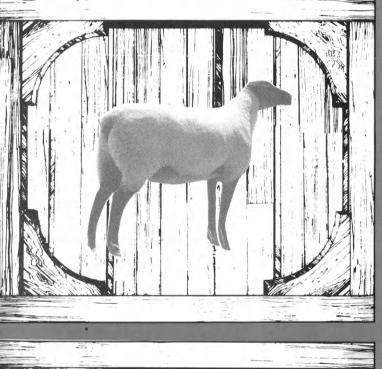
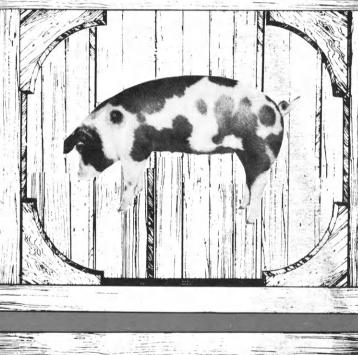
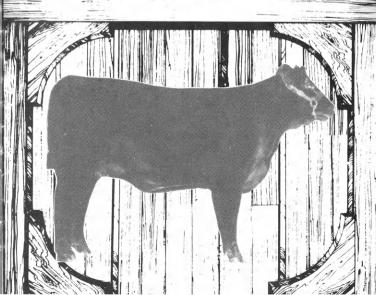


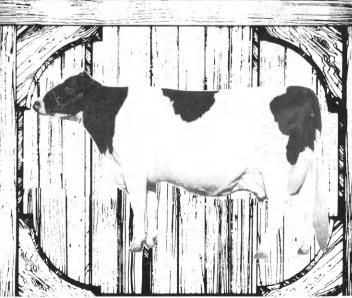
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The ideal quarter horse is strong and agile. A side view should display a short strong back with fullness in the loin and a long level rump. The horse should be sharp over his withers with adequate depth of chest. The neck should come out of the shoulders at approximately a 45° angle and should look in proportion to the rest of the body. The forearm should be powerfully muscled with length and smoothness of muscling. The head, ears, and eyes should display alertness and intelligence. As viewed from the rear, the horse should display length and smoothness of muscling. As a horse is used on the move, feet and legs are of great importance. The legs should be straight and strong with hard sound feet. All joints should be clean and free of puffiness. The stride should be straight, long, and true.

—Dr. Miles McKee, Animal Science and Industry, Kansas State University.



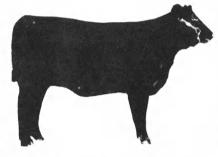
The ideal ram sire is muscular, big, and long-bodied. He expresses the growthiness which is reflected in the offspring he sires. His large

frame should include an abundance of natural muscling down the top line, a long loin and rump, and a thick, muscular stifle.

The ram should stand on ample bone and a straight, sound set of legs. A moderate depth of chest and spring of ribs is desired.

In addition to visual traits, ancestory and the production records are vital considerations when choosing a sire for the farm flock. A ram from high producing parent stock is a wiser investment than one of unknown origin.

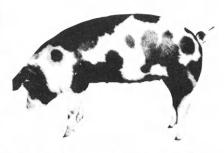
—Dr. Clifford Spaeth, Animal Science and Industry, Kansas State University.



The ideal beef heifer has growth and size for her age. She is tall over her shoulders and long in her body. Viewed from the side she has the appearance of balance with the forequarters and rear quarters in harmony. The muscling should be long and smooth. A front view displays cleanness, refinement, and femininity with forelegs coming out at the corners of the body. The neck should blend smoothly with the shoulder. The rear view should display length and smoothness of muscling. The rear legs should come out on the corners of the body. On the move the female should display grace and beauty with a long fluid stride. Cleanness of fat should be emphasized.

—Dr. Miles McKee, Animal Science and Industry, Kansas State University.

The pictures are of a prominant quarter horse sire; a Suffolk ram "Muleface"; "Manhattan Gal," champion at the National Angus Futurity; a spotted gilt of championship caliber; and "Higher View Thonyma Easter" of Higher View Dairy, Hays.



The ideal breeding gilt displays size and capacity. She should be long in her body with special emphasis on length through the ham. Her top should be strongly arched and she should show adequate mammary development in her underline. Her head should display neatness and femininity with cleanness in her jowl. The chest should be wide with strong, straight legs at each corner. As viewed from the rear the gilt should display depth. thickness, and smoothness of ham. The legs should be placed at each corner. On the walk, the gilt should display style and femininity with the legs and body moving in a straight

—Dr. Miles McKee, Animal Science and Industry, Kansas State University.



