

Chapter 6

ORGANIZATIONS

MINERVA LODGE NO. 527 IOOF

The Oddfellows Lodge was active in the early 1900's so it is speculated to be organized approximately the same time as the Rei Rebekah Lodge #294. Brothers mentioned at their installation were F. M. Miller and J. E. Mooney and Julian.

The Minerva Lodge was incorporated on April 4, 1927. Incorporators were A. W. Butts, M. A. Gaunt, and E. H. Noble. The group was active until the late 1940's.

REBEKAH #40
March 29, 1895

A meeting was held at Marshall Rebekah #40 at Marshalltown, Iowa, where Deputy Grand Marshall Hattie Elliott was to institute Rei Rebekah Lodge #294 to be located at the Odd Fellows Hall, Clemons, Iowa. (The present Warren's Place)

Six sisters and six brother Odd Fellows were duly installed after which the lodge was duly confirmed by Deputy Grand Marshall Jrocudate of the lodge. Regular meetings were held twice a month until October 19, 1965; it was voted to disband and consolidate with Rebekah Lodge Marshall #40 at Marshalltown, Iowa.

The names of the ones that held their respective offices were:

Sister Nancy E. Gause
Sister Sally Mooney
Sister Effie Mooney
Brother F. M. Miller
Brothers J. E. Mooney and Julian

UNITED FARMERS ASSOCIATION

The United Farmers Association was an organization in this community and state to promote the well being of the farmers. In 1925 the "State Center Enterprise" carried an article reporting of several locals in the northwest part of Marshall County. A picnic was held in the Clemons Park for all the members in this area of Marshall County. A full day of games, picnic, and fun was the day's events.

In April 1934, the United Farmers met in the Clemons gym. The speakers were Judge Wierd of Iowa Falls and Ex-Governor Turner.

There are no records to indicate the beginning of this organization or the closing of it. However, there is great significance in the need of the farmers to organize and educate themselves.

HAPPY HOOLIGAN ORGANIZATION

This was a neighborhood group south of Clemons that was started in 1909-1912. It met in homes every 2 weeks. Usually there were 20-30 present. The fees were 1¢, there were officers, a literary program, a newspaper and debates. Ads in the newspaper cost 1¢.

Louis Armbricht (son of August and Marie) wrote the song for the Hooligans. It is published also.

Living members are Hilda Armbricht Brackney, Estella Armbricht Bell, Ildra Smith Oaks, and Earl Weuve.

THE HAPPY HOOLIGAN SONG

1. Oh, have you heard of the club so great,
But if you haven't it's not too late
The finest club in all the state.
The Happy Hooligan Club, sir.

Chorus: Happy, happy Hooligan, the greatest
Club beneath the sun.
From Florida to Washington,
The Happy Hooligan Club, sir.

2. Married couples and babies small
Pretty young ladies and men so tall
All answer to the roll call
Of the Happy Hooligan Club, sir.

Chorus:

3. So come and be a Hooligan
Join in with all the games and fun,
You'll never regret that you are one
Of The Happy Hooligan Club, sir.

Chorus:

THE HOOLIGAN HUSTLER

The following is a copy of all the newspapers written by the different editors and given the name of "HOOLIGAN HUSTLER" at a meeting of the club on December 19, 1909.

THE HOOLIGAN HUSTLER

December 19, 1909 Volume 1
A weekly paper devoted to the interests of the H. H. Club.

Happenings of the week.

Wm. Edler accompanied several cars of stock to Chicago the first of the week stopping a few days with relatives in Ill.

Willie A. has had hard luck the past week. Wed. morning while catching chickens, he bumped his smelling machine against an old buggy top. It didn't hurt the top as much as the nose. Later on he hurt his back carrying one of Frieda's cakes from the kitchen to the pantry.

Six members of the H. H. club went bob-sled riding to the home of Geo. Sharp north of Clemons, last Wed. night. The evening was spent with various games, music, and eating candy. They reached home late in the morning, of course they had a glorious big time.

Fred, the big gray horse belonging to Ebenezer Wantz, died of kidney trouble. Hard luck Neezy.

A. Armbrecht is having tile hauled for a new well.

Ruby & Carmie Wantz did their Christmas shopping in Marshalltown, Friday.

After a chase lasting about six hours, Henry Armbrecht succeeded in capturing a ferocious cotton-tail. That's gettin' 'em old kid.

Miss Maude Smith, the popular teacher of Minerva No. 6 went to her home in Marshalltown Fri. and returned Sunday evening.

Wm. Meier's sale is to-morrow, everybody come, free lunch at noon.

Albert Nolta has been keeping bachelor's hall this week while his wife visited with her parents. Bert looked pretty hungry today.

Great excitement prevailed at the Armbrecht home for five or ten minutes this evening, when the dining room suddenly filled with smoke of a very strong odor; all chimneys were examined, but no fire was found, finally, Mr. Armbrecht's pipe bowl was found on the stove, but minus its amber stem which had melted and went up in smoke all at once, and thus the mystery was cleared.

We hear that Henry Meier & Maude Smith went sleigh riding Fri. evening. The boys better be watching or they will elope.

