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"How to handle it all" A philosophy for 4-H Sunday

By Glenn Busset
State Leader,
4-H and Youth

One of the major values that a child can develop in 4-H is a sense of personal accomplishment, sometimes expressed as a positive, can-do attitude.

Last fall a play was featured in Washington named, "Don't Involve Me, I Can't Compete." This title seems to represent the "can't win" posture that apparently crept in with the nuclear age. Such an attitude has no place in the life of a Kansas 4-H member. Young people today sometimes use the phrase, "I couldn't handle it all," to explain failure or a lack of expected success. During the month of the observance of 4-H Sunday, I offer a philosophy for facing trouble, so that what may appear as a difficulty can be conquered to develop a sense of accomplishment.

In the first place, we have built into us the ability to handle most of the problems that we face. This capacity is already there, and we have only to "draw on the bank" when the need arises. Our capabilities are limited not so much by poverty or heredity, as by our own vision of ourselves. The difference between success and failure is essentially a matter of philosophies. Someone has compared man's talents with the traditional concept of the floating iceberg, estimating that seven-eighths of a man's talent's are unused.

We do not fully understand what happens in the psychology of the will, but we do know that benevolent physical and chemical changes take place when the human spirit is fully animated. The coach calls it "spirit" or "momentum"; the minister labels it "faith"; the company commander calls it "morale"; the physician mentions "adrenalin"; the folk singers croon that "we shall overcome." Whatever the terminology, we do know that man possesses inner resources that, when the occasion arises, stimulate superhuman effort and accomplishment to overcome seemingly insurmountable difficulties.

Secondly, it is a great consolation to realize that most of the things that happen to us can be used for eventual welfare and advantage. We may be encouraged by our successes, but it is by our failures that we are strengthened and made into better persons, better prepared to face the succeeding problems. Someone has said about our Christian concept of Satan, that if he did not already exist, he would have to be invented as a representative of problems to be overcome. When we overcome, we take pride in our accomplishment. Pride is that which holds a man or woman to a high standard of justifiable self-respect.

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About the Cover

The perfect summer moment on the cover was caught by the camera of John Pendleton, Lawrence, and it sets the theme of this magazine, "Invitation to summer fun."

The final few weeks of school will fly by and then you'll have warm days for work and play,

thinking and doing. Among experiences waiting for you this summer may be camping, boating, or going to Round-up.

Whatever your summer brings, be careful and have fun.

First, though, good luck with finals!

4-H Sunday

(Continued from page 3)

A crowd watching an acrobat swing giddily above the audience admires his bravery and the great sweeps of his swings, his gracefulness. But they have not paid their admission to see the great sweeps, the gracefulness, the ability to hang on. They paid their money for the moment that he turns loose. Life pays us for turning our troubles into eventual successes that will benefit society. We receive little reward for continually repeating the minor successes that merely represent "hanging onto the swing."

Finally, there are some difficulties and disappointments that cannot be lightly explained away or easily reconciled. This is when we must believe that even mindless evil can be overcome by the strength that we have developed to meet our life's tasks. "Everything without tells the individual that he is nothing," wrote Xavier Doudan. "Everything within persuades him that he is everything."

We grieve without comprehension in the passing of a loved family member, just as we are shocked by the untimely death of a friend and colleague. We see the weak and helpless being cheated, denied, and sinned against, seemingly without reason or hope of eventual redress or compensation. This is when we discover whether or not our faith, our strength as a person, is adequate to accept the inevitability of the heartbreak, the disappointment that cannot be changed, without ourselves becoming hopeless and embittered.

For you, I offer a prayer for this 4-H Sunday, both as a reconciliation and as a promise. The Prayer of Serenity, with its origin in the dim mists of the middle ages, offers you the means "to handle it all":

Dear God, give us the strength to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed. Give us the courage to change the things that can and should be changed, and give us the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.



Experiencing a happy moment at Evangelical Friends Home Lutheran Church are Paul Kelly, Neosho County extension director; Linda Collins, Savonburg, recipient of the God-Home-Country Emblem; the Rev. D. Bertil Gustafson; and Lois Carlson, county extension home economist.

God-Home-Country Emblem given

Linda Sue Collins, Savonburg, recently received the God-Home-Country Emblem. It is given by Lutheran congregations to young people who show faithfulness and usefulness to their church and community, and are also outstanding in 4-H, FFA, FHA, or scouting.

Linda has been active in 4-H for nine years. Last year she was state winner in personal development. This September she will represent Neosho County with

her demonstration at Kansas State Fair. A member of Eager Beavers 4-H Club, she is one of its representatives in Neosho County 4-H Council.

In her church youth group, Linda is secretary and pianist.

The God-Home-Country program is designed by Lutheran churches to further the spiritual development of young people and to encourage them in their participation in civic youth organizations.

Working on booth builds friendship

In Osage County each 4-H club was asked to participate in a festival by making a booth showing the value of being a member of a 4-H club.

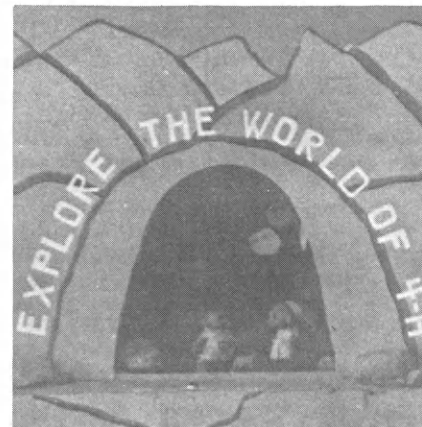
The title of the Willing Workers 4-H Club's booth was "Explore the World of 4-H—Join the Action."

"We made a cave from old chicken wire and papier-mache," Pam Davies explains. "The front of the cave was an old cardboard box painted to look like hills where you might find a cave. This was mounted on an old window screen and a hole was made for an opening. Inside were cardboard stones hanging from the ceiling with the values of 4-H written on each one.

