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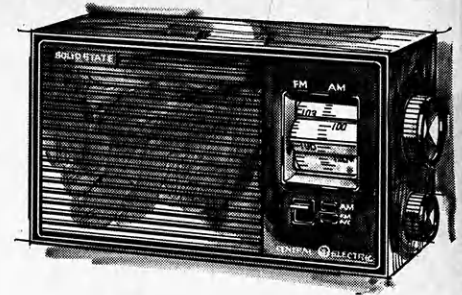
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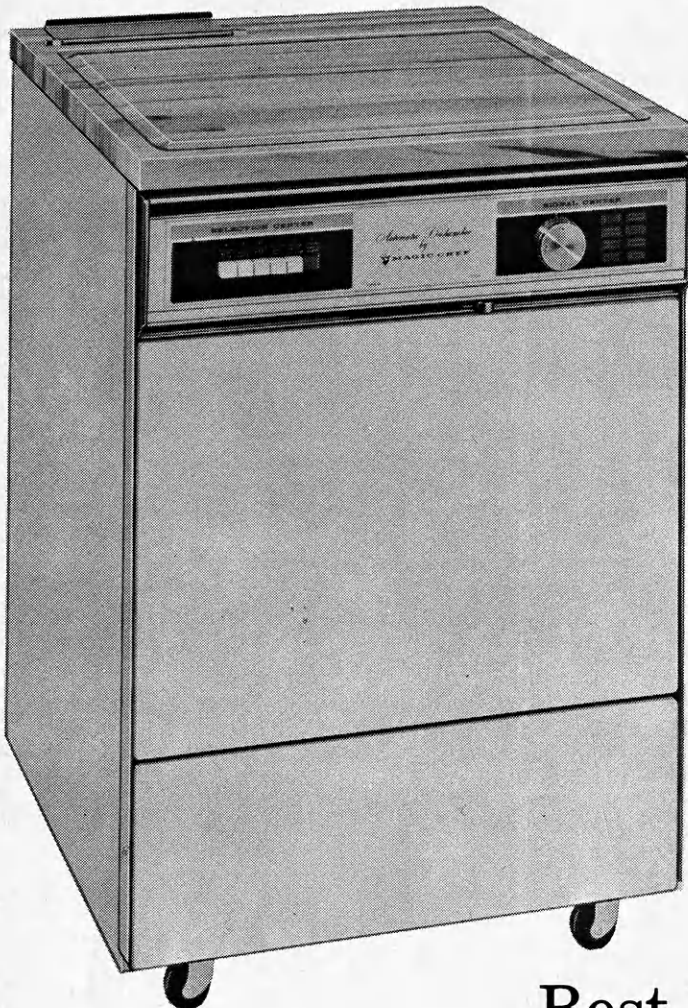
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## Use or disuse — Rediscovering a great resource

By Dr. Glenn Busset  
 State Leader, 4-H and Youth

More than 13,000 adults give leadership to the Kansas 4-H program. This number represents by far the largest adult educational program in Kansas. Anyone who thinks that being a 4-H leader isn't an adult educational experience just hasn't been there!

When professional youth leaders talk seriously about extending the influence of any youth serving program to include a greater number of boys and girls, the discussion invariably reaches a conclusion that, "What we need is more leaders—". Lack of leadership is the universal point of agreement as the major inhibiting factor of growth, expansion, and development.

A few years ago we did a study of the leaders attending the State 4-H Leadership Conference. The composite image of leaders that emerged was predictable—the leader was between 33 and 45, was a high school graduate, had children in 4-H, lived on a farm or had a rural background, and "liked kids." This is about the image that anyone would expect—but even though it is true, is that good?

Almost anyone can name a number of people in the community, in the small town, or in the neighborhood who simply have been "by-passed by the times." These are the "advanced middle-aged," the retired persons, the widow or widower, or people otherwise alone. It would be one of the greatest kindnesses that any community could do for these mature citizens, to offer them the opportunity to reassert their usefulness as persons. Have we established the "image" of the 4-H leader so firmly as middle-aged, middle-class, and middle of the road that we have excluded many fine people from the wonderful opportunity to help, to associate with our young—and incidentally, to extend their own lives?

As you travel through the northern Mediterranean, you often see evidence of Roman occupation, particularly in the old roads and the graceful arches of the aqueducts. The famous aqueduct in Segovia, Spain, was built by the Romans in the year 109. From the time of its completion, the aqueduct carried water to the city, functioning without fail for more than 1,800 years. The tall, narrow arched structure not only stood as a monument to Roman engineering skill, it served every day of that time. In our age of quick obsolescence, this is a bit difficult to comprehend.

A few years ago, Spanish engineers decided that Segovia needed a modern water supply, so they laid water lines into the city. It was decided to leave the old aqueduct standing as an antiquity. The water was routed through the modern system and the old structure became only a tourist attraction.

An amazing thing happened to the "retired" aqueduct. The sun dried the mortar, and the stones began to crumble. The aqueduct that had stood strong and secure while serving began to fall apart when idle.

A similar thing seems to happen to people. It is a pathetically common sight to see someone who has lived a long, busy life retire to do nothing. They begin to spiritually and often physically "dry up" and crumble because they are no longer

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**ABOUT THE COVER**

A project leader with skills to share is Ralph S. Hicks, Manhattan, who is on hand to help if needed while three members of Lee Hilltoppers 4-H Club, Riley County, put finishing touches on their woodworking

projects. The 4-H'ers are, left to right, Mark Pretzer; Gary Busset, junior leader and grandson of Mr. Hicks; and Janis Pretzer.

