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Debbie wins a blue

By Stuart Awbrey
Editor and Publisher, The Hutchinson News

She nuzzled her crossbred lamb as she might a favored lap dog. The lamb was indifferent, as lambs tend to be, but he stood placidly as she pushed his stomach up, brushed his rump, and kissed him on his button nose.

When the judge came by for a final inspection of the 15 lambs in this largish class, Debbie looked up at him with such an anxious air, such a desire to please, that my heart ached for her. I would not want to be a judge, not of the showmanship class at the county 4-H fair. I would not want to tell Debbie, or Ronnie, or Susan, that their lambs and their presentation were only second best.

Debbie got a blue ribbon for her lamb and the way she handled it. She grinned like a Bad News Bear who has stolen second base. She rubbed her lamb's ears and tugged him away to his pen a few yards from the show ring.

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AUGUST in Kansas, and the fairs are everywhere.

The combination is strange. Nature is at its most somnolent. The dead of summer we call it. An exaggeration, literally, but as she sleeps — fat and green and satisfied with the work of June and July — she looks dead enough. The early dry days gave special impetus to the dandelion and the plantain, which are busy. This is the time of the *Compositae* —the daisy and dandelion and aster—with their teeming compact flower heads ready to inherit the earth.

But mostly, the land is vegetative, barely conscious. Spring was a fever and autumn will be a regret, but August knows neither. Even the birds are still, their songs drowned by the cricket and the katydid. Or perhaps they are simply tired from the long season's efforts.

* *

YET THIS is the time of the fairs, the busy time of preparing and setting up and showing. Of friendships renewed, of affection freely given and accepted, of kinship with the land and its people. Of honors sought and rewards offered. Of pride and learning and ambition, and, always, a desire to do a bit better.

One advantage of living with the country is the frequent sense of renewal. The city dweller sees himself in his growing son's eyes, but he seldom translates that to the work of the world.

Yet here, this 4-H fair is much like the first Reno County fair staged by the Agricultural Society on the banks of the Arkansas 104 years ago. Wheat has upstaged corn, the cattle are sleeker and better bodied, but the people who come do so for the same reason their great-grand-parents came. To be with others, to show what they had been up to all year, to offer hope for tomorrow.

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I FIRST saw Debbie 38 years ago, at a similar fair. Her name was Pat then, and she was showing a Jersey calf, one of the first 4-H girls to invade the livestock lists.

Pat had the same desire, the same anxious look at the judge, the same hug for her animal as Debbie had this week.

It's a comfort to watch them. Year after year they come. The cars and trailers they bring to the fairgrounds are costlier; the soda pop comes in cans now; the dirt roads to the stalls are paved; the judge uses a microphone and speakers instead of a baritone bray.

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About the cover

The high point of a fair for many people is the naming of the grand champion steer. At Kansas State Fair in 1976, Chico, an Angus-Simmental cross, won that honor.

He was shown by his owner, Barbie Becker, then a member of Paw Paw Lucky Clovers 4-H Club in Elk County. She's now Mrs. Tony Small of Fredonia.

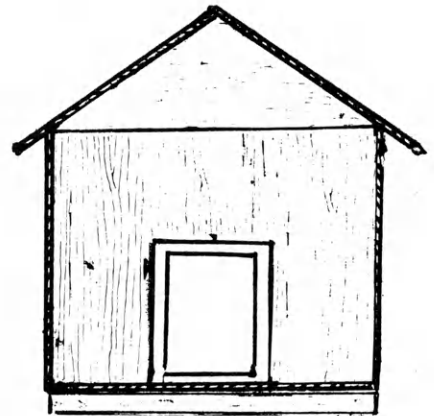
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By the State and Area 4-H Staff

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Ellis County—A special day was planned for all 4-H Style Revue participants from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Professional persons were on hand to advise on grooming, make up, accessories, modeling, and poise prior to the county style revue.

Logan County—An invitational 4-H geology tour was planned for June 16, featuring a visit of the Fick Museum, followed by a field trip along the Smoky Hill River, visiting the Pyramids and Hell's Bar.

Northwest Kansas—Most of the northwest area counties took part in a backpacking trip into the Colorado mountains, centering in the West Cliff area for the period of July 12-16. The Northwest completed a successful Trail Ride through the breaks of the Republican River in northern Cheyenne County during May.

Haskell County—A different kind of 4-H project tour was planned for July 9 for Haskell County members. A hand held pets tour was organized for those members who are enrolled in projects handled best on an individual basis, like rabbits, conies,

guinea pigs, turtles, snakes, and other such types.

