

## Kansas Master Farm Homemakers

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Otte  
Great Bend

The Ottes farm 882 acres of land eight miles northwest of Great Bend. Wheat is the principal crop and a beef cow herd is the livestock project. Their soil conservation plan is 100 percent complete and soil tests have been made on all the cropland.

The family participates extensively in church, school, community, and other activities. Two of the five children are graduates of Kansas State University, two are in school there, and the fifth accepted a position with a Greeley, Colorado, firm after two years of college work.

Otte is president of the county People-to-People organization, chairman of the county Christian Rural Overseas Program, and has served twice on the county Extension Service Board.

During Mrs. Otte's 26 years in home demonstration work, she held all the offices in her unit and has been a lesson leader practically all that time. An accomplished musician, she directed the county 4-H chorus seven years and has been a member of her church choir many years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Otte have been chosen as "Leaders of the Year" by the Kansas Farm Bureau.



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Roepke  
Manhattan

Although they are too young to be called pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Roepke have been leaders in many agricultural developments.

For example, they grew one acre of one of the first hybrid seed corn varieties developed by the Kansas State University agricultural experiment station. They were among the first members of their farm management association, and were also among the early irrigation farmers in the Kaw Valley. They now are leveling more land to be irrigated.

Their son, a mechanical engineering graduate of K-State, returned recently from a west coast position to become a partner with his parents on their 820-acre farm. The Roepkes' daughter also is a graduate of the University.

Three to four hundred cattle are fed and more than 3,000 bags of hybrid seed corn are processed annually.

Mrs. Roepke has been active in church and educational work. She has been secretary of the Extension Council, chairman of the advisory committee, and has held most of the offices in her home demonstration unit.

Their home, approximately 10 miles east of Manhattan, has been open to foreign students and International Farm Youth Exchange students.

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KANSAS MASTER FARMER ASSOCIATION  
KANSAS MASTER FARM HOMEMAKER GUILD  
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### DEDICATION

KANSAS MASTER FARMER -- MASTER FARM HOMEMAKER

VESPER LOOKOUT

Rock Springs Ranch

June 3, 1964



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Designed by L. R. Quinlan, Manhattan

Built by Ervin Bros. Construction Company  
Junction City





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### PROGRAM

Presiding -- Ralph Upham, Past President,  
Kansas Master Farmer Ass'n

Invocation - Harlan Deaver, Chaplain, Master Farmer --  
Master Homemaker Association

Introduction of Special Guests

"We Believe . . ." -- Clarence Lauer, President,  
Master Farmer Association

Responses -- National 4-H Conference Delegates

Lane Sunderland, Brown County  
Rita Lilak, Ellsworth County  
Willa Novotny, Pratt County  
Richard Theurer, Sumner County

Presentation of Vesper Lookout -- Mrs. R. J. Tilletson,  
President, Master Farm Homemaker Guild

Acceptance -- W. Dale Critser, Chairman, Kansas 4-H  
Foundation Board of Trustees

Benediction - Reverend James Hoover  
St. John's Catholic Church, Beloit

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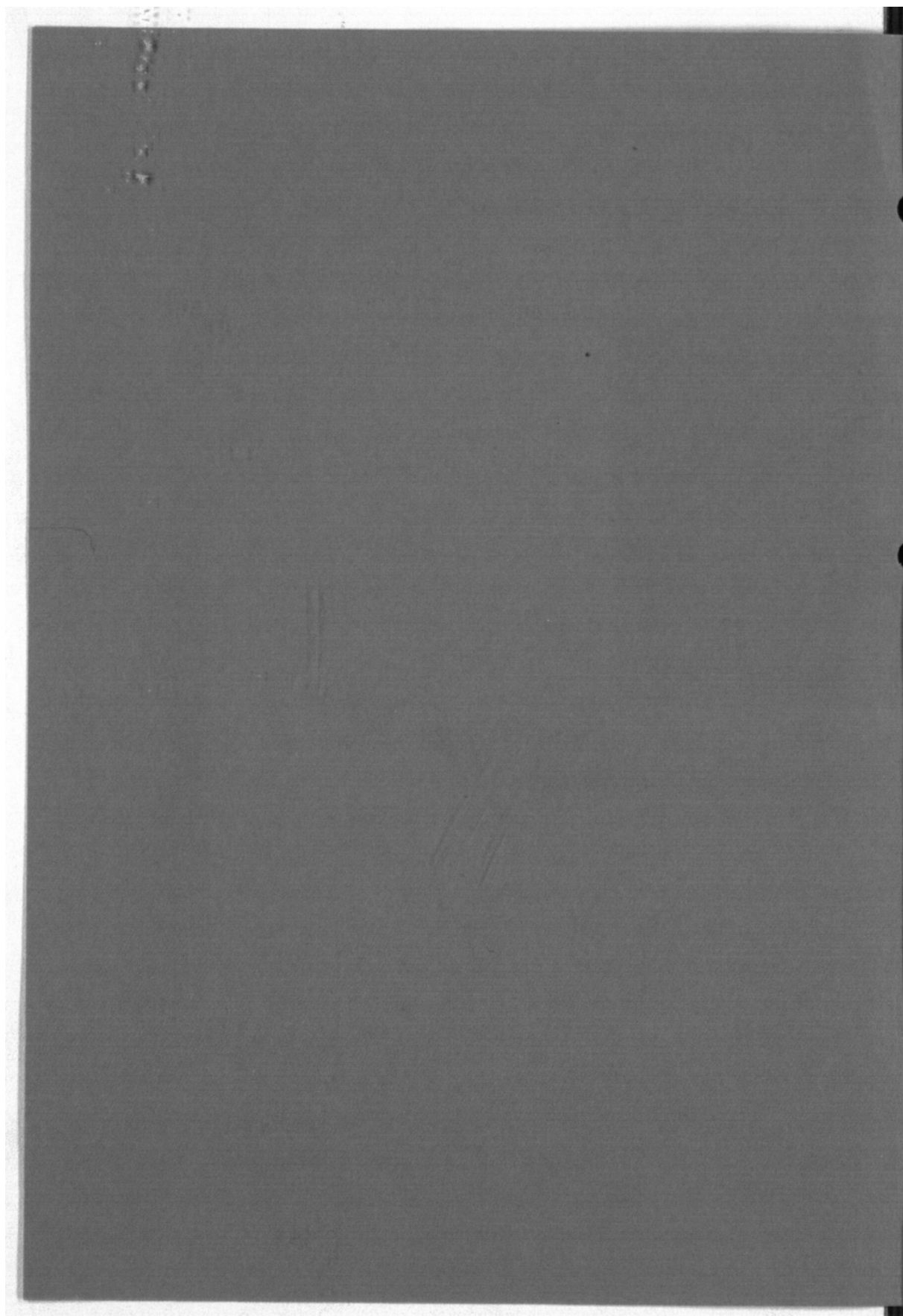
Nature's beauty is most everywhere and it is free for you to enjoy. You have only one life to live; make it richer every day increasing your awareness and understanding of nature and its beauty.

