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It is with feelings of regret that I find myself no longer directly connected with the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. It was just twenty-seven years ago this September that I first became a member of the FFA as a green hand. I was probably one of the "greenest" green hands that ever learned the creed or answered the challenge, "Why are we here," with the words, "To practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess." With the exception of three years in the U.S. Navy my entire life has been associated with FFA as a member, as a college student preparing to teach vocational agriculture, as an FFA advisor, supervisor, and Executive Secretary of the Kansas Association.

I am extremely proud to hold all four degrees of membership in the FFA even if two are honorary. I shall treasure these pins and what they stand for the rest of my life.

I can very positively say that the FFA and the opportunities it has given me for personal development and leadership training have been the most important factor in my life to this moment. The opportunities I had are available to every Future Farmer in the nation including you. Your advisors are personally interested in you. They are pledged to help you provide leadership opportunities for yourself. They cannot force you to participate. What you make of your chances are up to you. I'd like to challenge you to make the most of your FFA work. The rest is up to you.

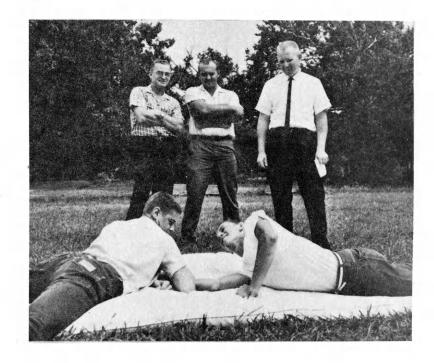
John W. Lacey Former Executive Secretary Kansas Association of FFA -FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA"

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH - AUGUST 15-18 1964.



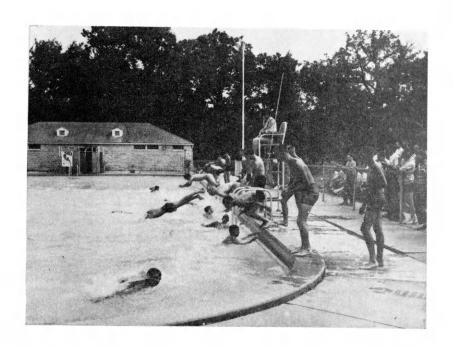
One member from each of seven herds served as the voting member at the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest at the FFA Camp.

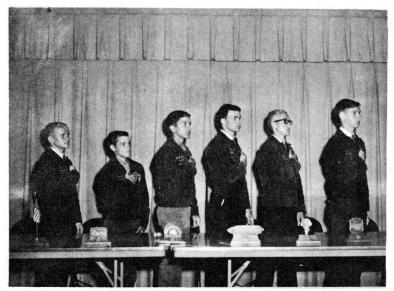
Ronald Peterson seems to have a stronger arm in this athletic event.





John Baird and Don Donley discuss leadership activities with chapter officers. The race is on! The swimming event was held under the supervision of Earl Wright.





FFA Camp officers left to right: Reporter Alan Flaming, Goessel; Vice-president Bob Broeckelman, Oakley; President Don Barkman, Winfield; Secretary Ernie Perry, Uniontown; Treasurer Fred Schmidt, Goessel; Sentinel Darrel Pocock, Caney.

The balloon contest was won by Ray Helmbold of the Greeley County FFA Chapter.



LARGEST ATTENDANCE AT CAMP

Two hundred seventy-three FFA members and advisors from 52 chapters attended the 5th Annual State FFA Leadership Training Camp at Rock Springs Ranch, August 15-18. This was the largest number of individuals ever to participate in a State FFA Camp. Activities at the camp included contests in parliamentary procedure, ritual performance, extemporaneous speaking, FFA material, and a talent show. Recreational activities ncluded ping pong, swimming, badminon, softball, volleyball, steer wrestling, and a track meet. State officers assisting in the supervision of the camp were Ferry Odle, President; Larry Ehrlich, Reporter; and Warren Grable, Sentinel. Cooperation and participation at the camp was felt to be outstanding. Mr. Jack Parr, K-State basketball all-time great. proved to be one of the most forceful speakers at the camp. FFA members and advisors alike were impressed with is topic, "The Need for an Objective." Mr. George Halazon, Wildlife Specialist, and his two assistants had one of the est demonstrations that Future Farmers lave had an opportunity to observe at In FFA camp. Trick shooting and reel asting were demonstrated.

