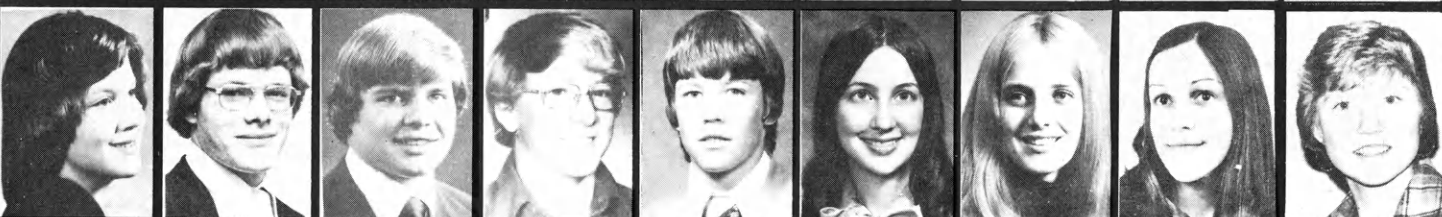
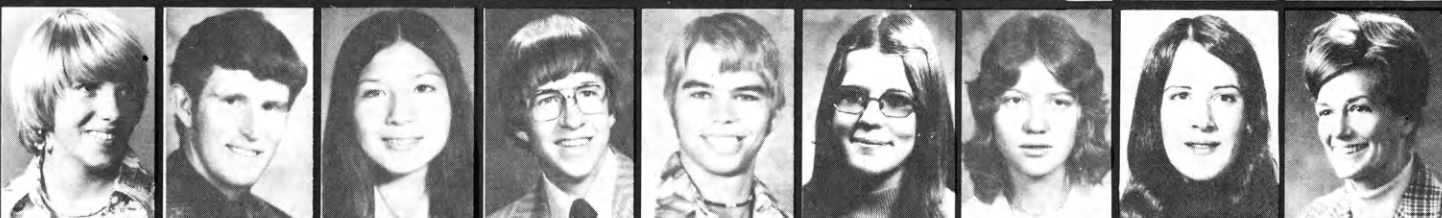
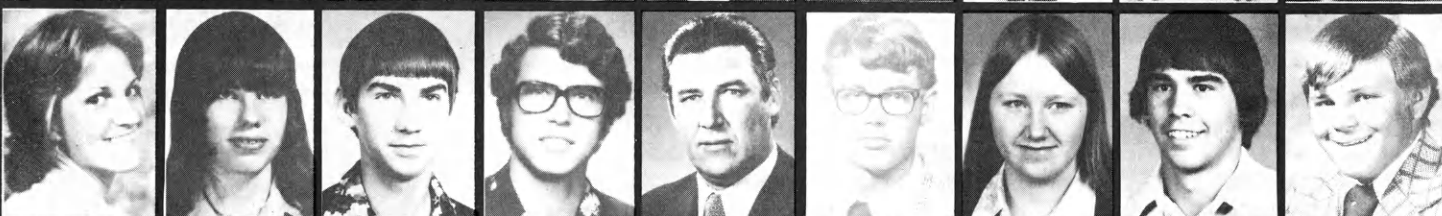
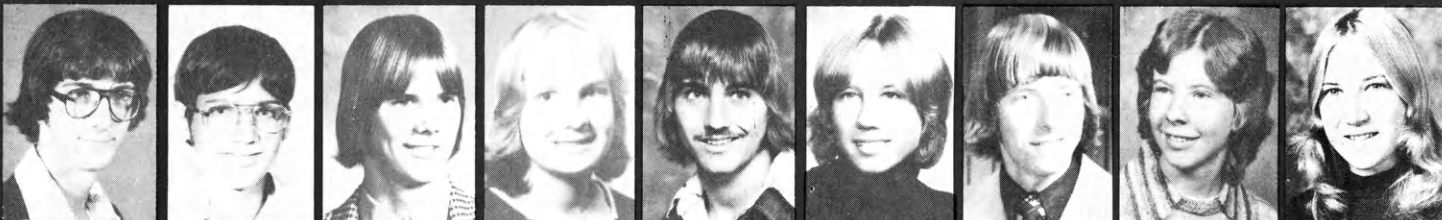
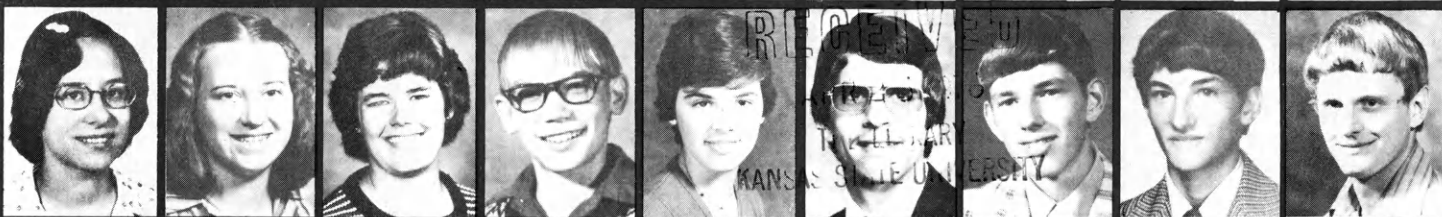
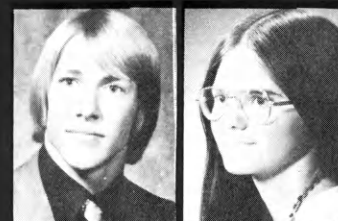


