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Larry Vincent gets help on table setting from project leader Mrs. Gene Hawkey, Hesston, in a project meeting of a 4-H Club in the Kansas Methodist Children's Home, Newton. For more details, see pages 8 and 9.

Green or White Trousers for 4-H Boys?

If the recommendations of some are followed, the Kansas boys 4-H uniform will include green trousers in the future.

But in spite of this recommendation, a substantial number of club members seem to prefer to keep the white trousers.

When asked to discuss the subject at State Jr. Leadership camp, a majority of the 200 campers expressed a preference for the white color.

At the Kansas State Fair, club members and leaders were asked to express their preference between four shades of green trousers. No opportunity to express a choice for white was given but observers indicated a large number of the comments were along the vein of "Why can't we keep white?"

Let's examine the relative merit of the two colors—

Proponents of the green trousers claim they would be easier to keep clean and neat, would be more attractive longer, and could be used for school, after school and work more readily than could the white trousers.

White trouser advocates claim they make a much more attractive uniform. They also suggest that white colors would be more uniform and would not fade, that white trousers would be more readily available than would a uniform shade and material of green that would have to be ordered especially for 4-H Clubs, and that white trousers are useful for showing animals in the showing.

From a neutral position, it looks as if the cost for the two colors of trousers would be substantially the same. So far as could be determined, white trousers are used by 4-H'ers in all except one state and at all national events. Each state, however, has the right to choose the uniform to be worn at events within the state.

The purpose of this article is to acquaint the 4-H people with the issue and to invite the 4-H members, leaders and parents to express their opinion on a point which affects the family of every club member who attends State Fair or Round-up.

It is anticipated the Kansas Extension Service administration will make a decision on this issue within the next few weeks; therefore, your opinion for either green trousers or white trousers for 4-H boys' uniform should be sent to—

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Members, leaders and parents who have an opinion or preference on this subject are invited to write.

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Been Elected President? Shawnee 4-H'er Gives Tips For Newly Elected Club Presidents

SO you've been elected president? Know what comes next?

Joan Perry, an 8-year member of the Wakarusa Club, Shawnee county, might be able to give you a few pointers. She has been president of her club, the County 4-H Council and the county Who's Who Club.

Presiding

One of the first duties one thinks of for a president is presiding at meetings. But there's more to it than that, Joan says. "You have to be up on your parliamentary procedure and be able to answer questions members may ask on 4-H events, projects and activities."

And she suggests patience with the younger members. To get them to participate in the meeting, she talks to the member beforehand about a business item to be brought up, encourages him to make a motion, and helps him when he starts to get up to make the motion.

Chart of Motions

She has made a chart of all possible motions and the way to make them in order to help the new members.



Joan Perry makes up a list of items to be considered at each meeting where she presides. She finds this and an "order of business" a necessity.

"The president has a big job to see that members and leaders work together," Joan adds. "The



Working with leaders generally means working with local club adults, but here Joan Perry consults with assistant state club leader Roger Regnier.

president and other junior leaders can see there is help for the leaders at judging schools and other club events."

Committees

When it comes to committees, Joan suggests the president think ahead as to what committees may be needed and who would be good on them.

In selecting a committee, the chairman is usually an older member. And some of the rest are younger. "Pass the jobs around so that all will have experience," Joan recommends.

Joan considers the president an ex-officio member of all committees and as such sits in on meetings. "You let the chairman take over, but you quietly see the job's done," she says.

Start On Time

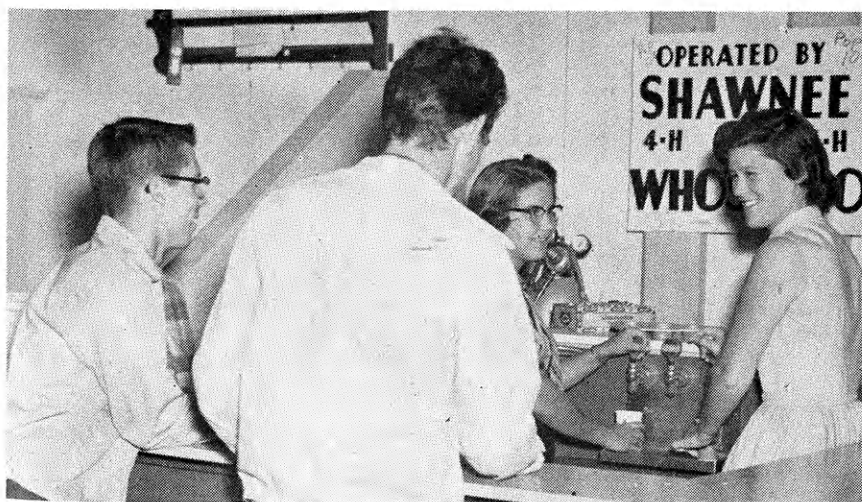
It's also the responsibility of the president to start the meeting on time and to keep it going so it won't be boring for either young or old.

The president (cooperating with leaders) should see the meeting place is open on time and cleaned up after use, check with the vice president to be sure the program is lined up, and check with the leaders regarding business items.

