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Seventeen Kansas 4-H members of the Kansas 4-H Youth Conference Advisory Committee, pictured below, worked with state 4-H staffers Lois Redman, conference coordinator, and Charles Bates and Steven Fisher to make the event a success.



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From left to right, the advisory committee members and their counties are: bottom row: James Hedstrom, Republic; Lori Larson, Wallace; Dave Anderson, Republic; Janet Coen, Franklin; center row: Jane Ramsbottom, Republic; Shelby Hoobler, Atchison; Cathy Gorrell, Ottawa; Renee Nyhart, Phillips; Norma English, Harvey; and Steve McGinness, Brown; back row: Kevin Ericson, Bourbon; Janet Poston, Butler; Justin McFarland, Cowley; Melissa Miller, Wilson; Eric Thiele, Norton; Vickie Cordell, Morris; and Lynn Mayer, Marshall.

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Winning Editorial**You can make a difference**

By Susan Leininger, Bonner Springs

Every day we hear someone criticize the federal government or the democratic process. Probably even the most patriotic citizen has at one time or another cursed the very laws that allow us to remain sovereign. How many times, however, do we take time out to praise our government?

For too long the American people have ridiculed and taken for granted their nation's democracy. We have the God-given opportunity to live in a country that sees us as individuals. A country where singularly or banded together, officials or non-political, we may have equal say in the law. Every person in America has a voice that is heard, whereas in many countries a voice of protest or opinion is stifled — either through imprisonment or death.

America lives for her people, and we as a nation must "stand beside her and guide her" so that she may live on! It is our inborn duty as citizens to protect democracy, and our fortunate opportunity to have access to an educational organization such as 4-H, through which we can practice and teach citizenship responsibilities.

We've heard many times that we are the citizens of tomorrow, but if we don't start respecting what we have now, there may not be a tomorrow for our country. We can make an enormous difference by helping to reduce ignorance and apathy toward our government. Our freedom is far too important to ignore, simply because we are too busy enjoying the benefits we receive in America to take time to learn about it and give of ourselves.

We have a fascinating heritage — men and women with enough foresight to build a strong and democratic nation. It is that foresight that we must carry with us, whatever our country may encounter. The crucial thing that we must do now is to protect, learn, and respect what is ours, and pray that someday everyone the world over may speak out for themselves without fearing for their lives.

Let's all start now, and . . .

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To the readers:

Thank you to each one of you who submitted material for the Fifth Annual All 4-H'ers Issue. Each entry was interesting to see or read. The selection committee had from 2 to 22 entries to choose from in each category.

The committee deserves a thank you, also, for giving their time. They are Earl Fink, Redfield, a 1979 Kansas 4-H achievement winner; Michelle Hightower, Manhattan, a 1979 National 4-H Conference delegate; and Daryl Parker, Manhattan, one of the top 10 Kansas 4-H newswriters in 1979.

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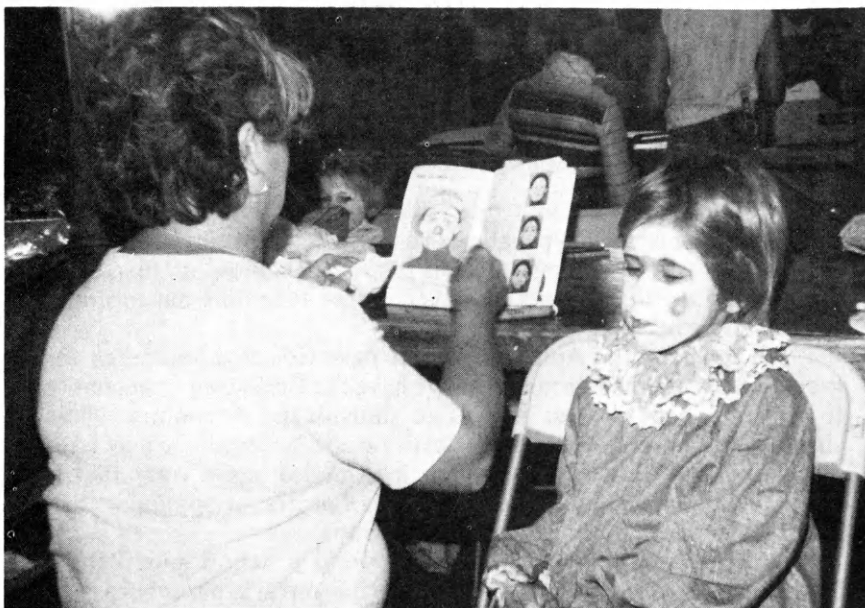
About the cover

"Kansas Gold" is Steven Hausler's title for his picture which was chosen as winner in the cover photo category. He says it was not a hard picture to take; during the 1979 wheat harvest, he held and photographed the four stems toward the sun as it set behind oncoming storm clouds.