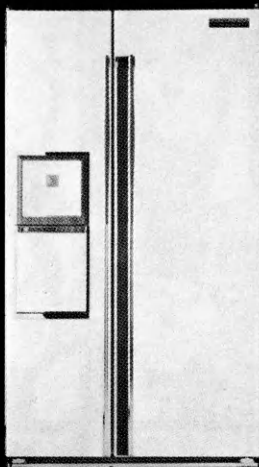
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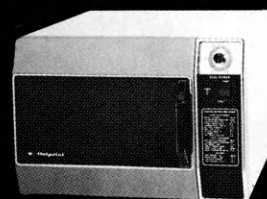
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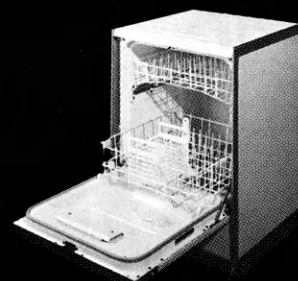
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Merry Christmas, America

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

We've celebrated a great many Christmases in America, during the nearly 200 years since George Washington knelt in the snow at Valley Forge and prayed. No one can know the depth of his thoughts that snowy Christmas of long ago—not even those great oracles who appear on television following every momentous address to analyze and to agonize—but it is most evident that General Washington's prayers must have been for his men, for the cause to which he had dedicated his life, and for the future which none of us can foresee by even so much as an hour.

It is most unlikely that General Washington prayed specifically for the many freedoms such as we have and which we take so much for granted. Those of us born in this country have never known what it means to be afraid to say something that could be construed by anyone who might overhear us as anti-government, then to disappear in the dead of the night by actions of that same government. We think nothing of saying whatever comes in mind (and a lot of that apparently has had little association with any sort of a mind) about the president, senators, representatives, governors, mayors—anyone, in government or out. It's not likely that the General had that sort of freedom in mind when he prayed for the future of a country that wasn't even in existence.

There are a great many other blessings we enjoy, simply because we are Americans, that are side effects of that momentous physical and ideological struggle we call the American Revolution. Some of the taken-for-granted blessings that we seldom pause to recognize include:

We can worship in our own way, or choose not to worship as we see fit.
 We have a free press, perhaps too free for some appetites.
 We can move about freely, at home or abroad, with few limitations.
 We can own private property, and can gift it to our children.
 We are free to work where we please, at whatever we choose to do.
 We can bargain with employees and employers.
 We can go into business, compete, and make a profit—or go broke, dependent on our own capabilities.
 We have the right to trial by jury and of habeas corpus.
 Our children can go to almost any school, anywhere, choosing whatever curriculum they prefer.
 We can stand for office if we want to, and, if elected, can expect our fellow citizens to say regarding us just about what they think.
 We probably have greater freedom than any other people in the world, if you will accept my definition of freedom as having a great many choices.

There are so many blessings that set the United States of America apart from practically every other nation in the world. We take them as a matter of course, complaining even of the inconvenience associated with celebrating such great occasions as Christmas or the American Independence Day. From the personal viewpoint of an individual who has lived in one of the "have-not" nations, the most terrible penalty of having few choices is watching what it does to young people, the nation's children—bright, attractive, intelligent children with no hope of even a basic education that would permit them to face the world as a literate. When you look at them, and see their future bound to the rack of unrewarding labor, illiteracy, ignorance in the sense of having no opportunity to change their destiny, then for the first time you are aware of our blessings. It is for our children that we can say with genuine pride and humble appreciation:

"I'm an American!"

Not even George Washington could have foreseen this immense blessing that would accrue to the nation he was to lead to victory, freedom, and independence.

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National Guernsey Queen

1976 has been a charmed year for Mary Blevins, Manhattan, the National Guernsey Queen. But even though she may sometimes feel like Cinderella at the ball, the magic won't end at midnight or at the end of her reign, because her honors are based on a solid foundation of hard work and learning.

Mary grew up on a dairy farm where helping with daily chores was, and still is, an accepted part of her life. Of the family herd, eight are Mary's. For five years, she has enrolled in dairy as one of her 4-H projects.

As Kansas Guernsey Queen, Mary was a delegate in May this year to the National Guernsey Association meeting in Saratoga Springs, New York. Her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blevins, thought May was a good time for a vacation, so they were there to see their daughter crowned as National Guernsey Queen.

As an ambassador for the Guernsey breed, Mary has participated in the "Big E," the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Massachusetts; the National Guernsey sale in Massachusetts; Mo-Kan Classic Sale; Kansas State Fair; Mid-America Fair; annual association meetings; and the National Guernsey Show, Madison, Wisconsin. Mary would have been at Madison, anyway, even if she weren't queen, as she is the 1976 winner for the Guernsey breed in the Kansas 4-H production contest.

