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HOMEMAKING CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND ACHIEVEMENT DAYS



"Summer Clothes for Girls", Lincoln Co.—
Ethel Burkholder, Bella Turnbull,
Hazel High.

Over 3,200 Homemaking Club members, leaders and friends attended County and District Achievement Days, while 780 members participated in seven Inter-county Achievement Days. These days, the club highlights, mark the completion of the club year, but not the end of club work. After all, club work continues in the life of every member, becoming vital and meaningful as she adopts club practices in her daily living and seeks further knowledge.

Hats Off To Local Leaders

Hats off to the untiring efforts, hard work and admirable leadership of the 633 leaders who directed 475 clubs through to completion. From the Local Leader Training School to the Achievement Day it meant learning and teaching, encouraging, inspiring members to co-operate, establishing standards and goals and persevering through to achievement. Time after time, one heard from them—"Work and some disappointment, but what fun working with keen, energetic girls! What satisfaction watching individual progress and achievement meeting by meeting!"

Appreciating the importance of the development of the individual and realizing "one learns by doing", leaders repeatedly passed on responsibility to members, after giving timely assistance and encouragement. Leaders, who are club members who have completed several units, utilized every opportunity to develop new members, withdrawing from demonstration teams and other special activities in order that juniors might benefit from the experience and responsibility. This was indeed good leadership!

Congratulations to Members

Congratulations to the 2,000 members who exhibited at County Achievement Days and were awarded over 3,000 Records of Achievement since some 1,000 of these members completed two units. These club members, by completing what they had started, showed that they possess desirable and essential characteristics for success,—ability to plan, dependability, stick-to-it-iveness, willingness to assume responsibility and to work to achieve. Cold days, hot days, rainy days and snowy days, down beautiful country roads or over snow-banks they walked, drove, rode horse-



SOME OF THE HOMEMAKING CLUB GIRLS AT WESTERN FAIR JUNIOR DAY.

From left to right; Jean Duncan, Jarvis (Haldimand); Janet Sutherland, Embro (Oxford); Anna Brown, Inwood (Lambton); Agnes Inglis, Walkerton (Bruce); Jean Elliott, Bluevale (Huron); Helen Scott, Ilderton, (Middlesex); Dorothy Thistle, St. Pauls (Perth); Bonnie Bowslaugh, Boston (Norfolk); Shirley Smith, Sparta (Elgin).

back, skied or snow-shoed to the eight or ten club meetings. Nothing daunted them — an epidemic of measles, extra home duties or difficult club and home assignments. It was all part of the programme they had undertaken and they were determined to see it through, not in a haphazard way but to the best of their ability.

Record books were often difficult but the wise leader usually knew some magic way even to record books. This magic route became direct and easy travelling as one followed the sign posts—Keep Book Up-to-date, Record Daily and Weekly Home Assignments, Be Willing to Work, Be Regular, Be Original, Work.

Sewing a fine seam, working a buttonhole and putting in a sleeve or hemstitching did require patience and a lot of trying, but the thrill of wearing the finished garment more than repaid the effort. Food clubs often called for change in members' food habits but, with newly acquired skill in preparing healthful nutritious dishes, that was no hardship and did it not make for better health!

Exhibits and Demonstrations Commendable

Exhibits and demonstrations were commendable. Individual exhibits of record books, hostess files, pyjamas, slips, dresses, vegetable plates or meat charts, showed some of the club requirements and told part of the story of individual achievement. Proudly, dresses were worn and garments displayed. Maybe mistakes had been made and sometimes workmanship was evidently that of a beginner, but had they not acquired practical experience in the selection of material and suitable and becoming styles, correct techniques and finishes, and been trying to apply it? Many garments displayed by girls with experience in previous clothing units were most creditable, showing excellent design, good style and splendid workmanship. One recalls, in Lincoln County particularly, some lovely cotton lace summer dresses of becoming style and colour, perfect fit and very smart; and, in Lanark County, some exquisite sleeping garments, dainty and beautiful in every detail.

