

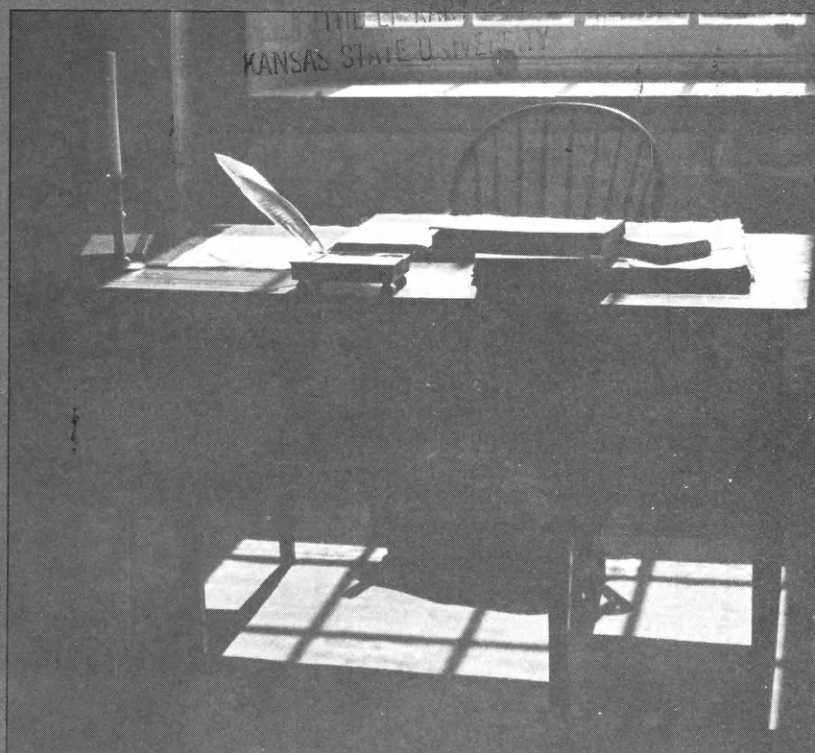
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Two queens, Denise Cress and Jackie Howland, were given special recognition at the Happy Larks 4-H Club achievement banquet in Cheyenne County. Denise is Cheyenne County Wheat Queen and Jackie is the Cheyenne County Rodeo Queen.



Hale White and Joanne Gieswein received plaques at the Morris County achievement banquet in recognition of their work in the county's 4-H program.

Mr. White, president of the Farmers and Drivers Bank in Council Grove, "consistently and generously supports 4-H members' work." He has been an officer of the fair association for many years. The bank is a 14-year Kansas 4-H Journal sponsor.

Mrs. Gieswein has been a community and project leader of Wilsey Busy Bees 4-H Club and has served on the 4-H advisory board and the extension executive board. She helped to develop a strong geology project in Morris County.

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Officers of the South Central Area 4-H Youth Board are, from left, Steve Deck, Barber County, and Connie Horine, Sedgwick County, delegates from the south central area to the State 4-H Youth Advisory; Karen Harris, Dickinson County, secretary; Mary Weninger, Cowley County, vice president; and Kent Schuler, Dickinson County, president.

Members of the area youth board are an older boy and an older girl from each of the 19 counties in the south central district. The youth board will plan area youth programs, share ideas, discuss 4-H award programs, and have a voice in area and state 4-H program planning.

Tom Whitson is the area extension specialist, 4-H and youth, in the south central area.



Officers of the Kansas Association of 4-H Agents are, from left, standing, Rita Loveday, Riley County, membership chairman; James Sharp, Sedgwick County, reporter; Jenell Smith, Sedgwick County, secretary-treasurer; and seated, from left, Eugene Lanham, Wyandotte County, president; and Susan Verdoorn, Franklin County, president-elect.

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Remember me?

I was in your club.

By Glenn M. Busset
State Leader,
4-H and Youth

I'm a statistic, and not a very attractive one at that. I'm not even alive, but I was once.

I'm the kid you asked to join your 4-H club last year. I'm the kid who was so enthused about a chance to be a 4-H member that I could hardly wait for the first meeting, so I could stand up in front of all of you and promise to be a good 4-H member. Signing the constitution and repeating the club pledge were about the most important happenings in my life last year.

I came to every meeting after I was initiated, sometimes getting there before anyone else so I wouldn't miss anything. It didn't seem like anyone wanted to pay attention to me, though, even when I tried to be friendly with other kids. Being friendly has always been hard for me because I am naturally shy. My Mom said 4-H would be good for me because I would be sure to make friends there. I sat down along with some of the kids I knew from the school bus, but they all had their buddies that they talked to, even when I volunteered some conversation. After that it was easier just to find a seat among the unfamiliar faces.

I hoped very much that a leader or an officer would ask me to participate or take charge of something or do some task like helping serve refreshments, but no one asked me. I wanted very much to do something to help out, so I could show I was proud of being a 4-H member. But no one saw my hand when I volunteered.

When I had to miss a meeting, the fifth since joining, it was because Mom was sick and Dad doesn't get home from work until midnight, so I stayed home with her. But no one asked me at the next meeting where I was and how come I hadn't been there. I guess it didn't really matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. It was at about this time that I began to wonder if it was really that big a deal to be a 4-H member.

It amuses me now when I think back on the discussion in the club one evening shortly after I had become a 4-H member. The officers and leaders were talking about why the club seemed to be losing members, and what they could do about it. They spent an hour, when we could have been having some recreation, talking about how to get new members — and I was there all the time. All they had to do was make me feel needed, wanted, and welcomed.

I don't like to think of myself as a loser, but I must have lost a great deal by not having a 4-H experience — and perhaps the 4-H club lost, too, by not accepting what I had to offer.

So, I became a statistic, and a negative one at that. No, I never quit 4-H because I had never really been a member. I was only a name on the club roll, so how could I quit something to which I had never belonged? I'm the statistic that says "4-H had nothing for me, so I dropped out," but it really isn't true. I was never really a member — and isn't it a shame, because that's what I wanted so much to be.

