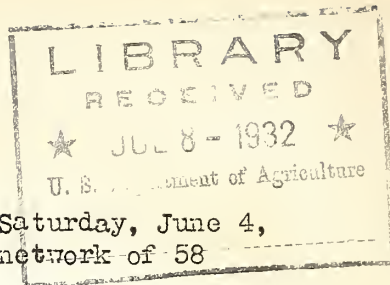


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A radio talk by Mary Todd, Athens, Georgia, delivered Saturday, June 4, 1932, in the National 4-H club radio program, broadcast by a network of 58 associate NBC radio stations.

I am glad of this chance to say hello to the 4-H club members everywhere; for I am just about to say goodbye to my career as a club member. On July first, I will become home demonstration agent in Carroll County, Georgia.

My new job is the climax of my nine years in the 4-H organization. I am sure the inspiration to go to college came through my club activities. In my gardening, canning, and poultry demonstrations, I earned money that helped pay for my education. I continued club leadership work while in college. Before coming to Washington, I worked a month as home demonstration agent in Gwinett County, Georgia.

My nine months in the Department have brought me many opportunities. I have met some of America's most noted men and women in the field of agriculture and home economics. I have had the experience of assisting in preparation of plans, drawings, and other material used in a bulletin for the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. I expect to bring this experience to the aid of Carroll County women and girls who ask for help on home improvement plans.

I have had the chance of studying the art of all nations in museums and art galleries in Washington. This study I hope will assist farm families of Carroll County in working out plans for beautifying more of our country homes. So will my memories of the lovely parks and old historical places of Washington. I think anyone who has seen such beauty spots as the Bishop's Garden at the Washington Cathedral will be inspired to work with others for lovelier garden spots and more beautiful landscaped homes.

Because the first duty of the homemaker is to feed, clothe, and care for the family, I have taken every advantage of the unique opportunity which the Department of Agriculture and other government institutions offer for study of nutrition, textiles, and home management. I shall take as much as I can of this store of information back to the women and girls of Carroll County.

And if the special knowledge I have gained from this study is useful to the girls and women in my new county, they may give the credit to the 4-H club work which made it possible for me to have this nine months of study in Washington.

