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Announcing

Phase III

A Step Ahead:

- ✓ **Join the team**
- ✓ **Club Participation**
- ✓ **National and State Recognition**

As a member of Kansas 4-H, you enjoy many opportunities provided through the dedication of generous Kansans, corporations and businesses. It is also a result of the efforts of 4-H members before you, and their visions for the future of Kansas 4-H.

Rock Springs 4-H Center is one such example. In 1946 and in less than five months, 4-H members raised the purchase price of \$22,500 for Rock Springs and burned the mortgage at State 4-H Round-up.

You can carry on this tradition of preserving the future of Kansas 4-H by participating in Phase III of A Step Ahead, the Kansas 4-H Campaign. This phase will allow for a Kansas Courtyard at the National 4-H Center and one at Rock Springs 4-H Center, said Craig Murphy, Kansas National 4-H Ambassador during the public announcement of Phase III at Kansas 4-H Discovery Days.

"At this opening session of the 1988 Discovery Days, I am pleased to announce the final phase of the campaign, which allows 900 Kansas 4-H clubs to become actively involved in A Step Ahead," he said.

"Kansas does not conduct its 4-H program in a vacuum. Most of us have little idea of the support provided by the National 4-H Council. In 1987, part of the benefits to you and I through National 4-H Council included:

4,100 county medals

32 trips to National 4-H Congress
14 educational scholarships
Leadership training for 79 adult volunteers
4 trips to National 4-H Conference
21,000 educational aids
Citizenship-Washington Focus experiences for 120 teen leaders."

Murphy said Kansas 4-H receives thousands of dollars worth of time, travel, scholarships and opportunities from the National 4-H Council. Kansans who return from this training center are filled with enthusiasm, eager to bring new insights and skills to others. In addition, the center serves as a home away from home to any 4-H family traveling in the Washington, D.C. area.

"It is time now for us to express our state's appreciation of financial and program support from the National 4-H Council," he said.

Clubs participating in Phase III of A Step Ahead will receive recognition in several ways, according to Murphy. The recognition includes:

A permanent record of your club's participation on a plaque in the Kansas Courtyard at the National 4-H Center. The plaque will be a major design element of the courtyard.

There will also be permanent recognition at Rock Springs 4-H Center for each 4-H club who meets their target goal. This recognition will include permanent listing in a new Educational Building at Rock Springs as well as

dedication of a patio area adjacent to the new building.

There are three levels of recognition for 4-H clubs who participate in the Kansas Courtyard project. Goals for this recognition are based on an amount of money raised on a per club member basis. Official club enrollment figures for the 88-89 club year will be used in calculating the level of recognition for each club.

Recognition levels are:

GOLD LEVEL: \$20 per member

SILVER LEVEL: \$10 per member

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"Clubs should begin planning their fund-raising activities immediately and continue through the winter and spring months of 1989. Remember, the deadline is May 1, 1989," Murphy said.

To help us in our fund-raising efforts, the Kansas 4-H Foundation is publishing a special cookbook featuring over 400 4-H recipes and award-winning color photography by Kansas 4-H'ers, he said. Watch for its kick-off at the Kansas State Fair.

Clubs may use this cookbook, or any other project, to raise money for their part of the Courtyard at the National 4-H Center and for recognition at Rock Springs.

"Will your club be a gold...or silver...or bronze? Get involved! Contact your county Extension agent for more information. It is time for us to do our part in taking A Step Ahead for the future of Kansas 4-H," Murphy said.



A Step Ahead — 4-H Campaign

National Ambassador Addresses Kansas 4-H Friends

Craig Murphy, National 4-H Ambassador, greeted the assembly of the annual Kansas Friends of 4-H Day on behalf of Kansas 4-H'ers and announced their intent to participate in A Step Ahead, the 4-H campaign, June 12 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

"It is certainly an honor for me as the Kansas National 4-H Ambassador to join you here today to discuss Phase III of the Kansas 4-H campaign, A Step Ahead. On behalf of Kansas 4-H'ers, please let me extend our sincere appreciation for the many benefits you as donors have provided us and to share our enthusiasm for the opportunity to participate in the campaign. We are proud to do our part to ensure the future of Kansas 4-H," he said.

