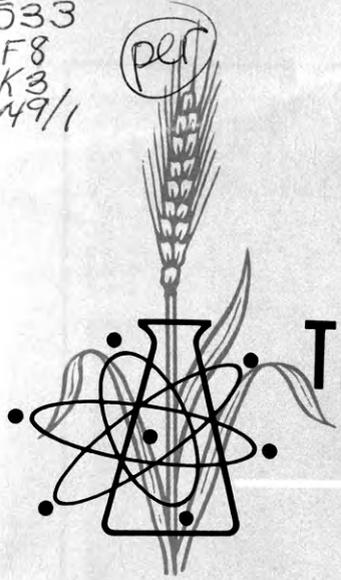


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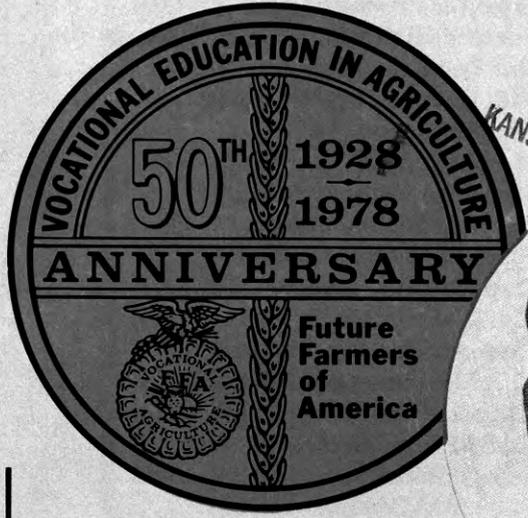


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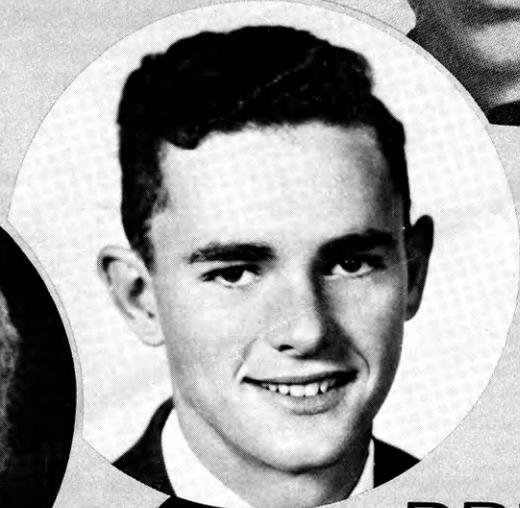
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**ABOUT THE COVER**

Kansas has a unique situation in that Boyd Waite, the first FFA President of Kansas, is the Grandfather of this year's sentinel, Mona Rusk. Furthermore, Bill James, State FFA President at the 25th Convention, is the father of Dee James who will preside at this year's 50th Convention.

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**NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER**

The Kansas FFA and The Kansas Young Farmer and Farm Wives Office new phone number is 913-532-6424. This should be a permanent phone number. Any other numbers you may have, disregard them and use the new number.

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# From the PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dee James

On behalf of your state officer team, I heartily extend to you a personal invitation to attend the 50th State Convention, May 31-June 2, on the campus of Kansas State University. Our Golden Anniversary celebration is one which I'm sure you will want to be a part of.

This year the convention, as in the past, will be highlighted by award presentations, speakers, and a special session on Kansas FFA at 50, just to name a few.

It is my personal wish that you bring to your convention an attitude of responsibility and respect. This convention marks an end . . . and at the same time . . . a new beginning. I hope from your experiences at the convention that you will leave with a feeling of confidence and commitment to our organization.

Kansas FFA at 50 has a golden past indeed, and because of your work and support, Kansas FFA will have a brighter future! I'll see you in Manhattan!

## Selected Highlights 1929-1978 Kansas Association of FFA

- 1917 Smith — Hughes National-Vocational Act provides for Vo-Ag
- 1926 American Royal Livestock and Horse Show invited Vo-Ag students to K.C. Missouri to participate in National Livestock Judging Contests.
- 1928 Future Farmers of America established in Kansas City, Missouri.
- 1929 Kansas Association chartered (September 3).
- 1929 1st publication of Future Farmers of Kansas Magazine (May).
- 1929 1st FFA Day at State Fair
- 1929 1st State President — Boyd White (Winfield)
- 1929 1st American Farmer from Kansas — Boyd Waite (Winfield)
- 1929 1st National Officer from Kansas — Boyd Waite (Winfield)
- 1929 1st Star Farmer of Kansas — Boyd Waite (Winfield)
- 1930 Official colors adopted
- 1931 Kansas Membership Broke 1,000
- 1932 2nd National Officer from Kansas — Leo Paulsen (Concordia)
- 1933 FFA Jacket Developed
- 1934 100th Chapter chartered in Kansas — Oskaloosa
- 1935 1st Star American Farmer from Kansas — Paul Leck (Washington)
- 1935 Shawnee Mission declared Best Chapter in National Chapter Contest
- 1938 3rd National Officer from Kansas — Albert Coates (Shawnee Mission)
- 1938 Solomon FFA Dinner Orchestra Performs at National Convention Banquet
- 1942 1st National Public Speaking Winner from Kansas — Kenneth Engle (Abilene)
- 1942 4th National Officer from Kansas — George Stelter (Abilene)
- 1944 National FFA Foundation Started
- 1946 2nd National Public Speaking Winner from Kansas — Marshall Shirer (Newton)
- 1947 National Supply Service Started
- 1949 200th Chapter Chartered in Kansas — St. Mary's
- 1950 Congress passes Public Law 740 — FFA's Federal Chapter
- 1957 2nd Star Farmer of America from Kansas — Jim Jarnigan (Jetmore)
- 1965 5th National Officer from Kansas — Joe Detrixhe (Concordia)
- 1965 NFA and FFA were Merged
- 1969 Girls admitted to membership
- 1970 BOAC Program Started
- 1971 FFA Alumni Started — Kansas 1st Chapter
- 1973 6th National Officer from Kansas — Mark Mayfield (Caney)
- 1975 7th National Officer from Kansas — Ron Wilson (Manhattan)
- 1975 3rd Star Farmer of America from Kansas — Dan Worcester (Hill City)
- 1976 8th National Officer from Kansas — Sam Brownback (Prairie View)
- 1977 3rd National Public Speaking Winner from Kansas — Dee James (Clay Center)
- 1977 300th Chapter chartered in Kansas — Kaw Valley (Rossville)
- 1978 Celebration of 50th Anniversary of FFA in Kansas

# Our Past 50 YEARS As Your Editor Sees It

According to the "History of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America (1929-1943)" compiled by A.P. Davidson, Executive Advisor of the Kansas FFA, the Kansas Association of FFA was organized in April 1929 and a national chapter was granted the State Association September 3, 1929. The charter was signed by Leslie Applegate, President and by Henry C. Groseclose, Executive Secretary. Kansas was the sixteenth state chartered.

Friday afternoon, April 12, 1929, forty-two delegates from 21 schools — apparently in connection with the State High School Agricultural Judging Contest met in Education Hall, Kansas State College, (now called Holton Hall) for the purpose of effecting a state organization of Future Farmers of America. The records show that the new organization was to be named "Future Farmers of Kansas!"

During the first convention the following were elected to serve as the first set of State FFA officers: Boyd Waite, president, Winfield; Elwyn Puefner, vice president, Abilene; Leo Koff, secretary-treasurer, Carbondale; W.E. Grimes, advisor, Kansas State College.

The first publication concerning the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was issued in May 1929 under the title of "Future Farmers of Kansas." In the first issue of the newsletter, designated as Volume I, No. I, the story captioned, "The FFK Boys in Hutchinson" gave us valuable information. Monday, September 16, was set aside "for the first Fair day program in Kansas under the supervision of the Future Farmers of Kansas." The schedule included a farm machinery tour, a judging demonstration at 6:00 p.m. A

meeting was scheduled to be held "at Liberty Junior High School for State Farmer degree services. Memory has it, that the Liberty Junior High School was not located and the first group of 11 State Farmers were elected in front of the grandstand immediately following the afternoon performance. They were: Phillip Ljungdahl, Manhattan; Robert Paige, Manhattan; Boyd Waite, Winfield; Donald Curfman, Winfield; Leo Koff, Carbondale; Irwin Hansen, Carbondale; Gilbert Finlay, Carbondale; Edward Cooper, Carbonale; Elwyn Ruefner, Abilene; Calvin Darnberger, Abilene; and Everett Linvingood, Abilene.

The records of the state office show that twelve local departments were chartered as of August 7, 1929. These twelve chapters, with chapter president and instructor follow:

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
Abilene . . . . .	Carl Buhler . . . . .	Fred D. Allison
Alma . . . . .	Roy Watkins . . . . .	W. F. Hearst
Beloit . . . . .	Morris C. Humes . . . . .	R. W. McBurney
Carbondale . . . . .	Leo Kaff . . . . .	E. I. Chilcott
Chanute . . . . .	Richard Hablitz . . . . .	W. R. Harder
Garden City . . . . .	Elvin Murphy . . . . .	J. D. Adams
Kingman . . . . .	Lawrence Bloesser . . . . .	Wm. H. Teas
Mankato . . . . .	Belmont Dykes . . . . .	L. R. Alt
Mound City . . . . .	Paul Schmidt . . . . .	Fred Rees
Parsons . . . . .	Glen Wright . . . . .	L. N. Jewett
Washington . . . . .	Jack Evans . . . . .	H. H. Brown
Winfield . . . . .	Garland Johnson . . . . .	John Lowe and Ira Plank

## 50th Convention Highlights McCain Auditorium May 31 - June 2, 1978

### WEDNESDAY, May 31

8:00 a.m.	Public Speaking Contest
	Parliamentary Procedure Judges Meet
9:00 a.m.	State Officer Nominating Committee Meeting
	Greenhand Creed Contest
	Parliamentary Procedure State Contests
10:00 a.m.	State Officer Interviews
11:30 a.m.	State Officer Candidate Mixer
12:00 noon	State Officer Candidate Luncheon
1:30 p.m.	State Officer Interviews
4-6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration
6:15 p.m.	KVATA District Meetings
6:30 p.m.	Convention Delegate Orientation
7:00 p.m.	Delegate Committee Meetings
9:30 p.m.	Vespers

### THURSDAY, June 1

7:00 a.m.	Delegate/Advisor Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	FIRST SESSION
	Posting of Colors
	Invocation
	Welcome

12 noon

1:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Chapters
Special Introductions
Convention Tips
Approval of 49th Convention Minutes
Livestock Conservation Awards
Wildlife Damage Control Award
Parliamentary Procedure Finals
Chapter Reporter Award
High Plains Journal Award
Membership Achievement Award
Retiring Address — Terry Nelson
Sweetheart Luncheon
Alumni Luncheon and Annual Meeting
SECOND SESSION
Greetings from District Sweethearts
State Sweetheart Report
Retiring Address — Ron Ditmars
Parliamentary Procedure Awards
Delegate Committee Reports
Nominating Committee Reports
Election of 1978-79 State Officers
Honorary State Farmer Pictues
Honorary State Farmer Banquet
Farm Bureau Banquet
THIRD SESSION
Address by Peg Armstrong
Honorary State Farmer Ceremony

In numbering the chartered chapters in Kansas the twelve departments chartered simultaneously on August 7, 1929, have been designated as number "1-12." A list of all of the chapters and when they were chartered follows:

Year Chartered	No. of Charter	Name of Chapter
1929	1-12*	Abilene
1929	1-12*	Alma
1929	1-12*	Beloit
1929	1-12*	Carbondale§
1929	1-12*	Chanute
1929	1-12*	Garden City
1929	1-12*	Kingman
1929	1-12*	Mankato
1929	1-12*	Mound City§
1929	1-12*	Parsons
1929	1-12*	Washington
1929	1-12*	Winfield
1929	13	Manhattan
1929	14	Greensburg§
1929	15	Atwood
1929	16	Marysville
1929	17	Mullinville
1929	18	Shawnee Mission
1929	20	Auburn§
1929	19	Wellsville
1929	21	Coldwater
1929	22	Ottawa
1930	23	Wamego
1930	24	Frankfort
1930	25	Augusta
1930	26	Bird City
1930	27	Hocomb
1930	28	Westmoreland
1930	29	Bonner Springs
1930	30	Chapman
1930	31	Berryton
1930	32	Concordia
1930	33	Harper
1930	34	Hoyt
1930	35	Fairview
1930	36	Miltonvale
1930	37	Pratt
1930	38	Reading§
1930	39	Arkansas City
1930	40	McDonald
1930	41	St. Francis
1930	42	Colby
1930	43	Attica
1930	44	Hill City
1930	45	Morrowville
1930	46	Norton
1930	47	Lebanon
1930	48	Medicine Lodge
1930	49	Ramona§
1930	50	Linn
1931	51	St. George
1931	52	Cottonwood Falls
1931	53	Solomon
1931	54	Alton
1931	55	Waterville
1931	56	Clay Center
1931	57	Burlington
1931	58	Blue Rapids§
1931	59	Protection§
1931	60	Norcatar
1931	61	Macksville§
1931	62	Washburn, Topeka
1931	63	Howard
1931	64	Goodland
1931	65	Lawrence
1931	66	Wakeeney
1931	67	Ford
1931	68	Tonganoxie
1931	69	Williamsburg
1931	70	Seaman, N. Topeka
1931	71	Powhattan
1931	72	Oberlin
1931	73	Ellis
1932	74	Rolla§
1932	75	Pleasanton§
1932	76	Meridan
1932	77	Scott City§
1932	78	Bazine
1932	79	Mulvane
1932	80	Paxioc§
1932	81	Kiowa
1932	82	Stafford
1932	83	Delphos§
1932	84	Saffordville§
1932	85	Gasco
1932	86	Americus§
1932	87	Lincoln§
1932	88	Havensville§
1932	89	Spearville
1932	90	Haddam
1932	91	Smith Center
1933	92	Quinter
1933	92	Silver Lake
1933	94	South Haven§
1933	95	Argonia§
1934	96	Wakefield
1934	97	Coates§
1934	98	Altamont
1934	99	Effingham
1934	100	Oskaloosa§
1935	101	Newton
1935	102	Parker
1935	103	Columbus
1935	104	Tampa§
1935	105	Beverly
1935	106	Vinland§
1935	107	Moundridge
1935	108	Brewster§
1935	109	Fredonia
1935	110	Hope
1936	111	Downs
1936	112	Osborne
1936	113	Highland Park
1936	114	Sabetha
1936	115	Belleville
1936	116	Olathe
1936	117	Webster§
1936	118	Mayetta§
1936	119	Neodesha
1936	120	Council Grove
1936	121	Grinnell§
1936	122	Simpson
1936	123	LeRoy§
1936	124	LaCygne
1936	125	Norwich§
1936	126	Byers§
1936	127	Harveyville
1937	128	Iola
1937	129	Holton
1937	130	Valley Falls
1937	131	Gardner§
1937	132	ElDorado
1937	133	Hoxie

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Alumni Report and Awards  
 State Farmer/Star Agribusiness Ceremony  
 Star Agribusiness Slides  
 Seven Stars Over Kansas

**FRIDAY, June 2**

8:00 a.m. **FOURTH SESSION**  
 Retiring Address — Pat Wiederholt  
 Grass and Grain Record Keeping Awards  
 American Institute of Cooperation  
 Scholarships  
 International Recognition  
 Vocational Education State Officers  
 FHA, DECA, OEA, VICA  
 Public Speaking Finals  
 State Contest Winners  
 State Chapter Awards Ceremony  
 Announcement of Top Nine Chapters  
 Retiring Address — C.J. Rieman  
 Sponsors' Luncheon  
 12:00 noon **FIFTH SESSION**  
 1:30 p.m. Golden Anniversary Tribute  
 How the FFA Has Changed — Boyd Waite  
 Ceremonies Honoring Parents & Advisors  
 of State Officers  
 Creed Speaking Awards  
 Foundation Proficiency Awards

Santa Fe Scholarships  
 Roy Freeland Scholarship  
 Union Pacific Scholarship Recognition  
 Safety Awards  
 Distinguished Service Awards  
 Retiring Address — Mona Rusk  
 State Farmer Picture  
 State Farmer Reception  
 Past State FFA Officer Banquet  
**SIXTH SESSION**  
 American Farmer Recognition  
 BOAC Awards  
 Governor's Citation  
 Address — Honorable Robert F. Bennett,  
 Governor of Kansas  
 State Farmer Ceremony — Official Dress  
 State Officer Report  
 Retiring Address — Dee James  
 State Officer Awards  
 Installation of 1978-79 Officers  
 New State Officer Meeting

**SATURDAY, June 3**

8:00 a.m. Post Convention  
 8:00 a.m. Old & New State Officers' Breakfast



Bureau Spokesman contest. These are only three examples of the type of individuals FFA leadership training is developing.

Kansas has had its share of Star Farmers of America. In 1935, Paul Leck, Washington, Kansas, was named Kansas first Star Farmer. In 1957 Jim John Jarnigan Jr. from Jetmore, was named Kansas 2nd Star

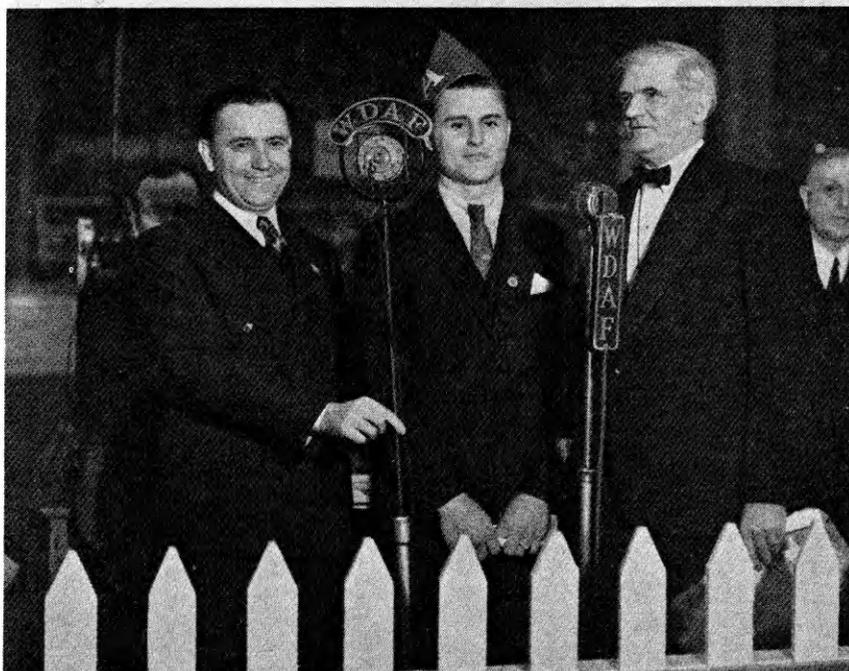
Farmer followed by Dan Worcester from the Hill City Chapter in 1975. Kansas has also had three National Public Speaking winners. Kenneth Engle, Abilene, placed first in 1942 followed by Marshall Shirer, Newton, in 1946 and then this year's National Public Speaking winner — Dee James, your 1977-78 State FFA President.

### War Time Accomplishments of the Kansas Association 1942-43

According to the fifteen year history book again immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Kansas Association added four goals to its annual program of work. The new goals placed emphasis on salvage campaign, the purchase of bonds and stamps, increased food production, and the reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment. Since the war, the leadership training has continued to intensify to help train tomorrows future leaders of agriculture. Kansas now has FFA leadership conferences for Greenhands in all seven districts and a leadership conference for all district officers during the beginning of a new school year. Camp has continued to grow in size as the members proudly wear their FFA T-shirts. Kansas has even been fortunate to have Russian visitors and visits from National FFA officers. As you can see, FFA is growing in quantity as well as quality and I'm proud to be a part of it. I tried to hit the high spots but I'm sure I missed on numerous occasions. I hope you all have an enjoyable time at the 50th Convention May 31-June 2.

— Bob Broeckelman

### 1935 Star Farmer of America



Marshall Shirer

### War Time Accomplishments of The Kansas Association 1942-43



# CHAPTER REPORTS

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## KIOWA

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### KIOWA HAS SUCCESSFUL BANQUET

This years annual F.F.A. Banquet started with a steak dinner prepared for 122 members and guests by Dorothy Schwartz and the Ranch House. After everyone had finished their meal they moved to the auditorium for the program.

Jeff Sternberger then presented "The Farmer Has Spoken Out", the speech he is taking to the State F.F.A. speech contest.

Mr. Ed Schupbach was then awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. This award was given to the person that the members thought had done the most for the F.F.A. the past year.

This years guest speaker was Dee James, the State F.F.A. President from Clay Center, Kansas. He was also the National Public Speaking Award Winner for 1978. Dee James spoke about communicating.

Mark Watts and Milford Hunter then presented the following awards to: Jeff Sternberger—Beff production, Public Speaking, Leadership, and Dekalb Award. Tom Holcomb—Swine production, and Ag. Mechanics. Charla Wolgamott—Horse production and Home and Farmstead improvement. Mark Root—Crop production, Star Chapter Farmer and Outstanding member of the year. Jeff Kimmell—Scholarship and Diversified Livestock Production. Tad Humphrey—Star Agribusinessmen. Danny Gillig—Star Greenhand.

The new officers for the 1978-79 year were then officially installed. The new officers then conducted the closing ceremonies.

The Banquet was thought to be a great success by both members and guests.

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## CHERRYVALE

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Food from Farm to you was the title of the film the Cherryvale FFA Chapter gave to the 4th graders of the Cherryvale Schools, as part of the Food for America program. During the program each child received a packet in which contained a Future Farmer magazine, seeds of wheat, corn, milo, and oats to show what they look like, the packet also contained a ruler given by the VanDyne's Dairy Farm, a farm art book, and an FFA Pencil. These packets were put together by the chapter members. During the program each child received a test about farms.

Then the Chapter Members set up a kiddy Barnyard which consists of chickens, goats, pigs, horses, rabbits, puppies. Then they saw and visited VanDyne's Dairy Farm in which they actually saw a cow giving milk.

The program was very successful and the Cherryvale FFA plans to do it again next year.

### CHERRYVALE BUSY WITH SLAVE SALE

Gross of over \$1400.00 was earned by the Cherryvale FFA Members when they held their annual FFA Slave Sale.

The slave sale was to earn money to put on their parent-member banquet in May.

Each slave bought had to work an 8 hour work day for his or her owner.

There were prizes for the person bidding the highest on one person. The prize was a ham which went to Mr. John Housel who spent \$100.00 on one slave. Also there was a drawing for a turkey which went to Mr. Don Presson. Also at the Banquet a plaque went to Dennis Musgrove for being the best dressed slave.

The Cherryvale FFA are happy to have sponsors like the ones they have.

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## WAMEGO

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### FFA ALUMNI LARGEST AFFILIATION IN STATE

Wamego chapter FFA has the support of the largest alumni group in the state! The matter of forming an alumni affiliate to operate in conjunction with the active chapter was considered earlier in the year. Decision: "It is becoming increasingly important for the community to assist the vocational agriculture instructor in planning and coordinating successful youth activities."

Responsibility for enrolling interested citizens was given to chapter members. Before the membership drive local newspapers printed informative articles concerning the purpose of the prospective organization. Chapter members were advised of the "Legion of Merit Citation" leadership awards earned by enrolling at least ten persons into the group. The boys accepted the challenge. Organizational meeting was held on September 15. Guest speaker was professor Howard Bradley of Kansas State University and state chairman of Kansas FFA Alumni. He showed films and answered questions concerning alumni organizations. The forty six new members elected officers and paid dues of \$7.50 each which are divided between local, state and national alumni organizations. Lifetime memberships of \$100 go to a special memorial fund to provide scholarships for FFA members. These scholarships are presented in the name of FFA alumni life members.

