

Seminar key national 4-H centennial project

While Canada's 70,000-plus 4-H Club members have been given the official "green 4-H light" to a broad scope of Centennial Year activities at the local level, the one-week Seminar at L'Estere, Quebec, has been designated by the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs as the official Centennial 4-H project at the national level. From August 5 to 12, many of Canada's 3,795 4-H Clubs will be represented by award-winning delegates as they meet in study and recreation at L'Estere, the popular year-round resort hotel nestled in a forested, lake-dotted Laurentian Mountain estate, 60 miles north of Montreal. It will be the home and headquarters for a week of history-making deliberations sponsored by the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs especially for Centennial Year.

Delegates to the Centennial Seminar will be between 16 and 21 years of age and will be selected through elimination competitions in each province during the remainder of this year. Community leaders and records of achievement compiled through years of participation in 4-H will be key determining factors in the selection of delegates.

THEME... It is recognized that rural youth has made significant contributions to the economic growth and development of Canada. In all walks of life, people from rural areas are occupying important positions in political, educational and business professions, a trend which will continue in the years ahead. In recognition of these and other factors, it is felt important that Canada become increasingly aware of rural youth and the particular problems they will face in the future. The theme, "Rural Youth and His World" has been adopted in keeping with the purpose and objectives of the Seminar.

NEED FOR SEMINAR... The Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs, representing a large educational movement for rural youth, feels strongly that members of 4-H Clubs should be given opportunities to study significant trends which will affect their future as citizens of rural communities. The Council recognizes further that the agricultural industry has made major contributions to the economic development of Canada during the past 100 years. The forces of technology and subsequent economic development have resulted in far-reaching changes in rural communities throughout Canada. It is felt important that these should be viewed by rural youth.

It is important also that rural youth, who are closely associated with the production of food and fibre, should understand the challenges which face this country, particularly as they affect trends in rural communities. The Centennial 4-H Seminar will provide the needed opportunities for close study and assessment of these challenging problems by representative groups of 4-H Club members from the ten provinces.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES... The underlying purpose and objectives of the Seminar will be to assist members of 4-H Clubs to acquire a broader understanding and concept of the role of rural youth in Canada's past, present and future, through providing opportunities to:

- examine the contributions of agriculture and their effect on Canada's social and economic development;
- identify and define current implications and future responsibilities of the youth of rural Canada;
- assess the forces that have and will affect rural people in Canada's future development.

PROGRAM... Saturday, August 5, will be registration day, with delegates arriving at L'Estere by chartered buses from railway stations and the Montreal Airport. The President of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs will welcome the delegates following an informal dinner. "The Challenge for Rural Youth" will be the keynote opening address followed by a get-acquainted party.

Sunday, August 6, arrangements will be made for delegates to attend church services of their own choice, followed by an interdenominational service conducted primarily by the delegates. The official opening of the general assembly will take place Sunday afternoon with the topic, "Rural Youth in Canada's Past." A lakeshore barbecue and fire-side program will close the day.

Monday, August 7th, is set aside for the topic, "Rural Youth in Canada Today," with a full day of group discussions, summaries and reports. The day will close with an evening's program featuring Quebec culture and folklore.

Tuesday, August 8, is planned for study of "Youth in Canada Tomorrow" concluding with an evening presentation of "Exposure to Expo '67" by Expo officials.

Symposium of 10" Wednesday, August 9, with feature presentation by ten 4-H Club members on significant points that have been identified during the Seminar and their personal responsibilities on returning to their home communities. The day will close with an evening program by the delegates.

EXPO... Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11, have been set aside for visits to Expo 67 with the Agricultural and Youth Pavilions as key visiting points on the first day. Optional tours will be taken the second day. Closing ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, August 12.



CAPTURED SHOWMANSHIP TROPHY

Retired provincial livestock director L. W. Roper presents showmanship trophy to June Holmes, Kingston at the 1965 Rural Youth Fair, with her as brothers Mervyn and Lowell. The trio of youngsters are members of the North River 4-H Club. The trays held by the winners are retained by them but the trophy must be returned for annual competition.