Help Younger Ones

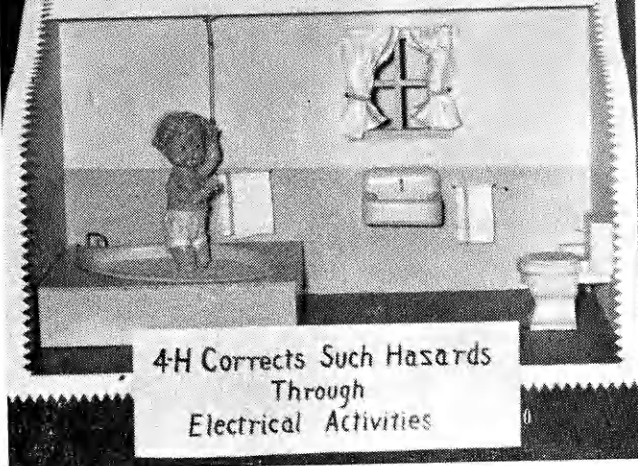
Joan says the president should always be ready to help the younger members and explain what is expected of them in club work.

Joan recommends helping the other officers and working with them as a team. This, she says, will help make a better club, one the members will enjoy.



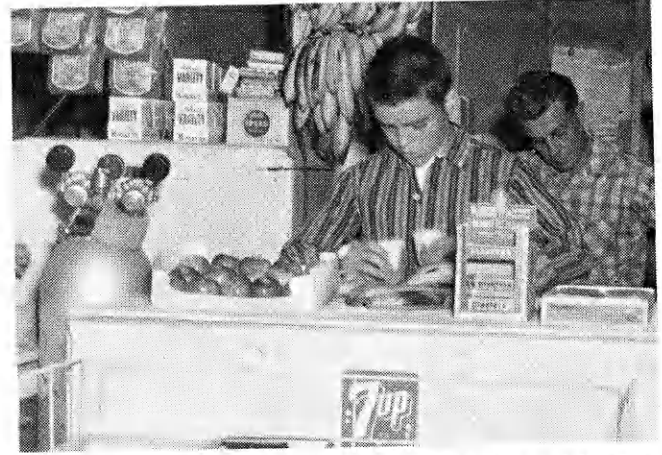
Just because she's president doesn't mean Joan Perry of the Shawnee County Who's Who Club gets out of all the work. Here she helps Kay Moran at their refreshment stand at the Kansas Free Fair.

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This Labette county booth won a purple ribbon. It tells the story quite effectively.

4-H'ers At The Kansas Free Fair



4-H'ers at the fair found hamburgers, bananas and other refreshments at the stand operated by the Shawnee county 4-H Clubs, located conveniently near the livestock barns.



The surprise was genuine for these Saline county girls, Dorothy Harper, Martha Larson and Roberta Swenson, who were top judges in the home ec judging contest at the Free Fair.

Sally and Ann Lydick, front, Brown County, help Susie, left rear, get her Hereford ready for the show ring. Also helping is Jim Hathaway.



Carol Jahnke, Geary county, shows the audience the finished product in her demonstration on "The Basic Seven Luncheon."

Noreen Smith, Linn county, uses Dorothy McGinnis as a model in her demonstration on "Nothing to Wear." Noreen showed it was easy to use the point system in avoiding overdressing.



Should Plays, Music Be Dropped From 4-H Days?

A decision on this subject will be made in mid or late October. If you or your club have a preference one way or the other, inform your county council members or write to the Kansas 4-H Journal, Manhattan, Kansas. We present for your information, arguments on both sides of the question.

Let's Drop Them . . .

Plays and musical numbers formerly met a real need for rural boys and girls. But, now, nearly every boy and girl has the opportunity to participate at school. In recent years many of the musical ensembles that participated in 4-H Club Days were actually school groups.

4-H Club Days should be reserved for those events which are more typical of 4-H activities. We should not duplicate those activities adequately provided for by the schools.

Plays and music are time consuming. If they were eliminated, club members would participate in some of the other, more worthwhile events. It would also permit the addition of new program improvement features such as short project or activity talks, music appreciation numbers and parliamentary procedure presentations.

Musical numbers would not be left out of the 4-H Club program, but could participate in the County Talent Show.

The Extension Service does not provide training for either music or dramatics. Many times such numbers are coached by private instructors or school teachers and, therefore, are not truly a club endeavor.

Let's Keep Them . . .

Music in the 4-H Clubs promotes enjoyment and appreciation of good music by members, their parents and others in the community. Outstanding musical leadership is often made available to young people through the 4-H program. 4-H members with talent and training in music need and welcome opportunities to perform.

Musical numbers make 4-H Club Days much more entertaining and enjoyable events.

Enjoyment of drama, by active participation or by the passive participation of watching and listening, is a fine cultural experience. There is seldom enough opportunity for it in rural areas. Comparatively few 4-H Club members have opportunity to participate in school-sponsored plays, particularly in the larger high schools.

Many 4-H Club plays are used to a very fine advantage as program numbers for community events. They may serve in promoting community spirit through common interests.

Plays, as well as musical numbers, are and should be optional in the 4-H program. But if a play or musical group meets the needs and interest of a 4-H group, should they be denied the opportunity for this experience?

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RSR Present, Future Improvements Pictured




Above is an aerial photograph showing present improvements and proposed future improvements of the state 4-H leadership training center at Rock Springs Ranch south of Junction City. Over 5,000 campers from 4-H and other youth groups attended camp here in 1957. Completed and shown in the picture are the supervisor's cottage, pool and bathhouse, recreation slab, shower houses, and the recently completed trio—chapel, health center and auditorium. Shown in white ink are the dining hall now under construction, the proposed stable and locations for three groups of cottages.


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Peeling potatoes for noon meal with her Dutch host family is Joan Skupa (center), Republic County. She explains they move their work outside on warm days.

