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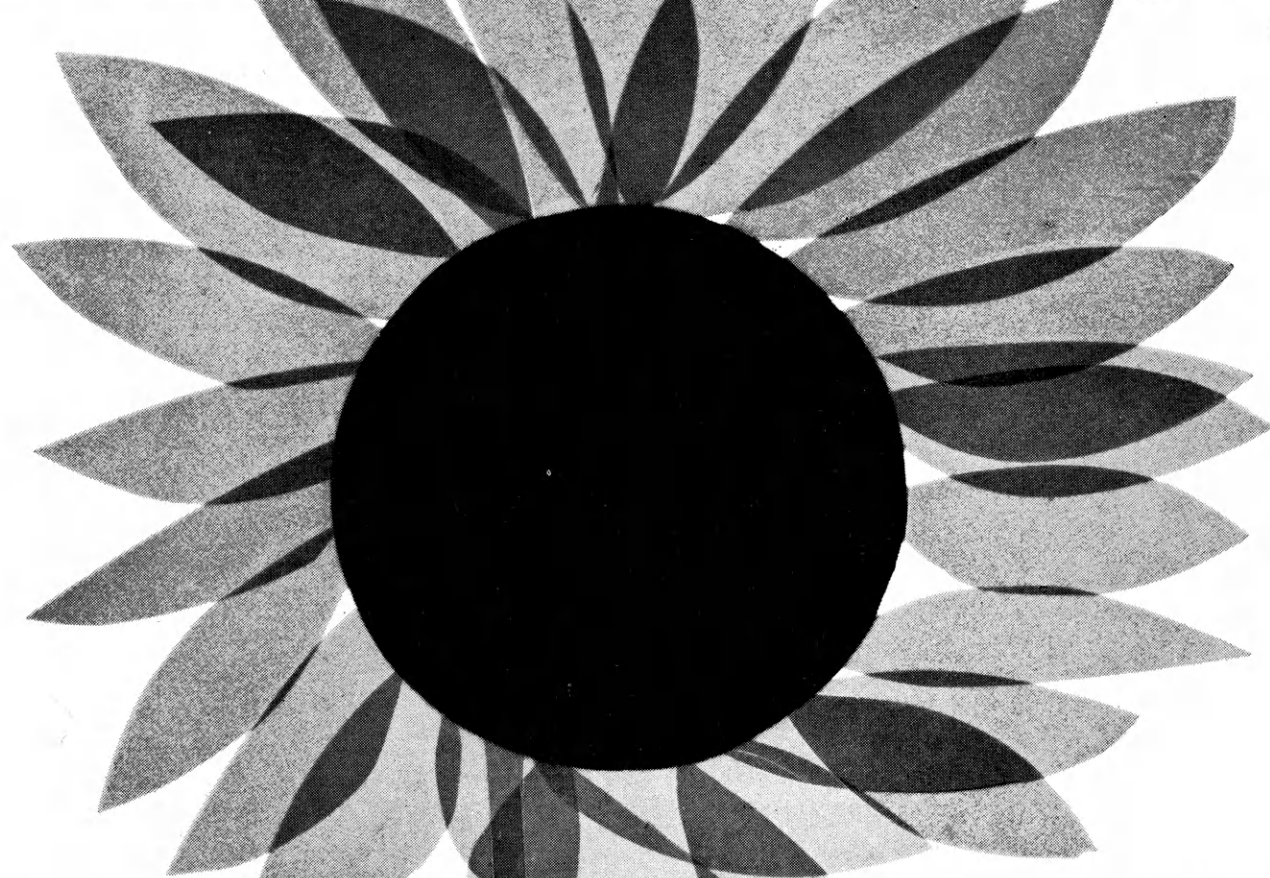
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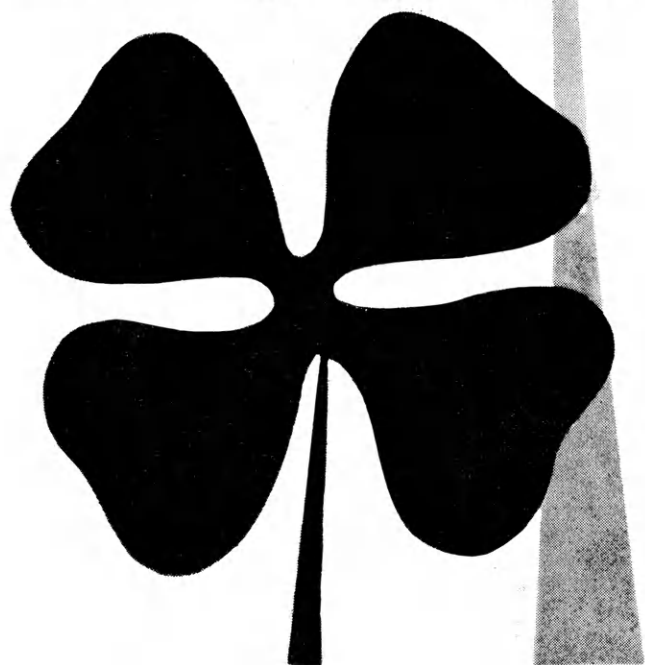
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# FLOWERING !



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KANSAS with farming so important to its progress, can well find particular pride and encouragement in the strength and vitality evinced by the 32,000 young people now active in its 4-H CLUBS!

It is a source of pleasure to us that we are able to help further the growth and activities of Kansas 4-H Club youth!

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Although the 1964 Kansas 4-H in Review won't be issued for nine months (next September), Collegiate 4-H members at Kansas State University are making preparations for the special edition.

The magazine is compiled and edited by the Collegiate Staff, but it is the Kansas 4-H'ers who supply the information for the articles.

Each county has been asked to select some phase of 4-H work on which they could furnish information for the Review. The location of the material, the writing of the information, and the gathering of pictures to accompany the story, are usually the responsibility of the county extension agents.

In Reno County, the preparation of information for the 4-H in Review is done by the Junior Leaders. Several meetings are held for organizational and assignment work. This method of preparing copy relieves the county agent of an additional job and more importantly, lets 4-H'ers take an even more active part in producing the Kansas 4-H in Review.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

Many of the feature articles used in the Kansas 4-H Journal are the result of suggestions or information supplied by 4-H members and leaders. To continue using this material sent to the Journal but in a more effective way, each month one or two proposed topics will be listed. Members, leaders, agents, and parents are urged to send in stories or short summaries of work which their club, county, or a member has done in work on the selected topic.

Prizes will be awarded to members and leaders who contribute. Good clear pictures which accompany the story will also be appreciated.

Members and leaders are still encouraged to send in short feature articles of interesting and unusual activities or project work and to contribute to the "Ideas that Work" and "Ideas in Brief" departments.