"The inside of the cave was painted black and glittered with silver. Just inside the door were two cave-type dolls dressed in 4-H uniforms. On the ledge just outside of the door was a sign which said 'Push Button.' When the button was pushed the inside of the cave lit up with a red light and showed

4-H to be all glittering and wonderful."

The booth was a first-place winner, but it was a success in another way also—that of "gaining the friendship of families we hardly knew. The three evenings we spent together—one planning, one putting together the different parts of the booth that each had prepared, and one setting the booth up at the display area—were most rewarding. Each did his part and we all worked together."



Mass production aids the bluebird



By Donna Mahnken
Reporter

The bluebirds of the United States are slowly becoming extinct because of the introduction of the chain saw and the growing amount of land being cleared. The Harmony 4-H Club, Crawford County, became interested in the urgent need to help the bluebird when George Brooker, one of the club leaders, told the club about the bluebird trail. He explained that this trail of bluebird houses had been started several years ago, but that it had been discontinued somewhere around the state park and continued again near Arma. The club's interest grew until "Save the Bluebird Program," a community project, was started again.

On a drizzly day late in January, Mr. Brooker and Mrs. Alfred Mahnken, the club leaders, and Danny Grotheer, Mrs. Brooker, and Donna Mahnken met in a garage workshop to get the project under way. Using such tools as a hole saw, table saw, electric drills, and other items, more than 56 bird houses were precut with close tolerances and interchangeable parts. The first step in mass production was completed.

The next step of mass production involved the whole club. It started at the February meeting with an illustrated talk given by

Dr. Brooker. He explained to the club members how mass production works, how it is used by industries, and how the club could use the methods of mass production in the making of birdhouses. Further information about the project was given to the club when a member gave a special talk about the bird itself. She told what the blue bird looks like, where it lives, and how it benefits mankind.

On a Saturday afternoon late in February at a workshop in Hartman Hall, KSC, Pittsburg, Dr. George Brooker supervised the production of the birdhouses. Club members were split up in groups to sand the edges of certain parts. Slowly, other groups were formed to begin construction. Before long, an assembly line had formed. This line began with someone nailing the sides on to the back of the birdhouses with the use of a press form. As the birdhouses with backs and sides moved on down the line, bottoms, fronts, and tops were added. At the end of the line members painted the houses green and hung them up to dry. Construction was complete.

The persons included in the assembly line were Laura Riggin, April Westerlin, Dennis Grotheer, Dale Grotheer, Donna Grotheer, Ann Brooker, Joy Brooker, Nancy Brooker, Karen Hoffman, Lois Mahnken, Carl Mahnken, Donna Mahnken, Mr. and Mrs. George

Brooker, and Mrs. Alfred Mahnken.

Later the symbol of 4-H, a cloverleaf with 4-H below it, was painted on with stencil. Within 90 minutes, 56 birdhouses had been completed and at least 10 houses had been sent home with 4-H families to be put up.

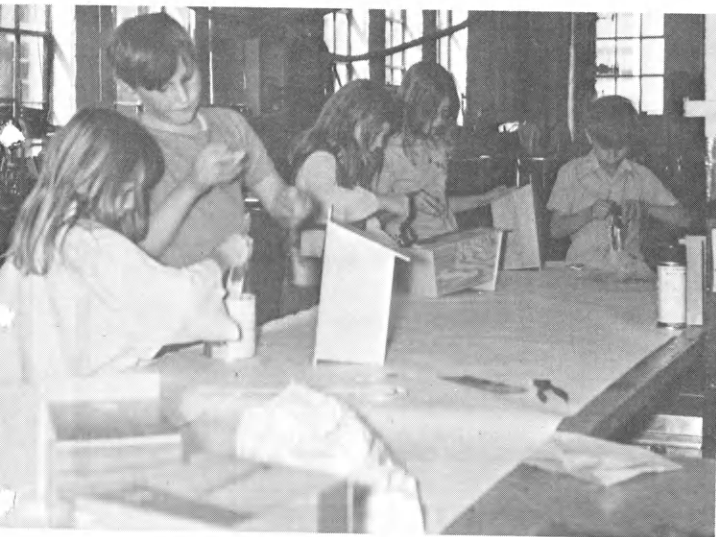
Close examination of the birdhouses revealed that, in true mass production fashion, we had produced one classic "lemon," a genuine misfit.

The final step of mass production is to make products available to the public for a reasonable price. On March 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pittsburg Mall, the Harmony 4-H Club offered the public a bake sale and birdhouse sale. But the sale didn't last until 4, because everything was sold before noon!

As well as a fundraising and community project, the project was also a valuable educational experience. Practical insights in the application of mass production techniques were gained by participating members. The finished products represent the combined efforts of members and leaders and is a good example of what can be accomplished with well-directed group effort in a very short period of time.

Editor's note: The April 4-H Journal showed another bluebird house; ask your local lumber dealer for a free copy of the plans.

Mass production methods



bring about 4-H birdhouses.



IDEAS * & News

Commerce State Bank of Topeka gave trees to all members of **Shunga Valley 4-H Club**, Shawnee County, to plant in their yards. Gary Jepson is reporter.

Eighteen members of **Glenwood 4-H Club**, Leavenworth County, learned mouth-to-mouth resuscitation as part of a special presentation by **John Harrington**, first-aid specialist for the club activity, health. Club reporter is **Teresa Millsap**.

Donna Smith reports that **Happy Hustlers 4-H Club**, Finney County, won top blue on its model meeting. This club has the commendable record of having won top blue on model meetings 10 of the 13 years since 1960.

A 4-H family, the **Doyle Foxes** of **Bluestem 4-H Club**, Butler County, are host to an exchange student, **Ery Susmaningsih** from Indonesia, so the Bluestem club chose people-to-people as a club project. For her birthday, the club members voted unanimously to make **Ery** an honorary member of the club and gave her a 4-H emblem for her charm bracelet.

Members of **Richland Rustlers 4-H Club**, Pratt County, came to their April Fools party with clothing on backwards, **Stuart Reed** reports. The club came home from **Regional 4-H Day** with all blue ribbons for six entries, five of them top blue.

