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What's Gapping Between Generations?

By Hope Daugherty

The guest editorial this month was written by Dr. Hope Daugherty, who has been a member of the state 4-H staff for the past 18 months. Her previous work was in the school systems; she taught at several levels, ranging from the early grades to graduate school at the University of Cincinnati. A native of Missouri, Mrs. Daugherty completed her doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. She is now employed as Program Assistant in the 4-H—Youth Development Division of the Cooperative Extension Service in Washington, D.C. "What's Gapping between Generations?" is an abstract of one of Hope's popular presentations to Kansas 4-H leaders.

Of all the reasons given for the gap between parents and youth, perhaps most often mentioned is a breakdown of communications. Whether or not you are willing to admit there is something wrong between generations, all of us must concede that sometimes one does not understand the other. Yet you say, we all communicate, so what's the problem? Perhaps if we look at some of the types of experiences that pass for communication we might be able to understand why there is a little less than comprehension on one side or the other.

In the first place, our communication is often confused. I'm always reminded of one little boy I had in kindergarten. The first day there the older children showed the younger ones the proper path to take to the restroom at recess. Yet, this little fellow came back to me twice, crying, "I can't find it." After I took him firmly by the hand on the third trip, we got to the door of the restroom. The little boy turned his tear-stained face to me and said, "But, Ma'am, I've got on these new corduroy pants and my mom put the zipper somewhere and I can't find it." We were communicating, yes, but it was confused.

Too Much or Too Little?

Often times the lack of communication builds a case against one or the other. We are all familiar with the mother who will not argue and so she clams up. We all remember the times when our own parents wouldn't speak to us — when they avoided the issue. This makes for no exchange of feeling so that a lack of communication can be almost as bad as the opposite end of the continuum which is too much. I once counseled in a junior high school where a young lad came in nearly every Monday morning to see me and he would always start out, "Oh, brother, did my dad communicate with me this weekend. He

communicated and communicated and communicated." Very often if there is too much communication on either side it begins to fall on deaf ears.

Avoid Garbling

Then we need to consider the garbled type of communication. You've all played the game of gossip where you start with a sentence and it's whispered to each one in turn. The last one in the circle repeats it and it's hilarious to see what the beginning and ending sentences are. Very often we unconsciously garble what we are saying in our communications. The sophomore girl in a counseling session listens in a garbled sort of way so that when she repeats to you what she has gotten from the session it's something very different from what you as a counselor had said.

There is also the devious type of communication. This is talking with an ulterior motive. An example of devious communicating may be the declaration of the girl who comes home and informs her astonished parents that she will not attend a certain very fashionable party. Mother is immediately alerted to the fact that she has a social flop for a daughter. Finally, it comes out that the girl is angling for a new dress to wear and this is one sure way of getting it. The devious communicator is the one who comes up to you and says, "Have you stopped beating your wife?" There's usually a little bit of a shocker attached to the devious communication.

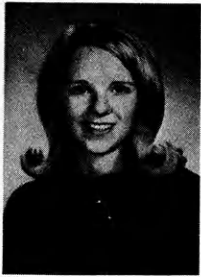
Avoid Verbosity

A verbose communicator is one who uses too many words and too complicated wordage to convey his meaning. Winston Churchill was a master at stripping away the verbosity from communication. A memorandum crossed his desk during World War II which in verbose and wordy terms gave instructions for installing blackout curtains. Churchill read it through, puffed on his cigar, and took his blue pencil. When all the government workers received the communication it said, "Put up a black covering over anything that admits light."

Terse communication is that which comes right to the point. I'm always reminded of the boy who never wrote to his parents when he was away at school until he needed something. One day he picked up a post card, addressed it to his father, and on it he put, "No mon, no fun, your son." The father had had just about enough of this, so he marked out the sentence from his son, readdressed the card, and put on it, "Too bad, so sad, your Dad." A terse form of communication is embodied in the type that Dorothy Parker employed in her

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Janet Rewerts is a member of the Corn Valley 4-H Club, Stafford County. Her parents are Charles Rewerts, Stafford.

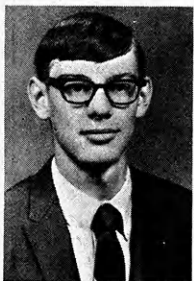


With clothing and foods as major projects, Janet has also served as a junior leader. She assisted with county fairs, county 4-H days and helped younger members with projects.

ects.

"4-H has helped me become a more active and aware person and develop my abilities," Janet comments. She believes that 4-H experiences have helped her "gain confidence in self and others, contribute to her community through work in safety, health, and conservation."

Field crops, including milo, and swine are two "most important projects" for Edward Juno, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Juno Sr., Otis.



For the past three years he has harvested 100 acres of wheat. Blue ribbons at county and state fairs and district wheat shows indicate the quality of his grain.

He was a 1969 winner in the wheat quality program, and wrote an article about wheat production for the 1970 4-H in Review.

As club and county council president, Edward contributed to the overall accomplishments of both groups. He is a member of the Otis Busy Bees 4-H Club, Rush County.

Judging, demonstrations, and promotional talks are examples of Edward's activities. "From these experiences," he says, "I continue to profit from 4-H while I continue to serve my club, community, and country."

Kansas National 4-H Conference delegates 1971

The four young Kansans who will represent the Sunflower State at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., April 18-23, were chosen in recognition of leadership, outstanding project work, and service to club and community. Each is a freshman at Kansas State University and each is 18 years old.

