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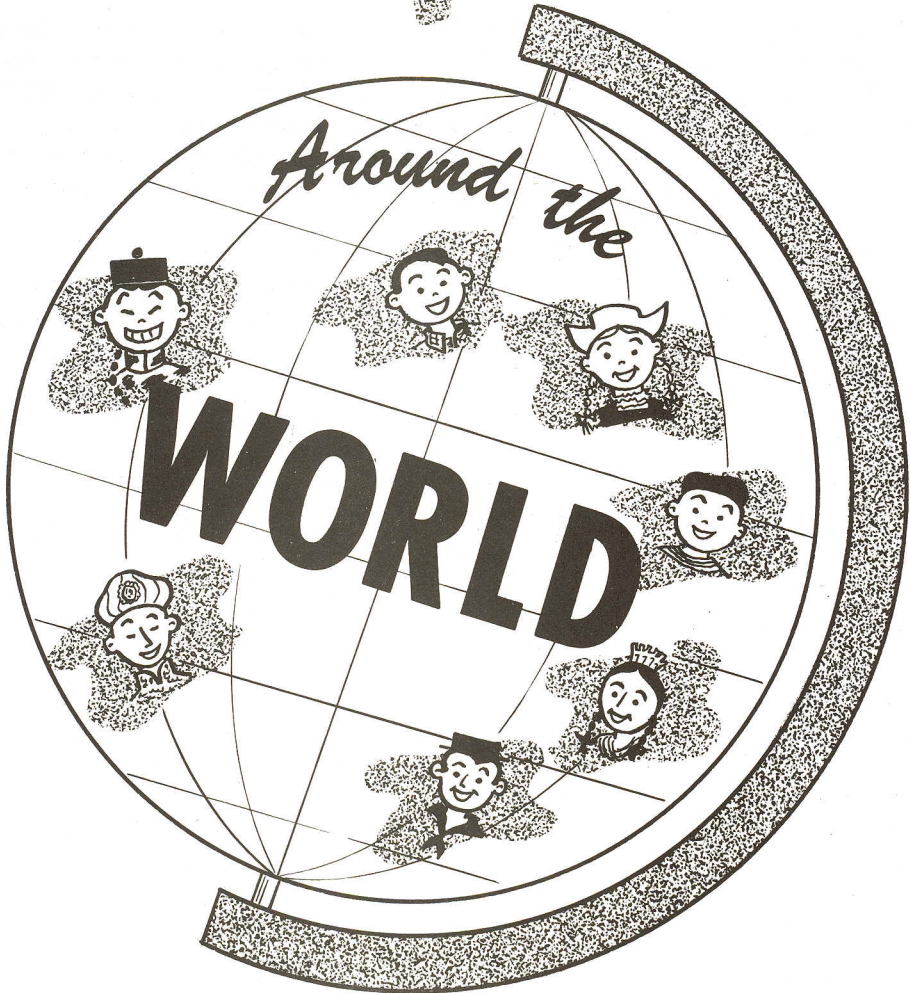
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4-H AROUND THE WORLD

Nebraska 4-H Clubs have been interested in similar youth organization over the world. Many countries now have such programs adapted from our 4-H program in the United States. Most of the information included here was taken from the March, 1956 issue of Trainee Trails prepared by the Foreign Student Branch of the Federal Extension Service. It is reproduced to meet requests being received from many 4-H Club members and leaders.

The interest in youth of other countries has been stimulated by the International Farm Youth Exchange Program. Nebraska has participated in this exchange for ten years. Nebraska youths have lived in farm homes in foreign countries. Foreign youths have lived in Nebraska farm homes. The exchange brings understanding of people of other lands and other cultures. Understanding is basic to the establishment of World Peace.

The following reports are the ones available but they do not represent all countries having youth programs adapted from the 4-H Club ideas.