About the cover

If you were a delegate to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, the four pictures on the cover may look familiar to you. From photographs exhibited at the 1976 Kansas State Fair, these four were chosen to be included in the National 4-H Con-

gress Photographic Exhibit.

Beginning top right and going clockwise, the purple ribbon winning photography is the work of Larry Brownlee of Sterling, Gil Roberts of Olathe, Penny Weeks of Fostoria, and Mark Boye, Hoisington.

Honored—



1976 alumni award winners in Morris County are Dale Nielson and Millie Mercer.

A former 10-year 4-H member herself, Mrs. Mercer has been community leader for Neosho Valley 4-H Club for 10 years; each of those 10 years the club received a purple seal. She also served as cooking and sewing leader for five years.

Mr. Nielsen began his 4-H career as a charter member of the Neosho Valley 4-H Club when it was formed in 1938. He has served for 13 years as either a club community leader or a project leader in crops and livestock.



In 1976 a special honor came to Roger Regnier, a former state 4-H leader in Kansas for eight years. A plaque with his name was added to the Wall of Fame in Williams Dining Hall at Rock Springs Ranch. During the time from 1958 to 1966 when Mr. Regnier was state leader, 4-H work changed; it became more flexible and expanded into towns and cities; the number of projects increased and their subject matter explored new fields; and 4-H materials were used by other groups. During his tenure, 4-H membership increased every year but one. Mr. and Mrs. Regnier live in Manhattan. As an advisory member of the Board of Trustees of Kansas 4-H Foundation, he continues to assist Kansas 4-H work.

1976 report—

Horse barn grows, judging team goes, in Labette County

By Jan Lips
1976 Labette County 4-H
Horse Club Reporter

The Labette County 4-H Horse Club is one of the largest and most active clubs in the state with approximately 75 members and 150 horses enrolled.

The horse judging team, made up of Nancy Landrith; Debbie Taylor, who was the 1976 club queen; John Hedges, the 1976 president; and Rick McKinzie, was coached by 4-H agent Marvin Anderegg. The team placed second in a statewide contest in north Topeka, fifth in the American quarter horse judging contest in Kansas City, and first at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. They represented Kansas at the national horse judging contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where they placed fourth in performance classes.

Our club had been wanting a new horse barn at the fairgrounds as we had only 15 stalls. Two members of the fair board met with our officers and county leaders, and said we were to draw up plans and cost estimates and present them at the next fair board meeting. When the plans were presented, the fair board agreed to match funds with the horse club. The club voted to put \$500 of its money in the barn and seek donations for the rest. In a very short time there was more than enough for our 140 stall horse barn. With all donations and labor from the fair board and horse club members, the barn was ready for the Labette County Fair the last of July.

Ten of our members entered our district 4-H horse show at Fredonia; all 10 qualified in one or more events, and all 10 attended the state fair. Eight members entered the 4-H horse show at the American Royal.

Officers for 1977 are: Rick McKinzie, president; Diane Taylor, vice president; Lori Lips, secretary; Carol Kinzer, treasurer; and Kristine Reed, reporter.

We are proud of our accomplishments in 1976 and we hope to have an equally good year in 1977.



The horse barn was completed and ready for the ribbon-cutting ceremony before the Labette County Fair. More than 100 horses were entered at the county fair.

Family Fun Page puzzle solutions

Answers to the valentine puzzle on page 15:

1-tie, 2-lie, 3-vet, 4-let, 5-nail, 6-tail, 7-nine, 8-vine, 9-Nile, 10-title

Answer to President Puzzle on page 15:

1. Thomas Jefferson
2. George Washington
3. John Adams
4. John F. Kennedy
5. Gerald Ford
6. Abe Lincoln
7. Teddy Roosevelt

4-H groups improve communities

Painting, improving, and restoring community and 4-H buildings are popular citizenship projects for the Kansas 4-H groups which received the 1977 grants from Southwestern Bell and from Garst and Thomas Hybrid Corn Company; other more unusual projects include establishing dogwood in the Kansas Arboretum, making gardens with nursing home residents, and organizing a camp with equal numbers of 4-H members and persons from a low income culture.

Thirteen 4-H groups received grants ranging in amounts from \$25 to \$150 from Southwestern Bell, with 10 clubs and county councils receiving grants, most of them for \$100, from Garst and Thomas.

Members of **Cloverleaf 4-H Club in Rawlins County** clean and mow five country cemeteries before Memorial Day and before Labor Day each year. To continue to do this, they need a tractor mower.

Paint and lumber are needed for the project of **Wide-A-Wake 4-H Club in Decatur County**; the 4-H members plan to repaint and add new names to the directional signs which tell how to get to farms from four crossroads south of Oberlin.

Ten dogwood varieties native or adaptable to the midwest will soon be growing at the Kansas Arboretum near Wakefield, thanks to members of **Lee Hilltoppers 4-H Club, Riley County**. Other plants may be added later.

Planting is also a part of the project of **Beardsley Beavers 4-H Club in Rawlins County**. The 4-H members want to clean up around the tennis courts which have been built south of the McDonald High School, and to plant grass, shrubs, and trees there. The 4-H'ers hope the area will develop into a small city park.

To locate and mark historical landmarks in **Haskell County** is the goal of the 4-H clubs in that county, working with the **Haskell County 4-H Council**. Another project with an historical point of view is that of **Richland Rustlers 4-H Club in Pratt County**. Older 4-H members plan to serve as guides and hosts in the historical museum in Pratt, to interview older residents and store tapes of their stories in the museum, and to purchase swinging wall-mounted frames for display of pictures of pioneer life.

Members of **Home City Hustlers 4-H Club in Marshall County** want to install street signs in Home City.

