

SUMMARY OF REPORTS AND TALKS MADE BY  
UNITED NATIONS STUDY TOUR DELEGATES  
(Tour made October 1953)

<u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Home Demonstration Clubs	134	2,312
Home Demonstration County Councils	8	520
County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and/or Achievement Day programs	47	8,111
4-H County Council	1	26
Graded and High Schools	32	3,910
PTA	10	611
Civic Clubs	40	1,168
Church groups	56	2,081
Farm Bureau	2	345
The Grange	4	180
Community Dinner	1	67
UN Day - Town Square	1	530
Farmers' Club	1	27
Household Shower for Club Member	1	32
Auxiliary to Hospital	1	75
Book Club	1	10
D.A.R.	1	19
F.H.A.	1	85
Totals - - - - -	342	20,109

Radio talks made - 10  
Newspaper articles written - 4  
Report to family and friends - 125  
(Only two reported a figure on this but many mentioned it)

OFF TO NEW YORK  
By Jean Anderson

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Tomorrow 108 home demonstration club women representing 67 counties from virtually every corner of the Tar Heel State will leave Raleigh aboard special chartered busses for Washington, D. C. and New York City.

Purpose of the five-day trip to the nation's capital and the world's second largest city is to give these North Carolina home demonstration club leaders an opportunity to visit United States government buildings and to observe first-hand the functions of the United Nations Assembly.

Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, says the educational tour is the chance of a lifetime for the farm women of the state. "I think it is a wonderful opportunity for the educational leaders in home demonstration work to make this trip and see first-hand the functions of the United Nations and to discover how they and their neighbors back home can do a bigger job in strengthening and protecting our American way of life."

For days the club women scheduled to take the tour have been excited over the prospects of seeing the United Nations.

"My, but I must be a very lucky person!" writes Mrs. Una Key of Ronda. "Only home a few days from my trip to Washington and the National Citizenship Conference and then I'm on my way again--this time to New York! Just thinking about it makes me breathless!"

Mrs. Jessie Sneed of Laurinburg, Route 2, writes, "I am very grateful for the opportunity that I am getting. I only hope that I can learn enough and bring enough back home to justify this privilege!"

The husbands are getting excited, too. J. E. Perry, Jr. heard about the trip. Mrs. Lillie Mae Dean, Franklin home agent, says that Mr. Perry is just about as excited as Mrs. Perry over the New York trip. "We just must find some way for you to go," he announced to his wife. "It's a wonderful trip. I'd go myself if I could!"

Mrs. Emma Jackson of Marion really caught the spirit of the 107 others when she said breathlessly, "I keep asking myself, is this really happening to me? I'm so thrilled I don't know what to do!"

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TAR HEEL CLUB WOMEN TO SPEND  
WEEK OBSERVING UNITED NATIONS

"I just can't resist the temptation to tell you what a perfectly splendid idea or project I think the trip to Washington, New York and the United Nations will prove to be," writes Mrs. Grace H. Andrews of Red Springs. Mrs. Andrews is one of more than 100 North Carolina home demonstration club women who will leave Raleigh on October 5 for a week in New York City.

"I am indeed grateful for this and the many other opportunities which home demonstration work affords, and I am proud to be counted among the farm women privileged to work with home demonstration agents and state leaders," continues Mrs. Andrews.

Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, says that the United Nations trip is a wonderful opportunity for educational leaders, an opportunity to see firsthand the purpose of the United Nations and to discover just what the people back home can do toward strengthening and protecting the American way of life.

Greeting the North Carolina home demonstration club women in New York City will be Dr. Frank P. Graham, special UN mediator, and Mrs. George F. Roberts, UN observer for the Associated Country Women of the World.

On the way to New York City, the delegation will stop over in Washington, D. C. where they will see Mt. Vernon, and visit various government buildings. Miss Mena Hogan, southern field agent for the Federal ~~Extension~~ Extension Service, and J. Earl Coke, assistant secretary of agriculture, will be on hand to greet the Tar Heel Women in the nation's capital.