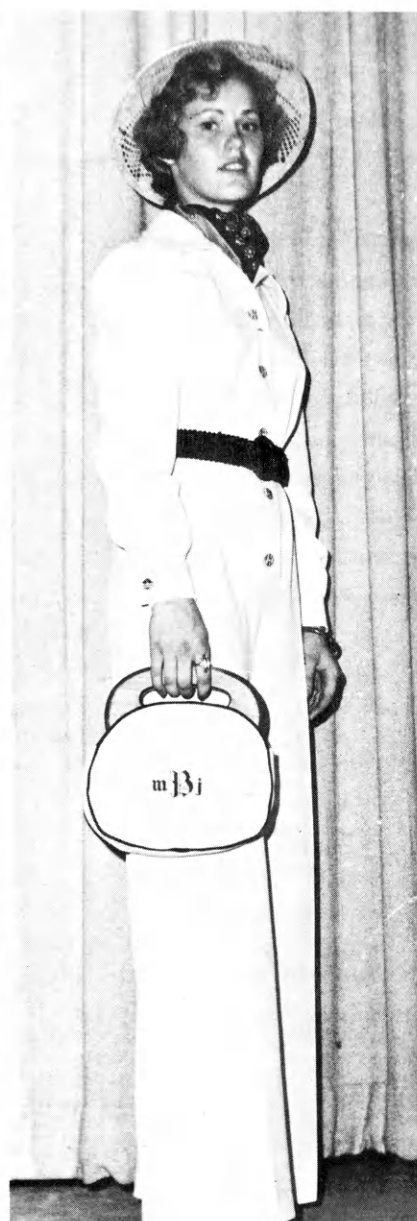
In 1974 Mary was a Kansas delegate to the national Youthpower meeting in Chicago. Her Youthpower project, "From Moo to You—Is Milk Safe?" investigated the grading of milk, and how it is handled, processed, and stored as it moves from farm to consumer.

In addition to dairy production, clothing has been one of Mary's major 4-H projects. For three years she has been Riley County's style revue champion, receiving purple ribbons at Kansas State Fair each year. This September, wearing the eggshell colored double knit polyester jumpsuit pictured at right, she was the style revue champion at Kansas State Fair.

Enrolled in clothing projects for six years, Mary makes many of her clothes, building a wardrobe with red, white, and blue as basic colors. Her clothing project leader is her mother, Marcy Blevins.

Mary is a freshman in Fashion Merchandising at Kansas State University. A member of Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club, she was the president of the Riley County 4-H Council for the 1975-76 year.

Judging is another 4-H activity in which Mary participates; she was a



silver medal winner in dairy judging at Mid-America Fair and was on the home economics and dairy judging teams from Riley County which went to the Kansas State Fair.

Mary's younger sister Eva followed in her footsteps by being a Youthpower winner in 1975. Mary also has two brothers, Pete and Mike.

Beekeeping

By Robert Hughes
Soldier

Because of my interest in insects and my experience in my entomology project that I've been enrolled in for ten years, I decided to enroll in the 4-H beekeeping project. This is my fourth year in this project.

Before I got my first hive I often went over to our neighbor, who raised bees, and helped him. This

helped me decide whether I wanted to raise bees or not. He taught me how to catch swarms of bees in the spring and how to care for them during the summer. By the end of the summer I could hardly wait for spring when I would have some bees of my own.

I learned how a bee colony was set up in social classes. First, there is the Queen, who rules the hive. There is only one Queen to a hive; her job is to lay eggs, and she can lay

up to 4,000 eggs a day. The Queen usually lives five years.

Next is the worker, who is also a female bee, but she cannot lay eggs. Her job is to clean the hive, gather honey, and protect the hive from intruders. This bee is equipped with an irritating stinger that always gives the beekeeper a problem. The worker lives around three weeks.

Third is the drone bee, the male bee, who never leaves the hive. The only purpose of this bee is to be a

mate for the Queen. One amazing thing about this bee is that it cannot sting. His life span is only a few weeks.

Beekeeping is an expensive hobby or business to get started in. The cost of one hive and equipment is around \$60. Making most of my bee equipment in shop at school really helped reduce my expenses. The first year that you have a new swarm you generally won't have any extra honey for sale. This is because a new swarm has to get established in the hive. The bee business is like many other businesses; it takes a few years before you have a profit.

The reason that bees swarm is because in the spring a hive will become too crowded with bees. Then another queen bee is hatched and this new queen takes part of the bees with her to find a new home. If

it is a clear day they will fly outside the hive and as she lands on a nearby limb of a tree the bees will gather around her and form a swarm. This is how nature enlarges the bee population. When the bees gather on a limb, I catch them. I cut the limb off the tree and carry it to an empty hive and shake the bees off the branch. The bees will usually march right into the hive. There are usually 10,000 bees in a swarm. After capturing a swarm you wait till nightfall when all the bees are in the hive. Then you plug the entrance and put the hive in the back of your pickup and bring them home.

There are pests that can kill your bees. The most common ones are mice and the honeycomb moth. They eat the honey and starve your bees. Sometimes I tack hail screen on the entrance of my hives. It lets the bees go in and out and keeps the mice out. The moth usually strikes a

weak hive and there isn't much you can do.

