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Poison prevention

By Teddi Bankes
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During the first nine months of 1979, there were 3,400 cases of poisonings reported and recorded by poison control centers in Kansas. Children 3 years of age and younger were victims of more than half the poisoning cases.

These figures may not be too alarming to you unless you were the parent of one of these innocent children. Children are naturally curious, and they touch, smell, and taste things to learn about their environment. Sometimes they learn too late if something is dangerous or poisonous.

Medicines are the No. 1 cause of poisonings in the state of Kansas, but awareness and cleaning out medicine cabinets can help. A statewide campaign developed by the Kansas Pharmacists Association and participating pharmacies encourages Kansans to clean out their medicine cabinets. Any old or out-dated medications should be taken to your pharmacy for disposal.

For each container received by the pharmacy, a nickel will be donated to the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children.

Medicines and chemicals should always be stored in high places out of the reach of small children and, if possible, in locked cabinets. Many of the medicines we find in our homes are out-dated and have lost some or all of their potency.

The average citizen often keeps old medicine prescribed for a specific ailment long after that illness is gone. These are the items that should be removed and taken to your pharmacy. By doing so, one can eliminate a potential poison from the home. If there is any medicine left in the bottle, the pharmacist will destroy it.

Poison prevention is a year-round concern, and there are ten basic points that should be remembered about medicines and household items, especially when small children are present.

1. Keep all medicines and household products out of the reach of children, and preferably, keep them locked up when not in use. When medicines or poisonous products are in use never let the children out of your sight, even if you take them along when answering the telephone or doorbell.
2. Store internal medicines separately from other household products.
3. Keep all items in their original containers, never in cups or soft drink bottles.
4. Keep all products properly labeled and ALWAYS read the label before using.
5. NEVER take medicines in front of children. Remember that youngsters tend to imitate grownups every chance they get.
6. Always turn on the light when giving or taking medicines.
7. Always refer to medicines as "medicines" . . . never as "candy."
8. Clean out your medicine cabinet periodically, disposing of all nonessential items.
9. Use safety packaging properly — closing the container securely after each use.
10. Look up the telephone number of the Poison Control Center nearest you, and post the number on or near your telephone.

Remember, NOW is the best time to poison-proof your home. Clean out your medicine cabinet of old and out-dated drugs and bring these containers to a participating pharmacy. Ask the pharmacist for his advice about destroying the drugs, and if indicated, place the out-dated containers in a bin provided by the pharmacist. By removing those drugs that are no longer needed, you will be helping your children by removing a potential poison.

For every container Kansans bring to participating pharmacies to be destroyed, the pharmacist will donate a nickel to the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children. The Capper Foundation is a private Kansas non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the education and rehabilitation of physically handicapped students and clients.

Help yourself, your children, and the Capper kids. Keep in mind that poison prevention is up to YOU!



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Boys and girls and competition

By Glenn M. Busset
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Editor's note: What are some of the effects of competition on children and young people? Because of the justifiable concern of some parents and leaders, state 4-H leader Glenn Busset discusses the topic "Boys and girls and competition" in a two-part editorial beginning below.

Within a few weeks the general public, which has little real contact with the deep values and traditions of 4-H club work, will be seeing the one area of club work by which they are accustomed to judging all of the 4-H program.

They will be visiting the county 4-H fair or other fairgrounds in the county and state. They will be seeing varicolored ribbons attached to garments, to photographs, to entomology collections, to jars of fruit or vegetables, to fat steers, or tied to pens of poultry or above a pen of sleeping hogs.

They will be seeing and judging in their own minds the 4-H program as it is represented to the public eye, that is, one of competition.

Those of us who have been in 4-H work a long time are concerned about awards and prizes and what the effects of competition are on the boys and girls in the 4-H program. We wonder if perhaps too much stress is put on competition, and how it really affects the learning of boys and girls. It's really a deep and complicated topic including some of the things we know about children in competition, a bit about the society in which we live, some of our concerns about competition, and some of the research done on what we know about children and competition.

We all know that we live in a highly competitive society. Our culture is more competitive than some others. We teach our children from the very beginning to be the best. Some other cultures don't put this much emphasis on competition. In fact, they often train their children so that they never want to compete with anyone.

Having lived for some time in areas where this is a part of the culture, I can say that sometimes these cultures are not very progressive. Competition apparently has real value in terms of getting people, individually and in groups, to progress more than they might otherwise.

This competition is around us at all times — represented as a tendency to "keep up with the Joneses." That is, we want to be better or just as good as someone else. We put great stress upon achievement, and we are inclined to hold up as examples the people who are the "high achievers" in our society.

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About the cover

Fairtime and citizenship are the themes for this month's Kansas 4-H Journal.

The themes converge in the cover photo which depicts a Douglas County 4-H member cleaning up when the fair is over. The photographer is Susie Bishop, Lawrence.

The logos in the right hand column? They're to give readers a quick idea of the primary audience for Journal articles.