Letter From the Netherlands

By JOAN SKUPA, Republic County

Going everywhere on a "fiets," meaning bicycle, is quite a change from riding in an auto as we do in the U. S. I am now living with my second host family who have no car.

Yesterday as the eldest host sister and I were going to the city of Broda (distance 7½ miles), I found I can't ride the bicycle like a real Dutch girl. We were going through a small village and I wasn't watching the road. As a result I fell off the bicycle.

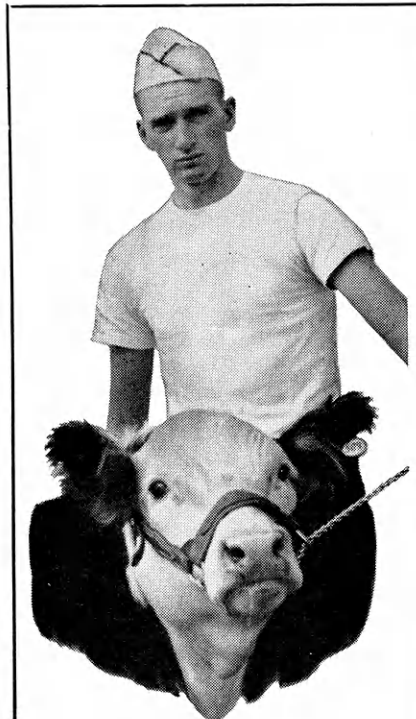
My activities at home consist of only housework as the women don't work much in the fields. This requires much time, for the Dutch housewife scrubs everything from top to bottom.

Several times my host families have asked me to make an American food. Last week I baked an apple pie for

my host sister's birthday. The family enjoyed it very much and now one of the host sisters wants me to teach her how to bake an apple pie. The women spend little time in the kitchen for most things are bought at the village bakery.

My first home family was quite wealthy. They had a Chevrolet car and the house was new with modern conveniences. A chore girl came three times a week to do housework so I didn't have much to do. The one job I always did was dry dishes as my host sister washed. We became very close friends through our long conversations as we did the dishes.

I have met many people during the eight weeks I have been here and have found them all very kind and helpful. They have high respect for the U. S. and are well-informed on world affairs.



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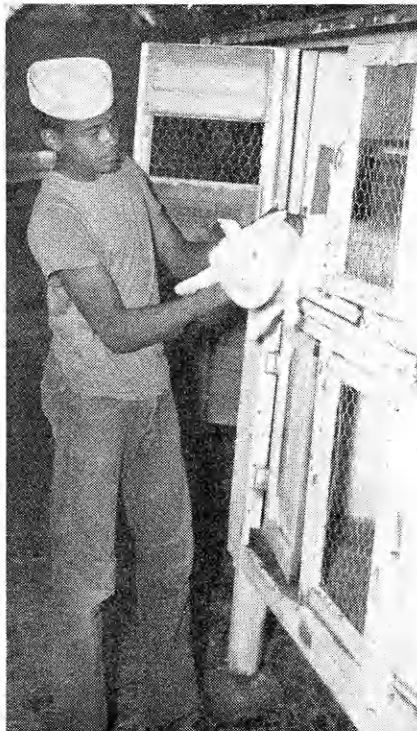
4-H Performs Useful Function in

It has some unusual features, but the 4-H Club at the Kansas Methodist Children's Home, Newton, probably does more for its members than any other 4-H Club in the state.

Everyone that's of age in the Home belongs to the Club. Reverend D. Coyd Taggart, director of the Home, says, "It's the social structure of the campus. Once in a while we have a boy or girl drag his feet about club work, but it doesn't last long."

Projects for the boys and girls are very similar to those of the

Paul Davis takes rabbits as his project.



remaining 30,000 Kansas 4-H members. The girls take foods, clothing and home improvement. The boys have most of the livestock projects and garden.

Each member keeps financial records on their projects. Many take their animals with them when they go to foster homes.

The club has three brood mares loaned to them through the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Kansas Saddle Horse Association programs.

And the boys don't neglect the foods projects either. "Some of the boys are more interested in

The garden project furnishes fresh vegetables for the Home's table. Here Raymond Cobb and Paul Davis give it some needed attention.



doing a better job with the cooking than are the girls," Rev. Taggart commented.

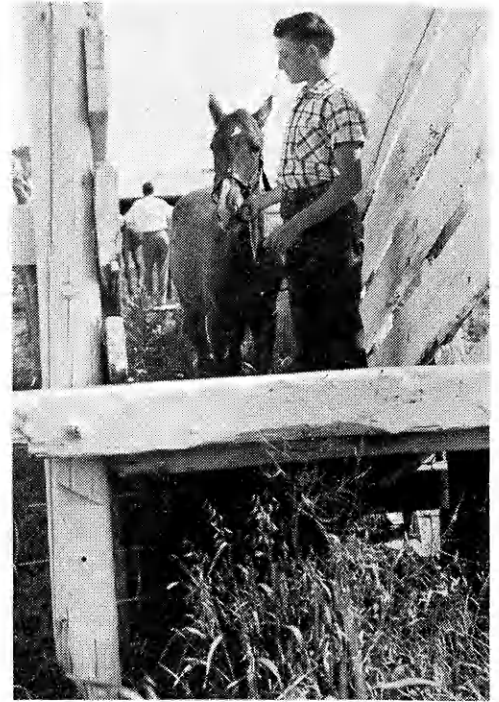
Average length of stay in the home is 10 months with some living there as long as two to three years. Because of the short length of time in the Home, the club has elections every six months. Most of the members join 4-H Clubs in their new communities when they go to foster homes.

