

A Record of
THE FOLK TEAMS
of
PLEASANT HILL ACADEMY
Pleasant Hill, Tennessee



"The Wagon" and "Jewel Box"

(After four years and 110,000 miles)

CONCERNING THE FOLK TEAMS OF PLEASANT HILL ACADEMY

This little illustrated booklet tells the story of an experiment. The Ballads, Singing Games and Folk Dances of the mountains are an integral part of mountain life and represent a distinctive feature of American culture. At Pleasant Hill Academy, a mountain school conducted by the Home Boards of the Congregational-Christian Churches, there is a determination to conserve and extend the value of these features of mountain life. For that reason the songs, games and dances constitute an important part of the life of this school.

Whenever guests came to visit us they were, whenever possible, invited to share in an evening of such recreation. This seemed to elicit enthusiastic response along with the mountain handicrafts program, the community agricultural activities and the educational experiments in identifying the school with the needs of the area. Because of this interest it was thought by the school staff that a double purpose might be served by our taking these songs, games and dances to other parts of the country. We believed we might encourage elsewhere also an interest in this wholesome, democratic form of recreation, provide a delightful evening of invigorating enjoyment for the entire constituency of churches or other groups and at the same time present a first hand and fresh view of Pleasant Hill Academy.

At first it was difficult to secure appointments. However, once a church invited a Pleasant Hill team there almost invariably followed an invitation to return the following year. The accompanying pages reveal some churches inviting the teams for all four of the years our teams have been touring. Frequently it has been impossible to accept invitations for succeeding seasons because itineraries did not permit it.

As will be noticed many of the engagements are for church services. These involved the telling of the story of the settling of the mountains and the basis for the strong interest in certain aspects of the Bible and religion. This story of the development of the Highlands was paralleled with a presentation by the team of old and modern sacred music characteristic of the region.

One of the first of the self-help schools in the mountains, Pleasant Hill Academy has been pioneering in religion and education for more than sixty years. It has always been a conviction of those responsible for this school that religion affects every phase of life. There is no point of separation. Hence, the emphasis on clean, wholesome recreation as an indispensable part of the life here.

Accompanying this note of explanation is an expression of very warm thanks to the churches and other organizations which have invited us to share an occasion with them. Also, are we grateful to the hundreds of hosts who have entertained the members of the teams in their homes.



Helen Chastain, Anna Lee Clem-
ons, Lula Ashburn, Maymia
Lewis, Virginia Morton; second
row, Roy Brown, Mr. Obenhaus,
L. F. Gracy, Earl Lewis.

On the Chapel Steps, University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Winnetka, Illinois—Hubbards Woods School.....	December 4, 1940
Winnetka, Illinois—New Trier High School.....	December 4, 1940
Ann Arbor, Michigan—First Congregational Church.....	December 6, 1940
Kalamazoo, Michigan—First Congregational Church.....	December 7, 1940
Grand Rapids, Michigan—East Congregational Church.....	December 8, 1940
Oberlin, Ohio—Oberlin College.....	December 9, 1940
Cleveland, Ohio—Church of the Covenant.....	December 10, 1940
Akron, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	December 11, 1940
Cleveland, Ohio—Euclid Avenue Congregational Church.....	December 12, 1940





Virginia Morton, Helen Gibson, Earl Lewis, Elizabeth Tally,
 Robert Black, Christine York, David Martin, Anna Lee
 Clemons, Mr. Obenhaus

- La Grange, Illinois—First Congregational Church..... March 18, 1941
 Oak Park, Illinois—Pilgrim Congregational Church..... March 19, 1941
 Madison, Wisconsin—First Congregational Church..... March 20, 1941
 Sandwich, Illinois—Congregational Church..... March 21, 1941
 Winnetka, Illinois—Winnetka Congregational Church... March 22, 1941
 Beloit, Wisconsin—First Congregational Church..... March 24, 1941
 Beloit, Wisconsin—Beloit College..... March 25, 1941 A.M.
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Immanuel Presbyterian Church.. March 25, 1941 P.M.
 Western Springs, Illinois—The Church-in-the-Garden... March 26, 1941
 Kenosha, Wisconsin—Congregational Church..... March 27, 1941