CEYLON

Over half the country's population is composed of youths under 21 years of age. It is not surprising, then, to learn of the increased interest in youth. First introduced in 1950, Ceylon now has five hundred young farmers clubs with a membership of 40,000. The movement includes the outstanding features of several rural youth organizations, including 4-H Club work and the young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain. Club work in Ceylon is conducted on the project basis, the most popular being rice production, where each member raises at least 1/8-acre paddy; does all the work himself, and keeps records of the project. Other projects include; home gardening, poultry, yam, compost making, cattle, goats, bees, cooking, sewing, basketmaking, mat weaving, fruit, soil conservation, preservation of fruits, and weaving. One high official states that "the hitherto unchangeable adults seeing the results obtained by their sons and daughters, are now beginning to practice more up-to-date methods." Mr. Kannangara, one of the country's enthusiastic supporters of the movement, feels that Ceylon's rural youth work has done much "toward promoting the welfare of youth, by bringing home to them the dignity of agriculture and homemaking as a means of livelihood.

4-H IN FINLAND

Some 60,000 boys and girls, ages 11 to 18, are members of Finland's 4-H Clubs, started in 1926. As is true in the United States, the girls enrolled in club work outnumber the boys. The work is patterned along somewhat the same lines as in the United States, in that club members are engaged in project work; keep records, attend club meetings, hold exhibits, give demonstrations, hold athletic competitions, attend summer camps, and hold achievement days. The one major difference between the Finnish and the American 4-H Club organizations concerns its local leaders. In Finland, the local leaders or club advisors are paid workers, supervised by district advisers.

ECUADOR'S 4-F CLUBS

The 4-F Club movement, similar to 4-H Clubs in the United States, began in 1953. Membership last year was over 500 members in 28 clubs. The 4-F's are Fe(faith), Fortaleza(strength), Fertilidad (productivity), Felicidad (fellowship). The work is largely conducted through the schools and the church. Each club has one or two local leaders, one of which is usually a teacher or a priest. The local extension agent acts as advisor and helps to introduce better practices in agriculture and homemaking among the young people.

4-H ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN

Started in 1948, the 4-H Club movement in Japan now boasts a membership of 445,664 boys and girls in 25,787 clubs. The age of club members ranges from 10 to 30 with about two-thirds of its members over 20 years of age. The program includes agricultural study clubs and project work. Last year 357,699 members were enrolled in project work.

Japan's 4-H work is sponsored by the Extension Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and is conducted on the project basis similar to 4-H work in the United States.

Events held in 1953 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and by prefectures, include: a national achievement contest, national camp, 5 regional club conferences, 1851 achievement contests and 489 camps.

4-S CLUBS IN COSTA RICA

Saber(head), Salud(health) Sentimiento(heart), Servicio(hand) are the 4-S's of Costa Rica's youth program, started in 1948.

Membership today includes about 3,000 members in approximately 200 clubs. Mr. Edgar Arias is the National Director of Costa Rica's 4-S Clubs.

Club members range in age between 10 and 20 years and carry on project work and keep records much the same as do 4-H members in the United States. The program is conducted on an "out of School" basis.

4-S PROGRAM IN HONDURAS

A very fine publication, "Clubs 4-S," was recently prepared by Mr. Antonio Caceres, the national leader of the movement and a visitor to the United States in 1952. The 4-S Club movement was started last year. Membership is over 400. The 4-S stands for Saber (head or Knowledge), Salud(health), Sentir(feeling) and Servir (serve).

RURAL YOUTH WORK IN FRANCE

The Catholic Farm Youth Organization, "Jeunesse Agricole Catholique, with a membership of 300,000, was organized in 1929. Its general objectives are: to create an interest in the social, economic and vocational problems facing rural youth, to train young farmers to become more efficient farmers, to improve the spiritual and social life of farm young people.

The "Circle of Young People" (Cercle des Jeunes) was organized in 1945 and is the youth section of the Confederation General of Agriculture, one of the large farmers' organizations. Their objectives are: to develop and promote programs, through which young farmers and young farm women, between the ages of 16 and 30 years, can learn how to become more proficient agriculturists and homemakers.

REPUBLIC OF FREE CHINA

The first 4-H Clubs were organized in October, 1952. On July 1 of last year, in less than three years, the enrollment had reached 10,000 club members in 1200 clubs. The first clubs were organized in seven agricultural vocational schools. The local leader, who is also one of the teachers, supervises and works with the clubs. The "out of school" club program is headed up by a 4-H Club Agent in each county. He works with local advisory committees and local leaders. Plans are well under way to develop 4-H work in five more counties so that by June of

this year the work will have spread to ten of the sixteen rural counties. Membership is expected to reach 20,000. Mr. A. J. Brundage, former State 4-H leader of Connecticut, has played an important role in developing 4-H work in the Republic of China.

