

A new kind of

How a small group of women in Worthington, Ohio, worked



Clothes are a big problem to the high school girl. To girls who do not take sewing courses, clever women in the Personality Club give an afternoon a week: adjusting skirts, remodeling outmoded clothes, even making all-new party dresses!

The boys clamor for help in their good grooming and personality problems. One of the most interesting demonstrations is given by a man from a dry-cleaning house. He shows the boys how to brush, press and hang up their clothes at home.



LAST year a few girls missed the Junior-Senior high school party because they didn't have the right dresses. I guess that happens in other schools, but it seemed unnecessary in our school.

One far-seeing mother, Mrs. Robert Mackay, thought an organization could be formed to meet this problem. She invited about twenty women to her house to talk about it. She asked as advisors the high school principal, home economics teacher, the village librarian. They all agreed that a club of this kind would round out the regular high school curriculum. We called it the Personality Club, but our work really covers a wide variety of activity.

FIRST came the problem of clothes. Two sewing enthusiasts gave an afternoon a week helping girls who did not take sewing courses: They fixed skirts, remodeled outmoded coats, even made new party dresses.

Then there was the matter of self-consciousness about dancing. We hired a dancing teacher from a near-by city who gave the group one hour every other week. Between lessons we had a one-hour period in which we went over what she had taught. Boys lost awkwardness in asking for dances, learned how to greet chaperons.

For all this each person paid only 25c—and we had enough left to pay for the music at our

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Personality Club

out a practical solution to the high school students' problems

big New Year's dance! At that dance we saw to it that no one had to miss the party because he or she could not dance well enough, didn't have the right clothes, or lacked the admission price.

SO SUCCESSFUL was the club work with the girls that the boys clamored for more help in their personality problems. So we had a round table on everyday good manners, a talk by a men's furnishing expert on clothes for high school boys, and, most interesting of all, a demonstration and talk by a dry-cleaning expert on how to brush, clean, press and hang up clothes at home. Mothers were particularly grateful for this.

The village librarian made up lists of books and magazine articles on etiquette, charm and personality. She ordered as many new books on these subjects as she could. Local newspapers told of our work. In fact, the whole town soon became personality conscious.

WHAT we did in a short time can be accomplished by any club interested in young people. Fortunately, everybody seems to approve of it, both young and old. And we believe our young people will now leave high school better equipped for college, or, if they do not go to college, they will be better able to meet everyday problems at home or in business.

WEST LEONARD



The village librarian is important to the club. She makes up lists of books on charm, personality, etiquette and clothes. She posts lists of current magazine articles. She adds to the library as many books as possible on self-improvement.

Both boys and girls study ballroom dancing from a good teacher at the cost of 25c a lesson! They lose self-consciousness in their dancing, learn to ask for and accept dances, acquire gracious manners in greeting the hostesses and chaperons.

