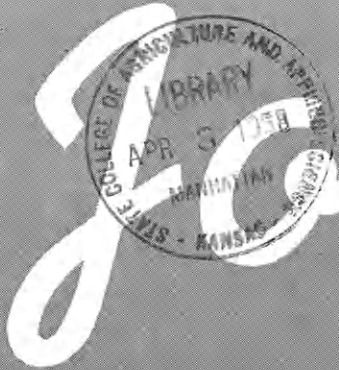


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For Kay Springer of Ford county this was the first time for filling out a 4-H judging card. And here to help her at the 1957 Lewis Field Day near Larned is county extension agent Don Wiles. For more judging pictures see page 9.

A Tribute To An Outstanding Man

Kansas will lose a dedicated 4-H worker on April 30 when J. Harold Johnson retires as state club leader.

He started his 4-H work in Sedgwick county 31 years ago. Businessmen, 4-H alumni and former leaders there still remember him and hold him in high esteem. He left Sedgwick county nearly 25 years ago to become assistant state club leader.

There's many a new innovation in club work that can be traced to Johnson. Some of them are listed on the opposite page.

Johnson has been a staunch supporter of 4-H work as a profession. Johnson himself has been in 4-H all of his working life, starting as a club agent in 1927, going from there to the state office in 1935.

And since he has been state club leader, the number of counties with club agents has risen from 9 in 1944 to 36 in 1958. The number was cut from 44 in 1957 because of a lack of state and county funds.

Johnson has safeguarded the integrity of the 4-H name, defended it against all those who would have taken undue advantage of it and upheld the true educational principles of 4-H.

To many who have known him well his intelligence and personal integrity have been a constant source of inspiration. His work load, too, has been tremendous.

And through the many difficulties of his job as state club leader, co-workers know he has not lost his well developed but often subtle sense of humor.

There has probably been no other person in Kansas that has made more business and civic friends for 4-H Club work than has J. Harold Johnson.

Business executives and civic leaders in Kansas and far beyond Kansas borders know and respect Johnson as a representative of 4-H Club work. Many have been introduced to club work by Johnson, become more interested in it's work and have invested heavily of their time and money.

His vision has kindled the imagination of hundreds of friends of 4-H Club work to the

New State 4-H Leader Named

Roger E. Regnier has been appointed state 4-H Club leader, effective May 1.

Regnier replaces J. Harold Johnson who retires. See the story on the opposite page.

Regnier has both his B.S. and M.S. from Kansas State College. He taught vocational agriculture at Pleasanton and Fairview High Schools before starting in extension as Russell county agricultural agent in 1934. He came to K-State as assistant state club leader in 1937.

In addition to his duties as district supervisor of 4-H for eastern and southeastern Kansas, Regnier has had general supervision of the 4-H livestock program, Round-up, and state

junior leader camps.

He was raised as a Pottawatomie county farm boy.

In commenting on his appointment, Regnier said, 'Kansas has had a fine, strong 4-H program. It is a challenge to continue this fine program.'



Roger E. Regnier

"We hope to have the participation of all sections of the Extension Service in continuing the development of the Kansas 4-H program."

possibilities of good that can be done by working with and encouraging the 4-H Clubs.

Johnson, retiring from the state leader position, does not necessarily retire from 4-H work. Let's all hope he will be an active 4-H worker and supporter for years to come.

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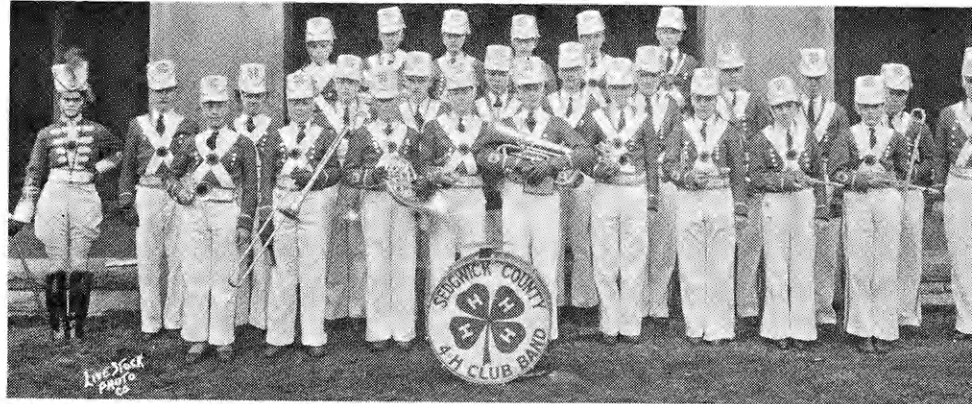
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Working in 4-H sometimes means a variety of tasks. The late 1940's found Harold Johnson auctioning off a hat for a 4-H money raising drive.



Johnson's first job in 4-H was as Sedgwick county club agent. Here he, extreme right, and Mrs. Johnson, extreme left, accompany the 4-H Band to the International Livestock Exposition and the National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

State 4-H Club Leader To Retire

J. Harold Johnson, Kansas 4-H leader, retires April 30 after 31 years as a 4-H worker.

State leader since 1945, Johnson began his 4-H career in Sedgwick county in 1927 as the first 4-H agent in Kansas. A graduate of K-State, he has a M. A. degree from George Washington U., Washington, D. C.

From 1935 to 1945 Johnson was assistant state club leader and supervised 4-H programs in Southwest Kansas counties.