**Topic for March:** How has your club or county observed 4-H Sunday? Do you conduct special services or meetings? Who plans the services? Who participates?

### CORRECTION

In the November issue, the statement "Kansas 4-H membership now numbers 3,000." in the "How 4-H Grows" idea feature is incorrect. Kansas 4-H membership now numbers 32,000.

### OUR COVER



It's new! It's fun! It's educational! It's the new 4-H Reading Project! Members of the State 4-H Staff have developed another project to interest Kansas 4-H members. Material about the three phase Reading Project has been given to each county extension office. Mrs. Kingsley Given, librarian at the Manhattan Public Library, explains the new project to Riley county 4-H'ers Jeanne Hoover and Patrick Springer. Turn to page ten for more information about the newest 4-H project in Kansas.



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The Lucky Clover 4-H Club, Scott County, decorate and dedicate a Christmas tree to the Modoc community for use during the holidays.



About 1500 safety kits were assembled and distributed by the Luckey 4-H Club, Riley County, last winter. The kits were milk cartons filled with sand which could be used by drivers during icy weather.



Members of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club, Douglas County, go caroling at Christmas time.



Melrose Hilltoppers, Cherokee County, entered a float in the Columbus, Kansas Christmas parade. The same float was also entered in two other parades.



Glendale Livewires 4-H Club, Sherman County, donated lights and tree and decorated it for the Good Samaritan Home in Goodland, Kansas.



In appreciation for sending the Kansas 4-H Journal to their families, members of the Bird City Go-Getters delivered an assortment of homemade Christmas cookies to the Citizen's State Bank in Cheyenne County.

## *This Is Kansas 4-H*



Left, members of the Richland Boosters 4-H Club, Ford County, are congratulated by John Frazier, Wichita manager of the Seven-Up Bottling Company, on being named top 4-H club in Recreation. First row: Frazier; Lynette Dirks; Lynn Collins; and Mrs. Harold Davis, club leader. Second row: Eldon Dirks; Donnie Dirks; Harold Davis, club leader; Rodney Faulds; and Charles Faulds.

Right, top recreation club members tour Seven-up Bottling Co. with Manager John Frazier as guide.



The top six winners in Foods and Nutrition discuss their awards with Bruce Crutcher, Federal Land Bank, Wichita. First row: Mary Young, Sedgwick County; Crutcher; and Sandra Tollefson, Brown. Second Row: DeLoyce George, Haskell; Lora Smith, Pawnee; Linda Rieman, Barton; and Karyl Higbie, Franklin.

Mike Lee, Douglas County; Bill Wood, Hamilton; Mrs. Ogden of Home Lighting Coordination at Kansas Gas and Electric of Wichita, and Danna Lockwood, Harvey; tour Architectural Lighting, Inc. of Wichita. The 4-H'ers were three of eight members recognized for outstanding work in the Electric Project.

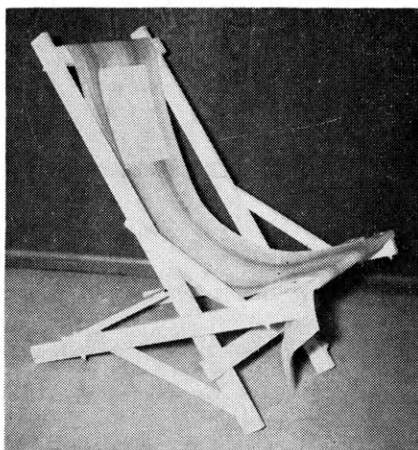
Bruce Crutcher, Federal Land Bank, Wichita, present awards to Crops Projects winners Kenneth Davis, Haskell County; and Duane Kaler, Ness—first row, and Gary Cook, Rice; Ken Schwemmer, Butler; and Richard Dahl, Atchison—second row.





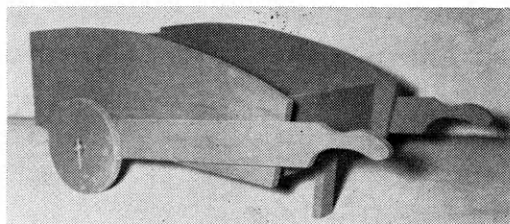
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## New 4-H Woodworking Plans



**FOLDING LAWN CHAIR**

Richard Long from Linn county built this chair and exhibited it at the county and Mid-America Fairs. Now is the time to start your woodworking project.



**WHEEL BARROW PLANTER**

This planter was built by Douglas George of Waverly, Kansas in Coffey county. George exhibited at the county and Mid-America Fairs. Start your 1964 project now.

*Plans for These Projects Are  
Available At The Lumber Dealers  
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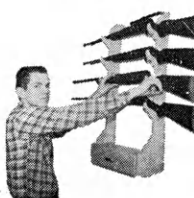
**Vertical  
Shoe Rack**



**Sewing  
Cabinet**



**Handy  
Gun Rack**



**Rotating Selection  
Tool Rack**



**Shoe Shine Kit**



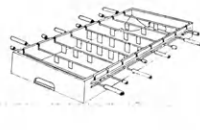
**Cart with  
Removable  
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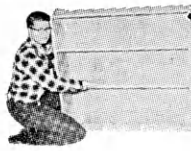
**Two-Level  
Coffee Table**



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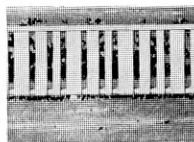
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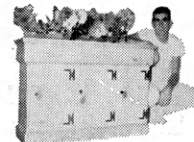
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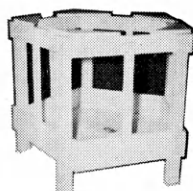
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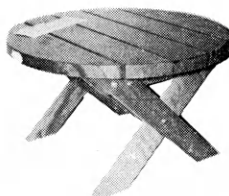
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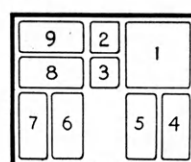
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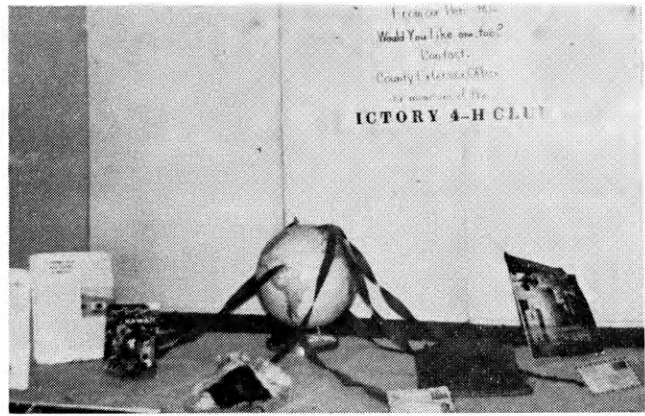
## OTHERS

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Tete-A-Tete	Lazy Susan
Toy Stove	Holding Gate
Dog House	Wall Cabinet
Picnic Table	Sandbox
Picnic Bench	Blue Bird House
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Typing Desk and Bench	Automatic Bird Feeder

Sheep  
Blocking Box



The Lawrence Reek family, Rawlins County, was host to IFYE delegate Helene Dieschbourg of Luxembourg.



