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The Editor Speaks

STRESS DEMONSTRATIONS

One of the things I get very enthusiastic about is 4-H demonstrations. And an especially good opportunity for 4-H'ers to give demonstrations is at county 4-H Days. In this issue you will find tips on demonstrations, and they don't have to be very long—just four to seven minutes for 4-H Club Day.

I'd like to hear from the clubs that have a lot of demonstrations in 4-H Days. Will you write and tell me what percentage and how many of your members gave one?

Letters to the Editor

If you have ideas or 4-H Club experiences that you would like to write about or if there is something you like or dislike about the Kansas 4-H Journal, write to the Editor, Kansas 4-H Journal, Manhattan, Kansas.

Leaders, parents, members, agents and 4-H friends are invited to write.

ALL TO THE GOOD

Dear Sirs:

I think the changes you are making are all to the good and I am sure we will all appreciate them. We of course will want to continue to take care of the 4-H

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Critser Speaks For New Journal Owners



W. Dale Critser

How do you like the new Kansas 4-H Journal? Is the information which it supplies helpful to you in your 4-H work? Your opinion will determine whether or not the Kansas 4-H Foundation will continue the publication of the Journal.

The publication of the Journal requires the effort of a lot of people. Local sponsors in each county are necessary, also advertisers will be necessary in order to make the publication financially possible. But even more than local sponsors and advertisers to finance the project, the Journal will need your help and suggestions to make it a truly worthwhile project. By sending in material and pictures you can make it possible for the publishers of the Journal to bring out a real worthwhile publication.

Please give us your suggestions and your opinion as to the value of this new effort of the Kansas 4-H Foundation to be of service to all 4-H members.

**W. Dale Critser, Chrm.
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More Than Just a Good Time

By Lisle Longsdorf

Extension Editor

Chicago, Ill.—This is the 4-H Club Congress. It is where farm youth from the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico gather in triumph from the harvest of rural learning in their many and varied farm and home 4-H Club projects.

It is here that there is reflected the earnest training of state and national winners, with guidance by parents, local farm and home leaders, county agents and extension service workers of the Land-Grant Colleges and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Reflected here, too, is the training given the rural youth of the country in qualities of citizenship, and understanding of what it means to be worthy American citizens, and the responsibilities that rest with them in the conduct of community, state, national and world-wide affairs.

These young men and women now know what it meant for them when they entered 4-H Club work and agreed to "learn by doing" some farm, home, or community activity as a living demonstration of the best scientific methods. Here is where young rural America advances to the threshold of a new world in leadership . . . a place of leadership in furthering the advancement of American agriculture in the interest of a growing and ever-improving industry.

Here, too, the Kansas delegates have developed a broader understanding of the interdependence of agriculture and industry. From the Sunflower State, they have taken the story of wheat growing, beef produc-

tion, dairying, gardening, and a score of other farm and home enterprises to the four corners of the Nation through the exchange of ideas with the 1,200 delegates in attendance. In return, the 30 youthful carriers of the Sunflower banner are enthused with the desire of spreading abroad within their home communities their experiences and knowledge gained from their associates representing the Peach state of Georgia to the coast of Maine, from Texas to the Provinces of Canada, from California to the Pacific shores of Washington.

Kansas delegates were chosen for their excellence in their project work from more than 30,000 youth enrolled in 4-H Club work in 1956. Along with quality performance went perseverance, enthusiasm for 4-H Club work, leadership qualities, and a desire to assist other young men and women in their communities to be more fitted to take their places in a leadership role in their farming communities.

4-H'er Remarks on National Club Congress

The following was written by Engle, former Dickinson county member and Marion county home economics agent, now on a \$2000 4-H Club Fellowship in Washington D. C. She attended the Congress in Chicago in late November.

Seeing 1,200 young people here at the 35th National 4-H Club Congress makes one realize how wonderful 4-H really is for a boy or a girl. Besides the opportunity of developing our own personal qualities there is the important opportunity to join with others from many walks of life and from many places in fellowship and understanding. The friendships made through 4-H work are to me the biggest and best award of all.

Little did I realize 12 years ago when I joined a 4-H Club that it would lead into so many wonderful experiences. But ask me how if dreams come true, and I'd say,

"Yes." True, it takes many things besides an honest effort on your part to do good work. It takes understanding leaders, agents, teachers and friends. But the opportunity is there for all of us.



Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Preston, Baldwin, pose with five national 4-H Club winners at the National 4-H Club Congress. The 4-H'ers are Barbara David, Cowley county, clothing; Joe Peine, Franklin, field crops; Anita Wenger, Brown, Safety; Judy Fisher, Greenwood, health and Doyle Reichard, Franklin, dairy. Mr. Preston accompanied the Kansas delegation to the Congress as a member of the Kansas Committee on 4-H Club Work. (Photo by Ray Pierce)

D-Day Nears: Are You Ready..

To Give Your Demonstration?

