

# Kansas 4-H Journal

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## Citizenship Short Course Delegates Describe Issues, Solutions

The first wave of Kansas Citizenship Short Course envoys left July 3 for Washington, D.C. A second group left July 10 for the week-long visit to the nation's capital.

The Citizenship Short Course includes discussions of government functions with emphasis on individual citizenship opportunities and responsibilities. The schedule includes visits to centers of government and interviews with officials.

Delegates are selected from applications submitted through the county extension agents, and they pay their own expenses for the most part. Farmland Industries of Kansas City, and some counties, provide some financial assistance.

Prospective delegates were asked to describe one issue or concern of special interest to them as a citizen of their 4-H club or of their community. They indicated how they, as an individual or as a member of a group, might take action on the issue. The responses showed that whether the subject is conservation or citizenship, 4-H'ers are concerned about their communities.

Here are a few responses showing concerns 4-H'ers have:

I. There is a lack of recreation for

young people in our community and I feel there is a drug and alcohol problem. If our high school gym could be used year-round I think this might solve part of the problem.

If the facilities could be used year-round the athletic program could be improved as participants could keep in shape.

Representatives of youth groups could promote the use of the gym with organizations and clubs in town. With their help we could work out some rules and regulations and present them to the school board.

II. Our county has a couple of situations that need special attention of every citizen in the county. One is the problem of our aging. They need special help. Second is trying to get a library established permanently in the county. I have talked to persons that I thought could help in meeting these needs. They include a minister, county commissioner, and two high school teachers.

III. Our 4-H club has worked during the past years in the beautification of our city park, making it more attractive and useful for townspeople and tourists. We have assisted the Kiwanis Club in water-

ing the trees and keeping the park clean plus other necessary "odd jobs." This year we will plant more trees and continue care of trees and clean-up work.

IV. Voting is a responsibility of every American citizen at the age of 18 years and over. Our 4-H club could help people to get to the polls to vote, who probably otherwise wouldn't go.

Specific things could be to drive senior citizens to the polls, baby sit for people while they vote, and write articles for the newspaper. We could also go door-to-door reminding citizens to get out and vote because voting is both a privilege and a duty.

V. Every summer the weeds and trees in roadside ditches make the countryside look bad and create a hazard at corners. I can contact township officers, people in the community, and 4-H'ers to determine if we can have a workday to mow and to remove these hazards.

While not every 4-H'er can be a Citizenship Short Course delegate, he or she can learn citizenship at home in many ways, such as providing service to the community by working on projects similar to those suggested above, as an individual or as a member of a group.



Having fun at their first electric project meeting this year are these members of Falun 4-H Club, Saline County: front row, left to right, Myron Applequist, Wayne Carlson, and John Dunham; back row, Larry Norberg and Scott Johnson.

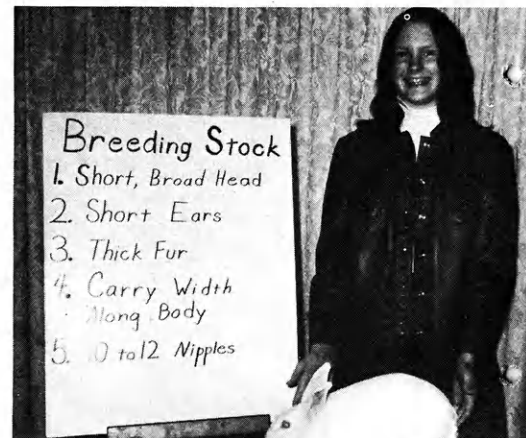
"They had a good time while they learned basic electric skills such as soldering, splicing, and installing plugs on cords," electric project leader Charles Lindshield writes. Leanna Applequist is club reporter.



The Kanwaka Lightbulb is the new newspaper for the Kanwaka 4-H Club, Douglas County. The name comes from a project of the club, that of selling lightbulbs to buy a stress EKG machine for Lawrence Memorial Hospital. The Lightbulb carries news of local interest, news about members, and an article on the history of the club. The stories are written by the club members, then given to William Sommerville, a former teacher, for organizing and printing.

Citizenship became musical in the Lucky Clover 4-H Club, Nemaha County, where a club band was formed. They have performed for the Maple View and Fountain Villa rest homes, Lutheran Layman's League, Sabetha Chamber of Commerce dinner, Sabetha American Legion, and county and regional 4-H days, where they won top blues, to name a few performances.

"We care," say the Cloverleaf 4-H Club members, Saline County. To prove it, they collected trash on Diabetes Day (more than any other group), rode bicycles for the Retarded Children's Association Bike-a-Thon, collected money for the M.S. drive, walked for the March of Dimes, and made May baskets and delivered flowers to the Shalimar nursing home.



Laura Linsey, Little Cedar 4-H Club in Johnson County, talked to more than 850 prospective 4-H members about the rabbit project.

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**HOW TO WIN**

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

Most of us are better losers than winners, because we have more practice losing than winning. In competitions, in athletic contests, in striving for blue ribbons on our projects, in one of the more pleasant social competitions of life called courtship, we are more often "losers" than we are "winners." When there is room for only one at the top, there is a tendency to think of the territory between "win" and "lose" as a battleground with happiness or misery as the only prizes. This is a negative position, a loser's attitude.

Victory tends to favor those who have a positive attitude toward life. They are the people who have trained themselves to think, "What am I going to learn out of this?" instead of, "What will people say if I fail?" Charles Darwin held the opinion, as a result of a lifetime of observation, that men differ less in capacity than in imagination and determination to utilize the powers they have.

All of the progress of civilization is due to constructive thinking, to an I Can attitude. Too many people spend their lives, as Edgar Dale expressed it, "Tied up in Nots." They have already decided that the situation is hopeless, and spend their time justifying that opinion. For instance, Dr. Lardner published a pamphlet in London in 1836 in which he proved conclusively that a steamboat could not cross the ocean. The pamphlet came to America on the first steamboat to cross the Atlantic.

Late July and August marks the occasion of many 4-H fairs, competitions where the work of the 4-H member is judged. Often the question is asked, "Who won?". There is the implication that unless the project receives a grand champion designation, the 4-H member has lost. Of course, it is easy for children to confuse "winning" with the receipt of ribbons designating a certain project rank. What can an adult contribute to the life of a child at a time like this? More than you know. You can help them understand how to win, in at least three ways.

