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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this new year of school work for 1950-51 gets underway it is time for us to begin thinking of what we expect to accomplish during this coming year. The Kansas Association of FFA under the leadership of its fine president, Paul Mugler, had an enviable record last year. While we may be justly proud of our part in attaining that record we must not allow ourselves to glory in the honors of former years and do nothing to strive for a greater achievement in the coming year. It is a well recognized fact that no organization can remain stationary; it must either push ahead or fall back.

In this same issue of the Newsletter you will find the State Program of Work for the coming year. This is the basis for all our work, and if it is to be **accomplished**, it must be through active local chapters that it is done. The strength of our FFA lies in the initiative of each of its members as they attain to a more practical and profitable program.

It might be well if each chapter would carefully consider the state program of work and how it applies to your own situation when you make out your own program of work.

Once again the world situation is such that much of the success and eventual existence of this nation will depend on the strength of our farmers. Let us begin building now to shoulder our share and more of the great job that lies ahead.

Robert Ball, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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SUMMARY OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA
REPORT TO NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 1949-50

Certain totals found in the annual report of the Kansas Association of FFA submitted to the National Organization of FFA will be at variance with some of the figures listed in the May 15, 1950, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. This is occasioned by the fact that additional dues and reports were received by the state office following the date of the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Number of active chapters in the state association.	160
Total active FFA membership in the state.	5,812
Total active membership National Organization FFA 1949-50 . . .	319,261
Total number of chapters chartered by Kansas Association of FFA during its 22 years of life	206
Average Net Worth of FFA members 1949-50.	\$816.85
Number of farm machines repaired by FFA members	3,115
Number of pieces of farm equipment built by FFA members	4,325

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RE-ACTIVATING AND ESTABLISHING FFA CHAPTERS

The following information will be of interest to local FFA advisers who are faced with the problem of re-activating FFA chapters, or who are establishing local FFA chapters.

I. RE-ACTIVATING FFA CHAPTERS

- a. Where chapters have become inactive due to non-payment of State and National dues. In this case the chapter may become active by payment of State and National dues and the submittal of a Chapter Program of Work for 1950-51.
- b. Re-activating chapters where chapters have been established and the work in vocational agriculture has not been offered for the past three years.

Re-activating chapters under conditions described under I-b will follow the same procedure recommended for establishing FFA chapters in newly organized departments of vocational agriculture. (See II)

II. ESTABLISHING FFA CHAPTERS IN SCHOOLS WHERE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE IS BEING OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

- a. Acquaint the vocational agriculture students with the Future Farmers of America Organization through study lessons, FFA Newsletters, National FFA Proceedings, etc., in an effort to create a desire to organize a local chapter of Future Farmers of America.
- b. Elect temporary officers from upper class groups. Use a nominating committee if feasible.
- c. Through committee assignments and study of mimeographed material from the state office, build tentative chapter Program of Work.
- d. Write state office for petition blank to petition the State Association for a local FFA chapter.
- e. Collect State and National dues; list membership in accordance with directions on petition blank and forward the petition blank with state and national dues and tentative local chapter Program of Work to the State Office at Manhattan, Kansas.
- f. Upon receipt of petition blank, dues and local Program of Work, the State Office will issue the local FFA charter and will send the local chapter free the following material: George Washington, General Order on Profanity; Purposes, Creed, Picture of Henry Groseclose. All to be framed under glass.
- g. In accordance with the National Constitution, all local officers except the Sentinel must hold the Degree of Chapter Farmer. In case of newly chartered chapters, as well as re-activated chapters where vocational agriculture work has been discontinued for three or more years, the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America has ruled that all officers in such FFA chapters shall be elected from the Green Hand Degree group. During the second year of the local

Re-activating and Establishing FFA Chapters (continued)

chapter's history, it will be possible to elect officers from the Chapter Farmer Degree group, which will be in full accord with the Constitutions of both the National Organization and the State Association.

III. SUGGESTED PATTERNS FOR DEGREE RITUAL WORK (New & reactivated chapters)

- a. Take the officer group to a neighboring chapter and have them initiated into the Green Hand Degree. Then the Chapter Green Hand officer members can initiate the other members of the chapter into the Green Hand Degree.
- b. Have a neighboring chapter bring its officers to a meeting of the local chapter and have them initiate the entire group into the Green Hand Degree.
- c. In the case of small groups it might be desirable to take your entire membership to a neighboring chapter and have them initiated into the Green Hand Degree.

The plan of handling Degree Ritual Work under I-a will depend upon how long the chapter has remained inactive. One of the patterns set up under (III) or a modification of one of these patterns should make it possible for reactivated chapters under I-a to satisfactorily be re-activated.

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MEETING OF THE STATE FFA OFFICERS

The State FFA Officers held a meeting at Manhattan, September 2. They approved the State Program of Work, set up plans for District FFA Leadership Schools and planned for activities in connection with the National FFA Convention.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution and By-Laws, submitted by the Oregon Association of FFA, did not reach the state office in time to be acted upon by the State FFA Officers in their September 2 meeting. This amendment will be acted upon by the House of Delegates at the 23rd National FFA Convention, held at Kansas City, Missouri.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

Amend Article IV - Paragraph 4 of the By-Laws of the National Constitution by striking the words " and shall not be reelected" and inserting the statement, "The National President shall be elected from among the previous year's officers, provided it be in due harmony with at least one of those concerned and the current nominating committee".

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WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Following is a list of FFA supplies and where they can be purchased. See that this list is filed so that when your chapter is in need of supplies your secretary will have the necessary information on where the material can be purchased, thereby eliminating the necessity of writing the state office for this information. ORDERS FROM THE STATE OFFICE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH.

Adviser's pins (11) bronze 28¢	Music (cont.)
Adviser's pins (11) gold plated 37¢	"Hail the FFA" (11) quartette 35¢
Arm bands, felt (2)	"March of FFA" (band) (8)
Badges and buttons (6)	Napkins (4)
Banners, felt (2)	Neckties (3)
Belts and Buckles (1)	Newspaper mats (4)
Blankets, FFA Pure Wool (3)	Officer Station Drapes (13)
Caps, convention style (2)	Official FFA Owl (13)
Caps, swagger and military style (2)	Parliamentary Procedure (11) 15¢
Charters for chapters (11)	Pennants, felt (2)
Collegiate chapter pins (1)	Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (10)*
Cups, trophy (1)	Pins (price includes Fed. and state tax)
Cuts, emblem (4)	Adviser's pins (11) bronze 28¢
Drapes, official officer (13) \$6.00	Adviser's pins (11) gold plated 37¢
Degree pins and keys (11)	Chapter Farmer (11) 35¢
Ear of Corn, Model (13)	Green Hand (11) 30¢
Electrotypes (4)	Officer pins (11) 95¢
Emblem, official Jumbo (13) \$3.95	Place cards (4)
Emblem, felt (2)	Plaques (1)
Emblem stickers (4)	Plows, miniature (9)*
Envelopes (4)	Printed Supplies (4)
Felt goods (2)	Ribbons, prize (6)
Flags (13)	Rings, finger (1)
Gavels (13)	Rising Sun (13) \$4.50
Handbook for Future Farmers (4)	Records:
Jackets, corduroy (3)	"FFA March" and "Hail the FFA" (5)
Jefferson, Bust of (13)	4 numbers sung by national FFA Chorus (12)
Jewelry (1)	FFA Band at National FFA Convention (12)
Keys, degree (11)	Secretary's Book (11) 35¢
Letterheads (4)	Shirts (3)
Manuals (11) 20¢	Stationery (4)
Medals (1)	Stickers, baggage (4) windshield (4)
Membership cards (11) Cards sent only upon payment of dues, 30¢ per member, 20¢ state, 10¢ nat'l	Treasurer's Books, (11) 35¢
Music:	Trousers, Uniforms (3)
"FFA March" (8)	Washington, Bust of (13)
"Hail the FFA" (11) piano 25¢	

