

Kansas Master Farm Homemakers

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Two disbound scrapbooks containing photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and pamphlets documenting the history of the Kansas Master Farm Homemakers and the Kansas Master Farmers.

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LeRoy and Winifred Evert Sherman County



The Everts are natives of Dodge County, Nebr. He started farming with his father near Ruleton in 1946. The couple was married in 1947 and moved to their present farmstead 10 miles southwest of Goodland in 1957.

They added to their holdings by buying and renting more land and today operate about 2,000 acres. Last year they had 450 acres wheat, 520 acres corn, 203 acres sugar beets and 140 acres milo.

The Everts put down their first irrigation well in 1963. Now they have eight wells and irrigate 1,074 acres. The Northwest Kansas Irrigation Demonstration Farm is located on their farm.

The Everts have incorporated their farm with an eye toward bringing their two sons into the business. To make the operation large enough for two more families, they are going into the hog business. This also will provide better utilization of their feed grain crops.

The Everts and several neighbors recently formed a corporation that will provide feeder pigs for each member's hog fattening unit. The couple recently added a 33,000 bushel oxygen-free grain storage unit. They plan to feed half their grain and sell the other half to other local feeders.

The Everts have three children. Karen has degrees in physical education from Fort Hays and special education from the University of Northern Colorado. She teaches severely handicapped children in Wichita. David has a degree in agriculture from K-State. He is farming with his father. Steve attends New Mexico State University on a football scholarship.

The Everts work as hard on community activities as they do on the farm. They are members of numerous Extension, church and farm organizations.

John and Bertha Hamon Jefferson County



John Hamon was a county agent for 12 years before he and Bertha started farming in 1946 on land owned by his grandfather. Their farm has grown from its original 140 acres to a 2,500-acre family farm corporation that includes their son and son-in-law.

The Hamons specialize in certified seed production. They also raise cash crops, have a large cow herd, and fatten their own calves for slaughter.

Hamon's interest in certified seed dates back to his days as county agent, when he developed an appreciation for the benefits of using high quality seed. Today the Hamons grow wheat, soybeans and oats for sale as certified seed. Corn and milo are sold as cash crops and fed in the beef cattle operation.

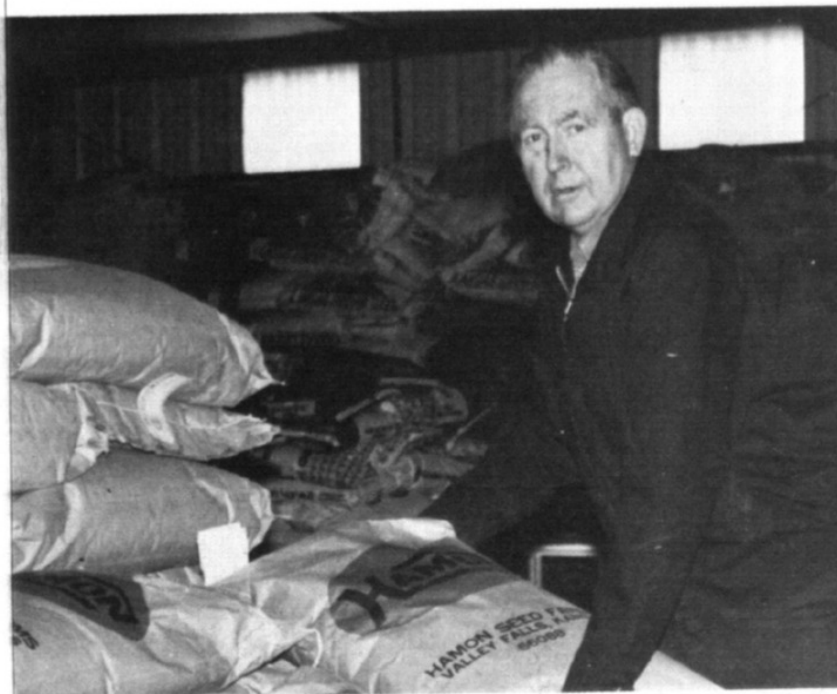
The farm corporation started out as a partnership between Hamon and his son, Charles, in 1961. The Hamons' son-in-law, Harvey Fasse, joined the operation in 1966. The partnership was reorganized in 1974 as Hamon Seed Farms, Inc., a family farm corporation.

The Hamons have received the Kansas Bankers Award for Soil Conservation. They spent two years in India where Hamon worked as a member of the Kansas State University staff in the Seed Improvement Program.

In their community, the Hamons have been active in school, youth and farm organizations.

Hamon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamon, were named Master Farmer and Master Farm Homemaker in 1936.

All three of the Hamons' children are K-State graduates. Marjorie (Mrs. Byron Warta) has two degrees in home economics. She is coordinator of Home Economics Programs at Hesston College and Bethel College. Charles has a B.S. in agronomy. He recently was elected president of the Kansas Board of Agriculture. Nancy Jo (Mrs. Harvey Fasse) has two degrees in home economics. She is a home economist with the Kansas Power & Light Co.



Bill and Rhoda McClintick Crawford County



Bill McClintick began farming in 1946 by renting 400 acres. Since then he and Rhoda have gradually acquired more land. They now own 480 acres and rent an additional 800. About 720 acres are in cropland and the rest is pasture.

