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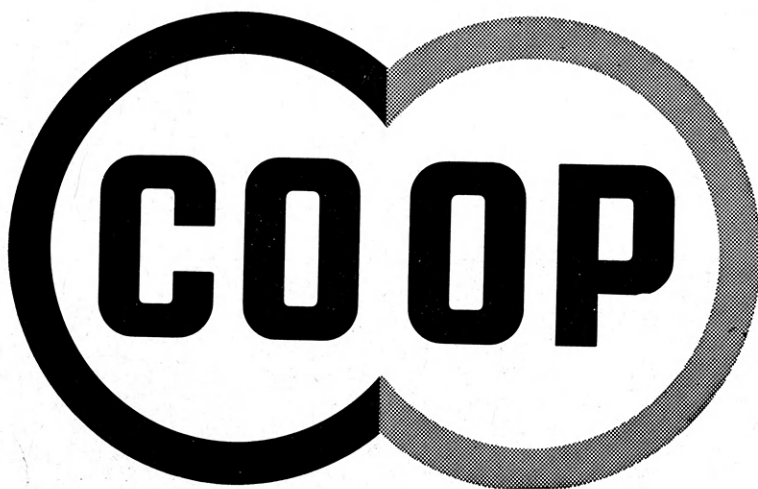
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With summer comes many educational and fun experiences at Rock Springs Ranch, State 4-H Center. This color picture at Rock Springs was taken by Studio Royal, Manhattan. More Rock Springs pictures are on pages 6 & 7.



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Are We Straying from 4-H Goals?

(The following is reprinted from a letter sent to the editor as a result of an editorial in the January Kansas 4-H Journal.)

Dear Editor:

As a former member and present 4-H parent, may I express my hearty approval to the editorial "Is 4-H for Adults or Boys and Girls?" in the January 4-H Journal?

I agree thoroughly we have digressed from the original mold of 4-H which guide each member in learning a skill, vocational or social, and which do not include grooming them for blue ribbons.

Drops Out of 4-H

I've seen it happen again and again that a medium calibre youngster drops 4-H after two or three years because there doesn't seem to be anything in it for him as he doesn't have purebred livestock, doesn't know how to make speeches, hasn't a chance in making the club's play or chorus, and can't play basketball well enough to make the club's team. So what is there in 4-H for him?

It's a sad testimonial to an organization that these are the only goals, as far as a beginning member can tell.

Some Leaders Try

I don't mean to disregard the noble effort made by several local leaders to try to work with each member as an individual but they are fighting a losing battle when the majority of the remarks or releases from the 4-H office deals with winners and ribbons.

I saw this same principle enacted this fall at the Dickinson County 4-H Achievement Banquet. The county agents made a fine effort to try to play down the award emphasis for the few by stating, before the presentation of special awards, that "all here tonight can feel you are being honored for your achievements of this past year or you wouldn't be here."

(For, of course, only those who turned in a completed and accepted record sheet for the year are invited to the banquet.) "And in singling out these few

for individual awards we aren't saying that the rest of you didn't make worthwhile accomplishments this year. For if you hadn't been in there working to provide competition, these winners wouldn't have had any contest to win."

Truly, this indicated the agents realized the sore point of too much emphasis on awards to the few, but the words don't erase the action that the awards are still given and emphasized.

No Recognition for Groups

The publicity of one member with such an award may rate a whole column in the newspaper while two dozen members of a club may have spent many hot hours during the summer vacation trimming trees at road intersections to promote driver safety with no publicity.

The remark I heard one boy make following the achievement banquet was, "I've been to this

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4-H Awards, Properly Used, May Be Useful

By Roger E. Regnier
State 4-H Club Leader

The basic purpose of 4-H awards is to stimulate members to greater endeavor. Awards, like other stimulants, need to be used with care and moderation.

In Kansas, as over the nation, there is concern that award programs should be designed to recognize many 4-H'ers. In addition it is hoped that satisfaction from **doing** will replace desire for awards as early as possible in a 4-H'ers career.

It is satisfying to read, in Mrs. Hassler's article, recognition of these principles.

The group award system, the use of multiple county champion awards, club awards for safety,

health and recreation, and membership pins are all among developments toward these ends. A new safety program will provide individual recognition for each member of any 4-H Club who meets a very minimum requirement. We are anxious to develop more programs of this kind.

4-H members who do the best work **do** get the most recognition. Perhaps this is not bad when due recognition is given to the accomplishments of all, as was done at the Dickinson county achievement banquet mentioned. When there is not an undue "parade of winners," it may not be too bad to recognize those who have "gone the extra mile."

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lucky four

BY ANNE COLVER

The Merry-makers' clubhouse was an abandoned one-room school just off the highway. The old schoolhouse had only one large, square room. The building was made of sturdy brick, but when the Merry-makers met, the walls sometimes seemed to bulge with the noise of the group inside.

There was no age limit in the Merry-makers. Mothers and fathers of 4-H members came to the meeting and they brought the young children. The babies slept on their mother's laps. The little boys and girls played at a sand box in the corner of the room while the meeting went on.

This evening Jill Miller, her blonde pony tail bouncing, found

herself sitting next to the new boy, Alex Marshall, who had come to live with his uncle until his folks settled their new home in Alaska.

As the meeting was called to order, the room grew quiet. Even the smallest children, who were playing in the sand box, hushed their voices to whispers.

