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JUDGING CONTESTS (mainly spring and summer) — Many judging contests for all areas are held for 4-H'ers on a multi-county or statewide basis.

AREA ACTIVITIES — Activities are conducted on an areawide basis for older 4-H'ers. Examples have included weekend career workshops.

STATE 4-H AND YOUTH CONFERENCE (early June) — 4-H and Youth Conference is a career exploration opportunity on the campus of Kansas State University in June. 4-H'ers 14 or older join about 800 teens from over Kansas in participating in the many conference activities.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CONFERENCE (July) — A conference for youths 15 and older takes place each summer at Rock Springs Ranch, state 4-H center. The theme will vary from year to year.

STATE FAIR (September) — Many 4-H'ers who have exhibits that qualify at the county fair exhibit in the 4-H division of the state fair. The minimum age for exhibitors is 12 in most departments. In addition 4-H'ers represent their counties in style revue, best groomed boy contest, demonstrations, informal presentations, and on the different judging teams.

AMERICAN ROYAL 4-H CONFERENCE (November) — 4-H'ers who are high school juniors or older are selected each year to represent their county at the American Royal Conference in

Kansas City. The 4-H'ers join about 800 teens from Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Oklahoma at the four day conference.

KANSAS NATIONAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE (early October) — 4-H'ers can enter market steers, lambs, and barrows in this show and sale in Wichita. Competition is very stiff in this statewide show.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK (first full week in October) — A week is set aside each year to recognize and promote 4-H across our great country. Each year a theme highlights the week and we use it throughout the 4-H year. Many of the clubs will have window displays or booths or some special promotion of 4-H in their community.

4-H SUNDAY — One Sunday is set aside each year to call attention to and emphasize the spiritual H (heart) of 4-H. The local clubs decide the way they want to observe 4-H Sunday. Some clubs attend church together, have a part in the church service, a 4-H family picnic or any other activity the clubs decide. 4-H Sunday is recommended to be the first Sunday of October (start of National 4-H Week) but local clubs can set the date for their group.

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS (early December) — Each year in Chicago, National 4-H Congress is attended by nearly 1,500 4-H members from all states and territories. Delegates are state winners in certain project areas.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE — Each year in the spring delegates from each of the 50 states meet in Washington, D.C., to share ideas and to plan for the future of 4-H work. The Kansas Bankers Association sends two young men and two young women to represent Kansas at the conference.

NATIONAL LEADER FORUM (spring) — Kansas 4-H leaders are invited to participate in week-long Leadership Development Conferences which take place each spring at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

CITIZENSHIP SHORT COURSE (summer) — Each year Kansas sends delegates to the short course at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Delegates (high school age) are involved in citizenship-leadership workshops in addition to viewing the historic area. Delegates are selected by applications submitted to the state, and delegates pay their own way. Applications are due in early spring.

AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — Each summer three Kansas 4-H members, two girls and one boy, are chosen to go to Camp Miniwanca on Lake Michigan. The two-week conference emphasizes physical, mental, social, and religious development.

IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) — These programs provide youth aged 12 to 25 and adults opportunities to "learn another culture by living it." Programs include a four-week family visit in Japan, a six to eight week experience traveling to another country to live with two or three families, a three to six month experience living with families in another country, or a six-month program with the Soviet Union. Adults can spend three to four weeks touring a country to see programs similar to 4-H. Funds for the youth programs are provided by the participants, Kansas 4-H Foundation, National 4-H Council, county 4-H councils, and other friends of IFYE.

HOST FAMILIES — Kansas families can serve as hosts to a Japanese boy or girl or IFYE exchangees, ages 20 to 30, for three to four weeks.

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How a 4-H leader enriches the lives of children and youth

By Dr. Glenn Busset
 Assistant Director, 4-H and Youth

On an Indian summer day, as I walked with my camera through the Flint Hills, I came across an old stone cabin away up at the head of a stream. Only the fireplace and part of three walls remained. A huge burr oak grew out of the dirt floor, and the empty windows stared out like blinded eyes from another age. On the fireplace there still remained the impression where a child placed a small hand in the wet cement, probably more than a century ago.

We all leave impressions every day, either on our own minds or on the lives of others. The kinds of impressions we leave depends on the sort of persons we are, on the kind of relationship we have established with others. Those of us who have been enriched by our experiences in this great American institution known as 4-H work realize that we have enjoyed a singular opportunity to leave impressions, even though we did not think of it in that way at the time. If you had thought that your impressions were limited to teaching skills such as sewing, measuring, sawing, feeding, or a similar aptitude, you may be surprised at the imprints you made without being aware of the change taking place.

In the first place, as you work and play with these impressionable boys and girls you help them understand that they don't have to be alike in order to be equal. The projects, the social experiences, the learning opportunities are so varied as to provide space for every kind of personality, every kind of development. You can help young people adjust to the "different drummer" concept of integration into adult life as you show them that conformity to expectations does not mean making everyone alike. When they hear you say that 4-H work consists of a large bundle of educational experiences and it is their choice as to what they want to take from the bundle, then they understand that it is your philosophy that people do not need to be alike in order to be equal.

