

Summary of Activities in Home Demonstration Work in Duplin

In 1932 Miss Garrison was working with the ten organized Women's Clubs with a membership of two hundred and fifty. This membership formed the Duplin Federation with the President and Secretary, forming the County Council. During the four years that Miss Garrison worked with these Clubs the women had Foods and Nutrition as their major project. Twenty-two women received awards of merit in this study. Two projects leaders from each club assisted with the work.

As minor projects the women had Home Gardens, Health, Sanitation, Food Conservation, and Rural Beautification.

In 1933 with Mrs. Pratt C. McSwain as Home Agent, six new clubs were organized with a membership of over two hundred members. A county wide Service Club met three times in 1934-1935 at which time eighty members were enrolled.

With the coming of better times and advance in prices of farm products a majority of these boys and girls had an opportunity to go to college or to work in near-

by places. Some of them have done excellent work as local leaders in the 4-H Clubs since they were recognized in the fall of 1935. There are fourteen Clubs, (seven Senior and seven Junior Clubs), now in Duplin County with an enrollment of 550.

The membership of the Home Demonstration Clubs has grown until we now have 460. Each of the Clubs has the following leaders serving on the club Program each month: Child Development, Health, Yard, Garden, Recreation, House Furnishing, and Education. (See month to month program for their contributions).

As a result of the study of House furnishings for two years, a

Kitchen Tour was held in Duplin County on June 1. Forty women visited the homes of fourteen Club Women to see the wonderful changes they had made. (See story by Mrs. S. B. Hales on her Kitchen).

Prizes were donated by different Companies, especially the Fuller Brush Company, interested in the improvement of living conditions.

Both 4-H and Adult Clubs won the gavel for the best attendance at the District meeting at Wrightsville Beach.

Thirty-six women were in Raleigh for Federation Day when one of their own midst, Mrs. Hubert Boney, presided, and sang in her

honor. Nine were present for the Farm and Home Week.

The County Chorus which was organized in May was invited to sing for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, but through some mistake, they did not get to sing. When Mrs. Roosevelt returned to Washington she wrote a letter stating how much she regretted not hearing them. They sang in Raleigh during the Farm and Home Week, at the Garden Party given by Mrs. F. F. Newkirk, County Council President, and won five dollars as first prize at the Willard Plaza in September.

The Club members sponsored a garden and Canning Contest and the leaders in the clubs were held responsible for making all arrangements. The Ball Jar Company donated five dollars for prizes in the county.

Fifty-two members of the 4-H Clubs enjoyed an encampment at White Lake the first week in July. Twelve members attended the State Short Course in Raleigh.

The women of Duplin have been unusually interested in the study of Foods after a lapse of a number of years. At a club dinner for their husbands, Mrs. Robert Herring remarked to the Principal of the school who was sitting on her right, "We are studying foods now and everyone of us are enjoying trying new recipes and planning new menus."

Home Beautification was not put in the background during 1937. New homes are going up throughout the county and requests to help plan the yard, plant the grass, and work out color schemes for the interior are coming in the Agent's office every day.

The people of Duplin County are certainly enjoying the new Agricultural Building. The County Council President remarked at the Fall Federation, "My! it seems good to have a building of our own to have meetings and not interfere with anyone."

Tourists visiting the West during the Golden Gate Exposition will spend 40,000,000 dollars on amusements.

Collections of ceramics from all over the world will be shown at the 1938 World's Fair of the West on Treasure Island in San Francisco.

President Roosevelt may establish a summer White House on a battleship anchored off Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay site of the Golden Gate Exposition.

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