The McClinticks raised wheat, corn and milo in the early days, plus a few milk cows for grocery money, as she puts it. They dropped the dairy cows in favor of beef cattle. Today they have a diversified cash crop operation and background and finish out about 300 steers a year.

Last year they had 285 acres soybeans, 220 acres milo, 135 acres wheat and 80 acres silage. They double-cropped soybeans and wheat three years out of the last four.

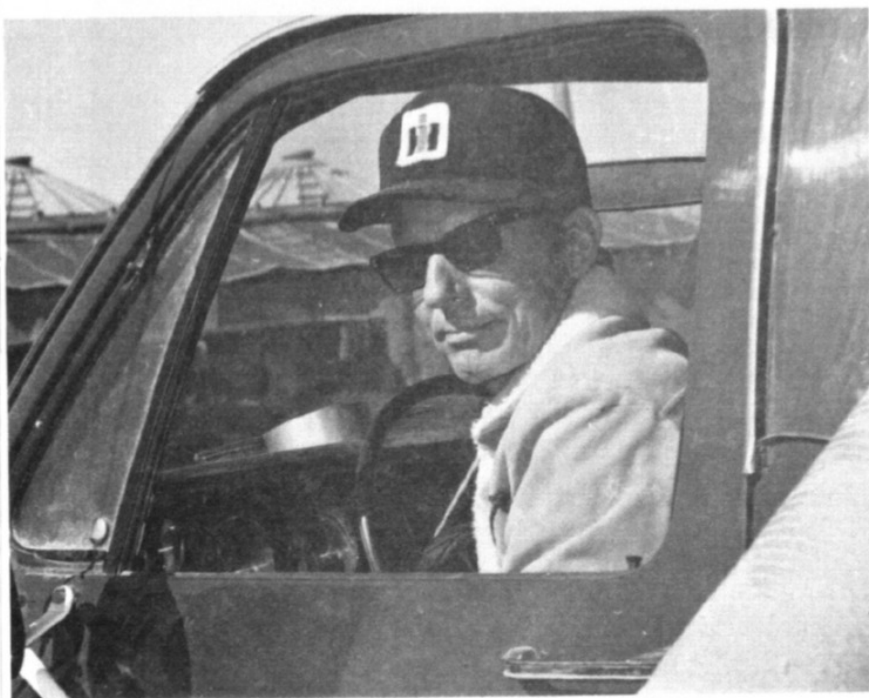
Corn and milo are stored on the farm and fed in the beef cattle operation. Wheat and soybeans go into commercial storage and are sold as cash crops throughout the year.

For many years the McClinticks over-seeded sweet clover into wheat to build up soil fertility, but ended that practice in later years when commercial fertilizer became available. Today they have their soil tested every three years as a basis for fertilizer application.

Soil conservation gets top billing on the McClintick farm. They have completed their Soil Conservation Plan and have terraces on about 350 acres. A number of farm ponds dot their pastures. These practices earned the Bankers Award for Soil Conservation for the McClinticks in 1961.

Always active in community affairs, the McClinticks are members of numerous church, youth, Extension and farm organizations.

Both their children were active in 4-H. John has two degrees from Pittsburg State. He is a superintendent with the Eby Construction Co. in Alexandria, La. Sharyl (Mrs. John Robertson) was a national 4-H winner. She and her husband live in Garland, Texas.



Wayne and Mildred Stoskopf Barton County



The Stoskopfs started out in the dairy business, but now specialize in cash crop and beef cattle production on their 960-acre farm two miles north of Hoisington. They own 800 acres and rent 160. About 660 acres are in cropland and the rest is pasture.

The couple was married in 1938 and took over his father's dairy operation. They sold the dairy in 1953 and shifted to wheat, milo and beef cattle production. Last year they had 410 acres wheat averaging 40 bushels, 100 acres milo averaging 40 bushels, plus smaller acreages of barley and alfalfa.

Their livestock operation centers on a summer grazing enterprise. They buy about 100 heifers each spring, summer them on buffalo grass, and place them in a feedlot for finishing.

The Stoskopfs have worked hard to conserve what they believe is their most valuable resource — their soil. They developed a soil conservation plan during the 1940s and started building waterways and terraces. Today their farm has more than 30 miles of terraces, 21 acres of waterways, and numerous farm ponds. They won the Bankers Award for Soil Conservation in 1951.

To improve the water supply for their farmstead and home, the Stoskopfs and eight other local families organized a rural water district in 1970. They have also been involved in numerous other community activities.

The Stoskopfs have three children. Lawrence has degrees in agronomy and agricultural economics from K-State and an M.D. from Kansas University. He is an anesthesiologist in Wichita. Mary Ann (Mrs. John Fetherston) has a B.S. in elementary education from K-State. She is a homemaker and substitute teacher in Great Bend. Dean, a junior in crop protection at K-State, plans to return to the farm after graduation.

Kansas Memory

Kansas Master Farm Homemakers



Carl and Olga Tucker Morton County



Carl Tucker started farming in 1946 by renting 80 acres from the Federal government under a program where land was leased to returning veterans. His first crop was broom corn. He fed the seed to 21 heifers purchased with money he saved while in the service.

Tucker rented another 80 acres the following year. He and Olga were married in 1948. They began purchasing land a few years later. Today they have a 2,100-acre cash crop and beef cattle unit.

