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Although the Home Economics association has been in existence for little over a year, it has a good record of substantial and practical accomplishment in the interests of home-making. At its monthly meetings it has had as speakers Commissioner Dillon, Mayor Wallin, Dr. Waldron of the bureau of child hygiene and Mrs. Owen Kildare. It has held talks on gardening and the canning and drying of garden-products; has given a large get-together luncheon of the meatless, wheatless variety at which several well-known men and women spoke, including Dr. Nathan Warren, Judge Wm. A. Walsh, Mrs. V. Everit Macy, Miss Cora Winchell of Teachers' college, Mr. R. A. Stevenson, Mrs. Thomas Burgess; in March together with the chamber of commerce, it held a large public meeting in Library hall in the interests of the food administration, whose speakers included Arthur W. Lawrence, food administrator of Westchester county, E. A. Sheets, food administrator of Yonkers, Dr. Benjamin Andrews of Teachers' college, and Mrs. Caspar Whitney of general safety. Besides the meetings, the association published two food-bulletins for free distribution, gave substantial donations of food to the charity organization society and the Red Cross, and gifts of Christmas sweets to the women's institute and Prospect house, and also conducted an investigation into the business methods of a so-called "co-operative" store which did business in Yonkers for several months.

Besides all this, the association has held by courtesy of the Westchester Lighting company, which generously gave the use of its kitchen and lecture-room, a series of weekly conferences

for housewives, free to the public, and planned to meet the special needs of the present time as to economy, nutrition, and conservation of material. The topics included food-values, meat-substitutes, substitutes, for wheat and sugar, use of corn and potatoes in cookery, war-bread, accompanied by a very valuable talk by Mrs. Emily Riesen-berg, illustrating a pamphlet written by her of which she generously gave the association fifty copies; talks and demonstrations were also given on canning and drying, fireless cookery, and on conservation of clothing. The teachers, whose services were all given to the association, were Mrs. Riesen-berg, Mrs. Lawrence R. Brooks, Mrs. E. C. Abott, Miss Luey Fulton, teacher of domestic art in the public schools, Miss Bertha Cold and Miss Jane Landry, these last two home demonstration agents maintained in Westchester county by New York state and the federal government. Several conferences were held for exchange of ideas of members, conducted by Mrs. J. J. Carr, Mrs. Emery and others, and these proved not the least interesting of the series.

While the members of the Home Economics association are busy women with homes, husbands and children to take care of this very fact makes its work significant in that to appeal to such a group of women it must be practical, thorough and timely. That the past year shows a steady growth of membership from ten to one hundred and fifty proves that more and more women appreciate that the Home Economics association can give them valuable help and the coming year under the leadership of a useful housewife like Mrs. Jacob Emery recently elected chairman should show further progress and accomplishment.