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TV Stars Joey Knoll and Ralphie

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4-H'ers learn about etiquette

Which fork do I use? Which cup is the water cup? Questions like these by 4-H'ers prompted Miami County 4-H Agent Nancy Molitor and Miami County Home Economist Dorinda Weidenbach to offer a short course on etiquette to Junior Leaders.

"I don't think they're learning about etiquette in school," Molitor explains.

Three girls and three boys, all college bound seniors, signed up for the class. Two sessions were held, one on a Sunday afternoon and one on a Thursday night. The youths learned how to greet people, how to carry on a conversation, how to set a table, which fork to use, which cup is the water cup, restaurant manners and about being a guest in someone's home.

By acting out the roles, they learned by doing. Tests were given before each session.

A trip to a Kansas City restaurant where the boys wore suits and the girls, dresses, concluded the class.

Molitor says the etiquette class was a success and she plans to offer it again in the spring. Classes will continue to be limited to 10 or fewer 4-H club members.



Brothers Steven and Travis Haight, Lane, perform at the 4-H Art In at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. This year the art in has a new name — 4-H Showcase. Again the performing arts will be featured. Skits, dance, bands and instrumental and vocal solos are among acts sought. Contact your county Extension office for additional information.

Fair photo exhibit rules change

Photos exhibited in the 4-H division at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson must be displayed on an 11x14 white matte board instead of a 20x14 matte board as in the past.

Charlie Lang, state 4-H-Youth specialist, said the new ruling was made by the photography developmental com-

mittee because of increased photo displays in the 4-H division at the state fair. Last year the 474 photo entries had to be displayed in three different showings. Only 11 counties were not represented in the Kansas State Fair 4-H photography show.

Fairgrounds sing the glory of youth

by **Hank Booth**
Douglas County 4-H Leader

A Saturday night in August. Kind of cool for a change. What a hot week it's been. It's just after midnight now. A few of the carnival rides are still moving, twinkling lights fading and now they're going out.

The livestock barns, hours before hustle and bustle to get the animals ready to sell or go home, now they're dark — straw piled in the aisles like so many miniature mountain ranges. The animal stalls, the places where children found wonderment in the first touch of a calf, or lamb or some other critter — they're empty now.

The lights are turned out; the silence returns. And yet the deafening noise of a week of fulfillment is still there. Listen in the darkness; you can hear the call for the next class and the judges comments in the show arena. You can hear the happy chatter of kids leading their calves and you can hear the water fight at the wash rack among the older kids who should know better.

"It's dark now. But, at the same time the grounds are glowing with light. It's the light of a smile, "Hey, way to go, that's great; you're the champion;" or "better luck next class or next year; keep working, you'll be a winner."

The remembered faces of young people light the quiet grounds; there are some happy, some sad; they're determined and tired, caring, concerned. They're all intertwined with the same bond, you can see it in their faces. We put it on the line; we tried; we succeeded or failed, but you

can't take any of it away from us. We did it.

Well, the fairgrounds are almost empty now. For five days it has been a meeting place, a growing place, a giving space, a place for new friends and old. It has been a place to win and lose, to be happy beyond words and sad to tears.

To those who have shared many fairs, it is above all the knowledge that nothing ever really changes. The important things are still the same. A good friend is still the most important thing in life. A moment of winning is a fleeting thing and very enjoyable, but a moment of losing is just as important and just as memorable.

It's been a great week. Blues, reds, champions and not quite champions, they've all had their moments. Now memories can set in. Who had a blue will matter little when compared to who had a smile. Who won that class will never find the important record books. But who helped you out will never be forgotten. Who threw that last bucket of water at the water fight is a memory forever, but the price per pound is only dollars and cents and those always change.

It's a cool night in August. The faces, the events, the moments of glory join thousands of others in the same place, the same show arena through the years. The fairgrounds are silent; but they are only silent for those who have never participated. Because for those who do participate, those fairgrounds will always sing the glory of youth, even on the coldest day of winter.

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Extension Instructional Media Specialist Ernie Peck tells 4-H leaders about film processing at the recent state-wide photo workshop. For more details on the workshop sponsored by the photography developmental committee, see page 7.

Seven steps outline future focus of 4-H

by C.R. Salmon
Assistant director Extension 4-H-Youth

I would like to share with you some future focuses which have been formally presented to all Extension staff during the past two to three months.

These focuses were not ideas dreamed up by members of the Kansas 4-H-Youth staff. They are ideas which 15 volunteer leaders, 15 county Extension agents, 15 Extension specialists and three administrators developed and proposed during a six month period from January to July 1985.

I would like to share one or two of the major focuses and recommendations made for the Kansas 4-H program during the next five to seven years.

Program planning: Our county and state program planning efforts must be more systematic, continuous and shared.

We must have more meaningful grassroots involvement. We in Extension pride ourselves in the statement, "We offer programs that are planned at the grassroots level." We need to provide adequate training and support for our agents and volunteers so they can make decisions out in the field where they have real facts.

The committee recommended that we provide more systematic support for our Program Development Committees. We implemented a very effective training program for our PDC members last year and we have been strongly encouraged to maintain this training on a continuous basis.

We also are developing a plan to train agents, volunteers and older youth on managing county 4-H events councils. Though many of these councils are making tremendous strides forward, several have encountered problems because members did not understand their purpose or responsibilities or lacked the understanding of how to achieve their objectives.

Third, this subcommittee recommended that we provide more active project groups and activities to strengthen and expand project training efforts. Many of our boys and girls are not being involved in a project meeting or experience.

The Futuristic Committee strongly recommended that our local clubs become more flexible. This involves more flexibility in membership, club formats, meeting agendas and project experiences. The committee felt that, "If we strengthen the local clubs we should be able to stop the continued decline in community 4-H club enrollment."

The Futuristic members recommended, "that we provide a procedure for training and supporting new Extension personnel." Volunteers can help

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Unique act brings stardom

By Joan Istas



Tyson Bachman and Big Red perform. "I'll keep Big Red until he dies," Tyson vows.



"Lay on your back," 12-year-old Tyson Bachmann tells his Red Satin rabbit, Big Red.

Carefully, gently Tyson blows into Big Red's face until the rabbit's eyes close. Tyson's hands leave the sides of the rabbit and Big Red lies on his back asleep.