The weather plays an important role in the production of honey. If there is plenty of rain during the summer there will be plenty of blossoms for the bees to work, but if it's dry there is a shortage of blossoms which makes a smaller supply of honey. Your honey supply will really increase if you put your hives near alfalfa fields or other places where there is an abundant supply of blossoms.

I now have 32 hives and hope to get around 2,000 pounds of honey this year. Take that times the price of honey and you have a hobby that is very profitable.

This fall I am enrolled as a freshman at KSU with a major in entomology in agriculture. I am expanding my bee business each year. This 4-H project is helping pay my way through college.

Leathercraft a hobby for Franklin County 4-H'er

By Marie Chambers
Wellsville

What began as a project for a first year 4-H member is now a hobby and a project in his last year of 4-H.

Kevin McGlashon was 8 years old when he joined 4-H in Johnson County and began taking leathercraft. Leathercraft was a popular project there with parents as well as 4-H members interested.

The Johnson County leathercraft leader started the beginners out with kits of readymade items. After Kevin had finished several of those kits, his instructor bought him a set of the basic tools and he began making billfolds, bracelets, and belts.

In his fifth year in the project he received a reserve champion ribbon on a bridle he had made for his horse Wimpy.

That was his last year as a Johnson County 4-H'er. His family moved to Franklin County where at that time leathercraft was not a strong project. So for four years Kevin dropped the project.

Last year when looking at the leathercraft exhibits at the fair, however, he became interested in leathercraft again and is now taking it in his last year of 4-H.

Kevin keeps a card table set up in the living room with his leathercraft tools there ready to use whenever he's in the mood. His mallet is there as well as the swivel knife and the piece of marble he uses to pound out

the design. His mother, De, says he takes out his frustrations pounding on the leather.

Kevin made four belts during the Christmas season and sold them. This spring the Full'O'Pep 4-H Club, of which he is a member, bought him a set of letter stamps so he could make leathercraft items for a booth during the July 4 Chautauqua Days in Ottawa.

With the help of the club members, he made key rings, bracelets, and rings during the two day celebration. The club sold about 10 key rings and 20 bracelets.

Kevin also had a leathercraft booth at the recent Wellsville bicentennial celebration and there received orders for belts and knife sheaths.

His exhibit at the Franklin County Fair was a belt of his own design.

Kevin has taken his leathercraft items with him to Kansas State University this fall. He hopes to make some spending money with his hobby there.

"I recommend leathercraft to anyone," Kevin says. "It's expensive to begin, but you can buy the main tools and add others as you go along."

He likes that finished item, too. Comparing it to a factory item, he says, "It's sort of like the difference between a Volkswagen and a Rolls Royce. One is made on the assem-

bly line and the other is handmade."



Kevin McGlashon at work

Agents honored

Four Kansas extension 4-H and youth workers have been honored recently, two at the conference at Liberty, New York, of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and two at the annual Kansas extension conference in Manhattan. The four are William Borst, Kenneth McGinness, William Fultz, and Susan Verdoorn.

At the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents meeting, William Borst, Manhattan, received the Distinguished Service Award. He is the area extension specialist for 4-H and youth for the northeast area of Kansas.

Previously, Mr. Borst was an extension 4-H agent in the Extension Food and Nutrition Educational Program.

At the same national conference, Kenneth McGinness, Olathe, received a 25 year service award. He is the county extension director and



Kenneth McGinness
Johnson County



William Borst
Northeast Area



Susan Verdoorn
Franklin County



William Fultz
Sedgwick County

the county extension 4-H agent in Johnson County. Before going to Johnson County in 1954, he was the Franklin County 4-H agent.

One of Mr. McGinness' satisfac-

tions has been to see former members become 4-H leaders, indicating that the 4-H program was significant to them. He has also seen former members become leaders in the organizations they're members of and also leaders in the community, showing that their leadership training was beneficial.

At the annual extension conference in Manhattan, William Fultz of Wichita received the Distinguished Service Award. He has been the Sedgwick County 4-H agent since 1970. During the 1960s he was the 4-H agent in Greenwood and Finney counties.

Mr. Fultz has worked with many urban activities, one of the most successful of which has been the day camp program.

He sees adult leaders as the key to the success of community clubs and has assisted with leader development training.

He considers project skills and interpersonal relationships as important to development of 4-H youth.

The first recipient of an award which is new in Kansas this year, the Young Agent Award, is Susan Verdoorn, Ottawa. She has been the Franklin County 4-H extension agent since 1974. A former 4-H member, she previously worked in urban youth programs in Iowa.

Miss Verdoorn has worked in the schools with students from junior high age down to second grade. All junior high school students in the county heard a program about what happens to shoplifters. Fourth graders planted irradiated seeds to find out what happens to seeds receiving different amounts of radiation.

All second and third graders were given information about camping and then had an opportunity to attend day camp.

A highlight of the year for 14 Franklin County 4-H members was a trip to Washington, D. C. Selected in December 1975, they met monthly to study about Washington and also for a fund raising event.