1. We win when we are able to recognize small victories in our lives for what they are, achievements that even a few months earlier we would never have dared to accomplish. The pajamas that were ripped out and re sewn innumerable times; the footstool that somehow was finished and arrived at the fair with still-wet paint; the knot-headed calf that never would lead, suddenly performing like a charm in the show ring. These are small victories that we never expected to happen, possibly because with our eye on the top prize, we did not anticipate the considerable satisfaction these small victories could bring.

2. We win when we begin to understand that each of us can do certain things well, and busy ourselves with those things that we do best. While we all have limitations, we also have strengths. Sometimes we need to emphasize these strengths to a young person. The whimsical story of the young country school teacher who converted the child of small talents and a constant source of disruption in the one room school, is an excellent illustration of helping a young person find her strengths. The little girl, who had always hated school before, confided happily to her mother that teacher said she was probably the best flower waterer in the whole school. We become real winners when we discover those things we do best, and cheerfully contribute those talents.

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**About the cover**

Windmills have come to symbolize Kansas as much or more than sunflowers, meadowlarks, or cottonwood trees. They evoke images of ages past—and may be emblems

of the future. Harnessing the wind is not a forgotten concept; today, it is a viable energy producer which promises an alternative power source for tomorrow. As usual, Kansas lead the way to a better, more open, and more natural life. Photo by Kenna Giffin.



# SHOWING OFF

## Cultivate Skills for Garden Displays

By Dr. Chuck Marr  
Extension Horticulturist

An important part of your horticulture project is exhibiting those garden products at your 4-H fair or show. There are many other rewards to gardening but a purple ribbon hanging on that garden display is a satisfying reward for a successful garden year. Let's consider what the judge looks for in evaluating an exhibit and perhaps you can see how to improve your garden display.

The most important part of the display is the vegetables it contains. In fact, most judges consider 75 to 80 percent of the value of the exhibit is based on the individual vegetables. This means that arrangement of the display will not compensate for low quality vegetables. When evaluating vegetables, the judge considers six main factors, some more important than others, as he looks at vegetables in your display, or as individual entries.

**Condition.** The condition of the vegetables is the most important factor that a judge considers. Condition refers to the freedom from insect or disease damage; cuts, bruises, blemishes; or dirt. Most vegetables are perishable, which means any of these faults may result in a rapid deterioration of the products. It also indicates that you haven't taken good care of your products as they were growing or while preparing the exhibits. Although the presence of dirt is not detrimental to the keeping quality of the vegetable, it indicates the lack of pride or attention and should be carefully avoided. Use thorough washing or cleaning and careful handling.

**Quality.** Each vegetable has a peak period of quality when the flavor tenderness, or food value is at its peak. Vegetables of high quality are right at that peak of perfection — neither too young or too old. A good key to what is the ideal stage is to check in the supermarkets to see the stage that most consumers prefer. This factor is nearly as important as condition to the judge.

**Uniformity.** Although not quite as important as condition or quality, the lack of uniformity is a common fault among 4-H exhibits. Uniformity in size, shape, and color is not

easy to achieve. It means looking through a number of specimens to find those that most nearly match. If you are not interested in harvesting a large number of specimens, mark the location of some good specimens as they are developing so you can find them quickly just prior to the fair.

**Trueness to type.** Each vegetable has a characteristic shape, size, color, or feature that is associated with that particular variety or type. We can often find vegetables that aren't typical of what we would expect. Tomatoes are an example. We can find some freakish, distorted shapes which may be of good condition, quality, and uniformity, but they are not typical of what we expect a tomato to look like.

**Size.** Absolute size is the least most important factor a judge considers. Large specimens often indicate specimens that are over-mature, tough, or of poorer quality. Generally, medium sized products are preferred so don't go looking for the biggest specimens you can find.

**"Showmanship."** This last factor can often make a difference between a red and a blue ribbon. In a tough decision, this may mean getting the high placing. Taking the time to arrange or carefully place specimens on the plate, trimming or clipping unneeded foliage, or turning those unsightly areas away from the judge's eyes may mean a decision in your favor.

Each vegetable has particular ways it should be prepared for exhibit. For example, one or two inches of the tops should be left on beets, carrots, and other root crops, tomatoes should not be exhibited with the stems on, and onions should not be peeled. For a more complete explanation of how vegetables should be prepared, consult the KSU Extension circular "Exhibiting and Judging Fruits and Vegetables."

In putting those vegetables together in a collection exhibit first read the show rules to determine how many of each vegetable you need to display (always take one or two extra in case some are damaged on the way to the show.) Choose a container that allows the vegetables to be seen easily (not a deep box);

that is large enough so the vegetables are not crowded (each group of vegetables should have several inches of space around it so it can be easily seen); and that contrasts with the colors of the vegetable. For example, avoid a green container or background if there are an abundance of green vegetables. Attractive containers can be made from baskets or boxes while some 4-H'ers have used boards or trays. They can be made more attractive by cloth, paper, foil, or paint coverings if the container does not have a desirable color or appearance. Arrange the vegetable groups in the container — larger specimens to the rear, smaller to the front — with enough space around each group so the exhibit does not look crowded or cluttered. Some small, attractive labels identifying each vegetable, and the variety if you know it, can add the finishing touch.

Don't forget to read the show rules carefully and follow all directions. Vegetables in good condition, of high quality, which are typical of the variety, medium sized, and uniform are the key to a purple-ribbon display. Attractive arrangement in a suitable container which allows each vegetable to be easily seen should be coupled with "showmanship" which shows your pride and enthusiasm for your 4-H garden. A purple ribbon is not the only award you receive for a successful garden year, but it is a goal well worth striving for.

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## FHA LOANS CAN FINANCE 4-H PROJECTS

If you're thinking big for a 4-H project, but also have to consider ways to finance it, the Farm Home Administration may have an answer: a youth loan to finance 4-H projects.

Kansas FHA officials report that 400 Kansas youth have FHA loans. The loans are about equally distributed between 4-H and FFA members ranging in age from seven to 19 years. Girls hold about 20 per cent of the loans.

# Style Revue is Showing You

By Kenna Giffin  
Student Production Editor

Style revue season is upon us. Along with fairs, style revues offer chances to show off those clothes—and you.

Naomi Johnson, extension specialist in family clothing, says that style revues demand a total projection of self, for the males as well as the females. You must think about what to do with your hands, know what you are going to do, and how to do it successfully to coordinate your movements into a smooth, graceful, efficient modeling session.