"Big Red has a good act. It's rare to get rabbits to balance on their back," Tyson says.

That act earned Tyson and Big Red a spot on television at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson last year and always draws a crowd whenever the rabbit and boy perform.

Big Red is the Shawnee County Shunga Valley 4-H Club member's showmanship rabbit. Tyson purchased the red rabbit when it was three months old and began training it for showmanship when it was seven months old. He spent a lot of hours working with Big Red and one day just discovered the rabbit's unusual talent.

That talent and the rabbit's winning a blue ribbon in showmanship at the state fair last year may have earned Big Red a special place in Tyson's heart.

"Big Red will be with me until he dies," Tyson says.

The Topeka boy joined 4-H after accompanying his Grandfather Joe Riedel, long recognized as a Shawnee County Friend of 4-H, to a Friends of 4-H dinner. At first Riedel took Tyson to club meetings. Now his mother attends meetings with him.

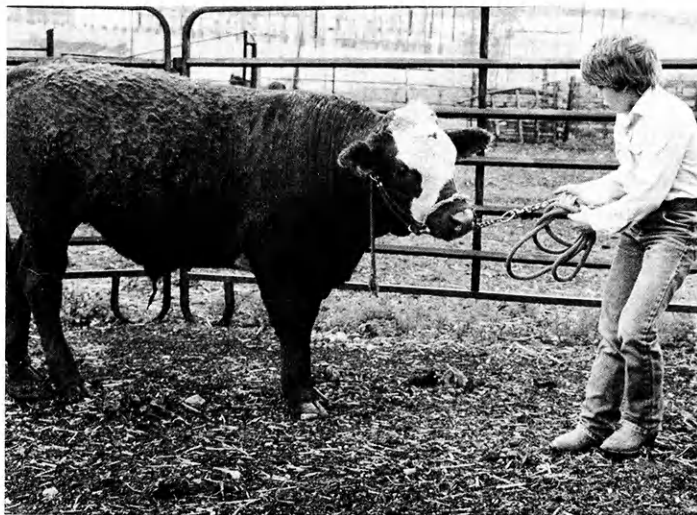
Tyson's dream is to show livestock in 4-H. Because he lives in the city of Topeka, however, he raises rabbits instead. Even then, he says, he must take special care to keep the cages clean or neighbors will complain of the odor.

Tyson had a rocky start in the rabbit project. His first litter died and he received a white ribbon on the first rabbit he showed.

Since he's learned a lot about rabbits by reading books, going to demonstrations and joining the American Rabbit Breeders Association. He's also learned by giving talks and demonstrations about rabbits at 4-H Club Days, to his community club and to his class at school.

Today Tyson has 10 rabbits — all Satins. He especially enjoys showing at the county fair and the state fair. And he's proud that he's finally making money with his rabbits.

Rabbits aren't livestock, Tyson says. But they are a fun hobby. "It's fun raising them and showing them."



C'mon Ralphie. Though trained to lead, Ralphie doesn't always do as Joey wishes. At right, caring for a calf is an important part of the market steer project.



Boy and calf are TV stars

by Joan Istas

Joey Knoll and his steer, Ralphie, are famous. Joey and Ralphie appeared on television last year after they participated in the bucket calf show at the Ellis County Fair.

"When I was done showing, they just wanted to know if I wanted to be on TV," Joey quietly shrugs off any claim to stardom.

But Ralphie is a different story. Joey has done a lot of talking about his bucket calf project and Ralphie just might be a star in his own right.

Joey has spoken about Ralphie to his 4-H club, the Women's Club in Ellis, at 4-H Days and to the Kiwanis Club.

"I got a free lunch at the Kiwanis meeting," Joey remembers.

The 9-year-old Buckeye Junior Farmers 4-H'er says he isn't scared when he gives talks. "You just have to remember the lines you have to say," he says. Joey practices nightly before making a presentation.

Ralphie is Joey's second bucket calf. He sold his first bucket calf, Toby, after showing him at the county fair. Joey purchased Ralphie when he weighed 75 pounds and immediately named him after his grandfather Ralph.

Ralphie was fed milk saver twice a

day and calf starter pellets. While Joey attended school, his father fed Ralphie in the mornings. In the summer months, Joey took over that job.

Joey spent a lot of time playing with Ralphie and brushing him. His Dad and Mom helped him break Ralphie to lead. By the time the county fair arrived, the 255 pound calf was so tame Joey could sit on his back and even lay on him.

This time Joey didn't sell his bucket calf after showing him. He kept Ralphie and plans to show him as a market steer at the county fair this year. If Ralphie can reach the 950 pound sale weight, Joey will sell him at the 4-H market sale.

Joey also will show a bucket calf this year.

The Ellis County 4-H'er likes leading the calves, showing them, being with his friends and getting trophies.

"I like calves," he says. "When I get lonely I have something to do. I can talk to my calves."

By being in the bucket calf project, Joey says he learned how to feed and show a calf and how to give a sick one medicine.

He keeps records on the calf and at the end of the year completes his record book.

Joey doesn't have to do his records, his mother, Noreen, says. "To us, records are part of doing the project."

Joey enjoys serving as the club's recreation leader as well as his horse and fishing projects. Playing with his friends after the club meetings is fun, he says.

Joey isn't sure his school friends would join 4-H but says they'd learn a lot if they did.

"I learn how to do stuff a lot better in 4-H," he says.

Youths travel to Thailand

Two Kansas 4-H club members, Greg Carothers, Wellington, and Melissa Bisterfeldt, Lyons, are among a delegation of 10 people selected to participate in the Youth Exchange Trip to Thailand June 11-July 31.

This is the second year for the exchange. Last year Jane Elliott, Brown

County, and Tim Branda, Ellis County, went to Thailand.

4-H'ers are chosen for this program who have indicated past interest in international programs and have a desire to get to know cultures in other parts of the world, says Lois Redman, state 4-H specialist who works with that program.

Sedgwick County pilots pre-teen retreat

A pre-teen retreat in Sedgwick County is the pilot for a series of leader training sessions for 11- to 13-year-olds that will be offered across the state.

The July 9 session was developed by Sedgwick County Junior Leaders Kathy Oliver and Todd Frankenbery and adult volunteer Mary McKenney. The three obtained material for the retreat last fall when they represented Kansas at a Profiles for Tomorrow Conference in Washington D.C.

