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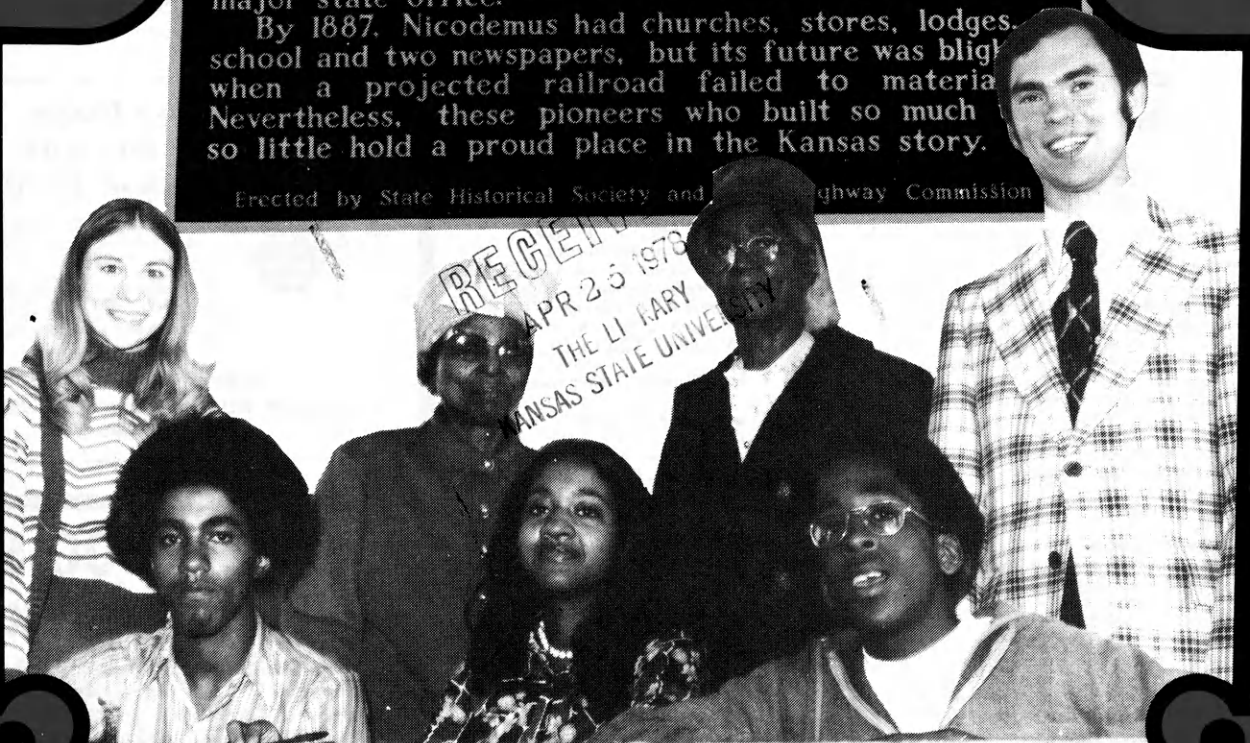
NICODEMUS

In July, 1877, Negro "exodusters" from Kentucky established a settlement here in the Promised Land of Kansas which they named Nicodemus. Although the colonists lacked sufficient tools, seed and money, they managed to survive the first winter, some by selling buffalo bones, others by working for the Kansas Pacific railroad at Ellis, 35 miles away. In 1880 the all-Negro community had a population of more than 400.

Their industry brought approving notices in Kansas newspapers. One story concerned a farmer who with one cow "broke and improved twelve acres of prairie and cultivated eight acres of corn; his wife drives the cow and keeps the flies off." Another spaded a four-foot hedge row around 160 acres of land. Edward P. McCabe, who joined the colony in 1878, served two terms as state auditor, 1883-1887, the first Negro to hold a major state office.

By 1887, Nicodemus had churches, stores, lodges, school and two newspapers, but its future was blighted when a projected railroad failed to materialize. Nevertheless, these pioneers who built so much so little hold a proud place in the Kansas story.

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Vernon Larson named "Friend of IFYE"

Four 1975 international 4-H exchanges gave reports and the 1976 delegates were presented at an International Festival at Rock Springs Ranch in April.

Telling of their overseas experiences and showing slides were William Bradley, Douglas County, Teen Caravaner to Switzerland; Carol Whisman, Rooks County, International 4-H Youth Exchange delegate to Germany; Don DeWerff, Barton County, IFYE delegate to Thailand; and Cheryl Blank, Reno County, Youth Development Program delegate to Paraguay.

Members of Stull 4-H Club, Douglas County, were recognized for work in the people to people project.

Because of his contributions to international 4-H programs, Dr. Vernon Larson, director of International Agricultural Programs at Kansas State University, was named the 1976 Friend of IFYE. He has helped with the selection and orientation of Kansas IFYE delegates and has also been involved with orientation of delegates to



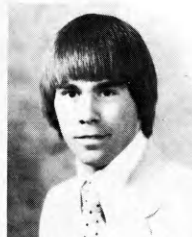
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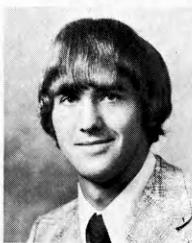
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Kansas from other countries. Mrs. Larson accepted the honor in her husband's behalf, as he is currently in the Philippine Islands as an educational consultant.