During the week in the nation's capital, the Kansans will join with four youths from each of the other states in educational discussions, tours, and interviews with government officials. The trip is sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association as a part of the recognition and awards program coordinated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Conference headquarters is the National 4-H Center.

Wanted

Please send black and white pictures of 4-H members who are high school seniors or others in their last year of 4-H work, with a paragraph about the pictured person, for use in 4-H in Review. News stories and clear black and white pictures of 4-H activities are also needed for the September issue.

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Foods, clothing, junior leadership, personal development, and recreation are Sheri Hewitt's outstanding projects. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hewitt, Ottawa, she is a member of Town and Country 4-H Club, Franklin County.

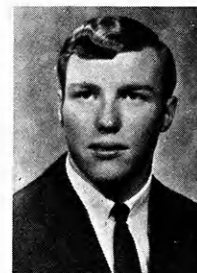


As a day camp counselor and county fair superintendent, Sheri shared responsibilities in planning and conducting these

for 4-H events. Sheri has been assistant leader in foods projects and served as club president and officer in county junior leader club and county 4-H council.

"I learned in 4-H that you must be willing to cooperate to accomplish anything," Sheri says. "You must have patience and remember the more time and effort given, the more you receive from any work." Sheri expresses the hope that because of her 4-H experiences, she can become a leader in her community and do her part in helping some youth to become a better citizen.

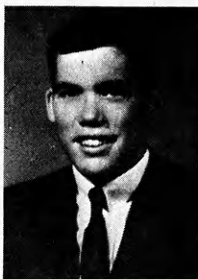
John Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reynolds, Paradise, lists beef as his important project. He has an impressive record in showing his animals, in judging and in giving talks and demonstrations.



"I chose veterinary medicine as a career partly because of my 4-H livestock projects," John explains.

"I learned to love animals and enjoy working with them in my projects." He hopes to continue contact with 4-H and give other girls and boys the same assistance he has received as a 4-H'er.

Assisting with county fair, county camp, and 4-H Sunday, John has served as club president and county 4-H council officer. His club is the Osborne County Natoma Eager Beavers although he was a member of the Bellview Rockets 4-H Club until 1969.



By Loran Luthi

Dickinson County 4-H Member
and Special Award Winner
in Field Crops Science

Field crops science needed today



My first few acres of grain, producing bushel after bushel, made me feel as if they could feed the whole world. My viewpoint has changed the past nine years through working in this project. I now know it takes millions of acres, farmed with the best management practices known, to fulfill this order. I like to feel that through my small contribution in helping feed the world, I've gained knowledge about the best skills and techniques known to man today.

Grain sorghum, my main field crop, is well adapted to this area. It withstands drought conditions better than most spring growing crops. Planting can be done over a period of many days with a reasonable assurance of harvesting a crop. This is a rare trait in small grains, mainly limited to grain sorghums.

Discouraging moments frequently occur in farming operations, challenging the farmers in their quest of a living. A challenging and trying moment for me came when I discovered a near perfect stand of grain sorghum being infested with green bug just as I was preparing to apply a herbicide. Consultation with the county extension agent paid off. Following his recommendation, an insecticide was purchased that was compatible with the herbicide I was planning to use. This economical one-step application of an insecticide-herbicide solution proved to successfully control both bugs and weeds.

The past three years, I used my acres of grain sorghums as testing plots to try different methods of weed control for better crop efficiency. The methods I tried were mechanical; mechanical and the application of 2, 4-D; band application of atrazine and mechanical; and broadcasting of atrazine. Each of the methods have definite advantages and disadvantages, depending on the growing conditions and farming operations. I found

applying post emergent 2, 4-D when the crop is four to twelve inches high and mechanical control gave best results under normal conditions, for the cost involved. However, where there were abnormal problems, the broadcasting of post emergent atrazine was very beneficial.

Grain sorghums work for me from head to toe, so to speak; for the grain is used for a cash crop and the stubble is used in combination with wheat pasture for an economical winter pasture for the cow herd my dad and I own in partnership.

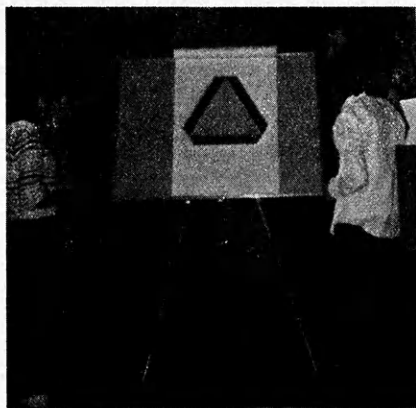
Wheat is another profitable crop I have been enrolled in for nine years. This crop has been planted on upland and bottomland. I have found the yield to vary more because of weather conditions and management practices than whether it was planted on upland or bottomland.

I have learned from this project that the quality of wheat varies with the variety. Although early triumph does well in the field, it lacks in protein and good baking qualities. I have planted several varieties of wheat and sent samples to the state wheat show each year. By attending the shows and studying results I have gained much knowledge of wheat quality and I try to plant varieties that will have high protein content and also yield well.

Due to climatic conditions around my home town, Abilene, corn, a project I carried for several years, is not presently a part of my crop program. My records showed that our dryland would produce other crops with more profit.

Recordkeeping, although a part of each of my projects, was most useful to me in my field crop project, for they showed how to improve my project work and how my crops were doing in comparison with each other as to dollar return. Good money management is a necessity, especially with the high costs that exist today.

