



GIRLS' 4-H CLUBS

Club Work Is Glorifying the Iowa Farm Girl

Helen Melton



Ocean Trip Is Prize for Style Winners

A three-weeks' sight-seeing trip to Paris and other points of interest in Europe during June, 1931, will be awarded the 4-H style queen selected in a national 4-H club girls' style dress revue contest to be held during the ninth boys and girls club congress in Chicago, according to an announcement by the national committee on boys and girls work.

All clothing club members enrolled in 4-H clubs in every county in the Union are eligible to compete in this contest. In addition to the grand prize, free trips to the national 4-H club congress, wrist watches and medals of honor are being offered by the Chicago Mail Order Company to county, state and reserve national champions.

Entrants in the contest will model in one dress of their own making in one of the following classes: cotton school dress, tailored wool dress, semi-tailored silk dress or informal party dress.

A silver oxidized and a bronze medal of honor will be awarded the county champion and near county champion, respectively, in all counties staging a 4-H style show in which there are 10 or more contestants.

An educational trip to the ninth national 4-H club congress to be held in Chicago, Nov. 28 to Dec. 5, 1930, will be offered as a prize to the winners selected in state-wide 4-H club girls' style dress revue contests to compete for national honors. In the national contest, the 4-H club leader will be awarded the trip abroad. The three high scoring individuals in each class of the final contest will be awarded wrist watches.

4-H'ers Visit at Veishea

More than 100 Iowa 4-H girls visited Iowa State campus during Veishea, in response to a special invitation sent out by the Veishea central committee. Girls came from as far as Delaware, Kossuth and Clayton counties, and many other counties were represented.

Friday, April 9, was planned as special 4-H day, with something for the girls to do every minute in the day. Mrs. Edith Barker, of the club staff, and Margaret Stanton, general manager of Veishea, worked with a committee of campus 4-H girls to plan a special program

for the day. The program was as follows:

- 9:30-10:30—Registration—Morrill Hall.
- 10:20—Veishea Parade (viewed from steps of Morrill Hall.)
- 11:00—Special program for 4-H girls.
- 11:45—Lunch at Memorial Union ("Dutch Treat"—entire group.)
- 1:00—Trip through Memorial Union.
- 1:30-3:00—Home Economics Open House.
- 3:00—Trades and Industries Exhibit. Evening Open.

Campus 4-H girls acted as hostesses and guides of the 4-H guests during their stay on the campus. Each girl was given a printed folder of the day's program as a remembrance of her visit to Veishea, "Iowa State College on parade."



Eloise Parsons Hauser

A Pioneer 4-H Girl

"I have found that the lessons learned in my club work, the value of having high ideals, of perseverance, of cooperation, loyalty, and plenty of honest labor, apply all along the road of life," says Eloise Parsons Hauser, one of Iowa's first 4-H girls and an alumnus of Iowa State College.

Mrs. Hauser was interested in 4-H clubs before girls' clubs were actively

organized in Iowa. Her mother had been reading of girls' club work in the southern states, so she became interested and wrote to Mr. E. C. Bishop, then state leader of boys' clubs, asking what they had to offer for girls. "Mr. Bishop told me that I was the first girl ever to write concerning this," says Mrs. Hauser.

Eloise Parsons was a tomato club member in 1912, 1913 and 1914, raising a tenth of an acre of tomatoes. In 1913 she was county champion, and in 1914, state champion, receiving a trip to Washington, D. C., New York City and Niagara Falls. In 1915 she was state champion in the canning club. During the two following years she was leader of her club. She entered college in 1917, and after graduation took up home demonstration work in Madison County in July, 1921.

Mr. Hauser was for several years county agent in this state, and was later assistant state club leader in South Dakota, so Mrs. Hauser has intimate contact with clubs thru his work. In a letter written late last summer she said, "I am still very keenly interested in club activities. Just at present I am acting at a number of county girls' achievement days."

Mrs. Hauser was in many activities while at Iowa State. She was a member of Omicron Nu, Theta Sigma Phi and Phi Kappa Phi. She was first circulation manager of "The Iowa Homemaker." She played on basketball and hockey teams and won her "A" sweater in her sophomore year.