Steven says he gained experience as a photographer by shooting sporting events for his school annual and for local newspapers.

He's shared his skills with others as photography leader for the SHAFF 4-H Club in Franklin County for the past two years and as countywide photography junior leader.

This fall Steven plans to study pre-photojournalism at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. His home is near Wellsville.



The sad clown—Pictured are leader Jamie Stonestreet and clown kid Shawn Knight.

Winner in Category 3,
Idea Exchange

Be a clown

By Ginny Swanson
Kansas City

Wyandotte County junior leaders and parents sponsored a clown make-up contest at the Wyandotte

County Fair.

The 4-H'ers provided the make-up and the make-up experts. Kids were encouraged to bring their own costumes.

After about 50 clown kids were made-up, a local celebrity, Whizzo the Clown, judged the entries.

Led by Whizzo, the entries, to the delight of the fairgoers, paraded through the fairgrounds.

Fair goes to nursing home

By Malea Husted
Spring Hill



Helen Kane and her mother chat with nursing home residents at the Happy-Go-Getters 4-H Club mini-fair.

Members of the Happy-Go-Getters 4-H Club in Miami County have, for the past five years, worked with the Pine Crest Haven Nursing Center. We have given bingo parties, furnished prizes and refreshments, made tray favors and decorations. Each 4-H member has adopted at least two senior citizens to regularly send cards and gifts to on holidays.

Once a year, after the county fair, the members take all their exhibits to Pine Crest for a mini-fair. It has all the atmosphere of a real fair, with balloons, popcorn, punch, and samples from the cooking class.

Some of the members take their musical instruments and play, as the people walk around to see the animals and exhibits.

This spring our club was honored with a tea as a "Thank you," and the residents presented the members with a "You're No. 1 With Us" plaque.

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Spin a yarn about a wreath

By Ginny Swanson
Kansas City

Wreaths, which originated during the early Greek and Roman centuries, were used as signs of immortality and victory.

After Christianity began, the wreath took on Christian meaning and was associated with Christmas.

Wreaths can be used for many occasions and make nice gifts.

To make a yarn wreath you need:

4-5 skeins of rug yarn
or 3 skeins of lightweight yarn
wire hanger
4x4" cardboard or wood square
scissors
holiday decorations

To start, bend the hanger into a circle with the hanging part at the top.

Wind yard around the square 20 times and clip at the top for ties.

Then wrap yarn around the square 20 times again and slip off and tie in the middle letting the long ends dangle.

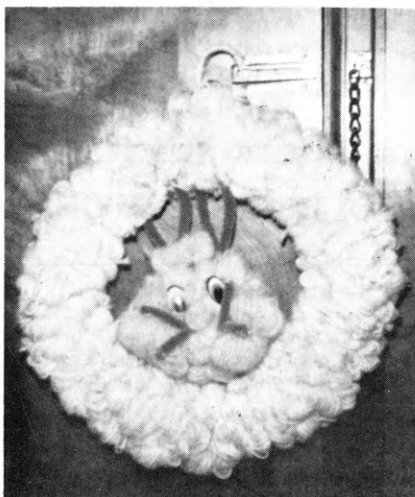
Make 20 or 30 bundles and then start tying them onto the hanger with the yarn ends. Keep pushing the bundles to the top. Keep repeating the procedure, cutting ties, making bundles, and tying the bundles on the hanger.

It doesn't take long, only a couple of hours and if two people work on it, one wrapping and one tying, it really goes fast.

To finish, wrap yarn around the hanging part and add decorations.

Wreaths can be useful and unique, and speaking of unique, why not make a wreath for all seasons.

The wreaths pictured are ones I made for St. Patrick's Day and Easter (I even made the bunny out of tiny bundles on a tiny 2"x2" square). This is no yarn!



