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## 4-H NEWS

### Ice Show Coming Soon



Dear 4-H Parents and Friends,  
Because I wish to chat about leaders I have addressed this column particularly to "4-H Parents and Friends." You have guessed already! Leaders are needed for the 1954-55 4-H club year.

Last week I suggested areas in the county where there surely are girls interested in a small 4-H club. This chapter about leaders, I hope will answer questions from persons in those and all areas of the county about advantages of being a 4-H leader.

What are the advantages of being a 4-H adult leader?

First, she learns right, along with the girls. Many mothers who are leaders make this comment. They say they learn about new and approved practices in homemaking activities—an easier method for putting in zippers, information about lighting needs, correct measuring, recommended parliamentary procedure, and so forth.

Second, she gains poise in appearing before groups. Several leaders have told of learning about 4-H members giving demonstrations and of preparing some themselves to give before their club groups as an example.

Third, a leader achieves a satisfaction of having helped youth in her community to grow in leadership and in getting along with others as well as to grow in project experiences. The club experience under the guidance of a good leader helps girls and boys apply democratic principles in taking part in meetings, assuming responsibilities, and so forth.

Fourth, a home economics adult leader has the satisfaction of helping girls prepare for their future job as a homemaker. I've had girls, now married and with families of their own, say that the experience of being in charge of family meals for a week or two (a requirement in division V, food preparation) was certainly particularly helpful.

Fifth, a leader is a recognized member of her community and of her county. In Kosciusko County as well as many other counties in the state, the Chain Store division of the Retail Merchants Association gives a dinner and presents pins and certificates to leaders. A bronze 4-leaf clover pin is given for first year service as a leader; a silver pin for completing 5 years as a leader and a gold pin for ten years as a leader. Certificates are given for the in-between years. There are other pin awards for higher number years service.

Who can be a leader? Any mother or interested person in a community who likes girls and boys and is interested in helping them could be a leader. Such a person would need to be able to give time for local club meetings and to attend as many county adult leader meetings as possible, would want to help give project instruction whenever she could, would need to give encouragement when sometimes interest begins to lag, and would need to be patient, kind, understanding, and so forth.

How much instruction should a leader give? During the first year a leader will probably have little time to give much project instruction. Once she is familiar with enrollment, demonstration, judging, and record book requirements, then she would be able to set some time aside at meetings for instruction or feel that she could take a

GO GET HIM, GIRLS! — "Killer" Bill Blocker has to fight off the girls in several numbers of *Holiday on Ice* of 1955 which opens at Fort Wayne's Memorial Coliseum Oct. 8 through Oct. 14. The ice, making its seventh annual trek to Fort Wayne, plays nine shows, including matinees Saturday and Sunday, and it'll be the only ice show in Fort Wayne this season.

particular project group in her home for instruction. A leader is not expected to be proficient in all phases of homemaking!!! Perhaps the leader is recognized as a successful baker in the community. A lady in the community who sews well might be named on the advisory committee and could give the instruction in clothing. Training meetings arranged by the county extension office give training in some phases for adult and junior leaders to take back to local club members.

Next week I'd like to discuss local club organization and to give information about enrollment practices and policies. "By now."

### Local News

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Scott were, Mrs. Meta Gillen, mother of Mrs. Scott, and Mr. C. C. Winter, of Elkhart. Mrs. Carolyn Scott, mother of Mr. Scott, has returned to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Scott, after spending the past month visiting with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Smith had as house guests for the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Rupert, parents of Mr. Smith, from Winter Park, Florida. Mrs. Evelyn Smith, mother of Mrs. Smith, from Fort Wayne, was a weekend guest and Mr. Jack Tilson, Indianapolis, was Sunday dinner guest.

Mr. Carl Nickel spent the weekend at Adams Lake, Michigan, and Mrs. Carl Nickel and stepson, Wayne, spent the weekend visiting in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Miss Joan Ringer, student of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Ringer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Harley of Waukegan, Illinois, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edith Harley.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Long of Syracuse and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence V. Long of Elkhart returned Sunday evening from a trip through Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois. They had been gone since last Thursday morning.

