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## MISS ROSE ELLWOOD BRYAN

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There is not much of the spectacular associated with Miss Rose Ellwood Bryan or the work she has carried on during the 10 years she has served as Home Demonstration Agent. It is highly probable, though, that the work she has done and the contribution she has made to the life of Durham county entitles her to greater public applause and a higher rank among the upbuilders of a progressive community spirit. Contributors of less in leadership and genuine progress, we are persuaded, have received a more noisy recognition and wider publicity.

Miss Bryan's work has been more or less on the individual basis and among those who sought progress for the sake of progress and not for the sake of applause from the public at large or widespread advertisement. To be sure, her record reflects striking accomplishments and results well worth advertising. But in these days and times it is the sensational, the spectacular, the unheard of and the startling that makes the headlines. You find little of that sort of thing in the annual reports of Home Demonstration Agents or in the accomplishments undergirding those reports. But in the homes and in the life of the farm women of Durham county today is reflected Miss Bryan's record of accomplishments, and among those women can be found witnesses in abundance willing to bestow applause and give first-hand testimony as to her contribution to the community.

Just this year, in fact this fall, Miss Bryan piloted one of her 4-H club girls, Frances Thompson, to the championship in the national canning contest at Chicago. That, if you'll pause for reflection, is a feat of considerable proportions, and one that should appeal to the people of Durham, county and city, and place the canning champion, Miss Thompson, higher in the public estimation than most of us have yet placed her.

Miss Bryan goes soon to a larger field as Home Demonstration Agent for the state at large. We do not lament her going, exactly, for another will continue her work here in Durham county and we delight in seeing promotion come to the deserving. We wish her godspeed and continued success as an unadvertised builder of solid citizenship from whence comes the bouyant force of our civilization—in the farm home.

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