As an extension worker Johnson has been a leader in establishing advisory groups of club members and leaders.

Local club advisory committees are now active throughout the state. State advisory groups such as the Extension Advisory Committee on 4-H Club work, the Kansas Committee on 4-H Club Work, Kansas 4-H Foundation and continuation committees for state club events have all been formed in recent years.

The state 4-H leadership center, Rock Springs Ranch, an area comprising 348 acres near Junction City, was acquired and has been improved during Johnson's tenure. An average of 5,000 boys and girls attend the site each summer for camps and leadership training conferences.

Under his leadership Kansas took an early lead in the International Farm Youth Exchange program. Kansas is still the leader in member delegates to other countries and in acting as hosts to visitors from other lands.

Looking to the future, Johnson says, "If the outstanding contribution of 4-H Club work to prepare young people for good citizenship is to continue, there must be more county club agents, not less. All boys and girls are entitled to a good education. Democracy depends upon a well informed citizenry. Education for all people is basic."



Representing the 4-H Clubs of the state, Johnson receives the gift of a beef animal to be sold for the benefit of Rock Springs Ranch.

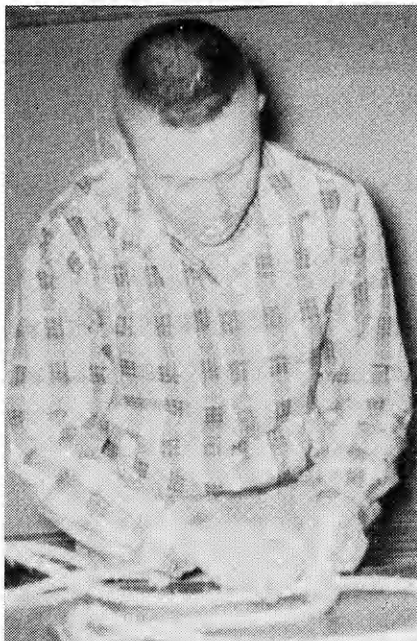
Left, looks as if one of Mr. Johnson's jobs in "retirement" will be keeping the fireplace in wood for himself and Mrs. Johnson in their farm east of Manhattan. Center, Mr. Johnson, in retirement, will live on and

operate a 280-acre general farm. Right, in his office at Manhattan, state club leader goes through some of the paper work necessary in the supervision of an educational program for 31,000 Kansas boys and girls.





Top, Calvin Koch, 1957 Kansas beef winner from Rice county, suggests 4-H'ers measure feed for steers with cans rather than weighing the feed each time. By knowing the weight of feed per can, accurate measurements can be made much easier. Bottom, Calvin gives a demonstration on making a serviceable rope halter at county 4-H Day.



Getting a beef animal ready for the showing requires many hours of hard work, reports Calvin.

1957 State 4-H Winner Gives Beef Project Tips, Suggestions

More barley and oats in a ration will mellow a steer's flesh, says Calvin Koch, Kansas 1957 beef winner from Rice county.

Even if you use a commercial feed, it may be necessary to adjust the ration to fit your steer's condition, Calvin adds. They are made for the calf with average fleshing.

On the other extreme, Calvin adds, milo and corn will harden a steer's flesh.

Beef for 11 Years

Feeding and showing beef steers for 11 years as a club member has been the core of Calvin's club program. He started with one heifer, had 10 steers and six cows in 1957.

He supported his beef project with 10 acres of milo and 10 acres of oats as feed crops and 10 acres of wheat as a cash and pasture crop.

Raise Your Own Grain

"If you raise your own grain, you can make money on steers by feeding them up to prime," says Calvin. "Heifer projects are good if you want to establish a cow herd of your own.

"Steers should be on full feed 11 or 12 months before selling them or before the final show you plan to attend.

"You should shoot for a 950 to a 1050 pound calf. This means you should start with a 400-450 pound calf.

Breeds Differ

"Shorthorns are a heavier breed, Herefords medium and Angus light. You wouldn't need quite as long a feeding period on Angus as you would on Shorthorn or Hereford," Calvin adds in advising on time to buy and weight to consider in selecting a project.

"I suggest club members always feed to make money rather than to win a show. I try to feed the cheapest ration I can and still get a top rate gain on my steers. Right now I'm stumped on whether to feed milo or corn," Calvin continues.

"For beginning club members I wouldn't advise buying a calf for too much money. Use the first two or three years as experience in feeding and management rather than trying to win everything."

Beef Demonstrations

Calvin gave two beef demonstrations at county 4-H Days. One, pictured at right, was on making rope halters. The second was on "Preparing a Feed Ration for Steers."

In this demonstration he suggested feeding 2 to 2½ pounds of grain per 100 pounds of steer. And instead of weighing the feed each time, he suggested members weigh the feed in a can and then use the can for measuring in the future.

Left, Calvin is proud of the steers he showed as a group of 3 in the American Royal open class, placing third. Right, Calvin, in 1948, starts winning awards as an eleven-year-old showman with a Shorthorn cow he bought at the State Shorthorn sale.



New 4-H Electric Awards Announced

Announcement of a series of awards for the new 4-H Electric project have been announced by Kansas Electric Companies and Rural Electric Cooperatives.

These are in addition to those presented by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.

County awards include a certificate of recognition to one boy and one girl.

An electrical appliance is to be awarded to not more than 5 boys and 5 girls in a state blue award group.

