1949

Big Chief: Earl Crouse
Lesser Chief: Betty Beachy
Scribe: Roxie Montgomery
Medicine Man: Carl Feucht Jr.
Scout: John Grier

Camp Tockwagh in Kent County was the site of a wet and rainy Spring Conference of the Maryland 4-H All Stars. Miss Hennie Hansen of Denmark was the guest and spoke of life among 4-H boys and girls in her native country. For four months during the summer, Oscar Schmidt represented the State of Maryland as an I.F.Y.E. ambassador to the young people and farmers of Holland. I.F.Y.E., the International Farm Youth Exchange, was initiated in 1948 to develop leadership among American farm youth, to contribute to a better understanding of world problems, and to provide a chance for farm youths of many countries to exchange experiences.

Fall Conference was held at Mountain Lake Hotel, Mountain Lake, Maryland. Mrs. Ruth Linn spoke on "Understanding Ourselves in Order to Understand our Children". On the evening of August 12, the first copy of the 4-H All Star History was presented to Edward Garfield "Daddy Jenks" Jenkins, at the Consecration Service. The History was dedicated to Daddy Jenks. The Consecration Service was adopted as revised.

This year's Interstate 4-H All Star Conference, held at the State 4-H Camp, Jacksons Mills, West Virginia, from September 30 to October 2, included dedication of a small stone shrine to William H. "Teepi" Kendrick. Fourteen Marylanders attended the Conference, which included a 30th Anniversary celebration by the West Virginia All Stars.

THE 1949 FALL CONFERENCE ALL STAR GROUP

MT. LAKE PARK, MARYLAND

1950

Big Chief: Turner Timberlake
Lesser Chief: John Grier
Scribe: Martha Lumpkin
Medicine Man: James Moxley, Jr.
Scout: Lois Sauter

An inspiring message by Miss Dorothy Emerson opened our Spring Conference for 1950, at Vindobona Hotel, Braddock Heights, Maryland on May 20-21. Keynote speaker, Marquis W. Childs, a noted radio news analyst, newspaper columnist, world traveler and author, spoke on "The Family in Relation to the Community". He reminded All Stars that the freedoms of speech, worship, and assembly were necessary for the development of a strong family, a strong community, and honest, effective government. "We must enlarge our concept of the family to include the community, our country, and the entire world." Daddy Jenks presence made the Conference complete. He thanked the organization for all the work done in publishing the History of the All Stars and dedicating it to his honor. Muriel Arabian, Lesser Chief of the Rhode Island All Stars, and James D. Preskorn, Chief of the West Virginia All Stars, were pleasant additions to the Conference. Virginia and West Virginia were invited to attend Club Week, with one representative's expenses paid by our group.

Hotel Rigby, Betterton, Maryland, was the site of the Fall Conference, September 16-17. Procedures for installation of Officers and a revised nomination form were accepted. A program on WBAL radio was presented explaining what 4-H All Stars are all about.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island hosted the Interstate 4-H All Star Conference this year in Newport, Rhode Island, held October 6-8. Highlights included a visit to "The Breakers", the former home of Cornelius Vanderbilt, to enjoy its architectural grandeur.

1950

ALL STAR SPRINGTIME

I like this Hill-Top rendezvous, don't you?
It's funny, how the same ones come each time.
At first, they come to find a girl, a man.
Some do! And then they both come back as one.
Folks leave their kids, their jobs, their farms, to come.

It's smart to get away a bit, like this,
To see the wide horizon valley view.
Our problems seem to melt away like mist,
Life seems so simple here -- such rest and peace.
The vision comes again to serve mankind.

We've business to discuss that's challenging.
Respect the thoughts that come to you in life.
Each one must give, to be in tune with all.
But let the giving come from "listening",
Then petty issues drop away -- Truth wins.

I wonder what new friend I'll make this time.
Just friend by friend we mold eternity.
The hours will slip away too soon -- too soon.
For most of you,there'll be no night I fear!
Have fun and make the most of Hill-Top days.

There's need for All Star spirit every day.
The place we fill is part of a great plan.
No human standard measures what we give
But give we must, in some small way, to live.
We have to "follow through" to see the dawn.

---Dorothy Emerson

1951

Big Chief: John Grier
Lesser Chief: Martha Lumpkins
Scribe: Mary K. Wills
Medicine Man: James R. Moxley Jr.
Scout: Lois Sauter

The 1951 Spring Conference at Rocks, Maryland, included a banquet program at which Dr. Glenn C. Dildine of the University of Maryland spoke on "What Makes Us Tick".

There seemed to be some thoughts of disbanding the All Stars at this time, that the organization had served its purposes. Miss Emerson replied, "All Stars is a withinness. To each one it holds its own idealism. Each individual is free to live it out according to his or her own understanding -- as each Christian is free to do, whether within the Church or as a non-Churchgoer." Daddy Jenks added, "An organization such as the All Stars is more neede now than ever before. It can do these things: (1) provide rich fellowship (2) uphold morals (3) broaden horizons (4) stimulate higher aspirations. Times are changing and we must change with them."

