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YEARBOOK
For
HOME EXTENSION STUDY CLUBS

Series XX

Name __________________________________________
Address _________________________________________
Name of Club ____________________________________

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NEBRASKA HOME EXTENSION STUDY CLUBS

A few years ago groups of women who were in the habit of meeting together; wrote to the Agricultural Extension Service and asked for circulars that might be studied when they held their meetings. As a result of such requests a number of circulars were prepared and sent to the clubs. These seemed to meet with approval and so the second year more were prepared. The plan has been continued for a number of years as will be seen in the study club enrollment blank.

The circulars are arranged so there is one for each month beginning in September and ending with June. However, clubs may begin at any time and may select as many circulars out of a series as desired. Any club anywhere may enroll for the circulars by securing the enrollment blanks from the agricultural or home agent. There is no fee charged to people who live in Nebraska for the circulars or the year-books.

One stitched set of the circulars will be included for the person who has charge of the distribution of the circulars.

Clubs will find that there is material enough in each circular for a good afternoon's study, so it is not advisable to try to handle two circulars in one meeting, nor to try to combine the study club work with the home demonstration project club work. The project club work is different from the study club work in that it consists of demonstrations given by specialists or county home demonstration agents to project leaders who in turn present the demonstrations to the club. The study club work consists of the study of circulars which are mailed to each club member and there are no demonstrations required in connection with the lessons.

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When the study club enrollment blank is received a yearbook and the circulars for three months will be mailed for each club member. The first of October a letter will be sent to the club which will contain a report blank for September. The blank should be filled in and mailed at once or at least not later than October 15. After that report is received by the agricultural or home agent, then the circulars for December and January will be mailed. The same plan will be followed every two months; that is, on December first a letter will be sent which will include a report for October and November. When that report is received by the agricultural or home agent then the circulars for February and March will be mailed. The advance circulars will be sent upon receipt of the reports which are sent out only every other month.

A letter and the report blanks will be sent only the first of October, December, February, April and June. Reports will be expected only once in two months and the advance mailings will depend upon the reports, so reports are important.

Clubs whose enrollments are received late in the spring and during the summer will receive their first mailing in August unless the club desires to study during the summer and such a statement is given in their request. The new series for the following year will not be available until after August 1.

Clubs are free to use the circulars in any way they wish. Many clubs give the circulars to the members in advance so they can be studied before the meeting. If this plan is followed the one or two leaders to whom the topic has been assigned prepare additional material on the topic which they have studied from other sources. It is fine if all present will enter into the discussion of the topic.
The reading of the circulars in the club meeting is to be discouraged. There is a great deal more growth on the part of the individual members if there can be a kindly discussion upon the topic for the month.

The circulars sent out this year are to be punched and it would add to the interest if each member would prepare an attractive cover for her circulars. This would also help preserve them for future use.

Those who take part in the program are the ones who will have the most enjoyment and receive the greatest benefit from the club work. You know the story of the woman who came home from prayer meeting and said to her husband, "John, that was the best prayer meeting I ever attended—I talked twice." You may not get a chance to "talk twice" this year, but be sure you do not neglect your opportunities, nor disappoint those who are depending upon you to furnish your share of the program.

Early in the year the program committee should assign the topics for discussion to those who are to appear on the program. This will give an opportunity to find things in the current magazines or available libraries pertaining to the subject.

Material listed as Extension Service circulars may be obtained from the agricultural or home agent. Many of the books referred to in the programs may be obtained from the Nebraska Library Commission, State House, Lincoln, Nebraska. The books will be free except for express or postage. Do not send to the Agricultural Extension Service for books for they do not have any books. They can send out only the extension circulars.

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BUiLDING CHARACTER IN OUR HOMES

September

Business Session

Song-a-Month, A Merry Heart
Read in unison, "Take Time to Live"
Roll call--My favorite guide for happy living
Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce plans for summer meetings
Adjourn

Study hour - Building Character in our Homes -
Extension Circular 5-74

Additional References

Brill & Youtz - Your child and his parents
Cunningham, B. V. - Family behavior
Dennis, L. T. - Living together in the family
Ellenwood, J. L. - There's no place like home
Gremame, Charles E. - Character training
Haviland, Mary S. - Character training in childhood
Jordan, H. M. - Home and family
Overton, Mrs. G. S. - The home in a changing culture

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Character is not cut in marble;
It is not something solid and unalterable.
It is something living and changing, and
may become diseased as our bodies do.

-- George Eliot

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This above all--to thine own self be true;
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou can'st not then be false to any man.

--Shakespeare
Take Time to Live

Take time to work -
   it is the price of success.
Take time to think -
   it is the source of power.
Take time to play -
   it is the secret of perennial youth.
Take time to read -
   it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to worship -
   it is the highway to reverence.
Take time to be friendly -
   it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream -
   it is hitching your wagon to a star.
Take time to love and be loved -
   it is the privilege of the gods.
Take time to look around -
   it is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to laugh -
   it is the music of the soul.
Take time to play with children -
   it is the joy of joys.
Take time to be courteous -
   it is the mark of a gentleman.