"Many 4-H'ers and donors before us have joined in partnership to create the multitude of learning opportunities, awards and facilities, we, as Kansas 4-H'ers, enjoy today. Rock Springs 4-H Center, the nationally recognized camping and conference center, is one success story of such a partnership."

"Earlier this month during the opening session of the 1988 4-H Discovery Days, I was honored to announce the beginning of a new partnership - one bringing together Kansas 4-H clubs and Kansas corporations, businesses and those with a genuine interest in 4-H, such as those of you here today," Murphy said.

"My public announcement of Phase III of A Step Ahead invited nearly thirteen hundred representatives from many of the 900 Kansas 4-H clubs to return home and share this opportunity of carrying on the tradition of Kansas 4-H'ers joining Kansas 4-H donors in the continuation of the Kansas 4-H program."

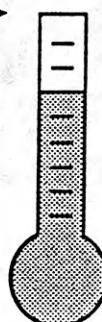
Join the Partnership!

"All of you have made impressive progress in the campaign so far. It is quite a challenge for us, but I accept that challenge on behalf of Kansas 4-H Clubs."

**Craig Murphy
National 4-H Ambassador
Riley County**

A STEP AHEAD

\$2.6 Million Goal



**\$1.7 Million
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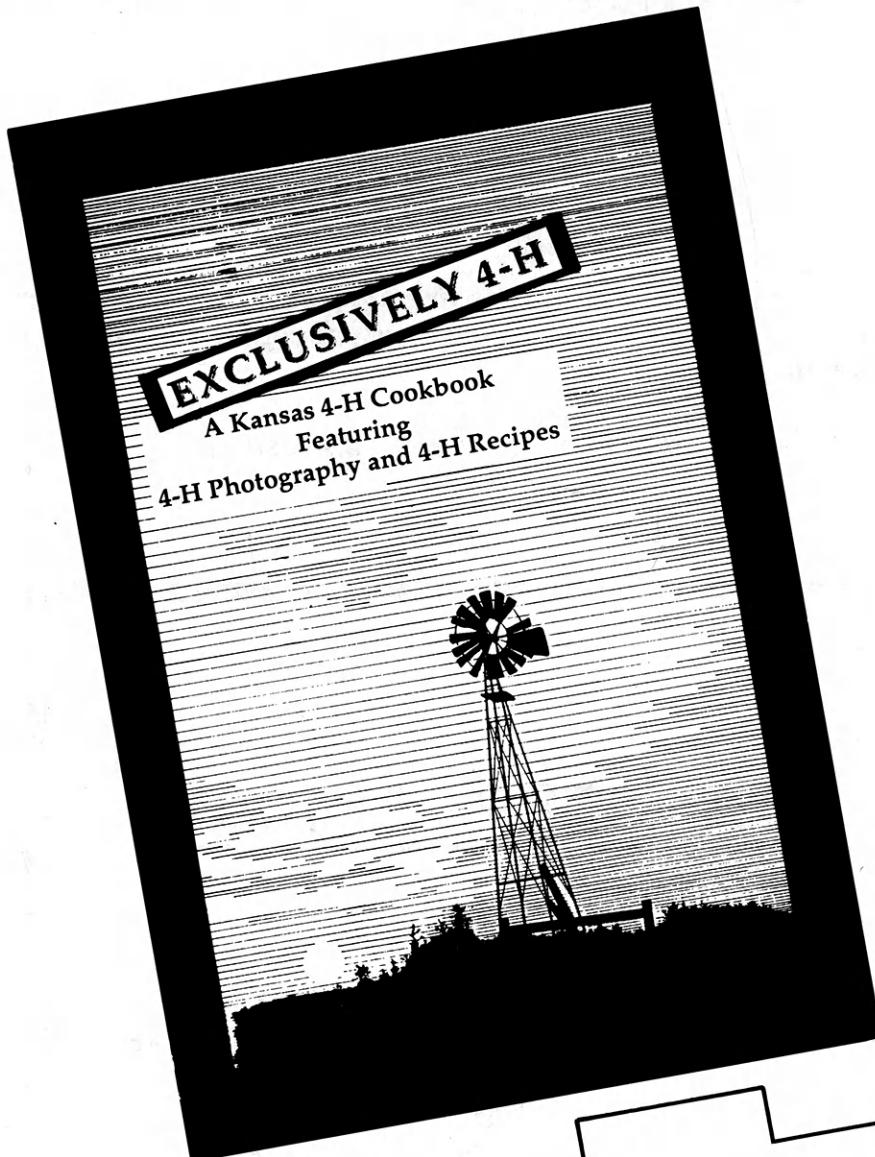
To date nearly 1.7 million dollars have been committed to the 2.6 million dollar goal of A Step Ahead. The campaign is well past the halfway point and the momentum continues.