Victory 4-H Club, Haskell County, promoted People-to-People with a window display featuring a globe and gifts from pen pals.

## People to People Project Promotes Goodwill

4-H members are fast becoming aware of their responsibility in promoting world peace and understanding. Reports of clubs and members working in the People-to-People activity show that 4-H'ers are doing something about international relations.

The 101 Go-Getters, Labette County, extended heart and hands to an orphan boy of Formosa by contributing to his support. Wu Yue Ling was adopted by the club through the Christian Children's Fund. After being shuttled from one family to another after his father's death, Yue Ling was taken to the Hua Shing Children's Home in Taiwan by an uncle. The home was established to care for refugee orphans who fled from communist China.

During National 4-H Club week, the club sponsored a window display in Oswego featuring

its People-to-People activity centered around the theme "4-H Around the World". A radio program was also given over the Parsons KLKC radio station. A special 15 minute radio program about People-to-People was presented at Christmas time.

Several members presented a program on International Relations at a home demonstration unit meeting.

Each club member is establishing correspondence with a pen pal in other countries. At present, they have pen pals in Spain, France, Ireland, Formosa, Australia, Venezuela, and Puerto Rico.

Learning a Swiss dance has helped members of the Heart-of-America 4-H Club in Smith County learn about customs of Switzerland. As part of People-to-People activities, the dance was given at several public programs.

Talks and demonstrations on subjects such as "Friendship Overseas is Important" and "4-H in Brazil" are included at meet-

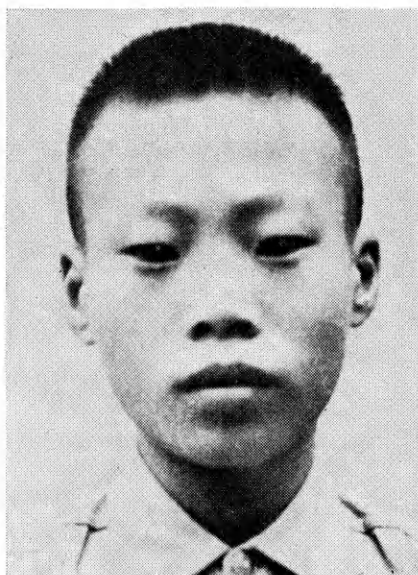
ings. Reports from pen-pals in England, Ireland, Finland, Germany, Australia, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Japan, Hong Kong, and Hawaii have also been presented.

Several members of the club made special notebooks for a record of their People-to-People activity. Two former IFYE delegates helped the members learn about Sweden and Ireland. One member entertained a foreign student in her home over Easter vacation.

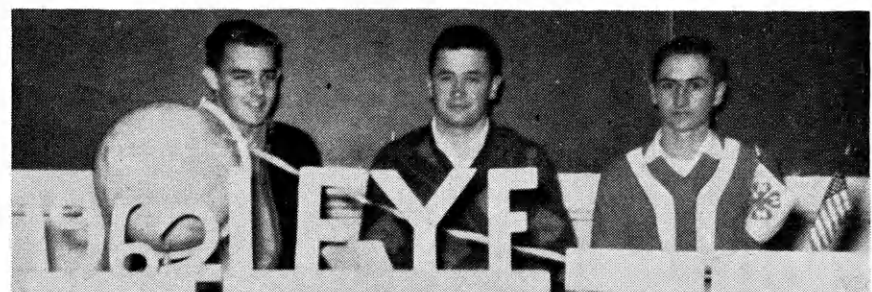
The club made donations to CROP, CARE, and Heifer, Inc. At Christmas time, Senior Citizens were taken to church and school programs.

The pen-pal activity of the People-to-People project is a favorite with many 4-H'ers. Linda Frazer, Republic County, learns about life in India when she receives letters from G. Babu Saratchandra Nath of Kerala, India. He tells her about his home life, school, and customs of the India people.

In addition to writing to Babu,



At left, Wu Yue Ling, a Formosan orphan, has been adopted by the 101 Go-Getters 4-H Club, Oswego. Below, Larry Larson, center, IFYE to Austria, showed slides and spoke about his experiences in that country, to the Friendly Farmer Fellows 4-H Club in Atchison County. Club officers Charles Scherer and Bobby Scholz discussed the IFYE program with Larry before the meeting.







Girls of the Heart of America 4-H Club, Smith County, performed a Swiss folk dance at various public programs. Their mothers made Swiss costumes for them to wear.

Linda sends him magazines. She says that a regular letter takes over two months to reach her. An airmail letter takes two weeks.

Many Kansas families are promoting understanding in a direct way when they are hosts to IFYE delegates from around the world. The Milo Warne family, Sedgwick County, were "family" to Ram Sewak Mishra from Nepal.

Ram brought much of Nepal into the Warne home when he prepared a meal native to his own country for the family. Ram's profession in Nepal is an assistant Rural Youth Extension Agent.

Miss Helen Dieschbourg, an IFYE exchangee from Luxembourg, was a guest of the Lawrence Reek family, Rawlins County. The Reeks learned about the geography and people of Luxembourg. Loretta Reeks says that Helene's stay "made us realize that the world is not so large as it seems."

By helping others on the local, state, national, and international level, 4-H club members are learning about others—a big step toward international understanding.

Nine Mile 4-H Club, Leavenworth County, used National Unity as the theme of their People-to-People float which appeared in two 4-H fair parades.



**"WITH ALL THY GETTING - GET UNDERSTANDING"...**



National Farm-City Week, observed last month in many Kansas communities, offers each year an excellent opportunity to promote better understanding between rural and urban residents. However, we believe the importance of improved public relations for agriculture merits a continuing program throughout the entire year.

Certain government farm programs continue to result in attacks on farmers and ranchers. Many attacks have been directed not at unworkable farm programs but at those people engaged in agricultural production. The elimination of unsound federal farm programs would be the greatest single contribution which could be made to earn the good will of the public.

Farm Bureaus at all levels should review and strengthen their relationships with other groups and organizations to the maximum extent possible without compromising basic principles. Emphasis should be placed on those subject areas and activities in which we can be most effective. We urge increased farm-city activity and organizational contacts to insure that our fellow citizens fully understand and appreciate the basic beliefs and principles of American farm families.

## Kansas Farm Bureau

105 County Farm Bureaus  
Working Together



This girl has just received her shipment of loan books from the Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission.

and Arliss Honstead and Dick Tomkinson of the State 4-H Office, have developed the project.