--From the Iroquois County, Illinois,
Home Bureau bulletin
Business Session

Song-a-Month, Ben Bolt
Roll call - Tell of some beautiful or interesting place or event connected with Nebraska, as parks, fishing places, pioneer history, or present day events.

Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - Know Nebraska, It's a Great State - Extension Circular 5-67

Additional References

Bradford, H. E. - Nebraska, its geography and agriculture
Bucklin, Clarissa - Nebraska art and artists
Condra, G. E. - Geography, agriculture, industries of Nebraska
Dick, E. N. - The Sod House Frontier
Federal Writers' Project - Nebraska
Harvey, Alice - Nebraska writers
Sheldon, A. E. - Nebraska civil government
Sheldon, A. E. - Nebraska old and new

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"I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging the future but by the past."—Patrick Henry.

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THE LIFE OF MADAME CURIE

November

Business Session
Song-a-Month, Softly Now the Light of Day
Roll call - Something outstanding about a recent medical discovery
Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - The Life of Madame Curie - Extension Circular 5-68

Additional References
Curie, Eve - Madame Curie
Curie, Mme. M. S. - Pierre Curie
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. - Madame Curie

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A measure of Mme. Curie's vast contribution to human welfare is impossible, for her work is living on through the development of numerous new uses of her greatest discovery, radium. Lines from a poem by Arthur Upson seem to describe the continuing service of this devoted mother and great scientist:

"My days are phantom days, each one
The shadow of a hope;
My real life never was begun
Nor any of my real deeds done."

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WHAT ABOUT FINANCIAL PLANNING?

December

Business Session
Song-a-Month, Silent Night
Roll call - Tell something interesting about coins
Reading minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - Financial Planning is Building a Budget
Extension Circular 1111

Additional References
Andrews, C. F. - Economics of the household
Bigelow, H. F. - Family finance
Gruenberg, Mrs. S. M. - Parents, children and money
Jordan, D. F. - Managing personal finances
McCullough, Ernest - How to spend your money
Owen, D. F. - Controlling your personal finances
Smith, A. H. - Your personal economies
Extension Circular 11-118 - State Summary of 1939 Home Account Books

Suggestions for additional activities
Have panel discussion on values of record keeping
Use charts showing share of farm family living that is produced on the farm
"The darkest hour in any man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it."--Horace Greeley.

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"It takes a great deal of boldness, mixed with a vast deal of caution, to acquire a great fortune; but then it takes ten times as much wit to keep it after you have got it as it took to make it."--Rothschild.

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"Here's to the maiden of bashful fifteen; Here's to the widow of fifty; Here's to the flaunting, extravagant queen, And here's to the housewife that's thrifty!"--Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

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"There can be no freedom or beauty about a home life that depends on borrowing and debt."--Ibsen.

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"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six; result, misery."--David Copperfield, Chapter 12.
LADIES, BE YOUR BEST

January

Business Session
Song-a-Month, A Love Dream
Roll call - A courtesy which should have more attention
Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - Ladies, Be Your Best - Extension Circular 5 - 69

Additional References
Burgen, Gellett - Look eleven years younger
Graves, E. R. - Understanding yourself
McFarland, Mrs. F. W. - Good taste in dress
Rhoades, Winfred - Meeting the challenge of life
Rhoades, Winfred - The self you have to live with
Richmond, W. W. - Personality
Rogers, Agnus - Why not enjoy life?
Schauffler, R. H. - Enjoy living
Shillow, Mrs. S. R. M. - How to develop your personality
Stuart, Mrs. G. - The achievement of personality

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"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as ither's see us!
Id wad frae monie a blunder free us
and foolish notion!"

--Robert Burns.

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THE INTERESTING TRIANGLE - PARENTS, TEACHERS & CHILDREN

February

Business Session
Song-a-Month, I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Roll Call - A way in which understanding increases efficiency of school
Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - The Interesting Triangle - Parents, Teacher and Children - Extension Circular 5-70

Additional References
Baruch, Mrs. D. W. - Parents and children go to school
Cleveland, Elizabeth - If parents only knew
Cook, L. A. - Community backgrounds of education
Mason, Mrs. M. S. - Parents and teachers
Natl. Congress of Parents & Teachers - Education for home and family
Natl. Cong. of P. & T. - Parent Education - Third Yrbk
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Redding, T. W. - When home and school get together

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"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."-H. B. Adams.

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March

Business Session
Song-a-Month, Fairest Lord Jesus
Roll call - A custom, product, or event of Mexico or Canada which interests me.
Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - Our Neighbors, Canada & Mexico - Extension Circular 5-71

Additional References
Austin, Mrs. Jean - Mexico in your pocket
Chase, Stuart - Mexico
Herring, H. C. - Genius of Mexico
Jackson, J. H. - Mexican interlude
Keenleyside, Hugh - Canada and the United States
MaeCormae, John - Canada: America's problem
Parker, H. B. - A History of Mexico
Phillips, H. A. - New designs for old Mexico
Pinkerton, Mrs. K. S. G. - Wilderness wife
Siegfried, Audre - Canada
Wrong, G. M. - The Canadians

Suggestions for Additional Activities
A Mexican Tea
A Canadian and Mexican exhibit

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I LIKE A MAP

I like a map! It is a friendly thing,
To hang upon my wall! It spins a yarn.
Of purple ports, whose ships may never sail
Beyond my skyline etched with field and barn!