On page 14, you'll find a cartoon and article for younger readers. The article about good citizenship on pages 8 and 9 should be of special interest for teenagers. A parent and leader in Marion County has suggestions for parents and leaders about getting ready for the fair, and a county agent tells adults how people in his county produced their own carnival.



Ideas, time, work, fun go into float making

Here comes the fair parade!
And here's your 4-H club's float. It looks good. And the 4-H families who made the float know how much time, work, and fun went into it.

Charles Lang, an extension specialist in the state 4-H office in Manhattan, has suggestions for building a float.

First, the members decide if they want to make a float.

Next, if they do, someone has to be in charge, to be responsible, to see that everything gets done. The 4-H president will appoint someone to be the chairman of the float committee, to be that one in charge.

Parents will perhaps be appointed to the committee along with 4-H members.

So now you're ready to get to work. Find out if there's to be an overall theme for the parade. Then you'll choose to illustrate one point, one idea. When the float goes by, people won't have a long time to look at it, so you'll want to make one point effectively.

For example, if the theme is citizenship, your message could be "Vote" or "Pick up trash."

So the idea's been chosen. Now 4-H cooperation comes on the scene, with everyone working together to develop the idea into concrete form.

Here are questions to be answered:

- How much manpower and time do we have?
- Where will we build the float?
- What will the float ride on?

• What will pull it and who will drive?

• What will the float say in words? Who will do the lettering?

• What materials do we need? Who will get them together?

• Who will help to put everything together?

• If the float's done the day before, where can we store it, or can we cover it in case of rain?

Decide on answers, so the club can get moving.

Here are some suggestions to think about:

Use few words, as the float should speak for itself. From one to four words may be enough. Make the letters large, probably 10 inches high. Generally, use bright colors on the float.

And be sure to have 4-H members on the float. It's fun for them, and

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Members of Sunflower Go-Getters 4-H Club ride a winning float at the Wilson County Fair.

“Heigh-ho! Come to the Fair!”

But how do you get everything ready?

By Janet Meisinger
Marion

“I can’t get my steer broke to lead!”

“I wonder if my pictures will be back in time.”

“I don’t think I’ll ever get my dress done!”

Have you ever heard a 4-H’er make one of these statements just before fair time? If you haven’t, then this must be your first year as a 4-H parent or leader.

Just wait! As fair time draws closer, you’ll undoubtedly hear one of the above statements or something very similar.

But how do we as parents and leaders avoid hearing these statements year after year after year?

Well, the easy answer to that question is to help 4-H’ers to plan ahead and start early to get exhibits ready for the fair.

But the answer isn’t that simple. After being through just one fair, we realize that the answers are easier said than done. So there must be another solution to the problem.

If you are fortunate enough to live in a county which participates in another fair before your official county fair, then encourage your 4-H’ers to strive to get their exhibits ready for that fair. For instance, 4-H’ers in Dickinson, Marion, and Morris Counties can participate in the Tri-County Fair in Herington the last part of July.

If they work hard to get their exhibits ready for that fair, then they will automatically be ready for their county fairs in August. Added bonuses are the additional premium money (sometimes better than county fair money), ribbons, and the opportunity to list exhibits on their permanent record sheet under “district exhibits,” if there is more than one county involved.

However, if you live in a county which does not have the above opportunity, then why not try a club fair?

A club fair is just like a county fair except it is done on a local club basis. It is probably best to hold the club fair a week to 10 days before

the county fair. This gives 4-H’ers an opportunity to get most of their exhibits ready, but also sufficient time before the county fair to improve their exhibits, if possible.

Sunday afternoon seems to be a popular time to hold the club fair and it lends itself to several other activities. A picnic dinner can be held before the fair, with the entire family attending.

While the exhibits are being judged, the club can have a 4-H Sunday observance, hold their regular monthly meeting, or visit a nursing home with each member taking an exhibit along to show the residents. Organized recreation, playing in the park, or having a swimming party are some other possibilities.

Then after the judging is finished, an open house (complete with refreshments) can be held so those in the community can see the exhibits. If this particular activity is planned, then the club reporter should invite the public by writing a newspaper article. Or if the fair is in a small community, the reporter can make posters advertising the event.

The location of the club fair is very important. It should be in a central location with lots of space available for exhibits. Usually this would be a community building or church fellowship hall. The outside of the building could be decorated to give it that fairtime appearance. Booths offering drinks, popcorn, caramel apples, and games of chance could complete the fair atmosphere.

A committee of older 4-H’ers should be appointed to plan the

event and to meet in advance to make ribbons. They should set up tables identified with project names to hold the exhibits and another table near the entrance to enter the exhibits. Each exhibit should be entered according to the county fair catalog. A file card with the class number, age, and name printed on it should be placed with the exhibit.

The committee should also decide on one or two well-qualified judges. Consideration should be given to judges who have a well-rounded knowledge of 4-H projects, those who judge at county fairs, and who are good at conference style judging.

Those exhibits which are conference judged at the county fair should also be conference judged at the club fair. This is especially helpful to those young, first-year members. It would probably be more of a learning experience if the project leader and a parent could sit in on the conference, too.