Club Notes

Be a booster for the Happy Hooligan Club. Members should endeavor to be present at all meetings not to avoid fines, but for the success of the club. All fines should be paid promptly.

A Few suggestions for the Club

1. That we have a literary program at every club meeting.
2. That a newspaper be made a permanent institution of the club, to be edited by different members and read at each meeting, all members to act as correspondents.
3. That a debate be a part of our program with 2 debaters on each side, subject and debaters to be chosen by the program committee.

Advertisements

Rates: One cent per ad.

Wanted: Ladies and gentlemen to become members of the Happy Hooligan Club.

Wanted: A man - by several old maids in this neighborhood.

Found: On Sun., Dec. 12, under a rocking chair at A. Armbrecht's, a wad of gum, owner my have same by proving property and paying for this ad.

Wanted: Some good milk cows, kind and gentle so my wife can milk them, also a good horse cheap. Otto Edler, State Center.

Lost: Between A. Armbrecht's and L. C. Gerke, one pair of stockings, finder please return to Irene A. and receive a reward.

Louis H. Armbrecht, Editor

CLEMONS MAN & FARM BUREAU

After the Civil War, farmers had joined movements to get information and economic relief. Most of these organizations were poorly led, poorly financed and short lived. The Farm Bureau movement succeeded because it was based on an educational program planned by farmers to meet their local needs and paid for in part by membership fees.

By 1906 the demand for information became so widespread that the legislature established the Extension Department to provide research and educational programs.

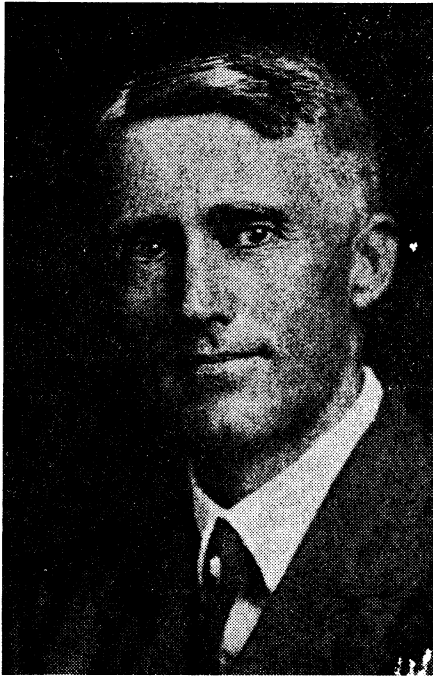
On December 31, 1916, forty men met in the east court room in Marshalltown to find a way and money to hire a county agent.

On February 25, 1917, 100 people attended a meeting at the Marshall Club to hire an extension agent. J. R. Howard of Clemons was elected President; C. C. Paul of Laurel Vice-President; Merritt Green Jr. Secretary; and N. O. Keen of LeGrand Treasurer. On April 17, 1917, W. A. Buchanan started as the first county agent.

As counties over the state organized, it was realized that they would profit by a state organization. The Presidents of Marshall, Polk, and Wright groups called a meeting of all County Farm Improvement Associations to be held in Des Moines, but because of the flu epidemic the meeting was held December 27, 1918, in Marshalltown with 70 counties represented. The new organization was called, "Iowa Farm Bureau" and other counties changed their name to Farm Bureau. J.R. Howard of Clemons was named President. Marketing,

transportation, legislation, organization and educational committees were set up which is much the same as it is today. Also, a membership campaign system was developed, as today.

J. R. Howard and John W. Coverdale were elected President and Secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation in 1920. Mr. Howard served until 1924 when he returned to his farm in Liberty township.



JAMES R. HOWARD
First National Farm Bureau President

The annual meeting was held January 3, 1920. Seven hundred to nine hundred members of the Marshall County Farm Improvement Association were present. J. R. Howard, President of American Farm Bureau Federation, delivered the principle address. Resolution committee of the group presented the following:

Whereas Marshall County is one of the pioneers in the establishment of Farm Bureau and also sponsored the first state meeting, and whereas the first county President, the first State President, and the first National President is from Marshall County, be it resolved that Marshall County Farm Bureau extends a vote of appreciation and admiration for the effective work done by our Mr. J. R. Howard.

Marshall County is still organized by townships with a representative from each on the board. County officers today are:

Deane Adams - Liscomb	-	President
Tom Buck - Melbourne	-	Vice-President
Dan Beane - Rt. 2 Garwin	-	Secretary
Larry Keese - Rt. 2 Gilman	-	Treasurer

Richard Oehlson of State Center is a township director from Minerva; Bill Patten of Clemons is township director from Liberty; Ray Willits of Union is township director of Bangor.

The Farm Bureau can be considered a truly grass-roots organization. In August, opinionaires are distributed to each member and their vote on resolutions is recorded to help form the county resolutions. This is then sent on to the State Committees. The resolution committees can attest to this as long hours are spent recording each vote.

This area is honored to have Mr. J. R. Howard as a resident.

FARM BUREAU WOMEN

Farm Bureau Women have been organized sixty-four years, October 27, 1917 in Marshall County. It was set up in connection with the Extension Service. Leaders from the townships were sent to get the lessons presented by the Home Economist and take them back to their club. Interest in these training schools grew, hampered only by bad roads. The women were truly ready to come out of their homes and become members of their community. By 1920 the Marshall County men's board members decided that the women were here to stay in Farm Bureau.