The Tuckers feel their sandy soil is better suited to milo than wheat. "Milo yields better and we can plant it year after year without having to summer fallow," he says. Last year the Tuckers had 1,546 acres milo and 200 acres wheat.

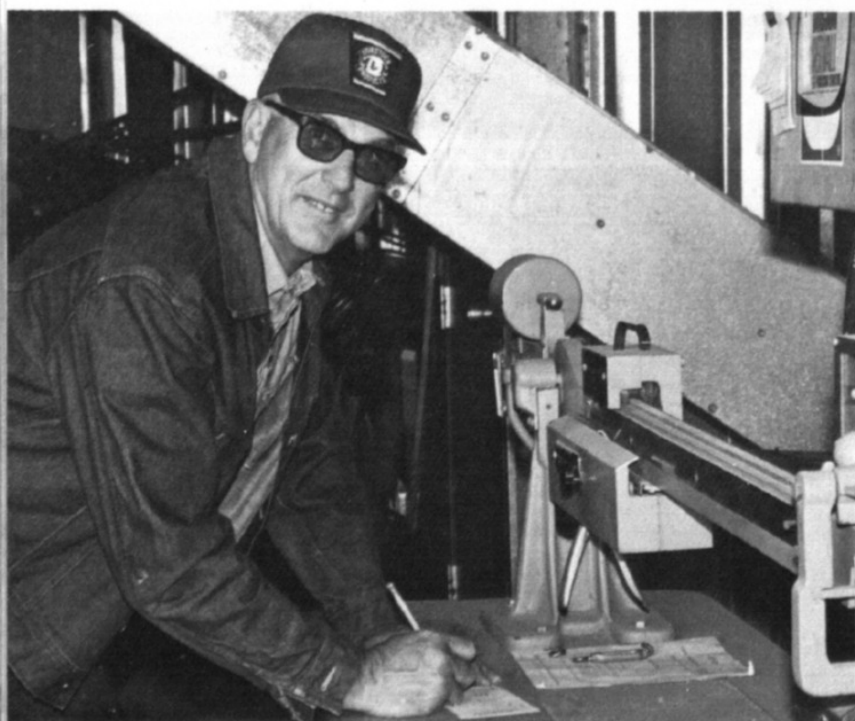
Marketing gets top priority on the Tucker farm. With 30,000 bushels of storage they can hold grain for sale throughout the year. "We watch the market and try to sell when prices are high," says Tucker, who believes this procedure helps him beat average prices most of the time. Much of the milo is sold to truckers who deliver to feedlots in the area.

The Tuckers have built up their cow herd over the years, and now have about 100 cows. Shorthorn-Hereford cross-bred cows are bred to registered Hereford bulls. Calves are backgrounded and sold as 700-pound feeders.

In addition to running their farm, the Tuckers take time to be active in school, youth and farm organizations.

The Tuckers have three daughters. Connie (Mrs. Robert Cantrell), a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma, is a homemaker in Ponca City, Okla. Bonnie, a K-State graduate, works for Shell Oil Co. in Houston, Texas. Diann is a junior in high school at Elkhart. She plans to attend K-State when she graduates.





Dale and Edith Werner Barber County



The Werners started farming in partnership with his father and brother on 800 acres in 1944. His father and brother eventually left the farm, and the Werners developed and expanded the operation into a highly productive dairy, wheat and beef cattle unit.

They own 440 acres and rent 610. About 700 acres are in cultivation and the rest is pasture. The cropping program includes 439 acres wheat, 93 acres alfalfa, 88 acres milo and 80 acres sudan.

The Werners sold cream from 15 to 20 dairy cows for several years, then shifted to Grade A production in 1948. They sold milk in 10-gallon cans before installing one of the first bulk tanks in the area in 1955.

Their big expansion came in 1962. They built a new all-electric, heated dairy barn with a herringbone walk-through parlor. In addition, they added a 500-gallon bulk tank and increased their herd to 60.

Today they have a 1,000-gallon bulk tank and their herd numbers 100 cows with about 80 in production. Their cows averaged about 14,000 lbs. milk and 500 lbs. butterfat last year.

The Werners have raised their own cows since 1950. They follow a strict culling program, adding about 25 helpers each year and culling the same number of older cows. They background the steers for sale at about 1,000 lbs. In addition, they buy and background about 350 calves a year.

The Werners have three children. Dalene, a K-State graduate, is coordinator for wage earning home economics at the Southwest Area Vocational Technical School in Dodge City. Wayne attended Fort Hays and is farming with his father. Daryl still lives at home with his parents.

In their community, the Werners have been active in school, youth and farm organizations.

Master Farmers and Farm Homemakers Class of 1974



Honored at the recognition banquet last year were (from left): Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Eatinger, Kearny County; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Van Horn, Rice County; Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Stroup, Linn County; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hinnergardt, Ness County; Mr. and Mrs. E. Joe Hanks, Lane County; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Germann, Geary County.