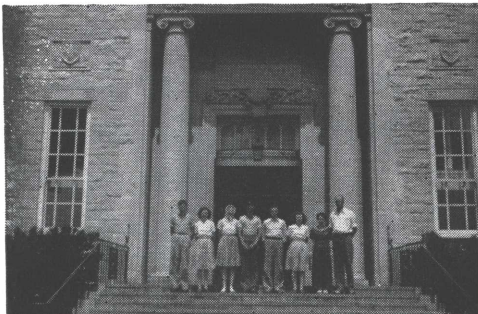


With Dr. Arthur E. Holt
 at Merom Institute.



The State Office,
 Congregational
 Churches of
 Connecticut, Hart
 ford, with Dr.
 James English.

Old Lyme, Connecticut—Congregational Church.....	July 25, 1941
Providence, Rhode Island—Pilgrim Fellowship Rally.....	July 26, 1941
West Warwick, Rhode Island—Congregational Church.....	July 27, 1941
Middlebury, Connecticut—Congregational Church.....	July 28, 1941
East Haddam, Connecticut—First Congregational Church.....	July 29, 1941
East Hartland, Connecticut—Congregational Church.....	July 30, 1941
New York City, New York—The Riverside Church.....	July 31, 1941
Putnam, Connecticut—First Congregational Church.....	August 1, 1941
Columbia, Connecticut—Congregational Church.....	August 2, 1941
Lebanon, Connecticut—Congregational Church.....	August 3, 1941
Haddam, Connecticut—Congregational Church.....	August 4, 1941
New Fairfield, Connecticut—Congregational Church.....	August 5, 1941
Hawley, Pennsylvania—Forest Lake Club.....	August 6, 1941
Emmitsburg, Maryland—Lutheran Church.....	August 7, 1941



Harkness Chapel,
 Connecticut College
 New London,
 Connecticut

David Martin, Lula Ashburn, Anna Lee Clemons, Earl Lewis, Charles Gooch,
 Maymia Lewis, Helen Gibson, Mr. Obenhaus.



Front row: Barbara Rohrke, Beatrice Cox, Dr. Phillips, Jesse Lafever, Mr. Obenhaus; Second row: Virginia Morton, Loretta Patton, Anna Lee Clemons, Franklin Hall, Paul Smith.

Mid-West Regional Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 29, 1941.

Keokuk, Iowa—First Congregational Church.....	October 26, 1941
Webster Groves, Missouri—Congregational Church.....	October 27, 1941
Kansas City, Missouri—Union Meeting, Four Congregational Churches.....	October 28, 1941
Omaha, Nebraska—Mid-West Regional Conference.....	October 29, 1941
Grinnell, Iowa—First Congregational Church.....	October 30, 1941
Newburg, Iowa—Congregational Church.....	October 31, 1941
Newton, Iowa—First Congregational Church.....	November 2, 1941 A.M.
Denmark, Iowa—Congregational Church.....	November 2, 1941 P.M.
Burlington, Iowa—First Congregational Church.....	November 3, 1941
Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Coe College.....	November 5, 1941 A.M.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Coe College.....	November 5, 1941 A.M.
Moline, Illinois—First Congregational Church.....	November 5, 1941 P.M.
Galesburg, Illinois—Central Congregational Church.....	November 6, 1941
Galesburg, Illinois—Knox College.....	November 7, 1941 A.M.
Wyanet, Illinois—Congregational Church.....	November 7, 1941 P.M.
Western Springs, Illinois—Church-in-the-Garden.....	November 8, 1941
Princeton, Illinois—Hampshire Colony Congregational Church.....	November 9, 1941