By Mrs. Mae Weaver
Barton County HEA

Jerry Riemann, 13-year-old member of the Cleveland club, Barton county, said in his 1956 narrative: "January was a pretty busy month. At our January 9 meeting Jim and I decided to give a team demonstration. We had lots of demonstration planning."

Everything Hinges on the Idea

Seems, though, as if lots of 4-H members, eager to try their hand at a demonstration, "blank out" when they try to think of a topic. What are we going to show and tell? A demonstration must show how to do or make something in all its important steps, from start to finished product.

Being realistic in planning a topic includes selecting a demonstration that can be effectively completed in the time permitted. Four-H Day demonstrations can be from four to seven minutes long. They must be more than twice as long for county and state fairs. Narrowing down the scope may be better than too much "telescoping" of steps.

Many judges point out that demonstrations given by teams could better have been given by an individual. All too often subjects selected don't require two persons to carry them out. One team member stands idly by while his partner works. Or, not fooling anyone, he putters and fumbles at the supply table, proving more a distraction than a necessity.

Judges are very conscious, of course, that beginners and younger members give each other confidence when there are two of them for the audience to watch. They also realize that it's often more difficult to coordinate work than to give a solo demonstration. Yet, leaders should help boys and girls with topic selection for team demonstrations.

Aim for something important and worthwhile, yet a little new and different. We've been deluged in recent years with demonstrations on rope halters and cottage cheese salads. These subjects are important, but new ideas would be welcome!

Many older, more experienced members select subjects beneath their abilities. They can handle more complex subjects and should make themselves try them.

A glance through projects requirements and materials gives many demonstration ideas. Topics come to mind at club and project meetings, at home, at school, or during any random, reflective moment. Within the boundaries of the project a member is taking,



Jean Otte of the Walnut Valley Club, Barton county, illustrates the importance of a clearly printed menu card and a neat table.

what he can and likes to do, a member can find ideas in bulletins from extension offices, in farm and home magazines, in school and library books. Newspapers furnish tips every day.

Parents and leaders can suggest excellent demonstration topics. Extension agents and specialists come across possible topics in every working day.

One of the best ways to get demonstration ideas is from comments made by people about problems in everyday living. We hear, for example, homemakers complain about how their pie meringues "weep." They'd be grateful to learn how to correct their recipes or methods. Many farmers are hesitant to begin soil conservation practices on their farms. Good 4-H demonstrations can re-emphasize their importance and give valuable information.

Finally, decide on a name for the demonstration. A title which challenges the audience to action is better than a mere label. For instance, "Treat Seed Potatoes to Increase Yield" is better than "Treat Seed Potatoes."

Where Do We Go From Here?

Mrs. J. J. Holmolka, Holyrood, has been demonstration leader for the Cleveland club in northeast Barton county for several years. "Encourage your members to begin doing demonstrations at club meetings when they're very young," she advises. Fledgling demonstrators gain poise and overcome inhibitions that seem to mount the longer members postpone performing before a group.

When a subject is decided, she discusses with the member the best methods to use, results they'll show, equipment and visuals. Then she sends the member home to write his own outline and a rough draft of his entire demonstration.



Jerry and Jim Riemann, Cleveland club, Barton county, practice at home on the kitchen table after writing their demonstration on milk pasteurization.

A good form to follow is to divide a sheet of paper into three columns. In the left column, number and list the steps in a demonstration. Beside those steps, in the center column, note the explanations to be given—"how" and "why."

Finally, in the column to the right, list beside each step equipment, supplies and posters needed. Team demonstrations need further division, of course.

Before her members start learning a demonstration in earnest, Mrs. Holmolka "auditions" it. She makes constructive comments so it can be revised if necessary. Then the member makes his final outline and information draft with introduction and conclusion he'll use.

Rehearsal at home follows. "Winning demonstrators from our club rehearse from 35 to 50 times before county 4-H Club Day," she said. "Before Jim and Jerry Riemann gave their milk pasteurization demonstration in 1955 they practiced it 115 times at home."

So far all this work has paid off for

the Cleveland club. Their demonstrations on television, to service clubs and other non-extension groups, and to 4-H Clubs in nearby counties.

Attend Demonstration Schools

Bill Vanskike, Barton county club agent and I included everything we felt most important in a pre-fair demonstration school last June.

We began with a stunt intended to spoof demonstrations that aren't truly visual. Mr. Vanskike, seated in the back row, watched with field glasses while I put an actual size re-woven patch in a man's coat. To point out the need for large-sized, easily seen models and visual aids, I later obliged with a patch I simulated on a weaving loom. Demonstrations can be adapted so that everyone in a room can see every step clearly.

We pointed out that these days it's passé to use messy, crowded posters. There is no excuse, we emphasized, for misspelled words or too-wordy posters. Lots of training has been given on this subject and lots of good lettering equipment has come on the market in recent years.

We warned members about using so many posters that in shuffling them about they have little time left to actually demonstrate anything!