The mature Holstein cow should weigh a minimum of 1,500 pounds. Tall, long bodied, and stylish, she should display symmetry, balance, and a blending of parts. In addition, she should display good breed character and straightness of lines and should stand correctly on her feet and legs. The productive cow should show dairy character by being sharp, angular, and free of excess flesh. In order to convert feed to milk, the cow should have ample body capacity - length, depth, and spring of ribs. The udder is very important. It should be uniformly shaped, strongly attached to the body, modest in size, of good quality, with squarely placed teats perpendicular to a level udder floor that has a slight crease as viewed from the rear.

—Dr. Charles Norton, Head, Department of Dairy and Poultry Science, Kansas State University.

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An important goal: to provide learning opportunities through 4-H

By Dr. John O. Dunbar Director, Cooperative Extension Service Kansas State University

As Director of Extension in Kansas, one of my greatest goals is to provide as many learning opportunities to as many Kansas youth as it is possible to provide through 4-H. This includes youth on the farm, in our small towns, and even in our cities—for youth everywhere can benefit from experiences in the 4-H club—to improve themselves, their community, and their country.

Learning throughout life is a series of lessons often randomly learned. Learning is a result of one of our most powerful motivations—to grow and develop into a successful person. The opportunities provided through 4-H are unique in this regard.

The most important day of my life was the day that I joined the 4-H club. The learning experiences provided for me through my 4-H projects, my associations with other 4-H members, and working with my 4-H leader were extremely valuable in shaping my career in agriculture and, indeed, my whole life. These experiences brought a whole new dimension to my young life beyond the farm, my family, school, and church activities. My experiences as a club member helped me to discover and develop leadership skills, how groups work, and how to be a team member.

Experiences in the Beef Calf Club, Pig Club, Corn Club, and Conservation Club gave me incentive and experience in increasing efficiency of livestock and crop production and in the basic economics of these important farm enterprises. They stimulated me to learn more about agriculture. As I learned more about agriculture and applied it to my 4-H projects, we speeded up the adoption of modern practices on our whole farm.

This whole process put me in contact with "significant other people" who were interested in helping me develop into a successful person. It provided an opportunity for me to talk with them informally, for them to counsel me and to encourage me to go to college to develop myself further.

All this helped develop a close bond of common experiences between my mother, my father, my brother, my sisters, and me—for the projects became a common ground for sharing ideas, work, setbacks, and successes for the whole family.

About this issue

Special contributors to this issue of Kansas 4-H Journal are a county agent whose livestock judging teams consistently place high, a former 4-H'er who was a member of the Kansas State University livestock judging team, and members of

the Kansas State University faculty who are experts in selecting, judging, and developing high quality animals for the purpose of improving livestock in Kansas. For this information, read the facing page and pages 8 and 9.



4-H Around the State



By the State and Area 4-H Staff

Barton County—The 4-H Fund Drive has profited from a continued waste paper drive, to the extent of more than \$2,000 during the last nine months of 1976. The committee decided to try a newspaper collection early in the year, and were so pleased with the success that they immediately followed up with three additional collections. The committee's decision to work with a paper drive resulted from an ad that appears in the Kansas 4-H Journal, indicating price and other arrangements for collecting and selling waste newspaper.

Shawnee County—There are two new 4-H clubs in Shawnee County, beginning work in 1977. The Shawnee Shockers was organized in the Highland Park area in late 1976, with a full complement of leaders and club advisory committee. The Oakland Ites 4-H Club began life assisted by the Rochester Heights 4-H Club, who helped them with their officer installation.

Neosho County—A super effort to present a bicentennial salute was performed by the Up and Atom 4-H Club during 1976. They prepared and presented a massive Bicentennial Salute in song and dance. As an indication of the scope of the effort, there were 47 members in their chorus, and more than 100 total hours of preparation went into the presentation to the public, performed in the Neosho County Community College Auditorium.

Ellis County—This county had the honor of having two groups selected for the Kansas 4-H Congress in Wichita: Meadowlarks 4-H Club, were invited to send eight members and one leader because of their outstanding Acres For Wildlife work, and the Ellis County Junior Leadership Club for an all round program of accomplishment. They sent ten members and two leaders to the Wichita event.