"It is clear that 4-H is a partnership with many. Not only does it involve youth, but also many thousands of caring donors, adult volunteer leaders and parents. Also playing an important role

are the county and state Cooperative Extension personnel, he said.

"All of you have made impressive progress in the campaign so far. It is quite a challenge for us, but I accept that challenge on behalf of Kansas 4-H clubs. We are excited to join the partnership and to do our part in ensuring the future of Kansas 4-H," Murphy said.

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1 t. salt
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3-4 slices American cheese

Brown ground beef, drain, and add all ingredients. Simmer 5 minutes.

Cut off top of bread lengthwise and hollow it out. Tear bread into small pieces, enough to make 2 cups, add bread to hamburger mixture. Stuff into hollowed out bread, top with cheese slices, add the top of bread.

Bake 5-8 minutes at 350 degrees. Slice and serve. Approx. 15 servings.

Heather Frasier, Wallace County

Cookbook Kick-off Kansas State Fair



Eyestone Honored for Outstanding 4-H Service



Sometimes a trait like dedication begins early in life... just as it did for a 10-year-old boy picking strawberries to supplement the family income...and it continues to grow...just as it has with the individual responsible for raising millions of dollars for Kansas 4-H.

Merle Eyestone believes 4-H is the nation's best youth organization, and he has spent his career making 4-H bigger and better to provide learning by doing experiences for generations of Kansas youth.

Family and friends gathered to honor Merle's retirement at the annual Kansas Friends of 4-H Day, June 12 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. His name was added to the Wall of Fame at Rock Springs, and a glass etched 4-H pledge in tribute to his many years of service to 4-H will hang at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. A replica will also hang at Rock Springs.

He has overcome many hurdles and crossed many bridges through the years, but always with the support and admiration of many 4-H youth, their parents, leaders, co-workers, family and friends.

"Merle is known and respected throughout the state by many, and in particular, those involved in youth organizations," said Glee S. Smith, immediate past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Merle began his association with 4-H as an 8-year club member in Leavenworth County. He was active in many club and county programs. In 1942, he was named state winner in leadership and potato projects and received a trip to National 4-H Congress.

He then moved on to Kansas State University where he was an active member of collegiate 4-H, winner of a Copper Scholarship, named a Danforth Fellow and was Student Body President. It was at K-State that he met his wife, Willia Deanne, a Clovia resident.

Upon graduation he fulfilled his dream of becoming a 4-H agent, and he carried on his fond memories of 4-H in each task of his career. His 13 years as Shawnee County 4-H agent was marked by innovative and imaginative 4-H programming. He was involved in an assortment of activities ranging from poultry judging to the Shawnee County 4-H band.

