

History of Snow Hill-White Hat Ext. Homemakers Club

The history of fifty years of club work in Perquimans County continues with the history of the Snow Hill-White Hat Extension Homemakers Club.

The Snow Hill-White Hat Club started out as two clubs - one in each Community. They met in the Community Schools.

In 1917-1918 the women and girls met as a canning club, with Miss Helen Gaither as their Club Leader. They would meet at the schools with their vegetables and fruit, and process it in tin cans, using a large metal pot heated by a wood fire.

Miss Gaither held special classes for the girls, in making quick breads. Afterwards, they took up other phases of homemaking.

Miss Gladys Hamrich came to the county in 1933, and shortly afterward Snow Hill-White Hat combined their clubs, becoming one large club. We met in the homes of the club members and enjoyed learning and sharing ideas in the newly organized club.

Our program of work is planned by club members to include all phases of homemaking. We take part in community projects, also. The Cancer Crusade is one of the community services that the club takes part in.

Family night, with invited guests, is held in February and we serve them a dinner, and have a special program.

The Club Luncheon is held in August.

We look forward each year to our Christmas party, in December. We sing carols, exchange gifts and have a good time.

We always help out with Christmas open house in December, also.

We attend the twenty fifth District of the Home Demonstration Clubs, which began in 1936.

A Fall Achievement Day has been held in Perquimans and the club women gather to sum up the year's work.

Snow Hill-White Hat has outstanding leadership, who have held and attended workshops to teach their skills or crafts to others.

One member was instructor at the District Crafts workshop at East Carolina University at Greenville, N. C. She taught Italian Hemstitching. She also held workshops in her home, in Hertford, and Edenton. The workshop for tote bags was quite a success.

We are proud of a member who has a twenty-nine year perfect attendance record. She also represented the county at Raleigh, N. C. as "Mother of the Year."

Two members, at different times, were delegates representing Perquimans County at the United Nations.

The A and Leadership Award was presented a member three times, which was a record.

Two state offices were held, that of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary, by club members.

Snow Hill-White Hat sent two of its club women, at different times, as Perquimans County representatives to the National Citizenship Council in Washington, D. C.

One club member served on the Reorganization Board for Home Demonstration Clubs, at Raleigh, N. C.

Several have held District offices and one was president for the twenty fifth District of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Two are on the Program of Work Committee for the District. 4-H sponsors and leadership have come from the club.

Members are industrious and resourceful and have learned to do many things to make better homes, and family living. Self-improvement, a reading program and music is encouraged.

A cake maker and decorator created beautiful and delicious cakes - profitable too.

Ceramics, decoupage, knitting, flower arranging, refinishing furniture, reupholstering, tailoring suits, dresses, hats, food, nutrition and many others helped make for better living and brought in a few blue ribbons at fairs.

Six of the Snow Hill-White Hat club members have new homes, and others have done extensive renovations.

We have four Committee Chairmen on the County Council. Our music chairman has served for several years.

After Miss Hamrich left the County Miss Frances Maness came - then Mrs. Nina White, Miss Kimsey Perry, Mrs. Florence Webb, Miss Nancy Lilley, Mrs. Paige Underwood and Mrs. Ila Grey White. We have had good leadership and have grown. A club which was organized for the purpose of learning to can and called a canning club, became a women's club then a Home Demonstration Club and after reorganization the Extension Homemakers Association. We have come a long way, and are now involved in all phases of homemaking, Family Living World and civic affairs and community leadership. We now have twenty one members.

Mrs. Whit Cartwright is the current president.

Mrs. Delwin H. Eure, Secretary.

Gov. Scott To Speak

The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Extension Homemakers Clubs will convene Tuesday, October 27, 1970, at the Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, North Carolina. Highlight of the observance will be an address by Gov. Robert Scott. In addition there will be a sound and light presentation, tracing the history of Extension Homemakers clubs in North Carolina from their beginning, as tomato clubs, through their organization into Home Demonstration clubs and into the present. Women who have been members of the organization for 30 years or more will receive special recognition.

A bus has been chartered through the Carolina Trailways Company to take those of you who can attend the 50th Celebration. The cost is \$5.85 for transportation. The bus will leave the Perquimans County Office Building, Highway 17, at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 1970, and will return approximately 4:00 p.m. Please take a lunch. We only have a few seats left on the bus. The first come will be the first served. Please call Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent, telephone number 426-7697.

G. A. Coronation



Reading left to right: Denise Riddick, Wendy Hurdle, Tony Dall, Linda Riddick, Lisa Riddick and Connie Arnold.

Sandy Cross Baptist Church was the setting for a G. A. Coronation candlelight service on Sept. 27th.

Miss Linda Riddick of Hobbsville was awarded for Queen-Regent-in-Service, the highest step in G. A. Miss Wendy Hurdle, accompanied by her nephew Tony Dall as crownbearer was crowned Queen.

Miss Connie Arnold was also crowned Queen. She had Miss Lisa Riddick for her crownbearer. Miss Denise Riddick was awarded for completion of her princess step.

Mrs. Frank Barnes, associational G. A. Director, gave the devotional followed by special music by Rev. Lamar Edand of the Gatesville Baptist Church.

Opening comments were given by Miss Claire Ward, Miss Janice Stallings, and Mrs. Kathleen Wiggins. Each girl was questioned by her leader, Mrs. Roy Riddick and Mrs. Herman Ward. Charges and awards were presented by Mrs. Frank Russell and Mrs. Cecil Basnight. Rev. Thomas A. Clarke, pastor gave the closing comments at which time he presented Linda with a white Bible.

Refreshments were served in the church social hall after the program.

Winfall Homemakers Club

By Mrs. I.E. Rogerson, Pres.

