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Kansas 4-H and Youth Round-up is for everyone. Next year you too may want to be there to share in the fun and learning.

Farmland congratulates all the outstanding Kansas youth who attended the conference.



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Winning editorial

Are you a member or do you just belong?

By Lisa Hillman Ogallah Trego County

Being a 4-H member means much more than just attending a meeting to participate in the recreation and share the refreshments. It includes the right to help shape the questions on which votes are taken. It's the right to contribute opinions to help select candidates for offices or to advance to an office yourself.

A 4-H club is nourished by member participation. No other diet will do. Its strength is in the varied collections of minds, talents, and viewpoints. Its weakness is in the reluctance of far too many members to express an opinion and to take part in the planning and decisionmaking.

There are those who view the vigorous difference of opinion as dissension. They are wrong. The rubbing together of different ideas to polish well rounded solutions need not spell disorder.

This is the real nature of 4-H clubs and proves the equality of all members.

4-H needs new stimulation, ideas, and talents, and this comes from full member participation.

It is not enough to just sit and agree with older members or more aggressive members. Don't just sit and say, "I'm satisfied," and "Everything is okay with me." But get in and participate and make the best better.

And simply being present is not nearly enough. It is not the body of the member that is sorely needed, but the mind.

Members simply must share the burden, the work, and the planning as well as the rights and benefits that proceed from them. They must stir interest.

When you attend your next club meeting, use your talent, express your ideas, and participate. Be a member, don't just belong.

4-H is the only youth organization in the United States that has not dropped in membership within recent years. So let's get in there and keep 4-H growing and going.

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1976 STATE WINNER

Robin Wiley, Leavenworth County, the 1976 state winner in the 4-H petroleum power project, plans to make farming his career. He rents 120 acres, and in addition, since his father was injured in a farm accident, carries more responsibility for the home farm. Major crops this year are milo and soybeans.

During his 11 years as a member of Bob White 4-H Club in Leavenworth County, Robin's major projects were tractor and crops. As a junior leader, he helped with two tractor operators' contests in his own club to give the 4-H members practice preparing for the county contest, and he assisted with five county contests; he himself participated in two state tractor operator's contests.

Robin has been president of his 4-H club twice, was president and treasurer of the Leavenworth County junior leaders' club, and was secretary of the county 4-H council.

As a student at Lawrence High School, Robin was an officer in the FFA his junior and senior years and participated in a number of contests. This past year he was a student at Kansas State University in crop

Robin's trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago was provided by Amoco Foundation, Inc. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wiley, Lawrence.

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Camp Perry has hundreds of unexpected visitors

By Byron Enix Wichita

The fishing clinic at Lake Perry on May 7th had an unexpected turn of events when a swarm of bees settled on a tree near the barn. Having no professional beekeepers available presented us with a challenge, "How do we get those bees in the camp's vacant hive?"

We were at Camp Perry prepared to catch fish, not bees. We knew our

fishing gear offered no help. Herding them into the hive was out of the question. There had to be some way we could bribe those bees into going where we wanted them.

Jim Turtle, a member of the camp staff, finally came up with the solution. We would pour a jar of honey in the hive. We would then saw off the branch and set it on the baited hive.

The solution sounded easy to follow, but sawing that limb off with the live bees crawling up our arms was about more than an amateur fisherman could stand. Carefully we sawed off the branch with bees nervously crawling on and flying around us. They must have known we were their friends because we didn't receive a single sting.

By nightfall Camp Perry had its newest residents, a new hive of bees. 4-H wilderness camp had made it possible for Mr. Turtle and I to experience a unique happening.



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Lake Perry fun

By Carol Sachse Leavenworth

Families, fun, and 4-H came together on the 4th of July weekend at Lake Perry.

The outing was hosted by the Bell 4-H Club of Leavenworth County who camped with 4-H families from Atchison County from Saturday July 2 to Sunday afternoon July 3rd.

