs. A. Elmo Powell, Sr., a past president of the Whiteville In addition Marjorie served on Woman's Club, may be designat-

The County fathers, when pre-

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Unpayed Roads Lent Adventure To Early Days

Mrs. Fuller Began Work As Miss Conrath In 1919; Worked During Postwar Recovery Period

By Miss Ruth Conrath Fuller (Former County HD Agent) 1919 found Columbus County in postwar recovery state when I arrived in the fall. Mrs. Jane S.McKimmon, State Agent, advised me to begin with canning and to introduce myself with a course in home nursing. This course was enthusiastically received as a result of the terrible flu epidemic through which the nation had so recently passed.

My nurse's training at Johns Hopkins came into good use. Cluts were organized at Tabor City, Bolton, Evergreen, Chadmade nursing equipment and other essentials of home care for pat-

During my stay which lasted until May 1, 1921 a great many projec's were started. A roads rally was held in Whiteville which interesced the farm agent and myscelf be ause then there was not an inch of paved roa's in the county. Bill McGirt of Wilmington, who was a member of the State Roads Committee, promoted the affair.

We had a fine encampment at Lake Waccamaw for the Columbus and Robeson 4-H groups.

The first county fair was also popular. I believe I was the first in the State to make them. We the old clubs. The girls learned Extension service here. to darn a good sock too! and Miss Mallard began familiariz- operative program was developed. Council. At this meeting 451 nonyes, the millinery—we really made ing the people with the program During 1925 poultry was shippants. A course at a wholesale house in Goldsboro added to the professional touch and gave made to all continues of the country. added confidence.

something to be proud of. We even Crusoe Island. made all of the hats. Thrift was To arouse interest in the Ex- thus changing the previous pro- was held at Lake Waccamaw of their leadership and untiring word at every turn.

And we cooked-fireless-in cookers the husbands made-the

First HD Agent | Former Agent



who served as Columbus County's first Home Demonstration Agent from July 1, 1917 to Nov. 1, 1919. Mrs. Ford is a native of Anson County and is now engaged in YWCA work in Charlotte.

Long Lapse In HD Work Was Ended In 1941

Hattie Pearl Mallard Elected As First Home Agent After Service Was Discontinued During Depression Extension work in Columbus

For nine years Columbus Coun-

also made braided rugs. I had had the work in 1941 and 1942 was Mrs. Frank Covington of Everalso made braided rugs. I had had made in the budget by the Coungreen served as president and R. Miss Willie Hunter, State the first Assistant Home Demonstrate green served as president and R. Clothing Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist, conducted the first Assistant Home Demonstrate Green served as president and R. Specialist and R. Speciali and we learned making ty Commissioners at their June G. Lytton of Lake Waccamaw bound button holes and remodei-ing of old clothes, both of which was officially elected as Home Mrs. Jessie Thompson was named I still hear about when I visit Agent in July to reinstate the president of the Poultry Associa- men met for the regular quarter-

house in Goldsboro added to the in Columbus County. Visits were Club women received a big part home making from club members followed by such oustanding lead-professional touch and gave me made to all sections of the county of the \$8,387.94 for the 30,000 ing. to 18 communities. During her lbs. shipped the first time. You should have seen our two-month stay four clubs were Following the organization of Mey 19, 1932 in the court house Laura Emaline Lemly, Lillie Langmaroon outing flannel sailers with actually organized. They were the County Council Home Demon- with J. E. L. Wade of Wilminggold braid bands. They were Pireway, Cerro Gordo, Bolton and stration Clubs were started in fif-ton as speaker.

advocated then and you saw the tension program there was an ef- gram of individual instruction to June 12-17, 1933. fort to get women to attend the group instruction. In these com- On the first Monday of July We really worked at it. We conference held during Farm and munities I worked in cooperation of 1933 the Board of County Comade dress hangers from barrel Home Wee. in Raleigh. Eight with the County Agent to carry mmissioners voted to discontinue staves in our girls clubs to in- women were present for the a monthly program of motion the office of Home Demonstratterest them in care of their meeting and were to act as lead- pictures. The \$500 which pur- ion agent, anis was during the ers in their community organiza- chased the motion picture out- depths of the depression and only

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soapstone variety—and they real- munity meetings and the organ- Fair in November, 1924. soapstone variety—and they realmunity meetings and the organly were fine. Our iceless refriization of other clubs were made by the club women in the spring of others pleaded for the work (Continued on page 7)

It's Super-Women In This Case

Hallsboro- Oldest Home Demonstration Club In County

who are required.

