

nate and direct the affairs of the district. An executive, consisting of six leaders elected from the various clubs, was responsible for conducting the business besides arranging competitions for public speaking and demonstrations, daylong "mini-trips" for summer fun and annual and semi-annual dinner meetings. They sponsored leader's training courses, first aid courses, public speaking courses and the popular district bonspiel. A Junior Leaders' Association, later changed to the Senior Members' Association, sponsored district jamborees and the annual skating party, as well as providing a forum for older members to meet and work together. They also planned special summer trips for their members with money they earned themselves.

The original 4-H clubs began with dairy, beef and swine projects for the boys, with sewing and cooking for the girls, and a little later horse and pony clubs for both. There were a few girls in the dairy and swine clubs, but no boys in the cooking and sewing clubs. Public speaking was emphasized from the beginning and clubs were very conscious of their images as they

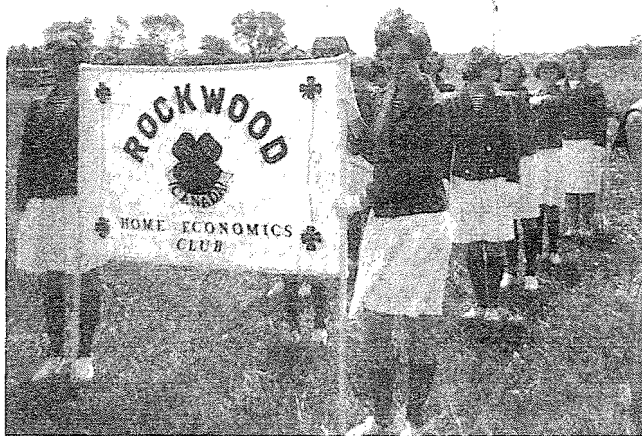
but the goal remains the same — to guide young people in their personal growth, to develop poise and responsibility. To this end they learn to complete the project they take whether it be in clothing, handicrafts, foods, leathercraft, beadwork, egg decorating, home nursing, babysitting, junior leader and self-determined, photography, conservation, wood-working, beef, dairy or horse. Because they have to compete with T.V., sports and school activities, clubs no longer take tours, and rallies have changed their programming. 4-H camps, conferences and workshops, as well as curling and skating parties are places for young people to meet and learn to work with others. In 1981-82 there are 4-H clubs in Argyle, Balmoral, Grosse Isle, Komarno, Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Tecumseh and Teulon. The projects have changed but the motto remains the same — "Learn To Do By Doing".

Emphasis on training for rural life has expanded to training for leadership roles in life wherever it may be lived. The basic purpose of 4-H is individual development to enable a greater contribution to club, community and country.

Interlake Horticultural Society submitted by J.C. and Betty Dack

During the summer of 1960 a group of interested people met in Stonewall with the Agricultural Representative, H. Ross and Provincial Horticulturist, Fred Weir, to discuss the feasibility of forming a Horticultural Society in the area. Reports from the different areas indicated that there was enough interest to warrant such a move. The communities contacted were Argyle, Warren, Stonewall, Balmoral, Teulon, Gunton, Woodlands, Meadows, Stony Mountain, Rosser and Grosse Isle. The organizational meeting was held in the Parochial Hall at Stonewall on November 14, 1960 with Mr. Ev Lawrence in the chair. The board of directors, chosen by nomination were: Mr. Ev Lawrence, Mr. Henry Main, Mr. J. C. Dack, Rev. Bruce Rathbone, Mr. C. Baranovsky, Mr. C. J. Edwards, Mrs. C. W. Hughes, Mrs. Ken Doan, Mr. S. H. Chanin and Mrs. A. H. Campbell. Mr. C. J. Edwards was named President and Mrs. Ken Doan as Vice-President. After some discussion the name that was chosen was the "Interlake Horticultural Society". Mrs. Archie Gray agreed to act as Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year. The aim of the Society was to encourage people to plant trees, shrubs and flowers and to try new varieties of fruits and vegetables. The theme adopted as "Make the Interlake Beautiful". It is interesting to note that the membership grew during the first year from 57 to 108, the members in 1981 number 99.

During the first year meetings were held once a



Rockwood Home Ec 4-H Club.

wore colorful uniforms and took part in rallies and competitions. After the Inter-District Rally, held at Teulon, Selkirk and Stonewall alternately, the big event of the year was the Regional Rally held in conjunction with the Red River Exhibition Club leaders also took their members on tours of various factories and points of interest in Winnipeg and the surrounding areas.

Over the years the swine clubs have disappeared completely; most of the clubs have both boys and girls in their membership, with many different projects available. The original 4-H members would have difficulty recognizing the 4-H projects today,