An additional award for the blue award group includes participation in an "Electric Day." Also invited for the "Electric Day" activities will be one project leader for each blue award winner and a county extension agent from each state blue award winner's county.

Westinghouse awards include a maximum of four gold medals for county winners, a trip to the National 4-H Congress for a state winner and six \$400 college scholarships for national winners.

Colt Members Notice

Miss Irene Zane of Sunny-slope Farm, Scott City, suggests that 4-H members with mares foaling this spring should have their mares rebred on the 9th day after foaling and exposed to the stallion again on the 30th day.

The earlier the mare is rebred, the easier she is to rebreed. And if rebred on either the 9th or 30th day after foaling, the mare should have a colt every year.

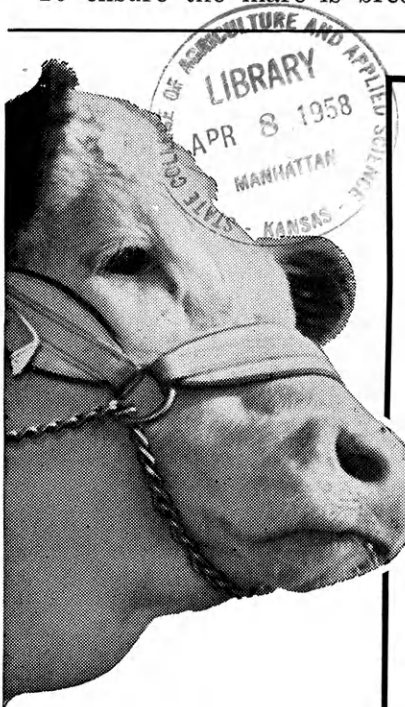
To ensure the mare is bred,

most horsemen advise the mare be exposed to the stallion twice.

4-H'ers with Kansas 4-H Foundation mares are reminded they are obligated to have their mares bred after foaling.

Flag Set Presented

A flag set containing flags from the 81 member countries of the United Nations has been presented to Rock Springs Ranch by the Consumers Cooperative Association of Kansas City, Missouri. The flags were presented in the interest of international understanding.



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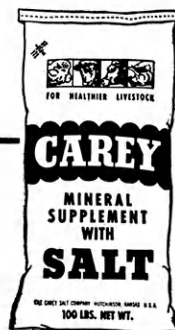
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Counties May Send Two to State Music Camp

4-H music-makers have until May 2 to register for the state music camp at Rock Springs Ranch June 3 to 7. Each county may send one boy and one girl. Extra names may be submitted in case some counties do not use their quota. The camp fee for the four days is \$11.75.

Making primitive musical instruments may be a part of the handicraft program. Instruments can be made from bamboo,

and one-stringed violins are a possibility.

Lester Weatherwax of Wichita will have a class on song leadership. Music appreciation will be taught by Miss Catherine Strouse from the department of music at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia. Tommy Davis, instructor of stringed instruments in Kansas City, may also have a class on the guitar.

4-H'ers will probably be asked

to bring their musical instruments with them.

In addition to the music activities, campers will participate in crafts, rifle range, handicrafts, swimming and other sports. On the last night a talent show is also greatly enjoyed.

Left, Carole Magoffin of Reno county and Benny Oeding of Finney county receive guitar instruction at last year's camp. Right, guitar practice seems to be secondary to soaking up the sun for Mildred McFladden, Kiowa county, and Patsy Rawson, McPherson county.



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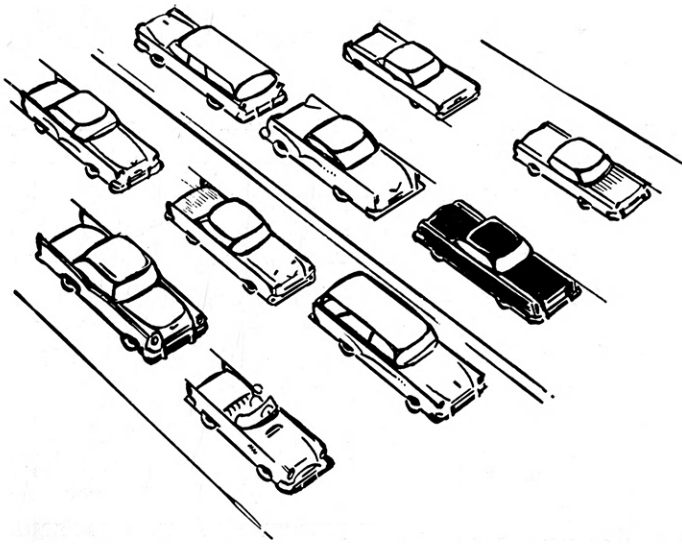
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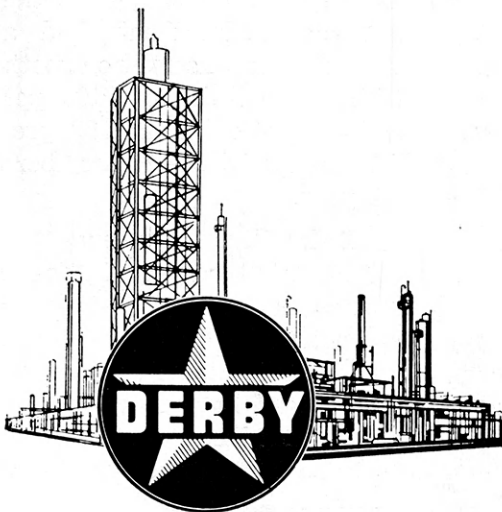
1. Auto safety on and off the highway.
2. Basic maintenance and care of the family car.
3. Principles and operation of the automobile.