For many campers it was a first experience of camping. To start the weekend a pot luck supper was held. Then the campers took off for the obstacle course located at the 4-H camp. Adults and children alike felt that this challenge and the games supervised and directed by the camp staff were the highlights of the weekend. Swimming, archery, and canoeing also made up the events of the weekend.

Late Saturday night a campfire was made and hot dogs and marshmallows fed the hungry campers. Before everyone retired to their tents, a vesper service was held at the campfire.

The next morning after breakfast, Sunday morning services were held, followed by more swimming and canoeing.

Food always tastes better cooked outside, but the Sunday dinner was especially good as it included corn on the cob roasted in hot coals.

This was the Bell 4-H Club's first intercounty exchange, and Lake Perry 4-H was an excellent place to host the weekend.

Adopted grandmothers

By Debbie Monroe and Enola Kleiman Golden Valley 4-H Club Pratt County

The Golden Valley 4-H Club has what we call "Our Adopted Grandmothers."

They are some of the elderly (Continued on page 8)





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Themes and special speakers

By JoAnn Long Busy Workers 4-H Club Linn County LaCygne

This year the program committee, consisting of the junior leaders and their project leader, decided to try to make each meeting an interesting, entertaining, and educational experience for their members. This would be quite a feat but being the creative and brilliant young people they are — they came up with an idea — and it seems to be working very well!

Each monthly meeting has a theme and a special speaker. The yearly program schedule looked like this:

| Month | Theme | Special Program or Speaker | Roll Call | Club Project |
|-----------|----------------------|---|---|--|
| October | 4-H Promotion | Installation of Officers Initiation of New Members | What I like Best About 4-H | Fill out enroll- ment cards |
| November | Thankfulness | Minister of Christian Church—Thanksgiving | What I Am Thankful For | |
| December | Christmas | Minister of Methodist Church—Christmas Santa Claus—Gifts | Bring can of food or toy for needy family | Caroling Take food and money to needy family |
| January | Health | Registered Nurse "The Health H of 4-H" | A Good Health Habit | |
| February | Grooming 4-H Days | Hair Dresser All County Day Numbers | | |
| March | Safety | Highway Patrolman Safety Presentation | What I Did To Make My Home Safer Or A Good Safety Habit | 1 |
| April | Recreation | Arts and Crafts Speaker Ball League President (summer ball program) | My Favorite Hobby | Sponsor community ball team |
| May | Reading | Librarian | My Favorite Book Or Author | Sponsor reading awards |
| June | Community Service | Minister of Baptis* Church Community Service | | Entertain at rest |
| July | Citizenship | Mayor—Community Gov't. | Why I'm Glad I Live In America | City park project |
| August | 4-H Projects | Club Tour | | LaCygne Fiesta County Fair |
| September | Achievement | 4-H Achievement Night Parent's Night | | State Fair |

Now we are almost through the year and the programs are working exceptionally well. The committee that calls the speakers have reported the reception and cooperation of the speakers couldn't be better. They have all been glad to have the opportunity to talk with 4-H'ers about their special interests and the club's more than 50 members are attentive and participate in question and answer periods.

So far, only one speaker had to cancel because of illness. The members enjoy and look forward to the meetings because of these interesting events. At one meeting, a highway patrolman was showing his handcuffs to the group and one boy ended up handcuffed to his chair. The patrolman had him convinced he did not have the key with him before, at the end of his presentation, he showed the 4-H'ers where

the key is kept and released one worried 4-H'er. These are the kind of things members don't want to miss!

It has been a very successful program and the 4-H'ers have gotten to know leaders in the community on an informal level and learned about activities available in their commuity.

We hope to do more of the same kind of planning for next year and recommend your club try it.

Adopted grandmothers (Continued from page 6)

ladies in the Iuka Community who have helped the 4-H club.

We always remember Our Adopted Grandmothers on special days, with cards on Mother's Day, Easter lilies on Easter, and at Christmas time we help put up the Christmas trees. Each member in the club visits or sends them a card each month.

