

# County Club Women Active In Home Demonstration Work

## Activities Take In Group Of Phases In Life In Community

### Eleven Clubs In Chowan County Have 200 Members

Just don't say "an old dog can't learn new tricks." It's done every month in the Home Demonstration Clubs. Young, old, middle-aged and those in-between can take equal advantage of their opportunities in this organization.

Although it is organized under one of many names, every worthwhile organization has as its goal to work for the betterment of something. Town and rural areas alike sponsor organized efforts with similar purposes.

One such organization is the Home Demonstration Club, a rural and urban women's group who work toward the betterment of themselves individually, their family, home, community, state and nation. It is an organization whose members enjoy learning by doing. Few groups are so fortunate as to have trained specialists for leaders. The local home agent is a fully qualified home economics teacher. She is a devoted and dedicated leader under whose guidance rural and urban women are taught the most up-to-date methods and ideas of homemaking. And it isn't her views alone. She receives the latest information and training from specialists at State College or other fully reliable sources.

To accomplish her task, women are organized in clubs, which meet monthly. By demonstrations at club meetings, special meetings or

individual instruction, she teaches her lessons. In Chowan County there are eleven Home Demonstration Clubs, having a membership of 200 women, with Miss Maidred Morris as their Home Demonstration Agent. Clubs are organized on the community level with officers elected and leaders of projects appointed. There is an over-all governing body of County Council. Similarly, the county groups are organized on a state and national level.

Mrs. H. T. Hollowell of Tyner was elected this year as president of the Chowan County Council for a term of two years. To assist her Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Route 1, will serve as vice president and Mrs. B. P. Monds of Tyner as secretary-treasurer. Other county leaders are: International Relations, Mrs. Roland Evans, Route 1; Health and Safety, Mrs. James Ward of Tyner; Education, Mrs. Gelle Parker of Tyner; Citizenship, Mrs. I. E. Halsey, Jr.; Music, Mrs. C. W. Overman, Edenton; Publicity, Mrs. Lonnie Harrell, Route 3; 4-H Leader, Mrs. Jarvis Skinner, Route 3; Community Service, Miss Inez Perry, Hobbsville; Foods and Nutrition, Mrs. Henry Bunch, Route 3; Home Gardens, Mrs. Marvin Evans, Route 1; Food Conservation, Mrs. H. H. Lane, Ryland; Housing, Mrs. Jacob Spivey, Hobbsville; Family Life, Mrs. David Goodwin, Route 1; Home Beautification, Mrs. Gordon Boyce, Ryland and Mrs. Nurney Chappell, Hobbsville; Clothing, Mrs. Bristoe Perry, Route 3; Arts and Crafts, Mrs. M. M. Nixon.

Gentlemen, never fear — if your wife wants to attend her club meeting, don't complain about your having to baby-sit. She will be learning something worthwhile, more over enjoying it, and visiting with her neighbors. And be patient — she will probably be planning some club activity that will include you and the family, maybe with food (realizing the way to a man's heart) and recreation.

Who hath not learned that when alone he has his own thoughts to guard, and when struggling with mankind his temper, and in society his tongue?  
—Mary Baker Eddy.

### Veteran Chowan County Club Member



At 73 years of age, Mrs. Sam Morris is an active member of the Byrd Club. She is shown above working on one of the many chairs she has caned in recent years.

## Mrs. Sam Morris Is Veteran Still Active In County HD Club

### Very Much Interested In Work In Chowan For 40 Years

Even if there are silver strands which adorn milady's crowning glory, she can find a world of entertainment and helpfulness in the county Home Demonstration Clubs. A living example of such a statement is Mrs. Sam Morris, of Edenton, a member of the Byrd Club and a most gracious young lady of 73 years.

From Tomato Clubs of 1916 to Home Demonstration Clubs of 1957, Mrs. Morris has been a continuing spoke in the wheel of growth. Having been a charter member, she recalls forty years of active participation in club activities in Chowan County.

When Mrs. Morris first became a club member, there was no home agent part of the time. But when the Macedonia Club met, she traveled via horse and buggy to her club meeting, serving as president for three years. Then she was a member of the Enterprise Club before moving into town, transferring her membership to the Byrd Club. For ten years she served as its president, attended Farm and Home Week in Raleigh on four occasions, the first time being in

1932. Among the countless things Mrs. Morris has learned through the Home Demonstration program has been the art of caning chairs. It has become one of her favorite activities and a sort of hobby. Mrs. Morris' favorite piece of furniture is her father's old chair, which she rescued from the trash pile, caning it and restoring it to its old-fashioned loveliness. In ten years, she has caned around 50 chairs and stools. Refinishing picture frames is another specialty.

Before coming to Chowan County as a bride in 1908, Mrs. Morris taught school for seven years, first in Camden County and later in Bertie County. Having been graduated from Chowan Baptist Female Institute (now Chowan College), Mrs. Morris states she taught everything from ABC's to Caesar. Among her cherished keepsakes is a scrapbook with pictures of historical places in the Albemarle area, a product of a long-time hobby.

It is little wonder that Mrs. Sam Morris is still an outstanding member of her Home Demonstration Club, for activeness has been her way of life. With forty years of experience, you can be sure she has qualified as a Home Demonstration Club Member Extraordinary.

receive perfect attendance awards, as well as other records made by Mrs. Lane.

Wards Club  
One completed project makes

### Briefs From Chowan County HD Clubs

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**Gum Pond Club**  
A book of "Household Hints"—just what every Mrs. Homemaker needs. Gum Pond Home Demonstration Club members are distributing a few of these—through the medium of selling, of course. According to the women, these books are entertaining as well as helpful. Mrs. Everett Wilson, Route 3, club president, states that response to their project has been very good and those who have purchased the book of hints have been well pleased with the contents.

**Ryland Club**  
Mrs. H. H. Lane of Ryland Club is setting an example for other club members by having a perfect attendance record for six consecutive years. During her club lifetime, she has filled many important offices, her longest term being

### Women Study Flower Arrangement



At a recent Chowan County Council meeting Mrs. M. L. Flynn, local florist, gave a demonstration on "Arrangement of Home-Grown Flowers." Pictured above admiring one of her arrangements are Mrs. B. P. Monds, Council secretary-treasurer; Mrs. H. T. Hollowell, Council president, and Mrs. Flynn.

way for a new one. By combining their efforts the Wards Club women have an attractive community building of which they are justly proud. The next big project is landscaping their grounds. Situated on a small hill, the building site has great possibilities if properly developed. Hats off to the industrious women of Wards Club, who have made plans to beautify their yard as attractively as they have made the interior.

**Rocky Hock Club**  
Rocky Hock has a distinction no other Home Demonstration Club in the county can claim. It is the proud possessor of an English-born member. Mrs. Jack Leary, Route 1, born in England, now resides in the community, and has a beautiful new home. Rocky Hock Club women were happy to welcome Mrs. Leary as a member, and find comparing customs of the two countries interesting and entertaining.

The women have noted that foods, fashions and social customs all are different, yet basically housewives the world over have similar tasks to perform in the duties of a homemaker.

**Chowan Club**  
Being situated in the center of the county, Chowan Community Building has been a bustling center of activities. This was the first community building to be built in Chowan County and its popularity as a convenient meeting place continues to grow each year. Mrs. Roland Evans, Route 1, Chowan Home Demonstration Club president, has quite a job keeping the building schedule straight. Other than club activities, it is used by 4-H Clubs, Ruritan, school classes and clubs, church activities, other county organizations and individuals.

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