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Provide more and better facilities for conferences, camping, and other get-togethers to benefit youth and their leaders. Some 20,000 persons used Rock Springs Ranch this past year. Other facilities are under consideration.

■ Build the Citizenship Center —

Help emphasize the good things about America, our great heritage, and, as citizens, our opportunity to make necessary changes without the loss of our basic freedoms.

■ And finally —

Encourage and support leaders, the International Farm Youth Exchange, and every 4-H'er in his or her efforts to make the best better.

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Kansas 4-H Board of Trustees will be meeting soon to review 1970 results. In the meantime, let's each one, in counting our many blessings, express appreciation to all who help 4-H with private resources.



Yours for more and better 4-H, THE KANSAS 4-H FOUNDATION

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A love affair with this beautiful land

State Leader, 4-H and Youth

On January 29 our state will observe its 110th birthday. This anniversary will likely be no better observed by most people than any other birthday of an elderly non-relative. But for those of us who were born in Kansas or who have wholly adopted this land as ours, it is like a birthday of one of our own loved ones. Even though our sophisticated society insists on a depreciation of the symbolic, let us for a few moments look past the criticisms and complaints so fashionable today toward an evaluation of our feelings, our emotions and our satisfactions. Admittedly, there is more passion than logic in this

Each person has his own special place, when he has time to think about it, where he would rather be than any other place in the world. He goes there when he seeks reality; to escape the pressures of the world; a place to come home to where he can be himself, as Shakespeare said of his homeland:

"This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England." No matter how much the rest of the world attracts, this is

home, the place he would return to if he could.

I am one of those people who have seen "faraway places with strange sounding names" and I would rather be here in Kansas than any other place that I know in this world. I have seen the beautiful harbor of Hong Kong; I have gazed in awe at the Taj Mahal gleaming in the Indian moonlight; I have climbed the Acropolis and marveled at the Parthenon, perhaps the most beautiful building in the world; I have wondered through the immense basilica of St. Peters in Rome; I have stood on the same steps at Berea where Paul preached to the Christian converts; I have walked in the misty streets and gazed upward at the Eiffel Tower disappearing into the darkness of the Parisian night sky.

These places have their charms and rightly deserve their claims to fame, but for me, I come home to Kansas. More specifically, my special place is the Flint Hills, the Bluestem Meadows of Kansas—this green carpet of hills and valleys, this sea of grass, this land of big sky that bisects the great parallelogram of Kansas from north to south. It is here that I would rather be than any other place on earth. It was Coleridge who provided the criteria for evaluation, when he wrote, "He who has seen only England, has never England seen." When we have experienced other lands, sights, places, people, sounds, and smells and still prefer our own place of origin, then our judgment may be taken meaningfully. We have seen the world, and still prefer the sights, sounds, and people of home.

Although my personal choice is the Flint Hills, Kansas has many other attractions for those who have eyes to see and the sense to appreciate. It has truly been said that half the world sees nothing, unless it glitters. Too often we are the same in Kansas. We are our own worst enemies—insisting on informing a credulous world of our tornados, our jackrabbits, our heat and cold and our monotonous miles. If it was 106°F, in Flagstaff, we insist it was hotter in Goodland that day. If marble sized hail fell at Dayton, Ohio, we tell of golf-ball sized ice that

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¹Shakespeare, William. King Richard II, II, I.

The background color of the Kansas flag is dark blue, as designated by the state's constitution. This is the color chosen for this issue of the Kansas 4-H Journal, as we salute our state on its 110th birthday. We also salute all those

who take part in Kansas' 4-H international program, for this most inland state is internationally minded. Kansas 4-H'ers are aware that things they learn and do may help to create a climate where mankind's dream, world peace, may some day become reality.

4-S is growing

By Karen Threlkel Rawlins County

My experience as a YDP (Youth Development Program) is a little different from that of a regular IFYE. Since YDP is a new branch of IFYE, I'll try to describe briefly what the program is, what I do as a YDP, and my one-year dream.

In this program, the delegates stay for 14 months in the same community and work with the 4-S agent in the promotion of 4-S. This, then, becomes more of a teaching experience as well as a learning experience. We also had more orientation and language training than the regular IFYEs.

While I'm participating in the program, I'm making my home in Granada, Nicaragua. I stay with host families and remain in each family for a period of four to six months.

The 4-H clubs of Nicaragua are being patterned after the 4-H clubs in the United States. The clubs were started in 1957, with two clubs with 11 members in each club. The 4-S movement has been building and expanding through the years and now includes over 100 clubs. There are a few differences in the clubs here as compared to the ones in the States. Probably the biggest difference is the lack of community clubs. For each project, there is a separate club. Therefore, most of the clubs are either feminine or masculine. The boys' clubs of the Granada area are taking gardening and the girls' clubs have manual arts - embroidery and sewing.

It is my hope that while I'm here I'll be able to start projects of chickens for both the boys and girls, to introduce projects of pigs for the boys, and to buy sewing machines for the girls. This may sound like a big undertaking but you and your club can help with these projects of Nicaraguan 4-S development. If you're interested, contact your county agent, the state 4-H office or me. I'd like to share my dream with you.

The members of 4-S in Nicaragua are very receptive to new ideas and are easily encouraged. I have been pleased with their response to each demonstration the 4-S agent or I have given. For example, a few weeks ago I gave a demonstration on "How to Make an Oven Mitt" and "How to Make a Tote-Bag". The next time I visited the club, two of the girls had made the oven mitts and one had made the bag. I know it was a sacrifice for their families because the people of the country are very poor.

Another example is that of the boys who had a test plot of corn. They left out important elements in each plot except two. In one of these plots, they included all the elements; in the other, no elements. Then with the assistance of the 4-S agent, they practiced identifying the missing elements by looking at the leaves. As is easily seen, these people want to improve their living conditions but lack the technical know-how.