The Merry-makers' president—Carol—raised her hand to lead them in the 4-H pledge. Jill repeated the words with the others. As many times as she had said them, it always made her feel a little solemn when she thought of the thousands of other 4-H members who had said the same words.

This time, however, she stole a glance at Alex out of the corner of her eye. She wondered whether the words meant anything to him, but there was no way of guessing. He stood looking straight ahead.

His expression was serious, yet there was something guarded in his face. Jill had an odd feeling about Alex. As if he had closed a door to things—maybe to shut himself in, or shut other people out.

In the meeting that followed, the Merry-maker president called for the minutes of the previous meeting and for a report

The Story of "Lucky Four"

This article is the first of a series of three condensed from "Lucky Four," a book written about a Kansas 4-H Club by Anne Colver.

"Lucky Four" is the story of The Merry-makers Club of Marshall county. It has a dramatic plot and true-to-life characters. "Lucky Four" tells how Jill and Sally help a new boy, Alex, forget his strangely troubled past; how Alex, in turn, helps Jill turn her mare and colt project into a blue-ribbon winner at the State Fair.

Roger E. Regnier, Kansas 4-H Club leader, says of the book, "More accurately than any other fiction I have read, this book pictures the important things 4-H Club work can do for boys and girls."

The book, copywrited 1960 and published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce of New York, sells for \$2.95. Copies autographed by the author may be ordered through the Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan.

Clubs wishing to order ten or more copies for resale to their members or to the public will be entitled to a substantial discount. Copies would make useful additions to local school and public libraries.

from the treasurer. Then Tim Sanford and Gig Williamson, both wearing red stocking caps and toting guns, gave a demonstration of safety rules for hunters.

Jill remembered when she had stumbled through her own first demonstration as a 4-H member. Though her older brother Chuck liked to tease her, on that night he clapped loudly in the audience.

Being in 4-H was as familiar to Jill as being with her own family or in church.

The president's words brought Jill's attention back to the meeting again.

The Merrymakers had received a letter from a boy named Kenny Graham. Kenny lived in a big city in Michigan, and he had been a patient in the hospital Carol had visited last summer—the same one where she hoped one day to study nursing.

Kenny said the doctors would not let him go up and down stairs yet but that his dad had helped him make a window box garden where he could experiment with plants. He had been working with rye and barley and now he needed to find out how his seeds would grow as outdoor crops.

Tim Sanford and the others who had been working on grain projects volunteered to plant Kenny's seeds and send him reports.

Gig Williamson had an even better idea. "Why can't we invite Kenny to visit here next spring? Then he could see how his seeds are growing," he said.

A motion to invite Kenny to visit the Merrymakers carried unanimously, and with this the meeting adjourned. Everyone was talking about what fun it would be to have Kenny come and visit.

After the meeting, brownies and cookies and bottles of pop were served. Jill found herself standing next to Alex.

Jill looked up with a smile, but Alex didn't smile back. He was looking off toward the other side of the room.

After the meeting they dropped Alex at the Marshall's farm. Jill's friend, Sally, gave a long sigh. "Well, we certainly tried

to make Alex have a good time," she burst out. "Only what can you do when a person just won't make friends or have fun?"

"I know you girls did your best," Mr. Miller said, "But don't give up yet. Remember, this is all new to Alex. He never heard of 4-H or met any of you until tonight."

Although Jill was disappointed in her first attempts at making friends with Alex, her luck seemed to improve the next Saturday when he accepted an invitation to see the Miller ranch.

When they turned a corner into the west pasture and Alex saw the Miller's two horses, his face really came to life. He walked over to Laddie, the Palomino, and put out his hand. "Hello there, boy. Hello, fellow," he said softly.

Jill watched curiously. Alex's whole manner changed as he stroked the Palomino's neck. For the first time the odd, guarded look was gone from Alex's eyes. "I didn't know you had such good horses," he said.

"We don't, always," Jill answered. "Daddy just happened to bring these two back after the last fair. A friend of his in the next county was selling his ranch and wanted to get rid of them. The mare was in foal and Daddy thought it would be too bad to let her go to a dealer. Daddy thought I could ride Laddie, but he just won't be ridden. Everytime we try, Laddie kicks and bucks until we've just about given up."

Alex frowned. "Maybe it's not Laddie's fault," he said. "He could be lame, you know."

"All the time?" Jill asked.

"Sure, if there were something really wrong," Alex said as he bent down, feeling the horse's legs carefully. When he touched one hind foot, the Palomino shot out a quick kick. Alex didn't jump back. He tried the foot again, more gently.

"That could be your trouble,

right there," Alex said. "If a horse has a bad leg, it can make him just about impossible to ride, especially if he doesn't get the right treatment."

"Anyway," he said as he stood up, "don't go blaming Laddie for something that's probably not his fault at all."

Jill looked at Alex curiously. "How did you learn so much about horses?" she asked.

"Just being around them," Alex shrugged. "I've known horses ever since I can remember. They're the nicest animals in the world to work with—if they're treated right. And they're the easiest ones to spoil with bad care. I had a horse—Charger." Alex stopped speaking suddenly, as though he had said more than he meant to. He bent his head quickly over Laddie's foot again. "But, that was a long time ago," he finished abruptly.

Jill was more curious than ever. She was just going to ask what had happened to Charger when she looked down and stopped short as she saw Alex's hands. They were doubled into fists so tightly that the knuckles showed white. And Jill saw that they were trembling.