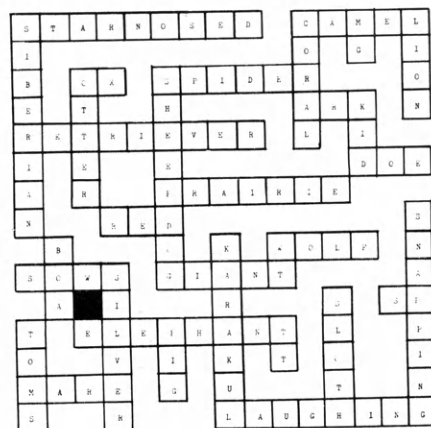
For roll call, members and leaders of **Macon Happy Hour 4-H Club**, Harvey County, paid 2 cents per inch between the corners of their eyes. The club made \$3.66. **Brian Schirer** is reporter.

Members of the personal development project of **Morning Glory and Shamrock 4-H clubs** of **Johnson County** enjoyed dining at the Washington Street Restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri, as one of their personal development experiences, reports **Leesa Bottoms**. Mrs. Paul Jackson, **Morning Glory 4-H** project leader, and parents accompanied the group.

Debbie Conrady reports that **Sedgwick Sunflower 4-H Club**, Harvey County, visited the Halstead Nursing Home and gave some of the numbers entered in 4-H Day.

Safety was chosen as the club project of **Meadowlark 4-H Club**, Gove County, and a safety talk or demonstration is given at every meeting. They are then filed in the club's safety book, **Gail Roberts** reports.

Crossword Answers



Puzzle on page 15.

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Debbie Heikes shows her flower-bedecked orange sponge cake at the Norton County 4-H Favorite Food Show. Looking as if they expect the cake to be good are, from left, Mrs. Ivan Boyd, Mrs. Rex Brown, Kris Ward, and standing in front, Patrick Brown.

At the show, each of the 33 entries were displayed with a complementary table setting and centerpiece. The young cooks answered the judge's questions about preparation of the food and about their selections of dishes, cloth, flatware, and centerpiece.

4-H group visits forestry building

For an educational trip, members of Sunnyside 4-H Club of Johnson County visited the Department of State and Extension Forestry in Manhattan.

"We chose to go there since conservation is one of our club's projects," writes reporter Annette Norris. "They took us on a tour around their office. Each room and hallway was paneled with a different type of wood. Each person was given some 'Smokey the Bear' pamphlets and things. They showed us where they grew little trees and packaged them up to be sent off to places. We each received an evergreen tree."

After the tour of the forestry building, the 4-H'ers went to the Manhattan zoo to eat their lunches and see the animals.

Mrs. Glenn Schulz drove the bus for the trip.

Founder honored by 4-H club

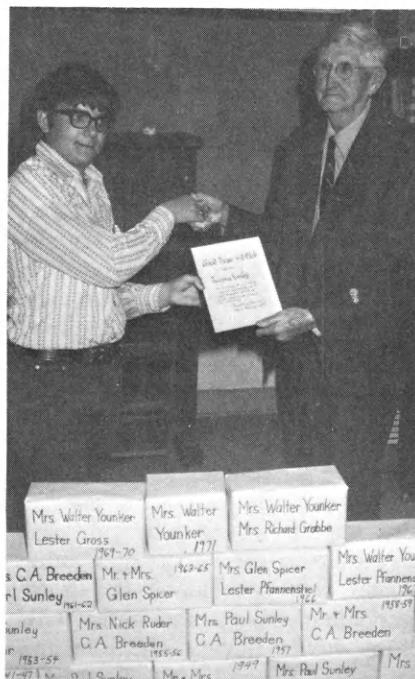
Good Hope 4-H Club of Ellis County had an outstanding ceremony in their model meeting on 4-H Day which took regional blue ribbon in that category. Harrison Kinsley, who founded the club 40 years ago, was honored. The visible representation of the concept was the building and progress of the club during the past 40 years.

Two club members laid the foundation which had the founder's name and year on it. Other club members credited their success to the excellence of their community leaders, both past and present, and recognized those leaders on small bricks containing their name and the year served.

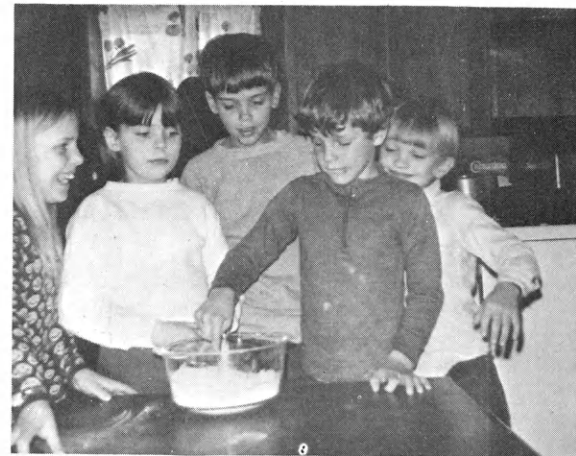
President Allen Dinkel presented Mr. Kinsley with a certificate in his honor. Mr. Kin-

sley, 86 years of age, said that he was pleased to see the club thrive during the past 40 years and hopes that it will keep on expanding.

Good Hope 4-H Club has 31 members with Mrs. Richard Grabbe and Mrs. Walter J. Younker as present leaders.



Allen Dinkel and Harrison Kinsley
Good Hope 4-H Club
Ellis County



Mary Ann Lobmeyer, Carmen King, Mark King, and Jon Heiman watch Mark Gillen mix dry ingredients for drop biscuits at a project meeting for the Tricks and Treats project. The 4-H'ers are members of the Wide Awake 4-H Club of Finney County. Margaret Lobmeyer is a junior leader for the group.