Mr. Hicks was a vocational high school teacher, United States Indian Service, and is now retired.

# Tribute to leaders

There are about 10,000 of them in Kansas. They spend hours of time thinking about and working with and for 4-H members. Without them, 4-H work as it is now would cease to exist. They are 4-H leaders.

One of these leaders is Bernard Kennedy of Mayetta in Jackson County, whose five children have all completed 10 years or more of 4-H work. Community leader for the Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club for a number of years, he is now animal science and assistant community leader.

Mr. Kennedy helps at fairs, has gone to Topeka and Hutchinson to see 4-H'ers participate, and "gives a word of encouragement when needed," according to reporter Lester Harris, who also points out that Mr. Kennedy goes to 4-H meeting "through rain, snow and mud."

Lester Harris, elected in September as the new reporter for Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club, plans to write a special article for the local newspaper, the Holton Recorder, about a different leader each month. Bernard Kennedy is his first "Leader of the Month."

Another tribute to leaders comes from reporter Janie Cooper, Leib 4-H Club, Edna.

"It takes many good qualities to make excellent leaders such as the Leib 4-H Club in Labette County has had in Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hayes. Willingness must be the main ingredient," Janie writes. "They have been willing to give generously of their time to help plan and guide the many meetings and activities of

the club; willing to travel many miles at their own expense to see that members get to participate in the 'learning by doing' set forth in 4-H work. Cooperation has been their rule as they linked together the county office, local club, individual members and their parents in this family affair 'to make the best better.'"

A special tribute come to Keith Nash, leader of Rochester Heights 4-H Club in Shawnee County, who died last spring. Club members Barbara Downes and Cindy Tice write:

"Our club is a better club for having known him. He was very involved with kids our age. Besides his 4-H work he had a girls' softball team, he had been on the 4-H fair board for several years, he was very active in church affairs.

"Mr. Nash may have been our leader for only five years but he gave us a great deal in that time. Our fair book this year described him with this quote from the Collector by John Fowles, and it really says it all.

## In the mail - -

### A reader's opinion

Where would America be without leaders? In my opinion, America wouldn't even be. Nothing gets accomplished when everyone wants to lead or when no one leads. This is true not only of nations but also of clubs and organizations.

Why is it that we so often downgrade our leaders? I know I am guilty of this as much as anyone. Today I see why I do it and probably why many others do; the reason is that we do not appreciate them enough. And we tend to think of them as being dictators.

This is written for leaders everywhere, for every kind of leaders, but especially leaders of 4-H. 4-H leaders are expected to be ready to lend a helpful hand and a headful of ideas and plans, plus being considerate to a whole group of 4-H'ers who often disagree with the leader. Leaders line up other leaders for various projects, en-

"The only thing that really matters is feeling and living what you believe, so long as it's something more than belief in your own comfort."

One of the first community leaders of Wirtonia Jayhawkers 4-H Club in Cherokee County is now knitting leader for the Glittering Stones 4-H Club. She is Mrs. H. P. Riker, Columbus. In the knitting project this past year she had 20 project meetings to give each member individual help, 2 meetings to complete record books, and 3 meetings to prepare exhibits for the fair. Carol Carnes is reporter.

In Trego County the Ogallah 4-H Club has a livestock project leader, Royce Morton, who was a 4-H member for 11 years. He had projects in woodworking, electric, tractor, gardening, baby beef, heifer, cow and calf, poultry, junior leadership, and reading. When Royce graduated from the club, the members gave him a special award for staying in 4-H as long as possible.

courage more youngsters to enroll in 4-H, take part in county, state, and national 4-H meetings, plus live their own lives.

Being a 4-H community leader is a hard job. They put in many more hours than at that one-hour 4-H meeting every month. For all the hours of work they put in, are leaders ever paid? I do not mean getting paid in the form of a check, but with a sincere thank you. There are small things which say thank you to leaders and show that we as members truly do appreciate them: sharing 4-H with your friends, taking part during 4-H programs, doing your best on your projects, completing your record books, showing enthusiasm, and thanking a leader when he has helped you.

After all, no America without leaders, no 4-H without leaders. THANK YOU for everything, 4-H leaders, for everything.

Sara Lohmeyer  
Council representative and  
Immediate Past President,  
Linn Livewires 4-H Club,  
Washington County



A leader who is retiring after 20 years of service is Mrs. Keith Rider, community leader of Logan Avenue 4-H Club, Lyon County.



Mrs. Rider and her seven children have completed 78 years of 4-H work in the Logan Avenue Club. Betty and John Rider were charter members of the club. This year Patty and Judy, Mrs. Rider's youngest daughter, are completing their 4-H careers. Laura Linsey is club reporter.

"One of my greatest joys is having a boy or girl join at an early age and continue until out of high school or ineligible because of college hours. We have had a good percentage of members who have stayed in the maximum time and were able to help the younger members," Mrs. Rider said.

"Another highlight is having former 4-H members tell how 4-H has helped them in adult life. For instance, one girl learned how to match plaids and is now an accomplished seamstress. Another one told how public speaking and demonstrations helped him in his profession today.

"The competition of 4-H teaches so much about how to be a good winner and a good loser . . . Another highlight was to have state winners in safety, garden, civil defense, and demonstrations.