"People at the national conference were impressed with the leadership, public speaking ability and poise shown by the kids from Kansas," says Bill Fultz, Sedgwick County 4-H agent.

The pre-teen retreat is designed to build leadership and confidence among older 4-H members. By reaching 11- to 13-year-olds, the foundation will be laid for future leaders.

Goals of the July 9 session are to get better acquainted with other 4-H members, learn group interaction skills and gain confidence in outdoor skills. This will be achieved through new games, camping skills, an obstacle

course, nature crafts, orienteering and a cookout.

Planning also will begin for the next leadership session with the appointment of a steering committee. Leadership development activities will continue over

a three year period.

"Leadership training sessions are aimed at retention," Fultz says. "By creating bonds among kids through a series of retreats, it is hoped that fewer kids will drop out."



Riley County Ambassadors helped kick off the 40th anniversary of camping at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center with the lighting of this birthday cake at Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs. The camp was purchased in 1946 by Kansas 4-H clubs.

Club enrollment almost doubles

by Joan Istas

"We got the kids excited so they'd enjoy 4-H and want their friends to join," SASNAK 4-H Club community leader Eldon Stouffer explains the growth of the Salina club.

The club has 22 new members thus far this year and is anticipating an additional five will join in the near future. These 27 will almost double the club's old membership. The club had an almost 0% dropout rate the previous year. One of the three members the club lost was a high school senior and the other two moved out of Salina.

"Our club likes to have fun. We have a lot of fun at our club meetings," Stouffer says. Stouffer asks parents to call him when their child receives special recognition in school or in some other organization so he can recognize the kids at the club meeting. Parents, too, may be called to the front of the room by Stouffer to be honored for a job well done.

A snow party is an annual club event. If it doesn't snow, a skating party is substituted instead.

Keeping records even becomes fun when club members learn how to fill out records at record book parties.

"If you haven't filled out the record books, you haven't done the project," Stouffer tells club members.

Stouffer is the only community leader for the SASNAK Club. A co-community club leader will succeed him after he has served in that position a year. A four-member parents' advisory helps appoint people to committees, sets club goals for the year and appoints a project coordinator and new member coordinator. Parents advisory members serve three-year rotational terms.

The project coordinator is in charge of finding project leaders, making sure project material is available and enrolling kids in projects.

The new member coordinator welcomes and introduces new

families at club meetings. Usually she and Stouffer race to be the first person to say "hello" to new families.

The 15 Junior Leaders in the club and their families each adopt a new family to help orient new members to the 4-H club program. At meetings Junior Leaders sit beside younger club members.

Roberts Rules of Order are used to conduct club meetings. Four project talks and demonstrations are given at most club meetings. Each 4-H'er is encouraged to present a talk at a club meeting.

"To me a talk is the best way a kid can learn to get up in front of people," Stouffer says. "Public speaking is one of the best lessons he can learn."

The club project this year is citizenship. SASNAK members have adopted grandparents, participated in gavel games, helped with Special Olympics and are promoting 4-H.

"Word of mouth is the best way of promoting 4-H," Stouffer says. "Happy families say good things about 4-H and new families join."

Other citizenship goals are to have a foreign exchange student speak, attend a county or city meeting and go on an educational tour.

SASNAK club members are encouraged to be involved in community service projects. "The community is where they're going to live," Stouffer explains.

Before a kid can join the SASNAK Club he must attend three meetings, one of those with his parents.

"4-H is not a babysitting service; it is a family activity," Stouffer says.

Stouffer believes involving parents and kids as a family and sharing the club leadership are keys to the club's success.

"A successful club must have people who care. We do have a lot of that," he says.

You create the picture

by Joan Istas

"You create the picture; you are the one who makes the difference. The camera is just a piece of hardware," said Ed Austin, one of two Kodak representatives who presented a photography conference at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center.

The photography conference for adult leaders and junior leaders in photography was co-sponsored by the state photography developmental committee and Kodak. About 100 people representing all areas of the state attended.

Steve Drexler, who taught the day-long session with Austin, noted that composition is a matter of learning to appreciate the elements that make up a picture.

"Eliminate the things you don't need," he said. "Make it simple; simplicity is the key word. Try different camera angles, different kinds of shots. Increase your choices and opportunities.

"The camera is a frame. When you take a picture, you are selecting the frame for it."

Drexler noted that depth perception, which can greatly improve a picture, is achieved by putting a person or object in the foreground. To show the size of an object, put a person beside it.

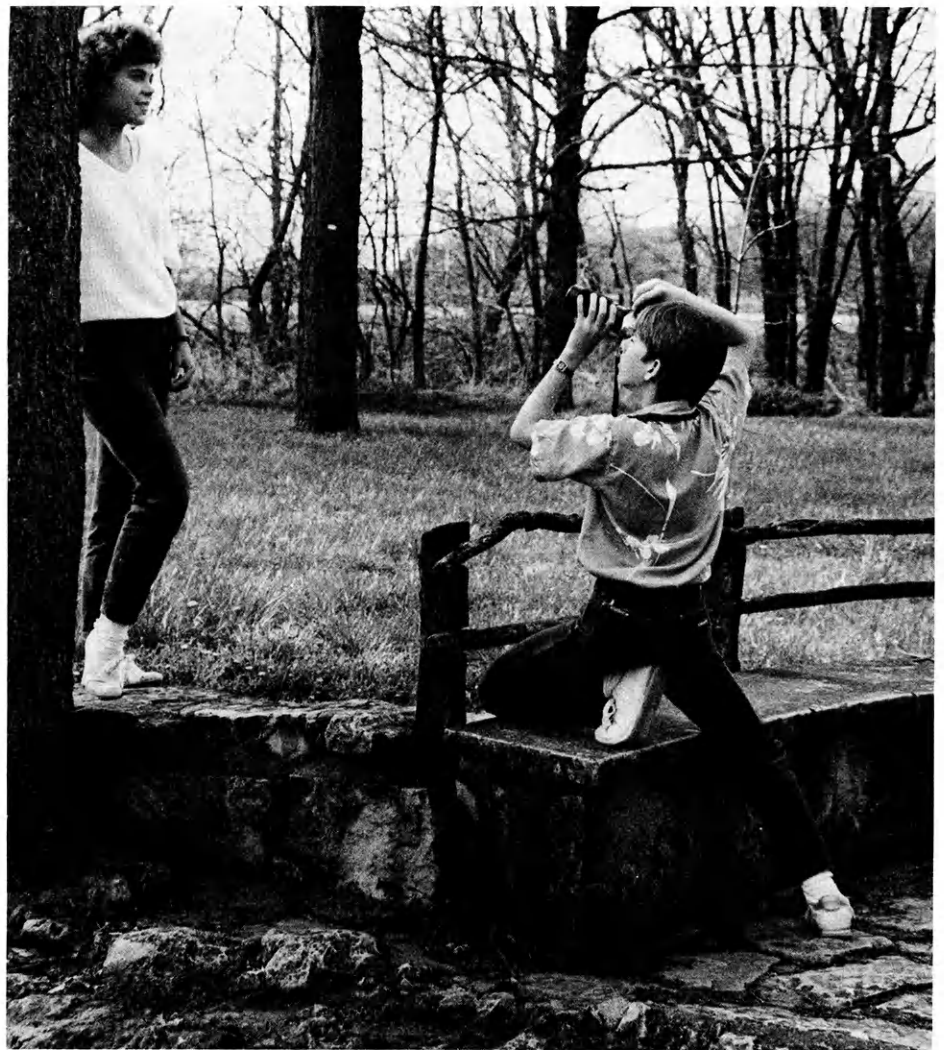
Keep the horizon lines in your picture straight. Try not to put horizon lines in the center of the picture since this splits the picture in two. Again, give yourself some options. Take a picture with a great percentage of sky; another, with a great percentage of landscape.