Another value that young people can gain from association with the believable adults in their lives is that patience is a special kind of strength. Chaucer said in *Canterbury Tales*, "Patience is a high virtue." As they work with you and watch you, boys and girls learn that periods of waiting can be useful in themselves, and that today has its own satisfactions. These are the "here and now" satisfactions that make life fruitful while we wait for the Promised Land. Somehow life's cherished anticipations, the purple ribbon, the championship, graduation, marriage, once they happen are no longer the great events we dreamed of. Life is what happens while we are planning for the future, and you can make this known to those to whom the future is a vague and frightening unknown. People our age are protected against the future by our memories, but children have no such reinforcement and must look to you to help them.

As a person in the crossroads of the lives of young people, you have the unique opportunity as well as responsibility to help them look at themselves and see what the man or woman inside can be, if they become all they are capable of becoming. Not many boys and girls really know their capabilities, their capacity to grow, to become, to accomplish. Here the genius of 4-H work permits the

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About the cover

"Innocence" is the name Susan LeRoy gave her picture which was shown at Kansas State Fair. Now a

student at Barton County Community College, Susan is the photographer for the school newspaper and the yearbook.



4-H Around the State



By the State and Area 4-H Staff

Brown County — The first countywide money raising event of the year was a garage sale in Hiawatha, January 20. It was a well organized event, with certain responsibilities divided among the nine clubs. Although listed as a countywide garage sale, it actually took place in the National Guard Armory in Hiawatha, a project of the county 4-H council.

Leavenworth County — A handbook produced in the county office lists the currently available printed literature designated specifically for 4-H projects and programs. An instruction sheet and an index helps leaders find their way through the 12 page publication, and there is a postal card stapled at the back for leader's use in ordering 4-H literature from the local office in Leavenworth.

Dickinson County — The Six County Camping Association of which Dickinson is a member planned something quite out of the ordinary, at least for central Kansas: a canoe trip on the Arkansas river west of Lyons for all 4-H members presently in the 8th grade, or older. The excursion, April 21-22, cost \$15 per person.

Dickinson County — A traditional spring event is the annual 4-H Basketball Tournament, now well established since the first session held about 1943. Dates for the three-day event featuring 12 girls' teams, the boys' bracket featuring 11 teams, were March 6, 10, and 13 in the Chapman High School facilities. 4-H basketball is one of the reasons that Dickinson County has one of the largest enrollments of older youth in the state.

Wyandotte County — The second annual Wyandotte County Youth Fishing Clinic was April 28 at the Wyandotte County Lake Park. Youth 8-13 years of age were invited to attend. This free clinic included presentations on:

Fish and Their Characteristics — How to identify different species of fish and where they can be found.

Care and Cleaning of the Catch — The best methods of cleaning and

storing your fish to preserve its freshness; methods of scaling, skinning, and filleting.

Fishing Regulations — Fishing rules and regulations of the State of Kansas and the Wyandotte County Lake.

How to Catch Fish — Knowing where to fish and live and artificial baits and knot tying.

Casting — How to bait and fly cast, with "hands on" experience.

Water and Boat Safety — Knowing about dangers involved and what to do to avoid them.

South Central — Twenty-seven new clubs in the 19 county south-central area and a membership increase of 757 are the highlights of the 1978 year as reported by area 4-H specialist Eldon Weaver. There

was a membership increase in almost all enrollment categories over the previous program year.

Franklin County — There are two new 4-H clubs in Pomona and in Williamsburg. The Pomona Pioneers had its origin when some interested parents called on the 4-H agent for help. The school principal cooperated by providing an organizational meeting place. They are moving ahead with 11 new members and 2 leaders. The Dynamite Club has 15 members and although they are all young, they are "Dy-namite!!" The Franklin County Junior Leader Club has been active in assisting the clubs in organization and conduct, to get them started well.

Fourth Annual All 4-H'ers Issue

From cover photo to Family Fun Page, the September issue will be made up of material from 4-H members. This will be the Fourth Annual All 4-H'ers Issue.

Here are the categories:

1. Cover photo: your best print: 8"x10" black and white glossy
2. Editorial: comment on any subject of interest to you; about 500 words in length
3. Idea exchange: a short article about a successful group event
4. "How to do it": a step by step description of how to do a craft or activity
5. "My Project": about any project
6. "Can anyone out there help?": ask a question or present a problem which others may help solve
7. Ideas and news: short paragraphs about any 4-H club, member, or leader
8. Family Fun Page: jokes, riddles, puzzles, cartoons, games
9. Other pictures: black and white glossy prints
10. We'll add this one this year and see if any entries come: Logo representing the Annual All 4-H'ers Issue: a design which can be used in this special issue each year

Here are the rules:

1. Any 4-H member may submit entries in any or all categories. On the material, put the name and number of the category.
2. Entries postmarked after July 25 will not be considered for this special issue.
3. If you want your material returned, send a stamped self-addressed envelope.
4. Entries will be judged by former or older 4-H members. The entry judged as best in each category will receive a \$2 bill as a prize and will be printed in the Journal. Other entries will appear as space permits.
5. Mail all entries to Special Issue, Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

How can 4-H programs promote youth development? Through their participation in projects and other less-formal experiences, youth certainly begin to acquire specific subject-matter skills which will be useful both in their later personal and professional lives. For example, knowledge about such areas as crops, steers, human nutrition, and parenting can provide basic skills for success at home and at work.

But I think 4-H is significant in other, more basic, ways. 4-H is more than subject matter; 4-H is, at heart, a people program. 4-H can be a person-centered program in at least two ways.

- First, 4-H can help young people acquire a firm belief in their own power to successfully influence and direct their own future.

- Second, 4-H can help young people acquire a much-needed sense of belongingness with their peers.