Topics studied over the years included Health, Nutrition, Home Furnishings, Home Management, Child Care, Loom Weaving, Rural-Urban Relationship, Food Preservation, Wardrobes, Legislation, Defensive Driving, Citizenship among others.

In 1955 the legislature separated Extension and Farm Bureau, but the extension has been willing to work with Farm Bureau when asked.

The early records on Minerva Township were not available, but was probably organized in the 1920's. County Home Economists who presented lessons were Mrs. Gregg, Miss Ruth Minturn, Miss Gertrude Cookinham, Miss Elizabeth Horlacher, Miss Helen Saddoris, and Miss Greta Bowers. Women's delegates for Minerva in 1920 were Mrs. Wilbur Hilleman; Liberty, Mrs. John Smith; Mrs. D. C. Norman for Bangor; Miss Luella Hall for Marietta.

The Minerva Township Farm Bureau closed up for one year, 1962-1963, for lack of leadership. The chairmen in the available records were Bea Eurom, Hulda Bartine, Avis Perry, and Grace Boicourt. The programs have been very worthwhile and well attended. Some of the programs studied since 1962 were: Conservation, Estate Taxes, Legislation, Health, Safety, Farm Chemicals, Nutrition, Safe Well Water, Vial of Life, C.P.R., etc.

Liberty Township had an especially worthwhile project on "Diabetic Detection". Minerva contributed

- to "Pennies for Friendship", "Ship Hope", Quakerdale, and helped with opinionaires, International Weekend, Rural-Urban Tea, bingo parties at the County Care Facility and County Books (2) County Cooking Schools (2) and other worth while projects.

Mrs. Levi Willits of Bangor has the honor of being the tenth woman to act as State Chairman of the Women's Farm Bureau. Women have a real role in helping their husbands carry on successful farm operations at this time. We have reached a point in time where women have to be active and an educated part of the team. The Farm Bureau has planned their programs in this direction.

CHILD STUDY CLUB

The first indication of a Study Club group was in 1930. This was the Clemons-St. Anthony Child Study Club. Newspaper articles also report on Clemons Child Study Club meeting in 1934. This may be an extension from the Clemons-St. Anthony Club. Others indicate the beginning of the organization possibly on another date. The following report is from the minutes in 1934.

CLEMONS COURIER

March 12, 1934

The Clemons Child Study group met on Wednesday, March 7th, at the home of Mrs. G. G. Seeney, with Mrs. Lloyd Clark as assisting hostess. The group listened to the radio lesson "Companionship For the Elementary School Child". Mrs. Leo Liston, the leader for the day, led a very interesting discussion and also reviewed the article, "The Livable Lovable Child" by Myer from the Parent Magazine.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held on April 4th at the home of Mrs. Cade Everist with Mrs. Dolph Packering as assisting hostess, and Mrs. Arnold Kaiser as group leader. The lesson will be "Intellectual Development".

CLEMONS CHILD STUDY GROUP

The first Study Group was with the Women's Federated Club. However, it became a Study Group organized from the Parent-Teacher Association in 1939. It was very active with an enrollment of around 20 to 25. Lessons were taken from a magazine supplied to us by National P.T.A. editors. New mothers were given gifts for the baby and Secret Pals was also enjoyed. This organization has always been active ever since.

The records from the organization of the club, until 1956, were not available, but a resume of recent years follows:

1956 President - Barbara Jo Nichols
 Sec/Treas. - Doris Cagwin

First Projects:

1. Purchased a scale for the school kitchen.
2. Christmas baskets delivered.
3. Arthur Murray dance lessons.
4. Easter Egg Hunt
5. Sent used Christmas cards to Blank Hospital, Des Moines, to the retarded children.
6. \$75 contributed to stage curtain fund at the school.

1957 - April

Election of Officers:

President	- Barbara Jo Nichols
V. Pres.	- Lois Shives
Sec/Treas.	- Rena Bartlett
Chaplain	- Shirley Settle
Asst.	- LaDonna Bartlett

July 9, 1957, a motion was made and carried that Vice-President Lois Shives be promoted to President, since Barbara Jo Nichols would be moving from the community. LaDonna Bartlett was elected new Vice-President.

First Programs:

Lessons were given by club members. They were usually taken from Parents Magazine and the P.T.A. Magazine. Some topics were, "My Children are Bringing Me Up To Date", "Seven Secrets of Child Training" and "Getting and Spending Youths' Allowances".

August, 1957 - Alta Mae Law and Jean Ackerman, senior 4-H girls, gave a demonstration entitled, "Mad About Plaids" and Nancy Bartine and Kathy Hall, junior 4-H girls, gave a demonstration on "Pert Skirts".

First roll call topics:

"What would you do with an extra hour each day?"
 "What is your favorite Bible verse?"
 "My children's favorite cookie recipe."
 "Read your favorite cartoon."
 "What is best thing about living in a small town?"
 "Tell of a snow storm experience."