1964 CAMP AWARDS

nan; Vice-president - Don Barknan; Vice-president - Bob Broeckelman; ecretary - Ernie Perry; Treasurer -Fred Schmidt; Reporter - Alan Flaming; entinel - Darrel Pocock.

Tranglers: Angus - Richard Robertson;
Trahmas - Richard Zentz; Durhams Tyron Schmidt; Galloways - Leonard
Tavidson; Herefords - John Hayden; LongTorns - Alan Guttery; Red Polls - Leland
Tillberg; Shorthorns - Don Barkman.

Winning Herd: Angus Runner-up: Shorthorn

Speakers: Orville Stigge, Robert Conrad, Roger Barr

Herd Test: Frank Atkinson, Don Pfeiffer, Randy Stoecker

Spelldown: Robert Broeckelman

Hog Calling: Dale Biggs, John Graves, Dennis Smith, Frank Atkinson

Track Events: Don Barkman, Short-horn - 100-Yard Dash in 11.1 seconds; Alan Guttery, Longhorn - Football Throw, 171' 11 1/2"; Don Barkman, Shorthorn - Running Broad Jump, 16' 6"; John Graves, Brahmas - Shot Put, 39'; Bill Pannbacker, Hereford - Standing Jump, 8'3"

Queen: Tom Kalle

Treasure Hunt: Larry Longhorst, Bob Peters

Free-Style Race: Eddie Nuzum

Free-Style Relay: Ray Mormon, Gary Stein, Tim Mallory, Dennis Heck

<u>Underwater Swimming:</u> Luther Huckersmith

Balloon Marathon: Ray Helmbold

Clown Diving: Mike Alexander

STRAW BOSSES:

Ping Pong: Melvin Briley, John Baird

Horseshoes: Milton Kohrs, Melvin Briley

A LETTER TO FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS

School has now begun for us Future Farmers, and the District Leadership Schools will be here before we realize it. I know that many chapters have been busy this summer with judging contests, State Leadership Camp, FFA parties, etc. Now we must begin to plan our Programs of Work and set our goals for the coming year. At this date it seems that we have all the time in the world to accomplish the things we have planned, but a second's thought reveals the falseness in this. We must begin now and work hard throughout the year to reach our goals.

Let all of our FFA activities this year be directed to developing our farming programs, our leadership, and our scholarship. May our organization also do all that is possible to make agriculture, the backbone of our country, even stronger.

Where does agriculture rank in America today? The answer may surprise you. It is the biggest industry in the United States. Farming employs some seven million workers - more than are employed in the steel industry, or the automobile industry, or transportation and public utilities combined.

The future of agriculture is foretold, according to Clemson College, by a world which gives birth to a new South Carolina every three weeks and a new United States every four years. About 4 billion people are expected by 1975 - 1/5 the number born since Adam and Eve's time. All must be fed, clothed, and sheltered.

All through history our rural population

has provided leaders, not only in agriculture but in all vocations. Eighteen of our thirty-six U.S. Presidents have come from rural areas.

Today rural leadership is becoming increasingly important within agriculture itself. Farmers are now a minority group. Only 10% of our population feeds the other 90%. We must have well-trained farm leaders if we are to maintain good public relations with our fellow men.

From today's students will come tomorrow's leaders. In FFA you can get the training that it will take--not only to become a leader in food production, but a leader for humanity.

The FFA has a national reputation for developing rural leadership and good citizenship. Its leaders are highly respected by industry and agriculture alike. It should be noted however, that the FFA does not develop leaders, it only provides the means and opportunities for members to develop their potentials in leadership and good citizenship.

To get the most from FFA, start where you are. Always seek opportunities to get additional leadership experience or to gain more proficiency in those you have already experienced.

The FFA has attained its high position because those who preceded us believed in its aims and purposes. They were willing to exert the extra effort which gave life to our objectives. It will continue to progress only so long as each FFA member recognizes the value of agriculture and accepts the challenge to make it better.

A LETTER TO FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS (Cont.)

It is up to you and me to set the pace, create the proper image of the FFA, and bring to the eyes of the public the activities and accomplishments, as well as the ideals, of the finest student organization yet devised for educational purposes.

The future of the FFA is what you make it. Your future in the FFA is limited only by your interest and initiative in taking advantage of the opportunities that are available.