-- L. R. Quinlan



## **A Mighty Work In The Eternal Hills**









*" - - The Good Men Do Will Live After Them."*

A Mighty Work - - ROCK SPRINGS RANCH



*Some writings by Rolla A. Clymer  
Historical Data — May 1964  
A Guide Map*





### THE FLINT HILLS

The Flint Hills, that range across Kansas from north to south in a belt from twenty to forty miles wide, comprise a scene of thrilling natural beauty. To those who linger among their fastnesses, gaining inspiration from their quiet loveliness, their long, blue-stem-covered slopes, their gently-rounded peaks and their reaching valleys offer a solitude wherein human spirits may relax from carking cares.

These Hills comprise the homes of ranchers who glory in the surpassing charm of their environment. Here, after the passage of long years, schools and modestly-spired churches as well as the huddle of small communities have taken root in the scant limestone soil. All these works of man possess a rugged stamina, as if the elements of the rocks beneath the surface have been subtly transmuted into their character.

In this vast scene of once wild and still jumbled splendor, certain native landmarks stand forth with significant appeal. One of these may be found at a point about midway between Herington and Junction City, where a wondrous spring gushes forth from underground caverns—ceaselessly, incessantly, day and night—in a stream almost as big around as a strong man's body.

This spring is of enormous antiquity and holds a glittering history all its own. Innumerable legends of the region attest to its enduring and colorful existence during all the chapters of the Kansas saga. It was flowing in full magnificence when Coronado, the Spanish adventurer, partook of its bounty during his trek across the face of Kansas in 1541—49 years after Columbus set foot upon the Americas—in vain search for the seven cities of Cibola. An entry in his journal corroborates the presence of this spring in those long-gone days.

During the centuries that have followed, the wild Indians, the French trappers, the white nomads touring the "great American desert," soldiers of military expeditions, the pioneer priests, the first settlers, the venturesome cowboys of a picturesque era and the sires of the present generation—all—drank from its pure and undefiled waters.

As the years crept on and the tides of civilization advanced, this natural marvel became a notable and attractive feature in the true prairie country. It gave its name of Rock Springs to a famous ranch which long operated in the region about it. Then came the day when a few sturdy men and women of vivid imagination and unselfish instinct acquired its ownership—and on surrounding land established a shrine and center for the 4-H youth of Kansas.

Here, on a spread of 348 acres of choice grass land, the Kansas 4-H Foundation has begun the building of a project dedicated to the lasting welfare of boys and girls of the Sunflower state. Despite the glories attaching to the area from countless folk tales of a dimming past, it seems altogether likely that its future attainments will far transcend the fame it has already gained.

Even in the Hills, with their varied and changing magic, it would be difficult to find a spot fairer than this in which to locate an undertaking of the superior nature of the Foundation's handiwork. What is needed is spacious room where the 4-H boys and girls can carry on their enterprises at almost every season of the year—and the alluring Hills here provide such a place with superb stress.



## Kansas Master Farm Homemakers

The eminence of this section of their ranges are rough and unhewn—substantially the same as Nature formed them when first they thrust up from the bed of an ancient sea. Their contours, at many points, are covered with trees. Their slopes are steep and without compromise. Their surfaces undulate in fascinating progression across the pasture meadows. The sublime note they sound—of peace and benediction to all mankind—is heightened by the murmur of a busy creek, whose source lies in the perennial supply from the amazing spring, which trickles merrily along its way in the valley courses.

In this restful and benign spot, the mighty work of bringing a solid and beneficial influence to bear upon the lives of Kansas young folk has well begun. Generous men and women, animated by the most worthy ideals, have sought to transform a supreme creation of Nature into an abode of utility and recreation for their youthful charges. Numerous handsome structures have been erected, other facilities have been added, and all arrangements have been tastefully appointed.

