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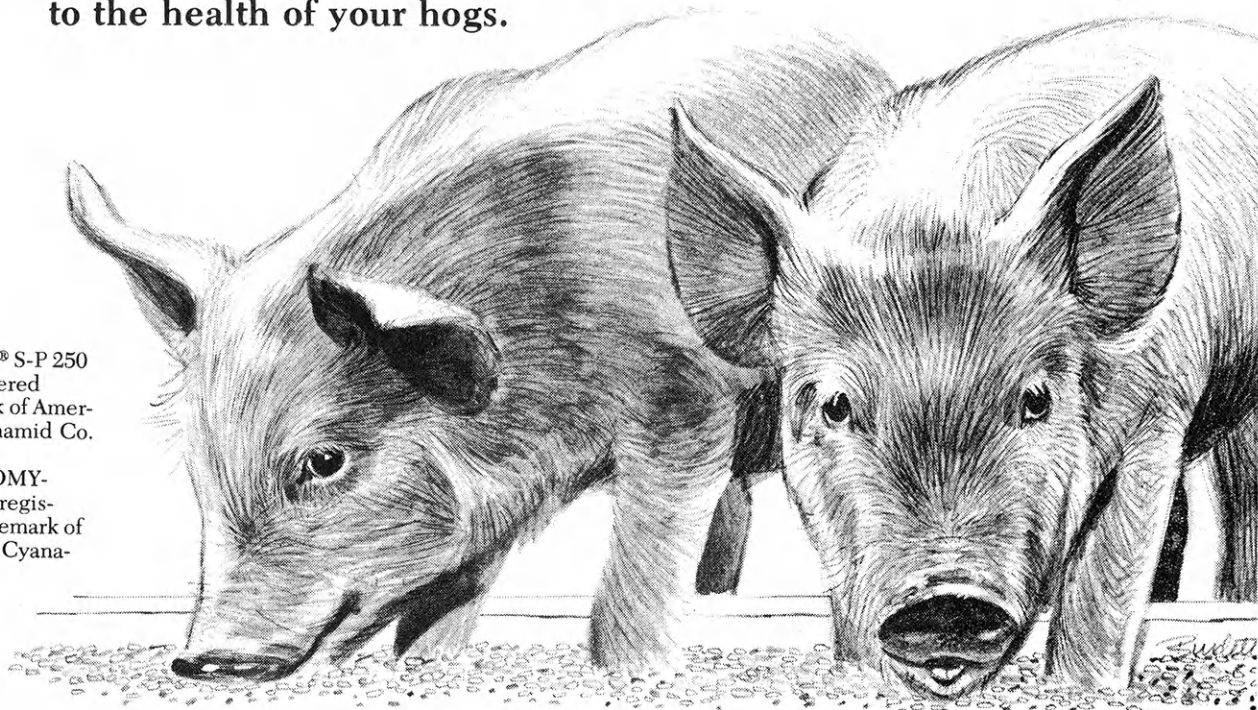
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**Mother Kansas at 115**

By R. A. Clymer  
 The El Dorado Times

*Editor's note: For many years one of the most eloquent spokesmen for Kansas, especially for the Flint Hills, has been Rolla Clymer, editor and publisher of the El Dorado Times. For our state's 115th birthday, he has written for readers of Kansas 4-H Journal this salute to Kansas.*

Mother Kansas is observing her 115th birthday this month, while the patriotic attention of her people and those of other states is filled with prideful concern of the American bicentennial.

This state will discharge her national obligations in a complete and comprehensive way, but first she must pay an affectionate tribute to the glowing prairie land which she calls home.

Our Mother today is an amiable and enchanting lady—long past her early days when she was harried by grief and privation and pain. For more than one hundred years she has been building a realm of practical utility and culture. Her swiftly passing seasons have failed to dampen her innate buoyancy or to stale her "infinite variety."

The swift leap of Mother Kansas from sod-breaking days into the midst of a modern and surging civilization looms as a model of the age. All the way she has clung firmly to her land as the bulwark of her prosperity. Today there may be found within her domain many parcels of acreage that have been in the ownership and intensive care of a single family for considerably more than a century of time.

From the soil richness of her rolling plains has come food and sustenance for those who hunger. From hidden recesses of earth far beneath the surface has flowed a wealth of treasure that has been taken to speed the march of progress.

The footsteps of the true-hearted have sounded with mighty tread in Mother Kansas' train all the way. These valiant ones came and stayed—planting their banners firmly upon the virgin acres of the prairie freehold and, despite plagues of bugs and blight and drought, presently wrought of it a rich cornucopia overflowing with abundance.

Seekers of homes in portions of the spreading "sea of grass" began to appear in the fastnesses during the early years of the 19th century. Men of the caliber of Rev. Jotham Meeker—"he that speaketh good words" and of blessed memory—left their enduring influence upon the young land. When the veterans of the Union Army came west after the Great War, they quickly began to take over positions of responsibility and leadership in the society of that day.

Mother Kansas—to her eternal credit—has learned to live with hardship and not to be daunted by disaster. The tornadoes that have laid waste her cities, the grasshopper plagues that devastated her farms in the 1870s, the Dust Bowl that ravaged her fertile lands in the 1930s, and the floods which inundated flourishing crops in the 1950s have caused her suffering and loss—but have not halted her forward progress. The fundamental elements that vitalized her pioneer era are still present in her character. These may be classified as the ability to plan carefully, to work diligently and tirelessly, and to hold fast to that which has been gained.

Her farm lands are richer productively than ever before, by reason of constant improvement of enlightened agricultural methods and a proper use of chemicals and fertilizers. She has learned some of the secrets of mass production and has gained knowledge in the programs of marketing. She has applied economical principles to the har-

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**About the cover**

The cover picture, taken by Rhonda Brown, a member of City

Slickers 4-H Club, Newton, won a purple ribbon at the Harvey County Fair.

## Mother Kansas

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vesting and sale of her grains, and has experimented with the care and cultivation of livestock of various species and breeds until her entries are all of the blue ribbon class. Huge feed lots for the handling of thousands of commercial cattle have been widely installed.