4-H can promote **self-belief** in young people. By this, I mean a quiet form of self-devotion which gives rise to **hope** in one's future. Self-belief is a conviction that, "I can be successful; I can learn what is necessary for me to do what I believe is important; I can be a winner." Young people must have hope that they can successfully take charge of their own lives when they reach maturity. Failure to develop self-belief leads to listlessness, apathy, and cynicism. Many young people who have never developed this self-devotion wander throughout life without a sense of purpose or direction, blind to their own needs and totally dependent on the directions of their parents or peers. They are strangers to themselves.

How can 4-H promote this sense of self-belief?

- First, evaluation should be supportive and instructional rather than critical. For example, instead of just giving ribbons to fair projects, judges should point out what was done well and what the 4-H'er could do to improve his or her project.

- Second, leaders should sincerely praise every honest effort and each sign of growth in the youth they work with. Such statements as "Wow, you're getting better at that every day!" and "You can do it, you can work at it." can be ex-

tremely significant coming from an admired leader. This praise is especially powerful because it comes from someone who is not a biased relative.

- Third, leaders should encourage as much decision making as possible in youth. Every opportunity should be taken to help them become more aware of what project or activity is most suitable to them. Leaders as well as parents should share their own wisdom which experience has provided them without being more directive than necessary. Youth should be allowed to select their own projects and participate in planning activities which relate to them.

By providing constructive feedback, honest praise, and opportunities for decision making, adults who make 4-H work will help nurture this self-belief in youth and will, as a result, have a significant impact on their future.

4-H: A person-centered experience

By Dr. Charles A. Smith
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4-H can also be very effective in promoting a sense of **belongingness** or **peer affiliation** in young people. 4-H youth need the interest and support of a peer group. Acceptance into such a group provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to develop interpersonal skills which will be important for the rest of their lives. The support of a peer group also helps individual youth deal with the insecurities and uncertainties which are a necessary part of growing up. Club involvement and even brief 4-H experiences can help to nurture this important sense of affiliation.

How can 4-H most effectively support peer relationships?

- First, the emphasis should be placed on cooperative rather than competitive activities. Cooperation builds a feeling of group cohesiveness and support. Individuals who share fully their

skills and knowledge with each other will learn much more than if the group atmosphere emphasizes competitiveness and feelings of insecurity and resentment. Ask your 4-H'ers to anonymously write their answer to the following question, "Would you help another 4-H'er with his or her project if you knew that your help would result in this person going on to show at the state fair rather than you?" Their anonymous responses may show a negative relationship between competition and helping.

- Second, rather than being eliminated, competition should stress support and encouragement of ones' "opponents." Competition which allows for cooperation and encourages good will between opponents will spur all involved to a better effort. World records in track, for example, nearly always require the presense of a competitor closely matched in skill to the record setter. The important element in this type of competition is that competitors do the best to help each other and celebrate each other's best efforts.

- Third, 4-H activities like camp and other group trips provide an opportunity for young people to get to know each other and form friendships. Peer relationships are nurtured as youth have the opportunity to spend time with each other.

By placing an emphasis on cooperative activity, supportive competition, and social experiences, the 4-H program will take advantage of the peer group as an important vehicle for youth development.

In summary, we in 4-H should be fully aware of the tremendous impact we can have on the lives of youth. Young people have a tremendous need to make sense out of their world, to develop a sense of purpose and self-confidence in their future. 4-H can help youth reach this goal. Similarly, young people are struggling to make contact with their peers, to gain acceptance and find encouragement in their friends. 4-H is in an excellent position to meet this need as well. Youth, leaders, parents, and agents can all be winners because 4-H is a **person-centered experience**.

Friends of 4-H Day

Dr. Duane Acker, president of Kansas State University at Manhattan, will be the speaker at Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs Ranch June 10.

Another highlight of the day will be the presentation of the first Kansas 4-H Foundation Medallion for persons giving \$250,000 or more for development of 4-H work in Kansas. The medallion will go to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weary and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cassidy of Junction City. Mrs. Weary and Mrs. Cassidy are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jellison of Junction City who gave funds for the chapel, health center, and conference auditorium at Rock Springs Ranch. The Jellisons later provided a scholarship and trust fund and the inspiration and initial funding for Heritage Hall.

Other Kansas 4-H Foundation Medallions will be presented later this year.

Benefactor plaques will go to persons or groups which have given \$1,000 or more this past year. These include the Floyd B. Martin Estate, K. T. Wiedemann Foundation, Baughman Foundation, Farmland Industries, Fink Foundation, Garvey Foundation, Inc., the John W. Jenner Trust, Wanda Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. Dwane L. Wallace,

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President Duane Acker, who will speak at Friends of 4-H Day, was honored at the 1978 National Congress in Chicago as a distinguished 4-H alumnus. He credits his 4-H experiences as a youth in Iowa with interesting him in enrolling in the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University.

Before coming to Kansas State University as president in 1975, Acker was vice-chancellor for agriculture and natural resources at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Previously he was dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South

Dakota State University, was assistant dean of agriculture at Kansas State University, and taught at Iowa State University and at Oklahoma State University.

As president of the oldest land grant university, Dr. Acker maintains an active interest in 4-H work and 4-H members.

Parents and leaders:

Interested in a 4-H adult tour of Japan this fall? There's a possibility of such a tour from November 10 to December 1. From November 10 to November 23, participants would travel in Japan, and for the rest of the time the visitors would live with a Japanese family.

