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EXTENSION SERVICE

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

Dear Home Agents:

I am enclosing one copy of the new reading list. Won't you please place your orders soon for the number that you want? We can't, however, provide more than one copy per club as we could have only 3,000 run. I am sorry it has been late in coming to you, but we have no control over the printing company getting it out to us earlier. I hope your women will still find time to read the number of books required and that you will have a goodly number getting awards at your Fall Achievement Day program.

Miss Majorie Beal of the State Library Commission sends greetings and congratulations to you. I quote below:

"I should like to congratulate you and the Home Demonstration Club members on the books read and reported upon and the Book Review Certificates which have been earned and awarded in 1947 in your county. Almost every club in some counties has accepted the reading program, and some clubs have had 100% participation. The books read since the beginning of the project have consistently been more worthwhile and of more permanent value. I am glad to know that whole families have enjoyed the books and good discussions have resulted.

"Samuel Johnson in THE ADVENTURER spoke thusly:

Books have always a secret influence on the understanding; we cannot at pleasure obliterate ideas; he that reads books of science, though without any fixed desire of improvement, will grow more knowing; he that entertains himself with moral or religious treatises, will imperceptibly advance in goodness; the ideas which are offered to the mind, will at last find a lucky moment when it is disposed to receive them.

"ADVANCED CERTIFICATES: We think Home Demonstration Club members who have earned one or more certificates may receive an advanced certificate by reading and reporting on five books. The five may include four from the first ten groups and one from the last five groups which are stories. A dynamic agricultural program depends upon information and the use of all sources of new knowledge. Libraries can play an indispensable part in providing this knowledge. The distance people live from libraries has a great deal to do with their use of books. Bookmobiles to take books to the people on regularly scheduled trips are of vital importance in a state of many rural residents.

"The State Library Commission wishes to serve you and the farm families in North Carolina. Won't you call on us when help is needed?"

Sincerely,

Ruth Current,
State Home Demonstration Agent