The town of Culver needs a library; a room is available in a school building, but it needs paint and repair. Then books will need to be collected, organized, and catalogued, and the library manned twice a week. Members of **Culver Livewires 4-H Club in Ottawa County** will help with both work and money.

Two particularly people-oriented projects have been proposed by Wyandotte and Shawnee County 4-H councils. Members of the **Wyandotte County 4-H Council** plan to work with residents of nursing homes to plan and plant community gardens near the nursing homes. The **Shawnee County 4-H Council** plans a personal development camp at Lake Perry, with all meals prepared by the campers, who will be about 25 disadvantaged youth and about 25 members of community 4-H clubs.

Many of the groups are improving buildings. Members of **Cloverleaf 4-H Club in Stevens County** painted the Grange Hall where their monthly meetings take place. **Crawford County** junior leaders painted the 4-H building at the fairgrounds red, white, and blue.

Two groups have worked to make their community buildings warmer: **Lucky 13 4-H Club, Greenwood County**, with paneling and curtains, and **Cadmus 4-H Club in Linn County** with storm windows and new curtains.

Members of the **Decatur County 4-H Council** are improving the 4-H building with paint, repair work, a new floor covering, and a new outside door. **Gemini Juniors 4-H Club** members hope to add outdoor lighting near the 4-H building at the **Ellis County** fairground. Members of the **Barber County 4-H Council** want to beautify their fairgrounds with trees and shrubs, as well as to help pay the debt on the 4-H building.

Two stone schoolhouses will be improved when the 4-H'ers carry out their plans. **Riverside 4-H Club** members want to restore the Bloomington Schoolhouse in **Osborne County**. An extra feature of the improvements made by **Palco 4-H Club in Rooks County** is that their school will be included on the county home improve-

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Chris Stehno and Mark Hess have the flag flying, while Sue Carlson and Sharon Stehno read a flag-raising ceremony at the Ellis County fairgrounds. Members of the Go-Getters 4-H Club were able to provide the flag and flagpole with the help of a 1976 Citizenship-in-Action grant.

A 4-H'er's thoughts

By GERALYN KRAUS
Grainfield

4-H is . . . ???

Well, what would you say if you were asked? For myself, 4-H is so many things that it might be hard to list them all. But I would include the following:

Learning. 4-H has offered me opportunities I have never had before in all areas of interest. It is a quick and fun way to learn and acquire new skills. Probably my greatest learning experience this year was my food preservation project.

Leadership. This has become a very special part of 4-H for me. As president of our club, I have had a chance to aid all the members in their work. Leadership is a very rewarding project and the best one to take if you want to be actively involved.

Sharing. Many times I have come home from a meeting with the feeling, "That was a good idea!" Half of our learning is ideas shared by other members; also half of the fun! Sharing isn't restricted just to your individual club, either. It is something that can branch out to all 4-H'ers through club days, seminars, camps, and other events.

Fun. Of course, a person could write a whole page on the fun that comes from 4-H. I especially enjoyed doing a play this year. We were able to present it three different times. Other events included a Halloween party, tour, Roundup, county and state fairs, and club days.

Achievement. When one devotes himself to a full year in something, it is important to look back and see what has been achieved, whether material or personal. For myself, I felt a great satisfaction for my work. At our county fair, I came home with three blue ribbons, two state fair blues, and two champions. I was able to exhibit two entries at the state fair, where I received a blue and a red award. I was also able to judge on the foods and the home improvement judging teams.

Yes, 4-H has many aspects in which it deals. I'm sure every person would view it differently, but the general attitude would be the same. It has become an important part of all our lives. Do your part to keep it that way.

4-H is . . . ???

Answer this question for yourself.

Club conserves land, wildlife

Learning to conserve our land and wildfire have been two goals of the Goessel Goal Getters 4-H Club in Marion County.

Members now work with 45 land owners with a total of 363 acres in the Acres for Wildlife 4-H club project. This is the seventh year they have been enrolled as a club in the conservation and Acres for Wildlife projects.

In 1975 their club was awarded a trip to Kansas 4-H Congress in Wichita for their achievements in the Acres for Wildlife project. The club has presented programs for 4-H Sunday, the Joyce Livingston TV show, a young farmer's group, and for the leaders attending the state 4-H leaders convention. They have also given conservation talks at Marion County Club Day and to smaller local groups.

The club has planted several wildlife bundles obtained from the KSU Forestry Service, as well as pur-

chasing and planting and giving away about 800 trees. Signs showing the areas designated for the 4-H Acres for Wildlife program have been posted on their acres. They have cleared thickets of unnecessary brush to provide proper habitat for wildlife and have encouraged landowners to leave edges of grain fields to provide food for wildlife.

The Goessel City Park has a new martin house, more trees, flower gardens, a painted shelter house, trash barrels, as well as extra maintenance, because of the Goessel Goal Getters Club.

Their club has observed wildlife at the Prairie National Historical Reservation, attended a conservation workshop sponsored by Bethel College, and several members have attended the Lake Perry 4-H Camp to learn about nature. Each month a "Conservation Corner" is included in their monthly newsletter to each 4-H family.

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Reaping the benefits of home landscaping

By Dr. Robert McNeil
Formerly of
Kansas State University

There may be some confusion as to the true meaning of home landscaping. Merely planting trees and shrubs is not landscaping. Landscaping means creating a plan to make the best use of outdoor space available in the most attractive way. Landscaping may involve shaping the land to make the most of the site's natural features, building fences, walls, and patios, and, of course, selecting and growing the plants that best fit your landscape plan. Whatever steps one takes, good home landscaping should build your yard for comfortable living.

Benefits of landscaping

What benefits can be reaped from well-planned and executed home landscaping?

Landscaping adds beauty to your property. Well designed plantings of flowers, trees, and shrubs incorporated into outdoor family living areas can make your home the most attractive one in the neighborhood. The colorful flowers and foliage of well-kept outdoor plants are themselves an enjoyment to behold, especially when accented by a neatly trimmed carpeting of green grass.