In May of 1961, Merle began his work with the Kansas 4-H Foundation as a field representative and director of Rock Springs 4-H Center. His work at Rock Springs was commendable and very successful. Again the preparation, hard work and dedication was evident as Rock Springs emerged as one of the finest camping facilities in the United States.

In his 26 years with the Kansas 4-H Foundation and 15 of those years as

executive director, Merle never lost his love for the 4-H club program. He and Willie were Riley County community club leaders for many years. His skills as a recreation leader were continually sought after.

"Merle's real legacy is with the personal involvement he had with the Kansas young people. He has always given one hundred and ten percent for the good of 4-H," said Bill Riley, executive director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

"Ingenuity and vision were characteristics most prevalent as Merle tirelessly worked for the good of 4-H. Many awards and recognitions throughout his years of service to 4-H exemplify the quality of his work, and we're proud to add one more to the list as we place his name on the Wall of Fame with today's recognition at Kansas Friends of 4-H Day," Smith said.

Although Merle earned a doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin, the title "Dr. Eyestone" never quite seemed to fit this happy fun-loving individual. To thousands of his 4-H friends, parents and volunteer leaders, he will always be known as "Merle," he said.

"Dr. Merle, we thank you for your dedication to Kansas 4-H and wish you success and happiness in your retirement years."



1988 Kansas 4-H Family of the Year The Roger Pine Family Douglas County

Dedication and commitment to 4-H has earned the Roger Pine family of Douglas county the honor of Kansas 4-H Family of the year. Through their many activities, the Pine family has earned the respect and admiration of many. The Pine's have given countless hours of service and involvement to the 4-H program on a club, county, state, national and international level.

The award was presented at the annual Kansas Friends of 4-H Day at the Rock Springs 4-H Center on June 12 by C.R. Salmon, state 4-H leader. The award is sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

In accepting the award Roger said, "Through 4-H, we work together, play together and have fun with each other which is very important to us. Whether you're seven to ten or eighty years old, the 4-H motto still applies."

Roger has devoted 35 years to Extension work. He was a ten year member of the Jayhawk 4-H club, serving as president for two years. Roger was an IFYE delegate to India in 1962. He served on the Executive Board of the Douglas County Extension Council from 1964 to 1967 and served two terms as president. Currently, Roger is a member of the Economic Development Committee of the Extension Council and is chairman of the Extension Council Executive Board. He is also a member of the Douglas County 4-H Endowment Board of Directors. Roger was honored with the Douglas County alumni award and the state alumni award in 1979.

Sue has been involved in 4-H for 20 years, and she is a Jayhawk 4-H club alumna member. She has served as a project leader for 11 years, and along with Roger has been the community club leaders of the Jayhawk 4-H Club for eight years. She was a County Council Adviser, member of the County Fair Board, Douglas County Records and Awards Trainer and a member of



The Roger Pine 4-H Family: Roger, Sue, Brian and Shawn

the state 4-H Judging Committee. Sue also served as a program assistant to the Douglas County 4-H Extension office in charge of organizing the Douglas County School Enrichment Program. She was also the sponsor of the Citizenship-Washington Focus trip to Washington D.C. for two years.

Shawn was a member of the Jayhawk 4-H Club for 10 years serving as president, vice president, treasurer and

county council representative. She was a delegate to the Citizenship-Washington focus trip and received a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago for being selected as the state citizenship winner. Shawn spent six months in Australia as an IFYE delegate.

Brian is a 12-year member of the Jayhawk 4-H club and has held the offices of president, vice president and



4-H Family cont.

county council representative to the county fair board. He served as county council president for one year. He also attended the Citizenship-Washington Focus Shortcourse and was selected as the state crops champion receiving a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Brian was selected as the national award winner in plant and soil science. He was unable to attend the Kansas Friends of 4-H ceremonies because he is in West Germany on a Congress-Bundestag Agricultural Exchange. He will be returning in July after spending a year in West Germany.