Past Presidents:

1957-58	- Lois Shives
1958-59	- Sylvia Gilmore
1959-60	- Shirley Lister
1960-61	- Rena Bartlett
1961-62	- Gwen Ward
1962-63	- Mary Geocke
1963-64	- Mary Roland
1964	- Colleen Willard
1965-66	- Marcia Henze
1966-67	- Charlene Parker
1967-68	- Shirley Davis
1968-69	- Katie Lively
1969-70	- Jo Dunn
1970-71	- Carol Pierson
1971-72	- Phyllis Gaunt
1972-73	- Mary Bartine
1973-74	- Laurie Dunn
1974-75	- Gloria Schrock
1975-76	- Gloria Schrock

- 1976-77 - Deb Jones
- 1977-78 - Kathy Snider
- 1978-79 - Peggy Gall
- 1979-80 - Dorothy Christensen
- 1980-81 - Barb Martin
- 1981-82 - Paula Young

1957-1958 Membership List:

Mariam Ackerman	Norma Jean Menter
Hattie Applegate	Thelma Palmer
Hulda Bartine	Bernice Reisinger
LaDonna Bartlett	Shirley Settle
Rena Bartlett	Lois Shives
Dorothy Bryant	Fern Tuttle
Doris Cagwin	Collette Warren
Thelma Clemons	Gladys Waters
Clarice Davis	Rose Wiley
Evelyn Davis	Kathy Kingie
Ruth Davis	
Velda Dunn	Honorary Members:
Opal Funke	Ethel Homes
Sylvia Gilmore	Adaline Sanders
Helen Goecke	Clara Veren
Pearl Hennis	Marie Warner
Polly Lindquist	Agnes Ingledue
Shirley Lister	

1981 - 1982 Membership List:

Linda Baker	Judy Lander
Mary Bartine	Barb Martin
Dorothy Christensen	Deb Martin
Gloria Clemons	Diane Martin
Shirley Davis	Garla Nelson
Mary Dooley	Pam Norman
Laurie Dunn	Rosalee Patten
Peggy Gall	Gloria Schrock
Alta Goecke	Kathy Snider
Mary Goecke	Sharon Smith
Sally Hartman	Peggy Stanfield
Linda Humphreys	Deanne Swenson
Rosalie Johnson	Cammie Voss
Deb Jones	Paula Young

1981 - 1982 Officers:

President	- Paula Young
Vice President	- Diane Martin
Sec./Treas.	- Judy Lander
Chaplain	- Deb Martin
Historian	- Mary Dooley
Cor. Secy	- Mary Dooley
Asst. Chaplain	- Mary Dooley

MARIETTA CLIPPERS

The County Four-H Club organization was believed to have begun in the early 1920's or before. Members met as a county group. The county agent was the leader and annual club tours to see the livestock were taken around the county. Members participated in county and state fairs.

As no past records are available it is very difficult to give a definite date for the organization of Marietta Clippers Club. After much polling of past members, the

date of the early 1930's seems to be the closest date we can pin to the organization of the club. This occurred when the county chose to form township organizations such as Marietta Clippers and Bangor Sharpshooters. Today the Marietta Clippers group is still active with Robert Donaldson as their club leader. Members are still active in county and state fair activities.

CLEMONS PALS 4-H CLUB

The early records obtained by the history committee for the Clemons Pals Girls 4-H started in 1936 and were complete except for several years in the late '40's. The historians for the club should be congratulated for the very complete books they kept. Credit should also be given to the leaders who spent a lot of time going to training schools and teaching the girls character building and homemaking skills. No doubt they learned along with the girls. Teachers have remarked that they could select 4-H members by their poise in the classroom and their ability to speak before a class. This was partly due to training obtained because talks and demonstrations (later called presentations) were required in 4-H.

During World War II the effort for defense was seen in topics such as, "Civil Defense", "What Price Victory", "Food Preservation", "Value of War Bond Selling", and "Life Saving". One of the year books had the title, "4-H Victory Army".

The national motto is, "To Make the Best Better", and the Iowa motto is, "To Win Without Bragging; To Lose Without Squealing".

The girls studied sewing, nutrition, and home furnishings in a succession of three years with one each year. In later years they branched out to photography, animal care, etc., in addition to the yearly subject.



CLEMONS PALS 4-H CLUB - 1938

L-R

Bernadine Burkhead, Betty Jane Andrews, Eleanor Easton,
Genevieve Borton

Some of the activities during the years were: Visiting a nursing home to sing Christmas carols; addressing Easter Seal letters; presenting a Farm Bureau program once a year; holding a local achievement show to determine the best of the exhibits for the County Fair; presenting the best of the year at the County Fair and for the lucky few- the State Fair. The activities also included: State 4-H camp; local camping programs; Style Revue; Better Grooming Contest; Rural Life Sunday (church service once a year); local monthly meetings; and County Rally Day where the girls campaigned for and elected county officers.