Landscaping adds value to your property. Not only the value of the plants themselves but the overall attractiveness of the landscape scheme around your home can add an average of 15 per cent to the real estate value of your property.

You will have pride in your well-planted and well-maintained property. A well landscaped property is a pleasure to come home to. You can have pride in the fact that passersby will take a second look at your attractive yard.

Landscaping your home will make for a more livable environment. You will feel more comfortable not only with the satisfaction of having a beautiful outdoor living area but also with the physically comforting shade of trees and shrubs in the summer and their windbreaking effect in the winter. You may also welcome the privacy provided by a green screen of trees and shrubs harmoniously arranged around your property.

Proper landscaping may create easier property maintenance for you.

By properly locating plants on your property, giving them enough room, and by choosing trees and shrubs that require minimum amounts of trimming and pruning you will lighten your yearly landscape maintenance tasks. In addition you can choose those grass varieties, trees, shrubs, and flowers which are best adapted for local soil and weather conditions. In this way you will help insure their successful growth and save yourself the time and expense of replacement later.

Through landscaping you can make efficient use of the outdoor space around your home. When planning a landscape design for your home you should first decide what uses your family wants to make of outdoor living space and plan to set it aside and plant around it accordingly. Examples of outdoor use areas to designate, say, on a scale drawing would be a patio-barbecue area, children's play area, swimming pool area, vegetable garden plot, and so on. It is important to designate the space requirements for these family use areas before beginning any plans for trees, shrubs, or flower beds. Once these areas are set aside (on paper) you should attractively incorporate desired landscape plantings (trees, shrubs, flowers) around these use areas to make for a more efficient and comfortable outdoor living environment.

Plan now—plant later

The best landscaping for you comes down to what you want, and, since plants cost money, both what you want and what you can afford right now and in the future are important. To avoid spending a lot of money all at once, you should plan your home landscape now and gradually plant it over several years by purchasing a few trees and shrubs each year. Of course, since good landscaping really may take a bit of artistic talent for design and some actual knowledge of landscape maintenance, one cannot overestimate the value of employing the advice and services of reputable nurserymen and landscape architects. In addition or as an alternative one could contact his county agricultural agent for landscaping advice and technical information.

This would be the first step in beginning your planning to develop your home landscape.

For more specific information on home landscaping, send for the references listed below. They are available from your county extension office.

Available references

4-H 301 — Landscaping with Horticulture

XC-379 — Landscape Development for an Urban Home

XC-469 — Shrubs for Kansas Landscapes

XC-482—Trees for Kansas Landscapes

XC-488 — Evergreens for Kansas Landscapes

XC 381 — Site planning for Home Landscape Development

Club conserves

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In the past six years they have sold 85 tons of paper to a recycling plant for \$1,500 to buy trees and bird houses for their club project. The 37 member club also raised money with food sales to sponsor a junior leader trip to Silver Dollar City in Missouri.

The club project, Acres for Wildlife, has given the Goessel Goal Getters 4-H Club a common worthwhile goal that is continued from year to year. Many of their individual 4-H members are also enrolled in the project.

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How to gain an instant relative:

By Charles Lang
Coordinator of Kansas 4-H
International Programs

Eighteen Kansas families became a part of the international scene this past summer when they were hosts to youths from Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, and India. There's still time for families to apply to participate as host families this year; assignments will begin in April. Both former host families and those who have not had this experience may apply.

Briefly, the procedure from the family's point of view is:

- The family members discuss among themselves the possibility of being host to a foreign exchange who could stay with them ten days to three weeks. Discuss how the exchange would fit in, where he or she would sleep, and when it would be best for him or her to come.

- Get the host family application from the local county extension office. Complete it and return. The county agent must sign the application before it will be considered.

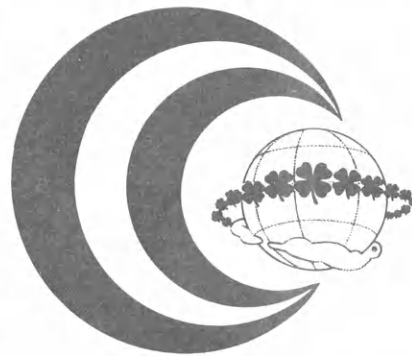
- 1977 host families will be assigned starting in April and continuing as the state 4-H office is notified of IFYEs. This past year the 4-H office was notified of exchanges in April, May, and June. Part of this spread in timing is caused by the time of the foreign country's decision to participate in the program.

- When an exchange is assigned to Kansas, a tentative schedule of host families is developed. Each family is contacted, giving them the dates preferred and a biographical description of the delegate. Most families accept the arrangements, although sometimes conflicting dates have caused some

reassignments.

- When the family has confirmed their acceptance, more information is sent to them about their exchange and his or her country.

- Families then discuss their final plans for the exchange delegate, considering that the exchange may be able to share many things about his or her home country. Exchanges bring pictures,



books, and, of course, lots of conversation. The most successful experiences with exchanges have been when the IFYE is fitted right in to the family routine — doing chores and work and sharing family fun and experiences. Where this has happened, these visitors feel the closeness of the American family. Friendships are established that last for years.

- Host families make arrangements for transporting the exchange within Kansas upon his arrival and departure. Sometimes the former and new host families plan to meet somewhere for a picnic, visit each other, and exchange the delegate. To minimize travel, families may be assigned in the same part of the state.

- Host families generally accept all expenses for room, board, and

travel, such as to 4-H meetings, while the IFYE is with them. The host county provides \$10 per week to the exchange for spending money.

- The follow-up is up to the family.

Most host families become very fond of their visitor. Some reactions come from two 1976 host families.

For two weeks this past summer the George McDaniel family, Salina, was host to Erik Van Wilderode of Belgium. The McDaniels enjoyed Erik's friendship; he became like one of the family, Mrs. McDaniel said. One thing that brought them closer together was trying to understand each other and working to learn something of each other's language.

