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Dennis McCammon, Sedgwick County, with one of his 1957 brooding project chickens. For more information on brooding poultry, see page 8.

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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.*

**Celebrate Anniversary**

A huge birthday cake in the shape of a four-leaf clover was the center of attraction on the refreshment table as the Plum Creek 4-H Club, Cheyenne county, celebrated their tenth anniversary.

Calendars were turned back for the evening as news stories were read and pictures viewed that were taken from the reporter's notebook of ten years ago.

Club leaders for the ten-year period, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neilan, were presented an electric clock as an expression of appreciation for their efforts.

Ruth Zwegardt, Rep.

**Members Requested Numbers**

A request program was featured as recreation at the December meeting of the Pleasant Valley 4-H Club, Comanche County. Christmas songs were requested of song players and leaders in the group.

Members wished they had dieted longer and harder when it was time to measure the height and weight of each member after the meeting—the results to go into their record books.

Karla White, Rep.

**Clubs Visit, Exchange Ideas and Have Fun**

*(Blue award story, Lilly to be awarded a hard cover reporters notebook.)*

An exchange of letters led to an inter-county visit of 4-H Club members between the Cloverleaf 4-H Club, Gove

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**The Editor Speaks**

Frank Oborg of the Union State Bank in Clay Center received a cherry pie from Clay county 4-H'er Frances Bauer as an expression of her appreciation for the support given the Kansas 4-H Journal in that county.

That's a very thoughtful gesture, I'd say. We 4-H'ers get a lot of support from our business friends, but how often do we say, "Thanks." These supporters don't often want too much in the way of financial reward for their efforts. But they would like to know if you appreciate it.

So, have you written the donor of that award you won last fall? Have you dropped in to say "Thanks" to your local Journal sponsor?

It doesn't cost much but a bit of appreciation is valuable.

**Letters to the Editor**

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

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

Dear Sir:

I certainly like the Journal.  
Earl L. Hart  
County Club Agent  
Clay County

**Like the Journal**

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the last notebook. I enjoy the new magazine much more than the paper.

Carol Jean Hamilton, Rep.  
Richland Boosters 4-H Club  
Ford County

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Walter Haltom, Reno and Rice county 4-H leader, has explained 4-H record books to hundreds of 4-H'ers like this member of Reno county's Walnut Willing Workers Club.

### 30 Year 4-H Leader

## Still Going Strong



Walter Haltom, RFD 1, Alden, can well be called the dean of Reno county 4-H leaders.

He was honored at the last annual 4-H Achievement dinner with a Ruby Clover pin for 30 years of service.

Thanks go to Bill Brown of the Hutchinson News Herald for much of the information and the lower right hand picture in this story.

In 1927 when the Haltoms lived northeast of their present farmstead and in Rice county, he organized the Triumph 4-H Club and became its leader. He had two daughters of club age, and with no club in the vicinity, he approached the county agent and together they formed a club.

#### Started For Just A Few Years

When Haltom took over as leader, he counted on serving just while his daughters were in the club. But 4-H became a greater part of his life than he realized, and he has been an active leader without letup from 1927 to the present time.

He stayed on as leader of the Triumph club until 1938. In 1935 the Haltoms moved a few miles southwest into Reno county, and youngsters from that area were in the Triumph club. So, when Reno county agent Don Ingalls formed the Walnut Willing Workers club in 1938, Haltom became leader and several of his Triumph members made the

move with him.

While he has been a club leader in Reno county longer than any present leader, he has never broken his tie with the Rice county club.

He holds a fond memory of the Rice county schoolhouse, now a community center, in which his first club was organized. It was there that he attended a reunion of Triumph club members in 1948. He thought it was just a get-together, but the climax of the evening came when he was called to the front and presented with the Diamond Clover award for 20 years of service.

#### Many Surprises

His years of service have been filled with such surprises by youngsters who have sincerely appreciated what he has done for them. He warmly recalls the surprise birthday party his members sprung on him one day while on a tour of farm homes.

He also pictured the day when one of his members was giving a demonstration of how-to-wrap Christmas packages. She picked up a box, and said she would show how to wrap a gift for a man, then another box which would be wrapped for a woman.

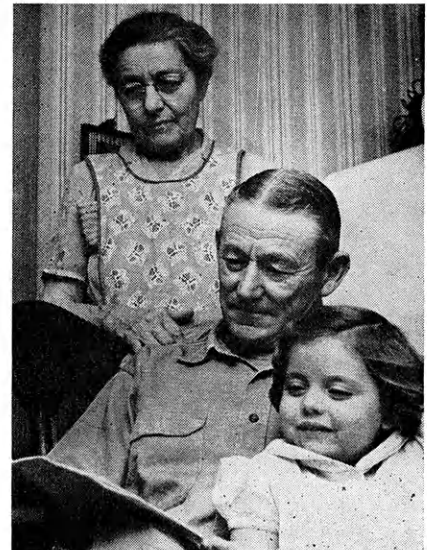
Neither he nor the woman leader of the club realized it, but both watched their own gifts being wrapped, and they were soon presented the presents from the 4-H Club members.