Susan sees the forming of friendships and the development of a sense of responsibility as important benefits to 4-H members.

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A 4-H Ceremony— Beatitudes of leadership

Richland Rustlers 4-H Club
Pratt County

Reader: Any organization is only as strong as the willingness and abilities of its leaders. In 4-H, we are especially blessed with leaders whose service is the highest of all; they serve because of their concern and love for the youth of this country. 4-H leaders give the greatest gift — self. Join me in paying tribute to our leaders.

I: Blessed is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.

All: Leadership is a gift of self.

II: Blessed is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going,

and how to get there.

All: Leadership is a commitment.

III: Blessed is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

All: Leadership is a happy burden.

IV: Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for all he serves.

All: All of us at times depend on leadership.

I: Blessed is the leader who marches with the group, interpreting correctly the signs of the pathway to success.

All: Participation helps us get a sense of achievement.

II: Blessed is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

All: We are human beings with our own particular problems and needs.

III: Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for all he serves.

All: We want to be informed; we want to know our goals.

IV: Blessed is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

All: We want incentive and opportunity to grow and progress. We expect that this will require effort and cooperation on our part.

All sing: God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my hands and in my way of doing;

God, my source of health,

Oh, give me strength for serving.

Editor's note: This is one of a group of ceremonies sent from the Richland Rustlers 4-H Club by Mrs. Wendell Reed, Cullison. The Journal welcomes any ceremonies which will be useful for 4-H clubs.



The quilt in the picture brought about \$1,000 for the Busy Beavers 4-H Club of Gaylord in Smith County.

Each 4-H member was given two squares for people in the community to sign for \$1 each. Businesses and clubs were charged \$5 to include their names.

After the green and white squares were autographed, a seamstress embroidered them and sewed the squares together.

At Gaylord's Labor Day celebration the friendship quilt was auctioned off for \$300.

The girls in the picture are Kim McClain, left, and Vicky Felsburg.

National winners

This week at National 4-H Congress in Chicago five young Kansans were announced as national winners in 4-H project work.

They are **Charles Odgers**, Sublette; **Ralph Lee**, Junction City; **Kim Glasgow**, Salina; **Lester Elston**, Hays; and **Shannon Martin**, El Dorado.

Five others who won trips to the Congress as sectional winners are **Wylene Gaeddert**, Inman; **Christie Conard**, Timken; **Elaine Stich**, Chanute; **Mark Schweer**, Garden City; and **Becky Vining**, Richmond.

Named as a national winner in overall 4-H achievements, **Charles Odgers** has previously been a national award winner in agriculture, as well as a state award winner in the wheat quality project. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Odgers and a member of Sehasco 4-H Club.

Charles' trip to National 4-H Congress and his \$800 scholarship were provided by the Ford Motor Company Fund, Dearborn, Michigan.

Charles' major projects have been sheep, wheat, woodworking, and grain sorghum, and he plans to be a farmer.

Ralph Lee, a national award winner in forestry, grafted 1,000 English walnut seedlings in 1976, built a greenhouse, assisted with planting 1,000 Scotch pine seedlings, and cleared a half-acre of land which he planted with English walnuts.

Ralph is a member of the Clark Creek 4-H Club in Geary County and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee.

His trip to Chicago and a \$800 scholarship are provided by International Paper Company, New York, New York.

Kim Glasgow, the 1975 Kansas Safety Queen, is a national winner in the safety project. She has organized auto driving contests at her high school, and assisted police with a bicycle obstacle course.

The trip for Kim was provided by General Motors; she also receives a \$1,000 scholarship. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Glasgow, she is a member of Sasnak 4-H Club in Saline County.

Lester Elston of Ellis County is a national winner in the woodworking project. To prepare for a career in woodworking and cabinet work, he plans to study at a trade school with money earned from remodeling and



Ralph Lee
Geary County
Forestry



Charles Odgers
Achievement
Haskell County



Kim Glasgow
Saline County
Safety



Lester Elston
Ellis County
Woodwork



Shannon Martin
Butler County
Entomology

refinishing. Lester is a leader in the woodworking project for his club, Busy Beavers, and has given demonstrations and radio and television programs on the subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elston are Lester's parents.

Donor of Lester's trip to Congress and a \$800 scholarship is Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, Washington.

A 4-H member who combines interest in art and insects is a national winner in entomology. **Shannon Martin**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin, and a member of the Butler County Bluestem 4-H Club, entered five pen and ink drawings of insect life in the El Dorado Art Fair. She has been entomology leader for Butler County Bluestem 4-H Club, Butler County fair superintendent, and leader of a countywide entomology meeting.

Hercules, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, is the donor of Shannon's trip as a sectional winner and a \$800 scholarship as a national winner. Shannon is the eighth national winner in the entomology project from Kansas in the past 11 years.

Sectional winners

Winning a trip to National 4-H Congress as a sectional winner in the bicycle project is **Wylene Gaeddert**, a member of the McPherson County Country Cousins 4-H Club. She has ridden her bike more than 3,000 miles in the past three years.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company provided Wylene's trip. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Gaeddert.