Erik told the McDaniels about agriculture in Belgium, and they were impressed with its efficiency. He was eager to learn about farming in Kansas. He was an excellent horseman, and shared with them his joy in riding.

After S. Nagaraj of India stayed with the Edwin Sherman family at Virgil for 10 days, they felt closer to India and compassionate toward it. He told them about his country and the Indian customs. They were impressed with the fact that their IFYE knew more about the United States than they knew about India.

Nagaraj enjoyed going places with the youngsters in the family. He was impressed with the electric appliances in the kitchen, and said, "Everything you do is electrical but eating!"

Other International 4-H Youth Exchange delegates who visited in Kansas in 1976 were Erhard Nicolai of Germany and Howard Pullen of England.

International programs for 4-H members

IFYE and AWE

Two young Kansans have been nominated for Agricultural Work Experience programs in Poland in 1977 and three others are International 4-H Youth Exchange nominees.

Participants in Agricultural Work Experience will spend six to nine months in Poland on state and fam-

ily farms. Chosen as nominees are Deryl Waldren from Tribune in Greeley County and Adel Visser from Riley in Riley County.

If the nominees are accepted they will leave Kansas in June and return in December or March.

IFYE nominees who may go to other countries for six months are Gerald Campbell from Burrton in

Harvey County; Nancy Carnahan, Wamego, Pottawatomie County; and David Gardner, Hartford, Lyon County.

The National 4-H Foundation has not yet assigned the IFYE nominees to host countries.

All five international nominees are students at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

In 1976 also Kansas had a 4-H member who went to Poland in the AWE program; he is Carl Garten of Abilene.

IFYEs who have returned to Kansas after being abroad in 1976 are Aline Nelson of Goodland who was sent to Jamaica; James Schesser, Horton, whose host country was Egypt; and Cindy Macy, Alta Vista, Poland.

Citizen Ambassador

Cecil and Phyllis Eyestone have again been asked to lead a people to people group to Central Europe this summer. The 38 day tour will include home stays in three countries: England, the Netherlands, and Austria; and sightseeing and visiting with others in Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Czechoslovakia.

Boys and girls 16-20 years of age (16 by August 1 or over 20 by special permission) with a sincere interest in traveling and meeting other people may apply. There are no financial scholarships so the trip will have to be financed by the family. Applications can be accepted until March 20th.

In addition to the three to four day home stays in three countries, the group will have professional guides in each country visited. They will travel by chartered bus, stay in a variety of living accommodations, and sightsee in Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, Vienna, Prague, and London. In Germany and Switzerland they will stay in small rural communities and see industries of these areas such as winemaking, cheesemaking, and Swiss bell manufacturing. One night will be spent in Innsbruck, site of the 1976 Winter Olympics.

Sixteen Kansas youth took part in the program in 1975 and five in 1976. How many will Kansas have in 1977?

For additional information write Cecil Eyestone, 4-H Dept., Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

4-H Youth Caravans

For present and former 4-H members from 17 to 25 years of age, International 4-H Youth Exchange Caravans provide another opportunity for overseas travel. Although

the time for applications began in January with acceptance on a first come, first served basis, there may still be some openings.

The trips, to Europe and the West Indies, will begin in June or July and last six to eight weeks with a cost of \$1,300 to \$1,500.

Extension personnel, 4-H alumni, and former IFYEs may apply for group leader positions with all expenses paid.

Interested persons can secure more details and application forms (IFYE application OP-80) from their county extension office; state 4-H and youth department at KSU, Manhattan; or the National 4-H Foundation, International Programs, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Applications should be sent through the county extension office to the state 4-H and youth department. The applications are approved and sent to the National 4-H Foundation for final approval and country assignment.

In 1976 Gary Anderson from Oberlin was a member of a caravan to Denmark.

Russian-speaking ambassador is helpful

By Cathy Sherman
Lawrence

As the only Russian-speaking member of the 4-H citizen ambassador tour to Europe and the Soviet Union in 1976, Annette Brooker, University of Kansas student from Pittsburg, had many opportunities to put her language studies to good use.

With only a few interpreters available, Annette came to several 4-H'ers' aid on more than one occasion during the group's six and a half days in the Soviet Union, their first stop.

"In every restaurant, a couple of desperate wide-eyed people would ask me 'Can you ask them where the bathroom is?' " she said. She also read menus and directions.

Annette hopes to return to the Soviet Union on a K.U. foreign study program for a year of study in Leningrad, where she found the people very friendly. Everywhere, people would ask "Are you Americans?"

In a Leningrad train station, a Soviet woman "adopted" her as a daughter as the group stood in line to buy pastries for a long train ride.

"I gave her a small pin in the shape of Kansas and told her it was a gift," Annette said. The woman was so touched that she insisted Annette take a large chocolate bar in return.

"She said I was just like her daughter. The same age, the same size, everything," Annette said.



Annette, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brooker, Langdon Lane, Rt. 3, Pittsburg, studied Russian for three years in high school and for a year at K.U. She also studied French two years in high school. She is majoring in Slavic and Soviet languages and literatures at K.U.

The 4-H group she traveled with also visited France, Germany, Eng-

land, Denmark, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium. They arrived in Paris on Bastille Day, July 14, which made up for a very quiet Fourth of July in Moscow, she said. The Soviet newspapers did have a couple of very complimentary articles about the American Declaration of Independence that day, she said.

The 28-member 4-H group, one of four 4-H citizen ambassador tours during the summer of 1976, stayed in private homes in England, Germany, and Holland.

"We saw a little bit of everything. They kept us moving pretty fast," she said. She would like to return to several of the places she saw this summer.

Annette has been a member of 4-H for seven years and is a member of the Harmony 4-H Club in Crawford County, which she has served as president, secretary, council representative, and treasurer. She was a Crawford County champion in seven projects, attended the state 4-H roundup, and participated in the Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C., during summer 1975.