For the other exhibits, the judge should write comments and ribbon placings on the back of the file card. Committee members could follow the judge to attach the proper ribbons.

Club fair exhibits can be listed on the 4-H permanent record under “County exhibits” as a local (L) event. The club can also list it on the **Kansas 4-H Recognition Report** (formerly Club Seal Plan).

So, if your 4-H’ers have trouble getting their exhibits ready in time for the county fair, why not try a club fair?



Boys, girls, competition
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Responsible people the past few years have become concerned about what all of this competition is doing to our boys and girls. Teachers, psychologists, sociologists, ministers, 4-H leaders — almost everyone who works with youth has begun to ask questions like these: Are boys and girls getting too big a dose of competition? Is this how people learn best — through the use of awards and prizes? How do the children themselves really feel about competition? How can we teach cooperation, when we emphasize being better than someone else?

Some of the results of seeing what has happened to children in these recent years has caused us to think seriously about what we as Americans have been teaching our young people.

A question sociologists like to raise goes like this, "Is competition between boys and girls really good preparation for marriage?" We teach them to compete with each other through their projects, in school, through sports, within the home; yet, when they marry, we expect them to be able to live together in a cooperative relationship.

How can we regulate the dose of competition? How much competition is good? When does it become harmful? How can we use it wisely to promote elemental development of boys and girls? What do we really know about children in competition?

One of the things we know or at least we say we know is that each child is different and differs in regard to feelings about competition. Some children thrive on it or at least they appear to thrive. We know some of these children tend to focus on awards instead of learning. They are more concerned about the

"reward" than about what they can accomplish. If you ask some students what they got out of a specific class in high school or in college the answer often is, "Well, I got an A or B."

Then you say, "Did you have a good teacher? What did you learn?"

And this seems to be a new thought to them. They have to think and think to come up with anything they learned, but they can easily tell what grade they got in every course through high school.

We know that some children try to withdraw from competitive enterprise. Some of them withdraw because they don't want to fail;

some because they don't want to win at the expense of someone else. Regardless of the reason or regardless of the reason given, the important thing for us to recognize is that not all children want to compete. It takes a certain amount of aggressiveness to be able to compete in any kind of situation. Each child is different and we need to accept the fact that he is going to face competition differently from others.

Another thing we know is that a 12 year old can face competition better than a 9 year old. A 16 year old can face competition better than a 12 year old, and certainly an adult can face it more easily than a child.

We suspect that the less competition there is at home, the better the

COMING EVENTS

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4-H members and other livestock judges, you can gain judging experience at Elmer Angell's ranch on July 15. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. with a type demonstration at 9. There will be junior and senior division for young people as well as an adult division.

The ranch is 13½ miles west of Medicine Lodge on Highway 160 and 6½ miles south.

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child is able to face competition outside the home. We know that for the child 9 to 12 finding acceptance with his peer group, the children his own age, is more important to him than to be accepted by adults.

We also know, whether we like it or not, that within his group he is often better accepted if he isn't the best in his group, at least if he isn't

the best at some of the things that adults put great emphasis on. Being mother's little helper or being a model child doesn't give much status in a peer group although it brings a great deal of adult approval. If we will remember that children would rather be approved by their own age group than by adults, it helps us to understand

how they may feel about trying to win certain awards.

We know that sensitive children, and children who are less able, are more likely to be harmed in a highly competitive situation. This is the type of child who is more likely to avoid competition altogether or to withdraw from activities perceived as competitive. Perhaps the child has had a difficult first experience with competition when he was very small. He may have had to compete with mother for father's favor, or father for mother's favor. Then when a new baby comes into the family he may feel that he has to compete with the baby for the attention of his parents.

(In the August issue, Dr. Buset will continue his thoughtful look at competition and its effect on boys and girls.)

Floatmaking

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people like to see 4-H'ers. In fact, Lang pointed out that some 4-H clubs have members walk or ride bicycles alongside or behind. Sometimes, though, the parade route may be too long or it may not go with your theme or may be against safety regulations.

The chairman sees that everyone knows what his* job is. And he checks to see that everything is getting done. If someone needs some extra help to complete his task, the chairman helps or he finds someone who will. He never takes things for granted. He sees that the float is ready on time.

When the parade is over, everything has to be taken off the float and returned to the owners. Cleanup is almost the last chore.

That last chore the chairman will want to do is to congratulate all who worked together to make the float.

Throughout this process, remember that a float is more than just a float, Lang said.

"It's cooperation when kids work together. It's leadership when one shows another how to paint or decorate. It's responsibility when they come and help. It's building self-confidence when they feel 'We did it!' It's relating to others when they talk and have fun together."

**His means both his and her; he means both he and she.*

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4-H members are citizens, too

By Jayne Aylward
Salina

Editor's note: In the 1979 and '80 sessions of the Kansas Legislature, the next to the youngest member of the group was former 4-H member Jayne Aylward, Salina.

