

Wood Still Rates As No. 1 With Farm Tour Group

being attended by many thousands of Indiana farm men and women. This gave the North Carolina group opportunity to participate in and enjoy special programs and activities which ordinarily would not have been available.

Wednesday morning, after breakfast in the university's Union Building Cafeteria, the local women attended a frozen foods program, a feature of the agricultural conference.

Of special interest to the women was a demonstration showing the cutting of broilers for freezing and storage in individual pieces separately in triple-fold paper to keep from having to wait for an entire chicken to thaw when ready to cook.

Mrs. Welch Singleton (Lou) was so pleased with the idea that she plans to use the method for preparing her Summer broilers for the freezer.

After the demonstration, three Haywood County women were interviewed on the Home-makers Club Radio Program over WBAA, the Voice of Purdue.

Miss Mary Cornwell, Haywood home agent, told about the organization of her state's agricultural extension service. Miss Mary McLeod, extension secretary in the Waynesville office, discussed the county's community development program and Mrs. Singleton told what home demonstration work means to her as a homemaker. She also gave Waynesville and Western North Carolina the type of Chamber of Commerce build-up to flood the area with Indiana tourists.

While the women learned better methods for preparing and freezing foods, the men visited the Purdue university swine farm and the university dairy research farm.

The pastures program featured comparison of ladino clover, alfalfa, and a ladino-alfalfa combination for grazing hogs. Results of a six-weeks test showed that ladino alone is ahead of alfalfa in rate of gain and in economy of gain.

Dr. G. O. Mott, head of research work in pasture, pointed out during the dairy discussion that Dr. James Hilton, director of the agricultural experiment station at Raleigh, was in charge of dairy production at Purdue when the dairy barns now in use were constructed.

A number of the farmers, who were especially interested in hogs, observed that they saw a lot more of the swine that afternoon than they had on a farm they visited the previous night. Bus trouble had delayed the tour so that it was dark before they reached the Conner Prairie Farm, Hamilton County, to see examples of four inbred lines of hogs.

It was here that D. J. (Doc) Noland's headache began.

Tillman Bubbenzer, manager of the Conner Prairie Farm, gave the farmers a pointed lesson in farm economy. He gave statistics showing the large amount of money he had saved by grinding ordinary corn cobs and using them as hog feed.

It was reported that Mr. Noland sat up the rest of Tuesday night figuring how much money he had lost by throwing corn cobs into Richland Creek. Last reports from Doc's financial sympathizers were

that he has lost approximately two million dollars since he bought the rolling mill from M. J. McCracken. Rumors to the effect that Bobby Green was ill for a number of days during the tour, following a lengthy bargaining session with Mr. Noland over the proposed purchase of corn, are as yet unconfirmed.

Weaving demonstrations and exhibits were viewed by the women Wednesday afternoon, followed by a demonstration of a pastry mix. Many of the county women had never used this time-saver and were interested to learn that the sifting and measuring of dry ingredients and the blending of fat can be done at one time for a dozen bakings. "Then when you oversleep," one of the women remarked, "you can dump milk in the mixture you have prepared days before and have breakfast biscuit in a jiffy."

Use of the mixer for cakes, cookies, and pies was also demonstrated.

The pretty young Purdue graduate who gave the demonstration did such a graceful job of cooking before the thousands of women present that she won as much praise as her recipes. Miss Ruth Coffee and Miss Hazelnie Stahl were so impressed with the effectiveness of the demonstrator's methods that they were ready to rush home and try her fudge pudding recipe. Miss Cornwell brought a copy for the county home demonstration clubs.

A tour of the Purdue home economics building was conducted especially for the North Carolina women later in the day.

Home agents and presidents of home demonstration clubs in Indiana entertained Wednesday afternoon at a tea honoring the Haywood farm tour ladies.

Here again the local women saw what Mrs. Homer Justice described as the "beautiful hospitality of the people of Indiana."

The Purdue News Bureau and a farm paper had photographers and a reporter present to cover the event for their respective society pages.

"The tea was strictly for women, even though Bill Chambers led the men to think he attended the function while they were seeing more farms."

A visit to Tippecanoe County, Ind., farms that afternoon brought more response from the men than anything they had seen since the fancy Calumet race horses in Kentucky.

They came back bubbling with talk like a bunch of women fresh from a Fall fashion show. They had liked it because, as Jule Noland said, "these were small farms on our own level."

They visited farms where the owners had worked for what they had. They talked with farmers who knew hard work and who had confronted and successfully solved problems similar to those Haywood men still face. They saw a challenge in what the Hoosier land tiler had accomplished.

The Ewing Mason farm, owned by the same family for the last 100 years, features beef and hogs. Reports were given showing that in 1947 Mason produced an average of 155.9 bushels of corn on a

Hanes At Work As E.C.A. Chief In Belgium



Robert M. Hanes (right) of Winston-Salem, Economic Cooperation Administration chief of mission for Belgium and Luxembourg, works in his office in Brussels. He is talking with John Tobler, E.C.A. press officer for Belgium and Luxembourg. Hanes is president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem. On the job in Brussels since three months ago, he is seeking export possibilities for the Belgio-Luxembourg Economic Union as a solution for its financial problem. His office is in the Shell building located in the center of Brussels. (AP Photo)

50-acre test plot.

Fourteen thousand turkey drumsticks of one time, that's what the men saw when they went to the James DeVault farm.

"They drive those bronzed turkeys down a sloping field side and with their red heads sticking out of the tall grass, well, it was like a flower garden," J. H. Reece told us. Dr. R. C. Rhea, Canton dentist who had the distinction of being the only doctor on the trip so far as we could determine, described the picture thus: "The turkey heads looked like blood flowing over the hill."

"I am struck on that turkey business," there was no doubt in the mind of J. A. Singleton about what he liked best on the tour.

The men learned that DeVault has already contracted for the sale

of the turkeys, 7,000 in one group and about 3,000 in another and that he expects to clear approximately \$2.50 per bird. It costs \$1,500 a week to feed them, he said.

On the Lewis Withrow farm in Tippecanoe County, the group saw about 100 brood sows and heard a discussion of a one-liter system.

While the ladies were having tea and the men farming Wednesday, C. E. King, long-suffering and patient driver of one of the three buses chartered for the tour, took a trip to Chicago. His was the bus that had broken a fan belt, become overheated, caused about 25 people to sit on the road until after midnight, and in general made itself unpopular with the crowd. Accompanied by Ted James of Statesville, formerly of Finck Creek, King drove the vehicle to the coach

factory in East Chicago from which place it was recently sent to Asheville. The bus got a thorough check-up and King came back a happier man.

These were the only North Carolinians who saw Chicago on the tour, with the exception of Welch Singleton and his wife with the sunshine personality. They left a very unhappy bus load of fellow travelers at LaPorte, Ind. From there they went to the Windy City to visit their son, Herbert, his wife, and their little daughter, Katie Lou.

As she departed, Lou—leaving Dr. Rhea and others of the large Canton delegation with whom she had traveled, said that the Canton crowd was so rough it had already rubbed off two of the crowd. Leaving Purdue University

Thursday morning, the tour headed north and through the eastern edge of the prairie section of Indiana. This is the commercial grain producing area.

It was too late in the season to view grain fields, as most had been harvested and threshed. An occasional field with shocks of wheat

or other small grain was seen. Well kept and nicely painted, the barns reminded one of the ones about the little red barn on the farm in Indiana. Here the farms were large with houses long distances apart. A number of the women had expected to see many beautiful flower gardens and were

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