What is now the Winfall Home Makers Club is the outgrowth of the Winfall Canning Club. This club had its beginning in June 1932. King A. Williams, a teacher of Agriculture in the Perquimans Co. Union School, gives the following account.

Mr. Williams saw the need of the preservation of food in this county and organized these clubs for the conservation of food in each community. Canning Clubs were set up throughout the county. The State Government gave vegetable seeds to the families so that they could raise food and then preserve it by canning. The people had to furnish their own jars. Later the county furnished the seeds and jars which were repaid by turning back to the county one jar out of every dozen. These were distributed to the needy of the county.

The "Live at Home Project" was an outgrowth of the above method. There was a great need and scarcity of food. The Winfall community organized a "canning club" which was composed of persons who raised and preserved their products at canning classes. They would hold them outdoors under big trees where they would process their vegetables by using the open kettle method. They would use a fraction of an hour there and repeated the other two processes at their homes.

He further states that this was the first county in the state to inaugurate this type of program among Negroes. He also states that it reached its highest peak in 1935-36 when this record went from 1500-45,000 jars. S. B. Simmons was the State Super-

visor of Negro Agriculture Education at this time.

Today the Winfall Club is still active. Mrs. Mary Riddick, our recently deceased past president, served well and long.

The president is Mrs. Ionia E. Rogerson. She says the present objectives are so varied that they may serve a greater service to the home than ever.

Memorial Books Received At Library

The following memorial books have been received in the Perquimans County Library recently: The American Heritage Songbook and The National Geographic book of the Lewis and Clark expedition, both in memory of Stephen T. Perry; three, Discovering Music, Flower arrangement, and A Short Dictionary of Furniture in memory of Ruby B. White; and The Man From Steamtown, by Adair is in memory of Roy O. Chappell. Albert Camus and Christianity, by Onimus and Emerson Our Contemporary, by Derleith have been added to the Sullivan collection.

Other new books in the library are: To Be Young Gifted, and Black, by Hansberry; The Classrooms of Miss Ellen Frankfort, by Frankfort; Essays in Shakespearean Criticism, Calderwood; Delinquent Behavior, by Gibbons; Conserving American Resources, by Parsons; Springtime in Britain, by Teale; Of Rivers and the Sea, by French; Science Supplement of the Encyclopedia Americana. Digital Computer Basics: Hand Shadows, by Bursill; The Decline and Fall of the Saturday Evening Post, by Freidrich; and Luscher Color Test.

New fiction titles are: Great Lion of God, by Caldwell; Lover all Untrue, by Nora Lofts; A Problem in Angels, by Holt; Death's Bright Dart, by Clinton-Baddeley; Greek Wedding, by Jane Hodge; Many Paths of Love, by Olmsted; Return a Stranger, by Doner; Journey for Jodel, by Guy Owen of North Carolina State Univ. and several new Westerns.

Entertains Bridge Club

Mrs. C. R. Holmes entertained her bridge club Tuesday night at her home on Front Street. Those playing were Mrs. T. L. Jessup, Mrs. H. O. Stokes, Mrs. John Coston, Mrs. G. W. Barbee, Mrs. W. C. Dozier, Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Louise Chalk and the hostess.

Mrs. Dozier was high score winner. A sweet course was served.

Poster Contest Winners Announced

The Perquimans County Better Breakfast Poster Contest winners were declared during the 300 year Tri-Centennial Celebration, Tuesday, October 13, 1970, on the courthouse lawn. The winners were announced by Frank Roberts, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and the gold loving cups awarded by Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent, Perquimans County. The winners in the poster contest were as follows: Primary division, Scott Copeland, second grade student at Hertford Grammar School. The Instructor, Mrs. Naomi Spence. Scott is the son of Mrs. Margaret Copeland, 215 N. Woodland Avenue, Hertford, North Carolina. The title of Scott's poster is "Eat A Good Breakfast!"

The Grammar grade division: Deborah Saunders, eighth grade student of Perquimans County Union School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Saunders of Route 3, Hertford, North Carolina. Mrs. C. S. Williams is her Health Instructor. Deborah is a very intelligent and studious young lady. Since her first year in school, she has done very well academically.

When asked how she felt about

winning, she commented, "I don't believe it! I have never won a poster contest. I thought I had done my best, but I didn't think I would win."

Deborah is very happy about winning. Her teachers and fellow classmates are also happy and proud that she has won.

The title of her poster is Breakfast. She did a comic sketch of the rabbit and the tortoise. The tortoise won the race because of eating a good breakfast.

In the High School division, Gloria Jean Banks was declared the winner. She is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Banks, Route 3, Hertford, North Carolina. She is a member of the 9th grade in the Perquimans High School. The title of her poster is A Well Balanced Diet - Start With a Good Breakfast Every Morning.

She stated that skipping breakfast doesn't make you lose weight, provided the days calories remain the same. Nor will eating breakfast make you gain. Young people who eat an adequate breakfast usually have more energy throughout the morning and are more efficient physically and mentally. They react more calmly and are less jumpy than breakfast skippers.

The judges for the poster contest were Mrs. Paige Un-

derwood, Home Economics Extension Agent, Mrs. W. E. Nelson, Manager, Routes, 5 and 10c Store, and Mrs. Ila Grey White, Home Economics Instructor, Perquimans High School. This activity was conducted in the following schools of the county: Perquimans Union School, Central Grammar, Hertford Grammar, and Perquimans High School.

The donors for this activity were, the Chamber of Commerce, Bill Cox, and Foods and Nutrition Department. Mrs. M. B. Taylor would like to thank everyone for the excellent cooperation in helping to make this activity a successful one.

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