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very educated, they are not a position to assist with a 4-H club. In fact, he said, in many cases the parents learn from the children who are in the clubs.

Kendrick's 4-H club has 60 members, and he is the sole leader. He is able to manage alone he says, "Because I give a lot of responsibility to the senior children."

The variety of projects is more limited than here, and Kendrick says, "Most projects are inclined toward agriculture, because 4-H is one means of bringing young

people back into agriculture." He said many young people are leaving the rural areas of his country for work elsewhere.

Another advantage of the 4-H clubs, he said, is to help break social barriers. Kendrick told of conditions under colonial rule which encouraged a "dividing rule policy" meant to keep the many different races in the country separate. Now he says, "Since independence in 1962 every effort is being made to break the racial and social barriers."

Livestock projects in his

club include poultry (chickens, ducks and turkeys), pigs, and cattle. In order for the children to acquire projects, donations are requested and the club holds fund-raising projects. One way they raise money is to sell popcorn and candy in the school, but a more interesting and fun way is through a Christmas caroling. Members sing at many community homes and get "paid" for their efforts.

Kendrick noted that there are never enough projects for each member to care for one alone, so they are rotated among members. A member will take home a pig, for instance, and care for it for a specified period of time and then it is brought back to the club and given to another member.

Kendrick proudly told of one 4-H'er who had a highly successful duck project from the one duck given her by the club. This member not only sold many ducks which helped out with the family's finances, she returned 10 ducks to the club for others members to have as projects. Projects and who should have then are determined on the basis of regular attendance, discipline, interest, and past success with projects, Kendrick said.

The benefits to the family is that parents may learn about crop rotation, using fertilizer or other practical methods. He said simply,

"4-H is educational to the home."

In Trinidad Kendrick has a wife and six children, aged seven through 14. He said it was not difficult to leave them because he had prepared for it. And besides, he said matter-of-factly, "We are just 4 1/4 hours by plane from New York City."

In all, Kendrick will have lived with 10 families in his four month stay here. He said, "Each family has been really nice. Basically, I think all human beings are the same the world over. I have enjoyed staying with host families. The American people are very friendly and very hospitable, and have extended due courtesy to me. They have always taken pains to see that I am comfortable."

In discussing some of the value of the program, Kendrick expressed his opinion that he world is like a mirror and one sees what is reflected. His comments on the friendliness of his hosts are indicative of this belief because he is obviously willing to be hospitable to one and all. He has already invited the Durboraw's daughter to visit him, and his family hosted Lancaster County's daughter Lancaster County's 1976 IFYE Raelene Harbold. According to his scrapbook, he has been host to numerous other IFYE's and 4-H teen caravanners, or has found homes for them with his 4-

hers. As a result, he has found himself welcomed into many homes throughout the United States. Of his many international acquaintances he said, "We have mutual affection for one another."

Mrs. Carolyn Durboraw said, "He is really appreciative of everything we do. The children, Todd and Kathy, have both learned a great deal from him. Both have studied about Trinidad in their classes, so we have asked many questions about the country." Kendrick has helped the Durboraw children with homework, and daughter Kathy was impressed with his ability to explain her math assignment.

Having Kendrick visit has also given Carolyn a greater appreciation of the variety of food we enjoy in this country. Kendrick, who is East Indian, called his family's diet a "carbohydrate" diet. Breakfast is usually "roti," a pizza-like material with coffee or tea. For lunch there is rice with vegetables and possibly a piece of chicken, oranges and water. For dinner there is either roti or rice, vegetables and a beverage. He said dairy products area not common because of the lack of dairy cows on the island.

He added, "I enjoy steak and other dishes here. It is a most welcome change for me."

Kendrick said that some food is very expensive in Trinidad, with apples costing \$.90. On the other hand something like shrimp cost just \$1.50 to \$2.00 per pound. Clothing, he said, is relatively cheap, with a suit costing perhaps \$50 - \$60. Workers probably average about \$2.00 per hour.

While Kendrick conceded that "by and large" the American people know little about Trinidad because of its smallness, he declared that his country is becoming more and more well-known because of its current attraction - it is the home of the beautiful new Miss

Universe. He said, "My country has strong ties with the United States, and is a member of the Organization of American States and OPEC."

Petroleum is an important resource for Trinidad-Tobago, with off-shore drilling now taking place on newly found wells. Sugar cane is the primary agricultural industry, followed by cocoa, coffee, bananas, citrus and tobacco. Other fruits and vegetables are also grown on these islands which have two seasons, according to Kendrick, one rainy and one dry.

One big difference Kendrick noted about life in this country and life in his home country is that Americans work much harder and do more difficult work than in Trinidad. He added that he believes the tropical heat accounts for the less hectic lifestyle in Trinidad.

"In the tropical heat you can only do so much and you get tired," he said.

Carolyn said, "I marvel at the relaxed way he was. He tells us that Americans really work hard." She added that Kendrick said many of his countrymen imagine that we have a life of relative ease surrounded by buttons to push. He has learned first hand that this is not true.

As the interview drew to a close, Kendrick expressed the hope that his 4-H club in Trinidad-Tobago could gain the interest and support of a 4-H club in this country. He said he could arrange pen-pals and other "member-level" contacts which he feels would be of value to both sides.

Kendrick's warm heart and his "mirror image" of the new friends he encounters has made him especially effective as a goodwill ambassador. Those whose lives he has touched will know much more about Trinidad-Tobago than the fact that it is the home of Miss Universe.

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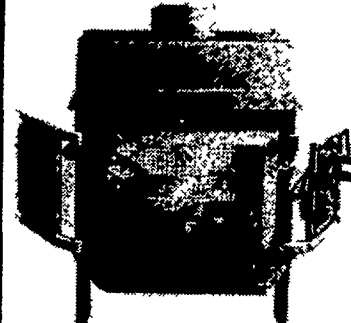
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