The University of Tennessee Memorial Stadium, Knoxville, Tennessee, was the scene of the Interstate All Star Conference. Guest speaker was Mr. R. W. Moore, Vice director, Agriculture Extension Service. In his speech, "4-H All Star Opportunities for Service", he urged 4-H All Stars to encourage the younger generation to stay on the farms. "New methods of farming need to be employed, good leadership encouraged. We have the duty of developing trustworthiness, righteousness, and sportsmanship.

Visits to Great Smoky Mountain National Park and Oak Ridge Atomic Bomb Center, capital of the world's peacetime atomic energy development, were highlights of the Conference.

This year, the Maryland 4-H All Stars celebrated their 30th Anniversary with a pageant, "The Lighted Train of the Loving Heart". Presented at the annual 4-H week, it told the history and purpose of the All Stars and explained the motto, Service. A member of the I.F.Y.E. delegation from Scotland was taken in as an Honorary member.

1952

Big Chief: Martha Lumpkins
Lesser Chief: James R. Moxley Jr.
Scribe: Lois Sauter
Medicine Man: Clifton Giddings
Scout: Ada Lee Ford

"Sharing Experiences - Our Ifyes and Others" was the theme and Camp Tockwagh the site of this year's Spring Conference. The "five glorious days" at 4-H Club Week continue to be a great part of All Star participation and each year brings happy memories of service and new acquaintances.

Maryland was host for this year's Interstate All Star Conference on September 12-14 at Carval Hall, Annapolis. Enjoying a tour of the Naval Academy were 167 delegates from seven states. They heard Daddy Jenks say, "Good thoughts come from the heart and mind, and these thoughts are to be identified with the power of God. I'm nothing except that which flows through me. Our aim is to be dedicated for service, to find time to dedicate ourselves to worthwhile living. These are some of the good things left for us to carry on with. Service means saying kind and gentle things all day long, in the home and on the street".

Our Governor, Theodore R. McKeldin, honored us with his presence, and presented Sue Nottingham, Chairman of the Conference, with an etching of the Maryland State House.

At Fall Conference, it was voted that a member shall acquire a life membership for twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, which may be paid in one lump sum.

1953

Big Chief: James Moxley Jr.
Lesser Chief: Jimmy Clark
Scribe: Anne Lee Mudd
Medicine Man: Ralph Eskridge
Scout: Dorothy Jones

After a lull of two years, it was wonderful to see "The Trail" reappear.

June 6 and 7 saw us at Hotel Plimhimmon in Ocean City. In "Working Together for World Understanding", our Ifye delegates gave interesting reports on their experiences in their host countries. Ruth Akehurst Kavanaugh reported on Denmark, Oscar Schmidt on Holland, Amy Fry on Switzerland, Stewart Young on France, and Tom Giddings on Mexico. Understanding is the foundation of world peace, only by understanding our foreign friends on the family level can we build nations that will eventually understand on all levels.

At the National 4-H Club breakfast held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., March 9, Janice Anzulovic was featured soloist.

Dr. J. M. Givin, Director of Extension, University of Maryland, was guest speaker at Fall Conference, September 19 and 20 at Point Lookout, Maryland.

Interstate Conference was held August 14-16 in Boston, Massachusetts.