"Each time a boy or girl participates in our club doing what they are asked; learning how to be a good citizen; exhibiting at the fair; having fun on our tours, parties, and picnics—I am proud to be a 4-H leader. The size of the club is unimportant. It is the members who make the club with the help of parents and project leaders. Families working together in 4-H are a joy. I count it a privilege to have been a 4-H leader and every year has been great."

Although Mrs. Rider has retired as 4-H leader, she is still active in community and church affairs. Her husband Keith Rider is division superintendent for Kansas Power and Light company.

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Many 4-H'ers give special recognition to leaders. In Sedgwick County the Who's Who Club hosts a leaders' banquet. They prepare the meal, serve it, and conduct the program. This banquet gives special recognition to community and project leaders, and expresses appreciation for the work the leaders are doing for the 4-H'ers.



The Toledo 4-H Club of Chase County honored their retiring community leaders at the annual club banquet last October. The leaders were Phillip Blender and Mrs. Eleanor Rice. Mr. Blender was a leader for six years. Mrs. Rice had been a leader for the past twenty years. The members of the club presented a plaque to her making her an honorary member. The club has two other honorary members, Mrs. Beth Brickell and Mrs. Anna Hansen.



Former leaders of Wide-Awake 4-H Club in Finney County, pictured here, were entertained by club members with a pot luck supper and a program.

### Resource —

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serving as an "aqueduct for a purpose." Usefulness is lifeblood. Another way to say it is that usefulness is youthfulness.

There is no youth serving program with a greater record of usefulness than the 4-H clubs. Let's see what we can do to give the youthfulness of usefulness to the gradually increasing number of mature citizens who live among us. Many of them could give and receive greatly—if they were invited to participate in the various leadership opportunities of the 4-H program. Each of us, as we read these lines, will have an opportunity to think of and suggest the names of by-passed persons when the question invariably arises, "Now, whom should we ask to handle the \_\_\_\_\_ project?"

Will we do this great act of kindness, or will we "stick with the image?"

This decision will be made by the people who are reading these lines.



Twelve girls are enrolled in the knitting project in Glittering Stones 4-H Club. Six of them are shown in the picture with their knitting leaders. In the back row, left to right, are Mrs. Riker, the assistant project leader Mrs. Thomas Smirl, and Jackie McReynolds. In the second row are Sue Ross and Cheri Chestnutt, and in front are Mary Ann Hart, Stephanie Chestnutt, and Jan Ross. Jan and Sue Ross are second generation 4-H members. Not pictured are Mary Denise Meyer, Debbie Endicott, Sandra Outt, Tammie Carver, and Nancy and Julie Frobish.

# Quoted comment from Emporia Gazette

## All-American Boy

By Ray Call

Last week we had a visitor who restored our faith in the youth of America. He was Clint Stueve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stueve of Rt. 2, Olpe.

At the risk of embarrassing Clint Stueve, we would like to tell about his call. He came in Saturday morning to thank the publisher for buying his sheep at the 4-H club auction held in connection with the Lyon County Fair.

The sheep brought 37 cents a pound and weighed 80 pounds, give or take a few strands of wool. The publisher bought the animal for his dinner table.

Mr. Stueve told the publisher that he would have been sooner to thank him but the family had been busy cutting and baling alfalfa and there simply had not been enough time for a trip to Emporia during business hours.

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He was a sight for sore eyes, this Clint Stueve. We had just

returned from Miami Beach where the G.O.P. convention was held. Down in Miami we saw several hundred young people, but they were ugly to behold.

Mostly the demonstrators in Miami were bums, we thought. They had no real cause except to congregate together, smoke pot and cause trouble. Their main activity was to harass natives and visitors, make a lot of noise and upset trash cans and news stands (which embarrassed members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War who were following along behind putting things back in order—finally the veterans left town in disgust).

The tramps in Miami wore the stereotyped hippie uniform. They were dirty. Their hair was greasy and stringy.

It was enough to cause prejudice against the younger generation.

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And then along came Clint Stueve. He was not all duded up. He was wearing plain trousers and a cotton shirt. His hair was well trimmed and he had the tan of a man who works out of doors in the summer.

Like most of the other 4-H club members who sold livestock at the fair, he was paying a courtesy call to one of the buyers. He was polite, soft-spoken and reserved, yet Mr. Stueve had the confidence and poise developed in his 4-H club training.

God bless him and all the other young men and women in 4-H. They are the hope for the future of this nation.—R. C.



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David Roesler, left, and Ralph Lee are shown with the Clarks Creek 4-H Club booth at the Geary County Fair. The booth explained the club's ecology project.

## Ecology a project for Clarks Creek 4-H

By Keith Roesler, Reporter

The Clarks Creek 4-H Club of Geary County selected ecology as their club project this year. Mrs. Andrew Neyer is their ecology leader. By collecting Hunt-Wesson food labels for the past year, they helped build one of the first National Children's Forests, the Mark Twain National Forest in West Plains, Missouri. A total of 203 labels were collected, pro-

viding for the purchasing and planting of that many trees. In addition the 4-H'ers planted 1,575 trees around their homes and farms.

The club's final project involved collecting and baling or tying 2,800 pounds of old newspapers as a community service. These in turn were sold for recycling.

## 4-H calendar

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Kansas 4-H Congress, Wichita..... | Nov. 2-4   |
| Election Day.....                 | Nov. 7     |
| Thanksgiving Day.....             | Nov. 23    |
| National 4-H Congress.....        | Nov. 26-30 |

If you will have an event in your county or area which you wish to list in the 4-H calendar, send the name of the event, date, and place to Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

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The calendar will appear monthly except for September and February.