- (1) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts, Jewelry
 - (2) Staunton Novelty Company, Staunton, Virginia, Felt Goods and Convention Caps.
 - (3) Future Farmers Supply Service, P. O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.
 - (4) French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland, printed supplies, stationery, emblem cuts, etc.
 - (5) U.S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D. C.
- (contd. on next page)

Where to Get FFA Supplies (continued)

- (6) St. Louis Button Company, 415 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, Celluloid buttons, ribbons, badges, markers, flags.
- (7) W. M. Welch Scientific Company, Chicago, Illinois.
- (8) Cundy-Betteney Co., Hyde Park, Boston, Massachusetts.
- (9) John Deere Company, Moline, Illinois.
- (10) Swift and Company, Chicago, Illinois, Agricultural Research Department.
- (11) A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans.
- (12) Edward A Roche, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri
- (13) Chapter Supply Co., Box 594, Danville, Illinois.

* - Request must be accompanied by letter from State Executive Adviser.

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CASH WITH ORDER - PLEASE

In order to reduce bookkeeping to a minimum in the central office, the Kansas Association has for many years handled all FFA supplies on a cash basis; that is, cash must accompany the order. We appreciate the fact that this is not the most convenient plan for schools where FFA funds are handled by the school Activity Fund. However, the state office handles FFA supplies on a non profit basis in order to accommodate the local chapters, and since we have no funds to compensate for extra labor involved in rendering this service, it is necessary to keep the expense of providing this service to a minimum. Chapters can aid in keeping the cost of this service at a minimum by accompanying all orders for FFA supplies with cash.

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DELEGATES TO THE 23RD NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Official delegates to the 23rd National Convention held at Kansas City on October 9-12 representing Kansas Association of FFA will be:

State President	Robert Ball, Garden City Chapter
Past State Vice President	Bob Greve, Harper Chapter

Alternates are:

Past State Reporter	Billy Bert Jessee, Columbus Chapter
	Karl Rau, Clay Center Chapter

Headquarters for the Kansas Association of FFA will be at the Hotel President.

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OREGON: A practical farm laboratory for teaching dairying is planned by members of the Tillamook FFA chapter. The chapter is developing a 130 acre farm into a practical demonstration center for teaching better methods of dairying to vocational agriculture students and farmers of the community. Improved pastures already have been seeded on some of the land. A modern milking parlor and loafing shed to handle 30 cows is planned.

1950 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

EMPORIA: September 25, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Alma, Alta Vista, Burlingame, Burlington, Burns, Cottonwood Falls, Council Grove, Emporia, Eskridge, Eureka, Herington, Kincaid, Lyndon, Osage City, Paxico, Williamsburg

INDEPENDENCE: September 26, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Altamont, Altoona, Cedar Vale, Chanute, Cherryvale, Chetopa, Coffeyville, Columbus, Erie, Fredonia, Fort Scott, Girard, Howard, Humbolt, Independence, Iola, McCune, Neodesha, Parsons, Riverton, Sedan, Yates Center

HARPER: September 27, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Arkansas City, Attica, Harper, Kingman, Kiowa, Medicine Lodge, Mulvane, Oxford, Rose Hill, Winfield

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

Buhler, Claflin, Eldorado, Ellsworth, Great Bend, Haven, Hillsboro, Inman, Leon, Little River, McPherson, Moundridge, Newton, Partridge, Peabody, Pretty Prairie, Stafford, Valley Center

BELOIT: October 2, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Alton, Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Concordia, Downs, Glasco, Jewell, Lebanon, Mankato, Minneapolis, Osborne, Simpson, Smith Center

HOXIE: October 3, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Almena, Atwood, Bird City, Colby, Edson, Ellis, Goodland, Hays, Hill City, Hoxie, McDonald, Natoma, Norcatur, Norton, Oberlin, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Quinter, St. Francis, Stockton, Wakeeney

DODGE CITY: October 4, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Ashland, Bazine, Coldwater, Dodge City, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Holcomb, Hugoton, Kinsley, Lakin, Liberal, Meade, Minneola, Ness City, Pratt, Spearville, Syracuse, Trousdale

CLAY CENTER: October 16, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Abilene, Barnes, Chapman, Clay Center, Clifton, Frankfort, Greenleaf, Haddam, Hanover, Hope, Junction City, Linn, Longford, Manhattan, Miltonvale, Morrowville, Randolph, Solomon, Wakefield, Waterville, Washington

LAWRENCE: October 17, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Berryton, Bonner Springs, Garnett, Harveyville, Highland Park, LaCygne, Lawrence, Louisburg, Olathe, Ottawa, Overbrook, Paola, Parker, Rossville, Seaman, Shawnee Mission, Silver Lake, St. Marys, Tonganoxie, Washburn, Wellsville

HOLTON: October 18, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Centralia, Effingham, Fairview, Hiawatha, Highland, Holton, Hoyt, Marysville, Meriden, Onaga, Powhattan, Sabetha, Seneca, Soldier, Troy, Valley Falls, Wamego, Westmoreland

NOTE: If more convenient to attend a District FFA Leadership School held in a center other than the one to which your chapter is assigned, please notify the host adviser of the center you choose to attend several days prior to the date of the meeting.

1950-51 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
2. A continuous program of repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
3. Prevent waste of all kinds. (Conserve soil and other natural resources; control farm fires; control livestock losses, eradicate pests.)
4. Take every precaution against farm accidents. They result in suffering, loss of manpower, damaged equipment, and sometimes cost lives.
5. So far as practical, produce on the farm all the needs of the farm and farm family.
6. Assist veterans in becoming established in farming.
7. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members.
8. Each chapter to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, 1950. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the state FFA public speaking contest.
9. Six issues of the FFA newsletter to be published, beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisers, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
10. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
11. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the FFA Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
12. Encourage 100 per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
13. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
14. Publicity - encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worthwhile activities, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of state and national interest.