State 4-H specialist Charles Lang told about LABO, an exchange program with Japan for 10, 11, and 12 year olds which may be offered for Kansans in 1977.

Again this summer, Kansas 4-H members will have the opportunity to go to Europe on a trip similar to last year's trip sponsored by Cecil and Phyllis Eyestone.

Five new exchanges introduced at the festival are Cindy Macy, Wabaunsee County, IFYE to Poland; Aline Nelson, Sherman County, IFYE to the Caribbean area; James Schesser, Atchison County, IFYE to Egypt; Gary Anderson, Decatur County, Teen Caravaner to Denmark; and Carl Garten, Dickinson County, Polish Agricultural Work Experience delegate. As a participant in this new program, Carl will live and work on a state farm for 6 to 12 months.

Marjorie Area, Manhattan, was chairman of the event. Carolyn Olson, Marion, is president of the IFYE Alumni Association which, along with Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas 4-H Foundation, sponsored the festival.

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How 4-H leaders become teachers

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

The saying, "He who teaches others teaches himself" is very true not only because constant repetition impresses a fact indelibly on the mind but because the process of teaching gives a deeper insight into the subjects taught.

The gifted Joachim Fortius used to tell his students that if they wished to make progress, they should arrange to give lessons daily in the subjects which they were studying, even if they had to hire their pupils. It is not just that the teacher can try out his ideas on the pupil, but teaching his ideas teaches him what his ideas are.

Comenius, in **The Process of Education** put it this way, "I went through the quantum theory once, and looked up only to find the class full of blank faces . . . they had obviously not understood. I went through it a second time, and I could see that still they did not understand it. And so I went through it a third time, and that time I understood it."

Teaching is the ultimate challenge—the invitation to put one's self on the firing line of public opinion and to test ideas, abilities, and skills before a live audience.

Most 4-H leaders hesitate to think of themselves as teachers. Apparently they feel that because they are not being paid to meet classes, their work is not educational. Perhaps unconsciously they have accepted the comfortable and habit-forming philosophy of formal educators: that everything done outside of the classroom is play, and that the children are learning nothing, even though they are actively engaged in serious work in an atmosphere which they obviously enjoy.

A wise teacher once observed, "If a child isn't interested, you can't teach him. If he is interested, you can't keep him from learning." Although values are probably most effectively conveyed in the ideal family, all too many families do not have the capacity to teach them alone and need help from various community sources. The 4-H club is one of those important sources, and the 4-H leader is the teacher. With this as a background, I make three observations on the phenomenon of volunteer leaders becoming skilled teachers.

The first is that successful teachers and leaders cannot be distinguished from the less successful ones on the basis of techniques and methods they use (so much for dependence on exotic teaching aids, equipment, and paraphernalia). But the successful ones can be identified on the basis of the quality of the relationship they establish with the children they seek to lead.

4-H is a personal relationship and a relationship between persons. Learning takes place through experiences which the learner has and not what the teacher does. A warm, friendly, "I'll help you" feeling is the attitude of personal relationship, and the project is the tool, the handle by which the leader takes hold of the child and becomes the teacher.

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About the cover

This spring a new 4-H club was organized in a town with an interesting historical background. The cover shows the historical sign at Nicodemus, as well as three members and some of the adults who helped with the new club.

The new 4-H members in the picture are, left to right, Dale Terry, Ada Terry, and Veryl Switzer Jr. In the back row, left to right, are

Maureen Hintz, Graham County extension home economist; Mrs. Ora Switzer and Mrs. Ola Wilson, who helped to organize the club; and Steven Tonn, Graham County extension director and agricultural agent.

Marjorie Ann Tennant is the photographer of the cover pictures and those with the article on page 8. David Harmes designed the cover.



4-H Around the State



By the State and Area 4-H Staff

Southeast Area — "Have Team, Will Play" is the word from Southeast Kansas. In this case the play refers to basketball. Several Extension agents and their friends have formed a team and are willing to play 4-H junior leader boys and girls; 4-H leaders and parents; town and civic club teams; etc. The games can be played as money making events or simply to have fun. Contact Lyon County Extension Office.

Labette County — 4-H day in Labette County featured parliamentary procedure for the second year. The program, developed by the County 4-H Advisory Committee, community leaders, and Extension agents, consists of four-member teams working through a series of parliamentary procedure exercises. The program was developed to assist members and officers to learn more about parliamentary practice and to improve their community club meetings.

Sumner County — An annual Friend of 4-H Appreciation Night is held, especially to honor those who have assisted the 4-H program during the past year. Donors and supporters of the 4-H program are given special invitations to a potluck dinner, with the 4-H clubs designated to handle the event. At this time, the Friend of 4-H Awards are presented.

Wyandotte County — As a back up to the county Awards Committee, a Grievance Committee functions as a secondary recourse for those who feel that the Awards Committee has erred or committed an oversight. Appeal to the Grievance Committee serves much the same purpose as asking a higher court to consider a case about which there is not full agreement. Agents of course do not serve on the Grievance Committee.

Lyon County — The Sunnyside 4-H Club has a long-range fundraising project, to repair the Mound Ridge Community Center. The 4-H club meets in the old school building and is presently using money from serv-

ing sales to panel the building, rewire it, and put in a suspended ceiling.