IDEAS & News

4-H members report:

From **Shawnee County**: In December, officers of the newly chartered **Shawnee 76ers 4-H Club** were installed by the 1977 officers of **Riverside 4-H Club**. **Debbie Henderson** is the Riverside president, and **Ken Bacon** is reporter . . . The **Harmony Hustlers 4-H Club** advisory board suggested that three men, **George Doss**, **Robert FitzGerald**, and **Harland Rieger**, make suggestions to improve the monthly meetings. Mr. FitzGerald told of the importance of standing up and speaking clearly and loudly when answering roll call. A different suggestion will be made every month to improve the club, **Barb Konrade** reports

From **Johnson County**: In observance of 4-H Sunday, members of **Zion Zipers 4-H Club** and **Roeland Park Bobcats 4-H Club** joined in a worship service with a bicentennial theme. After the service the group went to Nall Park for a picnic and recreation. **Laura Gradwohl** is reporter for the **Roeland Park Bobcats**

From **Cloud County**: The new **Cloud County 4-H Council** officers are president, **Mike Jones**; vice-president, **Linda Neal**; secretary, **Tami Morgan**; treasurer, **Kurt Kocher**; and reporter, **Tammy Dorman**. Elected to the executive committee were **Janet Dorman**, **Francis Webster**, and **Sherry Johnson**. **Cloud County** extension agents are **Shelley Swenson** and **Darrel Hosie**. The **Cloud County** junior leaders hosted a skating party for the **Mitchell County** junior leaders at the **Glasco skating rink**. The party gave 4-H members in both counties a chance to meet and exchange ideas . . .

From **Pottawatomie County**: **Sue Mergenmeier** reports that members of **Jayhawkers 4-H Club** placed their purple seal on the club charter at the club achievement night. Project and community leaders were honored, supporters were presented appreciation certificates, one-year members received their pins, and new members were given initiation pins . . .

From **Leavenworth County**: Plaques were presented to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Lohman** and Mrs. **Robert Cleavinger** for serving as community leaders of **Livewires 4-H Club**. Reporter **Jilinda New** writes that "Their time and effort were given willingly for the benefit of 4-H. Members and parents of our club would like to thank these leaders for their seven years of service." . . .

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June 6, 1966

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Citizenship in action

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ment tour and judged in competition with other room improvements.

Two 4-H clubs at opposite sides of the state want to improve their city parks. Members of **Spring Hill Rustlers 4-H Club** in **Johnson County** hope to provide a shelter house for the Spring Hill city park; out in **Cheyenne County**, the **Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club** members plan to purchase new play equipment for the Bird City park. They also hope to paint old and provide new picnic tables and in other ways make the park more useful.

A final ambitious project is that of **Happy Hustlers 4-H Club** in **Sumner County**; there has been a sudden jump of interest in livestock projects in their local club, so the members want to work with other groups to build a livestock barn for their own community fair. The building can also be used as a summer meeting place.

This group's summation of their goals also sums up the goals of the others who requested grants; they hope to "learn the art of getting along, helping each other, and cooperation with other groups. To work with groups toward other community interests. To have something beautiful and attractive for our community."



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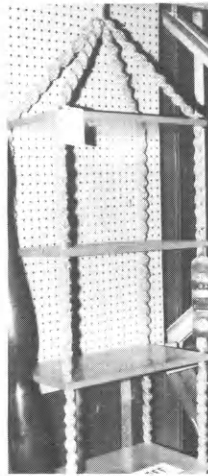
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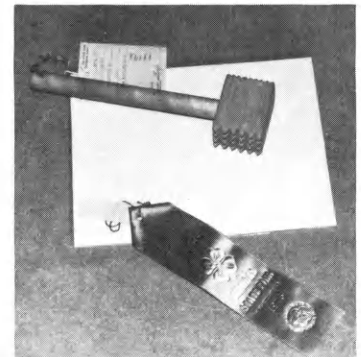
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IDEAS & News

From **Chase County**: Eight year old **Brian Cooper**, reporter of **Diamond 4-H Club**, writes that when 10 years as a 4-H member ended for **Kim Reyer**, it did not end his 4-H career; he then became the club's community leader. Assisting him as community leaders are **Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crawford**. **Brian** declares that "all the members and their parents will be helping too!" . . .

From **Reno County**: June 4 is the date chosen for the Sirius Dog Club Invitational Dog Show, **Pam Elliott** reports. **Beth Lang** is the new president of the group . . .

From **Harper County**: On a cool fall day, members and friends of the **Hilltoppers 4-H Club** enjoyed a trail ride, a tour of the **Charlie Oliver** ranch, and a wiener roast. **Brenda Pomeroy** is reporter . . . Each member of **Tip Top 4-H Club** brought a dozen cookies and a guest to the club's Christmas party. **Kim Yandell** reports. For entertainment, party chairman **Jim Reber** conducted a decathlon . . .

From **Butler County**: Children in classes of Reveille Lane pre-school watched a magic show given by **Shannon Martin** of **Bluestem 4-H Club** in which **Shannon**, a national winner in the entomology project, pulled a large egg from a hat, described insect eggs and how they hatch, and opened the egg to disclose a caterpillar. After telling how the hungry caterpillar eats and grows, she pulled out a giant caterpillar that wrapped himself up into a cocoon and later emerged as a moth or butterfly . . . A float in the Kafir Corn Carnival parade at El Dorado carried eight square dancing members of **Bluestem 4-H Club**. Wearing red, white, and blue outfits, the 4-H'ers danced on a hay wagon decorated to create a barn dance atmosphere . . .

