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## A Successful Club Project in Biology

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Bird Assembly before the school on bird day.

Wild Flower Campaign during Wild Flower Week. This is a city wide affair sponsored by club members.

Social Activities. The camp fires and hikes serve to satisfy the social instincts. An annual banquet may be held and everything blend with the Nature Idea.

This article is not written as exhaustive. Many other and better items may be adopted. However, these are the principal ones worked out and used by our boys and girls.

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### THE USE OF POSTERS IN CLUB WORK

Posters furnish excellent illustrative material for club programs and will add much interest to the work. There are usually members of the club who have artistic ability and can make use of their ability in this way, but it is not necessary to be an artist in order to make good posters or cartoons, as excellent results can be obtained by cutting advertisements from magazines and arranging them and pasting them on cardboard so as to illustrate various subjects. The value of the poster does not depend upon its artistic side but in the clever representation and emphasis of some important fact of science as related to the lives of the pupils and to the community in which they live. An exhibit of posters as a climax to a study carried on by a club is very effective.

Why not conduct a poster contest in your club and then enter your best posters in the exhibit at the state meeting?

The following list gives sources of information on posters and their uses.

1. Health Posters from Hygeia. American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois. (Free.)

2. Poster Contests and Their Educational Value. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Department of Humane Education, 50 Madison Ave., New York City. (Free.)

3. Posters to Visualize Health. American Child Health Association, 370 Seventh Ave., New York City. (12 cents.)

4. Poster Making in School. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 1 Madison Ave., New York City. (Free.)

5. Posters in Chemistry. Journal of Chemical Education, Vol. 5, pp. 157-67, 1928. 19th and Northampton Sts., Easton, Pa.

### A SUCCESSFUL CLUB PROJECT IN BIOLOGY

A few years ago when the author was teaching biology in a suburban high school of Chicago, the tussock moth became a menace to the shade trees in that vicinity. The biology students took up the problem of the tussock moth and how to eradicate it. The life history and habits of the moth were studied. Collections were made to show the life history. The Commercial Club became interested and a talk on the moth was given by a club member at one of their meetings. As a result a city-wide campaign to destroy the egg masses of the moth was carried out. The egg masses are easily seen on the bark of the trunks of trees and they are easily destroyed by collecting and burning or by swabbing them with creosote. The club divided the town into districts and squads of pupils under chosen leaders were assigned to the different districts and were made responsible for their assigned districts. The Commercial Club of the town furnished the necessary equipment and materials and the biology classes were excused from their afternoon classes one day and a campaign against the moth was carried on. This project proved of benefit not only to the town in protecting the shade trees, but it was of much benefit to the boys and girls who participated in showing how their science could function in their community.

Your science club can be of much value to your community. Is there not some problem in your community with which your club can work? Incidentally the Junior Academy of Science would be interested in hearing about it and perhaps it might provide you with material for an exhibit at the state meeting.