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Alan Moore, Kansas 1957 Electric winner from Sedgwick county, shows the mechanism he made to hook an electric motor to his ice cream freezer. For more details on the new electric project for Kansas, see pages 8 and 9.

An Open Letter

To The Kansas Legislature

Dear Mr. Legislator:

4-H work in Kansas is now in jeopardy.

So are the agricultural and home economics phases of the extension program.

In low valuation counties, legal mill levy limits for county extension work have been reached, but the inflationary trends of the times have resulted in higher costs for almost all items in the extension budgets.

The result? Since January, 1957, 4-H agents in six counties have resigned. And no plans have been made to hire replacements because of limitations in the county budget. The counties are Allen, Atchison, Clay, Finney, Harper and Jefferson.

Within the year another four counties—Ellsworth, Ford, Osborne and Neosho—will have to do without their 4-H agents.

Some 25% of the full-time 4-H county workers in Kansas will have been dropped by January 1. In a few years, unless relief is forthcoming, it will be necessary to drop nearly 70% of the 4-H agent positions in Kansas.

Now we don't say this will result in a 75% or a 50% drop in 4-H membership. But it will result in a decreased emphasis on the 4-H program. And at the same time it will hurt the agricultural and home economics programs. When you cut your county staff by 1/3, there just isn't as much time to go around.

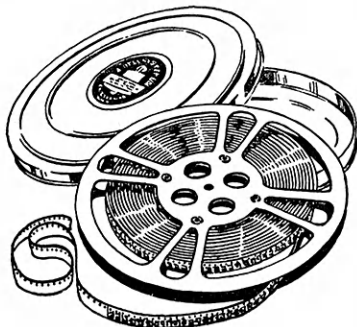
What's the solution?

The answer is to provide additional state appropriation for extension work in the counties. Such a proposal has been approved by the Board of Regents and is now before the Governor's budget committee.

The money to maintain the present county 4-H staff is not now available. It's up to the legislature to act or the 4-H program will suffer one of its worst setbacks. Does the 4-H program deserve this curtailment?

Will you in the 1958 legislature help to correct what we truly believe to be a very serious handicap to the continued growth in quantity and quality of Kansas 4-H work?

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# Members, Parents, Learn From Meats Program

By **BILL BORST**

**Wyandotte County Club Agent**

Meats identification and judging is one activity that has captured the enthusiastic interest of a group of Wyandotte county 4-H members, parents, leaders and agents.

Through the excellent cooperation of local firms, all have received practical training in identification of retail cuts and selection of quality meats.

Since July, 1956, training has been conducted primarily by personnel of Swift and Armour packing companies and Safeway Stores.

Safeway personnel have conducted the identification program with two meat cutters giving many hours of patient teaching in identifying a retail cut, telling what kind of meat it is and from what wholesale cut it is derived.

## Fourth Phase

Associate home agent Nancy West adds a fourth phase to the identification. Before the identification sheet is turned in, the member must state suggested methods of properly cooking the cut. They must also outline one of the six methods of meat cookery as specified by the person in charge.

Swift and Company gave help primarily in the judging of carcass and wholesale cuts of meat. The judging part of the county contests have been held at their plant.

Armour and Company cooperated with a number of judging schools.

## Parents Interested

Parents of the club members seemed to be actively interested in the program. Some attend all sessions, learning to identify and judge with the club member. Fathers are enthusiastic as are the mothers, stating they buy most of the meat and cook a great deal of it.



Wyandotte county 4-H'ers Gwen Smith, Sandra Neal, Bob Johnson, Carol Davis and Don Hart learn about judging a beef rib class from A. D. Rogers at the Swift and Company plant in the county meats contest.

Both boys and girls are interested in this program of consumer education. Boys find it especially helpful in filling out their knowledge of the meat animal and sharpening their judgment in selection of quality livestock. Also, many boys are interested in food preparation, an interest that is being heightened by the increased emphasis of the man's part in outdoor cookery.

Girls in food preparation and meal service find the meats program fills in an important foods field—the selection of quality meats and its correct cooking.

## Sources of Info

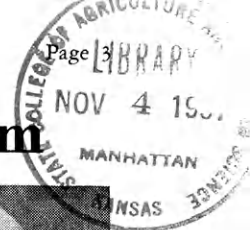
The program in Wyandotte county has taken advantage of a great deal of printed material, charts, posters and pictures. Most frequently used source of information has been the 82 colored slide picture set of retail cuts obtained from the Visual

Education Department of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, Chicago, and a companion publication called "101 Meat Cuts."

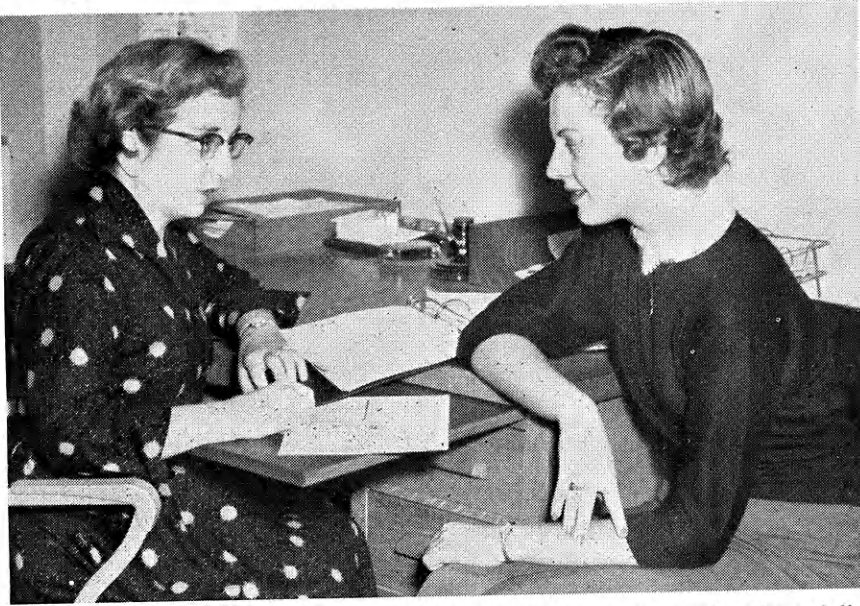
The state meats judging and identification contest is held at the Kansas State Fair in September with the winning team participating in a national contest at the American Royal. But practice sessions in Wyandotte county are held well in advance of the state contest.