At present the Walnut club has 13 members, down from the peak of 36 a few years ago. "When the Huntsville club was formed, about half of our members went into that club since they lived in that area," he explained. He termed the Huntsville group as tops in Reno county, and likes to think that the members he lost helped them build it to its present height.

Five years ago, his grandson, Frankie Parsons, became a member of the Walnut club. Another grandchild, Patty Culver, enrolled this year. Haltom said he had several members who are sons or daughters of his early club members.

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A future 4-H Club member, Shirley Culver, looks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Haltom, at one of Haltom's mementos of his 30 years as a club leader.



# 4-H In Pictorial Review

## Why Don't You

### Send Some Pictures To the 4-H Journal?

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

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

#### Entry requirements:

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

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

All photographs should be ac-



Phil Beurskens, West Cherry Winners 4-H Club, Montgomery County, stresses proper care of saddle in his demonstration.



Eldon Tuttle from Kiowa County gets post-contest cherry pie baking pointers from 1957 Kansas winner Sandra Clark, Sedgwick County, at the State Contest in Wichita.

panied by a short statement explaining the picture and including names of persons in the picture.

Entrants should designate their choice of the following prizes: A year's subscription to the National 4-H Club News; One roll of color film—sizes 620, 120, 616, 116, 127 or 35mm only; and 4-H club photograph album.

Pictures should be submitted

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

#### THANKS!

Thanks to Forrest Smith and Bill Vanskike, Barton county club agents past and present, and Ray Zimmerman, Jefferson county club agent, for the pictures used in the articles on demonstrations and colt projects in the January issue.



This health center is one of three buildings now under construction at Rock Springs Ranch. The nearly completed structures were made possible by a contribution from the A. D. Jellison family of Junction City to the Rock Springs Ranch development.



Lester Weatherwax

### Weatherwax Is Honored

Known to Kansas 4-H'ers for his enthusiastic support of 4-H Club work, Wichita radio farm director, Lester Weatherwax, was one of two recipients of the "Friend of 4-H" award given recently by the National Association of County Club Agents.

An active member of the Kansas Committee on 4-H Club work, Weatherwax contacts many busi-



This Edwards county folk game group have performed at many different 4-H Club events throughout the state and won a purple ribbon in the 1956 Talent Contest. Note the colorful costumes and happy smiles.

ness groups and individuals on behalf of the 4-H Clubs. His enthusiasm has inspired thousands to further support of the 4-H Club program.

Upon his recent retirement from radio, Weatherwax made his main interest the promoting of 4-H Club work.

Thousands have heard him speak at local 4-H Club achievement programs, leaders banquets and civic club dinners on behalf of the 4-H Clubs. 4-H delegates at Round-up and the State Fair remember his leading of group singing in addition to the inspiration of his talks.

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## Bit of Irish Fun For March Meeting

It's the month of the Irish (in March) so "Driving the Pig To Market" will add life to your March 4-H meeting. The players are divided into equal teams which are lined up for a relay race with the leaders of the teams behind a starting line. A potato is placed on the line before each team and each leader is given a yard stick.

At the starting signal each leader pushes his potato with the stick toward a goal line at the opposite end of the room. When he reaches it he turns and pushes it back to the next team-mate in line who repeats the trip to "market." The team whose members all succeed in getting to "market" and back first wins.

### Paddy's Pig

"Paddy's Pig" is started by giving all the players pieces of paper of the same size. At a signal each tears a pig from his paper (no pencils are allowed to draw an outline first). Five minutes may be allowed to fashion the paper models and then they are submitted to the leaders (with artists names attached) who pick out the worst one. The artist responsible for it must then imitate the sound of a pig to show he knows a pig when he hears one even if he doesn't know what a pig looks like.

### Blarney Stone

The "Blarney Stone" is the theme of the next game. The group is seated in a circle. A small stone, the Blarney Stone, is passed around. As each person receives it he must wish aloud something for his neighbor to do. At unexpected intervals the leader blows a whistle. The unlucky person caught with the Blarney Stone must execute the wish expressed by the neighbor who passed the stone to him. Play until six or eight have performed.

# 4-H'ers Tell Their Story During Nat.l 4-H Week

## March 2 to 9 Is Time For Report To People

"Though they are only eight and nine-year-olds, members of the Industry Hustlers 4-H Club proudly display the poster which they made for a window exhibit during National 4-H Club Week," reports Mrs. Dean Hoffman, R. 1, Manchester.

Dorothy Murphy of the Country Pals 4-H Club, Thomas county, reports that officers of her club have made posters and an attractive window display for National 4-H Club achievement events in this community.

But window exhibits aren't the only thing you can use or should use. Radio programs, TV programs, newspaper articles, 4-H programs before civic clubs, PTA groups or community meetings are some of the other means 4-H Club members can use to explain their work and objectives to the millions of non-4-H'ers.

