

Maryland



Mylo S. Downey - Director of the Division of 4-H & YMW Programs

4-H Efforts:

Mylo Downey became a 4-H member in 1917 at the age of 13. He progressed in 4-H from member to County Extension Agent to State 4-H Leader to Director of 4-H and Youth Development of the Federal Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the National 4-H Club Foundation and the National 4-H Center Development Committee.

4-H Projects:

Dairy Calf Project

Hometown: A farm in Western Maryland (Washington County)

Nominated by: Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program

Year Inducted: 2002

"Mylo Downey saw himself as blessed by being able to spend his life working with 4-H, the young members, volunteers and professional staff."

In his lifetime, Mylo Downey progressed in 4-H from a member to County Extension Agent to State 4-H Leader to Director of 4-H and Youth Development programs of the Federal Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. He retired in 1967 from the nation's top 4-H leadership position. During his career he served as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the National 4-H Club Foundation and as a member of the National 4-H Center Development Committee. Mylo Downey died July 8th, 1976, at the age of 71. One of his legacies is a scholarship at the University of Maryland for deserving students in the field of agriculture.



Mylo Downey, Dorothy Emerson, Merle Howes and Sherrod Wilson at 4-H Club Week.



Mylo Downey at National 4-H Center ceremonies.

Mylo Downey at Club Congress.





Dorothy "Dot" Emerson - 4-H Agent, Consultant for
National 4-H Council and Author

4-H Efforts:

Helped start National 4-H Conference, 4-H international programs and encouraged establishing the National 4-H Center. Taught thousands of youth and adults better communications skills in her workshops at the National 4-H Center.

Honors:

The Epsilon Sigma Phi Ruby Award (their highest and most prestigious award) and "Who's Who of American Women".

Hometown: Waltham, MA

Nominated by: Maryland 4-H
Youth Development Program

Year Inducted: 2002

"There is no joy comparable with training young people and watching them go further."

Following a three-year course in home economics education at Framingham State Teachers College, Dorothy Emerson started teaching public school in New England. After four years as a 4-H agent in Delaware, she joined Maryland State 4-H staff in 1923. She worked with the federal Extension Service on the first national 4-H camp in 1927 on the mall in Washington, D.C., which became National 4-H Conference.

She encouraged a permanent home for it - the National 4-H Center. Emerson worked with Gertrude L. Warren, the first national 4-H leader, to develop international aspects of 4-H and visited Cuba and Jamaica with her. Upon retiring in 1961, she joined National 4-H Council, using the 4-H Center as a base to help young people and adults express themselves. Emerson authored two public speaking guides, "Dorothy Emerson's Scrapbook" and "Speak Up Young People".



Dorothy Emerson talks to 4-H youth
at the National 4-H Center



"You'll Be Surprised" program



Dot involved the audience in her "participatory theater."