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## 4-H miracle spans four generations

By Fred Trump, Community Leader  
Sunny Valley 4-H Club  
Saline County

Today's crop of 4-H club boys and girls in Kansas contains many second generation 4-H members, involving three generations. These youngsters are being guided along the "learn by doing path" by parents who were once 4-H members themselves. The parents' parents also encouraged their offspring "to make the best better" through the 4-H experience a generation ago.

Passing the secret of 4-H from generation to generation has worked miracles with every generation it has touched.

My family roots in 4-H club work are not two generations, but four generations deep, working miracles in self-development all along the way. Our family's roots in boys' and girls' club work go back to the very beginning of the movement.

Professor Liberty Hyde Bailey, a pioneer botanist at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, started the idea of 4-H clubs in 1896 when he wrote and published leaflets on nature study that were sent to rural schools for use by the children.

A.B. Graham, a school superintendent in Ohio, in 1902 began the first club that resembles the present 4-H clubs. But many other persons helped found boys' and girls' clubs in several states at the turn of the century.

In 1900 the founding of boys' and girls' clubs in New York State was credited to Uncle John Spencer. I count him as the first of four generations, for his secretary of 1908-09 — my mother — called him "Uncle." She took up nature study in her first year of college. At the time of the official birth of 4-H clubs as part of the extension service in 1914, my mother was teaching nature study to city kids in the steel mill city of Gary, Indiana.

Uncle John Spencer died before I was born. But as a little boy, I remember visiting his widow, Aunt Lantie, during the depression. Each time we visited she gave me a nutritious orange, somewhat of a rarity in those days. It was typical of the enlightened people of that generation to give oranges instead of candy or a cookie.

While 4-H clubs took root all over the U.S. during the 1920s and 1930s, it did not come to my home community until a few short months before I went off to college in 1942. So although I was raised on a farm in New York State, I never had a chance to join 4-H. My younger brother joined, and throughout the 1940s he and our mother served as 4-H club leaders.

Although I was in the Army and in college in this period, 4-H still greatly influenced my life. In an indirect way, it was a turn-around for me. I decided there was a future in agriculture after all, despite the depression's lesson to the contrary. During the 1940s I attended the county 4-H council meetings whenever I was home, even though I had no official capacity. My brother was council president one year and was active on the council for several years.

Then for 17 years, as a reporter, I rubbed shoulders with the best of the best at the annual Michigan State 4-H Club Show. I took our own four small children around to see what the top 4-H members were doing.

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## About the cover

At the Hefty farm near Valley Falls, Elaine pats the family dog, Coco, while Elaine's father, Glenn, looks on. The family's Guernseys are in the background.

Turn to page 7 for an article about the 10-year 4-H member who is Kansas' newest Rhodes Scholar.

The photographer was Merle Bird, Topeka Daily Capital.





# 4-H Around the State



By the State and Area 4-H Staff

**Leavenworth and Butler Counties** — “Doesn’t every county have a banquet to honor their 4-H leaders?” was the question during the week of November 27 in Easton and in El Dorado. The Leavenworth leaders appreciation banquet is planned and conducted by the Junior Leaders Club annually (gratis to the leaders, of course). The Butler County leaders are guests of the First National Bank and Trust Co. of El Dorado.

**Wyandotte County** — Junior leaders made 15 classroom presentations promoting 4-H membership. Following the schoolroom meetings, a special invitational was held October 11 at the Wyandotte County fairgrounds, as an attempt to further inform interested parents and children contacted at the school meetings. With all clubs having representatives at this meeting, an attempt was made to “match up” interested youth with the existing 4-H clubs.

**Hutchinson** — Ski trips are fashionable these days, emanating from almost every part of the state and headed toward the high country of Colorado and New Mexico. Perhaps the most unique sponsorship, however, is the South Central Area 4-H Teen Ski Trip, with the South Central Area Youth Advisory Board handling the promotion and details for the March 8, 9, 10, 11 outing to Lake Dillon, Colorado.

**Lincoln County** — The possibility of a group of Kansas 4-H leaders taking in one of the National 4-H Leader’s Forums at the National 4-H Center next April has become

a distinct possibility. Milt Krainbill is giving leadership to the effort, and has at this time nearly enough for the trip. Milt suggests that each county consider selecting and providing perhaps up to half of the funds needed, as a means of honoring a selected leader. Better yet, send two so they can share the experience and plan how to revitalize the county program when they come back all inspired.

**Marshall County** — Sixteen Marshall County 4-H members were mentioned in the county newsletter as having maintained ten years consecutive active membership. It’s easy to make a sweeping statement that there are no older members in 4-H, until someone like the Marshall County agents count them and put their names in the newsletter.

**Barber County** — In an effort to involve more parents and other volunteers in the maintenance of the ongoing 4-H program, the extension agents have developed a complete year’s summary sheet. It works this way: Summary sheets with the following information already in place were supplied to all clubs: (1) Specific county-wide activities or events (2) Club responsibility (3) Date for the event or responsibility. The final column indicated as Person in Charge was left blank for the club to complete. A cover letter urges wider involvement of parents, leaders, and junior leaders in assigning and fulfilling these responsibilities.

**Leavenworth County** — There’s a new 4-H club in the Easton Community, aptly named the Stranger Creek Club. Mrs. Bob Beying and Mrs. Roy Langley are the leaders.

This new club came about as an objective of the Expansion and Review Committee, which had targeted the Easton Community as needing a 4-H club and did all the “leg work” to get the club organized and to obtain leadership.

**Johnson County** — Long-time 4-H agent and county extension director Ken McGinness was surprised by six of his 4-H members with a brass and walnut plaque of appreciation, containing the names of all the Johnson County 4-H clubs. The six were D. Dee Anderson, Tim Griffin, Darla Keener, Laura Linsey, Marilyn Linsey, and Randy Russell, all delegates to National 4-H Congress from Johnson County. This may well be the first time that one county has had six delegates in one year to this prestigious event.

**Manhattan** — Scholarships totaling \$10,400 were awarded to thirteen Kansas 4-H members during National 4-H Congress in Chicago. In recent years the amount awarded in scholarships has increased until now \$1,000 is the “standard.” Kansas ranked ninth in the nation in the number of trips awarded to National 4-H Congress and in scholarships announced at the event.

**Hodgeman County** — “Have 4-H T-Shirt, Will Wear” was the password at the Jetmore Grade School October 18 and at the Hanston Grade School October 19, as a part of the planned 4-H Enrollment Promotional Program for Hodgeman County. The 4-H members were also encouraged to wear their 4-H T-shirts to school several days during that week.

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## 4-H clubs observe anniversaries

Several 4-H clubs have recently celebrated anniversaries, which were happy occasions when former and present 4-H members and leaders enjoyed visiting together about changes in 4-H, good times in the past, and hopes for the future.

A 50th anniversary was observed in November by the Bendena Community 4-H Club in Doniphan

County with a potluck supper and a regular 4-H meeting. Although roads were icy and slick, about 50 persons met at the Bendena Lutheran Church to reminisce and to review achievements and changes in 4-H. Among many achievements in the past 10 years alone, the club has had three county council presi-

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## "... a perfect time to focus on our most precious resource"

By Dr. Gail Imig  
Assistant Director  
Quality of Living Programs



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I love snowstorms. Especially in January and especially if everything is cancelled. It's such fun to have a free day. Today is

one of those days.

While Jenifer and I were baking cookies and watching the snow fall, she told me some of the ways she questions her future. She asked "What will she do? How will she pay the rent? Will she find a boy to marry or will he find her? What if she doesn't find one?" These questions could be dismissed as silly for a 7-year-old but to her they are real and she wants to think them through.