How to catch those hard to catch bugs

By Tom Wolfe
Lenexa

If you've ever gone out bugging, then you already know that there are certain bugs that you just cannot find, i.e., giant silk moths, unusual insects like long horned beetles, and so on. The list is endless.

But I have the answer to your problem. Have you ever gone black lighting for insects? I'll tell you right now that it is the best way to catch those harder to get insects.

There are two ways to get a black light. One, you can buy one, but that's gonna cost you, or you can make one, for about one-fourth the cost or less. All you'll need is:

1. A black light fluorescent bulb. (Be certain that it says BL on the bulb. You don't want one that says BLB. BLB bulbs are the ones that are a deep blue all the time. BL bulbs look like a regular fluorescent bulb until turned on, then they have a very pretty blue.) You also don't need anything more powerful than a 15 watt bulb. A 100 watt bulb will just burn your battery out faster and will not draw any more than a 15 watt bulb.

2. A 15 watt black light fixture.
3. A car battery.
4. A 30 watt car battery adapter.
5. An old white sheet.
6. All the jars that you can carry.

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Winner in Category 5, My project

No beef about the beef project

By Vicki Shearer
Americus

The greatest educational and profitable project for me has been my junior beef cattle project.

You learn the responsibility of caring for animals, the joy of winning, the reality of not winning, and the financial obligation of ownership. I plan to help pay for my college education with profits from my junior beef cattle projects.

My county has two types of beef projects—steers and heifer projects. The heifer project is a long-range project, but in my case not too profitable yet. I am busy building a herd.

The first thing I learned in taking the beef steer project was: Be careful in your selection. It can limit your success or open the door to it. After all, it takes just as much feed; management, and grooming on any steer, so why not feed the best you can find?

I show my steers at several shows. I like the spring shows. I start early

in March showing and usually end up at the Kansas Junior National Show.

Several years ago, I chose Polled Herefords as the breed I wanted to raise for my heifer project. To keep improving the genetics in my herd, I have been using artificial breeding to nationally known bulls. This year I even experimented with timed breeding several head of cows. This is really great for junior beef heifer projects as you cannot afford to buy the nationally known bulls for a small herd and I have not learned to AI yet, so it saves on costs of this service when it can all be done at one call.

I like to show my heifer projects at the Kansas Polled Hereford show so I can compare similar aged animals with my heifers in size and development.

I hope to raise a grand champion steer before I finish in 4-H. I have managed to raise a champion heifer.

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I love my dairy goats

By Joan Schuler
Chapman

The decision I made six years ago to enroll in the new dairy goat project has really changed my life.

I fell in love with my first little purebred French Alpine doe which I purchased in August of 1974. Little did I dream then that a few years later I would be crawling out of bed in the morning to help milk 9 goats, bottle feed 15 kids, and care for our

animals before the school bus arrives!

I got my twin sister, Julie, started in the dairy goat project when I transferred my first doe kid to her in 1975. Since that time, we have had 55 kids that we have cared for, with some going as far away as Utah. They were all so cute, I hated to part with any of them.

I have made many new friends associated with this project and my love for goats increases each year.

I feel I made the biggest improvement in my herd when I purchased our new herd sire, "Sanstorm's Country Boy," two years ago. We have had the second crop of kids this spring and feel that he has been a good sire.

I would recommend to anyone who loves animals to get a dairy goat and fall in love with them as I have!



Self-determined project grows

By Aric Branham
Lawrence

Marc Branham has always been interested in wildlife.

In 1977, he started a self-determined project, beginning it much like the fur harvest project but expanding it to include trapping and tanning and sewing hides. The next three years the project grew to include taxidermy (the raccoon and

squirrel below are part of his work), and wildlife photography.

When the Kansas mammals project appeared, Marc pounced on it and learned about mammal identification through skulls and other signs as well as habitat population and food chains.

He has given talks and programs at school, 4-H and Boy Scouts, and now plans to enroll in the acres for wildlife project.



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Winner in Category 6,

“Can anyone out there help?”

Sometimes in an effort to help, parents and leaders become overbearing. Oftentimes they remind me of Little League parents.

Is there a tactful way to ask them to let capable kids handle meetings and discussions, using their invaluable knowledge when needed?

Please help!

4-H members, parents, leaders, extension workers, anyone — please send your ideas for ways to handle this situation. Your suggestions may help the person who wrote the situation described above, as well as helping other clubs with a similar problem.

