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Always a Club Girl

"Seems that I shall always be connected with 4-H club work in some form or another," says Beulah Rodgers, of Mahaska County. For five years Beulah has been in club work proper and for four years more has been connected with it. She has a record of which any 4-H girl would be proud.

In 1923 Beulah was president of the county organization and her county won the silver loving cup for the best Home Economics Exhibit at the State Fair in 1922. It was at this State Fair that Beulah was elected president of the State 4-H Girls' Clubs for 1922-23.

In the summer of 1923, Beulah was a member of the Iowa canning demonstration team which was sent by the American Committee for Devastated France to demonstrate the methods of canning to the French girls and women. Katherine Bolibough, another member of the Iowa team, Esther Bolibough, club leader, and Miss Josephine Arnquist, state club leader, went with the Iowa team and were joined by the team from Colorado, Elaine Hendrick and Bertha Boger, team members, and Miss Maud Sheridan, state leader.

The next year Beulah was again county president. Then in 1924 she came to Iowa State College and kept right on being a 4-H girl in spirit and in connection with club work. That year the college organization of 4-H girls was formed and Beulah was the first president.

About a year later, Ball Brothers Jar Company wanted to have a movie made showing the processes of canning and Beulah was one of the girls chosen to "act in the movies."

All through her four years of college Home Economics work, Beulah has been active, and during her senior year has been president of the Home Economics Club. She will be graduated from Iowa State this June and has a position as assistant educational director of Ball Brothers Glass Jar Company of Muncie, Ind.

In this position Beulah will still be connected with 4-H club work. She says, "I will spend most of my time in field demonstration of canning for extension people and for 4-H people in 4-H summer camps. First, I will go to the American Home Economics Association convention in Asheville, N. C., and after spending a few days in North Carolina, I will be demonstrating at state fairs. 4-H camps and colleges in Virginia, Vermont, New York and Arkansas for the rest of the summer. It seems that I never can get far away from 4-H club work."

4-H Study in College

Girls' 4-H clubs are the special interest of a group of college Y. W. C. A. girls at Iowa State College, who are studying community contacts, especially in rural communities.

Julia Bourne, Home Economics '29, a former club girl of Kossuth county, is in charge of this group. This group will meet every two weeks to work out together ways in which a girl with college training might be of service to her community. They will first analyze the needs of the community. Besides making a special-study of 4-H clubs, this group will devote separate meetings to the study of Girl Reserves, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire girls.

New Music Bulletin

Music Memory numbers are illustrated in a new music bulletin available by writing to the Extension Department. Miss Fannie Buchanan of the educational department of the Victory Talking Machine Company has written a little history, story or legend about each of the numbers. Write for your copy now. It will help you in planning your next program.

"Don't mumble your prayers, Helen, I can't hear a word you say."

"I wasn't speaking to you, Mother."

County Club Camps

Twelve counties that we know about have planned club camps for this summer, and surely there are more. Woodbury and Plymouth Counties have planned their camp together at the Stone Park, near Sioux City, for June 6-10.

Cerro Gordo, Worth and Hancock Counties plan to camp at Clear Lake, June 7-9.

Franklin County has plans for June 7-9 and Clay County plans its camp for June 21-24. Muscatine County has the Rotary Hut for its camp from June 26 to July 1.

Hardin County plans a camp, but the dates have not been received.

Pottawattamie will probably camp at Camp Brewerst, but the dates are not known.

Plunky Louisa County has gone ahead with camp plans in spite of a shoe of club funds thru a bank failure. Its camp will be the last of June.

Marshall County has chosen the latest date for its camp, which is Aug. 25.

You know the purpose of club camps is to give opportunity for several days or a week of wholesome good time for club girls. The program includes subject matter on the county project, health work, music appreciation work and forestry work. The forestry work is directed by some member of the forestry extension staff and includes tree and plant identification, fire building, camp making and protective measures.

More than all, the program includes fun and good times for club girls.

Campus 4-H President

Julia Bourne, the newly elected president of the campus 4-H club, was state president of Iowa 4-H clubs in the year 1925. In the same year she was a member of the Iowa champion show and demonstration team which entitled her and her teammate to a trip to the National Boys' and Girls' Club Congress, held at Chicago during the International Livestock Show. She has attended two short courses at Ames. "I would not take any amount of money for the training and inspiration which I have received from my club work," Julia says.

Music Memory programs broadcast over KOIL, at Council Bluffs, have been arranged by Miss Ella Laughran, home demonstration agent of West Pottawattamie County. The first program was May 7 and the next will be broadcast June 4 at 12:15 p.m.
4-H On the Campus

"The nicest part of life is its friendships, I think," says Esther Cation of Clay County.

The campus organization of 4-H girls had an opportunity to strengthen its friendship in its May morning breakfast. Forty-seven club girls, representing eleven Iowa counties and two states, South Dakota and Minnesota, attended the breakfast.