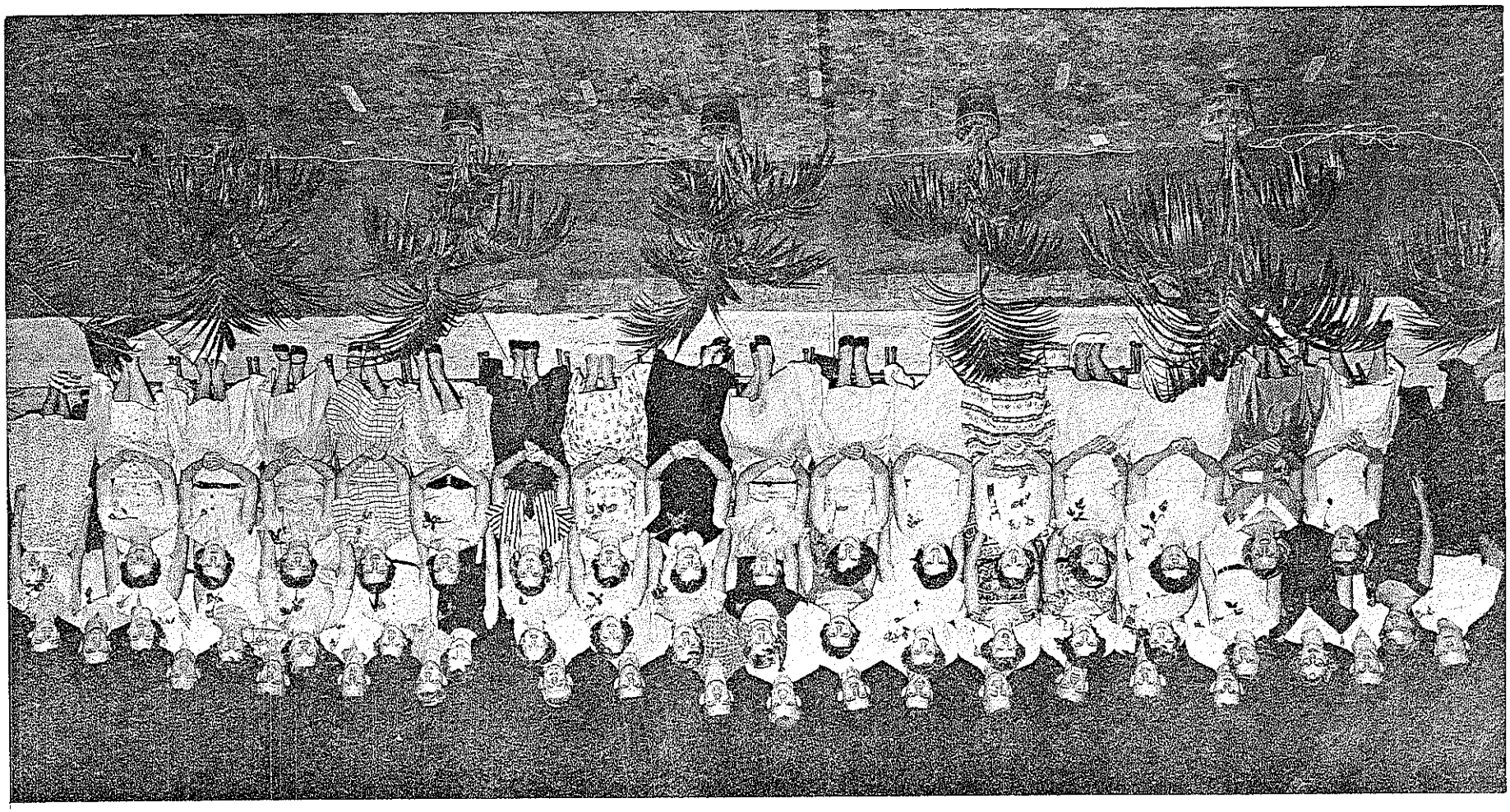
1954

Big Chief: James Moxley Jr.
Lesser Chief: James Clark
Scribe: Anne Lee Mudd
Medicine Man: Ralph Eskridge
Scout: Dorothy Jones

Spring Conference was again held at Plimhimmon Hotel, Ocean City, June 19-20. Mr. Calvin Johnson was the speaker.

On August 24, at Club Week, the Maryland Lodge of a Thousand Council Circle was closed after the usual evening program.

Mr. Chester C. Long, associate 4-H Club and Y.M.W. leader, U.S.D.A., spoke at Fall Conference, held this year at Francis Scott Key Hotel, Frederick, Maryland, on September 11 and 12. There were tours of historic points of interest.



1955

Big Chief: Dave Jenkins
Lesser Chief: Charles St. Clair
Scribe: Eleanor Lindeman
Medicine Man: Mary Lee Parker
Scout: Bill Sutton

The Harford County 4-H Camp was the scene of the 1955 Spring Conference on May 15 and 16. We had, as our speaker, Rev. John A. Baden, Rector of St. James Church of my Lady's Manor. Our dear Dorothy Emerson also spoke.

Dorothy Keller was this year's I.F.Y.E. delegate to France.

Fall Conference was held at Fort Cumberland Hotel, Cumberland, Maryland, the 1st and 2nd of October. It was noted that our Constitution states that active membership may be conferred upon 4-H club members or former 4-H club members currently engaged in club work past the age of twenty-one.

ALL STARS

The more an idea approaches the place where each individual is free to interpret it individually, the more true meaning the idea will have for that individual. No one ever bothers to make the All Stars, in itself, anything particular. It just drifts along, sometimes with a good Chief, sometimes with a poor one. It does not matter. Because all the ideals are not set up in material language and symbols and reiterated constantly like a meaningless chant -- the All Stars becomes ideal in the heart of each person who belongs, or who considers it from an outside viewpoint. Like one of the Negro men agents who said to 4-Hers, "You bring your vesper with you in your own heart". So, you bring your All Stars with you -- each member -- and it means one's own idealism -- one's own withinness".

If we should try to make the All Stars mean the same thing to all by formalizing its regular meetings soon it would become an empty material shell losing its function of existing as a symbol of an idea (or ideas) which is essentially spiritual.

