

## PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE of Home Demonstration Work In Chowan County

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In Dr. Jane S. McKimmon's book, "When We're Green We Grow," she has given us the past history of Home Demonstration Work in North Carolina.

The observance of National Home Demonstration Week, May 5-12 revived memories of the early days of club work. Chowan County was one of the original 54 counties in our State to have organized clubs of farm homemakers, with Miss Maude Rhodes as our first Home Agent in January of 1916.

She had no way of getting to club meetings except some one club member would take her—driving a horse. She had to plan her work and programs with the help of women selecting subjects they most desired to be taught—cross stitch and other fancy work—and some cooking lessons. Then as canning season approached, girls canning clubs were organized with as many women attending the meetings as girls. Miss Rhodes resigned at the end of 10½ months service.

Miss Circe Coble, our next Agent had to resign because of ill health, after 2 years work in the County.

After a lapse of three years without an Agent, Miss Eliza Knight came to our rescue, as Home Agent.

We must have been very "Green" for then the clubs really began to grow. She organized clubs all over the County—both women's clubs and girls' 4-H clubs. She had an arduous task having to sell to the women the idea of the many benefits to be derived by attending the club meetings and seeing the demonstrations given by the Home Agent. During the time she was our Agent, the Agents and County Council Presidents of Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties met in Elizabeth City and organized the "Tri-County Federation." It was "Green" too for it grew fast and now includes 8 counties which comprise the 16th District.

We had demonstrations in sewing, cooking, canning, hat making and various other projects.

At the end of 3½ years she quit us as Home Agent and took unto herself the job of wife and homemaker for a Chowan farmer. She did not desert us however, as she is a very faithful officer of a club in her com-

munity.

Just at this time "The Powers That Be" decided that school days for club women had ended in Chowan County. The club women all over the County rose up in arms and went in numbers to convince the County Commissioners that we agreed wholeheartedly with Dr. Seaman A. Knapp when he said of Home Demonstration Agents, "You are an essential part of the greatest of all universities, The Home." We knew too that the best teaching was by way of demonstration.

Miss Mary Brantley came next to remain with us 2 years, returning home at that time to be married.

Miss Laura Hazelbaker came next. She gave us demonstrations in serving, cutting patterns, cutting patterns for each club member and had a demonstration by club members at the Chowan County Fair making butter and cottage cheese. She only tarried with us 1 year and 5 months, leaving to be married.

Miss Nelle Caldwell took up the task as Home Agent for us in 1930 working with the women's club and 4-H clubs. She gave us demonstrations on various subjects. We had an all day meeting for basket making, she organized a curb market. Besides her many regular duties, she assisted with the E. R. A. canning program. During her stay with us she had a week's camping trip for the club women. The same old story over and over—she left us to take unto herself a husband. They all seemed to think a husband was the lesser of the two evils.

On the first day of the year 1935, our present Home Agent, Miss Rebecca Colwell took up the work in Chowan County. In addition to the usual work in clothing, nutrition, canning and house furnishings, she has stressed the importance of better housing, yard improvements, assisted with the Rural Electrification Program and supervised the mattress and comforter project.

Local leaders have been trained to give demonstrations in their club meetings and to take their places as leaders in their communities. She had many club members helping in almost every phase of war work through the Neighborhood Leader System and they never failed her—always bringing in

their allotment.

In 1936 the Associated Country Women of the World came together in Washington. Delegates came from 23 foreign countries. North Carolina had the second highest number of delegates present of any State in the Union. Miss Colwell took a party of Chowan Club members to this meeting. She also took us to the World's Fair in New York, and on a number of other trips. She helped to secure the State and County supported Library which is housed in the Community Building.

We have business meetings of the County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, Spring and Fall meetings, District Meetings, and community get-together meetings with refreshments served and singing and recreation which are attended by men, women and children.

In nearly all clubs the club members entertain their husbands at Christmas dinners or parties, and in some clubs the husbands entertain the wives at dinner. Before the War we had County Picnics.

The Chowan Woman's Club built a Community House. The assembly room equipped with tables and chairs in which as many as 125 people can be served at banquets or dinners. A well-equipped kitchen, also the room that houses the library. This building is used for different organizations, by school children for parties, County Council, farmers' meetings, and many others.

Contributions to the building and equipment fund were made by other clubs in the County, County Council and many individuals.

The Future of the Home Demonstration Work is in the hands and hearts of our young people. It is up to the club members to bestir themselves and get these people more interested in the work and its result, to invite and try to persuade them to attend the meetings in which the demonstrations are educational factors in every phase of home making, health and nutrition. Also those things that make for more abundant living, by developing their native talents through work, recreation, social life and leadership.

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Wallace Jordan and Miss Dill Jordan visited Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan Sunday night.

Mrs. Marle Forehand visited Mrs. L. B. Harrell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jones, Jr., and Miss Evelyn Piland of Norfolk spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Piland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell and daughter, Josephine, visited Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jordan Sunday.

Randolph Williams was taken seriously ill Sunday and was rushed to a Norfolk hospital.