In 1968 Jayne, who gives her occupation as farmer-stockman, received a degree in animal science at Kansas State University and returned to the family farm.

That summer a new challenge came to Jayne, the thought of running for the Kansas House of Representatives. Jayne campaigned, won both primary and general elections, and in January was sworn in as representative from the Seventy-third District.

At our request, Jayne has written this article about good citizenship.

"The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference and undernourishment." These are the words of R.M. Hutchins, a former president of the University of Chicago and a renowned educator.

As a State Representative in the Kansas Legislature for Saline and Ellsworth Counties for the past two years, I have become aware of the necessity for people to become genuinely interested in their government in order to keep Hutchins' prediction from coming to pass.

I have learned, from a bird's-eye view, that our state government is truly a government for the people and by the people. I have also learned that all people need to work with their government in order to maintain its integrity.

By reading this article, you are expressing an interest in our political system. I have always felt that 4-H club members are excellent examples of our state's young leaders and I firmly believe that the leaders today tend to be tomorrow's leaders.



The young people involved in the Kansas 4-H program are exactly the type of aware and concerned young people who will be able to prevent Hutchins' statement from becoming reality. I believe and hope that many of the 4-H members in Kansas who are currently cultivating their leadership talents will become our local, state, and national leaders in the future.

It is essential that all Kansans realize how necessary their input is on all levels of government. As we start the third century of our country we may be entering the Age of the Great Political Stupor. As crisis and criticism mount on the national level as well as at every other level of government, no one wants to associate with the system, yet government continues.

John Gardner once said, "It is ironic that a people who will fight and die for the principle of self-government are so negligent in maintaining the vitality of the instruments through which that self-government is provided. Yet that is precisely what we have done."

This is where you Kansas 4-H'ers come into the picture. You have many opportunities to become involved in the political system, to exercise your responsibilities of citizenship, to become a part of government itself.

I was a 4-H club member for 11 years and was fortunate enough to hold several offices in my 4-H club in Saline County, including the office of president. The training I received in the 4-H program has been invaluable to me — and will be equally precious to you current 4-H members.

It is not as difficult to become involved in government as you may think. Since 1980 is an election year for many offices on all levels of government, local, state, and national, this is a prime time to volunteer for campaign work.

Campaigning for the political candidate of your choice is an ideal place to start your work in government. In Kansas all 125 state representatives and 40 state senators are eligible for re-election this year. Of course, every Kansan is represented by both a senator and a



Three members of Friendly Valley 4-H Club served as pages for their representative, Jayne Aylward. Jayne is at left, Governor

representative. As a volunteer you can become involved in these campaigns, along with county and city commission races and many other local and even national elections.

Campaigning is a lot of fun and an equal amount of work. As a campaign volunteer you will walk blocks and distribute material for the candidate, address envelopes, make telephone calls on behalf of the candidate, along with a variety of other activities as each candidate runs a campaign unique to him or herself.

Although campaigning does require a lot of work, no involvement can match the exhilaration of victory or the depression of losing a political election. I guarantee a political campaign will be interesting, exciting, and exhausting.

If you do not know any candidate you would like to work for, contact the central committee in your county. Each party, Republican and Democratic, has a central committee in each county.

All citizens are welcome to visit the State Capitol and to see the legislature in session for 90 days beginning in early January of each year. Setting up a trip to visit the legislature would be a great addition to a 4-H'er's citizenship project activities and can be accomplished by contacting your state senator or representative.

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“Proclaim liberty”

Which of America's symbols weighs 2,080 pounds, has several million visitors a year, and traditionally is touched by the visitors? If we add that it's cracked, you know for sure that it's the Liberty Bell.

The bell is 228 years old, but its story begins years before it was cast. In 1682, the year after Pennsylvania was chartered as a province, William Penn drew up its Frame of Government. Although Penn was an enlightened man, his document did not allow the ordinary people the rights they wished to have.

So in 1701 Penn liberalized their rights with a Charter of Privileges, which served as the constitution of Pennsylvania until the Revolution.

To celebrate 50 years of greater freedom, in 1751 the Pennsylvania Assembly ordered a bell to be cast to be hung in the newly completed tower of the Pennsylvania Statehouse. It was to have this inscription from the Bible: “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. Lev. XXV:10.”

The bell, cast in England, arrived safely in Philadelphia in 1752. But with the first stroke of the clapper, the bell cracked.

A local company, Pass and Stow, recast the bell and it was hung in the statehouse steeple the next year.

During the dramatic years when the colonists drew closer to each other and farther from England, the bell called the assembly together, rang for good news, and tolled for bad. Americans remember best that it rang out on July 8, 1776, at the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

During part of the Revolution, the bell was hidden for safekeeping in a church basement in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Returned to its tower, the symbol of liberty rang for the news of Cornwallis' surrender in 1781 and for the Proclamation of Peace in 1783. And in 1799 it tolled the death of George Washington.

Thirty-six years later when the Liberty Bell was tolling for the death of John Marshall, chief justice of the United States, the bell cracked for the second time.