When taking a picture of a moving object, give it somewhere to go.

Get close to what you want to photograph; fill the entire frame with that object.

"Take your camera with you and practice," Drexler said. "Be aware of what's out there. There are lots of opportunities to take photographs wherever you are. You have got to be there at the right time and you have got to plan it.

"Forget all the rules; if it feels good, shoot it. The greatest thing about



Reno County 4-H'ers take time out during the photography conference to take pictures at Rock Springs.

photography is there are no rules," Drexler said.

When photographing people, put them in their environment, Drexler said.

Photograph kids on their level. Look for different camera angles. Move around; be flexible.

"Expression is a key. Focus on the eyes. A lot of expression can be seen in the eyes; that's what you want to capture.

"If you're doing a good job, you will show the character of people. You will show different kinds of expressions, their moods.

"The more time you spend with people, the better photograph you will obtain."

Remember you are the key to obtaining a good photograph. A camera does not create a good picture.

Photography developmental committee members Cy Brown, Teres Lambert, Ernie Peck and Michele Dunlap also presented sessions. Brown spoke on critiquing photos and the photography judging contest that was new at the Kansas State Fair last year; Lambert, dif-

ferent ways of displaying photos; Peck, the problems of obtaining quality photos from some processors; and Dunlap, changes in 4-H photography rules at the Kansas State Fair.

1985 state photography winner Brett Dunlap told about his experiences and growth in the photography project.

"I am delighted with the efforts of the photography developmental committee," said Charlie Lang, state 4-H-Youth specialist in charge of that project. Lang notes this was the committee's first effort at sharing knowledge with other volunteers. He hopes those who attended will go home and share their knowledge with others.

Lang also noted that 4-H photography leaders across the state are encouraged to help with Kansas State Fair photography events — Photo Fun Day and the photography judging contest. They are encouraged to share their ideas about the state photography project with members of the photography developmental committee and with Lang. For additional information, contact Lang at (913) 532-5800.



Decisions to make



And the results of the judging contest are ...

Important part of 4-H 4-H'ers make

by Joan Istas

Pencil and pad in hand, the 4-H'ers eye the four market steers circling in the pen in front of them.

Judge them; rank them in order. Which is best? Pick the top and bottom animals in the class, then select the middle pair. Around the ring, seated in the bleachers, kids 7 to 19 years of age make a decision and circle the appropriate numbers on the judging card.

As the 4-H'ers hand the cards forward to the county Extension agent, they turn to a friend or parent and explain why they made that choice. The number one steer has to go on the top of the class because it has desired length, height and thickness. The number four steer is an old fashioned type of steer, short and fat, and is a definite bottom placing.

The 4-H'ers also judge classes of swine, beef, sheep, horses and dairy cattle in the livestock judging contest.

Oral reasons are not given because of the high number of individuals competing — 166 in the junior division and 229 in the senior division. A home economics judging contest with 245 4-H'ers competing, is held simultaneously making the Fort Hays Experiment Station 4-H Judging School and Contest the largest judging contest in the state.

Held annually on the last Saturday in April, teams and individuals from as far away as Cheyenne County in northwest Kansas and Morton County in the southwest part of the state compete.

"I like to come and see the different things they come up with. I learned about patterns," says 12-year-old Shawna Jordan of the Post Rock 4-H Club of Mitchell County. Shawna has been judging home economics three years.

"It's fun to do," says Cara Peterson, also 12, of the Sunflower 4-H Club of Mitchell County. She says she's become an astute judge because a judging contest is part of almost every 4-H club meeting.

"It's fun 'cause I get to come to Hays," adds Jill Keenan, 10, of the Ness City Busy Beavers 4-H Club.

Mitchell Mead, a new member of the Pawnee Panthers 4-H Club of

decisions in judging contests



Judging beef cattle.

Pawnee County, said not only is judging home economics fun but it helps him learn to make decisions. He found the clothing class the most difficult to judge because he's never selected his own clothing before. Other home economics classes included muffins, food groups, button and blouse selection, wall arrangement and kitchen counters.

Home economics judging helps me organize my thoughts," said Anita Krug of the Russell County Lone Star 4-H Club. "You have to use a lot of common sense, examine everything pretty closely."

Mark Squires, a graduate student in the Kansas State University Animal Science Department, said K-State studies have found that people who have livestock judging experience make sounder and better decisions than lawyers and doctors.

"Judging teaches you to make better decisions. It makes you defend those decisions. Judging is important to the 4-H program."



Which one???

4-H pioneers are recognized

by Joan Istas

"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." — William James

Two pioneers in providing private support for the Kansas 4-H program, the late Dale Critser and George B. Powers, both of Wichita, were honored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation at Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center in June.