Osage County—A complete foods day was planned for July 15 to take place at the Osage City fairgrounds. In addition to an International Food Feast featuring foods that would be of interest when teenagers entertain in foreign countries, a Favorite Food Show was planned. The 4-H participants prepared the favorite food and exhibited it on a card table with appropriate table setting and centerpiece.

Debbie wins

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But nothing much really changes. Not when you get to the show ring. Not when the Debbies and her colleagues take their animals or their embroidered blouses or their cakes to parade before the experts.

In a world of change, it's a comfort. In a life of uncertainty, the country fair remains something to cling to. I like that, and I like being close to it.

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What have you learned in the art project that's fun to do? That results in something you're proud to have?

You can teach others this skill and they can join in the fun of doing, too.

That's part of what will be happening at Art-In September 9 and 10 in Hutchinson, the first weekend of the state fair.

The 4-H members who display art projects at the fair will be helping in some way: setting up or taking down, guiding tours, performing, or giving demonstrations to teach how to make something or to do something.

To take part, as an individual or as part of your group, ask your county agent for more information.

Livestock showmanship

By Steve Fisher

Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth

Livestock showmanship contests are an exciting and important part of most county 4-H fairs: exciting because they usually draw large crowds to watch 4-H'ers demonstrating their grooming and showing skills, and important because these contests are among the most educational aspects of fairs.

Showmanship contests are different from most other fair events since the member puts himself on exhibit rather than just presenting a finished product. It is similar to a demonstration contest because the showman is actively participating while the event is being judged.

Showmanship, or fitting and showing, is the art of training, grooming, and showing livestock in such a way as to make the animal acceptable to the public and presented at its best advantage to the judge.

It isn't something that just hap-

pens the day of the fair. Ideally it starts when the animal is first brought home. Working with the young animal so that it can be led or handled is the first thing that must be done. Showmanship also means watching the animal grow and develop and analyzing its strong and weak structural characteristics. If a 4-H'er realizes the most outstanding trait of his market hog is its long, trim topline, then the showman will want to present a side view of his hog to the judge.

4-H'ers should be encouraged to participate in showmanship contests if they are eligible. However, if they just observe the other youth, it will still be great training for them for next year.

Judging of a showmanship contest is based on preparation of animals for show, their apparent training or lack of training, and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. Two of the most important things to remember in the showing are: do not stand between the judge and the animal, and do be courteous to fellow exhibitors.

Youth Advisory meets

By Charles Lee

Reporter, State 4-H Youth Advisory

The State 4-H Youth Advisory met in Manhattan during the State 4-H and Youth Conference.

The group spoke with Zoe Slinkman concerning the "Art In" planned for the first weekend of Kansas State Fair. The committee agreed to help publicize and conduct the program which will focus mainly on processes used in the arts project.

At a meeting with the State 4-H Advisory Board, the group decided to conduct a contest through **Kansas 4-H Journal**, January through April 1979, to select a permanent name for the former State 4-H Roundup. The name will be chosen by the delegates to the 1979 conference and will become effective in 1980.

A dance was planned for the second Saturday night of Kansas State Fair, with admission \$1. The dance will be open to members of 4-H and FFA and friends.

Joint committees were set up to consider the following items: a 4-H Ambassador program for Kansas, a possible teen or junior leadership camp, and the possibility of a sex education program in 4-H.

Delegates to National 4-H Conference, Cindy Hall, Bill Kunshek, Pat Schlegel, and Bill Blake, gave reports and recommendations.

You're feeling good because your 4-H livestock sold well at the sale after the fair, thanks to a generous buyer. Remember to thank the buyer and also to deposit part of the money in your local

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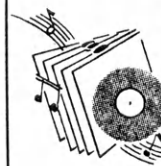
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Home economics at the State Fair

By Ellen Jackson
Extension Specialist, 4-H and Youth

Home improvement, crocheting, knitting, foods, and clothing are all a part of 4-H home economics at the state fair. Demonstrations in the above projects are also a part of the fair activities.

Home Improvements

About 120 or 130 young people and parents gather the components of their state fair blue home improvement projects and head for Hutchinson. 4-H members and their helpers (sometimes called family) start to put up their winning projects early on the Friday before the fair begins the next day on Saturday.

Home improvement project exhibits judging begins Friday night and lasts until Sunday afternoon. The judges read each youngster's record of achievements. Each 4-H person is judged on his or her own progress. Some exhibits are bedrooms, some are kitchens, some are family rooms, some are patios, and some are single home improvement items.

At the state fair level, all are beautifully color coordinated and all are top quality projects and make a nice contribution to the 4-H exhibit building at Hutchinson.

Crocheting and Knitting

Bicentennial had its effects on these two projects. They have both grown over the past few years by leaps and bounds.