As a result of their special efforts four youths from the Wamego FFA chapter received Legion of Merit Citations at the national convention. The newly organized alumni have to date substituted for the instructor during national convention and contests, purchased the district

presidents jacket, supplied cheese samples prior to district dairy products contest, and provided materials for shop projects. But perhaps the most valuable aspect of this arrangement is in the association of adults and youth who believe in the future of farming.

Buck Peddicord, Chapter Reporter

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## MOUNDRIDGE

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### A SPECIAL BANQUET

By Russell Galle

Approximately 180 members, parents, and guests attended the annual banquet of the Moundridge FFA chapter on Thursday, March 30. A delicious meal of roast pork, baked potato, corn and strawberry short-cake was served in the high school cafeteria.

The roast pork was especially tasty as it came from two hogs that were butchered in the shop and cooked over an open fire by the members and advisors. The hogs were purchased from Dick Gehring and killed on Friday, March 24. After killing, the hogs were put in an old bathtub with a fire under it to be scalded. Using a portable hoist, the hogs were placed on a table where the members scraped the hair off. Again hung by the legs on the portable hoist, the hogs were de-gutted and singed to remove the hair that was left.

Only half the work was done, but the members got a rest while the hogs

were put in cold storage until Wednesday evening, March 29.

To roast the hogs there must be a fire and that's what there was! On Wednesday night, when a stack of wood ten feet long by four feet wide by nine feet high was lit, an enormous blaze was enough to cause the fire phones to ring. It took the members two hours, Wednesday to wrap the two pigs with wire and place them on a pole to be roasted. Three members and the student teacher took the night shift to watch the fire and keep it under control.

On Thursday morning at 5 o'clock, the two hogs were placed over a bed of "perfect" coals. An electric motor turned the meat all day and juice was shot into it by the syringe-full. By evening, the meat was done and ready to be served.

A procession of FFAers carried the hogs into the cafeteria where the wires were taken off and the pole taken out.

This banquet was not only rare in the fact of the delicious roast pork, but also the Moundridge chapter was very fortunate to have Dee James as guest speaker. Dee was the winner of the national FFA public speaking contest and is presently serving as the President of the Kansas Association of FFA. He spoke about involvement in the FFA.

Every year, the chapter presents an Honorary Chapter Farmer degree to a person in the community who has rendered help to the chapter in some way. This year's Honorary Chapter Farmer is Gene Bachman. Gene has helped classes by permitting them to come to his shop where he shows them how to use his tools and lets them use them free-of-charge. Gene also makes trips to the Ag. shop to help with trouble-shooting. He remarks, "Somebody has to help these kids get started."

Everyone seemed to enjoy this special banquet with home-prepared meat and one of the best speakers in the nation.

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## FOWLER

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## ATTEND DENVER STOCK SHOW

The Fowler FFA chapter attended the Denver Stock Show during the days of January 19th-22nd. While there they saw many breeds of livestock and also saw the Texas Longhorn Show. They attended three rodeos and saw much action. Many of the outstanding things seen there at the stock show were the many classes of horses including the budweiser wagon and the Clidsdales. They saw the governor of Colorado there and also saw the coach of the Denver Bronco's. While in Denver the Fowler FFA went sightseeing. Some of the sights seen were, The Denver Museum of Natural History, The Denver Mint, Casa Banita, and many other smaller attractions.

## CELEBRATES NATIONAL FFA WEEK

The Fowler FFA chapter was really busy during National FFA week. The first thing that the chapter did was, fill up all space along the walls with signs promoting FFA week. On February 18, the first day of FFA week, all members attended the church of their choice and wore their FFA jackets and all sat in a group in front of the church. On the 19th the Fowler FFA got the whole school involved and held their annual AGGIE day. Everyone wore all sorts of clothes that anyone involved in agriculture might wear. FFA activities continued all throughout the week.

## MANY MONEY MAKING PROJECTS TURN OUT PROFITABLE

The Fowler FFA chapter held many projects this year to help pay for the many activities throughout the year. Among those projects were, the holding of a slave auction in which all members were put on a block and were sold to work for eight hours on any day the buyer wishes him to. This project brought in about \$600.00. The Fowler FFA chapter also sold magazines and cookbooks to gain more profit. A big money making project around Christmas was the selling of fruit, oranges and

grapefruit. The Fowler FFA also held a country store bingo which was also sponsored by another organization in Fowler. To have a country store bingo every member must bring two prizes of food worth at least two dollars in value. Throughout the year a fun time was had by all.

## **TEAMS BUSY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

The Fowler FFA is very active in contests throughout southwest Kansas. The Fowler Livestock team has brought home two first place titles so far this year. The Entomology team has brought home much prestige even though there is only one member on the team. The Land judging team has been very competitive this year. And finally the speech teams are awaiting their chance to show themselves at the S.W. District contests. Fowler is a very strong chapter this year and we all at the Fowler FFA are proud of it.

Fowler FFA officers.

ADVISOR — Preston Hutchinson

PRESIDENT — Jeff Klein

VICE PRESIDENT — Jim Sobba

SECRETARY — Brent Post

REPORTER — Eugene Hageman

TREASURER — Kenny Kesson

SENTINEL — Brian McCampbell

STUCO — Doug Leis

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## **MARYSVILLE**

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### **FOUR NAMED STATE FARMER**

Four members of the Marysville chapter of the Future Farmers of America have been given the honor of being named State Farmers. They are: Bruce Rengstorf, Marcus Frese, Ron Milner, and David Rouquet. Only 2% of all the FFA members in the state are honored in this way.

Selection is based on activities in school and community. To be eligible to apply for State Farmer the boys must: have made more than \$500 on any farm project, be skilled in ag-mechanics, go to summer leader-

ship camp at Rock Springs Ranch, participate in four judging contests, keep their farm record books up to date and have participated in FFA for at least two years.

These four people have reached the third step in the possible four steps of the FFA. Mr. Brownlee said that Bruce will now work toward his America Farmer Degree which is only awarded to the top 2% of the nation's Future Farmers.

Mr. Brownlee also stated that to receive this honor takes much dedication, hard work and hours of out-of-school time. The boys will be awarded certificates and medals at the state convention in June.

### **FFA JUDGING MARYSVILLE**

On Saturday, April 8, the FFA attended Better Beef Days in Marysville. Fourteen students won more than 15 ribbons. L. Perry's crossbreed shorthorn got a blue and she was named 5th in showmanship. R. Frerking was first with his exotic breed heifer. It was also named champion of the show. He also received a blue for his crossbreed steer. It was named reserve grand champion of the show. K. Frerking won a blue ribbon for his exotic bull and it also was named as champion.

Also receiving ribbons were: D. Breeding, E. Hawkins, D. Detke, P. Pacha, and T. Hellmer.

While attending a show in Saint Joseph, the team took second in both horses and cattle.

### **FFA PLACES SECOND IN MEAT JUDGING**

Marysville Future Farmers of America meat judging team placed second in the FFA meat judging contest at Bern Jan. 9.

First went to Troy High School, and third was Valley Heights High School. Eleven teams and 67 individuals competed in the contest.

In individual placings, Dave Gurtler of Marysville was first; David Prell, fourth; Kevin Peeks, fifth, and

David Breeding, 11th.

Also competing were Lori Koch, Kenny Schmitz, Kevin Frerking, Terry Hellmer and Ed Hawkins. Accompanying the group was sponsor Gary Brownlee.

### **MARYSVILLE FFA BRINGS HOME TWO FIRSTS FROM TROY CONTEST**

Marysville FFA students brought home two first-place wins from a public speaking contest at Troy last Thursday.

In the freshman division, Bryan Cudney placed first. In extra freshman division, Fred Nieberding won first place honors.

Bruce Rengstorf placed second in extemporaneous speaking and Jeanette Jones was fifth. Rengstorf and Miss Jones will go to the state contest the first week in May.

Other winners in freshman division were Deb Hoeflicker, second, and Susanne Dudley, eighth.

Becky Cohorst placed ninth in sophomore division. In junior division, Doug Linkugel was third and Shelly Pacha eighth. David Gurtler was 10th in senior division.

Lisa Jones and Brian Holle tied for third in extra freshman; Darrell Schwarz was fifth, Peggy Pacha, in a tie for sixth; Rick Koch and Don Dettke tied for eighth.

Other students making the trip were Markus Freese, James Friedrichs, Greg Nickelson and Randy Frerking. David Prell was photographer. They were accompanied by advisor Gary Brownlee.

### **FFA JUDGERS FIRST AT CCCC**

Marysville FFA placed first in judging at the Cloud County Community College judging contest Saturday in Concordia.

In 4-H competition two area 4-H teams placed in the top three in team results. Bremen Hustlers 4-H Club placed second and the Marshall County 4-H team was third.

In FFA Kevin Frerking placed first and David Prell, second, in sheep judging. In swine judging Kenny Schmitz was first-place winner and Bryan Cudney finished third.

Kevin Frerking was third in overall individual placings. Kenny Schmitz was fourth; David Prell, 8th; Bryan Cudney, 10th, and Lisa Jones, 11th.

Other team placings among the 21 participating schools were second, Washington, third, Clay Center, fourth, Wamego, and fifth, Plainville.

FFA members were to be competing in the northeast district contest Wednesday.

4-H results for overall individual judging were third, Gayle Peterson, Waterville Busy Beavers; fourth, Eddie Hawkins, Home City Hustlers; fifth, Peggy Pacha, Bremen Hustlers; seventh, Deb Hoeflicker, Bremen Hustlers; 10th, Shelly Pacha, Bremen Hustlers.

In cattle judging Peggy Pacha, Bremen Hustlers, placed second, followed in third place by Eddie Hawkins, Home City Hustlers. Deb Hoeflicker was second in swine judging.

In the judging of horses second place went to Terry Hellmer, Sunflower, and third to Becky Cohorst, Bremen Hustlers. Gayle Peterson, Waterville Busy Beavers, placed second in cattle judging.

Riley County 4-H was first-place team, and fourth was Republic County.

Twenty 4-H clubs competed in judging.

Accompanying the local FFA and 4-H clubs was Gary Brownlee, FFA sponsor.

The FFA judging teams have done quite well this past month. The crop team, poultry team, and dairy products team brought home three first place wins while the farm management team posted a second place victory. On the 22nd, the livestock judging team traveled to Hiawatha and tomorrow the ag mechanics team will be going to Meridan while the livestock team will be competing at Beatrice.

On February 23, the FFA held their annual slave auction. The auction was a big success and the FFA would like to thank everyone who helped.

Saturday, the 18th, Markus Frese, Bruce Rengstorf, Ron Milner, and David Roquet applied for the State Farmer Degree, the highest award offered by the state of Kansas.

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## CENTRAL HEIGHTS

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### CENTRAL HEIGHTS FFA'ers ENTER FAIR

Central Heights area FFA'ers who are not 4-H members had their first chance to exhibit at local fairs when both the Richmond Free Fair and the Franklin County Fair at Ottawa opened classes for FFA members. Livestock, electricity, crops, mechanics and woodworking classes were opened for the FFA members.

CH members showing livestock included Chuck Wilson, beef, and Becky and Brian Vining, swine. Roy Edwards entered a field cultivator that he had built brackets for hydraulic cylinders, and James Wakeman entered a pick-up window guard he had constructed.

In addition, Clint Ball, another CH FFA member, judged the horse show at the Richmond Fair.

### CENTRAL HEIGHTS FFA FLOAT

The parade theme at the 1977 Richmond Free Fair was "Conserving Our Natural Resources," and the Central Heights FFA members did just that by using "officer power" to pull their float. Chapter officers Marty Oestreicher, Clint Ball, Chuck Wilson, Ron Yancey and Brian Vining pulled while Glen Edwards, chapter sentinel, sat on the wagon, whip in hand.

The float compared baled hay, electric augers and gas-powered tillers with the tools we would have to use without energy—loose straw, a scoop shovel and a hoe.

Melissa Dimoush and Cindy Wilson rode the float that received second place in the theme division.