I was grateful for our bonus snow day—a gift—as though we'd suddenly been granted an eight-day week. As we stirred cookie dough, we shared our thoughts and ideas.

As I listened to Jenifer, I thought many of her expressions could have been included in a book I recently read. "Listen to Us! The Children's Express Report" gives a busy society an idea of what children are concerned about today. It's a book about children written by children. It tells us what kids are saying today about parents, TV, school, feelings, sex, and other subjects affecting their lives. Teen-aged editors interviewed hundreds of children using tape recorders. An adult editor selected the vignettes to be included, changing only verb tenses to make them consistent.

I was struck with the sophistication of these kids; the problems and choices they are confronted with at a very early age. Like Jenifer, other children are struggling with the complexity in their lives and attempting to discover who they are. A better understanding of their struggles, of where they're at, can help us appreciate their questions and apprehensions.

There are probably many kids, just like Patricia in the book, who'd say, "I'm afraid to tell you who I am

because I'm the only me. I'm all I've got and you might not like it."

Stories reveal what kids are thinking about their families, why brothers and sisters fight, and what they think we ought to do about schools and teachers. It's the kind of book which can open our eyes about our children. It may bring us a step closer to listening, hearing, and understanding.

As concerned parents and 4-H leaders it's important for us to know what kids are doing and thinking. It's even more important to learn to listen, to understand, and plan with them so our programs and efforts can meet their needs and help them to grow.

This year has been designated as the International Year of the Child. It's a perfect time for us to focus on our most precious resource—our children. In 4-H we have a long history of commitment to and development of our young people. If we use this year to take a new look and listen, perhaps we can improve. Things have changed for our children—we only have to listen to find out.



By Becky Vining  
Manhattan

Food comes first! That is the theme of Youthpower, an educational program for youth about food and food-related careers.

Youthpower is a non-commercial program to help high school students learn about nutrition and the food industry. It is a loosely structured program that is limited only by each participant's initiative and imagination, said Mary Clarke, extension specialist in nutrition education at Kansas State University. Clarke is chairman of the Kansas Youthpower committee this year.

A Youthpower project can help a student learn how nutrition affects fitness and health, explore career opportunities in food-related fields, and learn about food technology and research, Clarke said. It can also help develop initiative and leadership abilities and complement school, 4-H, scout or other activities.

Each individual's project should relate to at least one of the five Youthpower areas: career studies, nutrition and health, food science and technology, dollars and sense about foods, and the world food situation. The project may provide a service, involve experiments, be part of a job or require research, Clarke said.

Recent state-winning Youthpower projects have included starting a home bakery, preserving foods and studying cheese.

Becky Haddock, with the help of her two younger sisters, started a home bakery.

"We made about 20 dozen loaves

of bread and 10 dozen cream puffs every week," Haddock said. "We delivered the breads hot every Saturday morning for the three years we ran our bakery."

"People in the area called us up until Thursday night to place orders," she said. "We mixed the refrigerator dough up on Friday night, then got up at 4 a.m. Saturday to start baking."

Vickie Brammer's Youthpower project was on food preservation. "I studied about the different types and techniques of canning, how to dry meats and berries, and home freezing," Brammer said. "I helped can almost 1,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables plus some meat the year I was working on my project. We also froze a lot of food from our garden."

A dairy farm girl, Eva Blevins, studied cheeses. She learned about the cheese making processes and the characteristics of a variety of cheeses. Eva sponsored several

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## 4-H club anniversaries

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dents, four Key Award winners, four 4-H Princesses, and a Camp Miniwanca trip winner.

Reporter Donita Elder writes, "The entire club is eagerly looking forward to another half century of growing and progressing with the youth of our country."

### Happy Valley—41 years

The Happy Valley 4-H Club in Wabaunsee County observed its

41st birthday in October with a potluck supper and program. Former leaders were introduced and gave comments on their experiences in 4-H. Carrie Egert, a leader in the early '40s, told about early days in 4-H. Dill Duball, who had recently visited in Japan with the LABO program, showed slides and discussed his trip; Jan Czirr, who had visited in Europe, also showed slides and talked about her trip.

### Holland Sunflowers—35 years

"We've come a long way" was the theme for the 35th anniversary in November of the Holland Sunflower 4-H Club in Dickinson County. Former community leaders spoke, and slides of past happenings of the club were shown.

This club has been active in giving model meetings (14 top blue), sending IFYEs (3), and playing basketball. The girls team has had 14 county champions and the boys team, 7.

Three generation families are the Robsons, Lauers (two families),

Entrikins, Myers, Haneys, Maydens, and Andersons.

Anita Dautel is reporter.

### Happy Go-Getters—30 years

An Open House at the Richland Township Hall marked the 30th anniversary of Happy Go-Getters 4-H Club of Miami County. In one room, mementos of 30 years of accomplishment were on display, and each current member had his record book there.

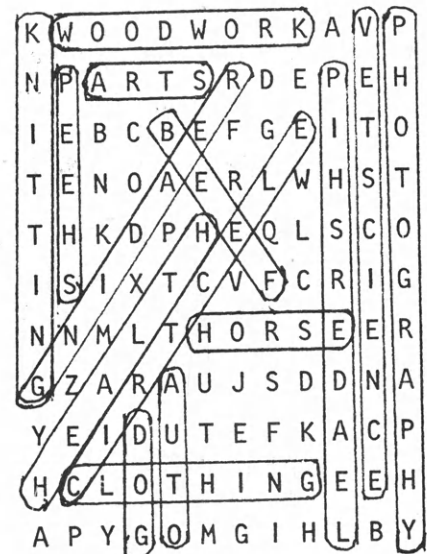
The present leaders, Mrs. Catherine Kane and Donna Kill, were crowned Queen for a Day. The club's first leaders were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brockway.

As a way to promote 4-H work, members of this club have erected many "4-H member live here" and "Miami County 4-H Clubs Welcome You" signs.

Malea Husted was the open house chairman.

### 4-H Projects

Solution to puzzle on page 23



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## Elaine Hefty: *Former 4-H'er, future Rhodes Scholar*

In 1899 Cecil Rhodes, a British philanthropist, described the kind of person to receive his scholarships in the years to come.

In 1918 Otis Hall, state 4-H leader in Kansas, wrote the 4-H pledge.

Both had a vision of the same kind of person — vigorous in mind and body, with good character, with concern for others, and with ability to lead.

Both Cecil Rhodes and Otis Hall would approve of Kansas' newest Rhodes Scholar elect, a young woman who for 10 years pledged her head, heart, hands, and health to high standards, and who's lived up to those standards.

She's Elaine Hefty of Valley Falls, a student at Kansas State University and a former member of Prosperity 4-H Club in Jefferson County. In May she'll complete work at K-State for a degree in microbiology.

As one of only 32 Rhodes Scholars chosen from the United States in 1978, Elaine will study for two years at Oxford University in England, beginning in mid-October this fall. She'll work with a tutor, meeting weekly for discussion and evaluation of work done. Lectures, libraries, and laboratories of Oxford will be open to her. And in between the eight-week terms of the school year, there will be six-week breaks, time for extra reading and for travel.

After she completes her work there in physiological science, Elaine plans to attend medical school and become a doctor. With her interest in science, medicine was a natural field for her to choose, but there were other considerations, as well. Elaine wants a career which will be enjoyable for her "as long as I'm able to pursue it, and which will be helpful to other people."