In the fall of the year we have a

Grandmothers Tea and our adopted grandmothers are honored. The community is invited to the tea. Games, songs and cards are played during the evening.

We have all come to feel closer and love our Adopted Grandmothers.

We have had our adopted Grandmothers program a little over two years; we think it is a very worthwhile program. We hope this will encourage you to do something like this in your community.

International eaters

By Dianne Harvey Liberal

International Foods is a level of the foods project designed to introduce those enrolled to foods from other countries and cultures usually by way of recipes found in the project book. It can be just another foods project, but Mrs. Vic (Carol) Manke of Liberal made it a project

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to remember for Sunset 4-H food members. She arranged for people in and around Liberal who were members of different ethnic groups to show us their cultures and cooking styles.

This year the group learned of Mexico, Mexican-American, and Mexican food from Mrs. Robert Mesa, Liberal. A Vietnamese project with food from Vietnam was prepared by Mrs. Vinh Nguyen, Liberal. India and Indian food was given by Mrs. Donald Ness, Lakin. The recipes of Mrs. Odessa Lewis, Liberal, of Black Americans and Soul Food was prepared in the Manke home. Mrs. George Rosel, Liberal, German-Russian of the Vulga area, made many dishes for the group to enjoy. Mrs. Manke's Scottish food delighted the mem-

From just another foods project Mrs. Manke created an international experience from our own community and she has planned an expansion to other countries for the coming year.

Conservation workers

By Jennifer Swenson Salina

Winning a state award in conservation last year has stirred Saline County's Sunny Valley 4-H Club to even greater work to improve the environment this year.

During the past six months, Sunny Valley 4-H'ers have tackled a major conservation project which began two years ago working on a demonstration farm six miles south of Salina owned by the County Soil Conservation District. To begin with, the clubs conservation committee met on January 20th to establish plans for the work for the coming year.

On March 19th the club members installed the sign that the members had painted last summer. This sign is located in the southeast corner of the 80 acre farm.

On May 14th the 4-H'ers planted six kinds of native wildflower plants at the farm. Included were purple prairie clover, black eyed susans, dames rockets, and gayfeathers. The members planted the seeds in pots on March 12th and grew these for about two months before planting them at the farm.

On May 5th, 100 shrubs and trees

were planted on the west side of the the farm include recycling newspond at the farm.

Also the members constructed two brush piles. These piles are used for coverage for the wildlife. One pile is located east of the pond and the other is near the sign. This pile is a rose bush that was cut down because it was in the way of the sign.

Other projects besides work at

papers and aluminum cans and also public relations work.

The public relations include radio spot announcements on conservation, radio interview on June 11th about the district farm project, and a video taped interview at the farm by the state extension service. A slide show on the project was also on channel 6.



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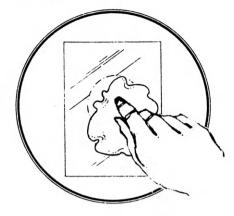
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Things to do

Rub until the greyish backing comes off. It should look something like this:



Winner in Category 4, How to do it

Make a special picture for your wall

By Lynne Fischer Fort Scott

How to turn one of your favorite photos into a knickknack

Things you need:

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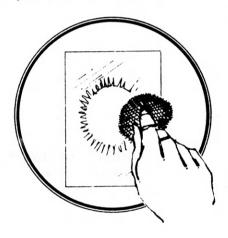
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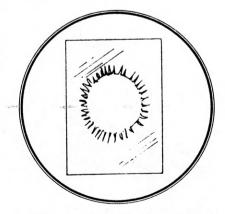
A mirror with a grey backing produces a better sunburst look.

Turn the mirror to the back side, the side that won't reflect. Dampen a spot of the soft cloth in paint remover...

Decide how much of your photo you want to show; then rub a spot that big, centered on the back side of the mirror. Then take a small piece of steel wool; dip it in your liquid soap and rub the edge of your already rubbed spot in a sunburst form.



