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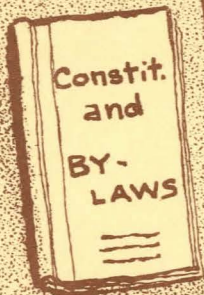
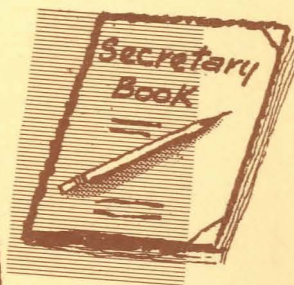


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SOME FACTS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

What is Home Extension Work?

Home Extension work is an essential part of the educational program of the Cooperative Extension Service in agriculture and home economics. The Extension Service is authorized by Congress and the Nebraska Legislature to conduct an out-of-school educational program for all farm families, community leaders, and urban families interested in improving their farms, homes, and communities. Extension Service funds are provided by federal, state, and county governments and are administered cooperatively by the Extension organizations of these groups.

The county is the key unit of the Extension Service. County home extension and agricultural agents are employed jointly by the Agricultural College of the University of Nebraska and their County Extension Service. They are responsible to the people of the county for the development and conduct of the extension educational program.

How is Home Extension Work Conducted?

The basic philosophy of this educational program is to "help people help themselves." The county extension agents work with all farm families, community leaders and urban families.

The county extension agents conduct their work through groups, general meetings, special workshops, office and home visits and by using exhibits, radio, television, and news articles.

Intensive education is carried out through more than 2,200 home extension groups in Nebraska. These local homemaker groups plan their own programs. They also select their own volunteer leaders who are trained and assisted by home extension agents, area home

agents or specialists. After the leader training meeting, the local leader then presents the demonstration to her group without the agent or specialist.

The training and experience which the leaders receive contribute greatly to their becoming leaders in their community, as well as increasing their ability to cope with their own family problems.

What do Home Extension Programs Provide?

Through home extension club work women acquire a continuing education. In general, this education is concerned with such subjects as family management, nutrition and health, clothing and textiles, home improvement and work simplification, child care and training, cooperation with others for community improvement, and many other topics related to family and community living.

This varied educational program offered by the county and the state Extension Service consists of demonstrations, study lessons, and special activities. Four to six demonstrations are available yearly. In addition to these demonstration meetings, study program meetings may be held.

Who May Belong?

Any group may become a home extension club. This may be a group which is already organized, or it may be a group determined by community interests, group interests, or special interests.

When May They Enroll?

Clubs may enroll anytime during the year and may be any size. The home extension agent, the county extension agent, or the county chairman is always anxious to help an interested group to organize.

SOME THINGS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW
ABOUT A HOME EXTENSION CLUB

All Home Extension Clubs

Select a name
Elect officers
Plan a year's program
Hold at least nine meetings during the year
Send completed program of work sheet from secretary's book to county extension office
List the study program or demonstration leaders for each meeting.

Most Home Extension Clubs

Prepare a year book
Set club goals
List meeting places in the yearbook for entire year
Have 4 to 6 demonstration lessons
Complete their activities with study programs
Use the talents of the members
Elect officers in September to take office in January
Plan for rotation of officers
Participate in county events
Are members of the County Council of Home Extension clubs and the State Council of Home Extension clubs.

Many Home Extension Clubs

Function on a yearly basis
Select a regular meeting date which will be convenient to the majority of the members.
Limit the number of members so that they might meet conveniently in homes
Find a simple constitution helpful
Plan their program for the calendar year
Have a roll call at each meeting
Hold family picnics, celebrations, anniversaries
Sponsor 4-H clubs
Have secret pals
Write to pen pals
Participate in special community activities.