Elaine grew up near Valley Falls on a dairy farm where three generations of her family have lived. The oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hefty, she has two sisters, students at K-State, and two younger brothers.

During her growing-up years, 4-H was an important activity.

Elaine enrolled in home economics projects, such as foods, clothing and dairy foods, which



provided subject matter for talks and demonstrations at county and state events. In the dairy project, she showed her Guernseys at the Jefferson County Fair. She served her club as president and in almost every other office, and participated in the Jefferson County 4-H Council as a member and an officer.

For two summers, Elaine worked on the staff at Rock Springs Ranch, after having gone there as a 4-H camper. As a delegate to Round-up, now 4-H and Youth Conference, she began to feel at home at K-State, and chose it for her future college. In 1973 she was a member of the advisory committee for Round-up.

At K-State, Elaine lived at Clovia 4-H House, serving as president, secretary, and membership chairman, and playing on volleyball and tag football teams.

"I'm really glad I was in 4-H," Elaine said. "Even more important than learning skills is the opportunity to meet and work with a variety of people. 4-H also provides for rewards, both tangible and intangible."

Of such activities as being on judging teams and taking part in public speaking, Elaine said, "I benefited most from being in front of judges; I learned not just to present a talk or information, but to present myself."

This must have helped Elaine during the process of becoming a Rhodes Scholar. She assembled the needed materials, including a birth certificate, transcripts (showing a 3.9 grade average), and seven letters of recommendation; passed a physical examination; filled out an application form; and wrote an essay telling about her educational experiences, what she would like to study, and what her goals are.

She was interviewed by the Kansas Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee, and was selected as one of two students to represent Kansas. Then in December she was interviewed by the midwest selection committee which chose four of the 12 applicants to become Rhodes Scholars.

After Elaine is graduated from K-State at the end of this semester, she'll spend the summer at home with time for family and friends. (After she had been selected as a Rhodes Scholar, the first request to speak about it came from the Rotary Club at Valley Falls.) She hopes to work as an aide in a nursing home, and to read about the British Isles and other countries in Europe she may visit.

Then in September or early October, she'll meet with the other 31 Rhodes Scholars from the United States and 10 from Canada and will sail with them for England and Oxford University.

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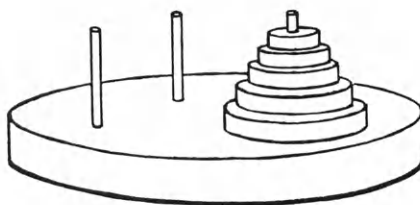
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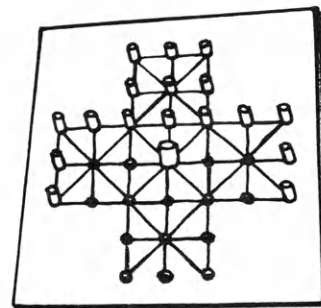
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**Youthpower** (Continued from page 5)  
 "Cheese Taste-Its" where people in her community sampled several varieties of cheese.

But Youthpower is not just for girls. Joe Simmons learned about the nutritional value of eggs and Wade Vogel studied lamb as a meat source.

Youthpower project ideas such as these are exchanged among the teens each year at the state conference.

"This year's Kansas Youthpower Conference will be Saturday, March 24, at Kansas State University," said Frank Bernasek of the Kansas Farm Bureau, a state committee member. The conference will include tours of K-State food processing laboratories and speakers from the food industry.

"At the conference luncheon, the 12 state winners will be announced," Bernasek said. "They will attend the National Youth Leadership Conference at Tan-Tar-A Lodge, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, in April."

The Youthpower program was started in the late 1950s by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bernasek said. The President wanted more Americans to be concerned with proper nutrition.

Youthpower has now grown so that many states and counties have committees to oversee the project.

"The members of the state committee are volunteers representing agencies, institutions and organiza-

tions interested in youth, the food industry and education," said Frank Cunningham, food scientist at K-State and another committee member. Jayhawk Food Dealers, the Kansas Porkettes, WIBW radio and television, Midland Dairy, the state Board of Agriculture, "Kansas Farmer" magazine, Fleming Foods, and the Greater Kansas City Dairy Council are a few of the groups now represented on the Kansas committee.

County Youthpower committees are responsible for publicizing the program, assisting in project development, selecting the top two projects in the county each year to compete at the state level, and helping earn money for state winners from their county to attend the national conference, Cunningham said.

"I have seen some of our top Kansas high school students come through the Youthpower program," said Cunningham. "These kids are the new agriculturalists, because food science is a new era in agriculture. I'm really sold on the Youthpower program."

To learn more about the Youthpower program, contact any county extension office.

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# Top teams travel

Kansas 4-H members who judged well in state contests have traveled to Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin in recent months to place classes, give reasons, identify samples, and in other ways demonstrate knowledge and skill in choosing the best.

The Kansas team from **Butler County** tied for first place at the national 4-H **livestock judging** contest at Louisville, Kentucky, and had the high individual. The coach was Virgil Biby, extension director and agricultural agent in Butler County.

Mike Simon, high individual overall and in swine judging, received a \$500 savings bond from Elanco Products Company. Fourth high individual Kevin Chase received a \$200 bond from Elanco.

Other members of the livestock judging team were Kent McCune and Rick Remsberg. The tying team was from Minnesota.

Another Kansas **livestock judging team**, this one from **Clay County**, placed second at the National West-



Members of the Finney County meats judging team age, from left, Patricia Heiman, Vern Schweer, Dawn Smith, and David Caldwell. Coaches are Otis Griggs, left, and Ray Purdy.

ern Stock Show in Denver in January. Team members were Lon James, Loy James, Paul Brown, and Marvin Fehlman, coached by Jim Hoobler and Terry Brown.

Lon was third individual overall and second in beef judging. Loy was fifth individual, second in sheep, and fourth in swine.

After the contest, the group went skiing. A team from Minnesota won the contest.

Susan Schoneweis, a member of the **Riley County 4-H horticulture judging team**, was high individual overall at the national 4-H horticulture judging contest in Cleveland, Ohio, in October. Placing third in the contest, the team was made up of Susan, James Jorns who was fourth in the 4-H division, and Keith Westervelt. Dorothy Westervelt was the coach of the team which placed first in Kansas competition.

The national contest had 100 samples for identification, samples to rate for quality, and an 80-question written examination. After the contest, the group enjoyed two days of tours, workshops, and entertainment.

The Kansas **Horse Bowl team** from **Franklin County** placed fourth in the national Horse Bowl contest at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Chris Nourot was fourth high individual. Other team members were Bill Blake, Kay Hunter, Deborah LaGalle, and Nancy Nourot.

Brenda Fornaro and Sheila Woolman, two of the county's three horse project leaders, coached the 4-H'ers and accompanied them to Pennsylvania. The team placed first at the state horse leaders conference last spring at Rock Springs Ranch.

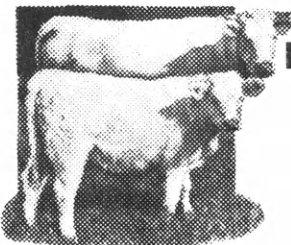
In that contest, the **Riley County Horse Bowl team** placed second, winning the trip to the Mid-Continent Horse Bowl contest at the

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Mid-Continent Livestock Exposition at Rock Falls, Illinois, in October. Members of the team which ranked in fifth place there were Emily Coon, Kathy Maertens, Kelli Stutheit, and Lucy Hammaker. Alan Bogle was on the winning team in February, but because of school was unable to make the trip to Illinois.

Bernard Wells and Susan Hummels coached the team.