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Try camping in '73

By Cecil Eystone

Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth

For a new experience in 4-H, why not take part in the camping activities offered by your county 4-H program. Some of the most meaningful experiences I have observed youth have in their 4-H program is that first or second year at county camp. It doesn't matter whether this is experienced at Southwest Camp, Rock Springs Ranch, Cedar Bluff Camp, Camp Teel, or out-of-state in the Colorado Rockies. The living away from home with other youth, learning to make some decisions

without mother's or dad's assistance, following the camp rules, and enjoying the out-of-doors are all growth factors that can help develop a youngster in even a short three-day camp.

Many of the county camping groups are now organizing their campers into small groups or cabin size (6 to 10 members) units. This provides for much closer identification of members within the group and closer association with the group leader, whether it be an older youth or an adult. Each unit is planning its own activities within a given framework that meets the specific interests of the members of the group.

Because of the physical features of each camping site, there is a variation in the kinds of activities in which the youth may take part. However, this shouldn't limit the good experiences that may be had at camp, if good planning has been done by those in charge.

I am inclined to believe the fewer structures that a camping site offers, the more freedom there is in planning and carrying out a really worthwhile out-of-doors learning experience. With this thought in mind, I encourage leaders in Kansas to consider the use of Camp Perry this summer as a camping site, before it becomes a structured site.

Information gathered from the counties of Kansas indicate over 10,000 4-H youth are taking part in camping experiences. These may vary from day camps, lasting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to four and five day camps held by some groups. Other out-of-door events conducted on the state level include 4-H Family Camp and the Ecology or Environmental Conference.

If you haven't camped as a 4-H member, volunteer leader, or 4-H family, we encourage you to take part in this experience in '73.

You're invited to state 4-H camps

By William Riley

Director, Rock Springs Ranch

Dedicated to providing enjoyable educational experiences for young people of Kansas, Rock Springs Ranch and Lake Perry 4-H Camp will be available in 1973 for a full summer of activities.

Lake Perry 4-H Camp, the latest addition to the Kansas 4-H facilities, offers a true camping experience on the lakeshore of beautiful Lake Perry. The 273 acre site is presently "undeveloped" but camping equipment is available for groups to enjoy the woods, scenic bluffs, and open meadows near the lake. Camp trailers may be scheduled for use on the Lake Perry site with equipment for overnight camping for up to 50 people. The group is responsible for providing their own food and paperware, if needed. Fishing, nature study, archery, and canoeing are possible activities for the program. Several counties have scheduled work

camps to help clean the camp site of cans, wire, and other rubbish. Others are planning camps with an emphasis on forestry and general outdoor education. This type of adventure is ideal for groups of up to 50 people as they plan and administer their own outdoor program.

County camp groups can again enjoy the many facilities of Rock Springs Ranch for the summer of 1973. Supervision and instruction will be offered in archery, canoeing, rifle safety, crafts, swimming, and horseback trail rides. The traditional concrete recreation area has been named Claassen Courts, with a 10-foot fence, new lights, sound system, and basketball goals. A nearby service building offers equipment storage and will serve as a center for directing evening activities on the courts. More opportunity will be provided for nature study as a RSR staff member will accompany the overnight camp groups and assist with nature hikes during the daytime programs. Special camps include ecology camp, family camp, FFA, cheerleaders, and Kay-

ettes, in addition to 4-H county camps from over 70 per cent of the Kansas counties.

The meeting areas of Heritage Hall offer excellent opportunities for indoor educational programs in addition to the many outside activities of the center. Jamie Schwartz, citizenship coordinator, is preparing a series of programs in the areas of American heritage, free enterprise, and citizenship. These will involve camper discussions, films, and use of special resource people to assist with specific topics. These special experiences will be available for selection by the campers and staff to develop a practical involvement in the understanding of citizenship.

The Wa Shun Ga area of Rock Springs Ranch will again serve up to 200 campers in the self-contained camp area. With boating, swimming, crafts, archery, and outdoor games, this area provides a full offering of activities for camp groups. Groups using this area include several churches, Farm Bureau safety camp, and a Science and Outdoor Education camp in late July.

Family Camp

The fourth annual 4-H Family Camp will be held July 20-22 at Rock Springs Ranch. Opening with the Friday evening meal, there will be two full days of relaxation and fun. If the family cannot arrive until Friday evening or Saturday morning, camp fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Each day will be filled with many things to do: swimming, archery, riflery, horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, a variety of sports and games, group discussions, worship service on Sunday, good food, and fellowship.

If members of your family or friends have not visited Rock Springs Ranch, here is an opportunity to do so at a reason-

able cost. Rates per day for an adult will be \$5.00; youth 9 to 18 years old—\$4.30; children 3 to 8 years old—\$2.15, and those 2 years and under are free. An additional \$1.00 per individual will be charged as a pre-registration fee that is used for insurance, health care, and other services provided by the 4-H center. The pre-registration fee will be due in the State 4-H Office by July 12, so that additional information may be sent each family who

plans to attend. Everyone is to provide his own bedding or bedroll.

4-H Family Camp is open to anyone in Kansas. Participants during the past three years have numbered many non-4-H families, so tell your neighbors and friends about this event. One hundred forty-one participants representing 33 families took part in 1972. Will we have 50 families present this year?

For additional information, contact your county extension agents.

Environmental Conference

By Charles Bates

Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth

The third State Youth Environmental Conference is scheduled for July 16-20 at Rock Springs Ranch. The conference program is NEW in content and structure. All youth 15 years and older are invited to share in this conference through classes, rap sessions, and activities related to environmental concerns.

The conference is dedicated to encourage Kansas youth to develop a greater awareness, acceptance, and application of ecological principles and concepts.

The 1973 Environmental Conference has as its overall theme "LIFE—PASS IT ON." The program will deal with the current issue of using and renewing energy resources. Each day's program speaks to a specific category of energy resource, i.e., Renewable Resources, Flow Resources, and Non-Renewable Resources. The program is developed to encourage rapping and interaction with staff and each other during the conference.

A colorful brochure describing the conference program and cost is available by contacting your local county extension office. Those interested in attending should pre-register by June 15.



The 1973 "Friend of IFYE" award honored the 940 Kansas families who have been host families to IFYE delegates from abroad. Pictured with the award which they received in behalf of the other families are the Gustav Wiebe family of Harvey County. The presentation took place at the International Festival at Rock Springs Ranch.