> Terry Odle, State President Kansas Association of FFA

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CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

To Members of the Future Farmers of America:

As your National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations to send delegates to the 37th National Convention which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16, 1964.

This year, your convention has been planned to serve as an especially inspirational and informative experience for all in attendance. A Vespers Program will provide a fitting introduction on Tuesday evening, and the convention will embrace a matinee performance of the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show. Offering many highly respected personages and inspirational speakers, the convention sessions are planned to execute business,

recognize outstanding achievements, demonstrate and promote leadership training, elect new officers for next year, and leave every Future Farmer and adult with a renewed dedication to the aim and purposes of the FFA.

All chartered State Associations in good standing with the national organization are expected to send two official delegates and two alternates from the active membership. It is urged that official delegates arrive in Kansas City in time for the 10:00 a.m. delegate registration and for the Officer-Delegate Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13. Convention committees will be announced and will meet immediately following the luncheon. State Associations should also have in attendance at the convention those candidates recommended for the American Farmer Degree, candidates for national office, those members who are to receive awards and others who have official business at the convention.

Local chapters are encouraged to send representatives to the national convention. Any local chapter of the FFA is entitled to have a maximum of six, or 10% of the total membership, whichever is the greater, of carefully selected members to attend the convention, provided they come to Kansas City with properly completed official registration cards, bearing the signatures of the chapter advisor and school principal or superintendent. number does not include national or regional award winners, members on official status, such as band, judging teams, Courtesy Corps, ushers, or special program participants.

The 37th Annual National FFA Convention will be the highlight of our

FFA year. I urge all Future Farmers who will attend the convention to be present for all sessions from Wednesday morning, October 14 through Friday evening, October 16. With the help and cooperation of all present, our convention can be a great success. I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

Sincerely yours,

Nels J. Ackerson National President

R. R. 1 Westfield, Indiana

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION REGISTRATION CHANGED

Your attention is called to the fact that the registration this year will be by chapters instead of by individual members except for official delegates, band members, American Farmer candidates, student teachers, State staff members, parents, and guests. The registration card will provide space for the names of the representatives of each chapter plus the signatures of the vocational agriculture teacher and the local school administrator.

Attendance at the National Convention will be limited to not more than six carefully selected members and one advisor from any given chapter or ten percent of the chapter membership whichever is greater.

The following members will not be counted in the local chapter quota: official State delegates, American Farmer Degree candidates, contestants in the National Public Speaking and Judging Contests, Regional and National

FFA Foundation Award winners, and members of the National FFA Band. The following procedures will be followed:

- 1. Each FFA member attending the convention must have signed a registration card before leaving home.
- 2. Chapter pre-registration cards may be obtained from the State FFA advisor on request by local teachers.
- 3. Upon arrival in Kansas City the advisor or chaperone of each chapter will present the completed registration card of his group at the registration desk in the Municipal Auditorium.
- 4. Each member will receive an identification card. This I.D. card will be required of all members as an admission pass to evening sessions.
- 5. No registration cards for chapters will be available in Kansas City.

 They must be obtained and completed before the member leaves home.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES TO THE 37th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Terry Odle, State FFA President, Stockton Chapter, and John Holste, State Vice-president, Norton Chapter, have been named as official delegates from the Kansas Association to the National FFA Convention October 13-16. David Martin, State Secretary, Salina, and Warren Grable, State Sentinel, Troy, will serve as alternates.



TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF THE 37th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION, October 13-16

Tuesday, October 13			Opening Session
Morning	Early Registration		Posting of Colors Address of Welcome -
11:45 a.m.	Officer-Delegate Luncheon		Mayor ILus W. Davis
Afternoon	Early Registration		Nominations of Honorary American Farmers Address
1:00 p.m.	Tours to Points of Interest		Meats Judging Contest
	Committee Meetings		mount badging comest
/	Officer Candidate Meeting	Afternoon	Conferring of Honorary
	Regional Public Speaking Contests(Pacific, Central)		American Farmer Degrees
	Audition for FFA Talent		Address
	Meeting of Advisors		American Farmer Degree Ceremony
Evening			Awarding of Service Plaques
7:00 p.m.	Meeting of Courtesy Corps		Poultry Judging Contest
3:00 p.m.	Vespers Program	Evening	National FFA Band Concert
	Practice for American Far- mer Degree Ceremony	J	National FFA Public Speaking Contest
	Practice for Star Farmer Program		National Gold Emblem Chapter Awards
	Meeting for Pageant Parti- cipants		Chapter Hwards
	Meeting for Farm Proficiency Award Winners	the state of the s	October 15
	Meeting for National Chapter Awards Program	Morning	National Chapter Awards Presentation of Farm Pro-
			ficiency Awards
	3		Presentation of Distinguished
			Service Awards
Wednesday, October 14			Address
Morning	Registration		Pageant