Salute to the Class of 1950 for 25 Years of Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Darnauer, Sherman County
Mr.* and Mrs.* George J. Fuhrman, Atchison County
Mr. and Mrs.* Carl L. Grimes, Osborne County
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence J. Hoover, Geary County
Mr.* and Mrs. Glen Paris, Lane County
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Tuttle, Grant County

* Deceased

Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers Classes of 1963-1974

1974

Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. EATINGER
Lakin, Kearny County
Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. GERMANN
Dwight, Geary County
Mr. and Mrs. E. Joe HANKS
Dighton, Lane County
Mr. and Mrs. Gus HINNERGARDT
Ransom, Ness County
Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. STROUP
Fontana, Linn County
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Van HORN
Lyons, Rice County

1973

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. HALL
Eureka, Greenwood County
Mr. and Mrs. Anson HORNING
Larned, Pawnee County
Mr. and Mrs. August A. NOLL
Winchester, Jefferson County
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley NUNEMAKER
Langdon, Reno County
Mr. and Mrs. Dale OSWALT
Little River, Rice County
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd N. WHITE
Colby, Thomas County

1972

Mr.* and Mrs. Carl A. DUELL
Goodland, Sherman County
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. JOHNSON
Larned, Pawnee County
Mr. and Mrs. Walter PORTER
Reading, Lyon County
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert W. REDDEN
Gypsum, Saline County
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan K. STRICKLER
Iola, Allen County
Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. ZWONITZER
Horton, Atchison County

1971

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton J. HOLSTE
Ludell, Rawlins County
Mr. and Mrs. Guy D. JOSSEAND
Dodge City, Ford County
Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. KELLY
Effingham, Atchison County
Mr. and Mrs. Bryce LAMB
Macksville, Stafford County
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. MATSON
Clifton, Washington County
Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. REINHARDT
Chanute, Neosho County



1970

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Earl Cudney
Trousdale, Edwards County
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Vesecky
Timken, Rush County
Mr. and Mrs. Robert William McCrory
Sterling, Rice County
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Konzem
Beloit, Mitchell County
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Bergsten
Blue Rapids, Riley County
Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Hibbard
Toronto, Greenwood County

1969

Mr. and Mrs. Seth E. Duell
Goodland, Sherman County
Mr. and Mrs. *Merwin E. Jones
Sterling, Reno County
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawson
Milford, Geary County
Mr. *and Mrs. Ruben A. Neher
Robinson, Brown County
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Strong
Moran, Allen County
Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Wells
Larned, Pawnee County

1968

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Goff
Manhattan, Riley County
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Hanson
Chanute, Neosho County
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hicks
Goodland, Sherman County
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mears
Beloit, Mitchell County
Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Miller
Mullinville, Edwards County
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Mustoe
Norton, Norton County

1967

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Ball
Sterling, Rice County
Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Caspar
Junction City, Geary County
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Delange
Girard, Crawford County
Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Eicher
Brewster, Thomas County
Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Ideker
Rozel, Pawnee County
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh White
Kingsdown, Ford County

1966

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Bryant
Dighton, Lane County
Mr. and Mrs. Dale S. Galle
Moundridge, McPherson County
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gfeller
Junction City, Geary County
Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Heinz
Claflin, Barton County
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Works
Humboldt, Allen County

1965

Mr. *and Mrs. *Raymond A. Boles
Liberal, Seward County
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. House
Goodland, Sherman County
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Rawlins
Holton, Jackson County
Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Teagarden
LaCygne, Linn County
Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Walker
Anthony, Harper County

1964

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Murrey
Conway, McPherson County
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ruhnke
Junction City, Geary County
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford C. Goodrich
Columbus, Cherokee County
Mr. *and Mrs. Burl D. Montgomery
McDonald, Rawlins County
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Thompson
Medicine Lodge, Barber County

1963

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Otte
Great Bend, Barton County
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Roepke
Manhattan, Riley County
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Carroll
Ransom, Trego County
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dickerson
Parsons, Labette County
Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Hildebrand
Fowler, Meade County

*Deceased



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1976
MASTER FARMER-HOMEMAKER BANQUET
President, Master Farmer Association
--Ralph Reinhardt
President, Master Farm Homemaker Guild
--Fern Gfeller

Class of 1975---
LeRoy and Winifred Evert
John and Bertha Hamon
Bill and Rhoda McClintick
Wayne and Mildred Stoskopf
Carl and Olga Tucker
Dale and Edith Werner

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A.C.W.W. President Honored At Meeting

Mrs. Nathan Carroll was one of the speakers on a program July 23 at the Canterbury Inn in Wichita honoring Mrs. Farquison of London, World President of the Associated Country Women of the World. A.C.W.W. is a voice for Rural Women over all the world with memberships in 70 countries.

This meeting was sponsored by the National Master Farm Homemakers with Kansas Master Farm Homemakers, Kansas Extension Homemakers and Kansas Farm Bureau Women acting as hosts. Women from Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas were present. The day's activities ended with a banquet in the evening. Mrs. Farquison is making a six-week tour of the United States and will be a featured speaker at the National Extension Homemakers Meeting in West Virginia in August. She stated that she was very much impressed with the people of Kansas, and found them to be very friendly and easy to get acquainted with.



Martha and Mervin Johnson
1976
Martha Johnson--Pres. 1959



National Master Farm Homemakers Guild meeting, Greenville, South Carolina, 1976.

Left to right:
1st row: Ray and Amy Tillotson, Hannah and John Stephenson;
2nd row: Twila Nunemaker, Jane Works, Martha and Mervin Johnson, Vi Carroll, Evelyn and Don Hildebrand, Alma and Clarence Lauer.

Master Farmers and Homemakers honored

By Bob Yoho

The farming elite of Kansas came to the State Fair Monday.