It should then look something like this:



This will give a sunburst effect.
Then take your photo and place it so the picture can be seen from the reflective side of the mirror. Center the photo and glue in place. Put the frame on and you have the finished product. It is perfect for gifts!

Turn juice and sugar into jelly

By Kim Counterman Towanda

Step 1—Check jars for nicks, cracks or sharp edges. Wash and rinse glasses or jars and caps. Put jars and lids in large pan. Cover with hot water. Place pan on heat and bring water to a boil. Take pan off heat. Leave jars and lids in water until ready to use.

Step 2—Use standard measuring cup and level measures for both juice and sugar. Measure sugar; set aside. Then measure juice into a 6-8 qt. saucepan. (Use the quantities given in pectin re-

cipes.)

Step 3—Mix dry pectin with juice in saucepan. Over high heat quickly bring mixture to hard boil, stirring occasionally. At once add sugar. Bring to full rolling boil, boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; skim off foam with metal spoon. Pour at once into glasses, leaving ½" space at top, or into standard jelly canning jars, leaving 1/8" space at top.

Step 4—TO SEAL WITH PARAF-FIN: Cover jelly immediately with 1/8" melted paraffin. Cool and cover with loose fitting lids. TO SEAL WITHOUT PARAFFIN: Use jars with two-piece metal lids. Pour jelly immediately into jars, leaving 1/8" space at top. Place lids on jars, screw bands on tightly and invert jar only long enough to sterilize lid. Let cool, check the seal, wash the jar and lid. Store in cool, dry place.

Try needlepoint in leather

By Tracy Fanshier Great Bend

Introducing needlepoint in leather! Cloth needlepoint is not the only way to do it. Leather need-

lepoint is both fun and produces a beautiful project. The equipment needed is: leather, swivel knife, steel edged ruler, dye, a leather finish, and a pattern. Any simple cross stitch or needlepoint pattern will be sufficient.

First make your leather wet and let it dry until it is nearly its original color. Take the ruler and measure off on all sides, ¼" lines or smaller to accommodate the pattern.

Now match your markings with the ruler and take the swivel knife and cut even, straight lines. Do this in both directions so you end up with checks. Let the leather dry.

Now you are ready to dye it. I find it works best to start dying at the center; that way if you get off, you can just leave out some of the background. Count over to the middle square and paint it using a brush and leather dye.



Tracy Fanshier is holding her leather case and the chart which she used to demonstrate how to do needlepoint in leather. The brief case has a leather needlepoint front.

I have also discovered it is easiest to have a paint brush for every color and paint all colors as you go along. Keep something on the line of your pattern so you don't lose your place. If possible, let someone read the colors off to you.

When you have finished dying, let it dry, then apply a leather finish over it to preserve it.

Make jewelry from stones

By Mike Hunnel Leavenworth

This fall, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Harold Jones before he retired. interested Kansas 4-H'ers will have a chance to enroll in lapidary as a new phase of the geology project. Members will be able to use rocks to create something attractive for use in jewelry or other decorations. Even though lapidary by definition includes faceting and carving, the most common form created is that of a cabochon, which are usually domed ovals with flat backs. Finished stones are usually polished to a good shine and mounted in such jewelry as belt buckles, rings, tie tacks, and necklaces.

In making cabs, use precut stone slices about 1/4" thick. Using a template (like a stencil) and aluminum pencil, the slab is marked with an outline that will be followed later. With a slab trimsaw, the slab is rough shaped, following the outline as close as possible to get rid of waste that would have to be removed later with more time involved. Next, using a grinder, the stone has all of the waste removed up to but leaving the aluminum outline. For ease in later steps it is best to keep the edge perpendicular to the surface.

Now, to make it easier to hold the stone and keep from catching fingers on the grinding, sanding, and polishing wheels, mount the stone flat and centered on a dopstick (handle) with hot dopwax. As the wax cools it hardens and holds the stone secure. The bottom of the stone should be the part touching the dopstick.