Young people are interested in using their leisure time to be creative.

Of the crocheting and knitting exhibits that show up at the state fair, many are those that have been designed by the youngsters themselves.

1975's grand champion was a wildlife scene that a 4-H'er saw on a wall mural. She liked it so well that she made her own crochet pattern and crocheted a sweater with that pattern. She chose colors and yarn that really made a top quality and beautiful sweater.

The number of professionals that are asked to judge the crocheting and knitting projects has tripled in the past three years. Because crocheting and knitting haven't always enjoyed so much success,

finding competent judges is sometimes difficult.

Judging by nine experts begins at 8 a.m. opening day of the fair and takes the entire day.

The wool association each year seeks out the items that are 100 per cent wool. From those items, one is chosen as the champ and the commission gives its owner a lovely wool pallet.

Foods

Friday morning the day before the fair begins, food items that include biscuits, cookies of all sorts, nut and fruit breads, chiffon cakes, angel food cakes, layer cakes, yeast rolls, yeast loaves, international coffee cakes and others begin to arrive.

The east end of the 4-H exhibit building begins to smell and look like a baked goods specialty shop. The bakery racks that are provided for the food items begin to fill up early.

Nearly 1,400 food items have been received by local helpers by the end of the day.

Saturday morning the judges begin at 8:30 a.m. These professionals, utility county home economists, former extension home economists, public school home economists, and recent home economics graduates spend a full day judging the quality of the counties' top blue ribbon food items. No champions are chosen. Each item is judged on criteria that is set for quality.

Beginning at noon on Saturday, the IFYE Alumnae begin a sale of almost all of the food items, all except those that the food display committee places in the enclosed square food display cases located in the center of the fair exhibit building. Many family members and friends of the creators of those luscious baked goods begin lining up two to three hours before the baked goods go on sale.

The food items that are chosen for the display case are attractively displayed along with the recipes of each of the items.

It is a common thing to see fairgoers spending an hour or two to copy the recipes from these top quality items.

Clothing

Clothing to be judged for con-

struction is a big part of the state fair. Each county brings all garments judged top blue and purple at their local fairs.

The local ladies who serve as clerks are on the job at 8 a.m. Friday to receive the clothing. These ladies receive the garments and hang them on long commercial racks organized by classes. This endeavor usually takes all day Friday.

After the entry time passes, the clothing is rearranged, so that the judges who will come on Saturday morning (opening day of the fair) can begin the long leisurely task of evaluating each and every exhibit.

On Saturday morning eight judges, including K-State extension clothing specialists, arrive to begin the evaluation task. These judges work all day Saturday and get through only half of the clothing.

On Monday morning, eight judges again come to finish the clothing task. In the meantime, the clothing display committee (usually county extension home economists) has arranged the center displays. One grouping might be all shades of blue, another red, white, and blue, another might be greens, and another pretty pastels. A large display case on the north wall sports all types of groupings of clothing; there might be a winter scene and a coat parade or ski outfits or a summer parade of sun dresses. These displays are subject to change at any time during the fair which gives more 4-H members a chance to have the public see their beautiful work.

On Monday, back to the judging; when the judges conclude their long two days, they have judged more than 1,000 garments.

Next time when you come to the fair, why don't you look at the clothing that these boys and girls have made and get a preview of what is fashionable and also faddish.

Home Economics Judging

On the Tuesday of the 10 day fair, all 105 counties participate in home economics judging.

There are six classes of foods, six of clothing, and six of home improvement. Each county has a team of three to judge each subject matter area. Team members set out to do their best to make their team No. 1 in the state.

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Leaders honored

According to Merle Eyestone, executive director of Kansas 4-H Foundation, it was a time for saying, "Thank you for your good work," to long-time 4-H leaders when they were honored at Friends of 4-H Day in June at Rock Springs

Ranch. As mementos of the day, each received a mug and the booklet, "State 4-H Leaders in Kansas," from Kansas 4-H Foundation. One hundred fifty-four leaders from 47 counties were invited. Seventy-two of the 77 who attended are pictured here.



These 4-H leaders were honored at Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs Ranch for having worked with 4-H members for 25 to 29 years: front row, left to right: Mrs. Lowell Garst, McPherson County; Mrs. O. V. Schupp, Butler; Mae Nichols, Anderson; Mrs. A. Eugene Harris, Meade; Mrs. Ezra Ade, Dickinson; and Mrs. Ed. Schmidt, Marion; back row, left to right: Mrs. Dan Gasche, Lyon; Mrs. Claude Bennett, Allen; Claude Bennett, Allen; J. B. Whitley, Sumner; Ezra Ade, Dickinson; and Phil Reder, Butler.