Why the 4-H Reading Program?

Briefly, here is why and how the 4-H reading project was developed. With strong emphasis on WHY things happen as well as HOW, 4-H'ers need to read more. Also, an increasing number of 4-H'ers live in urban areas and need projects suitable to their area.

The Reading Project is divided into three phases: Reading for Enjoyment, Reading for Project Enrichment, and Reading for Expression (Discussion). Each phase was planned for a particular age group.

Reading for Enjoyment or Pleasure is designed to encourage 4-H members to learn the joy of reading. It gives them a chance to start a life long hobby or reading in addition to becoming better acquainted with their library. Young 4-H members will be particularly interested in this phase.

Reading for Project Enrichment is to encourage 4-H'ers to read their project material and other resources to supplement their current project work. For example, if a boy or girl is enrolled in photography and is studying composition of pictures, he should read other material related to composition from other sources.

This phase, Reading for Project Enrichment, is to assist 4-H'ers to learn WHY as well as the

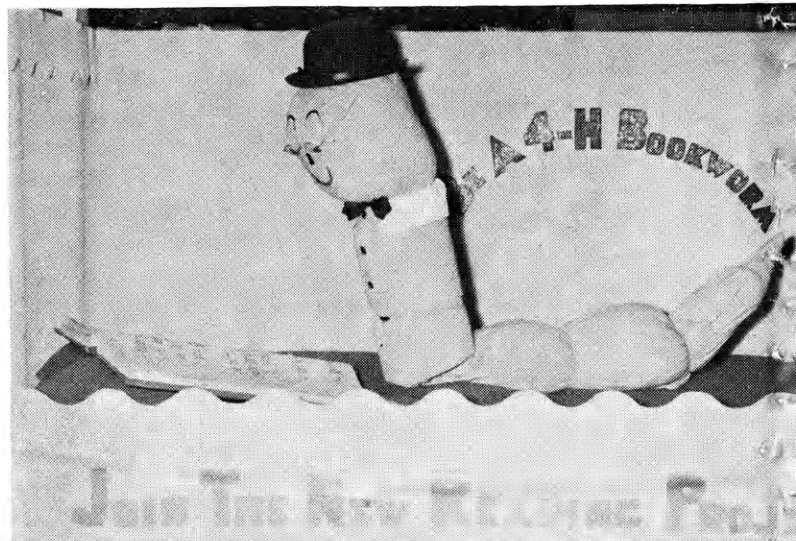
## World of Books Offer Challenge In 4-H

### New 4-H Reading Project

Kansas 4-H people are enthusiastic about the new Reading Project!

Don Loyd, County Club Agent, Crawford County, said "I have never seen a project so well accepted by our 4-H leaders." Mrs. Florence Kerr, Ness County 4-H leader, said "My son broke his leg in football so he is taking the reading project because he is unable to do the work other projects require." Beverly Kindler, Home Economics Agent, Norton County, sends in this comment from Barbara Schumm of the Busy Jayhawk 4-H Club who tried the project this summer: "I think other 4-H'ers will enjoy this project because it helps you learn many things about the library and it is very worth while to read about our projects and also just for enjoyment."

The Reading Project is new in 4-H. Mrs. Kingsley Given of the Manhattan Public Library, Mrs. Sally Martin of the State Libraries of Kansas,



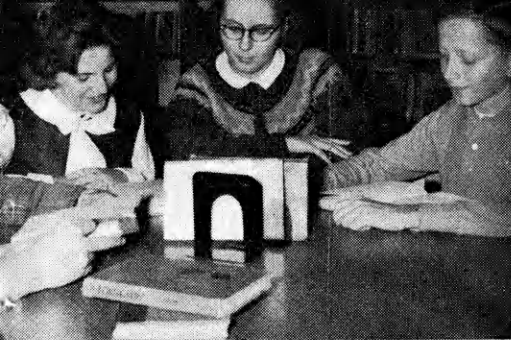
Members of the Raymond Lucky 4's 4-H Club, Rice county, chose to promote the new reading project with their prize winning booth at the county and State Fair.

HOW of their 4-H projects. Upper grade and junior high school age members will find this phase helpful in their project work.

Reading for Expression (discussion) is for older teen-agers and has no record. A small group of older 4-H'ers learn how to carry on a discussion, choose the topic or topics they wish to explore and discuss, find and read material about the topic, and then discuss it.

For more complete information on this new project, county agents have material available now. Be sure to consult the local or county public library for assistance with the reading project.





From left, Jeanne Hoover, Marilyn Irvine, Mary Hoover, and Patrick Springer, all of Riley county, are exercising their library privileges as they review some books in the Manhattan Public Library especially suited to the 4-H Reading Project.

Mrs. Given, Librarian of the Manhattan Public Library, assist Mary Hoover in checking out a selected book from the 4-H Reading Project recommended list.



## THE LIBRARIAN AND THE PROJECT

By Mrs. Given

Few things in a librarian's work are as important, or as gratifying, as helping people—particularly young people—develop worthwhile reading habits. One of our main objectives is to attract young people to books which are useful and relevant in enriching their lives, developing their personalities, increasing their knowledge, and giving them worthy objectives and incentives. For these reasons, librarians will welcome the opportunity to cooperate in the 4-H Reading Project.

The first thing the librarian can do to help with the program is to be sure that 4-H'ers know how to use the library. Then, to enable the librarian to cooperate intelligently with the leaders and members, she will need to understand the entire reading project and the requirements of the individual phases.

Some of the phases have excellent suggested reading lists. When the books on the lists are not

readily available, the librarian will be able to suggest substitutions. The readers themselves may find books which serve their purpose.

Not all books appeal to all people, nor are the reading levels the same for all young people of a given age. Care must be taken to avoid urging a youngster to read a certain book if it does not appeal to him or her; the purpose of the project could be easily defeated by so doing. The 4-H member should be encouraged to select books for their own reading level, as well as books which are interesting and related to the individual project.

Indirect stimulation of the club members will come about through displays and exhibits, and discussion of books which others in the club have read. Enthusiasm for a book and sharing it with others is contagious.

Don't hesitate to ask your public librarian for help. Remember, "A library is to know," and "A book is to read."

## IF YOU HAVE NO LIBRARY

By Mrs. Martin

Four-H clubs that do not have a library in their community may borrow books from the Public Library Extension division of the State Libraries of Kansas. A club as a whole or its individual members may borrow one to twelve books for three weeks. The only charge is postage at parcel post book rate.

If the community has a population of less than 3,500, collections of books may be borrowed.

A collection of twenty five books for a fee of \$1.50 may be kept four months. A collection of fifty books for a fee of \$3.00 may be kept six months. The fees specified cover transportation, therefore, the collections are returned collect. Application blanks (obtainable from the library) should accompany the transportation fee. The club may indicate the subjects wanted and the level: adult, juvenile, etc.