Repaired, it was ready to ring on Washington's birthday in 1846. The tone was “clear and true” — and then for the last time the bell cracked. It couldn't be repaired.

A larger bell went into Independence Hall tower, and the Liberty Bell went into the Assembly Room. Years later, at the beginning of the Bicentennial Year, the bell was moved to a pavilion on Independence Mall



Carlin at right, and the three 4-H members are Reagon Cox, seated, and Bernie Johnson and Kevin Blomquist behind her.

Paging in the State Legislature is another valuable and interesting experience. All state senators and representatives are allowed to invite a few young people from their districts to page in the legislature for a day.

Paging generally consists of running errands for the legislators. You also have an opportunity to see the legislature in action, tour the State Capitol, and have your picture taken with the Governor.

I would suggest that any 4-H member who wishes to page during the 1981 session should contact his legislator immediately after the election this November.

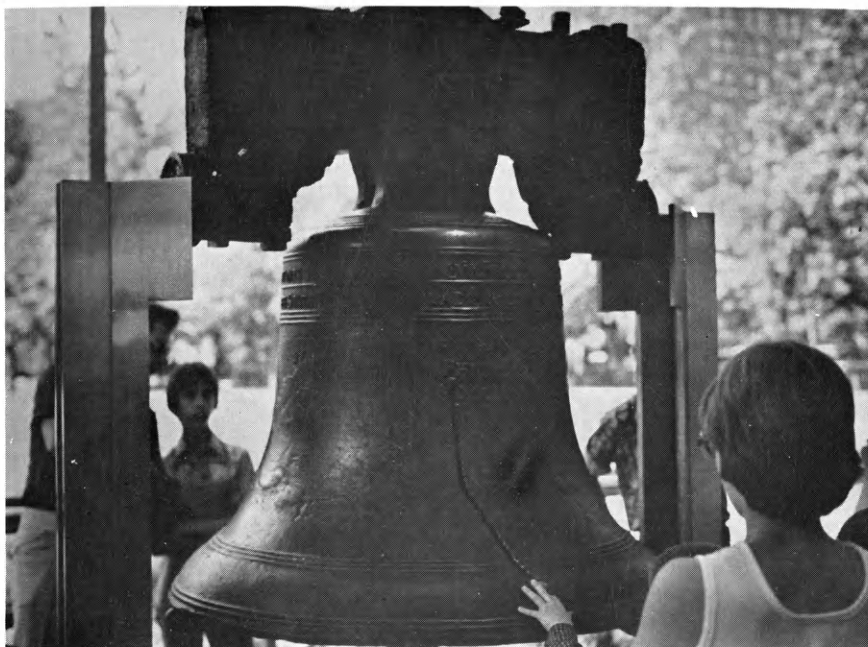
I have only touched upon the ways in which you, as 4-H'ers and Kansas citizens, can become a part of our governmental process.

It is important that you realize that you have the responsibility as Kansas citizens to register to vote when you are 18 years old.

You have the responsibility to become involved in campaigns of candidates that you believe in, or, in the future, as candidates yourselves for public office.

You have the responsibility to become, beginning today, active and interested citizens of our state and our country.

The opportunities are there. Take advantage of them.



Scott Pendleton and his camera caught the moment when a young visitor carried on the tradition of touching the Liberty Bell. Scott, a Douglas County 4-H member, was the Kansas photography winner in 1977.

Fifth Annual All 4-H'ers Issue

To 4-H Members:

There's still time to send your entry for the All 4-H'ers issue of Kansas 4-H Journal; entries are still needed in all categories. All entries postmarked July 25 or before will be considered for this special issue.

A committee of former or older 4-H members will judge the entries, with the winner in each category receiving a \$2 bill as a prize.

If you want your material back, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. Mail all entries to: Special Issue, Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

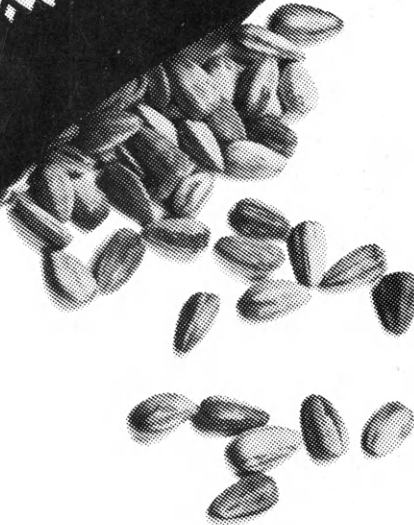
These are the categories:

1. Cover photo: 8" x 10" black and white glossy print.
2. Editorial: comment on any subject of interest to 4-H members. About 500 words is a good length.
3. Idea exchange: a short article telling about an idea which has worked well as a group activity.
4. "How to do it": a step by step description of how to do a specific craft or activity.
5. "My project": about a project.
6. "Can anyone out there help?": a question or problem in your project work, club meetings, or activities which other members or parents or leaders may help solve.
7. Ideas and news: short paragraphs about a 4-H club, member, or leader.
8. Family Fun Page: jokes, riddles, puzzles, cartoons, games.
9. Other pictures: black and white glossy prints.