Since 1939, when Mother Kansas made the seeking-out and attraction of industry a state function, she has registered royal progress in that field. The war plants and air bases of the early 1940s were a helpful adjunct to the science of industrial planning. Through her Department of Economic Development, she has moved along at a steady pace — able to count on a hundred new plants a year, large and small. The aircraft industry has reached immense bounds; so great a demand has continued for its output that it seldom feels the stringencies of unemployment. The industrial contribution to Mother Kansas' coffers from this source has become a highly important figure.

The Kansas school system functions in steady and uninterrupted fashion. From excellent colleges and universities, where enrollments are ever increasing, come hundreds of young men and women trained and ready for useful service. Many of these go back to the farms, putting to benefit of agricultural service the modern teaching they have been given.

Clustered thickly over the face of the Kansas parallelogram stand scores of brightly burnished towns and cities — each sufficient to its own pride and circumstance. Within these borders are innumerable creations of commerce, religion, and culture — many with stately and magnificent structures which render unique service to community and state.

In recent decades, Kansas has become a twinkling pattern of lakes and watersheds. Many of Our Mother's superb valleys have been transformed into large areas of stored water, which have tamed the flooding of waters at seasons, and have helped to drive away forever the curse of protracted droughts.

Mother Kansas is served by such useful farm groups as the Farm Bureau and the Kansas Grange, as well as by hundreds of bright-eyed and vigorous members of the 4-H

clubs, whose handiwork is steadily reinforcing the craft and genius of the prairie folk. In the main, Kansas' sturdy sons have clung to steadfast ways, have not followed after strange gods, have kept their blood lines pure and their eyes upon far horizons.

Thus, surrounded by all these evidences of her material well-being and the unswerving loyalty of her children, Mother Kansas reaches another milestone in a changing and tumultuous world. What Coronado once beheld only as a far-reaching wilderness has now become the keystone in the sisterhood of states.

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# International delegates are chosen for 1976

By Gail Eyestone  
Manhattan

Three Kansas State University students have been named as International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) candidates for 1976.

They will receive their final designation and country assignments from the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., this month, according to Charles Lang, the state 4-H office representative on the IFYE selection committee. Aline Nelson, a senior in home economics and liberal arts from Goodland; James Schesser, a junior in crop protection from Horton; and Cindy Macy, a senior in home economics education from Alta Vista are the Kansas nominees.

Both Aline and Cindy have wanted to be IFYEs for years. Aline became interested in the program when her cousin went as an IFYE to Ethiopia. She was also the treasurer for the Sherman County IFYE fund for two years. But when she got the opportunity to go to Europe while she attended junior college, it made her desire to travel even stronger.

Cindy said she has wanted to be an IFYE "ever since I can remember." Her family was host to an IFYE several years ago and it made her think about it more. This year Cindy decided that "now was the time if ever." She said she waited until almost the deadline for applications because she "had to make up my mind to make that commitment and accept the challenges."

On Friday evening before the interviews began, the ten applicants and the interviewers had an informal get-together to help "break the ice." Then on Saturday morning the interviews began. Each committee member had a general area of questioning. They often gave the applicants situations and asked them how they would respond to them.

They were asked what their plans would be once they returned and what type of commitment they would make. Susan Small, a former

IFYE to Venezuela and a member of the selection committee, said choosing the nominee was a "very difficult decision. All of us felt there were ten outstanding applicants." She said the committee looked for such traits as "adaptability and flexibility and the ability to be open enough to accept customs strange to you."

Aline would like to be an IFYE representative for the six month program, while James and Cindy are also interested in the Youth Development Program (YDP). Cindy said it involves "teaching and developing programs as teachers and educators." The representative spends from 12 to 14 months in one area, learning about the way of life and "introducing what you know in helping with programs similar to our 4-H clubs," Cindy said.

Both Cindy and Aline said they would love to go anywhere, but their preference is Europe. While they are away, they would both like to correspond to newspapers and make tapes for local radio stations to share their experiences as they are happening. "Not everybody gets the chance to go," Aline said, "This way, they can be a part of it." They also both plan on giving slide presentations and talks when they return.

## Being an IFYEs host family

By Glenn Busset  
State Leader, 4-H and Youth

In the summer of 1975, four Kansas families experienced for themselves the "other side of the coin"—what it would be like to live in a foreign country without a competency in the language of the land. They did this without leaving their Kansas homes, for they were the families who acted as hosts to Gurdal Bay of Turkey. This fine young man, designated as a delegate in the International 4-H Youth Exchange program, was hosted by families in Stafford, Scott, Sherman, and Nemaha counties. When Gurdal arrived in Manhattan, it was painfully evident that although he was willing, pleasant, and cooperative, his command of English was so negligible as to make him a virtually wordless stranger. (I can recall with compassion the same frustrating feeling, while working alone in an Indian village, that Gurdal must have felt

## International 4-H exchange summary for 1975

In 1975 four outgoing 4-H international delegates were: Carol Whisman, Rooks County, to Germany; Don DeWerff, Barton County, Thailand; Jannette Luthi, Greenwood, Australia; and William Bradley of Douglas County who went to Switzerland as a member of a 4-H Teen Caravan.

A group of 16 teenagers traveled in Europe as a part of the 4-H Citizen Ambassador program this past summer.

Eight Kansas families were hosts to 4-H exchange guests from abroad. One delegate was Angella Aimey from Barbados, West Indies; she visited the Harold Shortridge family, Jetmore; the Gary Rayl family, Hutchinson; the Ernest Swartz family, Weskan; and the James Gall family of Reserve.

The other visitor was Gurdal Bay of Turkey; he stayed with the Roger Russell family of St. John; the Delmar Huck family, Scott City; the John Showalter family of Goodland; and the B.H. Engelken family of Goff.

in trying to communicate with his Kansas families.)

Because serving as a host family is such a personal relationship, we share with you portions of letters from the Showalter and Engelken families, indicating their concern. As you read these letters from the last two families to host Gurdal, do so with the thought, "what would I have done and felt under these circumstances?" Within this exchange of letters and phone calls lies a typical American approach to problem solving—when you do not know that much about the subject, communicate with someone who might be able to help you. These families communicated their concerns; Dr. Anna Hurlburt visited with the Engelkens, and we sent the correspondence and suggestions ahead to Ohio where Gurdal would be going after leaving Kansas.