I am continuing my education in the agricultural field at Cloud County Community College and am planning an agricultural career.



"This sign should be on every slow-moving vehicle on the road," a trooper from the Kansas Highway Patrol tells persons at the defensive driving course sponsored as a community service by Harmony Hustlers 4-H Club, Dickinson County.

Defensive driving course proves to be worthwhile

By Debbie Kogler
Club Reporter

"Sacks of sand in the trunk to give extra weight for traction in snowy weather may become death weapons if you have an accident and they are thrown through the trunk into the car." This was just one of the interesting facts brought out by the state trooper when our 4-H club, Harmony Hustlers, Dickinson County, sponsored a defensive driving course for a community project.

Thirty-one persons completed all three nights of the course, but many others sat in on one or two nights just to get the information. We had people from junior high school age up to people in their seventies. The club bought the driving manuals, so there was no cost to the individuals taking the course.

The idea of the course is that most accidents are preventable if you expect the other driver to do something wrong and you know what to do to avoid him.

We learned that it is better to take the ditch than to have a head-on collision, which at 30 miles per hour can prove fatal. We practiced putting ourselves in situations where a head-on collision was about to happen. Everybody felt that the course had increased our awareness of driving hazards and made us more alert drivers.

We thought this was especially worthwhile as we have had five traffic deaths in our community.

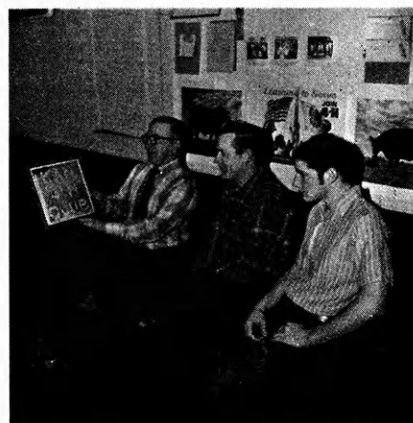
Three generations enjoy 4-H work

The influence of 4-H reaches down three generations in the Swenson Creek 4-H Club in Dickinson County in two families, the Diehls and the Hobbs.

Recently the three generations of the Diehl family were honored by Swenson Creek 4-H Club. Harvey Diehl was a charter member of the Chapman Community 4-H Club in 1923. At a recent Parents' Night meeting of Swenson Creek 4-H Club, he related his experiences in 4-H. His son, Lyle E. Diehl, was a charter member of the Swenson Creek Rustlers, organized in Dickinson County in 1951. He is the present livestock leader, and his children, Daniel, Donald, and Deborah, are members. Dan Diehl is club reporter.

Another three-generation family includes Mrs. Art Hobbs, a club leader, and her three children, Randy, Ronnie, and Kay, now members. Mrs. Hobbs' mother, now deceased, was a former 4-H member.

In the picture below, Harvey Diehl, Lyle D. Diehl, and Daniel Diehl look at Harvey Diehl's 4-H Round-up picture taken in 1924.



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Kansas Pork Queen

The Kansas Pork Queen for 1971, Noralee Nagel of Valley Center, will be busy throughout the year telling the story of the "new pork." As

queen, Noralee received gifts from the Gooch Feed Co. and the Ralston Purina Co. and a \$100 scholarship from the Kansas Porkettes. Alternates in the Kansas Pork Queen contest were Connie Abrams of Arkansas City and Belinda Marcy of Leoti.

Noralee, a freshman at Wichita State University, will represent Kansas pork producers at the National Pork Producers Convention in March. She is also National Duroc Queen.

Noralee, 1970 state winner in the swine project, represents not only the swine industry in Kansas, but an outstanding 4-H family, as well. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Nagel, are beginning their 30th years as 4-H leaders. They have served as community leaders of Sunnysdale 4-H Club, Sedgwick County, for 20 years, and were project leaders for 10 years before that.

When Noralee went to Chicago in 1970 as winner in the Kansas swine project, she was carrying on a family tradition. Her older sisters and brother, Alice, Nancy, John, and Barbara, had also received trips to the National 4-H Congress as state project winners.

John is an extension television producer in Wichita. Alice is married to an engineer in Tulsa, Okla. Both Nancy and Barbara are married to veterinarians; Nancy is in Plymouth, Neb., and Barbara is in Manhattan while her husband finishes school.

Three club newspapers inform and entertain

Kansas has another 4-H club newspaper. Vol. 1 No. 1 of **Rapping with Richland**, the official publication of the Richland Rustlers 4-H Club, Pratt County, appeared in January. Its purpose "is to inform all members, leaders, and other interested persons of activities concerning members of the Richland Rustlers 4-H Club." This paper will be published "every so often" by Kenna Giffin, club reporter.

The **Sasnak Times**, Salina County, is in its second year of publication. First publishers and editors were Dave Zimmerman and Mike Kollhoff. In Issue 1, October 1, 1969, the editors say, "A newspaper pulls the club members together by giving them information necessary to have good attendance at the events and good attendance is required for interest and interest is required for a club to prosper." The present editor is Nancy Kollhoff, Mike's sister.

Oldest of the papers is the **Bluestem Gazette**, Butler County. It was originated in 1965 by Mrs. Clyde Martin, the community leader. Later Mrs. Doyle Fox was in charge; at present, Mrs. Enos Groves is the junior leadership leader.

