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DELEGATES TO THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

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NEBRASKA

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>County</u>
Miles E. Cadwallader, Jr.,	Furnas
Joe Carter	Hitchcock
Frances Rehmeier	Cass
Gladys Weitkamp.	Washington

Mr. Cadwallader has had baby beef as his principal activity. He lives with his parents on a 593-acre farm which was nearly half destroyed by the big flood of 1935. During his 7 years of club work he has carried swine work and rope, 3 years; corn, "fit it", and forestry, 1 year. Miles has been a leader, taking the active leadership or assistant leadership of six different clubs. In addition to his activities at the State fair, National Western Live-stock Show, American Royal, and county fairs, he has been interested in conservation work and represented his county as a club member in 1935 and as a club leader in 1936.

Miles has been a member of a demonstration team which competed in State, county, and local competitions with good records; also superintendent of livestock at the county fair. He has held most of the offices of his club.

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Mr. Carter has been in baby-beef club work continuously for 10 years, the longest continuous record of any of Nebraska's representatives. In addition to doing his own club work, he has been local leader or assistant leader of a baby-beef club in his neighborhood for 5 years.

He has represented his club in demonstration, judging, and health contest and has shown cattle at the county fair, State fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, and National Western Livestock Show. Joe has been State baby-beef champion. He attended National Club Congress 1 year. He has served as secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president of his club.

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Miss Rehmeier writes:

"My first year as a 4-H club member was in 1929, when I was 10 years old. I have had projects in swine, dairy, baby beef, poultry, weed, rope, keep well, canning, clothing, cooking, and girls' room. My purpose for being in the livestock clubs is not to go deeply into the

subject of livestock but to learn how to care for these animals so that I too can help my father with his chores during the summer months and whenever necessary.

"In the livestock projects I have fed 81 pigs, 11 baby beeves, 7 dairy calves, and 330 chickens. These animals have made me a net profit of \$1,153.15. I have exhibited champion swine at the Cass County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and Ak-Sar-Ben. A rooster from my flock of chickens was the grand-champion rooster at the Tri-County Poultry Show. I also exhibited the grand-champion cow at the Cass County Fair. By being a member of the swine and dairy clubs, milking and feeding pigs has become a pleasure rather than a chore, for these clubs served as a definite purpose in getting this work done.

"In the rope club I learned to make 47 knots and 4 splices without reading directions and have demonstrated to parents and visitors at our meeting how to tie the various knots and their particular use. In the weed club I learned to identify 35 weeds at sight. I also learned how to destroy these weeds and the names of those most harmful.

"I have been a member of the cooking club for 4 years, keeping a record over a total period of 11 months. In this time I prepared 951 meals. It was the knowledge gained in these cooking clubs that enabled me to take complete charge of the household duties for 6 weeks last winter when my mother was ill.

"I made two complete costumes which were judged State champion semitailored silk complete costume at the Nebraska State Fair and county style-show champion costume. The underwear outfits from these costumes were used for practice judging days--one was used for three county judging contests and the other was used by the State clothing specialist for clothing judging practice over the State. The garments which I have made in club work are but a part of my wardrobe, but for the last 4 years I have been able to make practically all of my own clothes.

"In the girls' room club I worked out a color scheme of green and orchid for my own room. I have refinished three pieces of furniture, arranged two dressing centers, arranged one reading center, made a pair of pillow slips, one rug, two patchwork pillows, and two pairs of curtains. The rug which I made in the project in 1934 won honors at the Nebraska State Fair and Cass County Fair in classes of large competition. This braided rug was used by our county home extension agent in demonstrating home-made rugs to the extension women in our county.

"This was my first year in the canning club, but because of the drought I was unable to can more than 35 jars. However, I learned so much about canning that I am certain it will not be very difficult to continue with this project next year.

"During my 8 years of club work, I have served as president, vice president, and secretary of my clubs, and have taken active part in

programs. I have attended 209 of the 230 meetings held. Demonstrating in the various projects has aided me in becoming much more interested in the work. These demonstrations have ranged from demonstrating "how to make attractive kitchen aprons" to "fitting swine for show." Judging has been done in every project. This year our dairy club won the national championship plaque in the Hoards' Dairyman cow-judging contest with a club average of 433. I had a perfect score in the Holstein class. I have entered in the clothing judging contest 4 years, winning three firsts and one second in the county contest. At the Nebraska State Fair we have won, as a team, one-third, two-fifths, and one-eighth. This year I was high individual in the county girls' room judging contest. I have taken part in two county and one State style revue. I have taken part in two swine showmanship contests, winning third in the county contest and eighth at the Ak-Sar-Ben. I have attended Club Week at Lincoln 2 years. One year I was a representative of our dairy club and one year I was county swine-club champion.

