

Today's 4-H Youth Differ from Those of 50 Years Ago

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The 4-H club member of today is quite a different person from the club member of 40 or 50 years ago. This member was usually a farm boy or girl. A few rural non-farm boys and girls who went to the same rural schools belonged too, but these were in a small minority. Their projects were livestock, crops, cooking or sewing. Most quit school around the age of 16 to go back to the farm and work. Today's club member would not fit very comfortably into such a program. Over half of our present 4-H'ers come from non-farm homes. They have a choice of over 100 projects including such projects as livestock, dog obedience, rabbit chicken, beekeeping, entomology, forestry, geology, archery, gun safety, fishing, mechanics, electricity, woodworking, Jr. Leader, leathercraft, clothing,

knitting, food preparation, food preservation, child development, home improvement, and many others. Besides the project work, 4-H also offers many interesting and worthwhile activities. In Morrow county, there is a four day 4-H camp; judging contests for foods, clothing, livestock, horses, home improvement and knitting; county fair, style revue; demonstration day; and club officer training. Statewide, they are eligible for trips to 4-H Summer School at Corvallis, 4-H Club Conference (Know Your State Government) in Salem, Range Camp in Logan Valley in Grant county, State Fair at Salem, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in The Dalles, and the Pacific International. Nationally, there are trips to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and National 4-H Club conference in Washington, D. C. Since farm members are declining, there is very little in-

centive for club members to drop out of school and go back to work on the farm. Also remember that over half of these boys and girls don't come from farms. Instead, more and more encouragement and recognition is being given to club members for staying in 4-H until they reach the upper age limit of

19. Many individuals and business concerns are also sponsoring college scholarships for achievement in 4-H. Many colleges have a collegiate 4-H club on campus.

The 4-H member of the past needed to, and wanted to, learn what he did not have a chance to learn in school, because he did not go to school long enough. The 4-H member of today also needs to, and wants to, learn what he does not have a chance to learn in school. This is not because he does not go to school long enough, but rather because the world is changing so rapidly.

Fishermen Could Start 4-H Clubs

Some of the 400,000 fishermen who will try their luck in Oregon waters this year could constructively use their angling knowledge to help organize and supervise new 4-H fishing clubs, says Andy S. Landforce, Oregon State University extension wildlife management specialist. "Most boys and girls want to learn the art of fishing, but it takes an adult to help get them the most out of it," he emphasized. "A willing adult, man or woman, is the key that opens the door to opportunity."

"The 4-H fisherman project is divided into four major areas—fishing, outdoor living, wildlife conservation and personal development," explained Landforce. "The four divisions include 55 options for the boys and girls to participate in. Only 10 of these are required each year and each division encourages club members to adopt their own options or activities."

Landforce added that the activities can range from a simple, but important step of tying a hook to a leader to a line, to tracing the life history of a favorite fish or learning competence in cleaning and caring for trout, bluegill, sun fish and others.

Information on how to start a 4-H fishing club and suggested club activities is available from the Morrow county extension office. How many counties have the almost backyard opportunity for fishing that is found in Morrow county?

4-H Club Girls Do Skillful Jobs Preparing Foods

The hundreds of "convenience" foods available today put more and better food on the table than grandmother ever made. They require little time to cook and serve, provide treats that would not be made from scratch, and supply complete meals to be stored in freezers or on cupboard shelves ready in minutes for unexpected guests.

But not all convenience foods need to be purchased. Girls in 4-H Clubs make their own when there is an abundance of produce, either home-grown or at the market. They say there is no substitute for the wonderful aroma and taste of homemade relishes, jams, sauces, preserves and fruits.

Home canning remains a cherished culinary art, and was the first project offered 4-H girls. That was in 1910 when young farm girls were shown how to grow tomatoes and can them. The program "caught on" and soon became nation-wide. The first and only awards sponsor is Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation of Sand Springs, Okla.

A few years ago, the canning program was broadened to include freezing methods. The name was changed to the 4-H Food Preservation program. Consequently 4-H members have expanded their knowledge of preserving more kinds of foods, dishes and entire meals. More than 122,000 are enrolled, reports the Cooperative Extension Service which supervises the program.

About 50 members annually win trips to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, as state champions in the food preservation project. Six national \$500 scholarships are also presented at the Congress. In the 39 years since Kerr has supported the program, thousands of 4-H girls from every county have won recognition for their sparkling array of preserved foods. Many have demonstrated step-by-step methods.

Recipe for 4-H Character Cookies

Lend your two hands; full, happy and glad,
To a group of 4-H'ers, be they lassie or lad.
Add a pinch of authority and one brimming smile
The sweetness of laughter, then stir for awhile.
Pour in encouragement, loving trust, and much care;
All will respond, and rise to their share!
With results so rewarding, it doesn't take long
To mould these characters to be sturdy and strong.
To know these 4-H'ers, you can't help but recall
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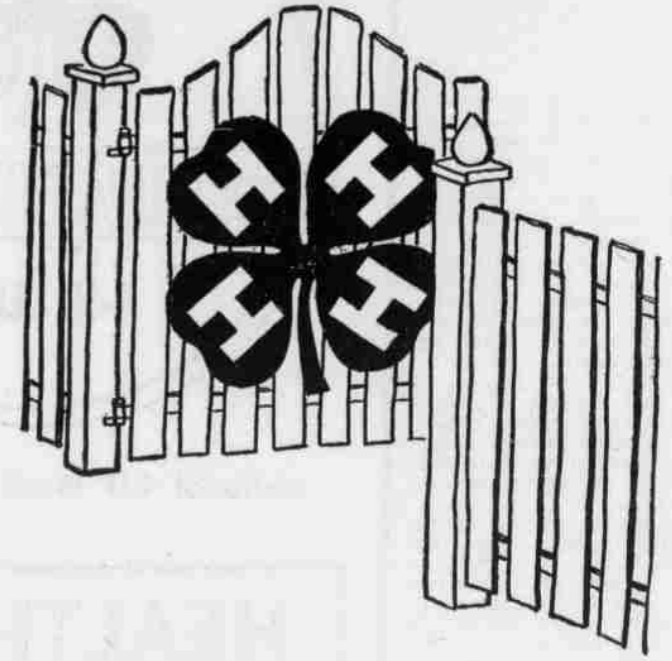
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