

News About Clubs In Chowan County

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Home Demonstration Agent

The first Home Demonstration Club was organized in Chowan County in 1925. Today there are 11 clubs with a total membership of 230. These clubs are organized in the natural communities and hold monthly meetings in the homes, schools or community buildings. They are united by the County Council which is made up of the offices of the various county clubs, county projects leaders, and county committee chairmen. It acts as an advisory council to the Home Demonstration Agent in determining plans, policies and programs. The Council meets quarterly, usually in January, March, May and September. Officers of the County Council are: President: Mrs. I. E. Halsey, Jr., Beech Fork Club. Vice-president: Mrs. Elbert Peele, Oak Grove Club. Secretary-treasurer: Mrs. H. T. Hollowell, Center Hill Club. Assistant Secretary-treasurer: Mrs. H. H. Lane, Ryland Club.

The major objective of Home Demonstration work is to help farm families develop useful and satisfying lives. The Chowan County program is based on the needs and problems in the county. Each member is given an opportunity to help them and think through the county situation, analyze their problems and make suggestions for the solution of family and community problems.

Home Demonstration work touches all phases of the home: Foods and Nutrition; the house and surroundings; Home Management; Clothing; Family Life; Arts and Crafts. A demonstration is given at each club meeting by the agent or by leaders trained by the agent or Extension Specialist.

Each year, much emphasis is placed on Foods and Nutrition because food is so important to good health. A survey made among the Home Demonstration women of the state showed that club women did not eat enough green and yellow vegetables and Vitamin C foods. Chowan club women, realizing the importance of good food habits, included two foods demonstrations, "Eat to Control Your Weight" and "Vegetable Casseroles" in their plan of work last year. The theme "Eat to Control Your Weight" was also included in an educational booth at County Fair.

More and more club women are learning to conserve foods at home. The modern home freezer and the local locker plant make it possible for the homemaker to have fresh food all year around. Many farm families installed home freezers last year. Families who did not have home freezers rented lockers in the locker plant in Edenton.

Family life programs have been very effective in this county. Each year special family life programs are a part of the Home Demonstration program. The annual Chowan County Husbands' Supper, the joint Christmas parties, and the August picnics are always important events for club women and their families.

As you would expect, Home Demonstration women are interested in the care and construction of clothing, the

appearance of their families, and the economy of thoughtful wardrobe planning. Last year Home Demonstration women assisted with sewing for the local hospital. A number of individual clothing exhibits were entered in the County Fair. Others were sold in the County Bazaar and in local sales.

Learning to conserve woman power is of special interest to farm women. Four demonstrations on Home Management were given to Home Demonstration clubs in 1953 and 1954. Club women have learned ways to make housekeeping easier, easier and faster ways to iron, and modern ways to wash clothes. Desiring to share part of this information with others, the Chowan Club arranged a very attractive exhibit at the county fair using as their theme "Old Washday Blues and Modern Laundry News."

Everyone loves to sing and that includes Home Demonstration women. Music is an important part of their program. Last year the music leaders, with Mrs. W. H. Saunders, County Music Chairman, held regular singing meetings for men, women, older boys and girls who were interested in singing.

A county wide community sing is scheduled for Friday night, May 7, at 8 o'clock in the Chowan High School. Each club has been asked to sponsor two special numbers for the sing. Mrs. W. H. Saunders will be in charge of the program.

Citizenship is another important part of Home Demonstration work. The County Citizenship leaders, Mrs. John Hollowell and Mrs. Roland Evans, visited the United Nations Building in October. Clubs also observed "Constitution Day."

There are five club houses in use now in the county. The Chowan Community building at Cross Roads was built about 15 years ago and is sponsored by the Chowan Home Demonstration Club. The Center Hill Community Building is an old building which was remodeled several years ago and is rented by the Center Hill Home Demonstration Club. Three other community buildings have been completed within the last year. These buildings are used for club meetings, County Council and special meetings, Farm Bureau, Ruritan, Church and Special meetings.

Chowan club women can well be proud of their outstanding club work.

Club Schedule
Friday, May 7, 8:00 P. M.—Community Sing at Cross Roads (Chowan High School).

Monday, May 10, 3:00 P. M.—Chowan Home Demonstration Club at Cross Roads Community Building.

Tuesday, May 11, 8:00—Beech Fork Club with Mrs. Paul Ober.

Wednesday, May 12, 3:00 P. M.—Ward Home Demonstration Club at Community Building.

Thursday, May 13, 3:00—Enterprise Home Demonstration Club with Mrs. Thomas Ashley.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners Monday that 1953 taxes collected in April amounted to \$15,225.29. Total 1953 taxes collected to May 1 amount to \$160,914.37. The tax levy is \$184,515.05, so that \$23,600.68 in 1953 taxes still remain on the tax books.

