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THE TRAIL OF THE LOVING HEART

Years ago we used head-bands at Club Week—a different color for each Indian Tribe. Stenciled on each head-band was the same design as is used for the border of the cover. All old timers will recognize it. It was the ancient sign for trail. We also interpret the sign to mean "steps" on the upward 4-H Trail.

Maryland, in the early days of her history, was known as the "Sweetheart State." So someone said, "Why not think of Maryland as the Heart H State." Thus the symbol for "heart" was added to that of the "trail."

When Robert Louis Stevenson went to an island in the Pacific to live, his one desire was to have a road cut through the jungle on the island. Then, when he became ill, the natives, who loved him dearly, voluntarily toiled through the hot summer sun to build the road for him. The name which they gave to the road was "The Road of the Loving Heart."

Remembering this story, we began to refer to Maryland's 4-H work as "The Trail of the Loving Heart." This was partly because we put emphasis on the Heart H in all of our 4-H activities, whether they be work or play, for as Kahlil Gibran in "The Prophet" says, "Work is love made visible."

Our 4-H songs have come a long way on the trail from the early "Mule Goes to Hay," to the beautiful songs such as "Dreaming" that Fannie Buchanan has given us. Now we are turning to the folk songs from our friends across the sea, as well, as from our ancestors in the colonial days, to lift us and to widen our vision as we sing together on the Maryland 4-H Trail of the Loving Heart.

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FOREWORD

by

E. G. "DADDY" JENKINS

For many years there have been boys' clubs and girls' clubs of various kinds related to farming and to homemaking. In 1914 the United States Government established an Extension Service in each State (Smith-Lever Law) and provided for work with rural youth. Their clubs were known, in those days, by such titles as Boys' Corn Clubs, Girls' Sewing Clubs, etc. and it was in 1921 or 1922 before the term 4-H Clubs became used, except in a very few places.

The name used at first was 4 Leaf Clover Club, then someone got the idea that Club work should be the development of knowledge, attitudes, skill and health and put an H in each leaf to stand for head, heart, hands and health. Much later came the pledge.

So it was that Club work gradually became thought of as a character building organization as well as a type of demonstration education in homemaking and farming.

Shortly after the turn of the century the Federation of Churches in America developed a very active national youth program, especially for Sunday Schools and one of the really great inspiring youth assemblies, meeting in Wisconsin every summer, developed programs and techniques which were carried over the nation, vitalizing not only religious groups but also permeating all sorts of youth organizations. The YMCA and the YWCA also developed various inspirational devices which we now find used by many groups.

Now it happened that an active Sunday School worker, working his way through college, was sent to the National Sunday School Summer Conference in Wisconsin and caught a vision that has lighted the candles of 4-H folks over the Nation.

When this worker, William H. Kendrick, became State Club Leader in West Virginia, before 4-H was known, he began building his program on a "four-fold life" basis. From Wisconsin he brought the Indian Tribal device with its Council Circle, Indian names, Vigils, the Vesper Service, candle service and the Honor group. He passed on some years ago but is remembered as "Teepi" (his Indian name) by many thousands throughout America, with lasting gratitude.

In those early years local leaders were chosen almost entirely on the basis of their knowledge of the subject to be demonstrated. "Teepi" wanted to develop leaders with vision; youth who, as he said, "had 'grown in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man'"; the "four-fold life." Knowing a few such young people in his State he suggested they organize a small group to work out a plan. Thus the first All Star chapter came into existence. By invitation, a group of West Virginia All Stars came to Maryland Club Week in 1921 and organized the second (Beta)

Chapter. Later chapters were organized in Virginia, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The original idea in West Virginia and in Maryland was that each year the chapter would select for membership a few young men and women, active in 4-H Leadership, widely known over the State for their sterling personal character, high ideals, unselfish service and their ability as leaders as shown in their personality, initiative, sense of duty, willingness to pay the price and build into their lives the qualities by which one acquires leadership.

In the early years very few were chosen by the membership—only those well known to the members. To make the occasion of their selection and dedication to Service impressive, no one outside the All Star Chapter could know who had been chosen until that person was taken by the hand and led into the Circle in the presence of the entire Club Week group at the Consecration Service.

In the early years no club person who strove to join the All Star organization could be selected. Membership was not based on achievement in the projects of Club work but on evidence of a demonstrated purpose and ability for service to others. Qualities being acquired to give worthy service were of first importance. Membership was in no respect an award nor an achievement; it was a consecration and a dedication.