Films on library subjects may

be borrowed by any club. The only charge is the return postage.

If there is no librarian in the community to suggest reading material in special areas of club interest, the State Library will prepare reading lists upon request.

Address requests for all material to the State Libraries of Kansas Public Library Extension, 801 Harrison, Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Sally Martin travels with the Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission and is glad to help any 4-H Club in an area eligible for their services.



## CLUB RESTORES OLD LIBRARY TO MODERN USE

Members of the Vinland Valley 4-H Club, Douglas county, completed a community service project of restoring to use the oldest free public library in Kansas. Patricia Pfantz shows one of the volumes with the front view of the library in the background.

This library was first opened in November, 1859. The Club held open house at the library to climax their work during which they cataloged all books, built new shelves and refinished the floor.





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## Larry's Christmas Secret

By

Margaret Jacobsmeyer

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas—  
La-dee-da-dee—la-da-da-dee—"

Lyn stopped singing and went to the window "Isn't it wonderful—we're going to have a white Christmas!"

"It's still two days away," Mike said filling the room with a sharp crunch from the nut cracker in his hand.

"It won't melt that fast," Lyn said optimistically.

"And we won't get any fudge made for Dad's other Christmas present if you keep walking to the window every few minutes," Mike reminded.

"I'm sorry," Lyn sighed, "but I can't help it—everything's so beautiful—besides, I have to wait for the nuts."

"You could start picking out the meats, and I'll help you when I'm through cracking."

"Let's not be skimpy," Lyn said picking out a pecan half, "you know how Daddy loves nutty fudge. That reminds me, I think I'll use that tip Mary Bradford gave when she did her fudge demonstration at Early Birds."

"Oh?" Mike looked up questioningly.

"That's right, you were at the 4-H Congress when we had our meeting. Mary said to put the nuts in a pan of water after they're shelled so that the shell particles will float to the top, then you dry the nuts in the oven for a few minutes and Presto! no nut shells in the fudge."

"That's good news," Mike grinned. "There's nothing worse than biting into a creamy piece of fudge and meeting an unchewable object."

"I know what you mean," Lyn shuddered.

"I don't know if we'll be able to get done before the folks get back," Mike said uncertainly.

"We don't have anything to worry about," Lyn assured, "after all the fudge we've been making for gifts these past few weeks, Daddy wouldn't think a thing about seeing us making more. He'd just tease us about making fudge for everybody in a five-state area except him."

"I heard Dad tell Mom he wanted to do the chores early so we could have a nice long evening for our Early Birds' caroling and the party here afterwards."

"That's funny—I don't remember hearing them say where they were going," Lyn said.

"You're right," Mike agreed, "and I even asked."

"Something's going on," Lyn's eyes sparkled. "That's what I love about Christmas. All the wonderful, familiar things like the tree, and the Christmas carols, and the story of the Christ Child's birth, and then all the unexpected things."

"Speaking of unexpected things—what do you make of Larry?"

"He belongs under the heading of the unexpected all right. He's been in his room with the door closed except for meals ever since we got off from school for Christmas vacation Friday afternoon."

Mike shook his head. "The first snowfall of the season and he isn't out making a snowman, and he's stopped trying to find out what everybody's getting him for Christmas—it's really got me curious."

Lyn tossed a nut into the growing pile in the bowl. "I've been trying to figure it out too, and it seems to me that it all started last Sunday when we went caroling at the hospital. He had the strangest expression on his face when we went through the children's ward, and afterwards he told me he'd never seen children who had to be in wheel chairs before."

"He's seen things like that on TV and in the movies," Mike pointed out.

"That's what I told him, but he said those were just actors and actresses pretending to be sick."

"That's our brother," Mike exclaimed.

"Well, whatever he's up to, Mom's in on it and it seems to be their secret—all I know is they've been to the dime store."

"That's not much of a clue," Mike said, "We'll just have to wait it out."

"Mmmhmm," Lyn agreed.

"I think I've got enough nuts cracked—I'll start—"

"Shhh!" Lyn interrupted. "Do you hear something?"

Mike listened closely. "It sounds like—"

"Mike—Lyn—" Larry came dashing through the kitchen doorway, "come and look out my window."

Without putting down their nut cracking tools Mike and Lyn hurried after Larry as the strange sound kept coming closer and closer.

Lyn took a quick glance around the room hoping for a hint to Larry's activities, but all she could see was a little pile of envelopes on what

looked like a recently cleared card table.

Larry threw back the curtain. "There—look—turning in our driveway."

Lyn forgot everything else as a large sleigh pulled by two gray horses with big old-fashioned jingle bells on their harness skimmed past the window.

"Is that Dad in the driver's seat?" Mike asked, but Lyn and Larry were already on their way outside.

The sleigh had stopped by the time they got outdoors and the Fletcher's car with Mrs. Fletcher in the driver's seat and their grandparents in the back was pulling up beside it.

"What do you think of this?" Mr. Fletcher asked climbing down.

The three young Fletchers stood wide-eyed and speechless.

"Whose is it?" Mike finally asked.

Mrs. Fletcher joined the group around the sleigh. "It belonged to Grandma's father originally, then it got passed along to her brother, and when he had his sale and moved to town this Fall, your grandparents bought it. They've been keeping it out of sight till the right occasion came along, and they decided today was it."

"I though you might like to use it to go caroling," Grandfather said.

"What a perfect idea," Lyn gave her grandfather a quick hug, "I can't wait till the kids see this."

Larry was examining every inch of the old sleigh.

"How do you like it Larry?" his grandmother asked.

"It's the neatest thing I ever saw. Do you suppose we could heat bricks and take them along to keep our feet warm like you did in the olden days?"

Larry's parents and grandparents exchanged smiles.

"I'm glad you reminded me Larry," Grandfather chuckled, "I've kind of forgotten how we did things in the olden days. Now how about a test drive?"

Everyone agreed eagerly. "I'll help heat the bricks," Larry offered.

"I don't think we'll need them on a short run," Mr. Fletcher laughed.

"But we'll need some warm clothing," Mrs. Fletcher said. "Let's all go inside and bundle up."

"Hey Mom—I got finished while you were gone," Larry said when they were all in the house.

"Wonderful!" his mother exclaimed. "Maybe we can stop at the hospital and drop them off this evening."

"Drop what off?" Mr. Fletcher asked.

"Is it all right to tell?" Mrs. Fletcher looked at Larry.

"Sure!"

"Larry made some little gifts for the children in the pediatric ward."

"Is that what you've been up to in your room! And I thought you were making Christmas presents for all of us," Mr. Fletcher teased.

Larry shook his head. "Being home with your family at Christmas is the best present anybody could have."