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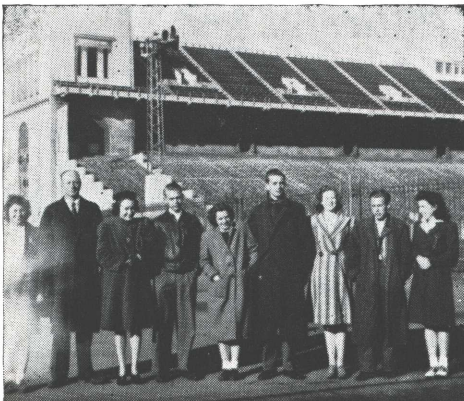


Jefferson Museum—St. Louis



Ann Rohrke, Anna Lee Clemons, Virginia Morton, Mary Scarbrough, Mattye Lewis;
back row, Claude Nelson, Mr. Obenhaus, Russell Shockley, Reid Wilhite.

Cincinnati, Ohio—First United Church.....	November 25, 1941
Cleveland, Ohio—Church of the Covenant.....	November 26, 1941
Kent, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	November 27, 1941
Toledo, Ohio—Pilgrim Congregational Church.....	November 28, 1941
Ravenna, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	November 29, 1941
Lakewood, Ohio—Lakewood Congregational Church.....	November 30, 1941
Cleveland, Ohio—Highland Congregational Church.....	November 30, 1941
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	December 1, 1941
Shaker Heights, Ohio—Plymouth Congregational Church.....	December 2, 1941 Noon
Hudson, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	December 2, 1941 P.M.
Cleveland, Ohio—Euclid Avenue Congregational Church.....	December 3, 1941
Mansfield, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	December 4, 1941
Columbus, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	December 5, 1941
Newport, Kentucky—York St. Congregational Church.....	December 6, 1941



The Stadium, Ohio State
University
Columbus, Ohio



Supreme Court Building, Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.—Cleveland Park Congregational Church.....	February 10, 1942
Baltimore, Maryland—Brown Memorial Church.....	February 11, 1942
Flushing, L. I., New York—First Congregational Church.....	February 12, 1942
Chatham, New Jersey—Stanley Congregational Church.....	February 13, 1941
River Edge, New Jersey—First Congregational Church.....	February 14, 1942
New York City, New York—The Riverside Church.....	February 15, 1942 A.M., P.M.
East Orange, New Jersey—First Congregational Church.....	February 15, 1942 A.M.
Haworth, New York—First Congregational Church.....	February 16, 1942
Montclair, New Jersey—Montclair High School.....	February 17, 1942 A.M.
Upper Montclair, New Jersey—Union Church.....	February 17, 1942 Noon
East Orange, New Jersey—Trinity Church.....	February 17, 1942 P.M.
West Hartford, Connecticut—West Hartford Congregational Church.....	February 18, 1942
New Haven, Connecticut—Church of the Redeemer.....	February 19, 1942
New Canaan, Connecticut—First Congregational Church.....	February 20, 1942
Westfield, New Jersey—First Congregational Church.....	February 21, 1942
Bound Brook, New Jersey—Congregational Church.....	February 22, 1942 A.M.
Washington, D. C.—Mount Pleasant Congregational Church.....	February 22, 1942 P.M.

Mr. Obenhaus, May-
 mia Lewis, Barbara
 Rohrke, Ray Swack,
 Iris Webb, Helen
 Chastain, Elmo Da-
 vis, Virginia Morton,
 Russell Shockley.