Livestock Judging Contest

Afternoon

Business Session

Tour to Points of Interest

Evening

Introduction to Representatives of Donors to National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Recognition of 15-Year
Donors
Introduction of 1964 Star American Farmers
1964 "Four Star Farmers"
Movie

Presentation of Star Farmer

of America FFA Talent Show

Friday, October 16

Morning

Awards Breakfast for
Judging teams and officials
Leadership Training Demonstration
We Salute our Foreign
Guests
Address
Election of New Officers

11:30 a.m.

Recess for Special Session-FFA Day at American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show

Evening

Special Talent Program
National FFA Officers' Night
Installation of 1964-65
National FFA Officers
Firestone Show

Saturday, October 17

Morning American Royal Parade--Led by National FFA Band

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1964 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Seven of Kansas! most outstanding FFA members have been approved by the National Board of Student Officers and the National Board of Directors as candidates for the American Farmer Degree for 1964. The action of the Board of Directors must be confirmed by the official delegates to the 1964 National FFA Convention. The American Farmer Degree ceremony will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 14 in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri. Each American Farmer Degree winner will receive a certificate, a gold key symbolizing the degree, and a check for \$75 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Candidates must be present in order to receive the \$75 check, Candidates who have been nominated from Kansas are: Joe Befort, Lebanon; Conrad Cox, Long Island; Archie Dix, Stockton; Arlen Etling, Ensign; Terry Hager, Norton; Richard Ibbetson, Yates Center; Ronald Mercer, Columbus.

1964 NATIONAL FFA BAND

The National FFA Band will again be under the direction of Mr. R. Cedric Anderson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The band, known as the "suitcase band," will furnish music for the National FFA Convention. Eight Kansas FFA member have been selected to serve with the National FFA Band. In addition to the National FFA Convention the Band will perform during the opening sessions of the American Royal and will march in the American Royal parade on Saturday, October 17. All Kansas FFA members can be proud of the following young men who have been selected for

the National FFA Band. These are: Lebanon; John Johnson, Brewster; Larry Lindbloom, Osage City; Jon Sims, Smith Center; Charles Steier, Haddam; Ronnie Wineland, Alton; and Steven White, Pretty Prairie.

ETLING TO COMPETE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

Arlen Etling of the Ensign FFA Chapter will be competing for a National Office from the Kansas Association of FFA. Arlen has an outstanding record of accomplishments in leadership having served the State Association as Vicepresident in 1962. The last entry to compete for a National Office was Steve Robb of the Lawrence FFA Chapter. Chapter Advisor is Mr. Roy Eck.



Above: Glenn Shafer, Caney FFA Chapter and winner of the 1964 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest will compete in the

Central Regional Public Speaking Con-Jim Archer, Almena; Norlan Joe Gilbert, test on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:30 p.m. The contest is scheduled for the Music Hall of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri. The winner of the 13-State Regional Contest will be one of the four finalists in the National Contest on Wednesday evening, October 14.

NATIONAL BETTER CHAPTER AWARD CONTEST

A committee of FFA advisors met during the State Teachers' Conference and nominated the Effingham and Stockton Chapters to represent the Kansas Association in the National Emblem Award Program. The Effingham FFA The Stockton Chapter Advisor is Mr. Floyd Blauer. The Ellsworth Chapter ranked Gold and the Norton Chapter ranked Silver in the 1963 competition.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD PROGRAM OF WORK

by

David Mugler, Agricultural Education, Kansas State University

- 1. It must be interesting, worthwhile, and appeal to the members of your chapter.
- 2. It must meet the needs of the members of your chapters.
- 3. It must be large enough to involve and challenge all members to work.
- 4. It must be consistent with FFA, school, and community objectives.
- 5. It must be adequately financed.

FFA JUDGING TEAMS TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dairy Products



Emporia: left to right - Carl Stueve, Jerry Goodell, Eugene Walker, Advisor. Glen Windler(not pictured) is the third member of the team. Alternate is Vic Peak.

