1926

Girls' 4-H Club

The Iowa Homemaker

Follow this and additional works at: http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/homemaker

Part of the Home Economics Commons

Recommended Citation
The Iowa Homemaker (1926) "Girls' 4-H Club," The Iowa Homemaker: Vol. 6 : No. 6 , Article 8.
Available at: http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/homemaker/vol6/iss6/8

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Publications at Iowa State University Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Iowa Homemaker by an authorized editor of Iowa State University Digital Repository. For more information, please contact digirep@iastate.edu.
25-6 4-H club girls, with Miss Florence Forbes and Miss Josephine Arnquist of the state club staff, made up the Iowa club family which was awarded educational trips to Chicago November 28 to December 3 to mingle with representatives from 41 of the 48 states of the Union. This trip was not only a reward of merit, but also an incentive for better work in the future.

Exhibits and demonstrations were put on by states in the different sections of the United States. All states are eligible to send in exhibits and each year different states are asked to demonstrate. Iowa’s bread demonstration team was asked to show how coarse cereal bread is made. These demonstrations were not in competition.

Glady’s Wagner and Beth Bracken of Floyd county represented the state very creditably.

Perhaps the day most enjoyed by the Iowa girls was Friday, known as the states day. Each state had charge of its own entertainment and because the crowd was small each member felt that she understood everything seen and told her. The Bush Conservatory of Music and Dramatic Art issued a special invitation to the Iowa folks to visit the school. Two very interesting demonstrations were given them. Miss Helen Curtis of their staff gave a demonstration in teaching piano to a large group. She took ten club girls who knew nothing of music and showed how in a very few days these girls could have a working knowledge of music.

Mr. Elias Day of the Dramatic Art Department showed how he gets desired effects with lights and how he trains people for amateur plays. He told the girls his best talent comes from the small towns and farms.

Madame Gardini introduced one of her pupils, Miss Luella Aikman, who sings for the autograph reproducing records company. She sang a selection from Rigoletto for them.

The president, Mr. Nelson, welcomed the students to his conservatory, and the secretary, Mr. Schwanker, personally conducted them over the school.

A personally conducted tour through the Art Institute took up the afternoon, beginning with a call on the 3,000-year-old mummy and ending with the room of ultra modern art, which none could understand nor appreciate. By the time the train was due, the girls went to see and hear the Vitaphone, the talking movies. The memorable week ended with first time experiences in sleepers.

Alberta Hoppe of Iowa, National Health Champion

Alberta Hoppe, sixteen-year-old Linn County 4-H girl, tied for first place in the National Health Contest at the Fifth Annual Club Congress. This is the most coveted of all prizes and one for which each state works hard. The Mississippi contestant, Janet Rushing, scored higher in teeth than Alberta Hoppe, but Alberta ran the score up in posture, thus tying the final scores. This is the fourth National Health Contest. Mississippi carried away the honors two years, Iowa one year and now Iowa and Mississippi tie.

This is the contest which receives the greatest publicity and therefore the one which demands in its contestants loveliness of head. Alberta has this quality and we know the publicity given her will not “go to her head,” but will make her an even finer girl, realizing as she does that now her test has come.

4-H on the Air

Every Saturday afternoon from two till two-thirty o’clock, 4-H club news is on the air over WOI, the Ames, Iowa, radio station. The program starts with 4-H club news of the day by some member of the state club force. The music for the program is taken from the 4-H list. One or two college 4-H girls or one or two active 4-H girls are always on the program.

Iowa 4-H on Top Again

The fifth Annual 4-H Club Congress, held in Chicago November 28 to December 3, afforded another opportunity for Iowa to capture some colored ribbons and incidentally to replenish the state club treasury.

Esther Bietmann of Marshall County, a girl who has been in club work for four years, had the honor of capturing the blue ribbon for one of the clothing exhibits. Esther’s complete outfit, consisting of dainty, appropriate underwear, a slip, high necked long sleeved linen blouse, wool skirt and walking shoes and an outfit. Eighteen states entered the clothing contest.

Nina Jones of Polk County presents Iowa with her second blue ribbon. Nina’s Home Furnishing exhibit consisted of a refined walnut chest of drawers, mirror and old walnut frame, a hooked blue and white rug, for which she tied the rags, and a piece work quilt to carry out her color scheme of gray, blue, old rose and apple green.

Ethel Duerr of Humboldt County made the charming dress for the little miss of five and suit for her twin brother (also five!). This dress and suit were made of green gingham and trimmed with lavender, green and yellow wool yarn stitching and hand made ties with French tassels and lavender buttons. Ethel brought in a real new note in children’s clothing and thus brought home the much coveted blue ribbon.

For four years Iowa has won first place in the Home Furnishing and Complete Outfit of Clothing classes in this national contest. The children’s clothing is a new innovation this year.

Twenty states, representing every section of the United States, took part in a 4-H style show held in the Congress Hotel the evening of December 1. Miss Elizabeth Kelley of Howard County modeled in two sets for the state in one of the clothing exhibits. Ethel brought in a real new note in children’s clothing and thus brought home the much coveted blue ribbon.

The Health contest is treated in a paragraph all by itself.

Plans are being made for a banner state short course, every available space is to be used for sleeping quarters for the girls. We may even resort to strong hooks to hang the thinner ones on during the night.

Remember—there is to be the state music contest as a feature of the short course. Which county is going to win?