In response to our questions, the junior leaders explain how their paper is produced. "Once a month, a few days before our club meeting, the junior leaders meet at the home of Mrs. Groves. At the previous meeting we are assigned articles to have written before our meeting. Then at the meeting these are compiled and typewritten on a stencil. Some of us proofread articles, some of us type, and some of us draw the pictures on the stencil. After the stencils have been typed the paper is duplicated at a church one of our members belongs to.

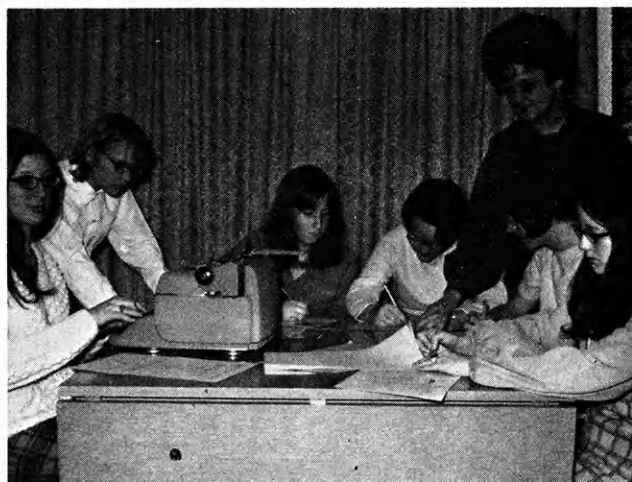
"The **Bluestem Gazette** is mailed to some 26 families. We send it to all our members, to the county extension office, to the 4-H Journal, and to the township representative who takes care of our meeting place.

"Even though the paper is published by the junior leaders, it is maintained as a club project and the cost is included in the club budget.

"In our paper we like to have articles on new members, on upcoming events, and a feature article on a holiday or season. We also include jokes, announcements, and other things the club members would be interested in."

Jokes from the three 4-H newsheets may be found on page 14.

Pictured below are the junior leaders of the Bluestem 4-H Club, hard at work editing. The typist is Teresa Lauterbach, and the others are, from left to right, Johanna Brown, Elaine Nellans, Loraine Anderson, Mrs. Enos Groves, Debra Lauterbach, and Karen Goottsch. Mrs. Groves is leader of the junior leadership project. Mrs. Doyle Fox, the co-leader, is not pictured.



The importance of Kansas crops

By H. Eugene Reeves
Department of Agronomy
Kansas State University

Daniel Webster once said, "When tillage begins, other arts follow. Farmers therefore are the founders of human civilization."

This just about sums up the importance of the crops produced by the farmers of Kansas to the agricultural economy of Kansas. Economic projections indicate that the future of Kansas agriculture is tied directly to livestock, but it is also important to understand that the future of livestock production in Kansas is tied, in turn, to the success of crop production.

The number of operating farms in Kansas is estimated to be 86,000 by the Kansas crop and livestock reporting service. The total acreage in farms is almost 50 million acres, of which 19.1 million acres (38.3 per cent) produced harvestable crops in 1970. That was the second smallest harvested acreage in 30 years. While total harvested acreage has gone down, total crop production has gone up one-third since the good years of 1947-49—the result of hybrid grain sorghums, better corn hybrids and wheat varieties, and an increased soybean acreage. Other factors involved are better overall management, including the increased use of fertilizer and irrigation, and the removal of marginal land from production.

Kansas ranks number one in total acres of wheat produced; the 1970 harvested acreage was about 9.1 million acres, and over the past 12 years Kansas has had an average of 24 per cent of

the total winter wheat acreage in the United States. Much of the Kansas wheat is milled in Kansas.

Kansas in 1970 harvested more than 6.9 million acres of corn, sorghum and soybeans; approximately 4.3 million acres was sorghum, corn (1.6 million), and soybeans (1 million). Ten years ago Kansas had nearly one million acres in barley; now it has only about 220 thousand acres. Oat acreage has dropped 50 per cent during the same period to less than 300 thousand acres.

The value of the 1970 harvest of wheat, grain sorghum, corn and soybeans at mid-Feb. 1971 prices would be more than \$700 million (approximately \$400 million for wheat, \$160 million

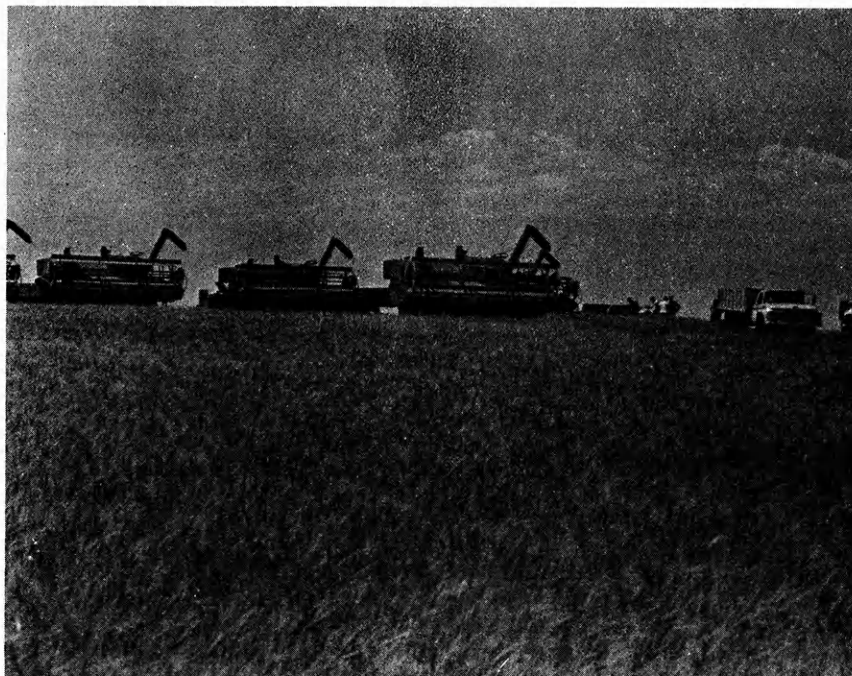
for grain sorghum, \$110 million for corn and \$42 million for soybeans). Many of the soybeans are crushed in Kansas plants producing valuable soybean oil and meal.