The new Automotive Project will be available in 1958 to 4-H'ers in Saline, Wyandotte, Norton, Labette and Grant counties. Experience gained with the program this year will aid in making it available to additional counties later on.

For a blue award group of 4-H'ers enrolled in the project, an educational trip and other awards will be provided by the project sponsor – the Derby Refining Company of Wichita, Kansas.



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Reasons for Success

Parent cooperation and member interest are reasons given by Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Stout for the outstanding record compiled by the Bazaar club in Chase county.

The Bazaar club is a small organization with 24 members this year. The largest the club has been is 28 members, the smallest 13. It was organized originally in 1929 and reorganized in 1947 after several war years of inactivity. The Stouts have been leaders since 1939.

Good Beef Project Record

Probably proudest of their record in beef showing, the club has gained many honors in that field. Last year's awards included champion Herefords at the county spring beef show and county fair, champion Angus and reserve grand champions of the Wichita junior livestock show and the Chase county fair. Hereford, Angus, and Shorthorn champions have been shown by club members consistently for the last six years.

Chase county agent, J. M.

The officers and leaders of the Bazaar club discuss business before the club meeting (top picture). Shown are Elmore Stout, leader; Ronnie Scott, president; Mrs. Stout, leader; and Velva Burton, secretary. In the second picture, Vernon C. Hoffman, assistant county agent, visits Velva and Dennis Burton and one of their prize-winning dairy cows. Stanley Stout speaks out at the Bazaar club meeting, third picture. Below, he is shown grooming his prize heifer.

Buoy, also cites the club's livestock program and the dairy fitting and showing record of Velva and Dennis Burton. The Burtons won first and second in dairy heifer fitting and showing in their 4-H club classes, in the open classes, and at the Kansas Free Fair in Topeka.

"I don't believe there is a girl that doesn't carry some livestock project in addition to her home economics ones," Mrs. Stout said.

Parents Cooperate

"The genuine interest of the parents in seeing their youngsters do their job well is one of the most important things in making this club tick," Mr. Stout said. "It is understood that parents will come to meetings. It's the finest thing for the kids to put on a meeting before their parents. If they can do it then, they can anywhere."

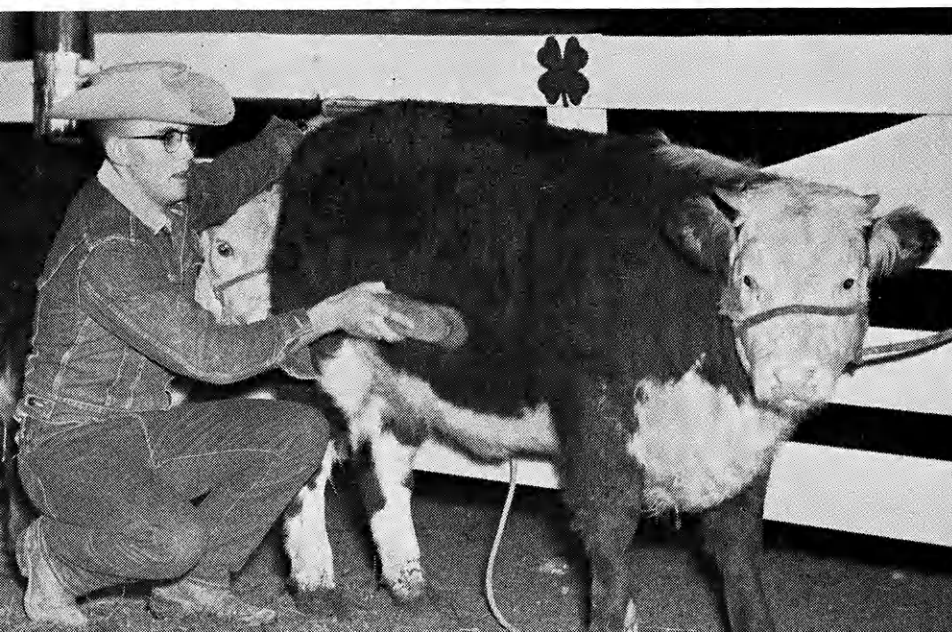
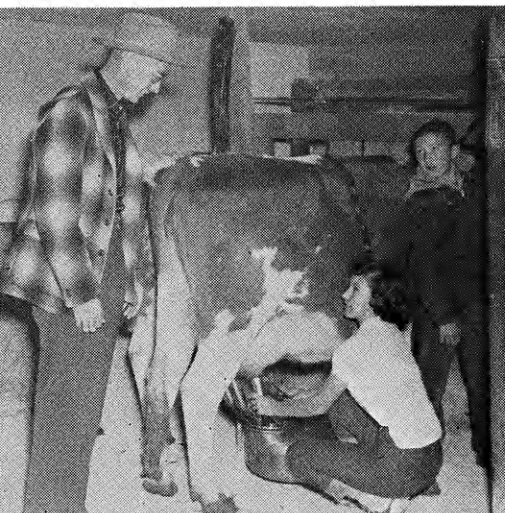
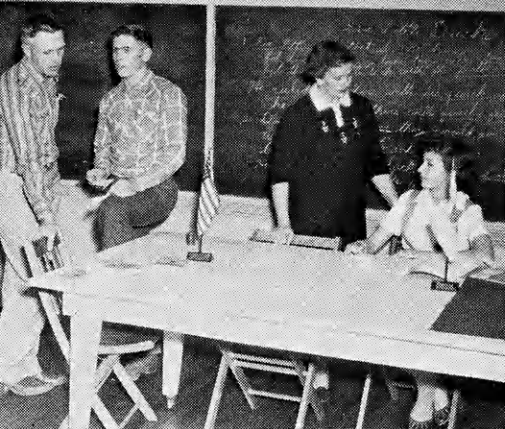
This parent interest is partly responsible for the fact that Bazaar club members stay all the way through high school. "They look forward to 4-H Days and being junior leaders, and their folks just expect them to stay in 4-H work," Mrs. Stout explained.