These are the helps and the problems available to you if you should

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## Host family

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decide to be a host family in 1976. Not often do we experience such a language difficulty, but I think you can see in both the letters the strong thread of compassion and concern for another human being under duress. This is what international understanding is all about, and why the IFYE program has continued success. Should you wish to apply as a host family, contact your county extension office to make application.

## Excerpts from letters from host families

We are sitting here, this morning, evaluating what Gurdal Bay, IFYE from Turkey, may have learned from his stay with us, and what we, in turn, learned from him . . . Our family learned the utter frustration of the IFYE who cannot speak the language of those around him. It taught us compassion for the loneliness of such a one . . . All right, why am I bothering to write to you? It is because the biggest help I received was in calling Mrs. Showalter of Goodland — we just felt like we needed some orientation before Gurdal came — I appreciated so much visiting with her . . . So, if there were some way to have the different families forward a bit of information on to the families in the IFYE's schedule, it would be enlightening . . . If the agent in the counties where an IFYE visits would interview the family where he visits, then pick up the telephone and visit with the next agent, who in turn would inform the next family, etc., etc. . . I did so thoroughly enjoy my visit with Anna Hurlburt — I do hope the home into which Gurdal visits has the benefit of her knowledge of him — that warm understanding may be his.

Yes, we grew fond of Gurdal — we are extremely concerned for him — for the loneliness and frustrations that are a part of each day . . . He really was a pleasant, good-natured, intent personality; we wished we could have helped him more.

Sincerely,

Mrs. B.H. Engelken

I am so happy that something is being done to help Gurdal Bay's tour of Ohio. We, too, felt the frustrations and loneliness that he must

have felt so many times . . . We grew so fond of him during his short stay with us. We definitely felt of him as a member of our family and treated him as such . . .

If I can be of any help in any way to help better the relationship with future host families and IFYEs, I am only as far away as a phone call or a letter.

Thank you again,  
Ardy Showalter



## January 1776

As 1776 began, reconciliation with Great Britain still seemed possible, although the British authorities continued to ignore the appeals of the colonists for fair treatment.

Then in January 1776 *Common Sense*, a pamphlet presenting a strong case for independence, appeared. Written by Tom Paine, it

offered, he said, "nothing more than simple facts, plain arguments, and common sense" — all explaining why the colonies should be independent of Great Britain.

More than 120,000 copies were sold in the first three months of 1776, and many of the colonial newspapers ran copies of the pamphlet. Soon every literate American knew the reasons for independence presented in *Common Sense*.

Tom Paine had the ability to come to the heart of an issue and to help readers to reach conclusions. In *Common Sense*, he asked if independence would be to the advantage of the colonies. His answer was an emphatic "Yes." He said that "Now is the seedtime of continental union, faith, and honor," and that "The present winter is worth an age if rightly employed, but if lost or neglected, the continent will partake of the misfortune."

At the end of January, George Washington wrote to Joseph Reed of Pennsylvania that among the factors helping the colonists "to decide upon the propriety of a separation" were "the sound doctrine and unanswerable reasoning contained in the pamphlet *Common Sense*."

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## Dane Hansen Foundation gives \$150,000 for development of Rock Springs Ranch

The architect's plans are ready and the ground has been leveled for construction of the Dane Hansen Cottage at Rock Springs Ranch, a cottage which will provide year-round housing for 64 persons.

The structure will be built with a portion of funds from a \$150,000 gift from the Dane Hansen Foundation for use at Rock Springs Ranch, Balfour Jeffrey, chairman of the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, announced recently.

Other improvements which may be provided by the gift are black-topping roads and constructing a building for equipment storage. For some projects, Kansas 4-H Foundation will provide matching funds.

Dane Hansen, who died in 1965, was a Phillips County businessman, who built a fortune from his in-

terests in highway construction, oil development, ranching, and lumbering. Although much interested in politics, evidenced by his attendance at each Republican national convention for 40 years, he never ran for a paying political office, although he did serve as mayor of Logan for several terms.

"During his life, Mr. Hansen was a quiet contributor to many good causes," Balfour Jeffrey said. "The Dane Hansen Foundation, a charitable organization, has carried on his philanthropies."

The Dane Hansen Foundation is administered by a board of seven persons from Logan, Phillipsburg, Hays, Salina, Wichita, and Kansas City. Oscar Belin presented the initial check to Kansas 4-H Foundation.

## 4-H club shows concern for many

*Editor's note: Not every 4-H member can be an IFYE, host an IFYE, or take part in a special exchange, but any 4-H member can broaden horizons by participating in the people to people project. The 4-H club which was honored at the 1975 International Feast for its outstanding work in the people to people project was the 101 Go-Getters 4-H Club from Labette County. At our request, the club leader tells about some of the varied activities of the club in this project.*

By Mrs. Allen Richardson  
Oswego

The 101 Go-Getters 4-H Club of Oswego has had a successful people to people program this past year. The club adopted a Taiwanese boy 13 years ago through the Christian Children's Fund, which is an international missionary association ministering to the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of children of all races and creeds. During this time \$120 was sent each year to four different adopted boys. Christmas cards and gifts were also sent.

The club hopes by carrying the people to people project, it will in a small way help the community be more aware of responsibilities to those less fortunate people of the world.

The club members feel Christmas time is a time of giving and thinking of others. Members go as a group to

the Oswego Guest Home and give each aged shut-in an orange and visit with them. The past year they also furnished fireworks for their Fourth of July celebration.

They also went to 15 different homes with fruit baskets and sang carols at Christmas time.

The club held an international dinner and invited Dr. Paranjothi and his family as special guests. They told us about their native country, India.

They attend church in a group on 4-H Sunday and help with the church services.

On the last Saturday in January, members have an apple drive on the streets of Oswego and collect money for the March of Dimes.

Three times a year a radio program is planned and given on KLKC station.

Programs were presented for seven civic organizations this past year. Donations were made to the arthritis, mental health, united chest, cancer, and the Oswego Hospital heart monitoring fund.

Trash barrels were furnished and painted for the Labette County Fairgrounds. Members operate a concession stand at the fair to finance their many projects.

Club members are currently painting fire hydrants for the bicentennial year.