But the end of their labors is not yet. After intensive efforts of nearly twenty years, their striving has resulted in the outline of a practical design which is ministering effectively to the needs of those it serves. Yet in the minds of these perfectionists, more—much more—must be provided to meet the increasing numbers and demands of the future. So, their emprise, instead of being finished, now calls for further exertions and undiminished devotion.

On a day in June of 1963, the state 4-H Foundation paid homage to its friends. Scores of these were invited to a season of testimonial and tribute for their varied, and helpful contributions. The program, involving a number of sessions, was carried out effectively—and in excellent taste.

This last quality strongly characterized the dedication of a new structure to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clutter and children, of Garden City, whose tragic deaths caused widespread sorrow. The delicate handling of this part of the program was worthy of the best in the Kansas spirit and character. Impressive were all the events of this occasion—and most impressive of all was the spotless behavior and decorum of the boys and girls who march in allied ranks under the Kansas 4-H banner.

Citizens of the American republic today are perplexed by a multitude of problems in many fields of human endeavor. Correct solutions are hard to come by—and the feeling irrevocably persists that, because of error and mortal frailty, this nation has failed in many of its most important and deeply-cherished endeavors.

But it has not failed in all of them. When one looks at Rock Springs Ranch and notes the lengths that sacrifice and hard toil and intelligent application have accomplished in leading Kansas boys and girls toward upright and dependable citizenship, he must surely regard this achievement as a glowing triumph. The seed thus sown will bring forth yields of an hundredfold in the years to come.

Rock Springs Ranch of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, nestled in a setting of unalloyed splendor, stands as a shining symbol of the truth that the good men do will live after them.

ROLLA A. CLYMER







*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the Hills, from whence cometh my help."*

*"The Flint Hills stand off there  
along the horizon, in serried  
ranks stretching from the Kaw  
to Oklahoma fastnesses, brood-  
ing over what mysteries no man  
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## History of Rock Springs Ranch

Legends from the past say Coronado, the first white man in Kansas (1541) camped beside "a great spring of sweet water" near the northern limits in his search for the treasures of Quivera. The spring was one day's journey from his final stop at Logan's Grove, just southwest of Junction City.

Fierce plains Indians once inhabited the rolling wooded area. Evidence of the Red Man's hunts and battles is in flint arrowheads which have been unearthed.

Kansas history was young in 1860 when a German immigrant, John G. Recken, his wife, and daughter arrived at a railway construction camp on the Kansas Pacific. The little frontier town, now Junction City, was known as Whiskey Point. Looking for a future home, the Reckens walked down Lyons Creek to an area where German emigres had started a settlement in 1857. They finally chose 40 acres of land watered by the same spring the Spanish explorer had noted. Recken obtained his land by a United States patent that bore the signature of President James Buchanan. Sometime before 1868, he obtained the remaining quarter section from the Kansas Pacific (now Union Pacific).

On the spot of the present craft center, Recken built first a "large cabin four logs long." (The stone wall forming the east side of the craft center was part of his cabin wall.) (In 1868, the Reckens moved from the ranch to Junction City where they spent the remainder of their lives.)

In 1870, a man named Warren sought to put the spring to work by building a 20-foot water wheel and establishing a custom grist mill, but crop failures and grasshopper plagues doomed his venture to failure.

Ownership and possession changed repeatedly until in 1883, five years after the present ranch house was built, a colorful character, known locally as "Buttermilk" Dickson (James H.) bought the ranch. Dickson, an enterprising dairyman, built a barn to house the 90 cows he had in production. He used Warren's grist mill to grind cow feed and belted a large churn to the water wheel.

There are tales of "Buttermilk" peddling great tubs of butter and barrels of buttermilk to nearby towns. As late as 1946 there were old timers in the vicinity who had ridden horseback to the Dickson place twice daily to help with the milking.

"Wild Bill" Hickok, then deputy U. S. marshal at Abilene, and famed for his daring deeds as a frontier peace officer, paid the Dicksons a visit, searching for horses stolen from Ft. Riley. Dickson was able to prove ownership of his branded horses, and Hickok accepted his hospitality overnight.

In 1897, Riepert Jackson bought the ranch and for a time operated a saw mill. For several years the big spring was known as Jackson's Spring.

### PURCHASE BY KANSAS 4-H CLUBS:

Until about 1906, the ranch changed hands many times. In 1925, the Lutheran Association bought 17 acres from which Camp Wa-Shun-Ga was formed. The Central National Bank, Junction City, sold the remaining 348 acres to C. E. Rugh, an Abilene lawyer, in 1928 and he named his new possession Rock Springs Ranch. The Kansas 4-H Clubs purchased the site from Mr. Rugh, January 8, 1946.

The purchase of Rock Springs Ranch was born of a real need for a rural leadership training center in Kansas, which had been nurtured by years of interest in camping. Friends of club work everywhere realized that the inspiration, fellowship, and training that comes only by living together, close to Nature, was lacking in the 4-H program—that leadership in a democracy depends on group experience and wise guidance.

This dream of the years came within the realm of possibility with a gift of \$25,000 by Sears-Roebuck to assist in the building program.

Now with the purchase price of \$22,500 facing them, 4-H Club members and their friends went into determined action. Fund-raising activities reflected the wholehearted work and ingenuity of club members. In less than 5 months, they raised the purchase price and burned the mortgage in a joyous ceremony at State 4-H Round-up, June, 1946.

At the time Rock Springs Ranch was purchased, the buildings were—the ranch house, the large barn, 2 open sheds, a silo, and the cottage above the spring. To make the site useable as a training center, surplus army tents were set up for housing. A small building located where Recken's cabin had stood (present Crafts Center) was expanded and equipped for a kitchen. A cement slab was run to the north and west of this kitchen, roofed with canvas, and used as a temporary dining area.