1950-51 State FFA Program of Work (continued)

15. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences to make the farm home more livable.
16. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list paraphernalia: U.S. Flag, Owl, Ear of Corn, Pictures of Washington and Jefferson framed under glass, Plow, Gavel, Seal, Charter framed under glass, Creed, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, FFA Manuals - minimum of six, Filing Case, Mounts for Officer Emblems, FFA Song, Purposes framed under glass, Picture of Henry Groseclose framed under glass.
17. Encourage scouting.
18. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (Figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed).
 - a. FFA Manual, 1949 edition, for each officer. (1) 20¢
 - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer. (1) 15¢
 - c. History of Kansas FFA 1929 - 1943, Davidson, (1) 3 usable copies free.
 - d. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the current year.
 - e. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Convention.
 - f. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (2) \$1.50
 - g. Writing FFA News by C. E. Rogers (5) \$2.00
 - h. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Living on a Little Land, Deyoe (4) \$3.95
 - Starting to Farm, Beard (4) \$2.50
 - If You Please, Allen & Briggs (3) \$1.40
 - i. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Tom of Peace Valley, Case (3) \$2.00
 - Moon Valley, Case (3) \$2.10
 - Short Stories for Future Farmers (4) \$2.10
 - j. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings, Tenney (4) \$2.00
 - Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (4) \$2.00
 - Winning FFA Speeches, Judson (4) \$2.00

- (1) A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, KSC, Manhattan, Kansas
- (2) French-Bray Printing Company, Baltimore, Maryland
- (3) J. B. Lippincott Company, 220 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois
- (4) Interstate Printing Company, 19th Jackson, Danville, Illinois
- (5) Collegiate Press, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa

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1950 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The Kansas Association of FFA presented six applications for the degree of American Farmer, as follows:

Karl Rau, Clay Center Chapter	Tom W. Wedman, Harper Chapter
Robert W. Greve, Harper Chapter	Billy Bert Jessee, Columbus Chapter
Mervin J. Deschner, Newton Chapter	Samuel Baier, Medicine Lodge Chapter

1950 Kansas Applicants for American Farmer Degree (continued)

All applicants for the American Farmer degree from Kansas have been recommended by the National Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council. The action of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council must be confirmed by the delegates at the 23rd National FFA Convention.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

November 1 is the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. Address same to Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Official Activity Program Blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of the local chapter activity program for the state office and an extra set to be made and kept in the chapter files will be mailed all chapters at an early date.

Helpful Suggestions for building the chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual, 1949 edition, pp 33-37.

Committee Appointments for building the chapter activity program should include all members of the chapter. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and adviser.

Calendaring Activities for the year, by months, is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter.

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

The National FFA Band under the direction of Dr. Henry Brunner of Pennsylvania and the 100-voice FFA Chorus directed by Dr. James W. Hatch of New York, will again be on hand to furnish music for the convention.

Members of the National FFA Band from Kansas are:

Bob Murphy, Mankato Chapter	Wendell Wiens, Hillsboro Chapter
Bryce Luty, Inman Chapter	Jim Boyd, Beloit Chapter
Sam Graham, Kiowa Chapter	Harlan Luty, Inman Chapter
Harry Circil, Kiowa Chapter	

Kansas boys who will participate with the National FFA Chorus are:

Lowell Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Chapter	Jim Mustard, McCune Chapter
Richard Buller, Buhler Chapter	Donald Wiens, Hillsboro Chapter
Alfred Schmidt, Buhler Chapter	Bert Gillig, Kiowa Chapter

TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION (TENTATIVE)Program

- October 5
through
October 6 Executive Sessions, F.F.A. National Board of Trustees
President Hotel
- October 7
through
October 8 Executive Sessions, F.F.A. National Advisory Council
and National Board of Trustees
President Hotel
- October 9
Monday 8:00 A. M. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal
Auditorium
12:00 Noon - Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room,
Hotel President
1:00 P. M. - Tours to Points of Interest
2:30 P. M. - Meeting of State Advisers, President Hotel
8:00 P. M. - National Public Speaking Contest, Main
Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- October 10
Tuesday 8:00 A. M. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal
Auditorium
9:00 A. M. - Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal
Auditorium
Band Concert
Treasurer's Report
Executive Secretary's Report
Building of the Emblem Ceremony
Address, Honorable Charles F. Brannon,
Secretary of Agriculture
2:00 P. M. - Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal
Auditorium
American Farmer Degree Ceremony
Address, Honorable Clifford R. Hope, United
States Congressman from Kansas
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
Presentation of Awards in National Chapter
Contest
7:30 P. M. - Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal
Auditorium
Massing of State Flags - State Star Farmers
Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
Special Entertainment - Courtesy, Firestone
Tire and Rubber Company
- October 11
Wednesday 9:00 A. M. - Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal
Auditorium
Interviews of F.F.A. Boys who visited
Britain
Interviews of youth guests from other
lands
Introductions and greetings from past
National officers
Address, His Excellency Henrik Kauffmann,
Danish Ambassador to the United States

Twenty-Third National FFA Convention (continued)

- 1:00 P.M. - Tours to Points of Interest
2:00 P.M. - Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Appointment of Committees
Recess for Committee Work
8:00 P.M. - Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Introduction of Foundation Donors
Presentation of Foundation Awards
Talent Night
- October 12
Thursday
- 9:00 A.M. - Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Committee Reports
Address, Albert S. Goss, Master, National Grange
2:00 P.M. - Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Address R. W. Gregory, Assistant U. S. Commissioner for Vocational Education, Office of Education
Election of Officers
Greetings from Incoming Officers
8:00 P.M. - Final Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Installation of New Officers
Presentation of past officers' pins and certificates
Torchlight Ceremony
Kansas City Night

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REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD HOPE WILL SPEAK TO CONVENTION

The Kansas Association of FFA is happy to announce that our own representative Clifford Hope of Garden City will address the 23rd National FFA Convention the afternoon of October 10. The American Farmer Degree ceremony will open at 2:00 p.m. This feature will be followed by an address by the Honorable Clifford Hope of Kansas. We are pleased to have Representative Hope address the convention and will be especially gratified to have him meet the successful American Farmer degree candidates from Kansas. We trust that Representative Hope will have time to review the achievement programs of our successful American Farmer degree members and in that manner learn to know more of this outstanding farm youth organization which he has supported in Congress throughout his entire term of service to our state and nation.