Scott County — The retreat of a band of Northern Cheyennes from an Oklahoma reservation back to their Northern homeland will be re-enacted July 4 as the Battle of Squaw's Den. This battle between Cheyennes and U.S. Cavalry occurred in a steep-sided canyon in what is now Scott State Park. 4-H clubs will be involved in the re-enactment.

Cloud County — A new 4-H club organized within Concordia receives unique support, particularly with the officers' tasks. Each of the new club officers has been "paired" with an experienced club officer from one of the existing 4-H clubs nearby. It amounts to "on the job" training from a peer officer, who has already had considerable experience.

Crawford County — A two-way exchange trip is in the advanced planning stages with Schuyler County, New York. Crawford County will entertain about 40 N'Yawkers in July of this year, and return the visit in the summer of 1977. This exchange trip began as a spin-off of the Leader's Forum at the National 4-H Center last year, when Crawford County and Schuyler County Leaders met and began to develop the idea.

McPherson County — Russell, Randy, and Ron Galle had a different international experience last year. Knowing they were going to be in Belgium for the summer of 1975, they completed their 4-H projects in woodwork, garden, electricity, photography, and forestry before going overseas. They took their project record books along, and are probably the only Kansas 4-H members who completed their 4-H record books in Europe, while their projects were being exhibited in Kansas.

Cowley County — The Burden 4-H Club is working on a safety survey,

with emphasis on preventing auto thefts. 4-H members patrol the streets, putting reminders in cars found unlocked. A red tag is attached to keys found in parked cars, reminding owners that the car could easily have been stolen.

Pawnee County — The Pawnee County Extension Council, in cooperation with the county machinery dealers, offers a well-rounded Farm Tractor Safety Course for all interested youth. Most counties do hold such courses; however, the Pawnee County event has some interesting features:

A registration fee of \$5 (Insurance and enabling money)

Four night sessions at Larned and Burdett, all on different nights, permitting make-ups. (a total of eight separate sessions, sets of four at each place)

Combined fifth session, written and driving examinations at the Stadium Awards and "graduation" dinner at the Blue Goose Cafe

Announcement letter was sent to all youth in grades 7 through 10 in Pawnee County.

Northwest Area — Northwest Kansas 4-H'ers are planning an overnight trail ride along the historic Butterfield Overland Dispatch Trail, June 14 and 15. The riders will begin at Castle Rock in southern Gove County, camp out in a grove of cottonwoods, and end their ride the next afternoon near the Pyramids, after following the Smoky Hill river route. A 4-H Trail Ride Committee representing four counties has established regulations, fees and program for the event, to be known as the Bicentennial Trail Ride.

Shawnee County — A program assistant for Expanded Food and Nutrition and Education Program youth particularly in relation to summer camping programs has been hired, using comprehensive employment training act funds (CETA). The assistant, Richard Wayne, will work closely with Susan Craig, CEHE, EFNEP.

New administration building at RSR to be named for J. Harold Johnson; gift from Dwane Wallaces, Wichita

A former Kansas 4-H member and her husband are providing a new administration building for Rock Springs Ranch, the state 4-H leadership center; by their special request, the building will be named for the man who was the county club agent when she was a 4-H member.

The donors are Dwane and Velma Lunt Wallace, Wichita, and the man for whom the building is to be named is J. Harold Johnson, Manhattan, former state 4-H leader.

Velma Lunt was a member of Hilary 4-H Club in Sedgwick County during the early 30s when Mr. Johnson was club agent there. As a 4-H member, Velma went to the National 4-H Congress twice, once as state girl's achievement winner, and once as a member of the Sedgwick County 4-H Band directed by Mr. Johnson. She was also a member of the state Who's Who.

The new building will provide a registration center, administrative offices, and a library and browsing center. It is expected to be ready for use in early fall.

"This generous gift will provide permanency for the administrative

offices, which we've lacked in the past," Merle Eyestone, executive director of Kansas 4-H Foundation, said. "With increasing use of Rock Springs Ranch year-round, the indoor facilities for registration will certainly be welcome."

The architectural firm who designed the air conditioned building is Wolfenbarger and McCulley, Manhattan, and the general contractor is Wheatland Company, Inc., at Wichita.

Because of her own satisfying experiences as a 4-H member, Mrs. Wallace chose giving of a building for 4-H use as a way to express her appreciation for the 4-H agent whose leadership guided her own self-development, she said.

"It's also a way to recognize the influence Johnny has had on thousands of young people in Kansas," she explained. "Dwane and I feel privileged to make this gift for the advancement of youth work in this state."

For 44 years Mr. Johnson worked with and for Kansas 4-H members, as county club agent, assistant state club leader, state 4-H leader, and executive director of Kansas 4-H Foundation.



Civic-minded K.C. man with ranching interests is elected to 4-H board

William M. McDonald, a life-long Kansas City resident with ranching interests in Kansas and Oklahoma, was elected to the Board of Trustees of Kansas 4-H Foundation in 1975.

The McDonalds have a Hereford cow-calf operation in the Flint Hills south of Council Grove, with their ranch home and a registered Hereford herd southeast of Cottonwood Falls.