Kansas is also an important producer of sugar beets, dry beans, rye, alfalfa, and wild hay.

Hybrid grain sorghums and hybrid corn production, along with a favorable environment for livestock, have given Kansas a definite competitive advantage in finishing cattle. Kansans have established large feedlot operations in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Kansas in the past few years, drawing millions of dollars into the area's economy. Other areas of the state are experiencing somewhat similar growth patterns.

Irrigation has contributed to the greatly increased crop yields and helped stabilize production in the western half of the state. Crop production is now supporting a multi-million dollar irrigation well-drilling and equipment industry in western Kansas.

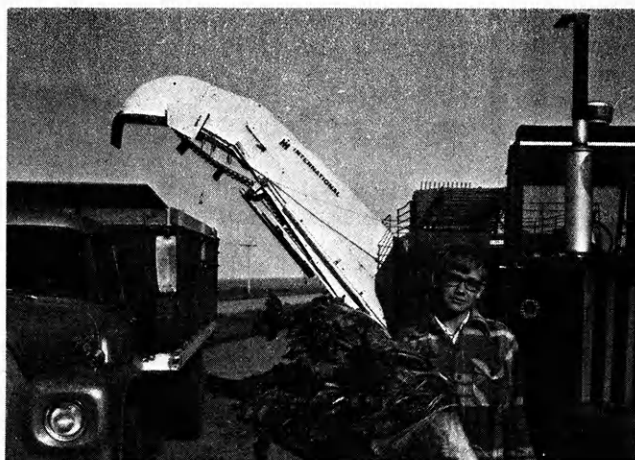
Crop producers utilize over one million tons of fertilizer a year with a market price of about 90 million dollars. Other industries such as farm-equipment suppliers, grain elevators, railroads and the trucking industry are heavily dependent upon crop production. When the crops are good, business is good; when we experience crop shortages or failures, business is bad.



Sugar beets added to wheat, other crops in Wallace County



Three Wallace County boys show State Fair crops trophy. Left to right are Duane Frasier, Rodney Schemm, and Craig Sloan.



Craig Sloan and a sugar beet are shown in front of a harvester which digs, cleans, and elevates beets into the truck.

Sugar beets, a new crop for 4-H members in Wallace County, combined with wheat, corn, and sorghum exhibits to win the trophy for Wallace County for the best county 4-H crops exhibit at State Fair last year.

Duane Frasier and Rodney Schemm of the Harrison Endeavors 4-H Club and Craig Sloan of the Weskan Future Farmers 4-H Club were the boys whose efforts brought home the trophy for Wallace County.

"Duane Frasier has that certain know-how when it comes to exhibiting wheat," writes Don McWilliams, county agricultural agent. "This know-how, of course, has to be punctuated with a liberal amount of patience. Duane figures it takes a good hour to clean up a cup full of wheat." In addition to his 4-H exhibit, he entered five wheat exhibits in open classes at the State Fair. His Lancer wheat won both mill and bake and physical champion at the District Wheat Show in 1969, and repeated as champion of the physical show in 1970. An article by Duane about wheat production appeared in the September 1970 4-H Journal.

Rodney Schemm won his first purple ribbon at the State Fair on his wheat exhibit. This year he has wheat variety test plots, as does Duane Frasier. Last year Duane's Satanta plot yielded 69 bushels per acre on nonirrigated land.

Irrigation enables Wallace County farmers to increase the number of crops grown, adding beans and sugar beets to the traditional field crops. Craig Sloan's exhibit at the fair was a blue-ribbon display of beets. He and Duane also competed against boys and girls from Sherman

County in an awards program sponsored by the Great Western Sugar Company.

Crops production is not the only category in which Wallace County reaches a high level. Near its western border is Mt. Sunflower, at 4026 feet the highest point in Kansas.

Tractor safety course qualifies for farm work

Summer jobs for youth and a source of labor for farmers is the possible happy combination produced by a safety training program for 14-and-15-year-olds wishing to operate tractors and certain machinery on farms other than their parents this summer.

Such training is required by Hazardous Occupation in Agriculture regulations for 1971. Similar laws have been in effect for the past three years, reports Rodney Horn, extension agricultural engineer, Kansas State University.

A series of classes to qualify 14-and-15-year-olds to operate tractors and certain farm machinery will be offered in most Kansas counties this spring by the county extension service, often in cooperation with vocational agricultural instructors and implement dealers.

Certificates are presented at completion of the training course and teenagers must present a copy to employers.

Because work with a tractor and/or machinery is hazardous, 14-and-15-year-olds need safety training. Horn states the course emphasizes safety and does not teach all necessary information needed to operate a tractor or machinery. Employers are expected to teach employees proper operation and maintenance of machinery, and to supervise their work.

The course, required for 14-and-15 year olds who wish to be employed as seasonal farm laborers, is also worthwhile for those who plan to help on their home farm.