“Can anyone out there help?”

The county entomology group in Miami County is in need of three or four copies of “Insects in Kansas.” This book was put out by the extension division, Kansas State University. It is no longer in print, but still continues to be one of the best identification sources for entomology project leaders.

Anyone having a copy of “Insects in Kansas” they would like to contribute or sell, please contact: Malea Husted, R.R. 1, Box 266, Spring Hill, Kansas 66083.

We would appreciate the help very much.

Ideas and news

“Mom, what is 4-H?”

“4-H is a club where kids have cows and cook.”

This is a conversation heard by **Susan Reid** and **Ginny Swanson** of **Wyandotte County** when they were handing out green and white 4-H balloons to promote 4-H Week.

Standing outside a shopping center they talked to shoppers about the 4-H program. Fortunately they were able to convince the mother and child who are quoted above that 4-H is more than “cookin’ and cows.”

The girls passed out 500 4-H balloons and hopefully brought in new 4-H members.

Ginny Swanson, Kansas City



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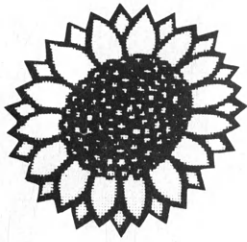
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Ideas & News

Winner in category 7,
Ideas and News

My leader, **Mrs. Crouse**, is kind, generous, helpful, and understanding. She is always ready to help me or any other member who has a problem in our projects, records, or anything else.

Besides being kind and helpful, I believe she also enjoys 4-H.

If leaders could win top blue ribbons, this lady would definitely deserve one.

Kathy Kotz, Kansas City

The **Butler County Rose Hill Rustlers** dog project sponsored a community service project by holding a rabies clinic in the local fire station. Over 123 dogs and cats were immunized against rabies and other diseases.

Special thanks went to the city for the use of the building, and to **Dr. Dale Carr** for his time and effort in administering the shots and for his donation to the club's treasury.

Members of the project helping were **Tim Schneider**, **Tod Rowles**, and **Scott Rowles**.

Tim Schneider, Rose Hill

Want to travel and put your people to people project into action?

Lucy Anschutz, **Russell County** 4-H'er, recommends that you join the International Ambassador program.

Lucy joined chaperons, **Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Weaver** of Hutchinson, and fellow Kansas 4-H'ers, **Belinda Foster**, **Karen Hornbaker**, **Sharon Mollenkamp**, **Katrina Perryman**, and **Bradley Schroeder**, along with 11 other youth from other states. They spent 28 days visiting England, Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. This time was spent visiting host families and youth groups and touring historical sights and factories.

Would you believe that it was cold and raining over there?

Sign up now for the 1981 International Ambassador program. Contact: **Mrs. Ruth J. Shane**, U.S. Program Director, International Ambassador Program, NE 820 Colorado, Pullman, Washington 99163.

Lucy Anschutz, Russell

Wow! Thirty-five years old and still going strong! This is **Pence Busy Beavers 4-H Club** in **Scott County**.

In 1941 E.V. Redding saw a need for 4-H work in the Pence area. He got a few families interested and consented to be the club leader.

The club almost disbanded in 1944, but with a spark of interest and an effort to make the best better, the club continued and was re-issued a charter in 1947.

Currently the club is enjoying one of its largest enrollments.

Each year our community projects include helping at the rest home, cleaning the more than 100 year old cemetery, selling birthday and activity calendars, and helping with the clinic at the health department.

Two years ago when our club had just 11 members, we published a 4-H cookbook. First we had a contest for the front cover and selected "Today's 4-H Cooking Helps Tomorrow's

Homemakers."

The cookbook had 205 pages of recipes, everything from grandmother's old favorites to microwave recipes and diabetic recipes, as well as household hints. This project took two years and was a huge success.

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Catching hard to catch bugs

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This is very easy to rig. Just follow directions, and if you need help you can get it from someone in the electric project.

After it's all put together, then go out near a pond or a river, or an opening in some woods (try to keep about a 30 to 50 foot distance between the woods and the trap), stretch the white sheet between two trees and set the black light equipment under it. Right after dark, turn it on.

Then get set for some heavy catching. Most of the bugs will come and land on the sheet, so all you have to do is slip a jar over them.