Mr. McDonald serves on the board of the University Associates of the University of Missouri, Kansas City. He is secretary of the board of directors of St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, and is also a director of the St. Luke's Hospital Foundation for Medical Research, and of the Plaza Bank and Trust.

He is interested in most all sports, and participates in golf, swimming and sailing.

The McDonalds have two adult children and two grandchildren. Mrs. McDonald (Jean) is on the board of directors of the Southwest Trust and Foundation.

"My major interest is trying to raise better cattle," Mr. McDonald writes. "I got into the cattle business via the hobby route rather late in my life and while I love it, I would recommend to others it might be less trying and more successful if the learning process were to start at the age 8 with that first calf."

The McDonalds are interested in the 4-H programs, especially cattle projects, and "have tried to assist by making desirable steers available to local 4-H members."



Ground is broken for the new administration building at Rock Springs Ranch. Naming the shovels are, from left, J. Harold Johnson, for whom the building will be named, Velma Lunt Wallace and Dwane Wallace, donors of the building, and Merle Eyestone, executive director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Leaders become teachers

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In the second place, if leaders were born, not made, there would be no leaders in the 4-H program. Leadership is a learned skill, the result of attitudes and understanding, practice and time.

Successful leadership doesn't just happen. The successful 4-H leader has to work hard at it, just as with any other task, using the tools of good humor, persistence, vision, and determination. The leadership task can be summed up easily in one, four word sentence — **Leadership Is Taking Responsibility.** Most 4-H leaders accepted the job reluctantly, hesitatingly, feeling that they were not adequate for the job, and wishing that someone else could have been chosen.

It has always been this way. Always there has been the question, "Why me? Surely I am not able." The men chosen to bring the world the message of Christianity evidenced their reluctance in many

ways, expressing their hesitation and unreadiness for the task of leadership. Yet 11 of them became monuments in history because they accepted responsibility.

In the third place, 4-H leaders begin to realize the possibility of becoming teachers when they are able to differentiate between completing the project successfully and helping the child develop. They then realize that the literature tells more than they need to know about completing the project, and less than they need to know about educating children. Finally they recognize the influence of the curious chemistry that differentiates members of the human family from each other. 4-H leaders develop into teachers when they see the shadows as well as the highlights, see the progress as well as the achievements, and assist boys and girls in understanding that personal development is one of life's great objectives.

4-H leaders often have difficulty explaining why they remain for

years, working with other people's children. Perhaps the **WHY** of working with others is not really that important. The Jewish principle from the Talmud is, "A man should perform a righteous deed, even if he does it for ulterior motives, because he will thus learn to do the right for its own sake." Reaching into the equally valuable wisdom of the New Testament as beautifully told in the ninth chapter of Luke, I am confident that being a 4-H leader is epitomized in the biblical story of the loaves and the fishes. What you give cannot be used up and the more you give away, the more you will have. It is a modern miracle.

Oddly, it is the leader himself, selflessly striving to help others improve, to understand, and to gain skills, who in the end profits most without meaning to do so. The volunteer leader, attempting to be of service to others, becomes a master teacher.



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Organizing a lawn care clinic

A lawn care clinic can give early teenage boys and girls an opportunity to learn a way to earn money during the summer. For non-4-H members, it can provide an introduction to 4-H and other extension youth programs.

Glenn Newcomer explains how such a project was organized in Bourbon County. He planned the clinic there and taught two of the sessions.

By Glenn Newcomer
Bourbon County Extension Director

Two difficult jobs in organizing a new event are collecting materials needed to do an effective job and getting enthusiasm in the community. These problems were experienced in organizing a Lawn Care Clinic for youth in Bourbon County.

Benny Robbins, area 4-H specialist, was a great help in collecting needed materials from larger urban counties that had been successful with a similar Lawn Care Clinic. He also did an admirable job of building enthusiasm in one per-

son important to the success of the clinic, that is, myself.

Once the materials were collected help was needed from school officials, news media and so on, to publicize and promote the event. All were quite enthusiastic and willing to help.

It was also necessary to obtain help to instruct the youth at the four evening sessions. This again was no problem. Bill Martens, a local leader, and Mark Oskee, a local businessman, were both quite helpful in making their sessions successful.

Small brochures were mimeographed and distributed through the schools to grades six through nine. A registration form was included in the brochure to clip and send to the extension office for enrollment. Excellent publicity was obtained from the local newspaper and radio.

The course was designed to give boys and girls a basic knowledge of lawn grasses found in Bourbon County, and to teach them how to maintain and safely operate a power lawn mower, how to care for home shrubs, and how to obtain a lawn maintenance job.

A small charge of \$1 was assessed

for expenses. A certificate and 10 calling cards were distributed to each youth upon completion of the course. The cards and certificates were printed free by the Fort Scott Community College; facilities there were also used for the four evenings.

One of the most inspiring happenings was the receiving of many telephone calls during and after the clinic asking for names of boys completing the course. Their names, addresses, and telephone numbers were listed at garden centers, greenhouses, and hardware stores.

As with any new project, problems did occur. Several changes will be made in 1976 to reduce conflicts, so a larger number of interested boys and girls can participate.

Kansas 4-H Horse Show

The first Annual State of Kansas 4-H Horse Show will take place May 22 in Garden City at the Southwest Horses, Inc., indoor arena west of the Finney County fairgrounds. The show will start at 8 a.m.

