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GIRLS' 4-H CLUBS



Club Work Is Glorifying the Iowa Farm Girl

Edited by Clara Austin

Iowa Clubs Win First at National

For the seventh consecutive year Iowa has walked off with first place in the home furnishing contest at the National



The Prize Home Furnishing Unit

club congress held in December in connection with the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago.

This year the home furnishing unit was planned and constructed by Ruth Stoaks of Tama County. Ruth has been a club girl for three years. Her unit is of black walnut furniture which she refinished herself. She recaned the chair and made the footstool top and the braided mat for the chair. The lamp was an old kerosene lamp rejuvenated and dressed up with a gingham shade.

Fifteen states were represented in the national contest and in winning the contest for seven consecutive years, Iowa has won an honor that no other state has won.

High Percent Coeds Ex. 4-Hers

Three hundred seventy-four freshman girls registered at Iowa State College last fall and 121 or 32.4 percent of this number have been 4-H club members. One hundred seventy-nine girls were not club members and 74 did not report at all.

Many of the freshman girls who are not club members are from cities and towns where there was no organization, so it would seem that a large percentage of the rural girls of Iowa are 4-H club members.

Besides Iowa, club girls from the following nine states are registered: Ne-

braska, New York, Florida, South Dakota, Illinois, Minnesota, Wyoming, Michigan and Kentucky.

Campus Club Hears English Girl

The regular winter quarter meeting of the Campus 4-H Club was held Wed. Feb. 4. All the 4-H mothers and leaders and home demonstration agents who were here for Farm and Home Week were invited.

Miss Christine Cowper, a graduate student from England, who is on the campus this year, talked about English girls, their organizations, their activities and interests. A business meeting followed, and committees for the May morning breakfast were appointed.

Clubsters Stage Birthday Party

Happy birthday to Iowa 4-H Clubs!

At the annual 4-H leaders' banquet which was held during Farm and Home Week, the tenth birthday of Iowa 4-H clubs was celebrated.

The anniversary cake, which of course, had ten candles on it, was first cut by Mr. R. K. Bliss, Director of the Exten-

sion Service. His wish for Iowa 4-H clubs was for expansion and increase in numbers. Miss Genevieve Fisher, Dean of Home Economics, wished that Iowa 4-H club girls might not forget the joy of living and working when they are so busy with projects, demonstrations and contests. Other wishes for Iowa 4-H club girls for the next ten years were for harmony and cooperation, for organization, for fairness and for greater appreciation of opportunities of the modern farm girl.

May Breakfast Plans Revealed

The spring quarter meeting of the Campus 4-H Club will be the annual May breakfast at the Memorial Union. This breakfast is usually held the second Sunday morning in May.

Freshman 4-H girls will be especially interested in this meeting because it will give each one an opportunity to become better acquainted with other 4-H girls.

One feature of the meeting will be the 4-H girls' "Who's-Who" and the history of the Campus 4-H Club. The election of officers for this next year will also be held.

Cotton Masquerades as Linen

ALADDIN and his lamp had very little on our modern textile manufacturers. They have become so skillful in their attempts to make something new that the average housewife can no longer tell whether she is buying linen or cotton.

Testing linen as our grandmothers did long ago by moistening the fingers and placing them upon the material is no longer a reliable test for distinguishing linen from cotton. Cotton cloth is being woven to resemble linen so closely that the rapid spreading of moisture might be an indication of either linen or cotton fibers.

A more reliable test is the tearing test. When torn, linen will leave straight, smooth threads along the tear, while cotton threads will curl up. By raveling the material and untwisting the threads, the fiber test can be made. The linen fiber is longer than cotton. When linen threads are singed, they appear even and com-

pact, while cotton threads spread out like a paint brush. Cotton shows an even weave when held to the light, while linen appears uneven and streaky.

Besides these physical tests, there is a simple chemical test which can be made in the home. If the cloth is submerged in sulfuric acid for two minutes, any cotton present will dissolve, while the linen will remain.
—Edith Roberts.

If Milk Sticks--Try This

Rinse out the pan with a little hot water before heating milk. This prevents the milk from sticking to the bottom.

White sauce! American cooks use it for the basis for cream soups, gravies and for scalloped and creamed vegetables. We literally live on white sauce. Little wonder that some clever person has defined America as "a land completely surrounded by white sauce."