

State Short Course For Boys and Girls.

Summary Girls' Short Course July 11 - 16, 1927

Monday: Registration day for the annual short course for the girls' and boys. We established our headquarters over at the Y. M. C. A. and began registering the girls before dinner continuing all through the day until the last ones were registered about 12 o'clock that night. The total number of girls registered was 421: over 100 more than we expected so that we found our faculty small to take care of this number. There were 202 boys registered so our joint group was over 600. Monday evening while we were continuing to register them we held our first get-together on the lawn at 7:30. Here we had greetings from Mr. T. M. Brown, director of the Summer School, and singing and some yells followed by pictures on the lawn. The Chief picture shown was "Poor Mrs. Jones."

Tuesday: In the morning the girls were assembled at 7:45 in the Y. M. C. A. for announcements and to start them off in groups for their classes.

The following courses were offered.

Junior Clothing - Taught by Miss Ada Walker and Miss Katherine Millsaps.

Senior Clothing - Taught by Miss Mary Brandly and Miss Ruby Peikert.

Junior Food Work - Taught by Miss Hazel Ervin and Miss Nora Miller.

Senior Food Work - Under Miss Mary Thomas was taught by Miss Myrtle Floyd,  
Miss Beulah Rogers, and Miss Martha Whitfield.

House Furnishings - Taught by Miss Rachel Everett and Miss Gertrude Trimble.

Junior Recreation - Taught by Mrs. Virginia Parrott and Miss Winnie  
Lee Garrison.

Senior Recreation - Taught by Mr. John Bradford, of the American Playground  
and Recreation Association.

Cultural Course - This was a new course offered for the first time this year. It had a different instructor for each day and each subject.

Mrs. McKimmon had the first day on "Manners and Etiquette."

Mrs. Lillian Griggs had the second day on "What Books a Club Girl Should Read."

Miss Helen Estabrook had the third day on "Pictures and art."

Mrs. E. E. Randolph had the last day on "Music Appreciation."

Poultry Course - This was offered for the girls in connection with the boy's courses. Taught by

Mr. Baup

Mr. A. G. Glover.

In addition to the faculty named Mrs. Laude McInnes had charge of the purchasing of supplies and Mrs. Cornelia Morris had charge of the equipment and the placing of all equipment. Mrs. Estelle Smith had charge of the securing of cars for transportation and Miss Pauline Smith was general assistant in the Information Booth. Mrs. Sarah F. Ellis had charge of the Registration and took all supervision of the House Mothers and the sick girls who needed to be sent to the Infirmary. There were four House Mothers:

Miss Myrtie Keller  
Miss Elizabeth Cornelius  
Miss Lois Rainwater  
Miss Edith Powell

Tuesday morning following the regular work in classes we met in Bullen Hall at 12 o'clock for our conference period over which Mrs. McKimmon presided. At this conference period we had Mr. T. B. Parker

present the scholarships from the Farmers' Alliance. We also had some talks from the captains representing the different counties. Each county had been asked to select or elect a girl as captain of their group. She was to have charge of her own group coming and going and was labeled with a badge marked "Captain" as soon as she registered. All the girls so labeled were under special supervision of the faculty and were called on for special service whenever possible. At the different conference periods through the week we called on as many of the Captains representing the county delegations as possible for a little summary of club work in their county or of their own personal experience as a club member.

Tuesday P. M. The group gathered for a picture on the steps of the Library and then went on a sight-seeing trip over State College campus having the different buildings and the purposes of such buildings explained to them. As they started on this trip a delegation of two boys and two girls waited on President Brooks and asked that he come out and meet the group and speak to them. This he did extending greetings to them on the lawn near the Administration Building. Following this sight-seeing trip the girls were allowed to go swimming in the gym pool from five to six.

Supper was at 6:30/

Tuesday night the Vesper Service on the lawn had for its subject "Christ as a Boy." This service was led by Miss Ella G. Agnew, Woman Editor of the Southern Planter and formerly State Agent in Virginia. Following this service we had half hour of recreation led by Mr. Bradford. This meeting was presided over by Miss Wallace and Dr. Brooks and Dean Schaub were both called on to extend great

ings to the group. Then Miss Florence Slater gave an illustrated lecture on "The Beginning of Life."

Wednesday: The regular class work in the morning, conference period at noon, and in the afternoon the group was divided into two sections. One section went on a sight-seeing trip to the Capitol, The Mansion, The Hall of History, and The Museum; the other section went to the State Hospital and the Penitentiary. In the evening following supper the Vesper Service was held with the subject "Christ as an Out-of-door Man" led by Rev. J. A. Ellis. Following this the half hour of recreation on the campus led by Mr. Bradford and then the evening meeting in Pullen Hall. Over this meeting Mr. Harrill presided. Greetings were extended by Mrs. McKimmon and Mr. Gray. Following this a pageant, The Fashion Plate, was put on by Miss Gladys Coon. Miss Coon is in charge of Boys and Girls Work under the National Dairy Council. The rest of the evening was given over to the magician who was supplied by the Summer School and was a part of their regular program.

Thursday: We had the regular classes and at noon the conference period. In the afternoon the groups were reversed on the sight-seeing trips. In the evening following supper the Vesper Service had for its subject "Christ as a Patriot." At this service Hon. Josephus Daniels spoke. Then we had the half hour of recreation led by Mr. Bradford following this the evening program was put on in Pullen Hall. Miss Garrison and a group of her Johnston County folks put on a 20 minute play "Dr. Happy's Vanity Case." Then Pasquotank County delegation under Mr. Falls put on a typical club meeting. After this Miss Gladys Coon put on a little play "The Health Circus"

Friday: In the morning regular class work and the conference period at noon.