Dickson's dairy barn was cleared and became the administration building, with the loft for storage.

The Kansas Power and Light Company rallied to the cause by donating equipment, and a six-week's camping sea-







### History

son was scheduled during the summer of 1946, with 2,267 participating.

When planning the construction program for Rock Springs Ranch, club members asked that a swimming pool be first; therefore, through cooperative effort, one of the finest modern swimming pools in Kansas was put into use in 1948. A bathhouse, built the following year, completed this unit. Other construction necessary to the operation of the Center—a residence for the full-time supervisor, and the sewage treatment plant—was completed in 1949 and 1952.

A great boon to the Center came in 1947 with the gift of a stable of Palomino horses. The open shed near the administration building was used for the Palominos until R. B. Christy of Scott City provided funds for a fine stable, constructed in 1959.

International Harvester Company provided all necessary farm machinery on a demonstration basis. A large metal building was constructed near the supervisor's residence in 1952 for shops work and a machinery shelter.

A large concrete area 120'x120' on the hilltop southeast of the pool was completed in 1951 and used for recreation.

Friends of Clyde Coffman, a staunch supporter of youth, built the Council Circle in his memory in 1952, the first memorial constructed at Rock Springs Ranch.

Soon after purchase, the Master 4-H Club took the entrance gateway as their project. It was completed in 1953. Their next project, the historical marker located near the spring, was dedicated in 1962.

In 1955, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jellison, Junction City, provided a conference auditorium, a completely furnished meditation chapel, and a health center, representing the four H's in 4-H Club work—head, heart, hands, and health.

The lay of the land provided a natural amphitheater practically "ready made."

Temporary housing limited use of the Center to the three summer months. Many deserving groups were turned away because of lack of time.

In November, 1957, the Garvey Foundation presented a check for construction of the first permanent cottage. Construction was completed in the spring of 1959 and dedicated June 4 of that year to the memory of Asa Payne, a pioneer in improved farming methods in northwest Kansas. Furniture for this building was provided by club members from Rawlins and Cheyenne Counties.

Before the Asa Payne cottage was completed, the Cooperatives of Kansas contributed funds for the second permanent cottage and furnishings. This was completed and dedicated in September, 1959.

Also in '59, the Collegiate 4-H Club of Kansas State University provided funds for a shelter, complete with fireplace.

As the Center developed, it was difficult to reach the various buildings. The Folger Coffee Company provided funds for a perimeter road—Folger Drive—built in 1958.

Three summer shelters in one housing area have been provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jellison.

From the beginning, the dining area caused a serious bottle neck in the operation of the Center. The need for a good dining hall with modern kitchen was recognized by all who used the facility. Therefore, in 1956 a plan was set up whereby 4-H Clubs and Extension workers would raise the funds for such a building to be dedicated to the memory of L. C. Williams, a dedicated 4-H worker and director of the Kansas Extension program. The \$25,000 Sears-Roebuck gift was used in this structure, which was put into operation in 1962.

In connection with Williams Hall are two other memorials to sincere friends of youth—the fireplace in the lobby honoring Gene Shipley and the plantings and terrace fountain honoring Herb J. Barr of Leoti.

Another winterized cottage given by Kansas bankers is being completed in August, 1964. Vesper Lookout given by Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers will be dedicated in June, 1964.

From the first season, attendance increased steadily until in 1963 more than 10,000 youngsters and adults were accommodated.

As noted, many people outside the 4-H program have contributed large sums of money for developing Rock Springs Ranch; therefore, all worthy groups are accommodated insofar as possible, with 4-H groups receiving priority. No doubt few, if any, groups have participated when 4-H was not represented by present or former members in their midst.

Development of Rock Springs Ranch has come a long way since January 8, 1946, and it has a long way to go. The development plan calls for a permanent training center to accommodate 500 persons on a year around basis.



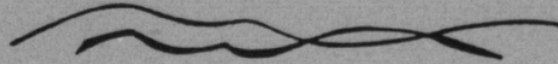


### GUIDE MAP

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| 1 Entrance               | 11 Director's Cabin  | 20 Williams Dining Hall   |
| 2 Caretaker's Home       | 12 Boy's Living Quarters                                   | 21 Co-op Cottage          |
| 3 Staff Housing          | 13 Swimming Pool   | 22 Asa Payne Cottage      |
| 4 Picnic Area            | 14 Recreation Slab   | 23 Barbecue Picnic Area   |
| 5 Rifle Range            | 15 Stables   | 24 Council Circle         |
| 6 Machine Shed           | 16 Ball Diamond  | 25 Sewage Treatment Plant |
| 7 Girls' Living Quarters | 17 Collegiate 4-H Shelter—<br>Archery Range                | 26 Folger Drive           |
| 8 Crafts Center          | 18 Amphitheater  | 27 Store                  |
| 9 Ranch House            | 19 Jellison Unit—Health<br>Center, Chapel, Audi-<br>torium | 28 Kansas Bankers Cottage |
| 10 Clutter Memorial      |  | 29 Hilltop Vesper         |







### THE HILLS' ETERNAL CALM

The United States possesses many natural wonders. Among them may be set down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, the boiling springs of the Yellowstone country, the beauty of Virginia's Blue Ridge and the reaching savannas of the South.

In many portions of this nation, tall mountains rear their rugged and shaggy heads, rosaries of lakes gleam with beckoning brightness, hundreds of miles of sea coasts reveal myriad dashes of splendor.