Miss Johnson stresses the absolute necessity of getting into your garment mentally as well as physically. You project yourself and the garment, so it is vital to feel at home and comfortable in both. The object is not to be a parrot, or to present a store-window mannequin image, but to present a part of your personality as it is reflected by the garment. Therefore, the garment should relate to you, and you should be a part of the garment.

Miss Johnson suggests that getting dressed up in the outfit a few times will help you to get the feel for the clothes, and to become a part of them. Too often, she says, the first time an outfit is worn is at the style revue, and sometimes it is just barely or not quite finished then. Naturally, it is difficult, if not impossible, to look, feel, and act natural under strange situations in strange clothes.

Poise is the key to being a successful model, exuding that natural image. And the key to poise is practice. Go over the basic modeling movements until they are as natural as walking to the refrigerator from the TV. You won't achieve this by walking around the night before the style revue. Practice all summer, and some in the winter to keep up your skill. When you try on clothes, model them. Work on your posture and walking all the time. Practice taking off a jacket gracefully. It should look as easy as slipping down a slipperslide.

You need to be conscious of the total selection of your outfit for the style revue script, if there is one. The completed outfit should be a visual explanation of the "look" or idea you feel you want to project. Obviously, this requires some

thought: you can't just throw clothes and accessories together and come out with a unified, coordinated outfit which expresses a definite style, look, mood, or theme (except maybe modern mish-mash which is fine for some activities but is a waste of time in a style revue).

To learn the basic modeling movements, obtain a copy of "Here's to You with Poise," a booklet published by the Cooperative Extension Service. In quite simple terms, it tells how to walk, stand, turn, what to do with hands, feet, arms, legs, fingers, and the rest of you. You'll learn how to sit, stand, greet people, enter a room, take off and put on a coat, and carry gloves or a handbag—gracefully. There are explanations about coordinating your movements.

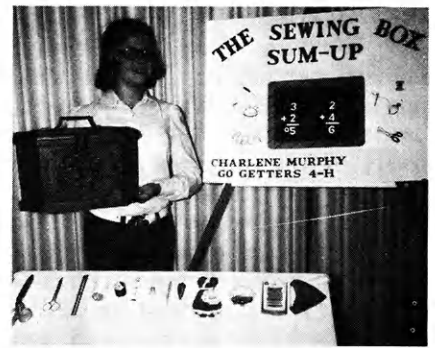
More and more younger 4-H'ers are appearing in style revues, reflecting the larger number of younger members enrolled in 4-H club work. Starting early, at ages seven, eight, or nine, gives the 4-H'ers plenty of time to practice modeling movements. By the time a 4-H'er is eligible to compete in the state fair style revue, for example, she or he could have from three to five years of experience and practice, time enough to really assimilate the smooth, coordinated movements necessary for a good style revue performance.

There are two other general guides to style revue, one for females and one for males. Called "It's Fun to be a Model!" the guides give more general suggestions for stage modeling. The male model's guide offers advice for males as models or as escorts, and would be helpful for best-groomed boy contestants. The guides are written by the Simplicity Pattern Co., and provided for use in official 4-H projects by the Cooperative Extension Services of Land-Grant Universities. Ask your county agents for the booklets, or request them from the Cooperative Extension Service, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Ks. 66506

Style revue and best-groomed boy scorecards are in the back of the state fair books. Look at one; see what you'll be judged on in a style revue; discover what is more important, what is less so.

Then remember:

**Poise comes from practice. You**



Charlene Murphy, a member of the Go-Getters 4-H Club, Cheyenne County, gave this illustrated talk, "Sewing Box Sum-up," describing the contents of her sewing box, at a clothing project meeting. Go-Getters clothing project leader is Mrs. Jack Maring, who has been with the club for 18 years.

## Delano Jr. Leaders Travel to Missouri, Arkansas

By Michelle Tade  
Delano 4-H Club

An annual highlight for the Delano 4-H Club junior leaders in Sedgwick County is their spring junior leader trip.

Every year the group raises money by selling Tom Wat, bake sales, car washes, and garage sales. This year they earned enough money to travel by bus to Branson Mo., and Eureka Springs, Ark. Near Branson they toured Silver Dollar City. In Eureka Springs, the junior leaders stayed at Keller's Country Dorm and attended the Passion Play. Their dorm host was in the play portraying Pontius Pilate.

For the past four trips the junior leaders have traveled by chartered bus from the Winfield Bus Service. Each year the group requests Mr. Barney Ross of Winfield for their driver. This time the group invited the entire Ross family to go along with them on their trip.

In the past years the Delano junior leaders have gone to Carlsbad Caverns, N.M.; Juarez, Mexico; Red River, N.M.; and Houston and Galveston, Tex.

can learn to move gracefully if you start long before you appear to model.

**Project your personality through your clothes by making them a part of you. And always**

**Smile. Style revues can be fun!**



## How to win—

3. We win when we learn to manage our moods, our attitudes, our dispositions. We win then because we are able to see life positively. A few years ago there was a popular song that included the phrase, "You've got to Accentuate the Positive, Eliminate the Negative." An easy way to point this out to a child is to talk about the difference between the positive **And**, and the negative **But**. These conjunctions are a part of our everyday grammar, but there are times when the choice of conjunctions can be significant. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "A wide door for effectual work has opened for me, and there are many adversaries." Paul was the kind of man who said, **And**, where a less effectual person would have said, **But**—

Your response to the child who says, "I worked hard in 4-H but I never won anything," can help both you and the child to determine where your values are located. You can quote Hamlet, saying,

"The time is out of joint. O cursed spite.

That ever I was born to set it right."

That would be one approach, or, you could accentuate the positive, **And**, instead of the negative, **But**, by saying, "I'm proud of you for the red ribbon you received on your project, and much more for the kind of 4-H member you have become during the past year. Some members would have wanted to quit when their garden was hailed out and the turtles got their ducks. I guess you showed everyone that for you, opposition just means opportunity."

What young people need more than anything else, is a positive, constructive attitude. It is wisely said that an optimist sees a light that isn't there, and the pessimist comes along and blows it out. Of course, being positive doesn't mean rushing blindly into situations, expecting everything that is good to happen immediately. It is positive action when you admit that something is strange to you and beyond your present understanding. Children provide us with an example. They accept many episodes in life as being frankly beyond them. They do not make a fuss or seek psychiatric aid when they fail to fit all that they encounter into accustomed categories of meaning and signifi-

cance. And neither should we.