Osage County—Recently, a History of 4-H in Osage County was compiled by Mary Frances Richmond, county extension home economist. Information about

achievements, defeats, and past events was included in the history. The origin and succeeding accounts of the 4-H program were obtained from old office records and newspaper articles.

Morris County—A banquet was used to recognize and express appreciation to the 20 county-wide project leaders in Morris County. The event was hosted by the county 4-H Advisory Committee and extension agents. Following the banquet, the county-wide leaders shared success stories and plans for the new 4-H year.

South Central Area—The South Central Area Youth Board will be having a Career's Day June 2nd and 3rd. All 4-H members 14 years and older from South Central Kansas will be given an opportunity to visit with area schools and businesses about careers, school requirements, and job expectations.

They will have a disc-jockey dance and an afternoon swim to provide some recreation for the two-day event.

Ellis County—It's not confined to Ellis County at all, but a number of 4-H girls attending Ft. Hays State, about 20 in all, are looking for suitable rental property to house them beginning with the fall semester. If their well laid plans succeed, the group will become a CLOVIA 4-H scholarship house, modeled after the long successful CLOVIA group at Kansas State. Jan Dugan is taking leadership in the search.

Rock Springs Ranch—Jamie Schwartz, Rock Springs Ranch citizenship coordinator, was elected from the 64th district to the Kansas House of Representatives. Jamie has taken a leave of absence and will return to his Rock Springs Ranch position at the close of the session.

Linn County and Ness County—This odd heading is accounted for by the fact that these two counties became No. 12 and No. 13 to complete their State-wide 4-H Fund Drive goals. Most substantial contribution came when Wyandotte County completed their \$7,500 goal and sent the check to the Kansas 4-H Founda-

tion, where all the monies are held in a special account and distributed only on the approval of the Director of extension.

Ford County-4-H'ers in Ford County will have an opportunity to learn about interior decorating, simple sewing techniques, microwave ovens, and nutrition at an upcoming (April 15-16) county-wide 4-H home ec slumber party. 4-H'ers, age 8-12, will spend an evening bunking at the Ford County 4-H Building, learning new skills and having fun all at one event. Older 4-H teenagers will be acting as counselors and assisting with the programs that will be going on into the early morning hours. Teen leaders will also be responsible for making yeast rolls for the next morning's breakfast.

4-H Ski Trip—4-H'ers from Haskell, Seward, Ford, Finney, and Pawnee counties in Southwest Kansas ventured to Breckenridge, Colorado, on a 4-H ski trip. 4-H'ers were lodged in local condominiums and were responsible for preparing their own meals within their particular living groups. 4-H'ers had the opportunity to take instruction from John Abell, outdoor education, extension 4-H specialist, in downhill and cross-country skiing.

Miami County—Junior leaders in Miami County celebrated two special events, the nation's bicentennial and the 50th anniversary of the organization of the first 4-H club in the county, by publishing a 176-page hardcover book.

The book contained the histories of the 65 4-H clubs which have been active at some time in Miami County, a history of the county, a list of extension personnel who have served there, and many pictures of 4-H members and related events.

Kansas can send 45 persons to each of two sessions of the Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C. Dates are July 10-16 and July 17-23. Applications for the trips, which cost \$250, are due in the state 4-H office in Manhattan March 7.

They're good hands

By Tim Demel Great Bend

At the Fort Zarah 4-H Club's achievement dinner at Great Bend Mr. and Mrs. Gale Yahne were presented with a gift in appreciation of the 18 years they've shared with

The gift was a white linen wall hanging, containing a 4-H clover and 50 green felt hand prints of the club's present members.

The Yahnes have given a combined total of 36 years of time and energy as community and project leaders of the Fort Zarah club. Approximately 176 members from 93 families have taken part in 4-H work during these years for a total of 786 4-H years.

The Yahnes first became involved in 4-H leadership when their oldest son David joined the Fort Zarah club in 1958. All three Yahne boys. David, Bruce, and Mark, have been active in 4-H work and have also served as project leaders for the

Community, project leaders are invited to conference

By Charles Lang Extension Specialist,

Volunteer Staff Development

"Hats Off to Leaders" is the theme for the 1977 state 4-H leaders convention at Rock Springs Ranch, south of Junction City. The event starts Tuesday afternoon, March 29, and concludes with Thursday lunch, March 31.

The convention features 25 topics for the cafeteria sessions. Leaders may select six different sessions. Some of the topics are demonstrations, camping, new and revised home economics projects, keeping teens involved, working with ad-

visory committees, active listening. incentives, parent involvement, record books, national report form, community relations, and 14 others.