The University of Virginia

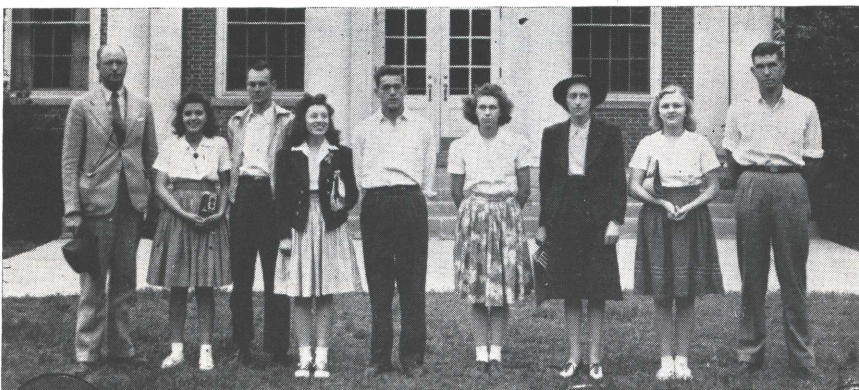


Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Dr. Andrew Gladstone Finnie, Pastor, and team hostesses.

- Terre Haute, Indiana—First Congregational Church..... April 12, 1942 A.M.
- Indianapolis, Indiana—First Congregational Church..... April 12, 1942 P.M.
- Janesville, Wisconsin—First Congregational Church..... April 13, 1942
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Immanuel Presbyterian Church... April 14, 1942
- Oak Park, Illinois—Pilgrim Congregational Church..... April 15, 1942
- Evanston, Illinois—First Congregational Church..... April 16, 1942
- Hinsdale, Illinois—Union Church of Hinsdale..... April 17, 1942
- Aurora, Illinois—New England Church..... April 18, 19, 1942

Member of special tour to Ohio State Conference of Congregational-Christian Churches, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1942. Also, conducting service at the First Church, Oberlin, Ohio.

Berea College Berea, Kentucky



Mr. Obenhaus, Vauta Mai Patton, Elmo Davis, Maymia Lewis, Jesse Lafever,
 Mary Ellen Ayer, Virginia Morton, Emma Jewel Grissom, Arthur Templeton.

OCTOBER TOUR, 1942

Kokomo, Indiana—First Congregational Church	October 11, 1942 A.M.
Fort Wayne, Indiana—Plymouth Congregational Church	October 11, 1942 P.M.
Lansing, Michigan—Plymouth Congregational Church	October 12, 1942
Jackson, Michigan—First Congregational Church	October 13, 1942
Detroit, Michigan—Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church	October 14, 1942
St. Johns, Michigan—Congregational Church	October 15, 1942
Kalamazoo, Michigan—First Congregational Church	October 16, 1942
Saginaw, Michigan—First Congregational Church	October 17, 1942
Bay City, Michigan—Congregational Church	October 18, 1942 A.M.
Detroit, Michigan—Mayflower Congregational Church	October 18, 1942 P.M.
Pandora, Ohio—Pandora Church	October 19, 1942

Unfortunately there are only Kodachrome pictures of this tour.

Team members: Louise Davis, Virginia Gooch, Emma Jewel Grissom, Franklin Hall, Edward Lewis,
Houston Powell, Jean Suiter, Virginia Morton, Mr. Obenhaus.



P. Arrand Parsons

Director of Music of Pleasant Hill Academy, whose skill
and unstinting labor in the training of the Folk Teams
made possible these tours.



Mary Ellen Ayer, Vauta Mai Patton, Helen Chastain, Cordia
 Mae McCormick, Mr. Obenhaus, Houston Powell, Kenneth
 Montgomery, Bill Johnson.

Dayton, Ohio—Riverdale Congregational Church November 15, 1942 A.M.
 Dayton, Ohio—Walnut Hills Cong'l. Church November 15, 1942 P.M.
 Sandusky, Ohio—First Congregational Church November 16, 1942
 Shaker Heights, Ohio—Plymouth Congregational
 Church November 17, 1942 A.M.
 Cleveland, Ohio—Euclid Avenue Congregational
 Church November 17, 1942 P.M.
 Cleveland, Ohio—Church of the Covenant November 18, 1942
 Conneaut, Ohio—First Congregational Church November 19, 1942
 Conneaut, Ohio—Conneaut High School November 20, 1942 A.M.
 Akron, Ohio—First Congregational Church November 20, 1942 P.M.
 Springfield, Ohio—First Congregational Church November 21, 1942
 Troy, Ohio—First Congregational Church November 22, 1942 A.M.
 Piqua, Ohio—Congregational-Christian Church November 22, 1942 P.M.