We touched grooming, appearance, voice and eye contact. Seldom are

boys and girls graded down on these judging points anymore—they seem to have them mastered.

Important section of the school is point five of Mr. Busset's outline, "Building the Demonstration."

An attention-catching introduction is all important. Lots of thought should be given to it. It's imperative to get an audience's eye and arrest its interest from the outset if a demonstrator hopes to hold it for even four minutes.

Many instructions have been given members on how to organize the body of their demonstration. I recommend "The Leader's Part in Promoting Demonstrations," "Planning 4-H Club Demonstrations," and "How I Became a Blue Ribbon Demonstrator." Other good references are the "4-H Demonstration Score Card" used by judges

at county and regional 4-H Days, and "The Method Demonstration" by Elsie Miller, KSC residence home economics staff member. County extension agents have this information or can get it for leaders.

Tips from Experience

It may be all right to memorize the introduction and concluding remarks, so they'll be smooth, but that's all.

A convincing conclusion includes a brief summary and a display of finished products. It should challenge an audience to try methods shown in the demonstration.

It's wisest to know a lot more about a demonstration than you have time to use. Better yet to have some actual experience on which you've based your demonstration. Know source and reliability of your references.

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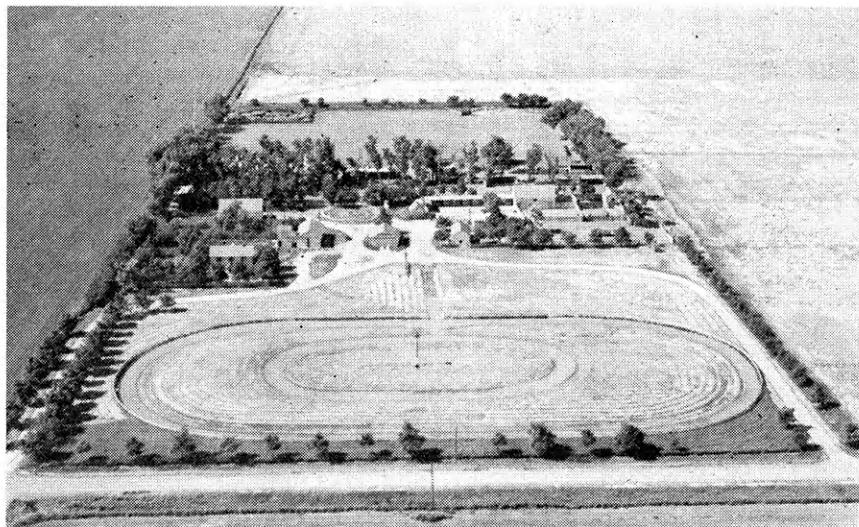
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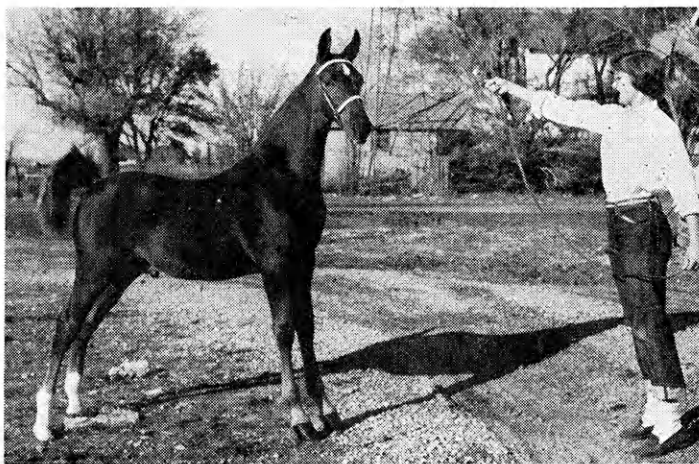
The project has gained national recognition as Kansas was one of the first states to set up such a program on a state-wide basis. Under the present plan mares are given or loaned to the 4-H Foundation by their owners, and the 4-H Foundation, through the county agents, places the mares on a loan basis with 4-H members.

Several other states such as Iowa, Ohio, Colorado and Missouri have set up colt projects patterned after Kansas.

The project was started in 1951 at an impromptu get-together of Kansas Saddle Horse Association members. Murrel Crump, former president of the association, brought up the idea of getting the youth of Kansas interested in good horses. The president, H. B. Lamer of Hays, appointed a committee to investigate such a project. Later a meeting was held in the office of state club leader J. Harold Johnson and out of this grew the mechanics of the program.

At first mares were loaned or given to 4-H'ers. All mares were bred and were of a registered breed — American Saddlebred, Quarter Horse or Tennessee Walking Horse. In 1953 the Kansas Saddle Horse association contracted with the 4-H Foundation to give or loan horses to the Foundation. If at any time the

Second place winner in the 4-H colt class at the American Royal was also shown by a Jefferson county 4-H'er, Larry Edmonds. The colt was sired by Hardtack (N. R. Hamm, Perry, owner) and out of a mare donated to the Kansas 4-H Foundation by Merle Paul, Ottawa. This was the first year for a 4-H Club colt class at the American Royal and it looks as if Kansas did all right in it.