The upper outside edge is now ground down, being careful not to grind it down all the way to the bottom (leaving a bevel or thick edge that is strong enough to resist breaking). Also be careful not to take off too much from any particular part. Keep grinding, with a rolling motion, until domed surface is formed. After carefully making sure that the surface is as smooth and well-shaped as possible, go into the sand-

ing stage. Using a foam-rubber backed sanding drum, the stone has any ridges or minor scratches removed. Then use a finer sanding belt to remove the scratches left after the first sanding. If preferred the sanding stage can go through several finer stages, continually getting rid of the scratches left after the previous step.

When the sanding is done, there is only one more thing to do — polish the rock. This is done with either diamond compound, Lindy A (a sapphire compound), or tripoli, on a leather wheel. Polish all of the surfaces that might show in a setting, including the top curve and bevel.

There are several things to remember when cutting and polishing stones. One, you are working with abrasive equipment that can take off part of your skin as easily as part of the rock, if you are not careful.

Two, the abrasive wheels create friction that can heat some stones enough to crack them, so keep a glass of water on hand to cool stones with.

Three, don't take off more than you want off; you can't put it back on.

Four, don't go too fast through any stage. You can't cover it up with a later stage so you would have to start again at the stage you sped through.

Five, choose your stone carefully. With the large variety available, from common agates to jade, turquoise, and opal, you should be able to find all the unfractured rough material you can use.

If you keep these in mind, start out with a nice piece of stone, and don't drop it, you should end up with a cabochon that you will be proud to wear or give to a friend as jewelry. Winner in Category 5, Help with a project

READING is a fun project!

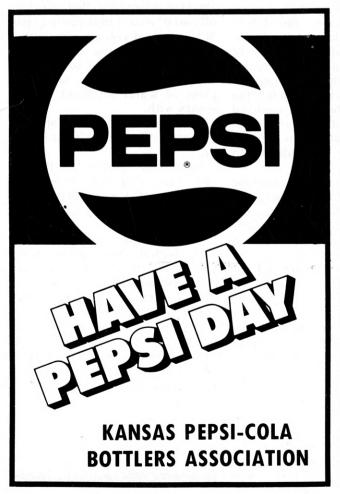
By JoAnn Long LaCygne

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Everything I want to know is in books." The Busy Workers reading club is learning the value of books and trying to teach others about the care and importance of books.

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Daryn Hemerson, 8 year old member of the Busy Workers 4-H Club, received a blue ribbon for his talk at Linn County 4-H Day on his reading project.





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Happiness is a warm puppy

By Ann Ramsbottom Belleville

Happiness is a warm puppy . . . a TRAINED warm puppy! As the story goes, each year thousands of prospective owners set out to purchase a new dog with little or no knowledge as to the care and time he will require. Before the family is aware of what has happened, that cute little puppy has turned into an unmanageable monster. The dog is then quickly disposed of, found another owner (with the hope that the new owner can manage him), or turned over to an animal shelter, thus contributing more to the pet population explosion.

Why is this same story being told over and over so often? Because the general public is not well educated on dog ownership and responsibilities. When you purchase a dog you are adding a new member to your family which requires constant companionship, plenty of exercise, regular check-ups on health, a daily balanced diet, and many other responsibilities.

The dog project is rapidly becoming one of the more popular 4-H projects throughout the United States. Because of this project, many young people are learning dog responsibilities at an early age. Perhaps education through the 4-H dog project is one answer to an ever increasing problem . . . too many unwanted dogs.

But, in many 4-H dog groups throughout the United States, the dog project has proven to be more than just a project through which 4-H'ers learn the proper care through grooming, feeding, and conditioning their animals. Deep relationships are often developed between many a dog and his companion. After hours of training and the big day of the county 4-H dog show finally arrives, the team of dog and 4-H'er will together compete and together experience either the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat . . . and then there's learning how to be a good winner as well as a good loser. But win or lose, there will be another day and another show. Besides, the dog could care less how he places since it is immaterial to him, as long as he still gets his dinner, has a comfortable place to sleep, and still has a master who is willing to stick with him through thick and thin.