NEW YORK, OCT.8-- As the three special chartered busses arrived at the United Nations yesterday morning, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Graham were on hand to greet each North Carolina home demonstration leader. Dr. and Mrs. Graham stayed with the Tar Heel leaders throughout the day, arranging special briefing sessions and attendance at various council hearings.

Of particular interest to the club women was the approach to the United Nations with its colorful member flags flying before the United Nations General Assembly Building and the Secretariat or "Glass House" as it is commonly called.

First on the agenda at the UN was a special briefing session in Conference room number three in the General Assembly Building. At the briefing, three of the club women from Greene County met Mr. Rayborn Chestnutt, a native of Snow Hill who is now working for the United Nations. Mrs. Lemuel Dawson of Snow Hill had taught Mr. Chestnutt in school back in Snow Hill. Mr. Chestnutt took the three Greene County club women to dinner at the United Nations. They were Mrs. Lemuel Dawson, Mrs. Robert Christman, and Mrs. Beulah Mewborn, all of Snow Hill.

At the special morning briefing, the 108 club women learned of the organization of the United Nations, itself, and the functions of the various representatives, advisers, and behind-the-scenes workers.

In the afternoon a special guided tour through the UN was taken by the women. They were shown the General Assembly first and told that a board of architects representing ten nations planned its design. Also of interest was the Matthew Nowicki, former State College professor in the school of design and designer of the State Fair Coliseum was a member of the architectural board.

From the General Assembly, the club women were shown the three council rooms and told that each was decorated and designed by a member country--the Security Council was designed by Norwegian architects, the Trusteeship Council by the Danish, and the Economic and Social Council auditorium by the Swedish. In each of these three rooms, the furnishings had been especially designed and made in the home country and sent to the UN. Also at the United Nations were draperies from Haiti, marble from Italy, stone from Greece, and murals painted by various internationally known artists.

As the touring groups passed from one colorful room to another, one club woman remarked, "There's so much here from all over the world! Wonder what the Americans gave?" Another woman replied, "Well, I guess the land was pretty important."

The club women were particularly impressed with the guides--the women were taken around in groups of 20. Many of the guides were from foreign countries, all were college graduates and spoke several languages. One guide, a young Hungarian woman, explained to her group that she'd been in America for just four years and hadn't been able to speak English before she came. The club women were amazed to learn how quickly and beautifully she spoke. One woman commented, "Did you notice her diction and enunciation? She certainly runs rings around us!"

Today the club women will meet with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Mrs. Eleanor Roberts, UN observer for the Associated Country Women of the World; and Clark M. Eichelberger, director of the American Association for the United Nations.

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NEW YORK, OCT. 9 -- "You farm women can support the United Nations by feeling your obligation to your world community in the present day," said Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt yesterday at the United Nations as she met with the 108 home demonstration education leaders from North Carolina.

"Today," continued Mrs. Roosevelt, "we must feel that we are an outstanding democracy. All eyes are upon us. News from America goes all over the world. People are avidly reading about the United States. And these people say that they like the principles by which we say we live, but we don't always seem to live up to them.

"In your daily lives, in your communities, you North Carolina farm women are helping to paint the picture of democracy for the world to see. But we must be certain that we are painting as well as we can."

Mrs. Roosevelt was introduced to the North Carolina women by Dr. Frank Graham, who was instrumental in arranging the various briefings and meetings for the Tar Heel delegation. Mrs. L. B. Pate of New Bern explained to Mrs. Roosevelt some of the projects being carried by the North Carolina home demonstration club women. She commented that through the UNESCO gift coupons the club women had sent two washing machines to the women in the Philippines.

Also speaking to the club leaders was Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger, executive director for the American Association for the United Nations who is commonly known as "Mr. UN." Dr. Eichelberger praised the work of Dr. Frank Graham saying that Dr. Graham was one of the great mediators of the world. "Indonesia is now a member of the United Nations because of Dr. Graham's efforts," he explained.

"We are not discouraged by the attacks on the United Nations,"

remarked Dr. Eichelberger, "but we are concerned."