She bit back the question about Charger. "I—I suppose we ought to get back to the house," she said instead.

Jill and Alex were to know each other a long time before he finally told her the story of Charger, who had been injured because of his negligence and had to be destroyed.

Alex had let Charger out to pasture in the afternoon, intending to come back and bring him in before dark. Somehow Charger had run against a broken fence and the nails had torn his leg. By the time Alex went back to find him, Charger was gashed and bleeding. They called the veterinarian, but in spite of anything that could be done, the leg was badly infected.

"Days went by, then weeks," Alex said. "Then one morning when I went to the barn, Charger's stall was empty. Charger was dead. They had shot him."

Walking back to the house, Alex looked at Jill for a moment. "This 4-H really means a lot to

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This burro got almost as much attention as the beautiful palomino horses regularly rode by the six thousand boys and girls camping at Rock Springs Ranch each summer.



This lass and other Shawnee county 4-H'ers came from Topeka with a complete style show for one state conference group at Rock Springs Ranch.

Have Fun, Learn, Too, at RSR

More than 6,000 Kansas boys and girls will enjoy horseback riding, swimming, rifle practice, classes and, in general, will have fun and learn, too, at Rock Springs Ranch this summer.

More than 70 Kansas counties will have county camps at the State 4-H Center, maintained

and operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Six state conferences are scheduled for Rock Springs.

The state conferences and their dates are as follows:

State 4-H Music Camp, June 6-10.

State 4-H Conservation Camp, June 28-July 3.

IFYE Week-end, July 22-23.
State 4-H Junior Leadership Camp, July 26-31.

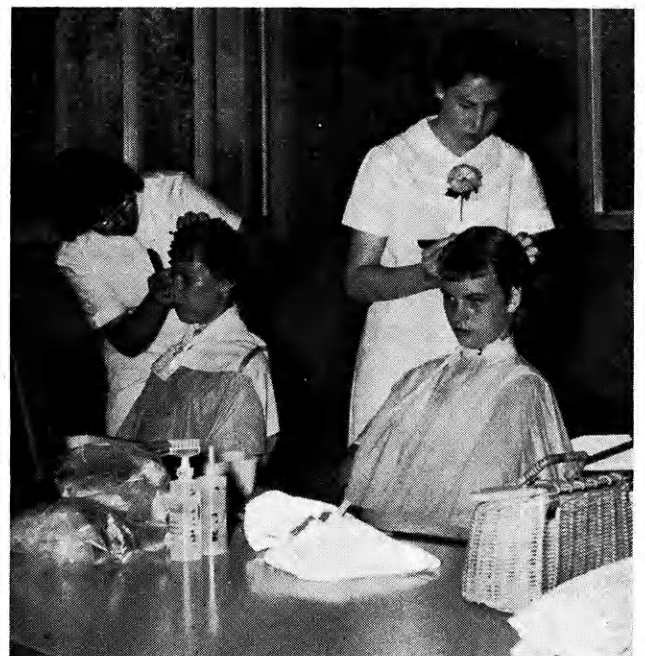
State 4-H Health Conference, July 31-August 5.

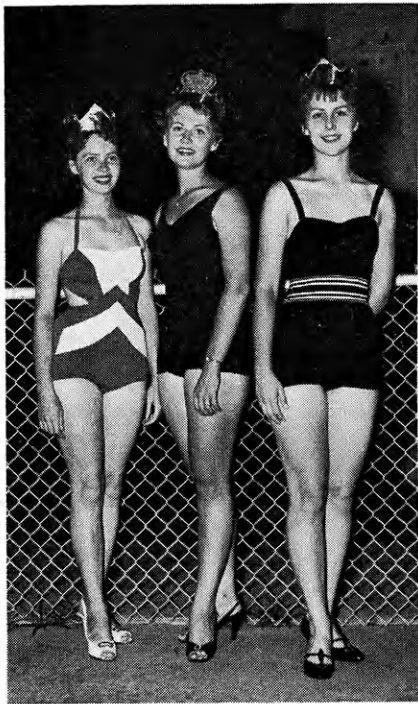
Chicago Trip Winners Reunion, August 5-6.

Do you like water, stiff competition, exercise and good fun? These 4-H'ers are enjoying each of these as they engage in an evening water festival.



Would you like to learn more about hair styles and how they complement the shape of the face? This was the theme for one class at a Rock Springs Ranch state 4-H conference.





Whether you are voting for a candidate or are a candidate yourself, bathing beauty contests are fun. Many are held at Rock Springs Ranch each summer, generally as a climax to the group's water festival.



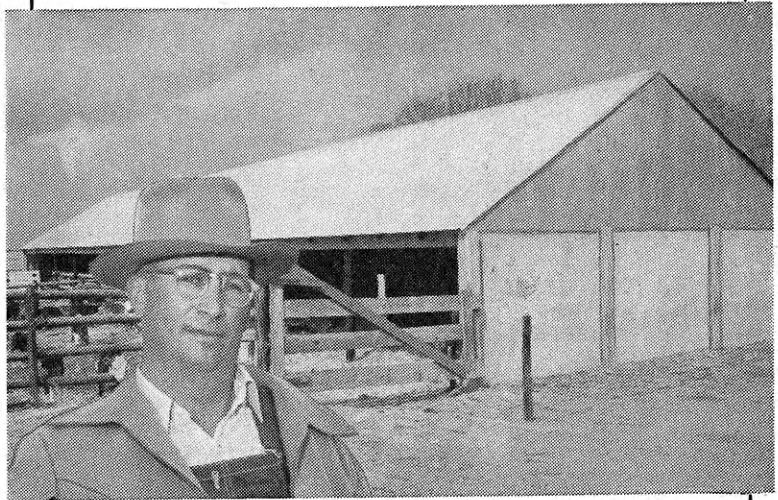
Junior leader Kathleen Sughrie, Finney county, listens in as Health Conference delegates participate in a group discussion.