"Mr. Personality" won first place in the 4-H Club colt class at the American Royal. Sired by Anacacho, (Barney Lamer, Hays, owner) and out of a mare donated to the Foundation by Dr. Edmonds, Horton, the colt was shown by its 4-H owner, Joye Hensleigh, Jefferson county.

4-H member does not take proper care of the horse or gives up the colt project, the mare is given to another 4-H'er.

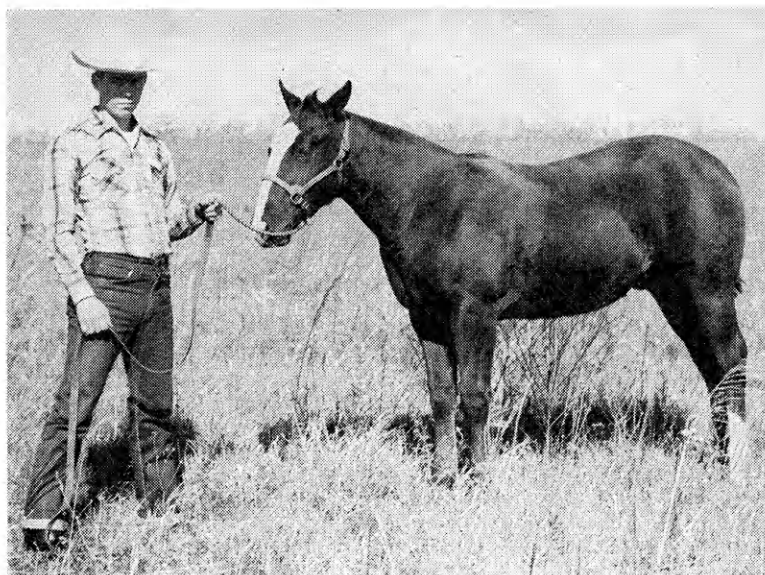
All mares are registered and presumed to be safe in foal to a registered stallion. The colts the mare produces under the 4-H member's care belongs to him. He is encouraged to register his colt and may take advantage of free stallion service offered. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to see that the mare is rebred each year.

The Kansas Saddle Horse Association handles the distribution of the program at no expense to the 4-H Foundation. R. B. Christy of Scott City, a mem-

ber of the Association, has donated over 100 registered American Saddlebred mares to the Foundation and has contributed to the overhead expenses of handling the program.

This year the state championship 4-H colt show was in connection with the Kansas State Fair. Trophies were presented by the Kansas Saddle Horse Association to the champion colt in each division. Top animals at the State Fair were encouraged to enter a special 4-H class at the American Royal.

Any eligible boy or girl wanting a mare should see his local county extension agent and make an application.



Why Don't You

Send Some Pictures

To the 4-H Journal?

We want pictures taken by Kansas 4-H Journal readers to make the Journal more interesting and of more value to 4-H club work. Prizes will be given for all pictures that we can use.

Those eligible are: 4-H club members; Parents or leaders; and County Extension agents or others.

Entry requirements:

The picture need not be on 4-H club work, but pictures with subjects related to 4-H clubs are preferred. Try not to have more than two or three people in one picture.

All pictures should be glossy prints, at least five inches by seven inches in size unless accompanied by the negative.

All photographs should be accompanied by a short statement

explaining the picture and including names of persons in the picture.

Entrants should designate their choice of the following prizes: A year's subscription to the National 4-H Club News; One roll of color film—sizes 620,

120, 616, 116, 127 or 35mm only; and 4-H club photograph album.

Pictures should be submitted by the first of the month to be eligible for next month's contest. All entries received after the first of the month will be held for the next contest.

Kansas 1957 Winner Has Baked 400 Pies

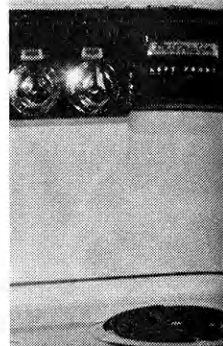
It was Lila Cook's first try at the cherry pie baking contest when she entered and won the Rice county and state cherry pie baking events last winter.

Lila hasn't quit baking cherry pies either. She and a fellow 4-H'er gave a demonstration on pie baking at the county and State Fairs in 1956. She claims to have baked more than 400 cherry pies since November, 1955.

The 1957 cherry pie baking contest will be held January 5 in Wichita. Girls from 60 counties have entered the 1957 event.

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LILA



Sandy Bedker, Finney county's Up and Atom 4-H Club, demonstrates her toe dancing ability which netted her an invitation to the 1956 4-H Congress.