Esther Meints, former president of the club, presided at the program and each girl identified herself by giving her name, county and some of the activities of her own club.

Miss Josephine Arquist, state girls' club leader, reminded the girls of the opportunities which they have during the summer of showing an interest and helping in 4-H club affairs at home. "Let your Farm Bureau office know when you go back home for the summer and offer your help," says Miss Arquist.

Mrs. Edith Barker, state specialist in club work, gave a summary of the annual report of the Iowa 4-H Girls' Club work. Miss Florence Forbes, state specialist in 4-H club work, described the growth of the scholarship fund. She said, "I am looking forward to the time when we will have one hundred scholarship girls taking work at Iowa State College."

A scholarship student from Esthonia, Mrs. Martin, told something of the colleges there. She said that the Estonian colleges stressed the learning of the sciences, while American colleges stressed the application of them.

Miss Eunice Thompson, who has done work with 4-H clubs in Louisiana and who is now a student at Iowa State College, gave a glimpse of Louisiana club work as she knew it. Olivette Pehrson of Montgomery County, accompanied by Esther Cation of Clay County, sang the Four Leaf Clover Song.

A report of the meeting of committee women and club leaders, held at Youngkers Tea Room in Des Moines during the annual Iowa Farm Bureau meeting, was given by Julia Bourne. Julia, as a delegate from the campus 4-H club, explained the purpose of activities of the club.

The following officers were elected for next year: Julia Bourne, Kosuth County, president; Betty Rittgers, Dallas County, vice-president; Esther Cation, Clay County, secretary and treasurer; Olivette Pehrson, Montgomery County, and Faye Blakey, Wayne County, publicity chairmen.

4-H Ships

Howard County 4-H girls met for a Mother-Father-Daughter banquet and afternoon program in the Woodman Hall at Cresco on May 7. "Ships that Sail the 4-H Seas," was the theme of the toast program guided by Mrs. M. H. Owens as toastmistress. The ships on the 4-H sea were named Leadership, Ownership, Sportsmanship, Fellowship, Citizenship and Marksmanship.

Miss Josephine Arquist, state club leader, was a guest at the banquet and program. Her part of the afternoon program was a talk on "The Spirit of Club Work."

You may want a Ship program some time for your club and the Howard County girls would be glad to give you some ideas.

"He is the happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home."

—Goethe.

Beulah Rodgers as State Club President —1922.

Good Clubs

This comes to us from the Home Edition, the May issue of the "Run-about" of Jasper County:

Some are good clubs
Some are not so good
The good ones

Have
Officers
Programs
Regular meetings
And above all
Do something.
They rate high
100% I did
90% I will
80% I am
70% I'll try
60% I think I can
50% I might
40% What is it?
30% I wish I could
20% I don't know how
10% I can't
0% I won't

Miss Arquist visited the Indian girls on the reservation at Tama this month. She took with her an exhibit of clothing especially designed to please the Indian girls.

Review of Radio Programs

April 23—Arbor Day Program.

April 27—May Day Message, Mrs. Edith Barker.

How 4-H Club Work Has Helped Me in College—Borghild Johnson of Shelby County and a senior in Home Economics at Iowa State.

Music Memory numbers played by Borghild Johnson.

April 30—Miss Florence Forbes in charge.

May 7—Music Memory numbers presented by Miss Fannie Buchanan of the Victor Talking Machine Company, on the Victor Orthophonic, with stories and legends given by Miss Buchanan.

May 14—Piano duets of music memory numbers by Mrs. Herbert Plagge and Mrs. H. L. Lantz.

How 4-H Club Work Has Helped Me In College—Lucille Steig of Buena Vista County.

Soprano solos by Mrs. Edwards of Waukon, Iowa.

Dallas County Contests

At the club breakfast held May Day morning on the Iowa State campus, one of the Dallas County girls brought good reports of her county. Dallas County has this year a music memory contest, a picture memory contest and a bird memory contest. The beauty of these contests is that there are so many fine compositions and composers of music, so many fine pictures and artists and so many beautiful birds that you can choose new ones each year for many years to learn to recognize and appreciate.

"Give fools their gold, and knaves their power.
Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;
Who sows a field or trains a flower
Or plants a tree is more than all."

—James Greenleaf Whittier.

4-H at Women's Conventions

4-H exhibits which were used at the Better Homes Congress in Des Moines last month are on exhibit at the state biennial meeting of the Women's Federated Clubs in Davenport this month. Scott County girls in club uniform explain and answer questions about club work and give to the women the leaflet called "4-H Club Work Is Glorifying the Iowa Farm Girl!" which states some of the outstanding things about girls' club work.

Miss Florence Packman, H. Ec. '17, formerly in the state club department, who has been teaching in Columbia University this past year, plans to sail for Europe May 26. She will visit England, Scotland, France, Switzerland and Italy.