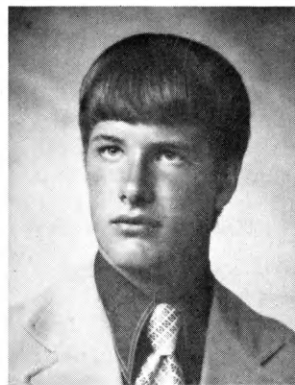
You'll want to take along a net and a flashlight, and something to drink and maybe even some candy bars in case you need a break. You may need it. On your average night (eight hours of bugging), you'll catch around 600 different specimens. A bad night is half that, a good one is twice that.

One note of warning, with the new rules limiting the number of specimens that can be entered in the fair, one night can start and finish an advanced collection. So if you're a beginner, then you may not want to stay out for eight hours.

Also, be careful of your light. It gets very hot, so keep your sheet a foot or a foot and a half above the light, and by all means, DON'T TOUCH IT.



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1979 STATE WINNER

Jeff Bohnenblust represented Kansas at National 4-H Congress in Chicago as the 1979 Kansas state winner in petroleum power. Amoco Foundation provided the trip.

The things Jeff learned and his successful experiences in the small engines project in 4-H contributed to the things he's doing now as a student and in on-the-job training. He's enrolled in farm mechanics at North Central Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School at Beloit.

In addition, Jeff is an apprentice repairman for Allison Equipment. In his work there, he does such things as repairing tractors and combines, overhauling tractors, and assembling new machinery. Some of his course work in his second year at vo-tech will be in areas of diesel engines and air-conditioning.

In his 10th year as a member of Leonardville Hustlers 4-H Club, Riley County, Jeff has been a Key Award winner and has been president of both his 4-H club and FFA chapter. He's been a small engines leader for the club and county. Jeff represented Riley County in the state tractor driving contest.

Jeff's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Bohnenblust. The family was nominated for the 1980 Kansas 4-H Family of the Year.

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and my food digest, all through the
wonderment of my books.

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Do you like to read?

Well, I do, because if you can
read you can do almost anything.
You can cook, you can build, you
can sew and create many craft pro-
jects if you can read directions and
understand what you read.

I can go to the library and get
books with patterns or directions
for making a project. I don't need
to buy the book or the pattern and
this saves money.

So if I'm bored and don't know
what to do, I go to far away places;
talk to my friend, Tom Sawyer; or
take a trip to outer space — through
my books!

The beef project

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No matter what breed you select
there are a lot of breeders across the
state that will help junior members
get started in a sound breeding pro-
gram.

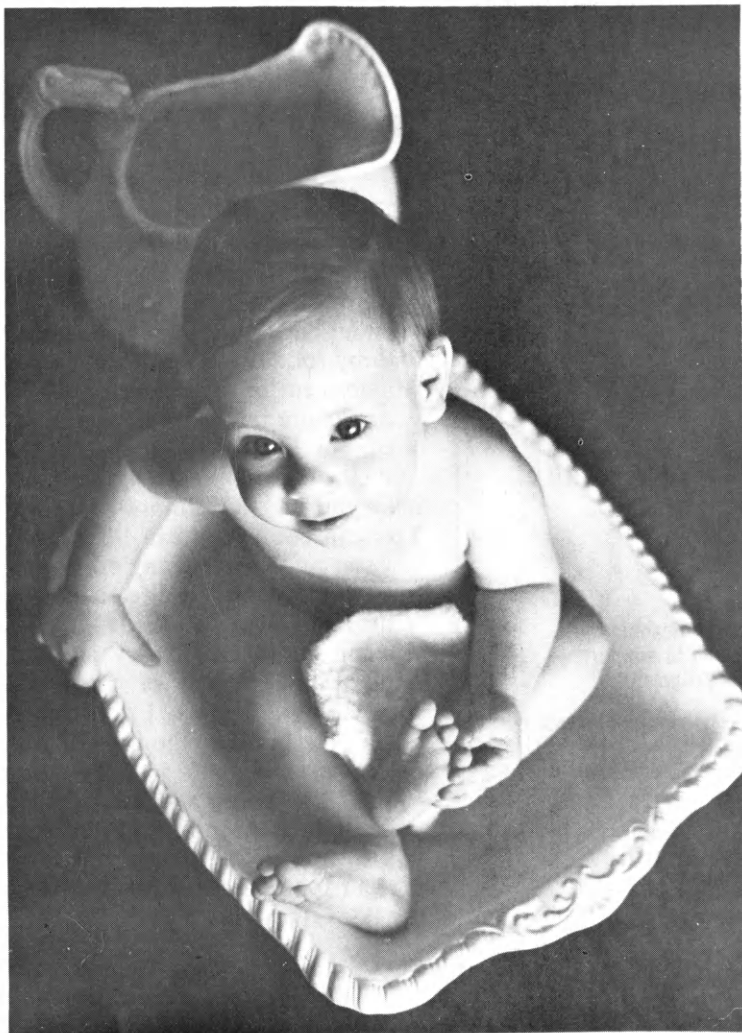
I have had lots of success in these
projects. I believe everybody will
learn a lot; plus beef projects should
be profitable as well as fun.