**Community Church
Evansville,
Indiana**

Rev. Philip Palmer,
Pastor.

Cordia Mae McCormick, Virginia Morton, Anna Lee Cunningham, Emma Jewel Grissom, Lemma Cox, Edward Lewis, Dick Day, Mr. Palmer, Peter Ayer.

Evansville, Indiana—First Community Church.....	March 27, 1943
Haubstadt, Indiana—Young People's Rally.....	March 28, 1943
Hinsdale, Illinois—Union Church of Hinsdale.....	March 29, 1943
Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Immanuel Presbyterian Church..	March 30, 1943
Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Milwaukee State T'chrs. College.	March 31, 1943
Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Grand Ave. Cong'l. Church.....	March 31, 1943
Kenosha, Wisconsin—First Congregational Church.....	April 1, 1943
Oak Park, Illinois—Pilgrim Congregational Church.....	April 2, 1943
Evanston, Illinois—First Congregational Church.....	April 3, 1943
Evanston, Illinois—First Presbyterian Church.....	April 4, 1943 A.M.
Evanston, Illinois—Oakton United Church.....	April 4, 1943 A.M.
Evanston, Illinois—First Methodist Church.....	April 4, 1943 P.M.
Terre Haute, Indiana—First Congregational Church.....	April 5, 1943
Terre Haute, Indiana—Indiana State Teachers College....	April 6, 1943 A.M.



Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois

Melvin Poe, Betty Jean Miller, Peter Ayer, Cordia Mae McCormick, Virginia Morton,
Mary Esther Tally, Foster Burgess, Lillian Walker, Mr. Obenhaus.

Nashville, Tennessee—Collegeside House October 9, 1943
 Decatur, Illinois—First Congregational Church October 10, 1943
 Kewanee, Illinois—First Congregational Church October 11, 1943
 Burlington, Iowa—First Congregational Church October 12, 1943
 Burlington, Iowa—Burlington Jr. High October 13, 1943 A.M.
 Moline, Illinois—First Congregational Church October 13, 1943 P.M.
 Western Springs, Illinois—Church-in-the-Garden October 14, 1943
 Chicago, Illinois—Bryn Mawr Community Church October 15, 1943
 Rock Falls, Illinois—First Congregational Church October 16, 1943
 Granville, Illinois—Congregational Church October 17, 1943 A.M.
 Springfield, Illinois—First Congregational Church October 17, 1943 P.M.
 Evansville, Illinois—First Community Church October 18, 1943



Honoring the origins of Co-education in American Colleges,
Oberlin College.

Benson Collette, Jean Suiter, Ann Cunningham, Catherine
Champney, Mai Howell, Mr. Obenhaus, Robert Van Winkle,
Elsie Jo Patton, Lester Montandon.

Newport, Kentucky—York Street Cong'l. Church	November 11, 1943
Columbus, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 12, 1943
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 13, 1943
Akron, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 14, 1943 A.M.
Kent, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 14, 1943 P.M.
Lakewood, Ohio—Lakewood Congregational Church	November 15, 1943
Shaker Heights, Ohio—Plymouth Cong'l. Church	November 16, 1943
Cleveland, Ohio—Euclid Ave. Cong'l. Church	November 17, 1943
Elyria, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 18, 1943
Cleveland Heights, Ohio—Fairmount Presbyterian Church	November 19, 1943
Medina, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 20, 1943
Mt. Vernon, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 21, 1943 A.M.
Marietta, Ohio—First Congregational Church	November 21, 1943 P.M.
Dayton, Ohio—Riverdale Congregational Church	November 22, 1943 P.M.



