

● Youth Leaders

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Limited that they may be considered luxuries by countries with limited resources.

In Latin America there are about 153,000 members of 7,025 local rural youth clubs among the 35 million people of appropriate age. About half of these members and clubs are in Brazil, Colombia, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. The total enrollment has increased about 38 per cent from 1960 to 1964. But, Law said that this rate of increase must be further speeded up if we are to obtain the expansion necessary to have the optimum impact on the rural economies of our countries.

There are 4,322 technicians engaged in rural youth club work in Latin America. This is about half the number needed to adequately expand the programs, Law reported.

Some of the factors that were suggested as limitations to expansion were summarized by representatives of various countries at the Washington meeting. These included insufficient funds, inadequate orientation to the national rural youth program, lack of leadership, lack of preparation on the part of professional rural youth leaders, and lack of interest of the family and community.

A survey showed that the most important agricultural projects are gardens, livestock



A few members of the Inter-American Rural Youth group look on as Elmer Lapp demonstrates his six-horse drawn Conestoga wagon. L. F. Photo.



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and field crops. Sewing, nutrition and cooking, and home improvements rated most important in family living projects. The factors that most increased interest and program enrollment are individual projects, and the sports, recreation, social and cultural activities. A similar survey taken

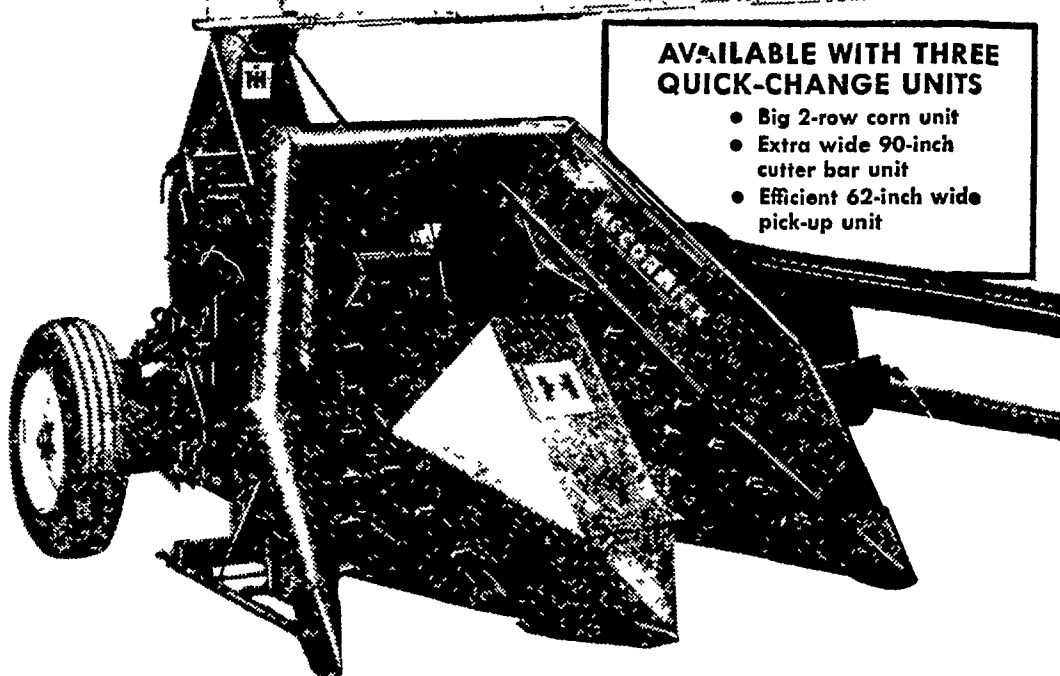
anywhere in the US would probably show just about the same interests among our rural youth.

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