Donors and other supporters of the Kansas 4-H program are recognized at this annual observance.

Critser served as the first president of the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees in 1952 and Powers, as the first secretary. The Foundation, a private, non-profit corporation, provides support for the Kansas 4-H program.

J. Harold Johnson, the first permanent 4-H agent in the state in Sedgwick County in 1926 and later state 4-H club leader and first Foundation director, asked the two Wichitans to serve as trustees because of their prominence in the state. Powers is a noted attorney and Critser was executive vice-president of the Fourth National Bank and Trust Company in Wichita, the largest bank in Kansas.

It wasn't difficult to get men such as these to serve as trustees, Johnson said. "The word, 4-H, opened doors. People admired the 4-H program as a down to earth practical means of education."



George Powers and wife, Mildred, were present at Friends of 4-H Day where Powers was recognized as a pioneer in providing private support for the 4-H program. A tribute to Powers and Dale Critser will be erected outside of Heritage Hall at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center.

The going for the newly founded organization was uncertain at times but Critser and Powers helped provide the necessary guidance to make the impossible possible.

Powers provided all legal services for the non-profit corporation for some 20 years. He wrote the articles of incorporation and the bylaws and obtained the tax exempt status for the Foundation.

"His pertinent, penetrating questions and sound judgment kept the Foundation from many pitfalls," Johnson said.

"Critser never lost sight of the Foundation's goal — the educational benefits of youth. His greatest satisfaction was to see boys and girls develop leadership qualities and become good citizens."

During the 19 years Critser was president of the Foundation board (1952-1971), the organization enjoyed national prominence. *The Kansas 4-H Journal*, donated to the Foundation in 1956 by Frank and Linda Petit, Topeka, was recognized nationally when the annual Kansas 4-H in Review was presented to President Dwight Eisenhower in Washington D.C. as part of the "4-H Report to the Nation." Today Kansas is the only state with a 4-H magazine.

The Foundation was partially founded to hold title to Rock Springs Ranch, purchased by 4-H clubs in 1946. With the construction in 1962 of Williams Dining Hall, the ranch began to evolve from a summer camp to a year round educational center. Today the center is used by church, youth and other groups throughout the state. One of every eight Kansans attends Rock Springs Ranch as youths.

Critser's and Power's years of service to the Foundation earned them the Distinguished 4-H Citation, the highest award given for service to 4-H. They also are recognized on the Wall of Fame at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center.

Powers was a member of the Foundation board of trustees until recently when he resigned and Critser, a board member until his death May 30.

These two men have touched the lives of many Kansas youth through their service to the Foundation, says Marilyn Pence Galle, a former 4-H club member and now Foundation board trustee. "One cannot measure the real value of that service, but it is tremendous and will continue to multiply with each generation."

4-H is tied to private sector

The Kansas 4-H Foundation was formed in 1952, born out of the Kansas Committee on 4-H Club Work appointed by Governor Frank Carlson in 1948.

"The Foundation was formed to give greater support to the 4-H club program with private resources," says J. Harold Johnson, state 4-H club leader at that time and later the first executive director of the Foundation.

Private support for the 4-H program wasn't a new idea. The Kansas 4-H program had had private support from its beginning in the early 1900s. However, it was becoming increasingly difficult for the state 4-H department to speedily obtain funds through the state treasurer and

an organization was needed to hold title to Rock Springs Ranch.

The ranch was purchased by 4-H clubs in 1946. The Kansas State University Endowment Association held title to the camp until the Foundation was established.

"The development of Rock Springs Ranch was a major goal of the newly established Foundation; the people of Kansas wanted a state 4-H center," Johnson says.

The first years of the Foundation were difficult at times. But the director of Extension L.C. Williams was strongly in favor of the Foundation and private businessmen serving on the Foundation

board had enough strength that when they spoke they were listened to carefully by the people at the university, Johnson says.

Among those serving on the first Foundation board were W. Dale Critser, vice-president of the Fourth National Bank in Wichita, the largest bank in Kansas; Senator Harry Darby, Kansas City; L.C. Williams, Extension director; Max Foreman, Pittsburg; Senator C.L. Huxman, Sublette; A.D. Jellison, Junction City banker; George Powers, Wichita attorney; Fred Wilson, Andale banker; E.B. Shawver, Wichita oil man; W. Laird Dean, Topeka banker; and J.

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Foundation ...

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Harold Johnson, state 4-H club leader.

For Johnson, who served as both Foundation director and state 4-H club leader from 1952-1958, the association between 4-H and private enterprise was a natural and reassuring one.

"It's important that 4-H be tied closely to a privately supported, privately governed organization," Johnson says. "Funds come from the private sector so why shouldn't the private sector have control over the spending.

"The 4-H program itself is free enterprise in action. In project work, one of the basic principles is ownership. Any of us take more pride, do a better job if we own something. It's a learn by doing program.

In 1958 Johnson retired as state 4-H leader but continued as executive director of the Foundation.

"I was trying to do two jobs — the state leadership job and the Foundation job. I didn't do either well," Johnson explains the change.

Johnson believes the Foundation is successful.

"It's entirely through the system of private enterprise that all of this support came about. Rock Springs Ranch would never have been built if not for the Foundation," Johnson says.

Club fair recruits new families

A project enrollment fair held in Grant County for the first time last year is partially responsible for 20 new families joining the county club program.

The fair, which featured a Halloween costume party, was advertised for all 8- to 19-year-olds and their families. Each of the six community clubs in the county set up booths telling about their club and community leaders and project leaders answered questions.

The project fair gave families interested in joining 4-H a better understanding of what 4-H is, what the clubs offer and gave them the opportunity to visit with club members," says Grant County 4-H Agent Cathy Hinson.

"It also gave me a chance to meet a lot of new families."

Prizes were awarded for best Halloween costumes in both the adult and kids divisions.

"It was a lot of fun. We're planning to have it again," Hinson says.



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Booth promotes 4-H program

"A booth is a flashy way of telling people about 4-H," says Jennifer Jacobs of the Sherman County Beaver Valley 4-H Club.

Jennifer helped make both a booth and banner for her club last year. The banner was displayed at the club's enrollment fair; the booth selected for display at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Jennifer, who with other 4-H club members helped community leaders Pat Juhl and Viola Jacobs construct the booth at the state fair, said booth construction took both parent and kid involvement. The booth theme, "4-H is a hit," was the idea of club member Melissa Frerichs.