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## HOLCOMB

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The Holcomb FFA Livestock Judging team placed third at the Annual Kansas Range Bull Contest at Dodge City. The contest, held in McKinley-Winter Livestock barn, February 11th, was sponsored by the

Kansas Junior Hereford Association. Official judge for the event was Dr. Miles McKee from Kansas State University. Attending from Holcomb were: Eddy Wasson, Jeff Adam, Craig Adam, Keith Richmeier, Jerry Quint, and James Roth.

Terry Golay

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## SOUTHEAST

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The Southeast District held the annual Farm Management and Public Speaking Contest January 24th at Parson's Junior College.

In the Farm Management contest Chuck Reasoner received 10th. The team received 5th.

The results of the Public Speaking Contest were in the Sophomore Division, Kevin Ericson. In the Senior Division, Brenda Ericson received 4th and Earl Fink 3rd in the Extemporaneous Division Earl Fink tied for 3rd.

Then on Saturday, February 4th we attended the Crops contest at Cherryvale. There were three parts to the contest, one was identification, another part was crop analysis the last part was crop grading.

The B team received fifth and the A team received seventh. The next contest will be at Ft. Scott Juco on February 23rd. The contest is for Dairy products and Poultry contest.

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## UNIONTOWN

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On March 11th the Uniontown Chapter attended Messners Field day at Caney. In individuals Randy Isaac received 2nd high individual. The team received 9th with Randy Isaac, Randy Johnson and Ronnie Brown as the team members. Other people attending the contest were Jerry Page, Earl Fink, Brenda Ericson, Steve George, Kevin Ericson, Jimmie Ermel, Mike Hazelbaker, Robert Hixon and Troy Felt. After results we headed home.

On March 9th some of the Uniontown Chapter members travel-

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# 1978 STAFF



**Dr. Merle R. Bolton**

Dr. Merle R. Bolton is the Commissioner of Education for the Kansas State Board of Education which is responsible for the general supervision of education excepting those duties expressly delegated to the Board of Regents. He received his BS and MS Degrees from Kansas State College of Pittsburg and his PhD from the University of Kansas.

From 1936-1962, Dr. Bolton was a teacher, principal and superintendent in various schools in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois. He also served as superintendent of schools for Unified School District No. 501 in Topeka, from 1962-1975. In 1975, he was named the Commissioner of Education for the State of Kansas.

Some of his community activities include the First Christian Church, Governor's Task Force on Problems of Youth, Jayhawk Boy Scout Council Advisory Board, Shrine and Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite. Dr. Bolton co-authored *Basic Principles in Teaching the Academically Talented* and *Elementary School Programs for the Social Education of the Academically Talented* with Dr. Henry J. Otto. He served as chairman of a gifted child study project sponsored by the South Cook County, Illinois Public School Cooperative Association and edited its publication, *Science and Language Arts Activities for the Academically Talented Within the Regular Classroom*. He was honored by Kansas State College of

Pittsburg by receiving the "Outstanding Alumni Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service." He enjoys fishing, hunting and farming activities.

Dr. and Mrs. Bolton have two sons — Merle R. Bolton, Jr., who is a cardiologist in Palm Springs, California; and Charles, who is attending Washburn University.



**L. C. Crouch**

Mr. L.C. Crouch is the Assistant Commissioner of Educational Services for the State Department of Education. He coordinates and supervises seven department sections involving all areas and levels of education K through postsecondary. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in education from Pittsburg State University and did a Graduate Doctoral Study at the University of Wyoming.

Mr. Crouch has been involved in education for 33 years as a classroom teacher, high school principal, superintendent, community college president and the State Department of Education as the Assistant Commissioner. He is a trustee and elder in the First Christian Church and is involved in various civic responsibilities and club activities.

As Assistant Commissioner, he has a sincere interest in the FFA and gives his full support. He is married, has two daughters who are both graduates of KSU, and enjoys traveling and camping.



**Dean Prochaska**

Dean Prochaska is the State Director for Vocational Education. His administrative responsibilities are associated with the total vocational education program. He received both his BS and MS degrees from Kansas State University and taught vocational agriculture for 21 years.

During the past 50th National FFA Convention, Mr. Prochaska had the coveted Honorary American Farmer Degree bestowed upon him. He has served as KVATA Secretary-Treasurer; executive secretary for the Kansas Young Farmers; was Central States Chairman for NASAE, is a member of Lions Club; has received his Honorary State Farmer Degree and served on the National FFA Board of Directors.

Mr. Prochaska and his wife Roberta have five children: Kathy, Bob, Linda, Karen and Steve.



**Les Olsen**



One of the many stops included a visit to Massey Ferguson in Kansas City which explained their involvement in instructional agriculture.



Santa Fe was again gracious in sponsoring a fantastic noon luncheon at the Topeka Club. Fellowship was shared and enjoyed by all.



Bob Ensminger, representing Farm-land Industries, was a very gracious host to the state officers as well as served them a delicious lunch.



The state officers had a wonderful visit at Hesston Corporation where all the staff really rolled out the red carpet. Lu Wall and Leo Ediger, both of Hesston were gracious hosts during lunch followed later by a tour of the facilities. Hesston Corporation donated \$8500 this past year to the National FFA Foundation, which is very commendable.

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One of Wednesday's highlights was sharing breakfast with the KSU-KSDE staff. Prof. Stevenson is pleased that he had first opportunity to fill his plate as Prof. Earl Baugher, Damon Slyter, Mona Rush, Dr. Frank Carpenter and Dr. Dick Welton plan to do the same.



Sen. Harry Darby, who sponsors the Roy Freeland, Harry Darby Ag Education \$500 scholarship shared his views with the State FFA officers about FFA and its importance. Sen. Darby was very instrumental in getting public law 740 enacted.



Mr. Earl Palmberg, chairman of the Kansas Farm Electrification Council explained the projected electric power needs for the next five years for Kansas patrons. The KFEC sponsors the State Ag Electrification Proficiency Award.



The FFA officers had a very enjoyable visit with Sec. of Agriculture Bill Duitsman about the future of agriculture for Kansas.



Bill Ohlemeier, representing Kansas Electric Cooperative, Inc. shared with us his enthusiasm for the FFA, Young Farmers and rural America. They are some of Kansas' largest supporters of both organizations.



Dee James couldn't believe the story Delbert Ekart told but appreciated the help he gives with our FFA safety program anyhow.

# STATE ADVISORS

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1929—W. E. GRIMES



1930-1954  
LESTER POLLOM



1954-1971—C. C. EUSTACE



1972-1977  
DEAN PROCHASKA



1976—LES OLSEN



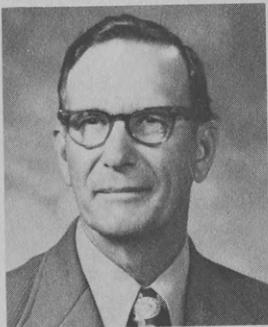
1929—L.B. POLLOM



1930-1941  
A. P. DAVIDSON



1941-1956—L. F. HALL



1956-1962  
DR. FRANK CARPENTER

# STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES



1962-1964—JOHN LACY



1964-1971—HAROLD SHOAF



1972-1977—DAN MARRS



1978—BOB BROECKELMAN

# NATIONAL OFFICER'S



**BOYD WAITE**  
Winfield  
1929-30  
4th Vice Pres.



**LEO PAULSEN**  
Concordia  
1932-33  
Student Secretary



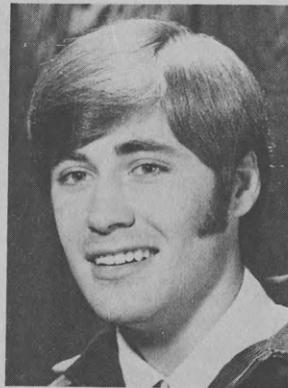
**ALBERT COATES, JR.**  
Shawnee Mission  
1938-39  
3rd Vice Pres.



**GEORGE STELTER**  
Abilene  
1943-  
3rd Vice Pres.



**1963-64—JOE DETRIXHE**  
National Student Secretary



**1973-74—MARK MAYFIELD**  
National President



**1975-76—RON WILSON**  
National Vice President



**1976-77—SAM BROWNBACK**  
National Vice President



A president thanks "The President". Mark Mayfield, National FFA President expresses his and 465,000 thank you's to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States prior to Jimmy Carter. An extreme highlight in Mark's life and the FFA's as this is only the second President to address a National FFA Convention.



Kansas' First National FFA President receives the Paul Bunyon gavel from Dwight Seegmiller as he begins his memorable year as president.



NATIONAL FFA Vice President, Ron Wilson of Manhattan, Kansas, chats with former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz during a visit by the six National FFA Officers to the Secretary's office.

# FROM HERE 'N' THERE



**MARSHALL SHIRER**  
1942 National Public Speaking Winner



**KENNETH ENGLE**  
1946 National Public Speaking Winner



**DEE JAMES**  
1978 National Public Speaking Winner

Kansas has had three National Public Speaking winners. Kenneth Engle, of Abilene, placed first in 1942 followed by Marshall Shirer from Newton in 1946. Dee James, 1977-78 Kansas State FFA President was this years winner.



Don Worcester, Kansas' third Star Farmer of America shares the throne with Bryce Westlake, Star Agribusinessman and their families.



Dee Sokolosky spent four days visiting programs in Kansas inspiring young FFA members.



Kristi Beadles and her parents are pleased after the State Sweetheart was announced in 1975. The State Sweetheart contest originated in 1966.



Rick Hull, Farm Director of WIBW Television and Radio (right) interviews Rodger Smith, Southeast FFA Chapter during a previous year of filming Seven Stars over Kansas in 1975. This has become an annual project sponsored by WIBW and Farmland Industries.



Do you recognize any of these men. All of this group were dedicated vocational ag instructors, several of them teaching over 20 years. They are (from left to right) Joe Smerchek, representing Farm Bureau, presenting Safety Awards in 1960 to Milton Kohrs, Mark Oliphant, Roy Eck, still teaching at Effingham, Jim Grider, Tribune and Floyd Blauer, Stockton. Mark Oliphant is presently at Hutchinson Division of Royal Industries located in Clay Center. He is a strong supporter of the FFA and a National Foundation Sponsor.



Star Farmer of Kansas in 1960, Terry Hager and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hager. His advisor was Phil Finley.



The Garlow memorial trophy received first by the Norton Chapter in 1974 is in honor of Bob Garlow who was killed in a plane crash while serving as State FFA Reporter in 1973-74.

Les Olsen, State FFA and Young Farmer & Wives Advisor, is education program specialist for the State Department of Education. He provides technical assistance to all local education agencies which plan to start new programs in agricultural education and provides assistance that will enhance local program quality and assure coordination of local programs with objectives. Mr. Olsen received both his B.S. and M.S. degree at Kansas State University in Ag Education in 1957 and 1964 respectively. He taught vocational ag for 13 years which includes 2 years at Waterville, 8 years at Riley County, and 3 years at Clay Center. Presently, he is president of his church council and a member of Jackson County Livestock Association.

Mr. Olsen has received his Honorary State Farmer Degree, was KVATA President in 1972, represented the Central Region on special study committee for National FFA Contests, and served as superintendent of the National FFA Poultry Contest. He has also received the Distinguished Service and Honorary member awards from the Kansas Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives Organization.

Les enjoys hunting and fishing. His wife's name is Corrine and they have three daughters, Catherine—14, Carrie—12, and Carla is 7.

Damon E. Slyter works in the department of Approval and Compliance for Ag Education in the State Department of Education. He taught vocational agriculture in the Paola vocational ag department from 1957-68 and 1970-72. In 1972 he began working for the State Department of Education as a program specialist. Mr. Slyter received his B.S. in Ag Education in 1955 and his M.S. in 1970 from Kansas State University. He received his State Farmer Degree and served as the chapter president in 1950. In 1971 he received his Honorary Chapter Farmer, and in 1973 he received his Honorary State Farmer Degree.

Community activities and the Kansas National Guard utilizes any spare time he has as he presently is the Battalion Commander of Kansas National Guard with headquarters at Manhattan, is on the Rocky Hill 4-H and Washburn Rural FFA Advisory Councils and also assists in coaching little league baseball and basketball.