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1950-51 KANSAS ASSOCIATION FFA BUDGET

	<u>1949-50</u> <u>Actual Income</u>	<u>1950-51</u> <u>Estimated</u>
1949-50 Actual Income.	\$2269.95	
Regional Public Speaking Contest		\$ 50.00
Officers to called State Meetings.		125.00
Officers to State Convention		50.00
Officers to District Leadership Schools.		75.00
Postage for gathering FFA News		50.00
State Farmer Certificates.		25.00
Public Speaking and Better Chapter Certificates.		20.00
Medals, Plaques, Ribbons and Buttons		75.00
Officer Jackets.		50.00
FFA Membership Cards		30.00
Programs of Work blanks.		40.00
Printing Banquet Programs.		15.00
Photographs.		25.00
Auditing FFA Accounts.		10.00
National FFA Dues.		583.00
Delegates to National FFA Convention		100.00
National FFA Band Uniforms		75.00
National FFA Chorus Uniforms		75.00
Expense, travel and subsistence members Nat'l FFA Band		250.00
Expense, travel and subsistence members Nat'l FFA Chorus		250.00
Special talent - State Convention.		25.00
	<u>\$2269.95</u>	<u>\$1,998.00</u>

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KANSAS TEAMS NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

At Waterloo, Iowa, October 3-5, 1950.

Dairy Cattle, Eldorado, Wm. R. McMillan, Coach

Dairy Products, Clay Center, R. W. Morrison, Coach

At Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-14, 1950

Poultry, Stockton, Floyd Blauer, Coach

Livestock, Beloit, Howard Bradley, Coach

Meats, Clay Center, R. W. Morrison, Coach

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The Ellsworth FFA Chapter, with 14 members are first to pay State and National dues for 1950-51. Their dues were received in the state office May 24, 1950.

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CONGRESS GRANTS FEDERAL CHARTER TO FFA

A bill granting a Federal Charter of Incorporation to the national Future Farmers of America organization has been passed by the Congress and signed into law by President Truman, August 21, 1950.

In addition to providing the prestige of recognition by the Congress of the United States, the bill includes provisions for protecting the name and emblem of the organization from infringement and gives definite authorization for employees of the Office of Education (Federal Security Agency), and State Boards for Vocational Education, whose salaries are paid in whole or in part from Federal funds, to participate in the administration and promotion of the Future Farmers of America.

The National FFA organization has been operating since its founding in 1928 under a regular corporate charter issued by the State of Virginia.

Administration and activities of the FFA under the Federal Charter will remain essentially the same as they have been in the past. The present "constitution" which sets up FFA rules and regulations probably will be continued as "bylaws" for the new corporation. The farm boy members will continue to adopt and alter organizational rules at their annual national conventions where two FFA members from each state association sit as voting delegates.

The national officers provided by the Federal Charter are the same as the present "Board of Trustees", consisting of a president, four vice-presidents, and student secretary, all of whom are boy members elected at the convention; a national adviser and executive secretary, both employees of the Office of Education, and a national treasurer who is to be an adult leader from one of the states.

The Charter provides for a Board of Directors consisting of the chief and four other members of the Agricultural Education Service staff in the Office of Education, and four State Supervisors of Agricultural Education, one from each administrative region. This board is identical to the FFA's present Advisory Council.

The bill, listed as Senate 2868, was introduced in the U. S. Senate last January by Senators Robert S. Kerr and Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, with Senators Harry Darby of Kansas and J. William Fulbright of Arkansas as co-sponsors. It passed the Senate in early July and was cleared by the House of Representatives on August 21. President Truman signed it on August 30.

The Future Farmers have one year to file affidavits to the effect that the Virginia corporation has been dissolved. Provisions of the Charter Act do not take effect until those affidavits have been filed.

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CENTRAL REGIONAL FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The Central Regional FFA Speech Contest was held at the University of Minnesota, September 6 and 7. Bob Ball, Garden City Chapter, placed 3rd in one section of the elimination contest. Only first and second place winners were eligible to compete in the finals. Charles Ocker of Missouri placed

Central Regional FFA Speech Contest (continued)

first in the finals and will represent the Central Region in the National FFA Speech Contest at Kansas City, October 9. Second, third and fourth places went to Illinois, Minnesota and South Dakota in the order named.

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OBERLIN FFA TRIP TO THE WEST COAST

On July 23rd, 15 FFA boys and 3 drivers started on a 15 day trip that covered 9 western states. FFA members taking the trip were: Leland Smith, Luther Morton, Jay Daniels, George Ruzicka, Richard Smalberger, Randall Amack, Aard Erickson, Dale Votapka, Everett Shuler, John Cederberg, Ronald Torleumke, Jack Metcalf, Eugene Witt, David Brainard, and Arlo Wurm. Drivers were Fred Shuler and Guy Votapka, fathers of two of the boys and Mr. Moody our Vocational Agriculture Instructor.

Going along with the theory that a group of boys enjoy "Roughing It", we camped out in tents and did all our own cooking. Dishwashing seemed to be the most disliked activity.

We went through Denver, Colorado and camped at the Rabbit Ears Pass the first night. The following day we saw much of the irrigation type of agriculture. We spent an enjoyable day at Salt Lake City, Utah. All enjoyed a "float" or swim in the great Salt Lake. We had a cool cloudy day crossing the Great Salt Desert. Through the irrigated valleys of Idaho we saw our first hops growing. In Western Oregon and Washington we saw club wheat growing on hillsides that looked too steep to farm. Harvest was just beginning in that section. The pea harvest was well underway.

From Washington we drove along the southside of the Columbia River down as far as the Booneville Dam. We saw many Indians netting salmon along the river. From this point we turned south to Crater Lake in Southern Oregon. After a good snowball fight on the rim of Crater Lake, we were ready to see the Pacific Ocean. We drove along the Coastal highway down as far as Fort Brag and then we went down the Sacramento Valley and over to Yosemite National Park. The next stop was Boulder City and Lake Meade. Everyone of us swam in this huge lake. After seeing the moving picture on the construction of Boulder Dam, we took a tour through it.

Grand Canyon was beautiful in its sunset colors. We spent the night here and stopped at Meteor Crater in Arizona. After having observed the Norton County Meteorite fall in 1948, this stop was one of the most educational of the entire trip. The painted desert was the dinner stop on this day. Mesa Verde National Park captured the interest of all with its most complete museum of Indian works. The cliff dwellings here were of particular interest. The Royal Gorge bridge and Canyon City, Colorado, were of great interest since the boys had the opportunity of touring the prison at Canyon City. After this short stay behind bars, all the boys decided that it was a good place to be from.

The 4700 mile trip was most successful and quite educational and all who went on this trip felt that it was time and money well spent. One thousand feet of 16 mm Kodacrome film was taken on this trip so that we might enjoy the trip for time to come.

Robert L. Vernon, Reporter
Oberlin Chapter of FFA

HENRY C. GROSECLOSE

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Henry C. Groseclose, of Virginia. Death came Sunday morning, June 4, after a short period of illness. Henry C. Groseclose was one of the pioneers in vocational agriculture in Virginia and the United States during its most critical period. He was nationally known as one of the founders of the Future Farmers of America. The original constitution, by-laws, and ritual of the national organization of FFA were largely the work of this versatile man. For more than twelve years he was associated directly with the national organization of FFA, first as executive secretary-treasurer and then as treasurer. He believed in the Future Farmers of America and in vocational agriculture. A stimulating teacher, a wise counsellor - he will be missed.