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across the state and want to thank
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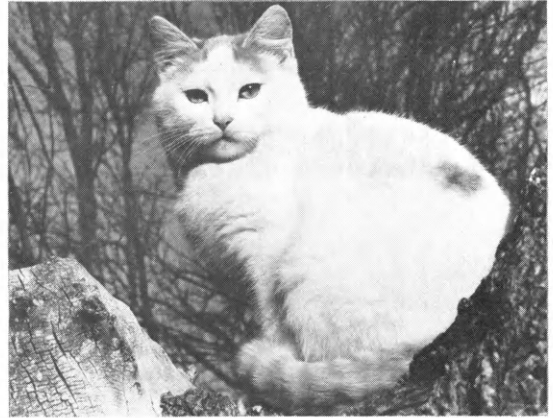
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**The winning Other picture,
Category 9, is shown at left.**

The photographer is Rob Dunlap.

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**Clyde Diehl was photographed at the Meadowlark
4-H Club petting zoo at the Lawrence Presbyterian
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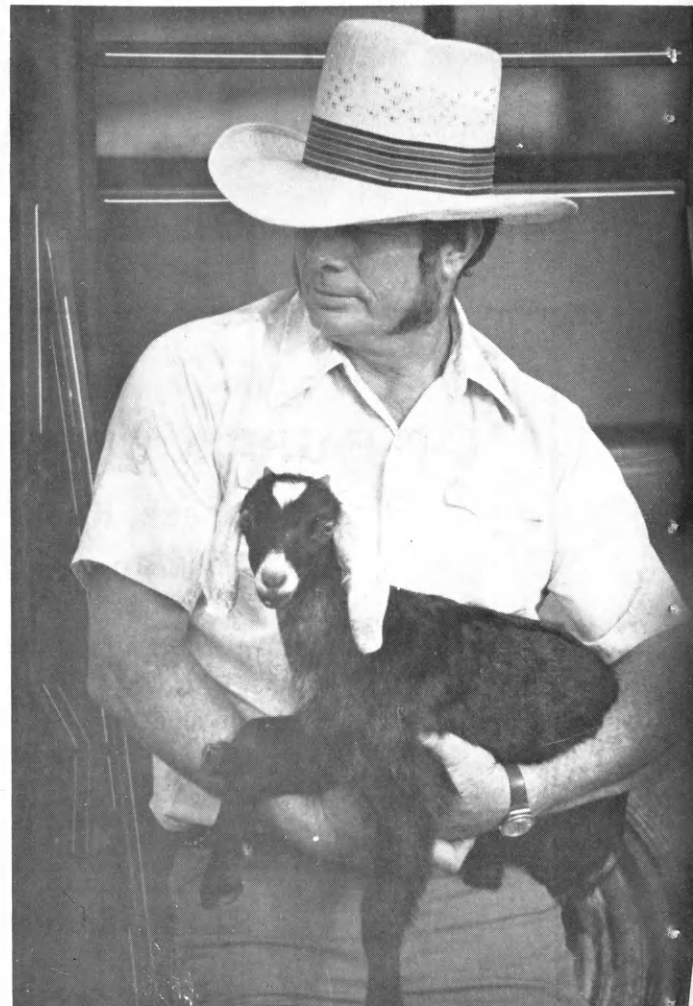
By Scott Pendleton, Lawrence

**"Due to a water shortage at our farm, my visiting cousin, Justin Bishop,
took a bath in a smaller than usual tub."**

By Rob Dunlap, Ottawa

"Jay and Friend"

By Carrie Campbell, Lawrence



Family Fun Page

Winner in Category 8, Family Fun Page

Dad: Are you for the Red Sox or the White Sox?