The anticipated cost, which would include air fare from the west coast and costs in Japan except for two meals a day while touring, would be about \$1,400.

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People to people ceremony

By Margaret Falley
Harmony Hustlers 4-H Club
Shawnee County

Editor's note: This ceremony was used in the Harmony Hustlers' model meeting. Maxine Hobbles writes, "We used a large map of the world, and as each country was talked about, a green arrow was placed toward that country. These countries had been outlined."

Our club project this year is people to people. We have many activities planned for the year, some of which we have already carried out.

In our ceremony, we will tell about some of the countries we'll be studying and learning about.

Ethiopia — The country Ethiopia is located in North America. At our meeting in January Mr. and Mrs. Scroggins, who were teachers in Ethiopia, brought some slides and talked to our club about their stay there.

The country's people are poor, and only 10 percent of the Ethiopians can read and write. Women do much of the heavy work. Most Ethiopians wear a "shamma" which resembles the togos that the Romans used to wear. It is made of

white cotton and worn over their clothes.

Turkey — The country Turkey is half in the continent of Asia and half in Europe. Most Turks live on farms. Turkish wheat is known for its good quality. Turks also make silk. Some of our members are pen pals with people in Turkey. Students in Turkey never talk about the weather because they have more important things to discuss, such as politics.

Belgium — Belgium is a small country in Europe between France and Germany. Belgians are famous for their lace, carpets, and glassware. Some members of our club are going to AFS Day at Shawnee Heights High School. They will get to meet some of the exchange students. One of them is from Belgium. In their high school classes they don't have electives such as music or photography.

Japan — Japan is a country that is part of Asia but consists of a group of islands and is not connected to the continent. In June Matt Mannell is coming to our club's meeting to show us some slides and tell us about his trip to Japan with the Labo program. Matt stayed with a Japanese family whose son had stayed with Matt's family the year before. There is also a AFS student from Japan here in Topeka.

Japan is smaller than the state of California, but the population is almost six times as large as California.

These were just a few of the countries we will be exploring through our club project this year. Others include Holland, Germany, and the West Indies. So you can see how 4-H points the way to a better understanding of our world.



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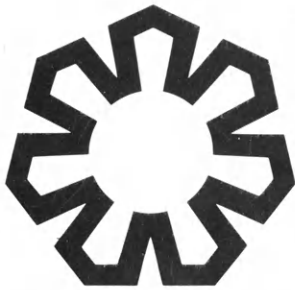
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Kansas State University June 5-8, 1979



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Fire right back to the state 4-H office your schedule and the health care form. There's a late fee if they come in after May 15.

Write a check for \$37 (Ed. opinion: a bargain) to your local extension office.

Suggest to your parents that one or both really might enjoy the Kansas Conference on Families.

And you'll be all set for one of the best four days of the year.

The event is Kansas State 4-H and Youth Conference (a new name will be announced at conference), dates are June 5-8, and the place is Kansas State University at Manhattan.

For all Kansas young people who were 14 or older on January 1, the conference offers special opportunities to sample life on a university campus, to think and learn about possible careers, to

hone skills and acquire knowledge, and to have a good time with other young people.

Because the Kansas Conference on Families will be going on at the same time, you will have the chance to go to some of its sessions. Also, you can choose from 89 classes planned especially for the youth conference: classes from "Advanced Guitar" (there's one in beginning guitar, also) to "Words—Print and Broadcast," with a menu of offerings in between for every taste.

In addition, there will be assemblies with special speakers, a play, a party and a dance, and rap sessions in the dorm.

Arrival time is 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday with departure after 10:30 a.m. Friday. The \$37 fee covers nine meals at Derby Food Center, three nights in a residence hall, and the conference sessions. Just a few of the skills classes charge a dollar or two for materials; this information is in the schedule you'll get from the county extension office.

Some of the sessions will help you with 4-H projects, but the conference has been planned to be as interesting to non-4-H'ers as to 4-H members, so invite your non-4-H friends as well as 4-H friends to come along.

Grandma's doughnuts were too well-liked in a puppet show given at Pottawatomie County 4-H Day. Puppeteers are Michelle, top, Angelia, left, and Cynthia Clark.



4-H puppeteers give many shows

Muppet puppets starred at Pottawatomie County 4-H Day with their puppeteers, Cynthia, Angelia, and Michelle Clark of Blackjack 4-H Club winning a top blue rating for their skit. (See picture, left.)

The girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Clark, St. George, have given puppet programs at Bible schools and churches, to preschool children and to senior citizens, and at parties at McCall Pattern Company and at the American Legion Hall in Ogden.

The girls' mentor is their grandmother, Irma Kientz of Manhattan, who made the puppets and wrote the script. In the past two years she's made several dozen muppet puppets, and has produced tapes for fun, to teach lessons, and to illustrate Bible stories.

Be an artist with

Ceramics!

By Judi Czelusniak
New York

Like most young people, you've probably always wanted to make terrific ceramic works of art, but thought you couldn't. Well, you don't have to be a talented artist to create great gifts to surprise your friends and family or just to keep for yourself.

one like it for everyone in your 4-H club, because the molds can be used again and again.