You can be a winner! Submit entries in as many categories as you like. Most important: Don't put it off! Right today, start to work on your entry.



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Ideas & News

From the Southeast Area:

Lyon County: A special guest of Sunnyside 4-H Club was **Darcio Rossi Jr.**, an exchange student from Brazil who stayed with the **Bill Wolford** family. **Darcio** showed slides and talked about his country. **Theresa Miller** is reporter for the club which meets at the Moundridge Community Center.

From the South Central Area:

Butler County: It was a time for fun and games when the **Butler County 4-H Council** staged its "Almost Anything Goes" the last week in June. This is an annual happening in which teams from the 4-H clubs compete in five events. The purpose of "Almost Anything Goes" is to raise money to provide subscriptions for Kansas 4-H Journal.

From the Northeast Area:

Cloud County: Ways to improve county 4-H Day were discussed during a business meeting of **Hopewell Corners 4-H Club**, **Philip Bentz** reports. Officers, leaders, and the advisory committee met during May to draw up goals for the club.

Johnson County: In May the annual

4-H Cat and Hand Pet Fair took place at the **Johnson County** extension office. Participants and their 4-H clubs were **Katherine Engel, Sharon; Bill Miller** and **Lisa Madden, Happy Helpers; Christy Templin** and **Ryan Randall, Stanley Buccaneers; Christy Selby** and **Kim Selby, Greenwood Meadowlarks; Amy Layson, Little Cedar; and Kristi Zimmerman, Zion Zippers.** **Marilyn Linsey** organized the event and **Dara Keener** assisted at the fair.

From the Northwest Area:

Barton County: People helping people is part of what 4-H is all about, and here's an example of that. **Doug Burnette**, a member of **Fort Zarah 4-H Club**, has done particularly good work in the 4-H project, small engines. Recently, **Doug** helped with a **Russell County 4-H Lawn Clinic**, teaching the **Russell County 4-H** members about lawn mower safety and maintenance. The class is pictured below.



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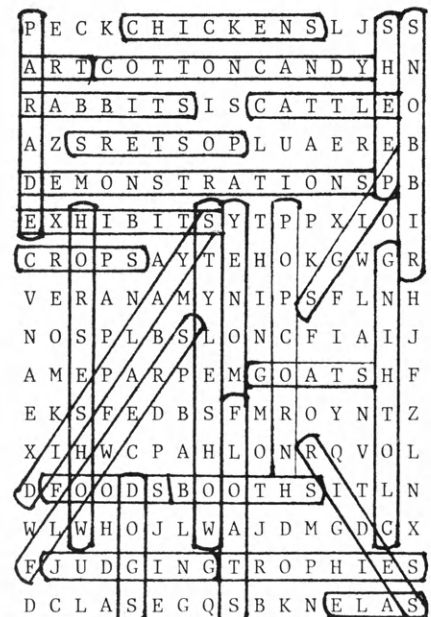
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Dairy showing

To help you do your best at the dairy show, re-read the article, "Prepare for the 4-H Dairy Show" on page 4 in the June 1980 Kansas 4-H Journal.

Solution to puzzle on page 15



Wallace County develops its own carnival

Success built on community support. Foresight of community-minded citizens to get the ball rolling.

That's basically the story of the forming of the Wallace County Amusement Association in 1975, and of its history since.

For years Wallace county depended upon a carnival group that came from Oberlin to Sharon Springs and then went on to Syracuse. When Oberlin couldn't sign them to come there one year, a carload of people from Oberlin went to Hereford, Texas, to look over the home-owned carnival there. The visitors liked what they saw so well that they decided to build one of their own.

After a year of the successful operation at Oberlin, the Wallace County agent, Don McWilliams, loaded up some interested citizens and went to Oberlin to look it over. Ernie See, Ruth Jackson, and Junior Cowles came back with a lot of enthusiasm that carried over into a \$7,000 loan to buy a ferris wheel and swing ride, two rides purchased for the 1975 fair. Several booths were added to get more involvement in the carnival.

For three more years the Amusement Association was proud of what they had, but felt it should be bigger. When Sonny Sisk, extension area development specialist, learned

of the sale of a Loveland, Colorado, carnival that had been damaged by the Thompson Canyon flood, a group went to investigate. They decided to borrow another \$17,000 from local banker Chuck Stout, to buy eight or nine rides. These included a helicopter ride, boat ride, roller coaster, toy train, merry-go-round, small ferris wheel, and one or two that still need rebuilding.

Transporting the rides home appeared to be an insurmountable task, but an appeal for help was more than met. Farmers and businessmen worked together to dismantle and load the carnival over a long Labor Day weekend.

This was in the fall of 1978. A lot of work had to be done for the rides to be ready for the 1979 fair. For months this was the talk of the town, and not only did labor support come but money donations did also. In fact, by the time the fair was over the donations (more than 200) and carnival receipts were enough to pay off the loans and put the carnival in the black.

