

This Week With Macon County Agents

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(EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the last in a series of articles by the home demonstration agent on the activities of demonstration club women here during 1951.)

The special interest demonstration, "Tailoring Tips", that Miss Julia McIver gave to 46 women of Macon County was a great success. The follow-up reports, given by the clothing leaders at all clubs, were most interesting.

The demonstration, "Fashions for Home", created much interest. Patterns were ordered of the designs created by the Bureau of Home Economics for work clothes. The Sears Roebuck exhibit was good, in that the clothing was especially suited for the heavier work on the farm. At least 15 entries at the fashion show came as a result of this demonstration.

"Models for a day" was the theme of a home demonstration club fashion show May 4, at Macon theatre, as 61 members modeled the latest in feminine attire, from aprons to evening gowns.

The fashion parade was under the leadership of Mrs. Graham Grindstaff, county clothing leader, and approximately 225 persons attended. Mrs. C. Gordon Moore served as narrator. The show featured seven classes of apparel. Entries in each class paraded before a panel of judges who picked the winners. Judges were Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, Mrs. Lawrence Patton, and Mrs. J. M. Valentine. Background music was played by Mrs. H. W. Cabe.

Home Management

1. Family Financial Planning. With the price of family living increasing day by day, one would expect home demonstration club members to show special interest in the demonstration for the month of January, "What a Woman Should Know About Her Family's Finances". Twenty meetings were held with

an attendance of 274 women. The excellent bulletins that were procured from the Institute of Life Insurance director, were carried to club members who attended the meetings. These leaflets included "A Discussion of Family Money", "What Every Woman Should Know About Her Husband's Finances", and "A Financial Check Sheet For Farm Women". A total of 1200 of these three leaflets were distributed over the county.

2. Farm and Home Records.

Of the 101 club members who have requested farm and home account books, which is approximately one-fourth of the total enrollment, a few of these women kept accounts on certain items of their spending that they feel might need a special study. Some of these women keep food and clothing; others, household operation. The purpose of this is to study home accounts in an effort to improve financial management and planning in the home.

3. Simplifying Work Methods.

During the month of October, the 20 Home Demonstration clubs in Macon County studied "Improved Household Tasks". Each woman was given paper and pencil with the request to list her household tasks that she disliked doing in her home, then estimate the length of time required in performing this job; and as a home assignment, which was given at the end of the meeting, the principles of work simplification were to be applied to this job.

At the home demonstration meeting the following month, club members told of their success in simplifying their work. Mrs. Woodrow Teague reported shortening her dish washing time from 27 minutes to 14. Reports included every task in the home, from arrangement of recipes, by Mrs. Hardin Gribble, of the Union club, to making of beds, by Mrs. Dan Reynolds, of the Liberty club.

Ironing was most often listed as a job that needed simplification. In the plan of work for 1952 the ironing demonstration has been requested as special interest meeting to be held in February.

House Furnishings

Thirty-one homemakers attended the house furnishings workshop conducted by Miss Pauline Gordon, N. C. extension specialist, in house furnishings,

held March 3 and 4. Floor maintenance, window treatment, hanging pictures, and wall finishes were the subjects studied at the workshop.

Community Activities

Recreation:

During May, when the training school for recreation leaders was being planned, county and home agents contacted ministers of the county, telling them of the plans for the recreation leader school and suggesting that the workers with young people of their churches attend this recreation school. Eighty-one leaders were present the two nights of the school, conducted by Lonnie Powell, of the N. C. Recreation association. Represented on the registration sheet were 11 churches (Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal), the Rotary club, home demonstration clubs, 4-H clubs and Boy Scouts.

As a result of this training during the month of August, recreation leaders of home demonstration clubs had charge of 16 recreation meetings with an attendance of more than 500 men and women. Many of these were in the form of "Family Nights".

From the Hickory Knoll club came the best report of community recreation. During the year 10 community recreation meetings were held. These included amateur night, community sing, tacky party, and picnics.

Special Activities:

Travelers and Iota clubs sponsored the farm tour lunch, and cleared \$175.30 for the community school lunch room.

Watauga club members brought food and other gifts for a needy family that lives near the home of the hostess, Mrs. J. P. Shuford. Mrs. Shuford had written cards to the club members asking that this family be remembered at the Christmas party.

The Hickory Knoll club has made attractive pillow cases from feed sacks that are being donated to the county home. The Cowee, Carson's Chapel and Liberty clubs made four quilts for the county home. The women feel that since the county commissioners have been cooperative in carrying out the home demonstration program that they can help in this way.

Holly Springs club distributed clothing to needy children; held a food and flower sale in Highlands; and assisted with an "open house" supper at East Franklin school.

Mulberry club furnished funds

for school lunchroom to feed indigent children. This club sends boxes to men in the armed forces. The members sent three at Christmas and will send one each month.