--- Dorothy Emerson

1956

Big Chief: Dave Jenkins
Lesser Chief: Charles St. Clair
Scribe: Lillian Arnold
Medicine Man: Clauson Smoot
Scout: Bill Sutton

This year, William G. Baker (1948) and Walter Harmsen (1940) were awarded Alumni Recognition plaques on January 2nd. These plaques, provided by Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation of Baltimore, are bestowed annually for outstanding 4-H club leaders who themselves were active club members.

At this year's National 4-H Club Congress, Turner Timberlake (1939) spoke at a dinner celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Westinghouse scholarship, of which he was one of the first three winners.

The Rocks, in Harford County, was the setting of the Spring Conference, May 19-20, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Consideration was given to the taking in of more nominees from the larger counties, and the possible future renomination of those candidates unable to attend the Consecration service.

Twenty-eight Marylanders attended this year's Interstate Conference, held September 21-23 at Jacksons Mills, West Virginia.

It was with heavy heart that we informed our members of the passing of Daddy Jenks on June 9. "We have lost a great friend but he has left us with a challenge which would be the only tribute he would ask from us -- a challenge to so broaden our vision and, springing from a deep love of mankind, our efforts and thoughtful living would become a creative influence throughout the country. Then, perhaps we as individuals and as an All Star Chapter will have so lived that our best will be made better, and his faith in us will have been justified."

EDWARD G. JENKINS

"DADDY JENKS"

1873 - 1956

"Work is love made visible"

EDWARD GARFIELD JENKINS

(More widely known, and sometimes known only, as "Daddy Jenks")

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. 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 the University of Chicago and later worked in one of the first gasoline engine factories. In 1907 after returning to his home town in Honesdale, Pa., he established his own machine shop. This is when he began his long career with young people. He organized one of the first Boy Scout troops and the first Boy Scout gardening project and also managed to give part of his time to physical education work in the public school.

One day when Daddy Jenks left some very important work in the machine shop to help a lad 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. He received a letter from President Wilson, praising him for his work. When the war ended he was offered jobs with the National Federation of Boys Clubs and the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts. He apparently had vision of a new challenge in the more embryo existence of the organization of young people on farms ---- the 4-H Clubs, for that became his life for the next twenty-four years until he retired at age 70.

Daddy Jenks' life with the 4-H Clubs wasn't a job, nor was it "his work". He seemed to fit into a needed niche and there he grew. The 4-H Club work in Maryland is an institution which is, in truth, the lengthened shadow of this one man. He imbued it with an idealism that has left its indelible imprint upon myriads of Maryland boys and girls who have listened throughout the years to his inspirational camp-fire talks and have been guided by his fatherly advice and encouragement in times of doubt and despair.

Daddy Jenks always felt the outstanding All Stars are those who are endowed with the power of love, consecration, patience, and deeper understanding. "*He that loseth his life shall find it.*" "*No greater love hath a man for his friend than he lay down his life* (the pattern of his life) *for his friend.*"

"AS A MAN THINKETH SO HE IS"

EXCERPTS FROM
DEDICATION SERVICE

Daddy Jenks often referred to the poem including the line *"'Tis the torch that the people follow whoever the bearer be."* In essence this is true, but the torch flames a little brighter when carried by a man like Daddy Jenks.

The stones are rounded and smooth---symbolic of the young people whom Daddy Jenks took as rough stones, smoothed them out and guided to a well rounded life. He surely had the gift to pass over all the foolish and frivolous and weak things that to him appeared dimly, and for drawing out into the light all the beautiful radiant qualities that no one else had looked quite far enough to find.

This is a fitting memorial---for Daddy Jenks often felt the overpowering need of withdrawing to a place of quietness. How often he has taken you or I off to such a spot to talk things over, to learn what we were thinking, what we were like.