David Crawford, Prescott Jayhawkers 4-H Club of Linn county, can credit his trombone playing for winning him a trip to the National 4-H Congress to appear with Sandy Bedker, left, and 18 other winning talent contest numbers from throughout the U. S. The 20 talent numbers furnished a program for the Congress.



We Want Cartoons

We want your ideas for cartoons. Our artists will draw them—you just tell us what to draw.

Or if you like to draw, send us a sketch of what you have in mind. If necessary, we will have our artist retouch your drawings.

Cartoons or cartoon ideas may or may not have a 4-H Club theme. Credit lines will be given for all cartoons and ideas used. When submitting drawings and ideas, please state your name, address and county.

We want ideas from all readers—members, leaders, parents, extension agents or others.

Cowley county junior leaders (the best and club agent J. J. Feight) pitch in to make light county adult leaders banquet to be held in Jan banquet was Winter Wonderland. J. J. Feight film for submitting this picture in the picture o





DRIVE FOR 4-H DINING HALL FUNDS CONTINUES

Donations for the Rock Springs Ranch dining hall are still coming in. The campaign brought out many ingenious devices to raise money.

The main one, of course, was the sale of light bulbs. A \$100 cash award will be given to the county with the best per member record in the 4-H light bulb sales campaign. The contest closes December 31 and the winner will be announced soon after that time.

The Boyle Boosters 4-H Club, Jefferson county, picked 56 bushels of corn from a field that had already been harvested. The owner gave them all of the corn they picked up, proceeds to go to the dining hall fund.

Resolutions for 4-H'ers

As a Kansas 4-H member, I resolve during the 1957 club year to:

1. Attend all 4-H meetings.
2. Check the program book each month for my program responsibilities.
3. Always keep my record book up.
4. Take a more active part in the club, county, and state 4-H work.

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Local club meeting stories, if submitted, should contain something unusual or of interest to people outside your county.

Outstanding projects, services or events of your club, or stories of individuals within your club that would give ideas to other 4-H'ers would make excellent stories.

Prizes will be awarded all blue award stories each month. Please state your choice of (1) a year's subscription to the National 4-H Club News or (2) a hard cover loose leaf 4-H notebook with paper.

CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECT

(Blue award story, Jane to receive a 4-H reporter's notebook.)

Community projects educate the public and train the 4-H boys and girls for community living in the future, according to the Go Getters 4-H Club, Cheyenne county. The club has just

completed a very active community service in wildlife conservation which included planting trees, setting out pheasants and giving a demonstration on "Tree Planting for Climate Control." The demonstration was given nine times to 500 people. Due to drought and hail in the community, the club plans to carry this community project into the new year.

Jane Ann Wright, Rep.

A very good story, of a community service project, Jane. It could have been improved by some good pictures but maybe you can do that next time.

4-H'ERS SAY THANKS

The county 4-H Council in Edwards County gave a big vote of thanks at their last meeting to the Home State Bank of Lewis for making it possible

for each 4-H family in the county to receive the Kansas 4-H Journal.

Betty Sparke, Rep.

18 MEMBERS WIN AWARDS

(Blue award story, Judy to receive a hard cover reporter's notebook.)

Eighteen members of the Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club walked off with honors at the county achievement program. Two girls won Who's Who Key Awards, three received medals for style revue participation and four members received silver achievement pins. Club members won county championships in garden, general crops and citizenship. Barbara Van Windle and Judy Baker received medals and \$50 Savings Bonds for state champion bread demonstration at the State Fair.

Judy Baker, Rep.

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Congratulations....!

We are happy to know that 4-H club members, parents, adult leaders, county extension agents and the Foundation now have an excellent publication to assist in the further promotion of a very fine program. The new Kansas 4-H Journal will perform a very important function in our state's 4-H club activities.

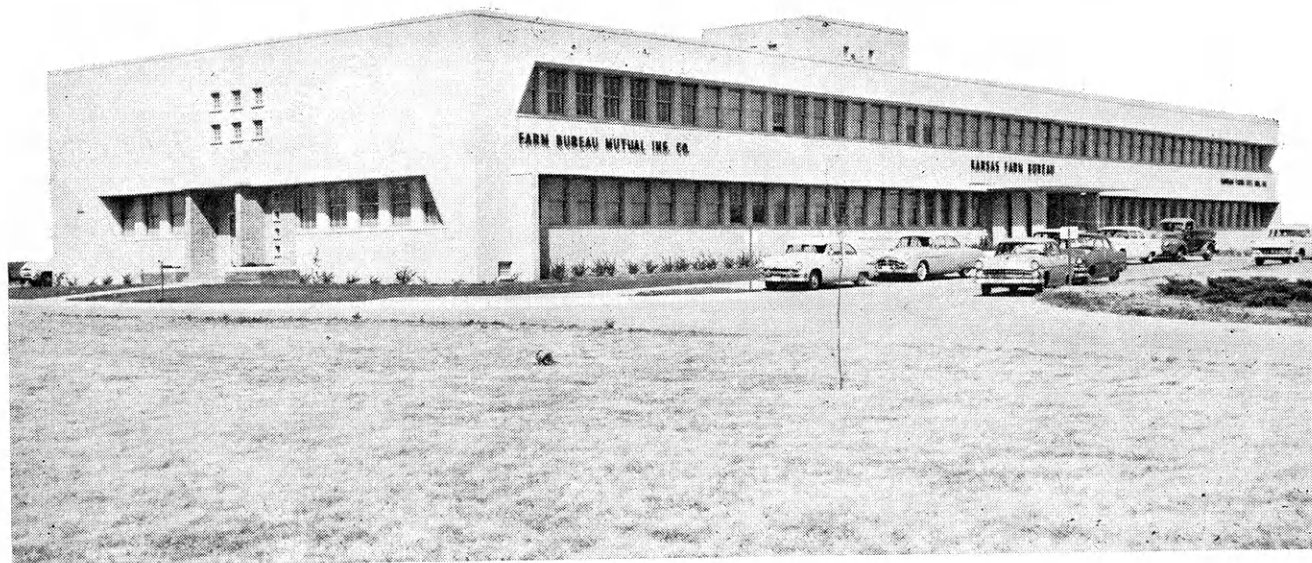
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Barbara David