More 25-29 years leaders: front row, Mrs. Harold Haun, Pawnee County; Mrs. George Ackerman, Nemaha; Mrs. Dorothy Akin, Douglas; Mrs. Cloyd Heim, Leavenworth; Mrs. George Heersche, Sedgwick; and Mrs. Mildred Waldren, Greeley; back row: Belva Scheid, Osage; Laurence Lundstrom, McPherson; Albert Ackerman, Nemaha; Cloyd Heim, Leavenworth; George Works, Allen; and Joe Musil, Marshall.



More 25-29 year 4-H leaders: front row: Mrs. Francis McKaughn, Johnson County; Mrs. John Edwards, Rice; Mrs. Cecil Plywell, Rooks; Ilene Wohletz, Atchison; Mrs. Thad Douthit, Cheyenne; and Mrs. Martha Scholz, Atchison; back row: Leo Jirak, Marion; Harvey Walquist, Osage; C. R. Martin, Lyon; Lester Goyen, Pratt; Frank Gillmore, Sedgwick; and Thad Douthit, Cheyenne.

What is a 4-H leader?

Editor's note: This essay was read by Dr. Glenn Buset at Friends of 4-H Day as a tribute to the persons honored for 25 years and more of 4-H leadership. The essay was written by Mrs. Molly Brooks, a leader of the Martinez 4-H Club in Contra Costa County, California.

4-H leaders are adults with addled minds and a soft spot in their hearts for kids—all kinds of kids; their own kids, other people's kids, tall kids, short kids, thin kids, not-so-thin kids, regular kids, square kids, responsive kids, and ungrateful kids from ten-agers to teenagers. At their own time and expense, and neglecting their own personal interests, they serve without pay and often without parent cooperation, knowing that they are necessities that the Agricultural Extension Service and the 4-H membership could not do without. Seldom are there enough of them and that is the reason they become leaders—so their own offspring can join the 4-H organization.

Leaders are usually to be found in the midst of a more or less attentive group of kids, numbering anywhere from 3 to 15, teaching projects such as cooking, dressmaking, electricity, gardening, chicken raising, horsemanship, canning, tractor operation, home improvement, forestry, camping, etc. They generously and regularly open their homes to scuffing feet, vocal enthusiasm, extemporaneous wrestling matches, and unauthorized pillow fights. And somehow, in spite of alien influ-



30 to 34 year leaders: front row, left to right: Mrs. M. E. Rohrer, Dickinson County; Mrs. A. H. Flora, Dickinson; Betty Nagel, Sedgwick; Mrs. Curtis Schiff, Barber; Mrs. P. A. Waln, McPherson; and Bernice Sievers, Allen;

ence, skills and knowledge are miraculously transferred from leader to child in varying degrees.

A leader explains to, shows how, does for, phones up, pleads with, bosses around, and reminds for the tenth time; and when the result is negative, he patiently swallows an urge to throttle, and once again explains to, shows how, does for, phones up, pleads with, bosses around, and reminds for the tenth time.

A 4-H leader is either the most naive person in the world, or the most stout-hearted. A female leader who is afraid of bugs will accept a project group in entomology. A male leader, whose specialty is sales promotion, will tackle animal husbandry for the sake of 4-H members who want to raise sheep. And if a group of 4-H youths ever venture a trip to the moon, it is certain that their leader, however reluctant and earth-loving, will not only accompany them to their destination, but will pioneer better and speedier methods to arrive safely.

No one gets madder, tireder, is more often offended, forgives more quickly, shows better sportsmanship, or is a bigger pushover to a request for community service than a 4-H leader. He is Determination with its fingers crossed, Patience with a twinkle in its eye, Ambition drawing tomorrow's blueprints, and Zeal that observes no curfew.

A leader is usually going to, coming from, or planning for a 4-H event. When he is not hauling kids

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35-38 year leaders: front row, left to right: Mrs. Virginia McClure, Harvey; Mrs. Charles Todd, Shawnee; Mrs. Margaret Olson, Pottawatomie; Mrs. John Wingert, Lyon; back row: Gerald Schied, Osage; Clayton McClure, Harvey; Charles Todd, Shawnee; and George Heersche, Sedgwick.



40-46 year leaders: left to right: Mrs. Elton Allen, Nemaha County, 42 years; Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, Crawford, 46 years; Guy Rogers, Anderson, 42 years; Mrs. Irene Fauver, Saline, 46 years, and Mrs. Ruth Anderson, McPherson, 43 years.



back row: Erwin Davis, Harper; Don Hildebrand, Meade; Glenn Nagel, Sedgwick; Vernon Velthoen, Anderson; Chester Murrey, McPherson; Edward Luginsland, Lyon; and Mrs. Rose Walter, Saline.