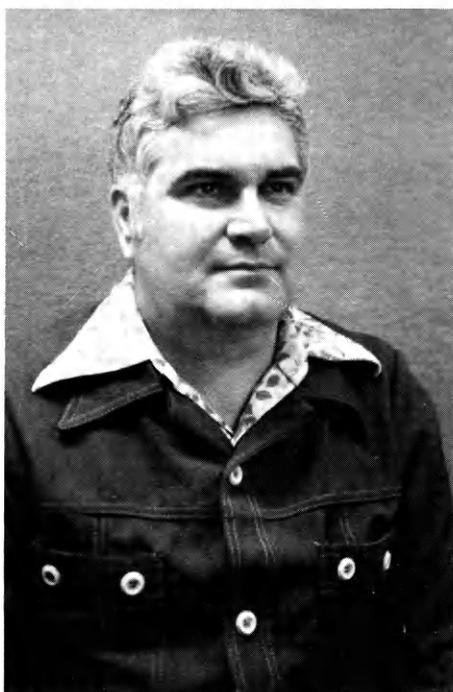
Damon received the Bronze Star Award in Vietnam in 1969, is a life member of the FFA Alumni, as well as the NVATA. Damon and his wife, Ruth, enjoy water and snow skiing, and their three children are Scott — 11, Keith — 6, and Sally — 4.

Dr. Jordan Utsey is the Dean of the College of education in which Agriculture Education is included. He received his B.A. degree from the College of Idaho in 1952 and his Masters and Doctor degrees in Education at the University of Oregon in 1958 and 1963, respectively. He is a member of the National Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa, International Reading Association, and the National Reading Conference.

Dr. Utsey has had six years of teaching experience in Elementary and Junior High Schools and has been an Elementary School Principal.

Advancing to the University level, he spent two years as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Oregon followed by two years as an Assistant Professor. In 1968 he became Director of the Division of Education at State University College of New York at Buffalo. From 1969-72 Dr. Utsey was Associate Professor of Education at Kansas State University. For the next two years he was Professor and Director for the Office of Program Development and extended Services. He served two years as Associate Dean of the College of Education at Kansas State University until his present appointment as Dean of the College of Education.

He is an active member of the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, and enjoys swimming and antique collecting. Dr. Utsey and his wife, Jonieta, are the parents of three sons.



Damon E. Slyter



Dr. Jordan Utsey



Dr. Ralph G. Field

Dr. Ralph G. Field is the Head of Adult and Occupational Education of which Ag Education is a part. He received both his BS and MS Degrees in Ag Education from Kansas State University and his Ph.D. from Purdue University. He began teaching vocational agriculture in 1950 at Partridge High School. For 10 years he taught vocational agriculture at Caney High School followed by five more years of instructing at SE Kansas Area Vocational Technical School. In 1968 Kansas' loss was the Hoosier's gain as he began working on his Ph.D. at Purdue University. In 1972, he returned to the Ag Education Department at Kansas State University. Dr. Field is an elder and vice president of the board for the First Christian Church in Manhattan. He was a chapter officer; has received a Distinguished Service Plaque and Honorary Hoosier Farmer Degree in Indiana, and the Honorary State Farmer Degree in Kansas, as well as his Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Dr. Field and his wife, Virginia, have three sons and two daughters. He enjoys fishing and gardening in his spare time.



**Prof. Howard Bradley**

Professor Howard Bradley is known state-wide for his pre-service Agricultural Education training in the Department of Adult and Occupational Education. He received at Kansas State University his BS Degree in Agriculture Administration in 1930 and his MS Degree in Agriculture Economics in 1937. He taught

vocational agriculture for 21 years at Harveyville, Oskaloosa, Simpson, and Beloit. He spent the next 27 years inspiring and training beginning teachers at Kansas State University.

Professor Bradley is involved with his church and the retired teachers association; has received his State and American Farmer Honorary Degrees; was an FFA Alumni Charter member and presently is the Kansas FFA Alumni Executive Secretary. He has also received the NACTA (National Agricultural College Teacher of America) Fellow Award; is an Honorary Alpha Tau Alpha member; received the FFA Distinguished Service Award; the NVATA award and the KVA Master teacher of the year award.

Professor Bradley and his wife, Eunice, enjoy traveling, fishing, and KSU football and basketball games. Their son, Russell, is a medical doctor in Emporia and their daughter, Nancy L. Cave, lives in Denver, Colorado.



**Dr. James Albracht**

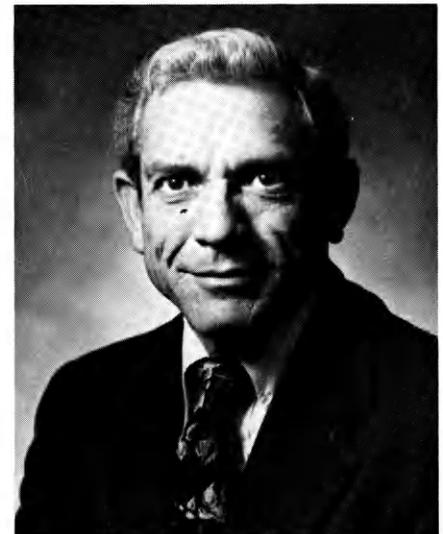
Dr. James Albracht teaches and advises graduate and undergraduate students. He also assists with in-service training, curriculum development, research activities, and serves as the Alpha Tau Alpha Advisor. He received his BS and MS degrees at the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. at Michigan State University.

Fourteen years of vocational agriculture instruction at Hebron, Nebraska, preceded his work as a teacher educator at Michigan State University for three years and his past

twelve years at Kansas State University. As a teacher of vocational agriculture, he was the advisor of a Gold Emblem Chapter, numerous State and American Farmers and State Proficiency Award Winners.

Dr. Albracht has received his Honorary State Farmer Degree, is active in church and civic activities, has supervised the State FFA Creed and Extemporaneous Speaking Contests and serves on the Executive Committees for the Kansas Association of FFA and the Alumni Association. He has also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Young Farmer and Young Farm Wives Associations; has been a member of Alpha Tau Alpha, Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Fraternities and has served as President of the National Alpha Tau Alpha and National Student Teacher Conference.

Dr. Albracht enjoys sports, traveling, and reading. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have four sons: Tom, Steve, Dave, and Bob.



**Dr. James E. Simmons**

Dr. James E. Simmons works primarily with beginning and second-year vocational agriculture instructors doing in-service training and also assists with curriculum development and research activities.

He received his BS and MS Degrees from Oklahoma State and his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. Prior to coming to Kansas State University, Dr. Simmons had 20 years of teaching experience which included two years at Litchfield, Nebraska, and sixteen years at

Omaha, Nebraska, vocational agriculture departments, and two years at the University of Nebraska.

He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce serving on the Agriculture Committee and also the United Fund Committee. Dr. Simmons has received the Nebraska Honorary State Farmer Degree, the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree at four schools and is or has been involved with Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Sigma Delta and Alpha Tau Alpha Honoraries.

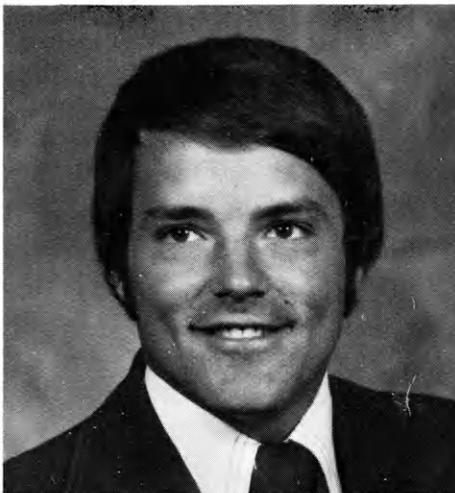
Dr. Simmons enjoys hunting, fishing, sports, and working with people. He and his wife, Sharon, have two daughters, Sharonelle and Cheryl Kay.



**Dr. Richard Wilton**

Dr. Richard Wilton is involved with pre-service education activities at Kansas State. He received his BS and MS Degrees at Colorado State University in 1959 and 1966 respectively and finished his Ph.D. at Ohio State University in 1971. He taught vocational agriculture for ten years in Lyman, Nebraska; one year in Kearney, Nebraska and six years in Eaton, Colorado. For two years, Dr. Wilton served as an Agriculture Education Specialist on a United Nations Development Project in Brazil. In 1973 he worked with the student teaching program at Southern Illinois University for four years before joining the staff at Kansas State University this past year. As a vocational ag instructor, Dr. Wilton advised a National Farm Safety Winner in 1966, a State Parliamentary Procedure Winner in 1969 and had a National Gold Emblem Chapter in 1963, and 1965-69.

Dr. Wilton and his wife Corwin have four children — Leslie-19, David-16, Bowery-13 and Grant-4.



**Bob Broeckelman**

Bob Broeckelman, State Executive Secretary for the Kansas FFA, Young Farmer, and Young Farm Wives, has the responsibility of planning, organizing and executing their various activities. In this capacity, he works closely with State officers of all three organizations and edits the *Kansas Future Farmer* and *News and Views* magazines.

Mr. Broeckelman spent his previous five and a half years teaching in the Council Grove and Norton Vocational Ag departments.

Some of his awards received are: Honorary Chapter Farmer, Honorary State Farmer, Distinguished Service Award, 1976 Outstanding Alumni Member and KVATA and KVA Outstanding Young Teacher Awards.

He enjoys his family, youth, antique and refinishing furniture. Mr. Broeckelman and his wife Bunny have two children — Ashley-four and Brooks-20 months.



**Prof. Paul N. Stevenson**

Professor Paul N. Stevenson is the Head Teacher Educator in Ag Mechanics. He is involved with training students in ag mechanics, coordinates the State Agricultural Mechanics Contests for students in the various high schools.

He received his BS Degree in Ag Education at the University of Wisconsin, his MS degree in Ag Education at Iowa State University, and has completed his course work for his Ph.D. at University of Missouri. Professor Stevenson was an elementary teacher for three years, vocational agriculture instructor in Missouri for seven years, agriculture mechanics instructor at Iowa State University for two years and the associate professor at Kansas State University in Ag Mechanics for the past 20 years. He is involved with the Extension Council, is a 4-H leader, served 10 years as a school board member and has been in the USAF Reserves for 31 years.

Professor Stevenson was a charter member of the Tarkio, Missouri FFA chapter; organized two FFA chapters in Missouri, as well as the K-State Collegiate chapter. He is also a charter member of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association. He has received his Honorary Chapter and State Farmer Degrees; the FFA "Legion of Merit" Citation and was the instructor of the 2nd and 3rd place Lincoln Arc Welding award winners.

Professor Stevenson and his wife, Christina, have two sons and two daughters and enjoy farming and the FFA.



**Prof. Earl Baugher**

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Professor Earl Baugher is the assistant professor in agriculture mechanics, supervises student teachers in agriculture mechanics and is the faculty advisor for Ag Mechanization Club. He taught vocational Agriculture at Beloit for five years; tractors and farm power at North Central Kansas AVTS in Beloit for three years and began instructing at Kansas State University in 1967.

Professor Baugher has served as vice chairman and chairman of the Board of Trustees for the First Baptist Church in Manhattan, and is on the Board of Deacons. He has received his Honorary Chapter and Honorary State Farmer Degrees; is an Honorary member of Alpha Tau Alpha; has received the "Teacher of Teachers Bronze Award," and was honored as one of the outstanding faculty of the year in 1976 by the College of Agriculture.

Professor Baugher and his wife, Kathryn, are avid Square Dancers and belong to the Cloverleaf Swingers Square Dance Club in Manhattan, Kansas. They have two daughters, Marsha and Brenda, and one son, Darin. Marsha is married to Harry Field who teaches at Paola, Kansas.

### STATE FFA CAMP

The 19th State FFA Camp will be held July 25 through July 28 at Rock Springs Ranch. Applications for reservations were mailed to chapters in the Ag teachers newsletter which is mailed out of Topeka.