The project tours were mentioned by the Stouts as one of the club's best activities. However, the club has also had the top model meeting at county 4-H Day many times, built the first-place rodeo float, had a purple ribbon conservation booth at the Free Fair, and 100 per cent completion of the 98 projects carried by the 16 members last year.

Talks Give Experience

The Stouts try to see that each club member gives three talks or demonstrations during the year. They believe this helps organize thinking and helps members express themselves.

"School officials tell us all the time that they can see the development of the boys and girls



of Rural Club Cited

in 4-H. Definitely the project work is important," Mrs. Stout said, "but I think they get a lot of good out of their parliamentary work. We should never underestimate the value of being able to conduct a good meeting. And keeping records is getting more important every year."

Community service projects of the club have included testing cows for TB, painting mailboxes, testing water wells, helping with the polio fund drive, donating to CARE, and making a survey of polio shots received.

Eight Purple Seals

The club has received eight purple seals and three gold seals

for their charter.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout, as leaders, attend meetings, help with programs and committees, help with project selection and completion. Mr. Stout says, "A leader has to have a genuine interest in every member if the club is to be successful. You can take almost any member, if he's willing, and make a good officer of him."

After reviewing the Bazaar club's outstanding all-around record, the Stouts were asked about particular advice for other clubs. "Stress parent cooperation," they said. "They do all this, we don't."



Kathleen Miser, gives a colorful demonstration on Christmas decorations to members of the Bazaar club.

Spring Judging Events Planned

"4-H judging events teach selection and desirable standards that are useful in making decisions in later life," says Roger Regnier, assistant state 4-H club leader. "The practice that girls get in judging will carry over into wise buying as a home-maker."

Many district judging contests in livestock, crops, and home economics are being held during the months of April and May. Some of the better known ones are listed below. See your county agent for rules of each contest and eligibility requirements.

April 5—District Livestock Judging Contest at Coldwater.

April 12—District Livestock

Judging Contest at Jetmore.

April 17—Better Beef Day in Geary county.

April 19—John M. Lewis and Sons Field Day at Larned.

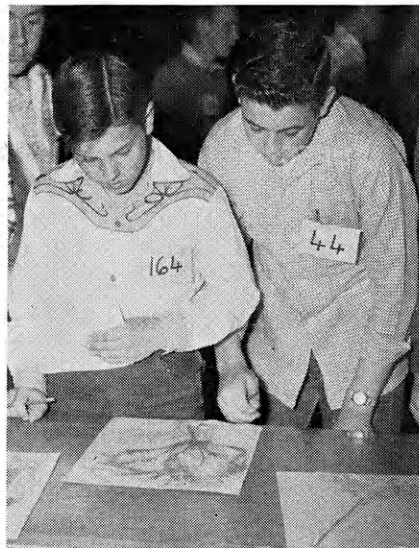
April 19—District 4-H Livestock Judging School in Kearney county.

April 26—4-H Judging Contest (home economics, crops, and livestock) at Hays Experiment Station.

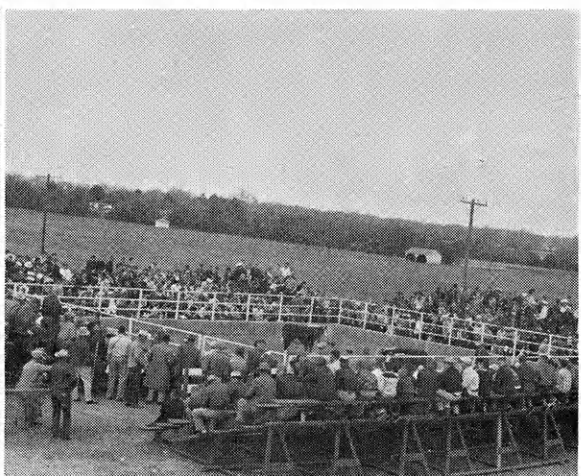
May 3—District Home Economics Judging School at Garden City.

May 10—District Home Economics Judging Contest at Colby.

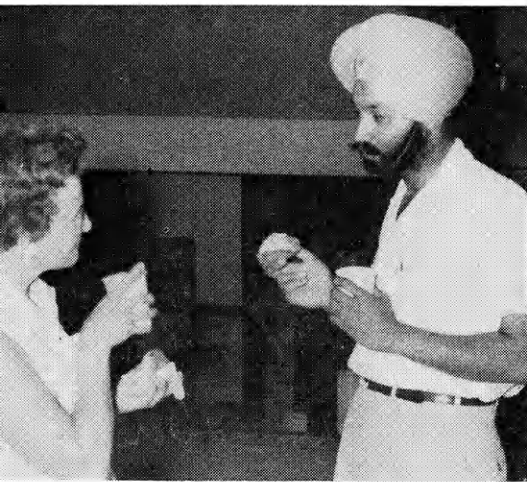
May 10—O'Bryan Field Day (livestock) at Hiattville.