It can be very frustrating to work on a booth and it's a lot of work. But it's a lot of fun, too, Jennifer says.

Foundation provides travel scholarships

Travel scholarships from the Kansas 4-H Foundation and J.C. Penney will provide bus transportation for 45 Kansas leaders to attend the North Central Regional Leader's Forum Nov. 13-16 in Lansing, Michigan.

Theme for the conference, which includes entertainment, swap shops and speakers, is "Developing You — Developing Youth." Volunteers from the 12 states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Kansas will be represented at the conference.

Cost for the conference, not including transportation, is \$180. Registration deadline is Sept. 15 to the State 4-H Youth Office.

For additional information, contact Charlie Lang, State 4-H Youth specialist, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Ks. 66506.

Dog show open to 4-H members

4-H club members are invited to attend the Tri-County 4-H Dog Show at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola July 19. Obedience and showmanship classes are scheduled. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Show judge is AKC licensed judge Bev Rumsower.

For additional information, contact Candy Kramer, R.R. 1, Paola, Ks., 913-294-4471.



4-H'ers and leaders work together to construct the Sherman County Beaver Valley 4-H Club booth at the Kansas State Fair.

Tips for booths and banners

by Joan Istas

Simplicity is the key to a prize winning booth or banner, says Charlie Lang, state 4-H-Youth specialist.

"Take one idea and tell it simply," Lang says. "Don't tell about safety. Tell about one aspect of safety — tractor safety or home safety. Tell about the advantages of being a junior leader through one of the life skills. Conservation also is a good theme for booths and banners.

"Use a minimum of words and select eye appealing colors," Lang says.

Lettering on the banner should easily be visible from a distance of 15 feet.

Lang advises 4-H'ers and leaders to draw a sketch of the booth or banner before beginning construction and test it on other people. Do they see what you did? Does the idea have the desired impact.

Banners can be constructed of any type of cloth; paper can not be used. Popular materials are satin, heavy cotton and burlap. Banners must be at least three feet on one side with overall dimensions of 12 to 15 square feet.

A rod or dowel at the top is used to hold the banner taut and another rod at the bottom gives fabric additional support. Yarn or cord attached at the top

allows the banner to be hung.

"Banners and booths are super ways of promoting 4-H," Lang says. Booths have moving parts, are three dimensional and provide total involvement of the audience. Handouts also can be distributed with a booth.

Banners take less time to make than booths, can easily be stored and can be displayed at times other than fairs. Schools, libraries and achievement banquets are popular places to display banners.

Banners also can be made at a less busy time of the year where booths must be put up the night before the fair or during the fair.

Booths and banners again will be displayed in the 4-H building at the Kansas State Fair this year. Each county can exhibit one banner. All who worked on the banner will be awarded a participation ribbon.

Each county also can submit a picture of the county's champion booth to the state 4-H-Youth office where 15 will be selected for exhibit at the state fair. This is down from 20 the previous year.

Booths will be awarded champion, reserve champion, blue, red and white ribbons.

Club helps purchase lifeline system

A \$300 grant awarded to the Hodgeman County Busy Bee Jrs. 4-H Club through the Kansas 4-H Foundation has helped purchase a lifeline emergency response system for elderly residents in the county who live alone.

Grant funds were obtained from Pioneer Hybrid International, Lincoln, Neb., and Southwestern Bell.

The club also donated \$180.37 for the lifeline system from the club treasury.

By helping raise funds for the lifeline system, club members became aware of the problems and fears of the community's elderly and how this system will help them.

Other service groups and individuals in Hodgeman County also contributed to the lifeline system which was im-

Promo tape available

A TV promotion tape for Kansas 4-H will be available this fall. Olivia Collins, formerly with the Nebraska Extension Service, was employed by the state 4-H Youth office to put the tape together.

Plan goat show

A dairy goat show will be held July 27 at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds in Cheney for all 4-H club members. Animals must be entered by 10 a.m. There is no entry fee. Premiums will be paid.

For additional information, contact Wally Lindenmuth at 316-838-6900.

plemented on June 1.

The Busy Bee Jrs. continue to help the Hodgeman County Lifeline Procurement Committee by distributing fliers and pamphlets about the lifeline system and contacting future subscribers.

The past two years club members also have visited with and scheduled activities for residents of the Hodgeman County

Nursing Home. Activities have included assisting residents on wheelchair rides, trips to the city park for picnic lunches, a watermelon feed, decorating the nursing home for Halloween, preparing ice cream sundaes for residents and helping residents decorate pumpkins for a contest, make Christmas crafts and address Christmas cards.

Scholarship recipients named

Scholarship winners were announced during Discovery Days at Kansas State University in June.

Winners were announced at a general assembly following interviews. Contestants and donors also attended a banquet sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Kansas Ag Alumni Association.

Scholarship winners are as follows:

Bailey-Plainsman Supply Stores of Kansas Scholarship, Stan Brandyberry, Graham County; Charlene Rein, Scott County; Doug Sander, Rooks County; Jeff Weeden, Cheyenne County; Stacey Wilson, Haskell County.

Roscoe and Winona Starkey Scholarship, Kate Elizabeth Perkins, Elk County; Mary E. Border Scholarship, Leslie

Pierce, Osage County; Glenn and Rosemary Busset Scholarship, Christi Ross, Montgomery County; M. Max Dickerson Memorial Scholarship, Brad Amstein, Clay County; Tammy Hawley, Ford County.

Merle and Cecil Eyestone Scholarship, Nancy Deckert, Saline County; J. Harold and LaVerne Johnson Scholarship, Michael McGee, Jefferson County; Kansas Master Farm Homemaker, Tresa Walters, Butler County; Roger E. Regnier Scholarship, Shon Yust, Reno County.

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Future focuses—Fund drive recommended

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in this area by telling us what skills, knowledge and support they need from county Extension agents. The committee also recommended that new Extension agents receive more training and background in social skills, human development and other areas that help them deal with people. A recent article in *Success* magazine stated, "Approximately 76% of our people lose their jobs or are unsuccessful in their jobs because of a lack of people skills, not because of their deficiency in subject matter or technical skills."