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WILLIAM R. EDWARDS

William R. Edwards, age 22, State FFA Reporter 1946-47, was killed instantly Saturday, August 5, 1950, when the truck he was driving collided with a train at a railroad crossing three miles east of Manhattan, Kansas. Edwards was a member of the Emporia FFA chapter and graduated from the Emporia high school in 1946. He received the State Farmer degree with the class of 1946 and was elected to the office of State Reporter that year. The family moved from Emporia to Manhattan in 1948 and were located on a farm east of Manhattan. "Bill" as he was affectionately known by his FFA friends and fellow students at KSC, where he was enrolled in Animal Husbandry, was a splendid officer and an outstanding student. He would have been graduated from KSC in January 1951.

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OFFICIAL FFA CALENDAR

Previous issues of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter have carried information relative to the official FFA calendar which is being sold by the Osborne Company of Clifton, New Jersey. One hundred twenty-five thousand calendars had been sold as of May 20, 1950. A plan has been approved by the National Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America whereby a salesman representing the Osborne Company will call upon the local FFA adviser and obtain recommendations concerning a local business man who might appropriately purchase a supply of the calendars. The FFA may participate in the distribution of these calendars. The local chapter is, therefore, given a royalty of 10 per cent on the sale made.

Since the calendar is proving so popular we are anxious to have the Kansas FFA Chapters in a position to make the calendar available to their members. If your chapter has not arranged to make the official FFA calendar available to your members and desire to do so write Mr. Frederick S. Wilson, Vice President of the Osborne Company, Clifton, New Jersey, and he will arrange to have a sales man call.

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MESSAGE FROM ADVISOR L. B. POLLOM

When World War II was in progress most FFA members of today were in grade school but were old enough to remember what war meant from the standpoint of sacrifices, hard work, and self-denial. When it ended, we all breathed a sigh of relief and hoped for a prolonged period of peaceful living.

Less than five years had elapsed, however, when we again found our nation engaged in military conflict against the same basic foe - tyranny.

Many of us hoped and thought that in crushing the tyrants of the late thirties and early forties a lesson had been taught all would-be tyrants; that the nations of the world would not bow down to tyranny.

It seems to bring home to all of us that the patriots who have for years persistently warned us that if we are to have freedom, we must be willing and ready to defend it and if necessary to fight for it.

If world tyranny is to be thwarted, it is up to America to provide the equipment, the food, the transportation, and the bulk of the man power to do it. No other nation has the resources to do it. The cost will be staggering. Are we willing to pay it? If we understand the true meaning of freedom, there can be but one answer and it lies largely in the American youth of today.

It is a well known fact that an abundance of fighting material such as planes, guns, tanks, ships, etc. are of little value unless an adequate food supply is maintained.

Rural America of which FFA members are a potent part must furnish most of the food in any world conflict. It is our firm conviction that over 300,000 FFA members can be counted on to play their part well in whatever lies ahead.

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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Four British young farmers arrived in New York June 10 and four American boys left this country June 13 for Great Britain in an international exchange program sponsored by the Future Farmers of America and the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain.

Russell M. Davenport, 21, Shelburne Falls, Mass., Glenn Lackey, 20, Delaware, Ohio, Alton Brazell, 21, Lubbock, Texas, and Charles Lucht, 23, Molalla, Oregon, are the four young men who represented the Future Farmers of America in the British visit.

They flew from New York to London June 12. After a brief stay in London they visited on farms in that vicinity, then went to Oxford early in July to attend the famous Royal Show. More farm visits were made during the remainder of July and August and they made a brief trip to Paris before returning to the United States in September.

The four Britishers came directly to Washington after they got off the boat in New York. After two days of sight-seeing and official visits in the

International Exchange Program (continued)

Capital they visited Future Farmers in four states.

Herbert Donald Spenser, 22, of Llanover visited in Kentucky; Edward James Dan Albonr, 21, of Spridlington, visited in Massachusetts; Richard John Nott, 22, of Steley, in Texas, and Peter James Blythe, 21, of Blandford, visited Future Farmers in Oregon. They remained in the United States until September 7.

The visits mark the third year of young farmer exchanges between the Future Farmers of America and the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain.

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"ALONG THE MILKY WAY"

The film "Along The Milky Way", distributed by Union Pacific Railroad Company is available by writing to the Vocational Education Department, Manhattan, Kansas.

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ARIZONA: Twenty-five Arizona Future Farmers who were 1950 candidates for the State Farmer degree have developed, in the course of three to four years of vocational agriculture study, an average farming program per boy of 52 acres of land (40 rented and 12 owned), 8 head of cattle, 3 swine and 24 chickens. They had an average of \$6,200 invested in farming and an average net worth of \$7,168. Their average is 17 years. In addition to their farm enterprises all of the youths also have outstanding records of FFA and community leadership.

CALIFORNIA: Of the 107 California Future Farmers of America members who received the American Farmer degree between 1928 and 1948 only four are now engaged in occupations not related to farming and 89 of them - more than 83 percent - are full-time farmers. A study recently completed revealed that most of the 89 farmers are now following, on a full-time scale, the same kinds of enterprises they started as vocational agriculture projects in high school.

PENNSYLVANIA: The Linesville, Pa., Future Farmers of America Chapter owns a 48-acre tract on which members have planted 15,000 trees. Approximately 35,000 more trees will be planted on the forestry project.

MISSOURI: More than 900 Missouri Future Farmers of America members have spent a week at the state's FFA camp on Lake of the Ozarks this summer. The camp program features leadership training, recreation, and instruction in conservation. The state-owned camp was developed from an old CCC camp and the FFA leases it for their 8-weeks camping program.

KANSAS: Farm mechanics activities in the school shop by the Ashland, Kansas FFA members last year included building three power lawn mowers, a tractor-attached post hole digger, two cattle squeezes, one A-type hog house, one 600 chick capacity brooder house, three feed bunks for cattle, four hay and grain feeders for cattle, seven self-feeders for hogs, a hay rack and a seed treater. Five motor cars were overhauled and one grain binder repaired. Fifty-one hogs were butchered by FFA members for families in the community.

CHAPTER NEWS

HILL CITY: Our annual watermelon feed and entertainment for new students was held Sept. 6. Mr. Leo Kobler, former Vocational Ag. teacher spoke to us on "Advantages of being an F.F.A. member"...We have 37 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year. Members of the F.F.A. chapter have 16 deferred fed calves on full feed at the present time. We are making plans to sell them all together on Nov. 15. Our F.F.A. gilt ring is beginning to grow. The first gilt to be put out farrowed 12 pigs. Two more gilts will be given away this fall. Bob Bryant, freshman boy who received the gilt, has done a fine job with her so far. We are adopting a point system for F.F.A. letter awards this year. We are planning a concessions stand for raising money at football games. We entered a float in the parade at the fair and won third prize. It added \$5.00 to the chapter treasury.

