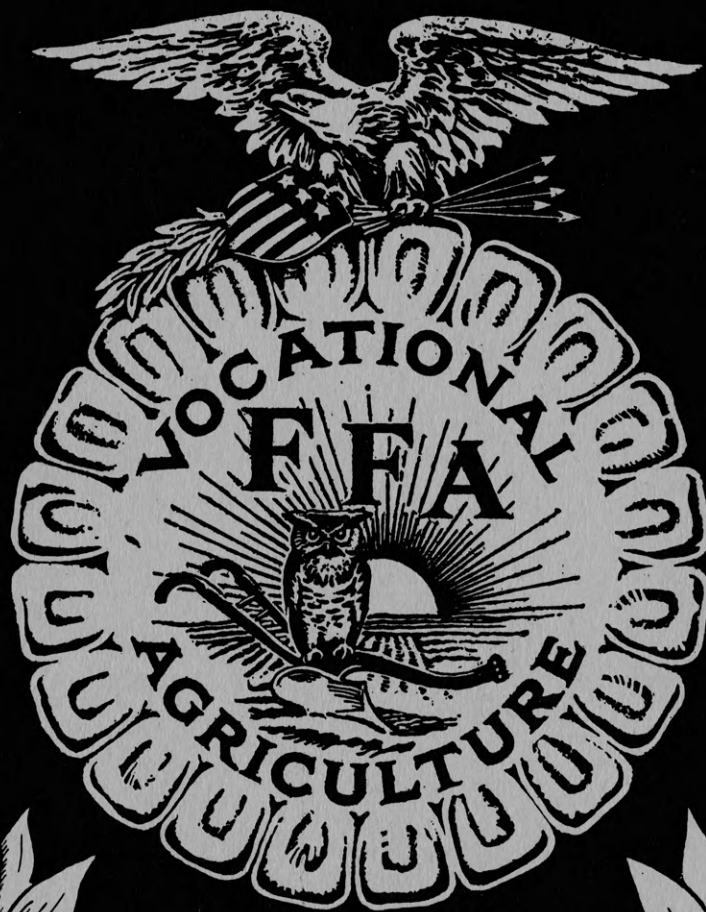


The KANSAS Future Farmer



Published by
**THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**

NATIONAL OFFICERS, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
1959-60

Constituting the

NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| PRESIDENT | Jim Thomas |
| Patterson, Georgia | |
| REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT | L.G."Jack" Crews |
| Cheyenne, Wyoming | |
| REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT | Richard Poor |
| Neosho, Missouri | |
| REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT | Joe Harold Hughes, Jr. |
| Duncan, South Carolina | |
| REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT | Dean Hoffer |
| Manheim, Pennsylvania | |
| STUDENT SECRETARY | Kenney Earl Gray |
| Dorsey, Mississippi | |
| ADVISOR | W.T. Spanton |
| Washington, D. C. | |
| EXECUTIVE SECRETARY | Wm. Paul Gray |
| Washington, D. C. | |
| TREASURER | R.E. Bass |
| Richmond, Virginia | |

- - - FFA - - -

NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. T. SPANTON, Chairman, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

E. J. JOHNSON, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

R. E. NAUGHER, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

H. N. HUNSICKER, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

HAROLD F.DUS, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

H. B. Taylor , State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Indianapolis,
Indiana

GEORGE SULLARDS, State Director of Agricultural Education, Little Rock, Ark.

BYRON J. McMAHON, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Sacramento,
California

WALTER JACOBY, Consultant, Agricultural Education, Hartford, Connecticut

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER
F. R. Carpenter, Editor

OFFICERS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

| | |
|--|---|
| Steven Robb, President Lawrence | Lawrence Schrader, Reporter Effingham |
| Eldon Eastman, Vice-President Arkansas City | L. Dale Bathurst, Sentinel Chapman |
| Kenneth Lambert, Secretary Fredonia | C.C. Eustace, Advisor Topeka |
| Earl Kellogg, Treasurer Stockton | F.R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary Topeka |

Volume XXXI

November 1, 1959

Number 2

FFA CALENDAR

AMERICAN FARMER &
STATE FARMER:

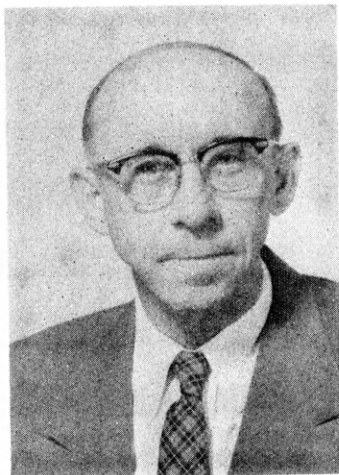
Declaration of intent to submit candidates
due in State Office December 1, 1959

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

FFA membership dues final date Jan. 1, 1960.
Dues - 75¢ per member, 10¢ national and 40¢
state and 25¢ National FFA Magazine.