The cost of the camp is \$31.00 per camper which includes meals, lodging, two FFA T-shirts, and a FFA manual. Campers must bring their own bedding, towels, washcloths, etc.

Members planning on attending the camp should be brushing up on their parliamentary procedure, opening and closing ceremonies, FFA INFORMATION and their extemporaneous speaking abilities. The camp is designed to prepare chapter officers to return to their home chapters and assume a more meaningful role as a leader.

# FFA AS I SEE IT



Frank Carpenter

### HOW I VIEW FFA

Over the years it has been my good fortune to observe FFA as a Chapter member, as a Vocational Agriculture Teacher and FFA advisor, as a Teacher Educator and as the Kansas FFA Executive Secretary and now as Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture. At the different positions I have observed FFA in a slightly different manner. Currently I see the organization as having a tremendous effect on building young men and women as they come to the university. The skills of speaking, of conducting a business meeting, of making decisions and getting things done through committees are learned by practice along with instruction. Leadership qualities are very apparent in most FFA members. Experienced FFA members have developed confidence along with humility.

The FFA advisor is the key to the development of FFA members and their programs. The effort, enthusiasm, and genuine attention to students and their education as shown by the advisor makes a very successful and worthwhile program.

FFA members also are very important in passing along to new and prospective members the many opportunities that exist in and the advantages of FFA.



John T. Denyer

### FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA AS FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION STATE DIRECTOR SEES IT

I see the Future Farmers of America as a youth organization that truly teaches young people to grow into responsible adults.

The many and varied judging contests, accepting and participating in committee assignments, and serving in elected officer positions are some of the ingredients that make this organization unique.

The FFA motto clearly defines the mission of the organization, and its charge to all members.



Larry Erpelding

KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

## THE FFA AS A PAST STATE OFFICER SEES IT

by Larry Erpelding

It can't be! Do you mean the FFA is only 50 years old? This national organization for vocational agriculture students which has touched millions of lives has enjoyed tremendous successes that are unmatched by many much older organizations. Why?

Long known as an excellent teaching vehicle, this state officer saw the FFA come alive throughout Kansas at the grass roots level. Youthful leadership, enthusiasm and ideals were and are refined to accomplish goals agreed upon by the majority. It was and is so rewarding to see chapter members cooperating to improve themselves and their communities, competing honestly with others or other chapters to develop excellence and instilling pride and affection for the FFA into new members.

And Kansas FFA has been progressive. Only 16 years ago when I was state president, state officers were invited to few chapter banquets, there was no FFA alumni association, the Kansas Future Farmer was a mimeograph, greenhand conferences were not in existence and FFA membership was 6,737.

Nonetheless, the Kansas Association of FFA was considered very successful with its many programs and activities in the early 1960's and before. It has been gratifying to see the progressive nature of the state association. Through new programs, the needs of the young men and women enrolled in vocational agriculture in Kansas are effectively met.

Yes, the FFA is young, but it has served the nation and Kansas with greatness and distinction. And it will continue to do so.

## SEVEN STARS OVER KANSAS

### Television Schedule

Station	Date	Time
WIBW - Topeka	6-8-78	7:00 pm
KOAM - Pittsburg	6-7-78	6:30 pm
KTVH - Wichita/Hutchinson	6-8-78	6:30 pm
KAYS - Hays	6-8-78	6:30 pm
KLOE - Goodland	6-8-78	6:30 pm
KTVC - Ensign/Dodge City	6-8-78	6:30 pm



David Mugler

## THE FFA AS THE DEAN OF AGRICULTURE SEES IT

by David J. Mugler

My experiences with the Future Farmers of America have been a continual progression of exciting activities.

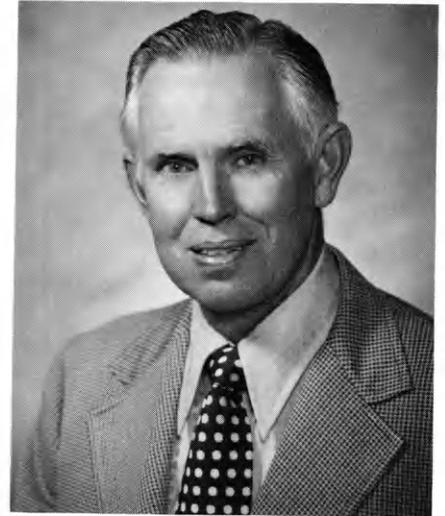
It was my good fortune to be in FFA the four years I was in high school in Clay County. I cherish the valuable lessons I learned through that rich experience and I'll always be indebted to my FFA advisors. I credit my advisors for encouraging me to continue study in Agriculture at Kansas State University.

Working my way through college, I was grateful for help from my FFA beef cattle project. It made it possible for me to prepare to be a high school vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

The satisfaction I received from FFA as a student was exceeded only by being privileged to work with students as their advisor. Seeing a student who moved from Chicago to Salina, not even knowing what wheat looked like, go on to win the state crops judging contest and seeing my chapter president elected to a state FFA office are two of many cherished memories.

Now I am privileged to work with K-State students who have benefited from FFA. The leadership qualities they developed while in FFA in high school gives them a winning edge on campus. Sam Brownback, former state FFA president, now is president of the entire student body at K-State. He is the third agriculture student to hold that office in the last five years.

I strongly recommend the FFA to every student. It will serve as valuable training throughout life. I am grateful that my son is in the Future Farmers of America.



John Shireman

## THE FFA AS A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SEES IT

During the years I have been a social administrator, it has been my privilege to be associated with four chapters of the Future Farmers of America. More than to any other organization we have learned to look to these young men and women for leadership, not only in our schools but in the communities where they live.

In my opinion, there is no organization that better prepares a young person to become a member of our society than does the Future Farmers of America.



Lu Achilles Wall

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## FFA AS I SEE IT!

by Lu Achilles Wall

There is no other organization that is so dedicated towards giving dynamic direction and encouragement to young people who choose an agricultural career as is the FFA. But of even more significance to me is the type of young people who make up the FFA. They seem to be the kind of kids who put life in its proper perspective and manage to keep it there. I am proud of our company's support of this fine organization.

## STATE OFFICERS GOOD WILL TOUR

Topeka, Kansas City, Manhattan, Clay Center, Moundridge, Hesston, McPherson, Hutchinson, Wichita, Great Bend and Dodge City were the major cities visited during the 1978 Goodwill Tour. All the officers had an exciting trip and were amazed at the warm receptions they received at all of the sixty-two various businesses they visited.

The officers began their week by visiting the State Department of Education, the Secretary of Agriculture Bill Duitsman, Governor Robert Bennett as well as a short visit with their senators and representatives. The afternoon consisted of an appearance of WIBW—Mid-Day in Kansas, lunch with Santa Fe Railroad and visits with the Farmers Home Administration, Kansas Co-op Council, Kansas Electric Cooperative, Kansas Farmers and Kansas Power and Light.

Tuesday was a very busy day in Kansas City which included visits to the Livestock Marketing Insurance Agency, Security National Bank, Vovie Publishing, Research Seeds clue, H.D. Lee, Massey Ferguson, Thompson Hayward Chemical Co., Farmland Industries, Darby Foundation and Ford Tractor Company.

After an exciting day in Kansas City, the officers had breakfast with KSU-KSDE staff members, and later had visits with the staff at Grass and Grain, Chamber of Commerce, KSAC Radio and Farm Bureau. The afternoon consisted of visits to

Hutchinson Division of Royal Industries, Gilmore Fatge in Clay Center, the National Cooperative Refinery and Wall-Rogalsky Milling Co. in McPherson and Moridge Manufacturing Inc. in Moundridge.

The Kansas State Fairboard was the beginning of Thursdays visits with later stops at Krouse Manufacturing and FarMar Co. in Hutchinson, Legg Co. Inc. in Halstead, Hesston State Bank and Hesston Corporation in Hesston, Kansas Farmer Stockman and Sheplers in Wichita and Great Bend Manufacturing in Great Bend.

The tour ended with six visits in Dodge City by Mona and C.J. which included High Plains Dressed Beef, Curtis Machine Co., Wessel Iron and Supply, Speed King Manufacturing,

High Plains Journal and Costerline Irrigation.

The rest of the State officers visited Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Garvey Foundation, Fourth National Bank, Kansas Gas and Electric Co., Eby Construction Co., Associated Advertising Agency, Beech Aircraft, and Cessna all of Wichita and Rodeo Meats in Arkansas City.

All of the businesses visited were either Kansas sponsors, donors to the National FFA Foundation or individuals who work closely with the FFA. If any FFA member has a chance to tell these businesses thanks for their support, be sure that you do. They are the group that helps make the Kansas FFA what it is today.



**Massey-Ferguson Vice President of Marketing Services (right) signs an agreement for Massey-Ferguson to sponsor the FFA Crop Production Proficiency Award. Looking on are**

**FFA Program Specialist Robert Seefeldt and National Officers Rob Hovis, Peg Armstrong and Howard Morrison.**

## MASSEY-FERGUSON TO SPONSOR AWARD

DES MOINES, IOWA — A memorandum of understanding has been signed between the National FFA Foundation, Inc., and Massey-Ferguson Inc., for sponsorship of the Future Farmers of America Crop Production Proficiency Award. The agreement was signed at Massey-Ferguson headquarters in Des Moines by Massey-Ferguson Vice President Glenn A. Christians and National FFA Program Specialist Robert Seefeldt.

The Crop Production Proficiency Award is one of 22 FFA Proficiency Award programs that recognizes outstanding achievement leading to careers in agriculture/agribusiness. The award is presented at local, state, and national levels to FFA members who complete a supervised experience program in crop production as part of their vocational education.

Citing the importance of encouraging young people to become more involved in food production and

distribution, Glenn A. Christians, Massey-Ferguson Vice President Marketing Services, said, "We are especially proud to become sponsors of this FFA award. As one of the world's largest manufacturers of farm machinery, we certainly appreciate the critical need to expand food and fiber production in the years ahead.

"The young people of today will be the farmers and agribusiness men and women of tomorrow. We salute the Future Farmers of America organization for the educational opportunities, practical experience and encouragement they give to these most important young people."

As sponsors of the FFA Crop Production Proficiency Award, Massey-Ferguson will provide funds for the 1978 award program of medals, certificates, plaques and cash awards.

Awards in Crop Production are presented at the local level in the form of a medal and a certificate. Each state winner receives a plaque and a check for \$100. The state winner competes for recognition in each of the four FFA administrative regions, where the regional winner earns a check for \$250, a plaque and travel money to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Regional award winners compete against winners from each of the three other regions and the national winner is selected by a panel of judges from education and industry. During the National FFA Convention a plaque and a check for \$500 is presented to the regional winner judged to have made the most progress toward a career in the crops production field.

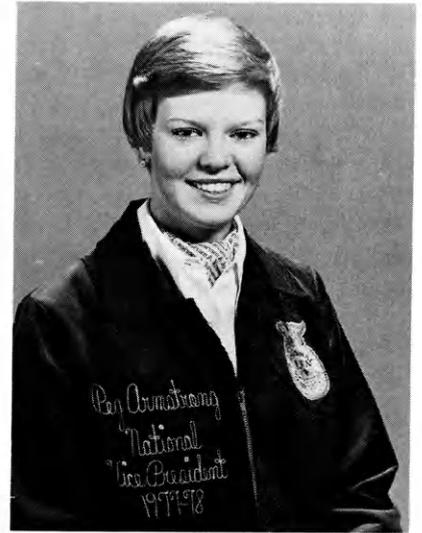
## NATIONAL FFA VICE PRESIDENT

Peg S. Armstrong, 20, of Newhall, Iowa, is Central Region Vice President of the Future Farmers of America. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berchman Armstrong and a member of the North Winneshiek FFA Chapter.

Under FFA advisors Frank Hill, Doug Corson, and Rick Twedt, Peg's supervised agricultural experience program involved both agricultural production and agribusiness. She began by developing a dairy, beef, swine and crop program on the 216 acre family farm in northeast Iowa. In 1976, she began her agribusiness program as a field representative for the Linn Cooperative Oil Company in Newhall, Iowa. While there she learned skills in marketing, accounting and management. She has also worked in the member services department of Farmland Industries and was employed at the Ellsworth-Williams Farmers Co-op in Ellsworth, Iowa, learning skills in grain handling.