"As an exhibitor I have won 238 ribbons in eight different projects. These ribbons serve as pleasant memories of competition and club work days. At the Ak-Sar-Ben in 1934 my brother and I represented our swine club, of which I was leader, winning the blue ribbon and silver trophy for the best pen of three fat barrows from one club. Merritt Pollard, my brother, and I represented Cass County with a group of five fat barrows from one county and won the blue ribbon and silver trophy. What fun it has been to scrub and powder my Chester White pigs before they enter the show ring because I know that a good job of grooming may result in their placing higher in close competition! Ripping up and rebasting a garment isn't any trouble at all when you know that if it is sewed well it may win a prize!"

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Miss Weitkamp writes:

"It was in the spring of 1930 that my experiences as a 4-H club member began. That spring nine little girls aged 10 to 12 organized a sewing club. Our county agent, Mr. Bates, helped us get started.

"The next year I was president of the club. Interest was centered on individual demonstrations at our club meetings, and a great deal of experience was gained in this particular line. I exhibited at the county and tricounty fairs and succeeded in winning four firsts, five seconds, and a third.

"The next year we completed our third year of sewing and our first year of cooking. Judging was the main issue. It was in this year that I first attended any outside 4-H activity. Washington County, together with two neighboring counties, sponsored a 4-H club camp at Scribner. I exhibited at the county and tricounty fairs and won quite a number of ribbons, including a first in the style show. This gave me an opportunity to enter the State contest. At Lincoln I received three more ribbons.

This was the first time that our club had ever won in State competition.

"In 1933 our club decided to drop cooking and organize a girls' room club. Rather than have one project left unfinished I also joined another club. One of the high spots of this year's cooking club was a three course banquet at which we, the members, entertained our families -- some 60 people in number, at the home of one of the members. Another high light of the year was a June lawn party at which the girls entertained their mothers. At the tricounty fair our club carried off a majority of the prizes. I, myself, had eight entries and won four seconds and four firsts. Our club made an equally good showing at the county fair. My dressing unit was selected to be sent to the State fair, where it placed third. This was the first year that I had been fortunate enough to get on a county judging team to represent Washington County at the State fair. Our team received a sixth ribbon and a wealth of experience. With these winnings I received the award of county 4-H champion and was sent to represent Washington County at the 1933 Boys' and Girls' Club Congress in Chicago.

"The summer of 1934 saw the completion of our girls' room club. This year I was assistant leader. Much time was given to demonstrations and practice judging. Winding up with the county and tricounty fairs, I returned with a goodly number of prizes, altogether winning 15 ribbons, including a first on individual judging and a team demonstration which entitled me to enter in State competition. This year my reading unit was sent to the fair and succeeded in placing fourth at Lincoln. Early in the spring of the same year I joined a farm-account club.

"All the next spring we tried to organize a canning club, but there were only four girls who were interested. It was early July before we were able to secure a fifth member. Demonstrations and practice judging played an important part in our club meetings.

"At the county and tricounty fairs I was again very successful, winning a total of nine premiums on the same number of entries -- all of these being firsts. Along with this I was given charge of the style show at the county fair. My winnings included a first on judging so I was again privileged to enter the State contest. At the State fair I won a first and two second awards on exhibits. Later that same year I won a first and second award in a national canning contest.

"1936 proved to be not quite as busy a year as the preceding one. It was early July when we reorganized our canning club, but the weather was so dry and the garden yield so poor that there just wasn't much to be put away in jars. However, we made a good showing at both the county and tricounty fairs and even won a State award. Our farm-account club was equally successful. Last fall I was given charge of the style show at the tricounty fair and was made secretary of Class L (boys' and girls' club work) at the county fair.

"I have always taken an active part in club meetings, given many individual demonstrations, taken part in many activities, and served on numerous committees."

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