There's a simple test to determine if you have a positive or a negative attitude toward life. Look again at the title of this editorial, then reread it using the substitute title, **HOW TO LOSE**. When you reach the end, you should have your own answer.

## The 5 year 4-H fund drive

Shawnee County gathered 4-H'ers from its 18 clubs, and they set off on a 20-mile hike.

It wasn't for punishment or physical fitness. It was a Walk-a-thon, from Logan Junior High School in Topeka to Lake Perry, walked to raise the county's part of the state 4-H 5-year fund goal of \$20,000.

Seventy 4-H'ers left at 9:30 a.m. June 11, and hoped to reach Lake Perry by 6:30 p.m. The 4-H'ers were filmed by WIBW TV station in Topeka, and were seen and their cause explained on the "Faces and Places in Kansas" portion of the 6 and 10 p.m. newscasts that night.

## LYON COUNTY CLUB

### ADOPTS 4-H GRANNY

By Janet Weaver  
Lyon County

March 29, 1975, was the birthday of Mrs. Marion Draper, the adopted grandmother of the Logan Avenue 4-H Club, Lyon County. She is 75 years old. For her birthday, members sent cards, and girls from the cooking class made cookies and Easter baskets to give to her. For other occasions like Thanksgiving and Christmas, members brought food for a food box, and the cooking and sewing classes made gifts for Mrs. Draper.

Mrs. Draper has been the club's grandmother for four years, and has been guest of honor at many meetings.

The mother of three children, Mrs. Draper taught school for many years and also helped with 4-H clubs when her children were young.

Mrs. Marion Draper is the adopted grandmother of the Logan Avenue 4-H Club, Lyon County. Helping her celebrate her 75th birthday in March were, standing, Betty Coop, Dawn Crowell, Lori Liltey; sitting, Mrs. Draper, Lynette Hinderliter.



The Valley Bluebirds 4-H Club in Rice County made this float to remind everyone about the national bicentennial. The float held a patchwork map of the United States, pulled on an old-fashioned wagon, and carrying the slogan, "Pulling Together We Can Patch Our Difficulties." The float, pulled by Mike Knight, Marcia McAllaster, Jon Engelland, Stacy Sellers, Deny Graham, Jill and Jayna Bolton, Lois and Charles McQuilliam, Tricia Brothers, and Fred McAllaster, received first prize in the Veteran's Day parade.

## Community Spirit Started Duck Creek Pals in 1950

Parents felt a need for a 4-H club in the Duck Creek Community in Lyon County. On September 25, 1950, the club was organized by Don Lawrence, county 4-H agent, at the home of Mrs. Chester Wright. Ten members were at that first meeting where the name Duck Creek Pals 4-H Club was chosen.

The first community leaders were Mrs. Chester Wright and James Phillips. Mrs. Wright retired this year after 38 years as a 4-H leader. She was the guiding spirit of the club, and gave generous and affectionate leadership to 4-H'ers over the years.

Duck Creek Pals have provided many services to the community as well as participating in county, regional and state 4-H events for 25 years. A total of 79 members in 25 years have won a variety of individual awards, and the club as a group has received 21 purple seals, 2 blue and 1 red seal. The club honored Mrs. Wright in 1961 with a surprise reception, where she received a 25-year 4-H leadership pin and a plaque for Recognition for Meritorious Service to 4-H.

The community spirit which began the Duck Creek Pals 4-H Club 25 years ago is still very much in evidence, its members say. Each year the club continues to strive for a better year, certainly living up to the 4-H motto, "to make the best better."

**"SO YOU TOO, HAVE YOUR 'HOLY COWS!'"**



**America's 1st ecologists,  
farmers and ranchers,  
are the leading advocates  
of using our resources  
of land, air, and water  
for people . . .**

**not for insects, starlings,  
and coyotes.**

**We try to tell that story to the public,  
Who are "we"?  
We are Farm Bureau . . .**

***the professional farm organization  
for professional farmers and ranchers.***

## **DELEGATES PLAN TO EXPAND COLLEGIATE 4-H**

Kansas State University Collegiate 4-H Club was the host for the 1975 National Collegiate 4-H Club Conference, April 18-20, in Manhattan. A total of 275 delegates from 19 states, representing 32 of 39 university member clubs, attended.

The conference began on Friday afternoon with a recreation workshop, coordinated by the University of Minnesota club. A variety of workshops followed, including one on starting collegiate 4-H clubs, led by the University of Missouri. A picnic originally planned for Tuttle Creek Reservoir was moved to Weber Arena on campus because of rain. After the picnic, there was a talent show of skits by member clubs, and folk dancing for all led by Dan Houck of Ohio State University.

The Saturday workshops were oriented toward youth, involvement in communication and leadership. Dr. Hope Daugherty of the National 4-H Staff in Washington, D.C., conducted a session on teen programs. Farmland Industries sponsored a leadership workshop led by four FI summer youth staff members. The third workshop was on biofeedback, presented by Tim Lowenstein of the KSU Center for Student Development.

The Outreachers, a singing group of 25 University of Nebraska 4-H'ers, performed at the Saturday luncheon. At a Saturday afternoon business meeting, the national organization guidelines were revised, the University of Missouri was selected for next year's conference site, and the national collegiate 4-H project for the coming year, to expand the number of collegiate 4-H clubs, was decided. A list of resource 4-H families who would be willing to host traveling 4-H'ers during the bicentennial year will be developed.

At the evening banquet, Eldon Wigton, a former 4-H'er from Ohio State, performed as a magician. Fred McClure, the 1973-74 National FFA secretary, was the guest speaker. He invited every 4-H'er to develop their own, unique, PACE— Positive attitude, Abilities, Cooperation, and Enthusiasm in whatever they do.

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Left: Margaret Falley, Shawnee County, told how to give a speech. (Photo by E. F. Bobo.)

Below left: Friends of 4-H visit the exhibits in Heritage Hall. (Photo by Kenna Giffin.)

Below center: Doug Claassen, left, and Jan Stoffer, right, unveil portraits of Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Wiedemann, which will be placed in the new Wiedemann Dining Hall along with a bronze plaque.



## FRIENDS OF 4-H

of the 4-H Foundation. They received a gold clover paperweight, which is traditionally given to 20 year Foundation supporters. Dr. Eyestone also recognized five, 10, 15, and other 20 year members of the Foundation for their support and interest.

Expressions of appreciation were recorded for Mrs. Gladys Wiedemann who was not able to attend Friends of 4-H Day because of an accidental injury. The official dedication of Wiedemann Dining Hall will take place at a later date.