Poultry Judging



Altamont: left to right - Alan Miller, Russell McKee, Tim Maxson, Henry Payne, Advisor. Alternate is John Butts.

Livestock Judging

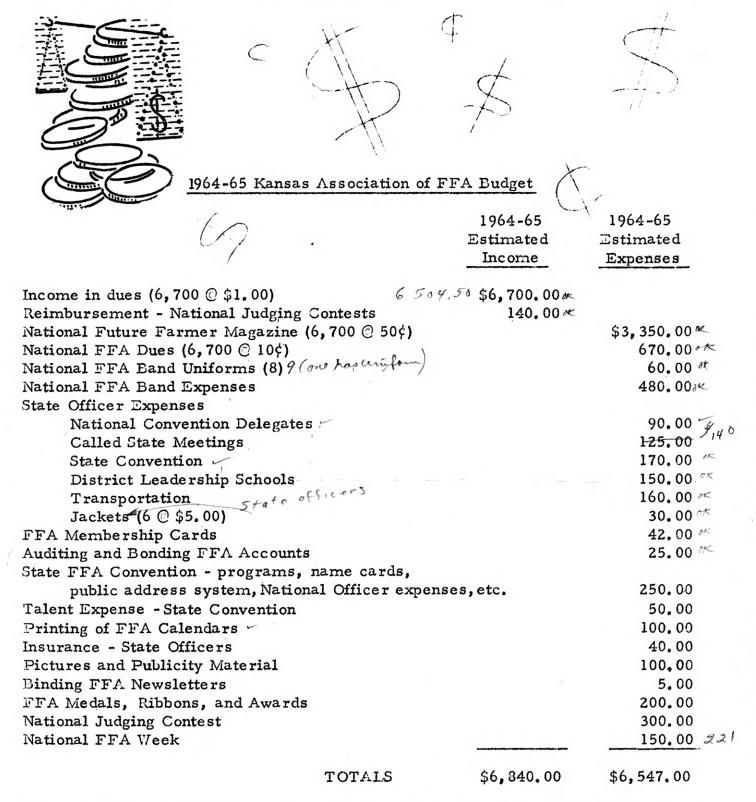


Newton: left to right - Dwight Claassen, Larry Kater, Jim Miller, Mike Lichtenberger(alternate).

Dairy Judging



Meriden: left to right - Jim Cook, Gary White, Calvin Johnston. Eddie Rinehart is the alternate.



This budget does not include the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Sheep Program or the State FFA Leadership Camp, both of which are handled through the Kansas Association treasury.

DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND PROGRAMS OF WORK

The State FFA dues for 1964-65 will remain at 40¢ per member; the National FFA dues are 10¢ per member. The yearly subscription rate for the National Future Farmer Magazine is 50¢. Adding these three items together gives a total of \$1 which should be sent to the State Office for each FFA member. FFA Chapter Treasurers are urged to collect dues early from 100% of the vocational agriculture students and send them to the State Office no later than October 31. Chapters failing to submit a program of work by October 31 will not be eligible to participate in district or State FFA events during the coming school year. It is suggested that the three items, dues, subscriptions, and programs of work, be sent to the State Office together. Program of Work report forms along with magazine subscription blanks will be supplied to the local chapters no later than September 5.

If a member's magazine subscription extends through 1964, a new subscription will begin where the old one expires. Each subscriber is guaranteed to receive six issues for one year's subscription. Be very careful that complete addresses are supplied on the magazine subscription blanks. If any subscriber fails to receive his copy of the magazine he should notify the State Office immediately in order that the reason may be traced.

PLANS FOR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1964 Leadership Schools provide a means for local FFA officers to become more effective leaders in their local chapter. Eleven district FFA Leader.

- ship Schools will be held over the State on September 28, 29, 30.
- All chapter officers meet as a group for general orientation and instructions.
- 2. Divide into two groups, one half of chapters in one group and half in another. One group will conduct the Parliamentary Procedure Contest, and the other group will conduct the Opening and Closing Ritual Contest. Teachers act as judges of ritual unless otherwise requested. The Parliamentary Procedure Contest will be slightly changed from last year. A committee composed of one member from each competing chapter will do all voting. Competing officers will not vote.
- 3. Groups change places when complete
- 4. Supper at about 6:00 p.m. following Parliamentary Procedure and Ritual Contests. Host chapter will make arrangements.
- 5. Assemble as a group for State Office speech and demonstrations, if any.
- Chapter officers be assigned to respective groups for training sessions with advisor in charge.
- 7. FFA Information Test to be given during first 15-20 minutes of session followed by 30-40 minute training session for each group of officers in charge of an advisor.
 - A. The FFA Information Contest will be limited to 50 objective type questions.
 - 1. Questions will be taken from the official FFA Manual and the last six issues of the

Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, including September 1, 1964.