## Recreation Too

It isn't all work and no play for these Wyandotte county meats members. Imo Thomas, meat cutter for Safeway, was host for those connected with the program at a spring picnic. The boys, complete with giant chef's hats and aprons, prepared and served the meal under the watchful eye of Thomas, Melton Hartegan, another Safeway cutter, and the county's home ec agents.



# Reporter's Job Is Unlimited In Size, Scope



Many 4-H reporters get tips and help from their local newspaper editor. Jolene Hazen, Coffey county, here gets hints from assistant extension editor Miss Marjorie Tennant at K-State.

**B**esides writing the report of each monthly meeting, I have written stories on project meetings, the club tour, rural life Sunday services, Easter caroling, health, safety, 4-H rodeo, leaders conference, etc.," reports Jolene Hazen of her duties as a reporter for the Smilin Thru Club, Coffey county.

"When first selected," says Jolene Hazen, "consult your editor and have him give you a few pointers on what a good article should contain."

Reports of club and committee meetings, tours, parties and other local events should be reported to the local newspapers which have circulation in your area. The club's participation in



Typing news stories is not a necessity, but Jolene finds it helps legibility and aids in preventing misspelled names.

county and out of county events are also of interest to local newspapers.

In reporting news to local newspapers, Jolene suggests taking accurate notes at meetings and being sure to get the correct titles of program numbers and the correct name of the persons on the program.

She suggests starting the article with an interesting topic sentence to draw the reader's attention. It is desirable to have a short interesting statement about each number on the program. Names of people are important and may be listed for local news stories, she adds.

Feature material about your club, its activities, members and leaders may be of interest not only to your local papers, but to publications with regional, state and national circulation.

Such feature stories require a different treatment than do local news stories. Names, for example, are important only to the extent they add to the story. A list of names of persons attending a local club meeting would not be desirable.

Feature material should have a human interest slant or be of

value to people outside your county. While they might not be interested in the number of ribbons you won at the county fair, they might be interested in the story of how you went about winning so many ribbons.

Stories of money raising events, community service projects or 4-H activities are interesting to other 4-H'ers if they can use some of your ideas.

Pictures will generally be very helpful in getting a feature article printed. The taking of news pictures is a specialized field and will be described in more detail in future issues of the Journal.

A bulletin "Tell the Story" available from your county extension agents gives tips on keeping reporter's notebooks and awards available for 4-H reporters. Another bulletin, "The Rural Reporter," gives tips on writing news stories.

In summary, Jolene suggests club reporters should encourage younger members to write news stories—perhaps on project, committee or special meetings.



Jolene keeps news clippings of all 4-H stories she has written as well as others concerning her club in a well organized scrapbook.

## Plan Now For Christmas Fun

It isn't too early to plan for your 4-H Christmas party. You may wish to plan a special party or include additional recreation following your club meeting.

### A Musical Game

You can begin on a lively note by doing a folk game such as the "Virginia Reel." Then give everybody a paper plate with a certain number of cranberries or marbles on it and do the Virginia Reel again—but more slowly. The couple who has the most cranberries or marbles after the reel is over wins. The members are not allowed to upset another's plate intentionally. The Virginia Reel is always more fun when all the members do the steps rather than the end couples. Be sure and allow plenty of room.

### Christmas Shopping

For a relaxer, go "Christmas shopping." Divide the group into teams of four to ten players each. The leader explains that the teams are doing some last minute Christmas shopping. He tells them that they can spend only a certain amount, such as \$108.91. The first group to complete its order for the required amount wins. Have the team captains read their orders at the end of the game.

### Santa's Pack

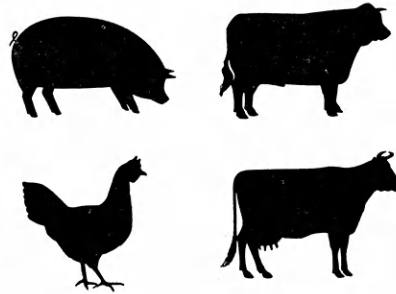
Another game for the group could be "Santa's Pack." The players sit in a circle. There are no vacant chairs. Each player is given a name of an article that would be in Santa's pack. One player (without a chair) begins walking around the circle telling a story which begins, "Santa was filling up his pack before starting his journey"—when the story teller mentions an article, the person having the name of that article must get up and follow the story teller around the circle placing both hands on shoulders of the person in front of them. When the story teller mentions "Reindeer" they all scramble for a chair. The player left without a chair becomes the next storyteller. Articles for Santa's Pack might include: doll, gun, drum, etc.

### Refreshments

Hot chocolate and cookies or cupcakes should go well for a winter evening. Perhaps the members enrolled in "Simple Desserts and Beverages" would be willing to supply the refreshments.

### Caroling

As a close for the evening why not use your favorite Christmas carols for group singing.



# YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW

## Successful Farming and Co-ops Go Hand In Hand

Growing up with a 4-H background will prove to be one of your most valuable experiences. The ideals, projects, and people you associate with will help you develop a better way to live.

Lucky for you, you've got the chance to graduate, so to speak, into a farming career with this experience. When the time comes, you may do as hundreds of young farmers are doing and join a farm Cooperative . . . because cooperatives also help farming people develop a better way to live, by offering quality products at fair prices.

