

Winner Announced In Essay Contest

Mrs. Emmet Long, a member of the Bethel Home Demonstration Club has been announced as winner of an essay contest conducted among HDC members in this county. Judges of the contest were Miss Thelma Elliott, Miss Louise Hines and Tommy Maston.

Mrs. Long's essay entitled "The Rural Home" follows:

Probably no other word thrills our hearts more than the word, "Home." Surely John Payne's immortal song, "Home, Sweet Home" has touched many of our hearts and we too, have the same feeling toward our home as he expressed in this song.

My rural home is located in a very nice community. Only five miles from the town of Hertford, which is the county seat of Perquimans County. Although this section of the county is not largely populated, I assure one, our wonderful neighbors can not be excelled.

Last summer we put asbestos siding on our home. This not only adds to one's home, but makes it much warmer, and is a permanent paint job, and never requires painting again. On the lawn, we have planted several kinds of annual flowers, and plan to plant more, as well as put out some shrubbery.

This year we are planting a much larger garden and of a greater variety than the one we had last year.

We have just finished a new brooder house with a capacity of one-hundred fifty chickens. We are planning to save the pullets for early fall layers, and keeping the remainder of the flock for food. This means dressing them while they are still fryers, and putting them in the locker.

Speaking of our locker, we rent one over at the Hertford Locker and Packing Co. When we need additional space during a special time of the year we rent another locker for the months which we actually need more space.

Not only do we store fruits and vegetables in the locker, but all of our meat, too, with the exception of

the home-curing of the hams and shoulders. This we enjoy all during the year, as we prefer conserving our food by freezing, rather than by the canning methods.

We have had electricity in our homes for approximately four years. Now we, too, can enjoy the many conveniences made possible by having electricity. I do my laundry with an electric washing machine and iron.

The walls of my home are mostly pastel colors, with the exception of two rooms which are white. Our home consists of six rooms, although we only use the downstairs which has four rooms, as there are only two of us in the family.

The living room colors are green and yellow, with matching plastic furniture, draperies and rug. Our bedroom is pink and blue with a mahogany bedroom suite and matching pieces.

I have attached two pictures of the kitchen, to this essay, which to me is my prize room. Surely, more of us as homemakers spend more of our time in this room. You will note in these pictures the sink and double-drainboard, and the cabinets which extend across one side of the room, with the electric range and refrigerator built in. Also the yellow chrome dinette suite.

Although we do not have a television set as yet, we do have a radio and phonograph which we enjoy listening to very much.

Our home is heated with an oil burner, which is located in the center of the four rooms. It will easily heat three of those at the time.

As to the water supply, I feel I am truly blessed. We have faucets in the kitchen, porch and in the yard, too. Not only do we use the water for livestock, but I use it for all my washing, as it never causes anything to become yellow. It also is very good for drinking and cooking purposes.

In conclusion, I feel I too, can say with John Payne, "Mid Pleasures and Palaces, Though we may roam, be it ever so humble, there's no place like Home." Certainly, we as club women, are striving to accomplish more and make our home the "ideal rural home." No truer words were ever spoken than the title of the out-

standing book, "With Wife Green We Grow," written by the first home agent, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon.

Vets' Question Box

Q—I'm studying engineering under the GI Bill. I want to drop my math course for the time being. Am I allowed to do so under VA's post-cut-off-date regulations?

A—Yes. VA's post-cut-off-date regulations apply to changes of over-all programs of study, and not to changes of individual courses within a program of study. Therefore, dropping or adding a course, within a program of study, is permitted.

Proper Farm Buildings May Have Many Uses

When farm buildings are well constructed they may be used for purposes other than that for which they were built. This is the experience of Titus E. Chappell of the Center Hill community. Several years ago Mr. Chappell constructed a laying house for several hundred hens. This house was single story and well constructed with a concrete foundation and floor. After a few years Mr. Chappell decided to quit the poultry business. He raises hogs and has been having considerable difficulty in losing pigs by foxes, buzzards and other causes. He decided that a way to eliminate this would be to place his brood sows in a farrowing house at farrowing time and keep his young pigs on pasture until they have developed beyond those hazards causing the trouble.

All Mr. Chappell had to do was remove his roosting racks and other poultry equipment from his poultry

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house and construct farrowing pens with a 4-foot alleyway between. The house is equipped with running water and electricity which will be a great asset. Plans furnished by the County Agent are being used by Mr. Chappell which include proper guard rails around the pen to protect the young pigs.

Consumption Of Milk In Nation Increases

Americans drank 16 per cent more milk and cream per person during 1951 than they did before World War II in spite of a tremendous increase in U. S. production from 1940 to 1950. Cheese consumption during 1951 was 31 per cent higher than the pre-war level; ice cream was up 72 per cent; while butter consumption dropped 42 per cent below the 1935-39 average.

These facts were revealed in a special report, "How Americans Use Their Dairy Foods," issued recently by the National Dairy Council, Chicago, a non-profit, research and educational agency for the U. S. dairy industry.

Translated into quarts, this means U. S. citizens drank an average of 24 more quarts of milk and cream in 1951 than they did about 10 years ago. The increase brought average consumption up to one pint per day per person.

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