Three **Douglas County** 4-H'ers represented the state of Kansas at the American Royal livestock judging contest in November in Kansas City, Missouri. The team, with members Mark Johnston, Scott Schaake, and Scott Lickteig, placed seventh. Scott Lickteig placed fifth as an individual and fourth in sheep judging.

The **dairy judging team** which represented Kansas at the national contest at Madison, Wisconsin, in October, was made up of the top four judges in the Kansas contest. They were Ron Wineinger of Marion; Sandy Funk, Hillsboro; Pam VanHorn, Ottawa; and David Jons, Bonner Springs. The team ranked 17th overall among 38 teams, and 3rd in the Guernsey part of the contest, with Ron 2nd in this division.

At the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference at Louisville, Kentucky, the **Kansas poultry judging team** ranked seventh overall, third in production, and fourth in market eggs. Team members were Steve Davis, Labette County, fifth in production and eighth in market eggs; John Holsapple, Barton, seventh in production; Charles Karst and Troy Luft, both from Rush County.

They were the top four individuals at the Kansas State Fair judging contest.

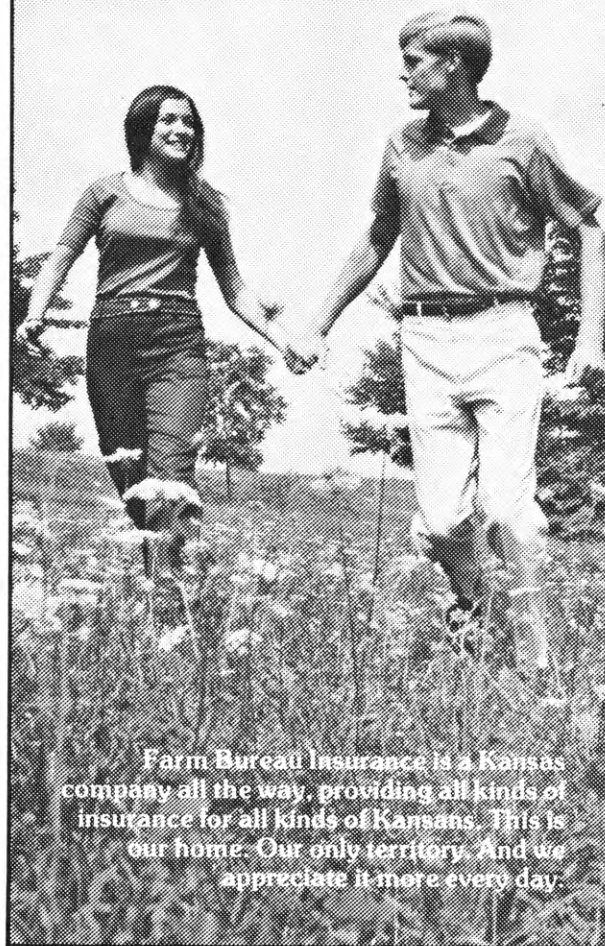
At the American Royal in Kansas City in November, the **Finney County meats judging team**, high in the Kansas contest, came out in seventh place in the national contest. Vern Schweer tied for third in identification. Others on the team were David Caldwell, Patricia Heiman, and Dawn Smith, with project leaders Ray Purdy and Otis Griggs the coaches.

The team identified 24 cuts of meat, judged 6 classes, and gave oral reasons on 3 classes.

A **horse judging team** from **Anderson County** was 11th overall at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in November, 10th in halter,

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## Clowning— for fun, for growth, for understanding

By Kathleen Ward  
Assistant Extension Editor,  
4-H and Youth

You remember.

The day you learned how awful you could look when you pulled down on the skin just below your eyes and pushed up on your nose.

Or your brother or uncle who could, by biting in on his cheeks and crossing his eyes, look just like a crazy fish.

Clowning around just seems to be a normal part of fun for kids.

But do you also remember the first time you ever saw someone who was older than you when he was really sad? Realizing "old" people could get that upset, too, was kind of a shock, wasn't it?

Or do you remember when you finally figured out that who you are—inside—isn't the same all the time? Sometimes you were a happy-go-lucky person that a two-ton weight couldn't depress. Other times you were a griper or a crybaby or someone so mad and mean you almost scared yourself. And do you remember when you found out you could decide you didn't want to be that way anymore, that you could change?

If you've got a complete set of this odd assortment of memories, you're more than halfway to understanding what a new 4-H project in Sedgwick County is all about.

One basic reason for the new clowning project is to help young people learn more about who they want to be, their feelings, and the feelings of others.

A Sedgwick County teenager explains, "You can make yourself whatever you want to be when you're a clown. After I get my make-up on, I might still be Peggy, but I'm different. Every clown you

see is always laughing and having fun and making other people happy, too."

The antics of 4-H clowns also can help others to better understanding, according to Bill Fultz, Sedgwick County 4-H agent.

"Clown skits can be just entertainment," Fultz says, "but they also can carry a message about 4-H or about just being a human being. Clowns can help us laugh at our fears, our awkwardness, at our problems and our failings."

Since Sedgwick County 4-H began clowning around last fall, messages about 4-H and the new project have been spreading far and wide. Though they feel they're just getting started, Sedgwick's clowns already are being considered for the job of entertainers at Kansas 4-H Congress.

The project first made contacts beyond Sedgwick County 4-H, however, last October when it reached into Wichita high schools for teenagers who never have belonged to a community club. These high schoolers were recruited to come study clowning under Steve Lucas, Wichita's professional clown Flower, along with older 4-H'ers from Andover, Mulvane, and Goddard. Many of the Wichita high schoolers received class credit for participating in the project.

After their workshop training, the community club clowns went home to start project groups that could perform such places as county achievement banquets, nursing homes, and elementary schools.

The city high school clowns took clowning into Wichita elementary schools. They taught children there about make-up and the history of clowning. They also helped the youngsters develop skits and give a performance.

"The elementary school teachers we worked with were very excited about the lessons on clowning," Fultz says. "Many of them came up with clown worksheets and school activities on their own."

"And if you combine the Wichita high school kids and the elementary school children they taught, 4-H reached at least 150 new people on this first go-around."

The Sedgwick County Extension Office supplied participating elementary school teachers with a

handbook that summarized the lessons the teenage teachers would be giving and suggested ways to relate clowning to normal classroom lessons in reading, writing, and reporting.

The handbook was developed by Alice Phillips, a Kansas State University senior in Family and Child Development who served her internship under Fultz last fall.

Phillips says even a few sessions in clowning can help the elementary school children with personal growth, too. Development of a clown face, costume, and "personality" of his own reinforces each child's individuality. But developing skits requires helping each other and working together. When children practice facial reactions together, Phillips adds, they begin to realize that other people have the same feelings they do. And having a costume and make-up on gives many children the courage needed to perform for others.