Other leaders: front row, left to right, Faye Lyon, Douglas, 26 years; Mrs. C. J. Graber, Harvey, 27; Bertha Davis, Harper, 25, Opal Kilgore, Kiowa, 28; and Mrs. Carl Richard Sr., Cloud, 30; back row, Irvin Dey, Harvey, 35; Harley Lyon, Douglas, 29; Olin Vieux, Hodgeman, 30; Theron Kilgore, Kiowa, 28; and Robert Teagarden, Linn, 29.

From the Southwest Area:

Scott County: Younger 4-H members from all over southwest Kansas had a chance to test their horses and their horsemanship skills in the Junior District 4-H Horse Show in Scott City in June, with categories for two age groups, 7 to 9 and 10 and 11. Classes included showmanship, western pleasure, ponies, hunter under seat, hunter seat equitation, stock seat equitation, and reining, in addition to timed events, barrel racing and pole bending. **Nancy Henry**, horse specialist from Colby, judged the events. Top winners and their counties were **Cindy Kohman, Scott; Shari Cummings, Ford; Jeff Allen, Scott; Jerilyn Bay, Comanche; Kirsten Nusser, Finney; and Martha Reed, Finney.** Horses were judged on grooming and appearance, obedience to rider, and cooperation in response to commands. The youth were judged on showmanship, how well he or she worked with the horse, alertness to judge, and riding seat. **Susan Heiniger**, junior assistant in **Scott County**, comments that the Junior District Horse Show provides an opportunity for younger 4-H members to gain experience in showing and riding that will help prepare them for bigger shows when they are older. Several other districts also had junior horse shows.

From the Northwest Area:

Rush County: Members of the **Lone Star Rangers 4-H Club** of Bison who participated in the vocal ensemble in the talent show at the State 4-H and Youth Conference in June in Manhattan were: **Jody Reichel, Troy Luft, Don Koci, Joel Reichel, Rhonda Lippert, and Lori Elder**, with **Lori Luft** and **Greg Oborny** as pianists.

From the Northeast Area:

Brown County: Calls of "swing your partner," "do-si-do," and "promenade home" were heard many times this spring as 26 member of the **Modern Sunflower 4-H Club** learned to square dance, participated in **Brown County 4-H Day**, and performed for older groups and nursing homes. **Mrs. Lyle Chadwell** taught the games. The dancers ranged in age from second grade through seniors in high school.

Johnson County: Members of the **Greenwood Meadowlarks 4-H Club** were busy the weekend of Old Shawnee Days. First the 4-H'ers were in the parade with some of their 4-H projects. After the parade, in Old Shawnee

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Town, as part of their club's citizenship and recreation projects, the 4-H'ers churned butter and baked bread, demonstrated how to do soap carving, wood carving, leathercraft, and how to spin and card wool. A special attraction was a live lamb, a 4-H project. Saturday and Sunday the 4-H'ers also led games for all ages such as the sack race, egg toss, wheelbarrow race, and tug-of-war across the creek. Saturday afternoon the club band performed and four square dancing groups put on an exhibition. Sunday afternoon the teenagers in the club performed a novelty cow number, the fifth and sixth grade girls did a dance number with suitcases, the third and fourth grade girls did a folk dance, the folk singing group performed, and the dog obedience group performed with their dogs. Besides being sunburned and tired the 60 members in the club had a great feeling of community involvement, club reporter **David Anderson** writes.

From the Southeast Area:

Miami County: In early July the Miami County junior leaders and their sponsors, Mrs. Clifford Husted, Mrs. Fred Knoche, and Hershel George, Miami County agricultural agent, went on a return exchange trip to Dawes County, Nebraska. Last year the Dawes County junior leaders stayed with host families in Miami County who had youth in junior leadership. The purpose of an exchange trip is to help youth gain new insight into the nationwide 4-H program, Robbin Cornett writes. Some of the moneymaking projects of the junior leaders were a food sale at 4-H Day, an 18-hour starve-in, and a used battery drive. On the way to Dawes County, the Miami Countians visited Pioneer Village, Minden, Nebraska, and stayed overnight at Kearney, Nebraska. On the way back Smith County 4-H members entertained them with a wiener roast. The travelers stopped in Abilene to see the Eisenhower Museum.

From the South Central Area:

Butler County: Teams from 4-H clubs competed in six events in an "Almost Anything Goes" contest sponsored by the county 4-H council at Augusta in July. The purpose of the contest was to raise money to help pay for subscriptions to **Kansas 4-H Journal**, **Bluestem 4-H Club** reporter **Paula Harms** writes.