Cartoogechaye and Carson's Chapel clubs raised funds to purchase a new loom and other equipment for the Nonah Craft house in the Cartoogechaye community.

Oak Grove club women carried Christmas packages to children who would not have toys.

Walnut Creek club prepared boxes for shut-ins of the community and delivered them Christmas. They also gave boxes to aged mothers before Mother's day. Three members' homes serve as bookmobile stations.

The Cullasaja club provided funds for milk at the school lunchroom.

The number of persons working on farms in October, 1951, was 5 per cent less than in October, 1950.

Farm Outlook

In 1952 Is Summarized In Publication

What does 1952 hold in store for North Carolina's nearly 300,000 farm families?

Specialists of the State College Extension service have put their heads together and come up with a summary of the state's agricultural outlook for

the new year. Their findings included in a 16-page publication called "North Carolina's 1952 Agricultural Outlook," copies of which may be obtained free from the local county farm or home agent or by writing the Publications Department, State College Station, Raleigh.

Demand for farm products grown in North Carolina is expected to be good in 1952, according to specialists of the State College Extension service.

LIST YOUR PROPERTY NOW

Tax listers will be at the following places in the various townships on the dates given to list property for the year 1952. The Board of Commissioners asks all persons to cooperate to the fullest extent in helping the listers to get a correct list of all property. The law provides that a penalty shall be effected against any person failing to list his or her property (although this will not be applied to non-residents). All persons should make a strong effort to see the List Taker or have some person represent them and save the embarrassment of going before the Board asking for corrections when they have failed to list their property.

Following are the List Takers for January 1, 1952:

Franklin Township:

Frank I. Murray—Beginning Jan. 2, 1951, upstairs in the jury room of the courthouse, all week days throughout the month of January.

Millshoal Township:

Jack Cabe—

(SEE POSTERS IN PUBLIC PLACES FOR SCHEDULE)

Ellijay Township:

C. B. Bryson—Beginning Jan. 4, L. D. Norris' store; Jan. 5, Mashburn Branch school house; Jan. 11 and 12, C. T. Bryson's store; Jan. 18 and 19, Wiley Clark's filling station; Jan. 25, Ellijay post office; Jan. 26, David Stanfield's store.

Cartoogechaye Township:

J. H. Brookshire—Jan. 3 and 23, Joe Hopkins' store; Jan. 8, John Roane's home; Jan. 10, Shields' store; Jan. 14, Rainbow Springs, Ledford's store; Jan. 16, Cecil Ledford's store; Jan. 17, Jones Creek, Bill Byrd's home.

Sugarfork Township:

Raymon Wood—Beginning Jan. 4, Buck Creek school; Jan. 5, Walnut Creek school; Jan. 11, Gold Mine school; Jan. 12, Willie Moses' store; Jan. 18 and 19, Gnelss post office.

Nantahala Township:

Frank Baldwin—

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Smithbridge Township:

C. S. Sams—Beginning Jan. 4 and 5, James Norris' store; Jan. 8, Tesenta, Buchanan's store; Jan. 11 and 12, Riverside, Stamey's store; Jan. 16, 17, 18, and 19, Otto, Miller Norris' store.

Burningtown Township:

Robert Parrish—Beginning Jan. 4, Calhoun's store; Jan. 5, Carl Morgan's store; Jan. 7 and 8, Homer Rayburn's store; Jan. 9 and 10, Frank Haney's store; all other dates, at home.

Cowee Township:

J. P. Bryson—Beginning Jan. 4, John Brendie's store; Jan. 5, Rose Creek church; Jan. 7, Nora Scales' store; Jan. 8, Edd McCoy's store; Jan. 9, Oscar Rickman's store; Jan. 10, Weaver Gibson's home; Jan. 11 and 14, T. M. Rickman's store; Jan. 12, C. N. West's store.

Flats Township:

Earl Dryman—Beginning Jan. 4, 5, 11, and 12, Scaly post office; Jan. 19 and 26, Scaly school house; other days, at home

Highlands Township:

L. A. Edwards—Beginning Jan. 2, L. A. Edwards' shop, and continuing all week days throughout the month of January.

All property owners are required to return to the List Taker all the real estate, personal property, etc., owned by each on the first of January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are required by law to list their polls during January.

All persons who own property and fail to list it and who are liable for a poll tax and fail to give themselves in will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

FARM CENSUS NOTE

Each farm owner shall prepare a list of the acreage of each crop grown, including tenths of acres of truck. The list should show the total acres cultivated by the owner, also the acres cultivated by all tenants on each separately recognized farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands. He shall be prepared to report the number of hogs sold or slaughtered during past 12 months and tons of fertilizer to be used during this crop year. This information is kept confidential and has no relation to taxes. Its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safer guidance of county agents and farmers generally.

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