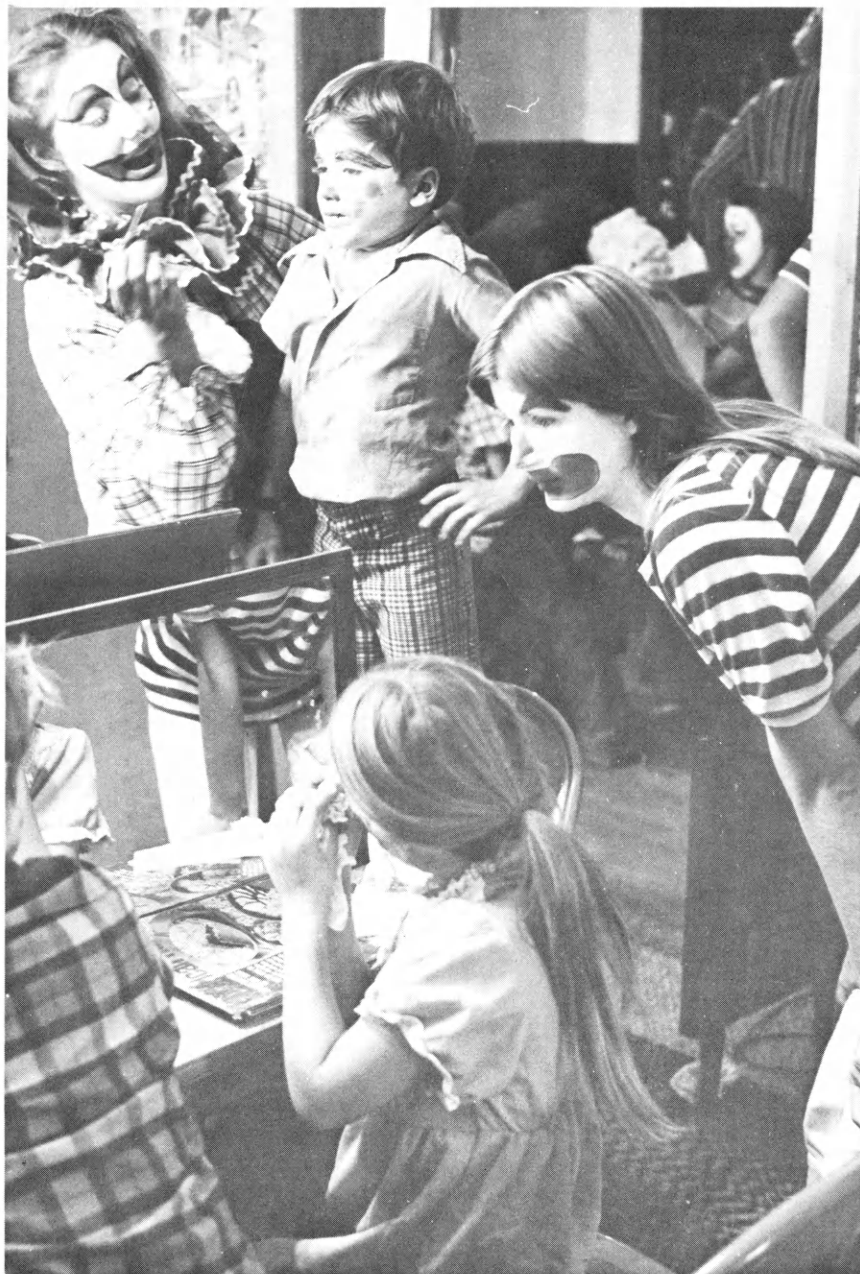
Phillips has finished her internship now, and Fultz says he really misses her help.

"I think if other counties wanted to start a clowning project, a county project leader might be a good idea," he says.

Fultz points out that a surprising number of clowns live in Kansas, many of whom have other jobs, but work as clowns on weekends or at parties. He adds that almost anyone who's studied some drama probably could do very well at leading clowning, however.

Fultz now is working out how to give his "old" clowns more challenges. Several of the Wichita high school clowns, for example, have expressed interest in starting their own 4-H project group and learning more. In addition, teenagers from community clubs in Derby, Delano, and Garden Plain are beginning their training under Flower the Clown.

"We're going to keep working to develop clowning into a long term project," Fultz says, "and I hope some other counties decide to give it a try. I think clowning could be a very valuable addition to 4-H in Kansas. It's fun. It helps us learn about ourselves and teach others. It's a way to communicate. And it's a way to reach kids 4-H has never reached before."





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## Ideas & News

**From the South Central Area:**

**Butler County:** Twenty years of 4-H leadership were honored at the **Butler County** leaders recognition banquet when **Mrs. Clyde Martin** of **Bluestem 4-H Club** received a diamond 4-H clover. **Enos Groves** of the same club was awarded a 14-year seal.

**Dickinson County:** "Delivering boxes of goodies to the elderly in the Navarre community is a favorite community project of the **Navarre Boosters 4-H Club**. It is an easy, fun and meaningful community project and can be done by any 4-H club," reporter **Dee Hoffman** writes. Before Christmas the 4-H members brought homemade cookies and candy to the **Darrell Wiley** home where they decorated 16 boxes and filled them with cookies, candy, fruit, and nuts. Many of the recipients were prepared for the visitors and requested Christmas carols. The first project of this type was in 1968 when junior foods girls baked 15 dozen cookies for people in Irwin Army Hospital at Fort Riley. The next year the club members decided that older people in the community would appreciate the project more than strangers. The tradition has been carried on for 10 years.

**Harvey County:** "Most 4-H'ers have served food at sales or at the county fair. But how many have catered a Grand Opening for a bank?" asks reporter **James Wulf**. "**Kellas 4-H Club** served nearly 4,000 hot dogs, 200 dozen doughnuts, coffee and pop in a four-hour span when Midland National Bank opened its new banking facilities. Midland has been a strong supporter of 4-H in the county and has also been a sponsor for **Kansas 4-H Journal** subscriptions for many years. Our club was glad to say yes when we were asked to serve. After making arrangements for the food, we gathered coffee pots, roasters, and miscellaneous equipment. Next, we got organized! A traffic pattern was mapped out, and everyone was given a job. Sixteen members, parents, and leaders kept the line moving with their efficient service. Best of all, everyone had a grand time. The money which the bank gave us has already been given to the Harvey County Association for Retarded Citizens, United Fund, Kansas-Paraguay Partnership Program, Kansas 4-H Foundation, and a local scholarship fund. It was almost as much fun spending the money as it was making it."

**Saline County:** "**Falun 4-H Club** is very proud to have **Jodi Oborg** as the state style revue champion," writes reporter **Diane Johnson**. "She is the first state style revue champion from **Saline County**

in at least 30 years." **Jodi's** winning outfit was a plaid wool skirt and jacket, velveteen vest, and polyester blouse with a color scheme of brick red, forest green, and camel. When asked what was the best thing about her trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago in November, **Jodi** said, "Definitely all the friends I have made from all over the United States." **Jodi's** a senior at Lindsborg High School.

#### From the Southwest Area:

**Clark County:** A 4-H parent, project leader, club adult advisory committee member, and a member of the extension council and extension executive board—all this describes one person, **Mrs. Carl Sparks** of Minneola, who received special recognition at the **Clark County 4-H** achievement banquet. During the 1940s, she was a member of **Minneola Boosters 4-H Club**, and became involved again while raising a family. For the past three years, she has been general manager of the 4-H council food stand during the **Clark County Fair**.



**Pam Brown, Clark County 4-H Council president, and Mrs. Carl Sparks.**

**Finney County:** At the annual parents' night dinner of **Beacon Boosters 4-H Club**, special honors went to **Lawrence Odgers**, retiring as community leader after 16 years. He received a plaque from the club in appreciation for his leadership. Reporter **Pam Greene** writes, "We will really miss him, he was a great leader for our club."

#### From the Northwest Area:

**Cheyenne County:** "Eat nutritional foods" was the most frequent answer to the roll call. "Ways to keep physically fit," at a meeting of the **Lawn Ridge 4-H Club**, reports Mike Bandel. Health is the club project. President of the club is **Dale Shoemaker**.