IRELAND'S MACRA NA FEIRME

The Macra Na Feirme (sons of the farm), or Young Farmers' Clubs of Ireland, was founded in 1944. To date, there are some 500 clubs with a membership of about 20,000 members. The Association has two professional leaders and over 500 local voluntary leaders. Activities are divided into three main groups: education, recreation, and community service.

The regularly scheduled winter meetings feature indoor activities, such as business lectures, debates, discussions, illustrated talks, contests, and public speaking.

The nonwinter activities are usually scheduled as tours, agricultural demonstrations and shows, livestock and poultry judging contests, and ploughing matches. Average age of members is 25 years. Membership is open to both sexes.

NORWAY

As early as 1926, the seed of 4-H Club work was planted in Norway by a Danish, American, Mr. Frantz Lund, who impressed a few people with the philosophy and aims and purposes of 4-H Club work. During the war, membership in these clubs increased to 17,000 and helped in providing increased food production. The objectives of the Association are to arouse an interest in farming and rural youth, give instruction in the management of soil, plants, animals, and various aspects of home economics to inspire young people to work together, to develop youth spiritually, and to develop good citizens. Membership is open to both boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18. Membership is based on project work, and in general the 4-H program is quite similar to that conducted in the United States. The motto is "A Clever Youth the future of the land." The Pledge: "I will, to the best of my ability, strive to be a youth with clear head, warm heart, adept hands, and good health."

VIETNAM ON THE MOVE

The ground work has been laid for the organization of rural youth work in Vietnam. Plans call for the program to include both boys and girls that are in school and out of school. Just recently Mr. Buu Loan from Vietnam was in the United States to observe the organization of 4-H Club work.

BOLIVIA'S CLUBES AGRARIOS JUVENILES

In 1952, the Extension Service in the Santa Cruz area began what is known as 4-S Club work. The program is conducted under the supervision of the extension agents in the area with the assistance of local leaders, in some cases, school

teachers. Clubs average 10 to 20 members. Ages of members are from 15 to 25. Most clubs are on a farm-and-home-project bases. Projects most popular with the boys are sugarcane, rice, corn, poultry, swine, and vegetables. Girls' clubs, 4 in number, carry projects in clothing, cooking, and vegetable gardening. About 600 members are enrolled in 28 clubs.

SWEDEN'S JUF

The "JUF" (Jordbrukare - Ungdomens Forbund) is a state supported, national organization of rural youth. "JUF" works for the strengthening of rural youths' love for their homes, for promoting their interest and skill in agriculture, and in physical and moral education and for sound pleasure and happiness in Swedish country life. The organization tries to foster in its members a spirit of hard work and thrift, of helping the sick and aged, in conducting community service projects, of conserving natural resources, beautifying public places, protecting and restoring home culture, developing youth physically through gymnastics, sports and dramatics. To promote these activities, the Federation enlists the cooperation of the schools and other educational institutions. Membership is open to both young men and women and totals over 20,000 among the older youth and 16,000 among the younger boys and girls who carry on project work.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

The Young Farmers' Club movement is widespread among countries of the British Commonwealth. The organizations in the various countries have a common objective in that they try to promote, among youth, an interest in the land and in the work of farm people. The members try to create, in town and country alike, a keener sense of the importance of country life and farming. Membership is open to both sexes and the lower age limit is about 15 years. Many countries of the world have studied the Young Farmers' Club movement and have incorporated some of its ideas. Countries having Young Farmers' Clubs are England, Wales, North Ireland, Scotland, Channel Islands, New Zealand, Australia (Junior Farmers' Clubs), Canada, and Ceylon.

DENMARK AND RURAL YOUTH

Denmark believes that the more movements to educate and to help rural youth, the better. They believe in full freedom in youth movements and in making them not too uniform. They still believe in individualists, not only to run their farms, but also to rule the country. Denmark in setting up its rural youth organizations, sent some of their workers to observe programs in other countries, and then decided to build their own organizations.