According to the history books, more than 250 girls were 4-H club members during the years. That is far too many to list here, but the presidents' names available are listed below:

1936 - Louise Jay	1961 - Ruth Davis
1937 - Louise Everist	1962 - Deborah Bartine
1938 - Bernadine Burkhead	1963 - Joanne Shipley
1940 - Eleanor Easton	1964 - Toni Davis
1941 - Arlene Atkinson	1965 - Sandra Turner
1942 - Marjorie Easton	1966 - Joyce Davis
1943 - Mary Jean Veren	1967 - Mary Davis
1944 - Doris Ross	1968 - Susan Davis
1951 - Mary Mosteller	1969 - Kathy Hall
1952 - Ruth Hall	1970 - Barbara Davis
1953 - Linda Mosteller	1971 - Barbara Hall
1954 - Marlys Warner	1972 - Debra Ward
1955 - Patricia Harding	1973 - Jo Dee Davis
1956 - Sheryl Warner	1974 - Deanna Ward
1957 - Jean Ackerman	1975 - Kathy Bartine
1958 - Alta Mae Law	1976 - Julie Gaunt
1959 - Dianne Mosteller	1977 - Sue Bartine
1960 - Nancy Bartine	1978 - Margaret Davis

In respect for the time, effort, and talents the leaders donated, the leaders' names available are listed below:

Helen Borton	Adaline Sanders	Laurene Price
Eva McCormack	Evelyn Davis	Marilyn Hall
Ruth Ross	Bernadine Law	Gwen Ward
Lila Atkinson	Donna Wright	Lorraine Davis
Minnie Binford	Clarice Davis	Mary Bartine
Mrs. Otto Russell	Dorothy Turner	Thelma Ross
Eleanor Norman	Marie Warner	Marian Ackerman
Mabel Mosteller	Joan Witt	Sue Kelsey
Millie Camp	Orpha Davis	Thelma Smith
Alberta Harding	Rena Bartlett	Beverly Shipley
Edna Sheldahl	Phyllis Gaunt	
Hulda Bartine	Mrs. G. G. Seney	

Many blue ribbons were won, but 4-H girls were also taught to accept red and white ribbons, as not everyone can win, and to do their best.

Some achievements are listed below. It is not complete and only one achievement per girl can be listed due to lack of space on a local level. Some county and state achievements repeat names.

Bernette Clemons and Bernadine Burkhead were on the winning demonstration team in 1936.

Genevieve Borton and Thelma Rhodes gave a demonstration on "House Coats" in 1940.

Betty Andrews was chosen "Health Girl" in 1940.

In 1942 Doris Ross and Shirley Borton won the champ-



Guy Noble, brother of Dr. Earl Noble, was made an honorary member of the 4-H Club. He had been general secretary of 4-H for 25 years.

L-R: Marjorie Easton, Mr. Noble and Arlene Atkinson. 1940



CLEMONS PALS OFFICERS - 1943

Left - Right

Helen Prochaska - Historian, Bonnie Martin - Secretary, Patty Rowden - President, Doris Ross - Treasurer, Beverly Dunn

ionship demonstration at the Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo. It was entitled "Grandmother's Craft Revived and Revised".

Doris Ross was chosen 4-H girl of the month on a county basis and her mother, Ruth Ross, also won recognition as a leader in 1942. Doris also went to Chicago as a 4-H reward.

Marjorie Easton gave a demonstration on "How to Make Ruffled Curtains Quickly" in 1942.

Genevieve Borton received a six-week short course to Iowa State College as a reward for her 4-H efforts.

Mary Jeanne Veren gave a demonstration "Snappy Styles in Simple Slipcovers" in 1942.

Ruth Hall attended the State 4-H Convention at Ames, and sang a solo at Rally Day in 1952.

Linda Warner sent a blue ribbon article to the State Fair in 1953.

There were basketball tournaments listed in 1951.

Dianne Mosteller and Sheryl Warner gave a blue ribbon demonstration on "Mitts for the Kit" in 1954.

Marlys Warner received a blue ribbon for Style Revue in 1953.

Joan Farland sang at the County Fair.

Ruth Davis was Junior Better Groomed Girl of the County in 1957.

Nancy Bartine and Kathy Hall gave the champion junior demonstration at the County Fair entitled "Pert Skirts" in 1958.

Jean Ackerman and Alta Mae Law received a blue ribbon for their County Fair demonstration "Mad About Plaids" in 1958.

Nancy Bartine attended State 4-H Convention at Ames and sang a solo.

The club received champion booth at the County Fair in 1958.

Kay Veren and Kay Lindquist presented a demonstration "Making Salads for Fitness and Figure".

Mary Collins and Diane Mosteller gave demonstration on "Plain and Fancy Milk Drinks" in 1956.

Carol Lathrop and Diane Mosteller gave a senior demonstration on "Pizza Please" at the County Fair.

Ruth McDonald judged the local achievement show in 1958. She was a former member.

Vicki Otto and Linda Berends gave a demonstration entitled "Dad's Favorite Cookies" in 1958.

Marilyn Palmer and Linda Law gave a demonstration "Dress up That Cake" in 1958.

The group sold candy at the local P.T.A. in 1958.

Debbie Bartine and Janice Ross took a blue ribbon to the County Fair entitled, "All Aboard on a Good Breakfast" in 1959.

Mrs. Eunice Tucker showed the girls how to decorate a cake in 1962.

Jeanine Robins and Judi Shipley gave a demonstration "Your Posture and You" in 1963.

Teresa Eurom and Mary Jo Davis gave a demonstration "Needed Accessories" in 1963.