**Graham County:** **Lori Billips** is the new president of the **Graham County 4-H** Council; other officers are **Mike Worcester**, **Linda Striggow**, and **John Griffith**.

**Sheridan County:** One emphasis at the parent-leader dinner meeting at the Old Sheridan Inn was on understanding boys and girls. Among other topics on the program were "How Well is Your Club Doing?" and "The Problem Solving Pro-

cess." **Russell King** and **Betty Adams** make up the extension staff in **Sheridan County**.

**Sherman County:** President of the **Sherman County 4-H** Council is **Gary McClung**. Other officers are **Chris Cole**, **Lachele Harper**, **Cleve Trachsel**, and **Ann Jarmin**. President of the junior leaders is **Lachele Harper**.

#### From the Northeast Area:

**Mitchell County:** **Roberta Wiegand** and **Joyce Walker**, both of Beloit, were recently named recipients of the **Mr. and Mrs. James H. Houghton** Memorial Scholarship. Donors of the \$100 scholarships, awarded annually for outstanding 4-H work, are **Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Anderson**, Colorado; **Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gillan**, Garden City; **Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Warren**, Galva; and **Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Houghton**, Tipton. Both **Roberta** and **Joyce** are 1978 graduates of Beloit High School and both are students at Hutchinson Junior College.

**Nemaha County:** **Lucky Shamrock 4-H Club** honored their three retiring community leaders, **Mrs. Joe Bauman** and **Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wittmer** of Bern, with a surprise potluck supper at a 4-H meeting. **Milly Bauman** has served 15 years with 8 years as community leader. **Alice Wittmer** has been a leader 23 years, 8 years a community leader, while **Harlan Wittmer** has worked with the 4-H'ers 26 years, 25 years as community leader. The club presented them with silver engraved trays as gifts in appreciation of the many hours each had given to the club, **Brenda Tegtmeier** reports. New community leaders for the club are **Linda Creed** and **Dennis Droge**.

**Shawnee County:** New and first-year members of **Pleasant Hill 4-H Club** were initiated at the club's achievement night. **Matt Mannell** told about his trip to Japan

this past summer. Later, at a special meeting for the new members and their parents, **Matt, Tammy McNorton**, and **Marlene Gabriel** talked about 4-H activities during the year. Community leaders told parents of their responsibilities to help the 4-H members. The club observed 4-H Sunday at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.



**Wyandotte County:** Shown at the Midwest Cat Fancier Show are **Jean Sullivan**, **Bryan Labouff**, and **Ginny Swanson**. **Sullivan**, who raises cats and shows them all over the U.S., is the county cat project leader. She gives 4-H members 30 hours of class instruction dealing with feeding, raising, grooming, and showing cats. At the county fair, cats are judged for conformation and breeding. Reporter **Stacy Mears** writes that there is also a contest for the best decorated cat cage; here the 4-H'ers' imaginations can go wild, as shown last year when a Persian throne room was portrayed with a patio with pool and chaise lounge—all cat size. **Ginny** and **Scott** from the **Nearman 4-H Club** have been in the project two years.



#### From the Southeast Area:

**Labette County:** Five Key Awards were presented in 1978 to **Labette County 4-H** members. Pictured from left are **Rick McKinzie**, **Thrifty Thrivers**, **Parsons**; **Jeff Falkenstien**, **Foland Fliers**,

**Bartlett**; **Jim Neeley**, **Chanute Production Credit Association**; **Brenda Stottman**, **Sunflower**, **Parsons**; **Roxie Roberts**, **Meadowlark Fliers**, **Parsons**; and **Cassandra Mikel**, **101 Go-Getters**, **Oswego**.

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# Kansas Recreation Workshop

"Solar Encounters" is the theme for this year's Kansas Recreation Workshop, March 30 to April 2 at Rock Springs Ranch, a time and place for community 4-H leaders, recreation leaders, arts and crafts leaders, extension agents, parents, and anyone else who's interested to share ideas and learn techniques for wise use of leisure time.

Topics from astronomy to wood plants are on the program, with time for talk, nature study, exercise, dancing, music, and a wide variety of crafts.

The fee for an individual's food, housing, notebook and all sessions is \$48.50, with partial scholarships for first-time participants. If you want to go for part of the time, costs are adjusted accordingly.

For a registration form and more information, write to Mrs. Ed Bishop, 1601 Glenn Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, or contact your county extension office.

## Top teams

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and 19th in performance. On the team were Paul Rickabaugh, Ted Buzzard, Mark Rickabaugh, and Toby Long. Deanna Fuhrman was coach of the team which placed first in the Kansas horse judging contest.

The **Shawnee County 4-H horse judging team** competed in the All American Quarter Horse Congress judging contest in Columbus, Ohio, in October, placing 14th. Team members were Alan Eggenberger, Donna Hildebrand, Laura Sue Wilcox, and Jeff Williams; the group placed second in the Kansas contest at the state fair.

Visits at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, the American Indian Center at Anadarko, Oklahoma, and the Mallock Rose cutting horse farm at Gainesville, Texas, were part of the trip to the National Youth Horse Congress judging contest for the **Reno County horse judging team** last summer.

The team, which placed sixth at the Waco, Texas, event, was made up of Kelly and Tom Rowland, Brad Kroeker, and Randy Doerksen, and was coached by Don Kueck, Reno County extension agricultural agent.

## 4-H miracle

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When our family moved to Salina in 1967, our three oldest children quickly joined 4-H. Soon our whole family became involved in 4-H—in rabbits and poultry, in conservation and photography, in cooking and sewing, and in public speaking and leadership. Our oldest child, Christine, exerted the kind of 4-H leadership that her brothers and sisters followed enthusiastically.

## 4-H brings growth

When my mother was 14 she was a very shy girl, until she came under the influence of Uncle John Spencer. My brother and I were closed buds until 4-H touched our lives, and it was the same with my children. There was scarcely anyone as shy as our older son, Eric, when he started in 4-H at the age of 11. Seven years later when he served as county 4-H council president, one could not have imagined it was the same boy.

Another dimension has been added to our family's experience through Mrs. Irene Fauver, my co-community leader. Not only has she been a positive influence for our children over a span of 12 years so far, but she has been a community leader for over 46 years, longer than anyone else in Kansas. She now has great-grandchildren who will soon be old enough to be 4-H members.

Personal development has been the miracle of 4-H in my family. What miracles has 4-H brought to your family and club? What miracles lie ahead?

## 4-H members:

### Name the conference

It used to be Round-up—then State 4-H and Youth Conference; now, 4-H members, **you** have an opportunity to give this annual event a contemporary name, one that reflects the purpose of this special week in June. Goals for the conference are to develop leadership, to enhance personal development, to develop skills and knowledge, to provide career exploration, to provide a campus experience.

Any person or group may enter the contest, and may submit as many entries as desired. Send your suggestion to Steve Fisher, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Entries must be received in the state 4-H office by June 6, 1979, or submitted at the 1979 conference until 9 a.m. June 6.

Thursday evening, June 7, all conference delegates will vote for one of the top five entries, as chosen by the State 4-H Youth and Adult Advisory groups.

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# Teen clubs offer fun and responsibility

By Kathleen Ward  
Assistant Extension Editor  
4-H and Youth

They've sprouted up like weeds all over Kansas. You'll see them at rock concerts, rodeos, float trips, and old folks homes.

Some go by unusual names. Douglas County has the New Comfy, for example. Western Kansas counties often have TAC's (pronounced "tacks").

They're not "plants out of place" or new blankets or bulletin board supplies, however. They're county-wide 4-H clubs for teens.