The words of the National 4-S

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Kansas 4-H international programs have four facets—study, exchange of persons, youth leaders' exchange, and service. The Kansas 4-H Foundation assists all international programs and gives financial aid to IFYEs. The goal is to increase understanding as a step to a peaceful world. In 1970 15 young Kansans visited in other countries as participants in IFYE or Teen Caravan programs. Kansas families were host to nine IFYEs from abroad. Here, and on other pages, are reports from some of the guests and some of the hosts.

Ethiopians study ag

By Gary Mogge Sherman County

My first impression of Ethiopia is that it is a land of contrasts. Business suits and rags may be seen on the street. Modern buildings and primitive huts can be found in the same cities.

The people here are both friendly and helpful to strangers. Amharic is the national language but English is now taught in the schools and all the younger people can speak English so one really has very little trouble being understood or finding someone to translate for you.

Topographical and climatic conditions in the areas of Ethiopia where I have been are quite different from those found in the Great Plains of America. The terrain is very hilly and sometimes mountainous and the soils are mainly heavy black clay with poor drainage.

There are two seasons — the rainy season and the dry season. During the rainy season, in the months of April through September, the soils become waterlogged in many places. Toward the end of the rainy season the soils become very cold, thus causing a slight problem with poor germination of dry season crops. Also when the soils dry out during the dry season, they become hard and crumble rather easily.

One of the most amazing aspects of Ethiopia is the vast educational system. Even in smaller villages a school exists. I feel that this is one main reason why Ethiopia is making tremendous progress as a developing nation. Since 90 to 95 per cent of Ethiopia's population is involved in agriculture in one way or another, emphasis is being placed on agricultural education. Sev-

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Co-ops help India

By Larry Paxson Sumner County

Hello from India!

Our group arrived here on the 14th of September. My pace has sure slowed and so has my watch. But this has given me a good opportunity to get to know and understand the people and India.

The people are very friendly and hospitable. Everyone I meet first wants to know how I like India and if I had trouble adjusting to Indian life. After I tell them that I'm enjoying all the different types of people and culture, and that I had no trouble adjusting to Indian life, except for the chilies and spices, which usually brings laughter, Indian people are

very eager to discuss their part of India, and to learn about the United States. They are very pleased to learn of the similarity of life's outlook in farm people of the United States and India.

I have acquired a great faith in India's agriculture. I have yet to find one farmer that isn't concerned about food production versus population. They are all, large farmers and small, greatly interested in new hybrid seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, and better farming methods being developed for India. Also the progress in co-ops is very gratifying. They are doing everything to aid the farmers by selling seed, fertilizer, and chemicals and

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Off to market

By Marlene Van Gundy Lyon County

Midway between the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean and about 100 miles north of Spain is an area of France which is little known to the typical tourist. Because of this, one can get the true picture of the traditional and typical life of the country folk in this region of France.

The countryside is beautiful with many rolling hills of various colors (the French call this mini-Colorado). The farms in southern France are small (about 65 acres) so the many vineyards and the small fields of wheat, corn, alfalfa, and sunflowers add to the multicolored countryside.

There are few large cities in this area but small villages may be as close as two miles apart. Most of the stores are privately owned and usually are specialized in selling specific items. For example, there is a bread shop, pastry shop, beef shop, vegetable shop, and creamery. In other words, there are very few grocery stores or supermarkets.

One of the most interesting things that occurs in these small villages is the famous outdoor market held one day each week — a different day for each village so there is always an outdoor market nearby. Whether or not they have anything to buy or sell, people may gather in the village just to see and visit with their friends. Therefore, in addition to the usual buying and selling, there is much activity with people carrying baskets, walking, riding their bikes, or just standing and talking.

It is here, on market days, that one can buy just about anything. Merchants from other areas, sometimes large cities, may bring some of their merchandise to sell — dresses, shoes,

or other items. Others may be buyers looking for animals to take back to resell. Anyway, the people at the marketplace are not always necessarily local people.

Along the small, narrow streets in front of the little shops many kinds of fruits, vegetables, eggs, pastries, meat, fish, and anything else one might think of are lined up for display. Each owner is responsible for his own goods and the buyer is free to select the quality he wants. Of course, it is better to get there early in the morning before the best has been sold.

A separate area is reserved for the cattle — mostly beef. There are a few dairy cows sold in this way but the biggest sale is of young calves for veal. Buyers for these young calves may come from as far away as Paris or even Italy. It is very interesting to watch them check the eyes and mouth to see if the calves have been fed grain, which would mean a lower price. Each owner stands beside his own calves, which are all haltered and tied, while the buyer tells him what the animal is worth. The owner may or may not accept this price.

In the center of most of the villages is a large, shaded area. On most days this is used for playing games or walking. On market day, it is the area where the rabbits and many kinds of poultry are exhibited. Baskets of chickens, ducks, guineas, geese, and rabbits are lined on the ground with the owners sitting beside them on benches. Also, there are usually some baby poultry and rabbits kept in cages in this same area.

This reminded me of one of our county fairs. Can you blame me for being so surprised to learn that it is a weekly event for each village in this area of France?

Rich Hawkins, program director for station KXXX, Colby, gives a check to members of the Thomas County Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club. The money, earned by making shipping boxes for records, will go to the International Farm Youth Exchange program.



Land of contrasts

By June Galle McPherson County

Imagine, for a moment, the excitement of a camel ride or the challenge of sitting cross-legged on the floor eating rice with the fingers, or the enjoyment of speaking to village farmers about 4-H, or the adventure of walking among century old temples and palaces. I have encountered these experiences plus many more during my few months in India.

India is a land of contrasts — bathed in an ancient heritage of glorious kingdoms — yet living now in the age of Coco-Cola and hybrid seeds. Her people are numberless, but their quality of hospitality stretches from Calcutta to Bombay. They are an easy-going people who can enjoy a cup of tea with friends.

Many Indians do live, as I had always read, in one room mud huts;

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Money for IFYE

A Thomas County 4-H Club, the Abilene Hustlers, earned \$180 for the Kansas International Farm Youth Exchange program as they cooperated with radio station KXXX in Colby.