### Define Your Audience

Probably the first part of your job of planning for 4-H Club Week is to define your audience—prospective club members, parents of prospective members, taxpayers, civic or business supporters, or others. Secondly, you need to plan the message you want to get across. Do you want to publicly recognize your local 4-H Club leaders? Do you want to show the part parents can play in the 4-H Club program? Or do you want to tell about the things boys and girls can learn in 4-H Club work?

### Tell One Story

Don't try to tell the entire 4-H story at once. You may fail to tell anything effectively.

How about arranging to have



McPherson county's booth exhibit was grand champion at the 1956 State Fair.

some of your better 4-H Club Day demonstrations given at a civic, community or PTA meeting? This will tell the audience some of the things you have learned in 4-H Club work and it will demonstrate to them that 4-H teaches showmanship, public speaking and poise.

A colorful folk game or a good musical group in a program shows that 4-H members learn how to enjoy themselves in wholesome recreation in their own groups.

Most clubs give a lot of facts and figures about accomplishments in an achievement news story. This year, why not take some good action pictures and tell the story of one of your local 4-H Club leaders? Or perhaps the story of one of your community service projects. Maybe Na-

tional 4-H Club Week would be a good opportunity for you to write a feature article (pictures a must) of one of your outstanding members.

### Does It Affect Me?

It is sometimes more difficult

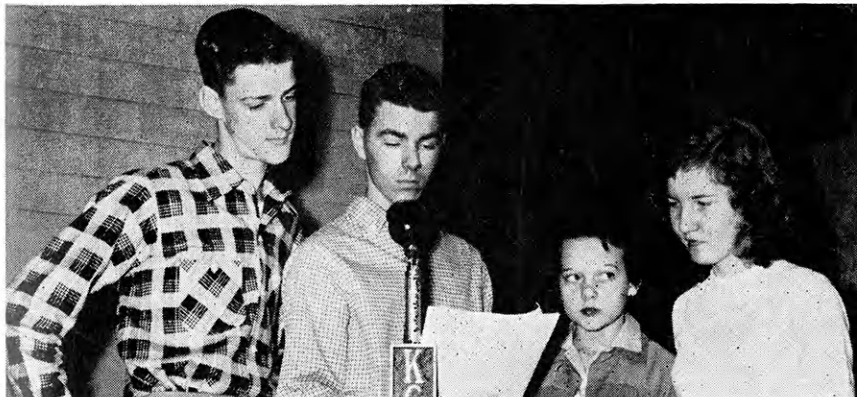


Marjorie and Jerry Button, and Olive Kout of the Shannon 4-H Club, Atchison, with a musical number that might be used during National 4-H Week.

to get a radio or television program, but when you present one, remember the audience is especially interested in what you are doing if it affects them.

Show or tell how they can use the things you have learned. Or tell them how your service project will make the community a better place in which to live.

Many window displays are built around the 4-H Club pledge, but how many explain the pledge so a stranger could immediately understand its significance. The exhibit pictured on page 7 has a lot of good points—it is interesting, simple and specific. These criteria might well be applied to all exhibits.



Alan Amey, Richard Rees, Joanne McDaniel, and Wanda Rea of the Busy Band 4-H club are waiting the signal to present "4-H'ers on the Air" over station KGGF, Coffeyville.



Paula Sanford of Manhattan is "Taking Off the Hatch" at the KSC poultry farm.

## Why Not Start A

# 4-H Poultry Brooding Project

Those tiny, bright-eyed puffs of yellow fuzz, known as baby chicks, have an irresistible lure whenever spring approaches. Maybe they symbolize a touch of spring, at any rate thousands of Kansans will be buying chicks this month or next month.

Orders range from 20 chicks to several thousand. Among the orders are those from 4-H'ers, many taking up a poultry project for the first time. It is a worthwhile experience and can be quite profitable financially, too.

### Arrange Housing First Step

If you have decided to raise some poultry this year the first step is to arrange for the housing. The brooder house should be a tight, draft-free building, preferably facing the south. Try to locate the house near the other buildings so the chicks can be easily taken care of. Should the brooder house be movable, it is a good idea to move it to new grounds if other chickens have used the pen for several years.

The brooder house may determine the number of chicks that can be raised. M. E. Jackson, poultry specialist at Kansas State College, recommends two square feet of floor space per bird if they are to be kept in the house for 16 weeks.

Otherwise, allow  $\frac{1}{2}$  square foot per chick for the first four

weeks and add  $\frac{1}{2}$  square foot per bird at the eighth, twelfth and sixteenth week.

### Select The Breed

Next, select the breed you think will best suit your purpose. The heavier breeds are best for broiler sales, the lighter birds for egg production. Since breeds differ in their productivity in different areas, see your hatchery owner, county agent or a successful poultry raiser in your community about the breed best adapted locally.