Peg has been an active member of the FFA for five years, serving first as Reporter, then as President of the Iowa FFA Association. While in high school, she participated in speech, drama, National Honor Society, basketball and track. She was class valedictorian in 1975.

Peg is majoring in Animal Science at Iowa State University. She is active in the Student Alumni Association, Block and Bridle and the sisters program of Farmhouse Fraternity.



PEG ARMSTRONG

## CHAPTER REPORTER AWARD

Many excellent and informative articles were submitted to the Kansas Future Farmer for publishing, which made the competition very keen. David Prell from Marysville was selected as the 1978 winner.

Very close to David, in second place, was Steve George from Uniontown who likewise did an outstanding job. Others submitting interesting and informative articles were: Terry Golay, Holcomb; Brian Zining, and Mark Scott, Central High; Milford Hunter, South Barber; and Mona Dawson, Medicine Lodge.



## APPEARED ON THE LAWRENCE WELK SHOW

The Lawrence Welk Easter telecast shown on various channels throughout the United States during the week of March 22-29 featured Greg Davidson, State FFA President from the Maddock FFA Chapter, and Karman Silkman, State FFA Vice President from the Hettinger FFA Chapter. On the show Greg will present Mr. Welk with the Honorary

State FFA Degree voted to him last June at the State Convention and Karman will present a 50th Anniversary trophy to Mr. Welk for his contributions to rural America. This is a part of the North Dakota State FFA Association's observance of National FFA Week.

Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davidson of Maddock, North Dakota, and Karman's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elton Silkman whose address is Reeder, North Dakota.

ed to Ken's Pizza Parlor at Pittsburg. Some of you are probably asking why would the chapter sponsor a pizza party for just some of the members. It was a party for the members who sold (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars worth of fruit, and the members who sold (\$200.00) Two Hundred Dollars worth could bring a guest. There were approximately 48 members and guests present. Altogether we ate 20 large pizzas and 20 medium pizzas. Everybody left full and a good time was had by all.

Steve George, Reporter

## SOUTHWEST

Sara Webdell was selected Southwest District Sweetheart. Sara Webdell, representing the Holcomb FFA chapter was chosen the Southwest District FFA Sweetheart at the annual banquet in Garden City. Sara, a junior at Holcomb and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webdell will compete for the state crown during the State Fair at Hutchinson in September.

Jeff Adam was elected District Vice-President and received district foundation awards in Crops and Lawn and Turf Management. The Holcomb FFA was designated as a superior chapter. Superior Safety Chapter and also top chapter in overall district competition.

## HOLCOMB

The Holcomb FFA Ag-Mechanics team placed fifth, at the District Ag-Mechanics contest at Dodge City. Jeff Adam placed seventh high individual overall. The areas covered in the contest were surveying, carpentry, concrete, engine identification, implement part identification, farm power. Other members participating from Holcomb were Troy Fenton, Greg Mader, Rick Klaus, Terry Golay, Jon Irsik, Randy Hamill, Ronnie Becker, and David Beasley.

The Holcomb FFA Speech team won first at the Southwest District Speech Contest at Garden City, March 16. The team was represented by Greg Mader and Ricky Klaus in extemporaneous competition. Terry Golay and Chad Messenger for Senior Division. Terry Golay was fifth and Chad Messenger placed first in Senior Division.

In the Junior Division, Doug Munsell missed getting into the finals by one point. Ronnie Haas and Keith Richmeier made the final round and Ronnie Haas placed fifth. The district officer selection was held in conjunction with the speech contest and Teddy Unruh was nominated for District Treasurer. Voting for District officers will be held at the District Banquet April 5.

## KABAR SPONSORS DISTRICT STARS

Kansas FFA'ers are very fortunate that again this year, the Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives is sponsoring the plaques plus the \$40 cash award to each of the District Star Farmers and District Star Agribusinessmen. The FFA is very appreciative of KABAR's not only sponsoring these very important incentive awards, but also for the service its members provide to Vocational Agriculture students through the loan programs for farming programs and other business ventures in agriculture.

Five District Star Agribusinessmen are competing this year for the title of Star Agribusinessman of Kansas. They are: Brenda Hundley, Seaman; Joe Harris, Erie; Sherri Higgins, Plains; David Waggoner, Arkansas City; and Stephen Franken, Troy. The seven District Star Farmers competing for Star Farmer of Kansas are: Mike Smith, Norton; Jeff Kephart, Erie; Jerry Winkley, Marion; David Brown, Plains; Richard Mueller, Council Grove; Ron Schmutz, Chapman; and Greg Oswald, Effingham.

The Star Agribusinessman and Star Farmer of Kansas for 1978 will be announced during ceremonies at the session at the 50th State FFA Convention.

### STATE PRESIDENTS

1929-30 Boyd Waite — Winfield  
 1930-31 Lewis Evans — Washington  
 1931-32 Leo Paulsen — Concordia  
 1932-33 Waldo Cox — Mound City  
 1933-34 Wayne D. Trail — Colby  
 1934-35 Paul Leck — Washington  
 1935-36 J.W. England III — Shawnee Mission  
 1936-37 John Dean — Ottawa  
 1937-38 Albert Coates — Shawnee Mission  
 1938-39 Walter Porter — Council Grove  
 1939-40 Paul Kelley — Solomon  
 1940-41 Raymond Kaup — Smith Center  
 1941-42 George Stelter — Abilene  
 1942-43 Wayne Brant — Chanute  
 1943-44 Irwin Alefs — Goodland  
 1944-45 Jack Hall — Tecumseh  
 1945-46 Rollin J. Caseman — Sedan

1946-47 Richard Chase — El Dorado  
 1947-48 Harland Priddle — Haven  
 1948-49 John Gigstad — Effingham  
 1949-50 Paul Mugler — Clay Center  
 1950-51 Robert Ball — Garden City  
 1951-52 Marvin Decker — Holton  
 1952-53 Billy Ray James — Clay Center  
 1953-54 Nelson D. Galle — Moundridge  
 1954-55 Dean Peter — Edson  
 1955-56 Larry Figgs — Effingham  
 1956-57 William Wachs — Ellsworth  
 1957-58 Bob Krehbiel — McPherson  
 1958-59 Ralph Young — Tribune  
 1959-60 Steve Robb — Lawrence  
 1960-61 Melvin Hunt — Tribune  
 1961-62 Lawrence Erpelding — Effingham  
 1961-63 Glenn Gottlob — Arkansas City  
 1963-64 Joe Detrixhe — Concordia  
 1964-65 Terry Odle — Stockton

## STATE BOAC WINNERS

The top nine Gold Emblem Chapters are alphabetized and the top six chapters which will represent Kansas in the National BOAC competition will be announced June 2, during the 50th Convention. The Silver and Bronze Chapters are ranked in the order that they placed in the state.

**GOLD** — Abilene, Central High of Burden, Colby, Columbus, Hill City, Marysville, Plainville, Russell, Uniontown.

**SILVER** — 1) Cherryvale, 2) Westmoreland, 3) Phillipsburg, 4) Wamego, 5) Norton, 6) Smith Center, 7) Palco, 8) Clay Center, 9) Linn, 10) Marion Florence.

**BRONZE** — 1) Mullinville, 2) Lebanon, 3) Beloit, 4) Girard, 5) Manhattan, 6) Riley, 7) Wilson, 8) Moundridge, 9) Seaman, 10) Jennings.

## SUPERIOR SAFETY CHAPTERS

This is the sixth year that the Superior Safety Chapter award has been available. Of the Superior Safety Chapters which submit for State Awards, the top 10% will be designated as the Kansas entries for National recognition.

**Southwest District:** Holcomb;  
**Southeast District:** Altamont, Cherryvale, Columbus, Erie, Ft. Scott, Southeast, Uniontown; **East Central**

1965-66	Roger Barr — Manhattan
1966-67	Dennis K. Shurtz — Arkansas City
1967-68	Dale Raymond — Garnett
1968-69	Greg Hands — Garden City
1969-70	Lauren Libby — Smith Center
1970-71	Doug Deets — Arkansas City
1971-72	Mark Mayfield — Caney
1972-73	Brad Trexler — Hill City
1973-74	Ron Wilson — Manhattan
1974-75	Sam Brownback — Prairie View
1975-76	Jay Mayfield — Garnett
1976-77	Jay Selanders — Garnett
1977-78	Dee James — Clay Center

### State Farmers

Effingham — 130  
Altamont — 96  
Lawrence — 96

**District:** Central Heights, Garnett, Mission Valley, Osage City, Seaman, Williamsburg; **Northwest District:** Hill City, Kensington, Norton, Plainville, Russell; **North Central District:** Chapman, North Central, Wilson; **Northeast District:** Effingham, Marysville, Sabetha, Westmoreland.

The top three chapters of the State Convention will be announced and will be eligible for National Competition.

## GRASS AND GRAIN RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Record books are constantly being stressed in vocational agriculture and FFA. "Grass and Grain" feel the same way and are generous enough to recognize those individuals who excel in record keeping. This year's winners are: Carol Sobba from the Garnett chapter in production and Brenda Hundley from the Seaman chapter in

agribusiness. First runner ups were Joe Harris, Erie, in agribusiness and Doug Schwartz, Washington, in production.

## TOP SAFETY CHAPTERS

The top twelve chapters in Kansas this year in safety activities in alphabetical order are: Atchison Co., Columbus, Erie, Hill City, Marysville, Morowville, Norton, Plainville, Russell, Seaman, Westmoreland and Wilson. The State awards are sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau which will be trophies for the top four chapters and plaques to the next seven chapters. The top two chapters will also receive a monetary reward which will range from \$25-\$100. The top three chapters will represent Kansas in the National Chapter Safety Contest. The top four chapters will be ranked Gold Emblem Chapters.



**Kansas Association FFA Officers 1932:** Back Row, 1 to r, L.B. Pollom, Advisor, Waldo Cox, Pres. ADP. Front Row, 1 to r, Everett Miller, Vice President; Allan Nottorf, Treasurer; Frank Sawyer, Vicent Fuller, Reporter.



**1952-53 Officers of the Kansas Association of FFA:** Back Row, 1 to r, Gary Neilan, Ralph Braun, Kermit Case. Front Row, 1 to r, Harrell Guard, Vice President, Billy Ray James, President.

## NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

The National Chapter Awards Program starts on the district level, where chapters apply to become Superior Chapters. From these Superior Charters are selected the top chapters in Kansas and the top 10% will go to compete on the national level. This year, Kansas will have a record number of nine chapters representing Kansas due to the increase of chapters participating in the chapter award program. Eighty-seven chapters participated this year out of 161 chapters in the contest. They are the following:

**SOUTHCENTRAL:** Marion, Central of Borden—Central High, Medicine Lodge, Chaparral, Kingman, South Barber—Kiowa, Haven, Buhler, Arkansas City, Great Bend, Moundridge, Inman.

**SOUTHWEST:** Holcomb, Scott City, Garden City, Ensign, Mullinville, Southwestern Heights.

**EAST CENTRAL:** Central Heights, Crest, Alma, Lebo, Williamsburg, Garnett, Council Grove, Paola, Osage City, Jayhawk—Linn, Seaman, Mission Valley.

**NORTHWEST:** Cheylin, Colby, Downs, Hill City, Hoxie, Jennings, Kensington, Lebanon, Northern Valley, Norton, Oberlin, Palco, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Smith Center, Stockton, WaKeeney.

**NORTH CENTRAL:** Manhattan, Pike Valley, Salina, Mankato, Linn, Miltonvale, Riley Co., Washington, Clay Center, Chapman, Soloman, Wilson, Abilene, Concordia, North Central.

**NORTHEAST:** Valley Heights, Westmoreland, Kaw Valley (Rossville-St. Marys), Royal Valley, Troy, Effingham, Wamego, Hiawatha, Powhattan, Sabetha, Marysville.

