

### 4-H Leadership Methods Changed

4-H leadership training procedures were changed in 1961. Instead of holding a State Leader Training meeting, area meetings were conducted. These area meetings were for the subject matter lessons. County livestock club leaders attended the training meeting at Tecumseh, Dairy club leaders the meeting in Lincoln and Tractor & Electrification club leaders the meeting in Fremont.

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**OUTSTANDING FARMER AWARD**—James Meyer of Avoca, right, accepts the token of his award, Outstanding Young Farmer of 1961, presented by the Plattsouth Junior Chamber of Commerce. Clarence Schmadeke, Cass County

Extension Agent, Weeping Water, made the presentation at the Jaycees annual awards banquet Jan. 25. Mrs. Meyer is a pleased observer and Bill Hawkins, Jaycee who was banquet emcee, looks on also. —(Photo by M. J. Hill Studio).

### Cherry Pie Contest In County Won by Miss Hendrix

July 20 marked the end of a series of practice sessions for five cherry pie bakers in Cass County. On this date the 4-H Cherry Pie contest was held in the Weeping Water High School.

The Busy Homemakers 4-H club led by Mrs. Henry Vinduska was well represented with three participants, Mary Kay Hendrix, Rheda Boardman and Marilyn Vinduska. Judy Stohmann of the 4-H Helpers Club and Carolyn Piner of the Laughing Lassies 4-H Club were the other two contestants.

June Hutchison, Home Economist from OPPD judged the contest. As the pies were judged and discussion followed, the girls revealed the fact that practice contributes to baking success, but many other factors make two pies exactly alike.

Miss Hendrix of Plattsouth was declared the champion pie baker and represented Cass Co. in the District contest held in Bradshaw on July 27.

### Traveling Plaque Awards To Top Judging Teams

The Home Extension Council sponsor traveling plaques which are presented to the top judging team in foods, clothing and home living judging contests which are held during the fair.

The plaques were presented at the annual 4-H Achievement Party. This year, Mrs. Roy Engelkemier, vice-chairman of the Home Extension Council made the presentation.

Linda Rehmeier and Janice Domingo were awarded the Clothing plaque. These girls are members of the Sewinettes 4-H Club in Weeping Water, Mrs.

#### In A Hurry

A young man came tearing down the ferry slip, made a tremendous leap over the water and landed with a crash on the deck of the boat. "He got up, and dusted himself off, one of the deck hand's sauntered over and said: "You didn't have to rush buddy. This boat is coming in."

### 4-H Leaders Training Session Brings Info To County

Four Cass County 4-H leaders braved cold weather to attend the Leaders Conference in Lincoln Jan. 27-28. The theme of the conference was, "Your Community is You". Dr. Otto Hoberg, professor of Sociology at the University, led the conference discussions on the changes taking place in rural and urban communities.

Leaders attending included: Mrs. Leonard Stohman, Manley; Mrs. Earl Puls, Manley; Ralph Wehrlein, and Mrs. Henry Vinduska, Plattsouth.

These leaders presented a panel discussion back in Cass County at the County leaders conference.

#### Good Suggestion

Salesman—I've been trying for a week to see you. When may I have an appointment?  
Manager—Make a date with my secretary.  
Salesman—Oh, I did, sir—and we had a wonderful time—but I still want to see you.

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### Public Speaking Contest

"4-H for a Bigger-Tomorrow," was the title of the winning speech given by Ruth Miller of Nehawka when she competed in the Co. Public Speaking Contest, held on May 6.

Seven contestants in senior division, all girls; were awarded the following ribbons: Ruth Miller - Purple, Velda Nickels - Purple, Marilyn Vinduska - Blue, Judith Stohmann - Blue, Bonita Johnson - Blue, Sandra Turner - Red, Carolyn Piner - Red.

The two participants in Junior division were Bill Spangler and Hazel Miller. Bill received a blue ribbon and Hazel was awarded a red ribbon.

Truman Lytle, speech instructor at the Weeping Water High School was the County contest judge.

The two purple ribbon winners of the senior division contest, Ruth Miller and Velda Nickels were awarded Club Week trips, by the Cass Co 4-H Council.

Ruth Miller represented Cass County at the District Public Speaking contest. This second level of competition was held in conjunction with the 4-H Jr. Leader Conference at Fairbury on May 27.

### Avoca 4-H'ers Get Sears Pigs

May 19, the 8th link was added to the Cass County 4-H Sears Swine program - 8 boys in the Avoca community were presented with a purebred weaning yorkshire gilt. The gilt will be the foundation for a 4-H Swine project.

Robert Crownover, of Avoca is the leader of the Pine Ridge club in which the 8 boys are enrolled. Members receiving the pigs are Larry Bond, Ralph Wiles, Larry Ludwig, Leon, Michael and Lynn Bose and Danny and Randall Crownover. Mike and Larry Baier are also enrolled in the Pine Ridge club with swine projects.

This 4-H Swine program was started in 1954. Co-sponsored by the Sears Foundation and the Extension Service.

During the 8 years of the program 60 boys and girls have been assisted in getting a start in the "hog business."

#### Businessman

A patient was told by his doctor that an intricate and costly operation was mandatory.  
"You needn't worry about the cost," soothed the doctor. "Just pay me \$200 down and \$50 a month for the next three years."  
"Sounds like buying a car," commented the patient.  
"You're right," the doctor assured him. "I am."

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## 4-H Leaders Recognized

### Corn Diseases Take Heavy Toll

Two corn diseases had an appreciable effect on corn yields in Cass County in 1961. Leaf blight which was found in some fields in 1960 was found wide spread in 1961.

Hybrids most susceptible to the disease were affected very adversely. Other hybrids to a lesser degree. The average yields of corn was reduced significantly.