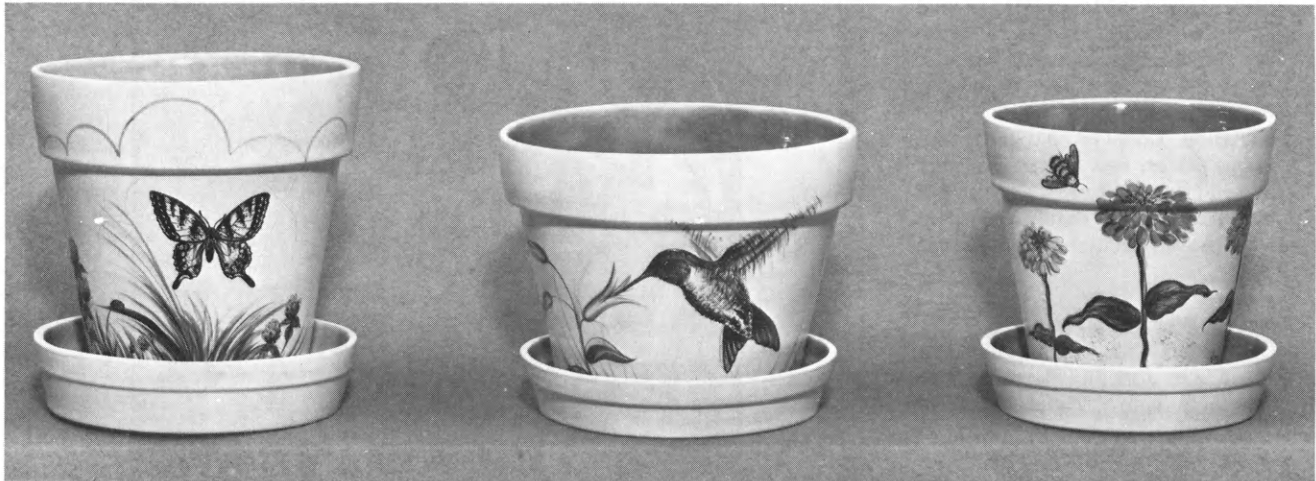
Wouldn't your mother love a canister set for the kitchen to match the colors in the room? And Dad would proudly use a coffee mug made by you. Maybe you'd like to

from the mold, you let it dry a little while longer.

After the greenware has dried, the first step is to clean off the rough edges with a plastic scouring pad or a damp sponge. The piece is ready to be decorated. This is where the real fun begins!

The variety of ceramic glazes and colors to pick from is really wide, and you can even buy stencilling material to copy your design onto the piece. It's so easy, practically the only thing you need is your own imagination.

At most ceramics studios, you



You can make flower pots like these using your own original designs, or, for a favorite friend, make a ceramic pin, designed especially by you, or give a lovely little ceramic pot with a plant already in it. Handmade presents like these show that you really care . . . and it's all possible with hobby ceramics.

Hobby ceramics is the fastest-growing trend among people of all ages today. It's easy, doesn't cost a lot of money, and you can do it right in your own home or 4-H meeting place. Using simple molds you can buy in hobby shops and ceramics studios, you and your fellow 4-H'ers can make so many super things — and it's so much fun!

You pour in a liquid clay which hardens into the shape of the mold, ready to be decorated with special glazes. It's quick and easy as making a gelatin mold — and, because you do the decorating yourself, you can bet that nobody else will have one exactly like yours.

Why not make a wall plaque with your 4-H leader's name painted in bright colors? You can even make

put his name on it, or a silly title. For your own room, you can make dresser drawer knobs to match the pattern on your carpet, or perhaps a bathroom soap dish using the design of the shower curtain. The possibilities are endless.

After you get together with your 4-H friends to enjoy hobby ceramics and share the various molds, you might want to take classes at your local ceramics studio to learn more advanced techniques. Then you might establish a real "studio" of your own at your meeting place. Many clubs hold annual ceramics sales to raise money for an outing or a favorite charity.

Learning hobby ceramics is as easy as A-B-C. First, choose your mold. It will come in two pieces which you strap together with large rubber bands. Then you pour in the liquid clay, or "slip," and leave it in for about a half hour. A shell will then be formed inside. You now dump out the extra slip and leave the shell to dry for about two hours. After carefully removing the shell, or "greenware,"

can buy the greenware already made but not decorated. This greenware is called "bisque" and its flat white finish is ready to be painted by you.

After the design is applied, the piece can be fired in the ceramic studio's kiln for a small fee. Some kilns are inexpensive and don't need special wiring, so that your group can buy one for everybody's use.

If you're using bisque pieces, you can use non-firing paints and glazes and you won't need to use a kiln.

The new paints available are "food-safe" and can be used on cups and bowls without danger. And you can get beautiful effects, such as making the surface look like wood or fur, marbleizing it, or adding a metallic sheen. So every piece you make will be distinctive and original.

Gifts that you make yourself carry a special message of caring, and it's even more special when your friends join in. Why not try making these unique objects and enjoy the doing as well as the giving!

Ideas & News

From the Northeast Area:

Douglas County: Cutting and delivering firewood has been a project of the **New Comfy** group this past winter. About 25 members cut locust and mulberry wood on **Dr. William Bradley's** timberland. Then the three cords of firewood, at \$35 per half cord, were delivered to customers. The money will finance a trip this summer to Worlds of Fun for the **New Comfy** members and their 4-H exchange guests from Wisconsin, **Kevin Reynolds** reports. **John Bradley** is president of the countywide teen club.

Shawnee County: At a recent meeting seven new members were initiated into the **Shawnee '76ers 4-H Club**. The county extension agent visited the March meeting, **Sam Ives** reports.