Lois Davis, former Sedgwick county club agent (center), demonstrates to Health Conference delegates the proper complementing of garment color with hair and complexion.



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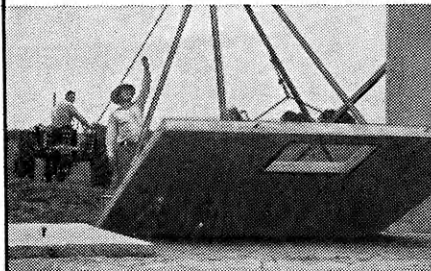


Lloyd Nichols is the manager of this 2,200 acre ranch near Bridgeport. He is a board member of the Morrill County 4-H, member of the Farm Bureau, and president of District No. 6 School Board.

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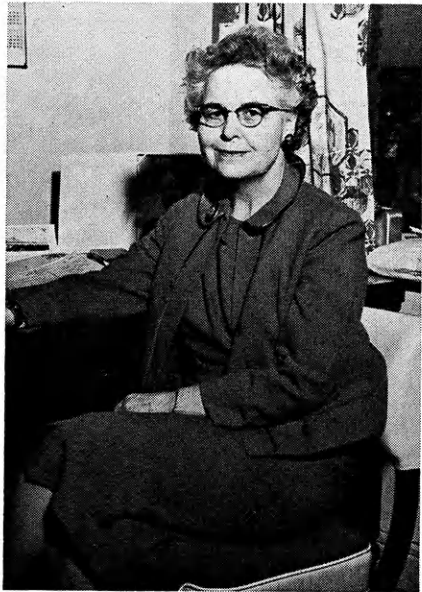
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New Members, Officers Are Elected at Foundation Meet

Mrs. Olive Garvey, Wichita, has been elected to the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Garvey was elected at the Board's annual meeting in Wichita January 26. She replaced



Mrs. Olive Garvey

ed Clifford R. Hope, Garden City, who was named to the Foundation advisory board. Lester Weatherwax, Wichita, was also named to the advisory board.

A new officer of the Board is Don Atha, Mission, elected treasurer to replace Fred Wilson, Andover. Mr. Wilson has been treasurer since the Foundation was organized in 1952.

Officers re-elected were W. Dale Critser, Wichita, chairman; E. B. Shawver, Wichita, vice-chairman; and Erna Bly, Manhattan, secretary.

Two major projects of the Kansas 4-H Foundation are Rock Springs Ranch, state 4-H Center, and the Kansas 4-H Journal. Since the Center opened in 1946, more than 77,700 youth and their leaders have used the facilities. The Journal now goes to 4-H families in all 105 Kansas counties.

Song of the Month—March

Waltzing Matilda

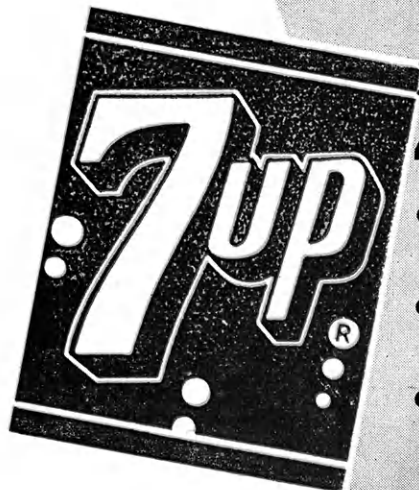
A folk song from the country "down under," 'Waltzing Matilda,*' is a rollicking, fast moving tune that is sometimes facetiously called the National Anthem of Australia.

What is really meant is that this popular song is used and regarded in Australia in much the same way that 'Home on the Range' is in our own United States.

'Waltzing Matilda' came to our attention during World War II, as American and Australian troops trained and fought together. Along with 'I've Got Sixpence,' another folk song from "down under," the easily sung 'Waltzing Matilda' was used as a marching song by the troops.

Many of the words and phrases that have a slang or colloquial significance have little meaning to us until they are identified. For instance, a swag-man is a tramp; waltzing matilda means to carry a blanket roll; a bill-a-

