

Dress Design

A program of work in clothing especially in dress design has been put on in 49 counties. Instructions were given to women and girls in selecting dress materials, selecting and altering patterns, planning the dress, the importance of color and design, fitting and finishing. 1309 demonstrations in clothing were given and results of these instructions have exceeded expectations.

As an experiment in Mecklenburg County a school of applied design or dressmaking was held at the club meeting place in three communities for five days each. Instruction began at 2:30 and lasted until 5 o'clock each afternoon. The attendance averaged 55 daily in each of the communities. There were so many requests from clubs in other parts of the county that plans for similar intensive work were made for each.

In Franklin County the club plan of work in sewing was with remodeled clothing entirely. The Home Demonstration Agents says "Two of our local women visited 18 communities with me. They wore remodeled dresses and hats and carried a suit case of remodeled garments to show as they talked to club members.

To demonstrate the results of the lessons taught in remodeling both dresses and hats, at our county fair the club women filled a sixteen foot square booth with remodeled dresses, coats, little boys suits, and hats".

The sewing program for girls included aprons-club uniforms, dresses and the making of curtains and decorative articles for their rooms. A notice of a meeting in Edgecombe County will serve to show the club girls interest. "The girls of Runnymede met on Monday for a lesson in the selection of materials. On Wednesday evening the instruction was in the cutting of a garment, basting and doing the flat fell. The girls are quite apt and are seemingly interested in the seams they are sewing".

The Wayne County Agent reports "I gave 12 demonstrations of proper school lunches in 1920 carrying with me a model container with a bottle and a well put together lunch.

Many of our club women bought similar lunch boxes for Christmas presents for their children and were much interested in proper packing. We are cooperating with the County Rural School Supervisor to have one hot dish for lunch introduced in the schools.

Bread Campaigns

The making of good bread has been greatly furthered by the 9 county-wide bread and biscuit campaigns held in Buncombe, Franklin, Granville, Greene, Iredell, Perquimans, Sampson, Stanley and Wayne.

The Sampson County Agent says "The campaign has certainly improved the quality of bread in Sampson County."

From Iredell comes "I visited the different schools in the county giving demonstrations. Practically every teacher in the county was enrolled to help and 971 school children saw the demonstrations of biscuit making which with my assistants gave ~~them~~ and went home to make and bake biscuits at least 5 times before they could enter the county contest.

There was first an elimination contest in each school, then one in each township and the best biscuits from each township were selected to contest for the county championship."

The Granville campaign was amongst the first and pointed the way just as Lincoln did in 1919.

Sampson and Stanley sent each a little girl prize winner to the State Fair to contest for a state prize by making and baking biscuits before a large crowd in the Home Demonstration Building.