Members of the Hustlers Člub made boxes to use in mailing records the station offered in exchange for a donation of \$2 to be divided between IFYE and the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, Washington, D.C.

4-H'ers made the shipping boxes from salvaged cardboard obtained at furniture and appliance stores.

For many years active in international programs, the Hustlers each year go trick-or-treating for UNICEF. Other activities include a festival of nations and program with speakers from other countries.

More than a dozen of the 4-H'ers are enrolled in the people-to-people project and several have pen pals overseas.

For the assistance the club gave, Station KXXX presented the Hustlers a check for \$20.

Rich Hawkins, program director for the station, was a Kansas IFYE to India in 1965.

The friendly French

By Phyllis Roelfs Cheyenne County

France is the land of good food, great wine, and friendly people. And as an IFYE to France this summer on the new experimental two and a half month program, I had the opportunity to find out how true this statement really is.

In the month of July and the first week of August I was in the heart of the famous wine producing area near Bordeaux. I was able to see the famous vineyards (even work in them), and also see part of the processes of the wine industry. Since the grape harvest does not take place until October I did not see the actual harvest, but was given the chance to taste the finished product very often because the French have wine at every meal.

The people of southern France are very warm and friendly not only to each other but also to the visitors they have. They would go out of their way to make you feel at home and to help you in any way. They also live at a slower pace than do the Ameri-

cans and take life more easy going, never letting time control it.

For the last two weeks of my stay in France I lived in north-central France near Orleans. This area was entirely different agriculturally than southern France because now I was in the cattle, grain, and forest area more like Kansas. The people here were also friendly and warm as are all French people, but they live at a pace more like that of the Americans. For example when visiting a neighbor in southern France you might stay one hour to one and a half hours whereas in northern France you would probably stay only a half hour.

The food of France was great anywhere you went. One could easily see why the art of French cooking is known all over the world. The bread, cheese, and pastries can not be compared to. And there is always plenty of food for all seven courses.

My stay in France as an IFYE from Kansas was very rewarding and educational. I would like to thank everyone from Kansas who had a part in my going as a representative for our state.

The real Germany

By Mary Knappenberger Johnson County

Everyone has some kind of picture in the back of his mind about what some foreign country must be like. My imagination of Germany was childlike — as realistic as ice cream castles. It was gloriously trimmed with people in leather trousers or dirndls, and a kucku clock on every wall.

My experiences as an IFYE have melted a few of those ice cream castles and I've found the German people to be very "real." Sure there are leather trousers and dirndls, but they are usually in the back of the closet and brought out only for festive occasions. The kucku clocks are for the most part purchased by American tourists thinking, "This is Germany."

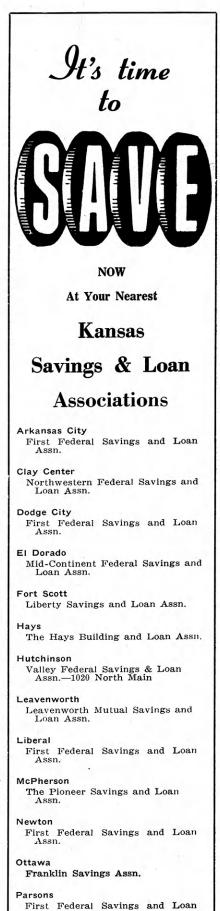
Eye openers have come in a variety of ways, the most meaningful being my stay with seven host families. The farm problems here are the same or similar to the ones we have in the United States. The German farms are generally speaking on a smaller scale. Some farms are very modern and others still practice older methods of farming and housekeeping.

My six months in Germany have found me in seven different areas as well as families. The areas in Germany vary considerably in design of farms as well as dialect differences in the language. Some homes are crowded into small villages and others are alone on the countryside. Some areas are naturally better for agriculture and other farms are special farms or designed to meet some special need in the community.

I feel quite fortunate to have lived on a variety of farms and experienced a variety of farm enterprises. I have

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Dreams do come true

By Linda Finuf Flint Hills 4-H Club Reporter

Dreams have come true for Flint Hills 4-H Club, Strong City, Chase County.

At our 4-H meeting in October, 1969, we had nine members, with one transferring to another club; three project leaders; and a woman community leader. The community leader gave us a month to get a man community leader and more members, or we would dissolve our 4-H club.

All members went to work, and in one week, we had a man community leader and the promise of about 35 new members. They asked, "What is 4-H?" and "What do you do?" To explain, our club had a wiener roast for all prospective members, their families, and our county agents. We pointed out all the great advantages 4-H has to offer boys and girls of our community as well as communities all over the world.

Our leaders met with the City Council to ask if we could have the old scout house in the city

Seventeen members of Flint Hills 4-H Club band played at the County and Re-gional 4-H Club Days. They are Steve gional 4-H Club Days. They are Steve Henderson, Allen Peacock, Janice Thies-sen, Joanna Augustine, Mark Davis, Vicki Ruiz, Gene Quraratie, Linda Finuf, Patti Finuf, Roberta Morgan, Danny Wilson, Chuck Pierce, Bobby Hensley, Vicki Davis, Teddy Miller, and Gayle Davis.

park for a 4-H club house if we would improve it, and with the understanding that other organizations could meet in the house if necessary. Improving the club house is our big project.
At November's meeting we

initiated 30 new members, 5 project leaders, and a man community leader. Then our club had 38 members, 8 project leaders, and

2 community leaders.

We set our goals high. At County Club Day we entered model meeting, illustrated talks, band, and two square dances. Our band and junior square dance went to Regional Club Day at Madison; to our greatest surprise, both won top blue! In our county paper the next week, pictures of the band and square dancers were on the front page.