"Some youth of the community from neighbor families also belong to the club," Taggart added.

"We have the most unorthodox demonstrations and talks at our meetings (held the 3rd Friday of the month), but we have them," Taggart says. "Their

Left, Bob Johnson gets some assistance from Harvey c... doesn't seem to want to drink. Right, Cobb gets some help





Left, Bob Johnson takes great pride in his muffins. Right, Beverly Ann Herrod stirs the cocoa made in preparation for refreshments which follow each of the foods project meetings.

Loading his colt project for a ride to his new foster home is Alvin Garst.

n Children's Home

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from the community come in to
share their fun.

'We get a tremendous amount
of cooperation from the county
club agent," Reverend Taggart
said. "We couldn't make the
program go without Sam's
(County club agent Armin Sam-
uelson) help. Our program gen-
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with usual club standards.

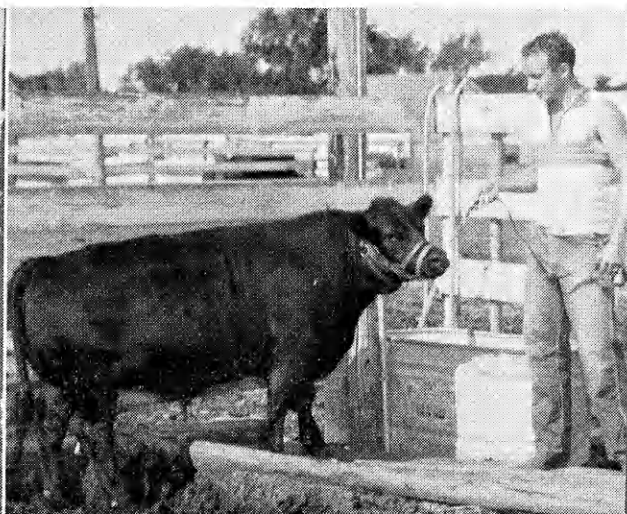
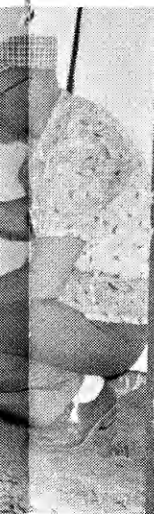
"He attends practically all
meetings and knows and calls
the kids by name."

Aside from Taggart and Sam-
uelson, adult leadership for the
club is furnished by Jack Stauf-
fer of the Children's Home staff
and volunteers from the Harvey
County Rural Life group. Rural
Lifers are especially helpful as
project leaders for the group.



18-year old 4-H'er Phyllis Allen seems to enjoy working on her records when helped by project leader and Rural Lifer Mrs. Alvin Johnston, Moundridge.

County club agent Armin Samuelson on clipping a lamb's tail that somehow missed earlier operations. Center, Lynn Johnson leads his baby beef to water, but the calf
help on his foods project records from Rural Life member and project leader Mrs. Melvin Jantzen, Newton.



Next Year In 4-H I'm Going To

What are the highlights of your 4-H year? What did you enjoy the most? Why do you plan to re-enroll next year?

The Kansas 4-H Journal asked these questions of a group of Kansas 4-H'ers. Below are some of the answers. Comments from the remainder will be carried next month.

David Anderson (picture 1), 18-year-old member of the Stanley Buccaneers, Johnson county, says, "I like 4-H Day, the projects, the Gardner Fair and the American Royal. I think the most important thing you can learn in Club work is to keep good records. In my later life I will keep records and I will know whether I'm making a profit or not."

"On my machines I'll keep a record and learn which are best from a cost of maintenance standpoint."

David, his father and brothers, farm 1,500 acres. His special interest in 4-H is in the tractor program where he learns the proper maintenance of the tractor and other farm machinery.

Learning how to cook in 4-H has helped Ladona Gruver in her summertime work caring for 7-year-old Cynile Gregg (picture 2) and cooking lunch for the family.

Working from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the 14-year-old Scott county 4-H'er says, "4-H gives me something to do in the summertime. I have plenty to do, but it keeps me from loafing when I do have some time."

"I do like to go to 4-H camps. It seems as if the kids are more apt to get along together and make friends easier."

"This year I went to music camp at Rock Springs and to county camp at Camp Crockett, Pueblo, Colo."

Of her trip to Pueblo, she says, "We got to go in and see the steel mills there; that was something I'd never seen—such a big place like that."

"I like the recreation and business in our meetings," says Rosemary Vieux (picture 3), 11, a member of the City Slickers Club, Meade county.

When asked what she'd tell prospective club members to get them to join, she said, "I'd tell them it's a lot of fun and you get to do things. If you turn in your record book before fair time, you get to go to the banquet."

At the county 4-H Day she played the part of "Pharoah" in "The Mummy's Foot."

"I want to take well dressed for school and the next project in cooking for my projects next year," she added. In addition to helping raise money for the club, Rosemary was on the program and membership committees this past year.

"4-H has taught me about the cattle business," comments Grant county 4-H'er Stephen Alford. "I've learned how to pick out good cattle for the herd, feed them and show them."

He now has an 18 head Angus herd, starting with three head he purchased in 1953.

In picture 4 below he is tightening a nut on the hitch he uses on a tractor to teach his cattle to lead.

Concerning his next years 4-H work, he says, "I'd like to go to more of the state camps—conservation especially, and I would like to learn more about conservation."