To learn when the course will be given in your county, ask at your county extension office.

IDEAS & News

The **Rustlers 4-H Club** of Goff in **Nemaha County** netted more than \$150 at their annual Chili Day, their major money-making event. Reporter is Jeff Engelken.

The **Kansas Jayhawkers 4-H Club**, **Harvey County**, had a birthday, so members observed the event by telling the meaning of each letter in the club's name. Refreshments were—you guessed it!—birthday cake. This club has eight new members.

A remodeled home, a new home, and a country home on a hill overlooking a valley were visited recently by 4-H girls enrolled in home improvement in **Rooks County**. To become better acquainted with another kind of housing, the 22 girls went through five trailers at the Schult Mobile Home Co. at Plainville. At the Keller Furniture Co. in Ellis, Mr. Keller explained the differences among styles of furniture and showed the group different periods of furnishings.

Eight new members were recently initiated into **Ichiban 4-H Club**, **Saline County**. Welcome to 4-H!

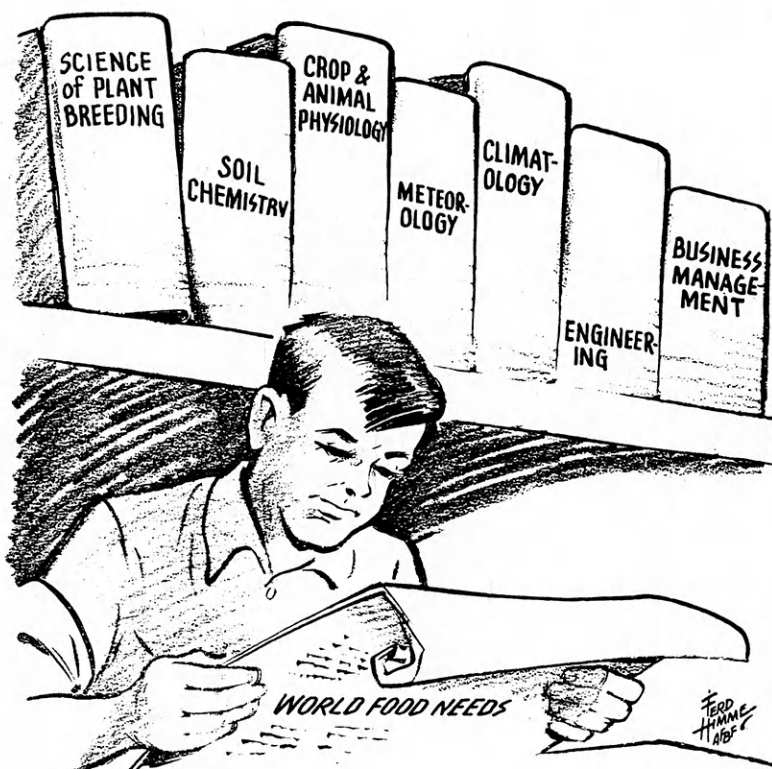
Safety is the club project for the **Newton City Slickers 4-H Club**, **Harvey County**. Every member made a first aid kit to keep in house, car, or boat. A worthwhile project!

"Enthusiastic" describes the **Riverside 4-H Club**, **Shawnee County**. **Connie Howbert** reports that 16 leaders and 58 of 59 members were present at a recent meeting. The club served a wolf hunt dinner and presented \$90 of the proceeds to the Monmouth Agricultural Association for upkeep of the clubs' meeting place. A program, including project talks, demonstrations, and singing, was also given for the Monmouth Agricultural Association.

A box supper provided fun as well as food at a meeting of the **Swinging 4-H'ers**, **Saline County**.

4-H moms cooked dinner and 4-H dads did dishes at the **Andover Aces** achievement banquet. President of the **Sedgwick County** club is **Paula LaPlante**. Reporter is **Richard Barth**.

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"We Care" chosen as club project

By Cheri Miller, Club Reporter

The New Frontiers 4-H Club, McPherson County, has chosen "We Care" as its 1971 club project. A different activity has been selected for each month of the year.

In February the club members

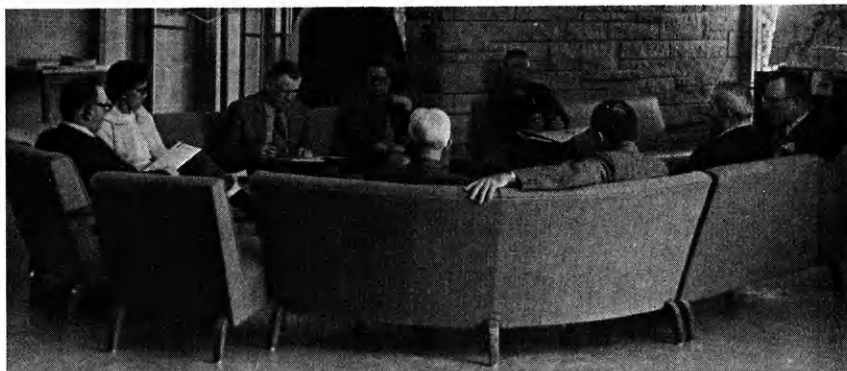
Rock Springs Committee makes plans for future

Have you wondered how the next improvement to be made at Rock Springs Ranch is determined, or how building sites are selected? One of the most important steps in this process is the evaluation by the Rock Springs Ranch Committee of both immediate needs and long range plans for the center. This group, serving in an advisory capacity to the Foundation trustees and staff, meets annually to discuss these issues and spends much time considering developmental priorities.