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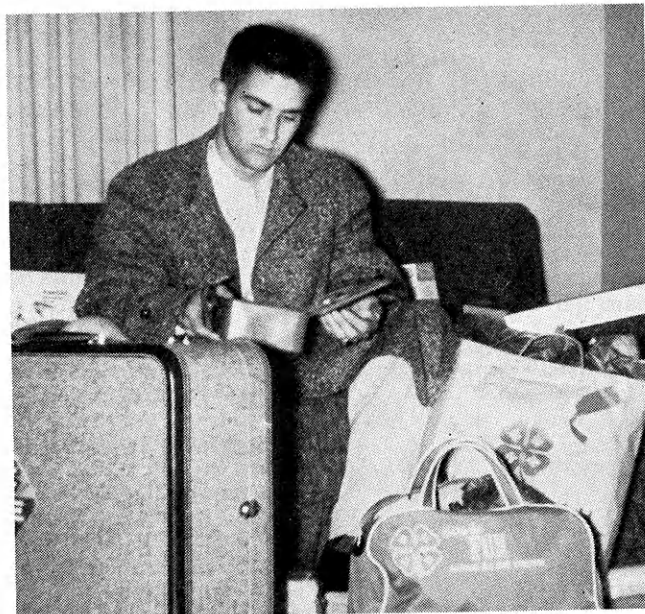
"Good morning, it is now 5:10 a.m., the temperature is 15 degrees," comes the cheery voice of a telephone operator at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago as another day of the National 4-H Congress begins.

So reports Jim Stauffer, Saline county 4-H'er, of the 35th National 4-H Congress last December. A Brown county 4-H'er, Anita Wenger, says, "It was the time of my life." Another delegate to the 1956 Congress, Marjorie Presnal of Sedgwick county, says in summary, "It's a wonderful experience and well worth working towards!"

It's the rare delegate who isn't enthusiastic about the Congress, attended each year by 1,200 4-H'ers from the 48 states. Kansas sends 30 4-H'ers each year, trips awarded on the basis of outstanding work in the various 4-H projects and activities.

This year's Congress is December 1 to 6 with 4-H'ers leaving from Kansas City's Union Station on November 30.

Always remembered by delegates at past Congresses are the banquets, parties, corsages, glamorous entertainers, celebrities, TV and radio appearances, group discussions, prominent speakers,



Jim Stauffer, Saline county, gets home from the 1956 National 4-H Congress loaded down with souvenirs and mementos but happy with it all.

bus tours with the screaming police escort, the Pullman ride, the International Live Stock Show and meeting new friends from all over the world.

All in all, it is something each of this year's delegates can look forward to with a great deal of anticipation—not as a pinnacle in their club work but rather as something which will inspire them to be even better 4-H'ers and citizens.

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## Let's Meet A Busy Jr. Leader - - Phyllis Lewis

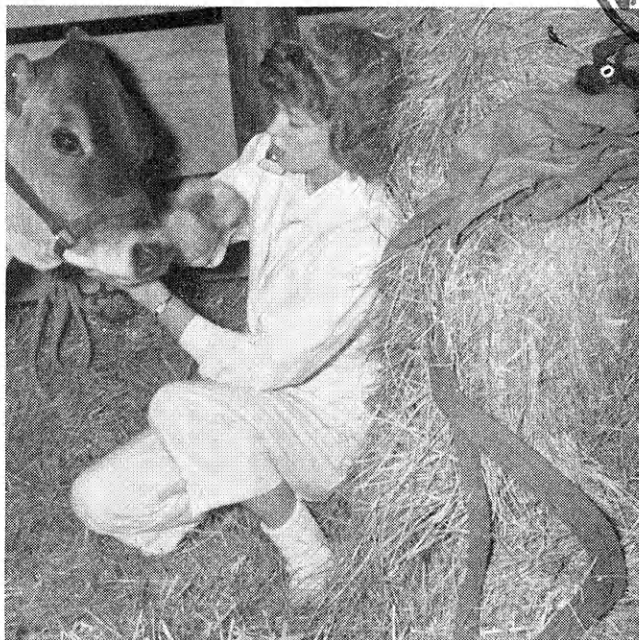
It is a wonderful experience to do Junior Leadership work in 4-H. This year the girl from Montgomery county who accomplished the most (according to club reporter Laura Anne Loomis) was awarded a trip to the State Junior Leadership Camp at Rock Springs Ranch.

Her name is Phyllis Lewis, a member of the Bob-White Club. She has served as president three years, is always a willing worker.

Recently she helped organize a new club in Coffeyville. She visited four schools talking to the principals, students and parents' groups, and personally contacting interested persons. There were 28 charter members of the new "City Slickers" 4-H Club.

There is no end to the services this junior leader offered. Phyllis taught a class of girls enrolled in Learning to Sew. Every year a few junior leaders help with county camp activities. This year Phyllis was one of the girls who "mothered" the younger girls and kept them busy.

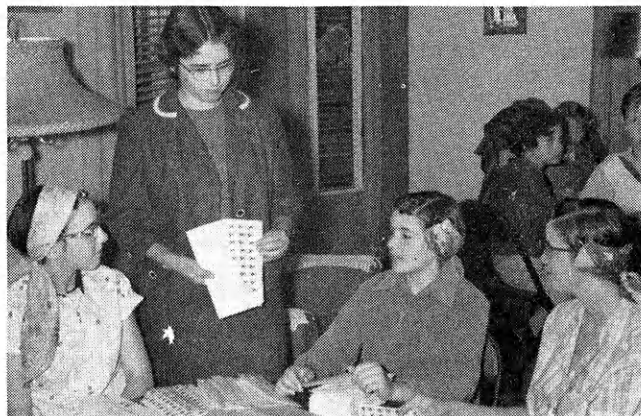
Truly a 4-H family, her parents have been club leaders five years. A sister, 9, is in her first year of 4-H. Two brothers, 12 and 13, accept help from "big sis." A younger brother Gerald, 7, is waiting for the day he can say, "I belong too!!"



