

Volunteer leaders have important part to play



ACCEPTS GIFT

Moses Phloeba, Beaucauland, Africa, accepts tray from Miss Thelma MacLeod, director of women's services, provincial department of agriculture, at annual session of Canadian Council of 4-H Clubs in Charlottetown in early May. Mr. Phloeba addressed the gathering.

The role that volunteer club leaders play in the community is almost entirely dependent on the part that the agricultural representative encourages and trains them to do.

That's the opinion of Tom Dickson, Borden Company Limited, Toronto as expressed in a recent article in the magazine "Youth in Canadian Agriculture".

Mr. Dickson explains how volunteer leaders can act as hosts for meetings, chauffeurs for transporting youngsters to and from meetings, as an audience at banquets, and perhaps give assistance on Achievement Days.

He maintains that these are essential tasks in a 4-H program and most certainly anyone performing them is supplying very necessary assistance, and at the same time, deriving considerable satisfaction.

"But," continues Mr. Dickson "this type of program does not build a strong 4-H movement in a country. There must be a program that will attract all young rural people and not just those with a particular interest in agriculture. This means that agricultural representatives have to be trained and most capable help to properly organize activities in areas under their jurisdiction. After all, this work with the young people is the only part of the responsibilities. A major part of their professional skill and time with the juniors should be spent in developing, training and supervising a strong leaders' association, so that the leaders can better carry out the actual work with the youngsters."

Mr. Dickson admits that it is a difficult task to get this leaders' association formed and on a working basis, receptive to guidance and instruction. Responsibility and competition are the keys to the development of a leaders' group. Perhaps the best way to stimulate the sense of responsibility and draw your group together is to promote some events in the country that will require their co-operation on a larger scale than anything previously attempted. The bigger and tougher the project, the more likely it is to be successful in consolidating your leaders' group.

The Borden company writer claims just what form the project might take is irrelevant. It might be a play-night in the area, with each club producing a skit. It could be a series of trips, or perhaps a project to raise funds. One energetic group sold homemade soup at the International Plowing Match. The main thing is to tackle together projects that require meetings and get-togethers. Success is then more likely to be assured.

Once you have the group getting together, the skill and training of the agricultural representatives is required in direct the interests of the group into the channel they have been aiming at all the time, perhaps zoning his area into different clubs and having a leader or leaders responsible for the complete program in the zone, carrying out their own meetings and attending to the local needs of the club.

Continuing Mr. Dickson said: "Once we had reached this stage with our group, we found that most of our leaders had quite a problem just conducting

a meeting, in spite of the fact that some had been attending local meetings for years. Our agricultural representative solved this by writing a program to cover a whole series of meetings on each project, with proceedings, subjects for discussion and other information that the leader would need at a meeting.

However, it's not always going to be easy selecting a leader. There are many individuals who will not rise to this responsibility, and others who would like to be leaders but are incapable for one reason or another. Those who are willing to become leaders and at the same time meet requirements are given leadership training and are encouraged in every way to use of their talents.

Mr. Dickson continues: "I often thought that the strong leaders' group could develop somewhat like the successful rural service club, combining comradeship with service. A second 4-H leaders' program must necessarily be interesting, and also must offer challenge and recognition, like the successful service club."

"Today the training of leader-

ers should not present the problems that it used, since many of the young adults in each community have participated in 4-H for several years and thus have the grounding to become accomplished leaders."

The conclusion has been reached that to make 4-H club meetings really interesting, programs must include matters other than those of an agricultural nature. Things like water safety, fire prevention, first aid, traffic problems are a few of the items which can make meetings more interesting.

Concluding Mr. Dickson says: "Some may ask whether the voluntary leader does have a responsibility. I would say yes. Every citizen of our country owes to the succeeding generation anything he can do to ensure the success their success and happiness. Many successful people today have been happily influenced by a 4-H leader in their youth. Knowing this is of great satisfaction to those of us who have been club leaders."

Impaired Case Is Adjourned

The impaired driving case of Albert Watson Stewart, Carleton Place, was adjourned to July 27 for trial when it came before Magistrate James B. Johnston QC, Wednesday morning in Queens County magistrate's court.

William John Larkin, Newtown Cross, who appeared on a similar charge, was remanded to July 20.

There were two cases of illegal possession of liquor. One was adjourned to June 29, the other resulted in a \$20 and costs or 30 days penalty for the accused.

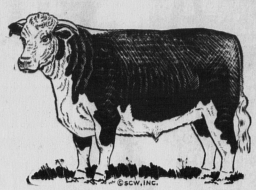
CUT EXCISE TAXES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee adopted Wednesday a proposal to cut excise taxes on furs, cosmetics, handbags and jewelry by \$290,000,000 a year. The effect of the substitute is to shift the 10 per cent levies, which date from the first year of the Second World War, from a retail price to a manufacturer's price basis. The shift would take place Oct. 1, 1964.

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VISITOR WELCOMED

Jim Haggins, Ontario, is seen here with Diana Rodd, North Milton, Prince Edward Island, when Jim visited the Island as 4-H Club exchange student last summer. Jim was on visit to North Milton club when picture was snapped. Diana was president of that particular club at the time.

SPECIAL

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12 and humanitarian services and projects. The choice as to which projects are supported is one which should possibly be left with individual clubs and districts. However, where a project is to be supported nationally clubs should be made aware of this and given the opportunity to contribute if they are interested, the report advised.

"The success or failure of such projects is dependent on the co-operation and support received from individual provinces. Because of this your committee does not feel it advisable to recommend new projects unless there is general support from the greater majority of provinces. It may be in future that consideration should be given to projects which can be undertaken by two or more provinces interested in participating. Such projects would be limited in size but the arrangement would add flexibility presently lacking.

"One other point of note is that there can be a danger of the Canadian Council becoming a collection agency in special projects involving fund raising. This, we feel, should always be watched closely and strictly guarded against.

The majority of provinces would prefer apparently that community and humanitarian projects be undertaken at the club or district level rather than nationally. In addition, most agree there should be a variety of such projects from which clubs and districts can select that which appeals most.

The committee feels, Mr. Usher said that the most useful purpose it can serve is to investigate various community and humanitarian programs available to make information concerning these programs available to provinces. Some work might also be done toward drafting new programs which could be supported at the local level.

A study should be continued of special projects in this field which might be undertaken nationally as part of our centennial program, he concluded.

Speeder Fined In City Court

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P. E. I. Dept. of Agriculture

HON. ANDREW B. McRAE

Minister.

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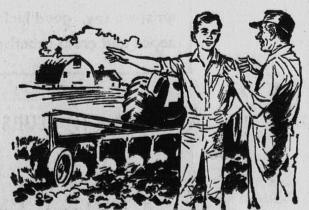
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