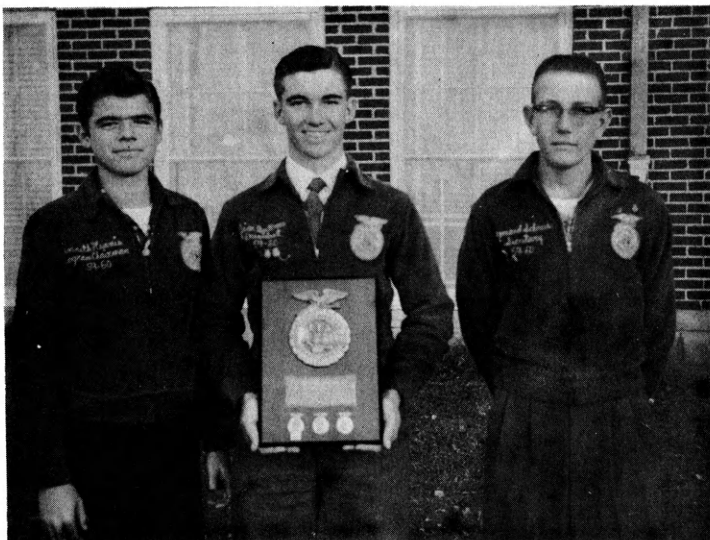
INDEX

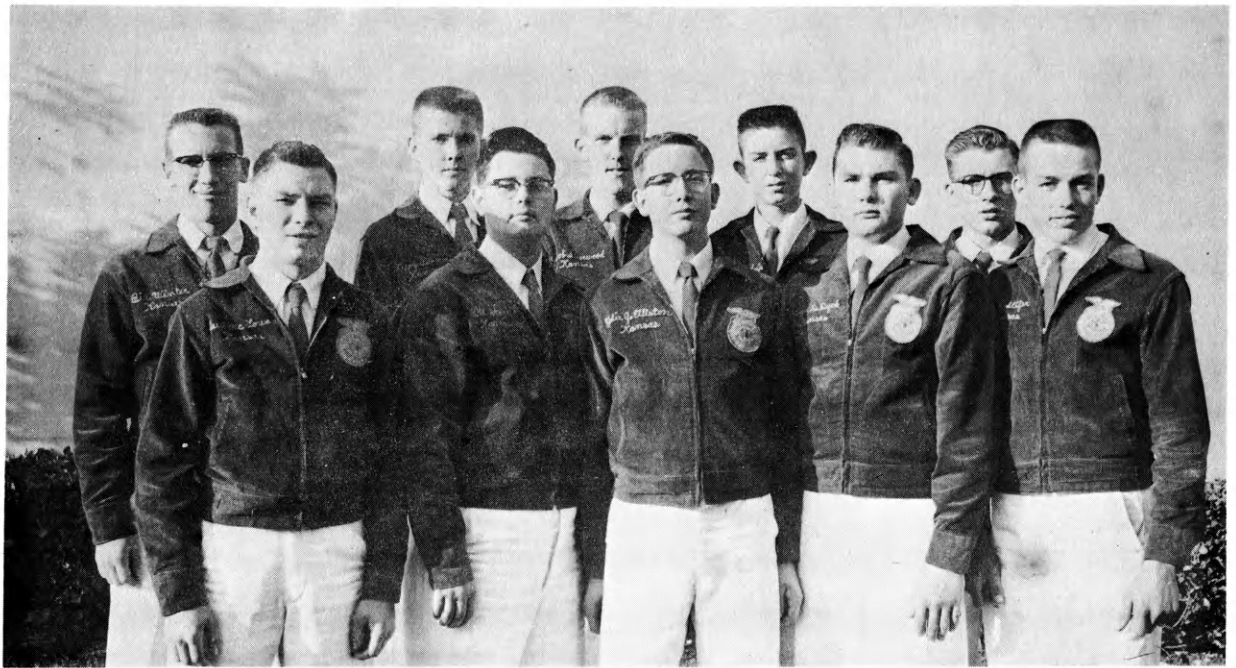
| | <u>Page</u> |
|---|-------------|
| 32nd National FFA Convention | 1 |
| Star American Farmer Awards | 2 |
| Delegate Reports | 5 |
| Farm-City Week | 7 |
| Judging Contests | 8 |
| National FFA Treasurer's Report. | 10 |
| National FFA President's Report | 10 |
| Chapter News | 15 |
| Farming Program | 22 |