At upper right, Loren Dietz of Barton county and Roy Schild of Phillips county examine a crops judging exhibit at the Hays Judging School. Below right, the livestock arena is crowded at the 1957 Hays Judging School. At lower left, Marianne, Robert, and Johnny Lewis inspect a steer at the John M. Lewis and Sons Field Day.



IFYE Host Families Advise Treating Exchangees Like Family



"He was like a neighbor boy," the Jim Douthit family of St. Francis said of their IFYE visitor from India.

Hardev Singh Gill, 24, was a government extension worker in India visiting here in 1957 as part of the IFYE program. He wrote of his host family, "Even though my home is in India and I look a bit different than most Americans, I felt a member of the family because there was no difference in their treatment of the other children and myself."

The Douthits have asked to be an IFYE host family again this summer. Their advice to other host families is to "treat the IFYE guest as you want your son or daughter treated."

"Just Members of the Family"

"We treat our guests from other countries just as members of the family. We expect them to take part in family activities—church, meetings, and social functions." This is the sound advice of the M. E. Neher family of Quinter.

The Nehers have had considerable experience with international students. Visitors in their home have been from India, China, Italy, Greece, Holland, Africa and Korea.

"It's so very educational," Mrs. Neher said. "I think we learn more than they do, actually. It has meant a lot to our children to have these visitors. The people that don't have them don't know what they are missing."



Hardev Gill, Indian IFYE, (top picture) visits in the Cheyenne county court house with Mrs. Edwin O'Leary. Piero Ferretti, Italian IFYE, discusses grape production with one of his hosts, Norris Rees of Jefferson county. The children of Kenneth Hassler see family pictures of William Ramirez, IFYE from Costa Rica. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Grecian of Graham county have signed for their first IFYE visitor and expect it to be educational experience for their entire family including two boys.

Apply for First IFYE

The Lester Grecian family, cattle and wheat farmers in Graham county, have applied for their first IFYE visitor this summer. They became interested in being a host family when they heard the county agricultural agent explain the program. Their only previous similar experience was with a student from Greece who spent a weekend with the family. Their two sons, Stanley, 14, and Kendall, 9, are interested in the study of other countries.

"I'm always interested in other people," Mr. Grecian said. "I thought the kids would really enjoy it and I will too. We'll just expect him to come and do the things we do. And we work a good bit of the time."

Fifty Hosts Needed

Seventeen IFYE delegates have been assigned to Kansas for this summer, which means over 50 host families will be needed. Each IFYE visits about three weeks with a family. Host families can indicate their preference for a boy or girl and for the country from which they come. Farm families interested in having IFYE visitors may contact their county extension agents.

Celine Demuth from Luxembourg with her "host mother" Mrs. Charles E. Kauth of Saline county views daughter Judy's 4-H clothing project.



Use Starter Fun Before Meetings

Do you use a game or other recreation before the 4-H meeting? This helps people get acquainted and gives the early comers something to do while waiting for others to arrive. Some fun helps relax members and they will participate better in the meeting. Perhaps members will even arrive more promptly if they know there will be an interesting game going on.

The game chosen should be one everyone can play and should give an opportunity to move about. It should not replace the recreation period. And be sure that the game stops promptly when it is time for the meeting. An example of "starter" recreation is:

Bean Quiz Starter

Give each person ten beans as he arrives. A player wins a bean from another player when he tricks him into answering "yes" or "no" to a question. The winner is the person holding the most beans at the end of the game.

Swat

Players are seated in a circle. One empty chair is placed in the center. Player A who is "It" has a roll of newspaper firmly tied together. "It" must tap another player with the paper, place the paper on the center chair and get back to the player's chair before the player can get the roll of paper from the center and hit the one who is "It". The player who is "It" must replace the roll of paper on the chair if it falls off.

May is Mothers' Month

Choose a suitable poem or reading for Mothers' Day. Perhaps each 4-H member would want to present his mother with a handkerchief or other small gift.



Farmers must recognize their own differences on commodity interests or final decisions will be made by others whose interests are not always consistent with farmers' interests.

A multitude of special commodity groups, each going in different directions, could, without helpful leadership and coordination, bring untold confusion and conflict in agriculture. Our strength would be splintered into countless little warring fragments, each too small to have any significant influence in solving many of the larger problems of agriculture.

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Working Together



Gary Rumsey, IFYE from Norton county to Guatemala, finds similarity between the sorghum grown in Kansas and in Central America.



Donny Elias, Atchison county, finishes feeding the 50 White Leghorn hens he raised as a project. Looks as if he has them pretty well tamed down too.



These boys are not selling Christmas trees, they are collecting them to use for conservation projects of the Smoky View Club, Saline county. Darrell Beach and Larry Bengston collected 52.



President Dennis Shields, Smoky Valley Club, McPherson county, holds a cleverly trimmed box while Merle Larson auctions it at a box supper held in connection with the club's regular meeting. Prizes were given for the prettiest boxes brought by 4-H'ers, adults and pre-4-H'ers. The club netted \$60.25.