Son: Neither, I'm for the nylons; they get more runs!

An American entering an hotel room in Wales noticed the words TAM HTAB on a floor mat.

American: I suppose that means welcome in Welsh.

Bellboy: No, that's Bath Mat backwards!

Kansas 4-H Journals

Are the best
In the south and
In the west,
In the north and
In the east,
They're not bad,
Not in the least.
They're the best
I've ever read.
Even my mother
Agrees, she said.
So if you're bored
And have nothing to do,
Pick up a 4-H Journal
And read it through!

Greg Oborny, Bison

Teacher: Jimmy, can you give me a sentence using the word "camphor"?

Jimmy: I was at camp for a week last summer.

Lisa Leuthold, Manhattan

When the police arrested a medicine peddler for selling "eternal youth" pills, they discovered he was a repeat offender. He had been arrested on the same charge in 1776, 1830, 1907, and 1979.

Tammy Schneider, Rose Hill

What did Cinderella say at the photo shop?

Someday my prints will come.

Anita Klassen, Hillsboro

Q: What did the hen say when she saw scrambled eggs?

A: What a bunch of mixed up kids!

Q: Why did the girl eat bullets?

A: Because she wanted to grow bangs.

Brian Horr, Holton

The teacher was giving the youngsters a mental drill.

"Now, Bobby, tell me which month has 28 days in it."

Bobby had forgotten. After a moment he had the answer: "They all have."

Jeannette Aenk, Mayetta

Wampum

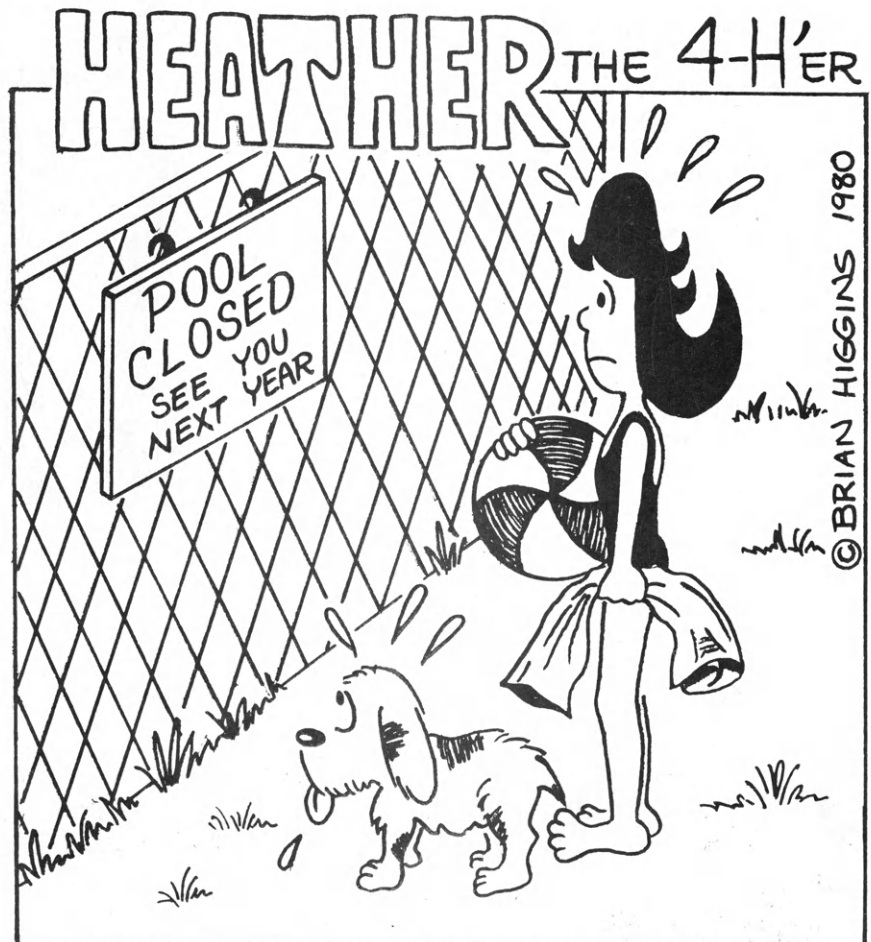
Equipment needed for Wampum is a tightly rolled newspaper. Participants sit in a circle. Everyone chooses the name of an animal, such as pony, dog, turtle, etc. No one else has the same name. One person stands in the middle.