Described as pioneers in Kansas' burgeoning farming industry, which has made the state the breadbasket of the nation and the world, they are the state's Master Farmers and Homemakers. They were at the Fair for their annual meeting to elect new officers and announce the addition of six new families to their prestigious organization.

To be named a Master Farmer and Homemaker is a great honor according to Gary Vacin, Kansas State University Extension editor.

"We think of this as the most outstanding honor a family in Kansas can receive," Vacin said, adding that the farmers chosen were those who stuck with the business in good and bad times.

"They built a good farming operation and were still able to tell about it," he added.

Hubert Redden, Gypsum, elected chairman of Master Farmers Monday, said members of the group are "supposed to be top operators in various counties. To qualify they are involved in 4-H, church work, community activities and civic work."

Mrs. Harold Goff, Manhattan, was elected chairman of the Homemakers, the guild of the Master Farmers.

Vacin described how farmers and their wives are selected. About this time of year, he said, letters are sent to each county agent seeking nominations for six potential Master Farmers and Homemakers. Usually 30

nominations are received and one couple is selected from each of five districts. On a rotating basis, one district is able to have two such couples selected.

The nominated families are sent a detailed, 24-page, application form, which requires about an hour to fill out, Vacin said. Photos of the couples and maps of the farm are requested to be returned with the forms.

A committee of five judges reviews the applications; there are new judges each year. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the applications are carefully examined before the six winners are announced.

The newest Master Farmers and Homemakers were introduced Monday night at the group's annual dinner. They are Mr. and Mrs. Warren St. Pierre, Ames; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell L. Miller, Dwight; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. McReynolds, Woodston; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Houghton, Tipton; Mr.

and Mrs. Jack W. Grothosen, Ellsworth; and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coen, Elkhart.

Coen is vice president of the State Fair Board and a member of the Kansas Board of Agriculture.

Officers elected Monday were for Master Farmers, Ray Cudney, Haviland, vice chairman; Oscar Norby, KSU Manhattan, secretary-treasurer. Homemakers' officers were Mrs. Wesley Nunemaker, Langdon, vice chairman; and Mrs. Cudney, secretary-treasurer.

One of the major projects of the group is the refurbishing the ranchhouse of Rock Springs Ranch or State 4-H Center, near Junction City. Redden said three years ago, \$15,000 was pledged for the ranchhouse to restore it with furnishings and decor of 50 to 100 years ago. Such furnishings including wood stoves, he said, have been placed in the structure throughout the period.

Fair schedule

Wednesday

Morning

- 8:30 - 4-H horticulture judging contest
- 8:30 - Judging of Hampshire sheep
- 9 - 4-H dog show
- 9 - Judging of Appaloosa stallions and geldings

Afternoon

- Noon - Grandstand gate opens
- 1 - Judging of market barrows open class
- 1 - Judging of Suffolk sheep
- 1 - 4-H grain judging contest
- 1 - State Fair tractor pull
- 3 - State Fair barrow futurity class

Evening

- 4:30 - Grandstand gate opens
- 5:30 and 8 - Grandstand show - Crystal Gayle and Peace and Quiet plus Asleep at the Wheel

KSU Distinguished Award goes to woman for extension contributions

Gertrude Burtis Manhattan, received a Distinguished Award Oct. 27, at the annual Extension conference at Kansas State University.

Mrs. Burtis was cited for more than 50 years continued support to Kansas State University and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Most outstanding among her contributions is the part she played in initiating the idea which led to the building of Smurthwaite Scholarship House at Kansas State University for women of superior scholarship.

Mrs. Burtis was building committee chairman of the fund drive which raised more than \$150,000 from homemakers of Extension units in Kansas along with other funds, for the building of the house. It opened in 1961. She remains actively interested in Smurthwaite House serving as its scholarship committee chairman.

She was president of the Kansas Extension Homemakers Council from 1953 to 1955. She helped initiate the "Kansas Extension Homemakers News" in 1954 which serves more than 30,000 members. She has edited it since that time and is a regular contributor of articles.



Gertrude Burtis

Honored as a Master Farm Homemaker in 1936, Mrs. Burtis has served as president of that organization. In 1948 she was the first woman to serve as chairman of the State Board of Education. She was vice president of Country Women's Council from

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1961 to 1964.

Extension work for Mrs. Burtis began in 1921 when she helped organize two homemaker units in Chase county. She also helped organize a homemaker unit in Riley county. While she was chairman of the Riley County Extension Board, she helped plan Pottorf Hall in Cl-Co Park at Manhattan. Mrs. Burtis also was a 4-H leader for seven years.

Her concern for those persons in her community who were not capable of providing themselves with adequate nutrition on a daily basis led to the initiation of the Manhattan Meals On Wheels. Mrs. Burtis organized a system of preparation of meals for disabled and aged.

She also has assumed other leadership roles as president of the Manhattan League of Women Voters, president of the Riley County Republican Women's Club, president of Soroptimists, superintendent of her church at Ashland, and is a member of Farm Bureau, Cow Belles, and Associated Country Women of the World. She is an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, education group, and was honored for community work by Theta Sigma Phi, journalism organization.

Mrs. Burtis attended Kansas State University and her husband, Orville, a rancher, is a 1916 KSU graduate and a former county Extension agricultural agent. Their two daughters and one son are KSU graduates.