In the afternoon the girls were assembled in the Y. M. C. A. and there they were shown some slides on correct posture and Miss Thomas called their attention to some of the points in which club girls would be particularly interested. Following this we had a film on the Correct Shoe for Health and Miss Wallace gave a demonstration showing the proper or approved shoes for different occasions. Then the group was dismissed for their various pleasures for the afternoon. Some went to the baseball game between the boys of the East and the boys of the West. Some went swimming in the gym pool and others got their stunt ready for the "Stunt Night."

Friday night a banquet was served to the boys and girls and a certain number of invited guests sat at the honor table and were introduced to the group. Amongst those guests were Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, Director I. C. Schaub, Mr. J. M. Gray, Dr. Metcalf, Miss Lela Paul, the honored club girl for 1928, Mr. Aron Peel, the honored club boy for 1926, Miss Lucy Blake, the girl selected as the outstanding girl during the 1927 short course, Mr. Raymond Watson, the boy selected as the outstanding boy, Mr. Harrill and Miss Wallace. Following the banquet the group went immediately to the Vesper Service at which the subject discussed was "Christ as a Friend." This discussion was led by Miss Alice Laidlaw, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Following this service came the evening meeting in Pullen Hall. This meeting was presided over by Mr. Harrill and the whole evening was given over to Stunt Night and most of the counties, at least those having large delegations, came prepared to put on a stunt.

Saturday: Beginning in the morning about 6 o'clock the busses began to leave taking away their delegations to the various counties. By noon practically all of the delegations had gotten off either by bus or by train. I came back to the office tired but happy because I felt that the sort course had been successful. The regular schedule for the day follows:

6:30 - Rising Bell  
7:00 - Breakfast  
7:45 - Rooms put in order  
8:15 - 9:45  
10:00 - 11:30  
12:00 - 1:00 Conference period Pullen Hall  
1:00 - Dinner  
2:00 - 3:00 Rest period in room assigned you  
3:00 - 5:30 Afternoon recreation  
6:30 - Supper  
7:00 - Vesper Service  
7:30 - 8:00 Campus  
8:00 - Evening program  
10:00 - Taps and lights out."

Other reports from over the state show encouraging points on the programs being made in this Short Course. The following excerpt is from the Rockingham Home Agent's report.

"The second week in July I spent in Raleigh assisting with the Boys and Girls Short Course being in charge of one of the girls' dormitories as house mother. This is always a strenuous week, but I think all who attend feel well repaid and they see the benefit and pleasure

being derived by those who are fortunate enough to be there. We were very delighted to have one of our girls selected as Major at the close of the week. Florence King had gone as one of the scholarship girls and at the end of the week she was selected as one of the ten outstanding girls at the conference. I have attended practically every Short Course held in the State beginning with the one held at Elon College with only thirty-five girls. It has been very interesting to watch not only the progress made in the number attending these Short Courses, but the development in the boys and girls, who come from year to year. This was without a doubt from every standpoint the best Short Course not only in number attending, but in organization, type of girls attending, and program of work. We had ten boys and girls from Rockingham County there during the week. The County Board of Education let us have a school truck for transportation. The boys and girls paid for the gas. The expenses of each one attending from the county amounted to not over \$10.00 and some less."

The Currituck Home Agent speaks of the value of the State Short Course as follows.

"My 24 girls who went to Raleigh to the State Short Course have been my best workers. Also the girls who won in the Room Improvement contest were girls who went to the Short Course.

"Babel Guard was a fine leader in music and at camp she led all the singing every night. At the County Picnic she led the singing with much pep. She is on the program for the Federation meeting of Women's Clubs. The two winners in the canning contest were girls who went to the Short Course.

"The discipline of my girls was very easy, partly because we had our best girls. I selected the leaders in each club which were eligible

to go. From this group the girls selected the best with alternates. These were then told if they would earn half of their way, the club would pay the other half of expenses. All money was earned by club entertainments. One girl earned her expenses by selling milk, another by doing washing for her older brothers, another by picking up potatoes, etc.

"It is an expensive trip to Raleigh. It costs the girls about \$20.00 each to go last year. So this year we tried to think of a cheaper way.

"For several years the boys have been taking the school trucks and going on trips so the girls wanted to get trucks. I asked for a truck but was refused. However as two of the girls who were going were daughters of the school board they felt sure we could get it if we asked the board. I refused to have anything to do with a second request but told the girls if they wanted to appoint a committee and go about it in an organized way I would not interfere. So they did this and three girls went before the school board. I never did know just how they managed it, but they left the meeting and went and hunted up a mechanic and got him to promise to run the truck. They then went back before the board and were finally promised a Ford truck for \$60.00.

"Before the day was over I had a message from the adjoining county whose boys and girls were going in a truck that we could have one of their school trucks free, but I felt that it would not look right so we took the old truck and started. As our junior girls were too young we had a big group of senior girls, 24. This was the largest delegation of any county and it was as nice a delegation in every way.

"They had their troubles before they got three miles from home. We had to stop at nearly every garage. At ten o'clock we were still

50 miles from Raleigh in a little town through which I had to search to find conveyances to get the girls the rest of the way. We finally got a lumber truck and touring car and about midnight they came rolling in, some standing, some sitting on suit cases but all smiling. Just think of all the things we will have to report at club meeting,' they said.

"The enrollment had been larger than expected so they had to sleep on cots in the Y. M. C. A. basement. However, they were the best sports and did not complain. All through the week I had many compliments on how nice the girls were on the campus and in class room. On the way home we had to go over new clay roads and it rained. The girls took off shoes and stockings and piled out, getting behind not only our truck but a truck ahead which had also gotten into the ditch. Then they climbed back in, singing although they were soaking wet.

"This spirit of good sportsmanship is one of the things I value most in the week's trip.

"Each girl earned money for one half of expenses, the rest was paid by the club."