Two years ago, upon my move to Republic County, I found that the dog project in our county was almost nonexistent. Since I had played an active part in the dog project for six years previous to my move and considered it my major project, I was by no means going to end it here. From being an active member in a very enthusiastic 4-H dog club, Kennel Club, Obedience Club, and Junior Kennel Club, to nothing was quite a change. But as much as I personally benefited from working with dogs. I felt it was only fair that the kids from our area who were interested have that same chance. After a lot of help from Bob Gilbert, our county agent, and my dad, it was from student to instructor for me.

Last year, our first year with

obedience and showmanship classes, although we didn't have a large group, it was a successful year and many people from our county began to find out exactly what the dog care and training project consisted of. Currently we have quite a few members and many puppies growing up awaiting their first training session and some kids awaiting their first dog.

Besides training classes, our major project this year was our First Annual Heart Of America Invitational Dog Show. We had a nice turnout and the entrants from several surrounding counties in attendance seemed pleased with the results. Our judges from Salina and from Lincoln, Nebraska, gave extremely interesting and helpful demonstrations before the judging.

We included a lot of extras in our show to insure the exhibitors' satisfaction. Hand crafted ceramic

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Photo by Ann Ramsbottom



Happiness is a warm puppy for a Republic County 4-H Dog Club member and her dog Tez.

Winner in Category 6, Here's a problem

Being treasurer of our club, I am to come up with moneymaking ideas. Recently I presented a moneymaking idea to our club; the members voted on it and decided to do it. When it came to actually doing it, I'm sorry to say they failed miserably. It ended up with only a few members working at it. Those that voted to do it, didn't. The parents were against it from the start, but the kids were for it. Was this my problem? How can I avoid this again and be more certain of the club members fulfilling their vote?

Note to leaders and 4-H members: How would you answer this question? Perhaps you've had a similar experience or just have some ideas about this. Please send in your suggestions. The best solution or solutions will be printed.

Would you like to see a regular column of problems or questions with suggestions for help? This 4-H member did a good job of presenting a problem, one which no doubt happens more often than it should. There must be other problems which leaders and other 4-H members can help with.

Please send solutions or suggestions for this problem to Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas 66506. If you have a question or problem, please include it or send one another time to the same address. If you'd like to see a regular column with such questions, mention that, too.



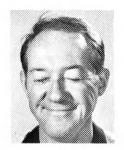
Winner in Category 7 Ideas and news

The Kansas 4-H Journal in **Dickinson County** is sponsored entirely by one bank, Farmers National Bank. As a thank you to that bank for its generosity, the **Sand Springs Rustlers 4-H Club** members put their heads together and decided to do a little extra for the sponsor. On July 12 at 3 p.m., just after the bank had closed, members of the club took punch, cookies, and sweet rolls as a personal thank you down to the bank to show their appreciation for their 26

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trophys made and donated by one of our member's mother, a backdrop for pictures, a pooper scooper outfitted in a Snoopy costume made by a mother, large rosettes for the top five placings, and thorough demonstrations given by the judges.

Besides getting prepared for our county fairs (we have some members from other surrounding counties) we are now preparing a drill team which is scheduled to perform twice this month and hopefully at the Old Folks Home.

There are many things the dog project has to offer in Kansas. Of course, 4-H obedience and showmanship exhibition and instruction, preparation for exhibiting at licensed American Kennel Club Shows, Dog Bowl Contests, Kansas State 4-H Dog Conference, and more.

The 4-H dog care and training project has proven to be a most interesting project for me and it is my hope to carry my interest out and someday apply for a Professional Handlers license. One thing I'll always remember, though, is that it all started out in 4-H!

Everyone knows happiness is a warm puppy . . . more and more are finding out happiness is really a TRAINED warm puppy.

