

ENCAMPMENTS

No. counties holding encampments .....24

Encampments for club girls and boys were held in 24 counties and were conducted by the home and farm agent jointly.

One agent says of her camp, which was a typical one: I consider the boys' and girls' camp the most effective and far-reaching piece of work done in the county this year . The associations along with the recreation, demonstrations, and instructions carried on at this time put demonstration work on a solid foundation and made every one of these boys and girls hail club work as his or her greatest opportunity.

The Alamance agents transported 62 boys and girls 198 miles in school trucks to the high mountains of North Carolina as many of these children had never been beyond the hills of their own county. Many of the eastern counties chose the sea coast or the shores of a lake as a camping place.

The account of the Sampson county encampment will give an idea of the conduct of these camps. "The Boys' and Girls' Club Encampment held at White Lake last week was the biggest and most successful one ever held for Sampson county. There were 219 boys and girls registered for the full time and those who came for a part of the time ran the total attendance up to 250 or more. This is an increase of 75 over last year's total attendance and is worthy of note as entrance requirements were more rigid than they were last year. Every club in the county(12) was represented except Oakhurst and Mingo Academy.

The first days program consisted chiefly in getting to White Lake and pitching camp, but all members were registered and assigned to rooms, and tents, and all food was stored in the commissary in time for the first swim in the lake at 4:30 P.M. The regular evening program for Tuesday had to be postponed on account of rain, but the boys and girls crowded into one building and enjoyed a very entertaining social hour.

The rising bugle was supposed to be sounded at 6:00 A. M., but at

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5:30 Wednesday morning there was a buzzing noise coming from every quarter which showed that Sampson county boys and girls are early risers, so we moved up our rising hour to 5:30. The children came out shivering at first in bath suits which had not dried during the night, but it required only a few minutes of setting up exercises under the direction of Camp Commanders to warm them up for the morning swim. During the period each morning Dr. Hollingsworth gave demonstrations in resuscitating a drowning<sup>n</sup> person. The meals were served cafeteria style and it was an interesting sight to watch this crowd line up by clubs, march by the table to be served, and march on to the rude seats in our open air auditorium, which also served as a mess hall. Immediately after the breakfast dishes were washed, <sup>and</sup> a squad of boys from each club was detailed to clean up the camp under the direction of the officers of the day, and get things in order for devotional exercises at 9:40.

There were two instruction periods each day, when the boys and girls were taught how to candle and grade eggs, how to identify plants and how to do certain arts and craft work. In the egg grading contest all of the winning clubs made a score of 90 and above, the first making 98.3.

In the plant identification contest the children were taught not only to recognize various plants but to know their relative importance as well.

There was ample time <sup>for</sup> to recreation, two and one-half periods during the day, when the boys had baseball practice and all who did not play baseball had games, story telling and swimming lessons. We had a very interesting program Wednesday night, beginning with a short address by Frank Peterson, the boy president of the county club. Reports were heard from members who had done club work at the state fair and elsewhere since the last encampment, and there were talks by officers of local clubs, songs and yells, etc. Thursday night was stunt night. Friday afternoon we had a match game of baseball between the Sampson and Bladen county clubs,

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when Bladen won. The behavior of the club members during the week was excellent. The discipline was a marvel to the visitors when they saw such a large number of boys and girls assembled from all over the county. It was made possible by the excellent assistance of the local leaders of the various clubs who deserve the credit for the success of the encampment.

### COUNTY WIDE CAMPAIGNS

No. of county campaigns held 1922 .....	225
No. " bread " " " .....	35
No. " garden " " " .....	29
No. home and school improvement .....	9
No. housekeepers' week .....	1
No. school lunch.....	15
No. home conveniences.....	15
No. county rallies or picnics.....	67
No. beautification premises.....	12
No. dairy .....	3
No. grape products.....	10
No. others .....	14
No. counties promoted <sup>ing</sup> the "Live at Home Campaign".....	47

Every county organized in Home Demonstration Work is asked to put on at least one county wide campaign during the year that every part of the county may be reached with home economics instruction. The milk for health, the better bread and the school lunch campaigns have been reported under nutrition, home and school improvement and beautification of premises under home improvement and the Live at Home campaigns under gardens, poultry and dairy work.

Another interesting campaign was that put on in the eastern counties where the muscadine <sup>grape</sup> is abundant and where the people were calling for instruction in conserving the great crop.