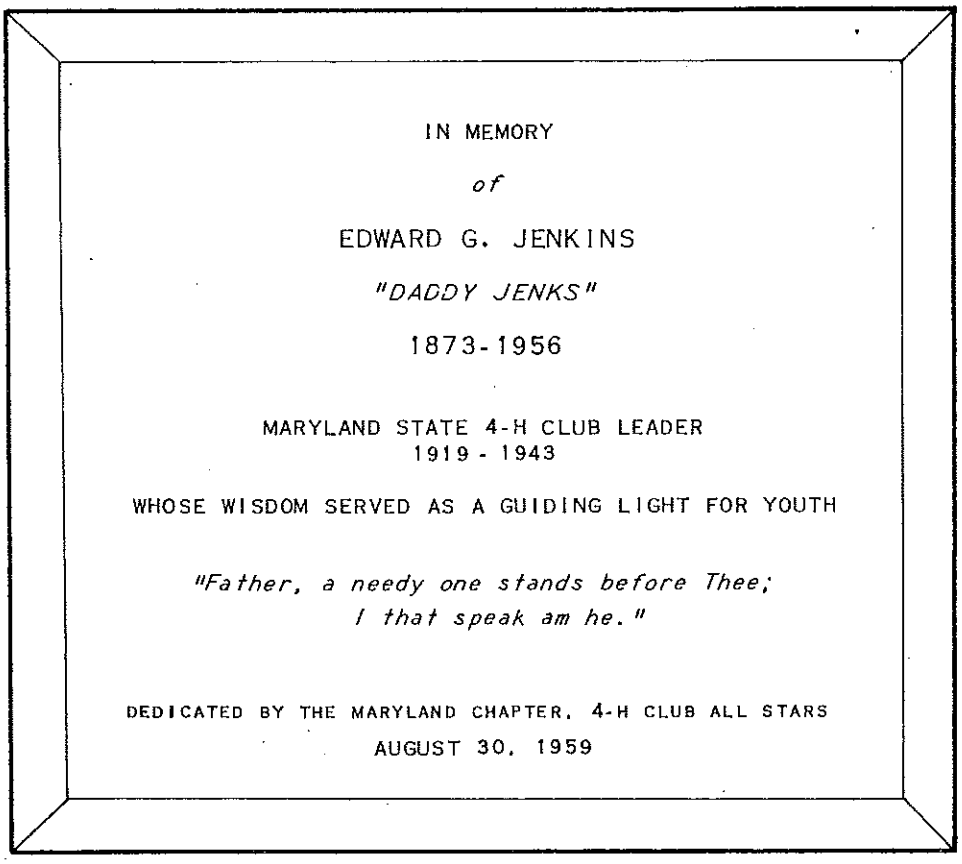
God is always here, is he not? And surely the *commission* is here----the commission to love our fellow men, to be of Service to each other and to striving 4-H'ers, to make the world a bit more beautiful because we have lived in it. Is not this place, then, on which we stand today, *Holy* ground?

To each he was something different. Each of us is different because we knew him.

In this drawing apart, we, too, will gain the strength, the courage, the faith and the power to take our places again in this busy world. *"Be still and know that I am God."* It is in prayer that we get through to God; it is in silence that God gets through to us.

Not even hoping that the folks who use this spot in a new generation or even ten years from now will know what was said here today, we pray that those of us who are here will "

"GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE!"



MEMORIAL PLAQUE

DEDICATION

of

"DADDY JENKS" MEDITATION AREA

by

THE MARYLAND CHAPTER, 4-H CLUB ALL STARS

AUGUST 30, 1959

The Blackhall Memorial 4-H Scholarship Fund is now fully established and loans will be available for the Fall college term. The directors are Martha Lumpkin, Charles St. Clair, Mary Lee Parker, and Dave Jenkins. All funds from life memberships ($25.00) are placed in the scholarship fund.

This year, the Maryland 4-H Dairy Judging team won the International Dairy Judging contest. Patsy Messer placed third in judging.

Fall Conference, October 20-21, was held at Betterton, Maryland. Speaking was Rev. Edwin Reter, pastor of Glyndon Methodist Church, Glyndon. A memorial fund was established for Daddy Jenks. It was decided to place a sundial on the grounds of the National 4-H Center with a suitable plaque as a memorial to Daddy Jenks.

Anita King represented 4-Hers across the country on the opening program in June of the American Home Economics Association in Washington. Her 4-H club work created an interest in home economics as a life's work.

It was lots of fun for Walter Schmidt, our Ifye to Austria, going "Windowtapping at 9:30 P.M., talking one and one-half hours to Mary".

Miss Lucy was presented with a life membership in the Maryland chapter of 4-H Club All Stars.

Merle Howes became a State 4-H club agent on December 1 at Amherst University in Massachusetts.

This Indenture made this 19th day of May, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six, is executed for the express purpose of establishing and constituting a Trust Fund to be known as BLACKHALL MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP FUND and which Trust Fund shall be an integrate part of the organization known as The Maryland Chapter of 4-H All Stars, and which Fund shall be administered by a Scholarship Fund Committee and the Trustees who shall act in connection with as hereinafter set forth.

This Scholarship Committee shall act in accordance with the regulations of such committee hereinafter set forth, and said Trust Funds shall be administered by Trustees duly elected as hereinafter set forth and for the ensuing year, shall be as follows:

Chairman:	Charles W. St Clair
Vice-Chairman:	David F. Jenkins
Secretary:	Martha Morris
Treasurer:	Mary Lee Parker
State 4-H Club Agent:	W. Sherard Wilson

REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES OF THE 4-H CLUB ALL STAR SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATIVE BODY

The 4-H Club Scholarship Fund Committee shall consist of five (5) members, four of which shall be elected from the membership of the Maryland 4-H All Stars, the fifth being the Maryland State 4-H Club Leader or his representative.

