

# Five Million Youths Celebrate 4-H Week

Using the theme, "Expanding Horizons," more than five million 4-H'ers in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam, are observing National 4-H Week, Oct. 5-11.

Throughout the week, members of the nation's largest out-of-school educational youth organization are taking part in special activities that focus on the values of 4-H.

The theme challenges members to seek new knowledge, acquire life skills and build on personal strength. Members are encouraged to strengthen their citizenship and leadership abilities and to assume positive roles in a free democratic society.

4-H members learn-by-doing, becoming involved in a variety of practical, real life activities, ranging from agriculture to wood science.

Programs vary according to youth needs and community resources.

For example, 4-H'ers in your community may be involved in aerospace, agricultural production, beef, bicycle, citizenship,

climatology, clothing, commodity marketing, communications, conservation of natural resources, consumer education, cooking creative crafts, dairy, dog care and training, ecology, electric energy, entomology, food and nutrition, forestry, gardening, health, historic preservation, home environment, home management, horse, international exchanges, music, petroleum power, photography, poultry, public speaking, safety, sheep, swine, veterinary science and wood science.

During the past 10 years, total 4-H participation of urban youth has tripled. However, 4-H is still serving a large percentage of farm and rural youth. Today, 23 percent of 4-H members nationwide live in suburb or cities of more than 50,000 population, compared with 19 percent who live on farms. Forty percent reside in small towns or open country, and 18 percent live in towns and cities of 10,000 - 50,000.

4-H is the youth education program of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the landgrant universities.



## 4-H Live...

Peniel 4-Hers put on a unique one-of-a-kind fashion revue at this spring's 4-H Talent Funfest and District 4-H Activity Day.

Polk County 4-Her Emily McEntire, 13, and Jennifer Hill, 12, both of Rt. 1 Tryon, were named state winners in the Open Class Junior category, on July 22 during the North Carolina 4-H Convention. Their demonstration on dental care earned them the top prize. They were accompanied by their parents and a group of friends.