John Ginther, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: Our fishing party was held in June and our ball game in August. We operated a Hamburger stand at the county fair and made approximately \$200. We also had a booth in which we displayed our shop equipment..... The chapter president, Max Stutz, was selected by the school to attend Boy's State Camp this last summer...The chapter now has 11 gilts which they will give to the boys and will receive in return 2 gilts in the place of the one given them...We will have football programs printed to make money...We are planning on having our Parent-Son Banquet in November.

Dean Kvicala, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: The chapter was host to FFA & 4-H members for Rice, Barton, Ellsworth counties March 11, at a livestock judging school which was held at Little River...Each year, the freshmen ag. class is in charge of the paper pick-up and baling. This last year 5 tons were collected and baled. This money was used in purchasing official FFA shirts for the freshmen. Part of the Ag. classes attended the Black and White District livestock show at Lyons with Gene Wilson, and Jack Neff tied for first place in the FFA judging contest. In the May meeting, we elected the following officers for 1950-51; President, Kermit Case; Vice President, Bobby Joe Lundstrom; Secretary, Paul Hubenett; Treasurer, Bobby Miller; Reporter, Delbert Hays. The officers had their first meeting Sept. 1. Jack Richardson was appointed to take Bobby Miller's place who is in the armed forces...Farm machinery will again be exhibited at the State Fair. Our officers will attend the National Convention at Kansas City...The FFA sprayer has been busy all summer spraying feed, bindweeds, and grasshoppers. Bobby Miller, Bobby Joe Lundstrom, and Dick Folck were in charge of the machine this summer.

Delbert Hays, Reporter

LIBERAL: Vocational Agriculture is being taught in the Liberal High School for the first time this year. Twenty seven boys are enrolled. The department is located in a new building across the street from the main high school building. The Liberal Department hopes to have a FFA chapter organized soon so that the members may be able to participate in all the FFA activities during the year.

Chapter News - continued

MERIDEN: Our new officers for the school year 1950-51 are: Eddie Cook, Pres.; Bob Brunner, V-Pres.; Francis Petesch, Sec.; Lewis Cook, Treas.; David Murdie, Reporter....Our chapter has had one regular meeting per month during the summer. Aug. 23rd was the last summer meeting and coincided with our annual watermelon feed...Last spring we set out two long rows of spirea in front of the High School building. We expect to set out two tulip beds this fall...Our farm shop and classroom has \$300.00 worth of new equipment added during the summer. The classroom will be decorated with ten new framed pictures of livestock.

David Murdie, Reporter

INMAN: The Inman FFA Chapter is looking forward to another successful year. Interest is expected to be keen in the farming program and the FFA information contests. The two boys who have the best farming programs, and the two boys from the Inman chapter who rank highest in the District FFA Information contest will be awarded trips to the American Royal this fall...The Inman FFA held its first meeting Sept. 5, 1950 to elect officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Clyde Stephens, Pres.; Duane Wiens, Vice-Pres.; Lamoine Miller, Sec.; Paul Wiens, Treas.; Harlan Luty, Reporter; Harry Neufeld, Program of Work Chairman; Kenneth Schierling, Recreation Chairman; Phillip Siemens, Activities Chairman; C. R. Wood, Advisor.

Harlan Luty, Reporter

TONGANOXIE: Our chapter entertained the 18 freshmen vocational agriculture students on August 29, with a watermelon feed...At the Leavenworth County Fair, Stanley Sackett won the Grand Champion award on his fat Hereford steer. The steer is a part of Stanley's supervised farming program. Stanley also won first in the FFA division of the judging contest..Our new officers are: Don Carbaugh, Pres.; Stanley Sackett, V-Pres.; Everett Somers, Sec.; Billy Sheppard, Treas.; John Dickinson, Reporter; and Keefe Wickey, Sentinel.

Johnny Dickinson, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Our new officers for the FFA were installed at the June meeting. They are; Garold Dyson, Pres.; Lowell Lagasse, V-Pres.; Darrel Nelson, Sec.; Duane Norton, Rep. and Warren Nelson, Treas...The officers met in August with Mr. Rawson and planned the activities for the opening few weeks of school. Our first activity will be a watermelon feed. We also will attend the State Fair in Hutchinson. FFA members will sell roasted peanuts at the football games this year.

Duane Norton, Reporter

EMPORIA: Newly elected officers for the year 1950-51 are: Jim Bock, Pres.; Douglas Magathau, Vice-Pres.; Loren Reber, Sec.; Kenneth Horton, Treas.; Albert Spencer, Reporter; and Ronnie Hughes, Sentinel..We have a total enrollment of 74 in Vocational Agriculture...The twenty-four 9th grade boys will be given the greenhand degree on Sept. 22 at a night meeting and party to be held in the gym...The entire FFA chapter had a swimming party on Aug. 23 at the city swimming pool...FFA boys had over 40 entries in the county fair. Of these 23 won blue ribbons...We plan to charter two buses and go to the American Royal for one day.

Albert Spencer, Reporter

Chapter News - continued

LEBANON: On August 16, Mr. Gerald Lawrence, our new FFA Advisor, accompanied Garth Renken, Gary Myers, Louis Dykens, and Loyd Hayes on a Judging school and contest at the Thomas County Fair held in Colby, Kansas. This team placed 6th in the entire contest...On August 24, the Lebanon FFA judging team placed first at the Smith County Fair judging school and contest. This team consisted of Gary Myers, Loyd Hayes, and Duane Doyle. In the entire contest Myers placed second, Hayes, fifth and Doyle, eleventh...Duane Doyle exhibited the champion hogs at the Smith County fair...On August 31, Loyd Hayes, Garth Renken, Leory Tiene and Mr. Lawrence attended the Rooks County fair and judging contest held at Stockton. This team placed fourth, with Loyd Hayes placing first in the entire contest and Garth Renken tying for second..New equipment added to the shop includes a new over head door and a new arc welder.

Daryl Haegert, Reporter

BIRD CITY: The officers elected last spring for the year 1950-51 are: Luccen Bunjes, Pres.; Edwin Deeds, Vice-Pres.; Stanley Dorsch, Sec.; Rex Dunn, Treas.; Warren Erickson, Reporter; and Pat Loop, Sentinel. Our chapter held a watermelon feed on Friday, August 25. The prospective members were our guests. Members of our chapter prepared a float for the parade at the county fair this year. The theme of the float was Supervised Farming. We have thirteen freshman boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this fall.

Warren Erickson, Reporter

ALTOONA: The Altoona chapter has 31 members to start out the second year of its activity. Eleven of these are freshmen. An overnight fishing party on August 25th and 26th was enjoyed by everyone including the new members and the ones that graduated last year. All of us are looking forward to an even better year than last with our highly anticipated trip to Hutchinson to the State Fair giving it the bang-off start.