The No. 1 attraction at the fair was, no doubt, the train ride which had three cars and ran over a three-quarter mile track. Most of the credit for the unique train engine went to Larry Sterrett, a retired farmer who had a mechanical background. He rebuilt the train



with a Pinto engine and beet equipment transmission. Someone hit the nail on the head when he said, "It runs as smooth as a sewing machine." Retired railroaders and others headed by Vern Wertz put the track in order.

Individuals and civic organizations all pitched in to run the ring toss, cane rack, balloon dart throw, concession stand, basketball shoot, football throw, and what have you.

Someone traveling through town stopped to enjoy the carnival. They were overheard saying, "That's the cleanest carnival outfit I ever saw."

Many parents don't mind giving their kids money to spend at the carnival as they know it goes for a good cause and everyone has a good time. Then too, the charge is only \$1 for three rides.

Plans are being made to set up a building to store carnival equipment in. The fair board has made application for an FHA loan to build a community center and extension office that would also be used for a concession stand and exhibit space.

The carnival is the best thing that has happened to Sharon Springs. It has given the town and county pride and satisfaction, Don McWilliams says.

If you want to see the fun for yourself, you can find Sharon Springs at the junction of highways U.S. 40 and Kansas 27. This year's fair is to be from July 31 to August 2.

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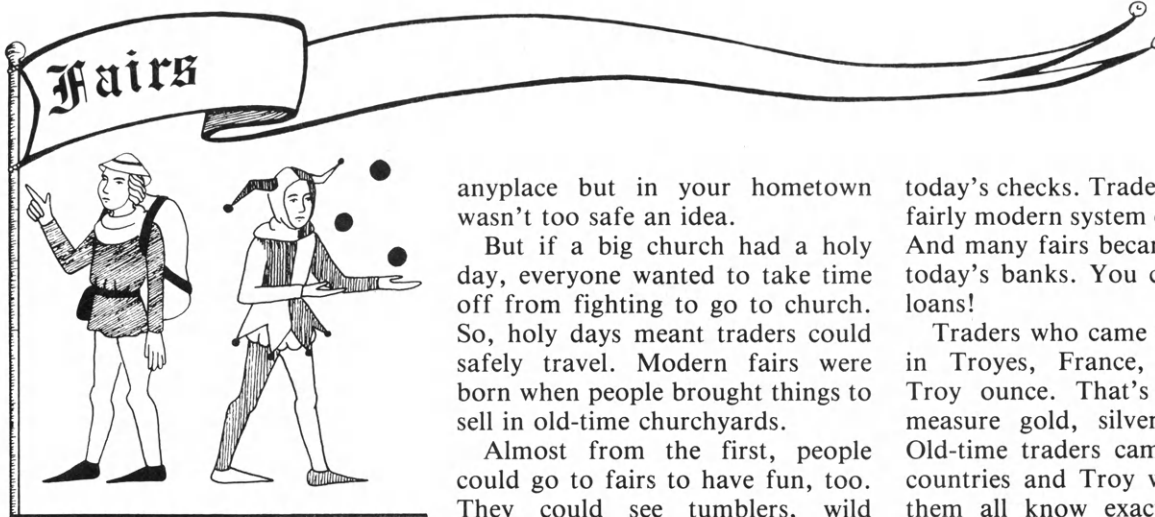
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By Kathleen Ward
Assistant Extension Editor
4-H and Youth

No one knows how long people have had fairs.

The Bible talks about them. The old-time Greeks and Incas had them. In Rome's hey-day, they had the Feria Latina.

But we do know that about the year 1000, fairs were getting to be a big thing.

Back then, countries, dukes, and even towns all fought each other. Taking your cow to market

anyplace but in your hometown wasn't too safe an idea.

But if a big church had a holy day, everyone wanted to take time off from fighting to go to church. So, holy days meant traders could safely travel. Modern fairs were born when people brought things to sell in old-time churchyards.

Almost from the first, people could go to fairs to have fun, too. They could see tumblers, wild animals, dancers, clowns, magic makers and music makers. Old English fairs might also have a Bible story play or a joust.

U.S. fairs have always been a little different from the old-time, Old World fairs. Since the first American fair in 1644, the main reason for U.S. fairs has been to show the newest and best in agriculture and homemaking.

But you'll still find the "traders" and funmakers. And some ideas that were born in those old fairs are alive today, too.

Italian traders first came up with "letters of fair" — a "father" of

today's checks. Traders developed a fairly modern system of accounting. And many fairs became almost like today's banks. You could even get loans!

Traders who came to the old fair in Troyes, France, invented the Troy ounce. That's still used to measure gold, silver, and drugs. Old-time traders came from many countries and Troy weights helped them all know exactly what they were buying and selling.



Family Fun Page

Kansas State Fair

Hidden Word Puzzle

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 PARADE TROPHIES POPCORN
 SHEEP EXHIBITS POSTERS
 GOATS FOODS CLOTHING
 DEMONSTRATIONS HORSE SHOW
 STYLE SHOW COTTON CANDY

Solution is on page 11.