Weather conditions is a factor which caused the increase of the disease. The disease thrives and spreads in periods of high humidity.

Stalk rot is the other disease which has taken its toll. The disease which causes reduction in yield also causes stalk breakage which made it difficult to harvest the corn that was produced. The early snow in November which slowed corn harvest caused a large net loss of corn which was left in the field.

### Crop Variety Recommendations Changed for '62

LINCOLN — Changes in crop variety recommendations in Nebraska for 1962 were announced by the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture at Crop Improvement Days Jan. 29.

J. C. Swinbank, Extension agronomist at the University, said that "the changes in recommendations were made after researchers at the five Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Stations met with other Ag College crop specialists to review crop varieties available to Nebraska farmers."

Here is a summary of the principal changes in crop variety recommendations:

**OATS** — Nehawka added to early listing for northeast district.

**GRAIN SORGHUM** — SD 441 added to the north central and western areas and for late planting in the southwestern area; SD 451 added to the north central and western areas and for late planting in the southwestern area; Norghum, removed from entire state; RS 590, removed from entire state; Reliance, removed from southwestern area.

**SAFFLOWER**—Gila and U.S. 10 in western area.

**CORN**—Iowa 4542, added for the northwestern half of the state under dryland conditions and in the Panhandle under irrigation; Nebraska 507, added for the southwestern two-thirds of the State.

Swinbank pointed out that "good yields of millet in 1961 are expected to stimulate further interest in the crop this year. Growers have long expressed the need for sources of good seed. Certified seed of Turgah, one of the better proso types, is now available from the University of Nebraska Foundation Seed Division."

"Certified seed of the forage variety, German R, was produced by several farmers in 1961." Swinbank added. "Nebraska millet growers should be urged to utilize these improved seed stocks and further increase the supply of good seed in the State."

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### Quick and Easy Meals

The October lesson for Home Extension clubs was Quick and Easy Meals. The bulletin plus a supplement of recipes, meal makers to keep on hand and time management ideas provided much information for the leaders. Recipes prepared and served at the demonstration were raspberry dessert, cream cheese pie, shepherd's pie, chicken biscuit cups and biscuit turnover.

Basically the lesson was directed toward the use of convenience foods as time and energy savers for the busy homemaker. Leaders contributed many creative ideas for dressing-up these package mixes to make them more flavorful and eye appealing.

Seventy-seven leaders from 39 Home Extension clubs received material for this lesson.

### 24 Crops Projects By 13 Participants

The 1961 Cass County 4-H Crops project work included 13 boys. Contributions made \$95 available for awards.

There were 24 projects in 1961, carried by the 13 boys. Their projects were inspected on a tour held last August and the record books were evaluated by the tour committee.

"I'm sure each club member learned a lot about crop production and feel it was a worthwhile effort," a committee spokesman said. The monies were distributed as follows:

- 23 ribbons ..... \$ 2
- 5 soil tests \$2 ..... 10
- Weed identification prize ..... 1
- 1 Purple project award ..... 5
- 7 Blue project awards ..... 35
- 12 red project awards ..... 36
- 3 white project awards ..... 6
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### New Club Leaders Receive Training

Jan. 31, 1961, a new training program for 4-H leaders was initiated. Only new 4-H club leaders were invited. This gave the 7 new leaders, who attended, a chance to catch up on leadership techniques that experienced club leaders have learned through past experiences as 4-H club leaders.

Leaders in attendance benefited and gained a better appreciation of the objectives and goals of 4-H and ways to make this aim a reality.

An Enforcer  
We search for traffic solutions, but nothing better is yet known than to have a police car right behind you.  
— The Wichita Eagle.

Thirty-three of Cass Co. 4-H Club leaders were recognized for anniversary awards.

Mrs. Clarence Norris received the diamond clover leaf pin in recognition of 20 years of 4-H Club leadership.

Clarence Willis received a Gold pin for 10 years service to 4-H.

Five-year, Silver clover leaf pin recipients were: Mrs. Clarence Schmadeke, Herbert Heil, Walter Saxton, Mrs. Harlan Kunz, Mrs. Eugene Lewis, Mrs. Victor Miller, Mrs. Frank Nickels, Mrs. Peter Stander, Mrs. Richard Streeter, Mrs. Henry Vinduska and Mrs. Glenn Dimmitt.

Twenty leaders received two year plaques. They are: Frank Bieri, Mrs. Leighton Ballinger, Mrs. Francis Fischer, Mrs. Irvin Hauschild, Mrs. Richard Hawk, Mrs. Wayne Hendrix, Mrs. Robert Lambert, Mrs. Richard Livingston, Joe Lochman, Glenn Miller, Myrl Miller, Mrs. Morris Muenchau, Robert Nickels, Mrs. Ralph Payton, Howard Philpot, Lyle Sparks, Mrs. Leonard Stohmann, Mrs. Ted Stratton, Mrs. Ralph Welte, and Harold Zierott.

The awards were made at the Annual Extension Banquet.

### Willing Workers

Eight young homemakers from the Avoca area organized an Extension Club on April 8. Mrs. Robert Kirchhoff was elected president of the group for 1961. Mrs. Tom Fletcher was chosen vice-president and Mrs. Loren Haveman secretary. Mrs. James Jensen acted as publicity chairman for the year.

Other members of this new club were: Mrs. Gaylord Bose, Mrs. Harold Emke, Mrs. Stanley Emshoff and Mrs. James Meyer.

Club activities for the year included a tour of the Thunderbird Shirt Factory, Mortenhouse Kitchens, the Coca Cola plant and the Brick and Tile Co. all in Nebraska City. The demonstration on Outdoor Cookery became a family affair in July. Gift wrapping, Food preservation and Skillet Meals were special lessons for these new homemakers.

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— Minneapolis Star.

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