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## NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT 1945 TAXES

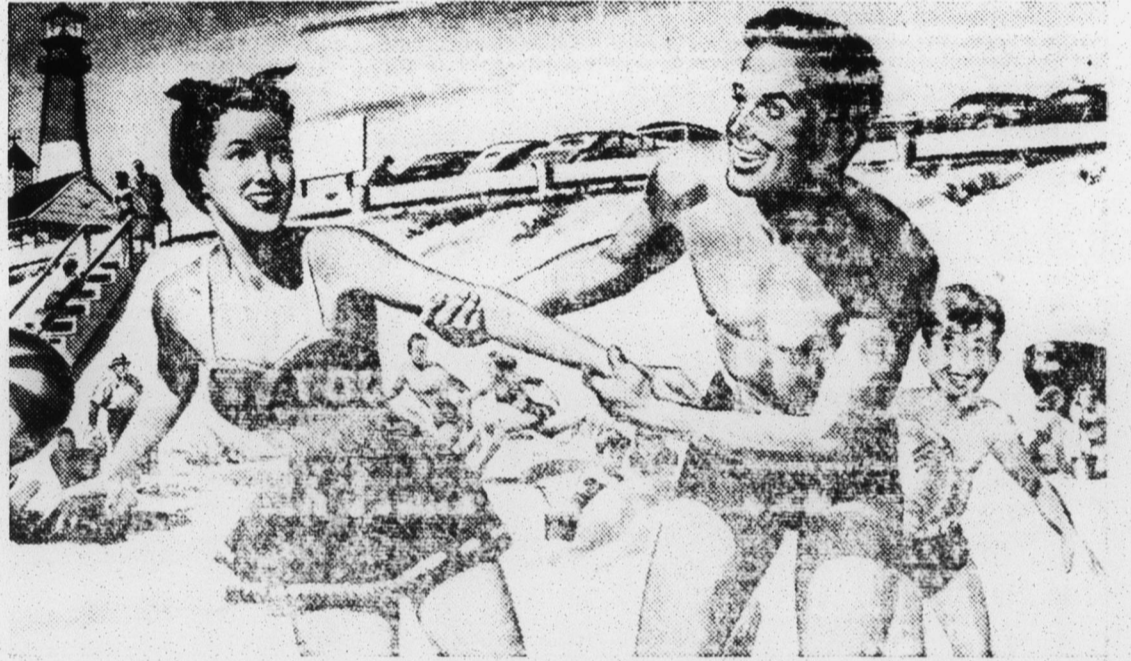
The undersigned, Louise D. Coke, Collector for the Town of Edenton, will, on Monday, June 10, 1946, at the Court House door, at 12 o'clock noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder all property on which the taxes for the year 1945 have not been paid.

Following is a list of the delinquent taxpayers, a description of the property to be sold, and the taxes, costs, etc., due by each taxpayer:

WHITE	
Clyde Adams, house, N. Broad St.	\$ 36.37
Mrs. K. H. Bunch, lots 37 and 38, N. Edenton	3.43
Mrs. Annie Byrum, lot 63, N. Edenton	2.50
Mrs. Eddie Cohoon, lot 90, N. Edenton	2.50
Donald Faircloth, lot 71, N. Edenton	13.45
Willie C. Sitterson, house, Johnson St.	16.82
Robert Staton, lot 172, N. Edenton	4.21
T. L. White Estate, lot, Eden Heights	1.88
T. H. Woodley Estate, lot, N. Edenton	2.27
L. F. Ziegler Estate, lots 36 and 37, N. Edenton	3.43
COLORED	
Pleasant Beasley Estate, lot, E. Peterson St.	5.38
Jerry Bemby Estate, lot, E. Hicks St.	1.88
Annie Blount and Bessie Miller, lot, Peterson St.	3.82
Evalena Blount, lot, Ryder Lane	2.26
Mattie Burke Estate, house, N. Oakum St.	10.41
Edward Cherry Estate, lot, Ryder Lane	1.88
William Collins, house, W. Church St.	20.69
Annie Cooper Estate, house, E. Church St.	19.73
Beatrice Dix Estate, house, Hicks St.	5.38
S. J. V. Etheridge, house, E. Albemarle St.	17.18
W. H. Gilliam Estate, house, E. Carteret St.	12.75
Laura and Elizabeth Griffin, house, W. Gale St.	4.98
Mary Gussom Estate, lot, Church St.	5.76
Lillian Halsey, lot, W. Peterson St.	4.21
J. A. Handy, lot, Hicks St.	4.21
Rosa Hathaway, lot, Gale St.	3.43
Florence Haughton, lot, E. School St.	2.66
John Quincy Haughton, lot, Freemason St.	3.82
Solomon Haughton Estate, house, Cemetery St.	2.66
Wm. Haughton Estate, lot, E. Church St.	5.76
Martha Jackson, house, Granville St.	4.99
J. B. Jenkins, lot, W. Albemarle St.	4.21
Allen Johnson Estate, house, E. Church St.	30.60
Isaac Johnson Estate, lot, Peterson St.	4.11
Willie and Ophelia Jones, house, N. Granville St.	8.87
Martha L. Jordan Estate, lot, Peterson St.	3.43
Lillie Lawrence, house, E. Hicks St.	4.21
H. L. Manley, house and lot, Eden Heights	13.01
Maude Newby, lot, Ryder Lane	2.66
E. S. Parker, house, E. Albemarle; lot, E. Albemarle; house, E. Gale	25.89
Gertrude Ricks, lot, Ryder Lane	2.66
Elbert Riddick Estate, lot, Cemetery St.	7.31
Betsy Sawyer Estate, house, E. Albemarle St. (bal. due)	6.28
Joe B. Skinner Estate, house, Oakum St.	5.76
Kate Worrell Estate, house, W. Carteret St.	15.08
Sarah Wynne Estate, lot, Hicks St.	5.76

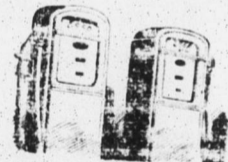
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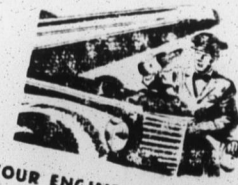


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