



HOME OF A & D - Center of activity of A & D Community Improvement Club is this building located two miles east of Nashville on the lower Mud Creek Road.

A & D Community Club, Smallest, Is One of County's Most Active

One of the smallest and one of the most active in Berrien County is the A & D Community Improvement Club.

The club meets monthly on the fourth Thursday night in their community building two miles east of Nashville on the Mud Creek paved road.

There is a planned program each meeting night and the last two programs have been devoted to 4-H Club activities.

Berrien County 4-H Club members have been practicing at the community club meetings, per-

fecting their demonstrations for district competition in September.

Organized in February of 1957, the A & D Club has had as the president Sam Watson, who firmly believes in limitations on meeting times.

Sam says, "I begin to look at my watch in 30 to 45 minutes and we usually get the meetings over in 45 minutes or less. They could drag on and on."

Other officers of the club include:

T. J. Hamm, vice-president; Mrs. Mark Watson, treasurer;

Mrs. Joe Cribb, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Rowan, reporter.

The club started with the Avera Mill and Deep Ditch Communities composing the membership, but those from Avera Mill have pulled out and formed their own club.

But the name A & D, derived from the combination of the two names, has been retained here.

The first meeting to organize was held in the Mark Watson home and for some time the organization met in the different homes.

For a while the A & D Club met

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LEADERS - Officers of the A & D Community Improvement Club are discussing the penalty for Mrs. Tom Shaw having missed two meeting nights. Left to right, are: Seated, Mrs. J. C. Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shaw, Mrs. Joe Cribb; Standing, T. J. Hamm, Sam Watson and Mrs. Mark Watson.



PRACTICE - Giving their 4-H demonstrations for practice were these members at a recent meeting of the A & D Club. Left to right, are: Mary Louise Peterson, Diane Rowan, Joyce Rowan, Rena Griffin and Mrs. Edgar Griner, home demonstration agent.



DISCUSSION - Talk about farm conditions held the interest for, left to right: Mark Sutton, Mark Watson, County Agent Wendell Wood, J. C. Rowan and Joe Cribb.

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in an old unused house on the Watson farm, but in March, 1958, they acquired a building and an acre of land from Tom Shaw.

The structure was formerly used by the congregation of the Church of God, located then on the lot in the rear of Marvin Mathis's store.

The land and building will be the property of the A & D Club as long as used for the community club purposes.

The building was moved at a cost of \$300 and the members went to work in painting, renovating and changing the windows on the front.

Another section of the present club building was the kitchen on Tom Shaw's house which he made available to the club for the moving.

This is the kitchen and toilet, with one installed and the fixtures on hand for the second. Water is a problem now with a broken pump and members so busy in tobacco that time is not available to repair the water system.

A septic tank makes the system complete.

The first meeting of A & D Community Improvement Club was held in the building in May, 1958, and they have met there regularly since.

Active members and families include:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shaw, Mr. and Mrs.

J. C. Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Partin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cribb, Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nix, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watson, Mrs. Clara F. Wetherington, Mrs. L. A. Browning, Miss Phemie Keeffe, Mrs. Lewis Keeffe and Mark Sutton.

Most of the projects of the club have been community-wide, and include:

Treating all dog for rabies, rodent control, advocating and getting better livestock in the community and promotion of sampling the soil on all farms before crops.

In the community are three country stores and one church, Ruth Forrester.

A community project for youth activity is not included because of the scarcity of children in the small community. For example, all of the children who attend Sunday School are enrolled with churches in Nashville or others outside the community.

At the July meeting of the club, Mrs. Edgar Griner, home demonstration agent, had charge of the program and presented some of the 4-H Club members.

Rena Griffin gave a demonstration on freezing beans, Joyce Rowan showed some uses of electricity in the home and Diane Rowan had the freezing of fruits for her demonstration.