On 4-H Sunday 26 members and 5 leaders attended St. Anthony Catholic Church and the Methodist Church. In church our leader announced that a lady from Elmdale, a friend of Mrs. Nixon, had sent pictures of our band and square dance group to Mrs. Nixon. We received a letter



The Flint Hills 4-H Club float with a red school and a red barn won first in the Flint Hills Rodeo parade.

congratulations from the President and Mrs. Nixon and a picture of each of them for our club house! Our members were so thrilled that they decided that our band should march in the rodeo parade and play "The President's March." We built a float for the parade, with the theme "4-H balances our lives." It placed first.

Our 34 members who began the summer had to work to finish our projects before our club tour and county fair. At the Chase County Fair 26 members exhibited 107 entries. Theme of our club booth was "4-H spirit around the world." Our members won three grand champions, two reserve champions, and several state blues. At the Mid-America Fair we had two exhibits that won a blue and a white. At State Fair one member judged on the meat utilization judging team from our county. One entry of food preservation won a purple ribbon.

This story proves dreams can come true with 4-H spirit and much hard teamwork!



Square dancing is a great hobby in the Flint Hills 4-H Club. Members pictured are Linda Finuf, Junior Raven, Vicki Ruiz, Gene Quraratie, Janice Thiessen, Phil Peacock, Debbie Miller, and Bobby Hensley. They participated in County and Regional 4-H Club Days, and won top

Co-ops help India —

(Continued from page 4) by giving loans to processing plants and marketing products. I think this is going to be a big benefit to agriculture here.

Young people here are showing awareness of the need for education. Education for all is relatively new with independence. The government provides funds for primary education but almost all high schools are run by private contributions. The only dark spot I see is that there is such a large number of schools and students that the funds do not always provide for the advancements the school would like to make.

Politics is also of major importance. Almost every visit eventually comes around to political subjects. Independence is still quite fresh in the minds of the people. As some of them helped fight for it, there is serious concern for a uniform development of the country. Most feelings would be described as a wish for a mixture of democracy and socialism. They want the freedom of democracy and the quick reform of socialism.

I've been in India only a couple of months now, but I'm sure of one thing — when I leave India, I can't help but take a small part of her with me in mind and heart.

The real Germany —

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helped hoe sugar beets, milk cows, load hay, cut wood for the wood stove, sort eggs, butcher a hog, make sauerkraut, pick grapes for wine and label wine bottles.

I'm convinced that the IFYE program gives one the chance to see all of these things as they are and live with the people. So much can be learned from first helping or watching. All in all I'm grateful that now those ice cream castles have real doors and windows and that I have been able to see, learn, and appreciate a country in such a "real" way.



Home was a sodhouse for this family in Finney County in the 1890s.

Our Kansas heritage

As Kansans look back on 110 years of statehood and assess the changes that have come about in that time, there is a temptation to list the pluses and minuses, to check off the good against the bad and read the balance to determine whether it has all been worthwhile.

There have been drought and pestilence, floods and grasshopper invasions, famines, wars, brankruptcies, and various other God-allowed and man-made disasters. Some have been so severe as to drive numbers of people off the land and out of the state.

But through it all there has remained an overriding feeling of optimism, a sense that in spite of everything this was destined to be a land of milk and honey in which the human race, or that part of it fortunate enough to live here, would prosper as it grew older and wiser.

More than 400 years ago the Spanish explorer Coronado described the land that is now Kansas as "the most suitable that has been found for growing all the products of Spain, for, besides being rich and black, it is well watered by arroyos, springs, and rivers." One of his lieutenants wrote that in all his travels he had seen nothing like this land. "It is not a hilly country." he said, "but one with mesas, plains, and charming rivers with fine waters and it pleases me indeed." Yet only 150 years ago an American explorer, Maj. Stephen

H. Long, called the western portion the "Great American Desert," uninhabitable for civilized man. Thus these comments constitute early plus and minus recordings in the Kansas ledger.

Major Long was proved wrong in his assessment, though the idea of the western plains as a Great American Desert still persists in some uninformed minds. There is scarcely an inch of Kansas' 82,000 plus square miles which is not useful and usable for agriculture, ranching, or industry. Many years ago, a Kansan with a sense of humor, I. D. Graham, a teacher at Kansas State College and long associated with the State Board of Agriculture, analyzed the layout of the state in these words: "The construction of Kansas was done in a very orderly manner. Instead of setting the land up on edge and sprinkling both sides with rocks so that the farmer had to plant his wheat with a shotgun and then had to fence with chicken wire so the children would not fall out of the front yard, Dame Nature troweled the surface smooth, covering the rocks well down, and then gently lifted the western edge of the state 4,135 feet above sea level without cracking the crust. With this arrangement of surface the Kansas farmer can grow practily all of the important crops of the North Temperate Zone and have a down hill grade to the big Eastern markets.

John J. Ingalls, once a U.S.

senator from Kansas and an accomplished speaker and writer, called Kansas a place of contradictions. In an essay titled "Blue Grass" he wrote that "Kansas is all antithesis. It is the land of extremes. It is the hottest, coldest, dryest, wettest, thickest, thinnest country of the world.' Some Kansans even today like to think this is true, and perhaps it is. Kansas in the early days was known for its healthful climate, as it still is, and hundreds of people came from the East to breathe the bracing prairie air and recover from lung congestion and other diseases. Yet the diaries of pioneer settlers are filled with reference to ague, chills and fever, suffered by the writers and their friends. More pluses and minuses for the led-

Another expert interpreter of Kansas and its people, William Allen White, said that hard work and pluck were the two essential facts of the Kansas character. Most of the people who came to Kansas in the early years were poor in worldly goods but in the first half century they built a commonwealth, established fine institutions, and paid for them out of their savings year by year. They didn't go into debt to do it.

The Kansas people have been conservative but at the same time they have been progressive in their outlook. In the first year of statehood they had more than 150 public schools and about half a dozen small colleges. This was no small accomplishment at a time when most citizens were nearly destitute, the new state government had inherited about \$100,000 in debts from the territorial days, crops were poor because of drought, and, without outside help in the form of money and supplies brought in by relief organizations, many people could not have survived. The achievements of those pioneers and their descendants. from such shaky beginnings to the solid and prosperous state of today, is a gigantic plus.