County 4-H teen clubs bloom and die with amazing regularity in some places in Kansas — occasionally with leaders and agents breathing a secret sigh of relief.

In other counties, though, the clubs are up to 25 years old. Their leaders practically sing the clubs' praises. And kids often stay in 4-H simply to get to belong.

Why the difference?

Leaders of successful teen clubs won't tell you their groups are the greatest thing since Guinness took over keeping records. However, they can tell you how their group works — and perhaps why. Their thoughts and feelings could give you an idea of whether a county-wide club like theirs is just what your county and its teens have been needing.

## WHO LEADS THE WAY?

Of course, your initial question must be, can you believe adults who have been through hours of stereophonic disco music washing through their brains? Or whose nerves have been shot facing a trip down a snow-encrusted mountain-side with only two thin wood slats, two skinny poles, and a pack of know-no-fear teenagers between them and disaster. Or who have spent what seemed like lifetimes on buses to Wisconsin or Virginia or Six Flags over Texas, with only the shouts, giggles, and singing of club members to keep them in touch with reality.

Remarkably, leaders of successful teen clubs seem like calm, happy people. Barring the fact they let themselves in for being a club sponsor, they seem to be normal, re-

spected members of their communities. More often than not, they're extension agents or young married couples just starting out their families.

Many of these leaders do seem to have personality quirks in common, however.

Their approach to their teen charges often is that promoted by Mrs. LeRoy Huseman, an Ellsworth County community club leader who's known for her training sessions on teen leadership.

"I feel we leaders don't sit on our hands enough," Mrs. Huseman says.

Les Sallee, 4-H agent and Kingman County Junior Leaders sponsor, puts it this way: "I pretty well let them do their own thing — planning and carrying through their ideas. If a committee doesn't carry through and the plan falls on its face, they have to answer to their peers. They know who's at fault. It's a learning and a growing process."

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Nagel sort of "fell into" being Barton County's club advisers. The club had planned a ski trip but couldn't find adults to go with them. The Nagels were so impressed by the teens' sense of responsibility and urge to do something on their own — to show their independence — that the couple agreed to chaperon them. The Nagels have been with the group ever since.

"If we didn't feel these kids need this time — like the trips — and if we didn't feel they could act like responsible adults, we wouldn't take them," Mrs. Nagel says. "They know we trust them. If we ever have trouble (and that hasn't been often), we tell the officers what a couple of solutions might be, and they take it from there. They're much harder on each other than we would be!"

Cowley County's 4-H agent, Janene Lewis, who sponsors her county's club along with a young married couple, the Roger Blacks, says many teens aren't used to having such responsibilities.

"It takes awhile for them to realize when I say they're to take care of something that I won't go ahead and do it if they don't. Once they get the hang of having respon-

sibility, though, they gain real confidence in their ability to organize things and handle programs."

Another personality quirk of the leaders is that each seems convinced that his county has a "pretty good bunch of kids."

"Every year we've sworn that this year we've had the best leaders ever," adds Mrs. Glenn Mull, who with her husband helps sponsor Pawnee County's TAC.

The Mulls are teen club leaders who know their good feelings about their county's kids are returned. The county home economist announced to the husband and wife one day that they'd been unanimously chosen as TAC leaders — and they hadn't even known they were being considered! Fortunately the

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Haskell County teen club members enjoy their swimming party.

couple had been looking for an activity they could do together anyway and took the job.

#### WHAT A TEEN CLUB'S LIKE

Finding similarities between clubs is more difficult. Each seems to develop a unique personality of its own.

Traditional clubs, such as the Elk County 4-H Junior Leaders, require members to be at least 12 years old and to be enrolled in the junior leader project. The New Comfy group, on the other hand, just requires that you be 14 years of age. All kinds of variations exist and all kinds of variations are possible. Linn County may soon have two groups — one for older teens and one for younger. There are no state rules to require that the teens even belong to another 4-H group.

Just as much variety is possible in club activities.

Traditional Elk County, for ex-

ample, has for its big money-making project each year a most untraditional rodeo. Teenage club members organize the work, serve as committee chairmen and acquire the rodeo stock.

They keep committees big enough so that one member can cover for another if, for example, he wants to compete in the hangman's tree race. (Hangman's tree race: A timed event in which two crazy people enter the arena on horseback. One catches hold of a tire suspended in the middle of the arena and hangs on. The other circles back to the one left dangling and tries to retrieve him for a ride out of the arena.)

Elk County home economist Donna Martinson, who sponsored the county teen club with ag. agent Jimmie Dawes, says older, former 4-H'ers will come back each July just to help with the rodeo.

"Lots of parents get involved, too," she says. "After all, it's hard for a kid to keep his horse ready to go and to do committee work, too."

Money-making activities such as a 4-H rodeo may be one common element among going clubs.

When Linn County's 4-H Council agreed to match funds with their teen club, the young people tried everything from bake sales to selling old batteries and scrap iron.

Kingman's junior leaders have an annual polka dance in a big barn just outside the town of Kingman. They've also had chili and soup suppers and a barbecue.

Atchison County's Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) have four to five dances each year.

A food concession at a bluegrass festival cleared over \$3,000 for teen 4-H'ers from Cowley.

Douglas County kids cut firewood during Christmas vacation.

Sherman County teens sold tickets for a "grocery grab" they set up with a local supermarket.

And what does all this money go for?

Mostly fun.

#### FUN, FUN, AND MORE FUN

Since Mr. and Mrs. Mull were unanimously chosen to be Pawnee's TAC leaders, they've been skiing in Colorado every year.

"Glenn was one of those 'onery' kids when he was in 4-H," says Mrs. Mull. "He gets along real well with the boys in our club. He's more cautious than they are, of course,

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## Teen clubs

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but he's willing to go along if they've just got to try some hill on one of those ski trips." (Mrs. Mull was the ring leader, however, when 40 teenagers descended on her home for a fondue party.)

Many county clubs take such yearly trips, by themselves or with other groups.

On tap for this spring is a float trip for Haskell County TAC's, which they're taking in conjunction with 4-H's South Central Area 6-County Camp Association. They'll be going by canoe down the Arkansas River.

The Barton County Junior Leaders group has been to Worlds of Fun, Silver Dollar City and Six Flags.

In fact, travel seems to be a basic in most strong clubs. If there were a popularity poll, however, the winner probably would be exchange trips.

"We'd been on one interstate exchange and then we took a trip to St. Louis," says Janene Lewis of Cowley County. "Now the kids have decided they'd rather go back to exchange trips so they'll not only have

fun but also make new friends and learn new things."

"I've had kids stay in 4-H an extra year or two just to get to go on an exchange," adds Kingman County's Les Sallee.

Less expensive fun-type activities range from pizza parties and disco dances to softball games and taffy pulls.

## OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

Though strong clubs' emphasis nearly always is fun, they tend to have a more serious side, too. Many have regular educational programs. Almost all of them seem to want to do nice things for others.

Of course, since many of the teens are junior leaders, they are an important help back in their community clubs. But they don't stop with that.

Many clubs are in complete charge of their county's leaders recognition banquet.

Many help with county fairs and county 4-H Days.

Sherman County's Junior Leaders group does all this and more, according to Cheryl Evert, who with her husband Dave became a sponsor soon after their marriage.

Every year their group has a big Halloween party and spook house so that younger, as well as older, 4-H'ers can get to know one another on a county-wide basis. The Sherman County group took LABO kids and their host families on a hay rack ride to a wiener roast. They had a fun night for California 4-H'ers who were traveling to Florida by recreational van. They raised money for the Arthritis Foundation and took tray favors to a hospital and two nursing homes.