Once a Club Girl, Always a Club Girl

"We are now beginning to feel concrete results of our years of club work," said Mrs. Josephine Arquist Bakke, state leader of Iowa 4-H clubs, in speaking of two of her 4-H girls who have come up thru the ranks and are now going out into home demonstration work in the state.

Faye Blakey, of Wayne County, has taken up her duties as home demonstration agent in Benton County, and Esther Cation, of Clay County, will become home demonstration agent for Boone and Hamilton Counties, early in June. Both girls were active club members before coming to college, and continued their club activities thru membership in the Campus

4-H Club at Iowa State. Faye was graduated last year and Esther will be graduated in June this year.

Julia Bourne, another 4-H girl who is graduating this year, will also enter work connected with 4-H clubs. Representing the Meredith Publishing Company of Des Moines, she will assist in recreation at Club camps, fairs and achievement days during the summer. She will also work on the 4-H page of Successful Farming. Her work will continue throughout the whole year. Julia is retiring president of the Campus 4-H Club.

A Peek-In at the Club Office

The club office is busy these days—as usual. The staff is finishing up its annual report, which could not be finished until all the county reports were in.

The office is humming with 4-H Convention plans, and even State Fair plans are under way. The staff refuses to reveal any of the secrets of these programs, but mysterious smiles show promise of something worth waiting for.

The club office is not overly crowded right now. Several members of the department are busy travelling over the state finishing up subject matter training schools, conducting organization meetings, planning Rally Days, Achievement days and County Fairs. They report that clubs over the state are well started on the year's program and functioning in fine shape.

A New House at the Fair

Iowa 4-H girls are to have a new home at the State Fair! The girls' dormitory on the State Fair grounds is to have an addition which will accommodate 500 girls. Only 350 girls can live in the dormitory as it now exists and the overflow has had to be placed in separate quarters. When the new addition is completed, the entire group of 4-H girls at the Fair can live under the same roof.

Making More Club History

Another 4-H May Morning Breakfast has become a part of history. A rain-drenched campus on Sunday morning, May 4, failed to dampen the spirits of the large group of 4-H girls, leaders and friends who met in the Union at 8:30 and ate breakfast together.

Julia Bourne, president of the Campus 4-H Club, presided over the program. Miss Florence Leaty, a student on the campus and a guest of the club, sang "The Four Leaf Clover", by Coombs, a song which has become traditional on the May Morning Breakfast program. Miss Genevieve Fisher, dean of home economics, told in a few words what the campus expects of 4-H girls. Plans for the 4-H girls' program of Veishea were

explained by Margaret Stanton, general manager of Veishea. Helen Melton gave a report of the preliminary conference of the Student Section of the American Country Life Association which she attended March 28-30, at Madison, Wis. A summary of activities and honors attained by 4-H girls on the campus was given by Lucile Gring. Lucile Steig reported on the scholarship of Iowa State 4-H girls.

Short talks were given by the "big four" of the club department: "The 4-H Girl and Her Home Community This Summer," by Mrs. Josephine Arnquist Bakke; "Our Goals in Home Furnishing," Miss Florence Forbes; "The 4-H Nutrition Program," by Miss Lula Tregoning; and "The Real Test," by Mrs. Edith Barker.

Officers for next year were elected at the close of the meeting. The following are the new officers: president, Helen Melton; vice-president, Florence Thuirer; secretary, Esther Friesth; publicity chairman, Clara Austin.

Guests at the breakfast were Mrs. Madge McGlade, dean of women; Miss Maria Roberts, dean of the junior college Miss Genevieve Fisher, dean of home economics, who is not, by the way, an outsider but a member of the 4-H clubs of Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hopkins and Miss Elsie Pennell, of Successful Farming Magazine; Miss Lillian Chao, a Chinese student on the campus; Miss Rosalind Cook, of the Music Department; Miss Welty of Armand's Company, Des Moines; and Margaret Stanton and Florence Leaty, students at Iowa State.

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