Dolph Simons, Lawrence, was reelected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kansas 4-H Foundation when the group met recently at Rock Springs Ranch. Balfour S. Jeffrey, Topeka, was elected as vice-chairman, and Ross Beach, Hays, as treasurer. In the picture are, left to right, Bill Riley, associate director; Balfour Jeffrey; Dolph Simons; Ross Beach; and Merle Eyestone, executive director of the Foundation.

IDEAS & News

Thirty-six Kansas 4-H members have received \$400 Union Pacific scholarships from the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The fortunate 4-H'ers are **Joseph Bunck**, Everest; **Thomas Cott**, Clay Center; **John Carter** and **Mary Hart**, Jamestown; **Sheila McKain**, Miltonvale; **John Robson**, Debra Romberger, and **Kathy Sleichter**, Abilene; **Ruth Wood**, Chapman; **William Bradley Jr.** and **James Pendleton**, Lawrence; **Carol Carter**, Eudora;

Peggy Jensen, Hays; **Catherine Jilka**, Ellsworth; **Edward Lubbers**, Grinnell; **Nancy Nichol**, Hill City; **Mary Phillips**, Valley Falls; **Leona Shrader**, McLouth; **Carol Jo Denholm**, Tonganoxie; **Lori Hagenbuch**, Lawrence; **Teresa Millsap**, Bonner Springs; **Shanna Gibson**, McPherson; **Michael Engelken**, Goff; **Barbara Dyck** and **Elaine Geist**, Minneapolis;

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Ecology was the theme of a recent meeting of **Harmony Hustlers 4-H Club**, **Shawnee County**. Junior officers conducted the meeting, 10-year old junior reporter **Gregg Wilcox** writes.

Members of **Sasnak 4-H Club**, **Saline County**, enjoy having guest speakers at their meetings. Among the speakers have been **Sgt. Herb Clark** of the Salina Police Department who spoke on safety and gave a ventriloquist act. At another meeting, **John Burgess**, owner of the Burgess Bicycle Shop, showed a film, "Rules of the Road," and showed how to keep a bike in good working order. **Kim Glasgow** is club president and safety chairman.

The first annual spring show for the **Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association** will be May 12 in Salina. Any youngster under 21 may enter his Polled Hereford. A judging contest will be part of the event. Secretary of the organization is **Beverly Watson** and **Jim Christie** is reporter.

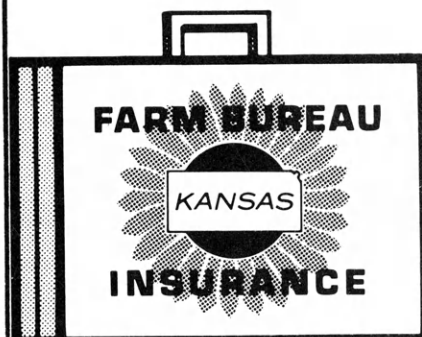
Dr. Glenn Busset, state leader, 4-H and youth, will visit Washington, D.C., in early May as a member of the **National 4-H Club Foundation Board of Trustees**.

The **Happy Larks 4-H Club**, **Cheyenne County**, was honored at the **International Festival** for its outstanding work in the **People-to-People project**.

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By Ann Kuglin
Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club
Jackson County

Would you know what to do in case you were suddenly bitten by a poisonous snake?

On a weekend camping trip my mother was suddenly bitten by a copperhead snake. Fortunately, good medical facilities were close by and she was treated in time.

Snakebite is very painful and it takes weeks to recover. Maybe this information about snakes will help someone else avoid a bite of poison such as my mother's.

About 2,400 kinds of snakes are known, but only 8 out of 100 are dangerous to man. Many places have no poisonous snakes. Some snakes are helpful. They kill rats, mice, and other rodents that destroy crops. Scientists estimate one snake will eat 150 mice in six months.

Poisonous snakes are easy to recognize in the United States. Here every poisonous snake is either a pit-viper or a coral snake. Pit-vipers have a deep hollow or pit in front of each eye and below it on the side of the head. There are three main kinds of pit-vipers. They are the water moccasin, rattlesnake, and the copperhead.

The water moccasin lives in the southeastern United States. The water moccasin is usually from 3½ feet to 5 feet long. The body has dark olive bands across it. It feeds on frogs, fish, and other small animals. The young are born alive.

Moccasins like watery places, wooded river banks, lake shores, and large streams. The bite of a water moccasin is highly dangerous and can be fatal.

Rattlesnake is any one of the poisonous American snakes with a rattle on the end of the tail. The rattlesnake often gives a warning sound before he bites. This warning makes a rattler easy to recognize. There are large and small rattlesnakes, from 2 feet to 7 feet long.

Many persons believe it is possible to tell the age of a rattler by the number of segments in its rattle. This is not true. Two to

four new segments are added each year, one every time the skin is shed. When about 10 accumulate they begin to fall off.

Most rattlers eat birds and small mammals. They destroy rodents and other harmful animals. All rattlesnakes bear live young instead of laying eggs.

The large rattlers rank among the most dangerous of snakes. They should be carefully avoided; they do not always rattle before striking.

The copperhead is another poisonous American snake. Its body has broad chestnut-red bands between coppery-red ones. Most copperheads are about 2½ feet to 4 feet long. The copperhead bites people more often than the rattler, because it is silent and smaller, and not so quickly noticed. The bite is seldom fatal to adults, but can seriously poison children who weight less than 75 pounds.

This snake eats rodents, small mammals, insects, and frogs. It usually bears three to seven young in August or September.

The fangs of a rattlesnake or copperhead are like hollow hypodermic needles, which inject poison into the victim's body. The bite of a poisonous snake can be recognized by one or more punctures caused by the fangs. The poison quickly causes severe stinging. Soon the area around the bite begins to swell and turns purple. The victim may then become pale, weak, and sick at the stomach. The pulse becomes weak and rapid.