The members of City Slickers 4-H Club of Phillips County show their appreciation to the First National Bank of Phillipsburg for sponsoring the Kansas 4-H Journal and Kansas 4-H in Review each year by presenting cookies on Valentine's Day to Kent Culbertson, president of the bank, and his employees.

In this picture, Michelle Keim is presenting the box of "goodies" to Mr. Culbertson. In the foreground are Dick Skaggs and Scott Anderson.



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show, and the Roping Club's contest. The money earned bought supplies for the interior of the Seward County 4-H building.

Barbecued hot dogs and soft drinks were sold on Labor Day by Hoisington Harmonizers 4-H Club in Barton County, reports Karen Ganoung. At two public auctions, the group sold ham sandwiches, cookies, homemade pies, coffee, and soft drinks.

Serving lunch at an antique sale brought \$150

# Money-making ideas that work

## For 4-H clubs, from 4-H clubs

When Kansas 4-H'ers replenish the club treasury, they often combine their fund raising with community service.

For example, members of Cheery Cherokee 4-H Club in Montgomery County had a cleanup day to pick up roadside litter. They sold the aluminum cans for 10 cents a pound to Coors Company.

Then after a recent fair, two club members cleared litter from the Coffeyville fairgrounds, selling as many cans again. In telling about this idea, treasurer Chuck Johnston writes, "We feel it can be a good moneymaker, as well as helping the community."

In different parts of the state, two 4-H clubs perform the community service of taking care of a cemetery. They are the Happy Hustlers of McCune, Crawford County, and the Lucky Clovers of Scott County.

Bambi Crumpacker writes from McCune, "During the summer we mow a cemetery for a woman whose only relatives are buried there. Each month two or three families, chosen for that particular time, go and mow the cemetery. The woman who pays us, Mrs. Agnes Bruce, is so grateful she once put a paid thank you note in the Girard Press . . . We're proud of our money and happiness making project."

Lucky Clover 4-H Club members in Scott County mow the Modoc cemetery three or four times a summer depending on the rains. They are paid with township funds. Trees have been set out various years, including this year, and the entry gates were recently painted. On mowing days, most club members and parents help. Sometimes a swimming party follows.

"Besides making all the money the club operates on, we are helping the community," comments Mrs. Paul Krause, Modoc. "I feel sure none of these youngsters would vandalize another cemetery."

"A moneymaking project" for roll call got every member's ideas in the Ogallah 4-H Club in Trego County. From these ideas the finance committee chose the best ones, Lawrence Waldschmidt Jr. writes.

This club has found it profitable to serve suppers for local groups, to sponsor a box supper (girls brought boxes and boys bought them), and to help with the county 4-H council's popstand. Clubs in the county split the profit from the popstand.

The Seward County 4-H Council has run concession stands at events such as the horse show, beef

to the Morning Glory 4-H Club of Johnson County. They gave the money to the Johnson County Fair Association, and, also for the association, sold advertising space in the Johnson County fairbook. To preserve the ecology and to raise funds, members of this club collected and sold papers.

Treasurer Luree Ann Lusk of Willing Workers 4-H Club of Osage County explains how 4-H'ers carry out a project which they find to be profitable, helpful, and fun—serving lunch at farm sales.

"A committee plans the menu. Last time this was the cooking class of older 4-H girls. Members make menu signs, phone calls, and grocery lists, and they borrow equipment. Each 4-H family donates one pie or \$1. Our homemade pies are favorites. Other groceries are purchased.

"Then we all get to work. Big boys set up counters. Girls cut pies. Everyone makes sandwiches. If someone makes a sloppy 'sloppy Joe,' it doesn't matter too much because we have sold in an empty house or a garage."

The weather was varied when lunches were served recently. "The first time was rather cold, but we sold lots of hot coffee. The other time was HOT, but the iced tea and watermelon were popular. We made over \$100 profit each time."

An ice cream social in August has been a successful moneymaking event for 15 years for the Balderson Boosters 4-H Club of Marshall County.

"Members with their families bring freezers and ingredients and gather the evening before at the home of a member and make the ice cream by the gallons," explains reporter Mary Kay Voet. "The ice cream is sold at the social by the dip along with pie and cake donated by the families."

Twin Valley 4-H Club members in Miami County had a bake sale as a special fund raising activity to help Dean Gerken finance his trip to Europe as a member of the Kansas State University Concert Choir, Steve Debrick reports.

In the Moran area in Allen County, members of Prairie Rose 4-H Club sell a calendar which helps keep people informed of dates of 4-H events. Birthdays, anniversaries, and a photo of the club are also on the calendar, according to Marcia Jones. Club members also had bake sales to raise money for the Moran Recreation Committee which is now building a golf course.

Selling fireworks was a moneymaking project of the newly organized Decatur County Junior Leadership Club. The officers made a stand from donated wood and then each showed his artistic tendencies by helping paint it. Secretary Laurie Lotker writes, "All through the first week of July, members of the club took turns in shifts at selling the fireworks."

On a commission basis, the Decatur County 4-H Council sells subscriptions to the newspaper, the Tri-



State Plainsman, reporter Benny Bennett writes. Council members also sell pecans.

In the spring the past three years Sunflower 4-H Club in Barber County has sold plants. Members of the club went door-to-door taking orders, purchased plants at wholesale price from a greenhouse, and delivered the orders at the correct planting time. They sold roses and other flowers and vegetables.