Syracuse Lake folk, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Miner, and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. George Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Miner, Mary and Stover, attended the Purdue—Notre Dame game Saturday. The Miner family took Buddy Hursh, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hursh, of Syracuse Lake and Goshen. On returning Buddy to his home in Goshen, Mr. and Mrs. Miner, Mary and Stover, were surprise dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Hursh.

James Miner and Gary Eyer were Saturday dinner guests of Jim Gard, and the three then went to Fort Wayne, for bowling, and a theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lilly closed their establishment for the season, and returned to Indianapolis, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dillen, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snyder and families attended a pot-luck dinner, Sunday, held in honor of Mrs. C. L. Snyder, age 80. The group of 40 present were immediate relatives of Mrs. Snyder, met at the Westside E. U. B. Church Cabin, in Goshen. Those present were her five children, Merl Snyder, Los Angeles, California, Ms. Ed Stultz, Buchanan, Michigan, Mrs. Melvin Knight, Goshen, and Mrs. Carl Shank and Dwight Snyder of Mishawaka, Ind., and their families. There were 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren present.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spry entertained guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schwerdtman, from Riverside, Illinois.

Mrs. Russell Kistler and son, Nelson, were in South Bend last Saturday to see the Notre Dame—Purdue game.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kistler were in Thorntown, Indiana, Tuesday attending a funeral for Mrs. Dora Vangundy, friend of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Yoder and family and Ray Yoder of Nappanee, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kistler.

Sgt. and Mrs. Loren Neibert, are the parents of a six pound son, Kim Lee, born September 28th at the Elkhart General Hospital.

Sgt. Neibert is stationed with the U. S. Army in Verdun, France, and Mrs. Neibert is the former Wanda Ringer.

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### Boy Scout News

The Cub Scouts of Pack 56 held their pack meeting at the Scout Council on September 27th with nearly seventy in attendance and many guests.

Glen Popenfoose, chairman for the month, took charge of the introductions with Den 6 having the opening. The theme for the month was "Gold Rush" and Den 5 put on a skit showing their skill in depicting in miniature handicraft work some scenery typical of the gold rush days. Den 4 had a skit showing their picks, shovels, gold nuggets and scales which they had made. Then the following awards were made:

John Lantz—Lion, three year star, Tom Smith—Bear, 1 gold, 1 silver, denner; David Strybey—Lion, Dennis Buhrt—Wolf; Roger Niles—Wolf; David Ridings—Wolf; Fred Mick—Bobcat; Dicky Coy—Bobcat; Tommy Krammer—Bobcat; Jerry Glass—Bobcat; Jerry Fisher—Bobcat; Rickie Bitner—2 year star, denner; Mickey Jones—Asst. denner; James Yoder—4 silver ass't. denner; Dick Kowalik—Asst. denner; Tom Coy—2 silver; Philip Kinder—1 gold, 2 silver; Dennis Miller—1 gold; Robert Miller—1 silver; Frank Brown—1 silver; Ken Martin—1 gold; the following Cubs received attendance stripes: Jerry Popenfoose, Ken Martin, Danny Jones, Jerry Seafoss, Sonny Peters, Dennis Miller, Harold Kitson, Robert Miller, Roger Niles, James Yoder, Jerry Boger, John Lantz, Jan Appenzellar, Pat Appenzellar, Dean Curry, Dick Kowalik, Jack Ridings, Roger Bornman, Tom Smith, Jack Brazel, David Ridings, Pat Bornman, Michael Jones, Philip Kinder. Mrs. Alice Stefanski received her Den Mother's pin and Mrs. Barbara Coy was introduced as the new Den Mother for Den 1.