Streamline and "tighten up" our literature and publications related to the Kansas 4-H volunteer management system. Publications should be brief with applicable how to explanations and procedures. The committee strongly supported the volunteer middle management program; however we must continue to strengthen and

emphasize our volunteer support system in the local club.

I believe we may have inadvertently put too much emphasis on county leadership positions and county leadership roles before we had our clubs in order. During the next two to three years, the 4-H Department will be placing major emphasis on strengthening the local 4-H unit (project and mini clubs.)

Another very high priority in this area is the training, support, recognition and utilization of teen leaders. We place the Junior Leader title on 4-H members when they reach 12 or 13 years of age, but do we really train them to become a teen leader for a project group or as an advisor for local club officers?

If we are going to keep our older youth involved, we must provide meaningful training and involvement. What if "we had a teen leader college where teens were certified as teen leaders for specific projects."

We must have a system for evaluating, altering, adding or dropping projects and activities. We no longer can offer projects or activities because it's a favorite hobby of a specialist or a pet project of a particular commodity group. We must alter and expand our

project program based on the needs of boys and girls, the availability of volunteers, financial resources and its possible impact on development of life skills.

4-H must maintain strong roots in agriculture and home economics. They are the "bread and butter" projects that helped make 4-H unique from other out-of-school youth organizations. If we de-emphasize "cooking and cows" we could find ourselves in the same situation as the Boy Scouts in the '70's when they tried to take the "outing out of Scouting."

Boys and girls like to interact with living, breathing things and they also like to learn and improve home survival skills. However, we must package these projects so they are appealing and fun.

Record books continue to be the demise of many a 4-H member. I think we will be seriously evaluating some type of age level awards program for record books where 7- to 8-year-olds are not expected to carry out the same record keeping task as 14- to 16-year-olds. Record books serve a good purpose; however, they are only one small part of the total 4-H program.

The Futuristic Committee recommends that an outside team or consultant conduct an in-depth marketing study.

In order to do a marketing type promotion program, we need to identify very clearly the product that we are selling and the audience to whom it is being sold. A recent Gallup Poll showed that nearly 80% of the U.S. population knows what 4-H is or at least recognizes the 4-H clover. Do 80% of Kansans know about 4-H? My initial response would be "yes."

Finally the Futuristic Committee addressed the area of financial resources and they recommended that we secure more private donations by engaging in some type of statewide campaign. The statewide campaign should establish seven endowment funds to perpetuate program funding: adult volunteer staff development and recognition; teen volunteer staff development and recognition; enhance and maintain statewide promotion systems; educational scholarships; enhancement for innovative county 4-H grants, awards and recognition for achievement; recognize and support friends of 4-H.

This in a nutshell is what the Extension 4-H-Youth staff plans to address in the next five to seven years. We are excited and I hope you are excited, too. The Kansas 4-H program has a bright future but these challenges and goals cannot be met without the members, volunteers and agents supporting, promoting and implementing some of these future focuses. The future is in your hands.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The document "Future Focuses, which summarizes the findings of the Futuristic committee, can be obtained from the county Extension office.)

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4-H roundup featuring the southwest area

Haskell County has taken its fashion show out of the school building onto the Courthouse lawn the past six years.

On the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse, 4-H'ers model clothing they purchased and constructed before spectators sitting on the lawn. Club members in other projects emcee the show and participate in skits in keeping with the fashion show theme.

The fashion show is held on the Monday before the county fair.

Work continues on the newly purchased Comanche County Fairgrounds. A 10 acre old airport field was purchased for the county's first fairgrounds recently. This year plans are to roof the livestock barn, install lighting and doors and a washrack for cattle, hogs and sheep. The restrooms will be renovated.

Mitch Moorman, Comanche County agricultural agent, believes the new fairgrounds will help promote better relations between 4-H and the community and bring new kids into the 4-H program.

The Town and Country 4-H Club of Meade continues a community service project of landscaping the Meade County Fairgrounds.

The project was begun in 1982 with a grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Kansas State University Horticulturalist Gus Van der Hoeven helped plan the landscaping and in 1983 the fair board installed a drip irrigation system.

The club has purchased and planted shrubs on the fairgrounds and this year plans to plant buffalo grass and 40 lilac bushes.

To fund the project, club members sell cheese. About \$400 is raised annually in this manner.

The Kiowa County Upward Strivers 4-H Club used a Readers Digest Citizenship-in-Action grant to erect a flag pole at the fairgrounds and put up a light to fly the flag at night. Club members wrote to their Congressman to obtain a U.S. flag and made a 4-H flag.

The Atchison County Prairie View 4-H Club held its exchange meeting with the Sunflower and Effingham community clubs recently. Guest speaker Randy Whitticer, of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission, showed slides on wild turkeys.

—Steven George, reporter

Five counties attended the second Edwards County 4-H Horse Clinic sponsored by the Edwards County 4-H Horse Show Committee. The two-day clinic featured demonstrations on grooming by 4-H club members, a veterinarian speaking about horse health and tips on riding. A barbecue was featured in the evening.

Younger 4-H club members in Grant County enrolled in the 4-H livestock projects are getting a helping hand in that project in the newly formed Junior Stockman's Club.

All kids in livestock are eligible for membership. Officers are elected and meetings held on feed rations, judging and fitting and showing animals. Tours also are planned. Older project members learn about leadership by serving as instructors.

The 27 members of the Norwich 4-H Club of Kingman County raised \$1,508.78 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital with a bike-a-thon. The kindergarten through fifth graders rode a total of 575 miles.

—Fred Scheetz, Secretary

The Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, begun in 1969, provides funds for the 4-H program in that county. Interest from a \$20,000 principal provides funds annually.

Lifetime memberships to the Foundation are \$10 for an individual; \$20 for a couple. Living memorials are established for \$500.

The 4-H Building in Dodge City became a midway of carnival booths as the annual Ford County 4-H carnival was held there recently.

As visitors made their way down the midway they had a chance to win prizes by knocking a crow off the fence at the trap shoot, answering a question at the trivia booth and shooting a ball at the basketball throw.

Cakes and pillows were won by those standing on a lucky number. Children enjoyed catching a prize at the fish pond and many tried to be the one to yell, "Bingo." Other booths included a bean bag toss, make-up application and a chance to produce a personalized button at the button booth.

With carnivals also comes good food. Plenty of homemade chicken noodle soup, chili and pie were on hand to satisfy any appetite.