- 2. The test will not include winners of district, state, or national Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Entomology, or Farm Mechanics Contests.
- 3. The test will not include names of home chapters of American Farmers or candidates for American Farmer.
- 4. The test will not cover names of Regional Vice-Presidents or Board of Directors of the National Organization.
- 5. The test will not cover early history not included in the cited reference material.
- 8. Other advisors score tests during last 30-45 minute session, and be ready to announce results when all groups reassemble.
- 9. Ribbons will be provided for Gold, Silver, and Bronze emblem groups in each of the three divisions of the Leadership School.
- 10. A representative from the Federal Land Bank of Wichita will present a trophy to the chapter with the highest total score in the three combined contests. An FFA Statuette trophy will be awarded the high team. The following plan will be used to determine the high team. Each chapter will be ranked first, second, third, etc., in the Ritual Contest, Parliamentary Procedure Contest, and the FFA Information Contest. In determining the over-all winner, the Ritual Contest will receive double rankings as compared to the other two areas of competition.
- 11. The Leadership School will be adjourned by the Master Ritual Team.

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1964 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

LAWRENCE: September 28, Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Berryton, Blue Mound, Garnett, Highland Park, LaCygne, Lawrence, Louisburg
Ottawa, Paola, Parker, Rossville, Seaman, Williamsburg, Silver Lake, Wellsville

BUHLER: September 28, Monday 3:30 p.m.

Buhler, Claflin, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Florence, Goessel, Great Bend, Haven,
Hillsboro, Inman, Lindsborg, McPherson, Moundridge, Newton, Partridge,
Peabody, Salina, Stafford

EMPORIA: September 28, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Alma, Alta Vista, Burlingame, Burlington, Cottonwood Falls, Council Grove,
Emporia, Eskridge, Harveyville, Herington, Kincaid, Lebo, Lyndon, Marion,
Osage City

PLAINVILLE: September 28, Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Alton, Ellis, Hays, Hill City, Hoisington, Kensington, LaCrosse, Morland, Natoma, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Quinter, Russell, Stockton, WaKeeney, Wilson

CLAY CENTER: September 28, Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Abilene, Barnes, Chapman, Clay Center, Clifton, Greenleaf, Haddam, Hanove: Hope, Linn, Longford, Manhattan, Marysville, Miltonvale, Morrowville, Randolph, Riley, Solomon, Washington, Waterville

BELOIT: September 29, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Concordia, Courtland, Delphos, Jewell, Lebanon, Mankato, Minneapolis, Osborne, Scandia, Smith Center

HARPER: September 29, 4:00 p.m.

Arkansas City, Attica, Cheney, Harper, Kingman, Udall, Medicine Lodge, Mulvane, Oxford, Pratt, Preston, Pretty Prairie, Winfield

OBERLIN: September 29, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Almena, Atwood, Bird City, Brewster, Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Jennings, Long Island, McDonald, Norcatur, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, St., Francis

HOLTON: September 29, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Centralia, Effingham, Frankfort, Highland, Holton, Hoyt, Meriden, Onaga, Powhattan, Sabetha, St. Marys, Troy, Valley Falls, Wamego, Westwareland

September 29, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Altamont, Altoona, Caney, Chanute, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Columbus, Elk City, Erie, Eureka, Fort Scott, Fredonia, Girard, Howard, Humboldt, Iola, McCune, Neodesha, Riverton, St. Paul, Severy, Uniontown, Yates Center

DODGE CITY: September 30, Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.