Cowley County: Members of the **Walnut Valley 4-H Club** safety committee painted railroad crossing signs on the asphalt on Bethel Road west of Highway 77; there had been several wrecks by these two crossings in the past few months, **Nick Larkin** reports. **Teresa Eastman**, safety committee chairman, said it took six members three hours to do the job; **Bill Larkin**, club leader, said it took nine gallons of paint. Officials of the county engineering department were there to oversee the operation and to direct traffic. The workers were **Teresa Eastman, Davalyn Eastman, Austin Waite, Donna Smith, Shelly Crittenden,** and **Nick Larkin.**

Harvey County: Kansas history came alive for 4-H geology members and their families when they watched artifacts being dug up from a 500 year old Indian village near Lyons. The Indians stored their grain in large holes in the ground; then when the grain was gone the holes were used for trash pits. While the 4-H group was there, a vase and a perfect arrowhead were recovered from one of the trash pits. The Kansas State Historical Society and Kansas anthropologists undertook the dig in June. The Indians were Quiviras, believed to have been peaceful farmers. After visiting the dig, the group went to the museum in Lyons where they saw artifacts from a 1977 dig, a display of Indian baskets, and Spanish chain mail from 1541. The curator explained about Coronado's visit to Kansas and his dealings with the Indians. The group also saw the cross honoring **Father Padilla**, the first Christian martyr in America. **Kathy Murphy** is the reporter for **City Slickers 4-H Club.**

Reno County: "Rocketry is a fun, educational, and fast-growing project," writes **David Roth** of **Huntsville Helpers 4-H Club.** When this project was first offered three years ago, **David** and his brother, **Danny**, were the only two in **Reno County** enrolled. This year the project has 18 enrolled. **David's** club has had a float and a booth and displays of rockets at the county fairs, and the brothers gave a team demonstration at **Reno County 4-H Day.** **David** writes that this year "I had an all-county rocket shoot at my home for any 4-H'ers in rocketry. Fourteen members and 35 spectators were present. Between 30-35 rockets were launched and in spite of the wind, none were lost."

Sumner County: When school ended and summer started, members of **Drury**

Miller 4-H Club began serious work on their 4-H projects, reporter **Jan Troutman** writes. Several members, "busy long before many of us," entered in the spring show at Wellington. Others prepared for the 4-H horse show, home improvement tour, style revue, best groomed boy contest, clothing construction judging, creative stitchery judging, and the **Sumner County 4-H Fair.** Leaders are busy helping the members enrolled in their particular project, but parents "have it the toughest really — wanting to help their kids do their project, while knowing they shouldn't."

Leaders

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in cars; supervising assorted sales; arranging tours; sponsoring skating parties, snow trips, or conventions; coaching demonstrations; conducting dress revues, horse shows, or talent nights, he is attending night meetings, day meetings, council meetings, club meetings, leader's meetings, and emergency meetings. In his spare time he collects record books, cleans up the club meeting place, judges at fairs and field days, and reads extension literature.

4-H leaders are sometimes happy, but often are frustrated, discouraged, disgusted, and vow that they will quit 4-H forever with as little violence as possible. That is—until their charges suddenly blossom forth with blue ribbons, gold medals, exemplary conduct, unsuspected poise, innerglow, and unmistakable admiration for their leader shining in their eyes.

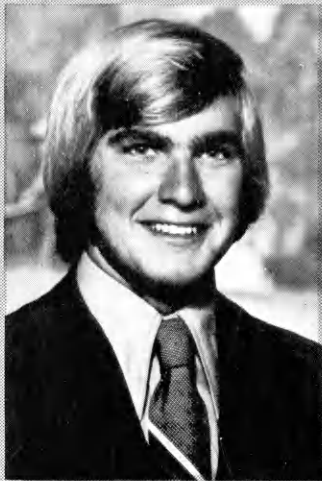
That is when the soft spot in every leader's heart grows softer, and the new 4-H year finds him in the midst of his more or less attentive group explaining to, showing how, doing for, phoning up, pleading with, bossing around, reminding again—except for one difference. Three more members have been added.



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After having been named a 1977 4-H achievement winner, Bill Blake, Ottawa, has continued to be a high achiever in 4-H work. He is serving as president of the State 4-H Youth Advisory, and as president of the Southeast Area Youth Advisory board. This spring he was a Kansas delegate to National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. This summer he was a counselor for county camp at Rock Springs Ranch. This fall he'll be one of the Franklin County team which will represent Kansas at the Horse Bowl contest at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The 11 year 4-H members's major projects have been horse, garden, citizenship, and junior leadership. He's been a junior leader in forestry, boys cooking, and dairy goat. In 1976 he attended the Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C.