The coral snake leaves a different bite. It does not strike, but hangs on and chews. There is little pain at first, but later the breathing organs are partly paralyzed, and the patients become sleepy.

If the snake is not poisonous it leaves only a group of surface bites. All snakebite wounds should be examined by a doctor.

The first thing to do in case of snakebite is call a doctor. If the doctor's office or hospital is near, take the patient there within one to two hours. Keep him motionless and quiet because activity causes poison to spread.

If there is no doctor near, use first aid.

1. Apply a tight bandage above the wound.

2. Paint the wound with iodine or alcohol. Sterilize a knife or razor blade (this can be done with a flame), and make an X-shaped cut through each fang mark. Then cut from one fang mark to the other, making one open wound. Cut about ⅛ inch deep, being careful not to cut blood vessels or veins.

3. Apply suction to the cuts to remove poison. Many first-aid kits contain a suction or bulb syringe. If there is none, suck the wound by mouth, and spit out the poison. Be sure you have no open sores or cuts in your mouth. Apply suction about fifteen minutes in each hour for several hours if necessary.

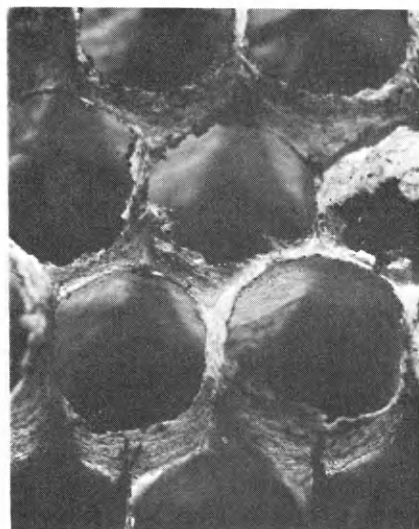
4. If the poison spreads, move the bandage higher, and make other cuts where the swelling is bad.

5. Give the victim plenty of water to drink.

Once again, the four main types of poisonous snakes in the United States are the coral, water moccasin, rattlesnake, and the copperhead.

If someone is bitten by a poisonous snake the victim should be taken to a doctor as soon as possible. If there is no doctor near, first aid should be started immediately.

I hope this information has been helpful so that you can leave a bite of poison out of your life.



"Cowhand" Scott MacNair from Cottonwood Corral at Jetmore took a purple ribbon winning picture of a wasp's nest. "I used a flood light from a movie camera to light my wasp's nest," he explains. "I almost burnt it up while trying to get my prize winning picture."



By Oliver Gasswint, Boating Act
Administrator, Kansas Forestry,
Fish and Game Commission

Kansans are taking to water-based recreation in increasing numbers.

At present there are more than 65,000 registered pleasure craft in the Sunflower State, and approximately 325,000 persons enjoy boating as part of their recreational activities.

Considering the numbers of participants and craft, boating is a reasonably safe sport. Yet, past records reveal that most accidents could have been avoided.

Here, as elsewhere in the nation, the greatest cause for loss of life or injury is falling overboard. Most of these accidents would have ended on a more cheerful note had the victims been wearing personal flotation devices — life jackets or vests. Furthermore, had the victims not been standing when the craft was underway or while playing and landing a fish, most wouldn't have fallen overboard in the first place.

As with automobile accidents, a disproportionately high number of boating mishaps involves persons under 25 years of age.

It's probably safe to assume that most boating enthusiasts take the attitude that, "It can't happen to me." If this can be turned around to a recognition that, "It can happen to me," most of our injuries and fatalities would be avoided.

Seldom does an accident occur that can be traced to the failure of the boat, motor, or equipment.

Most are attributable to error in human judgment.

The second most frequent cause for death or injury is collision with another craft. The third category is collision with a fixed or floating object other than a boat.

Again, poor judgment is the primary problem. Had these persons operated their boats in a defensive manner and kept a good lookout ahead, property damage could have been minimized and fewer persons would have been killed or injured.

Most of us would assume that boating accidents usually occur when boating conditions are poor. Not so! Records reveal that fully three-quarters occur in daylight with clear skies and excellent visibility. Over half of all accidents take place on calm or nearly calm waters with winds under 10 mph.

The solution to the accident problem is three-fold:

- (1) production of safe and dependable craft by the industry,
- (2) regulation and enforcement of pleasure boat operation, and
- (3) safe boating education.

Under Project SASNAK the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission will establish its first Courtesy Water Patrol teams in 1973. These teams will be involved in boating education and enforcement on our public waters.

For more detailed information on boating laws and regulations you may write to the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, Box 1028, Pratt, Kansas 67124. Ask for the publication titled, Synopsis, State of Kansas, Boat and Water Safety Laws. It's free!

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By Dr. Margery Neely
Extension Specialist,
4-H Child and Youth Education

A growing body of research suggests that the youthful way of questioning the ways things are done is not so much rejection of the established goals but rejection of the established means to achieve the goals.

Young people have fresh ideas and enthusiasm, that when coupled with the experience and in-depth knowledge of adults can open the way to creative solutions to problems.

Every one of the community service projects in Kansas 4-H community clubs has the potential impact of being a real force for good in the community. Every junior leader project or people-to-people project provides an opportunity to look at new ways of doing things, and then to try them out. It is necessary to keep the goal in mind and not get bogged down in the mire of details.

Older people and younger people in a community tend to share the same values, and to differ only (1) in the means by which the values are expressed or (2) in their willingness to do something about them. The active role, the desire to do something, is more prevalent in the younger people and can provide a force for betterment in the community.

In the next year, an emphasis toward rural development and community development will be felt in Kansas. Kansas 4-H'ers can lend their support to this emphasis, through their community service project.

