

Fairs

There were held in the state in 1920

160 Community fairs for white people and 28 for the negroes

34 County fairs for white people and 9 for the negroes

1 State fair for white people and 1 for the negroes

Women trained in the county by Home Demonstration Agents usually judge the community fairs always judging in a community other than their own. At 91 fairs judges were supplied by the state office of Home Demonstration work. (33) county agents and (8) other trained women serving in this capacity. The community fairs are almost wholly the outgrowth of the Home and Farm Demonstration work and are regarded by the agents as a fine schools for the people. Expert judges are furnished by both the Division of Home and Farm Demonstration Work and as judging is done before the public and score cards explained, results have been most satisfactory.

Forsyth presents the following program followed at community fairs.

Opening at 10 A. M. when all exhibits must be ready for judges

Community singing

Address by speaker

Picnic dinner

Better babies contest

Discussions of exhibits with explanations of reasons for awarding premiums.

Athletic contests and Field Sports

In Gaston County "There were 14 mill community booths at the County fair ^{at} contesting against each other".

The Mecklenburg agent writes "One of the most satisfactory things we have done in the county this year was the organization of a County Community Fair Association. A committee from this association canvassed for advertisements and paid for the cooperative premium book of the

seven community fairs. They had enough money left after paying for printing to give each fair \$90.

The Association offered prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 for the best community fair.

At a Community fair in Davidson County one club woman arranged a cottage cheese booth with seventeen attractive and palatable dishes prepared from cheese. Another gave a steam pressure cookery demonstration arranging near by in an attractive manner all of her meats canned by steam pressure.

The county fairs drew from the community fairs and in addition to good exhibits of pantry supplies-canning, garden products, clothing including dresses and hats, there were given some of the same demonstrations described under state fairs.

State Fairs

At the state fair in the building which was erected for Home Demonstration work important phases of work for women were demonstrated. Around the walls were 10 booths in each of which two Home Demonstration Agents presided demonstrating the following, Dress design, millinery, the testing of textiles, the selection and preparation of foods and kitchen conveniences, laundry work with improved machinery, beautification of the home grounds, beautification of the home, budgeting the income, and nutrition. The nutrition booth was in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the division of Farm engineering put on in one booth a demonstration of how water may be installed in the farm home.

Down the middle of the building was an exhibit of fruits and vegetables in glass from forty counties.

The ~~Division~~ Division of Home Demonstration work felt that the educational exhibits and demonstrations staged at the state fair were a success if it might be judge by the interest of the men, women and children.