

Home Demonstration Department

Mrs. T. H. Dickens, who represented the Franklin County Clubs at the Raleigh Convention made the following report before that body:

The first work of the Clubs of Franklin County after the Farm Women's Convention of 1920 was the arrangement of the annual Encampment or Short Course for girls. During this course the mornings were devoted to lessons on Table Service, Balanced Menus, Home Care of Sick and First Aid Nursing; the afternoons and evenings to wholesome recreation. A government authority said that the course was the best planned of any in the South.

- Clover Seed
- Vetch Seed
- Rape Seed
- Lettuce Seed
- Lawn Grass Seed
- Seed Rye
- Seed Oats
- Turnip Seed
- Cabbage Seed

L. P. HICKS
ON THE CORNER

The fall and winter months were given over to a most intensive campaign for better bread, and to remodeling old clothes. Most of the schools and all the clubs in the county took part in these two campaigns. District and township contests were held. Two Louisburg women did the judging, spending over a month in this work. Bakers, manufacturers and packers sent goods to be given as premiums. One baking powder company gave cash prizes, powder and cook books. Each contestant was given a cook book. 517 girls besides a number of women entered the contest. The teachers were asked to arrange a program for the day and in many schools excellent programs were given in connection with the contest. Each judge carried a suitcase of old clothes returned or remodeled in some way to show as models. After this day, the work of remodeling old clothes was carried into two and three other programs in most clubs. Perhaps the most helpful booth at the County Fair was the Remodeled Clothing Booth. The Demonstration Women helped in four Community Fairs and their work was shown in sixteen different booths at the county fair.

The County Council was organized in December 1920. It is composed of one woman to represent each township, selected by the Home Demonstration Agent to act as an executive council. This council has had three meetings. At one all the officers of the Clubs in the county were invited. Programs for the following three months were made and delegates to the State Farm Women's Convention elected. The women on this council plan to study the needs of the sections they represent and report to the Home Demonstration Agent who will be better able to serve the people by their help.

The School and Home Improvement Campaign was put on in January. Mr. John J. Blair of the State Department of Education assisted the Agent in putting this across. Ten consolidated schools were selected to make improvements on. Mr. Blair talked to the Clubs, teachers, committees and students in these schools. The community people were invited to go out with hoes, rakes, plows, scoops and etc. to lay off the grounds under the supervision of Mr. Blair. Although it was extremely cold much work was done. At one place more than 300 people gathered to work when the ground was frozen hard. In the various places ditches were filled, tile laid, hedge set, stumps pulled and other improvements made. A plan for the completion of the work was left with each school or club. After this each club and practically every school in the county was visited by the Agent who talked on Home Ground Improvements, making general suggestions and black board drawings, emphasizing the use of native trees and shrubs. Premiums of \$50, \$25 and \$15 in shrubs will be given the schools making most improvement on the grounds; \$15, \$10 and \$5 in flowers and shrubs to the housewives whose home grounds have been most improved. Six or more well known seed houses gave the Franklin County women a 50 per cent discount from their catalogs during the campaign. As a result hundreds of annuals and perennials have been planted.

Programs on decoration and arrangement of bed rooms, living rooms, dining rooms and kitchens were put on as the campaign was carried into the interior of homes. Walls and floors have been treated, old furniture refinished, bed spreads, curtains and rag rugs made. In one club, a woman painted her entire house, interior and exterior; in another, the president of the club painted her home as far as she could reach and all the blinds. In several instances, entire rooms have been done over, furniture, floor and walls. Lights have been installed in several homes and water in two.

Remodeling of hats was emphasized last year (fall of 1920). This spring and summer many clubs had "Millinery Fever" work was done in all-day meetings, in regular club meetings, after club meetings, at night and the Home Demonstration Agent worked on quite a number at her home at night. About 500 hats have been made and refurbished in various ways. At a conservative estimate around \$1,500.00 was saved our county by doing this work at home.

Fireless and steam pressure cooking demonstrations have been given in several clubs. At a meeting three chickens were cooked in eight minutes. An old gentleman present said he had been eating chicken for seventy years but had never eaten any so tender before.

Our women are still interested in making toilet soap. Quite a lot was made in the spring.

One or two clubs are studying Balanced Menus, another Home Care of the Sick.

However the big features of the year were the Campaigns for Interior and Exterior Home and School Improvements and Millinery. Judging from the last meeting of the County Council, the women wish millinery and dress designing for 1921-1922.

One of the largest encampments in the state was held in Franklin County August 22-27. About eighty girls were in attendance. Basketball, sewing and physical exercises were given in the mornings and every other afternoon. Games and songs around a big camp fire were the features of the evenings. Two trained men from the Durham and the Raleigh Y. M. C. A. directed the games and athletics. The Home Demonstration Agents from Durham and Wake counties were in charge of the lessons.

Preparations are now being made for Two Day Sewing Schools to be held in different sections of the county. This will be followed by a Short Course for the Women similar to the one held for the girls.

The social side of the work is not neglected in our county. The meetings are ended with games for the girls. In the women's clubs one free social and one money-making entertainment are planned for each month. Bazaars, apron parties, carnivals, box parties, masquerades, suppers, plays, Women's Weddings and etc. have been given; realizing a total of \$1,901.14 which has been used for school and church improvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. T. H. DICKENS, Delegate from the Franklin Co. Clubs.

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JNO. D. ALSTON.
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