Toni Davis was senior dress revue girl in 1963.

Susan Davis and Mary Lou Stewart gave a demonstration "The Good Breakfast" and took to the Fair in 1965.

Martha Griffiths and Julie Gaunt took a junior demonstration to the Fair in 1971.



CLEMONS PALS - 1957

Nancy Bartine and Kathy Hall doing their demonstration on "Pert Skirts".

**CLEMONS PALS OFFICERS - 1957**

Left - Right
Diane Mosteller, Sheryl Warner, Edna Sheldahl - Leader, Hulda Bartine - Leader, Alta Mae Law, Jean Ackerman

Rita Nelson entered cloth flowers in the local achievement show in 1971.

Vicki Blanchard and Gloria Humphreys sent dropped cookies to the County Fair in 1971.

Jeanne Gaunt and Laura Bartlett were dress revue girls at the County Fair in 1971 and Laura took hers to State Fair.

Deb Ward sent a blue dress to the State Fair in 1971.

Dixie Davis attended 4-H Convention and was chosen outstanding vocalist in 1971.

Barbara Hall took a presentation "Beauty and Batik" to the State Fair in 1971.

Barbara Hall won a grand championship on a furniture grouping that went to the State Fair in 1971.

Mary Goecke, Laura Bartlett, Debra Ward and Dixie Davis attended a Citizenship Short Course at National 4-H Center in Washington, D. C. in 1972.

Jenny Bartine and Julie Gaunt took top prize over 20 groups entitled, "Mints in Minutes" in 1972.

Jo Dee Davis presented "Your Blender - a Genie", an intermediate presentation at Ankeny Presentation Day at the College in 1972.

Debra Ward took a blue ribbon place setting on the State Fair in 1972.

Margaret Davis and Susan Bartine had a junior presentation at the County Fair that received special recognition in 1973.

Jeanne Gaunt was senior dress revue girl at the County Fair in 1973.

Jamie Davis entered the County Fair pleasure horse competition in 1973.

Some of the girls receiving blue ribbons at the local achievement show were: Teri Zink, Sandra Reece, Jamie Davis and Lorraine Schlesky in 1973.

Jo Dee Davis took her presentation to the State Fair "Antics with Antiques" in 1974.

Deanna Ward attended National 4-H Center in Washington, D. C. in 1975.

Julie Gaunt and Deanna Ward won blue ribbons at the State Fair in clothing in 1974.

Debbie Zink was named Hereford Queen in 1974.

Jo Dee Davis, Kathy Bartine and Deanna Ward had exhibits at the State Fair in 1975.

Dianne Armbrecht had an outstanding record book-1975.

Nancy Elder, Cindy Funke, and Diane Armbrecht were dress revue girls at the achievement show in 1976.

Diane Armbrecht took a junior presentation to the County Fair "Sew up a Storm" in 1976.

Rosa Lea Sparks had reserve champion and showmanship of market lambs in 1977. Debbie and Teri Zink have exhibited animals and girls' exhibits several years.

Deanna Keck, Cindy Funke, Cheryl Bartine, and Rosa Lea Sparks took articles to the Fair, among others, in 1977.

The club closed after 1978.

Mrs. Greta Bowers, Marshall County Home Economist, was largely responsible for the successful girls' 4-H program and should be given due credit.

County Officers from the Clemons Pals were:

Charlotte Rowden	- Vice President	- 1938
Arlene Atkinson	- President	- 1941
Deanna Grace Hampton	- State Vice President	- 1958
(former member)		
Sheryl Warner	- Vice President	- 1957
Diane Mosteller	- Historian	- 1958
Nancy Bartine	- Secretary/Treasurer	- 1960
Barbara Hall	- on County 4-H Council	- 1971

**CLEMONS PALS OFFICERS - 1976**

Left - Right
Cindy Funke - Historian, Alisa Bissel - Reporter, Diane Armbrecht - Treasurer, Rosa Lea Sparks - Secretary, Margaret Davis - Vice President, Sue Bartine - President

In writing up this history, we tried to mention as many members as possible. Most of the girls did far more than listed here. No way could we be sure to give everyone credit deserved.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB

It was decided at the January meeting of the Child Study Club in 1936 to have Mrs. Blanchard, who was the County President of Federated Club, to come to our club and explain federation, which she did in March. On April 3, 1936, the Child Study Club was federated at the meeting being held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Darland. Mrs. Blanchard was present to help federate. The name was to be "Federated Child Study Club" and remained so until March 5, 1937. The name of the Club was then changed to "Clemons Progress Club". The membership was not to exceed over thirty, and the dues were to be 35 cents per year. The dues went up gradually until the dues were \$5.00 per member. Now we have 22 members this year and four of those are charter members: Inez Jones, Edna Jones, Eunice Tucker and Mrs. Alta Burkhead. Mrs. Burkhead is an honorary member. The club meets the first Friday in the month from September through May.

Mrs. Edna Jones was the first President and Mrs. Jim Howard was the second President. Mrs. Keith McDonald is the President at the present time.

The Progress Club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 1986.