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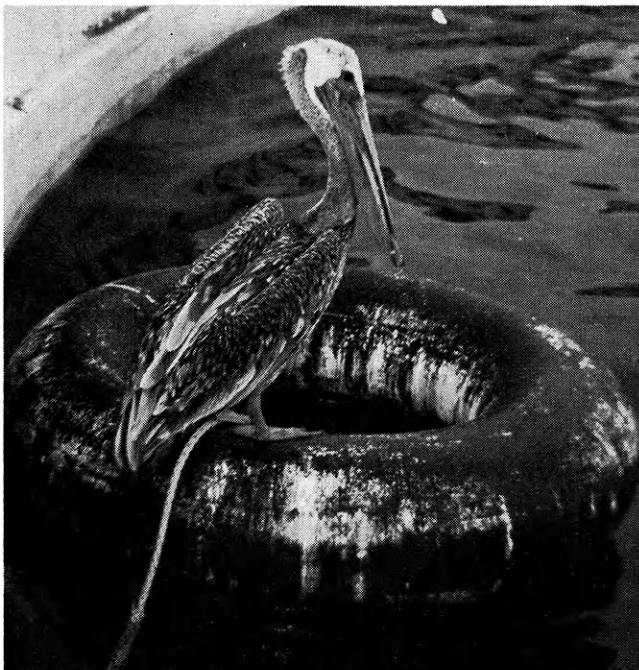
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A Penny for Your Thoughts—by Pat Hackney, Wellington



Summer Storm—by Craig Harris, Wichita

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These two pictures were 4-H projects exhibited at the 1960 Kansas State Fair.

The exhibitors were enrolled in one of the newest of 4-H projects—photography.

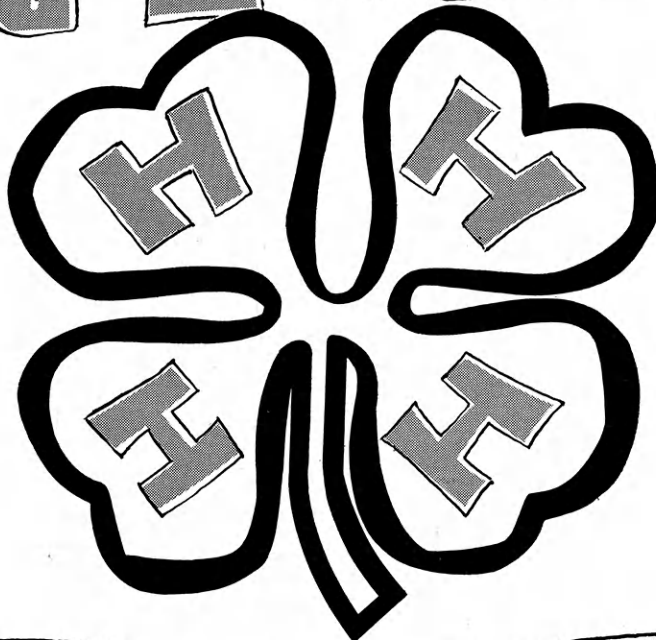
You don't need expensive cameras to get top pictures like these. Some of the best pictures exhibited at the state fairs were taken on box cameras.

Nor need you have a darkroom—pictures may be developed and printed commercially. For further project requirement details, see your local 4-H leader.

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Song of the Month

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bong means a waterhole in a stream bed; billy is the can used to boil tea; a jum buck is a sheep; the squatter is a local farmer or rancher; and the trooper means the sheriff. The Swag-man's tucker bag is his knapsack.

Sing it in your club a few times, and you will find yourself humming this catchy, rollicking tune often. Another lively Australian song is on page 35. 'Kookaburra' is easy to sing and good for a rousing round. Some song books list a second verse which you may wish to learn and use in your club.

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,
Eating all the gum drops he can see.

Stop! Kookaburra, Stop!
Kookaburra!

Leave some there for me.

*Page 36, Joyous Singing.

Straying from Goals

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banquet three times and I never have got to stand up once" indicates to me that the members feel the discrimination if they're not a ribbon winner.

Too Many Adults

I agree with your editorial's suggestion that we adults have set up too many of the standards for this teenager's group. I know the state and national leaders will say, "Why, this is the type of program and activity that the 4-H boys and girls themselves tell us they want. This is probably true but who are the "4-H boys and girls" to whom they have talked? They are only the winners present at functions where these leaders are present.

What can they know about the other 99% of the 4-H members? How can they possibly tailor a program for the majority, when all they personally consult is that top layer of cream of the group?

Thank you for the sentiment of your editorial.

In concern of all 4-H'ers,
Elaine (Mrs. K. C. Rohrer
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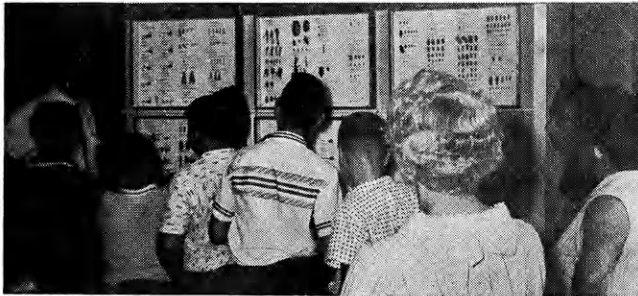
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Jim Giebler, Livewire Club in Rooks county, works on a poster entered by his club in the soil conservation poster contest. The poster placed third, winning \$10 for the club.



Penny Groves, KC-OK Club in Wyandotte county, serves her mother and father coffee at the Parents Breakfast sponsored by the foods girls of the club.



Saline county 4-H members tour the KSU entomology department on a field trip last summer. Members saw collections of the different orders, use of the spreading board and pinning block, insects being reared in culture, and various experiments. It was the first such 4-H group to tour the department.



Mrs. Darrel McKinney, right, explains pattern selection and alteration to Southwest Kearny Club, Kearny county, members Marriet and Linda Trussel, and Etnah May McKinney.

