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sold for satisfactory prices.

Teams of girls and boys were brought down to the state fair chaperoned by the home and farm agents and gave demonstrations in poultry judging and proper housing and feeding. These teams gave also demonstrations in seed selection, how to recognize plant diseases and the remedy, stock judging etc. Most of these contests are to be housed in the home demonstration building in 1923.

Twenty-four home agents assisted in carrying out the state fair program. Two to a booth they gave the demonstrations to big audiences each day and did much to advertise home demonstration work and what it might be worth to a county.

COMMUNITY FAIRS

One of the district agents says, "When it comes to arousing community interest and pride there is nothing which will accomplish this more thoroughly than the community fair." At these fairs all of the judging is done in the open. The people are interested in knowing why decisions are made; and as only women trained in judging are asked to act, it is not hard to give reasons. Score cards are used in all judging and as the poorer products are eliminated the audience gathers close to note the scoring from point to point. A clear explanation never fails to satisfy many an exhibitor goes back with a knowledge that brings her to the fair a prize winner next year.

The following comes from the Rowan home agent "The organization of community fairs began with a Fair Association which was composed of one man and one woman from each township. This association met four times, drew up a set of rules, divided the county up into fair districts, and decided upon locations for four community fairs. The people of these communities met and organized, worked out details, raised funds and put on very successful fairs. The exhibits were very good, both as to variety.

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and quality. Mr. Yeager, ^{farm} county agent, and I assisted with organization, secured an appropriation from the county board of commissioners to cover about one fourth of the premium list and with a few suggestions as to the management of the fairs and arrangement of exhibits, left the communities to their own initiative. We were much pleased with the spirit of cooperation and the successful management of the fairs. I sent each woman who had charge of a department, a circular letter making suggestions as to the arrangement and decoration of her department and was much pleased to find these suggestions followed very carefully and when the hour for the opening of the fair arrived, everything was in the place with department managers at their posts exhibiting an air of satisfaction, which indicated a successful accomplishment of what they had undertaken to do.

The spirit of community pride and of cooperation was very noticeable. China Grove, a small town held its first fair. The mayor of the village was made president and he gave attention to the minutest detail, seeing that every plan was carried out successfully. The managers were made up of town men and farmers, members of the women's club and farm women. Everyone of them worked very earnestly for the success of the fair. Perhaps the most outstanding exhibit in the woman's department was an exhibit of fifty baskets and trays made of reed. The direct product of the girls short course in Raleigh. Two girls from the China Grove district learned basketry at the short course and gave demonstrations in their community, resulting in an exhibit at the fair. This exhibit attracted much attention and these girls and members of their families have been giving demonstrations in other communities."

ANNUAL SHORT COURSE FOR GIRLS

The short course for the girl club leaders is held for two weeks each year. Peace Institute, Raleigh, has opened its doors to the girls for the last two years, and this year it housed the annual school for agents as well.