Miss Young America

In 4-H Club Work

One in two million—that's Barbara Jean David, Seventeen's Miss Young America in 4-H. Barbara, a pretty 18-year-old from Winfield, was selected for the honor by Seventeen editors and 4-H extension leaders at the National 4-H camp in Washington, D. C. last summer.

Barbara was chosen because of her outstanding 4-H record and qualities of leadership. At the camp she showed remarkable poise and charm in each activity, not the least of which was her introduction of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson to the assemblage.

Almost as big an honor as being named Miss Young America was being named one of the eight national winners in the 4-H clothing project at the recent 4-H Congress. For this honor she received a \$300 scholarship. Clothing, Barbara admits, is her favorite project. She says, "Since I have two older sisters, I can hardly remember the time when there wasn't a garment under construction."

Barbara is proud of these Hampshire pigs. They are two of the 250 she raised in partnership with her father.



Graduating from Winfield High School last June, Barbara is now a freshman at Kansas State College, Manhattan. She is the daughter of Roy and Edna David, the youngest of their five children. Her father grows wheat and alfalfa, raises livestock, and sells feed on his 120-acre farm.

Barbara joined Cowley county's Walnut Valley 4-H Club at



Barbara's activities include raising, freezing, and selling chickens. Here she gets a fryer ready for freezing.

the age of nine. Swine was her first project. She has expanded her interests to include clothing, foods, home improvement, dairy, poultry, gardening, woodworking, home beautification and junior leadership. She carried nine 4-H projects this year plus additional activities. She was the president of the county 4-H council and of her local club—the same club her parents helped start 14 years ago when they moved to Winfield.

4-H prepared Barbara for leadership in school work, too. Of her senior year she says, "I had a pretty lucky year," in ref-



In her room, which she redecorated for \$11.75, Barbara plans an addition to her college wardrobe.

erence to her many offices and honors. She was president of Die Bests, one of three literary societies in Winfield High School and headed the inter-society council, a planning board for the three clubs. In addition to her 4-H program and church activities she belonged to Y-Teens, the Pep Club (two years ago she helped design their cheerleading costumes), was drum majorette, and played on the church basketball team. She likes music—played drums in the school band, violin in the school orchestra and her piano at home.

Barbara holds four scholarships at Kansas State: Woolworth, Kroger, Elks and her 4-H Clothing scholarship. "Without 4-H training I would never have received these scholarships," she says. She is carrying 17 hours in the general home economics curriculum. Money from 4-H projects also helps pay her way through college.

"I intend to continue in 4-H as long as I can." She explained that her eligibility will last only about a year and a half because by then she will have completed 45 hours of college work.

Barbara thanks her family, her farm upbringing, and the hard work of the 4-H program for her achievements.



Looks as if Kathy Thomas and Carla Klumpp have Wilbur Spire on the run in the play the Peppy 58 4-H Club, Montgomery county, had in the 1956 county and district 4-H Club Days. Plays must have one setting in one act and with a maximum length of 45 minutes. From four to ten players may be used.

4-H Club Days are not "Good Old Golden Rule Days" by a long shot. They're a time for fun, for friendly competition, and for learning how to be better 4-H'ers.

In the 4-H Days, generally

held in each county in February and March, they get to show their versatility and talent in dramatics, music, public speaking, demonstrations, and model meetings.

It's a time for all to partici-

The younger members of the Drum Creek 4-H Club, Montgomery county, have fun in their folk game entry in the county 4-H Days. In addition to having lots of fun with folk games at their meetings and at the 4-H Days, they have also performed for several local civic clubs and

have used their game as an entry in the 4-H Talent Show. Folk games must have from 9 to 18 players and may be ten minutes in length. A two minute story of the game may be used to add color to the presentation.