The show is open to 4-H'ers of any age within the state of Kansas. Trophies will be awarded for first place in all events, with second through fourth place winners receiving various tack articles. A high point youth trophy will be awarded in addition to a \$50 savings bond. The reserve high youth will receive a trophy and a \$25 bond.

Judge for the horse show will be Gene Payne of DeSoto, Texas, and the show chairman is Charles Sinclair, 4-H horse leader in Finney County.

Mr. Sinclair believes the emphasis in 4-H should be on the youth, not on his or her horse, Michael Ouart, county extension 4-H agent, says. "This is evident in the choice of events for the show. In no event is the horse's ability considered more than the youth's."

For entry forms write to Finney County Extension Council, South 9th and Frederick, Garden City, Kansas 67846. Stalls are available for \$5 each if reserved with entries.

The 4-H horse project has been one of the fastest growing 4-H projects in Kansas. In 1943, 137 4-H'ers were enrolled. This past year, 4,286 members exhibited their horses at county, district, and state level shows.



Bourbon County boys learn about care of the lawn mower from Bill Martens of Fort Scott. Left to right are Quint Matson, Tim and Tom Coyan, Randy Carpenter, and Bill Martens.

Name for new 4-H club comes from past of historical town

With a nice feel for the historical origin of their community and an optimistic outlook toward present and future, a group of young people in Graham County chose the Joyful Exodusters as the name for their recently organized 4-H club.

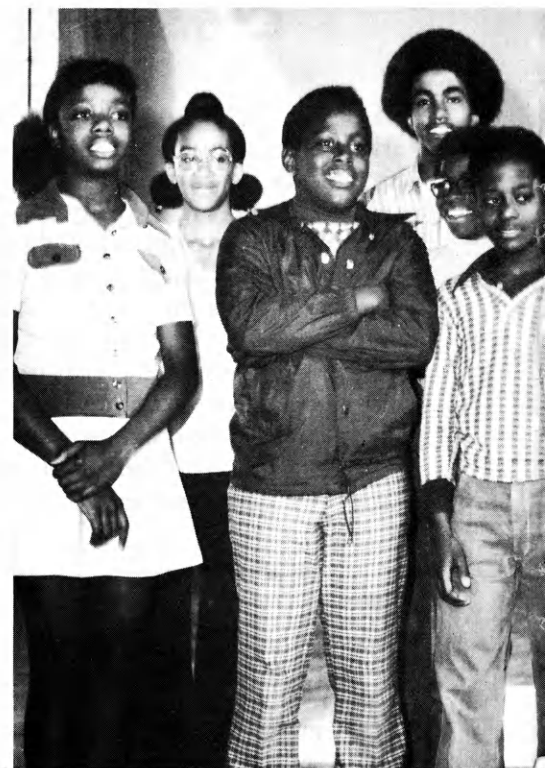
The Exodusters of a hundred years ago were freed slaves who came to Kansas seeking new opportunities. A group of them came to western Kansas, setting up the town of Nicodemus in 1877, even before Graham County had been organized.

The present day Joyful Exodusters are a group of youngsters from 8 to 17 years of age from Nicodemus and Hill City who met in March in the Township Hall at Nicodemus to organize their 4-H club, to sign membership cards, and to choose officers. Elected as officers are: president, Twillia Moore; vice-president, Mark Moore; secretary,

Ada Terry; treasurer, Esther Clark; reporter, Sherri Brogden; recreation leader, Terry Petrie; song leader, Dianna Brogden; and council members, Dale Terry and Esther Clark. Twillia, Mark, Ada, Sherri, Dianna, and Dale are from Nicodemus, and Esther and Terry live at Hill City.

At the organizational meeting, state extension specialist Ellen Murphy congratulated the new officers and spoke to the 4-H members about their responsibilities, and Nancy Griffith, president of the Graham County 4-H Council, extended a welcome to the members of the new club.

Nicodemus townspeople who helped to organize the club and who will serve as temporary community leaders are Mrs. Ola Wilson and Mrs. Ora Switzer. Clint Bates will serve as a leader, and the pastor of the First Baptist Church, the Rev.



Young people in Graham County who were present for left to right, front row, Carnita Reid, Calvin Switzer Brogden, with Jay Clark behind Mark Moore, and in Twillia Moore, and Esther Clark.

L.C. Alexander, will be the wood-working leader if needed.

Steven Tonn, Graham County extension director and agricultural agent, conducted the meeting, teaching the new 4-H members to carry out their business with correct parliamentary procedure. Home economist Maureen Hintz assisted with the meeting.

Charter members of the new club, to April 1, in addition to the officers, are Randy Reid, Carnita Reid, Darwin Mack, Tippy Carter, Veryl Switzer Jr., Calvin Switzer, and Jay Clark. Some of the projects chosen by the 4-H members are foods, gardening, swine, and crops.

A few weeks ago residents of Nicodemus learned from Representative Keith Sibelius that their town has been chosen as a National Historical Landmark. This means that the National Park Service has designated it as a place with significance to American history, and that it will be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. If certain conditions are met, the area may become eligible for a certificate, a bronze plaque, and some financial assistance to restore some of the old buildings.