Paul Ashford, Reporter

OBERLIN: At the Decatur County and neighboring County Fairs, many of our members participated and winnings represented sixty first places, thirty-five second place awards and twelve third places. Six Grand Champions were awarded to FFA members, as well as two Reserve Champions, one Junior Champion and two Senior Champions.

Robert L. Vernon, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our officers elected Sept. 6 are Bill Mann, Pres.; Ralph Braun, Vice Pres.; Elven Kieffer, Sec.; Tommy Litke, Treas.; Kenneth Schoff, Reporter; and Allen Litke, Sentinel. There are 34 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year. We held a watermelon feed on Sept. 8, with prospective members as guests. On July 18 and 19 our chapter went on an overnight camp to Lake Kahola where we had a steak fry in the evening and enjoyed swimming and fishing. Roger Wilson, Bill Mann, Richard Schoof, and Clifford Garrett attended the Eastern Kansas Judging School July 28 and 29. Our members also took part in a judging school in Morris County on August 4 and 5.

Kenneth Schoof, Reporter

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IOLA: We have forty-two students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year. Twenty-two of the class are freshman...A watermelon feed was held in the shop Sept. 12 for the freshman group. Several additional pieces of equipment has been added to our farm shop. The farm shop ceiling has been painted alumnium color which adds greatly to the lighting...Ronald McDonald, State Farmer of our chapter, has been caring for the Strickler Farms' dairy cattle at the fall fairs...Bob Scott, Chapter Farmer, cared for the Brown Swiss dairy cattle from the South East Kansas District at the American Royal, Kansas City, Missouri.

David Delly, Reporter

RANDOLPH: Our new officers for this year are: Harold Hargraves, Pres.; David Brenner, Vice-Pres.; Carl Boles, Sec.; Jim Brooks, Treas.; Bob Hagenmaier, Reporter; Arlen Dettmer, Sentinel; Roger Carlson, Student Council and Mr. Stephens, Advisor...There are thirty-seven members in the Randolph Chapter. The FFA is planning on sponsoring a trip to the State Fair at Topeka for the entire school...We are putting a water system and lockers in the Ag. Shop...David Brenner is taking care of two of the FFA hogs and Mervin Forslund and Elmer Dettmer are each taking care of one...During the summer the FFA held an all night fishing party at the Waterville Lake.... We are having the county shop contest here this year.

Bob Hagenmaier, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: The losing pest eradication team sponsored a combination fishing-swimming party and picnic for the winning team in June...Had booth at county fair Aug. 14-15...The theme was "Legumes Build Soil and Boost Crop Production"...Rotary pig project for our chapter paid off with a litter of eleven pigs for Bill Coleman and nine pigs for Melvin Hounker...Two gilts from each litter must be returned to Rotary...These pure bred gilts will be given to four other local boys selected by the high school faculty...As a part of school improvement plan, our chapter will have a new modernized shop and class room in use in the near future...Our chapter plans to adopt a constitution and enforce it in order to encourage more aggressiveness in committees and more competent members.

Herb Lee, Reporter

BELOIT: The newly elected offices for the Beloit FFA Chapter are; Harrell Guard, Jr., Pres.; Neal McKee, Vice-Pres.; George Betz, Sec.; Bob Snyder, Treas.; Gerald James, Reporter...Harrell Guard's hereford steer was awarded the grand champion ribbon in the junior division at the Mitchell County fair...George Betz, Bob Snyder, Harrell Guard, Stanley Creitz, and Arden Treaster sold their deferred fed steers off of grass rather than full feeding them for one hundred days. These steers sold for twenty eight cents a pound and will make a profit that will average around eighty five dollars a head..... Neal McKee of the Beloit Chapter won first place at the Mitchell County livestock judging contest held at the fair...Our Vocational Agriculture class room and shop have had a face lifting this summer. Our class room has been entirely redecorated...Our FFA summer picnic was held July 30 in the city park with the high school men faculty and new freshmen boys as guests of the chapter.

Gerald James, Reporter

Chapter News - continued

VALLEY CENTER: The Valley Center Chapter of FFA held their first meeting Sept. 6. The following boys were elected for 1950-51 officers: Wayne Jacob, Pres.; Bill Stein, Vice-Pres.; Elmer Rogers, Sec.; Russell Lewis, Treas.; and Max Weddle, Reporter... Russell Lewis has nine head of registered white faces that will calve this month. His corn looks good. His wheat made 27 bushel to the acre.. Lyle Moss had three calves for his project last spring. He lost one of his calves. His wheat made 28 bu. to the acre.. Max Schuessler had 20 acres of wheat which made 24 bu. to the acre... Bill Stein had the misfortune to lose four of his good dairy cows this summer.. Max Weddle has four beef heifers, which raised him four calves this summer.. F. F. Triplett had a gilt which farrowed 11 pigs and raised them all. He is fattening out six to sell and keeping five gilts for breeding. His corn is looking mighty good... Bobby Allen had a gilt that farrowed only two pigs. He sold these two pigs when they weighed 50 lbs. for \$40.00. He bought 24 head of sheep for this years project.. Charles Denton bought six feeder pigs, fattened them this summer and sold them. He bought three calves for this years project... Lester Carey bought 200 New Hampshire Red chickens. He sold the cockrels this summer. He won a blue ribbon on a pen of three of the Pullets at the Fair in Wichita in August. The pullets are in production now. ... The Rogers twins, Earl and Elmer, are in the Swine business. March 1, 1950, their six sows farrowed 57 pigs. They sold 43 as weanling pigs. They kept 14 fattening pigs. They kept four sows for fall litters, and they farrowed 31 pigs the first week of September. They have five sows that will farrow next spring... Jim Riggs is also in the Swine business. His gilt farrowed and weaned 10 pigs. He sold seven as weanling pigs. He kept three gilts that he will use for spring litters. His 20 acres of wheat made 30 bu. to the acre. ... Wayne Jacob has 25 head of steers on full feed. These steers were brought in off pasture and put in the feed lot July 10.

Max Weddle, Reporter

HAVEN: New chapter officers are Art Kranz, Pres.; Lyle Dean Newby, Vice-Pres.; Lloyd Yoder, Sec.; Darrel Valdois, Treas.; Allen Baumann, Sentinel and Don Huston, Reporter. Charles Kinast, past president, has been notified that he is one of the two recipients of a \$200.00 Kroger scholarship. Charles is State FFA Treasurer and enrolled at Kansas State College in the Agricultural Journalism Curriculum... Mr. Schulthess took six junior boys to the C. K. Ranch field day at Brookville, August 2... The school board has purchased a new Chevrolet suburban carryall for our department... Our chapter is again sponsoring the first all school party and dance on Friday, Sept. 15. ... Our adviser will represent the Kansas Vocational Agriculture instructors at the American Vocational Association Convention in Miami, Florida, November 27 to December 2.