Brian was there in spirit, however, as he sent Lindy Lindquist, Douglas County 4-H agent a letter to read to the family as they accepted their award and money for flowers to be presented. The letter truly represents the important role 4-H can play in strengthening a family. As the letter was read, tears were present in the eyes of the Pine family and a hush settled over the audience. Brian wrote:

**"Dear Mom, Dad, and Shawn,
So, is it finally starting to sink in?
I'm sure it is. Wish I could be there
also, but wanted you to know I'm
thinking of you."**

**I'm especially happy for you, Mom
and Dad, because I think Shawn will
agree, I wouldn't have gone to
Australia without your help and sup-
port during our 4-H careers.**

**I really have a great family. I'll see
you in a little over a month.**

Congratulations!

**Love,
Brian."**

Although all the Pine family members are now 4-H alumni, they continue to support the program in many ways giving of their time and expertise to make the 4-H experience for others a meaningful and rewarding experience.



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Texaco Philanthropic Foundation joins sponsorship of Emerald Circle

The "Academy Awards of Kansas 4-H" known as the Emerald Circle banquet honored 64 state 4-H project winners June 3 at the Manhattan Holidome. The theme for the evening was 4-H Fame which was carried out through the table decorations, music and stage settings implementing the colors of teal and purple.

The Texaco Philanthropic Foundation Inc., joined the Kansas 4-H Foundation as host for the evening. Texaco representatives, R.L. Masica and Gene Maggard of El Dorado, presented a \$5,000 sponsorship check to Bill Riley executive director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, and C.R. Salmon, state 4-H leader. The Kansas 4-H Foundation matched this gift to fund the evening's festivities.

"We appreciate the willingness of The Texaco Philanthropic Foundation Incorporated to sponsor this unique awards banquet for Kansas young people, and look forward to our continued association," Riley said.

"The Emerald Circle Banquet is the Academy Awards of Kansas 4-H and in that sense you set the example for others to follow, Salmon told the audience. We witness repeatedly how early 4-H experiences shape career choices for state winners and provide the confidence for them to become adult civic, business and professional leaders."

Performing their duties as the 1988 National Conference delegates, Dari Ashworth, Reno County, Jason Douthit, Cheyenne County, Tim Oswalt, Rice County and Craig Murphy, Riley County, emceed the awards presentation.

In addition to the 64 state 4-H project winners and four alumni winners who received the prized Emerald Circle Medallion, four other individuals received special recognition.



R.L. Masica presents sponsorship check to Bill Riley and C.R. Salmon



Merle Eyestone receives honorary Emerald Circle Medallion

Don Rezac was recognized for his outstanding achievement as a 1987 national 4-H alumni winner. "More than anything else, my participation in 4-H instilled in me the importance of always being fair, compassionate and responsible. I believe these values are essential for our state leaders, and they are what lead me to seek public office," the three-term legislator said.

Merle L. Eyestone was honored with the honorary Emerald Circle Medallion for his outstanding service to 4-H. Eyestone's involvement in 4-H began as an eight year member in Leavenworth County which was followed by his participation in the Collegiate 4-H club at Kansas State University. After

graduation, he served as the Shawnee County Extension 4-H Agent for 13 years. In May of 1961, Eyestone began his 26 year association with the Kansas 4-H Foundation as a field representative and director of Rock Springs. He retired as executive director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation after 15 years in 1986.

Johnson County 4-H leaders, Betty Keener and Linda Anderson, received the 4-H Citation Award for Outstanding Service to Kansas 4-H. Both have been actively involved in many aspects for the 4-H program, but in particular they have spent countless hours helping 4-H'ers statewide to learn the skills of keeping records.