If you're a teenager, join Youthpower and work out a project pertaining to food, nutrition, or food-related careers. Choose an idea of your own; experiment, do research, or study in any way you like; prepare a report of your activities and submit the report to your county Youthpower committee. The committee will choose the best two to send to the state selection committee; it will select 12 teenagers to represent Kansas at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago in March or April. This conference was formerly called the National Youthpower Congress.

Specific areas for independent study are career studies, nutrition and health, food science and technology, dollars and sense about food, and the world food situation.

Sources of information and enrollment forms are members of the county Youthpower committee, your county extension office and your local Farm Bureau Women's chairman. Or you may prefer to write to Loreen Locke, Marketing Division, Kansas Department of Agriculture, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Miss Locke is chairman of the Kansas Youthpower Foods and Careers Committee.

Important dates to observe are January 16, final enrollment date; February 13, the date your project should reach your county committee; and March 6, date of the State Youthpower Food and Careers Conference at Kansas State University, Manhattan. All interested teenagers are invited to the conference whether or not they have completed a Youthpower project. The names of those selected as national delegates will be announced at the conference.

In recent years, 4-H members have found that a Youthpower project can combine effectively with 4-H work in such projects as foods and nutrition, agriculture, health, and science.



# Interstate county exchanges—

## Haywood County, North Carolina— Douglas County

By Julian Toney  
Douglas County Extension  
Agricultural Agent

During the past two years the older 4-H members' group in Douglas County has been involved in an interstate exchange program with Haywood County, North Carolina. The first half of the exchange began in 1974 when 27 members of New Comfy (New Enthusiastic Working County Older Members 4-H Club) and 2 leaders ventured on a 1,000 mile trek to Waynesville, North Carolina.

From the beginning, the members did the planning. Where to go, when to go, where to eat, which hotel to stay at were just a few of the decisions to be made.

A long but eventful and exciting bus ride to North Carolina marked the beginning of the adventure.

Upon their arrival in North Carolina, the Douglas County 4-H'ers were warmly greeted, assigned to a host family, and informed they were in for a full week.

A week of adventure, education, and fun was in store. From tours of furniture factories and farming enterprises to amusement park visits and cross country motorcycle rides, every waking minute was packed full.

Night time in the mountains was an experience in itself. From sitting quietly in the cool, clear evening mountain air to literally shaking the floor with a special brand of mountain folk dancing, there was never a dull moment.

Alas, the week was soon gone, and it was time for the Kansas delegates to embark on the long journey home.

Amid tears, smiles of joy, and promises of faithful correspondence, the bus load of Kansas 4-H'ers left the mountain country and headed for the plains of Kansas.

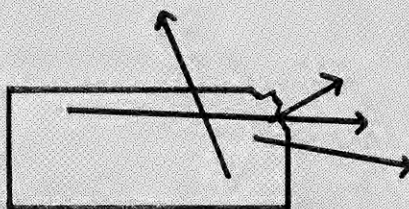
No sooner had the Kansas delegates arrived home than they began to make plans for the North Carolina delegates' visit to Kansas in 1975.

"What can we show them in Kansas?", "How do we raise the money?", "Who will stay with my family?" were just a few of the questions to be answered.

The next 12 months were filled with moneyraising projects and committee meetings.

Raising the necessary funds, which at first seemed a monumental task, was at last accomplished. Thanks to the generosity of the local co-op and the county 4-H council the task was greatly reduced.

As time for the visit drew near, the excitement and anticipation



mounted. Family assignments were made, the week's schedule confirmed, the last minute details attended to.

The anticipation of seeing old friends continually mounted until the arrival of the North Carolina delegates in late June 1975.

With only a week's time for the visit, there was no time to waste.

The idea was to see and do as much as possible in the time available.

Abilene and the Eisenhower Center, Lake Perry, Research Farms, The Federal Reserve Bank, Worlds of Fun, and the Kansas City Royals were seen during the week.

All too soon, the week was ended. Friends once again had to part. The departure of the North Carolina delegates was a sad but also a happy time—sad because for many it was the last time they would see each other and happy because it was an experience none of the participants shall soon forget.

Was it worth all the time and hard work? You better believe it! The New Comfy members are already hard at work planning next year's exchange.

We often hear that 4-H is more than hogs and cows. It's people; learning about and from them. An interstate exchange is one of the

best ways I know to learn more about people.

The major objective of 4-H is education. An interstate exchange is a fun way to learn.

## Charles Mix County, South Dakota— Greenwood County

By Janet Frankenberg Stephens  
Greenwood County Extension  
Home Economist

The 4-H exchange program offers opportunities for boys and girls to trade, compare, and share ideas with other young people.

Last summer, June 13 to 19, 19 4-H'ers from Greenwood County participated in such an exchange program with 4-H'ers in Charles Mix County, South Dakota. Charles Mix County is in the central part of the state along the Nebraska line; Lake Andes is the county seat.

While in Charles Mix County our 4-H'ers stayed with 4-H families and did what the family did, including work and fun. They learned about different lifestyles.

Exchange trips usually allow for a two-way exchange of ideas. Last summer 4-H'ers from Charles Mix County visited 4-H families in Greenwood County.

Here's what a few of the 4-H'ers who went on the exchange trip say about it.

"My trip to South Dakota gave me the opportunity to see what 4-H was like in another state. I enjoyed living with another family, and I also enjoyed the entertainment they provided while we were there. I feel this 4-H exchange trip was a really great experience for me, and I hope to be involved in one in the future."

Linda Stead

"4-H is a world of experiences. On June 13 Greenwood County had their 4-H exchange trip to Lake Andes, South Dakota, and I had the privilege of going on the trip along with 18 other 4-H'ers and our two extension agents. To me it was a great experience, because it helped me learn more about people and their ways and 4-H in other states. 4-H is a world wide organization



and is very active in many ways — judging, exchange trips, etc. It's meeting people from different states and sharing ideas and experiences. I would like to see more young people get involved with 4-H. 4-H has taught me a great deal of responsibility and leadership. 4-H can make it happen."

Todd Stuber  
 "Thanks to our exchange trip with South Dakota I have made a super friend, Brenda Beltman. Brenda and I had our 4-H work to help us get acquainted, we have a lot in common. Our host county had their first 4-H Rodeo while we were there. They asked me to attend the queen candidates luncheon; be a silent judge and lead the candidates into the arena at the Rodeo. They conducted their queen's contest different than ours, they had some different and good ideas.

