

Home Beautification Tours

Two tours to view landscape work, especially lawn and flowers, were taken by the Johnston County home demonstration club women. One was to the Azalea Gardens in Wilmington and the other was planned by Poplar Grove Home Demonstration Club members to visit an adjoining county to observe landscape work there. Poplar Grove is on the edge of the county, next Sampson. It rained the day of the tour, but about twenty went in spite of it.

"I believe this was one of the most worthwhile things we could have done," says Rachel Everett, home agent, "for we visited entirely rural homes, one large home with trees and expansive grounds surrounding it, another farm home in which the yard was fenced, one where a swimming pool had been made, and several homes where lily pools had been built. Some of the features observed have been copied by our women. Inasmuch as the tour was taken in the rain everything looked clean and beautiful. What I was especially anxious to show was how nice a place looked with a lovely green lawn for so many in that section of our county still sweep bare their yards.

"The service club also visited the gardens in their tour of homes. They visited Mrs. Thomas's and Mrs. Hudson's homes, both of whom have won prizes in landscape work."

Leaflets in Home Beautification Prepared in 1938

Following are the leaflets prepared by Miss Pauline Smith:

Plan Now to Have A Spring Flower Festival
Pine Cones for the Colored Fire
Scores for Judging Flower Shows
Annual Flower Show

Prolonging the Life of Cut Flowers
 Fall Flowers
 Choosing Your Tulips
 Your Fall Planted Bulbs Need Food
 Chapel Hill Garden School
 Old Well at Williamsburg
 Simple Lay Outs for Small Lots.
 Keeping the Christmas Spirit
 Source Material for Christmas
 Poinsettias
 How to Care for House Plants
 New Leaflet on Colored Fires

Following is the material on home beautification prepared by
 John Harris in 1938.

Bulletins:

1. Beautifying the Home Grounds
 Extension Folder No. 40, Arrangement of Planting
 Extension Folder No. 41, General Arrangements
 Extension Folder No. 42, Walks and Drives
2. "Better Lawns in North Carolina"

Mimeographed material:

- "Pruning Shrubs"
- "Elementary Principles of Home Beautification"
- "Important Steps in Propagation"
- "Transplanting and Care of Shrubs"

Better Homes Week

Intensive work of a special nature was our part in Better Homes
 Week, 1938. Emphasis was placed on:

1. State-wide clean-up
 - a. Home grounds and farm sheds.
 - b. Vacant lots.
 - c. Alleys.
 - d. Parks and city approaches.
 - e. Highways, including grounds around filling stations.

f. Removal of signs on privately owned property.

g. Removal of dump heaps.

2. A mailing list of several thousand names was made-- composed of ministers, superintendents, principals, and teachers, officers of Federated Women's Clubs, Garden Clubs, P. T. A's, City Boards of Commissioners and Aldermen, all mayors and town business managers, officers of civic clubs.

If the readers of this report are interested in the Better Homes program for North Carolina for 1937-38, please see pages 29 - 37, narrative report, Pauline Smith, District Agent of the Northeastern District, who served as state chairman of Better Homes Week in North Carolina. Miss Smith did a fine piece of work with the cooperation of these agencies.