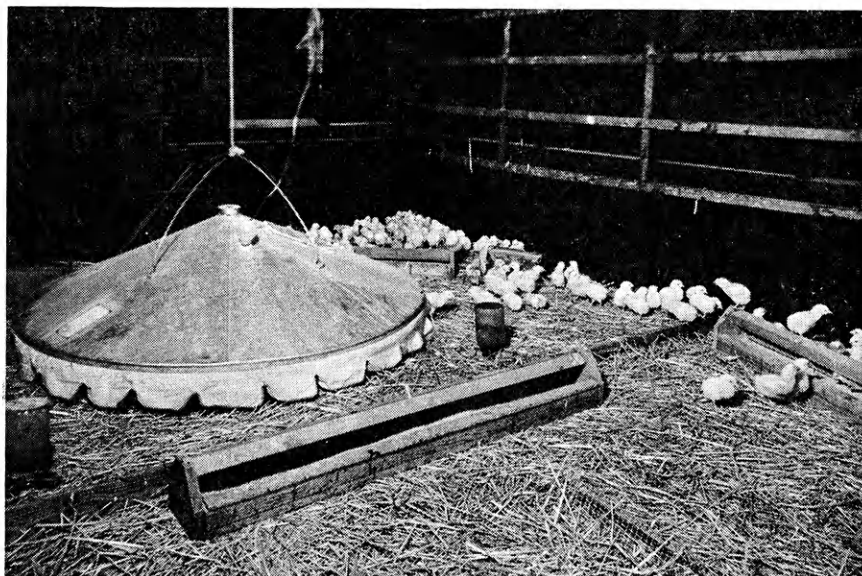
Mr. Jackson suggests getting day old chicks. He believes there is less chance of getting diseased and weak chicks. Also, by feeding them yourself, you know they have been properly fed. If the chicks are started early in the year, an order may have to be placed. Usually by the last of March or early April the hatch-

eries have enough chicks on hand you can pick some up on a day's notice.

### Set Up Heating Equipment

Before the chicks arrive, set up the heating equipment to be used. The type of heating used will depend on the money to be spent, time of year the chicks arrive, their age, and the local weather conditions. Electric and gas brooders and infrared lamps are equally good. The lamp type brooders are usually a little easier to take care of and set up. If the electric lamps are used after April 1 they are not much more expensive, Jackson says.

Choosing the litter for the brooder house floor is an easy matter. It can be any inexpensive material that is handy and will keep the floor warm and dry. Ground cobs are often used with a little sand mixed in. Other ma-



An electric hover of this type may be slightly more expensive to operate in the earlier months of the year, but K-State poultry specialists find it cleaner and easier to maintain.



terials used are oat hulls, peat moss, straw, dehydrated beet pulp, sawdust and wheat bran. For some of the finer litters it might be advisable to spread newspapers on the floor for the first two or three days so the chicks won't eat the litter.

If chickens have been in the house recently be especially sure every crack and crevice in the house is thoroughly soaked with a disinfectant before the chicks are put into it. Waterers should be sterilized thoroughly.

**Overheating Common**

Have the brooder house warm when the chicks arrive. The most common mistake in brooding chicks is that they are overheated.

Professor Jackson sets the temperature at about 90 degrees for day old chicks. After 10 days drop the temperature to 85 degrees; at three weeks 80 degrees and then on down to 75 degrees at the end of five weeks. As it is difficult to set any definite temperature, the chicks should be checked closely for the first two or three weeks to see if they are too hot or cold.

A retainer may be placed around the brooder to keep the chicks from getting in the far corners away from the heat. Any sort of cardboard or wire fence may be used and can be taken down after eight to ten days.

Chicks that are allowed to run in an outside pen in cold weather may need more heat from the brooder. Chicks coming inside need to be warmed quickly. The brooder may be turned down at night. Three week old chicks are usually old enough to go outside, but let them go out only if they wish to go outside.

Young chicks are usually fed finely cracked corn for the first few days. They may then receive commercial starter mash or home mixes with about 16 percent protein up to six or eight weeks. Cheaper feeds with more bulk will be suitable after that. Some whole grains such as sorghum, oats, and wheat may be fed

after the third week.

**Waterer Types Vary**

Many types of waterers are available, but the main thing is to see that clean, fresh water is available at all times. Be sure that the area around the waterer doesn't get too wet and soggy. Wet litter is colder and the chicks track the mud in feeders and waterers from the outside.

To get the birds started roosting early, build low roosts while they are still quite young. The best way to get them to use the roost is to make the sloping type that has the low roost near the hover. Make sure the higher roosts can be easily reached from the lower ones.

If the chicks are both pullets and cockerels, the lighter breeds such as Leghorns should be separated at six to eight weeks of age; the heavier breeds such as Plymouth Rocks at from eight to ten weeks of age.

**Richard Rees Was Winner**

Richard Rees, 17-year old 4-H'er from Montgomery county, was the 1956 state 4-H poultry brooding champion. He has carried a poultry project during eight of his nine years in 4-H.

