

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
NORTH CAROLINA STATE DIVISION

SOCIAL STUDIES REPORT FOR 1954 - 1955

ALAMANCE BRANCH - worked with the Council of Social Agencies finding boarding homes for youthful offenders. They are interested in the establishment of a Domestic Relations Court and also in procuring the services of a consulting psychiatrist.

ASHEVILLE BRANCH - contributed money, clothing, and committee members for the running of Buncombe County Receiving Home, which they helped to establish, helped conduct an Institute on Causes and Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency in Asheville and Buncombe County, and instigated a satisfactory fight against horror-crime and sex comics.

CHARLOTTE BRANCH - conducted three study groups - Human Relations, Psychology of Early Childhood, and Woman's Health. They sponsored a Publicity Institute, helped form an Adult Council and sponsored lectures on Cancer Education. They have a representative on the Community Council and are well represented in all groups of the city.

DURHAM BRANCH - worked in the field of Mental Health. They have done some definite well organized work and I am certain we shall soon hear of a Durham Mental Hygiene Society. Their Golden Age groups have functioned well and the branch has been represented on committees in the city.

GREENSBORO BRANCH - chairman gathered information for summer study group on juvenile delinquency. These members are very interested and mean to be active in helping establish a Receiving Home.

GREENVILLE BRANCH - chose juvenile delinquency as their Social Studies topic for the year. Their program was one of study and evaluation.

HAVELOCK - CHERRY POINT BRANCH - worked on the executive committee of the newly organized Havelock Youth Center which plans for a program of year-round recreation in that area. Then too, they are initiating the first Civil Defense study for that area.

OXFORD BRANCH - participated in the American Heritage program and had an excellent program pertaining to a Social Studies topic.

RALEIGH BRANCH - presented a program on Mental Hygiene Clinics as a Mental Health Resource.

SALISBURY BRANCH - studied "Domestic Relations Court" how it works in other cities and the need for such a court in Rowan County. We shall be hearing of such a court there one of these days!

SHELBY BRANCH - after sponsoring an excellent program on Juvenile Delinquency, made a study of some local need in regard to this program. They also explored the need for family life education in their schools and are now endeavoring to find funds to support such a course.

THOMASVILLE BRANCH - participated in the co-sponsorship with the Recreation Department, of the Senior Citizen's Club, as well as working with the County Home, Red Cross Bloodmobile, and Teenagers.

WILMINGTON BRANCH - presented a program discussing the general activities of the Social Studies committee.

WINSTON SALEM BRANCH - sponsored a program on "Juvenile Delinquency" and displayed posters depicting the evils of comics. Then, too, members attended monthly meetings of the Health, Welfare and Leisure Time divisions of the United Fund and volunteered their services to the Community Nursing Service.

NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY LIFE COUNCIL

Last fall the North Carolina Family Life Council held its annual meeting jointly with the Southeastern Council on Family Relations. We had a very rich full program on the theme "Conserving and Communicating Family Life Values."

While the general meetings were good, to me the most valuable meetings were the group ones. There were three sections, with excellent leaders, meeting concurrently: Section for Youth, Section for Lay Leaders and Adults, and Section for Professional Workers -- which certainly included everybody.

A few of the outstanding speakers were Dr. Henry Bowman, Stephens College; Dr. Richard E. Lentz, Executive Director, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.; Dr. Mildred I. Moran, President-elect, Southeastern Council on Family Relations; Rev. C. Leon Smith, Roswell, Georgia; and Dr. Reuben Hill, University of North Carolina. Some of the subjects discussed were "The Role of the Church in Developing Family Life Values", "Making Marriage Meaningful", "How Parents Communicate Values to Children," "A Look at the Findings and Research on the Sex Knowledge Inventory", and "Some Horizons We Face in Marriage and Family Living".

At our North Carolina Family Life Board Meeting, A. A. U. W. made the suggestion that a study be made of the possibility of getting a course in Family Life included in the North Carolina school curriculum. The entire board seemed interested and wanted to work with us.

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