The 1971 meeting was held at Rock Springs Ranch in March. Areas receiving study included additional winterized housing, an

activities building, guest cottage, shelters, administrative center, staff housing, historical area, Wa Shun Ga development, flood control, outdoor activity areas, and the Citizenship Center.

The committee includes persons from state and county extension staffs, as well as several interested citizens with long-established enthusiasm for the Kansas 4-H program. Committee members are: Earl A. Palmberg, chairman, Robert A. Bohannon, Glenn M. Busset, A. D. Jellison, John Kugler, Kenneth E. McGinness, J. J. Moxley, L. R. Quinlan, and Irene Rogers. The group is pictured below in its 1971 meeting.



showed that they care about senior citizens. They presented a musical program at the Cedars, a home for older people. Following the program each 4-H'er was given half of a greeting card which he matched with a resident's card. He then visited in that resident's room.

The December project was a Christmas basket for a needy family. Kansas Day tray favors were made for the hospital in January. Other projects for the year include fire safety, retarded children and Project Concern, roadside cleanup, water safety, Red Cross bloodmobile, people-to-people, driving safety, leaf raking or snow shoveling for senior citizens, and citizenship.

The New Frontier 4-H Club members want to show that "We Care" about our club and community.

Mushrooms, anniversary subjects of new books

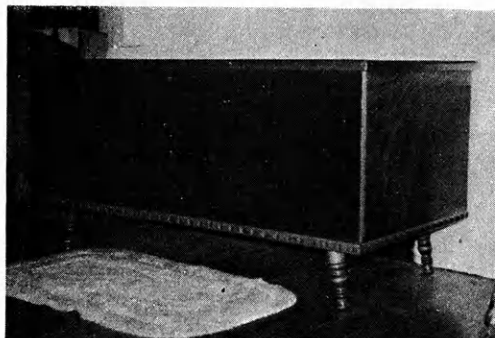
Two new books are of special interest to Kansans. One is "Wild Mushrooms of the Central Midwest" by Ansel H. Stubbs. Hunting for mushrooms is a pleasant outdoor hobby; this book tells how to identify many different varieties and how to tell whether they are edible or harmful. Mr. Stubbs also tells how to prepare the edible ones and he includes a number of delicious-sounding recipes. The other book is "Big Day in Larned" by Vana Earle. It describes the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first farm loan made by the Federal Land Bank.

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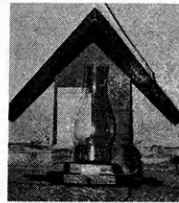
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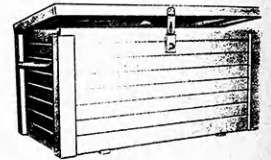
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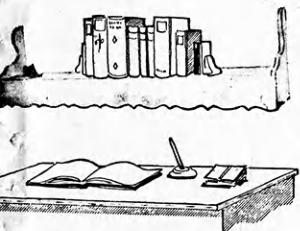
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What's Gapping?

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poetry. She is supposed to have said upon hearing that Calvin Coolidge had died, "How could they tell?"

A wordless kind of communication is employed by all of us. It may be a shrug, a smile, a frown, a sneer. Perhaps your mother helps you by having clean socks ready or a sheet of poster paper there when you need it. A smile or a pat from you says the same thing that a dozen sentences would. Girls and boys every day at school employ wordless communication. There's a certain smile, a certain look that says, "If I ask you for a date tonight, would you go?" And, believe me, the answering smile or shrug tells the boy all he needs to know.

A humorous type of communication is helpful in many situations. I don't mean the laughing idiot type, but the kind that shows that you're not afraid to laugh at yourself and not just at others. It shows that you are able to see the humor of the situation and to articulate it. This kind of communication relieves many terse situations.

Let's Level

The last type of communication which we need more of is the let's-level type. Perhaps you as a teenager or you as a parent have many things which might be "bugging" you. Had you ever stopped to think that if you laid your thoughts, facts, or feelings on the line that they just might be understood by the other person. So often we employ garbled or confused ways of communicating. This is only human because most of us fear being rebuffed. We hate being rejected or not accepted on our own terms. Therefore, a measure that is designed to save our self concept is employed. Perhaps if we try the let's-level approach more often we may find the other fellow fully receptive to it.

Analyze yourself and see if your own communications couldn't stand a bit of overhauling. One caution, don't start "Now the trouble with you is!"

So what's gapping between generations? Communication that properly links, involves, accepts, soothes, reprimands, chastises, escalates, and above all, communication that means the same on both sides of the gap.



Members of Morning Glory 4-H Club, Johnson County, held several fund raising events to finance a Valentine Day skating party. Reporter Mary Casey says, "During our fund raising all of our club participated from baking to entertaining." Ready for skating are Jackie Bottoms, Leesa Bottoms, Caroline Allen, Desiree Cypansky, Cindy Moll, and Debbie Ratcliff.



"I AM IN THE BATHTUB."

Jokes from 4-H papers

Diner: Do you serve crabs here?

Waiter: We serve anyone; sit right down.

From the Sasnak Times

"Did you hear about the boy who stayed up all night figuring out where the sun went when it went down?"

"No, what happened?"

"It finally dawned on him."

Carla L.: Did you catch all those fish yourself?

Jess C.: Oh, no! I had a worm to help me!

From Rapping with Richland

Man: I want to buy a pillowcase.

Salesgirl: What size?

