

Home Group Started By Bethel Women In 1944



The Bethel Home Demonstration Club was begun March 10, 1944, at the home of Mrs. Johnnie Powell with ten local women in attendance.

Genevieve Eakes was Home agent at that time.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Johnnie Powell, president; Mrs. Aliene Gore, vice president; Mrs. W. B. Ward, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Duncan, vice secretary.

In 1945 the only change in officers was to elect Mrs. J. C. Ward, Jr., as secretary and she has served continuously up until now.

The present officers are Mrs. Aliene Gore, president, and Mrs. Johnnie Powell, vice president.

Since the organization of the Bethel Club members have collected clothing for the Russian Relief and contributed to child relief. They have taken part in the Polio, Red Cross, and Cancer Drives.

Preparing baskets at Christmas for the aged in the Bethel community and giving clothes to needy children have been major projects of the group.

Members have taken part in every Home Demonstration Achievement Night and a booth has been arranged for every Farmer's and Merchant's Exposition.

Packages have been sent to a boy who is in a sanatorium for treatment and flowers are given to the sick and bereaved in the section.

In conjunction with the Clarendon Club, a steel slide was bought for the small children of the Williams Township School.

Major projects at present are the furnishing of a bedroom in the Methodist parsonage which was recently built. Quilts have already been made in addition to the money which has been raised. The club women are rooting shrubbery for the beautification of the grounds around the church and parsonage.

"The progress of our club has been slow but much more interest has been shown recently under the capable leadership of Miss Nan Ratliff and Miss Gayle Wells. We hope to achieve more in the future," club members have said.

Leaders of the various projects are as follows: Mrs. Lloyd Hinson, Foods; Mrs. J. C. Ward, Sr., Home Gardens; Mrs. Retha Hinson, Home Poultry; Mrs. Sally Ward, Home Dairy; Mrs. Ressie Hinson, Food Preservation; Mrs. Clayton Gore, House Furnishings; Mrs. Nettie Hinson, Home Management; Mrs. B. H. Duncan, Family Life; Mrs. Clayton Gore, Home Beautification; Mrs. S. P. Gore, Clothing; Mrs. Johnnie Powell, Arts and Crafts; Mrs. Letha Gore, Music; Mrs. J. C. Ward, Jr., Community Service; Mrs. Marion Ward, Health; Mrs. Johnnie Powell, Education; Mrs. Lloyd Hinson and Mrs. Lucion Gore, Recreation; Mrs. Cora Jane Ward, Loan; Mrs. Cora Jane Ward, Citizenship; Mrs. Altha Gore, Markets; Mrs. Lloyd Hinson, 4-H.

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Officers remained the same for four years.

Leaders who served for one and one-half years following are: Mrs. J. G. Inman, president; Mrs. David McKeithan, vice president; Mrs. Clarence Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

Present officers are: Mrs. S. L. Braxton, president; Mrs. John Boone, vice president; Mrs. J. R. Griffin, secretary and treasurer.

The club has at present 14 active members and meets once each month.

The club won the gavel for attendance at the 1946 Achievement Day and booths were prepared for both the 1947 and 1948 Farmer's and Merchant's Exposition.

Entries from the South Whiteville club were shown at the Tabor City Yam Festival in 1948.

A reading certificate was awarded to Mrs. J. G. Inman and she was also given recognition for five years' perfect attendance at club meetings.

The group has been well represented at federation meetings, district meetings, and several state meetings since its organization. Members have also attended special county-wide demonstrations.

Contributions have been made to the Polio Drive, Red Cross Drive, Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Cancer Drive, Chinese Relief and to the Business and Professional Woman's Club iron lung campaign.

Leaders for projects are as follows: Mrs. Clarence Thompson, Foods and Nutrition; Mrs. A. M. Stevens, Home Gardens; Mrs. Bruce Richardson, Home Poultry; Mrs. A. M. Stevens, Food Preservation; Mrs. Vance Thompson, House Furnishings; Mrs. J. B. Boone, Home Management; Mrs. Alec Memory, Family Life; Mrs. Troy Thompson, Home Beautification; Mrs. Bruce Richardson, Home Dairy; Mrs. Clyde Rockwell, Clothing; Mrs. J. C. Massengill, Arts and Crafts; Mrs. Lee Braxton, Music; Mrs. J. H. Campen, Community Service; Mrs. J. H. Campen, Health; Mrs. J. G. Inman, Education and Citizenship; Mrs. John Boone, Recreation; Mrs. J. R. Griffin, Loan Fund; Mrs. J. G. Inman, 4-H Leader.

Present members are Mrs. John Griffin, Mrs. Joe Massengill, Mrs. J. H. Campen, Mrs. Alec Memory, Mrs. G. W. Cox, Mrs. J. G. Inman, Mrs. David McKeithan, Mrs. John Boone, Mrs. Alex Williams, Mrs. Clyde Rockwell, Mrs. Leo McKeithan, Mrs. Lee Braxton, Mrs. A. M. Stevens, Mrs. Troy Thompson, Mrs. B. A. Richardson and Mrs. Clarence Thompson.

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