Club Day Successes Depend on 4-H'ers

Members "On Their Own" In Individual, Group Events

pate. No projects are exhibited. Each boy and girl is judged on his or her own abilities and performance, not on the fatness of the calf or the straightness of the hem.

Demonstrations

Individual and team demonstrations are an important part of all 4-H Club meetings and are continuously used by 4-H'ers in telling the story of their work to the public. 4-H demonstrations emphasize that showing is better than telling.

Promotional Talks

4-H'ers must be enrolled in junior leadership to give the 8 to 15 minute promotional talk. The subject should be on 4-H Club work and be suitable either for use in adult or youth groups. Brief notes may be used and talks must be original. Speakers are expected to answer questions





The Bethel 4-H Club, Shawnee county, have had top model meetings in the county 4-H Days for the last three years. One of the most important of 4-H Day contests, the

model meeting encourages the club members to observe correct parliamentary procedure, to prepare good program numbers and to appreciate impressive ceremonies.

on 4-H Club work in general and their subject specifically. Awards in the promotional activity are based on the member's general 4-H record, the public presentation of his talk, and the results obtained as a result of his work in his club, community and county.

Model Club Meetings

The program is the most important part of the model meeting as indicated by the score card which gives 40% to the program, 28% to the business meeting, 10% on ceremonies and 8% each on attitude, leader's participation and the yearly work of the club.

Details on the score card and regulations for model meetings as well as the remainder of the 4-H Club Day events described here may be obtained from the county extension agents in each county.

Dramatics

Plays provide excellent entertainment for community and club events as well as give participating members training in

dramatics. Lists of plays may be obtained from your high school dramatics teacher or your county extension agent.

Vocal Music

Choruses must have at least ten members. Chorus groups are expected to choose four of the six chorus songs. They will be asked to sing one of the four (the judge's choice) in the county competition. Chorus songs for 1957 are White Wings, Fairest Lord Jesus, Come-A-Riding, Study War No More, Vesper Hymn and Now the Day Is Over.

Vocal Ensembles must sing in at least three parts and have from three to nine members. Ensemble directors are not required to be club members nor are they included in the number in the ensemble.

Instrumental Music

Bands or orchestras shall have not less than ten members.

Instrumental ensembles must have at least three and not more than eight members, each person playing a different instrument. Pianos are not includ-

ed in the ensemble unless it assumes the part of a "solo voice" although it may be used for accompaniment.

Folk Games

Line games, square dances, circle mixers or round dances such as Blackhawk Waltz, Merry Widow Waltz or the Swing Out Polka are eligible for this section. Live or recorded music may be used. Live music must be furnished by 4-H members.

THINGS TO DO OR THINK ABOUT IN 4-H THIS MONTH

Make plans now for National 4-H Week including window displays or programs for civic clubs.

Have you completed all plans for 4-H Days?

Have you invited all prospective members to join your club?

Have you girls planned your wardrobe? How about a party meal for Valentine's Day?

Reporters, have you written a feature article on some member or activity?

For Your February Meeting or Party

"Hearty Compliments" is a good ice-breaker. Letters of the alphabet are written on several dozen cardboard hearts. The hearts are then placed face down in a box and shuffled. The leader takes one heart at a time from the box and reads aloud the letter which is written on it. First player to call out a complimentary adjective beginning with that letter gets the heart. Player with most hearts wins.

"Valentine Messages" is played by dividing into teams, which line up in file formation. The leader whispers a valentine message to the first person in each line who, in turn, whispers it to his neighbor and so on. When the message reaches the last person on the team, he raises his hand and repeats his version to the leader. The least garbled message in the shortest time wins.

Members Meeting Place

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DEMONSTRATION TIPS

(Blue award story, Gwen to receive a reporter's notebook.)

Ness County home economics agent, Erma Neelly, gave tips on giving a good demonstration and told how to cut and decorate a cake to look like Santa Claus at the December meeting of the Ransom Jr. Farmers 4-H Club.

Wrapping and decorating Christmas packages, and the story of Christmas carols were other numbers on the program with a seasonal touch. The club voted to fill boxes with home made cookies and candy to give to the shut-ins and elderly folks for Christmas.

Singing of Christmas carols and the passing out of Christmas treats concluded the meeting.

Gwen Combest, Rep.

A very good story of a local club meeting, Gwen. Keep up the good work.—Editor.

OFFICERS GET TRAINING

Officers of the East Wolf, Pleasant Valley, Prospectors and Lone Star 4-H Clubs, Russell County, got a briefing on their duties from the county extension agents and a local newspaper publisher. This was one of two training schools held in Russell County.

Carole Becker, Rep.
Prospectors 4-H Club

DIFFERENT TV PROGRAM

(Blue award story, Diane to receive a hard cover reporter's notebook.)