Richard figures he has gained a lot of knowledge from his eight years of poultry work. "I tried to purchase my chicks in March or April. The brooder house was heated with a gas brooder and since we have our own gas well that is a big help. Ground corn cobs were used for litter. The chickens are started with chick



Looks as if Donald and Linda Gish of Riley county's Bonfire 4-H Club are getting ready to make a fire for Linda's brooding poultry project.

starter ration and after about three weeks they are given a little oats with the feed.

"At about one week of age the chicks are vaccinated with the Newcastle and bronchitis dust vaccine and revaccinated in about six weeks. The cockerels are moved to another house at eight to ten weeks and are fed to frying age.

"The pullets are put on grower ration and rye pasture at twelve weeks. They are vaccinated with the fowl pox vaccine and are de-beaked. Pullets go in the laying house at 16 to 18 weeks of age."

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## Off the 4-H Line

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county, and the Up and Atom 4-H club, Finney county.

Gove county visitors were guests of the Finney county club members for a buffet supper and evening of recreation in a Garden City park. Group singing and such folk games as Ach Yah and Patti Cake Polka were followed by a pie eating contest with three blindfolded girls feeding chocolate pie to three blindfolded boys.

A discussion period on 4-H Club work brought forth a lot of new ideas for both clubs. Gove boys stayed overnight with the Finney boys and the girls from both clubs had a slumber party in the Girl Scout cabin.

Church services Sunday morning were followed by a weiner roast and a trip through the zoo, concluding the exchange.

Up and Atom 4-H Club  
Lilly Dreiling, Rep.

## Members Are Good Bakers

Five of the eight Finney county cherry pie bakers this year were members of the Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club including county champion Peggy Small, the junior champion, and the reserve champion Judy Baker.

This is the second year the club has had the county champion cherry pie baker.

Judy Baker, Rep.

## Groceryman Demonstrates

(Blue award story, Kelley to receive a hard cover reporters notebook.)

A meat cutting demonstration by Lakin's genial groceryman Al Geyer



Al Geyer, center, and his assistants demonstrate meat cutting at Kearny county meeting.

and his staff was the highlight of the Parents Night meeting of the Hi-Landers 4-H Club, Kearny county.

Geyer prepared and displayed the standard cuts of pork and beef as well as many new cuts designed to utilize the less expensive portions to the best advantage.

Linda Beth Gushing drew the lucky number to win a ham presented by Mr. Geyer.

Kelley Phillips, Rep.

## IFYE Delegate Speaks

"Germany" was the topic of a talk by 1956 IFYE Virginia Devinish, Saline county, at a meeting of the Willing Workers 4-H Club.

The club voted to have a food sale to raise money for a 1957 IFYE delegate from the county and to pay for their leader's tickets to the annual leaders banquet.

Diana Alley, Rep.

## Health and Safety Stressed

Health and safety activities of the Bush City Boosters 4-H Club, Anderson county, included collecting funds for the cancer drive, making scrapbooks for the local hospital and doctor's offices, participating in a farm safety check contest, distributing red danger flags to each family in the community and stressing safety talks and programs on the local radio station.

Carolyn Carr, Rep.

## Spread Christmas Cheer

Riley county's College Hill 4-H Club members caroled at the Riley county hospital and guest home during the Christmas holidays. In the tradition of the club, each member brought food

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and clothing to be given to a needy family for Christmas.

Plans for the club to operate the Country Store at a county-wide Mardi Gras were discussed.

Janet McAdams, Rep.

### From Here and There

Goddard 4-H Club, **Sedgwick** county, have planned to have a guest speaker from Friends University, Wichita, on their program during the coming year. . . . Recreation at the Parents Night meeting of the Willing Willowdalers 4-H Club, **Dickinson** county, included measuring the parent's waist and charging a penny an inch. . . . Leon Schnittker, a former member of the Cairo Molors 4-H Club, **Pratt** county, showed slides of Korea at the recent Parents Night meeting of the club. . . . DIY Jrs. 4-H Club, **Ford** county, plan to have a model meeting, a folk dance and a chorus in their county 4-H Day. . . . Members of the Kechi 4-H Club, **Sedgwick** county, walked off with ten county individual, two club and two state awards at the achievement banquet. . . . A covered dish supper was the featured attraction at the Parents Night meeting of the Grantville 4-H Club, **Jefferson** county. . . . A sign for a local game preserve will be purchased by members of the Live Wire 4-H Club, **McPherson** county. . . . Members of the Beverly Boosters 4-H Club, **Lincoln** county, have voted to work for a purple seal this year. . . . A 4-H quiz was featured at the Parents Night meeting of the Sunshine 4-H Club, **Ness** county. . . . "Common Sense used during the holiday helps save lives," was the timely topic of a talk at a recent meeting of the Driftwood 4-H Club, **Rawlins** county. . . . 50 guests, 23 members and 6 leaders attended the Achievement Dinner of the East Plainville 4-H Club, **Rooks** county. . . . **Lincoln** county's Wide Awake 4-H Club are proud of their purple seal. . . . Five out of eight **Rawlins** county's 4-H Clubs have been awarded a purple seal for their 1956 4-H Club year. . . . Eden Valley Hustlers, **Stafford** county, have won seven consecutive purple seals under the seven-year leadership of Mrs. Harley Beaver and Mr. Lawrence Taylor. . . . Slides were used to illustrate a talk on home grounds beautification at a meeting of the Willing Workers 4-H Club, **Hamilton** county. . . . "How Food Affects You" was the title of a talk given by Mrs. Palmer Schneider at the Parents Night meeting of the Walnut Valley 4-H Club, **Ness** county. . . . String relay recreation was featured at the monthly meeting of the Milford 4-H Club, **Geary** county. . . . A skating party in March is planned