Kansas has moved ahead on a scale that the first settlers could not have imagined. Our lives to-days are fuller and richer because of their determination and courage. The inequities and injustices which still exist are recognized and will surely be overcome. There are no limits to the gains which will be made, and

By Nyle Miller Secretary Kansas State Historical Society

Photos from Kansas State Historical Society

In Russell County in 1910 the Mahoney threshing outfit was helping to make Kansas the wheat state.



the people of Kansas are assured of a bright and prosperous future.

Esther Clark Hill, author of the nostalgic poem, The Call of Kansas, well-known by those in the generation just past, once wrote:

"I can no more tell why I love my State than I can tell why I love my best friends, nor can I discuss her virtues and good points any more intelligently. Kansas is not a thing to be analyzed, though some of her sons and daughters have done it pretty well. I can love her, appreciate her, be proud of her and be proudest of all of having been born in her lap; but I cannot tell the why and wherefore of my love and appreciation and pride. As a place to be born in, to live and work in and, finally, Heaven willing, to die in, Kansas suits ME. But I have never thought of stopping to figure out what grounds I had for thinking all this."

And so it be with Kansas, Our Kansas!

COVER STORY

A 12 by 16 foot welcome sign has been erected by the Sherman County 4-H Council near the Kansas-Colorado state line by Interstate 70. This segment of the new four-lane highway was opened in June 1970. Approximately 3,000 vehicles travel by the sign daily.

The sign is located on the Wayne Winter farm, Kanorado, Kansas. Some

of the materials were donated by the Winn Hardware of Kanorado and by LeRoy Evert of Goodland. The \$68.05 balance was paid for by the Sherman County 4-H Council.

Sherman County 4-H members serving on the welcome sign committee were: Gary Winter, chairman, and Doug Hall, Stateline Telstars; David Evert and Alan Townsend, Ruleton Eager Beavers; Mark Holste, Edson Trailblazers; and Ron Busse, Llanos. Other 4-H members helping the committee were Larry and Terry Winter, Stateline Telstars; and Ron Schilling, Glendale Livewires. Mrs. Wayne Winter and Mrs. Jerry Winter assisted with the painting and the lettering on the sign.

Shown in the cover picture are, left to right: Dale Schilling, county agricultural agent; Mark Holste, Edson Trail Blazers; Gary Winter, Stateline Telstars; David Evert, Ruleton Eager Beavers; Terry Winter, Stateline Telstars; Ron Busse, Llanos; Ron Schilling, Glendale Livewires; Mrs. Wayne Winter, Larry Winter, Stateline Telstars; and Wayne Winter. (Photo courtesy of Tom Mc-Cants, Goodland Daily News.)

It's cattle branding time on the Salt Fork in Barber County in the 1890s. Notice the white shirts and vests.

W. R. Barnard, DVM, was the founder of 4-H in Republic County when he founded the Crossroads 4-H Club in 1931 in Belleville.

> Cecilia M. Kasl, Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club Historian. Republic County

Randy Riniker told about the Kansas state tree, the cottonwood, at a recent meeting of the Silver Lake 4-H Club of Shawnee County. Denise Lewis is club reporter.



Pawnee Indian Village Museum near Republic is to the left of the Pike Monument which marks the place where it is believed the American flag was first flown over what is now Kansas. On September 29, 1806, Lt. Zebulon Pike convinced the Indian chief to lower the Spanish flag and raise the American flag instead.

Mrs. Lawrence Riedy, Hope, writes that President Kennedy's funeral was held at St. Matthews Cathedral, not in National Cathedral as stated on page 20 in September, 1970, 4-H Journal.

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IDEAS & News

Grantville 4-H Club, Jefferson County, decided to have a bake sale to raise money for the new citizenship building at Rock Springs Ranch, state 4-H center. Chuck Bigham is reporter.

The Union Pacific Railroad scholarship will be increased from \$200 to \$400 beginning with awards made in 1971, according to Union Pacific President Edd H. Bailey. UP annually offers an agricultural scholarship to one 4-H club member and one student of vocational agriculture in each of the 198 counties it serves in 11 western states. 1971 is the golden anniversary of UP's scholarship program.

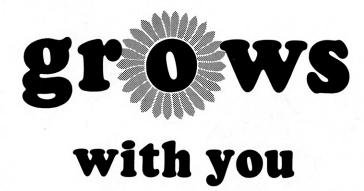
Some of the officers of Hazelton 4-H Club, Harper County, are president, Ralora Ward; vice-president, Scott Matthews; secretary, DeeAnn Debano; and Earnest Jahay, treasurer. The club has 10 members. Homer Jahay is community leader, and Mike Ward is reporter.

The Sherdahl Boosters 4-H Club, Republic County, sponsored a sponge throwing clown booth at Scandia's funday. One of the women from our 4-H group drew and painted the clown.

Mary Anne Waite, Sherdahl Boosters 4-H Club

In Rice County every year Veterans Day is observed with a parade of floats and bands of the various organizations and schools in the county. This year the parade theme was "Togetherness, God and Country." Fairplay 4-H Club's float theme was "God, 4-H, and Country go hand in hand." Glenn Colberg, a 4-H dad, constructed a large 4-H clover out of welding rod and chicken wire which the committee and families stuffed with green and white paper napkins, about 4000 of them. The clover was in the center of the float with the Christian flag and the American flag on either side of it, with the children of the float committee's families seated around the clover holding hands, thus symbolizing "God, 4-H and country go hand in hand." Kala Colberg is Fairplay 4-H Club re-

Donnie Preston presented a plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Martin for all their work and help to 4-H at a recent meeting of the Wilroads Gardens 4-H Club in Ford County. Jeanette Lewellan and Lloyd Clair were initiated into the club. The new president is Richard Ayers; reporter is Linda Clair.



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established as the official state march of Kansas in 1935 by the

legislature.