Washington conference annual 4-H highlights

During the early part of March a small group of 4-H Members from Prince Edward Island gathered at the Women's Institute Branch of the P. E. I. Department of Agriculture to partake in an elimination to choose a male delegate to represent P. E. I. at the 36th National 4-H Conference in Washington. Boys or girls are chosen on alternate years.

The eliminations consisted of an interview based upon your 4-H knowledge both local, National and International. Each contestant was judged upon his 4-H background, present 4-H knowledge, and potential leadership ability. When final tabulations were made the honor was placed upon me to represent this Province at National Conference. The Canadian delegates to this Conference are sponsored by the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs with headquarters at Ottawa. The dates of this year's Conference were April 14-22. The first part of our program involved a visit to Ottawa then to New York and finally to the Conference at Washington.

On April 14 the ten Canadian delegates, 5 boys and 5 girls, assembled at the Chateau-Laurier in Ottawa along with our two leaders, Miss E. M. Collyer and J. E. Audet. While in Ottawa we visited the Parliament Buildings and had the honor of meeting Hon. L. B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada. Following our stay in Ottawa we left by air for New York on April 15. While in New York we stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and toured many points of interest. On April 16 the group attended a play, "Half a Sixpence" on Broadway. Then on Sunday we were off to the 36th Washington Conference.

It was on this day April 17 that some 215 delegates descended upon the Nation's Capital to partake in the Conference. There were 200 delegates from U. S. A., 10 from Canada, 4 from Puerto Rico and one delegate from Korea. This vast group along with their leaders resided at the National 4-H Center, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Maryland. This center resembles a University Campus and today has grown into a 1 1/2 million dollar project.

The theme of the Conference was "Young Citizens' Quest in a World of Opportunity". Each day of the conference also had a more general theme which the program followed.

AIDS UNDERSTANDING... The main purposes of the Conference included increased understanding of important national and international issues and problems facing the American people today. There was also increased understanding and acceptance of the democratic values—citizenship responsibilities and opportunities available for each 4-H delegate in attendance. The National Conference was also planned to report Extension's 4-H goals and achievements to the national leaders and general public in attendance.

The Conference proved to be mainly a citizenship Conference because our long range 4-H goal is good citizenship. This year there was a special focus on International Citizenship. At our meetings we tried to learn more about national and international issues and problems, and increase our understanding of democratic values so we can become more responsible citizens. Also during the Conference we had organized tours around the Nation's Capital, called at various offices of Government business and education, and one afternoon toured the Goddard Space Flight Center where much of the present space equipment is constructed.

Each and every Canadian delegate learned a great deal about the U. S. 4-H programs. 4-H in U. S. A. began in the early

part of the 1900's. The main projects at that time included Swine, Corn, Tomato and Canning clubs. Today in the United States there are some 2 1/2 million 4-H Members comprising some 96,000 clubs. About half the members live on farms, and the remainder are from the towns and cities.

ference may be summed up in one word, "Brotherhood". The many new faces each delegate met and chatted with seemed almost unbelievable. There were many new ideas of ways our clubs, county and world can and some day may better themselves.

Finally, may I say how pleased I was to have represented the smallest Province of Canada and hope some minds have been enlightened by this short article. I can not begin to tell all there is to tell, but I would be glad to relate more about my unforgettable experience either through talks, slides, etc.

WHITE HOUSE VISIT

One of the most interesting events at the Conference proved to be our visit to the White House. While there we met Vice-President and Mrs. Humphrey and President and Mrs. L. B. Johnson. While there President Johnson spoke to the delegates for some twenty minutes. The President complimented the young people on their fortune in having "the kind of parents and grandparents that made this Republic what it is today"; the President advised his audience "to take it from here and leave it better than you found it".