State 4-H Alumni Winners Recognized at Emerald Circle

Martha Wreath Streeter literally grew up in 4-H. Her long association with the program begins with 10 years as a member of the College Hill 4-H Club, started as a pig club by her father, and has progressed to her current position of chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

"Most of the good things that have happened to me have been as a result of my 4-H membership. Other than my church, 4-H has had the greatest influence on my life. I believe it is the greatest non-sectarian organization to build young people and strengthen families," Streeter said.

Many of the good things that have happened to Kansas 4-H have been a result of her 4-H membership. Her 4-H commitments have been of both personal time and energy and financial support.

She has been an active 4-H member, leader, parent and now grandparent, encouraging and helping her grandsons and other 4-H'ers. She has made possible the L.G. Wreath Scholarship for Riley county 4-H'ers, and Vista Scholarships for 4-H members in Lyon, Douglas, Shawnee, Barton and Riley counties. Vista restaurants have sponsored the Kansas 4-H Journal for over 20 years.

Streeter is a member of the Master 4-H Club, an alumni organization for National 4-H Conference delegates, and has never missed a meeting since 1939. In 1980, four 4-H'ers were fortunate enough to travel to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Conference with Streeter as the sponsor.

Her career choice was also directly related to her years of 4-H work. She began her career as a home economics teacher in Milford, Alta Vista and Wamego high schools. In 1964, Streeter took her 4-H and teaching experience to her own business, Vista Restaurants, which she established with her husband Charles. Currently she is the treasurer and consultant for the Vista Franchise, Inc. and serves on the management committee for Vista in Manhattan. She is also a partner in Streeter Enterprises.



Martha Wreath Streeter receives Emerald Circle Medallion from C.R. Salmon and Betty Lou Denton. The awards are sponsored by the Kansas Master 4-H Club.



Marjory Fowler receives state alumni medallion.

4-H is a lifetime thing for Marjory Fowler, and as she continues with the program, she is discovering new skills and interests.

"I feel 4-H has made me a stronger individual. The program gives you the ability to put into practice and use all the talents that you may have never discovered," she said.

One new talent she has discovered through 4-H is her interest in horticulture. Fowler attended many workshops, tours, and shows with her son and her interest grew into a pos-

sible new career.

"With each new field that we discovered, more interest came to light. I know this never would have happened for me if it hadn't been for the 4-H program. In the future, I hope to pursue this career, and hopefully I can find employment in one of our local floral shops or greenhouses," she said.

Fowler is involved in many 4-H activities from county record and award committee chairman to the Lyon County Fairgrounds Beautification project which she did with her son.



State Alumni Winners *cont.*

Growing up during the depression a child's dreams are limited to keeping the family and the family farm profitable. Ken Jennison was a typical rural American youth. His dream was farming in Rush County until he joined 4-H. It was 4-H that provided an opportunity for him to visit Kansas State University as a Round-up delegate in 1944.

"Because of 4-H and the opportunity I had to attend the 4-H Round-up in Manhattan, Kansas, at the age of 17, I was directed in my career choice of Radio Broadcasting. It was the spark I needed," he said.

The honor trip changed his life. He no longer dreamed of the many hours of working on the farm. His dreams had changed to hearing his voice over the air waves. At the Round-up class, he heard his voice on the magic tape and was amazed. It was the beginning of his broadcasting career.

Throughout this career, he has not forgotten the 4-H program. He has spent numerous hours teaching youth photography skills, leadership skills, and speaking skills. Most recently he and his wife, June, organized the first Saline County Ambassador program. The foundation was firmly established and continues to grow.

*Ken Jennison,
alumni winner,
Saline County*



Denise Coleman Ochs' career demonstrates the commitment and dedication she learned throughout her 4-H experiences. She currently is a Clinical Gamete Specialist for the Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo.

"4-H was the primary vehicle which carried me from a background of rather limited educational opportunities to a successful career in "high-tech" medical research by providing an arena to develop my skills as a leader, public speaker, and project coordinator. It is precisely this sort of program that has made and will keep America the greatest nation on earth," she said.