J. Harold Johnson, field representative for the Kansas 4-H Foundation, introduced friends of 4-H in attendance. At one point in the program, Dr. Eyestone accepted contributions, delivered by Raymond Frye, chairman of the Sumner County 4-H Foundation, from businesses and individuals in

By Kenna Giffin

Student Production Editor

In a congenial, easy-going atmosphere, on a perfect Kansas June day, friends of 4-H were honored at activities especially for them at Rock Springs Ranch June 5.

John D. Montgomery, treasurer of the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, welcomed the audience to Friends of 4-H Day. Ron Koelsch, Barton County, a 1975 National 4-H Conference delegate, was master of ceremonies for the program held in Heritage Hall.

The big moment in the program was the unveiling, by National Conference delegates Doug Claassen and Jan Dugan, of portraits of Mr. and Mrs. K.T. Wiedemann and a commemorative plaque which will be placed in the new Wiedemann Dining Hall at WaShunGa. The dining hall is a gift to the 4-H'ers of Kansas from Mrs. Wiedemann and the K.T. Wiedemann Foundation.

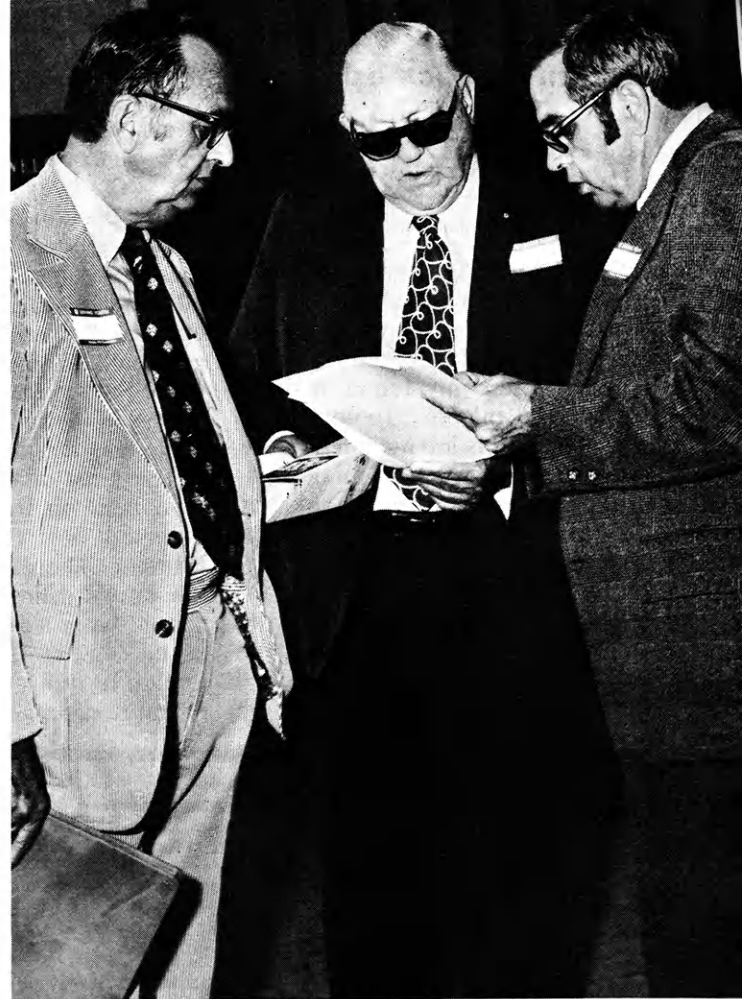
Dr. Merle Eyestone, executive director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, presented a special recognition to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Johnson who are 20 year members







Right: Kansas 4-H Foundation Executive Director Dr. Merle Eyestone, far right, talks with John Montgomery, center, Foundation treasurer and Board of Trustees; and Ross Beach, left, Foundation vice-chairman. Below right: Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Johnson receive the gold cover paperweight in recognition of the 20 years they have been members of the Foundation. Mr. Johnson is field representative for the Foundation. Dr. Merle Eyestone, right, presented the award. (Photos by E. F. Bobo.)



## HONORED AT RSR

Sumner County. Ross Beach, Kansas 4-H Foundation vice-chairman, expressed the Foundation's appreciation to Mrs. Wiedemann and the K.T. Wiedemann Foundation for the gift of the WaShunGa area dining hall. Jonna Bolan, Rock Springs Ranch staff member and WaShunGa dining hall supervisor, sang a song she wrote to thank Mrs. Wiedemann. The song was parody to the tune of John Denver's "Thank God I'm a Country Boy."

The audience of donors and workers for 4-H were impressed by Margaret Falley's blue-ribbon illustrated talk on the correct way of giving a speech. Margaret is a 12 year old Shawnee County 4-H'er. Donita Bueche of Marion County showed an example of what Citizenship in Action grants can do for a community. In her hometown of

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## SIMONS, VEATCH NAMED TO 4-H HALL OF FAME

Two longtime leaders in the Kansas 4-H Foundation program, Dolph Simons of Lawrence and N.T. Veatch of Kansas City, received the Kansas 4-H Hall of Fame recognition during Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs Ranch.

Plaques with the honorees' names join others on a wall of Williams Dining Hall.

Simons served as chairman of the

Foundation board of trustees from 1971 to 1975. He became a member of the board in 1960 and first became involved in the 4-H program in 1948 when he became a member of a statewide advisory committee. Simons is editor of the Lawrence Journal-World.

Veatch is a member of the Foundation board of trustees, having served since 1965. He is chairman of the board of Veatch and Black Engineers in Kansas City.

Recognition of memorials added to the Center during the past year included six trees planted in the Tree Walk. The trees were pro-

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# Return to Rock Springs: The snack bar

By Nancy Williams  
Overland Park

Working at the Rock Springs Ranch snack bar was an experience in itself. The position of snack bar attendant required certain characteristics commonly found in those holding the title of "Junior/Senior Assistant" (this job included duties like cleaning cottages, doing laundry, sweeping floors, snack bar duty, and filling in as assistant lifeguard, dishwasher, wrangler, etc.). These characteristics included good sight, agile hands, and an ability to stay upright on a cola-laden floor. The position also called for such mental aspects as cunning,

an ability to work with money (who doesn't?), an ability to make quick decisions, and pounds and pounds of patience.

