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CLUB WORK PROMOTES FRIENDLINESS BETWEEN TOWN & COUNTRY

A radio talk by Leo Schmidt, 4-H club member, Scott County, Iowa, delivered in the National 4-H club radio program, August 1, 1936, and broadcast by a network of 55 associate NBC radio stations.

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Hello Folks:

I bring you greetings on behalf of 30,000 4-H boys and girls from Iowa, - "The State Where the Tall Corn Grows."

I wish to tell a few things which we have done in club work in my own county that show how the 4-H program has helped to bind ties between town and country folks.

In 1931, the agricultural committee of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club cooperated with the Scott County Farm Bureau in raising funds to employ a full-time county club agent. An extensive 4-H club program was planned. The program was so outlined that it made possible, not only for the rural people, but civic organizations, newspapers, business enterprises, churches and schools, to take some part, in one way or another.

The club members of the county, at the close of 1931, put on a dinner known as "Donors Treat," in return for the support that had been given them during the year. This was a banquet at which business men and others who had contributed to the program during the year were invited as guests of the 4-H members.

The same year, Scott County Sportmen's Association cooperated with the club members in helping with the Conservation program of tree and shrubbery planting, checking of soil erosion and propagation and protection of game birds. In this, the men from the towns worked with the club members of the farm.

The Scott County Medical Association and the District Dental Association cooperated in conducting the annual 4-H health examinations.

In 1931, a Church in Davenport set aside a special Sunday to honor and give recognition to 4-H members. At the close of 1931, the members held their first annual county 4-H achievement show in the Masonic Temple at Davenport. This event included 4-H corn, poultry and potato exhibits. The evening show was put on by 4-H members, and more than 2,000 city and country people attended. All that was in 1931 and the year closed with a one-day 4-H Boys' and Girls' Short Course, attended by nearly every club member of the county.

Since then, we have made rapid advancement in cooperation between the country folks of Scott County and civic organizations relative to 4-H club work. The 4-H Boys' and Girls' club has used exhibits, demonstrations, and discussions to show the people of the town how they have adopted the farm practices through club work. The people of the towns and country have responded by helping to develop our program. The Davenport Chamber of Commerce now takes the annual

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responsibility of sponsoring the 4-H club demonstration contest at the local Fair and sending teams to the Iowa State Fair to compete in the State competition. The Kiwanis Club became one of the foremost cooperators in promoting the long-time program with local 4-H club boys and girls. The 4-H clubs have presented special 4-H programs at Kiwanis meetings, and in return, the Kiwanians have attended and appeared on the local 4-H club programs throughout the county during the past two winters. The Kiwanians have also been active in sponsoring special 4-H club contests at the local Fair and in giving financial support to the filming of the annual 4-H club movie during the past two years.

One original activity which I expect you will be interested in, was a special Kiwanis Livestock Judging contest sponsored by the 4-H boys at our 1935 local Fair. It was handled in a manner identically the same as in all 4-H livestock judging contests. The Kiwanians are still talking about the event and even more of them expect to compete in the contest to be held this year.

The Scott County Farm Bureau, the Kiwanis Club and the 4-H members cooperated in sponsoring the State 4-H Husking Contest in 1935. More than 25,000 people attended this event. Concession privileges, awarded to the county 4-H boys and girls, made us over \$600.00, to be used in 4-H work in our own county.

The Davenport Rotary Club turned over the management of its Rotary Hut at the Mississippi Valley Fair to the 4-H group. The Davenport Chamber of Commerce has sponsored new demonstrations. The newspapers have also contributed by reporting and explaining our club work.

Our most recent accomplishment last month was helping to sponsor a Model Farm with the Kiwanis Club, the Davenport Democrat, and the Farm Bureau. The 4-H boys and girls had entire charge of concessions and parking during the entire week of the event.

Last week a large farm implement company and the Kiwanis Club cooperated with our local 4-H clubs in helping entertain a delegation of 4-H club members and leaders from Kansas during their brief visit to the tri-city area.

The club program I have explained has helped to develop an acquaintanceship, understanding and friendship between the people of the farm and the people of the town in our county.

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