"I enjoyed seeing that part of the country — my host family's farming operation was similar to Greenwood County, they had dairy, beef, swine, horses, and farm ground.

"I never realized drinking water could be so different, I drank lots of milk, I'll take Kansas water anytime.

"Thanks to Bruce, Jan, and the 4-H extension office for planning and organizing our trip to South Dakota and our side trip to the museums in Nebraska, it was fun. It was so much fun I'm ready to go back up and see all of my South Dakota friends again next summer."

Kris Olson

## Kent County, Michigan— Leavenworth County

Special guests in Leavenworth County in June were nine boys and girls from Kent County in Michigan who spent four days with their sponsoring Leavenworth County junior leaders.

In July a group of Leavenworth County junior leaders returned the visit. One of the 4-H'ers, Linda Long of the El Dorado 4-H Club, was surprised to see acres of beautiful green countryside, Gail Broom reports. "This was Linda's first trip to Michigan and she enjoyed the non-polluted, seemingly still untouched land."

## Randolph County, West Virginia— Decatur County

By Gary Anderson  
 Decatur County 4-H Council Reporter

Cowboy boots and cowboy hats may not be standard attire in Western Kansas anymore, but to 15 Randolph County, West Virginia, 4-H'ers they were the best souvenir anyone could bring home from Kansas.

The 4-H'ers and their four leaders spent eight days in Decatur County as part of the two counties' exchange program. Staying in 4-H family homes, the West Virginians had a chance to see how Kansans live, work, and play. Next summer, Decatur County 4-H'ers will return the trip and spend a week in Randolph County.

During their stay the guests saw a performance of the Phillipsburg Rodeo with their host families. It was the first rodeo most of the kids had ever seen. Among places they

toured were the Decatur County Feed Yard, the Decatur County Dairy, the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin, and the Decatur County Co-op. After a trip to the top of the Co-op elevator the kids exclaimed they could see for miles and miles!

On Saturday evening an all-county 4-H picnic in Oberlin honored the guests. A swimming party followed the picnic. The West Virginians also got in on the first day of fair, where they kept busy alongside the Decatur County 4-H'ers.

Concerning the cowboy boots and hats, Lu Moore, one of the group's sponsors, said, "They made such a fuss over the cowboy boots, we just never see them there." She said over half the group got either boots or hats. Lu said the group was generally "impressed by the flatness of the land and the bigness of the machinery." They were also surprised to see trees, since they had been told that trees didn't grow in Kansas.

"We didn't see as many differences in lifestyles as we had expected," she said.

## Intrastate county exchanges—

### Doniphan County— Finney County

By Donna Holderness  
 Garden City

Happy Hustlers 4-H Club of Finney County had eight exchange 4-H'ers and two agents from Doniphan County as their guests at their July monthly meeting. The ten guests arrived in Garden City Monday, July 7th, and left Thursday morning. During their stay they toured Gigot Irrigation, Oswalt's and Brookover Feed Yard, Farmland Foods, and the Experiment

of Finney County, hosted the guests.

4-H members from Finney County will visit in Doniphan County in 1976.

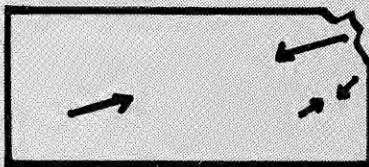
### Johnson County— Lyon County

By Laura Linsey  
 Olathe

Five Little Cedar 4-H Club members were delegates in an exchange program between the Logan Avenue 4-H Club and Rinker 4-H Club, Lyon County, and the Little Cedar 4-H Club, Johnson County, in July 1975.

Jeannine French, Stacey Darrell, Marilyn Linsey, Donna Page, and Laura Linsey, delegates from Johnson County, spent four days living with Lyon County 4-H families and learning about the 4-H program in Lyon County. The exchange was arranged by Laura Linsey, Little Cedar 4-H Club junior leader.

Little Cedar 4-H members will host Lyon County delegates in July 1976.



Station, and went swimming and visited the zoo. Wednesday night they had a pizza party with recreation presented by the junior leaders. Ten families, including two agents

## IDEAS \* & News \*

"Togetherness" is a theme of some of the project meetings of the **Randolph Ramblers 4-H Club** in northern **Riley County**. For example, at knitting and crocheting meetings mothers and daughters learn their new-found art together, and at macrame instruction meetings mothers, members, and friends tie and learn together. In geology, too, the whole family will take part in overnight rock-hunting trips, highlighted by a campout at some state lake.

Members of **Randolph Ramblers 4-H Club** improved the **Randolph City Park** as a community project. The park had been vandalized by teenagers driving through one corner of the park and damaging the trees. After receiving permission from the city council to construct a stone planter in this corner of the park, the 4-H members met one day, dug the footing, hauled rocks, mixed cement, and built the planter up. Later one of the project leaders and one of the junior leaders filled the planter with dirt; the local **EHU ladies** promptly planted flowers in the planter. So it became a thing of beauty as well as a park protector.

**Louise Olson** is community leader of the **Randolph 4-H club**.

**Fairview Hiltoppers 4-H Club** of **Concordia** and **Jolly Jayhawks 4-H Club** of **Jamestown** took part in an exchange meeting. **Shelly Correy**, **Cloud County** home economist, presented officer training to both clubs, **Donna Alderson** reports.

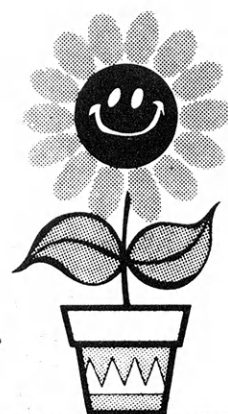
For 4-H Sunday, members of **Bonfire 4-H Club** in **Riley County** conducted vesper services in a pasture at the top of a hill during the early evening as the sun was setting, **Audrey Cross** reports. **Mrs. Larry Warner** is leader of the 4-H club.

The **Madison Pacesetters 4-H Club** in **Greenwood County** participated in the school homecoming festivities by entering a float in the homecoming parade. With the theme "Pushing the Spirit of 4-H" the float displayed several signs made and held by 4-H members. One sign proclaimed, "4-H is dy-no-mite so join the fun."

Several of the younger members talked in their classroom about their individual projects. **Beth Rawlings** is reporter.