This sale requires full club effort but two or three days' time earns enough to finance the club the whole year.

To help raise money for a 4-H building, the Barber County Council sponsored a carnival in 1970 and in 1971. Each 4-H club had a booth, king and queen candidates, talent numbers, and a list of 4-H'ers who were willing to be auctioned off for a day's work. These two carnivals brought in more than half the cost of the building.

In Pratt County all 4-H clubs earn money by selling Pratt County Fair Association memberships.

"A fair membership costs \$10," reporter Kenna Giffin explains. "The club receives \$1, the county 4-H council 50 cents, the fair association receives the rest to use for fairground improvements and other things. The selling of these memberships is conducted by way of a contest, starting June 1.

"Each membership sold is worth a certain number of points. For example, a membership sold to a businessman is worth 10 points; to a 4-H family, 15 points; and to a farmer who has no children in 4-H, 18 points. Starting this year 5 extra points were earned for each new membership sold. In addition during the first two weeks of the contest, each membership is tagged with 2 extra points. The contest

ends June 30, although memberships can be sold until the county fair.

"What really makes the contest is that each club nominates a girl to be a candidate for fair queen. After June 30, each club's points are totaled, and divided into the number of club members, to obtain the percentage of memberships each club sold. The club with the highest percentage wins. The second night of the fair, that club's candidate is crowned fair queen. The club selling the most membership receives a \$25 bonus.

"Those who buy fair memberships receive 10 tickets to the evening entertainment—2 adult and 3 children's tickets for each of two nights; 4-H night is free. The buyer also has a chance to win . . . a beef side."

This system has been used in Pratt County for about 10 years.

Richland Rustlers, Kenna's 4-H club, usually receives between \$150 and \$200 which lasts till the next year.

An advantage of this plan is that each member has an important part to play. "Little kids" are often the best salespeople. And 4-H members bring information about 4-H to many people.

Fund raising activities do more than replenish the treasury. These activities give 4-H'ers experience in planning for a goal and in carrying out their plans. Parents, 4-H members, and others in the community work together. And many times the groups perform service to the community.

But the bonus 4-H members most often mention in regard to moneymaking activities is this: "We had fun!"



Along roadsides in Montgomery County, members of Cherry Cherokee 4-H Club picked up cans which they sold for \$9.54 for recycling. From left are

Chuck Johnston, Steven McGovney, Chris Motley, Stephanie McGovney, Valarie Scott, Terri Johnston, and Marjorie Motley.

## IDEAS & News

Members of **Falun 4-H Club, Saline County**, showed both champion and reserve champion market steers at the Saline County Tri-Rivers Fair. **Clair Oleen** exhibited the grand champion, a Simmental-Hereford, while the reserve champion, a Simmental-Angus, was exhibited by **Jennifer Carlson**.

Top honors in fitting and showing also went to **Falun 4-H Club** members. Champion showman in the senior division was **Clair Oleen** and reserve was **Mark Carlson**. Among 14 and 15 year olds **Calvin Carlson** was champion and **Craig Oborg** reserve. In the junior division the champion showman was **Scott Johnson** and **Mike Pihl** was the reserve champion showman.

The **Miltonvale Hustlers 4-H Club of Cloud County** chose two club projects, safety and people-to-people. **Sheila McKain** is project leader for people-to-people. Besides writing to their pen pals, girls enrolled in this project sent used books and magazines to **K. J. Rao** in India. He and his wife are teachers and are building a library called Peaceful World for Children.

Members of **Victory 4-H Club in Miami County** distributed safety pamphlets at the county fair. They also observed Farm Safety Week by putting a poster in a farm store. Safety bookmarks are being distributed throughout the school system by the club members. **Beverly Jackson** is the adult safety leader.

In **Barber County Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Schiff** of the **Sunflower 4-H Club** have put many years into 4-H work. **Mildred** has contributed 26 years as a 4-H leader and **Curtis**, 25 years, **Sharon Shellenberger** reports.

This fall **Riverside 4-H Club in Shawnee County** will be 25 years old. Reporter **Gary Dowd** writes, "On October 21, 1947, **Merle Eyestone**, the county 4-H agent, showed pictures on organizing a club. **Erma Herrman** was elected president. She is now **Mrs. Ronald Payne** and is a project leader. She has three sons as members. **Mildred Witte** was the first secretary-treasurer. She is **Mrs. Charles Doud** and is a project leader of the club. Three of her children are 4-H members."

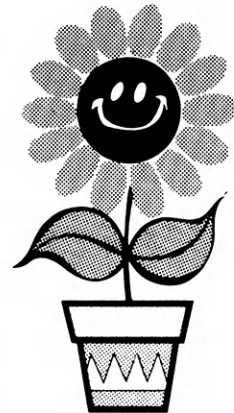
The club has grown from 23 members the first year to 62 now. It meets at Disney Community Center near Richland.

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# 170 Douglas County youth prepared for new Kansas hunter license law

If you were born on or after July 1, 1957, you must successfully complete a course in the safe use of firearms in order to buy a hunting license after July 1 next year.

The only course recognized by the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, the state agency responsible for administering this law, is the National Rifle Association Hunter Safety Course.

In Douglas County 170 girls and boys are prepared for the new law. They have certificates showing that they "passed" the NRA Safety Course.

