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Home Agent's Narrative Report For May

"A Safe, Adequate, and Convenient Water Supply" was the subject of the demonstration at the 13 Home Demonstration Club meetings in May. One hundred and forty women attended the meetings. Water consumption, plumbing for piping economy,

sinks, traps, and vents, location and sizes of bathrooms, storage space, bathroom fixtures and accessories, lighting, and floor and wall finishes were among the things discussed.

National Home Demonstration Club Week was observed May 4-11. A special section of the newspaper was printed and two exhibits were arranged in Raeford.

An exhibit of homemade rugs was placed in the Farmer's Furnishing Co. window, and canning equipment with information on the individual canning budget was arranged in the McLaughlin Hardware window. Clothing leaders in the various clubs gathered clothes for the clothing drive. The Home Agent discussed Home Demonstration Club work at the U. S. D. A. County Council on May 5th.

Miss Ellwood Bryan, Extension House Furnishings and Home Management Specialist, gave an interesting all day demonstration on Room Improvement before 83 4-H Club girls and 8 leaders. Girls from the different schools in the county saw the demonstration at the Raeford Grammar school. Walls, woodwork, floors,

curtains, dressing tables, study units, bed spreads, pictures, and storage was discussed. Curtains, bed spreads, and coverlets skirts for dressing tables were shown. These were made of organdy, chintz, and printed feed sacks. At the close of the meeting, each girl was asked to write on a slip of paper to improvements she planned to make to her room.

Four 4-H Club girls and boys together with the Home Agent, gave a short program on Farm and Home Safety at the Hoke High School chapel on Thursday of National Farm and Home Safety Week.

Thirty-two Hoke County club women went by bus to the 10th District Federation meeting which was held at Bladenboro on Thursday, May 29. Mrs. Marshall Newton, of R-2, Raeford, was elected President for next year and Mrs. T. C. Jones, of R-2, Raeford, was elected secretary. Hoke County extended an invitation for next year's meeting.

Hoke County Home Demonstration Clubs were asked to give their cooperation in the Summer Recreation Program for the children of Hoke County which will be held for eight weeks during the summer. \$28.00 has been donated by the various clubs so far and others are expected to contribute later.

The Rockfish 4-H Club members and their leaders enjoyed a weiner roast at the Rockfish community building on the evening of May 22.

The Rockfish Home Demonstration Club gave Mrs. E. B. Booker a kitchen shower at their meeting in May. Mrs. Booker is the wife of the Baptist minister at Rockfish. She and Mr. Booker plan to move into their new home very soon.

A number of people were given assistance with preparing fruits and vegetables for the freezer locker during the month.

The Home Agent spent one day in May in Lumberton at a district meeting for Home Agents. Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent.

Big Crop Of Peaches Expected

Prospects point to a North Carolina peach crop this year of 3,383,000 bushels — about seven per cent more than the 3,160,000 bushels harvested in 1946.

Frank Parker, head of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, says that the commercial peach crop in the Sandhills section of the State shows "good promise."

The annual May "drop" is over and all varieties have virtually a full crop on the trees. Further thinning by hand has been necessary on many of the Elbertas.

"Growers have had good results in holding insects in check, and a large crop of clean fruit is anticipated," declared Parker.

The Red Bird, Mayflower, and Early Rose varieties are now beginning to move to market, and the Elbertas are expected to be ready between July 25 and 30.

The outlook on production of apples is uncertain at this time. However, prospective production was reduced by frost on the nights of May 7-10, particularly in the Alleghany and Ash County sections.

A light set on a number of varieties has lowered prospects in the Wilkes-Alexander area. The Delicious apple shows promise of a good crop.

Parker said there has been an excessive "drop" in most varieties.

