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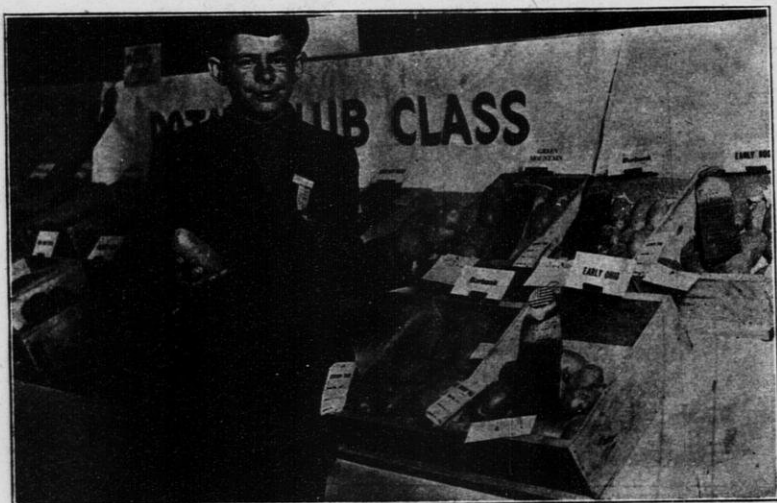


# BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS

By T. L. Bewick, State Club Leader

Boys and girls of today are the business men of tomorrow. Whatever your occupation, whether banker or farmer, the application of business principles will determine in a large measure your future success. But to associate oneself with the hard cold business world alone, is not getting all out of life that is one's just deserts. The great demand of the age is for a normal, equally developed individual who can improve his community economically, socially and morally.

The movement of boys' and girls' clubs which has recently spread throughout every state in the union, comes perhaps as near developing our young people along these lines as any movement yet advanced by thinking men. It is a "Made in America" type of education aimed to develop our homes, our businesses, and our communities into a higher degree of American citizenship.



"THE 1921 SMILE"

## BASIS OF CLUB WORK

All club work is based on four principal elements: (1) A business proposition, (2) An educational feature, (3) A good time, and (4) A community service. To illustrate—The growing of an acre of corn or the ownership and management of a dairy calf provides an excellent business opportunity capable of good financial returns if properly handled; it also offers the best sort of a practical, constructive educational problem—the organizing of a club making the work a game or a contest,—provides the social or good time element,—while the spreading of good seed corn or introducing a higher type of animal into a community is a real service, sometimes of unmeasurable value.

# BOYS' and GIRLS' CLUB WORK

## WHAT IT IS—COMMON SENSE

By O. H. Benson, Formerly Director of Boys' and Girls' Club Work, United States Department of Agriculture

A farmer boy works ten hours a day, plows and cultivates the earth, feels no sense of ownership, has neither heart nor head interest in his work—**THAT'S DRUDGERY.**

A farmer boy gets up early in the morning, works all day, has no partnership with father, no chance of recreation, is denied club fellowship, has no ownership in crops and animals such as corn, baby beeves, pigs, or poultry—**THAT'S TOUGH.**

A club member takes a few grains of seed, manages them through soil, environment, insect and plant diseases, and produces vegetables, not profits, that win the prize at the club festival or the State Fair—**THAT'S SKILL.**

A club leader writes a few pages of instruction on worthless pieces of paper, puts them into the hands of a club boy, and thus guides him to a business profit of \$50 in a single season—**THAT'S A GOOD INVESTMENT.**

A club member now takes an idle piece of soil, invests it with 30c worth of seed, a dollar's worth of fertilizer, and a few hours of brain and brawn, and makes a profit of \$150—**THAT'S CAPITAL BORN OF ACHIEVEMENT.**

Fathers and mothers maintain active membership in lodges, clubs, associations, societies, guilds, smokers, and unions, but fail to see the need or encouragement in club work for boys and girls—**THAT'S UNFAIR.**