Delinquent taxpayers for 1953 taxes appear in this issue of The Herald and this property is scheduled to be sold at the Court House door Monday, June 7, at noon.



Washington—There is a definite feeling that the defeat of the Ellender Amendment to the Wool Bill is not an end to the drive to continue present parity for basic farm commodities. The vote was 48 to 40 against the amendment which I supported. The straight farm bill will be brought up in the Senate, and I plan to continue to support the move to continue present parity.

Important Legislation
There is pending in the Congress, legislation to make irrigation facilities available to the farmers of North Carolina and other agricultural states. I think this is very important and should be passed now. This bill, an extension of the Water Facilities Act, provides that the Government extend credit for construction of irrigation facilities such as wells, dams in streams, ponds and lakes, the sprinkler system, portable facilities or anything that is necessary to irrigate land. The loans will be at three per cent for twenty years to be repaid, not from a lien on the farmers' land, but from prospective profits.

What It Means
The extension of the Water Facilities Act will make these loans available to North Carolina farmers and will reduce their cost per unit of producing agricultural products. But one of the most important features is the protection it offers against droughts which dry up a farmer's labor right before his eyes while he is helpless to

do anything about it. The West has had such loans available for years. It has practically built the West.

Water
Our section of the country is blessed with an abundance of water. Yet we see great economic loss because of prolonged dry spells during the hot summer weather. Our pastures dry up. The purpose of this legislation is not to create irrigation districts. It simply contemplates loans to individual farmers or to small associations of farmers to provide sufficient capital for the installation of irrigation equipment, for the drilling of wells and the purchase of pipe and the cost of installation. The loans would be made through the Farmers' Home Administration. This is one item of legislation that probably has been overlooked by a lot of people. I have discussed it here because I want to emphasize its importance to North Carolina's economy.

This-And-That
I came back to the Capital the other morning thinking that I would get off the train and go directly to the office and get there away ahead of the office staff. I forgot about the daylight saving time change and the joke was on me—instead of being early, I was a few minutes late... The Army-McCarthy hearings have been drawing full attendance at all sessions. One of the guards jokingly said that if admission were charged he could retire... I certainly hope that

the Site Selection Committee will select a North Carolina site for the Air Force Academy.

Luther Ashley Dies After Long Illness

Luther Andrew Ashley, 65, died at his home on West Eden Street at 10:25 o'clock Saturday morning following a long illness. He was a native of Chowan County and up until three years ago he was custodian of the Edenton Post Office, which he was forced to give up due to failing health. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Betsy Bunch Ashley; three sons, Hugh Ash-

ley, stationed with the U. S. Army in Guam; Lester Ashley, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and Melvin Ashley of Elizabeth City; one daughter, Betsy, at home and a brother, Hotie Ashley of Norfolk. Four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at the Ziegler Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiated and interment was in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were R. E. Leary, J. A. Curran, Percy Satterfield, Claud Rogerson, Mayor Leroy Haskett and Louis Harrell.

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To The Voters of Chowan County

Because of the many duties which require my being in attendance at the office, it is possible that I may not be able to see each and every voter in person, although I would like very much to do so.

Therefore, I am using this means of soliciting your vote and support for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court, and to pledge to you my best efforts in continuing to render the most efficient service and accommodation in every way I can.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Spies



Remember Her Sunday, May 9

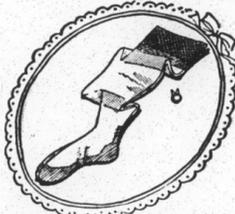
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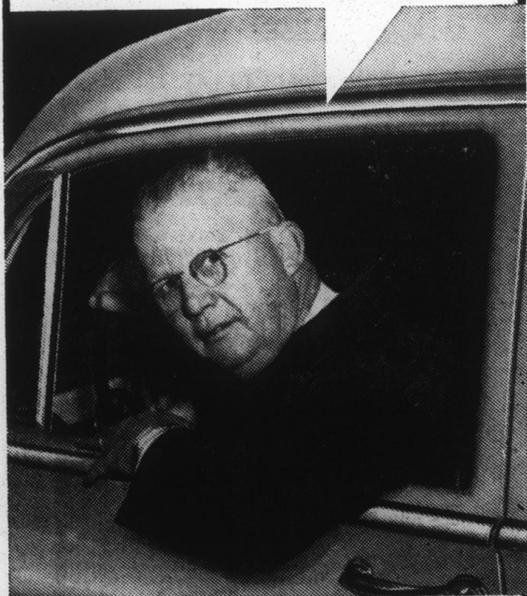
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