Among all these numerous and gorgeous outpourings of the Almighty's favor, the Flint Hills of Kansas stand modestly in their appointed spot. They hold no ranking with the glamor marvels of the land. They are only dimly known outside of the state's borders. Even within the confines of Kansas, they are sometimes ignored.

The Hills hold little of impressive grandeur. The highest peaks on their ranges would serve only as foothills to the mighty mountain chains. They present no vast gorges, no piercing pinnacles, no striking designs of rocky architecture. Yet within their limited domain, and by virtue of their innate prairie appeal, they possess the unique and singular power of casting the mantle of serenity upon all beholders.

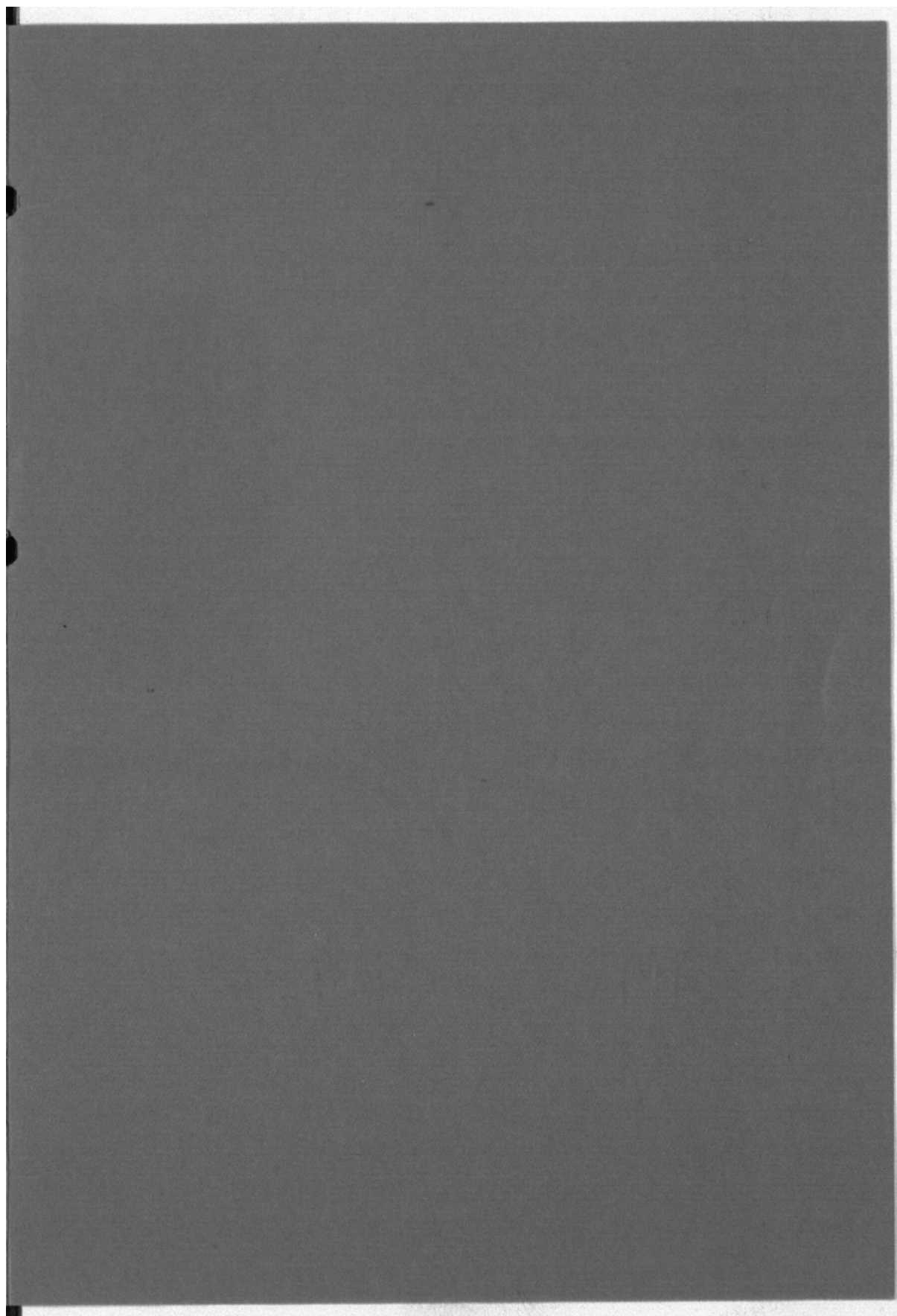
The Hills stretch away in dark green billows over rounded contours of land to misty, purple horizons. They beam brightly in the sunshine and are one with the winds and the sky. Their bluestem cover adorns them with benign grace. By reason of their miraculous combination of native elements, gay colors and the magic softness of their outline, they send forth a constant message of repose and quiet and abiding peace to the restless, straitly harassed sons of men.

The Hills today—under the sun of May—are greening in their sumptuous spring garb. Awakened from their long sleep, they lift their heavy heads in joy and thanksgiving. Their ancient ways will not change. Patiently and step by step, they will now discharge their ordained functions.

