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STYLE REVIEW

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This picture is taken from the Annual Report of 4H Clubs through Orleans County Farm and Home Bureau 1939. Girls taking part in the Style Review at Batavia from Orleans County were, from left to right: Guinevere Marcellus, Waterport; Elda Barnum, Gaines; Helen Corser and Rita Kenyon, Lyndonville; Helen Bandemer, Knowlesville; and an unidentified young lady.

Guinevere and Elda received blue ribbons at Batavia and went to the District Review in Wyoming where they both received red ribbons rating for their clothing projects.

The 1939 4H report indicates 275 articles of clothing were displayed at the county fair all made by local girls. This was one of the largest exhibits in homemaking. Seventeen articles were sent to the State Fair, where 13 were awarded ribbons.

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There were 113 girls enrolled in this 4H project and 98 girls completed the unit.

Articles of clothing were not only the dresses shown in the photo but also sandals, beach robes, smocks, mittens and aprons. Twelve girls even made their own 4H uniforms.

As we observe this picture of the six girls from 70 years ago, we recognize how dated they all appear from the shoes, to the dresses, hair styles and hats.

NOTICE: A local history program, "Stories From Gaines" will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Pullman Church in Albion by county Historian C.W. Lattin.