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College Girls’ 4-H Tea

Much hilarity sounded from Room 15, Morrill Hall, on Monday afternoon, October 8, when over a hundred college 4-H girls gathered for their fall get-together. Girls who had not seen each other since Convention, State Fair or Camp time renewed acquaintances. Everyone was happy to meet the state 4-H president, Pauline Hufford of Polk County, who had a word of greeting from the actives for them. Esther Everett of Mahaska County, on request, wore her complete outfit which won first place at the State Fair and which goes to Chicago in December to represent the state.

Everyone wished that Esther Friesth of Humboldt County, one of the champion bread bakers of the state this year, had had a loaf of her good whole wheat bread under her arms. Marjorie Bouck of Cerro Gordo County gave a splendid report of her trip to Camp Minniwancea, Michigan, where she went in June as a delegate of the Iowa State College 4-H’ers. Marjorie “forgot” to tell that she was one of the five girls to receive highest honors at the camp. Her report will be found elsewhere on this page.

The climax of climaxes came when our own Julia Bourne told of her wonderful year spent in Rome, Italy. Much as she enjoyed her year abroad, Julia is glad to be back at Iowa State.

Every girl felt that as a result of the get-together, she was richer by many acquaintances which would no doubt ripen into friendship.

“Try This on Your Piano”

One of the popular songs sung by 4-H girls at the State Fair this year was Ramona. Miss Eleanor Baur of the Extension Staff is responsible for the words used, which are full of club sentiment.

“I am dreaming of 4-H club girls staunch and true,
With that emblem of green and white for me and you;
But my dream girl is a real girl,
Who can turn a dream right into a do,
Working, never shrinking, and ever she guides her ship to fields anew.
So I dream on and each new day some dream comes true,
Girls from those 4-H girls who dress in blue.
Lead on, dream girl, hold high that emblem green and white,
We’ll follow the 4-H club light.”

Off for Chicago

Twenty-five happy girls will make up the Iowa 4-H girls’ party to the National Club Congress in Chicago, December 1 to 7. Thirteen of these were decided at the State Fair and the rest will be chosen in November, when the long time records in 4-H will be checked.

Harmonica Bands

Harmonica bands are quite the spiffy things in 4-H circles as a result of Mr. James Hartley’s work during the State Convention in June. The Lucas County band, composed of eight girls, played at the State Fair. Who knows, perhaps out of this little group will be developed a Kreisler or a Paderewski.

This work is an outgrowth of the music appreciation work carried on through the girls’ clubs. A list of masterpieces is made out by the State Club Office and studied during the year by the girls. The climax comes at the state convention, when the state music recognition contest is held. Eighty-four counties participated in this event last June, Polk County winning first place and Scott County, second. A portable talking machine and a set of records were the awards presented by the Massey Piano Company of Des Moines.

Lucas County 4-H Harmonica Band.
1. Esther Everett.
2. Alma McCurdy.

State Champion Personal Expense Account Contestant—Esther Miller.

Once a year the 4-H members, girls, boys and their leaders, meet in Chicago for an exchange of ideas and a renewal of their faith in their national organization. Last year 45 of the 48 states were represented by delegates.

Back from Vacation

Mrs. Edith Barker and Miss Lulu Tregoning of the club staff are back from their vacation all pepped up for our best year of 4-H—for that's what 1929 will be. Mrs. Barker spent her time with her daughter Betty and son Robert. They "did" the beauty spots of Iowa by car. Miss Tregoning spent her vacation with her sister, Eleanor, in Chicago. Florence Forbes is spending the month of October in the East. She will call at the National Club Office in Washington, D.C., and visit 4-H clubs in New York state with Miss Hazel Spencer, formerly of the Iowa staff.

4-H Girl on the Job

Miss Jennie Erus, a 1928 Iowa State College graduate, is busy at her new position in Winterset. She is home demonstration in Madison County. Her six years of 4-H experience will be invaluable in this her new position of working with farm women and girls through the farm bureau of Madison County.

Bread Team Again Wins Grand Championship

"To win without braggging, to lose without squealing," the slogan of Iowa 4-H clubs, received a severe test, but came out as good as new at the Iowa State Fair this year. The demonstration contest, in which 95 county champion teams competed for honors, was one of the most closely contested events in Iowa 4-H history. The very air was tense with good natured rivalry and no chariot race of old ever held its audience more enthralled. "How to Repair and Care for Linoleum," "Making an Attractive Lamp Shade," the poise and ability gained by girls thru 4-H club work, but it has a much deeper significance—it proves that Iowa farm girls have a strong organization, capable of increased accomplishment each year, that the county organizations are loyal to the state plan and to state events.

Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress

Sixteen counties upheld 4-H honors at the Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress the first week in October. The following topics give an idea of the attractive program presented:

The Country Girl's Creed
American Beauty Products
Putting Pep Into Your Motor

The Yarn of Creamy Lou Tavern

The Teeth the 4-H Club Girl Built
The Four Leaf Clover Triumphant
Sixteen demonstrations on different phases of Nutrition, Clothing and Home Furnishing were also given.

The following counties were represented: Bremer, Linn, Cerro Gordo, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Benton, Butler, Franklin, Floyd, Howard, Fayette, Buchanan, Grundy, Tama, Clayton and Black Hawk.

Honors were won as follows:
Grand champion team, Linn County.
Champion Clothing team, Buchanan County.
Champion Nutrition team, Benton County.
Champion Home Furnishing team, Linn County.

Another College 4-H Organization

No longer can Iowa State boast the only College 4-H Girls' Organization in the state. The State Teachers' College has one, a brand new one, organized October 6. The club has been formed to help the new girl become acquainted with girls having the same club interests and to act as a tie with her home township.