Man: I don't know, but I wear a size seven hat.

Customer: Does the water always come through the roof like this?

Clerk: No, sir, only when it rains.

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County effort brings about new building

By Mary Ann Waite

Republic County
Junior Leadership Reporter

Combined efforts of many people brought about the new Republic County 4-H building at the fair grounds at Belleville.

Each club in the county has made drives toward paying for the building, and many donations came from many people and businesses. This building will be used for fair displays, council and junior leadership meetings, along with monthly 4-H club meetings. Also, anyone who wants to rent the building may do so.

All of the inside painting, paneling, and cementing was done by volunteers from the 4-H clubs. In the fall the junior leadership group sponsored a carnival to make money to help finish paying for the building.

Although the inside of the building wasn't completely finished, it was used for the first time at the 1970 North Central Kansas Free Fair. Cost of the 120 by 50 foot white steel building was about \$20,000 with the cost of electrical wiring, heating, and plumbing coming to \$3,000.

The building is pictured below.



CORRECTION

In the March Kansas 4-H Journal three words were misplaced. "4-H and Youth" in the first sentence should have been in Dr. Busset's title, and should not have been in the body of the editorial. We are sorry for this error.

Music appreciation

By Mrs. Joe Brummer
Community Leader
Corinth 4-H Club, Osborne County

As people became more civilized, music also moved. Singing story-tellers called bards were welcome guests at the feasts. To the music of their harps, they sang tales of their own people, their war heroes, the battles they fought. Before writing came into use, it was the bard who brought happiness and learning to the people from one generation to the next.

Greece became the powerful nation in civilization. Greece with its wealth, myths, and theatre was the center of civilization. However, each Greek loved his native city more than he loved Greece as a whole, so in time Greece fell to Macedonia to the west. Macedonia in turn fell to Rome, who was to be the stern ruler of the world for centuries. From the gentle music of the Greek harp, we move to the martial sound of the trumpet which the Romans preferred to celebrate victories and their power.

Presently there was to happen something in the kingdom of Rome that was to change the whole world. A child was born in Bethlehem, and out of the skies shepherds watching their flocks heard angels joyously sing a new song "Peace on earth to men of good will." Three hundred years later the little band of fishermen who had followed Jesus about the hills of Judea had grown into a host of followers who called themselves Christians. They met terrible persecutions because Rome felt that the new religion was a source of danger to the government, but persecution and death did not destroy Christian courage or the message of peace and good will.

(To be continued in May)

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4-H fills store window

By Mary Dick
Club Reporter

The Mount Hope 4-H Club, Sedgwick County, accepted the offer of Vernon Plouch to use the windows of his building to display ideas and projects of 4-H. This project has helped to promote interest of non-4-H'ers in 4-H.

In October the club made a garden exhibit with colorful fall vegetables. Another exhibit that month featured photography.

During the month of Novem-

ber the club had two displays. The first was about conservation of wildlife. The second had several examples of field crops.

For December the club put a Christmas tree and other decorations in the window as a thank you to the community for its help and support during the year.

A few articles of clothing were placed in the window as examples of the sewing projects. The club also displayed 4-H Keys to Opportunity, such as public speaking and other projects.



WILD MUSHROOMS of the Central Midwest

by Ansel H. Stubbs

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Here is a book that suggests a zestful and profitable hobby for the hunter, fisherman, hiker, camper, or anyone who loves the outdoors. It is a guide to gathering the scores of varieties of wild mushrooms found in the Midwest area.

In addition to instructions on how to recognize edible mushrooms and detailed information about those to be avoided, Mr. Stubbs includes a number of exotic recipes and intriguing methods for preparing mushrooms, such as Mushroom-Walnut Loaf, Clam-Mushroom Chowder, salads, fritters, cutlets, and casseroles.

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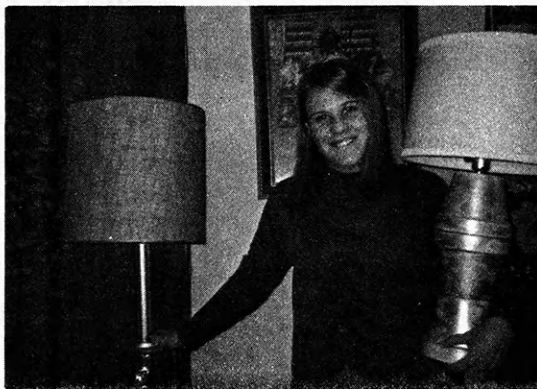
"I decided to take the electric project because I felt that a girl should be able to make simple electrical repairs around the house," writes Susan Seely, who for the past three years has been named county champion in the electric project in Mitchell County. With her knowledge and skills she's done more than make repairs; she has made two table lamps, an electrically lighted corsage, a test light, extension cords, and a metal detector. She helped rewire the service entrance to her home and installed seven triplex outlets and two switches.

In the community, as well as at home, Susan's skills have made a contribution. The Waconda Rescue Squad has already used the indoor-outdoor light which she made and donated. She helped wire the fire district pickup for floodlights, and helped wire a whirling tornado for the club booth for the county fair.

Susan, a senior at Beloit High School, has been the Asherville Achievers 4-H Club's junior leader for the electric project for two years.



This is fun! Susan uses her metal locator, which she made, to hunt for small metal objects, such as coins.



Two lamps were made from scratch; one of flower pots and the other with a night light in the base.



This is the new entrance box which Susan helped rewire. It holds the service and distribution panel.



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