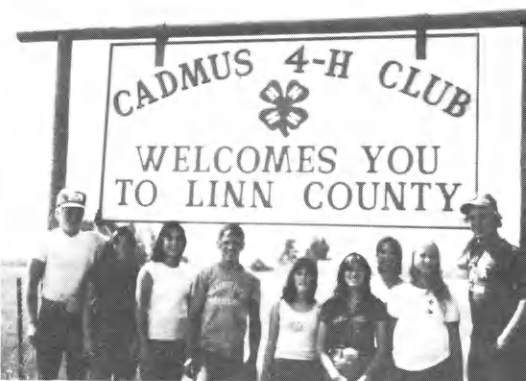
From **Finney County**: Three officers of the **Happy Hustlers 4-H Club** received top honors at the **Finney County** achievement banquet. The Garden City co-op annually furnishes awards for the top secretary, treasurer, and reporter in the county. The officers, **Rosemary Huschka**, **Gayle Haflich** and **Dawn Smith**, each received a portable AM-FM radio as part of their recognition . . .

From **Sherman County**: "It's quality that counts, not necessarily quantity" writes reporter **Gary McClung**. He points out that although **Warren Star Busy Bees 4-H Club** has only 21 members, 15 received county awards at the achievement banquet. Other honors received were a state championship, a silver achievement pin, four guards for

silver achievement pins, a Key Award, an "I Dare You" award, and two trips . . .

Names in the news:

Darla and **Dawn Paulsen** of **Stafford** won first place in their respective divisions in the 1976 Kansas 4-H Dairy Poster contest . . . Kansas 4-H members who were named as alternates for scholarships in the national awards programs are **Marilyn Hodges**, Lawrence; **Becky Vining**, Richmond; **Bradley Fuller**, Miltonvale; **Steve Debrick**, Paola; **Christi Conard**, Timken; **Joe Blake Jr.**, Ottawa; **Dwight Wedel**, Moundridge; and **Karen Kendall** of Grantville . . . The **Sedgwick County** horticulture judging team placed second at the national judging contest at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Members of the team are **Kent Nicholson**, **Ron** and **Brenda Headings**, and **Teri Lee Bortz** . . . The **Phillips County** livestock judging team placed third at the American Royal. **Kerry Zillinger** was second high individual; other members of the team were **Greg McClure**, **Doug VanAllen**, and **Kerry Jarvis** . . . **Ranny Hecker**, **Jim Mather**, **Tammy Kester**, and **Stacey Spencer** from **Logan County** made up the fifth ranking horse judging team at the junior quarter horse judging contest in Columbus, Ohio . . . **Casey Garten** of Abilene is president of the Kansas State University Collegiate 4-H Club this semester. Other officers are **Peggy Jensen**, Hays; **Steve Francis**, Wilmington, Ill.; **Denise Dahl**, Webber; **Lisa Sexton**, Abilene; **Mike Womochil**, Abilene; **Cheryl Sales**, Valley Falls; **Kirk Johnson**, Tonganoxie; **Michelle Dunlap**, Frankfort; **Randy Lagasse**, Ames; **Susan Gartrell**, Phillipsburg; **Chris Strait**, Kingman; **Randy Tosh**, Valley Falls; **Ellen Garten**, Abilene; and **Julie Govert** and **Karen Classon**, both of Kingman.



This sign, designed and made by members of the **Cadmus 4-H Club**, stands on the north border of Linn County on Highway 7. From left to right are **Bill Martin**, **Diane**, **Joyce**, **John**, **Lauri**, and **Karen Stainbrook**, **Ann** and **Sharon Masoner**, and **Danny Stainbrook**. Not pictured are **Bob Martin**, **Norman Masoner**, and club reporter **Pam Martin**.

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4-H members in action in 1976



Christy Stauss, president of Brookside Junior 4-H Club, Geary County, Lori Lehner, and Denise Sader give a package of games to Penny Bright, assistant activities director of Valley View Professional Care Center. The club presented a program of square dancing and music to the residents.

Community leaders are Mrs. William Strauss and Irl Butler.



Getting those walnut meats out of the shell are four members of Franklin County Clover Leaf 4-H Club. They were preparing for a bake sale and turkey raffle to raise money for one of their members, Eddie Kimball, who had been ill and then broke his leg. Eddie was on the horticulture judging team which represented Frankling County at the Kansas State Fair.



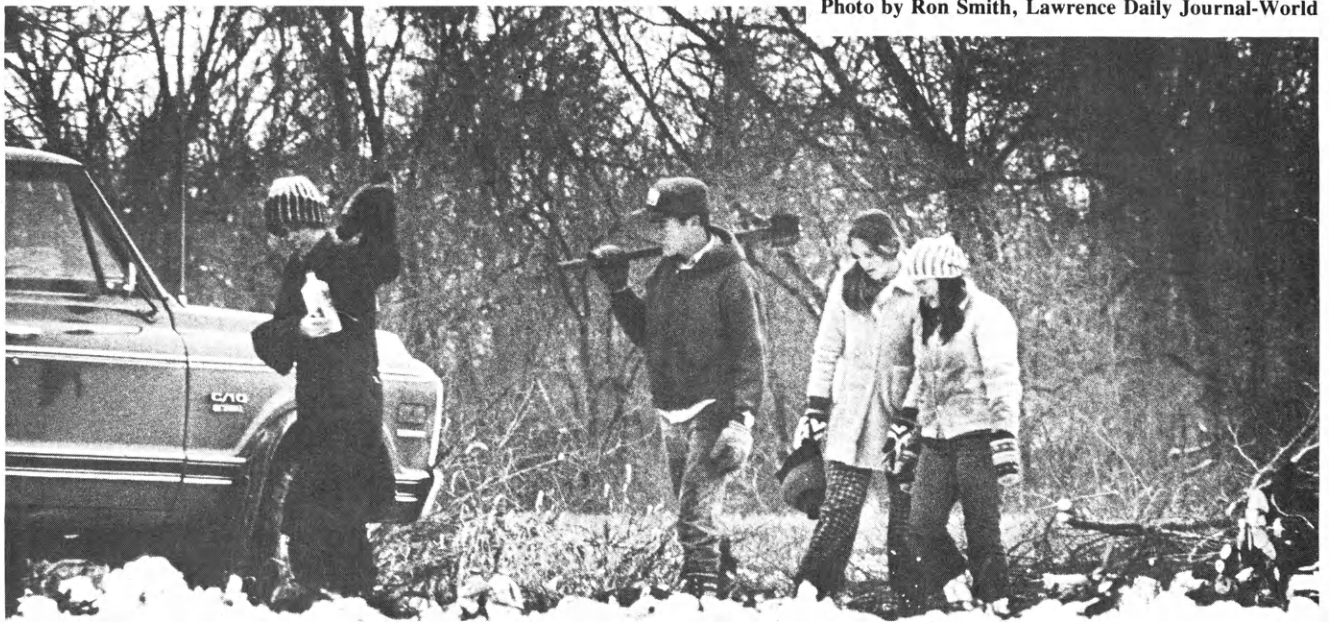
Mrs. Henry Wedel, Robert Wedel, Larry Schmidt, and Marjean Hiebert are planting a tree in the Goessel City Park.