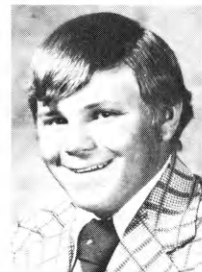
Another sectional winner who received a trip to National 4-H Congress is **Christie Conard** for her work in the dog project, which she's carried eight years. She has assisted with schools for obedience and showmanship, and helped plan a district dog show.

Christie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Conard and is a member of the Rush County Center Conquerors 4-H Club. Donor of her trip is Ralston Purina.

Elaine Stich is a sectional winner in the home environment project, with her trip to Chicago provided by the S and H Foundation. She has



Wylene Gaeddert
McPherson
Bicycle



Mark Schweer
Finney
Public Speaking



Becky Vining
Franklin
Public Speaking



Elaine Stich
Neosho County
Home Environment



Christie Conard
Rush County
Dog

completed seven years in this project and has helped younger members to plan projects, keep records, and exhibit at the fair.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stich. Her 4-H club is the Willing Workers of Neosho County.

Two young Kansans won trips given by Union Oil Company of California as sectional winners in public speaking, **Mark Schweer** from Finney County and **Becky Vining**, Frankling County.

Mark, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schweer, has spoken at county and regional 4-H days, and on radio and television. He has been president of the county club for junior leaders and vice-president of the Finney County 4-H Council. He is a member of Happy Hustlers 4-H Club.

Becky, a member of Berea Boosters 4-H Club, plans a career in radio-television or agricultural journalism. She has participated in plays, interviewed people for radio, and given talks, illustrated talks, and demonstrations. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Vining.

Houston trip winners

In November five Kansas 4-H members took part in a Wheat Marketing Tour and Seminar which included a trip to grain marketing cen-

ters in Houston and Galveston. The group visited facilities of Cargill, Inc., Union Equity Co-op Exchange, and Cook Industries, Inc., as well as such places as NASA headquarters and the Astrodome.

The seminar also included visits to Kansas State University's grain science and milling facilities, the U.S.D.A. Grain Marketing Research Center at Manhattan, Kansas City Board of Trade, and Kansas Grain Inspection Laboratory in Kansas City.

The trips, given by the Kansas Wheat Commission, were an award to three winners in the 4-H wheat quality program, **Joseph Horton** of Plevna, **Lori Shoemaker** of Narka, and **Serena Strum** of Ness City; to **Dennis Wells** of Mayetta for his first place booth on wheat production at the Kansas State Fair; and to **Dean Mitchell**, Coffeyville, for being runner-up in the state 4-H commodity marketing project.

John Dukelow, Kansas Wheat Commission marketing specialist, was the tour director, and Dr. Glenn Busset, state 4-H and youth leader, accompanied the 4-H members.

State winners

Seventy-six state winners are pictured on the cover. Beginning with the top row, from left, the 1976 Kansas 4-H members selected as

winners with counties and projects are: **Joseph Horton**, Reno, wheat quality; **Elaine Mayo**, Finney, achievement; **Rick Russell**, Stafford, health; **Shannon Martin**, Butler, entomology;

second row, **Sharon Meyer**, Barton, health; **Shelly Bowman**, Pawnee, dairy foods; **Kent Crosson**, Ottawa, legumes and grasses; **Cecilia Kasl**, Republic, achievement; **Ken Schmucker**, Reno, sorghum; **Michelle Tade**, Sedgwick, photography; **Elaine Stich**, Neosho, home environment; **Randy Tosh**, Atchison, soybeans; **Venice Lohman**, Leavenworth, leadership;

third row, **Sue Gorthy**, Cheyenne, horse; **Cindy Reaves**, Wilson, nutrition awareness; **Robin Wiley**, Leavenworth, petroleum power; **Marilyn McClure**, Franklin, consumer education; **Tim Demel**, Barton, potatoes; **Gwen Marmon**, Scott, people-to-people; **Darrel Ruth**, Stanton, alumni; **Melinda Griffith**, Scott, achievement; **Cindy Curry**, Cheyenne, beef;

fourth row; **Janelle Schmitz**, Shawnee, nutrition awareness; **Christie Conard**, Rush, dog care and training; **Becky Haddock**, Cowley, bread; **Leland Gottshall**, Sherman, corn; **Dawn Smith**, Finney, nutrition awareness and newswriting; **Charles Odgers**, Haskell, achievement; **Emil Wittenborn**, Cowley, rabbit; **Steve Debrick**, Miami, auto; **Jim Swanson**, veterinary medicine;

fifth row; **Tom Gillmore**, Sedgwick, achievement; **Russell Pugh**, Jackson, weed control; **Ron Sinn**, Washington, agriculture; **Shelley White**, Sherman, emergency preparedness; **Randy Shore**, Stanton, crops; **Kim Glasgow**, Saline, safety; **Larry Liggett**, Lincoln, poultry; **Donna Keesling**, Rice, wheat; **Becky Lewis**, Shawnee, commodity marketing;

sixth row, **Wylene Gaeddert**, McPherson, bicycle; **Shelley Linin**, Cheyenne, people-to-people; **Darrel Blakeslee**, Barton, poultry fact finding; **Dean Mitchell**, Montgomery, commodity marketing; **Norman Leary**, Douglas, alumni; **Ralph Lee**, Geary, forestry; **Sheryl Sharp**, Leavenworth, meat utilization; **Gary Anderson**, Decatur, citizenship; **Mark Schweer**, Finney, public speaking;

seventh row, **Janet Olson**, Riley,

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To observe National 4-H Week, the six 4-H clubs in **Graham County** met together for a service on 4-H Sunday. Each club prepared and presented a special part of the service, which took place Sunday afternoon at the Assembly of God Church in Hill City; a different church is selected each year as the place for the 4-H Sunday service.