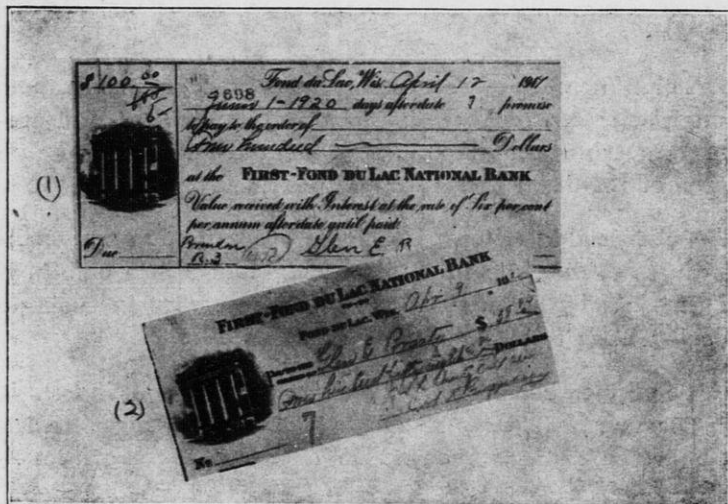
To give boys and girls manly and womanly jobs, membership in a **CLUB OF THEIR OWN**, a **FEELING OF OWNERSHIP**, an opportunity to **DO THINGS**, a real motive for study and achievement, a feeling of **LIABILITY**, in short a **CO-OPERATIVE INTEREST** in the whole business of home making and farming—**THAT'S COMMON SENSE.**

## ACHIEVEMENT BUTTONS

It is recommended that achievement buttons, suitably designed and inscribed, be awarded by the local bank with whom the club member's account is kept, as follows:

1. A bronze button of special design indicating the successful completion of the first year's work.
2. A silver button indicating the successful completion of two years' club work.
3. A gold button for the successful completion of three years of club work.

(A suggested design of button is shown on first page of this bulletin.)



### THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING

- (1) Bank note showing amount borrowed to buy calf.
- (2) Check showing net profit after paying note and interest.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR FOUR YEARS' WORK

For the boys and girls who successfully complete four years of club work, it is proposed that the Bankers' Association award a special diploma or banner in connection with suitable exercises at the Annual Bankers' Convention.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Complete literature on all the projects, giving plans of organization, information and follow-up material can be had by writing to the Boys' and Girls' Club Department, College of Agriculture, Madison, Wis.



## CLUB WORK TRAINS FOR LEADERSHIP

Club work provides a training for community leadership and gives young people a real motive for their work. It makes farm and home work (usually considered drudgery) interesting and profitable. It dignifies common labor. It teaches boys and girls to work together, play together, study together, and live together.

While club work is designed largely for rural boys and girls for the purpose of interesting them in agriculture and providing the proper social and recreational direction, it is equally important to the city youth. We will be better urban citizens if we know something of the experiences of rural life. But the really important feature to the city youth is the opportunity to transform the "city gang" or the clique of girls into an interesting club with a constructive, creative program that can be used in the building up of a community.



FUTURE FARMERS OF WISCONSIN  
(Girls' and Boys' Calf Club, Green County)

## CO-OPERATION OF WISCONSIN BANKERS

Bankers and other business men in Wisconsin have been quick to recognize the value of the Club Movement and have aided greatly in its promotion. Desiring to continue their assistance and to have a closer co-operation in the work, the Agricultural Committee of the Wisconsin Bankers' Association recommends a plan of recognition for all club members who comply with the following requirements, viz.,

1. Take on a business project (farm or home).
2. Keep accurate records.
3. Make a public exhibit.
4. Establish an account with some bank.
5. Hand in a report.

## OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO CLUB LEADERS

The Wisconsin Bankers Association has worked out a plan for securing thru the medium of banks of the state, lists of improved livestock and seeds for sale. These lists contain suitable material for calf clubs, baby beef clubs, pig clubs, sheep clubs, and corn and potato clubs.

Leaders desiring to procure livestock or seeds for club work will do well to inquire as to what is listed for sale through Wisconsin banks.

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