To start, someone says the animal name of someone else. Before the standing person hits the named person with the newspaper, he must say the animal name of another player.

When the person is hit before calling out a name, he becomes *it*, and exchanges places with the standing person.

The game lasts as long as desired. Wampum serves as an excellent icebreaker.

Tracy Fanshier, Great Bend



Brian Higgins, Osawatomie



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Marshall County 4-H member makes meter

With high electric bills and the need to cut down on use of electricity, have you ever wondered how much electricity various appliances use?

So did Lyle Peterson, Marysville, and as part of his work in the electric energy project, he made a metering device to find out. There weren't too many surprises, the family says.

In addition to measuring the amount of electricity used by appliances, the device won a purple ribbon for Lyle at the Marshall County Fair. He assembled the meter from parts given to him by the electric cooperative at Axtell.

This year Lyle wired his brother's trailer, and has worked on lamps and plug-ins in his family's home.

He remembers when he started in the electric project.

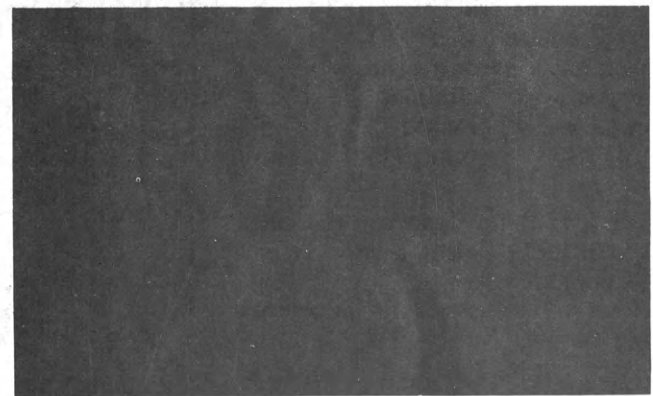
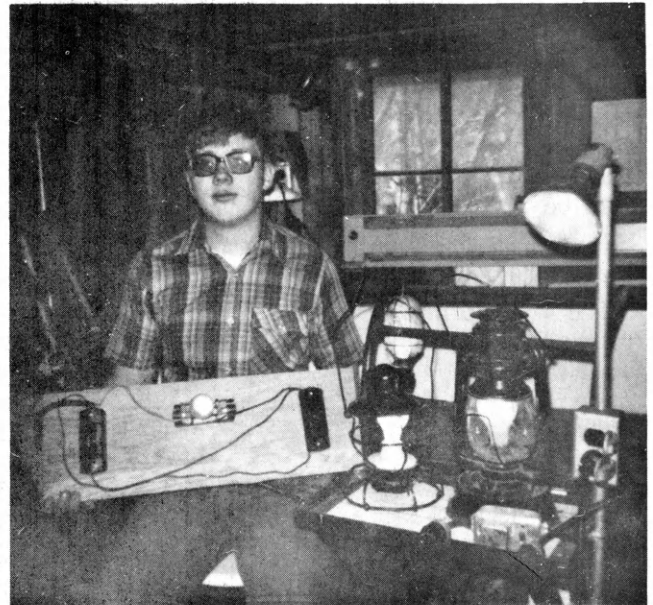
"My first project was a trouble light that introduced me to electricity," Lyle writes. As a 4-H'er learning about electricity, he made porch and patio lamps from an old railroad lamp and an old kerosene lantern.

He made an appliance protector with a built-in switch and fuse, so appliances won't burn out. These items, all of blue ribbon quality, are pictured at right, sitting on a portable shop light which was one of Lyle's 1979 projects, winning superior ribbons at Marshall County and Kansas State Fairs.

Beef is another of Lyle's 4-H projects; he's building up a Hereford herd.

Lyle is a 9-year member of Waterville Busy Beavers 4-H Club. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peterson. At Marysville High School where he's a junior, he's in FFA and he plays saxophone in the band.

"I enjoy working with electricity and making something useful and practical," Lyle says. "Electricity is both interesting and fun to work with."



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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