In addition to her junior leadership, Phyllis Lewis takes dairy cattle as a project. Here she gets her Jersey heifer ready for the show ring at the State Fair.

In summarizing Phyllis says, "Junior leadership is such a worthwhile project and so very enjoyable. I wouldn't exchange my experiences in junior leadership for anything."

## Lots of Stuffin' Here !!



Stuffing envelopes for the Finney county TB Association are 4-H'ers Esther Pfeifer, Lilly Dreiling, Coleen and Mary Whitehurst.

Five years ago the Finney County TB Association found the mailing date for the TB seal letters less than a week away with not a one ready for mailing and no one to get them ready.

That's when the health committee of the Up and Atom Club took over. Eight thousand sheets of seals were folded and stuffed into envelopes. And all was ready for the postman on time.

Now, five years later, club members would be disappointed if not allowed to continue the project. And a streamlining of production methods means the job takes 16 members 3 hours.



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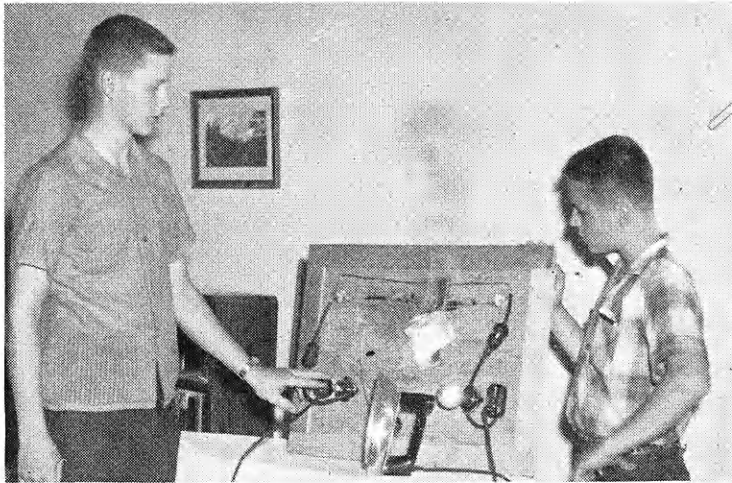
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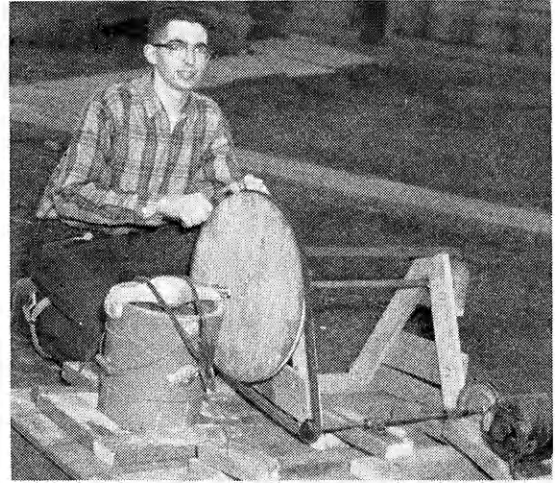
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John and Vincent Rhoads, Barton county, demonstrate the effect of overloading electric circuits with some bare wires, a piece of paper and an electric iron.



Kenneth Herbster, Brown county, really enjoys his home made ice cream now that he doesn't have to turn the freezer.



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# New Electric Project Interesting, Practical

"I find 4-H Electric a practical phase of club work due to the teaching of the safe and unlimited possibilities of electrical equipment," declares Larry Sunderland, Brown county.

4-H'ers across the state are echoing Lar-

ry's observation. Now a 4-H project, an estimated 2,500 4-H'ers participated in 4-H Electric this year as an activity.

And in 1958 when definite requirements will be in the hands of county extension agents and local leaders, enrollment is ex-

pected to be even higher.

## Kansas Winner

The 1957 Kansas winner of the project, Alan Moorhead of Sedgewick county, finds it interesting to work with electricity. Electricity makes the home by decreasing work load and by adding new forms of recreation. "It is a new city," he concludes, "it will be a basic and important part of America's technology, and the edge of electricity will bring many benefits."

And he's not kidding. With his broad knowledge of the principles of electricity, Alan is prescribing practical solutions to several of the problems experienced around the home.

## Ice Cream Freezer

For instance, almost everyone, including Alan, has an ice cream freezer, but it is always that knotty problem of someone having to turn the freezer. Alan decided to do something about it.

Result? He succeeded in coming up with an ingenious device that passes the work onto an attached electric motor. Now Alan and his father

## County Pie Contests Now, State One Jan. 11



Father Jack Clark, a clerk in the Wichita police court, really appreciates Sondra's pie baking experiences.

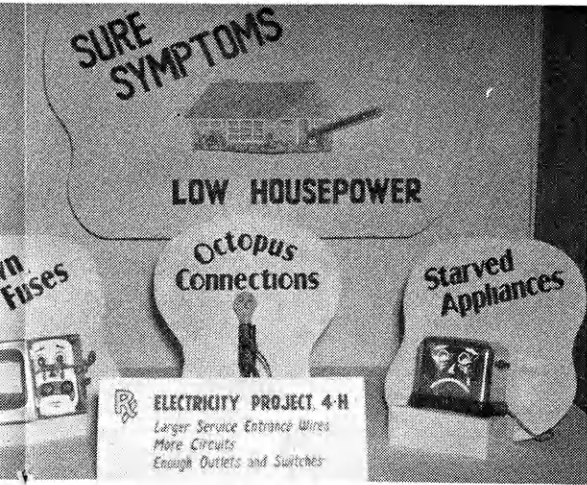
Baking cherry pies isn't all Sondra Clark, Sedgewick county, does in her spare time, but she had enough practice last winter to win the Kansas cherry pie baking contest and the right to represent Kansas in the national bake-off.