(Article on pages 6-7)

New Comfy, Douglas County's group of older 4-H members, cut wood as a money making project for their summer exchange trip. The 4-H'ers had to cope with cold, snow, mud, and a

broken truck axle, but they cut, delivered and stacked seven cords of firewood, Helen Reynolds reports. Dwane Schaake provided a bulldozer, truck, and firewood.

Photo by Ron Smith, Lawrence Daily Journal-World



Family Fun Page

When do space people go to school?

Moonday through Saturday.

Matthew Abella, Girard

Q. If you saw an egg floating down the Hudson River, where do you think it came from?

A. From a chicken.

Scott Heslop, Neosho Falls

Valentine

How many words can you make using the letters in the word "Valentine?" The following are a few. Fill in the blanks to complete the rhyming words.

1. Man's neckwear is a _____,
2. An untruth is a _____;
3. An animal doctor is a _____,
4. To allow is to _____;
5. A large brad or tack is a _____,
6. Most animals have a _____;
7. Five and four are _____,
8. A traveling plant is a _____;
9. A long river is the _____,
10. Floor or wall blocks are _____.

Answers are on page 4.



"How much did you say you paid for those dogs?"

Greg Howie, Abilene

President Puzzle

Can you unscramble these words to make president's names?

1. mstaho feonerjsf
2. oegerg hswatgnino
3. hnoj dasma
4. ohnj f enkdeny
5. egardl orfd
6. bae nillocn
7. ddtey oosrvelte

Christy Myers, Hutchinson

Answers on page 4.

What is green and pecks on trees?
Woody wood pickle!

Christy Myers, Hutchinson

Alice: Is your house warm?

Meg: It should be, the painter gave it two coats last week!

Q. What is red and goes up and down?

A. A tomato in an elevator!

Rosanne Schulte, Victoria

Q. What do people in Greece do on their birthdays?

A. Slide around a lot.

Danny: I'm doing a project talk at our 4-H meeting tonight and do I ever have butterflies in my stomach!

Charlie: Did you take an aspirin?

Danny: I did, but the butterflies just started playing ping-pong with it.

Tamela McNulty, Garner

A primal termite knocked on wood,

Tasted it, and found it good,

And that is why your cousin May,

Fell through the parlor floor today.

Donna Smith, Garden City

Q. What is the trade of the President of the United States?

A. Cabinet-maker.

Q. What's the difference between an elephant and a flea?

A. An elephant can have fleas, but a flea can't have elephants.

Q. What does a stone become when it is in the water?

A. A whetstone.

Q. When may a chair be said to dislike you?

A. When it can't bear you.

Cynthia Ballou, Delphos

Kansas power suppliers to Kansas 4-H electric project leaders: "Be our guest!"

At the 25th Kansas 4-H Electric Clinic, leaders of the electric project will have the opportunity to choose classes suited to their needs, with both basic and advanced information offered.

This year, clinic dates are March 3 and 4, the place is Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, and persons invited are all Kansas 4-H leaders in the electric project.

Adult leaders will be guests of the Kansas power suppliers; the only cost will be the \$3 preregistration fee and the individual's transportation.

Registration begins at 8 the morning of Thursday, March 3. Sessions

begin at 9, with classes offered throughout the day in basic electricity, judging and fair exhibits, basic electric motors and controls, advanced wiring and tools, electronics, and electrical safety.

The after-supper program will be an idea workshop.

On Friday, sessions will begin at 8 a.m. Topics are efficient use of electricity, wise use of lighting, and projects 4-H members can build.

After a wrap-up session, leaders should be able to start for home about 3 that afternoon.

Instructors will be: Gordon Tempero, Robert Van Vranken, Roscoe Barksdale, Joe Murphy, Ralph Lip-

per, Arleigh Herink, Robert Jones, John Anschutz, Joe Ward, Herb Hoskins, Dick Compton, Dick Jepson, Don Kessinger, Al Glotzbach, Jim Conrow, Jim Wilson, Dean Harding, Dale Platt, Nora Stegg, Mary Jane Hamilton, Earl Palmberg, and Charles Bates. Charles Bates and Elwyn Holmes are coordinators of the program.

Like any other hosts, the power suppliers need to know how many guests to expect, so please return the registration form with the \$3 preregistration fee to the state 4-H office by February 24. Use the form below or ask for one at your county extension office.

State Electric Clinic

_____ I plan to attend the electric clinic at Rock Springs Ranch, March 3 & 4, 1977.

_____ I plan to arrive after supper on March 2 and be present for breakfast at 7 a.m., March 4.

_____ I plan to arrive the morning of March 3.

_____ Enclosed is preregistration fee of \$3. Remaining costs are provided by power suppliers for adult leaders only.

Signed _____
Name of adult leader or extension agent

County _____

What are you or your family doing to conserve energy? Please send your ideas, with illustrations if possible, to Electric Page, Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.



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