Using 15 4-H Club girls as models Miss Marion Barnes, Sedgwick county home economics agent, told the story of 4-H Club clothing projects on a recent KARD-TV program. She interviewed a girl from each phase of the clothing project. After talking with each girl, several girls modeled the garments they had made and worn in the county style show.

Highlight of the program was an interview with Brenda Tjaden and Marjorie Presnal, Sedgwick county 4-H'ers attending the National 4-H Congress. Brenda was state style revue champion.

Diane Conover, Reporter

Kechi Happy Hustlers 4-H Club.

An excellent story, Diane. Sorry I couldn't use all of it.—Editor.

CROP DRIVE

Home City Hustlers 4-H Club, Marshall County, collected \$52.50 for the CROP drive as a community service.

Samuel Musil, Rep.

REPORTERS NOTE

Your editor was swamped with reports this month and with very little space to put them in. Do not despair if yours was not printed. It may be used next time.

Letters To The Editor

(Continued from page 2)

members of this county as we have in the past.

Frank O. Oberg, President
Union State Bank
Clay Center

Dear Editor:

I like the Kansas 4-H Journal very much. We have used many ideas out of the Journal. For our Christmas meeting we used ideas for 4-H Christmas parties out of the paper. We find it very useful in other types of work also.

Jolene Hazen, Rep.

Smilin Thru 4-H Club
Coffey County

Dear Sir:

As I am retiring from Extension work after 26 years of service I still want to receive the Journal so I am enclosing \$1 to pay for a year's subscription.

I want to keep up on 4-H activities in the state and this is a good way to do it. The new Journal is a fine paper. Keep up the good work.

Ruth K. Huff
Home Economics Agent
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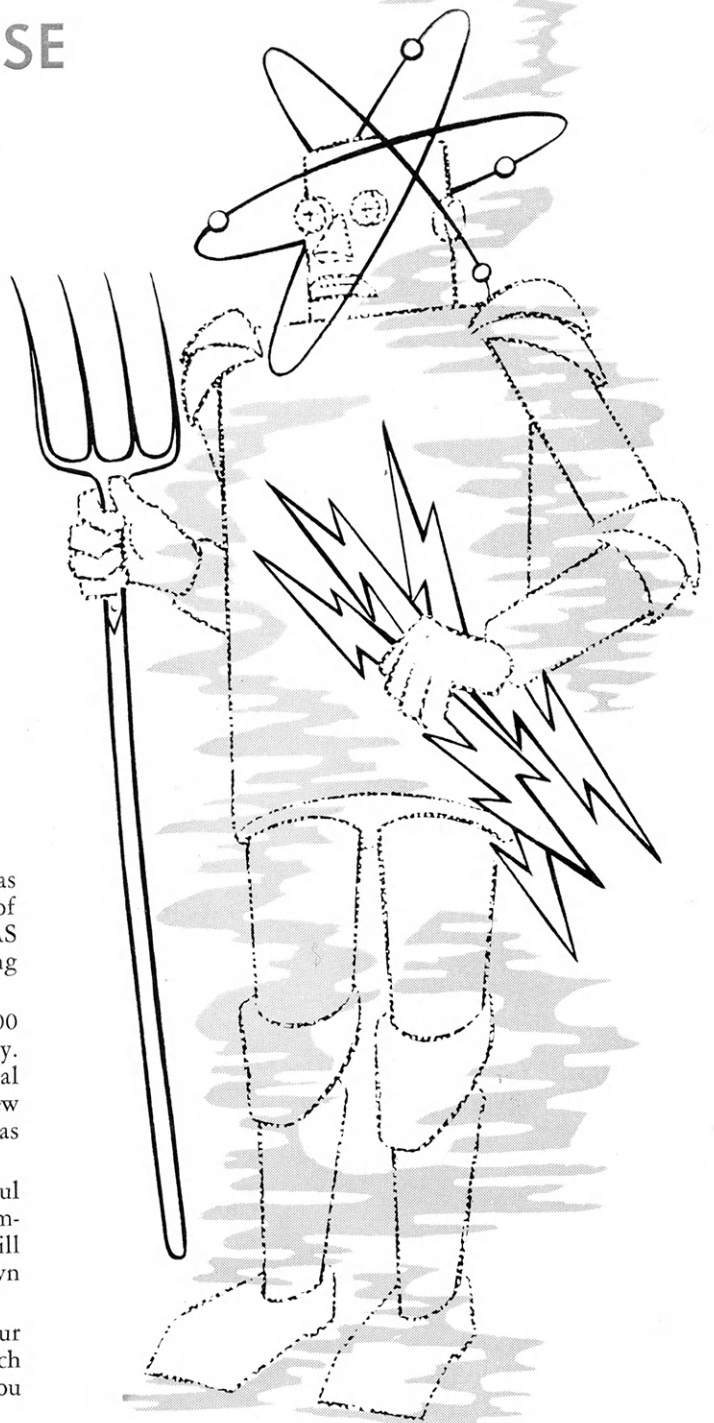


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