I was always able to forget an aching back momentarily when the International Farm Youth Exchangee came by for his favorite all-American drink. He believed in cultural exchange and carried his good will around with him. He appeared at several camps during the course of the summer and his sunny smile was a real blessing.

The most unavoidable character to appear on the scene was (you guessed it) the all-American Camper. There was always one in the crowd who thought the place should be more to his liking; when asked how he liked RSR, he was known to reply "I've seen better" or, more courageously, "it stinks."

But his kind were rare. More common was the **camper confused** variety, the innocent but determined member of his species. But he could not be avoided when he finally struggled through the crowd and reached the snack bar counter.

"What can I do for you?"

"I'm thinkin'," he said.

Figuring he needed a few more seconds to decide, I turned to another customer when his command rang out loud and clear:

"Gimme a bag of popcorn!"

I reached placidly for the popcorn.

"No . . . wait a minute—"

His eyes searched the shelves.

"Gimme a Butterfinger."

Reaching for the candy bar, I realized just for an instant that I was about to lose that "cool" that staff members are noted for. Not on your life. I told myself that not, under any circumstances, would I lose my temper.

"No, no," he said excitedly.

"Gimme 20 jawbreakers. Yeah, that's what I want."

Putting the candy bar back in its place, I proceeded to carefully count out 20 jawbreakers in assorted colors. Handing them to the smiling customer, I received in return 21 sticky pennies.

Seeing the concern on my face over that extra penny, he spoke before I had a chance.

"Oh, that's a tip," he said, turning to a friend. "C'mon, Ted, we'll be late to crafts."

Making a futile attempt to compose myself, I turned to another customer.

"I'll have a coke and a bag of corn chips, please."


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We waited eagerly that afternoon for our first customer; he arrived, walked meekly up to the counter, and placed a dust-stained arm on its edge. He studied the sign momentarily before he spoke.

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INSURED SAFE

# New president to K-State

Puzzle is on page 15.

Dr. Duane Acker, who became president of Kansas State University July 1, has had wide experience as an administrator and teacher at five land-grant universities. He has also had personal experience with 4-H work, both as a member and as an extension worker.



Dr. Duane Acker  
President  
Kansas State  
University

When he was a junior in high school, Duane Acker became interested in the western feeder lamb project. Units of 16 lambs were offered for sale to 4-H members.

"I joined the local club," Dr. Acker writes, "had reasonably good success with the project, worked out for and became a member of the county livestock judging team the following summer, and was president of the local club during my senior year." The judging team participated two years at the state fair.

"4-H was probably the experience that permitted me to get acquainted with the university sufficiently so that I became interested in enrolling in the College of Agriculture at Iowa State," Dr. Acker explains. During the summer of 1950, after his sophomore year at Ames, Mr. Acker served as an extension assistant for 4-H work in Audubon County, Iowa, a one-agent county where he had "excellent and diverse experiences."

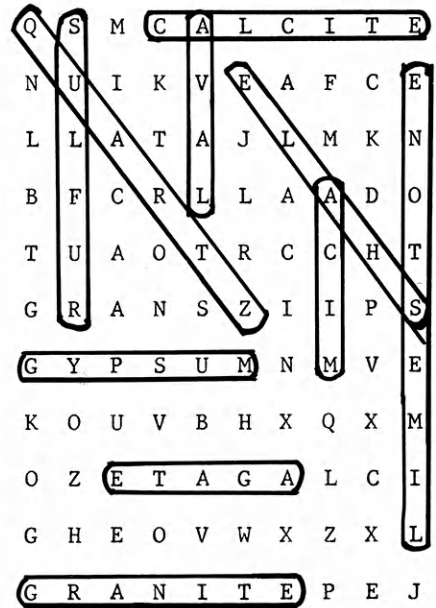
After receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees from Iowa State University, Duane Acker went to Oklahoma State University where he taught animal husbandry and earned a Ph.D. He returned to Iowa State University to teach and do research.

Dr. Acker served Kansas State University as associate dean of agriculture from 1962 until 1966 when he went to South Dakota State University as dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences. To come to Kansas State University as president, he left the position of vice-chancellor for agriculture and natural resources at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Dr. Acker succeeds James McCain who served Kansas State University with distinction for 25 years as its president. When Dr. McCain first came to K-State 25 years ago, his first speaking engagement was to 4-H Roundup. At the 1974 Roundup he received the Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H.

Three members of the **Republic Pioneers, Republic County**, were the high 4-H team at the Third Annual Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association Spring Show held May 31 in Salina.

The **Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club, Thomas County**, organized a fund drive to buy a new piano for Hunter Hall in Brewster, where they and other groups meet.



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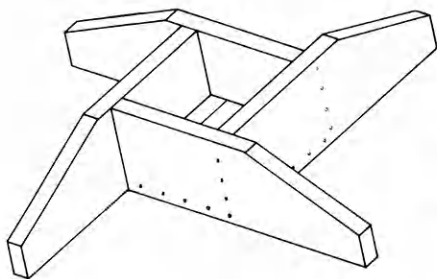
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## Friends of 4-H—

Lincolnvile, such a grant aided the Lincolnvile 4-H Club to plan, and the construction classes at the school to build, the Marion County Lincolnvile 4-H Community Center, where 4-H clubs and other organizations can hold their meetings.

National 4-H Conference delegate Janet Stoffer, Dickinson County, reported on the activities of the National 4-H Conference. She stressed that the trip was made possible only because friends of 4-H were interested enough to help provide trips and awards.

Kansas 4-H Foundation Associate Director Bill Riley, in the annual Foundation report, illustrated the structure of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, and how it aids 4-H club work in the state.

Friends of 4-H toured the historical exhibits on the first floor of Heritage Hall, and the new Wiedemann Dining Hall at WaShunGa before leaving Rock Springs Ranch.

## Hall of Fame—

vided in honor of Paul L. Burnham Jr. of Kansas City, the Collison family of Iola, John E. Edwards of Lyons, Eugene D. Melton of Manchester, Zaida May Morrison of Winfield, and Mrs. Harry Van Skike of Arkansas City.

An exhibit board is a memorial for Arthur E. Hammarlund of St. Marys. Water fountains were purchased with funds given as memorials to Rodney K. Zillinger of Phillipsburg and Robert Litton of Olathe.

As part of their community project, members of the Jayhawker 4-H Club, Linn County, put up a bulletin board at the Country View Rest Home in Prescott. The 4-H'ers take turns using their own drawings and art work to amuse and entertain the residents, according to reporter Julie Cosens.