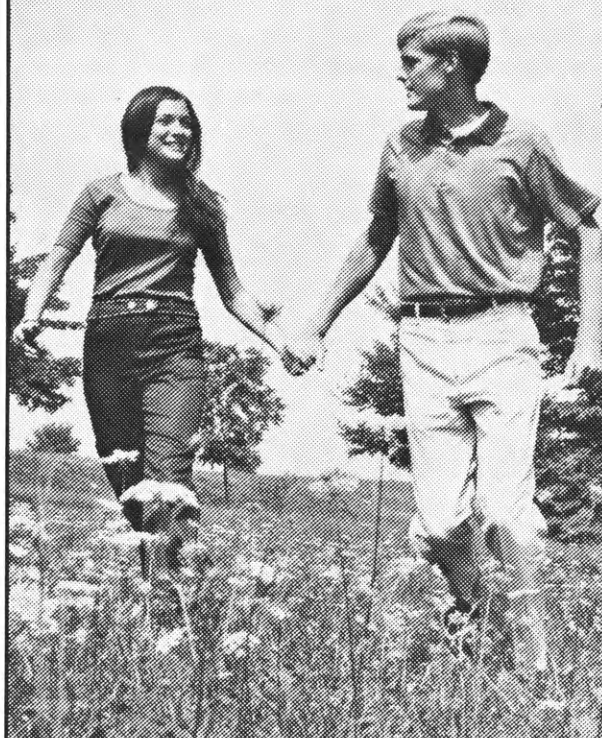
From the South Central Area:

Dickinson County: The quilt below was made by **Jani Sue Hardesty** with a little help from a friend, her great grandmother, **Loretta Scriven (Peppy)**. Some of the material for the pink and white quilt pieces was purchased with money won at the fair and some was given to **Jani Sue**. She sewed the pieces together by hand, purchased backing, and paid to have the quilting done by machine. In one square the young 4-H'er embroidered the date and "**Jani and Peppy**." The quilt was made as part of **Jani's** room improvement project, **Teddi Bankes** reports...



Harvey County: Kellas 4-H Club girls observed Bake and Take Day

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by making their favorite wheat products and delivering these home baked gifts to the elderly, shut-ins, and special friends. Girls participating were Michelle, Janine, and Diane McNeill; Susan Merrifield; Vera Busenitz; Lisa Blythe; Becky Seibel; Jamie McClure; Eileen Regier; Sandra Suderman; and Elizabeth Wulf. Elizabeth took an apple pie to an elderly friend who returned the empty pie plate the very next day. When asked if he had eaten the whole pie already, the gentleman responded, "When you have something good sitting around, you don't just look at it!"

Rice County: With 17 LABO host families, Rice was the "largest hosting county in the state," and these families had great experiences, comments 4-H agent Don DeWerff. Under the leadership of county coordinator, Mrs. Don Keesling, interest stayed high in international programs. The host families were invited to join with people to people project members in a countywide 4-H people to people group. The group has learned about Thailand, played games from different countries, and taken on two major projects. One was helping to decorate 120 dozen sugar cookies for Goodfellow boxes distributed in Rice County at Christmas time. The other was running a food stand at county 4-H Day. Proceeds from the stand will be divided among four Rice County 4-H'ers planning on a return trip this summer to visit their LABO brother or sister in Japan . . . a canoe trip down the Arkansas River provided outdoor education in April for 30 4-H'ers from Rice, Dickinson, Marion, McPherson, Saline, and Geary counties. In March John Abell trained leaders in such skills as reading a river and canoe handling.

Saline County: The 4-H program here has a new member who is not from Saline County. She is not even from the United States. Christina Schneider, an exchange student at Salina Central High School, comes from Berlin, Germany, and is staying with the Frederick Trump family. While in 4-H in Salina, she is enrolled in arts and crafts, clothing, crocheting, foods, and photography. Jean Hintz is reporter . . . Mrs. John Carlin, Lisa and David, were guests of Sasnak 4-H Club at a special meeting in March to which members of Parents Anonymous and members of Saline County 4-H clubs were invited. Mrs. Carlin, a member of the governor's committee on parenthood education, spoke about child abuse and rights of children. Sasnak 4-H Club members planned this special meeting because of their

interest in this problem. The club plans other programs and is sponsoring a poster contest on child abuse and neglect. Members have been handing out booklets on child abuse and have been showing films to various groups.

Sumner County: Campers from Sumner, Sedgwick, and Cherokee counties will have the chance to take part in a superstars contest at camp this summer. The continuation committee planned and conducted a similar contest this past year, and found competition to be so keen and interest so great that they are planning a second superstars contest, according to county 4-H agent Roy Ford.

From the Northwest Area:

Cheyenne County: Mike Bandel reports that members of Lawn Ridge 4-H Club voted to have a spring skating party and to invite Pleasant Hill 4-H Club for an exchange meeting in May.

Russell County: The Sunflower 4-H Club at Russell chose ecology as the club project. "With the weather like it was during the months of January and February many birds and animals were left hungry," reporter Kathy Nuss writes. "Our club donated \$20 to 'Save the Birds Funds' which was started in Russell as a community project. The members also distributed the seed around the area to protect the game. Many quail were lost due to the bad weather so our club is also going to get quail to restock our area. All club members participated and all felt it was a very worthwhile project."

Mid Kansas 4-H Invitational Dog Show

The 9th Annual Mid Kansas 4-H Invitational Dog Show will take place June 2 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds at Hutchinson.