The older square dance group of the Richland Boosters Club, Ford county, have very attractive costumes. The group represented the county at the Regional 4-H Day.

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.

Tipton Leader Stresses Division of Responsibility

Division of responsibility, so each leader need not work too hard, is the secret of the Tipton 4-H club for keeping their adult leaders, according to Lawrence Cox, Mitchel county agent.

The Tipton club has had only three different women and six men community leaders since it was organized in 1929. Mrs. J. H. Houghton, in her twenty-seventh year as a leader with the club, tells how the delegation of responsibility helps adult leaders.

Each Leader Has Meeting

At each of 10 meetings one of the club leaders (two community and eight project) has direct responsibility for program, hostesses, and refreshments. A planning meeting at the first of the year outlines the schedule for the entire year. The eleventh meeting is a picnic and the twelfth meeting is under the direction of the club's junior leaders.

A little calling and planning in advance are what make the Tipton club programs easy on officers and adult leaders. Mrs. Houghton is in her twenty-seventh year as a club leader.



Before each meeting the community leaders check with the club officers regarding business items.

At the planning meeting leaders list their preferences for the month of the meeting they will work with. They also outline tentative programs.

Mrs. Houghton stresses the importance of working every club member into the program at least once during the year. "Even though we have had five new members since we made out our programs, we'll get them worked in," she says.

A Leader Since 1934

Mrs. Houghton has been a community leader since 1934 and was a project leader before that. Her husband served ten years as community leader until their son took over that position. He is now in his thirteenth year as community leader. All four of the Houghton children have been Tipton club members.

"One or two persons can't make a 4-H club," Mrs. Houghton advises other leaders.



Top, Mrs. Houghton helps Elma Sue Schulte, secretary of the Tipton club, and Francis Ketter, club president, plan the business portion of the next meeting. In the lower picture, Mrs. Houghton is shown with her husband, J. H. Houghton, who was a club community leader for ten years, and Mrs. Lawrence Ketter who has served the club as a project leader for eight years.

"You've got to be ready to give. And I've discovered the more you ask of parents, the more they are willing to give. If all leaders would go to leaders' conference it would do a world of good for their clubs."

Adult Leaders Meet April 15-17

Robert S. Clough, Missouri State 4-H Club leader, will be the main speaker at the Kansas 4-H conference of adult leaders and extension agents. The conference will be April 15-17 at the State Fair Grounds in Hutchinson.

Each person who has had ten or more years experience as a 4-H club leader will have his registration fee paid by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. The fee for others attending the conference is six dollars.

Specialists from Kansas State College will be present for demonstrations and discussions on

seed treatment, woodworking projects, home furnishings, clothing, publicity and news writing, garden projects, and other subjects.

Workshops are planned for such fields as record keeping, demonstrations, project requirements, poster making, IFYE program, effective county councils, selecting county champions, recreation, and music.

Other features of the leaders' conference will be a banquet, exhibits, and the leaders' recognition ceremony. Details on reservations may be obtained from your county extension office.

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 (1) a year's subscription to the National 4-H Club News or (2) a hard cover loose leaf 4-H notebook.

Hoboes Raise Charity Money

A hobo party helped the S.W. Kearny club, Kearny county, raise money recently for the cancer and polio fund drives.

A supper of stew, cornbread, pie and coffee was served to about 60 people in the Menno Community building. Coffee cans were used for soup bowls, and the lids for pie plates. Old newspapers served as tablecloths, and the napkins were torn magazines. Light

Should the 4-H Club Pledge Be Changed?

Do you think the 4-H Club pledge should be changed?

Changes are now under consideration and county 4-H councils and local 4-H Clubs are being asked their opinions.

Changes which have been suggested include adding the words "my home, my world and under God" to the last line.

Another change suggested is drop the last line entirely.

What do you think? Some letters have come to the Kansas 4-H Journal emphasizing the importance of religion in our daily lives and suggesting a reference to God be added. On the other hand some object saying it is an unnecessary and pretentious use of the word.

If you have suggestions, either for or against, you may express your opinion by—

1. Writing the Kansas 4-H Journal, Manhattan.

2. Discussing it at your local club or council meeting and informing your county extension office or the state 4-H office, Manhattan, of your group's opinion.

for the tables was furnished by lanterns and kerosene lamps. Everyone wore patched clothing and men who had shaved were penalized.

Chances were sold on a "washer and



Mrs. George McKinney and Mrs. Mary McKinney enjoy stew from a coffee can at the S.W. Kearney club Hobo party. The party was sponsored to raise money for the cancer and polio fund drives.

dryer" and the lucky winner received a metal washer and a dish towel. A freewill offering at the end of the evening netted \$40 for the club's charities.

Larry Warner, Rep.

Farewell for Samuelson

Harvey county honored Armin Samuelson, county 4-H agent from 1952 to 1958, with a farewell party and supper in February. The Samuelson family has gone to Sweden for a year. Five hundred friends of the Samuelson family were at the surprise party.

The program presented was take-off on the TV program, "This is Your Life." The program had 30 surprise out-of-town guests presenting highlights in Samuelson's life.

Presents to the Samuelson family included matched luggage, a county 4-H scrapbook, the evening's guest book, a case for camera equipment and slides, a blouse for Mrs. Samuelson, and presents for their children, Jayne and Ronnie.

During Samuelson's five and a half years as 4-H agent, Harvey county's program grew from 12 clubs with 344 members to 22 clubs with 612 members.

