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## LAWRENCE, KANSAS

November 25, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director of  
Physical Education & Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Re: 4-H Club and Vocational Agricultural  
Achievement Banquet, Hotel Eldridge  
Friday, November 29th, 6:30 P.M.  
Subject: Achievement

Dear Doctor Allen:-

For your information I have made the following inquiry:

The 4-H Club idea was begun in Douglas County in 1924. Soon after that the Douglas County Bankers Ass'n. recognized the value of 4-H Club work, giving an achievement banquet to all youngsters who had completed their project. This has been repeated from year to year by the Association and this year the 13th annual banquet is being given. There are eleven clubs in the county with a total of 291 members. The clubs are under the auspices of the following people:

Deal Six, County Farm Agent, who came here in 1935  
Vera Morgan, Home Demonstration Agent, who came here Nov. 1, 1940  
Irene Slavens, Office secretary, employed since Jan. 1, 1940

The clubs are under the direct supervision of boys' leaders and girls' leaders and in some cases community leaders who live in the community where each club is located. These leaders are very often home boys and girls who graduated from 4-H Clubs themselves. In other cases they are men and women who are willing to sacrifice of their time in order to aid in the work. The age limit for membership is from 10 to 20 years of age. The projects are in livestock, dairy and beef calves, swine, sheep and poultry. In crops we find wheat, corn, oats, sorghum, potatoes, tomatoes and general garden. Many clubs have food projects in the preparation and preservation of fruit and vegetables. In clothing the girls learn how to create an attractive ensemble at a very low cost. Room improvement and house keeping are also taught to the girls. In the spring of each year they have what they call a County Festival. At that time the clubs compete in conducting a meeting. Each officer observes parliamentary rules, becomes very efficient in his position and motions from the floor must be in order before being recognized by the Chair. Usually a 1-Act play is given; chorus and instrumental music is demonstrated with a short period for recreation. I have been asked to be a judge at some of these contests and they are very interesting to witness.