At present they have close to 10,000 4-H Club members who carry on home and farm projects and some 30,000 young men and women who belong to Young Farmers' Clubs and Young Country Girls' Clubs who attend weekly winter agricultural schools.

YOUTH CLUBS OF GREECE

Farm Youth Clubs, similar to 4-H Clubs, are organized in many villages throughout the country. There are 22,000 members, ages 12 to 28, with about 30% of them girls. Clubs meet from once a week to once per month, usually in club rooms or in schools. Club rooms are usually furnished with a small library. Boys have projects such as vegetables, olives, wheat, and livestock. Girls carry projects in food preservation, cooking, gardening, poultry, sewing, mending, home beautification, and hygiene. Club members are very enthusiastic about the organization. It gives them an opportunity to improve their way of life and also provides them with recreation and fellowship. The clubs are organized under the Greek Ministry of Agriculture.

PHILIPPINES

Originally known as the 4-W Clubs (wisdom, willingness, work, well-being), 4-H Club work began in 1953.

Present membership includes over 50,000 boys and girls, ages 10 to 21, in 1,650 clubs. Most clubs are organized in the schools. Mr. Nicanor del Rosario is national leader.

5-B and 5-D Clubs

A few village aid workers have realized the needs of rural youth and rural youth influence on adults in adopting new practices. "Crescent and Star" clubs also known in West Pakistan as 5-D Clubs, and in East Pakistan as 5-B clubs have been organized by National Extension block officers. The movement is new, is growing slowly, and is patterned after 4-H Club work in the United States.

The 5-B's and 5-D's mean the same in the native languages as our 4-H's; the fifth letter in each case refers to religion. Object of these clubs is to introduce modern and improved methods in agriculture and sanitation. Membership is largely with the primary school group.

CHILE

4-C Club work is largely confined to about 4 counties. The program is somewhat similar to 4-H Club work as conducted in the United States. Present membership includes about 65 clubs with 1,200 members. Mr. Ramon Briceno Ninoles is national leader.

GERMANY

In 1952, the Rural Youth Advisory Service was organized under the Ministry of Agriculture to correlate and integrate the various youth programs. The Advisory Service provides instruction in agriculture and homemaking to youth affiliated with church organizations, out-of-school youth, and through classes in agricultural

schools. The average age of youth is 20 to 22. The Service is financed through national, state, and local (membership dues) funds. National leader is Mr. Karl Heinz Gebbers, Bundisministerium fur Landwirthschaft and Ernauhrung und Forsten, Bonn 12, Germany.

EGYPT

Rural Welfare Clubs provide recreation for young people and a place to spend their leisure time. Each club receives \$150 to \$300 from the government. The professional worker is a paid worker. Membership dues are 15 cents a month for older members; 9 cents for younger members.

INDIA

Young Farmers' Clubs in India are somewhat patterned after 4-H Clubs in the United States and the Young Farmers' Clubs of the United Kingdom. Some clubs conduct individual project work, others carry on community improvement projects, and some are purely recreational. The movement is not organized on a national basis, but is largely conducted by village workers, who have recognized need of youth and their importance in village improvement work. Membership is largely, made up of boys. Members are enthusiastic about belonging; however, local leadership is lacking.

J. A. P. IN BELGIUM

One of the country's youth organizations is the Young Peasant Alliance (Jeune Alliances Paysannes), a free, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization, active in the Walloon area. The Agricultural Professional Union of Belgium acts as advisor to the organization and assists in its educational program. Dues are \$1 per year. Membership is open to both young men and women between the ages of 18 and 27.

The B.J.B. Boerenjongenbond, another rural youth organization, found largely in the north Flemish area, is sponsored by the Catholic Flemish Farm Organization, founded in 1927. Membership in the youth organization is open to unmarried youth of both sexes. The organization features educational programs, tours, lectures, and demonstrations.

AUSTRIA

The "Landjungend" 4-H organization was started in 1946. Membership is open to young men and women, ages 14 to 30. Members participate in individual and community projects. The movement is sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and is supported by 90% of the schools and 80% of the churches; however, the organization has no political or religious affiliations. Information and advice on improved practices in agriculture and home economics is furnished by the Austrian Extension Service. Activities include community improvement projects, festivals, dances, tours, exhibits, demonstrations, and leader training. Membership is approximately 60,000.