"You see," he continued, "in 1945 the UN was an ideal--it is not difficult to sell an ideal if it is backed by fundamental truths. No one was opposed to the ideal because each wanted world peace. But today the United Nations has become an institution as well as an ideal. An naturally anything that anyone or any organization does today will meet with criticism. We must strive to see the UN as a human institution meeting the world's toughest problems. In the day of Columbus, the sailors on the ship blamed Columbus for the storms, the sickness, the troubles that arose on that voyage. And so it is today, many blame the UN for the storms in the world today."

Following Dr. Eichelberger on the afternoon program was Mrs. Eleanor Roberts, consultant to the Economic and Social Council for the Associated Country Women of the World. "The Economic and Social Council is our field," said Mrs. Roberts. "We must bring to this council our ideas. We should feel proud that the ACWW is the only rural women's group to have a voice at the United Nations."

Mrs. Roberts explained what the women might do in their communities to develop interest in the United Nations and international relations. She stressed the importance of meeting and opening homes to foreign students studying in American universities. "Actually we feel that we can do a lot toward building friendly global relations," she concluded, "for as they say, 'when you teach a man you teach an individual; when you teach a woman you teach a family'."

Also recognized at the meeting were Australian members of the ACWW and Mrs. Ian McDonald of New York State who is one of the vice-presidents of the ACWW.

UN TRIP REASSURES BELIEF  
IN HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

By JEAN ANDERSON

"Your program is in your hands," reflected J. Earl Coke, assistant secretary of agriculture, as he spoke to the 108 Tar Heel leaders in Washington, D. C.

"Wherever you find strong home demonstration programs like yours," explained C. M. Ferguson, U. S. Department of Agriculture director of extension, "you can be certain that the people had a hand in its planning."

"You farm women are painting the picture of democracy for the world to see," contended Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as she addressed the North Carolina home demonstration women.

Unrelated remarks? In some ways, perhaps. But throughout each is reflected the power of the people.

Each of these internationally known speakers emphasized over and over again the strength of the participating citizen. "Our world will be what we make it." That was the keynote of the six-day educational tour to Washington and the United Nations and it's the idea sending the 108 club leaders home full of enthusiasm to report--to share their experiences with nearly 70,000 fellow club women and the business concerns across the state who sponsored them.

Each speaker, though discussing a different topic, illustrated forcibly the power of the people in small communities--the power

of the people to build a strong agricultural program, the power of the people to raise their own standards of rural living, the power of the people to make the United Nations work, the power of the people to help build international freedom.

So many times, when you live in a small rural community, you feel that any efforts your organizations may put forth to build citizenship are cast into the shadows of insignificance by matters of international concern.

But the 108 North Carolina home demonstration leaders learned that no efforts are insignificant. All eyes around the globe are turning toward America and focussing upon the everyday activities of its citizens. Those in troubled or suppressed areas have heard of the American life; they know of the principles by which we say we live, but according to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, they say that we don't always live up to them.

Mrs. Roosevelt also commented to the club women that they were the artists painting the portrait of democracy for all the world to see. "And we'd better be pretty sure that we paint the picture as beautiful as we can," she cautioned.

The remarks of these leading citizens reaffirmed in the home demonstration club women a belief in their citizenship, education and international relations projects. At the United Nations, the club women listened and learned. They discovered the strong common bond existing between them and other peoples of the world-- an innate desire to build happy homes for their families. For the first time, many of the club women learned to understand purposes and objectives of the United Nations, and also they began

to feel that they could extend a hand to support it.

Several of the club leaders remarked that they could hardly wait to get back home--to tell others of their experiences, and to arouse among those in their neighborhoods an interest in active citizenship participation. As one club woman said, "We've just got to get folks thinking 'United Nations' back home. They just don't realize that the UN is an organization of the people and by the people."

Also of interest to the North Carolina home demonstration club leaders were the words of Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger, Director of the American Association for the United Nations.

"We are not discouraged by the attacks on the United Nations," said Dr. Eichelberger. "But we are concerned. Today we must realize that the United Nations is no longer just an ideal. It is an institution. And it's not enough that we hope the United Nations can bring world-wide peace. We must work with the UN to see that all of the peoples of the world can know liberty today as we here in America live it."