Local businesses donated prizes. Proceeds go to support county-wide activities.

"The carnival is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members of the county to work together while having fun," said Ford County 4-H Agent Diane McNeill.

Ford County 4-H members are helping Kansans celebrate the state's 125th birthday by encouraging boys and girls in the county to plant sunflowers, the state flower.

Junior Leaders helped prepare over 2,000 packets of sunflower seeds and instruction sheets and distributed them to kids in the kindergarten through the fourth grades in all schools in the county.

A special division at the Ford County Fair in Dodge City allows the school children to show their sunflowers. Classes for the tallest sunflower and biggest head are judged according to age groups.

Morton County will auction 4-H food items at the county fair for the first time this year. This replaces the food sale held in the past.

Haskell County annually sponsors a county-wide clothing lock-in for 4-H club members in the beginning sewing project.

Kids are accompanied by their mothers and spend the evening sewing, viewing audio visual tapes on clothing construction, eating and playing games. Usually there is at least one pillow fight before the evening is over.

Pillows and dirty clothes hampers are among the items that have been constructed at the lock-ins.

As a community service project this year, the Town and Country 4-H Club of Meade purchased craft supplies for the Senior Center in Meade.

The Finney County 4-H Foundation sponsored two \$500 scholarships for Finney County 4-H'ers for the second consecutive year. Any youth who is in 4-H in their senior year in high school is eligible. The scholarships can be used at any school of higher learning.

Morton County uses money from an annual fund raiser to pay for achievement trips for 4-H club members and for project awards. Last year \$1,000 was raised for this purpose.

Contributions are welcome

Contributions for this page and editorials for the editorial page are welcome. Of special interest for 4-H Roundup are fund raising ideas, community service, stories that show giving, club projects, ideas for strengthening clubs and recruiting new 4-H members. Club reporters especially are encouraged to contribute.

The southeast area will be featured in the August 4-H Roundup; northwest, September, and northeast, October. Material for area roundups must be submitted 45 days previous to date of publication which is the first of each month.

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Brothers learn about electricity

Brothers Matt and David York are learning how to safely use electricity in the 4-H electric project.

Electrical terms have been familiar to the brothers ever since they were young and could tag behind their dad, Dwight, an electrician in the Wamego area.

They became acquainted with 4-H when a friend invited them to a meeting of the Cottonwood 4-H Club in Wabaunsee County. David was an eighth grader at the time and Matt, a seventh grader.

"I thought 4-H was pretty interesting," Matt explains his decision to join.

"I had a couple of friends in the 4-H club. They told me about experiences they had in 4-H. It sounded like a lot of fun so we finally talked Mom and Dad into letting us join 4-H," David adds.

Matt enrolled in electricity his third year in 4-H and exhibited lamps he had wired at the county fair. A demonstration board made by Matt which showed the many sizes of commercial and residential wire available and their uses was awarded a purple ribbon at the county fair and a red ribbon at the state fair.

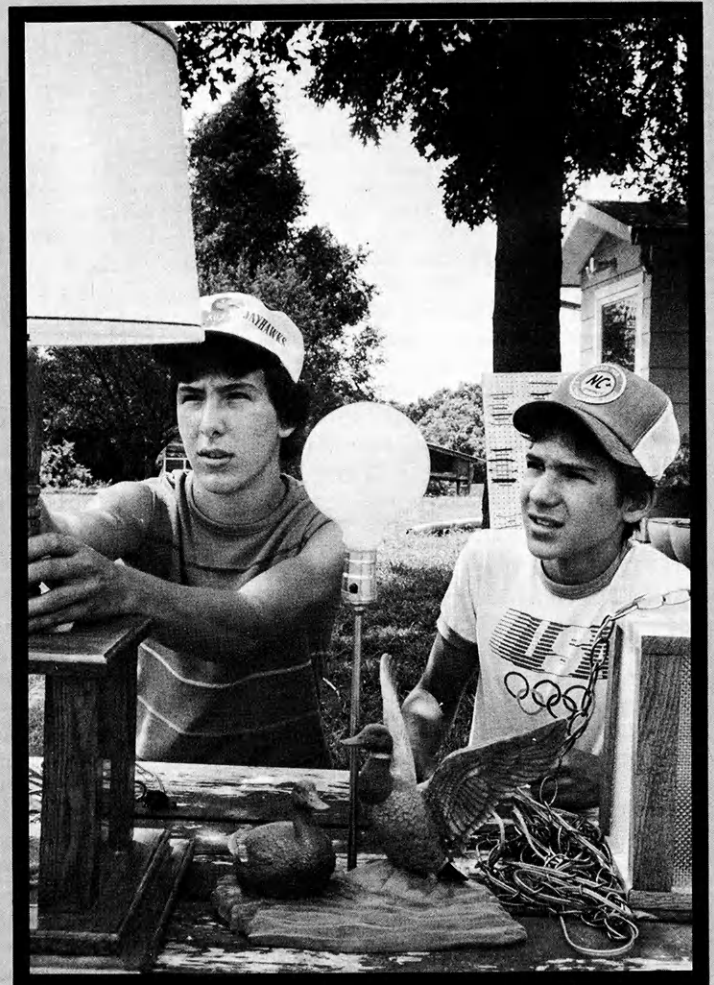
Dwight now displays the board in the Wamego electric shop where he works to help customers select the wiring they need.

Matt has given talks about electricity to his 4-H club and won the county electric award last year on his electric record.

Matt says he has learned which is the ground wire, which wire is hot and how to wire receptacles and switches in the 4-H electric project.

"Electricity is interesting," he says. "When you get out in the world, you need to know about that kind of stuff."

Though this is David's first year in the electric project, he has helped install light switches and lights in the newly built turkey shed on the York acreage and put up ceiling fans in his room and the family kitchen. He also has wired lamps he has exhibited at the county fair for his woodworking project.



David and Matt York

The brothers plan to wire a small scale barn or farm for their electric project this year.

Matt and David both are active in their 4-H club. David is vice president of the club and Matt, both assistant secretary and 4-H Council representative.

The brothers say there isn't anything they'd change about 4-H. They especially enjoy the county fair and learning new things. Club meetings are a place where they learn from other people. Matt also hopes his 4-H experience will help him obtain a job.



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