Bazine, Dodge City, Ensign, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Hanston, Holcomb, Hugoton, Jetmore, Kinsley, Lakin, Leoti, Meade, Mullinville, Ness City, Plains, Spearville, Syracuse, Tribune

Southwestern Keights (Plains)

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STATE FAIR AT HUTCHINSON: FFA chapters attending the Hutchinson Fair should contact Mr. C.C. Eustace on arrival if lodging in tents is needed. Each chapter will stay in their individual tent with their instructor. There will be no gate fee on Friday at the beginning of the fair or the last day, Thursday. Students must be with their instructors and identified in order to be admitted to the afternoon and evening performance of monday which is F.F.A. day

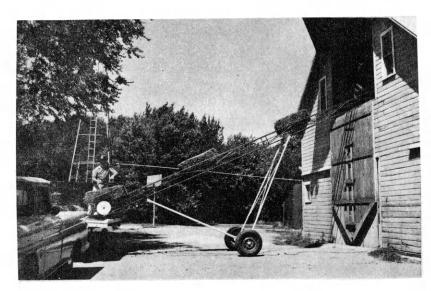
FEEDER PIG SALE

The Waterville FFA and Young Farmer Chapters are holding a feeder pig sale on October 27, 1964 at the Marysville Livestock and Commission Company, Marysville, Kansas. Information booklets are available by writing Mr. Willis E. Ringen, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Waterville High School.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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"Use your head; save your back."

Fred Wedel, FFA member from the Goessel Chapter, demonstrates his labor-saving device. This bale loader has been entered in the Lincoln Arc Welding Contest.

Dale Schraag, Secretary of the Inman FFA Chapter last year, won the Kansas Co-op Council Speech Contest at Manhattan on February 17, 1964. Dale's speech was entitled, "What's Happening to the Family Farm?" Dale will be a senior this year at Inman High School.





The Russell Chapter organized and operated a successful feeder pig co-op program last year. Shown above are Board of Directors. L. to R: Frank Laubhan, Jim Anschutz, John Denning-Chairman, Ronnie Dietz, Daryl Berry.



David Leebrick, Sentinel for the Atwood FFA Chapter, placed first in tractor driving competition. The contest was divided into three parts: written test, tractor maintenance check, and driving skill.

Proposed Amendments to the National FFA Constitution

The following amendments to the National Constitution of the FFA have been proposed by various State Associations of FFA. These amendments will be presented and voted on at the 1964 National FFA Convention. We would encourage FFA members to read the amendments, and if your chapter has an opinion, either for or against the amendment, please write to the State Office so that your official delegates may vote according to your instruction.

California's Proposed Amendment:

That Article V, Section E, paragraphs 1 and 2 read as follows:

"Must have held the degree of State Farmer for one year preceding election to the degree of American Farmer, must be an active member of the FFA, and must have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.

"Must have held continuous membership in the FFA from the time of his first affiliation until the time of his application, and in no case less than 36 months. Should the vocational agriculture department in the applicant's high school have been discontinued temporarily after his initial enrollment, or should the applicant have moved during high school to an area where vocational agriculture was not taught, or should the applicant have been in military service, this provision may be waived upon the submission and approval of an explanatory statement."

Connecticut's Proposed Amendment:

That under Article III, Section C, the following changes be made:

- 1. Delete "he" and substitute "the student" attends....
- 2. Delete "he" and substitute "the student" shows an interest in.
- 3. Delete "he", "his" and "himself" and substitute "the student" pays dues regularly and conducts "him/herself"....

That under Article IV, Section B, the following changes be made:

- 1. Delete "male" in second line.
- 2. The first two lines in Paragraph 2 read:

 "Members may retain their active membership continuously throughout their....
- 3. Delete the words "he becomes" in line 7.

That under Article V, Section E, the following changes be made:

- 1. Delete the word "his" and substitute the word "their" in paragraph 3.
- 2. Delete the word "his" and substitute the word "their" in paragraph 4.

Nevada's Proposed Amendment:

That under Article VIII, Section G, the second sentence be substituted with the following:

"Any State Association with a membership of less than 1,000 may select its State Officers from those members meeting the minimum requirements for the State Farmer Degree."

Ohio's Proposed Amendment:

That under Article IV, Section B, Paragraph 2, the following sentence be added: "Members participating in the six months armed service program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership."

FFA CHAPTER NEWS

Four FFA newsletters are planned for this year: September 1, 1964, November 15, April 1, and May 15. I would welcome news from any chapter at any time. We are, however, contacting only the past year's Gold Emblem chapters to supply news for these four issues.