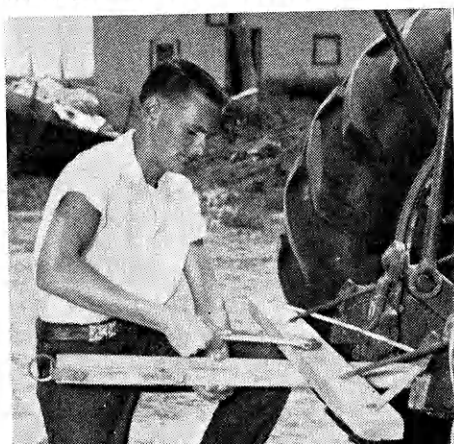
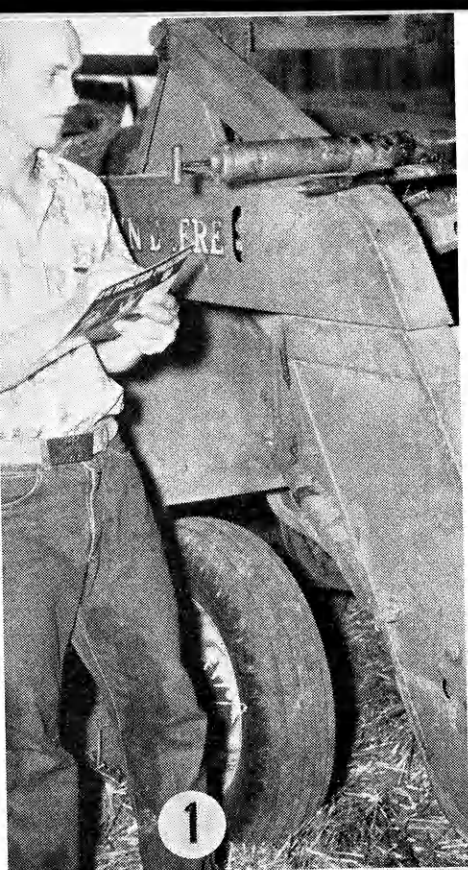
"I'd also like to learn more about reconditioning cars and trucks."

Shown in picture 5 painting a bookcase for her room improvement project is 15-year-old Carolyn Cockrun, a Stanton county 4-H'er.

"Fair is usually the highlight of the 4-H year for me," Carolyn says. "You get to see both the boys' and the girls' projects."

"We always have a lot of fun on tours. And I enjoyed the classes, the singing and the recreation at Round-up this year. At Round-up I visited Rock Springs Ranch for the first time and it was really nice."

"Projects sure help because girls learn to cook and sew," Carolyn adds. "It also helps in high school. Our high school foods teacher was very glad she had some 4-H'ers in her class."



Plan Now For Halloween Fun

As an ice-breaker for that Halloween party try "Witches Stoop." For this game the players form a double circle, facing counter-clockwise. Girls are in the inner circle. Players march in the same direction while music is played. At a given signal the men turn around and walk in the opposite direction. When the leader calls "Witch is loose," each player runs to his original partner. They join both hands and stoop. Then, at the command of the leader, the couples begin to march again. Every man says "Goodby" to his partner and moves up one place, introducing himself to his new lady. Procedure is repeated from the start.

It's time for a quiet game, so let's try "Mysterious Scents." Cover ten bottles with colored crepe paper, filling each one with something different that has a distinctive odor. Pass pencils and papers out to each player. Each player attempts to guess the odors in the numbered bottles. Some of the odors might include: vanilla, vinegar, kerosene, grape juice, diluted ammonia, almond extract, nail polish and water.

For fun and laughs, "Halloween Faces" offers both. Each guest is given a large paper bag to fit over his head. Crayons are provided. Each person punches eyes, nose, and mouth in his bag and draws a face on it. He must then drop it over his head. When all guests are properly adorned with the bags, they walk around shaking hands with one another. When a person recognizes the player with whom he is shaking hands he makes a black cross mark on the person's bag. When three or more persons get as many as ten crosses on their masks, the leader asks them to perform some stunt for the group.

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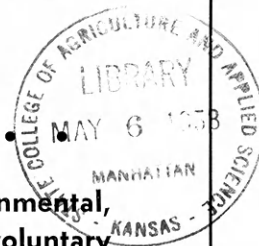
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Kansas City, Missouri

Captions for Pictures

1. Brother Gary enthusiastically helps Carole Underwood, McPherson county, get ready for the fair. 2. Happy Hollow Club members, Leavenworth county, picked up four truck loads of roadside debris from 25 miles of Kickapoo Township roads. Then they erected 11 road signs asking motorists to help keep the road clean. 3. These state rodent control winners from Atchison county are fixing poison rat bait. The group won a trip to Buckhorn Mountain Ranch in Colorado as an award for their activity. 4. Daisy Dell 4-H'ers, Stevens county, are planting rose bushes at the Stevens County Hospital as a community service project. 5. Jeannette Guttridge, Seward county, and Phillip Patterson, Geary county, were two 4-H'ers whose meeting at the Kansas State Fair resulted in their recent marriage. 6. Kaw Valley 4-H'ers, Wabaunsee county, had as their community service project the picking up of oversize rocks on the Kaw Township roads. 7. Sheep project members of the Happy Kansans, Ness county, brought their fat lambs to the home of their livestock leader for help in blocking and trimming their sheep for the fair. 8. "Too tired to move" describes Beverly Sawyer, Rawlins county, as she finishes work on a National Safety Week poster. 9. Durand Busy Bees, Woodson county, had an outdoor cook-out as one of their summer meetings. Leaders and jr. leaders prepared the food, everyone watched his own aluminum-wrapped package in the fire and flipped it after cooking for 15 minutes. 10. The float entered by the Tiny Toilers, Pawnee county, won a first prize of \$50 in a Larned Chamber of Commerce parade. 11. Bonnie is the girl, Mary the lamb. Bonnie makes cookies for 4-H, some get a little brown so Mary very obligingly gets rid of the evidence. 12 and 13. Everyone lines up for a picture on the tour of the Bob White Club, Montgomery county. Judy Jarvis, picture 13, served cup cakes she had baked to the tour at the last stop. 14. Nancy Roberts tries various colored bibs on Patsy Johnson for her demonstration "Color and You" at the Pratt county fair.