Here do I stay at home with humble tasks
From dawn to dusk, and I am never through
With baking bread and churning crocks of cream.
But, oh, somewhere must be a sea so blue.

It leaves me breathless with its very thought!
Strange spices leave their taste upon my lips
With every wind that comes from God knows where!
Clouds sail uncharted skies—they're all my ships!

Come Mondays with my lines full to the breeze
With snowy sheets and slips—ah, these are sails
That billow in some wind down Yucatan,
Running before the trade winds and their gales!

I like a map—and all its funny names
Of towns and cities—lakes and rivers, too!
Each dawn I lay my course, and then I'm off!
Each dusk I'm back and setting bread for you.

---Cristel Hastings.

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Business Session
Song-a-Month, Our Project Club
Roll Call - Report a current event on some of the possessions of the United States
Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - Possessions of the United States
Extension Circular 5 - 72

Additional References
Andrews, C. L. - Story of Alaska
Carpenter - Thru the Philippines and Hawaii
Cochran, Hamilton - These are the Virgin Islands
Colby, M. E. - A guide to Alaska
Early, Eleanor - Land of delight
Early, Eleanor - Ports of the sun
Franck, H. A. - The lure of Alaska
Franck, H. A. - Roaming thru the West Indies
Jennings, J. E. - Our American Tropics
Keesing, F. M. - The Philippines
Thomson, Jay Earle - Our Pacific possessions
Vandercook, J. W. - Caribbee Cruise
Verrill, A. H. - Panama of today
White, Trumbull - Puerto Rico and its people
Willoughby, Mrs. F. B. - Alaska holiday
Willoughby, Mrs. F. B. - Alaskans all

Suggestions for additional activities
Use world map to locate possessions of U. S. - Alaska, Hawaiian Islands, Guam, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Wake & Midway Islands, Howland, Jarvis and Baker Islands, Panama Canal Zone.
May

Business Session
Song-a-Month, Our Project Club
Roll Call - A National Park I have visited or
would enjoy visiting.
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - Our National Parks - Extension
Circular 5-73

Additional References
(Books)
Fryxell, F. M. - The Tetons
Trager, M. W. - National Parks of the Northwest

(Pamphlets)
Dept. of Interior - Mesa Verde National Park
Wind Cave National Park
The Rocky Mt. National Park
Grand Teton National Park - Wyoming
Union Pacific - Colorado Mountain playgrounds

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One could travel in long explorations
while near one's own fireside, stimulating
the restive or sluggish mind, if need be,
by reading some narrative of travel in
distant lands. -- Joris Huysmans.

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*Rocky Mountain Park, Colorado; Wind Cave,
South Dakota; Grand Teton, Wyoming; Mesa
Verde, Colorado.

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 COMMON SENSE EDUCATION

June

Business Session
Song-a-Month, My Nebraska
Roll Call - Tell of some educational experience
you had during the summer, as trips articles read, etc.

Reading of minutes
Report of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Announce topic for next meeting
Adjourn

Study Hour - Common Sense Education - Extension
Circular 5-66

Additional References
Almack, J. C. - Education for citizenship
Darling & Greenberg - Effective citizenship
Fisher, Mrs. D. F. C. - Why stop learning?
Judd - Education and social progress
Kilpatrick, W. H. - Education for a changing
civilization
Lewis - The rural community and its schools
Nat'l Recreation Assn. - The new leisure
challenges the schools
Wiggam, A. E. - The marks of an educated man
Wofford - Modern education in the small rural
school

Suggestions for Additional Activities
Invite N. Y. A. representative to tell of
educational program of this agency
Discuss educational radio programs that
interest and help homemakers

"Manhood, not scholarship, is the first aim of
education." -- Ernest Thompson Seton

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The words and music for this song were written in 1922 by Theodore C. Diers, who has charge of the music extension work at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Diers, a native son of Nebraska, tells why he wrote the song as follows: "Song writers from every section have lauded the blue skies, the wooded hills, the waving grain and the jewels beneath the earth. Nebraska is slightly more than three score years old and many of us are direct descendants of the early settlers. We still have a few citizens of territorial days and the history of that period is not unknown. Their lot was not an envious one and the blessings about us are our heritage from those pioneers. To those who toiled and sacrificed not in vain, 'My Nebraska' is dedicated in the hope that all the popularity it merits or achieves will honor the men and women who came before us."

My Nebraska,
Dear Nebraska,
State I love the best,
Where pioneers first led the way,
Now lives the people blessed
And though the sun shines hot in summer
Or cold winter winds may blow,
It's always fair weather,
In Nebraska,
Where real folks grow.

My Nebraska,
Fair Nebraska,
Praise I sing of thee,
No spot in all the whole wide-world
Is half so dear to me.
From dewy dawn to flaming sunset,
In twilight and long night through,
We'll all pull together;
Oh, Nebraska
We're proud of you.