

## 4 H HOMEMAKING CLUBS

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"LEARN TO DO BY DOING" IS THE MOTTO OF THE 4H HOMEMAKING CLUBS, SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND LOCAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

IN MAY OF 1951 A 4H GARDEN CLUB, CALLED "NATURE'S HELPERS" WAS ORGANIZED BY MRS. R. HAZELDEN AND MRS. B. SINCLAIR. MANY LOCAL GIRLS AGES 12 TO 26 JOINED TO LEARN HOW TO PREPARE AND PLANT GARDENS. THESE INDIVIDUAL GARDENS PRODUCED 20 VEGETABLES AND 6 FLOWER VARIETIES. THE GARDEN CLUBS COVERED THREE YEARS OF EXTENSIVE RECORD KEEPING OF PLANTING, DISEASE CONTROL AND HARVESTING TO PREPARATION, STORAGE, PRESERVING AND CANNING. DURING THE WINTERS, COOKING AND SEWING CLUBS WERE HELD. THE LEADERS INSTRUCTED MEMBERS ON DRESSMAKING AND COOKING.

IN JUNE 1955, MARION SYER, AND JUNE 1966, MARGARET SANDERSON, ATTENDED THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL 4H HOMEMAKING CLUB GIRL'S CONFERENCE IN GUELPH. EACH GIRL WAS ONE OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THEIR COUNTY. THIS IS HELD ANNUALLY TO ACQUAINT MEMBERS FROM EVERY DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF ONTARIO TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF INTEREST TO RURAL GIRLS EVERYWHERE.

DUE TO LACK OF LEADERS OR MEMBERS, BAILIEBORO DID NOT HAVE 4H CLUBS EVERY YEAR.

SINCE 1962, 4H HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY SUPPORTED IN THIS COMMUNITY.

IN 1964, MRS. M. TYSON RECEIVED PROVINCIAL HONOURS ON THE COMPLETION OF 12 4H HOMEMAKING CLUB UNITS.

IN 1967 MRS. M. THOMPSON RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE FOR BEING A CLUB LEADER FOR FIVE YEARS.