A number of Kansans have gained national prominence — President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Vice-president Charles Curtis; the first woman treasurer of the United States, Georgia Neese Clark Gray; and recently been crowned Miss America, Bryant and Debbie Debbie Barnes.

labor school for the Indians developed into St. Marys College in 1869. The first cathedral between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains was built here in 1849. The mission was also important during the time of the Oregon Trail.

> Willie Mergenmeier, Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Pottawatomie County

La Crosse is noted for two things that go hand in hand, Post Rock Museum and Barbed Wire Museum.

The Post Rock Museum shows how early settlers built fences by cutting posts from the lime-

two beautiful Kansas girls have stone layers. Each year in May, La Crosse is host to a barbed wire show and splicing contest. During the barbed wire show there is an Marilyn Learned, auction where people bid for 18 Kechi 4-H Club, inch pieces of barbed wire. Sedgwick County On January 1, 1971, the Barb-The town of St. Marys, located Wire Museum will open here ed halfway between Topeka and in La Crosse. Nancy Van Meter, Manhattan, began in 1848 as a Catholic mission. The Jesuits started the mission for the Pot-La Crosse Harmoniers 4-H Club. tawatomie Indians. The manual Rush County

The southernmost town in Kansas is Elgin in Chautauqua County on the Wilderness Trail. In spring tourists go there to see the red bud trees in bloom. A Santa Fe railroad marker proclaims Elgin was "The Largest Cattle Shipping Point in the World." The Black Dog Museum tells the story of this town too tough to die. Two clubs, Elgin Eager Beavers 4-H Club and E. H. U., a woman's organization, work to make Elgin a showplace.

Mrs. H. L. Adkins, a 4-H worker. Chautaugua County



Don Phillips, a member of the Go Getters 4-H Club, Ellis County, took these pictures of the exterior and interior of one of Kansas' most beautiful churches. the Cathedral of the Plains at Victoria near Hays. This church was built of limestone mined from quarries south of Big Creek in Ellis County. Members of the parish hauled the limestone in wagons, six loads per communicant, and dressed the stone by hand. Water was pumped by a one-cylinder gasoline engine, and a horse-operated hoist helped to lift the mortar and stone. Construction began in 1907 and the church was dedicated in 1911.

Don Phillips has taken all four phases of photography. He is presently photographer for the Hays High School yearbook.

Barton County leader serves club 16 years

By Sandra Koelsch Club Reporter

"They told me there was nothing to do," explained Mrs. Albert Williams, 'but I've been snowed under with 4-H work since." Mrs. Williams has been community leader of the Busy Buzzers 4-H Club in Barton County for the past 16 years. She became a leader when her son, Don, wanted to join 4-H. The club needed a community leader and Mrs. Williams undertook the challenge. Now all of her spare time is devoted to records to get in, books to check, and meetings to attend. In the beginning it was difficult because she had no prior connection with 4-H, but she has done her job well. For each year she has been a community leader for this club, the club has received a purple seal.

To Mrs. Williams, the most important part of 4-H is the boys and girls. "It makes you feel rather useful helping young people," Mrs. Williams says. She feels that giving demonstrations and talks are the most important learning procedure in 4-H. Also the practice all ages of young people gain in getting along and working together makes adjustment in other fields much easier.

Her husband, Albert, is a faithful 4-H woodwork leader. Many Saturday afternoons you

Mrs. Edward Ross, Wichita, received a bronze and walnut plaque for meritorious service to the Kansas 4-H program during the recent Kansas 4-H Congress in Wichita.

Described as a "long time friend" of 4-H, Mrs. Ross has served as dietician at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Encampment, Hutchinson, for 15 years. Each year thousands of meals are served to 4-H'ers, leaders, and Extension Service personnel participating in the Fair.

"Kansas 4-H'ers honor Mrs. Ross for her long time efforts and contributions at the Kansas State Fair," commented Dr. Glenn M. Busset, state 4-H leader, Kansas State University, in presenting

the plaque.



By Marsha Kerley Club Reporter

"A 1971 Rambler" was used to compare 4-H work to the automobile industry at installation of officers of the Peck Ramblers 4-H Club, Sedgwick County. The installing officer, Mrs. Howard Kraft, constructed the Ram-

The "1971 Rambler" was unveiled with the community leaders, Mrs. Marlin Kerley and Mrs. Carroll Kerlev turning on the lights, as an indication of their efforts to guide and direct the club.

Kathy Kraft, president, attached the steering wheel to the Rambler. It is her responsibility to keep the Rambler moving in its own lane. Sonie Senter, vice-president, will chart the trip through the club year. Sherri Burns, secretary, will keep roll of the passengers and a record of the meet-

Evonne Stunkel, treasurer, will keep accurate records of all expenditures on the trip. Marsha Kerley, reporter, will keep the public aware of the Peck Ramblers 4-H Club. Marsha alerted the club by honking the Rambler's horn. Gracie Stunkel, council representative, will serve as a spark plug of the Rambler. Gracie will keep the club informed of county activities. Debbie Green and Jim Wyant will also add spark as recreation leaders.

will find Mr. and Mrs. Williams and some boys and girls in their shop shaping wood into useful items. He also attends all meetings to the benefit of the many 4-H members who admire him and his wise and amusing words.

"Idle hands mean trouble: and 4-H is a good way to get rid of idle hands!" explains Mrs. Williams. "All and all, 4-H is a great learning experience and a lot of fun.'

It takes patient leaders like Mr. and Mrs. Williams to help 4-H and its members.

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Debbie Burns, song leader, will bring enthusiasm through group singing. Don Kerley, parliamentarian, will see the meetings are conducted in an orderly manner. The advisory council, Mrs. June Greathouse, Mrs. Herbert Stunkel, and Mrs. Duane Wyant, will coordinate activities of the 4-H Club with other community activities.

After all officers were installed, the Rambler was ready to roll, but there was no source of power. Members, parents, leaders, and guests came forward and provided the Rambler with "flite fuel". Each read the "Club Projects" and "Activities" written on drops of flite fuel, and then deposited them in the Rambler fuel tank.