The four 4-H All Star Committee members shall serve for a term of four consecutive years with one new 4-H All Star member being elected each year upon completion of each tern. The initial four members shall serve for terms of two, four, three and one year, respectively. Each new member shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Maryland Chapter of 4-H All Stars and presented to the membership for election.

DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the 4-H Club Scholarship Fund Committee to annually elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer during the first meeting held after election of a new member. These offices shall be held only by elected 4-H All Star members.

The prime purpose of the 4-H Club Scholarship Fund Committee shall be to administer the funds deposited with the Scholarship Committee as follows:

(1) Provide funds to loan to Maryland 4-H Club members or former members to be used for resident instruction in an institution of higher learning.

(2) Discharge expenses and obligations incurred by the Committee as required.

(3) All checks must be signed by two officers of the Scholarship Committee.

(4) Collect money loaned and interest thereon when due.

(5) Yearly interest shall be charged at the rate of two percent (2%) per annum as hereinafter set forth.

The 4-H Club Scholarship Fund Committee shall be responsible for assuming any and all legal actions which may be involved, shall review, investigate and approve, reject or adjust all loan applications, shall prepare and provide the necessary forms to applicants for loans and shall carry on such correspondence and activities necessary for the proper functioning of the Committee.

An annual report shall be prepared in proper form and submitted to the Maryland Chapter of 4-H All Stars at the annual meeting held on the weekend prior to the Maryland State 4-H Club Week.

DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the 4-H Club Scholarship Fund Committee shall be responsible for the following duties:

1. To call and preside at all Committee meetings.
2. Prepare and present the Annual Report to the Maryland Chapter of 4-H All Stars as stated previously.

DUTIES OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

The duties of the Vice Chairman shall be to assume all the powers and duties of the Chairman during his absence.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

1. Take care of all necessary correspondence for proper functioning of the Committee.
2. Maintain minutes of all meetings.
3. Present all applications for loans to the Committee.
4. Keep in proper order, all records, correspondence, and applications for loans.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

1. Receive, disburse and account for all funds available to the Fund.
2. Collect and be responsible for all monies due.
3. Notify Committee Chairman of all defaults or non-payments of collections or monies receivable.

ADMINISTRATION OF FUND

Total loans to any individual shall not exceed One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars, until such time as the total fund reaches an amount of One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars, after which time the total amount loaned any individual shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty ($250.00) Dollars.

A standard form of application for loan shall be devised and each applicant shall be required to submit complete information. Loans shall be available to undergraduate students only. No loan shall be made for a period in excess of one year.

Interest shall be at the rate of two percent (2%) per annum until the time of graduation or upon withdrawal from school. One year after graduation or withdrawal from school, the interest rate shall automatically be advanced to the rate of six percent (6%) per annum.

Upon request, and payment of interest at two percent (2%), the loan shall be renewed for an additional period of one year, but not to exceed the time limit as set forth herewith. No loan shall be renewed to exceed a period of two years after graduation or withdrawal from school.

The undersigned (and/or their successors in office) do hereby declare themselves to be bound by the above provisions until such time as any of the above provisions may be amended or enlarged upon by the Maryland Chapter of 4-H All Stars. The Trustees above mentioned do likewise execute this agreement for the express purpose of accepting said Trust and the duties imposed upon them.

CHARLES W. St. CLAIR
DAVID F. JENKINS
MARY LEE PARKER
ELEANOR LINDEMAN
MARTHA MORRIS
WILLIAM SUTTON
W. SHERARD WILSON

1957

Big Chief: Dave Jenkins
Lesser Chief: Charles St. Clair
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Scout: Bill Sutton

At the annual Farm Bureau's gathering in Baltimore, Brunhilde Seidel was spotlighted as banquet speaker.

Peggy Pfefferkorn enjoyed new experiences as an Ifye to Sweden. Margery Fry is having a wonderful time in Japan and says, "It is very different, but most interesting."

The Hilltop House in Harper's Ferry was the scene of this year's Spring Conference from May 18 to 19. Kathleen Moore Raver brought thoughts about our motto at the banquet.

At a dinner in Baltimore, George Stouffer and his family were honored as one of the four Maryland Master Farm families by the Progressive Farm Magazine.

The Trail of the Loving Heart symbol was used on the pre-Club Week issue of the Trail to encourage more to come to the pre-Club Week Conference. The symbol is used on club week trails. The five glorious days keeps getting larger and there is an enormous amount of work to be done in advance to help in the increasingly enriched programs offered to the 4-H boys and girls. Billie Howes will again be conducting the Club Week pageant at the University of Maryland.

Many of our All Stars are serving in the Armed Forces and are scattered throughout the world.