Mr. John Lowe, Winfield FFA Chapter Advisor, received the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 32nd National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Mr. Lowe has had an outstanding record of accomplishment during his 35 years of teaching Vocational Agriculture. Mr. Lowe has had special interests in teaching Farming Programs and in Meats work.

Three members of the Effingham Chapter display their National Chapter Award plaque which contains an emblem for each year that Effingham has won gold emblem ratings. These ratings were won during 1954, 1958, and 1959. From left to right: Kenneth Hennis, Jim Buttron, and Raymond Schrader.





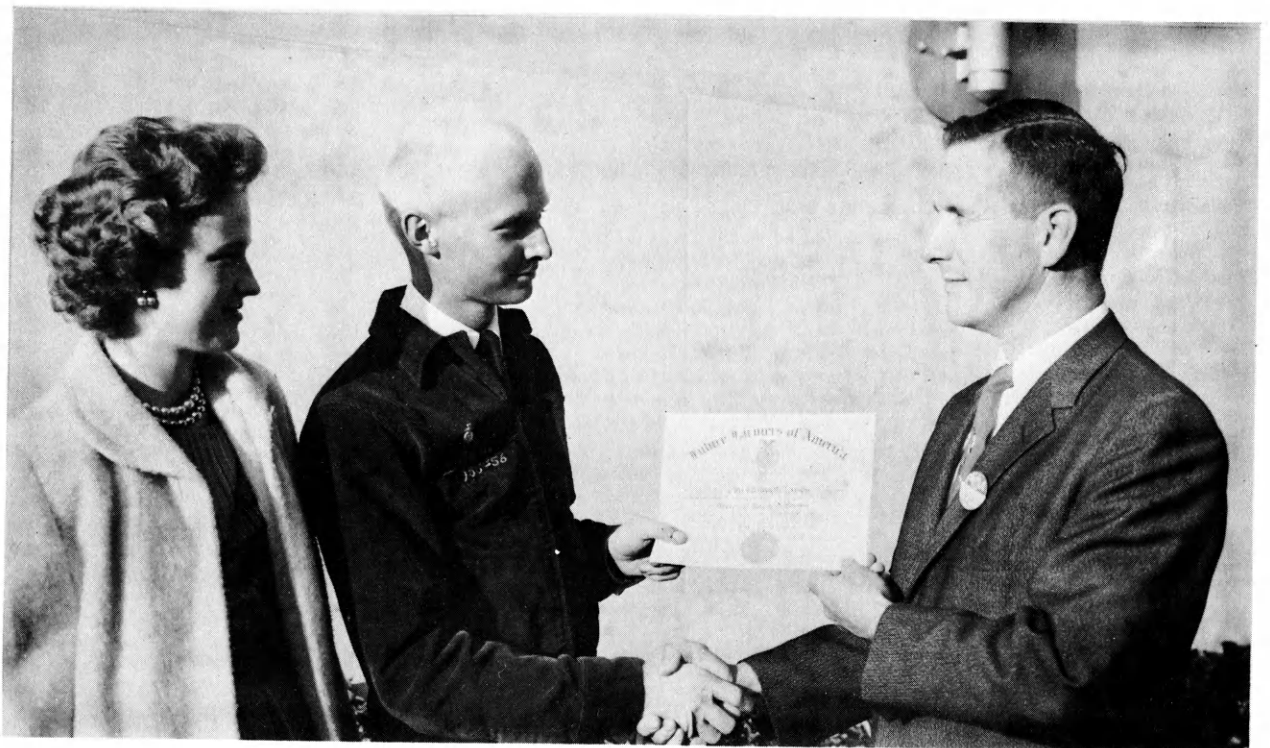
Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus; front from the left; Paul McGowan, Winfield; Bill Stark, Powhattan; Eddie Elliston, Palco; Wayne Dyck, Buhler, Gaylen Slifer, Partridge. Back: Bill Winter, Udall; Leroy Penner, Hillsboro; Jacob Sherwood, Belleville; Bennie Baird, Jr., Brewster; Kenneth Riesen, Hillsboro.