During November and December, hundreds of Kansas 4-H'ers will be participating in county contests. The state bake-off will be in Wichita, January 11. Winner in the state will participate in the national contest in Chicago, February 20. Winner there gets a trip to Washington, D. C., and a chance to present a cherry pie to the President, a \$500 scholarship, and an electric range.

Club members must be 14 years old or older to participate in the state contest. Judging will be on the basis of method of preparation (150 points), quality of pie (crust 350, filling 300), and personal qualifications (200).

All pies must be lattice top, no glazes. Further details on the contest and a detailed score card may be obtained from your county extension agent.





attractive McPherson county 4-H booth at the Kansas State Fair shows the need for adequate wiring in the home.

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enjoy good, old-fashioned freezer ice cream in less than five minutes, thanks to his knowledge of the possibilities of electricity.

Like other 4-H programs, the electric project specifies certain minimum requirements.

### Basic Year Requirements

For the basic 4-H'er, requirements are—

1. Complete at least the first five units in the Basic Workbook.
2. List, for one or more rooms in your home, the ceiling and wall lighting fixtures, and the floor and table lamps. Show the number of bulbs in each and their size in watts. List any unsafe conditions found.
3. Construct one or more electrical items from an optional list available from your club leader.

### Intermediate Requirements

In addition to constructing at least two of the optional items, Intermediate 4-H'ers must complete the following—

1. At least the first four units in the Intermediate Workbook.
2. List, for two or more additional rooms in your home, the ceiling and wall lighting fixtures, and the floor and table lamps. Show the number of



Richard Schuster, Jewell county, was 1956 state winner in the electric project. He is using an electric welder to make repairs on the farm equipment for the Schuster's 960 acre farm.

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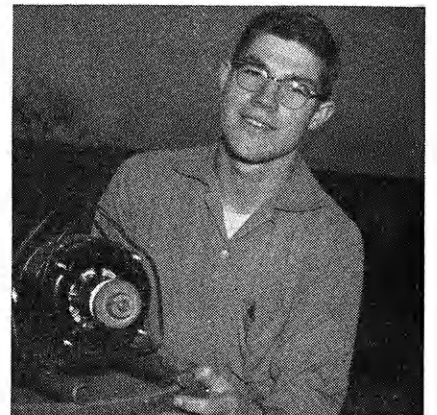
3. Complete the lamp check sheet for at least two lamps.

### Awards

Four gold medals for county winners and a trip to the National 4-H Congress for the state winner are awards furnished by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation. \$400 scholarships for six national winners are also provided.

Tentative plans have been made for additional county and state awards for both boys and girls, starting in 1958.

"I feel 4-H electric is one of the most beneficial programs we have in 4-H," declares Larry Sunderland, Brown county, of this newest of 4-H projects. "It's important because of the extensive use of electricity on the farm and in the home. We've learned a lot about safety and efficiency in the application of electricity to our own use and enough about planning to get more efficient use around the farm."



Dave Stenzel, Jewell county, built an electric motor which can be moved from job to job.



Linda Stoll, Woodson county, specializes in lighting; here she shows a lamp she made, with assistance from her father, of strap iron. A crosspiece was used to hold a pair of ivy pots.

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Farm Bureau seeks to develop a constructive program based on four parts: Legislation, public relations, education and service-to-member programs.

Farm Bureau counts membership on a family basis — one farm family — one membership. It is accurate to say that three out of four organized farmers are represented by Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau has a completely decentralized structure of organization — county, state and national.

Farm Bureau policies are developed on a non-partisan basis. Partisanship is avoided but bi-partisan support is sought to implement policies developed by the membership.



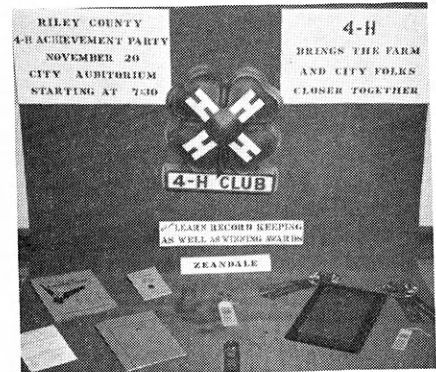
## Kansas Farm Bureau

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## 4-H'ers Boost Farm City Week, This Year To Be Nov. 22 to 28

For Farm City Week, 1956, Riley county 4-H'ers accepted the invitation of Manhattan businessmen for each club to



Window display of the Zeandale Club, Riley county, during Farm City Week in 1956.

put a window display in a store window.

Highlight of the week for the 4-H'ers was the county achievement party sponsored by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce for the 4-H members and their families.

Purpose of this year's Farm City Week November 22 to 28 in Riley county and nationwide is to give an opportunity to agriculture, industrial, educational, labor and civic organizations to work together for a better understanding between farm and city people.



Idea and drawing by Janice Pettigrew, Sumner county.

# These Boys and Girls Are 4-H Boosters—Are You?

These boys and girls, like some 20,000 other Kansas 4-H'ers, enjoy and believe they get enough value from club work to reenroll again next year.

And when these four ask some prospective club members to join their local club (and it is expected there will be more than 10,000 such prospects join 4-H this year), this is what they'll say—

**Jon Nuttle, Ness county** (shown in picture 1 training his cow for the show ring), says the most valuable thing he has received in 4-H is training in "learning how to keep records."

His father heartily agrees that he now does a good job of keeping records. He adds, "It's been of value to both of us. It showed us that it costs \$82 to keep a heifer the first year. And if you spend that kind of money, you better make sure it's a good heifer."

Jon adds that most 4-H'ers enjoy camping most of all. But his personal preference is exhibiting and showing his cattle at the fair. 14 years old, Jon says, "If kids stay in 4-H long enough they'll profit more than if they are in just a year or so."

"**Three reasons I am staying in 4-H,**" remarks Mary Gilman (making a Russian Salad in picture 2), 16-year-old member of the Hornets Club in Leavenworth county, "are—

1. Junior leadership gets me into a group my own age. There aren't many teen-agers in this neighborhood so its important for that reason.

