

# Agriculture minister sees clubs as great character builders

The importance of 4-H Club work cannot be overemphasized. Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae said in an interview.

Stressing the educational value of the well rounded program, the minister observed that though few of the club members may become farmers, or farmers for a living, the training and experience they receive helps them to become better and more useful citizens; and it also helps them

understand the farmers' problems, he added.

It is always better for young people in this impressionable age group, he said, to be occupied in useful and this, than to drift into groups whose idleness is a temptation to mischief.

Mr. MacRae was not associated with 4-H Club work in his youth for the reason that these clubs did not exist at the time. But the man who farms extensively on the Union

Road and with his father, owns a large herd of pure bred Ayrshire cattle which he exhibits each year under the farm name of Andrew B. and Fred T. MacRae, did exhibit calves at school fairs which were in vogue in those earlier days.

Shown at those early youth fairs were vegetables and other farm exhibits in addition to calves, and many a young athlete got his first taste of track and field com-

petition in the sports that always featured the youthful competition.

In addition to the agricultural flavor of the 4-H Club there is the opportunity for competition in such useful activity as public speaking, and some of the best debaters and speakers of the day owe their start to participation in such early competition, which goes at times to Maritime competition.

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SCENES LIKE THIS ARE RE-ENACTED HUNDREDS OF TIMES YEARLY ON ISLAND  
President Carolyn Subey (right standing) conducts business meeting of Cornwall Club

### Cornwall 4-H Club has 7-year course

The Cornwall 4-H Garment Club has an enrollment of 15 girls between the ages of 10 and 19. The club is divided into two sections, each with its own leader.

Mrs. Waldon Lowther and Mrs. Jack MacLean have been the leaders of this club since 1954, having been re-elected by the Women's Institute each year.

The 4-H program is, in effect, a seven year course drawn up by the Women's Institutes, with each year having its own projects or assignments which are worked on by the members with the aid and guidance of the leaders and are exhibited at the end of the year at a special exhibition held in the community.

In first year there are four members. They include Iris Herlihy, 10; Isabel MacLean, 11; Carolyn Subey, 11; and Gloria Godfrey, 11. These young girls have as projects for the year, patching, stitching seams, and making aprons.

Second year projects include darning, making bed slippers, a bureau scarf, and a cotton half-slip or petticoat. There are no members in this year.

Gloria Dawson, 12, and Wendy Wilson, 13, are in third year. Through the year they learn how to crochet, hemstitch, and make a skirt or pyjamas.

In fourth year are Pauline Sobey, 14 and Diane MacMillan, 15. They make a cotton



THESE TWO MEMBERS ARE MAKING COTTON DRESS  
(L-R) Pauline Sobey and Diane MacMillan

### Membership hits an all-time record

James D. Moore, manager, Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs, has reported that membership in the council stood at an all time high of 65 and that the numbers of organized 4-H Clubs in Canada increased from 5,454 in 1961 to 5,577 in 1962.

In his report to the 32nd annual meeting of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs at the Royal Alexandra Hotel in Winnipeg, Mr. Moore listed the provincial departments of agriculture (department of education in Newfoundland and university extension department in Saskatchewan), the Canada department of agriculture, 42 business firms and 12 national agricultural associations as members of the council.

The council, referred to by manager Moore as a "bin dis force" in 4-H, was set up in 1931 when 10 government departments and six business firms combined to form a unique government-business team to lay the foundations of an organization which today is in the forefront of one of the soundest youth training movements in Canada.

Under the guidance of the council, 4-H today is providing the knowledge and leadership that is helping to build the future strength of our nation.



CORNWALL CLUB HAS TWO LEADERS BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE  
(L-R) Gloria Herlihy (member), Mrs. Waldon Lowther, Mrs. Jack MacLean



GIRLS IN FIRST YEAR MAKE APRONS, LEARN PATCHING AS PROJECTS  
(L-R) Iris Herlihy, Gloria Godfrey, Carolyn Subey, Isabel MacLean



GIRLS IN SEVENTH YEAR LEARN TO CREATE FORMAL DRESSES  
(L-R) Jean MacMillan, Norma Howard, Joyce Lowther, Beth Matheson

### Washington delegate tells of fine trio

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Once a year each province selects one 4-H member to represent it at the annual National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. This award is sponsored and financed by the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs. It is designed as a program of information, inspiration and challenge to a life of greater service to club community and country.

For the four delegates from the Atlantic provinces, of which I was one, the journey began in Montreal. It was here that one of the highlights of our trip occurred, when we were special guests of the Canadian Citizenship Council at their 23rd Annual Dinner at which time the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs was presented with the 1963 National Citizenship Award for "Outstanding efforts towards the enhancement of citizenship in Canada."

The following day our delegation of nine 4-H members and two leaders was complete when we gathered at Ottawa and together toured points of interest in our city.

In his last official act as Prime Minister, Mr. Diefenbaker presented each delegate with certificates of Canadian Citizenship. For lunch we were the guests of retiring minister, the Honorable Mr. Hamilton and the Dept. of Agriculture.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

While in New York for two nights and a day we stayed at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and visited points of interest in the city including the U.N. and the Empire State Building. In the evening we attended a Broadway Play.

On Saturday April 20, we arrived in Washington for a week of Conference and sightseeing. While there we were the guests of 300 American delegates and their leaders at the National 4-H Center. This centre is on a large campus in suburban Washington, D.C. and provides complete living and conference facilities for 300 people. It was est-



THIRD YEAR GIRLS WORK ON SKIRT PROJECT  
(L-R) Gloria Dawson and Wendy Wilson

ablished by the contributions of nearly a million and a half 4-H members as well as the Ford and DuPont Foundations, and is dedicated to the "four-fold development of Rural Youth and to knowledge, character, love, honor and dignity among all peoples."

With the American delegates we toured all the National Shrine and monuments in the Washington area, visited Congress, the National Archives and Art Gallery, the war museum and the Smithsonian Institute.

We toured the White House and took a boat ride down the Potomac to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington in Virginia. Many of us attended a ball game between the Los Angeles Angels and the Washington Senators in the new D. C. Stadium. We had breakfast with 200 Senators and Congressmen and met Vice-President Lyndon Johnson and Ladybird. The Canadian delegation had the great privilege of presenting Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, with a Beaver pelt, symbolic of the friendship between Canadian and American 4-Hers on our 50th Anniversary.

Our final ball was held in the Ballroom of the Department of State. This was a rare privilege never before granted to such a group.