Members and parents of the Morrill Tip-Top Club, Brown county, had a taffy pull after their 4-H meeting. The result was a lot of fun and a new experience for many members.



SEND IN YOUR PICTURES

We want pictures taken by Kansas 4-H'ers. Prizes will be given for all pictures used in the Journal.

The picture need not be on 4-H Club work, but pictures with subjects related to 4-H Clubs are preferred. Action pictures are desired.

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

Photographs should be accompanied by a short statement explaining the picture and including the names of persons shown.

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

4-H members, parents, leaders, county agents or friends of 4-H may send in pictures.



The Solomon Valley Club chorus, Cloud county, has won a top blue seven of the last eight years in the county 4-H Day competition. The club has had the same community leaders—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sheets—for the last 23 years.

Plum Creek members and parents, Cheyenne county, gave the Hackberry school, now used as a community center, a thorough going over recently. Renovation included paint, new windows and doors, mowing, scrubbing and waxing.



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Ideas That Work

Reporter's Notice: The Kansas 4-H Journal would like to print interesting stories of your local club events, activities, members and leaders. Local club meeting stories, if submitted, should contain something unusual or of interest to people outside your county.

Outstanding projects, services or events of your club, or stories of individuals within your club that would give ideas to other 4-H'ers would make excellent stories.

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Entertaining Prospective Members

Prospective members in the Carlton community were special guests of the Trailblazers Club, Dickinson county, at their September achievement night.

Guests were given a chance to see what the members were actually doing.

All present were invited to an October membership-Halloween party. All came

Officers of the Carlton Trailblazers Club were "spooks" at the club's membership-Halloween party.



Lucky Four

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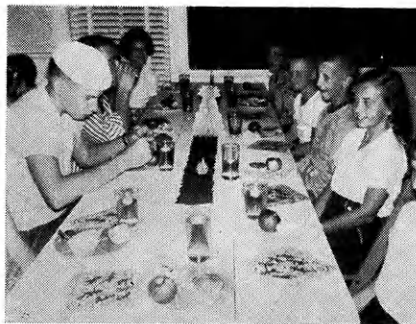
you, doesn't it?" he said.

"Oh, I guess I'm the same about 4-H as you are about horses," Jill smiled.

The next day Jill's father told her that Alex's uncle had talked with him and wanted him to let the boy have Laddie. Ever since Alex had seen Laddie, he'd talked of nothing else.

"If we let Alex have Laddie, he might take over the horse as a project for 4-H," Mr. Miller said. "Jerry Patterson wants to start a 4-H project, too. Those two might get a horse group going and get some other Merry-makers interested. What do you think?"

Jill thought seriously about this, then agreed. The odd feeling she had about Alex was beginning to dim. She had an idea that Laddie and the lucky four of 4-H were going to open the door, that Alex had shut against himself and against others.



Carlton Trailblazers like nice parties with refreshments served on decorated tables.

masked to a spooky room lit only with a lighted 4-H emblem. After unmasking the regular monthly meeting was held. Eight new members were voted in.

To keep up members' interest, a skating party was planned. This was a family affair. Additional prospective members were invited to the skating party.

Planning several events close together for the prospective and new members creates and keeps their interest. Try it. It is a successful way for our club.

Dennis Ade, Rep.

Ideas in Brief

Members of the Keen Klippers Club, Ford county, made 100 favors commemorating the Kansas Centennial for patients in two local hospitals . . . Dave Hladik, Andover, has been elected president of the Who's Who 4-H Club, a 90-member organization for older 4-H members in Sedgwick county . . . Junior leaders in Miami county plan to serve a banquet for their county's adult leaders . . . Sharon Hase, a guest of the Scranton Scramblers Club, Osage county, demonstrated the making of artificial flowers at the club's February meeting . . . Scranton Scramblers members, Osage county, plan to purchase and sell Centennial souvenirs as a money raising project for their club's share of the county Rock Springs Ranch Dining Hall quota . . . It was no secret what every-

"Alright, alright, you can join! Don't be a sorehead."



one did New Year's Eve as Lawn Ridge members, Cheyenne county, answered roll call at their January meeting . . . Leroy and Marvin Peter demonstrated cleaning out the medicine chest at a recent meeting of the Plum Creek Club, Cheyenne county. As a follow up each family was to clean out their medicine cabinets and bring all the discarded items to the next meeting for roll call . . .

Nineteen new members were initiated into the formerly 15-member Grenola Jayhawker Club, Elk county, at their December meeting . . . John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" was the subject of the very interesting music appreciation number at the last meeting of the Bearcreek Boosters Club, Clark county . . . Members of the Highpoint Hustlers Club were guests of the Walnut Valley Club (both Ness county) at a recent meeting . . . Lucky Antelope members, Graham county had five calves out of the top seven Herefords at the Graham county fair. Jan Bretz showed the champion Hereford and grand champion steer . . . Members of the Frost Club, Lyon county, discussed a skating party at their recent meeting . . .