# 4-H'ers learn at fairs

By Marjorie Ann Tennant  
Manhattan

"Come to the Fair," is the title of a folk song and is an invitation most Kansas 4-H families accept come July, August, and September.

From club or community fairs to county and state shows, the challenges, excitement, and pleasure of a fair are an important part of being a 4-H'er.

What about another aspect of fairs, the educational value, the opportunities to learn? Every exhibitor, from the "first timer" showing cookies and a skirt to a veteran of the livestock showing, can gain skill and knowledge at the fair. The same is true for spectators.

E. Lee Musil, an assistant extension editor at Kansas State University, interviewed Dr. Miles McKee, a KSU professor of animal science and industry, on how to constructively watch livestock judging at a fair. The points he makes can be applied to other departments of the event and the exhibits.

Exhibitors and spectators at upcoming county and state fairs will benefit the most from livestock shows if they understand the purpose of judging animals, says Dr. McKee.

"People are missing the point if they believe that champions and class winners establish patterns to be copied by all cattlemen, hog producers, or sheep producers under all conditions," Dr. McKee comments. "Livestock shows are not designed to answer questions. They should ask more questions than they answer."

Spectators and exhibitors should study what goes on in the ring, he adds. They should try honestly and sincerely to understand what the judge sees in the show animals. All who participate should go home with new thoughts, new ideas, and new questions to be answered.

Dr. McKee points out that judging can be valuable to the beef, pork, and sheep industries if people will remember the four principles on which it is founded: information, observation, comparison, and conclusion.

Information comes from the rest of the industry: breeders, feeders, packers, and consumers. This involves demands for growth rate,

final size and body shape, and amount of fat and muscle necessary to make a desirable carcass, he explains.

Observations of the animals are made in an orderly fashion so that the information can be stored in the same manner for later recall. In studying the animal, Dr. McKee says a judge must be fair, complete, and open-minded. Most often, one gets an overall impression of each animal for general type, appearance, and volume followed by a more detailed study of conformation.

After a systematic observation, Dr. McKee recommends that a judge recall the stored information and compare the animals. No two comparisons are exactly the same because no two animals are exactly alike. Since each class or group of animals is different, a judge must make valid comparisons for that class and avoid looking for differences that do not exist.

Finally, a judge reaches the place where a conclusion must be reached—a decision made. Dr. McKee advises exhibitors and spectators to avoid criticizing a judge who reaches a different conclusion than they might have reached.

"Whether in agreement or disagreement with the placing, livestock producers may find basis for continuing and strengthening or for making changes and alterations in their present production programs," he explains.

"To differ in opinions as to the final placement does not necessarily mean that either you or the judge are right or wrong. Placement of livestock at a show is not an act of irreversible finality."

Dr. McKee says that a judge is asked to give his opinion because he is knowledgeable, successful, or proficient in some area of the industry. The final placement of the animals serves the industry in two areas: (1) it gives the spectators and exhibitors an opportunity to share in the expertise of the selected judge, and (2) it serves as a basis from which discussions and observations can be made.

As a judge works, Dr. McKee asks exhibitors to "try honestly and sincerely to understand what the

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## fairs—

judge sees in the animals. To differ in opinions as to final placement does not necessarily mean that either you or the judge are right or wrong."

Whether one is a judge, spectator, or an exhibitor at a livestock show or a breeder at home visually appraising his own livestock, a thorough understanding of the principles involved in judging will make the whole process much more meaningful, he concludes.

## Service, Socializing

### Replace Record Books

By Deryl Waldren  
KSU Collegiate 4-H Club

Collegiate 4-H isn't just for 4-H'ers, it's for non-4-H'ers, too. In it you'll find there are no more projects or record books to fill out. Collegiate 4-H is different from any other type of 4-H program you've ever been associated with.

Basically, Collegiate 4-H is a service-oriented club. It also includes many social activities.

Eight of the Kansas clubs joined the National Collegiate 4-H club organization in 1975, and most attended the national conference at KSU last April.

Other activities include operating a food stand at the Kansas State Fair each year; teaching county officer training programs in the fall upon request; judging county and regional 4-H days in the spring upon request of the county; participating in the annual Rock Springs Ranch clean-up in the spring; and many other activities like parties, picnics, and campouts.

So for something different, try Collegiate 4-H. For more information, contact Cecil Eyestone, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Ks. 66506. He'll know if there's a club at your college.

The first annual Abilene Trailblazers Horse Clinic for central Kansas involved 72 participants from ages 5 to 16 in developing and sharpening horsemanship skills June 3-5. Dean Smith, a professional horse trainer from Council Grove, and Trailblazer horse project leader Calvin Mohn provided instruction and organization for the clinic. **Toye Little, Willowdale 4-H Club**, received a blanket for keeping the best-groomed horse, and **Lori Riffel, Navarre Boosters 4-H Club**, won a halter for keeping the neatest stall. Each participant received a certificate of completion from the clinic. Next year's clinic is already in the planning stage.

## Three to Kansas 4-H staff

Two new extension specialists are now on the state 4-H staff and a third will begin work in August.

They are Mrs. Ellen G. Murphy, former member of the Washington State University Extension staff, and John R. Abell, formerly with the Colorado Alpine Campus of the U.S. International University, Steamboat Springs.

Mrs. Murphy will coordinate development of 4-H projects and programs relating to home economics. Mr. Abell will be responsible for the continued development and expansion of 4-H outdoor education programs. He will primarily be responsible for assisting county extension agents and area 4-H specialists in integrating and expanding emphasis on outdoor education into local community 4-H and youth programs.

Mr. Abell will work with Extension personnel in offering programs that will provide meaningful educational experiences for boys and girls as a means of encouraging more participation in camping and other outdoor recreation programs. Some of the programs can also be adapted for use with mobile camping units and at local camping sites.

In 1969, Mrs. Murphy became a county extension home economist in Pullman, Wash. During the past year, she was an assistant to the WSU State Extension 4-H Leader.

She is a graduate of the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, and received her M.S. degree from Washington State University in 1974.

Mr. Abell has been at Steamboat Springs, Colo., since 1970. He served as director of student activities and coordinator of outdoor recreation and education for a small, private college. He was also associated with the Commerce City, Colo., school system as a specialist in outdoor education. He was graduated from Michigan State University in physical education, and has an M.S. degree from Indiana University in outdoor education, recreation, and parks administration.