The 1957 Interstate was held at Hotel Viking, Newport, Rhode Island, September 27-29. Many enjoyed the walking tours. Mylo Downey, former 4-H club member, State club leader, and Federal Extension Service representative, spoke on "The Challenge Still Holds". "As the population is increasing, is our membership moving as rapidly? All Stars are needed to sell the idea of 4-H at every opportunity.

1. Hitch yourself to a great idea and it will make you great.
2. Initiate ideas not put to work as nothing but idle dreams.
3. Inspire younger club members.

In his concluding remarks, he said "Service is not labor. It is love made free to put into motion the best in you and me."

At Fall Conference on October 5 and 6, Maryland All Stars were asked to play an active part in developing 4-H clubs in their communities.

1958

Big Chief: Charles St. Clair
Lesser Chief:
Scribe:
Medicine Man: Bill Sutton
Scout:

Camp Woodbine in Howard County was the scene of Spring Conference, May 17-18. Many activities for fun and recreation were available.

Oscar and Walter Schmidt had an Ifye, Heribert Strommer from Austria, visiting them for three weeks this spring.

Our chapter played an active part in developing a State 4-H Club Foundation.

Initiation of the Key Award program began this year.

At the Interstate held in Knoxville, Tennessee, a tour of the Great Smoky Mountains was enjoyed by all and topped off with an enjoyable chicken barbeque after an assembly at Gatlinburg Auditorium. Mary Cunningham, West Virginia's Big Chief, gave an interesting talk on "History and Philosophy of 4-H All Stars". Fall Conference was held at Carval Hall, Annapolis, October 4 and 5.

SERVICE

Dorothy Emerson

1958

This morning was just like any other morning probably. You took the day for granted, unless you knew Grace Nell Crowell's poem:

The day will bring some lovely thing
I say it over each new day
Some gay adventurous lovely thing
To hold against my heart when it is gone.

This day has held for some of you the experience of being tapped to become a member of Maryland's 4-H All Star group. For others, it has held a renewal of such memories in the past.

"What does it mean?" you are asking yourselves.

Noone can answer that for you -- ever. I cannot say to you the same things I said to last year's group because it already has different meanings for me.

An early philosopher said, "You cannot step into the same river twice". And, of course, you cannot. The river is constantly moving, flowing on. Life is like that. You will never be the same person again that you are right now. Noone who comes in contact with you will ever be the same for when one life touches another at any given moment, there is always change.

In the 1920s, in the early days of Club Week, Daddy Jenks brought to Maryland from West Virginia the All Star idea. The first year we charted members, gave them tests for dexterity of hand and mind, health tests. Then, we dropped the testing and charting. I think Daddy Jenks saw that the world is full of efficient people, that schools are turning out products of what is called the educated mind. The Heart "H" of 4-H is in need of the greatest development. It's sort of like, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven" and you won't have to do much else. It will all come along in the same package.

I worked with Daddy Jenks for many years. I think his idea of what the word SERVICE means was constantly changing. I find it does for me. His idea was way beyond and above the thought of just running errands or waiting on someone hand and foot. Service and the word Love were synonymous in Daddy Jenks' vocabulary.

In Henry Drummond's book, The Greatest Thing in the World, we read, "Do you know the meaning of the word, gentleman? It means a gently man, a man who does things gently with love. The gentleman cannot in the nature of things do an ungentlemanly thing. You can put the most untutored persons into the highest society and if they have a reservoir of love in their hearts, they cannot behave themselves unseemly. They simply cannot do it."

I could wish that the All Stars had money enough to buy for each new member a small copy of this little book. For 35 years, we have been giving a copy to every 4-H boy and girl representing Maryland on a National or Interstate trip. You can read it hundreds of times and always find a new interpretation, new ideas about love and service.

We are on the wrong track thinking service means just doing things for certain people. Some people you can do too much for. They are ungrateful, just expect you to keep on feeding their selfishness and vanity. Then there is as much love and service in the withholding. Doing a job someone else should be doing for themselves is not service, however self-righteous we may feel to be doing it. There again there is as much service in the refusal to help.

One friend said to me, "To be willing to accept service is service". Fifteen-year-old Nancy offered to help her brother this week. With what she thought was all the sincerity in the world, she wanted to help him. "Oh, go get lost" said her brother. And what a service he was doing Nancy in saying that. Nancy may learn early in life what I'm just beginning to learn, NOT TO TRY SO HARD TO HELP. It often looks like you think you are better or smarter than others when you offer to help someone.

Some of us learn this the hard way, but we do learn! There are many people who resent us, dislike us, don't want us around to serve or help them. Then, the best thing we can do, too, is to get lost. Noone can tell you what service means. You have to figure it out for yourself. But, do learn, for love is still the greatest thing in the world.