To Carmen Romero B
"Florence McKinney Scholarship"

1966 - 50.00

1967 - 50.00

10.00 from F. Mc L. H.

1968 - 100.00 (50.00 sewing machine)

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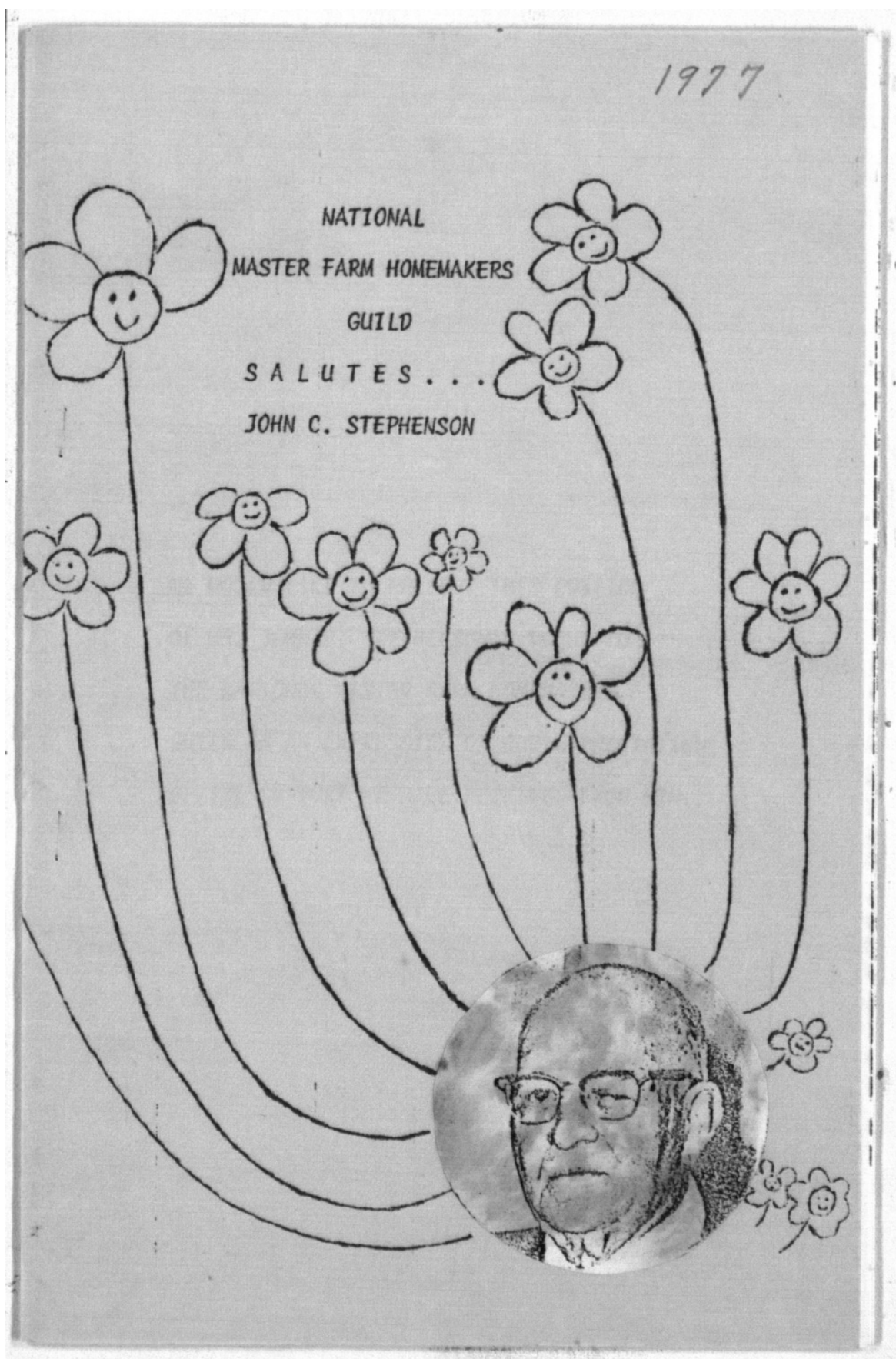
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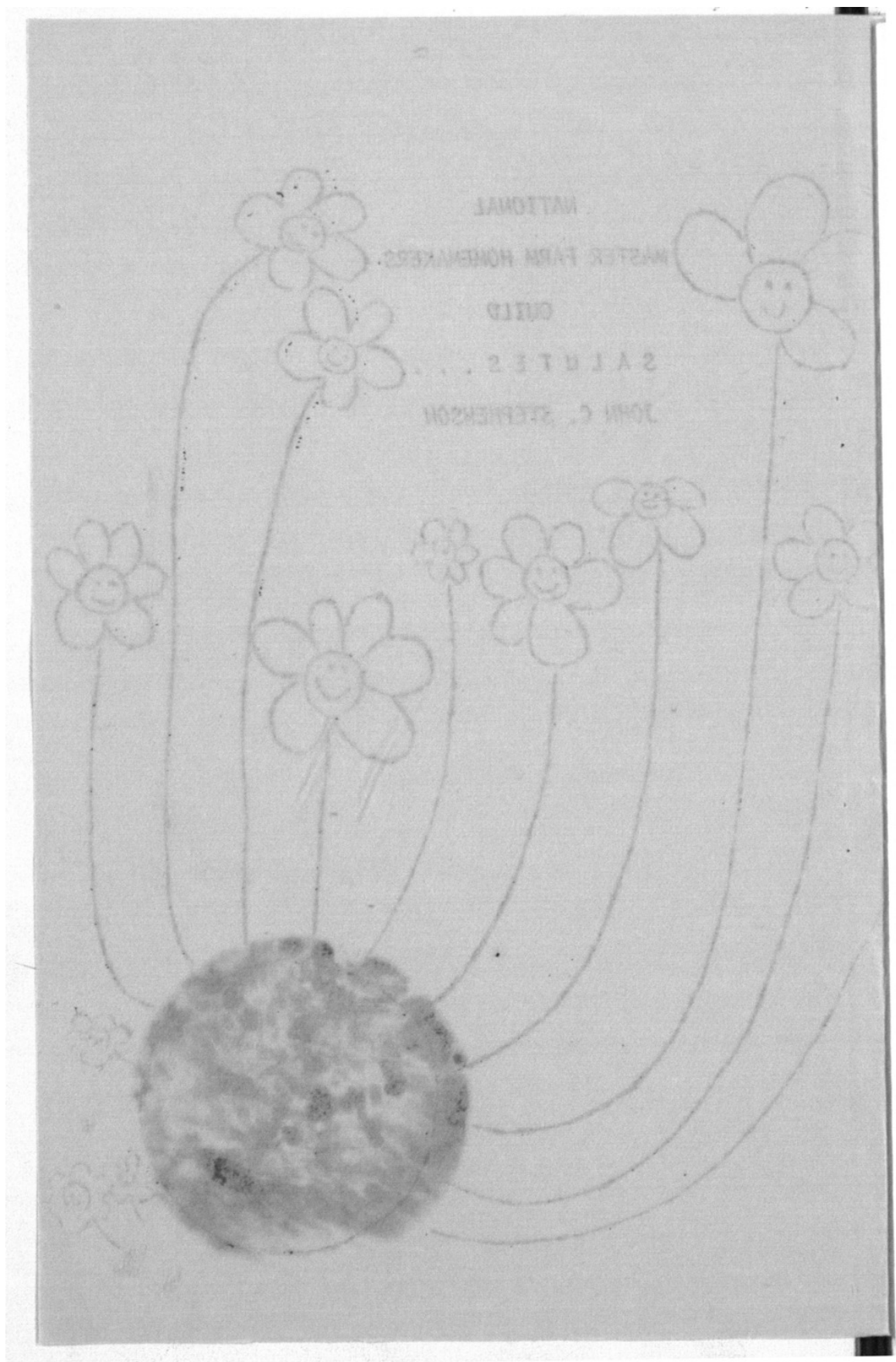