Willing Workers 4-H Club, **Saline** county, spread Christmas cheer to a needy Salina family. Those who helped pack the basket are Richard Hemmy, Linda Purcell, Susan Bell, Jo Ann Jolley, Jay and Doug Jolley, Diana Alley, and leader Mrs. F. C. Hahn.

by the Grantville 4-H Club, **Jefferson** county. . . . Larry Hinnergardt, president of the **Ness** county 4-H council, has been president of the Ransom Jr. Farmers 4-H Club two years. . . . Stuttgart businessmen and their families were guests of the Stuttgart 4-H Club, **Phillips** county, for their annual Christmas party. . . . 22 county awards were won by five members of the Driftwood 4-H Club, **Rawlins** county. . . . Safety goals for the Lone Star 4-H Club, **Russell** county, include checking for hazards, holding a special safety

night program and having a safety number at each meeting. . . . **Ness** county home economics agent Erma Neely gave tips on demonstrations at a recent meeting of the Sunshine 4-H Club. . . . Plans for membership night, parents night, exchange meeting, health and safety programs, club tour and county 4-H Day were laid at a program planning meeting of the Lone Star 4-H Club, **Russell** county. . . . **Rawlins** county 4-H'ers and leaders attended a meeting on civil defense at Atwood.

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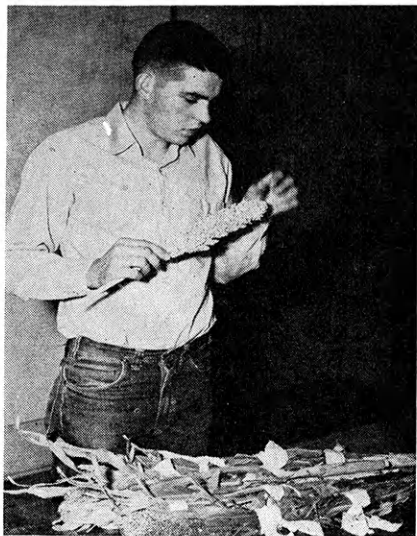
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Sorghums were one of Charles' main 4-H projects. Here he examines a sample sent to the Kansas Crop Improvement Association.

Climaxing nine years of 4-H club work, Charles Hamon, Jefferson county, was chosen state boys agriculture winner by the State Awards Committee. As a state winner he attended the National 4-H Club Congress, November 24 to December 1.

Fast moving traffic in Chicago was a far cry from the tractor Charles had driven to plant, cultivate and harvest crops which were a part of his 4-H crops projects.

Charles, a member of the Prosperity 4-H Club, started in club work with a calf and a Berkshire fat barrow. This first calf was selected when he was with his father looking at some cattle. They found a new calf that was wide and fairly deep bodied. His father gave it to him for his first 4-H project.

Since that first year, Charles

*Charles Hamon*

## State Agriculture Champion

has been building his projects larger and stronger until he now has completed a total of 59 projects including crops, livestock, soil conservation, tractor maintenance and junior leadership. The past year he fed twelve baby beeves and sixteen head of hogs.

### In Many Activities

His 4-H activities have taken him to county, state and national events. Among those were showing livestock, crop exhibits, judging teams, fitting and showing contests, demonstrations, and attending state camps.

While enrolled in the 4-H conservation project, Charles was a member of the land judging team in 1955. The team placed second in the eastern Kansas land judging contest, and fourth in the national meet at Oklahoma.

### Crops Is Favorite Project

Crops has been Charles' favorite project. "I have had the fun of showing my crops at various fairs, and have received many ribbons," he said. "I al-

ways plant certified seed for maximum yields and freedom from weeds and foreign matter."

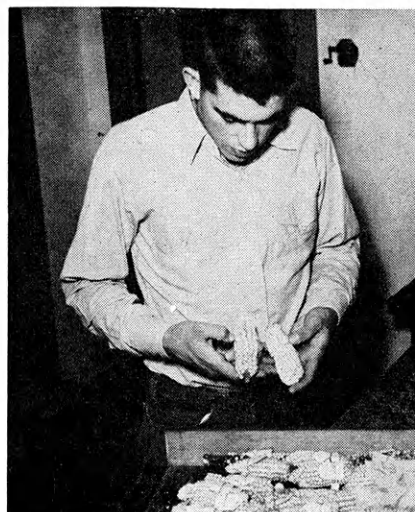
"The biggest thrill I have had through my crops projects was when I heard I had the grand champion 4-H wheat exhibit at the Hays wheat festival."