Kansas National FFA Band members: Left to right; John Clark, Lakin; Vern Kagarice, Hutchinson; Roger Lawhead, LaCygne; George Dale, Erie; Bob Evans, Rose; Billy Lehman, Brewster; Gary Kolbeck, Spearville; and David McMillan, Garden City.



Kansas American Farmers from left to right: Eldon Meyer, Effingham; Lloyd Oswald, Natoma; William Wachs, Ellsworth; Don Huntington, Eureka; Dale Lind, Manhattan; Jon Larson, Clay Center; and Don Paxson, Hill City.



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Jon Larson being congratulated by F.R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary, Kansas Association of FFA, for Jon having received the American Farmer Degree.



THIRTY - SECOND
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
FUTURE FARMERS
OF
AMERICA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15, 1959

Approximately 10,000 FFA members representing the 49 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico attended the Thirty-second National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Mayor H. Roe Bartle, Kansas City, Missouri, welcomed the Future Farmers of America to Kansas City. He told the members present that no convention brings greater pleasure to the residents of Kansas City than the FFA gathering.

The splendid manner in which the official delegates and officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America handled their four-day meeting, impressed favorably, not only their leaders, but also the citizens of Kansas City and the representatives of great industrial concerns who were in attendance at the meetings.

HEADQUARTERS: Municipal Auditorium with registration in the Grand Foyer. All sessions were held in the Main Arena.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All National Officers were present. These young men did a superb job in handling the entire convention.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Steven Robb, President of the Kansas Association, Lawrence Chapter, and Eldon Eastman, Vice President of the Kansas Association, Arkansas City Chapter. Alternates were Earl Kellogg, Treasurer of the Kansas Association, Stockton Chapter; Kenneth Lambert, Secretary of the Kansas Association, Fredonia Chapter.

"What is a cannibal, Tommy?"

"I don't know."

"Well, if you ate your Mother and Father, what would you be?"

"An orphan."

7 STAR SPECIAL!

AMERICAN FARMERS: There were 367 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. William Wachs, Ellsworth Chapter; Don Paxson, Hill City; Dale Lind, Manhattan; Don Huntington, Eureka; Jon Larsen, Clay Center; Lloyd Oswald, Natoma; Eldon Meyer, Effingham Chapter were the seven young men from Kansas who received this honor.

Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Mr. John Lowe, Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Winfield High School and Professor Tom Avery, head of the Poultry Department, Kansas State University, were granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS:

The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer of the Pacific region is Lyle Rader, 22 years old of Tacoma, Washington. Lyle is a member of the Fife High School FFA Chapter. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated of \$1,000.

Star Farmer of the Central Region- Charles Lee Smith, Memphis Chapter- Missouri- \$500.

Southern Region-Don Bridges-Dawson Chapter, Georgia - \$500.

North Atlantic region - Rodney Caulk, Wyoming Chapter, Delaware - \$500.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

First: Phil Rousseau, Tacoma, Washington--"Food for Our Nation"

Second: Nathan Deal, Sandersville, Georgia--"The Great American Dilemma"

Third: Richard Lorenzo, Hawaii--"A Changing Agriculture"

Fourth: Lamar Hollinger, Shillington, Pennsylvania--"Our Soil is our Future"

Fifth: Gordon Adkins, Grinnell, Iowa--"Don't Be Careless; Be Prepared"

Judges for the contest were: Joseph G. Bryan, Director of secondary Education of the public schools in K.C., Phil G. Evans, Director KMBC-KFRM, and Tom W. Glaze, head of the agricultural research department of Swift and Company, Chicago.

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 64 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went to 42 chapters; and Bronze Emblem to 22 chapters. The two Kansas chapters placed as follows:

Gold Emblem - - - Effingham and Oberlin

- - - FFA - - -

A farmer who went to a large city to see the sights engaged a room at a hotel and before retiring asked the clerk about the hours for meals.

"We have breakfast from 7 to 11, dinner from 12 to 3, and supper from 6 to 8," explained the clerk.

"Look here," inquired the farmer in surprise, "What time am I going to see the town?"