**SOUTHEAST:** Cherryvale, West Elk, Uniontown, Ft. Scott, Girard, Erie, Neodesha, LCHS, Southeast, Columbus, Fredonia, Caney, Iola.

## 144 STATE FARMERS

Membership in Kansas FFA Chapters has shown an increase again this year from 7104 to 7249. This

entitles 144 State Farmer Degrees. The 144 State Farmer candidates for 1978 are:

**SOUTHEAST:** Jeff Kephart, Erie; Steve Scott, Erie; Mark Reinhardt, Erie; Joe Harris, Erie; Mark Johnson, Altamont; Jeffry Martin, Southeast; Dale Peak, Southeast; Timothy Bogner, Altamont; Rick Carnahan, Altamont; Earl D. Fink, Uniontown; Lonny Ray Geier, Girard; Douglas Preston, Southeast; Kenny Kmiec, Girard; Bill Kunshek, Girard; Brenda Ericson, Uniontown; Richard Giefer, Erie; Lisa Simpson, Ft. Scott; Nicholas Harrison, Erie; Clyde Hobbs, Altoona Midway; Charles Smith, Neodesha; Richard McMillan, Erie; Kenneth Baldwin, Erie; Jeff Falkenstien, Altamont; Dennis Brungardt, St. Paul; Roger Clausen, Girard; Robert Angleton, Erie. **ALTERNATES:** Roger Clausen, Girard, Robert Angleton, Erie; Roger Compton, Fredonia; Mary McClaskey, Girard; Larry Markle, Cherryvale.

**SOUTH CENTRAL:** Jerry Winkley, Marion; Lance Fleming, Peabody; Robert Tatum, Central of Borden; Larry Loganbill, Moundridge; Richard Tatum, Central of Borden; Jeff Sternberger, South Barber; James Long, Chaparral; Tom Richmond, Marion; Lynn Jones, Peabody; Tom Loganbill, Moundridge; David Waggoner, Ark City; Dick Gehring, Moundridge; Jeff Bryant, Ark City; Marvin Diener, Haven; Carl Donley, Central of Borden; Bret Billiter, Central of Borden; Randy Ediger, Inman; David Harder, Peabody; Darrel Blakeslee, Great Bend; Richard Fast, Inman; Jim Schooley, Central of Borden; Lance Galloway, Haven; Brad Butt, Mulvane; Jay Weins, Inman; Jo Anderson, Inman; Ronda Schmidt, Peabody.

**SOUTHWEST:** David Brown, Southwestern H.S.; Michael Lobney, Garden City; Gerald Ryon, Garden City; Boyd Lear, Garden City; Jim Sobba, Fowler; Sherri Higgins, Southwestern H.S.; Donnie Bere, Ensign; Jon Miller, Ensign; Kim Jordan, Hugoton.

**EAST CENTRAL:** Pam Hales, Seaman; Duane Lunkard, Garnett; Stepehn Shepherd, Williamsburg; Ronnie Spillman, Crest; Max Spragne, Crest; Brenda Hundley, Seaman;

Darren McGhee, Crest; James Morgan, Garnett; Carol Sobba, Garnett; Joe Rickabaugh, Garnett; Gerald Keehn, Seaman; Kevin Lickteig, Garnett; Brent Rockers, Garnett; Jerry Truelove, Burlington; Clint Kettler, Paola; Max Menefee, Paola; Roger Zimmerman, Council Grove; Becky Vining, Central Heights; Richard Mueller, Council Grove; Dan Rockers, Garnett; Mark Weigard, Williamsburg; Rick Thompson, Crest; David Fredrickson, Jayhawk-Linn; Curt Guilfoyle, Central Heights. **ALTERNATE:** Curt Guilfoyle, Central Heights; David Fredrickson, Lawrence; Brad Cunningham, Williamsburg; Dan Rockers, Garnett; Rick Thompson, Crest; Mark Weigand, Williamsburg.

**NORTHWEST:** Frank Marcotte, Palco; Don Benoit, Palco; Quinn Pence, Colby; Grant Gaede, Hoxie; Dave Niermeier, Hoxie; Kelley Hadley, Wakeeney; Eric Moden, Wakeeney; Hans Striggrow, Hill City; Jim Long, Downs; Candace Jessup, Phillipsburg; John Beckman, Phillipsburg; Allen Antholz, Cheylin; Mike Smith, Norton; Gary Armbrister, Plainville; Ron Hrabe, Plainville, Fred Westhusin, Plainville.

**NORTH CENTRAL:** Ronald Schmutz, Chapman; Douglas Schwartz, Washington; Johnnothen Vopat, Wilson; Jeff Yorrow, Clay Center; Jon Russell, Pike Valley; Daniel Whitney, Concordia; Kurtis Kocher, Concordia; Tim Ptacek, Wilson; Kirk Berneking, Morkato; Ken Johnson, Concordia; Mike Higbee, Mankato; Brad Johnson, Mankato; Angela Sconlan, Abilene; Bruce Nuss, Wilson, Dave Anderson, Pike Valley; Ed Erickson, Pike Valley; Charles Voelke, Riley Co.; Scott DuLohery, Minneapolis; Roger Forsythe, Clay Center; Mark Stentson, Pike Valley; Lori Bechard, Clay Center; Gary Hatesohl, Washington; Timothy Sharp, Riley. **ALTERNATES:** Lori Bechord, Clay Center; Jeff Bohnenblut, Riley Co.; J. J. Sharp, Riley Co.; Gary Hatesold, Washington.

**NORTHEAST:** Gregg Oswald, ACCHS; Carl Williams, Royal Valley; Lance Rezac, Onaga; Mike Masters, Troy; Steve Franken, Troy; Todd Gigstad, ACCHS; Markus fRESE, Marysville; Bruce Kengstorf, Marysville; Mark Stock, Troy; Rick

Claycamp, Valley Heights; Faye Pleoger, Sabetha; Dean Stutz, ACCHS; Ron Milner, Marysville; Jim Hawk, ACCHS; Jeff Ebert, Westmoreland; Kevin Gistad, ACCHS; Joni Snapp, Westmoreland; David Roquet, Marysville; Barb Priest, Sabetha. **ALTERNATE:** Frank Berg, Westmoreland.

## BOAC AREA WINNERS

The Building Our American Communities BOAC program has become a tremendous community service tool for FFA Chapters across Kansas. The 58 chapters which excelled in BOAC and received the BOAC Area Award for 1978 are:

**SOUTH CENTRAL:** Inman, Moundridge, Great Bend, Arkansas City, Central of Burden, South Barber, Chaparral, Marion.

**NORTHWESTERN:** Manhattan, Washington, North Central, Abilene, Pike Valley, Chapman, Wilson, Riley County, Linn, Miltonvale, Clay Center, Beloit.

**NORTHEAST:** Westmoreland, Wamego, Troy, Marysville.

**NORTHWEST:** Cheylin, Colby, Downs, Hill City, Jennings, Kensington, Lebanon, Norton, Oberlin, Palco, Phillipsburg, Russell, Smith Center, WaKeeney.

**EAST CENTRAL:** Lebo, Williamsburg, Mission Valley, Garnett, Paola, Osage City, Jayhawk—Linn, Seaman, Alma.

**SOUTHEAST:** Cherryvale, Uniontown, Ft. Scott, Girard, Erie, Columbus, LCHS, Fredonia.

**SOUTHWEST:** Southwestern Heights, Mullinville.

## STATE PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

First and second place — only 1st goes to regional.

**I. Ag Electrification:** 1) Jonathan Vopat—Wilson, 2) Mark Reinhardt—Erie; **II. Ag Mechanics:** 1) Timothy Ptacek—Wilson, 2) Jerry Winkley—Marion; **III. Ag Processing:** 1) John

Werner—Washington, 2) Steve Franken—Troy; **IV. Ag Sales and/or Service:** 1) R. Joe Harris—Erie, 2) Kim Jordan—Hugoton; **V. Beef Production:** 1) Kevin Robinson—Eskridge, 2) Tim Rogers—Uniontown; **VI. Crop Production:** 1) Leon Heady—Erie, 2) Tim Dierkson—Chaparral, 3) Herb Cressler—Hoxie; **VII. Dairy Production:** 1) Frank Berg—Westmoreland, 2) Marlene Richardson—Labette Co.; **VIII. Div. Livestock Production:** 1) Joe Rickabaugh—Garnett, 2) Robin Rusk—Medicine Lodge; **IX. Fish and Wildlife Management:** 1) Michael Lobbmeyer—Garden City, 2) Dan Thyer—Jayhawk—Linn.

**X. Fruit and/or Vegetable Prod.:** 1) Kenneth Arpin—Salina; **XI. Home and/or Farmstead Imp.:** 1) Mike Smith—Norton; 2) Mark Metzler—Eskridge; **XII. Horse Proficiency:** 1) Lee Singular—Linn, 2) Terry Romans—Chaparral; **XIII. Nursery Operations:** 1) Brenda Hundley—Seaman, 2) Bonnie Hardey—Marion; **XIV. Outdoor Recreation:** 1) James Wester—Erie, 2) Danny Signer—Jayhawk—Linn; **XV. Placement in Ag Production:** 1) Tom Voelker—Linn; 2) Larry Loganbill—Moundridge; **XVI. Poultry Production:** 1) Timothy Cooke—Coffeyville, 2) Steve Brown—Atchison Co.; **XVII. Sheep Production:** 1) Verl Zimmerman—Chaparral, 2) Dale Peak—Southeast-Cherokee; **XVIII. Soil and Water Management:** 1) Richard Dee Tatum—Central of Burden, 2) Michael Masters—Troy; **XIX. Swine Production:** 1) Kerry Jarvis—Phillipsburg, 2) John Toews—Moundridge; **XX. Turf and Landscape Mgmt.:** 1) Norman Adam—Holcomb.

## DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards, sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, are designed to encourage FFA members to strive for excellence in their supervised agricultural occupational experience programs. These awards range from medals given at the local chapter level

to plaque and cash awards presented on the district, state, regional and national levels.

First place district winners will receive a plaque and \$15 cash awards. The first place winners on the state level will receive a certificate and \$100 cash award.

The first and second place winners in each of the districts are:

**SOUTHEAST:** Jean Heady, Erie; Tim Rogers, Uniontown. **SOUTH CENTRAL:** Richard Dee Tatum, Robert Lee Tatum, Central of Burden. **SOUTHWEST:** R. Scott Barrows, Ness City; Mike Matherly, Garden City. **EAST CENTRAL:** Kent Nunemaker, Lawrence; Kevin Robinson, Mission Valley. **NORTHWEST:** Kerry Varves, Phillipsburg; Troy Nelson, Norton. **NORTH CENTRAL:** James Hedstrom, Concordia; Grant Griffiths, Clay Center. **NORTHEAST:** Jeff Ebert, Westmoreland; Stephen Franken, Troy.

## STATE GOLD EMBLEM CHAPTERS

Each year the state selects by a committee of three the top 10 percent or 16 chapters in Kansas as State Gold Emblem Chapters. Of these sixteen, nine will represent Kansas in the National Chapter Award Contest in Kansas City at the 51st National FFA Convention. These sixteen chapters are (alphabetical order): Altamont, Arkansas City, Atchison County, Cherryvale, Columbus, Erie, Hill City, Manhattan, Marion, Marysville, Osage City, Plainville, Russell, Troy, Uniontown, and Washington.

This year's chapters were also ranked as silver and bronze. The silver emblem chapters in ranking order are: Central of Burden, Seaman (Topeka), Wamego, North Central (Morrowville), Wilson, Medicine Lodge, Girard, Norton, Colby, Kingman, Westmoreland, and Sabetha. The bronze emblem chapters in ranking order are: Fowler, Riley Co. Palco, Scott City, Southwestern Heights, Garden City, Lebo, Downs, Cheylin, Mullinville, and Smith Center.

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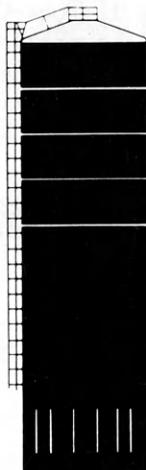
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