Everyone fastened seat belts and the Peck Ramblers were off to a hopeful, successful, and rewarding journey through the coming year.

A love affair -

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fell near Hutchinson. When it is 32° below zero in Great Falls, we remember when Kansas had ten days of below zero weather. Perhaps we love to run our tongue over the tender spots on our mental tooth, just to remind ourselves how nice it is that we can stop the suffering when we want to.

Despite our predilection to humoring our complex, our heritage is not only in this fair land and its resources, but mostly in the qualities of the people who call Kansas their home. These are the people who call on the new neighbor; who organize the car pools for Scouts, school and Little League; who serve as 4-H community and project leaders; and organize the committees concerned about the church. These are the people who live on the land their grandfathers settled, or who just moved in temporarily and never got around to moving out. These are friendly people who stop to help the stalled motorist, who hold showers for the newlyweds, and who gather at the church to bury their relatives and friends. These are good neighbors, and we love them not for who they are but what they are. They are the people in the love affair with this beautiful land. To paraphrase Pogo when he said, "We have met the enemy and they is us," we have met the friendly people of Kansas, and they is us.

Zero in on safety

sion. Two former drug addicts

from Gateway House, Chicago,

Ill., told of their experiences,

By Louise Varah Barton County 4-H Member and **Delegate to National Safety Congress**

Ready! Aim! Fire! The aim of the 1970 National Safety Congress at Chicago was to "Zero

in on safety."

At the Congress we heard many educational safety programs. A live demonstration showing the effects of alcohol upon human behavior, judgement, and reaction was presented by Sgt. Gordon Cleland of the Illinois State Police.

What is the relationship of drugs to the accident problem? This was just one of the questions answered at the drug seswhy they decided to give up drugs, and what they do at Gateway House to help reform drug addicts. Among the other safety programs were skits on safety with power tools. William Nietschmann of CNA Insurance, Chicago, talked about PAY, a program to protect American youth. We also saw very interesting films about each branch of safety which we had covered during the Congress.

Kansas 4-H delegates attending were Debra Sargent, Wakefield; Jan Range, Derby; LaRita Croucher, Westphalia; and Louise Varah of Hoisington. The Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Department was the donor of this trip to Chicago.

As safety scholars our main objective is to hit the "bull's eye" by informing others of the things we learned and by encouraging people to stop and think before they act so they can prevent accidents.

Ethiopians study ag —

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in Ethiopia.

My IFYE assignment in Ethiopia is somewhat different from the IFYE assignments to most countries. Since the IFYE program in Ethiopia is very new I have been assigned stays at these various agricultural schools rather than with farm families. I have been staying in the dormitories and attending classes with the students who are enrolled at these schools. These schools are somewhat comparable to the vocational-technical schools of Kansas.

The students at these schools come from varied backgrounds. One may have a father who is in the Parliment while another may come from a family that farms. All must have completed high school and pass the school's entrance examination as well as a selection and interview board.

Upon the completion of the two year course at these schools or institutes the students receive a diploma in general agriculture. This will normally enable them to obtain posts in government service as agricultural extension agents, school teachers, or as assistants on government farms and research stations. Some will also obtain posts in the private sector such as agricultural salesmen and development officers, youth club leaders, cooperative organizers, or even farmers concerned about their own and their neighbors' future.

My final analysis of such institutions is extremely optimistic. Without them, Ethiopia would probably make little progress in agriculture. However, the progress that is being made is slow as far as Ethiopia as a whole is concerned.

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CENTRAL COLLEGE McPherson, Kansas 67460 Jeanine LeGoff of France stayed with host families in Sedgwick, Norton, and Russell

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counties. Mrs. Vernon Flegler, Russell, writes: "We looked forward to our

forward to our experience with mixed thoughts. Would we be able to understand one another, would she like our food, and so on; but we also looked

we also looked forward to learning about France and how the people lived. When the time came, Jeanine fitted into our family as if she had always belonged there. She shared a room with our daughter, helped with housework, attended church with us, adjusted to our 100 degree weather, and made herself at home. We found she was mainly interested in, as she put it, "things of the earth." So we visited various farms, where she saw terraces for the first time. We walked through the countryside, studying soil, grasses, plants, and the results of erosion. She spent a day in the oilfield, learning about oil. I think the most enjoyable day was spent with a rock hound, who gave her a collection to take back home; also enjoyable was the time spent swimming at Lake Wilson, as in France she swims in the ocean. Our Western boots and hat made a big impression, and she acquired both to take back home."

From the South American country of Venezuela, Rafael Marquez came to visit in Mar-



shall, Dickinson, and Russell counties. Mrs. Hoke is the spokesman for the Larry Hoke family of Dorrance:

"Hosting our first IFYE, Rafael Marquez from Venezuela, this summer was a most re-

warding experience for our family. We were his third host family and we were very much im-

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IFYE Profiles 1970

Yutaka Saito is a farmer in Brazil. Crops grown on his home farm are corn, tomatoes, and



various fruits. The Saitos also have an 8,000 hen laying flock. Yutako enjoys music, traveling, fishing, and hunting. His host families were the Irvin Hodgsons, Little River, Rice County; the Dale Colburns, Kiowa,

Barber County; and two Miami County families, the Faye Mc-Leans, Paola, and the C. William Atwoods of LaCygne. After leaving Kansas in August, Yutaka spent two months in California.

New Patiala, Punjab, India, is the home of Karanbir Sandhu, who visited families in Sedgwick, Dickinson, Logan, and Nemaha



counties. Mrs. Paul Skoch, Baileyville, writes, "Mr. Sandhu was a farmer and came especially to learn how American farms are managed. In India there are no combines and few tractors as labor is so cheap

there. He soon decided our way of living is very modern. He spoke very good English and enjoyed our American food. While with us he attended 4-H meetings and showed slides of India and told of their way of living. Karanbir had a great personality, and soon became acquainted with all whom he came in contact with. After his two week visit we took him to Kansas City, where he boarded a plane for Indiana to be with his next host family."