Mr. Fletcher nodded. "Thanks for reminding us Son, that's a gift that sometimes goes unnoticed because it can't be wrapped and put under the tree."

"What did you make Larry?" Mike asked quietly.

"I'll show you." Larry left the room and returned with the envelopes Lyn had seen earlier. "They're spinners. I made them in the shape of the 4-H emblem and colored a green Christmas tree on one side and some circles of all kinds of colors on the other side. Now I'll wind it up and you'll see what happens."

He held the loops of string on either side and twirled until the strings were tightly wound, then holding the string loops securely, he let the emblem unwind while everybody watched closely.

"It looks like the colored circles are decorations on the tree," Lyn cried.

"That's what it's supposed to look like," Larry said pleased at his success. "See, on the envelope I wrote 'Trim the Christmas Tree'."

"Let me try it," Lyn said.

"I think this ought to qualify for a People to People Activity," Mike declared after everyone in the room had worked the spinner.

Lyn nodded. "It's promoting friendship."

Larry listened to his admiring family's comments a while longer, then he remembered the waiting sleigh. "Hey—what about our ride?"

"Coming up, and you get to sit next to the driver," Mr. Fletcher promised.

The sleigh seemed to be flying over the freshly fallen snow. Lyn listened to the jingling bells and though she had never heard anything more beautiful. She could hear Larry's excited voice and nudged her mother. "Wasn't it sweet of Larry to think of those kids in the hospital?"

Her mother nodded smiling.

"I had the strangest feeling when he was showing us those spinners—like he wasn't my little brother any more, and I almost wanted to cry."

"It is a strange feeling to see the youngest member of the family growing up," her mother agreed.

"I'm going to have to stop treating him like a little kid. I'll make that one of my New Year's resolutions."

Larry turned around and motioned at the house they were passing.

"We seem to be attracting some attention," Mrs. Fletcher said as she waved back to a family watching them from their front porch.

"Isn't a white Christmas fun!" Lyn exclaimed. "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas—"

"Just like the ones I used to know—" From the front seat and around the sides of the sleigh the rest of the family joined in as the sleigh went jingling down the road.

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Directions for making the spinners may be found on page 19.





## Music for the Holidays

With Christmas approaching, music becomes an even more important part of our life. Carols and popular music alike are heard on the radio and television, in shopping areas, and at school.

It's fun to sing at Christmas time whether you sing with your family, in a school group, at church in a choir, or with club members. So that you'll know all the words to the old favorites and some of the new ones, why not purchase a Christmas song book. Your family could use it each year or your 4-H club could add it to its collection of music for group singing.

Caroling is a good way to

share Christmas music. Shut-ins, hospital patients, and residents at old folks homes enjoy hearing young voices with their favorite carols. This would make a good service project for your 4-H club.

If your family likes to sing, suggest that they start singing the "Twelve Days of Christmas" on the twelfth day before Christmas. Each evening, during dinner, add that day's verse to the rest.

Another way to enjoy music at Christmas time is to listen to it. Many schools and churches present special music programs.

If your family has a record player, you might purchase a

record or album of Christmas music. Festive music during your Christmas dinner, while entertaining friends, or decorating the Christmas tree can add to your enjoyment of the holidays.

A third way to let music star during the Christmas season is to share it with others. If you play a musical instrument, practice a selection of carols to present for your classmate's enjoyment or for a special number at 4-H.

There are other songs which are popular at this time of the year. "Frosty the Snowman" and "Home for the Holidays" are just two that you'll enjoy singing and listening too.

### A Special Trip for 4-H PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WINNERS

This event for outstanding members in the 4-H Personal Development Project provided a setting for them to practice many of the things they have learned and studied during the past year. One highlight of the trip was a tour of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Wichita.

These young men and women also took part in discussions to consider improvements in the 4-H Personal Development Project. This project is the most popular among teenage 4-H members in Kansas.



Two 4-H'ers stop to get a question answered during the tour of the Telephone building.



Front row, l to r; Alexis Romine, Ford County; Mr. Max Klein, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.; Kent Toot, Hamilton. Second row; Jerry Hawarter, Anderson; Shelia Sevier, Harper; Sandy Steele, Douglas; Eileen Faris, Rice. Third row; Howard Webb, Seward; and Bruce Johnson, Saline.

Front row, l to r; Marlin McFarland, Rice County; Mr. Klein; Jean Smith, Hamilton; Thane Palmberg, Shawnee. Second row; Mary Ann Voet, Marshall; Norma McReynolds, Scott; Lou Ellen Bruning, Brown; and Sally Schlobohm, Lyon.



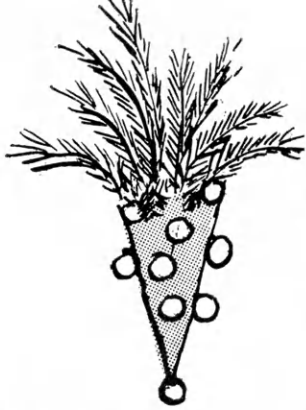
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# THINGS TO MAKE FOR Christmas



**FOR YOUR DOOR**—Make "greens" grow out of a cone made of hardware cloth and decorate with shiny red Christmas tree balls.

**PLACE CARDS**—Use tiny pieces of your Christmas tree to make miniature trees to use as place cards for the Christmas dinner. Stick each one in a large gumdrop and use tiny bits of bright-colored gumdrops, sequins or red-hot's as ornaments. Write guest's name in red or green ink on white card and attach gumdrop to the card.



**SANTA COOKIE JAR**—Made from a pickle jar to hold tasty Christmas candies, cookies or nuts. The head is a plastic foam ball glued to the jar after filling. Belt, cap, buckle and hands are made from felt. Cotton is used for the band around cap, the tassel on cap and Santa's beard. For the features: black buttons for eyes and cranberries for the nose and mouth.

**PIN CUSHION**—Cut styrofoam ball in half. With pinking shears cut pieces of felt for the legs. Cut a head and tail out of the felt. Attach two star sequins for the two eyes on the turtle's head.



**BLEACH BOTTLE PIGGY BANK**—Use plastic container for starch or bleach. Spray paint bottle. The slot for coins and the hole for the curly tail is made in the top of pig and end with a hot nail. Pipe cleaner tail, shaped around your

finger is glued in the tail opening. Cover the money slot with a square of felt centered by a hole the same shape glued on. Double ear pieces cut from felt are glued together over fine wire so ears could be shaped to stand up when attached to pig. Nose, mouth, and eyebrows were also cut from felt and glued on. Button eyes are stuck on with hatpins, as were cork legs which are spray-painted or covered with felt. Multi colored flowers of felt are glued over pig's back.

**EAR RING HOLDER**—You need one bed spring and enough velvet cord in any color. Insert the wire in the velvet cord and twist into a coiled shape as illustrated.



