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Farm girls and farm boys are coming into their own! A national delegation conference for youth of the open country held at the National Capitol, sponsored by the very government itself justifies this statement. The week of June 16 to 23 saw delegates from forty-one of the forty-eight states assembled on the Department of Agriculture grounds in Washington, D.C., for a week of study of historical things of the present, a peek into the past, and an hour daily for conferences on youth problems. Oh, yes, young folks have problems, too. You remember that Long-fellow said, “The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.”

When Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Jardine, greeted the delegates, he said, “America has ever placed her reliance in her young womanhood and young manhood. She has not placed it in vain. She shall continue to do this. Her confidence will never be misplaced.”

Every state was entitled to six delegates, two 4-H club girls, two 4-H club boys, one woman state leader and one man state leader. Some states’ enthusiasm evidently could not be held back for as many as eleven delegates came from one of the enthusiastic southern states.

Iowa was justly proud of her delegation. Esther Stettmann of Marshall County, the state girls’ 4-H club president, has a club record which any girl might emulate. She has had a consistently good record for six years. In 1925, she was Iowa’s outstanding clothing club girl, in 1926, Iowa’s outstanding Style Show girl and in 1927, America’s outstanding club girl as decided by one of the Eastern farm journals in a nation-wide contest.

Wilbur Plager of Grundy County, the president of the state boys’ 4-H clubs, represented the boys of the state in a splendid manner. Wilbur has been in club work for nine years and so went to Washington with a wealth of experience back of him. Alberta Hoppe of Linn County was the third delegate to uphold the honor of Iowa, clubly speaking. Alberta has a good local six year club record to her credit. In 1925, she represented her county on a demonstration team at the State Fair. In 1927, she was declared Iowa’s healthiest girl in a contest in which 71 of Iowa’s 99 counties participated. At the Interstate Fair, she won first honors and at Chicago, she tied for national honors with Mississippi in a National Health Contest.

We can assure Dr. C. B. Smith, chief of extension work in the Department of Agriculture, that the Iowa delegation will repay the state to the very fullest for the investment made in them. Dr. Smith admonished the delegates in these words, “Much having been given you, much will be expected of you. Having come with ten talents, you will be expected to carry back ten more talents.”

At the first assembly of delegates, each state was introduced. When Iowa stood up, folks noticed that but one boy and two girls represented the state. Some one called out bantering-ly, “Why only one boy?” Without thinking of a possible comeback, I hurriedly retorted, “It takes two boys from any other state to equal one boy from the corn state.” After the meeting, Wilbur was much perturbed for fear that some one might say, “Are your girls inferior to your boys?” so he said, to be sure to say if cornered, that according to the Iowa club boys, no matter how many girls from any state one might put up, they couldn’t equal one Iowa club girl. Such was the loyalty of the Iowa 4-H-ers.

Tents had been put up by the Navy Department on the very grounds where the Union Army had been camped during the War of the Rebellion. No other organization has ever camped there before or since. One of the picturesque characters of the camp was Strongheart, American Indian of the Yakima tribe from Yakima, Washington. His tepee was a colorful spot in the village of khaki. Each evening, dressed in his native costume, he gave us, with befitting dignity, of his march of Indian lore. His ceremonial prayer to the Great Spirit that the crops might be fruitful was particularly beautiful.

Every department of the government had a part in making this week a worth while week for the “Sons and Daughters of the Soil.” Mr. Warburton, in charge of the extension program in the Department of Agriculture, in an address said, “There are 150 good reasons before me this morning for 4-H club work.” He told of the records made by six outstanding girls and boys of the United States now in the business world who have made good largely through the inspiration of their club work. One of the six was an Iowa girl, Miss Beulah Rodgers of Mahaska County. Beulah is now field agent for one of the glass jar companies. Her territory is the United States.

Mr. Jardine gave each one a souvenir gavel with the admonition that it must not be sold or given away. It
was a gift from the government. The heads of the gavels were made from pine taken from the White House, which is being renovated, and the handles from hickory taken from Washington's estate at Mount Vernon. In turn, the delegates presented Mr. Jardine with a gavel made from woods from the forty-eight states. Iowa's contribution was the catalpa.