She is secretary of the Leba-mental in securing the first a- stration work, it is super-women require much of their time. 4-H ion Clubs and county officials Florida. Camp plans, Farm and Home realized the value of group act-Mrs. Powell was chairman of a Nan Ratliff, Home agent, and Week and Short Course are also ivities.

The agents present a demon- organizations: State HD Associa- McKimmon spoke to 260 farm sented the petition, took favor- stration at each of the 19 Home tion, National HD Association, people and presented Mrs. J. H. able action. J. C. Stanley, C. D. Demonstration and 23 4-H meet- District HD Association, State Soles of Pleasant Plains first "I have always enjoyed my 4-H Harrelson and F. B. Pierce comings they must attend each month. HD Association, State Home prize in the contest. A four-burlup work anr have found my posed the board then.

Miss Ratliff and Miss Wells says Economics Association, Yam Fes- ner cook stove was given her Miss Lucille Clark of Anson the demonstrations take quite a tival Committee, U. S. Department and gifts were awarded second, by Mrs. Virginia Mc- coming president of the Colum-Extension Family Life bus County 4-H Council for 1949- Columbus Home Agent in 1917. given all over the county so much Bureau, Business and Profession- Twenty-three women attended Mrs. Powell had previously of their time is taken up in driv- al Woman's Club, Red Cross Exe- the first encampment for club cutive Committee and the Better women held at Lake Waccamaw Achievement Nights, County Farming for Better Living Coun-

From 1925-1932 County Council Organized In 1925 To Get Clubs Off To A Good Start; Mrs. Frank Covington Named Presi-

Writes History

FARM, HOME AGENTS WORK HAND IN HAND

Flower Shows, Poultry Sales, Kitchen And Yard Contests And Other Projects Combined To Make For Successful H.D. Work Under Mrs. Smith

By MRS. DAVID SMITH (Former Columbus County Home Demonstration Agent

The Extension program in Columbus County beginning January Miss Rainwater 1, 1925 was under the direction of J. T. Lazar, County Agent since 1918, and myself. I was then known as Miss Emiline Cleveland and assumed duties as Home Agent January 1.

There had been the usual political game of saving tax payers of the county tremendous a-mounts of money by discontinuing the office of Home Agent but after the opposition had been satisfied by discontinuing the work for a month, work got off to a good start. Realizing that the success of

County depended on a unified program, the Farm Agent and I For nine years Columbus County was without a Home agent On January 10 a county agriheld that year. My clubs made and organized Home Demonstra-cultural organization was permany of the dress forms now so tion work was at a standstill. | fected with 24 women elected as An appropriation of \$1100 for members of the county council.

teen communities in the county, fit was won by taking first prize a few months before the "bank-Plans were made for other com- on a county exhibit at the State ing holiday."

and summer of 1925. It was a but the Commissioners were unsuccess on a limited scale be- animous in their vote. cause little support was given Miss Rainwater was immediateit by Whiteville citizens.

On the radio it's "Superman Is Council meetings, County Federa- number of women had become

Was given by Miss Rose of Bryan, House FurnishSecialist of State College,

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of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ward, Sr. for an agent.



MRS. DAVID SMITH, who was Home Demonstration Agent for Columbus County from January 1, 1925 to July 1, 1932. She was in 'Columbus County? What have then known as Miss Emiline Cleveland.

Served 1 Year As Home Agent

Office Discontinued In July Great Economic Depres-

Lois Rainwater began work as 17, 1932 to succeed Emiline teen days; then, for a period of Cleveland.

did a great deal of sewing for the county again found herseif the county Welfare Department. with a vacancy for two years. 1167 yards of cotton cloth were Since that time, Columbus Counmade into attractive garments ty has maintained an Extension and used clothing remade for Worker to help the rural women children.

clothing schools for leaders on stration Agent in the history of March 30, 1932. Thirty-five wo- local Extension Work began her tion. All together a splendid co- ly business session of the County is Miss Gayle Wells.

annual club women's camp

Mrs. R. F. Benton, president

ly given a position as Home By the close of 1925 a large Agent of Jones County. She died in the fall of 1948 In any event, she was instru- On the Air," but in Home Demon- tion meetings and radio programs interested in Home Demonstrat- while on a visit to relatives in

> Decomposed feed materials and Thirty women entered their polluted water are sources of

Former HD Agent | Leaders Aim At Goal Of One In **Each Community**

Miss Nan Ratliff Explains Purposes Of Program And What Various Units Are Striving For

FIRST HOME AGENT WAS HIRED IN 1917

First Assistant HD Agent Went To Work In September Of 1948; History Is Reviewed Briefly

BY MISS NAN RATLIFF (Columbus County Home Demonstration Agent)