Lindy Richardson, Douglas County's 4-H agent and teen club sponsor, says, "I have had kids who've gotten too old for the club come back to tell me that those are the things they remember — their work day at the 4-H camp at Lake Perry or their helping at our county 4-H day camp."

The Elk County group always gives half of their rodeo profits to the county 4-H council.

Numbers of groups raise money or give their labor for improving county fairgrounds and 4-H buildings.

Barton's group has done both these activities and made quite a

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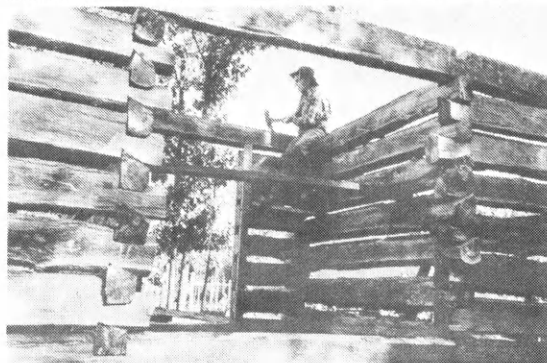
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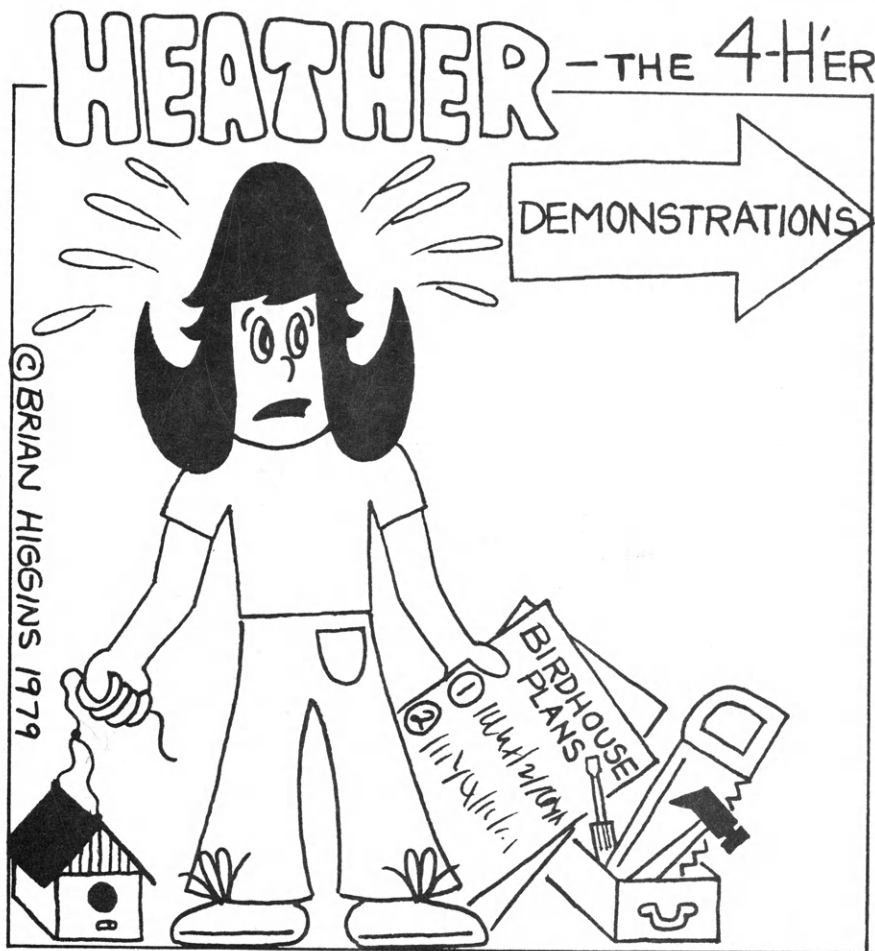
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# Family Fun Page



"I'M NEXT?"

Brian Higgins, Osawatomic

## Prize winner

On Peter's first day of kindergarten, he drew a picture of a stagecoach.

"That is a very nice picture," remarked the teacher, "but I don't see any wheels. What holds it up?"

"Bad men," replied Peter.

A science class was given a final examination. One of the questions was: "Which are the last teeth to appear in your mouth?"

One youngster's succinct answer: "False!"

As I entered a child's hospital room, I heard a relative say, "Susie, you're a pretty sick girl."

"Thank you," Susie replied, "I'm even prettier when I'm well."

Leona Shupe, Healy

Why did the little girl go to the football game?

A. She thought the quarterback was a refund.

Q. What member of the bird family would you expect to lift the heaviest weight?

A. A crane.

Q. What happens when an owl has laryngitis?

A. It doesn't give a hoot.

Brenda Tegtmeier, Bern

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Pam Malone, Sublette

**Teen clubs** (Continued from page 22)  
name for themselves as moneymakers. But they're almost as well known for the fun they've brought to their county's elderly citizens.

Sponsor Mrs. Nagel says, "When we have something like a bingo party at one of Barton County's rest homes, more kids will get involved than do on our trips. You wouldn't believe the numbers who come to help. I think they're a very sensitive group of kids. And they have a ball at those rest homes. The residents never want them to leave and nearly always the kids will stay longer than they planned."

## KEEPING THEM IN?

Being trusted to plan and carry out their own programs, making friendships and having fun with 4-H'ers their age from around the county, and choosing for themselves to help others as well as have good fellowship — has it made a difference in keeping older teens in 4-H in these counties?

Leaders' opinions on that vary:

Ray Ladd, who's also Atchison County's ag. agent, says, "It sure doesn't hurt!"

Kingman County's Les Sallee seems to sum up the majority opinion, though, with a simple, "Definitely!"

An Inviting thought for electric project leaders:

## *Be the guest of the power companies*

"Sessions on 'Energy and Your Pocketbook' and 'Planning and Conducting Electric Project Meetings' should be especially interesting to 4-H leaders who attend the 4-H Electric Clinic at Rock Springs this year," commented Charles Bates of the state 4-H staff. The 27th annual clinic will take place March 1 and 2.

Other topics range from basic electricity and basic electric motors to electronics and advanced wiring, with additional sessions on judging, lighting, safety, and projects for 4-H members.

All Kansas adult 4-H electric leaders are invited as guests of the power suppliers. A pre-registration fee of \$3 is due February 23 in the state 4-H office, along with a registration form, but other costs for food and lodging will be paid by electric cooperatives and private companies.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Thursday with classes beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, with an idea exchange as the evening program. The clinic will conclude Friday about 3 p.m.

Staff for the clinic will be Bob Jones, Burlington; Dean Harding, Cheney; Roscoe Barksdale, Clay Center; Arleigh Herink, Council Grove; Herb Hoskins and Joe Murphy of Great Bend; Paul Wheeler, Hays; John Anschutz, Charles Bates, Elwyn Holmes, and Joe Ward, Manhattan; Jim Wilson, Mankato; Robert Van Vrankin, Meade; Jim Conrow, Paola; Dale Platt, Pratt; Gordon Tempero, Scott City; Al Gotzbach, Mary Jane Hamilton, and Earl Palmberg, Topeka; and Nora Stegg, Wichita.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the electric clinic at Rock Springs Ranch, March 1 & 2, 1979.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to arrive after supper February 28 and be present for breakfast at 7 a.m., March 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to arrive the morning of March 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is preregistration fee of \$3. Remaining costs are provided by power suppliers for adult leaders only.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of adult leader or extension agent

County \_\_\_\_\_

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

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