Charles Lang will begin work in Kansas August 18 as 4-H specialist for leader training and development. He has been a 4-H agent in Ohio, and a youth agent in Michigan. Mr. Lang, a native of Ohio, is completing work this summer on his Ph. D. from Michigan State University. The Langs have three children.



Charles Lang



Mrs. Ellen Murphy, left, new Extension staff member in home economics and 4-H, and John Abell, center, new Extension staff member in 4-H outdoor education, discuss the Kansas 4-H program with state 4-H leader Dr. Glenn Buset, right.



# Family Fun Page

Hickory, dickory, dock,  
Three mice ran up the clock.  
The clock struck one,  
And the other two ran down with  
minor injuries.

Susan Gish, Lebo

Q. What has two ears, four feet,  
and tells time?  
A. A watchdog.

Did you hear about the man who  
crossed a potato with a sponge? It  
doesn't taste very good but it sure  
holds a lot of gravy.

Danny Sheeley, Nortonville

Judge: Who was driving when  
you hit that man?

Man: No one—we were all in the  
back seat.

A woman was just learning how to  
drive and seemed to be doing very  
well. She was at the wheel of the  
car, her husband was beside her,  
and the country road did not have  
too much traffic. But suddenly, the  
husband was jolted out of his re-  
laxed mood when his wife  
screamed, "Quick, Howard, take  
the wheel! Here comes a brick  
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Kim Metcalf, Leavenworth

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Jaywalker—an exercise that gives  
you that run-down feeling  
Volcano—mountain with the hic-  
cups

Rachelle Brenzikofer, Burns

Gene: I got one hundred in  
school today.

Mother: In what subject?

Gene: 40 in math and 60 in spel-  
ling.

Bryce Heck, Washington

Q. What is an inexpensive bird  
call?

A. A cheap cheep.

Jackie Sheeley, Nortonville

Q. Which one of our presidents  
wore the largest shoe?

A. The one with the largest feet.

Q. What does the near-sighted  
gingerbreadman use for eyes?

A. Contact raisins.

Annette Warkentine, Burns

A Polack went into a pizza hut  
and ordered a pizza. The man  
asked him if he wanted it cut into  
six or eight pieces.

The Polack replied, "Why six,  
of course. I couldn't eat eight!"

Debbie Knapp, Easton

Q. What state has the smallest  
drinks?

A. Mini soda.

Sherri Cox, Blue Mound



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"AGNES, WHERE DID YOU BUY THOSE EGGS?"

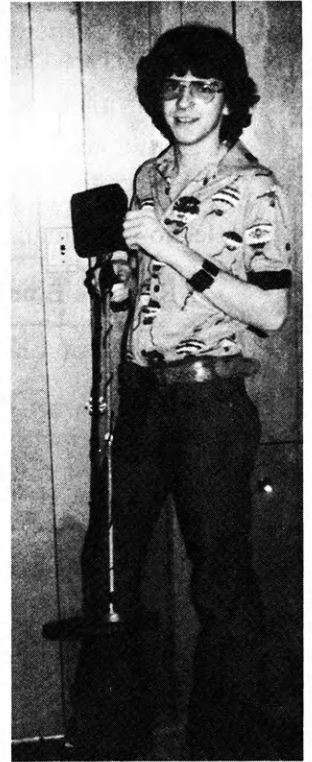
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## ELECTRIC PROJECTS EARN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SHANE

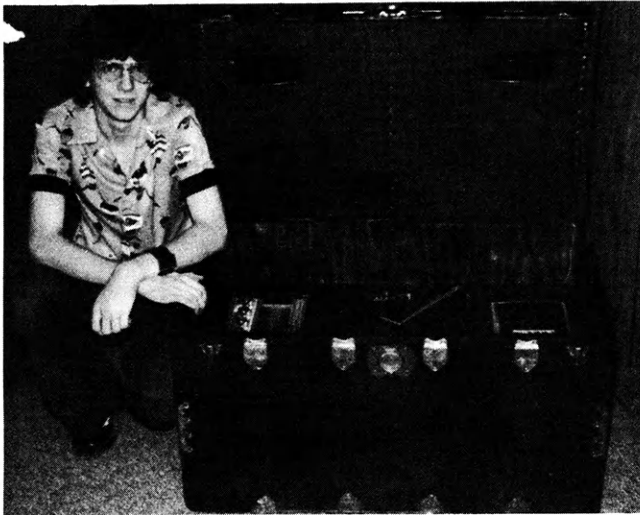
Shane Lewis is an eight-year member of the Harmony Sunflowers 4-H Club, Greenwood County, who has received many awards and recognitions in the electric project.

For the past four years, he has won the grand or reserve grand championship on his electric projects at the Greenwood County Fair. He has been the junior leader for electricity projects at the fair for three years, and represented his county at the 1974 Kansas 4-H Congress in Wichita.

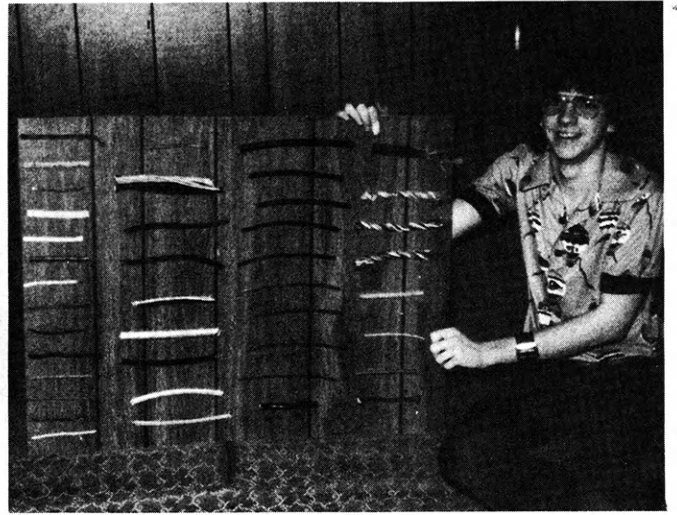
Shane will be a junior at Eureka High School this fall. Besides working in the electricity project, he has been active in woodworking, junior leadership, reading, and arts and crafts.



A metal detector, made from a kit, netted Shane a reserve grand championship, again at the Greenwood County Fair.



Shane received another grand champion award at the county fair for the trunk in which he installed an AM-FM stereo receiver, record turntable, and 8-track tape player.



Shane's wire display board won a grand championship at the Greenwood County Fair, and a red award at the Mid-America Fair in Topeka.



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