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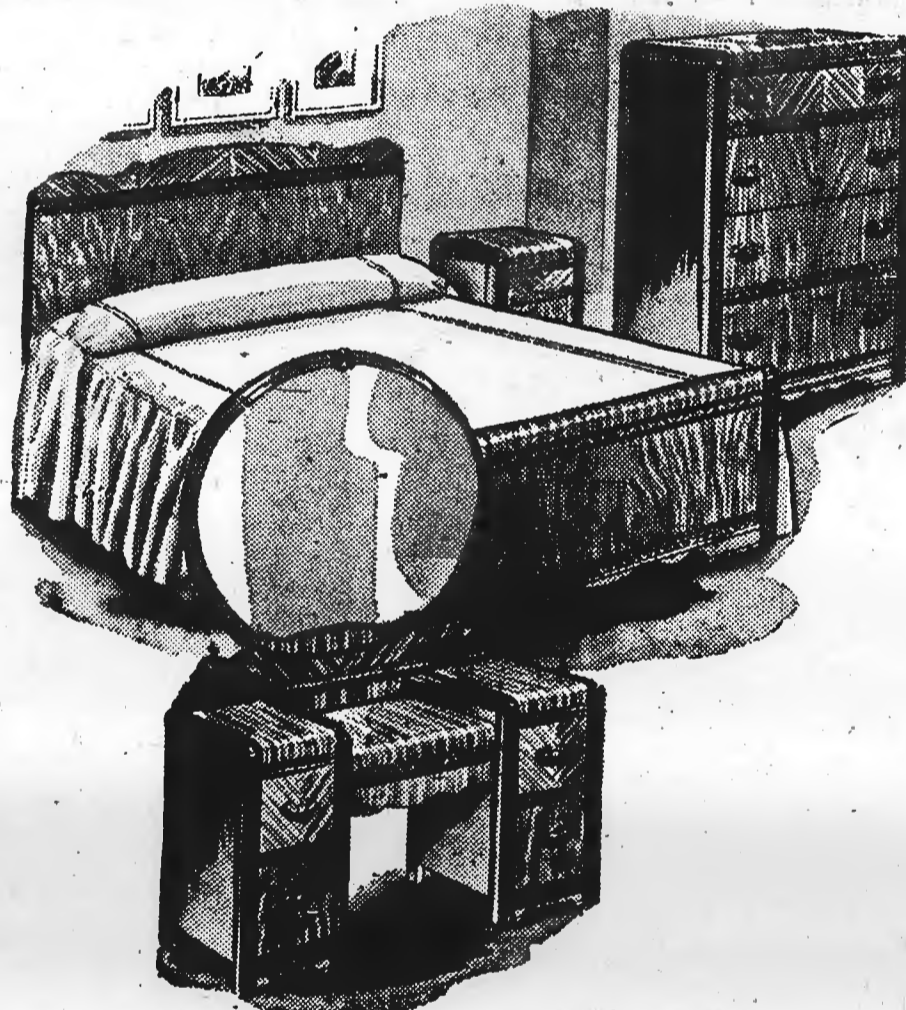
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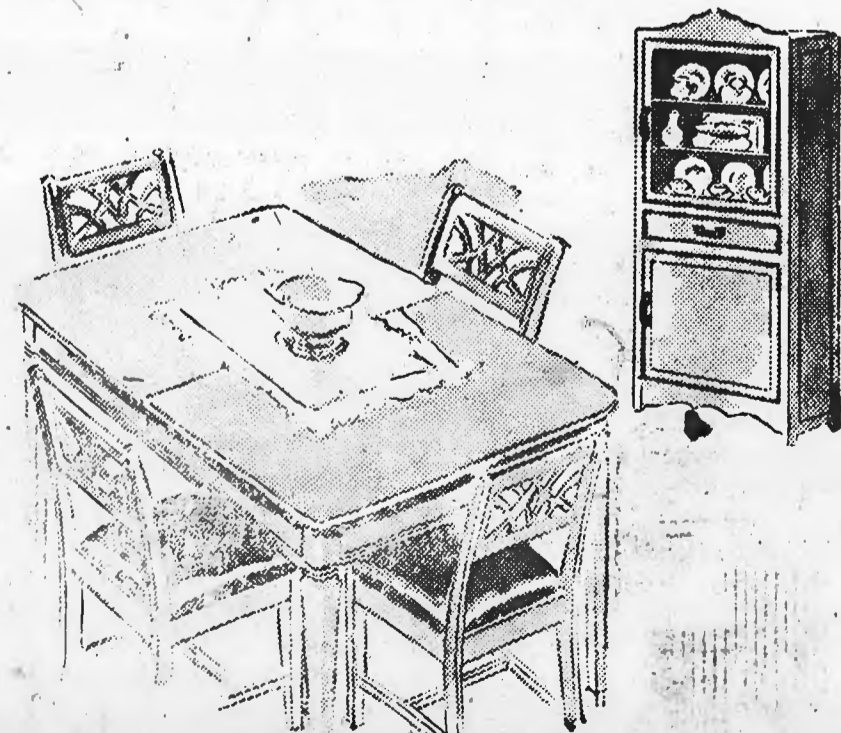
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