



How to impress your husband's best friend. He's a traveling man, just passing through town. Chances are, the poor guy's longing for a home-cooked meal. Watch his eyes light up when you serve a real, genuine Minute Tapioca dessert—full of milk and eggs, rich with "country-kitchen" flavor. Like this:

Super-special treat

Easy to make...delicious...made the real Minute Tapioca way!



MINUTE TAPIOCA CREAM WITH STRAWBERRIES

1 recipe Minute Tapioca Cream
Sweetened sliced strawberries (fresh or quick-frozen)

Prepare Minute Tapioca Cream as package directs. Chill. Half fill parfait glasses with the pudding. Fill to top with alternate spoonfuls of strawberries and pudding. Serve in 5-ounce or 7-ounce glasses. Minute Tapioca is so simple and economical to prepare. Buy it only at Minute Tapioca stores.

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that a Community Chest member told her with a smile. "You've made it impossible for anyone to die in Worcester without leaving money to the Girls' Club."

Supported mainly by Worcester's progressive Community Chest, which annually contributes about \$44,000, the club also had an income last year of \$11,000 from a legacy, \$4400 from interest on endowments, \$4400 from its summer camp, and \$3400 from fees and dues. But always the club's main problem has been enough facilities. In Lincoln House, six sewing machines serve classes of 20 girls; two stoves are shared by 12 girls in each cooking class. The music school, which gives voice and piano lessons to 200 girls each year, has a long waiting list but only one teacher and three pianos, scattered throughout Lincoln House "wherever we find an empty space." There are even fewer facilities in Quinsigamond House, Lincoln House, with sixteen classrooms, and Quinsigamond House, with four, could use double that number.

Realizing the great value of the Girls' Club, and the urgency of its need to expand, Worcester citizens in 1947 swung magnificently behind a drive to raise money for a new Girls' Club building large enough to accommodate 6000 members. By the end of two weeks, \$500,000 had been pledged—a total which grew to \$750,000 in only two weeks more. The building to be constructed as soon as the board finds a suitable plot, will include eleven classrooms, a large gymnasium and auditorium and two things little girls said they wanted most in their club—a roller-skating rink and a swimming pool.

The Girls' Club is used to enthusiastic community support. Every class depends on one or two volunteer helpers to cook, model, coach a children's play or conduct a story hour. Last year, when the club gave its annual operetta, a corps of seventy volunteers took complete charge of make-up, costumes and general backstage help. And a Thrift Shop, where volunteers sell used clothes, provides \$1000 annually for extra club equipment.

"Our attendance depends entirely on the ability of our workers, both paid and volunteer, to give members something they really want," says Miss Dodge.

To help the girls develop responsibility, and the club develop good leaders, department heads each year choose 25 outstanding girls, who are at least 11 years old, to be Junior Leaders. After a six weeks' training course (one hour weekly) covering everything from poise and voice modulation to a detailed description of their duties, Junior Leaders help in the game room, check coats, answer the telephone—each giving at least two hours weekly. Assistant Leaders—30 girls of high-school age who have successfully completed Junior Leader work—help paid workers in class and game room activities.

So that volunteers, too, understand club purposes, Miss Dodge talks personally with each new worker, encourages them to contribute their own ideas. Most who come for a trial afternoon find they cannot stop: "It's too interesting—and besides, the girls grow to depend on you. They like someone who remembers them and calls them by name." While a few volunteers are older women whose families are grown, more are young wives like Mrs. Patterson, who has no children, and Mrs. Bennett, who leaves her young son with a baby-sitter.

"It's worth all the trouble," says Mrs. Bennett. "It's worth all the trouble."

girls of 6 and 7, the climax of the health program is the Cinderella Contest, held in spring with parents and friends looking on. Ten little girls selected by doctors as having the best teeth, posture and general health with one another for the highest score are "Queen of Health." And "Cinderella" is the girl who has improved her score the most the past year. Cinderella receives a coronet from a local department store; each contestant wins a toothbrush and a carnation corsage. One 10-year-old, who never seen a corsage before, was so taken with hers that she wore it six days and offered the dried-up remains to the principal of her school. He wore it all day long.

FEBRUARY brings a fresh whir of excitement in the Girls' Club, for then the camp opens, and members may deposit nickels and dimes toward one or two weeks the following summer in the Girls' Camp. Nestled in a heavily wooded area only six miles from Worcester, the club takes care of 401 girls during its eight-week season for \$7.50 a week apiece—most stayed two weeks, a few spent the summer. And little girls whose families cannot afford this may receive one of fifty scholarships donated by the Women's Club.

For many girls, camp means their first chance to be in the country, away from the whir and bustle of city life. And while the camp program is full, there is still time for little girls to wade in the brook, scramble along the edge of the pond scooping up pebbles in tin cans, or just sit and stare. Teen-age club members serve as kitchen aides; later are graduated to junior counselors, where they plan games and picnics for younger girls, and finally, when they are fully qualified, to counselors. Counselors go to camp week early for a training program that includes everything from outdoor cooking to advice on being a homesick child.

Active community support built the camp as well as the club. Clarence Kinney, an Worcester resident who loves both nature and little girls, donated 47 acres; other donations have increased club holdings to 100 acres. Unemployed fathers helped build the first cabins during the mid-thirties. The Woman's Club paid for the kitchen and dining hall; the Women's Club gave the pump and health house. And 100 members of a mother's club which meets weekly at Lincoln House talk and sew, sold food and threw a whole party to earn money for a rowboat and a board.

Ask any little girl, however, what is the biggest event of the Girls' Club year, and chances are she'll say, with no hesitations, "The operetta!" Given every spring, the operetta has three performances, each with a different cast. To give as many children as possible a chance, every girl may learn as many parts as she likes. The little girl who was Alice last night may appear on the stage as a tree tonight, a member of the chorus tomorrow night.

Come backstage for the first performance of Alice in Wonderland. Little girls who have been practicing three months are so excited they can hardly talk. The stage is full of bunnies with white crepe-paper costumes and long white tails; lobsters in crimson cotton and oysters in gray-and-pink costumes with flaps that "really close when you kneed down." Over in a dressing room volunteers are rushing around with pins and needles biting the costumes they've made "by guess work" to the girls who must wear them to night. "I'm sorry my commission is so small,"