Mrs. Lloyd Nebergall

Project Aids March of Dimes

Junior leaders of the Chardon club, Rawlins county, stamped and stuffed 1400 letters for the county polio fund drive. The group had previously volunteered to do the TB Christmas seal letters, but were prevented from helping by illness.

As a further community service project, the Chardon club held a community safety program attended by more than 50 members and guests. One of the club goals is "Be of Service."

Dana McFee, Rep.

4-H Electric Day Observed

4-H Electric Saturday was observed in Wellington during February by 65 4-H'ers and leaders. The program was a kick-off for club electric project meetings.

Features of the day were a tour of the municipal power plant, demonstration on "Light for Living," a movie, demonstration on application of electricity, and a report on the electric leaders clinic by Wilbur Felt. Slate Valley Pushers club prepared and served lunch for the group.

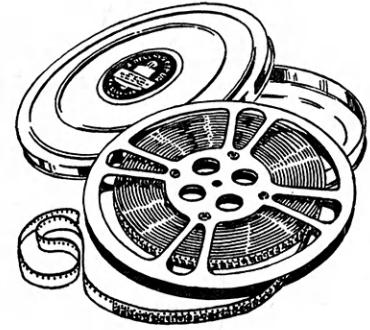
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Here and There

McPherson county Busy Beavers club members gave a live radio program presenting demonstration talks and musical numbers. . . . Reno 23 is the name of the **Reno** county club recently organized with Judy Bowman as its first president. . . . The "Safe Way to Use a Ladder" was a safety demonstration by Marvin Slifer of the Abbyville club, **Reno** county. . . . A record book clinic for **Pawnee** county junior leaders and leaders was held in Larned. . . . Turon Lions club members gave the program and furnished refreshments for a Sylvia club meeting in **Reno** county. . . . A dance with tickets selling for 25 cents will raise money for the Schulte club in **Sedgwick** county. . . . Making fishing equipment from simple household articles was a demonstration by Phyll McGonigle of the **Reno** county Salem club. . . . Serious consequences of the mumps were the subject of a health talk to the Grantville club, **Jefferson** county. . . . **Rush** county Lone Star Rangers had a conservation talk by Fred Humburg on "Prevention of the Corn Borer." . . . The Richland club won three club blue ribbon awards and six individual blue ribbons for their participation in **Ford** county 4-H Day activities. . . . Salem club members will plant an unused plot of ground behind a **Reno** county parsonage with potatoes as a fund-raising project. . . . Poor measuring methods ruin baked products Margaret Crist told in her demonstration on correct measuring for the McDonald Mixers, **Rawlins** county. . . . A new club in Park, **Gove** county, has 13 members with Patty Jo Loftus as president. . . . What to do when a tornado strikes was a recent safety talk at the **Rawlins** county McDonald Mixers club. . . . **Reno** county's second annual 4-H broiler show will be on June 18. . . . The Thomadora club of **Reno** county devoted a whole evening's program to rodent control and plan to sponsor the sale of rodent bait. . . . Twenty-eight members of the Langdon club, **Reno** county, have organized a drill team which performed

between halves of the Langdon-Arlington basketball game . . . The Bremen Hustlers were hosts to several Marshall county clubs at a skating party . . . Hayes club members assisted in the serving of the annual pancake supper in Prairie Grove, Reno county. . . Saline county club member, Larry Bengtson, has been named state Holstein winner by the State Holstein Association and was presented a gold watch . . . A health project of the Huntsville club in Reno county is to have each member's blood typed . . . Reno county agent, Otis Griggs, sug-

gested a way for the South Hutchinson Community Builders club to raise money by growing strawberries . . . Schulte club raised money recently with a food sale in Sedgwick county . . . Reno county club enrollment is at an all-time high of 751 members . . . An advanced foods demonstration to members of the D.I.Y. club of Ford county showed methods for pie crust mix, apple pies, dumplings, and tarts, and a pizza pie . . . The annual Goose Supper of the Tom Creek Hustlers, Anderson county, has become a club tradition.



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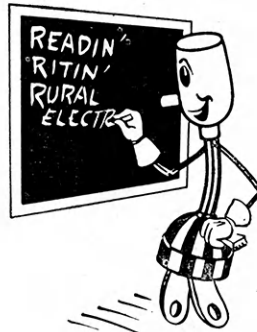
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Billy received a blue ribbon at the County Fair last fall for his telescoping trouble lamp. Graduated rods were used for the stem so the lamp could be raised or lowered to the desired height.



Here is the bright and dim switch Billy made for demonstration purposes. The difference in resistance of the two coils gives the bright or dim lighting effect.



Billy's activities make for lots of record keeping.

BILLY LOCK

NEWTON CITY SLICKERS 4-H CLUB HARVEY COUNTY

Billy is 13 years old and is in his fifth year in 4-H . . . his fourth in Electricity. He gets plenty of encouragement and cooperation at home as his father, George Lock, is Community Leader of the Slickers and also Electricity Leader.

Billy is on the Officer Nominating Committee and on the Conservation Committee for his local club.

His other projects are Woodworking, Garden and Home Improvement.

Included in his repertoire of electrical demonstrations are; how to make a two way switch, a bright and dim switch, installing a socket in a light fixture.

Some of his other electrical accomplishments are; telescoping trouble light, helping his father draw the electrical layout for his home.

Billy's current project is a desk lamp made of a cypress knee (root) from the Florida swamps.

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