The Progress Club supports local projects such as Little League, summer activities and a Rose Queen Candidate each year. We contributed to scholarships for G.F.W.C., give to a worthy cause at Christmas time, and have sponsored a music student to music camp for a number of years.

CLEMONS GARDEN CLUB

Clemons Garden Club was organized September 26, 1947, at the home of Marie Warner. Blanche Brimhall, assisted by Margaret Buck, explained the organization of the State Center Club and offered suggestions for a similar club in Clemons community. A business meeting followed with Marie Warner acting as chairman and Ruth Grace as secretary. The following officers were elected:

President	- Marie Warner
Vice-President	- Olive Everist
Secretary	- Ruth Grace
Asst. Secretary	- Ruby Eley
Historian	- Erma Perry

Eighteen members were enrolled and dues were 60 cents per year. On December 4, 1947, the club was accepted into the State Federation of Garden Clubs.

The club held its first flower show in June of 1949 in the church basement. This became the highlight of the club and each year was more inspired and enjoyed by the community and surrounding garden clubs.

Another annual event was the May breakfasts.

In 1950 the Clemons Club was honored at the State Garden Show at Ames and received an excellent rating on the year's program book; a Blue Ribbon for flower show achievement and an award as one of the Blue Ribbon Clubs in the State.



CLEMONS PROGRESS CLUB

Left - Right

Front: Olive Everist, Bernadine Law, Lois Shives

2nd: Ada Lindquist, Alta Burkhead, Bernice Gaunt, Florence Bartholomew, Candace Everist, Ruth Humphreys, Virginia Conrad

3rd: Lois Veren, Edith Duffy, Julia Lyons

Back: Mary Goecke, Adeline Sanders, Pearl Christensen, Dorothea Hall, Adeline Elsberry, Garnet Griffiths, Hulda Bartine, Eunice Tucker, Clara Veren, Inez Jones

In 1964 we studied Japanese Art of arranging flowers given by Mrs. L. N. Hocket of Marshalltown.

The club met the second Thursday of each month in homes of the members. This was later changed to the third Tuesday.

In 1950 a Christmas workshop was held and articles the members had made were displayed, and members and guests learned how to make them.

On December 27, 1950, the Garden Club prepared and served dinner at the 50th Anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howard. They also were in charge of the reception at the Clemons Church in the afternoon. Proceeds from this were put in a fund for landscaping of the church lawn.

In 1968 we received a Blue Ribbon for five years of maintaining a Blue Ribbon record.

In 1970 the club studied birds, especially blue birds, and put up bird houses in the Mormon Ridge and other surrounding areas. We also planted some trees in parks; one being a pin oak at Albion park.

For several years the club went to Pleasant Hill School for a therapy workshop with the students. The students each had something to take home, some of which were bottle gardens, potted plants, gourd charm strings and pine cone turkeys.

In 1975 the club received an award for being a Blue Ribbon Club for 12 years.

The Garden Club has had a genuine interest in studying wild flowers, trees, birds, the Art of Flower Arranging, and table setting.

A garden Clubber always has a zest for good living and makes lots of friends.

MORMON RIDGE SADDLE CLUB

The Corporation of the Mormon Ridge Saddle Club was formed in 1966, at Clemons, Iowa, for the purpose of promoting social activities among its members, who were interested in the training or riding of horses.

The first slate of officers elected were: Wayne Davis, Pres.; James Bartine, Vice-Pres.; Marie Henze, Sec./Treas.; Joan Witt, Asst. Sec./Treas. The original six members selected to serve on the board of directors were: Phil Roy, Cecil Buschbom, Raymond Free, Lloyd Yocum, Wayne Dudley and Cecil Huff.

During the years the club has held benefits for individuals, participated in the Pony Express Ride from Marshalltown to Camp Sunny Side and rode as an organization in numerous parades. Jeannette Yocum and Claudia Roy directed a drill team of young club

members, all wearing white shirts, purple vests, and blue jeans. They performed preceding the club show as well as in parades.

They have many trail riders with the over-night ones especially enjoyed. Favorite rides were Brushy Creek near Fort Dodge, Yellow River Forest in northeast Iowa as well as Grammer Grove near Liscomb, Steven's State Forest near Lucas, Royal Ranch near Bangor, Steamboat Rock, and the Ledges near Boone.

The largest undertaking of the club was being host club for the Iowa State Saddle Club Association's Annual horse show. This was held at the Fair Grounds in Marshalltown in 1978. It took lots of planning and working together.

Some members of each club were riding in the show according to the number of points collected throughout the year by each club at local shows.

The club had a membership of over 50 individuals and family members in the early years. But the club membership has declined in the past several years.

The present officers are: Ken Ross, Pres.; Steve Weuve, Vice-Pres.; Margaret Davis Weuve, Sec./Treas. Board members are: Mike and Barb Evertsen, Al Schrock, Lorraine Davis, Don Clubb, Mike Westphal, and Monte Aman (past president).

THE COUNTRY CLUB

The Country Club met on October 17, 1961, with eight members present. The name came from everyone living in the country. The members decided to meet once a month.

Of the eight charter members, two are still living.