That is just what it is today to every 4-H Club youth chosen if he has come to realize the tremendous need for his unselfish, intelligent service and is coming to have a burning desire to grow in the "four-fold life" to the end that he may give his best to his club, his community and his country all the days of his life.

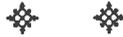
At Club Week (Club Day during war years) many hundreds of 4-H youth witnessed the Consecration Service, when members of the All Stars file in slowly bearing lighted candles, singing "Follow the Gleam" and forming a large circle. They see members leave the Circle, search through the crowd until a newly elected person is found and lead him to the Big Chief. Many hundreds wonder what it all means; how this one or that one was chosen; what he can do to become a member; why he was not chosen.

It would be almost impossible to explain all this but one thing can be definitely pointed out; the Consecration Service is a call to every last one of us to serve the "King of Kings."

Surely every year there are among the crowd those who are growing in the "four-fold life," who hear the call for Service to their fellow men, who will one day dedicate their best efforts to make their communities better places in which to live. And yet no All Star has seen the signs, has happened to think of him, or has been present when the county All Star group considers proposed members. He may see many Consecration Services, never be chosen, but in his heart dedicate himself to the selfsame life purpose. This has happened time and again.

The initial chapters of this history deal with the early beginnings and the development of the 4-H Club All Stars throughout West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia,

and the New England States. Mixed with the romance of the founding of the Maryland All Stars, the philosophy and the history of the organization, its leaders and members since the early days of 1921, and the Ceremonies and Constitutions, the following chapters unfold a story of strength—American strength—that drives democratic nations onward, day after day, to become lands of plenty with equal liberties for all.



DEDICATION

Realizing the importance of his work in the organization and development of the Maryland 4-H Club All Stars, his timely inspirations to us all, his twenty-four years of service to the youth of this State, and his sincerity as a friend and a leader, we, the members of the Maryland Chapter of 4-H Club All Stars proudly dedicate "The History of the Maryland 4-H Club All Stars" to

Edward Garfield Jenkins



"DADDY JENKS"

"No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the soul that makes a man rich. He is rich or poor according to what he is, not according to what he has."

—Henry Ward Beecher

Historical Sketch of
EDWARD GARFIELD JENKINS (LENI LENAPE)
(More widely known, and sometimes known only, as "Daddy Jenks")

My Dad was born on a farm in Prompton, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1873.

As a young boy he gave himself his middle name of Garfield after his favorite President, Garfield. As a man he was given the Indian name Leni Lenape meaning "a little man with a big, tender heart."

He studied at Bloomsburg State Normal School and University of Chicago. He later worked in one of the first gasoline engine factories and demonstrated gasoline engines at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 at a time when gasoline engines were about as new as television is now.

In 1907 Dad returned to his home town in Honesdale, Pennsylvania where he established his own machine shop, primarily engaged in repairing automobiles. But his main interest was in young people. He established one of the first Boy Scout troops and the first Boy Scout gardening project. He became personally acquainted with Dan Beard of Boy Scout fame. He managed to give part of his time to physical education work in the public school. One day when Dad left some very important work in the machine shop to help a boy who had gotten into trouble at school, his mother remarked, "Edward, your interest is in young people, not machines."

When the Boys Working Reserve was established in the Labor Department during World War I he was called to Washington to be the Assistant Director of this wartime job. This work took him all over the country, mobilizing young people to help on farms, producing food and fiber for war production.

In 1919 Dad joined the Extension Service at the University of Maryland as Boys' 4-H Club leader where he remained until his retirement in 1943. It was in this period that he became known as "Daddy Jenks." One of the 400 cards he received one Christmas was addressed "Daddy Jenks," Maryland. This reached Bob Ripley's column and the family thought it was quite a far cry from the letter he received some years before addressed "Professor E. G. Jenkins, Pig Expert, University of Maryland."

But you know the rest of the story better than I because as a kid I knew him as "that man who came around on Sundays."

by

"WO-VI-HO" ("EP" JENKINS, HIS SON.)