A little boy said to his mother, "Mother, do you know why I like you?" "No dear, why?" "Because you don't fool with my blocks". So, they also serve who stand and wait while another learns to build his own blocks. One of Roget's synonyms for service is to stand by. Parents know how difficult this type of service is. It would be so much easier to do it yourself. "What is that to thee? Follow thous me." said Jesus when someone was concerned about how someone else was or was not doing something.

Right now, that's my highest sense of love or service. Tomorrow, I hope I'll know more. To permit another to work out his own salvation at his own rate of speed is service that calls for the highest understanding of love. I'm not there, but it's a goal.

The world is full of self-righteous Christians who know exactly how another should act, what they should say and do. These Christians are sure if they were in the other fellow's shoes, they could do better.

Daddy Jenks designed a headband for all Tribe members years ago. It stood for the idea, the Trail of the Loving Heart. Once in history Maryland was known as the Sweetheart State. So, Daddy Jenks put a heart among the symbols that stood for the Indians' idea of the Trail. He called it the Beauty Trail, and that was the Indians' way of saying, Walk ye in it.

In Jenks own handwriting, I have his letter to me in which he says, "At first we thought of pig clubs, corn clubs, clothing clubs, and food clubs. Noone spoke of the Heart "H" as meaning loyalty to God, to self, to home, and to club. Love was no part of club work, yet to me it seemed the first and most important part.

And so, tonight, for service, I think of it as meaning as to work on yourself. To bring out the divinity of one's self in every little thing, to love the home where you live, the farm, the office where you work, to face each new day as THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF MY LIFE, as indeed it is. TO LOVE ALL THINGS GREAT AND SMALL. Drummond says of Robert Burns, the ploughman poet, "It was because he loved everything, the mouse, and the daisy, and all things great and small, that God had made. So with this simple passport, he could mingle with any society and enter courts and palaces from his little cottage".

THOU SHALT LOVE THEY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. Isn't it funny that unless you love yourself, respect yourself, take care of your health, and your grooming and your daily tasks, that you can't love anyone or anything else. As you treat yourself, you are bound to treat all else. Service is to begin with self, for how can you give if you do not value what you have to give? How can you serve if you think you are no good, of no account, don't know anything?

If we know anything whatsoever about love, just that much do we know about service. Washing dishes, scrubbing floors, Service? Yes. Cleaning out chicken and barn buildings, service? Yes. Helping another to find his own abilities, service? Yes.

I wish I had known ten days ago what I have recently had to learn, but that is life. LEARN and LEARN and KEEP ON LEARNING. To love, often may mean to punish, to be hard on someone. We do not take criminals to the Statler Hotel. We do not give our children money as a reward for doing wrong. We spank them in whatever language it takes for them to understand. Love, said a teenage boy, is not soft like water, but hard like a rock, on which the waves of hatred beat in vain.

Tho I speak with the tongues of men and angels and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Music starts climbing Jacob's ladder. If you love him, why not serve him!

1959

Big Chief: Charles St. Clair

Lesser Chief: Bill Sutton

Scribe: Lorraine Gover

Medicine Man: Mary Ruth Meredith

Scout: Charles Linthicum

Hill Top Ranch in Colora, Cecil County, was the scene of the Spring Conference the 16th and 17th of May. Due to Big Chief Charles St. Clair's hospitalization, Lesser Chief Bill Sutton presided.

On our tour of Conowingo Hydroelectric Plant, our theme "Look Up" was acutely felt when we looked up to the power of nature and the power of water and as we looked up to the stars and heavenly bodies at Spitz Laboratories Planetarium in Yorklyn, Delaware. A conference highlight was an "All Stars Capers Minstrel Show" given by All Stars of Cecil, Harford, Talbot and Kent counties. Sunday inspirational was provided by Rev. Donald McKnight -- "Look up to God".

Interstate was held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland, on August 27-30th. "Here Today" was the theme. Howard County conducted the vesper service with the theme, "Our talents -- Use them"; square dancing was provided by Eben C. Jenkins. A tour of Beltsville National Agriculture Research Center was taken. After dinner, Dr. Albin A. Kuhn, Executive Vice President of the University of Maryland addressed the group ("Looking Ahead") and then a relaxing cruise on the Potomac was available for those who desired and those preferring sports watched the New York Yankees trounce the Washington Senators. Saturday included a tour of the Nation's Capital, and

the dedication of a memorial to "Daddy Jenks" on August 30th.

In 1959, the Blackhall Student Loan Fund reached $1,000.00.

Bea Pfefferkorn was selected as one of eight National 4-H Club Alumni Award winners. Fall Conference at the National 4-H Center saw the realization of a dream with the creation of the Maryland 4-H Foundation. This year also marked the first time a mother and daughter were taken into the All Stars in the same year. Mina Suit was brought in as a regular member and her mother, Mrs. Morris Suit, as an honorary member.