Officers of the Master Farm Homemakers' National guild, which met Monday through Wednesday at the Hilton Inn are (from left): Mrs. Merl Masteller, Selby, S. D., new vice-president; Mrs. Nathan Carroll, Ransom, Kas., outgoing vice-president and acting president;

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Aiken, S. C., incoming secretary; Mrs. Wilmer Smith, Wilson, Tex., outgoing secretary, and Mrs. James R. Wallace, Princeton, Ky., treasurer. They are examining table decorations of Kansas wheat. (Journal Photo)

1975 Convention in Salina







WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THIS EDITION
OF MR. JOHN C. STEPHENSON'S POEMS TO
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NATIONAL MASTER FARM HOMEMAKERS GUILD SONG

Tune: The Kingdom Coming

From all of the places
That our Guild embraces
Farm women have made a good try
To seek relaxation,
A well earned vacation
Come over and join us they cry.

CHORUS

A great day is coming
Oh, tell ye the story
M.F.H. exalted shall be.
The earth shall be full
Of their doings and glory
As waters that cover the sea.

II

We use our best graces
To help other races
Obtain living standards like ours.
We accept as our creed
To give aid where there's need,
Our services free as the flowers.

Written for and adopted by the National Master
Farm Homemakers Guild as their National song.



Six years ago we had the privilege
To visit your historic state
And at your meeting in Charleston
Revealed how in any book you rate.
Every member of your Guild
Extended us a welcome at the door.
But a lovely Southern couple
Seemed to greet us even more.
Traditional Southern hospitality
Was really at its very best;
But Carlyle and Neva Goodman
If possible, excelled the rest.
Our chances of seeing Ft. Sumpter
Would have been extremely slim
If Carlyle hadn't chartered a boat
And taken us out with him.
It was a serious blow to Neva
When Carlyle had to pass away.
But she was ever loyal to the Guild
And attended sessions anyway.
We last saw her in Salina, Kansas.
Her heart slightly caused a scare.
But we never once had a thought
That we would find here, her empty chair.
Knowing both was such a pleasure
And we really loved them much.
We miss them at this meeting
But we still can feel their touch.
In a fairer land we're sure they are
Awaiting other friends to greet.
We know we'll recognize this pair
If we are fortunate enough to meet.
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 18-20, 1976



We are happy that you came to Kansas
When we have this lovely harvest moon;
But we regret so very much
You will be leaving us this afternoon.
You may feel you've known us very long
But we ask you please don't get us wrong
For we Kansans never boast
But with other states we simply string along.
We raise a few Angus cows and hogs
We grow a little corn and lots of wheat
And we also have a goodly surplus
For those less fortunate to eat.
There are probably no conventions
Where folks can have a better time
Than the Master Farm Homemakers
And their husbands so sublime.
If you all keep right on coming
To the shindig I've related
It will not be so many years
Till you are fully acclimate.