**DECORATED BOTTLES AND GLASSES**—You can purchase broken glass in any color at hobby or craft shops and very liberally coat the outside of any bottle or jar and cover the surface with the broken glass. Makes a very nice vase or container.



## BURLAP CHRISTMAS

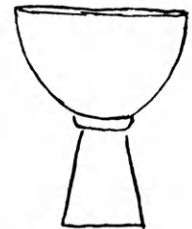
**WREATH**—You need 1½ yards 50" burlap and one wire coat hanger. Cut 9 strips 6" wide across width of burlap. Pull one thread down center of each 6" strip. Fringe back 18 threads 2" on each side of 6" strips. Take coat hanger and shape in circle. Untwist top leaving hook on. Open and weave as tight as you can. Twist all strips around the hanger. Weave as tight as you can. Twist all strips around the hanger to form wreath. Tie large bow at top and attach any other decorations you wish.



**DOORSTOP**—Take a large soda pop bottle and fill with sand. Glue a rubber ball to the top for the head. Spray all with flat paint. Attach black felt ears, eyes, feet and tail (see illustration where it is solid black). Glue green sequins below the felt pieces for eyes and two sequins for the nose. Use black hair pins for the whiskers. Tie a big satin bow at the neck.



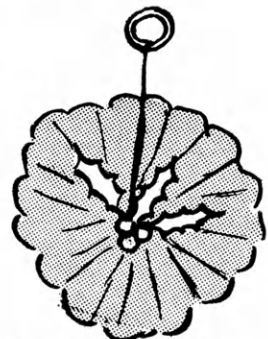
**GOLD SERVING DISH**—Take one mixing bowl 7½" in diameter. One drinking glass (3½" diameter x 3¾" tall). Turn the glass upside down and with household cement glue the bowl to the glass. Spray all with gold paint.



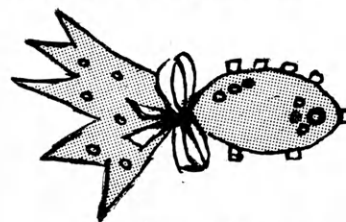
**SACHET BAG OR PIN CUSHION**—Cut 2 diamond shape pieces of felt or colored urethane foam rubber (3½" wide and 5½" long). Ruffle a 1½" width of net around the diamond shaped piece. Sew the ruffle between the two diamond shaped pieces. If using for sachet bag—stuff with two teaspoons sachet and foam rubber stuffing. Attach a sprig of artificial flowers to the top and tie with small satin bow at the stem end.



**DISH SCRATCHER**—Cut two strips nylon net (72") one strip green and the other red (nice for Christmas) or you may use any color or two colors. Cut the strips 6" wide. Crease each strip down the middle and with heavy duty thread sew down the middle of both strips and draw the string up tightly and fasten securely. Attach a double thread in the center and fasten a bone ring on the end for hanging. You can attach a piece of plastic holly or a plastic flower for decoration in the middle of the ball.



**SOAP FISH**—Is nice for the bathroom. Take one bar pink or white Sweet-heart soap and put a piece of 18" square net around it. Tie at one end with small satin ribbon bow. Attach large beads and sequins with straight pins inserted through seed beads. Use the larger beads for fins and nose and the sequins for eyes and paste a few over the net on the tail.



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# Holiday Recreation

By Dick Tomkinson  
Specialist in 4-H

At Christmas, almost everyone enjoys singing his favorite song and carols. Why not plan to have a real song session at your December club meeting, Christmas party, or family reunion.

Why not invite a real good piano player and have song sheets or books available for the members. Have you tried singing along with Mitch Miller records?

## A Family Gift for All Year

Since 4-H and Christmas are family affairs, why not suggest that your family buy some recreational equipment that the whole family can enjoy all year long. For example, a new hi-fi or stereo set; records if you already have a player; a piano or musical instrument; some books; table games the family can play together; sporting equipment such as badminton, croquet set, a boat, ping pong, billards table, camping equipment; or pets and supplies, etc. The list is endless. Consider what interests the members of your family when you select recreational equipment.

After a few years of buying Christmas gifts the whole family can enjoy, you will be amazed at how much equipment, recreation possibilities, and fun your family can share together.

Another good idea is to have a craft night. Make Christmas cards, gifts, and decorations with your club or family. Here's a chance to be creative, artistic, and enjoy some real Christmas fellowship.

## Shopping Time

(From Cheryl McKay, State 4-H Recreation Winner)

Line up the teams on opposite sides of the room. The leader calls out a letter and the first player on each team tries to be first by naming a gift that starts with that letter. When all 26 letters in the alphabet have been called, the most points wins a prize.

## Mistletoe Mixer

Play music as in musical chairs. When the music starts, the first person in each line passes a sprig of mistletoe to the second person, and on down the line. When the music stops, the boy and girl who have the mistletoe race to a chair between the lines. First one to sit down gets a candy kiss. After ten minutes, the boy with the most candy kisses gets a real kiss from the girl with the most candy kisses!

## Spooning Relay

Have a cord eight to ten feet long to thread through a Christmas tree ball. Have two people from each team hold the end of the cord and members take turns pushing the ball from end to end with a spoon. The team that finishes first rates a big bag of Christmas candy.

## Blow the Snowball

(From Mrs. Beverly Feit, 4-H Leader, Meadowlark 4-H, Shields)

Have a long table or three or four card tables put together. The two teams line up at the end of the tables. Give each person a straw. Place cotton balls on the table near starting line. On "go", first person in each line blows a snowball (cotton ball) to the other end of the table. The first person rushes back and tags the second person on his team so he can start blowing another snowball.

If you save your 4-H Journals, refer to the December, 1962, issue for two pages of more Christmas activities.

*Each game selected for print in this column will be awarded a set of 3 game booklets.*



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# Ideas That Work

## Ceremony Idea

The Ford County Keen Klippers celebrated achievement night with an impressive tree building ceremony. Each



member read a project accomplishment which was printed on an imitation autumn leaf. The leaf was then fasten to a "tree." During achievement week, the tree was placed in a prominent business window for public viewing.

David Kuhl  
Keen Klippers

## Service Project

Lake Wide-Awake 4-H Club makes things for the Scott County rest home each month as part of their service project.

A month by month plan is made at the beginning of each year. Each member of the club is assigned to help with a project sometime during the year.

The project each month usually has three or four members and one leader helping with it.

This year's plan includes projects such as Christmas card, scrapbooks, Valentine cards, shadow boxes, "banana girls", Easter posters, May baskets, flower bouquets, and "vegetable men."

Linda Beaton, Reporter

## Special Song

Niotaze 4-H Club, a new club in Chautauqua County, adopted the following as their club song. It was written by members of the club and is sung to the tune "America, the Beautiful."

