

Modern Trend Is Favoring More Community Buildings

Eighty Eight Community Buildings Are To Be Found In 39 Of North Carolinas 100 Counties

BUILDINGS ANSWER MANIFOLD PURPOSES

All Kinds Of Buildings Are To Be Found Over The State, But All Are Center Of Activity

By Miss Ruth Current
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Eighty-eight community buildings in 39 counties are bringing to many farm families those things that make for community growth, progress, and happiness for both old and young. Monthly home demonstration club meetings, Grange meetings, election days, 4-H club meetings, community programs, recreation meetings, planning conferences, husband and wife parties, in fact all community functions usually take place in these centrally located buildings.

NEW SALEM CLUB ROOM, UNION COUNTY

Think of trying to give a demonstration in a 15x16 room with around forty club members packed in around you. That is what Mrs. Pratt C. McSwain, Union County home demonstration agent, did at the 1937 January meeting of the New Salem Home Demonstration Club. The president asked at that meeting, "What are we going to do about it?"

The members responded by donating fifteen dollar to start work on a club room in the basement of a near-by church which has been offered them for their use. The following night the men of the community met with the women at the church and \$30.00 were donated, a plan of work made, and the next day the men were working with their teams and wagons hauling red mud from the large basement which was in reality only a shell of a place.

"Cement was purchased and trowels flew in making the place waterproof as well as warm", says Mrs. McSwain. "As soon as this dried, a large stove was installed to heat the room, curtains were made and hung at the windows, seats were brought in, a stove with oven installed, 35 plates, 35 glasses, 35 knives, and 35 forks purchased, water and other necessities arranged for, and we gathered for another demonstration, this time a Husbands' Night. A program had been arranged in their honor and what a delightful time was had by all rejoicing over the results of their hard work and determination."

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSES

In all community houses and club rooms we find equipment provided to meet the needs, or the women busy as bees adding by degrees what is required. Most club buildings now have complete kitchen equipment for giving demonstrations, knives, forks, spoons, china and glassware, tables and chairs. Many have curtained the windows, added books and magazines, those colorful touches which add a cheerful note to any room.

We see all kinds of buildings—little ones, big ones, brick and weather board, new ones and old ones reclaimed, perhaps once an old church or schoolhouse but now a center of "home" for the community, a place to meet and become better acquainted with one's neighbors, to discuss problems that every family is mutually concerned about, or just to have a good time. "We can if we want to."

Dr. C. B. Smith says: "It is in our power to make ourselves a great people and live great lives and live in the hearts of hundreds long after we are gone. We can, if we want to, build a rural community that shall be noted through the state, and eventually, for its neighborliness, its hospitality, its abundant table, its sobriety, its thrift, its intellectuality, its kindness, its cooperativeness, and its spirituality, a community where the sick are visited and the weary find comfort. These are the things that make life worthwhile. These things cost little money. They represent an attitude of mind and heart and, when you come to the end of the journey of life, these are the things that the world has always found brings the most genuine satisfaction to the man, woman, or youth who pursues them."

We believe that our community club houses scattered all over the State will be the means of building just such communities as Dr. Smith described as possi-



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ble for us to build. I know of no project that can help our people in so many different ways as the community house, a project for all of the people.

Beautification of Home Grounds

This is one of our most popular projects, one in which we all join hands—farm and home agents, home economics and agricultural specialists, district farm and home agents, 4-H club boys and girls, and home demonstration club women.

So popular has it become that our new specialist, John Harris, has had to concentrate on special counties in each of the five home demonstration districts. One has only to ride over our country roads to see the changes in exterior of our North Carolina farm homes. Six hundred and forty-six miles of roadside has been improved by our club women and 8,884 homes have done something towards improving the appearance of the outside of their homes.

And what have been the results of a concentrated home beautification program? May I tell you of three specific projects as Mr. Harris told me the stories?