SCOTTISH YOUNG FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

This self-supporting organization was started in 1923 for young men and women, ages 14 to 26. There are about 165 clubs with over 6,000 members and 3,000 associate members over 26 years of age. The objectives are "to make better citizens, better countrymen, better farmers." Mr. R. F. Gregor, 11 Rutland Street, Edinburgh, is national leader.

NEW ZEALAND

Started in 1933, the New Zealand Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs is largely made up of young men, 14 to 30 years of age. Their motto is "For Better Farming, Better Business and Better Living." Programs include subject-matter instruction in agriculture, lectures, field trips, films, debates, radio talks, stock judging, field days, sheepdog trials, dances, picnics, and sports events. National leader is Mr. Sid Freeman, Organizing Secretary, New Zealand Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, P. O. Box 2290, Wellington, New Zealand.

THAILAND

The Young Farmer program was started in 1953 and is somewhat similar to 4-H Club work in the United States. Membership includes 3,000 boys and girls. Plans for expansion of program will be made, but present need is for trained personnel.

CANADA

Last year marked the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs. Membership in Canada's 4-H Clubs has doubled in the last 10 years and reached a total in 1954 of over 68,000 members in over 5,000 clubs. Former 4-H Club members can be found today in all walks of life, as successful businessmen, and capable leaders in their communities. One of the important events sponsored by the Council is National 4-H Club Week, scheduled to coincide with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Last year was the 24th year that this event had been sponsored. It is considered one of Canada's most outstanding annual youth events.

We would be very glad to receive information concerning rural youth work in countries not mentioned above so that we might have a more complete picture of these activities around the world. Please send information to Foreign Student Branch, Federal Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

COUNTRIES WITH 4-H OR 4-H TYPE ORGANIZATIONS - 1956

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
Argentina	Clubes Rurales Juveniles (4-A)	20,000
Australia	Junior Farmers'	21,232
Austria	4-H	50,000
Belgium	J. A. P. Catholic Rural Youth	
Brazil	4-S	534
Bolivia	4-S	2,223
Canada	4-H	72,762
Ceylon	Young Farmers'	40,000
Chile	4-C	1,200
Columbia	4-S	1,450
Costa Rica	4-S	2,372
Cuba	5-C	11,841
Denmark	YM&W 4-H	30,000 10,000
Ecuador	4-F	3,124
Egypt	Rural Welfare	
El Salvador	4-C	1,135
England & Wales	Young Farmers'	65,000
Ethiopia	4-H	
Finland	4-H	60,000
France	Cercle de Jeunes Jeunesse Agricole Catholique	300,000
Germany	Rural Youth Advisory Service, Federal Alliance of Rural Youth	150,000
Greece	Educational Rural Youth Group (4-H)	17,980
Guatemala	4-S	821
Haiti	4-C	687
Honduras	4-A	
Ireland	Macra Na Feirme	20,000
India	India Young Farmers' Assoc.	
Indonesia	4-K	
Jamaica	4-H	11,101
Japan	4-H	306,736
Jordan	Sadik	750
Korea	4-H	150,000
Liberia	Future Farmers	504
Libya	4-H and Zavja	25
Nepal	4-Leaf Clover (4-L)	
Netherlands	Country Youth Assoc. (C. Y. A. N.) Young Farmers & Gardners Catholic Federation of Christian Young Farmers & Gardners	15,000 25,000 6,000
Norway	4-H	17,000
Pakistan	Chandtara	12,400
Panama	4-S	1,948
Paraguay	C. A. J.	680
Peru	C. A. J. P.	2,215
Philippines	4-H	60,000

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
Scotland	Young Farmers	9,000
Sweden	4-H	16,000
	JUF	20,000
Taiwan	4-H	10,593
Thailand	Yuwa Kasikorn	2,000
United States of America	4-H	2,150,000
Uruguay	Movimientto dela Juventudes	
	Agraria	3,000
Ulster	Young Farmers	8,000
Viet Nam	4-T	

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