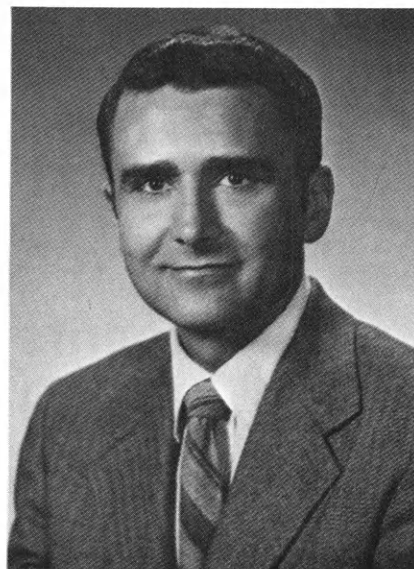
**Observe
4-H
Sunday!**

Round-up

"A New Day, A New Way," is the theme of State 4-H and Youth Round-up at Kansas State University June 4-8.

Teenagers 15 and older coming to the campus will learn about careers they may consider for their future. They will examine some phases of personal development, have a choice of classes, and have plenty of time for fun and friends, along with a preview of college life.

For information about registration, contact your extension office.



Dr. Charles Roche will be the speaker at Friends of 4-H Day.

Eyestone a speaker at national meeting

Dr. Merle Eyestone, executive director of Kansas 4-H Foundation, was a speaker at a national seminar for 4-H foundation directors in East Lansing, Michigan, recently.

Dr. Eyestone's report was of a research study which he had done of 16 state 4-H foundations.

At the seminar, Dr. Eyestone was appointed to study articles of incorporation and by-laws of state 4-H foundations before the next national meeting.

Kansas will be host to a similar meeting in 1975.

Friends of 4-H Day

Friends of 4-H Day will be June 7 at Rock Springs Ranch. More than 150 1972 donors and their families are expected to attend this annual event.

Dr. George C. Roche, president of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, will address the group at a 2:30 p.m. assembly in Heritage Hall. The Kansas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar delegates attending their annual training conference will join the 4-H donors.

An evening buffet, tours of Rock Springs Ranch, and a special program will conclude the day's activities for the donors.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m.

Calendar

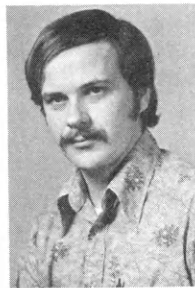
International Land and Range Judging Contest . . .	
Oklahoma City	May 2, 3
Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Spring Show . . .	
Kenwood Park, Salina	May 12
100 anniversary celebration of Angus cattle	
in America . . . Victoria	May 17
Arabian Horse Show . . . Salina	May 18, 19, 20
4-H Sunday	May 27
Friends of 4-H Day . . . Rock Springs Ranch	June 7

If you will have an event in your county or area which you wish to list in the 4-H calendar, send the name of the event, date, and place to Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

Seven participants named for international programs



Susan Wasserman
YDP
Sheridan County



James Riley
YDP
Cowley County



Susan Small
YDP
Sumner County

Japan, Italy, Denmark, Paraguay, Guatemala, and Mexico are destinations for seven young Kansans going abroad this summer as participants in three 4-H international programs.

Living a year in the rural area of a developing country assisting with the formation of 4-H type groups, developing projects and training leaders will be Susan Wasserman, Hoxie; Susan Small, Conway Springs; and Jim Riley, Dexter. The Youth Development Project includes a two-month training period as well as the year in the foreign country.

Susan Wasserman will go to Paraguay in June, the same month Susan Small and Jim Riley go to Guatemala.

As International Farm Youth Exchange delegates, Katherine Leavitt, Mound City, and Larry Laas, Brookville, will spend six months with host families. Katherine goes to Mexico in June; Larry to Italy.

Teen Caravan, the third international program, takes young 4-H'ers to another country for six weeks with host families, two weeks to tour nearby countries. This year's caravaners are Sandra Strawn, Colby, who will go to Denmark, and Janice Isbell, Beloit, whose destination will be Japan. Caravan members are responsible for their own expenses.

The IFYE program is conducted by the National 4-H Foundation in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Kansas 4-H



Katherine Leavitt
IFYE
Linn County



Larry Laas
IFYE
Saline County



Sandra Strawn
Caravaner
Thomas County



Janice Isbell
Caravaner
Mitchell County

Foundation and the State 4-H and Youth Department, KSU, sponsor the program in Kansas in cooperation with national sponsors. Funds for IFYE and YDP are provided by home counties of the delegates, Kansas 4-H Foundation, and National 4-H Foundation.

Susan Wasserman is a 1973 Kansas State University graduate in home economics education. She was a member of the Sheridan County Hi-Plains 4-H Club for 11 years.

Susan Small was a member of the Sumner County Conway Springs Cardinals 4-H Club for 10 years. She is a home economics education major at Kansas State University.

The third YDP delegate, Jim Riley, was a member of Otto 4-H Club, Cowley County. A graduate of Cowley County Community College, Jim is a Kansas State University junior in animal science and industry.

IFYE delegate Katherine Leavitt is a senior majoring in psychology at the University of Kansas. Her 4-H club was Busy Bugs in Linn County.

Larry Laas's family is host to a foreign exchange student from Brazil during this school semester. A 1973 graduate from Fort Hays Kansas State College in speech and English, Larry was an 11-year member of Brookville 4-H Club, Saline County.

Sandra Strawn is a Colby Community College sophomore majoring in drama. She was a member of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club in Thomas County for 10 years.

Janice Isbell, a former member of the Mitchell County Cloverleaf 4-H Club, is a sophomore at Hutchinson Community Junior College.

Marjorie Area, extension specialist, 4-H and Youth, coordinates the 4-H international programs.

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Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow.
She took it to Pittsburgh and now
look at the darned thing.

Smart: More than 5,000 elephants go each year to make piano keys.

Smarter: Really? It's remarkable what animals can be trained to do.

Teacher: Now, class, can you tell me one of the uses for cow-hide?

Student: It holds the cow together.

What animal would be likely to eat a relative?

An ant-eater.

Why didn't they play cards on Noah's ark?

Because Noah sat on the deck.