"Mr. Zaney Carpenter of Gaston County is giving his wife physical and moral support with her home beautification project. When this project was started there was absolutely no top soil around the trees in the front yard. The tree roots were projecting seven inches above the surface of the soil and much erosion had taken place. The trees were in bad condition because of their arrangement and the hill on which the house was located, there were great possibilities for the development of this home. A coat of paint has changed the appearance of the house from one of neglect and abuse to one of cleanliness and cheerfulness. Several inches of top soil has been hauled to cover the roots and peas will be sown this spring preparatory for for sewing grass in the fall.

"The drive has been taken out of the front yard and placed to one side which will prevent it from washing and add much to the appearance and convenience of the home. No shrubs have been bought so far but a number of plants have been moved and divided which were growing too close to the house, and a number of plants have been given to Mrs. Carpenter by her neighbors. Two hedges have been started for screening purposes.

"So far as I know the only actual cash that has been spent was for the paint."

What The Young People Are Doing in Home Beautification

And did you know that we have over 48,000 boys and girls enrolled in 4-H club work in North Carolina alone?

"Pauline Ware, a 4-H club girl lives in Cleveland County. Her home has been changed almost entirely by underpinning the house, moving a wire fence away from one side and extending the lawn all the way around the house. A rock retaining wall has been built around nearly two-thirds of the yard and top soil hauled in to cover the bare roots of the trees and to fill in the waded places. Grass has been sown and already the place has taken on a homelike effect.

"All the foundation shrubs suggested in the preliminary sketch of plans have been planted along with the hedge screen which was designated on the sketch. Of course, the plants are very small but within a few years time the place will be most attractive. Walks and drives have been rearranged and all-weather walks placed at the main entrances.

"The estimated cost of this planting is \$15.00 to \$20.00, for the family has done all the labor thus reducing the cost considerably."

Another 4-H club member,

PLEASURE TIME



Tobacco curing isn't confined entirely to hard work and toil, as this picture will attest. There's often time out for a watermelon feast, a chicken stew or some other feature designed to put spice in what otherwise might be a tiresome task. Shown amply taking care of the situation on a farm near Whiteville are, front row, left to right: Bobbie Nell Hooks, Geraldine Hooks, Imogene Hooks, and Helen Barfield. Second row: Lloyd Pope, M. B. Queen, Wingate Hooks, and Walter Barfield.—(Staff Photo.)

4-H Club Offers A Real Opportunity To Youth

Raper Cites The Fact That Boys And Girls Failing To Become Associated With 4-H Club, Missing Something

LEARNING ART OF LIVING OBJECTIVE

But The Real Object, The County Assistant Farm Agent Points Out, Is The Development Of Club Member

By C. D. RAPER, Assistant Farm Agent

Those boys and girls in Columbus County who have not taken the opportunity of 4-H Club work that has been available to them for the past several years have really missed some very good information and a lot of help that will help them in later life.

The purpose of the 4-H Club work is to teach rural boys and girls in the "Art of Living" for better farming and homemaking. Our motto is "To Make the Best Better." In other words, it is our goal to get each boy and girl doing club work this year to endeavor to make his or her project a much better one the next year.

The 4-H Club is in reality a national voluntary educational organization sponsored by the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College. Any boy or girl living in rural areas of the county and states between the ages of ten and twenty years old may join the 4-H Club if he or she agrees to carry out a project, either in the home or on the farm, and report the results of each year's work to the county or home agent. However, the record keeping and information gained in carrying out the yearly project is only a small part of the value gained from club work. The real object of the 4-H Club is the development of the club member.

Every club member is offered the opportunities of wholesome social contacts, improving personality, developing leadership, the development of good health, and learning early to exercise good sound judgment in making life's decisions.

Club work is founded on "Learn by Doing". Our programs are centered around our four-fold pledge, which balances our development of the Head, Heart, Hand and Health. No greater program of development can be given any Columbus County boy or girl.