SEND IN YOUR PICTURES

We want pictures taken by Kansas 4-H'ers. Prizes will be given for all pictures used in the Journal.

The picture need not be on 4-H Club work, but pictures with subjects related to 4-H Clubs are preferred. Action pictures are desired.

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

Photographs should be accompanied by a short statement explaining the picture and including the names of persons shown.

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, or a 4-H Club photograph album.

4-H members, parents, leaders, county agents or friends of 4-H may send in pictures.



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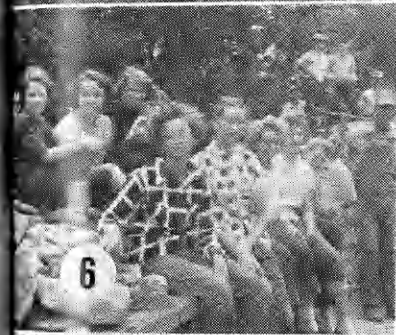
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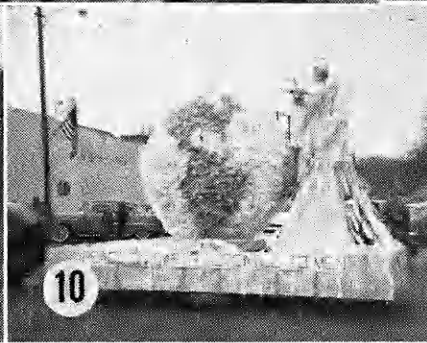
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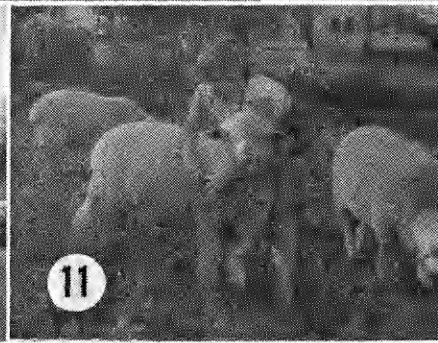
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Off the 4-H Line

Reporter's Notice: The Kansas 4-H Journal would like to print interesting stories of your local club events, activities, members and leaders.

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.

Sadie Hawkins Day Race Report

(Blue Award Story)

The scores have all been tabulated in the competitive sports from coast to coast, but we are wondering who won in the Sadie Hawkins Day Race at Healy—the boys or the girls.

At perzactly 3:00 p.m. with the sound of a rip-roaring gun shot the small boys took off and a whole slew of girls right behind them. The older boys tuned up and really beat it with the girls close behind.

The boys looked mighty weak before the race so the jug was passed around—it must have done some good because they sure made tracks when that shot sounded. Three boys tried to escape a "fate horrible-er than death" by hiding in a grainary but

were locked in—they finally managed to climb out the top.

It took six girls to drag in girl-shy Jack Wilkens and he looked the worse for wear after Marryin' Sam got done with him. Tony made the mistake of hiding in a car—the girls drove the car to the finish line and he was a dead duck!

The dance was in real hoe-down style from barefooted girls to boys with straw hats and corn cob pipes. Each boy received a dance program on a corn cob which he hung around his neck. The room was decorated (scattered) with bundles of hay and refreshments were served on a large shovel with cider drunk from various types of bottles.

Sharon Kelch

Healy Sunflowers 4-H Club

ELECTRICAL PROJECTS GALORE

First year electrical members in Anderson county are converting kerosene lamps into electric lamps and advanced members are making and wiring their own lamps out of wood.

Besides individual projects of the members the club also has group projects. One of the most interesting is wiring one of the barns in the county under the direction of instructor Ralph Sites. Other projects have been to build devices to find the types of wires, fuses, etc. that would be safest under

different conditions, and visiting the local power plant.

Carolyn Carr, Rep.

Here and There

A float by the Happy Kansans 4-H Club, Ness county, pulled by the leaders and pushed by the parents displayed 4-H members working on their projects. Entitled "Cooperation for Success," the float won top honor in the Ness county fair parade . . . 34 members of the Richland Boosters Club, Ford county, won 18 purple ribbons, 120 blue ribbons, 73 red ribbons, and 12 white ribbons at the Ford county fair . . . Roll call at the August meeting of the Driftwood Sunflower Club, Rawlins county, was "suggestions and solutions for fair improvement next year." . . . Shirely Haun, Pawnee county Tiny Toilers Club, reports that several individual club members have been chopping weeds along the county roads so as to give travelers better vision at intersections . . . Langdon Club, Reno county, held a club "Fair" before their county fair. Extension Agents attended and gave club members pointers for improving their exhibits . . . Corn served as a windbreak for the garden of Norman Small, Walnut Club, Reno county . . . Abbyville Club, Reno county, had a style review as the main attraction at their August



Ann Roniger

Wins Natl. Track Honors

5 Year Chase County 4-H'er Takes Clothing, Jr. Leadership Projects

It is doubtful that any boy or girl in the U. S. has ever enjoyed the phenomenal success in sports of any kind that has come to a 14-year-old Chase county 4-H member.