Photo by Ann Ramsbottom



Pictured at the first Heart of America 4-H Invitational Dog Show are Jane Ramsbottom, winner of the junior showmanship competition, and her dog Bridgitte with judge Jay Cummings.

Reading is a fun project

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The Busy Workers 4-H Club of Linn County has taken a special interest in the reading project this year. We are encouraging all members in our club to enroll in reading and after you read what our club and county have done, you may get some ideas for your club.

One entire club meeting was devoted to the reading project. Roll call was answered by "My Favorite Book or Author."

As part of the program at this meeting, the reading club put on a skit that they had planned at their project meetings. Some members gave book reports with poster illustrations, other members showed the reading promotion posters they have made, some gave project talks on project requirements or what they are doing in this project. This program is being presented also to organizations in the community outside the 4-H program to acquaint them with our club and its activities. This is our way of letting people know how much fun we are having in the 4-H reading project.

As assistant leader, I am especially excited about encouraging interest and enthusiasm among 4-H'ers enrolling in the reading program. The requirements are simple and you can make this project exciting for your members!

Linn County has never before had entries at the county fair for the reading project. I made a presentation at the county council on possible fair entries in this project. The council voted to have three possible entries for members enrolled in reading — a full-sized poster promoting reading, a half-sized poster with an illustration of a book you have read and a summary about it, and a notebook with summaries and illustrations of books you have read. We hope eventually to have enough counties interested in this program to have entries in the State Fair.

Our reading club meets at the local library. This makes learning about the library and checking out books very convenient. At the first meeting, the librarian showed us around the library and we learned how to use a card catalog. The members picked out books, looked them up, and found them on the shelf. At subsequent meetings members participated in giving pro-

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Reading

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ject talks, book reports, and showing posters they were preparing for the fair. At one meeting, I tried to teach the members the difference between fiction and non-fiction and then gave them a quiz on books I had checked out earlier. Each member was asked to go into the library and bring back one book classified as fiction and one that was non-fiction. They were 100 per cent right and I was very proud of them.

These are some of the things our club is doing to make reading a FUN Project.

Ideas and news (Continued from page 14)

years of sponsoring the Journal for all the 4-H families in **Dickinson County**. The food was prepared by all the food groups within the club, so most everyone was able to get in on the thank you.

Maybe it's time the 4-H'ers everywhere start thanking their sponsors for the 4-H Journal: after all, without a sponsor most all of us wouldn't receive the magazine!

Mary Garten, Abilene

The Sunset 4-H Club of Seward County has a traditional taffy pull as a membership drive in the fall. Mrs. Byron (Donna) Bird and family started this several years ago and it has been a great success. Her recipe, enthusiasm, and cooperation get the Sunset members fired up for the coming year. The committee goes to the grade schools and invites the students to come for a taffy pull. The children are curious about taffy, but also learn about 4-H. The club feels it is a great success and gets everyone involved, and it will continue as long as there is a **Bird** member in the club.

Willie Cokeley. Liberal

For the last 3 years, the Leavenworth Leaders 4-H Club of Leavenworth County has had a quiet lady for a public speaking leader: quiet and reserved all of the time except at project meetings. Mrs. Jeanette Craig listens to your ideas for presentations, then helps you find ways to improve them. She is a good listener and is never overcritical. As a 4-H member she won state recognition for her project work in another state. Now she has five children of her own, several of whom are active in 4-H.

Her work as a project leader has obviously been along the right lines for what was needed: over the last three years members of our club in the public

speaking project have won the three boys top blues and two of the three girls top blues in the County 4-H Days public speaking contest, and the same number of public speaking county champion pins. Even though **Mrs.Craig** and her family are involved in a lot of activities besides 4-H, she has always managed to take the time to answer all questions and be a great project leader.

Mike Hunnel. Leavenworth

July 6 to 12 **Jewell County** was the scene of much activity because 15 senior 4-H'ers, their leaders, 2 sponsors, and their bus driver from **Warren County**, Iowa, were in the county as part of an interstate exchange.