Beautifully planned tours to historical spots were conducted by Mr. Ray Turner, who has charge of club work in the Midwest. He had forgotten no detail, which would remain long in the minds of those who were seeing Washington for the first time. The tomb of Martha and George Washington at Mount Vernon was opened with reverence by the old colored guard. A representative of the 4-H club girls and boys placed a wreath in token of reverence by the old colored guard. A similar token of homage was left at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Of great interest were the government buildings. Vaults in the Treasury Department, never opened to a large delegation before, were opened for these youthful guests of the government. Millions and trillions of dollars were seen, but no souvenirs were passed out here. Surely all delegates, young and grown-up, left Washington better citizens. As our Wilbur said at the last campfire, when expressions of appreciation were given by the states, "This week we have been here as a nation, not as separate states!" He summarized the camp in few words.

The first national conference of farm girls and boys is written in letters of gold in the minds not of just the delegates, but all the girls and boys back home who were represented by delegations of their own age and experience. The farm was dignified in the minds of the nation the week of June 16 to 23. Yes, farm girls and boys are surely coming into their own!

### 4-H Clubs at the Iowa State Fair

Plans for large exhibits, many demonstrations, and new features are being made for the State Fair of 1927. It is the aim of the club department to have all of the 99 counties represented and active at the fair. New 4-H headquarters will be established in the Educational building under the amphitheater near the Grand Avenue gate. See that your county is there and helping.

### Men are four:
- He who knows, and knows he knows,—He is wise—follow him.
- He who knows, and knows not he knows,—He is a fool—learn him.
- He who knows not, and knows not he knows not,—He is a child—teach him.
- He who knows not, and knows he knows not,—Arabian Proverb.

Julia Bourne—Former State President of Girls' 4-H Clubs.

### Club Girl to Spend Year in Rome

Julia Bourne, of Kosseuth County and a junior at Iowa State College, will spend this next year in Rome, Italy. She will be the guest of her cousin, James Hodgson, who is the librarian of the International Institute of Agriculture.

Julia says, "When I wrote my cousin telling him that I could accept his invitation, he sent me my first cablegram, saying only, 'Come!'"

While she is there, she hopes to be able to take some special work and to do some reading in the big library. Julia will be sailing early this fall. Why not send her some steamer messages from 4-H club folks?

### The Spirit of 4-H Contests

My experience with 4-H girls in contests has been very interesting. The girls seem to be there to gain information, to give the best they have, and always to represent their county or township to the best of their ability. All that they demand in the results of the contest is that they receive fairness.

As a judge (at the 1926 State Fair) I experienced great satisfaction in placing the 35 Home Furnishing demonstration teams. After the decisions were announced many of the girls came to tell me how pleased they were to have them placed as they were.

Girls from teams which placed high in the contest and girls who placed low, alike came to express their approval of the placing and their appreciation of the value received from the contest. Girls in the judging contest did not seem so determined to win the contest as they did upon having their "reasons" right. They were there to learn the "why" of judging,—Mrs. C. C. Culbertson.

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Rally Day High Lights

Oscoda: 4-H girls' club rally held in connection with county farm bureau picnic in City Park. Mrs. E. Richardson and Senator Haugen main speakers. In the afternoon, before Senator Haugen talked, each club gave a stunt. Estimated between 3,000 and 4,000 people in attendance.

O'Brien: Heavy rain in morning; 30 in attendance. Held in court house. Mrs. A. Strong, leader and mother, gave especially good talk on "Parents' Part in 4-H Club Work." Six clubs present, two 100 percent in attendance and on time. Good stunts. President of farm bureau gave good talk.


Commercial club guests at dinner. However, they furnished the ice cream and helped to prepare the tables inside and added much zest to the picnic dinner. Could not stay for afternoon program. Pictures taken of each club by commercial photographer. County election.

Humboldt: One hundred present. County election. No music memory contest, but six selections played on violeto and numbers discussed. Very nicely planned lunch; each club brought a menu. Mountains of strawberries. Prizes given to clubs 100 percent on time, the club having the most approved shoes and club having most products canned up to date.

Butler: In opera house. 75 present. Promptness in arriving one of the outstanding features. Music memory contest. Outdoor picnic dinner. Mrs. Hunt, mother and past leader, talked, exceptionally fine. "All the parents have to do is to cooperate." is chairman's work. "4-H Club MIni," prize stunts. Made definite plans for each club selling ice cream, sandwiches, etc., at farm bureau picnic.