Other program features include a mock meeting, presentation of local club activities, sharing of memorable 4-H experiences, recreation, and community services. Many of the ideas will be presented by leaders who are anxious to share their ideas with other leaders.

Reservations for the leaders' convention can be made by contacting any of the county extension offices throughout the state. Deadline for reservations is March 15.

Gale Yahne served as club community leader from 1960-1976; during those years he was also project leader for livestock and horticulture projects. He has served as 4-H council adviser, 4-H township representative, and he and his wife have been fair superintendents.

In 1963 Mrs. Yahne was honored as alumni of the year at the Barton County achievement banquet; as a girl she was a member of Heizer Progressive 4-H Club. She has been project leader in health, citizenship. safety, and leadership.



Members of Fort Zarah 4-H Club in Barton County gave a hand to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Yahne, pictured. Each member's signature is embroidered on his hand print. The large green clover contains the honorees' hand prints, their names, and the dates of their years as leaders.



Members of the 1977 State Youth Advisory who met in Manhattan, and the areas they represent, are, back row, from left, John Rowan, southwest, Charles Lee, northeast, Randy Tosh, northeast, Charles Odgers, southwest, Julie Swanson, northeast, and Kent Schuler, south central. In the middle row are Margaret Stewart, southeast, Terri Weixelman, northeast, Cindy Ricketts, northeast, Louis Miller, southwest, and Pat Schlagel, northwest. In front are Bronwen Rees, southeast, Connie Horine, south central, Kristi Steeples, northwest, and Buster Showalter, northwest. Russ Thogmartin from the northeast area attended the meeting but is not pictured.

State Youth Advisory meets

Julie Swanson, Kansas City, was elected as president of the State Youth Advisory when the group met at Kansas State University in January. Other new officers are Kent Schuler, Chapman, vice president; Kristi Nelson, Goodland, secretary; Connie Horine, Wichita, reporter for the western part of the state; and Terri Wixelman, Topeka, reporter for the eastern part of the state. Steve Fisher, Manhattan, is adviser.

The group members discussed revision of 4-H records and awards, state fair judging contests, encampment activities, selection of state winners, and the possibility of having a junior leadership camp.

A constitution was discussed and adopted.

The group will meet again in June during Roundup. Randy Tosh, Atchison, a delegate from the northeast area, pointed out that any



4-H members in the state may contact representatives from the 4-H'ers area with ideas or suggestions.

East will meet West

By Charles Lang Coordinator of Kansas 4-H International programs

LABO is a Japanese sponsored exchange program with the United States. Kansas is entering the program this year.

Between July 20 and August 25, the summer vacation from school in Japan, approximately 100 to 150 Japanese youngsters and their tutors will come to Kansas. They will range in age from 12 to 18, although most will be 12 to 14. The program, now in its sixth year, has been very successful and meaningful, especially for the 12 to 14 year olds.

County extension agents are now determining if there is sufficient interest in their counties to host 10 to 15 youth and a tutor. Each county will identify one adult as a host family coordinator who will assign children to families and will coordinate orientation.

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Being a LABO host family is very

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much the same as being a host family for any other exchange. (See page 8, February 1977 Kansas 4-H Journal.)

In 1978 young Kansans will complete the exchange as they visit Japan. First consideration will be given to members of families who were hosts to Japanese youth in

Kansan a delegate to the Soviet Union

Jim Pendleton. Lawrence has been selected as a 1977 delegate to participate in the Young Agricultural Specialists Exchange Program this summer. After a three month training period at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., Jim

will go to the Soviet Union where he will attend an agricultural academy for four weeks, and will then live and work on state and collective farms for six weeks.

his pictures have appeared in Kansas 4-H Journal.

Jim is a senior in agricultural economics at Kansas State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pendleton, Lawrence

South of the border

Fifteen to 20 young people 17 to 20 years of age will have an opportunity this summer to participate in a mini-caravan to Costa Rica with a

As a Douglas County 4-H member, Jim was the state winner in 4-H photography in 1971 and Key Award winner in 1972. A number of

Puzzle is on page 15.

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visit to Mexico City.

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Applications are due March 25. If

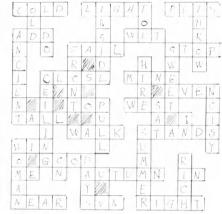
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Developing a livestock judging program

By Jim Hoobler County Extension Agricultural Agent and County Extension Director Clay Center

Developing a successful county livestock judging program is easy. All it takes is lots of time, lots of interest, and lots of help.