CLEMONS COMMUNITY CLUB

As early records do not exist for the Community Club the beginning of the organization is not known. The Clemons Community Park Association was incorporated August 7, 1920. There is some speculation the Community Club was developed from the Park Association, possibly a branch of businessmen striving to promote the business of the community. Area residents remember "The Smokers" in the late 1920's which were the Community Club meetings. These were monthly meetings for men only and enjoyed by all. An annual banquet was also the main event at this time.

The Community Club made plans for a night ball diamond in April 1934. The "State Center Enterprise"

indicates the project would be financially launched by "popular subscription" or sign-up contributions. The site of the lighted diamond was not decided on in this article. The project was never completed.

In May 1934 a banquet was held in the gym with 80 attending. Membership at this time was 87. Rev. Van Metre, chaplain of the Soldiers Home delivered the address. He stressed the need for people to get back to the simpler things in life. Although legislation will probably help to lighten the burden of the times, Rev. VanMetre encouraged people to work and achieve a more thrifty manner of living. The banquet was enjoyed by all and voted to have again as an annual event.

Many Fourth of July celebrations and other "fun days" were planned by the Community Club. The Chautauquas were also sponsored by the club.

In 1945 the Community Club opened membership to women. Since this time they have had an active role in the organization.

1957 records indicate Community Club striving to promote the local businesses. Today the Community Club is still quite active.

The Community Club celebrated their 50th anniversary March 5, 1970 using the park association date as their beginning. It was held in the Clemons Gymnasium with 147 present. The Women's Fellowship of the Clemons Church served the meal. Frank Lyons of St. Anthony was master of ceremonies with many guests present. The Bryant sisters furnished the music and Sherb Noble of Kankakee, Ill. showed slides of early Clemons. W. A. Armbrecht, retired mayor, and Veron Phillips, present mayor, were recognized.

The Club also was instrumental in sponsoring the National Bi-Centennial in Clemons in 1976, the yearly picnic in the town park, cleaning day for the town of Clemons, up-keep of the Memorial Park, plans for Santa Claus with treats for the youngsters, and the annual Community Club Banquet.

One of the larger projects has been the organization for the town Centennial June 26-27, 1982, with numerous meetings being held. Souvenirs have been ordered and sold including plates, belt buckles, T-shirts, coins, centennial buttons, caps, and stationery. A cook book and a history book are being prepared at the time of this writing.

Officers for 1982 are:

President	Dorothy Christensen
Vice-Pres.	Lois Shives
Sec.-Treas.	Anita Phillips

There are 83 paid members in the organization.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Clemons Community Club was active in organizing social events for the community. Two events typical of this were described in the following articles in the "State Center Enterprise".

July 10, 1930

PLAN FOR CHAUTAUQUA JULY 13-16 AT CLEMONS

Five Programs to be Presented During Four Day Sessions



Flag Girls at the 4th of July celebration

The Clemons Community Club is completing plans for the annual Chautauqua which is to be held July 13 to 16 inclusive at the Clemons Park. A program of fine variety has been secured and interest is being shown in the advance season ticket sale which opens on Saturday morning July 5.

Five big programs are scheduled, one on Sunday afternoon, July 13 and one each evening for the four days. Season tickets are priced at \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children with 50¢ additional charge for reserved seats.

Alexander's Novelty Four will open the Chautauqua with two programs on Sunday afternoon and evening. Each member of the company is an accomplished musician on several different instruments. Mr. Alexander is a noted band master and his company are excellent entertainers, having been favorites in Chautauqua work for a number of years.

On Monday Althea Dominick, style authority, presents a demonstration and entertaining talk on "How to Dress Well on a Moderate Income". Included in the Monday program is the 1930 feature play "The Big Pond", a smashing comedy of love and business. Hundreds of laughs are promised in the play. On Tuesday Zapata's Novelty Troubadours, a company of collegiate Filipinos, will give a south sea island musical program and Capt. S.K. Gudmundson, famous Arctic explorer will deliver a lecture, "Back from Siberia". The lecture is illustrated with lantern slides of actual photographs made by him in the Arctic and is both entertaining and thrilling.

The Misner Players will close the Chautauqua on Wednesday evening with a laugh producing play, "Other People's Business". This is a play of real life and real comedy, with just a few heart kicks and tense dramatic situations which make the play unusual.

H. H. Armbrrecht, Carey Arney, Dr. Noble and Theo. Helmcke are in charge of the advance ticket sale.

September 11, 1930

COMMUNITY DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT CLEMONS SOON

Music, Sports, Ball Games, Will Feature Days Celebration

The town of Clemons and the Clemons neighborhood will hold a Clemons Community Day celebration at the Clemons Park on Saturday, September 20th. Committees of the Community Club are now at work planning the event and a big day is promised.

Music will be furnished all day and evening by the Minerva Band. The day's activities will open with a ball game at 10:00 a.m. between the Clemons grade school and the Lutheran Parochial School with kid's sports and races following the game. A big picnic dinner is scheduled for the noon hour with free coffee furnished.

In the afternoon a program of music and speaking will begin at 1:00 o'clock followed by sports and races for both young and old throughout the afternoon. At 2:00 o'clock there will be a double header ball game between St. Anthony High and Liberty High with Clemons High playing the winners in the second game.

The day will close with a band concert on the Clemons main street in the evening. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the day.