This show is open to all youngsters enrolled in the 4-H dog project.

If you are interested in entering this show, details may be obtained from your county agent or dog leader or Jan Stowell, 1606 East 36th, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501, phone 316-663-2289. All entries due May 15.

Leader enriches lives

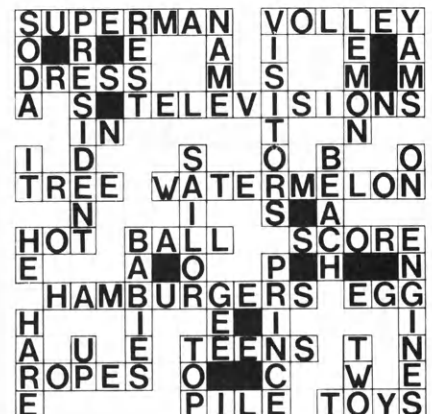
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concerned adult to say, in effect, "Here are goals I think you can accomplish. I will help you." Until you spell out these goals young people will not understand that these are goals they can achieve. "You can give a demonstration at the county contest. I will help you." "You can complete a costume and model it in the style show. I will help you." "You can judge in the club and the county contests and maybe at state. I will help you." "You can learn to speak easily before the group, handle parliamentary procedure, maybe be an officer in the club. I will help you."

This is the impression that you can make, an imprint that will remain with and influence a life, even as you are unaware that you are making the impression. An organization will be no better than the people who lead it. People follow people, they do not follow organizations. While 4-H does have an enviable reputation among the world's educational institutions, that reputation was more than 50 years abuilding, and it was gained through the efforts of a procession of concerned adults, like those presently reading these lines.

Congratulations to you, the people who are leaving impressions on young lives, impressions that silently hold through a lifetime of growth and change, like the small hand placed in wet cement.

Puzzle is on page 15.



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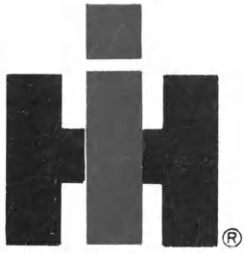
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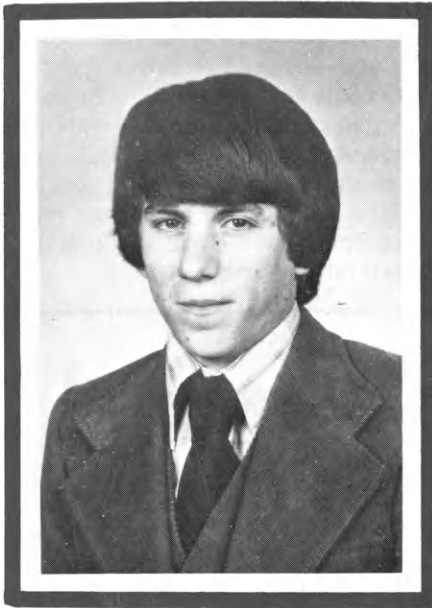
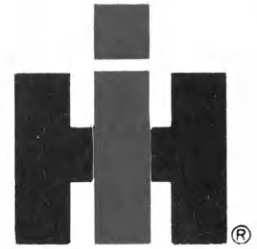
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Larry Theis, Leavenworth, 1978 state winner in 4-H agriculture, is involved with both crops and livestock as a partner with his father, Edmund Theis, and an older brother. On their Leavenworth County farm, they produce wheat, corn, milo, and soybeans, and have a 150 head Angus cow herd and a 150 sow farrow to finish swine operation. These herds have been built up over the years from Edmund's 4-H projects.

Highlights for Larry during 11 years as a 4-H member were his trip to Chicago as a state winner and the "action at the county fair." For two years the club had the top model meeting. Larry was a member of Happy Hollow 4-H Club, the same club to which his mother belonged as a girl.

This month Larry will graduate in auto mechanics from the vocational-technical school at Atchison. Skills learned there have been put to use in the family shop to keep cars, trucks, and farm equipment in good repair.

During the winter Larry plays basketball on a town team and coaches a seventh grade team. He keeps in touch with 4-H'ers by helping younger members to get calves ready for the fair. For several years, he's been the junior county assistant in the swine division at the county fair.

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You could be the 4-H'er who travels to Houston

By Kathleen Ward
Assistant Extension Editor,
4-H and Youth

Picture this: next fall when your neighbors drive past your farm, they see your name on an official looking sign that's next to a test plot — and you're just a 4-H'er! Or picture this: you're being handed a top purple ribbon for your booth at the state fair and you know the ribbon is bringing you an expense-paid trip to Houston, Texas. That's exciting!

Both pictures could be in your 1979 record book if you participate in this year's statewide 4-H Wheat Variety Plots Contest.

To be part of this contest, you should contact your county extension agent before May 15. He's got contest details, and he will be a big help to you if you decide to enter.

After you sign up, some time before wheat planting time you'll get five varieties of seed — free — plus your personalized metal plot sign and five variety signs.

Once the seeds are in the ground, you'll be able to observe how different varieties of wheat respond to all kinds of things: fertilizer, weather, disease.

You can stop there or you can go on to create a booth that shows something you've learned from your test plot, such as how a disease affects the different varieties or how each holds up under hail or how well each does when milled and baked into bread.

After this booth goes to your local fair, you can try for one of the 10 booth spots at the state fair. Prizes for winners there include a watch, cash, and walnut plaques. And you just might be the 4-H'er who gets a free trip to Houston next year for being tops in the 4-H Wheat Variety Plots Contest.