**Gwen Marmon** reports that the **Town and Country 4-H Club** of **Scott County** was host to **Beacon Boosters 4-H Club** of **Finney County** for a 4-H meeting. The **Beacon Boosters** voted to have the bicentennial as their club project.

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Some of Kansas' outstanding 4-H clubs were honored at the Kansas 4-H Congress in Wichita in November. The projects, clubs, and counties are: safety, Thrifty Thrivers, Greeley; recreation, Victory, Pottawatomie; leadership, Junior Leaders, Ellis; health, Richland Rustlers, Pratt; emergency preparedness, Cloverleaf, Saline; citizenship in action, Wilsey Busy Bees, Morris; and acres for wildlife, Goessel Goal Getters, Marion.

Honored for their work on judging teams were Paulette Strecker, Susan LeRoy, and Elaine Besthorn, clothing, Barton County; Karen Kendall, Cheryl Sales, and Cathy Langton, food-nutrition, Jefferson; Rhonda Glasgow, Linda Richter, and Anita Johnson, home improvement, Saline; and Ben Whiteside, Luke White, and Rob McCully, identification and seed analysis, Butler.

The Olathe Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Johnson County 4-H achievement dinner at the American Legion building in Olathe. Singers from Mid-America Nazarene College provided entertainment.

Members of Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club who were county champions are Chip Voigts, agriculture and safety; Rick Secrest, horticulture; Randy Russell, forestry, conservation, grooming, and recreation; Connie Secrest, sewing, knitting, and consumer education; and Jackie Davis and Kelly Cameron, dog care. Pat Bauer is reporter.

The Pleasant View 4-H Club of Little River in Rice County recently celebrated its 30th anniversary with a joint Thanksgiving supper and birthday party.

President Pam Schulte welcomed guests, vice-president Sandra Myers

had prepared a birthday cake, and former members and leaders received alumni pins. Scrapbooks were displayed depicting the 30-year history of the club.

Ed January, a charter member of the club, was among the guests present.

The club now has 25 members, Yvonne Castillo reports.

"Small but mighty" describes Zeandale 4-H Club in Riley County. Because of population changes in the community, club membership has declined, but remaining members have responded to the challenge by assuming more responsibilities and doubling up on duties. Club president Rusty Berry served as president of the Riley County 4-H Council and of County Clovers, a club for older 4-H members. Rusty and his sister Sherry were elected king and queen of the county fair, and Rusty won four county medals.

Another Zeandale 4-H Club member,

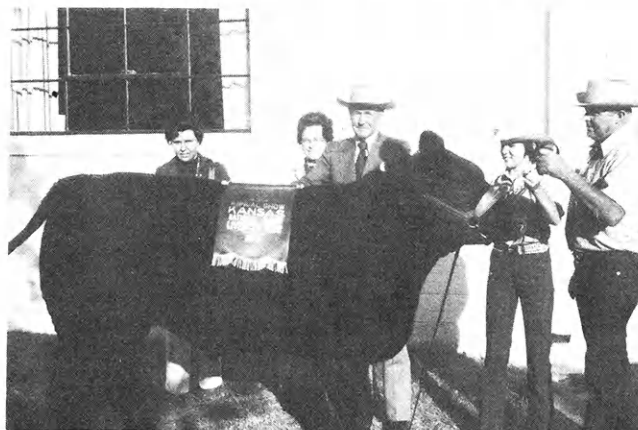
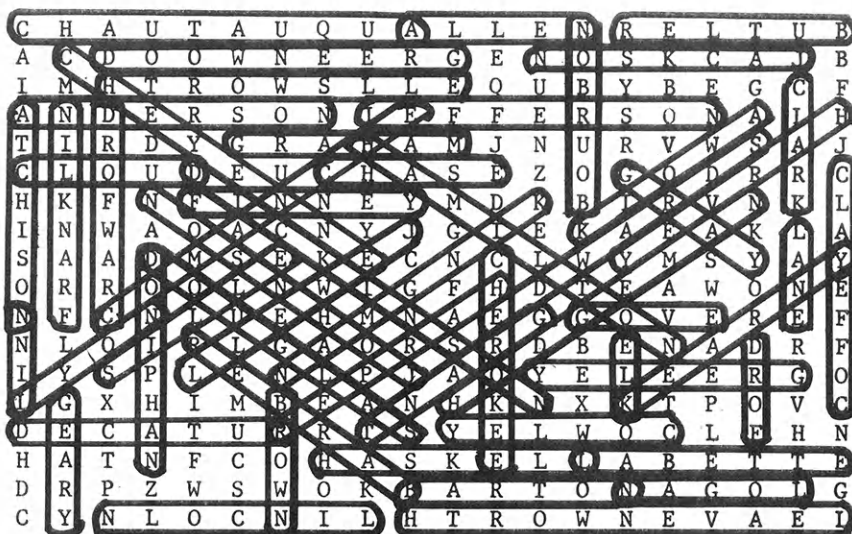
Jane Mertz, was mistress of ceremonies at the county achievement party. Jane was the public speaking and achievement winner and received the gold pin. Other winners from the club who were honored at the achievement party were Sheri Colbert, Sandy Colbert, Angie Colbert, and Kim Smith, all safety award winners, Roger Seymour in woodworking, and Jon Mertz, silver pin.

A ceremony at a monthly meeting honored three leaders of Happy Hollow 4-H Club in Leavenworth County. Mrs. Cloyd Heim was presented a silver engraved pin for serving as clothing leader for 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Theis Jr. were given a token of appreciation for having served 18 years as community leaders. A red rose for each year was presented to Mrs. Theis. They have four sons who are members of Happy Hollow.

Karen Sharp is club reporter.

Solution to county puzzle on page 15.



Linda Bell, Barber County, is pictured with her grand champion steer at the Kansas National Junior Livestock Show at Wichita. Also in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson, from whom Linda bought the steer, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bell, Linda's parents.

Linda's steer was bought for \$2 per pound by KFDI radio station, Wichita. She also received a wristwatch from Cudahy Packing Company and 1,000 silver dollars from the Kansas Junior Angus Association.