She has made many career shifts as she moved throughout the United States with her husband. She has been an animal geneticist to protein biochemist to immunologist to gamete biologist and infertility expert.

"I credit 4-H with teaching me how to succeed, and with giving me the personal confidence to stand up to rather frightening challenges. Now everytime someone says, 'You're just what this project needed,' or when a patient says, 'You're the first person who has



Denise Coleman Ochs, alumna from Jefferson County.

taken the time to listen and direct me through the necessary steps,' I know that I have accomplished something worthwhile," she said.

Ochs' is an alumnae from Jefferson County where she was an eight year

4-H member active in the dog, veterinary science, conservation, cooking, sewing, knitting and public speaking projects. She was also named Miss Topeka through the Miss America System in 1972.



Kansas 4-H Responds to the Times

Kansas 4-H Program and Staff are in transition

- * Five area-based 4-H specialists were transferred to the state office in Manhattan on June 18.
 - * Three to five part-time, contract positions will be used this year.
 - * Fifteen events and activities have been temporarily suspended.

These and other decisions were necessary because of tighter budgets, downsizing of Extension staffs and different staffing models.

The area specialists who were transferred to Manhattan June 18 include: Jim Adams, Kirk Astroth, Bill Borst, Errol Burns and Eldon Weaver. This decision was made to fill the vacancies created when Charles Bates and Lois Redman retired and Charlie Lang accepted the state 4-H leader position in New Jersey. Due to current budget restrictions and downsizing of the total Kansas Cooperative Extension staff, the vacancies will not be filled. Ultimately, the State 4-H Youth staff will have eight full time, professional positions.

New roles and responsibilities for the professional staff have been assigned: C.R. Salmon, administration, personnel and program management; Jim Adams, coordinator of animal science curriculum division; Dale Apel, coordinator of professional staff development, evaluation reports and enrollments; Kirk Astroth, coordinator of local club management, chair of human health and well being task force and co-chair of flexible clubs task force; Bill Borst, coordinator for state and county volunteer roles and responsibilities; Errol Burns, coordinator for individual and community resources curriculum division and chair of agriculture profitability task force; Steve Fisher, coordinator of overall curriculum design and maintenance and coordinator of family living (home economics) curriculum division; Emily Kling, coordinator for natural resources curriculum division and chair for conservation of natural resources task force; Marcia McFarland, coordinator for youth development pro-

gramming (pre-teen and teen), chair of developing human resources task force and co-chair of flexible clubs task force and Eldon Weaver, coordinator for plant and mechanical science curriculum division and chair for economic revitalization task force.

During the next year, as the budget permits, we plan to hire three to five, part-time, Extension assistants. Individuals who fill these temporary positions will organize and implement events; teach organizational tasks to 4-H club volunteers and provide skills to address critical youth and family issues such as "human sexuality." These individuals will be supervised by an Extension Youth Specialist responsible for the event and/or related subject matter.

Temporary, part-time staff will enable us to be more flexible and will reduce the resources committed to long-tenured staff. Currently 85 percent of our public resources are committed to salaries. This new staffing model will help us address rapidly changing needs of Kansans. The contracting approach to Extension 4-H Youth work will enhance our response time and relevancy to youth and family needs.

Extension assistants will be hired to assist with: awards and record books, human sexuality focus, Discovery Days, Kansas State Fair, organizational leader training, Teen Leader Colleges and method demonstration training.

Because of staff downsizing and the need to prioritize, the following Kansas 4-H events and activities have been temporarily suspended:

Electric Contest
Regional 4-H Engineering Contest
Home Eco. Judging Training

Hunting, Fishing and Fur Harvesting Workshop
Intermediate Home Ec. Judging Contest at State Fair
Page Day
Tractor Operators Contest at State Fair
Leaders Forum — National Intermediate Fashion Revue at the State Fair
(Participants encouraged to participate in Mini-Style Show)
Booths at the State Fair
County Computer Camps
State Bicycle Contest
Water Sports Camp
Paraguay Partners Committee
IFYE Alumni Association
IFYE Feast

These events are temporarily suspended for 1988 until we receive additional input from counties.