Steven Tonn and **Maureen Hintz** are the extension agents in Graham County.

The **Thomas County** Soil Conservation District voted to award two prizes to booths at the **Thomas County Fair** with a conservation theme. First prize of a special conservation ribbon and \$25 went to the **Solomon Valley 4-H Club** for depicting building of shelter belts. Second prize of a ribbon and \$15 went to the **Highlander 4-H Club**. Their booth was a huge turning globe with different conservation methods coming into view as it turned, **George Hopper** reports.

Members of **Upward Strivers 4-H Club** in **Kiowa County** sold candy to buy American and 4-H flags for the stage of the new community building. The flags were dedicated during the county fair in memory of **Bob Beckett**, a project leader for the club and county for several years, **Mark Larkin** reports.

Among the 4-H members who have been elected as presidents of their 4-H clubs are **Rhonda Brooks**, **Fairview Hilltoppers**, **Cloud County**; **Debbie Doss**, **Harmony Hustlers**, **Shawnee County**; and **David Nielsen**, **Bluestem**, **Butler County**.

As a safety project, members of **People Pleasers 4-H Club** of **Kearny County** put six rules of trick and treating safety on paper with a hidden word puzzle on the side. The junior leaders passed these papers to all the youngsters in grade school.

"They all seemed to enjoy this as well as benefit from it," **Tami** and **Charles Michel** commented.

The **Republican Valley 4-H Club** and the **Hollis Hustlers 4-H Club** met together in an exchange meeting at the Sibley School in November. **Darrel Hosie**, **Cloud County** agent, gave officer training for the 1976-77 officers. **Tammy Dorman** is reporter.

Halloween was celebrated by the **Morton County Watch Us Grow 4-H Club** with a party at the fairgrounds and a visit through a haunted house, where they were confronted by such charac-

ters as Ugly Witch, Wolfman, Ghost, Dracula, and other assorted monsters, **Lynn Thompson** writes.

Melody Townley, Phillipsburg, reports that **Iowa Union 4-H Club** is one of the oldest and largest clubs in **Phillips County**, with 29 members at 39 years old. Reviewing the history of the club, **Melody** wrote that at the Christmas party in 1942 the price of the presents was not to exceed 15 cents.

Club leaders are **Marie Robinson** and **Ken Johnson**.

Another Kansas 4-H family responded to the Ideas and news item from the **Reno County Haven 4-H Club** about the family with seven children in their club. In 1973 the **Frank Garten** family of Abilene had eight children who were members of the Sand Springs Rustler 4-H Club at the same time. **Carl, Mark, Casey, Ellen, Mary, Ann, Karen,** and **Bruce** ranged in age from 8 to 18. Both parents were involved as 4-H leaders, and continue to be today. Five of the children are still members. **Carl** is currently in Poland on a Work Experi-

ence Program. **Casey** is now the president of the K-State Collegiate 4-H Club and was the 1975 state winner in the petroleum power project.

Project leaders received gifts in appreciation for their services and the community leaders, **Clayton** and **Virginia McClure**, were presented with an ice chest at the **Harvey County Richland Livewires 4-H Club** achievement basket supper, **Jolene Corfman** reports. Girls enrolled in clothing modeled the garments they had made, and all members told what they had taken to the fair and what ribbons they had received.

In **Jackson County** the **Ontario Busy Bees 4-H Club** treated about 30 youngsters to a community Halloween party. **Deborah Miller** writes that a graveside tour and a witch's boiling pot were the attractions.

The **High Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club** in **Wilson County** sold 94 fire extinguishers as a moneymaking project and to make the community safer, **Toni Austin** writes. The club's float and booth both had a safety theme.

The **Roeland Park Bobcats 4-H Club**, **Johnson County**, sold crafts at a local grocery store as a moneymaking project. Candles, plaques, potholders, aprons, and other craft items were sold. Interest was stimulated by members enrolled in the craft project this past year. **Laura** and **Cheryl Gradwohl** served as chairmen for the sale.

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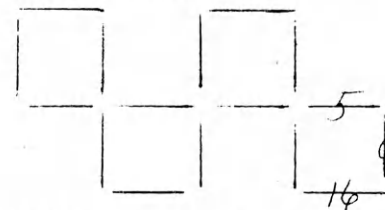
Merry Christmas, America

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As we pause to say, "Merry Christmas, America" in December of 1976, even though we can only speculate on the content of his prayers that cold night at Valley Forge, surely we can all agree that we know to whom General Washington's petitions were addressed.

He must have begun his prayer, saying, "Our Father _____."