The 1977 "Mr. 4-H" in Franklin County has been president of the Franklin County 4-H Council and of Willing Workers 4-H Club. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blake Jr. This fall Bill will be a freshman in agriculture at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

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STATE WINNER

Julie Swanson, Kansas City, was a double state winner in 1977; as a top 4-H achiever, she won a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, and was also a state winner on her Kansas 4-H Foundation talk.

Julie helped to organize the State 4-H Youth Advisory group and served as its president, and continues to assist the group.

Active in public speaking, Julie has been a guest editorialist on television, and prepared radio spots for National 4-H Week. Other major projects have been sheep, photography, clothing, and citizenship. In 1976 she went to Washington, D.C., as a participant in the Citizenship Short Course. For two years, she's been in the purple ribbon group as the state fair style revue.

As junior leader for Nearman 4-H Club, Julie assists younger members with photography, public speaking, entomology, sheep, and clothing. She will set up and narrate the style show for younger members at the Wyandotte County Fair.

This summer, Julie works in City Hall in Kansas City. This fall she will be a sophomore in speech pathology at Kansas State University. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Swanson.



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Home economics at State Fair

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There are two judging sessions each for clothing, home improvement, and foods. At each session, there are approximately 52 teams or 156 young people judging. This year all three contests will be held at 8 a.m. first session and 10 a.m. second session. All home economics judging will be over by noon.

The whole program of home economics judging is to help young people set standards, make some decisions, exercise their ability to reason, weigh scientific facts, and finally to crystallize the decision.

Demonstrations

4-H demonstrations begin opening day of the fair and continue, for the most part, daily until the fair closes. Demonstrations are given from all categories of the 50 or so 4-H projects, some of which are dog grooming, tractor safety, foods, and using makeup properly.

An informal participation stage located in the center of the 4-H exhibit building gives any youngster at any age a chance to perform in front of an audience and to do whatever he/she wants to. Some model, some sing, some give demonstrations and illustrated talks, show arts and crafts. None of the activities on the informal stage are judged or ribboned. All participants are formally thanked by a letter from the state 4-H office.

Fairs are a time when faces and names are put together. The leaders get a chance to see their neighboring agents, the state 4-H staff gets a chance to meet the leaders about whom they have heard so much. Everything begins to fall in place. For many, it's like a yearly family reunion.

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A. Remembering which phone booth he left his pants in.

Q. Why don't shoes say much?

A. They're either tonguetied or they've got a foot in their mouth.

Q. How many successful jumps must a skydiver make before he graduates?

A. All of them.

Kerri Bromlow, Alexander

Q. What was purple and conquered the world?

A. Alexander the Grape!

Q. What's smarter than a talking horse?

A. A spelling bee.

Q. What is a raisin?

A. A worried grape.

Q. What's long, green, slimy and dangerous?

A. A thundering, stampeding herd of pickles.

Kris Bromlow, Alexander

Prize Winner

Fair Time

By Janice Schuler

Dickinson County

Chapman Shamrocks 4-H Club

'Tis the night before fair and out on the farm,

There is so much confusion — it's a state of alarm.

The cooks are in the kitchen, baking their bread,

Visions of purple ribbons dance in their heads,

The cookies get burned, the cake doesn't rise —

Cooking for fair I simply despise! I bake and I rebake but nothing is right,

I know I'll be up late cooking tonight!

When out of the oven a fine loaf appears,

Perfectly shaped — I love it so dear. The old sewing machine is buzzing away,

Making last-minute alterations before judging day.

Quickly working, I stitch in a hem, I sew a few seams and make a slight trim.

Fresh garden vegetables are handled with care,

And closely examined to find the right pair.

Tomatoes bright red, the peppers are green,

Just hope that small bruise cannot be well seen.

I gather the cabbage, tomatoes, and beans,

Polish the pumpkin so it's shiny and clean.

The vegetables are neatly arranged on the platter,

Mom checks them looking for anything the matter.

Corrugated paper in the front room, If this isn't cut right, our 4-H booth's doomed.

The handouts are done, and the overhead sign,

These were the only booth duties of mine.

The black steers are fattened and tied in their stalls,

They seem to be nervous, wildly letting out bawls.

Loading the cattle or the truck is hard,

They race and drag me all over the yard.

As solid and meaty the animal may seem,

I know a first place trophy is only a dream.