Other awards in crops have included champion crop exhibit at the county fair, and blue ribbons on corn, wheat, sorghums, oats at both the Kansas Free Fair and the Kansas State Fair.

### Demonstrations Interesting

"The most interesting phase of my 4-H work has been demonstrations. A demonstration I gave on "Producing and Cleaning Certified Seed" has helped me with the production of many 4-H crop projects." This demonstration won him top honors at the Kansas Free Fair and the Kansas State Fair.

Charles Hamon examines some of the corn used in breeding work at Kansas State College.



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## 4-H'ers Have Part In President's Committee

Strengthening of the International Farm Youth Exchange program is one of the main projects outlined by the 4-H Committee of President Eisenhower's "People-to-People" program, according to J. Harold Johnson, Kansas 4-H Club leader, and a member of President Eisenhower's committee.

In appointing the committee and starting the program, Eisenhower said, "If our American ideology is eventually to win out



Eisenhower

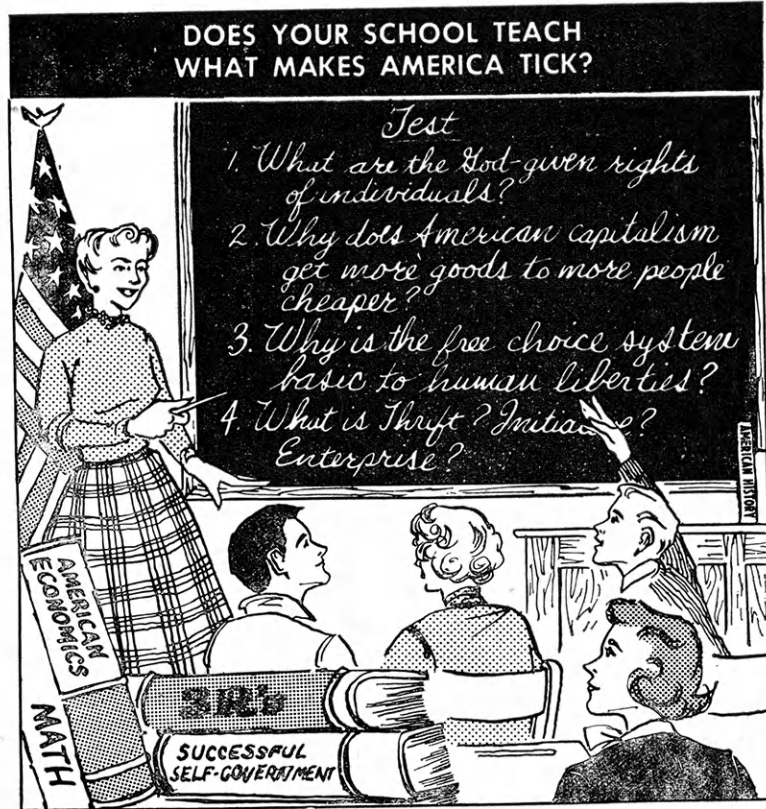
in the great struggle being waged between the two opposing ways of life, it must have the active support of

thousands of independent private groups and institutions and of millions of individual Americans acting through person-to-person communication."

Johnson, as a member of the committee, emphasizes the fact that Kansas 4-H'ers have taken the lead in promoting international understanding through such programs as IFYE. But he calls for 4-H'ers to do even more in day to day club activities.

Some of the ways Johnson lists for local clubs and 4-H members to participate in the program include developing pen pals with both individuals and groups in other countries, exchange photographs and souvenirs, exchange of scrapbooks, be hospitable and of service to newcomers to the community including immigrants, learning more about the national holidays and local customs of other lands, and studying the contributions other countries have made to American food, clothing, crafts, music, etc.

Johnson also suggests that a county or a local club might exchange ideas and helps with a 4-H Club or other youth group in another country.



Farm Bureau members realize that good citizenship is founded on our educational system.

We should encourage our schools to help students understand the basic principles and philosophy of our form of self-government and our competitive enterprise system. Students should learn thoroughly the things they need to know in daily life.

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Rawlins county home economics agent Nancy West gives reporters tips on a state winning reporter's notebook at a county officers training school. Seated are George Calnon, Susie Studer, Sharon Gilbert and Janice Shanks.

### Collects Clothing For Needy

Robert Wedel, 4 year member of the Upward Strivers 4-H Club, Kiowa county, interprets the Heart H of the 4-H pledge by collecting children's clothing to



Robert Wedel

send to a children's home in Kansas City and to relief agencies.

He has collected nearly 90 articles including shoes, baby's clothing, dresses, suits, underwear, blankets and children's garments of all types.

### 30 Year Leader

(Continued from page 3)

#### Got More Help Than He Gave

The veteran club leader modestly believed that he "got more help from his club members than they did from me." He added, "I don't know why they call us leaders. We've got to keep going to keep up with the members."