Don Huston, Reporter

ASHLAND: Officers elected for the year 1950-51 are Dean Leslie, Pres.; Bill Davis, Vice-Pres.; Darrel Dombaugh, Treas.; Virgil Fox, Sec.; Kenneth Swanson, Reporter; Charles Wise, Program Chairman; Donald Cox, Sentinel; and Richard Moore, Chaplain... Twenty-nine boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture. Major shop projects started are; A livestock squeeze, alfalfa hay rack for baled hay, and a post hole digger and clevis..

Kenneth Swanson, Reporter

Chapter News - continued

COLBY: Last spring 1600 lbs of certified Colby milo and 950 lbs. of certified Early Sumac seed were distributed to eleven members of the chapter for planting. These members bought the seed through our cooperative purchase plan. It was all treated for smut cooperatively before it was planted... During the summer we completed the community service project we had started earlier, that of reconditioning the agriculture building at the fair grounds. The work consisted of running a concrete floor in the building and sealing the walls with celotex. New display stands were also built. The building has a floor area of approximately 4700 square feet and was a sizeable undertaking for our chapter. Many favorable comments were received on our work during the fair and in the paper so we believe our efforts were appreciated and worthwhile... We sponsored a livestock judging contest in connection with the Thomas County Fair. Seven chapters entered teams. St. Francis and Colby chapters tied for first place. Our livestock judging team also entered in the judging contests sponsored by the FFA chapters in connection with the Trego County Fair at Wakeeney, Smith County Fair at Smith Center, and the Rooks County Fair at Stockton... Frank Sowers won our FFA participation contest last year. Richard Riedel won the freshman division of the contest... Our officers for the current year are: President, Frank Sowers; Vice President, John Stover; Secretary, Jerry Beery; Treasurer, Larry Henry; Reporter, Ronald Frahm; and Sentinel, Dean Larsen.

Ronald Frahm, Reporter

McCUNE: The following officers were elected for the 1950-51 year: Richard Hartman, President; Dean McGown, Vice President; Raymond Hartman, Secretary; Jerry Cares, Treasurer; Max Allen, Reporter; and Harold Gibson, Sentinel. The chapter softball team has been playing other teams in the community during the summer months. Although all the games were not victories, a lot of fun was had by all... We are very busy making plans for our chapter achievement day, livestock and crops show, to be held in connection with the McCune Fall Festival Saturday, September 16. Another feature of the day will be the "pig catching contest" for FFA and 4-H members. A registered gilt will be turned loose and the contestants, after being declared eligible to compete, will try to catch it. The first contestant to catch the gilt by the right hind leg will become her new owner, provided he will furnish a similar gilt for the next year's contest... The classroom has been redecorated and milk testing and seed testing equipment has been purchased for the coming year.

Max Allen, Reporter

KIOWA: The officers elected in May for the 1950-51 school year are: President, Elwyn Schrock; Vice-President, Darryl Knorp; Secretary, Dick Griffith; Treasurer, Jim Reed; Reporter, Bert Gillig; Sentinel, Jim Molz. Again this year the O K Grain Company will select five of the best kept farm record books from the members of the last year's vocational agriculture classes and will pay the members expenses to the national convention. This summer the chapter purchased a pure-bred gilt from Herman Popp, 1947 American Farmer, Haven Chapter, and has it out on Robert Circle's farm. The gilt we have on Jim Molz's farm farrowed fourteen pigs and raised ten. We have twenty-seven enrolled in vocational agriculture and thirty-five members in our chapter.

Bert Gillig, Reporter

Chapter News - continued

MILTONVALE: The Miltonvale FFA Chapter held their first summer meeting Sunday, July 16...The officers this year are Robert Wilkins, Pres., John Lee Tanzer, Vice-Pres., Dennis Lyne, Treas., George Shroyer, Sec., Dean Catlin, Reporter, and Paul Shannon, Sentinel...Mr. Crandall and the officers attended the 1950 Hereford Field Day and judging contest at C-K Ranch, Brookville, Kansas...The Miltonvale FFA boys attending the contest were John Lee Tanzer, George Shroyer, Robert Wilkins, Paul Shannon, and Dean Catlin...The first three boys made up the team and the other boys were entered as individuals...The Miltonvale FFA boys and their instructor, Mr. Crandall, each received an Eversharp pen. John Lee Tanzer was 5th individual and received 5 lbs. of prime steak. George Shroyer also placed in the high individuals winning 3 lbs. of steak. Over 20 teams were entered in FFA besides the 4-H clubs and veterans, in all, there were over 900 guests present participating in the judging...Our new shop is progressing as well as can be expected. The Ag. Shop will be 40' X 100'...The FFA went to Colorado after school was out last summer. We left May 30th at 4 A.M. for Idlewild Inn, 70 miles from Denver across the Continental Divide. Twelve boys and five adults including Mr. and Mrs. Crandall went. The FFA paid for gas and oil for the three cars and each boy paid for the rest of his own expenses. They returned June 7, tired, but happy and very much sold on the FFA.

Dean Catlin, Reporter

OSBORNE: Members of the Osborne FFA Chapter met at McMillen's pond, June 19, for an all night fishing party. Delbert Moore caught the most fish... On August 23, twenty members and fifteen guests were present at our meeting. As a part of the program Wayne Carlyn reported on the Co-op Tour to Wichita, Coffeyville and Kansas City. Wayne felt this was a worthwhile educational trip which was offered by our local Co-op to the Osborne, Downs, Lebanon and Alton FFA Chapters. All expenses were paid to six members and their advisors from each chapter. An iced watermelon feed closed the meeting...Osborne FFA had a good showing at the Osborne County Fair. In the County FFA Livestock Judging contest, Alton FFA won first and Osborne second place. In the county FFA Crops Judging contest Alton FFA won first and Osborne placed second.

James Hlad, Jr., Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: The chapter officers for the 1950-51 year are as follows: Pres., Elmo Crain; Vice-Pres., Jim Reeves; Sec., Wayne Metcalf; Sentinel, Paul Crouse; Treas., Don Hunt; Reporter, Jim Warren...In place of a Parent-Son Banquet we held a picnic supper at Wilson Park. Each family brought food and table services. The FFA furnished the refreshments and put on a program. The families seemed to enjoy this more than the Parent-Son Banquet as they could mix and talk...Our chapter plans to enter an exhibit at the State Fair at Hutchinson.

Jim Warren, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Purchases of pigs in our FFA gilt ring have been made recently by Jackie Wofford, David Cummings, Melvin Brose, and Bob Kayton. David Cummings and Melvin Brose received their pigs from Kenneth Ratz whose sow's name is France Lady II. Jackie Wofford and Bob Dayton got theirs from Francis Reichart. Francis Reichart's sow's name is Royal Lady.

Bob Dayton, Reporter