Called the "Prettiest Broad Jumper in Kansas" by the Emporia Gazette, Ann Roniger, a member of the Emerald 4-H Club, has skyrocketed into a national winner in women's track and field events within the last year.

Her first out-of-county competition was participating in the Kansas Jr. Olympic Track Meet at Lawrence in May, 1956. There she broke the national standing broad jump record with a leap of 8' 6". In July, 1956, she tied the National Jr. Olympic record in the 50 yard dash at 6.4 seconds. She also won the standing broad jump and ran on a winning relay team at the Rocky Mountain Jr. Olympic Meet.

At the end of the summer the National Jr. Olympic results showed her placing in four events and the national record holder in the standing broad jump and 220 yard relay.

Participating in her second Kansas Jr. Olympic Track Meet at Lawrence, she decided not to enter any running events, giving other girls a chance. But she won the high jump, the standing broad jump and the running broad jump—establishing new Kansas Jr. Olympic marks in each event.

Her practice field is a country road in the flint hills north of Elmdale; her hurdles were made for her by her brother, John, as a part of his 4-H woodworking project. She has her eyes set on the National Olympic team in 1960. And those who know this 5-year 4-H'er say she may not only become a track star, but possibly a super-star in the mold of the late Babe Didrikson Zaharias.

meeting . . . Eleven members of the Kechi Club, **Sedgwick** county, won 20 purple stickers on their entries in the **Sedgwick** County 4-H Show . . . "Oklahoma" was the topic for music appreciation at the August meeting of the Beacon Booster Club, **Finney** county . . . Crops members of the Country Pals Club, **Thomas** county, attended a tractor safety demonstration sponsored by the Farm Bureau at the county fair. The demonstration showed how easy a tractor will turn over when traveling rapidly . . . A social and square dance on Sunday, August 25, was sponsored by the Buckeye Junior Farmers 4-H Club, **Ellis** county, as an "After-Fair dance." All **Ellis** county 4-H'ers were invited. Refreshments were served . . . It is a tradition for girls in the Kechi Club, **Sedgwick** county, to have a style show for members of the HDU and other ladies in the community. Girls model not only the garments to be modeled in the county show but all the garments they have made during the Club year . . . Deerhead Club members, **Barber** county, have a commendable record as judges in livestock, land, and home economics. Members from the club have won honors for themselves and their team placing high in livestock judging contests at Coldwater and Larned, land judging contest at Kiowa and Coldwater and a home economics judging contest at Coldwater . . . Neosho Valley members, **Morris** county, found that nonskid rugs and handholds near the bathtub seem to be the greatest need for proper safety in the 18 homes they visited on a safety tour. Railings for stairs and trap doors in the barn, and the proper disposal of oily and greasy rags were big needs in the barnyard. . . . Members of the woodworking class of the Plum Creek Club, **Cheyenne** county, have plans to make new benches for the club meeting house. . . . Tiny Toilers girls, **Pawnee** county, learn the proper points in modeling from their project leader, Mrs. Russell Conard. . . . Members of the High Prairie Pioneers Club, **Wilson** county, have participated in folk games this year for the first time. . . . **Sedgwick** county Who's Who members enjoyed swimming in the private pool of one of their members, and refreshments of home made ice cream and cake at their recent meeting. . . . Aly Habibi was a guest of the Richland Boosters Club, **Ford** county, at their recent meeting. . . . A Sock Hop at the new 4-H building was a feature of the **Saline** county fair. The event was broadcast over KRAL. . . . Seven girls from the Kansas Sunflower Club, **Cherokee** county, have gained a reputation as a singing group. The girls,

winning a top blue at both county and regional 4-H days, sang 4 times at Round-Up last summer and performed for the Annual **Cherokee** county Businessmen's Picnic . . . South Hutchinson 4-H club cooking classes, **Reno** county, visited a local supermarket where they learned how to select meats, how the fruit and vegetable bins were filled from the back room, and were told how to select vegetables . . . Sewing girls of the Maple Hill Hustlers Club, **Stevens** county, held a special meeting with a representative from the Singer Sewing Machine Company demonstrating a new machine, and giving new ideas and showing how to clean the sewing machine . . . Karen Conard narrated the style revue for the 24 girls who modeled garments at the achievement night program of the Tiny Toilers Club, **Pawnee** county . . . The Willing Workers Club, **Saline** county, has purchased first-aid kits for each family in the club . . . Members of the Stitch and Stir Project group of the Driftwood Club, **Rawlins** county, entertained their families, with father as special guests, at a buffet supper and an evening program. Members spent the entire day planning and preparing the supper which included three gallons of home made ice cream . . . Marjorie Presnal, Goddard Club, **Sedgwick** county, and winner of the **Sedgwick** county style review, appeared on "Around the Town" by Michelle on KARD-TV . . . Food girls of the Buckeye Junior Farmers Club, **Ellis** county, prepared an entire dinner including ice cream, ice tea, biscuits, gelatin salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn. Junior leaders in the club arranged flowers for the tables . . . Mothers and friends were guests of the Buckeye Junior Farmers girls, **Ellis** county, for a fashion show and tea in August. Project leaders were presented a subscription to "Better Homes and Gardens" in appreciation for helping the girls with their projects . . . "Wanna Play a Harp" was the title for the booth of the Valley Bluebirds Club, **Rice** county. An angel plucked his harp over a graveyard where 10 crosses represented the traffic deaths in **Rice** county during the past year . . . A dress prepared for the 1956 4-H Congress in Chicago won a grand champion for its maker, Janice Edwards, in the