Solution to puzzle on page 15:
Remove picks marked 5, 6 and 16.
Place them as shown.



Christmas puzzle on page 15

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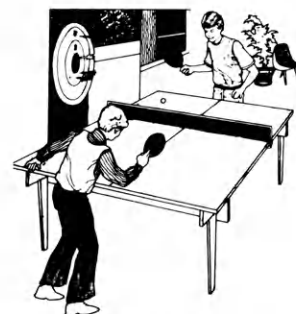
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Advisory group meets

At the meeting of the State 4-H Youth Advisory Committee at Hutchinson, area delegates Charles Odgers, Tammy Wilson, and Kristi Nelson gave reports from their area meetings.

Glenn Busset explained the new

National Report form, and Bill Riley told about the work of Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Members of the advisory group at the meeting were president Susan Lang, Kristi Nelson, Tammy Wilson, Kristi Steeples, Pat Schlegel, Charles Odgers, Louis Miller, Joe Brown, Randy Tosh, Artie Allen, and reporter Julie Swanson.



Members of the State 4-H Youth Advisory committee pictured at their meeting at Hutchinson are, back row, left to right, Julie Swanson, Joe Brown, Artie Allen, Kristi Nelson, and Randy Tosh; second row, Susan Lang, Kristi Steeples, Louis Miller, Pat Schlegel, and Tammy Wilson. In front is Charles Odgers.

Members of the committee not pictured are Lori Longacre and Mona Rusk.

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State winners

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McLean, Greenwood, livestock; Cathy Mih, Neosho, clothing; Joe Simmons, Neosho, poultry; Dale Moore, Haskell, leadership; Serena Stum, Ness, wheat quality; Kathy Perkins, Elk, people-to-people; Lisa Sexton, Dickinson, dairy; Evelyn Senecal, Douglas alumni; eighth row, Karen Brothers, Rice, achievement; Nancy McDaniel, Saline, citizenship; Kirk Johnson, Jefferson, achievement; Brad Baker, Scott, garden; Lorri VonSoosten, Crawford, foundation talk; Jennifer Otte, Pawnee, meat utilization; Cheryl Ann Sales, Jefferson, food preservation; Becky Vining, Franklin, public speaking; Joe Blake, Franklin, electric;

ninth row, Lori Shoemaker, Republic, wheat quality; Lester Elston,

Ellis, woodworking; Dwight Wedel, McPherson, sheep; Theryl McCaslin, Haskell, conservation; Bradley Fuller, Cloud, swine; Karen Kendall, Jefferson, food-nutrition; Christine Enns, Marion, achievement; Connie Pelton, Sedgwick, horticulture; and Kathy Enix, Sedgwick, recreation.

Six Kansas 4-H members were honored for overall achievement with trips to National 4-H Congress provided by Santa Fe Railway. They are Karen Brothers, Lyons, Rice County; Christine Enns, Hillsboro, Marion County; Tim Gillmore, Wichita, Sedgwick County; Melinda Griffith, Scott City; Scott County; Kirk Johnson, Oskaloosa, Jefferson County; Elaine Mayo, Garden City, Finney County. Karen, Christine, Kirk, and Elaine also received \$500 scholarships.

December 1776

George Washington knew that if the American cause were to be saved, he must attack. But first his soldiers must be inspired, those cold, hungry, illclad men who were not all sure what the war was about and who really wanted to go home.

Thomas Paine had joined the troops at Fort Lee and had walked and talked with them as they retreated across New Jersey. It was he who in January had written "Common Sense" which had helped the colonists to understand the reason for the Revolution. Now Paine turned again to writing and in fiery speed he wrote the first "Crisis" paper.

On December 23 Washington had it read to his men. Hearing the words, they were ready to do whatever their general might ask. On Christmas night, he led them to attack the Hessians at Trenton. Taken by surprise, more than 900 Hessians surrendered. This was the victory the colonists needed.

Paine's words have inspired, not just Washington's soldiers, but Americans of other generations in times of adversity. His paper began:

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange, indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.

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Thrifty Thrivers, Labette
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Family Fun Page

Christmas Puzzle

Solution on page 11

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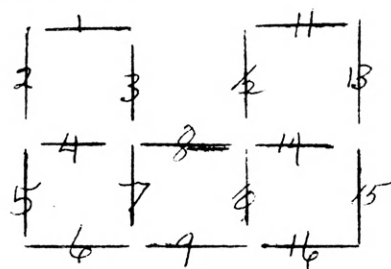
Christmas puzzle
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Joe has advanced from making a driftwood nightlight to making a bell buzzer board built to help a Franklin County team prepare for competition in the state 4-H Horse Bowl. Along the way, he's made repairs and installed wiring. In talks and with displays he's emphasized the importance of safety and of adequate wiring.

This year he has been the Franklin County electric project leader. He also judged the electric exhibits at the Miami County Fair.

In 1975, Joe received the Key Award.

Joe is a member of Willing Workers 4-H Club and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blake.



To provide a convenient place to plug in the toaster, Joe installs an electric outlet by the kitchen table.



Joe is intent as he works on an experiment in the design lab of the correspondence course he is taking.

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

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