"It is only natural," continued Dr. Eichelberger, "when you have an organization embracing the ideals of more than 60 nations, that you can't please everyone all of the time. But we must realize that the United Nations strives to serve the best interests of all people of the world. We must not blame it for the storms brewing around the world, but support it to see that these storms are calmed."

Also speaking to the Tar Heel leaders at the United Nations was Mrs. Eleanor Roberts, Economic and Social Council consultant

for the Associated Country Women of the World. As consultant for the ACWW Mrs. Roberts is spokeswoman for more than six million farm women around the globe. The National Home Demonstration Council of the United States is an affiliate of the Country Women's Council and the Associated Country Women of the World.

"The Economic and Social Council is your field," stressed Mrs. Roberts. "You must bring to this council your problems; you must take an active interest in its purpose," she stressed.

Mrs. Roberts urged the club women in North Carolina to take a greater interest in foreign students studying in local colleges and universities. "Contact your local schools and invite these students into your homes," she suggested. "Let them work and play with you and see for themselves the American way of life."

"We women feel that we can do a lot toward supporting the United Nations and being ambassadors of good will. When you teach a man," said Mrs. Roberts, "you teach an individual. When you teach a woman, you teach a family."

As the three special chartered busses rolled southward, the home demonstration club leaders could be seen jotting down outlines and discussing the trip with one another. In addition to having their faith reassured in their own programs, perhaps one of the most valuable aspects of the trip was the fellowship of the women representing communities from Manteo to Murphy. As the women discussed their visits to the United Nations, they also exchanged ideas about their own local citizenship programs.

There's an old saying that runs, "two heads are better than one...." but think of the progress that can be made when these

108 women pool their ideas, purposes, and objectives, and begin formulating plans for an active state-wide program of citizenship participation that will touch 70,000 home demonstration club women, who in turn will be joining hands with six and one-half million club sisters around the globe.

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NEW YORK, OCT. 7 -- "Our intention in Extension is to stress that kind of activity close to the people," said J. Earl Coke, assistant secretary of agriculture, as he addressed 108 North Carolina home demonstration club leaders at the United States Department of Agriculture yesterday.

"Your program is in your hands," Coke explained, "it is not in the hands of the United States Department of Agriculture. Our function as Extension workers is not one of direction but rather one of leadership. It is important that all rural areas learn to assume leadership as you club women are doing--it's important not only for the welfare of our agriculture but also for the welfare of our entire world.

"The stability and balance of rural attitudes and training can be recognized," Coke explained. "The caliber and strength of those like you working with other groups to bring about and develop good citizenship is also recognized. As you home demonstration club women develop homes and give to others opportunities for good living you have accomplished a great deal.

"Your groups," he said, "are working hard to develop strong citizenship programs, but," Coke cautioned, "there is no use for us to pray for citizenship unless we have peace first within ourselves. We must remember that the world is made up of individuals and that each individual must be at peace with himself," he concluded.

Mrs. L. B. Pate of New Bern, state citizenship chairman, introduced Miss Mena Hogan, U.S.D.A. Southern States field director, who in turn presented Secretary Coke to the North Carolina farm

leaders.

Mrs. Pate then introduced to the home demonstration club women Clarence M. Ferguson, U.S.D.A. Director of Extension.

"Wherever you find strong home demonstration programs like yours," Ferguson announced, "you will discover that the people themselves have planned their program. The principal difference between Extension education and formal education is that in formal education the professor thinks he knows what his students should learn. In Extension, the student--you home demonstration club women--determine what you should learn."

After Director Ferguson had spoken to those in the North Carolina delegation, Mrs. Pate explained to those at the federal office the development of the citizenship and education program among the North Carolina home demonstration women. She recognized club leaders who had done an outstanding job--Mrs. Irvin Key of Ronda, Mrs. Gilbert English of Trinity, and Mrs. A. C. Turnage of Pitt County.

The North Carolina home demonstration club women visited the United States Department of Agriculture after being conducted through the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. After leaving the department of agriculture, they visited the White House and the National Art Gallery.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the club leaders will be at the United Nations where they will discuss their programs with Dr. Frank Graham; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; Mrs. Eleanor Roberts, UN observer for the Associated Country Women of the World; and Clark M. Eichelberger, director for the American Association for the United Nations.