

American Home Economics Association at Swamptscott, at the state meeting of Business and Professional Women and before the Council of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Installation of Home Agents

Very definite plans are made for the installation of a home agent in her territory. District agents announce the time of arrival to the local county council if there is one, to the woman's club, and to the church people. The farm agent is notified and also the county superintendent of education. If possible the district agent is at the county seat to welcome the agent and to get her well established in a comfortable home, realizing that to do efficient work an agent must be happy in her home life. The county superintendent of education and the farm agent are visited next day and co-operative plans of work are talked over. The agent's office is usually in the court house, 43 of the 49 agents being so housed. As early as possible the home agent is introduced to the county commissioners and to the board of education. Arrangements are made about a car and the assistance of the farm agent and the school supervisor secured in pointing out roads and club centers. Cars are owned by the Division of Home Demonstration Work in 43 counties.

Social and professional affiliations are most important if the home agent is to take that position in the county which is expected of her. That she has become a leader is evidenced by the number who have, in addition to their rural work, taken the chairmanship of the home economics department or been presidents of the most important women's club in their counties. Records show that 29 county agents and 5 of the state staff have held these positions or have made the programs for the home economics department during the last two years, thus doing much to make themselves leaders of home economics thought in the counties. One of the staff is home economics chairman of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, succeeding a county agent who held the position for two years.

County Cabinets

To insure the coordination of all county workers, ten counties have formed what is called in one district a county cabinet. This organization of county heads of organizations meets once a month. The former home agent in Johnston County says: "As a result of this organization all of us were able to work more intelligently. The bulletin board telling where we were each to be during the week enabled some of us to make trips together and to help each other in many ways."

County Councils

Twenty-nine counties have county councils composed of delegates from the home demonstration clubs. These average 27 members. Councils meet monthly in the home agent's office, report on the work in women's, girls', and community clubs and help plan the program for the year. They are behind the agents in any work outlined and go before the county boards to express the county sentiment when work or finances are discussed.

Home Bureau

These women are also active in rounding up the county clubs into a home bureau or federation of home demonstration clubs. Eleven of the counties formed the State Federation of Home Bureaus in 1920 which had its first