Renske Georgius from the Netherlands spent six weeks in Marion, Ford, and Allen counties. Mrs. George Works, Humboldt, writes for the Works family:

ily:

"It was a family experience when we hosted an IFYE this past summer; a family exper-



ience because each member of our family had a different relationship with Renske and each gained differently. My relationship with her was a close day-to-day experience. And as she questioned and mildly criti-

cized in her effort to understand our ways, I think I saw us more clearly as others do see us and as a result I've found myself questioning and re-evaluating the things we do, the way we spend our time, the things that make up our lives and influence our place in the community. Our response to an IFYE in our home was sharpened by the fact that our daughter had just returned as an IFYE to another country. So it has been a two-way experience for us, a real IFYE year — a learning year."

An IFYE from Korea, Won Kap Lee, visited families in Barber and Cherokee counties. Won



is the fourth IFYE guest for the Carlos Eagleson family of Columbus. They live in the most southeasterly county in Kansas, so they enjoyed taking Won on a trip into three other states — Oklahoma, Arkansas,

and Missouri. Won also went with them to 4-H and school activities. The Eaglesons feel that their IFYE guests are like part of the family; they keep in touch with them, and received a wedding invitation from one of them. The Eaglesons' daughter Marla is in the people-to-people project. Won Kap Lee had been a 4-H club member for seven years.

Jacinto Vera O'bregon from Ecuador was a guest of families in Kingman, Chawford, and Russell counties. Sherry Von Soosten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Von Soosten, Girard, and people-to-people project leader

of the Cloverites 4-H Club, writes:



"The day after he arrived, he went with me to Junior Leaders Camp at Cedar Bluff, Coffeyville. He made a lot of friends and met Linda Carr from Montgom.

ery County who had been an IFYE to Mexico. Jack learned to drive our tractors and trucks and spent a lot of time with my dad learning how farming in southeast Kansas differs from that in Ecuador. We arranged for Jack to visit with W. W. Ogborn, DVM. Jack was a second year student of veterinery medicine in his home country. Jack and I presented a TV program on KOAM-TV with Bill Cox, our county agent. We met a former Ecuadoran ambassador through the TV program. We told Jack good-by at the IFYE picnic in Manhattan."

A picture of Jack with the Paul Dick family appeared in the August 4-H Journal.

4-S is growing —

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Hymn of Nicaragua emphasize the ideals and principals of 4-S clubs—
"to make the best better is our motto.
Four letters have our emblem. Four letters: Hands, Head, Heart and Health that is vigorous. We are the spearheads of our community. Youth that labor on the land with effort and stuffed with love. Youth that want to give to their home and the country a livelihood that is happy and honorable. Youth that in the country harvest dignity, cheer and honor."

4-S is a developing program that is in a fascinating stage. It will be interesting for me to see the changes that will be made, not because of the Youth Development Program and of Americans that are here, but because the people of the country want to make the changes themselves.

Crissy Kateregga from Uganda visited families in Riley, Osborne, Rawlins, and Leavenworth counties. Mary Sachse, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike



Sachse, Leavenworth, tells about the experience of being host to an IFYE.

"If I ever get to be an IFYE I hope I can fit into my host family the way Crissy did in ours. Right down to the

youngest in our family, we found Crissy eager to share our fun, games, food, and books. She had an exceptional desire to learn our customs and ways and felt an obligation to take home a clear picture of our country. Crissy had never had an opportunity to learn to swim or even be in the water at her home but she was determined to learn to swim. We found a swimming suit for her and she used every chance she got to learn to swim. It didn't take us long to realize that the color of her skin made no difference in our friendship. I found that all girls share the same problems of hair and clothes. I'm glad we were fortunate enough to know Crissy."

Land of contrasts —

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and two meals a day must sustain the needs for the village farm laborer's 12-hour day. But the more progressive man has his place, too. Rural India today boasts extensive cooperatives for her milk production, electricity and water purification plants in many villages, and high yields from Mexican dwarf wheat.

In the midst of India's poverty and wealth, I never cease to think of the affluence of the American people so often taken for granted. Someday India's dreams of mass communication and education will also be realized. Like America, her goals lie in the hands of young people. Very soon, they too will strive "to make the best better."

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Norway is the home of Per Mustvedt, but the past summer he found himself at home with families in Butler, Ford, Marshall, and Brown counties. The James Rubenichs write that Per



was glad to come to Dodge City, as Gunsmoke is a popular TV program in Norway. "We were building a garage and were ready for shingles. Although this was something new for him he was anxious to help,

and got a sunburn for his efforts. He and the girls often went swimming and spent quite a few evenings at the gunfights at Boot Hill and spent Saturday evenings at the car races. Something that was really different for him was seeing a fleet of six combines harvesting the same field of wheat."

The Richard Chase family, El Dorado, found that "the personable 6 feet 7 Norwegian readily adapted himself to the food, fun, and routine of the farm family. Although Per had never played basketball before, he soon joined in the daily basketball game, as well as riding a horse and doing other farm and ranch work. Having worked as a journalist in Norway, Per was interested in taking pictures and in visiting the newspaper in the area. He also visited the journalism department of Butler County Community Junior College.'

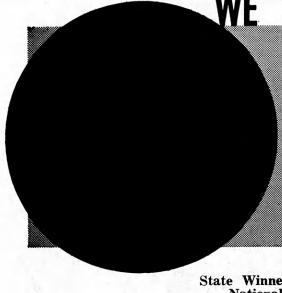
Rafael Marquez -

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pressed at the amount of English he had learned. We had no trouble communicating with him. He arrived July 22 and spent 17 days with us. At this particular time we had no field work, but he helped with chores. He was very eager to learn and help. Our county 4-H fair was held during this time and as he is active in 5-V work in Venezuela, which is similar to 4-H in our country, he seemed interested in our childrens' projects and in attending the fair. He was a very bright and personable boy. We hope he gained as much from his visit with us as we did from him."

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