Who are we? How long have Home Demonstration Agents been we done? What are we doing? What do we want to do in the

First, we are Home Demonstration Cub members and Home Demonstration Agents. Secondly, how long have Agents

been in the county? Since 1917

Columbus County has had a Home Demonstration Agent "off and on". From July 1, 1917 until May 17, 1921, Columbus County was without an agent for a period of only Of 1932 During Depths Of four days; the county was again without an agent from May 17, 1921, until July 1, 1922. For the next eleven years, Columbus County was able to keep this office Home Agent for Columbus July open with the exception of seveneight years the county was with-First year clothing was then out a home agent again. After the project and the club women a short span of three months, with the exception of only three Miss Willie Hunter, State months. On September 15th, 1948,

What has been done? The Ex-A spring flower show was held ence Ruth Conrath, Lottie Kholer, ford, Emiline Cleveland, Lois Rainwater, Hattie Pearl Mallard, and Genevieve Eakes. The results

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"Thank You"

We, Nan E. Ratliff and Gayle Wells, Home Demonstration agents of Columbus County, want to express our appreciation to Mr. Leslie S. Thompson, publisher, Mr. Williard G. Cole, editor, and Miss Mary Joe Cole, reporter, of The News Reporter for featuring the history of Home Demonstration work in Columbus County in the tobacco edition of the paper.

To the many merchants and citizens of the county who have cooperated with us and have made our jobs a pleasure instead of a much-dreaded duty to perform, we want to say, "Thank you."

Building New Club House Is Now Project For Crusoe Island Club

The Crusoe Island Home De-| Present officers for the organmonstration Club was first organ- ization are: Mrs. Dewey Long, ized in 1941 with 15 members president; Mrs. Eula Gray Regisenrolled and Mrs. Dewey Long as ter, vice president; Mrs. Carson president. The club was started Etheridge, secretary and treasurby Hattie Pearl Mallard, Home er. Demonstration agent.

monstration Club building was Etheridge, Gardens; Mrs. Dewey built by the government to house Long, Dairy; Mrs. Lizzie Suggs, a W. P. A. project. When these Food Preservation, House Furnwere abolished, Columbus Coun- inshings and Home Management; ty offered to sell the building and Mrs. Pauline Clewis, Family Life; lease the land for ninety-nine Mrs. Ada Spivey, Home Beautiffyears to the Crusoe Club.

to be found elsewhere in the Recreation and Poultry. paper, the club house is in dire need of repair and is much too Register, Mrs. Dewey Long, Mrs. large for the use of the Home Ada Etheridge, Mrs. Carson Ethe-Demonstration Club. It is the aim ridge, Mrs. Dalton Godwin, Mrs. of the Crusoe Club to build a Pauline Clewis, Mrs. Laura Dunsmall three-rooh structure to be can, Mrs. Ida Spivey, Mrs. Duff equipped for a clothing lab, kit- Etheridge, Miss Iselene Etheridge, chen and club room. The clothing Mrs. Lizzie Suggs, Mrs. Hattie room would double for a banquet Etheridge, Miss Lena Mae Long, hall or recreational center. Sew- Miss Edna Ward, Miss Dottle ing machines have been offered Simmons, Mrs. Osie Long, Mrs. by the Red Cross Chapter for Percy Gore, Mrs. Agnes Canada use in the clothing room.

Leaders for projects are: Mrs. The Crusoe Island Home De- Dewey Long, Foods; Mrs. Ada cation: Mrs. Eula Grav Register, As can be noted in the picture Clothing; Mrs. Carson Etheridge,

> Club members are Mrs. Johnny and Miss Hattie Gore.

at's In A Name—Nancy (Ratliff) ayle (Wells) Williamson (LeRoy) a pig named Nancy Gayle the two lady members of the

berty of LeRoy Williamson monstration agent.

quite a hog. akes are so well known.

as the tag that belongs to a Home Demonstration agent, and Essex gilt which is Gayle Wells, assistant Home De-LeRoy had a pig . . . It was

by Gayle is not quite a lady pig . . Nancy Gayle was a lady pig . . . and there a quite a be quite a be specified to a pretty name . . . and there you have it. you have it.

you have it.

you have it.

Miss Ratliff and Miss Wells

kees are to get even swear they're going to get even

and so well known. swear they're going The boys were hat pal, Tom Wal- with LeRoy and Tom. The boys both active members don't know it but Nancy Gayle 4-H Club during their is going to receive a present on behood during their is going to receive a beautiful this during their is going to receive a pleastiful days until their her first birthday—a beautiful her pink this year. They hap-to be particularly fond of snout.

Extension Service, Nan Ratliff,