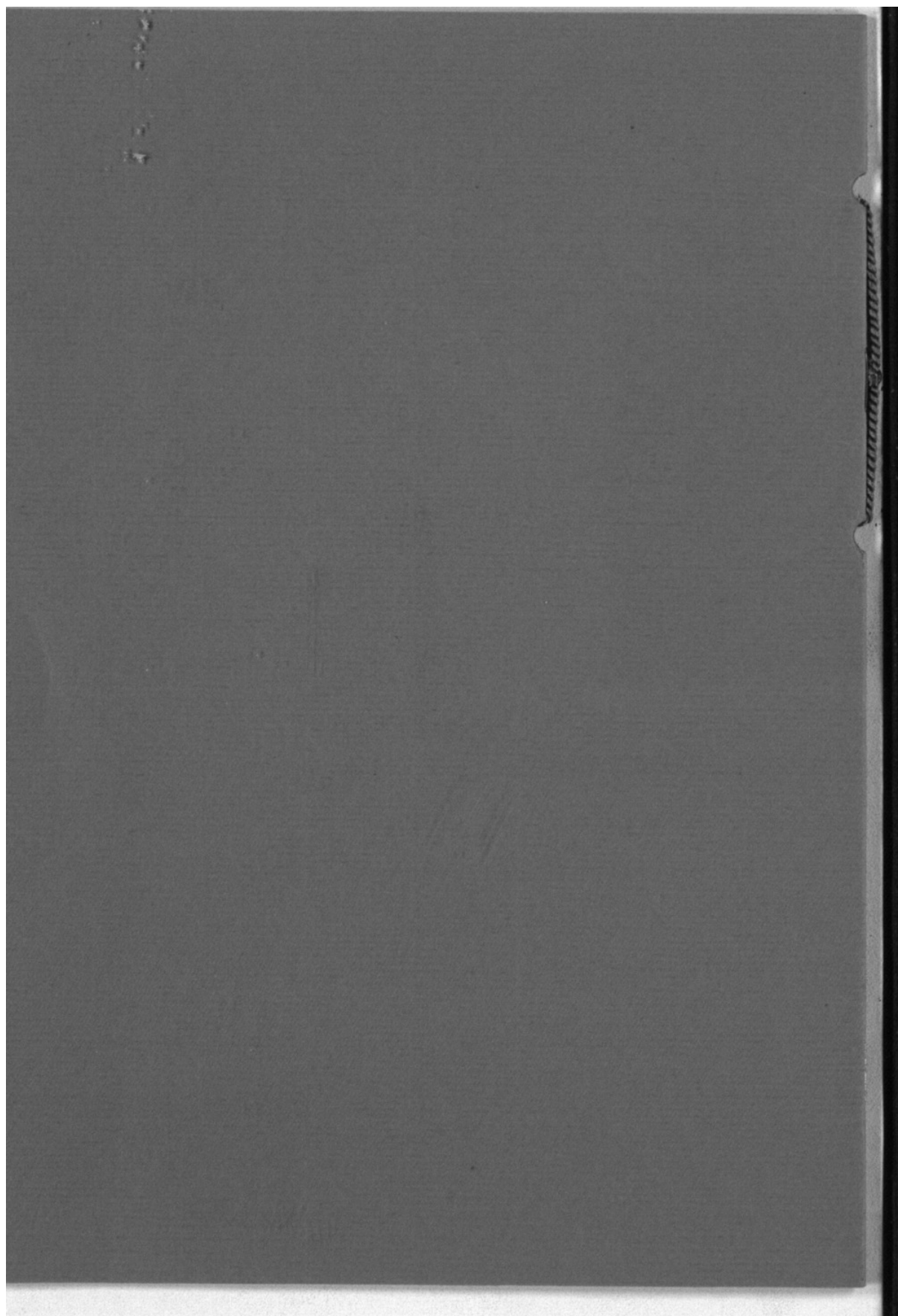
The vast silence, which broods over their fair domain, will not be broken. Whatever gifts the Hills will henceforth bestow upon mankind will be freely offered—with no haste and in timeless tranquility.

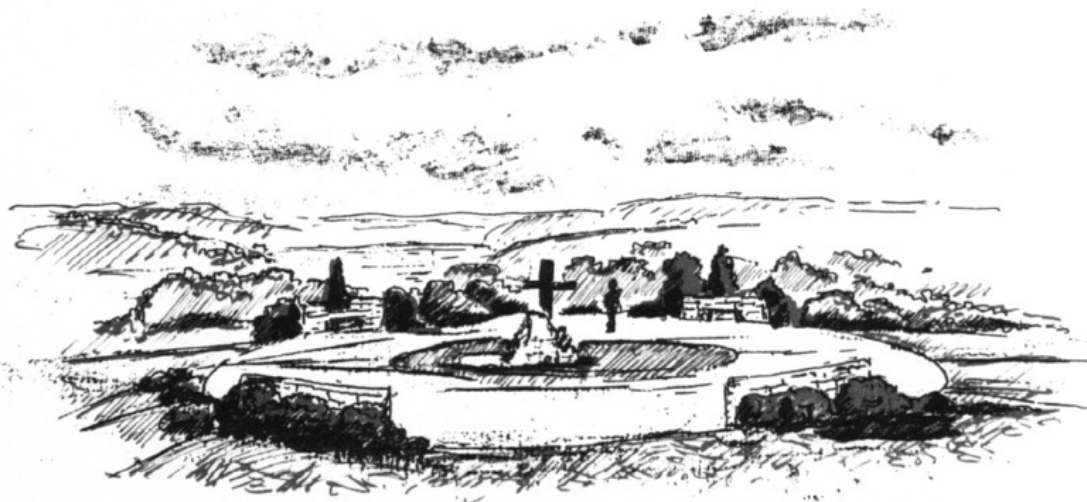
Such placid and eternal calm marks the Hills with its individual brush—and sets them apart in the category of wonder lands. Those who see and feel and embrace this remarkable composure will find themselves supremely blessed—for it bears a wealth of healing in its unruffled wings.

