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COUNTY COUNCILS

No. Counties having County Home Demonstration Councils ----- 35
 Membership----- 1967

When a county is organized in home demonstration work the agent is urged to bring together a council of women composed of representatives from each club or community. These women act as an advisory board and meet with the agent once a month, or sometimes at longer intervals, to give reports of how the work is going and to help plan for further work. They appear before boards when appropriations are to be asked for, and they come to answer any complaints of the work which may be brought to the boards.

Occasionally the council asks the board of education and the county commissioners to lunch with it in the office of the home demonstration agent, which is in almost every case in the court house. At this time certain plans are discussed and reports of what has been done are given. The visitors are fed some of the dishes the women have been taught to prepare and members of boards get at first hand an important phase of home demonstration work.

In Northampton County an advanced girls' club, which had studied balanced meals and table service, served the commissioners and board of education at a special meeting. Miss McLawhorn, Home Agent, says in regard to this meeting: "We baked the cakes the day before the meeting and cooked the chicken in the steam pressure cooker. The girls made the dessert to go with the cake and decorated the table. The ^{menu} ~~meny~~ consisted of chicken soup, chicken croquettes, ham, pickle, creamed peas, potatoes, hot biscuit, and butter, tomato salad on lettuce, and peach bavarian cream with cake, mints and coffee. The preparation of this dinner was the best lesson in foods this club ever had, and certainly showed the boards the resourcefulness of club members who could serve sixteen in an office

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with such inadequate equipment.

The council backs the club and stall markets, backs the girls' club work, and its individual members are demonstrators of the agents teaching in their own communities.

The girls are asking to have a council of their own and several counties will try it in 1923.

The Hertford Home Agents says: "I remember distinctly the first meeting of the county council: One woman from a community that was listless pledged herself to go home and arouse interest for this big home work. She certainly succeeded for today this backward community is so alive that they have changed their name from Mill Neck to Christian Harbor. Other sections have been awakened by the same influence and today the Demonstration Agent has a hearty welcome to almost every section of the County. During the year the roads have been so hard to travel that the county council women have found it hard to come to the county seat to regular meetings. In consequence I have been going from section to section in my car to get them together, carrying them to some central point in the County for a discussion. There is, however, one big business and social meeting which always falls on the first Monday in December when all members assemble at the county seat as guests of the Home Demonstration Agent. Plans are made for the year's work and they are on hand to appear before the Board of County Commissioners to push the appropriation through."

The Franklin Agent says: "My county council and town advisory council met Friday. It was open to the public, though I did not spend any time advertising it. We had reports from most of the clubs of the county and short talks by the members. I felt so proud of those girls and women who stood up and talked. Four years ago they would have fallen if I had insisted on their talking in public. We had nearly 200 present.

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Miss Bordeaux, the new agent, has a fine type of women to support her.

STATE FEDERATION OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS -- CALLED THE
STATE HOME BUREAU

Finding the county federation of clubs represented by the county councils so helpful in advancing home demonstration work, the councils thought it wise to form a state federation of home demonstration clubs, which should have its annual meeting at the State College, Raleigh, when the Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention meets. A preliminary meeting was held at the College in August 1920, and in 1921 delegates came from 14 counties which had decided to federate. In 1922 regularly appointed delegates came from 32 counties, 128 in number, and interested club members came with them. There were in all 250 people attending.

Most inspiring reports were given of how home demonstration work was conducted and the results obtained and the spirit of the meeting was remarkable.

AFFILIATION WITH STATE FEDERATION WOMAN'S CLUBS

At the 1921 August meeting of the Home Bureau it was decided to affiliate with the State Federation of Woman's Clubs and to that end a committee was appointed with the State Home Demonstration Agent as chairman, to meet the Federation Council and talk over plans for the proper affiliation of these large organizations.

Plans were worked out which were later unanimously adopted by both organizations.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

In 1922 the Division of Home Demonstration Work planned to do definite work with the State Departments of Health and Education and with the following departments of the Division of Extension Work--Animal Industry, Horticulture, Division of Markets, and the Farm Demonstration Work. The State Home Agent conferred with all heads and after policies