The opportunity for the course came about when Bill Merhoff, Douglas County extension 4-H agent, and Paul Kasper, area extension 4-H and youth specialist, contacted the Lawrence Police Department for assistance in a gun safety program.

The Lawrence Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police agreed to sponsor the NRA Hunter Safety Course as a service project. Sgt. Ron Dalquest, member of the Lawrence Police Department and a trustee of the FOP, was a guiding light in organizing the project. He had the cooperation of many fellow policemen, Merhoff and Kasper.

First of all, youth in the eligible age group were informed about the opportunity.

More than 2,200 fliers giving information on the course went to students in the sixth through ninth grades of all Douglas County schools. Dalquest com-

mented that 50 per cent of the enrollments came from youth learning about the course in the schoolroom. The other 50 per cent came from girls and boys who read or heard about the sessions through newspapers, radio, and television.

What about instructors? Thirty-one men, including 15 Lawrence policemen, completed a four-hour instructor's course and worked with the 18 groups of girls and boys. The groups averaged 12 members each.

George Valyer, a member of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission education department, Pratt, conducted the instructor's course.

In addition to the policemen the instructors were in a variety of other occupations, including grocery store owners, plumbing company owners, and barbers. They had in common a skill with firearms and desire to share with youth.

The state Fish and Game Commission provided the handbooks (NRA Handbook on Hunter Safety) and certificates for those completing the training. Rifles and ammunition for the training session were provided by the FOP.

The four sessions were scheduled for either Friday night or Saturday morning or afternoon. Movies, demonstrations, written tests, were a part of the course. The final meeting was a field test at the FOP Lodge and grounds. Another feature of this meeting was a hot dog plus trimmings treat.

In addition to Lawrence girls and boys, the enrollees came from Overbrook, Baldwin, Eudora, Berryton. One Boy Scout troop came as a group.

"Many of the youth were experienced with rifles," is the comment from Sgt. Dalquest. "The instructors were impressed at their interest and concentration. The kids were not fooled with 'traps' instructors slipped into discussion and tests," Dalquest continued. "They were serious and had a wonderful attitude. No accidents were reported during the classes."

The course met the needs of Douglas County teenagers and is something any community could consider. Groups wishing to sponsor such a course could contact Valyer for details of sponsoring and obtaining instructor's license and other materials.

Cooperation between the County Extension Service and FOP in Lawrence is an excellent example of working together in a community for common good. An attempt was made to contact all Douglas County youth who will need the course to obtain a hunting license.

Dalquest observes, and Kasper and Merhoff agree, that the course did more than improve the skill to handle firearms of some 170 girls and boys. It provided a contact with law enforcement officers and enabled the youth to see policemen as individuals and persons of responsibility and great worth to the community.



Learning proper and safe methods of handling a rifle while hunting was a part of the course. "On the scene" instruction made the lessons easy to understand and enjoyable to do.



All in a row, with instructors to give practical pointers, Douglas County youths at the last session of the course practice marksmanship. Safety with firearms was the emphasis in the Hunter Safety Course.

# Pratt County girl trains horse to jump

By Mindy Bergner, Reporter

Buddy is a jumping horse, but Ruby Eck, Cunningham, has no trouble keeping him penned up.

Ruby, who recently became Mrs. John Eck, began training Buddy four years ago. Ruby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parsons of Cairo, raised Buddy and, now 8 years old, "He's at a really good age to jump because his legs are fully developed," according to Ruby.

Buddy is classified as a second-year green hunter. "A hunter is judged by the way he jumps, not how high he jumps," Ruby says. He has been shown at Class A shows one year. These shows have over 225 entries and Ruby admits she gets scared in front of all those people.

An aunt's experiences sparked

Ruby's interest in horse jumping.

Ruby went to a school in Oklahoma for three days where she learned how to warm her horse up and how to get him to jump higher. At home, she and Buddy practiced first on hurdles set up on paint cans, then on a set of fences her father made.

Because there are no horse jumping shows in Kansas, Ruby and Buddy must go out of state. They have competed in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and in English hunt seat equitation, which doesn't involve jumping fences, in Cedar Bluff, Oklahoma, where they placed fifth, and at the Kansas State Fair. Ruby believes competition "will be (held) in the state . . . before long, because the interest is increasing greatly."

Ruby definitely encourages others to take up horse jumping.

She believes a person has to have patience especially "when you first start teaching a horse because they don't know what they're doing."

Quarterhorses are rapidly being adopted for this kind of horsemanship, although thoroughbreds have been regarded as the best jumpers. Ruby says any horse can be trained to jump "if he has the will to do it" and the right person trains him.

Ruby was in Glendale Reapers 4-H Club eight years. She carried horse, cooking, and junior leadership projects. Last year she was county champion in the horse project.