2. Last year I was real active in junior leadership. Every little girl I helped with sewing got blue ribbons. When those girls came up to me with their blue ribbons it was almost better than winning them myself.

3. Every year from every 4-H project group I work with, I learn something a little different. Every year the kids seem to

do the same thing, but it really isn't the same thing. They grow and I grow with them."

Mary concludes, "I'm just to the point where I can take advantage of all the years I've been in 4-H."

**Twelve-year-old Mike O'Grady** (painting a lawn chair in picture 3), Gray county, has woodworking as his major project. He is also interested in food preparation.

In woodworking he says he has learned "how to use a power screw driver, power saw, power plane and other power tools. In his woodworking projects he has made a chair, tray for food, knife rack, book rack and card table.

In four years as a club member he has given demonstrations at every county fair and county 4-H Day contest.

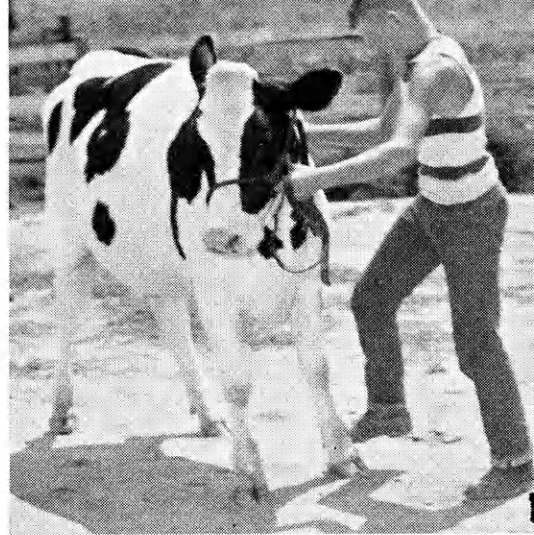
Mike also has a lot of fun in 4-H. He says, "I enjoy our picnics after the tours. And if we get our projects done by a certain time, we go to Meade to visit the Dalton Hide Out and to Dodge City to see Boot Hill."

**Enthusiastic 10-year-old Margaret Catherine Cain** (picture 4 with flowers she raised from seeds given her by a garden club member) says "I like to find out on tours what the other kids do. It gives me ideas as to what I might do next year.

"I enjoy giving demonstrations, only sometimes I get a little nervous."

In regard to county extension agent Willis Blume (who's also her Sunday School teacher), she says, "I like him, he's fun."

Next year in 4-H, Margaret adds, "I'm going to take sewing again and then I'd like to raise a calf. I'd like to lead recreation again. This year they even asked me to lead recreation for the model meeting."





Berenice Beasterfeld, Wabaunsee county, tells her friends that rabbits ears are not handles. Berenice raises nearly 200 rabbits as a project, sells part of them as dressed rabbit and the remainder to a laboratory for experiments.



Members of the Shannon Club, Atchison county, do "The End of the World" as a folk game for club recreation.

**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.



Larry Wilcoxson, Osborne county, says hog raising is an enjoyable project, here shows 10 pigs he raised from his Sears Tamworth gilt. He feeds them ground milo, supplement, milk and sudan pasture.

# Kansas IFYE's in Europe Send Pictures, Letters

## Greetings From Sweden

By Marylen Nelson, Saline Co.

Last week I was most fortunate as my host family had made plans to attend a farmers convention in Smaland, a region of Sweden where, generally, there is the poorest farm land.

The three large farms we visited were exceptions to the average farm—one had 7,000 acres in forest and 800 acres in crops.

Twenty-five workers are regularly employed and their small cottages are like a small village.

The visiting farmers learned from the careful planning necessary on the large farms how they could improve their smaller ones.

The next day we visited a famous glass factory. It is a marvelous thing to see the workers take a clump of molten glass on the end of a pole with a hole in it, and blow till they have a desired vase or bowl. Then some of it goes upstairs where the artists cut in designs. Later we see these in the windows of the famous stores all over the world.

Also in this day's program was a visit to a plow factory. First we went to a museum to see the development of plows in Sweden.

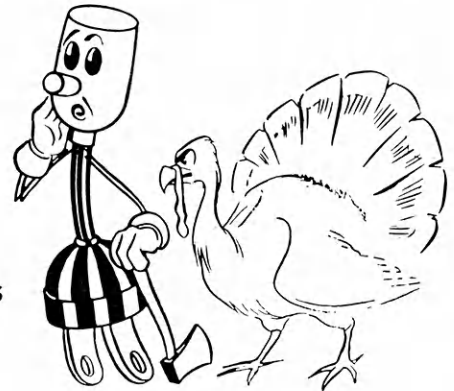
Then the factory. First we saw the molding of the various parts, the assembly line, painting the machine and finally the loading onto trucks which takes them to the implement stores.

There is a great contrast in the farms in this small country. There are so very many small farms. Here the majority of the people struggle very hard to make a living in contrast to a few barons who are the very rich. Generally the Swedes have a stamina and perseverance that will keep them going.



IFYE delegate to the Netherlands, Joan Skupa of Republic county, returns from a trip to the beach with Jany Stroo, an IFYE sister.

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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.*

## Achievement Showcase Replaces Fall Tour

Rather than have a second tour of club projects on a hot and tiresome summer trip, the Flying C Club, Linn county, invited the community to an Achievement Showcase. The idea was



4-H'ers, leaders, county agents and the community were invited to attend the "Achievement Showcase" of the Flying C Club, Linn county.

to display each phase of 4-H work except livestock which had been previously viewed on the spring tour.

The members met in the afternoon and arranged displays of foods, clothing, food preservation, woodworking, room improvement and gardening. As the guests arrived in the evening, they were greeted by the 4-H members who guided them through the various displays. A short program included a style review by the girls.

