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Report of the Division of Home Demonstration Work

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To the Commissioner of Agriculture:

There were 59 counties organized in Home Demonstration Work in 1920. with an enrollment of 10509 women and 9070 girls. Total 19579.

This membership attended meetings and carried out Home making programs in 461 clubs for women and 460 clubs for girls.

The largest enrollment was in Wayne County which has 12 women's and 21 girl's clubs to her credit with a total enrollment of 942 members. Two hundred and thirty one meetings were held during the year with an attendance of 9000 people.

Wake County runs a close second reporting 28 clubs for women and 8 for girls with a total membership of 575. The total attendance through the year at club meetings was 10304.

The program of work for club members in 1920 has been chiefly along clothing lines especial stress being laid on dress design, millinery, and textiles. Foods, Health, the installation of water and lights, home conveniences, interior decoration, beautification of home grounds, Dairy and Poultry work have all come in for a large share of attention, but the high price of dress and millinery made the problem of how to fashion one's own hats and garments a paramount one.

#### Home Millinery

Systematic instruction with demonstrations was given in 42 counties. The club women and girls coming together to learn to refurbish old hats or to make new ones.

A very definite course was given in the making of simple hats. Bought frames were covered and the art of making frames was taught.

One Home Demonstration agent writes "Not only did my club members make hats for themselves but they went home to instruct their neighbors". Hundreds of Wayne County women are waering home made hats".

Wilson County says "A great many hats have been made at home and those bought are in a little better taste and perhaps are worn a trifle better for our instruction".

From the Johnston County agent's report the following is taken "I think the most effective work done in my county this year was that in millinery. It was an inspiration to me to see how eager the women in the country were to learn how to make things for themselves. It took very little advertising to get a crowd when a millinery demonstration was to be given. The most important phase of the work was in the selection of hats and the making over of old material.

In Mecklenburg where an accurate account was kept a report is sent in of 590 hats made by club women at an approximate saving of \$3,540.

"I wish I had known when I first began club work says the Hertford agent that millinery would so thoroughly vitalize club work.

I go out to meetings all over the county and no one wishes to leave the fascinating millinery lessons. I am frequently until dark returning home.

I dont believe I exagorate when I say over 300 hats ranging in cost from ten cents to seven dollars were made at our club meetings."

Durham County reports over 200 hats made this summer.