ALL-STAR, WEST VIRGINIA, 1926

Historical Sketches of the State 4-H Club Leaders

DOROTHY EMERSON



"We-He-Tonga"

"A big sister to boys and girls who are no blood relation"

FROM:

The stern and rock-bound coast of New England

Massachusetts

John Alden and Priscilla

Puritans—"who placed exceeding value in education, and were fervent in their religious faiths"

A grandfather who traveled abroad with a singing troupe to give command performances for royalty

A father who was a Boy Scout leader and school principal

Camp counseling from 1908 when camps were just starting

Graduation from Framingham in "Household Arts"

Summers at Columbia and Dartmouth

Teaching in Boston Public Schools and Kimball Union Academy, New
Hampshire
Extension work in New Hampshire in 1917
County 4-H Club Agent in Sussex County, Delaware

To:

MARYLAND in 1923, where ever since the "stern and rock-bound coast" has been receding by leaps and bounds, because right from the start she was "Big Sis," "Dot," "Tonga" (Indian name given her by Lenapi). The only thing we will still concede to New England is the "R's" where they shouldn't be, and no "R's" where they should be.

She has gone from the sublime to the "sublime" in Maryland: How many can remember her at camps in the old days, standing over us with a flit gun enforcing rest periods? This year, she's passing out prints of an article she found somewhere which plainly insinuates that Rest Periods are of practically no value at a camp, except to the counselors who need the time to "get a page ahead of the kids" so to speak!

Farm homes in Maryland are few and far between where she cannot walk in with a casual "Hi", and everyone moves over to make a place for her at the table. Tables laden with lovely red strawberries, homemade pies or cakes or ice cream are the favorites of course—but what Maryland farm table is without same??

But she always more than pays her way—she "looks up, and laughs, and loves, and lifts"—lifts us all toward where she walks on the Upward Trail,—singing, singing . . .

by

Chan-te-su-ta
(Of the faithful heart)



MYLO SNAVELY DOWNEY

"Akit-Ka-Ogima"

Mylo S. Downey was born in Washington County near Williamsport, Maryland, August 8, 1904.

He was active in 4-H Club work in his community until he graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1922.

He received his B. S. degree from the College of Agriculture, University of Maryland in 1927 and his M. A. in 1940.

He is a member of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity; Epsilon Sigma Phi, Extension Service fraternity; and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is also affiliated with Beltsville Grange, Future Farmers of America, and the College Park Rotary Club.

Mylo began his career as vocational agriculture teacher at Thurmont High School in 1927. He was one of the first assistant county agents appointed in Maryland and his first post was in Allegany County 1929 to 1935. He also assisted with 4-H Club work in Washington and Carroll Counties during this period. He was appointed Assistant State Boys' Club Agent in 1935 and held this position until 1943 when he became State Boys' Club Leader.

He has a host of friends all over Maryland, the United States, and England. Mylo never tries to make friends; he is always just his own friendly, kindly, helpful and happy self.

That, and his capacity for hard work, his safe and sound judgment, his ability as an organizer and leader have influenced the growth and the popularity of 4-H Boys' Club work.

His Indian name indicates our appreciation of these abilities: Akit-Ka-Ogima a "dependable chief—leader".

Mylo is really "a great big All Star" in more ways than one.



W. SHERARD WILSON

Born April 14, 1907.

Reared in Howard County.

Completed B. S. degree in Agricultural Education at the University of Maryland in 1932.

Member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and Epsilon Sigma Phi fraternity.

Temporary assistant county agent in Howard County 1934.

Taught vocational agriculture at Baden High School, Prince Georges County 1935-37.

Assistant county agent in Harford County 1937-43.

Worked at University of Maryland Farm Labor Board for six months prior to entering Army.

Enlisted U. S. Army August, 1943.

Served as IRTC Platoon Sergeant and Rifle Instructor until September 1945.

Honorably discharged September 29, 1945.

Returned to University of Maryland as Assistant State Boys' Club Leader, November 1, 1945, serving in that capacity at present time.

Married to Lucy Selby September 1938.

Interest—Hobbies, Photography, Rifle Marksmanship.

His hobbies indicate the sort of man Sherard Wilson is—a straight shooter. Yes, he is that in every thing he thinks and does. Watch him take a picture; he takes pains to get every detail just right. Same thing as he looks after a thousand things at Club Week, Timonium Fair or wherever he finds a responsibility.

And Sherard is the same honest, efficient, conscientious man in his daily life. In a very real way he naturally lives the All Star motto "Service" as few of us can do by self discipline.

