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Girls' 4-H Club

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I hear the sound of marching feet
Of voices raised in song,
And the best approaching.
More than ten thousand strong.
Whence came these sprightly footsteps
And whither are they bound?
They come from Iowa's rural homes
To where success is found.
Of whom is it made up?
This youthful conquering band?
Of 4-H Clubs from Iowa
The best state in the land.
They for their first objective
Have wisely chosen Health—
A far more sure foundation
Than countless boards of wealth.
They stand for things for head and heart
For training of the head,
For every H upon their badge
And Club Ideals they stand.
Their pledge their heads, their hearts,
Their bodies strong and fit,
In service to the land they love
For it to do their bit.
The kindly things of courtesy
Of character and truth,
They are weaving in indelibly
Thru' the pleasant years of youth.
And blended well with work is play
In splendid, glorious times,
Prose runs into poetry
As ringing bells to chimes.
For such club training thus received
In an all-round 4-H way,
They hope to pay in dividends
Of useful lives all way.
Such lives as theirs are bulwarks,
Safe guards of the land
Of 4-H Clubs from Iowa—
The best state in the land.

By Margaret Royce.

(Nota) Mrs. Royce was chairman of the
first county club committee in the United
States. She is a Scotch woman who
believes that 4-H club work is setting beau-
tiful standards for club girls. Her home
is in Grinnell, Poweshiek county, Iowa.

STORY OF HUMORESQUE

Do you know the story of Humoresque? Iowa people feel that this music belongs to them because the Bohemian composer, Dvorak (Dy-rahk) wrote it while visiting in the Bohemian village, Spillville, Winneshiek county.

The haunting little tunes which we hear in the Humoresque, Dvorak learned from our American Indians and Negroes. These tunes kept singing thru the mind of the music-master, until he formed them into the Humoresque and wrote it down for all the world to hear. Thus he returned the little tunes he borrowed, immortalized in music that will never grow old.

This is Miss Josephine Arnquist who is in charge of girls club work in Iowa. She was asked to come to Iowa in 1920 and reorganize girls club work. Now Iowa is recognized as the leading state in girls club work.

Miss Arnquist has put cultural things into club work, such as music appreciation, true recreation and courtesy.

The first local leaders training school in the United States was put on in Iowa in 1920 among the 4-H club leaders by Miss Arnquist. This method is now being used in extension work with men, women and boys.

Miss Arnquist and a demonstration team of club girls represented Iowa in Canada in 1922. In 1923, Miss Arnquist and another demonstration team spent the summer in France and England, representing girls club work in the United States.

BEULAH ROGERS REPRESENTS IOWA AT CHICAGO FAIR

Miss Beulah Rodgers one of Iowa's champion canning club girls, spent a week in April in Chicago attending the Woman's World's Fair. Beulah was one of three 4-H club girls who represented the girl's club work in the United States. The other girls were Veva Divam from Wisconsin and Inez Hardin from Mississippi.

The Fair was held with the purpose of showing the progress made by the women of the world in the last 70 years. Beulah says that the 4-H club exhibit was one of the best educational exhibits at the Fair. The girls explained their work and gave demonstrations every day. Beulah demonstrated cold pack canning of chicken alone and assisted Veva Divam in making a dress form on Inez Hardin. Inez is Mississippi's health champion.

Miss Maude Wallace, state leader of Girls' clubs in North Carolina, was in charge of the club booth which was furnished by Montgomery Ward & Co.

The Fair is reported to have been a financial success. The exhibits were open afternoons and evenings from 2:30 till 10:30. On one day tickets were sold to 8000 people.

Winnebago county had a 100 percent attendance at their county club organization training school on April 22. Every member of the county club committee and every leader, representing ten clubs were ready to begin work at ten o'clock. Mrs. A. B. Meyer of Thompson is chairman of the county club committee.

Miss Mary L. Barber of Battle Creek, Michigan, spent a week in Iowa helping the counties who have bread clubs. All day meetings attended by the county club committee, the club leaders and older club girls were devoted to whole cereal bread and quick breads.

The counties who have bread clubs as their county wide club project are: Winnebæk, Black Hawk, Jasper and Buena Vista.

FIRST ACCOUNT BOOK IN USE

Ruth Chaney of Hardin county has the honor of being the first girl to start keeping one of the new personal expense account books for girls. Up to date 2,153 account books have been ordered from the Extension Service, which shows that 2,153 girls are already using them. Last year the Y. W. C. A. books were used. This year the club girls have their truly own ones.

Last year eight subscriptions to the Home Maker were given as prizes at the Southern Iowa Fair and Exhibition held in Oskaola. Six subscriptions were given as prizes at the State Junior Short Course last December.