Eight girls participated in the Rooks county cherry pie baking contest . . . Starting the new year with a serious thought, members of the Pawnee Peppers Club, Pawnee county, resolved to start their monthly meetings on time . . . A cake, baked and decorated in a seasonal motif, was donated by Mrs. Charley Baker, Caldwell, to the Sunflower Club, Sumner county. By selling tickets for the cake, the club grossed over \$70 as one part of their money raising project . . . Franklin county leaders and their spouses were honored guests at a banquet and program sponsored by the Franklin County Bankers Association and the Junior Leaders Club. Junior leaders served the banquet, made decorations and conducted a carnival for the evening entertainment . . . The golden pot at the end of the rainbow tells of the profit found in watershed programs, and for the Greenwood county Upper Fall River Club, this float paid off with a Cattleman Parade first prize of \$25 . . . Saline Valley 4-H'ers were guests of the 81-Hustlers Club at their January meeting. Approximately 75 were present. 81-Hustlers members will be guests of the Saline Valley Club in May . . . Marnie Bottom, Bird City Go-Getters Club, Cheyenne county, listed these bicycle safety rules at the club's January meeting—having lights, brakes, horns and reflectors in good working condition; obeying traffic signals and giving proper hand signals; never giving others rides on the bicycle with you . . . As a community service project, Betty Farmer of the Country Pals Club, Thomas county, addressed notices of a meeting to organize a district Sheep and Wool Growers Auxiliary . . . David Ryan demonstrated how to magnetize small tools at a meeting of the Country Pals Club, Thomas county . . . Members of the Livewire Club (13), Rooks county, completed 31 projects with a profit or savings of \$3,232.22 . . . Judith Cronn told members of the Scranton Scramblers Club, Osage county, of the three types of stains—greasy, non-greasy, and combination—and the four kinds of stain removers—absorbent materials, detergents, solvents and chemical stain remover . . . Janet Patton, delegate to the 1960 National 4-H Congress from the Spring River Valley Club, Cherokee county, has reported on her trip to four county groups . . . As a community project, three junior leaders of the Spring River Valley Club, Cherokee county, made a lovely white net tree for the Quaker Hill Nursing

Home . . . "Killers on the Highway" and "Be Your Own Policeman" were two films presented by Trooper Hadley of the Wichita Highway Patrol Unit at a meeting of the Richland Club, **Harvey** county . . . Members of the Tiny Toilers Club, **Pawnee** county, began the first meeting night of the new year by taking a rest while their parents conducted the meeting . . . Junior leaders furnished the cakes and cake walks raised \$4.10 for the March of Dimes, all sponsored by the Paradise Dell Club, **Russell** county . . . Old Christmas trees were gathered and delivered by members of the Cloverleaf Club, **Gove** county, to a wildlife Refuge north of Grainfield . . . Members of the Sunnyside Club, **Johnson** county, toured Kansas City's stockyards, Swift and Company plant, and TWA airport . . . As a 1961 health service project, members of the Linn Live Wires Club, **Washington** county, will check their shot records for tetanus, polio and smallpox against a check list of shots recommended for boys and girls of different ages . . . The three-year old Winona Club, **Logan** county, were very proud of the purple seal of health, safety and recreation certificates won at the county achievement banquet . . . Members of the Salem Club, **Reno** county, made \$77.50 from serving a dinner for the Nickerson Debate Tournament . . . Sixty members from eight 4-H Clubs attended a roller skating party sponsored by the Richland Club, **Harvey** county . . . Members of the **Harvey** county junior leaders group plan a food sale at the **Harvey** county Spring Show. They plan, also, to sponsor a bicycle rodeo . . . One community service project of the Walnut Valley Club, **Barton** county, was soliciting every family in Buffalo Township for CROP. Another was to bring two Christmas gifts to the club exchange, instead of one. The extra gifts were packed in a box for a needy family . . . Ernest Oller, 16-year leader of the Loyal Hustlers Club, **Comanche** county, has retired after helping more than 119 4-H members with their project work . . . Salina Lions Club members who regularly visit meetings of the Kipp Club, **Saline** county, furnished 7-Up ice cream floats and doughnuts as refreshments for the Club's Christmas meeting . . . "The Meaning of 4-H" was explained by Richland Club, **Harvey** county, junior leaders in an initiation ceremony for new members of the Pleasant Club . . . A local bank presented a new 50-star flag to the Narka Club, **Republic** county. It was accepted with an impressive flag service conducted by several members . . . Members of the Cloverleaf Club, **Gove** county, helped build a wildlife shelter at their Wildlife Project north of Grainfield. Trees and limbs gathered from town were hauled to the area . . . To teach respect for older people, each member of the Carlton Trailblazers Club, **Dickinson** county, have had an elder citizen community service project. For two years members have presented a program of musical numbers at the Brown Memorial Home in Abilene. This year the club plans to provide favors for trays at area nursing homes.

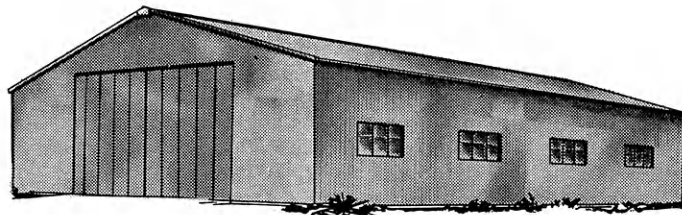
Six new members, making a total membership of 52, have joined the Partridge Club, **Reno** county . . . Members of the Arlington Club, **Reno** county, attended a swimming party at the Hutchinson YMCA in December . . . Plans for a tacco supper and roller skating party were discussed at the January meeting of the Tasty Makers Club, **Wyandotte** county . . . Members of the T n T Club, **Wyandotte** county, plan to help judges and leaders of the county 4-H Day and to supervise the noon recreation period

