



NEW PROJECT MANUALS

In the past, the club member received a subject matter pamphlet for each project and created a separate record book which included illustrations, samples and events that took place at the club meetings. NEW Now, one PROJECT MANUAL combines the information pamphlet and Record Book. The club member will now progress through the PROJECT Manual meeting by meeting, inserting illustrations and samples, answering questions and completing charts.

Another change. Historically, seven or eight meetings have been required to complete each project. Now each project will be six meetings in length with one more to review learning points (using quizzes, games, etc.) and discuss Achievement Day presentations (skits, exhibits, demonstrations).

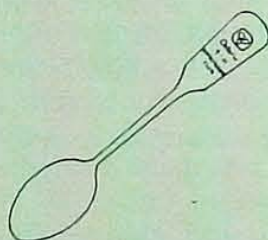
NEW ACHIEVEMENT DAY FORMAT

Achievement Day is the highlight of the project—a time for reviewing what has been learned and sharing new ideas. Starting this fall, the format will change from one day to a half-day held in the morning, afternoon, or evening, depending on the local situation. Skits, exhibits and demonstrations will be presented by the club members, preceded by a brief activity. This shorter program concept has been well received by club leaders all over Ontario. They are looking forward to emphasizing it as a family occasion with greater participation from the community.



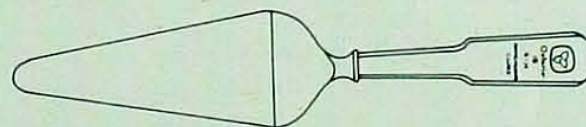
NEW AWARDS

The bright new image of 4-H has also been reflected in the design of the awards. A new trillium design on the silver teaspoon (received by each member and leader on completion of each project) was initiated last fall along with a facelift of the various certificates.



The County and District Home Economists will continue to conduct two day workshops for volunteer leaders at the local level. These workshops are an integral and valuable part of the 4-H Homemaking Club Program. They provide project content information with an emphasis on developing leadership skills. Volunteer leaders (anyone in the community can be involved!) are special people who devote their time, patience and enthusiasm to teaching girls and young women in local 4-H Homemaking Clubs.

For fall 1978, club members receiving County Honours (six project completions) and Provincial Honours (twelve project completions) will receive newly designed trillium pins. Advanced Honours (eighteen project completions) silver pie server with trillium design.



SPONSORSHIP

In this area, no changes have been made. Both the clubs and the Home Economics Branch appreciate the support they receive from their sponsoring organizations, although it is not a requirement for a club to have a sponsor. If your WI is interested in starting a 4-H Homemaking Club, all you need are two leaders and at least four eager members.

The staff of the Home Economics Branch have been instrumental in planning, organizing and initiating these changes. 4-H Homemaking club leaders and members have contributed many valuable ideas too.

Everyone is eagerly looking forward to the new program and an exciting fall for 4-H Homemaking clubs.