Den 3 had a skit of horses and a chuck wagon and sang "Home on the Range." The closing was by Den 2 and they gave the Grand Howl to Mrs. Coy and her new Cub. The following boys are new Cubs: Larry Fitzgerald, Mark Wagner, Richard Simons, Jimmy Ishell, Steve Carlson, Larry McMillian and Roger Fleischauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bushong were weekend hosts to their daughter, Mrs. Dale Weingart, Mr. Weingart and son, and to a group of the Weingart's friends from Gary, on Sunday, with swimming and water-skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Nyhouse of England, who had been guests of the O.P. Gepharts, have gone to South Bend, where they had purchased a home. Nyhouse is in the paper manufacturing business.

Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Ragsdale have just returned from Denver, Colorado, where they had a weeks visit with their son John Ragsdale and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Miles returned from a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rapp, Elgin, Ill.

Mrs. Harriet Blocker and Mrs. Catherine Connolly leave this weekend for Salina, Kansas, where they will remain a week and visit Mrs. Blocker's son Joe Blocker, and family.

Danny Dust, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dust, celebrated his 3rd birthday, last week Thursday, at his home, with guests, Joey Bauer, Anita Hess, Marilyn Hoover, Cindy Sue Feits, Peggy Jo Hughes, Billy Scarberry, Larry Mast, Sue Mast, Bruce Mast, and Jess Strybey. Adults were Mrs. Dust, Mrs. Owen Avery, Mrs. Eli Mast, and Mrs. William Hess. Gifts to Danny, ice cream, cake, toys for the guests to enjoy, and the Outdoor Gym, were high.

Herschel Bitner has returned to his home following spinal surgery at the Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Denzel was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne Friday night for observation. Reports of his condition are favorable and he is expected home this week.

Mrs. John Sheire, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Solt, returned Friday night from Norfolk, Va., where they visited Mrs. Sheire's son, Yeoman 1st Class and Mrs. Louis Sheire, then Michael. Mrs. L. Sheire is the former Evelyn Gladius.

Mrs. Solt and Mrs. Sheire returned by way of a sightseeing visit in Williamsburg, and took the Skyline Drive, which is 4,000 feet high and very scenic.

Vickie Jo Muirhead celebrated her 2nd birthday last week with friends, Steven and Robin Gillespie, Ligonier, Melanie and Dickie Pusti, Papakeechee Lake, and Kathy Murray of Goshen, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. John Pusti.

Vickie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Muirhead. Mrs. Muirhead is the former Polly Pusti. Vickie Jo, received lovely gifts, and the guests received candy favors and a little gift. Highlights were ice cream, cake, candy, games, and balloons.

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### Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbert

#### Return From Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilbert returned last week from Abilene, Kansas, having visited Mrs. Gilbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butler. There was a birthday supper to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. Butler, held September 27. Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence France and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest France and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Johnson and family, also the minister who had married Bonnie and "Gil" Gilbert, the Rev. Floyd Atkins, and Mrs. Atkins, all of Abilene.

A sister of Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Eugene Able, Mr. Able, and daughter Annette were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert enjoyed visiting the Eisenhower Museum, which had been completed 4 April, and Mr. Eisenhower's boyhood home. The SHAEP Emblem which the President formerly wore was designed into the terrazzo floor of the Museum. His boyhood home has been left as Mrs. Eisenhower, the President's mother, had left it, all dolls and pillow covers having been made by her.

Ten thousand tulips beautified the grounds between the Museum and the home, the bulbs of which were an importation from Holland, given by John Res, of Sassenheim, Holland.

### Papakeechee Lake

Mr. and Mrs. James Bender went to Chicago where Mr. Bender entered the Red Flannel Regatta of the Corinthian Yacht Club. Lake Michigan was extremely rough and there were many mishaps during the races but Mr. Bender's sloop, Hard Tack, fared well, coming in 12th in the first heat race and 7th in the second. Mr.

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Richard Berger, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, for Mr. Bender.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spurling, from Barbee Lake have purchased the Maurice Lung home and will become permanent residents.

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