If success is your goal, then the organizer of a judging program must be willing to put forth all the time needed to do the job right. That means scheduling ahead of each contest, contacting members, parents, and leaders, and most important, going to each contest and participating. Sometimes the agents, leaders, parents, and adults judge separately, but it helps if you judge the livestock so you can talk to the 4-H'ers about the contest later. By taking interest in the contests and events yourself, you've already started the task of creating the interest that you need from the livestock judges.

Getting 4-H'ers to start judging livestock is one thing; getting them to continue is another. Livestock judging training in Clay County is a year-round program. All a 4-H'er or club has to do is ask, and willing help from former 4-H'ers and junior leaders is available. We also have two county judging contests — one in early summer which is a combination of fitting and showing, type classes, and contest, and the other at the county fair in which at least two of the same classes judged in June are judged again in August. Oral reasons are a must and much time is spent giving type reasons and explaining how reasons are to be given.

With proper training, each 4-H'er learns about each species he or she is judging. They learn to talk about a class and understand why they placed it as they did. This builds up their confidence and they eventually enjoy judging livestock. That's how we keep 4-H'ers coming back year after year.

Parents are a key factor in the success of our judging team. When we need cars for 43 judgers to go to a contest, 15 parents do the job! We've got the interest of the parents now that they have started judging at each contest. It's sort of a competition among themselves to see if they can out-judge their neighbor. When parents have a good time, they'll come back. Ours do.

County businesses, organizations, and individuals also help our judging program. When we need funds for travel and lodging, they are the ones who have continuously supported us all the way. When 4-H'ers know that they have the backing of the whole county, participation and efforts are on the increase.

Clay County has a winning livestock judging program. For three years now, we have been winners of national trips to represent Kansas—first at Denver, Colorado, then at Columbus, Ohio, and at Dallas, Texas, this summer. In 11 livestock and horse contests in 1976 (this includes three state fair contests), we had either the first place team or high individual in eight of them, placed second in two contests, and

Both the reasons-giver and the reasonstaker seem to be enjoying themselves in a moment caught by the camera of Scarlet Rauth, a member of Lake-Wide-Awake 4-H Club in Scott County. Her picture,



placed fifth in the other. The pleasing and encouraging note to our program is that more than one-third of our 215 4-H'ers participate in livestock judging throughout the year. We're proud of them, and that in itself helps make a winning team!

Becoming a good livestock judge

By Jon Dreith Randolph

Editor's note: Jon Dreith, Randolph, has had experience judging livestock as a member of Leonardville Hustlers 4-H Club in Riley County, as an FFA member, and, more recently, as a member of the Kansas State University livestock judging team. At the American Royal in 1976, the team placed second overall and first in reasons, with Jon the high individual in giving reasons.

What does it take to win a livestock judging contest? Is it luck? Luck does play a part, but as my livestock coach at Kansas State University told our team, "Luck seems to follow the well prepared." Becoming a good livestock judge requires a desire to improve, a serious attitude, dedication, and many hours of practice.

Livestock judging is broken down into two main parts, placing and reasons, each interdependent with the other. However, most contests are usually won in the reasons room because, if excellent placings are followed with mediocre reasons, you will soon become another also-ran. But, conversely, excellent reasons scores are difficult to obtain without logical placings.

Any beginning judge should first become aware of what is the desired type of the various species, or, simply put, be able to distinguish between a good and bad animal. This is necessary in order to make accurate observations on which a placing can be made.

Many available resources show the desired types; many can be entitled "I Placed This Class 2-4-1-3," was a winner at the Scott County Fair and was exhibited at Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Scarlet's younger brother Wesley, then 13, was giving oral reasons on why he placed a class of quarter horse mares as he did.



found without leaving your own home. Agricultural publications and breed journals constantly publish pictures of current show champions. Also, extension offices can help obtain a 4-H Judging Handbook upon request. This excellent source contains illustrations of good and lower quality animals and describes the differences which separate the two.

Pictures are a great place to start, but nothing beats firsthand experience. For a 4-H'er there are county fairs, spring shows, and field days to take part in. Here not only will the judge place the animals, but he will also discuss each class, and tell you why he placed them the way he did. This is essentially the same thing you must do when you give reasons, so listen to the judge intently with an open mind and make a conscious effort to see the same points as the judge.