ROLLA A. CLYMER









VESPER LOOKOUT  
ROCK SPRINGS



### MASTER FARMER-HOMEMAKER MEMORIAL

At your meeting during State Fair last September, a committee was appointed to make suggestions for a memorial at Rock Springs Ranch.

The committee visited Rock Springs Ranch and considered a number of possible memorials. Among them were the construction of a permanent cottage, restoration of the original ranch house at the springs, reconstruction of an old-time country school house or church on the grounds, and an outdoor vesper center.

They recommend for your consideration the Vesper Center designed by Professor L. R. Quinlan of the College of Architecture and Landscape Design. It would occupy the top of the prominent hill about 300 yards west of the present Jellison Chapel on the ranch grounds. The hill commands an inspiring vista of the rolling Flint Hills and the beautiful Lyons Creek Valley. It conveys both the aura of majestic nature and the detachment of solitude so helpful to either individual or group meditation. It has an unobstructed view of the sunrises and sunsets for which the Flint Hills are so famous. It is a setting in which all might more easily feel the soothing hand of God.

The Vesper Center, itself, would be a simple circular slab of concrete or stone, fifty to seventy-five feet in diameter, inlaid with strips of redwood. The center ten feet of the circle would be open, planted to buffalo grass, and crowned with a simple rough-hewn limestone rock cluster and cross. At each point of the compass on the outer circle would be a short, low rock wall and bench backed with low growing shrubs. It can be constructed at a modest cost, well within the consideration of the Master Farmer-Farm Homemaker Organization.

Your committee, in recommending this memorial for your consideration, had foremost in mind the closeness of farm people to nature and to God. You, as individual Master Farmers and Farm Homemakers, have contributed great strength to the moral fibre of your generation of Kansans. The Vesper Center would help untold generations of future Kansas leaders make their proper contribution to this same moral fibre.

You will have an opportunity to consider this recommended memorial during the Master Farmer-Farm Homemaker business meeting and banquet, March 23. If you approve, plans will be made to raise the necessary funds.





### Master Farmer Committee for Rock Springs Ranch Project

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Junction City



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-- Leon R. Quinlan  
Prof. Emeritus  
Landscape Architecture  
Kansas State University

Note: Vesper Lookout was designed and named by  
Professor Quinlan

Appropriate music, from near the cross, will be  
conducive to meditation. Make arrangements  
with the director.





### 1,200 4-H youngsters enjoy annual Roundup

The Elgin National Watch Co., and the Pure Oil Co. were recognized for 15 years, and the Kansas City Board of Trade was honored for 30 years support of the 4-H club program.

A special citation was presented in absentia to Rolla Clymer, El Dorado newspaper publisher. Clymer has written material for a souvenir brochure on Rock Springs which will be available this summer.

Following the luncheon a panel discussion, "Our Richer Years—50 Plus," was moderated by E. H. Teagarden, Manhattan, historian of the Kansas Extension Service. The panel looked back on experience in 4-H. Panel members were Mrs. Carl Conger, Iola; Betty Lou Denton, home editor of *Kansas Farmer*; Walter Lewis, Larned; Arden Booth, Lawrence, and Henry S. Buzick, Jr., Sylvan Grove.

"4-H has changed to meet the times," one panel member said, "but we still have integrity, honor, hard work, and reward."

In a special service at Rock Springs later in the day a Vesper Lookout built by the Kansas Farmer—Master Farm Homemaker organizations, was dedicated.

This vesper center overlooking the grounds is a circular slab of concrete inlaid with strips of redwood. In the center are a simple, roughhewn limestone cluster and native wood cross. A short, low rock wall with a meditation bench sits at each of the four compass points on the outer circle.

The center was designed by L. R. Quinlan, professor of landscape architecture at K-State.

Speakers at the service were Clarence Lauer, Abilene, president of the Master Farmer Association; W. Dale Critser; Ralph Upham, Junction City, past president of the KMFA; Reverend James Hoover, St. John's Catholic Church, Beloit, and Mrs. Clarence Lauer, immediate past president of the Master Farm Homemaker Guild. She represented the group's president, Mrs. R. T. Tillotson, Shields, who was not able to attend.

Brief responses were given at the service by the State delegates to the National 4-H Conference—Rita Lilak, Wilson; Willa Novotny, Pratt; Lane Sunderland, Fairview and Richard Theurer, Wellington.

A barbecue was held in the evening for 1,600 persons, including all the 4-H club members.

The Roundup came to an ending on Thursday, June 5 with a final assembly. Prior to this, at an earlier assembly, the Kansas State University Distinguished Service Award in the field of Agriculture was given to Critser.

In presenting the honor, Dr. Glenn H. Beck, K-State's dean of agriculture, described him as "a person who has given leadership, motivation, and a friendly boost to the Kansas 4-H club program."

Critser is executive vice-president of the Fourth National Bank, Wichita.—Clyde Zimmerman.



IT'S COME and gone again, but not forgotten! You can be sure that the 1,200 4-H youngsters who came to the 40th annual Roundup at K-State last month went home with some memories that will stay with them.

As usual, the general atmosphere of the Roundup was informal and leisurely, but events started on time, and there were many serious moments.