4-H members from the East Side Community 4-H Club, Graham County, had the experience of visiting with Mrs. Anna Daniels who was 101 years old. Mrs. Daniels reared 14 children. Born in Clayton, Illinois, in 1874, Mrs. Daniels came to Kansas in a covered wagon when she was 4. In 1953 she took her first airplane ride; since then, she has traveled by plane each winter until the past three years.

Presenting Mrs. Daniels with a cake from the club are Liane Van Loenen, Lisa Billips, and Kathy Legere. Lee Ann Brown is reporter.



Members of the national champion 4-H horticulture team are, from left, Larry Garten, Julie Meuli, Jim Griffin and Rhonda Janke. In 1974, Kansas also had the winning team in the national horticulture contest; the team was from Riley County.



Winners of the national Horse Bowl contest are, in the front row, from left, Debbie Tarrant, Susan Hummels, Jeanne Hummels, and Vince Anderson. In the back row are the coaches and Riley County horse project leaders, Jean Dobson and Bernard Wells.

## Two teams travel to top

Two Kansas 4-H teams are champions in national contests, and one of the teams was coached by two college students who were 4-H members only last year.

\* The Riley County Horse Bowl team placed first in the national contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and the Dickinson County horticulture team won the National Junior Horticulture Association's judging contest in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Members of the horticulture team are Larry Garten, high individual in the 4-H division; Rhonda Janke, second individual; Julie Meuli, and Jim Griffin. Team coaches are former Dickinson County 4-H members, Diane Robson, a student at Kansas State University, and Mike Womochil, now at Kansas State Teachers College. Mike was high individual in the adult open class and Diane was third.

Dickinson County 4-H agent Mike Christian and Mrs. Christian and Chuck Marr, Kansas State University extension specialist, accompanied the team to Biloxi.

Winners of the national horse Bowl contest are Debbie Tarrant, Susan and Jeanne Hummels, and Vince Anderson. The team members answered 240 questions covering 13 categories of information about horses.

Jean Dobson and Bernard Wells, Riley County 4-H horse project leaders, coached the team and went with them on the trip to the contest in Harrisburg.

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# Sample 4-H Horse Bowl questions

What kind of questions are asked in a Horse Bowl contest? Some of the people most likely to know are members of the Riley County Horse Bowl team, winners in 1975 of the first Kansas Horse Bowl contest and of the National Horse Bowl contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Here are some of the questions the 4-H members studied to prepare for the contest.

1. What type of base support does a horse have at a walk?  
Triangular
2. How many feet should you try to keep between you and the other horses in a lineup?  
At least 5 feet
3. What is one regulation that is required for timed events for safety reasons?  
Gate must be closed during the speed events
4. What bone structure supports the loin area?  
Loin area has no bone structure
5. What is the breed that is a small sturdy horse used as a cow pony in some areas of South America?  
Criollo
6. The Appaloosa was developed in three states, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. Where did they come from before that?  
Fergana, Central Asia
7. The bones of the foot and pastern of the horse are?  
Long pastern, the short pastern, and the coffin (navicular) bone
8. A contagious disease is?  
One that may be transmitted from one animal to another

- by direct or indirect contact
9. The causes of most unsoundnesses of feet or legs are?  
Injury or excess stress and strain
10. If a horse is forced to vomit what is likely to happen?  
Rupture of the stomach or pneumonia
11. What form must you complete before you can exhibit at a state 4-H show?  
The 4-H Horse Identification Certificate
12. What is scoring based on for the reining class?  
Performance of horse 80 points  
Performance of rider 20 points  
100 points
13. The most commonly used bridle for three and five gaited horses for bridle path and show is what?  
Double bridle or Weymouth
14. Every horseman is a rider but not every rider is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Horseman
15. How are the front legs attached to the main skeleton of the horse?  
Muscular structures only
16. Saliva is 99 per cent water. What is the other 1 per cent?  
Inorganic salts and proteins
17. What chemical elements make up protein?  
Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen
18. In the timed event, pole bending, how many poles are used?  
6 poles
19. What classes are spurs prohibited in?  
Showmanship and halter classes

20. What is the dress code for Western classes?  
Dark blue denim jeans, white long sleeved shirt or blouse with a convertible collar
21. If a bit fits properly, where does it rest in the horse's mouth?  
On the bars of the mouth or interdental space
22. What word best describes the way a horse learns?  
Repetition (doing the same things over and over)
23. Why does a rider when backing a horse use leg pressure?  
To control the horse's direction of backing
24. After lifting the hind foot, in which direction should you move with the foot?  
To the rear
25. Where is the pituitary gland located?  
At the base of the brain



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In January construction is scheduled to begin on the Kansas Coliseum near Wichita.

The building, which will be larger than a standard city block, will seat 12,500 and provide facilities for 4-H and FFA activities, crop and foods exhibitions, cattle and horse shows, livestock sales, farm implement displays, and other recreational, cultural, and educational events. The building will provide a home for the Kansas National Junior Livestock Show.

On the 240 acre tract, facilities will include parking, barns for livestock, and camping areas.

Some private funds are still needed to go with the \$6,000,000 which came from other sources.

If you wish to contribute, write to: Kansas Coliseum Campaign Headquarters, Vickers-KSB&T Building, 125 North Market, Wichita, Kansas 67202.

## 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference

Another capacity turnout is expected for the fourth State 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference at Rock Springs Ranch, February 7-8, 1976. Because of the limited overnight housing (325), only adult leaders, extension agents, and junior leaders 14 years and older are encouraged to attend.

The conference will feature exhibits, demonstrations, authorities on various phases of the 4-H horse project, and the finals of the second State Horse Bowl Contest. The

State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee will share their recommendations for the 1976 4-H horse program with all of those in attendance. Selection of area representatives to the state committee will also be made.

The cost for full-time attendance for four meals, overnight lodging, registration, refreshments, and program will be approximately \$16.50 for adults and \$14 for youth 14 to 17 years old.

Ann Johnson was chosen Cloud County's 1975 Junior Miss at the county fair in Glasco. Ann, a 4-H member, was the junior leaders' candidate. Randy Johnson is the Cloud County junior leaders' reporter.



Sue Gorthy is crowned 1975 Cheyenne County Rodeo Queen by Miss Rodeo Kansas, Kristin Holmquist. Sue, a senior at Bird City High School, has been a member of Go-Getters 4-H Club for nine years, and has participated in many quarter horse shows in Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado.