This is Kent Swinney of Rolla and his booth at the 1978 Kansas State Fair in the 4-H wheat variety contest. Bryan Owens won the 1978 trip to Houston.

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- 4-H is like Matel toy, it's swell.
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Joyce Karnes, Hoxie

Mom: No, you can't go fishing with Mike. He's got the measles.

Chuck: But Mom, you know I never catch anything when I fish.

Sue: Holy cow, tennis sure is a noisy game!

Sally: I wonder why?

Sue: Well, each player puts up a racket.

Sandy Tegtmeier, Bern

Your jokes are needed!! The prize winner receives a 4-H bandanna.



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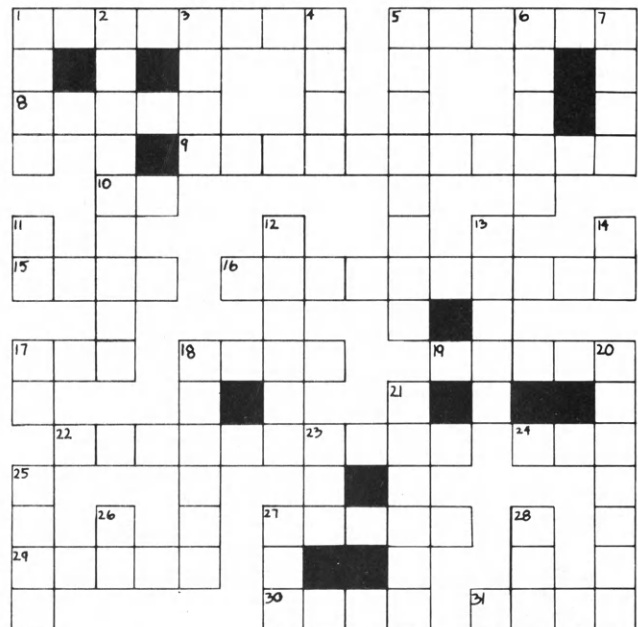
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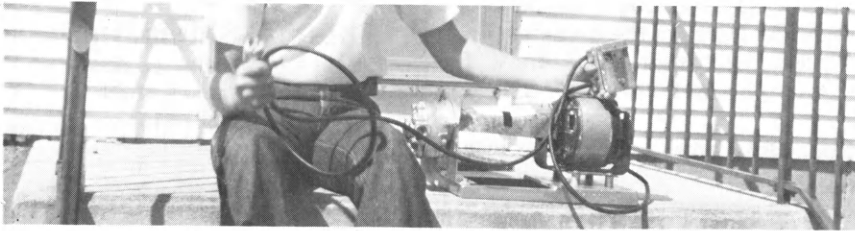
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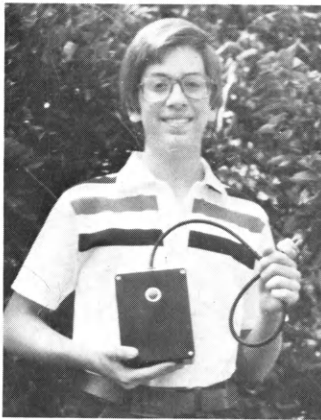
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14. Upon
17. That boy
18. Infants
20. Locomotives
21. _____ Charming
23. _____, Haw (directions for a horse)
25. Rabbit
26. In the direction above
27. Big _____ (circus)
28. One and one

Solution on page 11.





Pictured is a foot control pump designed to be a component of a parts washer in the shop. The pump, a worn out hydraulic pump from a combine, is coupled to the motor with a length of radiator hose and is controlled by a relay connected to the foot switch in the metal box. To save electricity, the pump is on only when the switch is depressed. When the pump is connected to the parts washer, it will be used to wash parts with solvent, which is filtered and reused. This project saves solvent, time, and labor.



Mark considers this outlet tester his top electric project. He explains that it "checks to see if the outlets are wired properly. If the red light lights up, it means the outlet is wired correctly. I spent about 15 hours on this project. This tester has a lot of soldered joints. I designed it myself and assembled it without any problems. I built it because I wanted a safe and foolproof method of testing the outlets in my home. If the outlet is not wired correctly (to code) it can be a killer."



Mark shows a loop antenna for his portable radio. The large loop picks up weak signals and induces the signals to be picked up by the radio's built-in antenna. The tuning capacitor resonates the antenna to the proper frequency. Mark says, "I have picked up a station in Miami, Florida, with a \$3 transistor radio and this loop antenna. It is very interesting hobby to see what station I can pick up at night."

High school freshman shows inventiveness with electric devices

In the five years he's been enrolled in the electric project, Mark Ummen has found practical ways to put electricity to work, and if his plans for the future work out, he'll continue to do this as an electronic computer engineer. Now a ninth grader at Harrison Junior High School, the Great Bend 4-H member hopes some day to study electrical engineering at Kansas State University.

In addition to the contrivances pictured, Mark made a tester which "will indicate whether there is voltage present in a junction or switch box and if it is 120 or 240 voltage. This device is very handy when replacing an outlet or switch. Without this device you could get electrocuted because you forgot to turn off the power or you turned off the wrong circuit breaker. I received a reserve champion at the Barton County Fair."

Mark is president of Fort Zarah 4-H Club. The last weekend in March he attended Kansas 4-H Congress at Wichita. His demonstration at Barton County 4-H Day was how to test circuits.



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