The Club pledge which every true 4-H Club boy and girl learns early in their club career is a most wonderful one. When a boy

Jack Falls of Cleveland county, too, has a nice home beautification project under way. When he first selected this project his father could not see the need for making some of the changes which were recommended. "But," says Mr. Harris, "on my last visit to Jack's home I found Mr. Falls had changed completely and is now more interested in the work than is Jack."

Four buildings were moved, the lawn sown with grass seed, and Mr. Falls has been using his truck to haul in native plants to use as screens.

And again very little actual cash has been spent on the project for so far the only cash expenditure has been for grass seed.



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or girl repeats the National 4-H Club pledge one cannot help but think that no greater service can be given than these boys and girls do. "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, and my hands to longer service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, and my country. The boy and girl who does most

in club is the boy or girl who will get the most out of it. The more parents help and encourage their children to do, the better farmers and homemakers they will make.

The wishbone is the "Merry thought" of a bird.

Realty

George M. Clemmons, and wife to William Ernest Creech, tract in Bogue.
A. W. Lewis, etal to Bertha

Edmund Hughes, property in Chadbourne township.
Wilson Turbeville to Tabor City Lumber Co., tract in S. Williams.
Etta Koonce to A. R. Kistler, tract at Lake Waccamaw.
Seth L. Smith, Mgtee. to David Smith, tract in Whiteville.

Abraham Lincoln was elected on the fourth ballot at the Republican convention in Chicago, May 16, 1860.

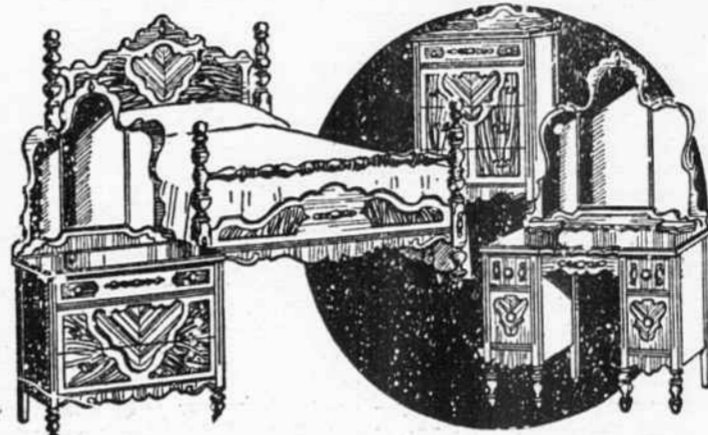
Two half-caste Portuguese traders who crossed Africa from 1802 and 1811 were the first record to make the journey.

Greetings Mr. Tobacco Farmer

Tuesday, August 20th Marks Another Opening Of The Whiteville Tobacco Market.

The Todd Furniture Company is beginning its sixth year of service to the people in the Whiteville trade area and are looking forward to seeing you while you are here. We want you to come in and visit with us, make our store your headquarters, call upon us at any time for any service we may be able to render.

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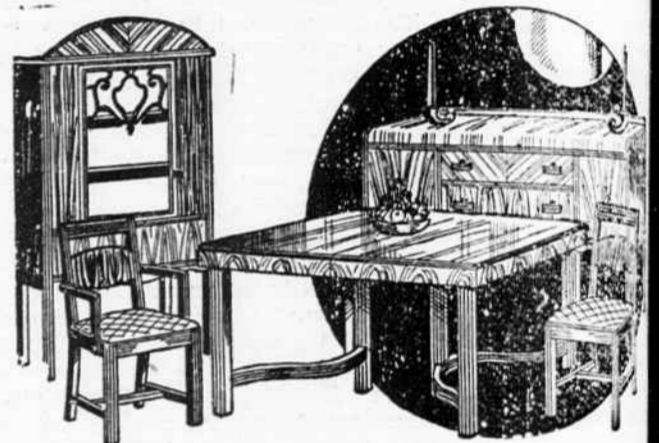
Spot Rocker \$4.95

Spot Chair \$4.75

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