In officially opening the Roundup, Dr. Harold E. Jones, director of the Kansas Extension Service, reviewed the contributions of the five men who have served as state 4-H club leaders and two pioneer Extension workers.

Jones summarized the accomplishments of Dr. Seaman Knapp, "Father of Extension work and the demonstration technique of teaching." John H. Miller, the first director of the Kansas Extension Service; and the following men who have served as state 4-H leaders in Kansas—Otis E. Hall, Ralph H. Morrish, Maynard H. Coe, J. Harold Johnson, and the present state club leader, Roger E. Regnier.

The theme of the 1964 program was directed toward the senior 4-H club members in Kansas. During 4 days on the K-State campus the youngsters had an opportunity to learn about each of 11 project areas. These areas, comprising the senior 4-H program, included citizenship, public speaking, career exploration, recreation, philosophy of living, leadership, and personal development.

One of the speakers during the week was Dr. Harvey Littrell, associate

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professor, education, at K-State. Littrell, in an assembly said:

"It is not important that you have arrived at a philosophy which leads to some definite goal, but rather that you are attempting to arrive at some sound conclusions as to the type of man or woman you want to be."

Midway in the proceedings the youth spent an afternoon at Rock Springs Ranch or visited tourist attractions at Abilene and Ft. Riley.

At Rock Springs some 200 friends of 4-H were welcomed by W. Dale Critser, Wichita, who is chairman of the Kansas 4-H Foundation board of trustees. Clifford Hope, Garden City, former Congressman from Kansas, presided at a luncheon for this group.

At the gathering 17 individuals, companies, and associations were honored for support of Kansas 4-H club work. Mrs. Olive Garvey, Wichita, also a member of the board of trustees, presented certificates of membership in the Foundation as follows:

For 5 years of support—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, Salina; Dale Apel, Chicago; Consumers Cooperative Association; Deere and Co.; James H. Houghton, Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morawitz, Wichita; Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.; Sperry and Hutchinson Co., and the Kansas Wheat Growers Association

For 10 years—Allied Chemical Corp., Arcadian Products Dept.; W. Dale Critser; Kansas Committee of Rural Electric Associations—Electric Suppliers of Kansas; Singer Sewing Machine Co., and the F. W. Woolworth Co.



Rock Springs 4-H Ranch Projects. Dedicated June 3, 1964.



Left to right: W. Dale Crister, Wichita; Alma and Clarence Lauer, Master Farmer-Homemaker members.





### Scenes from the 4-H roundup 1964



**FROM** this Vesper Lookout at Rock Springs Ranch there is a sweeping view of the natural beauty of the area. L. R. Quinlan, left, K-State professor of landscape architecture, designed the site as a vesper center.



**NEW** Vesper Lookout at Rock Springs was built by the Kansas Master Farmer Association and its auxiliary, the Kansas Master Farm Homemaker Guild. Among those participating in the dedication of the center were, left to right: Wilma Novomy, Pratt; Richard Theurer, Wellington; Lane Sunderland, Fairview; W. Dale Crister, Wichita; Rita Lilak, Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leuer, Abilene.



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### PROGRAM

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PRESIDENT, KANSAS STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Invocation . . . . . HARLAN DEAVER  
Chaplain, Master Farmer Association

Introduction of Guests . . . . . HAROLD E. JONES  
Secretary-Treasurer, Master Farmer Association

Music . . . . . GIRLS ENSEMBLE  
Kansas State University

"Our Promise for Tomorrow" . . . . . MRS. HAVEN SMITH  
Chairman, American Farm Bureau Women's Committee  
Chappell, Nebraska

Introduction of Class of 1964 . . . . . TOM J. GRIFFITH

Welcome to Class of 1964 . . . . . CLARENCE LAUER  
President, Master Farmer Association

MRS. R. J. TILLOTSON  
President, Master Farm Homemaker Guild



### MASTER FARMER-MASTER FARM HOMEMAKER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Kansas Master Farmer organization had its beginning in 1927 at about the same time the movement was getting under way in 28 other states and Canada. The Master Farm Homemaker Guild began a year later in 1928. The purpose of these projects was to give public recognition for excellence in farming, homemaking, farm living and rural citizenship.

The first 29 classes of Master Farmers (1927 through 1956) were selected under the sponsorship of the Kansas Farmer. During this time, 177 Master Farmers and 89 Master Farm Homemakers were honored. The late Senator Arthur Capper and his staff gave, through this program, another example of their devoted service to Kansas agriculture.

Beginning with the 1953 class, recognition has been given to Master Farm families (husband and wife teams) instead of separate individuals for Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers. At this time, Kansas State University, through the Division of Extension, assumed responsibility for handling the details of selecting Master Farm families. Provisions were made for selecting six families each year (two from each of the three Extension districts in the state). During 1956, the Kansas Extension Service was reorganized into five administrative districts. The number of Master Farm families recognized was reduced to five—one from each district.

In 1957, the Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers offered membership in their respective organizations to all spouses of members selected before 1953.

Since 1957, the Master Farmer-Master Farm Homemaker Recognition Program has been sponsored by the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Kansas Extension Service. During the seven years, 35 additional Master Farmers and 35 Master Farm Homemakers have been taken into the organization.

On June 3, 1964, the Master Farmer-Master Farm Homemaker Association dedicated a "Vesper Lookout" at Rock Springs Ranch. Establishment of this outdoor worship center represents a lasting contribution to the moral fibre of Kansas youth.

The job of selecting each class of Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers seems more difficult each year. The 1964 class was no exception.

Your fellow members of the Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers organization welcome you to their midst.