The town of Nicodemus was named for a man who was brought to America on a slave ship and later



Several of the parents at the organizational meeting of the Joyful Exodusters 4-H Club in Graham County had been 4-H members themselves. Veryl Switzer, Manhattan, whose sons Calvin and Veryl Jr. are members of the new club, was a 4-H'er from the time he was 9 until he was 17. His mother, Mrs. Ora Switzer, who helped to organize the Joyful Exodusters, also helped with the Jolly Jayhawkers of earlier years.



meeting to organize the Joyful Exodusters 4-H Club are, Mark Moore, Tippy Carter, Ada Terry, and Dianna McFarrow, Sherri Brogden, Dale Terry, Veryl Switzer Jr.,

bought his liberty. According to one of the plantation songs, he was a prophet, and he is said to have predicted the Civil War.

The Exodusters were encouraged to come to the area in western Kansas by Benjamin Singleton, a former slave who had escaped to Canada and then returned to Tennessee, and by W.R. Hill, a speculator in western Kansas land, for whom Hill City was named.

The people in Nicodemus created a real community, with their own ministers, teachers, and officials. At one time almost 500 people lived there, but the number has declined now to 35.

One of Nicodemus' distinguished citizens was E.P. McCabe, who was elected state auditor in 1882 and served for two terms. He later moved to Oklahoma and was a territorial officer there. Another well-known resident was Lorenzo Fuller, a popular and successful musician.

In 1973 a more recent resident of Nicodemus and a native of the town, Veryl Switzer, was named Associate Dean for University Minority Affairs at Kansas State University, Manhattan. He had previously taught in the Chicago school system and had been a professional football player. As a student at Kansas State, he won the "Football Player of the Year" award, and was named to the All-American football team.

When Veryl was a youngster in Nicodemus, he was a member of an earlier club, the Jolly Jayhawkers 4-H Club, which was chartered there in 1940 and continued until the late 50s. The club was reorganized in 1963 and continued for several years until the number of children declined.

In addition to the new 4-H club, the Joyful Exodusters, other 4-H clubs in Graham County are Happy Crickets, Spring Creek Hustlers, East Side Community, Solomon Valley, and Millbrook Sunshiners.



It was a serious moment when extension specialist Ellen Murphy talked with the new officers about their new responsibilities. Next to Ellen are Esther Clark, Ada Terry, Mark Moore, and Twillia Moore.

IDEAS & News

4-H leaders are highly admired people, to judge by the articles which come to the Kansas 4-H Journal. One tribute tells of a "young single farmer" who in his earliest years as a 4-H leader had "great enthusiasm but little knowledge"; he has now received a plaque from 4 Square 4-H Club in Norton County for 35 years of leadership. Harold Holste is the leader who has gained the knowledge and kept the same enthusiasm and instilled it in leaders and members who work with him, Toni Anderson reports.

Chris Reschke of Cottonwood 4-H Club, Douglas County, sends a salute to Mrs. Gerald Hoover, "an outstanding, enthusiastic project leader for 26 years." Mrs. Hoover has been sewing leader, knitting leader, and more recently, crocheting leader, also. Each year the 4-H members look forward to a special event, the annual Halloween party in the Hoover's huge barn.

At a "Fishing Fun" clinic in Rice County on two Saturday mornings in May, 1975, boys and girls from fourth through ninth grades learned about fishing. At the first session they learned about fish characteristics, and how to tie a monofilament line, and they received casting instructions and practice. The second session included a fishing derby and casting contest at the fishing club's leased fishing lake.

Jalynda Poncin caught the largest fish and Kevin McGlynn the most fish. Casting contest winners were determined by their scores from 10 casts at a bull's eye target on the ground. Scott Sewell had the high score, Jack Hughes second, and Linn Mellies third.

The Liars Fisherman's Club of Lyons and the Rice County Extension Council jointly sponsored "Fishing Fun." Ross Vasconcells, president of the fishing club, and seven other members assisted with the clinic.

The Harper County 4-H Council honored Friends of 4-H in that county with a dinner in April at the exhibition center. Hilltoppers and Golden Rule 4-H clubs were in charge of the meal, Marie McCully reports.

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IDEAS * & News *

A report of an exchange trip comes from the Phillips County 4-H Teens who went to Galveston Beach, Texas, this past summer. Among places and events visited were the national Cowboy Hall of Fame, Six Flags, Texas State Round-up, Texas State 4-H Camp, and the Douglas McArthur Academy of Freedom.

The Timken Roller Bearings 4-H Club celebrated its 40th anniversary with an open house at the Timken Catholic church club room. Guests visited and were shown slides of members with their projects throughout the past years, Eddie Jecha reports. Charter members of the club were Dan Reha, president; Ervin Erb, vice-president; Jane Raup, secretary; Kathleen Tammen, reporter; Russel Conard, leader; Robert Lewis, Lee Sell, Duane Lewis, Dorothy Brannan, Marjorie Conard, Marjorie Holopirek, Edward Pechanec, George Reha, Alvin Holopirek, Burton Conard, Eugene Holopirek, Catherine Pechanec, Floyd Richter, and Virgil Richter.

Laura Pritchett, reporter of the Linn County 4-H Council, writes that Linn County will have a rate-of-gain contest for swine. The home economics judging school in Linn County will be May 27.