The pickup is loaded — showboxes and all,

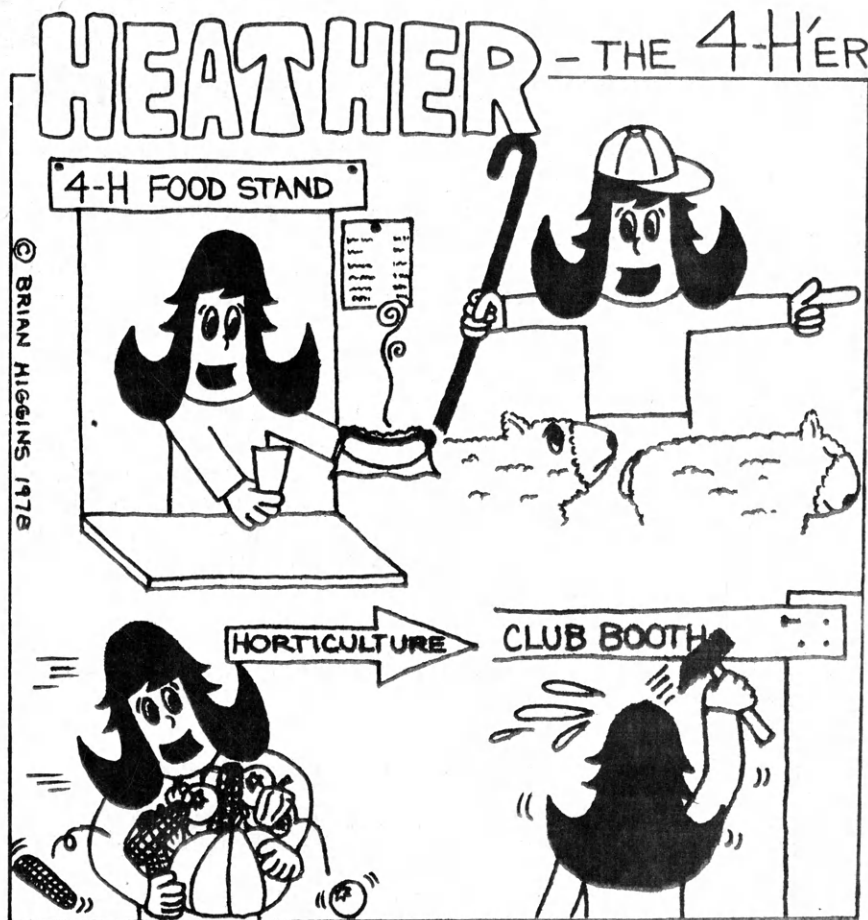
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We climb into the pickup all ready to go,

Today is the beginning of the great show.

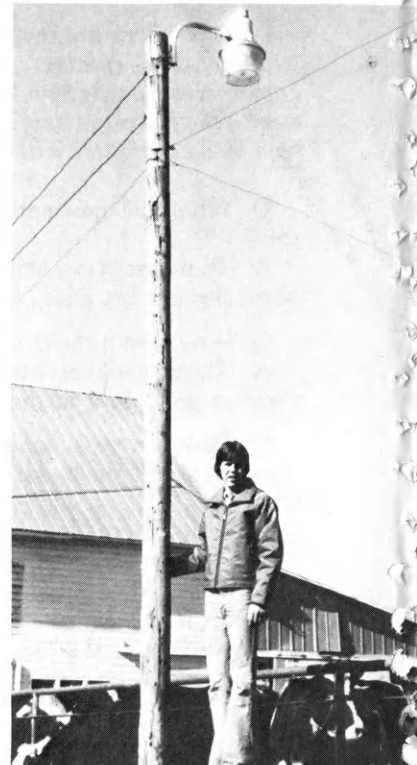
I give a sigh of relief as I climb in the truck,

Mom's waving us "Bye" and is wishing us luck.



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Family conserves energy with insulation

Darren Haun, Larned, won a trip to Kansas 4-H Congress this year for his work in the electric project, in which he was enrolled five years.

At top left, he is shown with an auxiliary power plant which he helped wire. Center, he displays a wiring exhibit which demonstrated making a splice. Top right, Darren is pictured with the mercury light which he and his father put up over the cowlot to illuminate the feed-bunk.

Fair exhibits are displayed at left: Darren and his yard flood light and brother David's trouble light, which

was assembled with a little help from Darren.

For energy conservation, the family insulated walls and attic, and their electric bill has stayed about the same for several years, Darren says.

This July, Darren took part in the Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C. He is president of the Pawnee County 4-H Council.

A senior this fall at Larned High School, Darren will be the photographer for the school annual. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haun.

What are you or your family doing to conserve energy? Please send your ideas, with illustrations if possible, to Electric Page, Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.



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