Once you learn what are the de-

sired characteristics, it becomes imperative that you make accurate observations. The most important advice I can give anyone is to place on the big things, things which are of economic importance. In order to do this, stand back well off the class, the farther the better. From a distance it is easier to tell the big points, such as: which is the longest, the tallest, the trimmest, the nicest balanced. After viewing the animals from a distance from the various positions, make an initial placing. When given the go-ahead to move in close, observe the feet and legs, head, and reproductive soundness of the animals. If upon moving in you see something that concerns you, possibly switch a pair. A good rule of thumb is to never switch more than a pair from your initial placing, because usually your first observation tends to be the most accurate.

After mastering placing, then it becomes a matter of defending your placing or giving reasons. Good reasons start with your first observation. While standing back off the class, you observe the main points and place on them, so simply write them down in an organized manner. These main points will later comprise the most emphasized points of your reasons.

To take notes I used a small notebook and used both pages. On one page, number vertically 1-4 and write the main characteristics of each animal during the stand back. Such as:

 Dark red Largest framed Heaviest muscled Ruggedest

2. Line-backed Cleanest-made Tallest Sickle hocked

3. Light red Lightest muscled Second smallest framed Weak-topped

4. Black-tailed Fattest Expressively muscled Shortest

After recording these main points you can make an initial placing. Later when preparing the reasons you not only have the main reasons for placing one over the other, you also have distinguishing characteristics which will help you revisualize the class. When giving the reasons include class ID's (colors)

to help the judge remember the class and to show him you have the class well in mind.

Break the other page into nine squares. Use the first column for reasons, the second for grants, the third for criticisms. Each row across is used for a pair, first, middle, and bottom.

Hereford Bulls 1-2-3-4 Criticsms 1/2 Grants 2/3 Grants Criticisms 3/4 Grants Criticisms

When preparing your reasons, don't memorize your notes; instead remember the class and talk it as you saw it. Start your reasons off with the correct class name and placing. Then proceed with discussion of the pairs. The correct procedure to follow is to open each pair with a general statement and support it with specifics. Then grant and criticize using class comparisons as much as possible, such as: growthiest, longest, trimmest, and

Following is a sample opening

I placed this class of Hereford bulls 1-2-3-4. In my top pair I placed the dark red bull over 2, as he is the largest framed, heaviest muscled, most rugged bull in the class. He shows more natural thickness down his top, and more thickness and dimension in his quarter. In addition he is a wider chested, bolder sprung bull, which stands on the most substance of bone in the class. I grant 2 in the cleanestmade, most upstanding bull in the class. And he is especially trimmer through his middle and brisket. But, I criticize 2 as he is a narrow chested, flat quartered bull, that stands sickle hocked.

Continue this same sequence through the following pairs making an attempt to vary your terms and state the reasons in their order of importance. A common mistake to avoid is running your last place animal into the ground; be sure to give credit where credit is due.

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Ideas News

From Butler County: "As a leader, anytime someone in your club wins something it is just like you won it." This is what makes being a 4-H leader even more rewarding than being a member, according to Glenis Pennington, leader of the Towanda Rustlers 4-H Club. The amount of work is the same, though, either as a leader or a member, she feels, but as a leader one appreciates the results more. As a girl, she was a member of the Fairview Meadowlark 4-H Club.

From Rooks County: Parents' Night for Helpful Hands 4-H Club at Plainville was November 2nd. Don Ganoung led recreation for his son, Doug, with a game, "Pin the tail on the Democratic donkey or on the Republican elephant." Members were blindfolded one at a time and handed a tail, then spun around once and then it was left up to them to see if their tail got on Carter's side or Ford's. Guess who won?

"Jimmy Carter's, side, of course," writes reporter Fred Wise. After the elections were over, members of Helpful Hands 4-H Club from Plainville were impressed to know that their club determined the new president, Fred reports!

From Sherman County: Warren Star Busy Bees 4-H Club was named top club for health in the state for 1976. Ten members and two leaders attended the Kansas 4-H Congress in Wichita in January in recognition of their accomplishments, Gary McClung reports.

From Shawnee County: The January meeting of the Harmony Hustlers 4-H Club was Clash Night — members dressed in anything as long as it didn't match. Alison Schultz and Barbie Konrade won prizes for best costumes. Roll call was answered by using your three initials to make a statement.