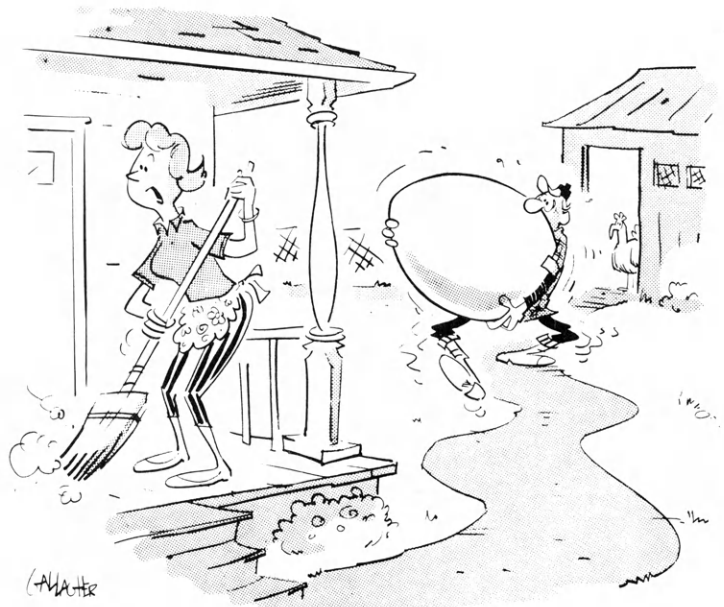
During her first year in the photography project, Lisa Wilhite, Elmdale, took this picture. She writes, "I enjoy taking pictures of animals because we have so many of them around. The barn cat in the photo is one of my favorite models."

ACROSS

1. _____ Mole
2. Arabian _____
5. Full grown male cattle
6. _____ Monkey
7. Where Noah kept his animals
9. Golden _____
10. Female deer
11. _____ Dog
12. _____ Fox
16. Timber _____
17. Female pigs
19. _____ Panda
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23. African _____
26. Female horse
27. _____ Hyena

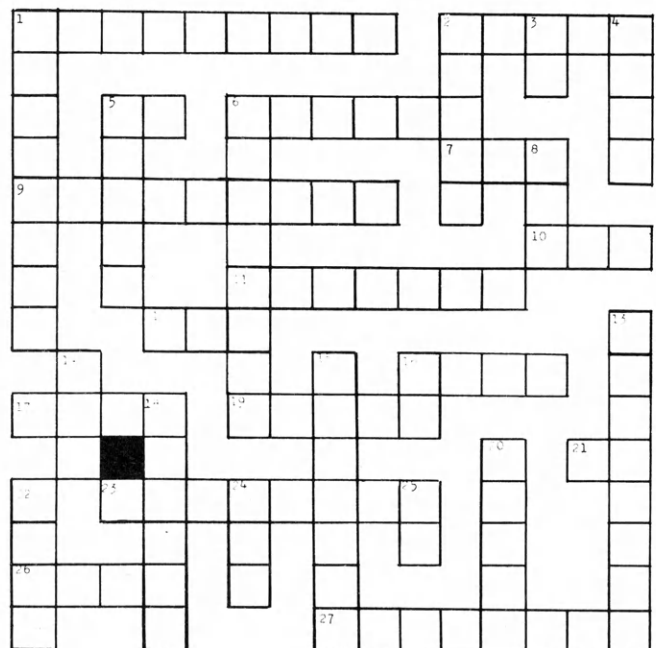
DOWN

1. _____ Husky
2. _____ Snake
3. _____ountain _____oat
4. Mountain _____
5. River _____
6. Old English _____
8. Baby goat
13. _____ Turtle
14. _____ Constrictor
15. _____ Sheep
16. _____elsh _____errier
18. _____ Fox
20. Two-toed _____
22. Male cats
24. Tamworth
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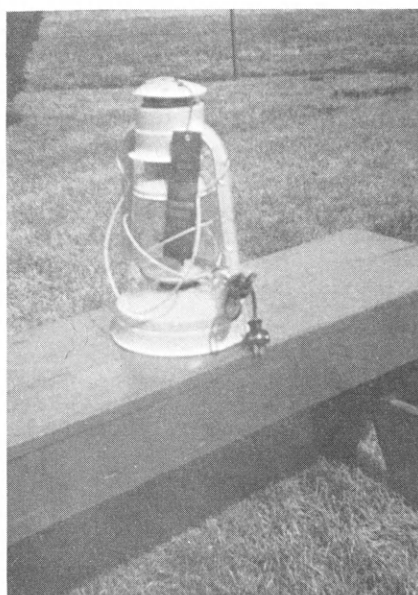


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Youth rates high in electric project for three years



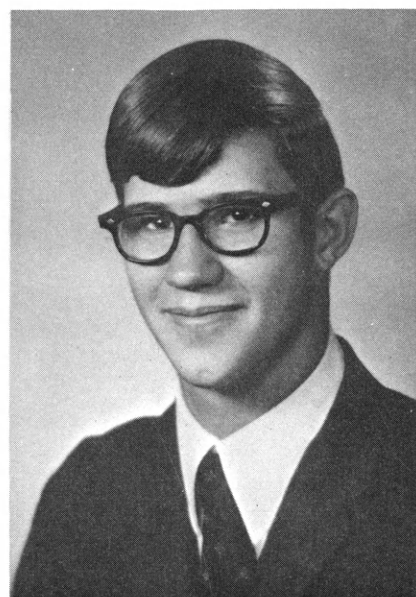
Jim found his electrified lantern to be very handy around the place.

The cows on the Jesse Christie farm near Muscotah find the summers aren't as tough as they used to be, thanks to Jim and his ventilator. In the electric project last year, Jim combined a fan and an old washing machine motor to make the ventilator. He also re-wired some of the buildings and made a safety block to go between motors and plug-ins.

For the third year Jim was an Atchison County champion in the electric project, and for the second year was a delegate to Kansas 4-H Congress at Wichita.

Jim's Polled Hereford cattle have won him grand champion and reserve champion ribbons at Atchison County fairs.

A senior at Atchison County High School, Jim takes part in wrestling and track and sings in the high school choir. His plans for the future include a two-year course in printing at a vocational-technical school.



Jim Christie, Atchison County



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