Club members in Dressing Up Home Grown Vegetables told of families becoming vegetable conscious and vegetable hungry. Doubtless delicious vegetable plates similar to those exhibited played their part in making family members keen for two vegetables daily besides potatoes.

Club exhibits portraying some special phase of club work were an added attraction at achievement days, everywhere, this year. An awareness of good showmanship was evident where exhibits told their story simply and directly, aided by neat and timely posters.

Demonstrations and skits were original and informative. Youthful members with poise and assurance showed the correct and accepted way of doing daily home tasks. Doubtless their enthusiasm and earnestness inspired many a listener to go home and do likewise.

Weekend bags with everything complete even to the gift for the hostess were packed systematically and efficiently. Tea was served in the garden or living room by a gracious hostess. From introductions to farewells, the tea hour was gay and delightful, with delicious food attractively served by charming assistants and with interesting conversation maintained throughout. Through skits, club members revealed secrets of Introductions, Good Grooming, How Cottons May Be Smart, or the way to Dressing Up Home-Grown Vegetables.

Inter-county Achievement Days Popular

Inter-county achievement days were popular with both leaders and club members. Girls from distant counties met and became friends. Club ideas were exchanged, while junior and senior members alike were inspired to greater effort and became more and more aware of the joy and satisfaction of personal progress and achievement.

Over 225 girls from 32 countries and districts attended the Provincial Achievement Day at The Canadian National Exhibition. This is always a gala day for the privileged members who are selected, a day with a happy mixture of work and play. They were guests of the C. N. E. for lunch, dinner and the Grand Stand and managed to see an amazing amount of the Fair after their programme. Girls from the northern districts of Sudbury, Manitoulin and Temiskaming and from the eastern counties of Leeds and Lanark, (who came the greatest distance), were the specially welcomed members. As one would expect from this somewhat highly selected group the standards of exhibits and demonstrations were, on the whole, most creditable.

Again, this year, an exceptionally splendid Inter-county Junior Day was



York Co. Honor Girls—Doris Cook and Sadie Windas—have completed 12 Homemaking Club Units.

held at Peterborough Exhibition with 161 girls in attendance. An extremely hot day in tents did not lessen the enthusiasm of the members or interfere with the excellence of the programme. The enterprising club members of Peterborough County demonstrated in a most practical way "The Club Girl Entertains". Wearing identification badges they assumed the role of hostesses and throughout the entire day they were most gracious and untiring in their efforts to look after the needs and comforts of club members, leaders, visitors and judges.

Satisfactory Junior Days

Satisfactory Junior Days, without the glamour and added attractions of Fairs and with curtailed prize awards, were held at Richmond by the Central Canada Exhibition Association and at London by the Western Fair. The increased registration under these conditions and the comments which expressed the attitude of club members, made it apparent that the money award is not the main incentive motivating members to earnest effort on these inter-county days.

Since Western Junior Day was held in October, exhibits and demonstrations from Garden and Canning Clubs were included in the programme. Members from clubs in Bruce, Huron and Middlesex made us feel some of the joys of gardening, the satisfaction in growing high grade vegetables, the importance of the farm garden in meeting family nutritional needs, and gave us an amazing amount of information on garden culture and storage. Holding the afternoon programme in the new library auditorium afforded the girls an opportunity to inspect this magnificent building and enjoy the beautiful art exhibit.

Since many clothing club members have given valuable assistance in sewing for the Red Cross and others are anxious to help wherever needed, all were keenly interested in a report and exhibit from a Huron County Club on their special work. Jean Elliott, leader of the Bluevale Sunbeam "Cottons May Be Smart" Club said that the members had enjoyed their clothing club immensely and were anxious to continue after their Achievement Day in June. Happily, they turned to the Red Cross and soon were busy making baby garments according to Red Cross regulations.

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