From Nemaha County: Members of the Busy Jayhawker 4-H Club believe that a good way to demonstrate good citizenship is to become useful members of the community. To help achieve this goal, 10 4-H'ers participated in the Red Cross multi-media first aid course, presented by CR Industries in Seneca. Those who learned to help themselves and possibly others in accidents and emergencies were Janet and Roger Ackerman, Linda Edelman, Laurie and Sally Haflich, Gail Heiniger, Brent Meyer, John Mishler, Barbie Priest, and Tom Rokey. Several of these 4-H'ers are also enrolled in emergency preparedness.



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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I feel as though I owe my very existence to the 10 years I spent in 4-H. It was 4-H, the largest youth organization in the world, that allowed me to meet, make, and want friends from literally around the world. Through its programs, I was also able to learn skills that stretched from beef husbandry to photography to an appreciation for birds and other wildlife. In those 10 years, I feel as though I stole a million dollars and can only hope to repay the interest due through continued involvement!

As I reaquaint myself with these fantastic experiences, I still become disappointed with the overall progress of the 4-H program. After reflecting, wondering, and talking to those involved in 4-H, I have come to believe that part of the problem is related to the lack of interest through insecurity. At one time I thought people in general were apathetic because they didn't care. Since then I have realized that most care, but are hesitant to exchange their security for the risk involved in attempting a new method.

Case in point. How many times have you been in a strange group? No one is willing to talk until somebody nervously stands up and says "Hi! I'm ." Then everyone starts talking and relating ideas and having a great time. Still, it took that one person to stick his neck out and risk somebody getting to know about him. It's what we all desire, yet there is security in not telling your name in order to avoid releasing pertinent information about yourself. This, I believe, is the basic problem that could be cured by better identification and utilization of resources 4-H has available.

The resources I speak of involve the very heart of the 4-H program—5.5 million young adults are a forgotten people who need, want, and deserve a stronger hand in the planning and initiation of new and exciting 4-H programs. Youth today are waiting for the adult leaders to ask for a part of the vigor and vitality they can offer to any program. There are a large number of present and recent 4-H'ers who have been involved in conferences from the local to the national level.

"4-H could offer a new dare to older members by offering them a 'piece of the action' '

Yet these teen-agers are left to participate in the final product, rather than having input from the seed to the maturity of a program.

Many leaders scratch their heads wondering why we lose so many good 4-H members after three or four years of participation. The answer should be no surprise. Once a challenge is met, there is nothing to gain in attacking it again and again. What challenge is left in baking or raising cattle, as far as the program is concerned, when you're 18 or 19 years of age? High school rolls along and youth are met with a new adventure. 4-H could offer a new dare to the older members by offering them a "piece of the action," giving them a seed to develop into a viable, working program.

Let me say at the start that the older generation is needed and desired. As youth, we tend to move too fast and be controlled by the present fad. The leaders are needed to hold the reins, but why not loosen the reins a bit—give them to the 4-H'ers. Doing this would allow a stagnant program to head for vibrant, clear pools of knowledge and experiences. With both groups working together, we can move forward with definite, progressive steps.

Lack of communication between youth organizations is another area

involving the allocation of resources. We're all in the same business of helping youth, so why not help ourselves and share ideas, programs, and resources. If all youth programs would offer their programs to all the other youth organizations, think of the youth that would benefit from such a sharing process.

Though there are other resources, the last I would like to speak about is this publication, the Kansas 4-H Journal. Promotion like this could be the best thing to happen to 4-H. Kansas is lucky to have such a publication. I'm from Illinois where we don't have one. Since seeing this publication, I feel more support should be given to it. 4-H is the best kept secret. The Kansas 4-H Journal could help solve this by increasing its circulation to even non-4-H families. What would be wrong with sending copies to schools, hospitals, and even try picking target counties each month and sending the Journal to all families living there.

To me, none of these thoughts are radical, but rather make good sense. I have always considered 4-H a top-notch organization, but we as friends of the large 4-H family need to continually review and update our program in order to keep the program fresh and alive!

Steve Francis, Member, Collegiate 4-H Club, Kansas State University

Editor's note: At the 1975 National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Steve Francis was one of eight 4-H members from throughout the United States chosen to speak for 4-H as Reporters-to-the-Nation. As a member of this team, he gave a report at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., and the same week he spoke to a joint session of the Congress of the United States.

Currently Steve is a student in animal science at Kansas State University. His home is Oak Knoll Farm near Wilmington, Illinois.