The Iowa 4-H'ers stayed in the homes of **Jewell County** 4-H'ers.

Activities participated in by the whole group were a get-acquainted picnic, camp-out at Lovewell Lake, midnight swim, and a trip to Minden, Nebraska, to tour the Pioneer Village.

It was a very educational experience for all, as the 4-H'ers compared the two state 4-H programs. Iowa still has many boy clubs and girl clubs, but co-ed clubs are becoming more common. They also have three age group divisions, junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H.

The exchange will be completed next year when the **Jewell County** 4-H'ers will travel to **Warren County**, lowa.

Judy Spiegel, Formoso

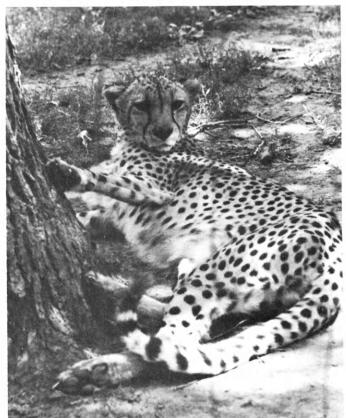
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Jill Cyr, Salina

Family Fun Page

A grade school teacher was instructing her youngsters about the value of coins. She took a half dollar and laid it on the desk. "Can any of you tell me what it is?"

From the back of the room came the voice of a small boy, "Tails!"

There once was a preacher who taught his horse to stop when he said "Amen" and to go when he said "Praise the Lord." One day he was riding along when he noticed that they were headed right for a cliff at a very fast pace. In his terror, he began yelling, "Stop!" over and over. At the last possible second, he remembered and yelled "Amen!" Wiping the sweat from his forehead at their narrow escape, he breathed

a fervent prayer, "Praise the Lord!"

Patty Sloan, Colby

Counselor: Why are you running so fast?

Camper: I saw a snake but it turned out to be a stick.

Counselor: Then why are you running?

Camper: Because the stick I picked up to hit it with was a snake.

Curtis Willems, Parsons

Q. What's the longest word in the dictionary?

A: SMILES, there's a mile between the ss.

Mark Cokeley, Liberal

Winner in Category 8, Family Fun Page Brian Higgins, Osawatomie



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Amateur radio operator talks with hams all over the world

From his own amateur radio station, Eric Unruh, Newton, has talked with ham radio operators in all 50 states and in about 40 countries at distances as far as 9,200 miles (Lesotho, Africa). Distances of communication, he says, are practically unlimited.

"You have to be able to pass a written test on the radio theory, and send and copy Morse code to get a license, but it's worth it . . . You can communicate by any one of a number of methods: radiotelephone (regular voice), Morse code, radioteletype, via satellite relay, facsimile (a type of over the air telegram), or even TV.

"Hams not only use their radios as a hobby; they

also use them to serve the public. Hams are invaluable during emergencies, as they often provide the only method of communication in and out of the stricken area. Hams did a great job during the Big Thompson Canyon flood in Colorado, and also during the Guatemala earthquake."

Eric, a former member of Goessel Goal Getters 4-H Club, was Harvey County 4-H electric champion for five years, and for three years was assistant project leader and assistant superintendent at the fair, also.

Among the things he has made are a homemade radio transmitter, a metal detector, and a digital electronic clock.



Eric Unruh, with call letters WBORYN, is one of about 600,000 amateur radio operators in the world. He talks with a wide variety of people, ranging from a class of 9th graders in Pennsylvania to missionaries in South America. Senator Barry Goldwater is a ham operator, Eric says, along with King Hussein of Jordan, and Ronnie Milsap.



The electronic TV ping-pong game pictured was made, not from a kit, but from scratch, Eric says, with the quality of the display as good or better than commercial sets. It plays six different games. In the upper left corner of the picture are some of the QSL cards sent by operators to stations contacted to confirm that they talked together.

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