Rice county Style Review. This is the second year Janice has been style review winner in **Rice** county . . . Leon Burris, VE-Go 4-H Club, **Gove** county, says "It is to our advantage in the future that we know the fundamentals of cooking," a project talk at a tea for the club mothers . . . Barbara Sawyer designed the formal she wore to win the grand championship in the county style review contest in **Rawlins** county.

LETTERS (Continued on page 2)
demonstration. My duties as 4-H president will help me this year as program chairman for FHA. In 4-H I meet a lot of new kids that later become my best friends in high school.
Helen Louise Zishker
Atehison county

Reporting A Good Experience

Dear Editor:
Reporting has been an experience I will never forget because of the kindness shown by the many publishers in printing my articles. Because of your cooperation I was able to learn much about reporting which will be of help in future years should I help on school or college papers.
May I also say that I am enjoying the Kansas 4-H Journal very much and think you are doing a splendid job in getting it out to the members in the state.

Diane Conover
Sedgwick County

Wants Pen Pals

Dear Editor:
A word to say I like your magazine and watch for it to come every month. I enjoy reading about the 4-H'ers and the letters in the magazine and wish it were possible to meet all of these. If anyone would be interested, I'd like to correspond with some of the 4-H'ers over the state. My address is R 4, Columbus.

Jerry Pickering
Cherokee County

Idea and drawing by Sedgwick county 4-H'er Steve Mount



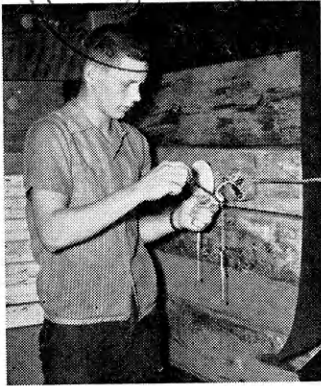
We Want Cartoons

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.
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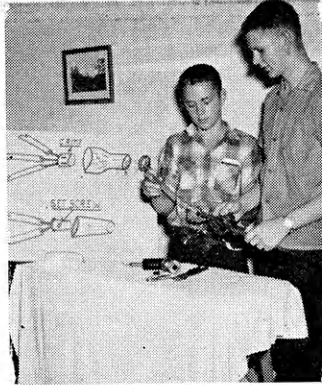
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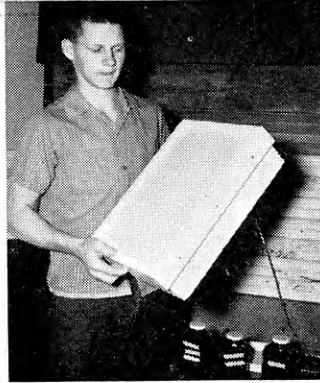
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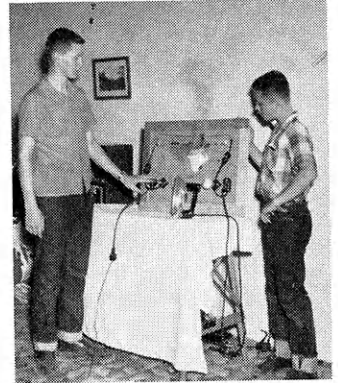
Wiring his own photographic darkroom provided John with a tie-in with another 4-H project, photography.



Brother Vincent aids John with their "Correct Way to Make Electrical Connections" demonstration.



Electric slide viewer was built for darkroom use by John who pursues photography on a limited budget.



John and Vincent demonstrate the board he made for showing the effect of overloading electric circuits.

"4-H ELECTRIC IS FUN"

SAYS JOHN RHOADS, HEIZER LIVEWIRE MEMBER



John represents the Heizer Livewires on the Barton County 4-H Council and has served as secretary of his club. The electric sander in the photo above is just one of the many items he has completed in 4-H Electric.

"I like 4-H Electric because it teaches me to respect electricity and urges me to learn more about it," says John, who has spent 5 years in 4-H Electric projects. His activities bear out that statement.

This past summer was spent working as an electrician's helper in Great Bend. Last year he and his brother Vincent received state-wide recognition, including a TV appearance, for their demonstration of the "Correct Way to Make Electric Connections." Another, showing the effect of overloading electric circuits, was presented to many 4-H clubs and the State 4-H Leaders Clinic in Hutchinson.

Besides projects shown on this page John has wired an electric hot water heater, put up 2 ceiling fixtures, built a code practice and tester kit, and wired the farm shop. Like many others, he has found 4-H Electric an educational and worthwhile activity. And as John says, "4-H Electric is fun."

**WATCH THIS
 PAGE FOR IDEAS
 ON FARM AND
 HOME ELECTRIC
 PROJECTS**

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANIES IN KANSAS

The Kansas Power and Light Company
 Kansas City Power & Light Company
 Central Kansas Power Company

Western Light & Telephone Company
 Kansas Gas and Electric Company
 Southwest Kansas Power Company