## 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.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were served to 110 persons attending. Colleen Ungelheuer.

## Play Cards, Have Fun, Make Money

A card benefit party was the money making project for the Pleasant Valley 4-H Club, Comanche county. Club members set up card tables, fixed tallies and organized the ticket stand in a local veterans' club the afternoon before the event.

Each 4-H family brought a cake or two pies to be sold with cokes and coffee in a concession stand. Extra pies and cakes were auctioned off at the end of the evening.

Karla White, Rep.

## Tells of India Life

Family life in India as compared to family life in the U. S. was the topic of the talk given by Mr. Hardey Gill, IFYE exchangee from India, when

So the health committee of the Up and Atom Club was contacted to see if they would help.

Phones were soon ringing and 1,239 families were contacted by the committee. 309 were called twice, 82 three times, and 21 four times.

Lilly Dreiling, Rep.

## Pick Up That Toy!

A safe home is a happy one. And the home ec girls of the Country Pals Club, Thomas county, are making their homes safe. They have checked these hazards, corrected them and plan on continuing their practices:

1. Medicines and poisons out of reach of small children.
2. Matches placed in metal containers out of reach of small children.
3. Electric cords properly placed and in good repair.
4. Needles and pins where small children cannot get them.
5. Floor coverings and throw rugs properly fastened in place to prevent falls.
6. All stairways lighted and kept clean of objects.
7. Old papers, magazines and trash cleaned from basements to prevent fires.
8. Oily dust cloths stored in a metal container to prevent fires.
9. No gasoline or cleaning fluids stored near open flame.
10. Handles of pans on stoves turned back so children won't pull them off and get burned.

Dorothy Murphy, Rep.

## Chicken Barbecue Helps Victims

Sponsored by the East Oxford Extension Unit and the Stanley Lions Club with the Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club in charge of pop sales, a chicken barbecue raised money to help victims of the tornado of May 30 near Olathe.

More than 1,000 participated, ranging from children who played on the schoolground swings and teeter-totters to ladies with corsages, young men and their favorite girls, proud parents and grandparents.

David B. Anderson, Rep.

## Sponsors Community Talent Show

VE-GO 4-H Club, Gove county, sponsors an Annual Home Talent Stunt Night to which all clubs, lodges and organizations in the community are invited to participate. An admission charge nets from \$75 to \$125 per year.

Sondra Lea Owens, Rep.

## PARENTS CUT THE RUG

(Blue Award Story)

Costumed in ivy league caps, hip jeans and bermuda shorts, the parents of the Maple Leaf Rustlers, Stevens county, presented a "model" meeting for the parents' night program.

The gum-popping officers presided at

he spoke to the Healy Sunflower Club, Lane county. He said that in India all decisions were made by the parents for their children, even to marriage. Upon marriage the woman moves to the home of the man and becomes a part of his family. Under this plan several generations may be living in the same house.

Roxanna Kelch, Rep.

## Up and Atom Helps in Emergency

Time was running out for the Finney county polio committee and over half of the names in the phone directory remained to be called.

They needed to know how many people had taken polio shots and how many shots each had taken.

the "Maple Sugar Donothing" meeting.

Boots and a horse were acquired for the Round-up delegate and musical talent was discovered in a piano and guitar duet.

Lee Burrows talked on his "fat elephant" project, chosen because hay and peanuts were major crops on his farm. Two mothers demonstrated all the ways not to use when packing a suitcase and music appreciation was on Pat Boone.

Surprise number was a kitchen band doing their rendition of "Mocking Bird Hill."

Florence Cutter, Rep.

#### 4-H'ers Play The Tune For Rats

(Blue Award Story)

The "Pied Pipers" of the Kechi Club, Sedgwick county, are on the march. Older members and junior leaders have been conducting a door-to-door canvass of the farms and homes in the area asking the question, "Do you have any rats?"

Members are leaving literature at every door telling of the costliness of rats and mice and how to exterminate them. A warfaring product is being sold and orders taken for bait boxes.

In order to stimulate interest in this health project among the other clubs in the county, members are attending monthly 4-H meetings to tell of the work the Kechi Club has done over a three-year period.

Diane Conover, Rep.

#### Home Improvement Tour Of Home

A tour of the Loren Wilks home, Dodge City, was a highlight of the Richland Boosters club activities. Mr. and Mrs. Wilks described their house plans, color schemes and told how they did the interior decorating in their four level home. The colors

turquoise, pink and black were blended with mahogany furniture and woodwork throughout the house. Mrs. Wilks has done needlepoint work for her chairs and made an afghan for the living room. Shallow drawers throughout the house helps Mrs. Wilks keep everything in it's place. In the kitchen the dishwasher and refrigerator have been sprayed a copper color to blend with the woodwork and cabinets. The window shade is of a cotton material which matches the curtains.

Carol Jean Hamilton, Rep.

#### Here and There

The Thrifty Thrivers Club, **Labette** county, held a local style review and tea attended by 65 people . . . A demonstration on "how to freeze eggs" was given at the parents' night meeting of the Abbyville Club, **Reno** county . . . "You can restore your white nylons" was a project talk given by Judy Magoffin at a meeting of the Salem Club, **Reno** county . . . "How to make a rope halter," was demonstrated by Lawrence Schrag at a meeting of the Ninnescah Club, **Reno**

county . . . Walnut Club, **Reno** county, had a wiener roast in October. Clothing project leaders Mrs. Russell Conard and Mrs. Harold Haun discussed the judges' comments and suggested improvements in articles exhibited by the Tiny Toilers 4-H girls at the Pawnee County Fair . . . Steve Stanton of the Richland Boosters Club, **Ford** county, suggests in a project talk that "it is best to get your steers early so you can work with them longer" . . . The Cottonwood Club, **Reno** county, have plans for a hayrack ride . . . The Huntsville Club, **Reno** county, voted to contribute \$5.00 to the Sylvia Fair Association . . . The September meeting was achievement night for the Oboe Club, **Reno** county . . . Grade school age members of the Jayhawker Club, **Linn** county, presented a panel discussion on dental health for the Prescott PTA meeting. The girls of the club presented a style show . . . **Reno** county annual achievement program will be November 30 . . . Younger members of the Ninnescah Club, **Reno** county, showed health posters they plan to place in store windows at their September meeting.