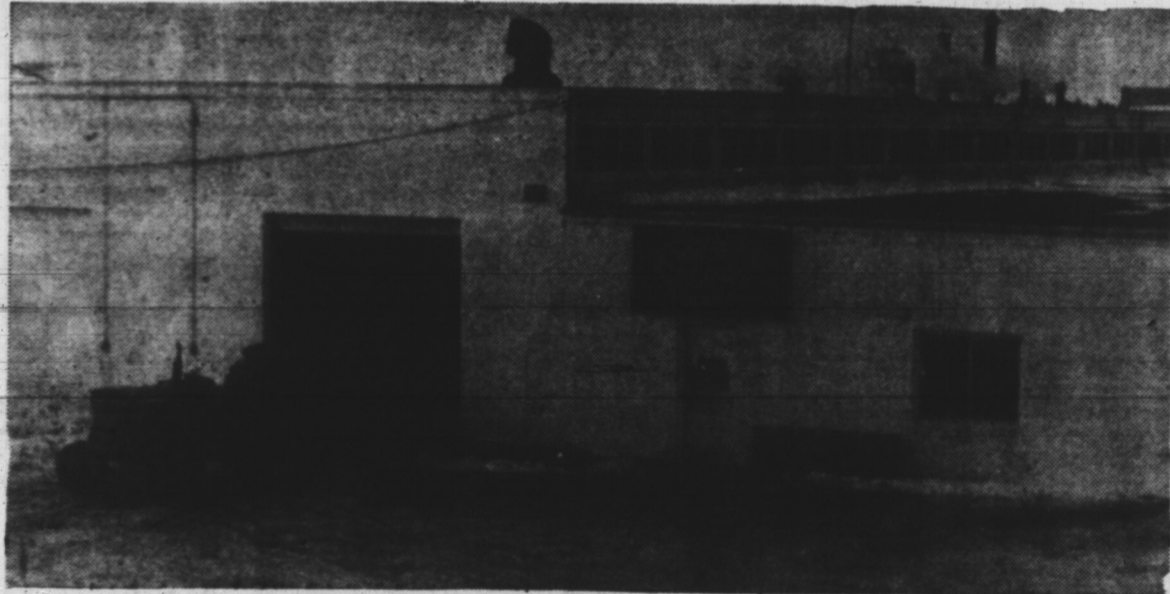
My conclusion to the Conference

THE 4-H PLEDGE

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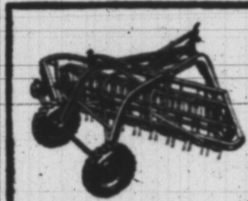
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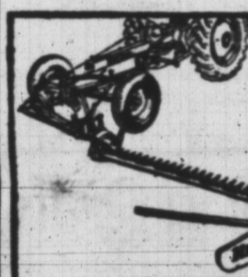


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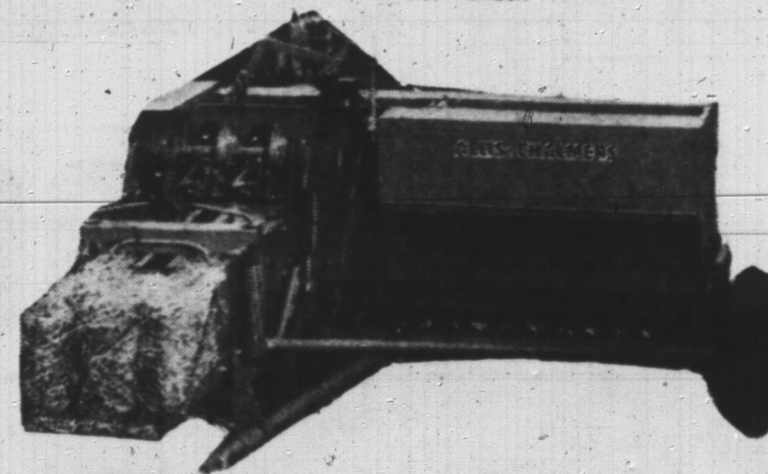
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