## The 5 year 4-H fund drive

The City Slickers 4-H Club of Newton, Harvey County, sold more than \$900 in a recent QSP magazine subscription drive to raise funds for their 4-H club treasury and for the statewide fund raising effort. The subscription sales increased the club treasury \$290. Dawana Miller is club president.

## First Annual Flower, Lawn and Garden Show

For 4-H members with an interest in horticulture, gardening, or home grounds improvement, the First Annual Flower, Lawn and Garden Show will be a good place to visit. The show will be open in the Topeka Municipal Auditorium at 214 East 8th Street from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, February 7, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, February 8.

The Kansas State Horticultural Society and 10 affiliate organizations are sponsoring the show. Also assisting are the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service, the Topeka Park Department, and the Kaw Area Vocational-Technical School.

Booths, displays, and seminars will offer information relating to all phases of horticulture. Admission will be \$1.25 for adults, 50 cents for 4-H members, and free for pre-school children with an adult.

## Ceremony for younger members: 4-H symbols

By Kenna Giffin  
Lawrence

4-H Member A: I am a 4-H member. We are 4-H members. We should all know the symbols and ideals of our 4-H club.

4-H member B: (holds a poster with a large clover on it) I am a four-leaf clover. I represent 4-H clubs in America and other nations. On each of my leaves is a white letter, H. The Four Hs stand for head, heart, hands, and health. I stand for good luck and achievement for all 4-H'ers.

4-H member C: (holds 4-H flag) I am the 4-H flag. I am mostly white, but I have the 4-H clover at the center. The white background means purity; the green is a symbol of the great outdoors, springtime, life, and youth.

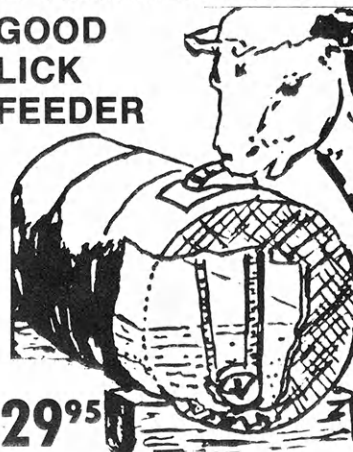
4-H member D: (holds card with 4-H pledge) 4-H clubs have a pledge. It explains each of the four Hs on the clover. Will my club help me say the pledge? (Entire club repeats pledge, with motions.)

4-H member E: (holds card with motto on it) We have a motto in 4-H. What is that motto? (Entire club repeats motto.)

4-H member F: (Speaker or one or two others hold the United States flag) 4-H teaches us to love our country and to respect our flag. When we salute our flag, we show our respect and love. We will now give the pledge of allegiance. (Entire club gives pledge.)

4-H member G: We can say how much we think of America and her flag by singing. We will show our love of America by singing \_\_\_\_\_  
(a patriotic song.) (4-H member G leads in singing.)

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# Family Fun Page

Nancy: My school makes lots of money.

Laurie: From selling food?

Nancy: No, from selling upset stomach pills!

Sherrie Johannes, Marysville

Q. How many birthdays does the average man have?

A. One.

Q. I have in my hand two U.S. coins which total 55 cents in value. One is not a nickel. Please bear this in mind. What are the two coins?

A. A half dollar and a nickel.

Q. Is it legal in California for a man to marry his widow's sister?

A. It's impossible; he is dead.

Debbie Heier, Grinnell

Q. What do you get when you cross a 747 with a kangaroo?

A. A kangaroo that shows movies in its pouch.

Q. What else do you get?

A. A plane that makes short hops.

Q. What is a hospital for parrots called?

A. A polly clinic.

Q. Why was the house empty?

A. The fire had gone out, the eggs had scrambled, the cards had cut, the rope had skipped, and the stockings had run.

Teacher: What's the formula for water?

Stephen: H,I,J,K,L,M,N, O.

Teacher: That's not the formula I gave you.

Stephen: Yes, it is. You said it was H to O.

Donna Ward, Douglass

Sue: What does a buck-toothed cow say?

Harry: Moof!

Debbie Johannes, Marysville

Daffynitions from the Wall Street Journal:

Acupuncturist's income: pin money.

Raymond J. Cvikota

Each 4-H'er sending jokes used on the fun page will receive a little spiral notebook and memo pad, unless he has previously received a prize. When jokes are duplicates, the one postmarked earlier wins the prize.

Receptionist: meeter maid.

Edward Stevenson

Barroom bouncers: folk slingers.

Honey Greer

Scholar: readhead.

Ethel Griffith

Consulting firm: advice squad.

Len Elliott

Q. What kind of hug do bears like to give?

A. The bear hug.

Donna Forst, Wamego

Teacher: Define bacteria.

Bob: (not quite sure) The back entrance to a cafeteria?

Arlene Hulsing, Berryton

Dad: What's this low mark on your report card?

Son: I don't know. Maybe it's the temperature of the school room!

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## County Puzzle

Find 56 counties of Kansas listed in alphabetical order.

ALLEN	CLOUD	FORD	JACKSON
ANDERSON	COFFEY	FRANKLIN	JEFFERSON
ATCHISON	COMANCHE	GEARY	JEWELL
BARBER	COWLEY	GOVE	JOHNSON
BARTON	CRAWFORD	GRAHAM	KEARNY
BOURBON	DECATUR	GRANT	KINGMAN
BROWN	DICKINSON	GRAY	KIOWA
BUTLER	DONIPHAN	GREELEY	LABETTE
CHASE	DOUGLAS	GREENWOOD	LANE
CHAUTAUQUA	EDWARDS	HAMILTON	LEAVENWORTH
CHEROKEE	ELK	HARPER	LINCOLN
CHEYENNE	ELLIS	HARVEY	LINN
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Solution on page 11

By Stephanie Pringle, Yates Center

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The investor-owned Electric Companies of Kansas proudly salute the electric project winners listed here. These worthy 4-H'ers received Westinghouse Medals for their fine work. If you are not enrolled, join the many 4-H'ers in this project to learn more about electricity and the proper care and use of electrical equipment. Contact your club leader for more information.

**State Winner: Steve Misegadis, Rush County, received a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago as Kansas winner of the electric project. Donor of the trip is Westinghouse Electric Corporation.**

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