Mr. Obenhaus, Catherine Champney, Pauline Banker, Lemma Cox, Cordia Mae McCormick, Lester Montandon, Belvia Wightman, Bill Robbins, Foster Burgess.

Cincinnati, Ohio—First United Church.....	March 16, 1944
Indianapolis, Indiana—First Congregational Church.....	March 17, 1944
Kalamazoo, Michigan—First Congregational Church....	March 18, 19, 1944
Jackson, Michigan—First Congregational Church.....	March 20, 1944
Lansing, Michigan—Plymouth Congregational Church..	March 21, 1944
Grand Rapids, Michigan—First Congregational (Park)..	March 22, 1944
Muskegon, Michigan—First Congregational Church....	March 23, 1944
Detroit, Michigan—North (Woodward Ave.) Congregational Church	March 24, 1944
Detroit, Michigan—Mt. Hope Congregational Church....	March 25, 1944
Ypsilanti, Michigan—First Congregational Church.....	March 26, 1944 A.M.
Detroit, Michigan—Mayflower Congregational Church..	March 26, 1944 P.M.
Troy, Ohio—First Congregational Church.....	March 27, 1944



Special Team Giving Program for Nashville Kiwanis Club—May 1944



One section of the large gymnasium floor of Flymouth Church, Milwaukee—a typical all-parish evening.

- Louisville, Kentucky—St. Mark's Episcopal Church..... April 20, 1944
- Danville, Illinois—First Presbyterian Church..... April 21, 1944
- Wilmette, Illinois—First Congregational Church..... April 22, 23, 1944 A.M.
- Waukegan, Illinois—First Congregational Church..... April 23, 1944 P.M.
- Kenosha, Wisconsin—First Congregational Church..... April 24, 1944
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Plymouth Congregational Church..... April 25, 1944
- Oak Park, Illinois—Pilgrim Congregational Church..... April 26, 1944
- Glenn Ellyn, Illinois—First Congregational Church..... April 27, 1944
- Beloit, Wisconsin—Second Congregational Church..... April 28, 1944
- Winnetka, Illinois—Winnetka Congregational Church..... April 29, 30, 1944
- Winnetka, Illinois—Skokie School..... May 1, 1944 A.M.
- Kokomo, Indiana—First Congregational-Christian Ch..... May 1, 1944 P.M.

The stage well padded with hay makes excellent setting for refreshments.



Front row: Mary Esther Tally, Jane Sapp, Betty Miller, Jean Suiter; back row, Virginia Morton, Bill Robbins, Tommy Love, Mr. Obenhaus, J. E. Rackley.



Muskegon, Michigan, March 1944



Members of various teams in Broadcasting Group

David Martin, Russell Shockley, Elmo Davis, Jesse Lafever, Ann Rohrke, Maymie Lewis, Helen Chastain, Emma Jewel Grissom.

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FUNDS OBTAINED ON THE TRIPS HAVE BEEN
OR WILL BE USED**

The purchase of land for the school farm
Milch cows for the P. H. A. Dairy
Dairy House
Scholarship Funds
Toward purchase of work stock (mules)
A new manure spreader
A used dish washing machine
Hog feeding platform and corn crib
Supplemental funds for the Ohio Building



Members of various teams with Governor Cooper and Conservation
Commissioner Mathes.

Program given for Commissioners of Seventeen Southern States



With "Sergeant York" in front of his home, Pall Mall, Tennessee.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS NOT INCLUDED ON FOREGOING PAGES

Chattanooga, Tennessee, D. A. R. Chapters

Chattanooga, Tennessee, U. S. O.

Spencer, Tennessee, Community Program

Sparta, Tennessee, Community Program

McMinnville, Tennessee, D. A. R. Chapter

Nashville, Tennessee, Kiwanis Club

Cumberland State Park, Numerous conferences and conventions

Happy Valley, Clinton Engineering Works, Community Program