Sixty Kansas counties are currently participating in the prioritization process entitled Programming Excellence. The process includes evaluating all county 4-H events and projects, then categorizing them into three tiers. Those in tier three will be candidates for reduced support or elimination. The State 4-H Staff and 4-H Advisory will use the Programming for Excellence results to make permanent decisions on the 15 temporarily suspended events and to prioritize all Kansas 4-H projects and events.

Programming for Excellence is a grass roots process whereby local and county clientele are giving direction to the total Kansas 4-H Program. The procedure helps the Extension 4-H Youth specialists target their efforts toward clientele needs and concerns.

Obviously the changes discussed above will create new challenges: Greater efficiency and effectiveness with our resources.

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From Your State 4-H Leader

State Extension 4-H-Youth Programs Staff

Responding to the Times (cont.)

More focus on prioritized, clientele needs.

Willingness to change or alter 4-H Youth programs.

One thing is certain: Change is inevitable. 4-H has undergone continuous change since it began more than 80 years ago.

For example, 4-H was created to help the county agent teach adult farmers how to use new varieties of corn and new cultivation techniques.

In the early 1930s, Kansas was one of the first states to adopt a new club format called "community 4-H club."

In the 1940s during WWII, the 4-H program supported a campaign called "feed a fighter" and gathered milkweed fluff for life jackets.

In the late 1950s because of Russian Sputnik, 4-H leaders throughout the country pushed to include more science in the 4-H literature and supporting information.

In 1969, 4-H expanded to urban areas as a result of Federal appropriations set aside for nutrition work.

In 1976, Kansas 4-H added school enrichment to its curriculum. Today more than 70 percent of 4-H's enrollment is in school enrichment.

As you can see from this brief history, 4-H has continuously been involved in change. Hopefully, you will view the 1988 changes as opportunities, too.

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Science, Economic
Revitalization

Program Material

A new plan to develop Kansas 4-H curriculum was recently approved by State 4-H Staff and Extension Administrators. This plan was developed by a nine member group including county agents, 4-H volunteers and state 4-H subject specialists.

Implementation of the plan will begin this summer with the naming of five curriculum development committees — one for Animal Sciences; Family Living; Natural Resources; Plant and Mechanical Sciences; and Individual and Community Resources.

Membership on these committees is open to County Extension Agents, adult volunteers and teen members. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact your local Extension Office for application details.

Responsibilities of the committee will be to meet at least annually to review 4-H projects in each curriculum division, making recommendations for literature updates, training needs, and coordination of other events and activities. Meal and lodging expenses for adult volunteer and teen members will be sponsored through unrestricted contributions to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. An orientation for all committee members is planned for November, 1988, at Rock Springs Ranch.

Once it is decided to revise project materials, a small design team will be appointed to do the actual rewriting of lesson plans. An indepth leader guide, including lesson plans with explicit instructions, materials needed, and activities to teach single concepts, will be provided to 4-H volunteers in the future. The format for members publications will be changed from the text book approach that is now provided for most projects, to a general suggested guideline of learning experiences, combined with a reference list for material and a yearly report of 4-H activities.

Each County Extension Office received a booklet entitled, New Visions in 4-H Curriculum, that further explains the changes for curriculum development in the future.

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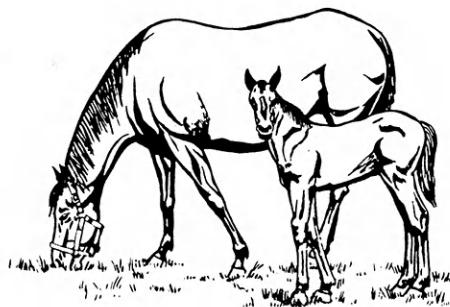
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