Niotaze 4-H, Niotaze 4-H  
We owe so much to thee  
We pledge to thee our youth and strength  
Our service full and free.  
Niotaze 4-H, Niotaze 4-H  
Thy name we all hold dear  
We'll give to thee our loyalty  
Through all the coming years.

**Reporter's Notice:** The Kansas 4-H Journal would like to print interesting stories of your local club events, activities, members and leaders.

Local club meeting stories, if submitted, should contain something unusual or of interest to people outside your county.

Outstanding projects, services or events of your club, or stories of individuals within your club that would give ideas to other 4-H'ers would make excellent stories.

Prizes will be awarded all blue award stories each month. Please state your choice (1) a year's subscription to the National 4-H News, (2) a hard cover loose leaf 4-H notebook, (3) Photograph album or (4) Roll of film—sizes 120, 35 mm, 616 or 620.

A psychologist is a guy who uses twelve-dollar words to explain a failure due to laziness.

Genius is the ability to avoid work by doing it right the first time.

## Ideas In Brief

**Doniphan County** . . . A promotional program was held at Cordonier school. County agents explained project work, community 4-H activities, and county-wide events to interested students and their parents. The presentation was illustrated with colored slides.

**Reno County** . . . To help clubs plan their program for the year, each 4-H member was sent a form from the county 4-H office on which they could indicate their interests and what they would like to participate in the club program during the year. The program committees can give the members preferred consideration as they are using their ideas in planning.

**Edwards County** . . . Sunflower 4-H Club—held a bake sale in the local post office for a money raising event. Pies, cakes, cookies, popcorn balls, banana bread, sweet rolls, and similar bakery goods were donated by the individual members.

**Harvey County** . . . Highland 4-H Club—reorganized standing committees for the coming club year. The ten committees are recreation, publicity, health and good grooming, safety, conserva-

tion, community improvement, finance, music, personal development, and ceremony. Each member of the club was placed on a committee along with an adult advisor and one junior leader to act as chairman.

**Wyandotte County** . . . T'n't 4-H'ers are reminiscing about their recent football excursion. Participating in the annual homecoming at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, members were given a tour of the many displays made by sorority and fraternity houses and ate lunch in the Student Union. They toured the museum on campus and watched the game in the afternoon.

**Saline County** . . . Officers of Ich-I-Ban 4-H Club were installed at the regular monthly meeting. A pin was given to each officer with the name of their respective office on it.

Doing things by halves is worthless. It may be the other half that counts.

Behind every successful man there's a woman who keeps telling him he's wrong.

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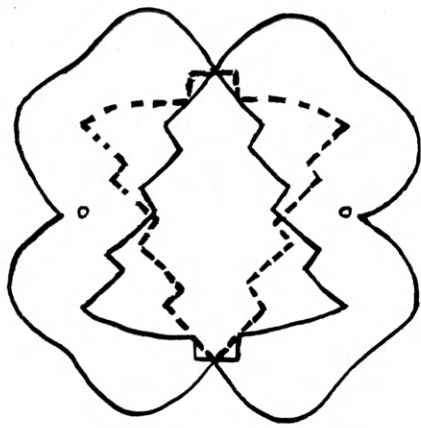
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How to Make

## Larry's Christmas Secret



### Materials Needed:

Light-weight cardboard  
Two 10-inch pieces of string  
Crayons  
Optional: Felt, construction paper, sequins, and glitter

You can make Christmas spinners for yourself, your friends, or like Larry, for children in the hospital. Here are the directions:

Cut the design shown in the sketch from light-weight cardboard. Draw the solid line tree on one side and color it green. Draw the broken line tree faintly on the other side (notice the position of the trees) and cover the tree with balls by using different colored crayons. Paste a gold

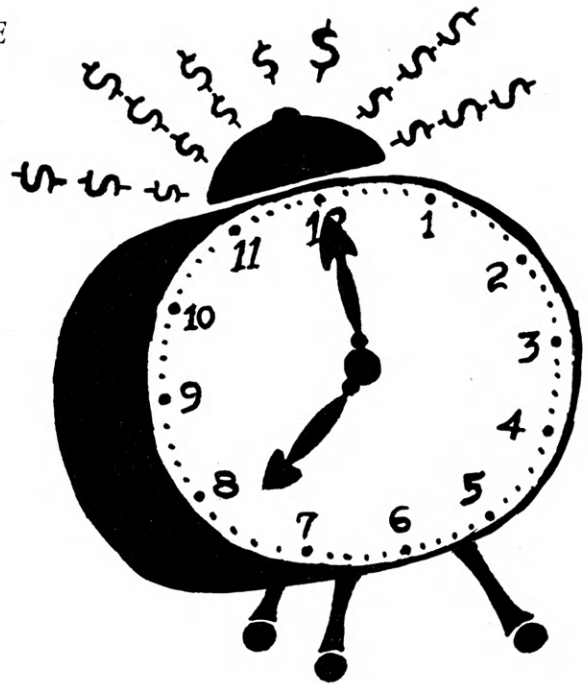
star at the top. Erase the broken lines.

Make two holes in the cardboard as shown, and attach a piece of string in each hole, knotting the ends to form a loop. You are now ready to twirl the spinner. The tree can also be made of felt or construction paper and sequins or glitter may be used on the other side. The dictionary name for these spinners is Thaumatrope.

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Mrs. Bill Allen, right, owner of Architectural Lighting of Wichita, helps 4-H electric project members relax during the lighting tour. This display arrangement is for the convenience of homemakers in selecting lighting from a homelike arrangement.



Mrs. Eileen Ogden, center, explains some of the lighting fixtures during the special electric tour of Wichita. Mrs. Ogden is Home Lighting Co-ordinator for Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Wichita.

## Award Group



These 4-H electric members received recognition for their outstanding project work. Left to right, back row, Rod Blacksome, Ness County; Warren Hett, Marion; Larry Martin, Chase; Mike Lee, Douglas; and Bill Wood, Hamilton. Front row, Danna Lockwood, Harvey; Mrs. Carl Kraus, Mr. Carl Kraus, President, Kansas Electric Cooperatives; Linda Loeppke, Kearny; and Lyle Bergstrom, Republic.

# 4-H ELECTRIC WINNERS SHARE IN WICHITA EVENT

Kansas 4-H electric project winners joined state winners in recreation, personal development, foods and crops in Wichita October 31st and November 1st and 2nd as a reward for outstanding achievements in their projects. Highlighting the 3-day event were tours, meeting new friends, sightseeing, and meeting representatives of the donor companies. A special tour of a Wichita architectural lighting firm was a special treat for the electric project members.

This annual 4-H recognition program is conducted by the Kansas Extension Service in cooperation with the Kansas 4-H Foundation and donor companies.

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