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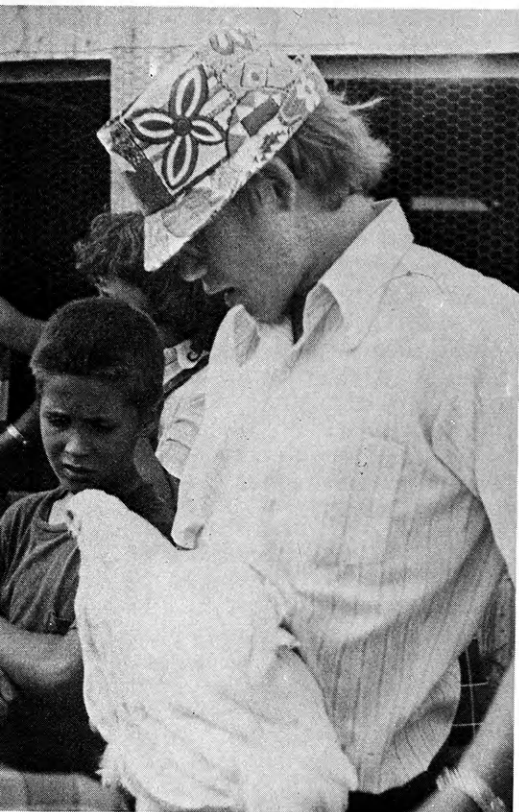


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John Sharp tenderly holds his chicken while Bradley Fanshier looks on. They're on the South Bend Jolly Workers 4-H Club tour in Barton County. The group visited 10 homes, looking at finished projects ready for the fair. The tour ended with a picnic and baseball game. Jan Fanshier is reporter and photographer.

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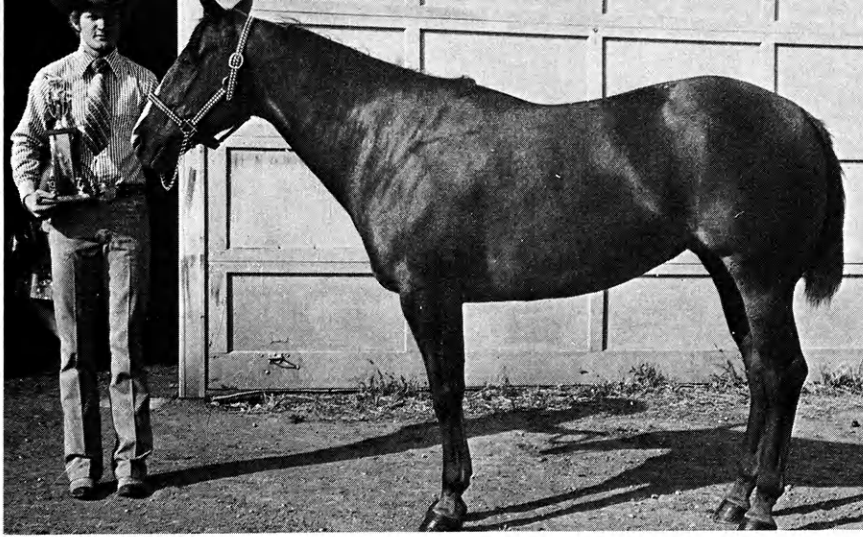
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Triple winner was Mark Mathews, Barber County. First in showmanship in the class for 16 years and older, he was also winner in performance classes at the state fair in western pleasure and reining for 15 years and older.



## Large horse show at State Fair

More than 300 4-H'ers and 40 horses were combined in a two-day 4-H horse show at the Kansas State Fair, according to Cecil Eystone, state 4-H specialist.

The largest number of entries was in the quarter horse division. Increased participation in nearly all classes reflects continued rapid growth in the 4-H horse project.

Halter classes were open to all 4-H exhibitors, but performance classes were limited to those placing high at district shows during the summer.

Toni Thomas, Sedgwick County, ranked high in four events, while Debbie Kester, Logan County, and Mark Mathews, Barber County, were triple winners.




Debbie Kester, Logan County won first at the state fair in showmanship, 12-13 year olds. In performance classes, she was first in western pleasure and in reining.

Toni Thomas, Sedgwick County, holds her champion trophy won in the American saddlebred three-gaited pleasure horse class. She also was first in another performance class, equitation, saddle seat; and in showmanship in the American saddlebred class. In the American saddlebred halter class for a 1968 or older mare, Toni was reserve champion.



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**Brett Wallace and Mark Johnson chip rock to get a sample.**

**By Mark Johnson, Reporter**

Solomon Valley 4-H Club of Ottawa County in Minneapolis is proud of its name, location, and geographic closeness to Rock City, one of the geologic wonders of our state and nation.

So it was natural that this small but active club of 20 members chose geology, the newest club activity, for their emphasis the past year. Just as civil defense appealed to all members last year, so has geology been popular with younger and older 4-H'ers this year.

The entire membership turned into rock hounds, taking several

# Rock hounds collect in Solomon Valley

geology tours directed by Mrs. Beth Geist. They collected native rocks, tested and learned to identify many different kinds. Visiting a gravel pit 6 miles north of Wells, they collected limestone and sandstones. The explorers viewed fossils and unusual rocks at one stop. They saw Indian hieroglyphics on a rock cliff.

The highlight of their tours was at Rock City. There the 4-H'ers studied these unusual Dakota sandstone concretions; at least 200 of them occur in giant sizes. Geology classes have studied these unique concretions since the 1870s. Last year the site of Rock City, 2½ miles southwest of Minneapolis, was designated as a park for tourists to enjoy.

Mrs. Ellen Wallace and Louis Cooper, club leaders, encouraged the club in their projects. The club committee consisted of Barbara Dyck, chairman, Elaine Geist, Brett Wallace, Stacey Miller, Denise Dolloff, and Mark Johnson.

Booklets entitled "Kansas Rocks and Minerals" and a geological map of Kansas were provided to each member. At club meetings, talks and demonstrations showed how to polish rocks, how to identify rocks, and

how to use hydrochloric acid to test limestones. For roll call, members listed different native stones.

Last spring the Solomon Valley 4-H Club used the geology project extensively in their model meeting which was chosen top blue at both Ottawa County and Concordia regional levels. Marilyn Wallace presided over these model meetings.