. . . The entire meeting of the Hazel Grove Club, **Wyandotte** county, was recorded on a tape recorder and played back so members could suggest improvements to be made for the club's model meeting entry . . . An unusual cake walk was the music appreciation number enjoyed by members of the Hesston Union Champions Club, **Harvey** county. Presented by La Rita Smith, it was unusual because, when your number was called, you had to name the song before you got the cake . . . "Your Favorite Food" was roll call of the Huntsville Club, **Reno** county, at a recent meeting . . . "How Common Home Accidents can be Prevented" was the title for an interesting skit given by the safety committee, Campus Champions Club of **Harvey** county, at a recent meeting . . . Barbara Fletcher is a new member of the Newton City Slickers Club, **Harvey** county . . . Members of the Kansas Jayhawkers Club, **Harvey** county, visited

and gave the program at a meeting of the Newton Go-Getters Club . . . The Liberty Boosters Club, **Harvey** county, had the Burrton Club as their guests for their January meeting . . . Roll call for the Turon Club, **Reno** county, was naming a famous person with the same birth month . . . Lester Weatherwax, honorary member of the Langdon Club, **Reno** county, was asked to speak at a joint meeting (hosted by the Langdon Club) of the Arlington, Hayes, Turon, Sylvia, Plevna and Langdon Clubs on behalf of the International Farm Youth Exchange and other Kansas 4-H Foundation projects . . . Pantomimes served as recreation for the South Hutch Community Builders Club, **Reno** county . . . The Valley Pride Club, **Reno** county, had a food sale January 28 . . . Hal Judy, former member of the Partridge Upstreamers Club, **Reno** county, has been selected as a Kansas IFYE delegate to Luxemburg .



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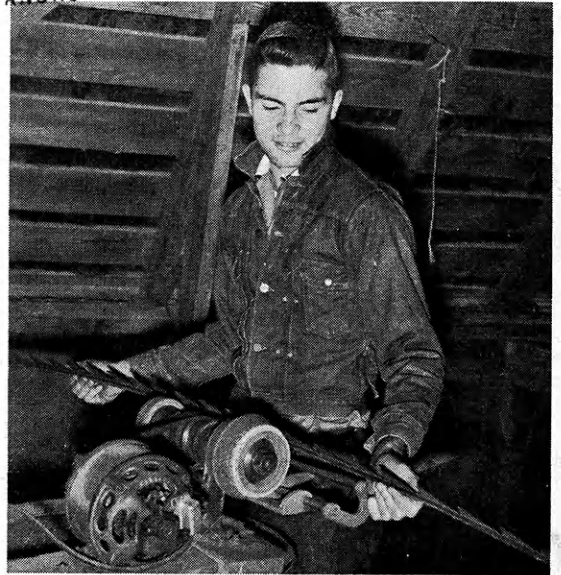
Ronnie Keys, Council Grove sophomore, is one of many Kansas 4-H'ers who has found out how interesting and important a 4-H electric project can be.

A past-president of the Flint Hills 4-H Club, Ronnie has spent 3 years in the electric project. During this time he has built lamps and lights, made a demonstration quiz-board, rewired extension cords, and repaired electric

fixtures and appliances. Ronnie has also prepared and presented electrical demonstrations on "Care of Electric Appliances" and "Different Wire Splices".

When asked what electrical project of his was used the most, Ronnie replied, "The wagon-wheel table lamp. We use it all the time."

Also, a hair dryer repaired by Ronnie "really gets a workout" from his mother and sister.



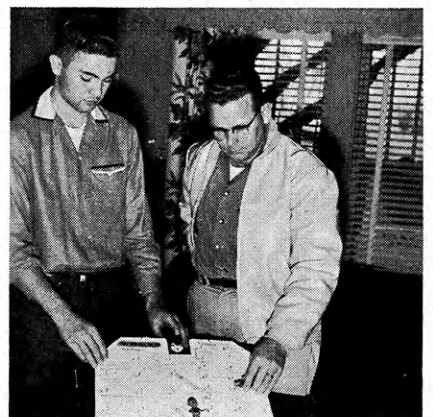
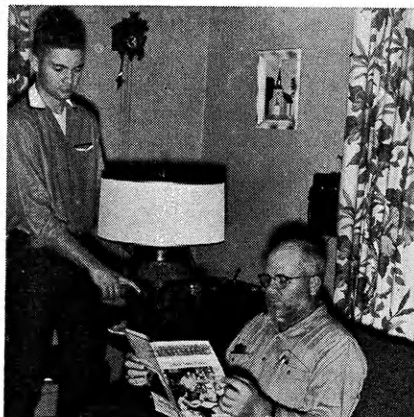
Ronnie sharpens a mower sickle on their electric grinder which, according to him, is the "most labor-saving electric tool on the farm."

As to the most useful and labor saving electrical device on their farm, Ronnie's choice is the electric grinder. "It's the best labor saver we have in the summer when we use it a lot to sharpen combine and mower sickles."

The outdoor electric project used the most by Ronnie is his portable shop light. With it he has been able to combine his electric project with his intense interest in his car.

Ronnie adjusts the wagon wheel lamp in the family living room, so that his father, Ellis G. Keys, can use it better.

Electricity is fun, too! Here Ronnie shows Morris County Agent, Alvin Maley, how to play the question-answer game he has built. The bulb in the upper-center lights when the right answer is selected.



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