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State winners' records are submitted to a committee of state and national 4-H leaders meeting in

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If you were ever a member of the Kansas State University Collegiate 4-H Club, you're invited to a party.

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Write for reservations to Lisa Sexton, 1200 Pioneer Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502; or to Cecilia Kasl, 1500 N. Manhattan, Manhattan, KS 66502; or to Cecil Eyestone, Kansas 4-H Office, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

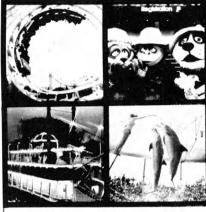
Practice giving reasons at home before the contest to help get acquainted with the proper reasons form. Work at putting phrases together that will flow smoothly. A mirror is an excellent aid for practicing reasons because you can observe your facial expressions and practice looking someone in the

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Becoming a good livestock judge

(Continued from page 9)

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Family Fun Page

Teacher: Use this book wisely. You'll find it will do half your work. Student: Good, I'll take two.

Barbershop sign: "I need your head to run my business."

Druggist: Why is Dr. Williams so angry and snappy all the time? Nurse: Oh, he's out of patients.

Linda Clarke, Medicine Lodge

- Q. What driver never got a ticket?
- A. A screwdriver.
- Q. What hawk never learned to fly?
- A. A tomahawk.
- Q. When is a boy not a boy?
- A. When he's a-bed.
- Q. What table has no legs?
- A. Multiplication table.
 Andrea Moore,
 South Coffeyville, Oklahoma
- Q. What smells most in a bakery? A. Your nose.

Q. On what side of a church does an oak tree grow?

A. The outside.

Cynthia Ann Ballou, Delphos

Sam: When did the Irish potato change its nationality?

Sal: When it became French fried.

Robin Kearns, Lawrence

Bake and Take Day

Looking for a community service project? Make March 26 a special day for someone you know — a nursing home resident, elderly person, neighbor, or special friend. Join thousands of Kansans in supporting the 1977 Kansas Bake and Take Day.

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Angel cookies are Mrs. Joe Prochazka's favorite recipe to share on Bake and Take Day. Mrs. Prochazka, Atwood, is a current member of the 1977 Kansas Wheatheart Executive Board.

ANGEL COOKIES

½ cup shortening ½ cup butter

½ cup brown sugar

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1 egg

1 tsp. vanilla

2 cups flour

1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. cream of tartar

½ tsp. salt

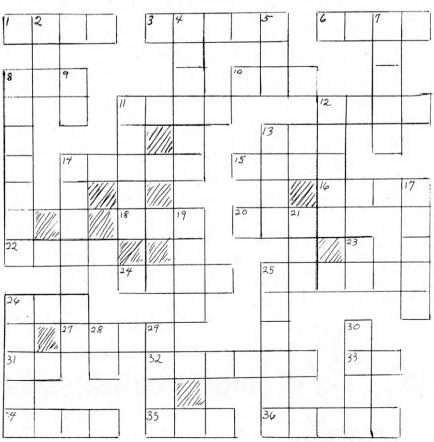
½ cup chopped black walnuts

Cream together the shortening, butter, brown sugar, and white sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla, mixing thoroughly. Add the rest of the ingredients and roll into balls. Dip the top side in water and then in sugar. Bake 10 to 12 minutes at 400°.

"Opposites" Crossword

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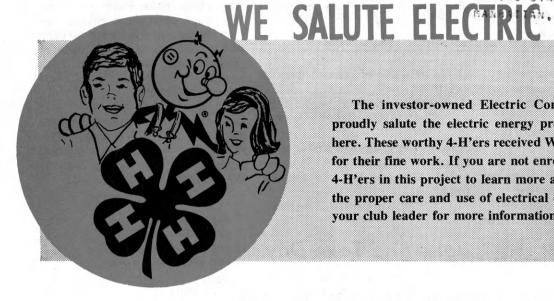
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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE



The investor-owned Electric Companies of Kansas proudly salute the electric energy project winners listed here. These worthy 4-H'ers received Westinghouse Medals for their fine work. If you are not enrolled, join the many 4-H'ers in this project to learn more about electricity and the proper care and use of electrical equipment. Contact your club leader for more information.

State Winner: Joe Blake Jr., Franklin County, received a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago as Kansas winner of the electric energy project. Donor of the trip is Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Great Lakes Region, Chicago, Illinois.

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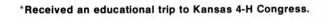
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