Sherman County 4-H members will have a county-wide 4-H Craft Bazaar on May 1 at the VFW Hall. Each 4-H member in the county is to make an item to sell at the bazaar, and each club is to provide 10 cakes for the cake walk. The purpose of the bazaar is to meet the county's pledge for the 4-H fund drive.

Twenty-four boys and girls of Grantville 4-H Club, Jefferson County, enrolled in foods projects made 30 dozen cookies and cupcakes and delivered their baked goodies to six nursing homes in Jefferson County on Bake and Take Day. This special day for taking baked goods to a shut-in, neighbor, or friend is always the fourth Saturday in March.

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A 4-H leader from Wisconsin, Mrs. Norbert Mueller, wrote about the float which the Ozaukee County Fredonia 4-H Club will enter in several parades. It will be a firecracker float with "13 firecrackers, representing the 13 colonies. They will be made up of tissue flowers in red, white, and blue and will have wicks made from colored tinsel garland, wrapped around heavy wire."

At the March meeting of the Haddam Hustlers 4-H Club, Washington County, president Pete Duey presented the Warren Zengers with a plaque in ap-

preciation of a gift of money the Haddam Grain Company gave the club last fall. Mr. Zenger told the club he was a charter member of the Haddam Hustlers 4-H Club in 1946; therefore, the club will be 30 years old, Rita Steier reports.

Members of Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club extend congratulations to Butch Harris, a former 10 year member of the club, for being elected president of the newly formed organization in Jackson County, the Pork Producers Council, and also for his recent marriage.

Debbie Zeller also reports that a farewell party was given for the Jackson County agent, Bob Wareham, for his eight years of devoted service. He was presented with an engraved silver coffee service from Jackson County 4-H members. "All the 4-H'ers and their families appreciated the chance to tell him, 'Thanks, Bob!!!!' "

For their activity at the 4-H carnival at the 4-H building on the fairgrounds, members of Southwest Reno 4-H Club had prepared a "Walk-a-board," a board suspended by chains from a frame. "It was tricky because when you would try to walk, it would move. We gave out candy for prizes to kids that could walk it," reporter Cynthia Shultz writes.

The Hollis Hustlers 4-H Club from Cloud County received a blue rating on their recreational skit at Regional 4-H Day at the Cloud County Community College. Tammy Dorman is club reporter.



Ann Ramsbottom, 16 year old Republic County 4-H club member, is shown with the trophy presented to her by the Doberman Pincher Club of America at their annual convention in San Diego, California. The award was for the Outstanding Junior Showman of the breed. In February Ann participated in the national finals in Madison Square Garden in New York.

Ann moved to Kansas recently from Nebraska; at the 1975 Nebraska State Fair, she was the state fair winner of 109 entries in junior handling. This past year she served as instructor and judge for the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club; this year she will be teaching obedience training to her fellow 4-H members in Republic County.

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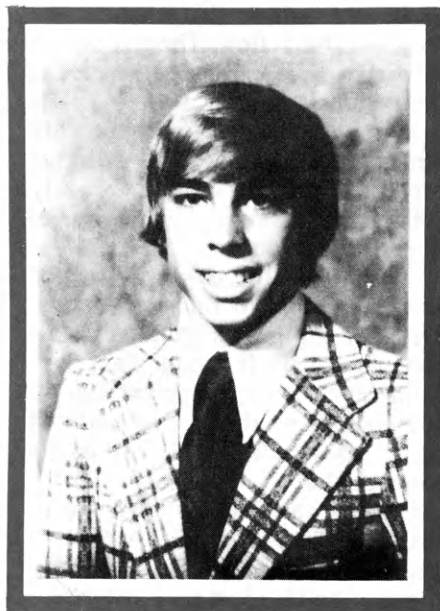
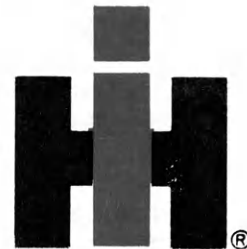
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John, a freshman at Kansas State University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Baumgartner. He belonged to Lucky Clover 4-H Club, Nemaha County.

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Our hobby is raising and racing pigeons. In all the animal kingdom there is probably no instinct more remarkable and less understood by man than the homing pigeon's ability to fly home. Please make no mistake about it, not all pigeons have this talent. All animals want to come home to food or their young. Only the carefully bred strains of racing homers have the ability to take off over unfamiliar territory 50, 100, or 500 miles away from home, circle the area once or twice, and then streak home at speeds approaching a mile per minute.

The modern racing homers were developed in the early 1800s, first in Belgium, then later in England. To this day racing homers is the national sport in Belgium, where one out of every eight houses has a pigeon loft.

In the United States, competitive racing is organized under strict

rules by more than 900 local clubs from coast to coast. Old bird (mature) races of 200 to 1,000 miles are held during the summer months. Young birds (birds hatched in current year) race in the fall, distances of 50-300 miles.

Before each race the birds are assembled at a club house, where each pigeon has a rubber "counter mark" band attached to its leg. This band has a number which is known only to and recorded by the race secretary. Also each club member has his specially made timeclock set and sealed.

The pigeons are then placed in large crates and shipped to the release point. At a predetermined time the crates are all opened at the same time. The birds dash out and the race begins. Over the course the birds have to contend with various natural hazards such as head winds and rain storms, in addition to hawks and other predators. Some losses along the way are expected. Such losses are no serious heartbreak for the fancier as he is only interested in keeping the birds that can and will come home.

