

Miss Helen Prout, state home demonstration agent, Fort Collins, Colorado, Western Region

Miss Edith Barker, 4-H Club work, Ames, Iowa, Central Region

Mrs. Leta Lane, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

Miss Gertrude Diekin, Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PRINTED PROGRAMS

1946

It was at the annual meeting in December 1946 that a printed program was used for the first time. Using the emblem on the cover page, the president explained the meaning.

The hearthfire in the center symbolizes the home and expresses the spirit of the finer attributes of the home, such as fellowship, hospitality, comfort, peace and protection. The oak leaf symbolizes strength; the sheaf of wheat, productivity; the Roman lamp, knowledge and other attributes of a successful home. Around these symbols are the words "Home, Family, Community" with "Co-operative Extension Service" in the outside ring designating the cooperation of the County, State and Nation in the Extension program.

Reports given by the committee chairmen were in written form for the first time and these were filed.

Director Wilson was the speaker at one of the sessions and he urged a "total county extension program" which would not draw a line as "Men only" or "Women only."

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

A Recognition Certificate was presented this year to the 43 recipients and also to the four who were recognized in 1944. Miss Mary Rokahr, Extension Division, Washington, D. C., was guest speaker at the Recognition Luncheon.

She emphasized the need for more specialists as well as home demonstration agents and urged agents to qualify for specialist positions. She felt that in 15 years (1961), a doctorate degree would be required for specialist. This recognition ceremony took place in the Tea Room at Marshall Fields and was sponsored by the Spool Cotton Company.



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The creed continued to be discussed. Those which had been submitted were judged. Four were chosen by the committee chaired by Miss Grace Frysinger, and the author of each awarded \$2.50. Authors of those selected were: Lois Welhausen, Texas; Mabel Milhan, New York; Amy R. Kearsley, Utah; and Dorothy Heine, Minnesota. However, the committee was not satisfied with the context of any one of the selected creeds, so it was decided to give others an opportunity to submit one in the following six months.

EXHIBITS

Eleven states made the following educational exhibits at this meeting:

Mississippi:	Books for professional Improvement Home Demonstration Agents' Quarters
Texas:	Grooming for Home Agent
Georgia:	Program Helps
Kentucky:	Housing and Crafts
New York:	Publicity—Radio and Press
Indiana:	Circular Letters
Kansas:	Handicraft
Iowa:	Work Simplification
Minnesota:	Crafts
Colorado:	Recreation and Hobbies
Wyoming:	Home Demonstration Work

After viewing these exhibits, the agents were so impressed with this "first" that educational exhibits were voted in as a permanent part of the annual meeting.

The Association continued to work toward improvement not only of the national association but of state organizations and of the home agent herself. Emphasis was placed on: specifics in the constitution such as listing definite responsibilities and duties for councilors and committee; payment of expenses of representation to special meetings; rotation of election of officers within state organization; increasing registration to \$2.00; budgeting \$5.00 annually to committee members for correspondence expenses; more time for professional improvement and less time for complaint; better working conditions with less work to be taken home—let days make the living, but let nights make a life; increase publication, "The Letter," to four times a year.

At the close of this year, the Association membership had grown to 1570 members representing 37 affiliated states and Hawaii.