When he first started, he pictured 4-H work as something which would teach boys and girls more about farming and home-making. "But it's much more than that, I found out," he said.

### Is Money Raising A Problem?

Want ideas for raising money? Marion county, Oregon, uses some of these methods to raise money for their IFYE delegates. Kansas 4-H'ers may find some of these ideas adaptable for their communities.

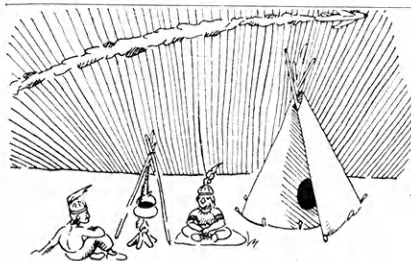
Members of one 4-H Club hired themselves out at odd jobs for one day and turned in the proceeds—netted \$16. A cake sale by a cooking group brought in \$13.50 and five clubs went together for a carnival.

An IFYE delegate from a neighboring county showed slides and told of her experiences—admission price was one-half cent per inch in height.

"It teaches them how to become good citizens and go forward in all walks of life," he added.

#### Wife Gets Credit

Haltom gives equal share of the credit for service to his wife who served as leader with him for eight years when he started. "She's still pushing me when I start to slack off."



Ught Night Hawk got Heap Long Tail Feathers.  
Idea and original drawing contributed by O. J. Petefish, 4-H parent from Scott City.

## \$10,000 Raised By 4-H'ers In Campaign; Building to Start

More than \$10,000 has been received during the current campaign for the L. C. Williams Dining Hall Fund at Rock Springs Ranch. Thirty-two counties have sent in contributions with eight counties having met their goals.

Largest county contribution to date is from Geary County with a contribution of \$4,185 to complete their goal.

Goals were set by a committee of extension agents and were based upon use of the camp during the last five years.

The State 4-H Center Executive Committee has recommended construction of the first phase of the Dining Hall and arrangements have been made to start construction as soon as weather permits. It is expected the first unit will be available for use this summer.

Counties having met their goals are Geary, Finney, Seward, Montgomery, Doniphan, Crawford, Hamilton and Kearny.

Other counties contributing towards their goal are Sedgwick, Mitchell, Cowley, Marion, Butler, Clay, Decatur, Wyandotte, Labette, Shawnee, Kingman, Lane, Cloud, Pottawatomie, Ellis, Ottawa, Clark, Washington, Harvey, Osage, Woodson, Saline, Smith and Ness.

## We Want Cartoons

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

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

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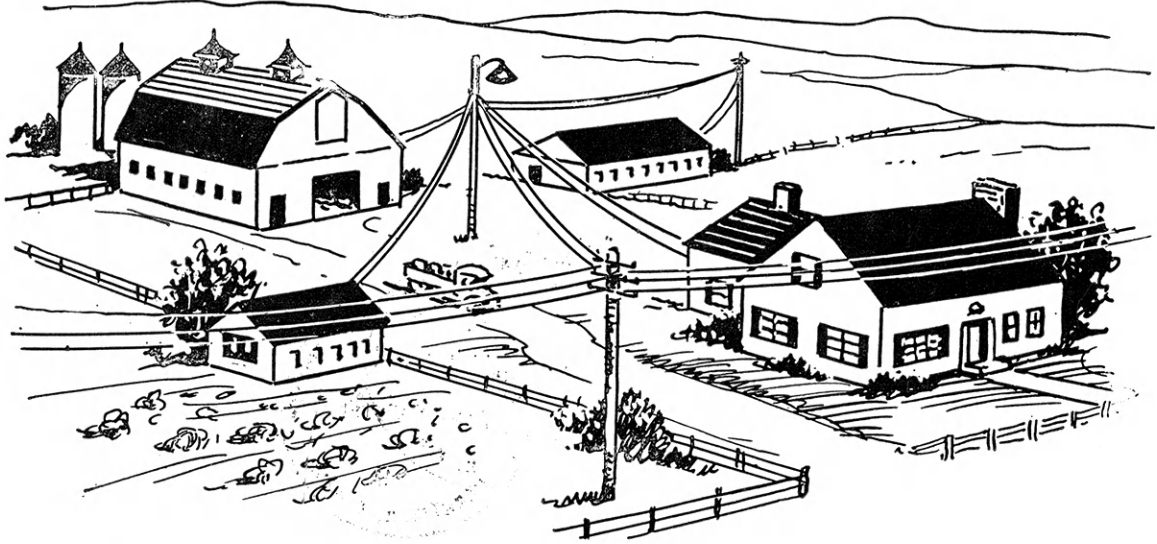
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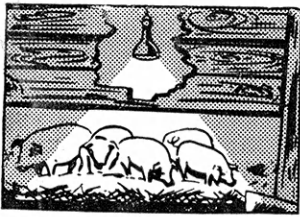
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