Nine new members were welcomed into the club, many attracted by the geology project.

All four members who entered geology collections in the Ottawa County Fair received blue ribbons. Grand champion was Elaine Geist; the others were Kirk and Brett Wallace and Rhonda Wesley. At the fair, visitors and other club members looked over the collections and notebooks of the new rock hounds.

Only two club members live on farms, with the remainder residing in Minneapolis. Geology can be enjoyed equally by town or rural members.

At their September meeting all members brought rocks of unusual shapes or colors to share with the club. The new project has brought both fun and knowledge to all Solomon Valley 4-H rock hounds.

It was a great day at Rock Springs Ranch October 8 when the American Heritage Hall of Kansas was dedicated for use as a citizenship center. Speaker for the event was Dr. Kenneth McFarland, shown at the podium in Spencer Auditorium. On the stage at left are Rick Koelsch, Barton County; Doris Hubbard, Pottawatomie County; and Vernon Waldren, Greeley County, 1972 delegates to National 4-H Conference. Others on

the stage from left are Merle Eyestone, executive director of Kansas 4-H Foundation; Dolph Simons, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kansas 4-H Foundation; J. Harold Johnson, field representative for the Foundation; Judge Arthur Stanley, chairman of the Foundation Citizenship Committee; Bill Riley, Rock Springs Ranch director; and Jamie Schwartz, coordinator of the Heritage Hall.





# N o t e s



By Dr. Margery Neely  
Extension Specialist,  
4-H Child and Youth Education

A query arises frequently from both young people and parents: "How do I communicate with \_\_\_\_\_? They won't listen."

The two sentences occur together and, as in many problems, contain the solution. (Clue: it's the last word; begins with "l.") Most likely, neither side has taken time to listen, yet listening is more important to communication than talking is.

I'm not convinced there is a generation gap any more than a husband-wife, man-man, government-citizen gap. Young people have always struggled toward independence and increased responsibility. The manner in which the struggle is viewed by most parents is to let young people go to it, limited only by the level of competency. When both listen, the mutual support closes the gap.

Emphasis upon listening requires a person's full attention—his posture, facial expression, and concentration should be fastened upon the speaker.

If the event is a lecture, the listener should be ferreting out the central theme.

If the event is conversation, the listener should be prepared to rephrase what was communicated—to rephrase what he heard BEFORE he thinks of what he is going to reply.

The word "communicated" is broader than the word "said." The tone of voice, gestures, lift of an eyebrow, quaver in tonal quality—all communicate differently than the words alone. If a person really listens, he'll hear much more than words.

To a person who is a friend or relation, a touch can convey the communication. (Also, a fist, of course, can convey . . . . .)

To be able to pick up cues regarding another's emotions, a person must be in tune with his own emotions.

"Oh, oh, that's beginning to irritate me."

"I feel so joyous today."

"Pictures of kids and dogs always make me feel sentimental and tender." He watches what is going on inside himself.

People who care should let the "caree" know it—frequently.

Then a day comes—both people have been listening and rephrasing, reacting and saying so, caring and showing it—the day comes when a disagreement (read: fight) arises.

The field has been set for this crucial test. Each antagonist is ready—but battle plans indicate that neither side has to lose—neither side has to win. The strategy is to work toward a way to solve the problem and

keep working away for a solution, no matter how emotional the weather becomes.

"How do I communicate with \_\_\_\_\_?"

Just listen like always.



The mailbox has a message at the Lowell Jacksons, Chapman. Their children, Laura, Linda, and Loren, are members of Chapman Shamrocks 4-H Club in Dickinson County.

## Support Kansas 4-H Foundation

Kansas has nearly 1,100 community 4-H clubs. In 1970, Kansas 4-H Foundation recognized 182 clubs as contributors and in 1971, 178. This means that 17% of the community 4-H clubs gave financial support to Kansas 4-H Foundation programs.

"Plan in your new budget for a contribution to support these projects," Merle Eyestone, executive director of the Foundation, suggests. You may clip

and send in the form below with your contribution.

With a donation equal to \$1 per club member, organizations such as 4-H clubs may secure a membership certificate in Kansas 4-H Foundation. The club's name will also be listed in the Foundation Honor Roll in the June 4-H Journal.

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## Labette County girl likes electric project

By Carolyn Hoheisel, Oswego

This is my ninth year in 4-H, but only my third year in the electric project. At first I was hesitant about going into electricity, since it is said to be a boys' project. But I have never regretted it yet and don't plan to.

My first year in electricity, I learned the principles of electricity and how to wire many household appliances. I made a lamp and helped wire a building at our county fairgrounds.

During the second year, I had more work just sitting there waiting for me. In our county electric club, I was junior leader for the new members. This I liked because I could teach new members what I knew and refresh it in my own mind.

For the county fair, I made an electric hotbed and received grand champion on it.

In November, I was surprised to find out I had received a trip to the Kansas 4-H Congress at Wichita, and even more surprised to be picked for an electricity representative!

In my third year I was junior leader to new members in the electric project in our club and I exhibited a workbench lamp at the fair.

Now I'm looking forward to my fourth year in the electric project!



Carolyn enjoys helping the new members. From left to right are Karen Hoheisel, Steve Ronsick, Carolyn, and Randy Kitterman.



Carolyn made a hotbed which won county champion, but first, she says, "It took some time to explain its purpose to the judge."



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