When the racing pigeons arrive at home, they trap through a one-way wire door which they have been trained to enter. And we anxiously wait to pick up the first bird when it arrives. We quickly remove the countermark and drop it into the

sealed clock and trip the clock to stamp the exact time on a paper tape inside the sealed clock.

The exact distance in yards has been calculated from release point to our loft. After the race is over the race secretary will calculate the yards per minute that each of the 10-20 fast birds flew. The bird which flew the most yards per minute is the winner.

Homing pigeons are not the only kind of pigeon 4-H'ers may use for projects. There are approximately 200 different breeds and varieties of domestic pigeons.

Following are descriptions of some of the most unusual breeds. There are pigeons that can turn somersaults while flying. These are Tumblers. Parlor Tumblers can do somersaults on the ground and will travel as much as 30 feet doing somersaults.

Pouters can suck enough air so that their throats become swollen to almost the size of a volleyball. They seem to do this just to show off.

There is another type of pigeon which is hard to describe on paper. It has a large fan-shaped tail and holds its head way back so that you can't tell if it has a head if you look at it from the front. Quite rightly named Fantail.

Several breeds have feathers on their legs. Helmets have feathers around their head which makes them look like they are wearing a hood.

Rollers fly in a zigzag pattern and make clapping sounds with their wings while flying.

Another kind is known for endurance flying. These pigeons have flown for as long as 20 hours nonstop and are known as Tipplers.

Pigeons are also raised for food. There are several large farms that raise thousands of pigeons to sell to the best restaurants in the big cities. These are usually Kings, Modenas, or Texas Pioneers.

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Family Fun Page

Joe: Why is a river rich?
 Ray: I don't know.
 Joe: It has two banks.

Driving Instructor: What would you do if you were going downhill 70 miles an hour and your brakes failed and there was a car at the bottom sitting crosswise on a bridge?

Truck Driver: Well, see, I've got this partner named Charlie—

Driver Instructor: What does that have to do with it?

Truck Driver: Well, I'd wake him up, 'cause he ain't never seen a wreck like we're gonna have!

Timothy Sinclair, Effingham

Q. Why do bees hum?

A. They don't know the words.

Lana Hammer, Scandia

Q. Ten cats were in a boat. One jumped out. How many were left?

A. None were left. All the rest were copycats.

Lyle Hammer, Scandia

Q. Why did the little pig eat three buckets of corn?

A. He was trying to make a hog out of himself.

Q. What weighs three thousand pounds and wears flowers in its hair?

A. A hippopotamus.

Q. What is the only jam you can't eat?

A. A traffic jam.

Q. Why did the mouse tiptoe across the medicine cabinet?

A. He didn't want to wake the sleeping pills.

Pam Swartz, Silver Lake

He: If you'll give me your telephone number, I'll call you up some time.

She: It's in the phone book.

He: Fine! What's your name?

She: That's in the phone book, too.

Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Isabel.

Isabel who?

Isabel needed on a fire engine?

Lisa Hallgren, Republic

Q. Why does the little boy keep a bike near his bed?

A. Because he is tired of walking in his sleep.

Q. What do you call a sleeping bull?

A. A bulldozer.

Q. What did the bird say when his cage broke?

A. Cheep! Cheep!

Tina Boyer, Brookville

After discussing the Revolutionary War battle of Saratoga, which England lost probably because General William Howe chose to stay at Philadelphia, the history teacher asked the class to explain this major British defeat.

"Lack of no Howe," came a voice from the back of the room.

Mutt: (on a stormy night): I'd hate to be up there in an airplane.

Jeff: I'd hate to be up there without one!

Kris Penner, Hillsboro

Would you like an issue of Kansas 4-H Journal in which everything in it is written by 4-H members? Neat idea, isn't it?

To learn the rules and regulations for this special 4-H'ers' issue, look in next month's Journal.



"That fellow might be a good prospect."

Each person sending jokes used on the Fun page will receive a little spiral notebook and memo pad, unless he has previously received a prize. When jokes are duplicates, the one postmarked earlier wins the prize.

Brown Co. music man amplifies a rock band

Skills learned in the electric project have been put to a musical use by Kevin Brockhoff, Hiawatha; he writes that he is now "making and repairing electronic equipment, including all the amplifiers, and so on, of the five-man rock band my brother and I organized."

During his seven years in the electric project, Kevin has also built lamps, wired buildings, repaired electrical equipment around the farm and home, and made an extension cord, portable spotlight, and wire display board.

Among projects Kevin has been enrolled in during his eight years as a 4-H member have been beef, conservation, woodworking, tractor, en-

tomology, gardening, and leadership. He has served as county geology leader for two years and assisted his father as electric county project leader for his local club.

For six years Kevin has received a county medal for his work in the electric project. He has given talks and demonstrations relating to electricity at club and project meetings, 4-H Days, and county and Mid-America fairs.

Kevin won a trip to the American Royal 4-H Conference, has been president of his local 4-H club, and is now serving his second year on the Brown County 4-H Council.



At his desk, Kevin uses his blue-ribbon lamp.



Kevin is working on his engine analyzer.



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