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CANNING GIRLS WORK IN SYLVANIA

History, Growth and Purpose—The Work in Franklin County—Prizes Offered to Those Making Good Records.

(By Annie Pauline Smith, Collaborator of Franklin County.)

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History of the Canning Clubs.

Miss Marie McElroy Aiken, S. C., is the pioneer organizer of Girls' Canning Clubs. In January, 1910, while President of her County Teachers' Association, Miss Cromer organized

the first club in Aiken, S. C.

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Mr. Martin in his lecture on "The Results of Our Work," told in part the following stories, which illustrate to a marked degree the good results of the work and examples of this nature may be found in many sections.

The first cannning demonstration held in the South was on the courthouse yard in Aiken County, S. C. This demonstration lasted a week. The farmers and their daughters drove in and brought their fruit each day.

At Spartanburg, noticeable for her awkwardness, long dresses and heavy shoes attended each of these fairs, driving a distance of 22 miles to get to the fair. The next year she sold her home in South Carolina and came to live in Atlanta, Georgia, where she has been a successful business woman ever since.

At the time of the first demonstration in Aiken, the girls had no money to buy the materials for their work. They had to go to the stores and buy them at high prices. Since then, however, the girls' canning and poultry clubs have increased.

Now, however, the Southern States and national Department of Agriculture, the clubs have been introduced in the Southern States and a few Northern States.

The work in North Carolina began in four years time from one

organized Aiken County Girls' Canning Club, the first in the world. Fourteen years ago an up-

proprietor organized a form of workmen's clubs. The State Education Board of New York, who are prominent in the organization of labor unions, have learned much from the experience of the girls' clubs.

After the demonstration given before the science class of Winthrop College the girls became so attractive, well-dressed girl ran up to Mr. Martin, the demonstrator and said, "Oh, Mr. Martin, you know me?" Katie,

the same girl, yet grown into beautiful

young womanhood, by a change of environment, a girl who graduates with an ideal, an inspired purpose of making other people happy, with futures as rosy as increasing property and independence as her promise to be.

The club work teaches the dignity of labor to families of wealth.

The only daughter of a wealthy Virginia family had an inspiration to do something worth while. She put her best efforts in a public school, finding the sunshine of her presence in the homes of and comfort and cheer wherever she went.

An unwise investment by her father left them no means in their work for a living. She who had been worth thousands, who had had no reason not to believe herself independent of life was now only a school teacher.

With her same sweet spirit she is today instituting noble ideals into the poor children of her home country.

We emphasize our standard packs. We guarantee our canned goods to be

the subject, over 70 percent of the money made by the girls is used for educational purposes.

The object of the work, as expressed by a Virginia agent, is the key-note to the work, "To get the girls to do something worth while, have it approved and lead on to higher things."

Canning School, May 25-28.

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Interesting

work were lead by Major Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, C. R. Hudson, in charge of demonstration work in

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charge of girls' demonstration work

in the United States Department of Agriculture, and Mrs. Charles McKinnon in charge of girls' demon-

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These demonstrations were under the supervision of the best exper-

enced canners and bacteriologists known

in the United States and each of us

left with the satisfaction of knowing

that we had had the best instruction

so obtained, that we knew the best

methods and with these ideas we felt

better prepared to do our very best

work for our girls, our homes and our

country.

Canning Club Girls of Franklin Co.

Judith Boone, Mozelle Smith, Annie Quipepper, Lois Boone, Mary Stallings, Viola Bowden, Minnie Stallings, Pauline Bowden, Belle Hayes, Ethel Delbridge, Clara Hays, Marie Mitchell, Gladys Poythress, Bernice Baker, Rosamond Pearce, Adna Richards, Bertha Medlin, Beatrice Pearce, Corinne Alford, Dollie Massey, Mamie Pearce, Ora Bunn, Nona Massey.

Girls Canning Clubs—Enrollment

Rules.

Girls enrolling may be from 10 to 18 years of age.

A few older may be enrolled in each club but may not compete for prizes. These women shall be sub-

ject to the same rules and regulations governing the girls' work. Club la-

bs will be allowed them only on con-

dition that work comes up to stand-

ard, as usual, for all work.

Each girl must plant one-tenth

acre of tomatoes, snap beans, cucumbers, or some other garden vegetable

and care for it.

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