#### Letters . . .

*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.*

#### Accident Brings Action To Fore

Dear Editor:

Safety is our club program and we do try to practice it, but sometimes it takes something drastic to bring it home to us. Last year, on Friday the 13th, my son Keith, suffered a very badly broken arm as a result of a few moments foolishness.

Of course every one was sorry and our school has been safety conscious this year with no serious accident at all.

While laid up Keith wrote the following that I thought might interest some of your readers.

Safety First 'In Worse Verse'

Listen my children  
And I'll tell to you,  
A story in verse  
That is sad, but true.  
On Friday, the thirteenth,  
In fifty-six,  
I sure did get  
Myself in a fix.  
I was racing with my teacher  
And my schoolmate fond and true.  
We were racing on our bikes  
In the road, in front of our school.  
We were having lots of fun  
'Till some trouble came along.  
In missing one, I hit the other  
And landed in the ditch, upon my  
shoulder.

My arm was broken in such a way  
It sent me to the hospital to stay.  
Two weeks I spent in that hospital  
bed,

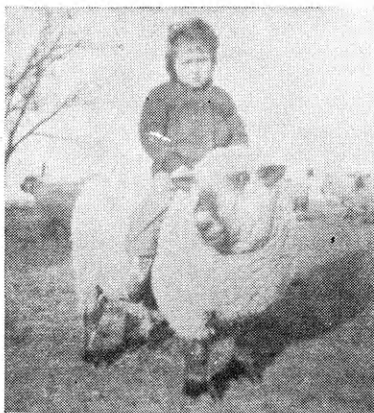
A long way from home and my calves  
that I feed.

The nurses were so nice,  
My friends and family too.  
And I'll say, Dr. McCrae  
Was the hero of the day.  
Eleven pounds of weight  
He tied to my arm  
To straighten it out  
And repair all that harm.  
X-rays they took  
Of my arm galore.  
They took them aft  
And they took them fore.  
So there I lay  
Both night and day  
With my arm in the air  
And I still couldn't wave.  
There's more to your arm than bone,  
you know.

There's muscle and nerves there too.  
And to get them working in tip top  
shape,

You can see what I had to go through.  
Two weeks of school  
I had to miss.  
I tell you for sure  
'Twas because of this  
I missed the program and all the fun  
We have on our last day of school.  
That "pot-luck" dinner we always  
have  
I missed it too, by gum.

Mrs. Wm. Vestal  
Mitchell County



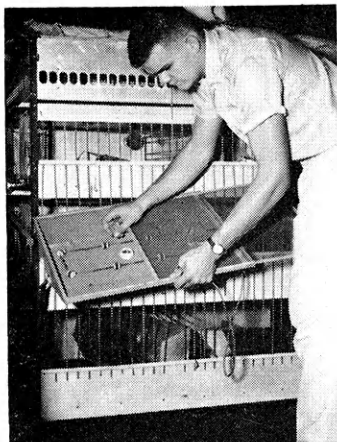
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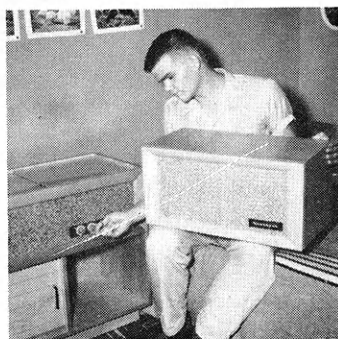
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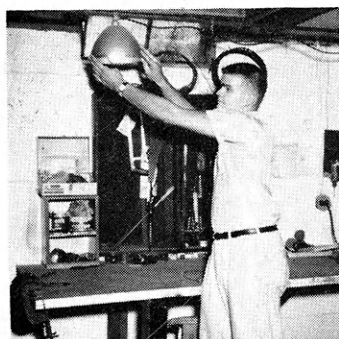
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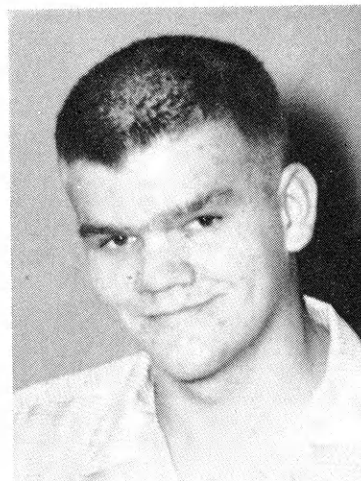
Alan handles the maintenance work on the two turkey batteries and one brooder owned by the Moore family.



Alan is justly proud of the hi-fi set he assembled and constructed.



This clever lighting installation by Alan permits the lamp to be slid along the rod to the area where it's needed. He emphasizes special work center lighting in his lighting demonstrations.



## ALAN MOORE, Delano 4-H Club Sedgwick County

It's "on to Chicago" for Alan Moore, 18 year old Freshman at Friends University in Wichita. As his reward for being selected Kansas' 4-H Electric Projects winner for 1957, Alan will receive a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago in December.

Alan's two years in Electric Projects have been busy ones. For the record, he has constructed 21 pieces of electrical equipment, repaired or adjusted 20, and has been a leader in his club's electrical activities and demonstrations. The knowledge and experience he gained strongly influenced his decision to study for a career in electrical engineering.

He says, "I originally selected the electric activity for several seasons. It fits in well with my woodwork and turkey projects . . . it is interesting to work with and study . . . it furnishes more enjoyable living in the home by decreasing the work load and by adding new forms of recreation . . . finally, electricity is and will be a basic and important part of America's technology."

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