Emmet: Eighty attended. Held in church. Singing and election of officers in the morning. Good stunt program, original and complete; that is, every phase of 4-H club program depicted. Health and music especially brought out. The club (100 percent) coming the farthest came in a truck, driven by one of the fathers. Prizes given to the leaders instead of girls for the different contests.

Louisa: Rally day, last day of camp. 125 attendance. Large number of mothers. Two clubs 100 percent present. Music memory contest, in charge of Miss Ray, who had charge of music during the camp. She trained the girls in camp to sing a lovely part song. Spirited election, prize campaign speeches, (Continued on page 15)
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The second place, she should be able to run her job rather than letting it run her. She should be capable of analyzing her situation, eliminating and adjusting or changing factors which are causing money, time and energy to be unnecessarily wasted. She should be interested enough to keep herself informed of the valuable results of research and able to apply them to the solution of her problems. Her attitude toward the skills should be one of control rather than one of drudgery. Once she has released time, energy, and money she should be able to know what to do with it. She should be conscious of the enormity of her job and the responsibility that goes with it. She should make a real self-struggle to solve her problems. She should be able to do as much for herself as possible without being unnecessarily wasteful.

Rally Day High Lights

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A complete program, excellent spirit. Group of ladies had come in each day to prepare food for the camp. So on Rally Day, the picnic dinner was served to everyone cafeteria style — $3. Perfect food.

Ringgold:


Humboldt:


Lucas:

Cloudburst, but about 60 club folks present. Music memory contest. Lucas County 4-H birthday cake with three candles.

Polk:

Held at Des Moines. Unusually splendid. Held in Shrine Temple, which was paid for by business men of Des Moines at a cost of $300. Some of the best musicians of the city put on a third annual music memory contest. County-wide picture memory contest held for first time in county. Representatives following counties attended this meeting: Dallas, Madison, Warren, Cerro Gordo, Story.

Scott:

Held at Davenport; about 300 girls and parents present. Big pageant put on, showing all phases of club work. Grand finale on the mammoth stage. More than 150 club girls in costume took part.

Wayne:

Very good stunts by all clubs. Music memory contest held. Interesting county election meeting.

Decatur:

Music memory contest held. Good stunts. Election talks peppy.

Clarke:

Music contest. Well planned stunts. Well planned lunch.

Madison:

Pageant put on in parts. Each club had a part. Very effective, simple costuming. Many pictures taken.

Jef ferson:

Rain! Rain! Rain! but the 4-H spirit prevailed, and those who could get in enjoyed unusually fine stunts.

East Pottawattamie:

East Pottawattamie club work has been growing by leaps and bounds. Ten clubs represented the 1927 Rally Day of them being 100 percent in attendance. The first county-wide music memory contest in East Pottawattamie was marked by high scores. Two clubs tied for first place, each being awarded a Short Course trip. A fine day, full of enthusiasm and inspiration!

Crawford:

Eight clubs represented; every club put on a good stunt. Dinner plans were unusually well worked out. One-half pint bottles of milk with straws were provided for each guest. Music appreciation was charge of a member of club committee. Some good violin and piano solos by club girls.

Ioa:

Seven clubs, five being 100 percent in attendance. Every one represented by good stunt. Prize to club with most mothers present. All but two from one club. First music appreciation work and group singing.

Lyon:

First music memory contest. Five clubs competed, three being represented by every member. Splendid stunts. "All they have received, I have received," said Mrs. Sands, a club mother, in her talk on "The Mother's Part in Club Work." Lyon county is doing bread club work. Mrs. Sands has her daughters score her bread. One fine way to make the girls feel real interest in their work.

Sac:

Originality was the keynote of nine club memory stunts, given at Rally Day. Nine clubs represented at Rally Day. (Three splendid original stunts based on music appreciation work.) Every leader and one member from each club entered music memory contest. Five clubs 100 percent in attendance. Forty mothers and 10 fathers enjoyed the day with the girls.

Siuox:

June 29 in Sioux County was a gala day. The stunts showed unusual preparation and finish. The girls enjoyed their first music memory contest. The contest recital was marked by artistic solos. Each club decorated its own table for dinner and awards were made for the most attractive table. The following figures reveal the spirit of the day:

8 clubs represented.
6 clubs had 100 percent attendance.
8 clubs entered music memory contest (1 club new).
7 clubs were represented by every girl in the club.
43 girls entered music memory contest.
43 girls had perfect papers.

Fortune will call at the smiling gate.
— Japanese proverb.