Brenda Fasse, Effingham

Fred: Do you know how many dead people are in our cemetery?

Ned: No, how many?

Fred: All of them!

Nan: What side of a chicken has the most feathers?

Dan: The outside, of course.

Renae Rottinghaus, Seneca

The Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson is an experience all in its own. You're there for just a few short days, and after that no one wants to go home.

The excitement of the midway, and food of every kind. And that "just one" souvenir, that we all have to find.

From clipping the pigs, and grooming the steers — getting ready for the big show,

To practicing reasons and reading pamphlets — trying to remember everything you know.

You learn from the judging, and from the exhibiting, but the people are what make it the best.

Between your friend from state camp and your bunkmate beneath, there's usually very little rest.

But it's great for awhile, something to think about and smile, for you know the excitement's always there.

And October through August, in the back of your mind, you think, "I hope I can go to the Kansas State Fair."

Rachel Vining, Richmond

"Speaking about baseball, I've got a baseball dog."

"What makes you call him a baseball dog?"

"Because he wears a muzzle, catches flies, chases fowls, and beats it for home when he sees the catcher coming."

Ann Ramsbottom, Belleville

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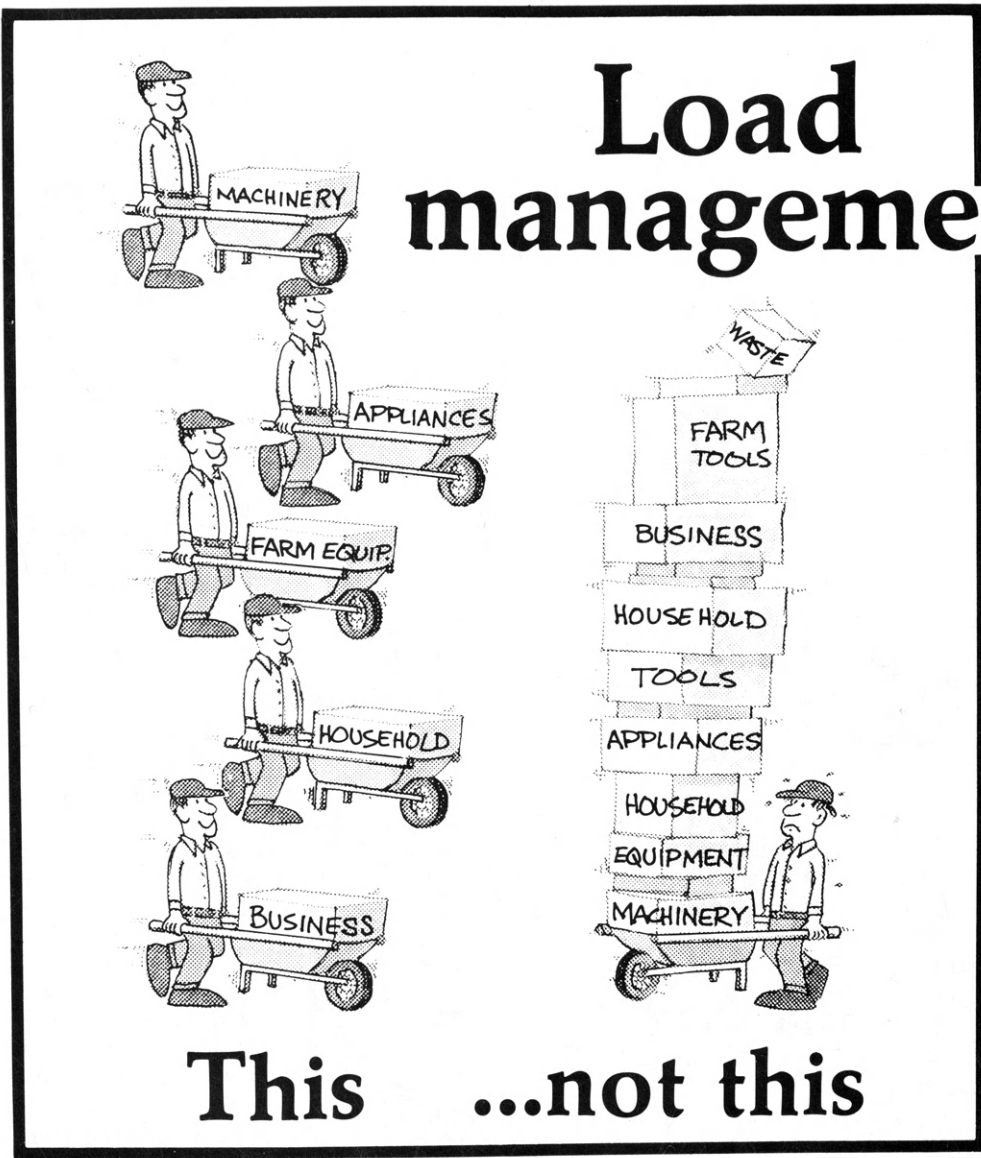
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