CHENEY: Our 1963-64 President, Kent Koster, attended the 1964 summer session of the American Institute of Cooperation at Michigan State University on August 9-12. The trip was sponsored by the Kansas Co-op Council as an award for receiving the highest score in the 1963 Co-op Quiz Contest in South Central Kansas. Kent reported that the institute was very educationl and enjoyable. Recently, the Cheney FFA Chapter participated in the Sedgwick County Fair. Eight boys exhibited the farm mechanics projects they constructed in the Vocational Agriculture shop last year. The chapter also entered a float in the parade and exhibited a booth showing the different types of crops grown in the Ninnesach Valley.

John Robbins, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Chapter officers, our advisor and his wife started the FFA year with a camping trip to Cheyenne, Wyoming, July 20-26 to see the Frontier Days Rodeo and Wyoming Hereford Ranch. On the way out we stopped at Pike's Peak and the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs. On the return trip we visited the Museum of Natural History in Denver, Coor's Brewery, and the Royal Gorge. Several stops were made at farms and points of interest. Two hours were set aside each morning for FFA Leadership and developing next

year's Program of Work. A test over FFA material was given each day with the two low boys doing KP duty for the day. The camp trailer was furnished by the advisor. We camped and cooked out each day except while traveling. Our expenses for the trip were earned by hauling 1500 bales of hay one weekend before school was out last spring. Our FFA family picnic was held on August 20. A movie of our trip was shown at this meeting. Several members have had displays at the fairs this summer and several more are planning for displays this fall. Our chapter plans on having a Farm Mechanics exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair. Eight of our members have cattle on feed for the Junior Cattleman's Project sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. These eight members have 70 head on feed and they are following the deferred feeding method. The officers have sold the FFA calendar ads. Our officers have a planned budget of \$2100 for the coming year to finance all chapter activities.

Rod Marrs, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: Larry Hawk, President, and Dick Lane, Vice-president, attended the Leadership Training Camp, Liberty, Missouri, sponsored by the Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City, Missouri. The chapter sends two mem-

bers every year to the CCA camp as scholarship awards. LeRoy Schrader and Dennis Bodenhausen attended the Agriculture Hall of Fame \$100 Banquet last spring. The chapter's annual softball game was played on August 5 with prospective Greenhands as guests. The chapter prepared a float for the Atchison County Fair parade using the theme, "50 Years of Extension." The chapter, in cooperation with our local Boy Scout Troup, operated a balloon stand at the county fair. Our officers and Mr. Eck, our advisor, attended the FFA Leadership Training Camp, Rock Springs Ranch. Chapter members are busy collecting materials for the Collective County Agricultural Booth at the Mid America Fair.

Robert Neill, Reporter

CANEY: The Caney FFA held their Parent-Son awards Night, May 13, with over 200 in attendance. The speaker for the program was Jon Ford, National Student Secretary. The Star Chapter Farmer was Jay Shrock and the Star Greenhand was Tommy Vaughn. Our new officers were installed at the close of the meeting. The Chapter Spring Educational Tour was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, with visits to the John Zinc Manufacturing Company and Ranch and the Angus Valley Ranch of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The group traveled by car and camped out on Saturday night. Our chapter will serve the lunch and assist with the Messner Duroc Sale on Saturday, September 12 as a community service project. Our booth committee is preparing a booth for the Mid America Fair at Topeka. Our Father-Son Watermelon Feed was held August 28 with prospective members and our dads as guests. A softball game preceded it. Six of our chapter officers and our advisor attended the State FFA Leadership

Camp at Rock Springs.

Tim Perkins, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: In August we held our FFA officers' night meeting. Qualifications of FFA officers and chapter duties were discussed along with parliamentary procedure, ritualistic performance and history of FFA. Committees were assigned to develop the Program of Work with all members participating. The summer FFA officers' meetings were started off by devotions by the advisor, Mr. Crandall. This will be continued through the year at the opening of each meeting. Each FFA member will share this responsibility. The Hutchinson Fair was discussed and it was decided to exhibit some of the members' projects. Freshman Parent meeting was set for September 3. In the spring just before school was out, projects tours were held. All members in the chapter visited all other members' farms and then turned in a report on the ideas or procedures that impressed them most as well as what could be improved. At the close of school Ellsworth Chapter had a net worth of \$52,021. Finally, There was a general discussion as to how the chapter could do a better job in shop, classroom and in general how Ellsworth FFA Chapter could improve. Jim Korinek, Reporter