SALINA, KANSAS OCTOBER 22, 1975

A HAT RACK

Should you ask me I would tell you
Yes, most gladly I'd inform you
Of the uses and abuses
Of the thing that's now before you.
By careful search and research
In the books where such are found
I am well prepared to tell you
All the facts that there abound.
But to be a bit explicit
I will have to tell you kid,
'Bout the only thing it's good for
Is a place to park your lid.





Your frosted corn and beans
Aren't usual but rather an exception.
Your hearts are really on the right side
Demonstrated by the pool side reception.
The scarlet ladies truly were a treat.
Their monkey shines and singing hard to beat;
And what a lovely sight to see
The punch and all you had to eat.
We apologize for the pollution in the pool
It was illegal sans a swimming suit.
The rescue by those brave men
Was really something cute.

BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA 1974

Some members of your Guild may be expecting
A word of appreciation from the men.
If so, permit me then to read these words
I've feebly scribbled with my pen.
You have the Rocky Mountains in your midst
The reigning Miss America as your queen.
Congratulations from your neighbors on the East
Hats off to you and Nancy Annie King.
Now if you have a sweet tooth
That's waiting to be filled
The candy and cooky girls of Colorado
Are sure super dooper in their field.
We have enjoyed your hospitality and food;
Your entertainment and so many other things.
We would sure regret should we forget
Our happy days with you at Colorado Springs.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO OCTOBER 1973



Some cowboys ride horses
Some cowboys learn to cook
But the cowboys at Flying W
Are rated highest in my book.

The songs that mention meadows
And the songs that tell of sage
Are loved by both young and old
In fact by most at any age.

I wouldn't infer and I surely don't mean
That there's anything wrong with barbecued
beans
Although I did have labor like pains
I was most distressed by the forecast of rain

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO OCTOBER 1973

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We love your lovely bluegrass
And your beautiful green trees,
We adore your bright white fences
Your woods are full of these.

Your table looked so pretty
With Man O' War upon the cake
And just to think you did it
Alone just for our sake.

Your bouquets were very lovely
But they soon fade away.
Your kind acts and hospitality
Will remain day after day.

But most of all we're happy
For your pleasant gracious smile
We know we will remember you
For the longest, longest while.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY OCTOBER 1972



Of the bluegrass state of Kentucky
Once a lady said to me,
"Beautiful are the horses and fast the women be"
Of the horses only do I really agree.

Your fields of rich tobacco
Keep the farmers from going broke;
While the weed back out in Kansas
Is going up in smoke.

We would trade our yellow sunflowers
The prettiest ever seen
For your fields of lovely bluegrass
Had we rains to keep it green.

For extending hospitality
You are surely number one;
And I know each one of us
Was mighty pleased to get to come.

Now you all come out to Kansas
"When the snow is on the roses"
And we'll tell you of the riches
That beneath the drifts reposes.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY OCTOBER 1972

And now that you are President
Of this most illustrious Guild
May you use your gavel wisely
And continually strive to build.

May there always be loyal members
When an office needs be filled
And may new ones keep on coming
So there will always be a Guild.

IOWA --- Installation of Carolyn Ingels
1971

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY OCTOBER 1972



HATS OFF

The good book says that when in church
A girl's head should be covered.
Forgive them, Lord, for what they've worn
Since the day of Mother Hubbard.

Some hats are quite becoming
But most of them were dillies.
The ones they wore in days of yore
Today would look most silly.

Once hats appeared through out the year
In natural living color,
Adorned in plumes of every hue
From ostriches TO PLOVER.

The hat pin was a useful tool
To hold hats on one's head
And many men were stuck with them
But few were punctured dead.

There were hats to keep one warm
Other hats would shade the sun;
But there never was a single hat
That suited everyone.

In the good old days, there was a thing
Uppermost in every woman's mind
To buy the only hat in town
That others couldn't find.

How lucky are the husbands now
The hat wearing art was lost,
For who could stand the great expense
That the wife's hat now would cost.

Alas, my friend, don't gamble on the fashion
You cannot win for losing.
Your wife will spend a greater sum
For the hairdo of her choosing.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA OCTOBER 5, 1971



There are bells that call the farmer
To a most delicious dinner.
There are bells in every church
Calling in the meanest sinner.

There was music in the sheep bells
As they grazed the hills and dells
Long live that group of women
That call themselves cowbells.

There are bells in many homes
That announce a pleasant caller
There are bells that're very large
But there are many more that's smaller.

There are bells that make you sad.
There are bells that make you gay.
There were bells upon the trolley
There were bells upon the sleigh.

There were bells that make sweet music
And there are bells that only peal;
But the bells were most delightful
Played by the girls of Richard Veale.

After Concert on the Bells at Reception
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 14, 1970

CONSERVATION

Little streams of water
Flowing down a hill
Makes an ugly gully
That is hard to fill.

List upon the contour
Terrace on the slope
Then ask your County Agent
For some "Conservation Dope."