1959 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS-KANSAS:

A report on each of the seven successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas:

Don Huntington - Eureka Chapter

Don started his farming program in the 1952-53 school year with 50% interest in eight acres of corn, nine beef cattle, one horse, and ten poultry. His total labor income during his first year was \$482. Don has been increasing his farming program through high school and for three years since his graduation. In the six full years he has accumulated a net worth of \$10,283. Don's present farming program includes thirty-seven head of purebred Hereford cattle, one-half interest in fifteen acres of grain sorghum, twenty-two acres of corn, nineteen acres of alfalfa, thirty-five acres of oats; and he has a one-third interest in forty-five acres of barley and fifteen acres of winter wheat. Don served as the Eureka FFA Chapter Sentinel and President. In 1957, Don was elected and served as Treasurer of the State Association of FFA. Don entered Kansas State University in 1958 and attended one year on a Sears Scholarship. At the end of that year he was called home to manage the entire farm owned by his mother. He was active in school, including 4-H Club work, FFA judging contests, class associations, and others.

William Wachs-Ellsworth

William began his farming program in 1952 with five beef cattle, five swine, and a 50% interest in thirty-five acres of cash crops. His total labor income during his first year was \$403. Throughout six full years of farming program activity, William has a total labor in-

come of \$21,719. He has accumulated a net worth of \$17,758 during that same period. William is at present in a partnership arrangement with his father and is farming full time. His present farming program includes 100% ownership of 110 head of Hereford cattle, 230 head of swine, and he has a 50% interest in eighty-seven acres of wheat, thirty-two acres of oats and clover, forty acres of milo, and twenty-five acres of silage corn. William served the Ellsworth FFA Chapter as Secretary, Vice-President, and President. William was elected as president of the Kansas Association of FFA during 1956-57. William was very active in the Ellsworth High School. He served as Vice-President of the student council, president of the Junior class, chairman of the assembly committee, and was elected to the National Honor Society during his Senior year in 1956. William and his father are presently operating a 690 acre farm in Ellsworth County.

Eldon Meyer, Effingham Chapter

Eldon Meyer began his farming program in 1952 with ten acres of corn, sixteen head of beef cattle, and thirty-three head of swine. His total labor income during his first year was \$180. Eldon has continued to expand his farm operations through the past seven years until his 1959 farming program includes fifty acres of wheat, 180 acres of feed crops and forage sorghums, seventy-five head of beef cattle, and 100 head of swine. Eldon has had a total labor income through the past seven years of \$13,643. He has accumulated a net worth of \$15,331. Eldon is on the farm full time and with his father operates a 1,300 acre farm. Eldon served the Atchison County Co. High School FFA Chapter as program chairman during the 1955-56 school

American Farmers (cont.)

Eldon Meyer: cont. year. He was chairman of the Supervised Farming Committee in 1955; the Leadership and Cooperation Committees in 1956. Eldon has been an active member of his local 4-H club. He served in his church youth organization in 1950-51 as President. He was active in school choral groups. Eldon is at present a member of the Farmers Union and Atchison County Farm Bureau Unit. He is serving as reporter of the Young Farmers Organization in Atchison County.

Dale Lind-Manhattan Chapter

Dale Lind started his farming program in 1952 with three Holstein dairy animals, one beef steer, three swine, and one acre of corn. Dale's total labor income during his first year was \$325. Dale became interested in the dairy business after enrolling in Vocational Agriculture and at present is operating a Grade A dairy, and is milking approximately thirty cows the year round. His total labor income throughout six full years is \$8,460. Dale has accumulated a net worth of \$8,158. His present farming program includes seventy-one acres of feed grains and alfalfa hay. Dale is attending Kansas State University and majoring in Dairy Husbandry. He continues to operate his dairy enterprise, being home in evenings and throughout the summer. Dale was an active member of the Manhattan FFA Chapter having served as Secretary in 1954-55, and as Treasurer in 1955-56. He was a member of the Scholarship, Supervised Farming, and Community Service Committees during his Vocational Agriculture and FFA work. Dale was an active member in the Manhattan High School music groups and is an accomplished organist.

He served his local church as organist and assists in Fort Riley chapel programs frequently. He was a member of the Hi-Y, 4-H Club, and Lutheran League. Dale presently has membership in the local Artificial Breeding Unit, the Holstein Friesian Association, and the Registered Duroc Association. He is also a member of the Shawnee County Milk Producers Association.

Donald Paxson - Hill City

Donald Paxson started his farming program with forty acres of winter wheat, ten acres of grain sorghums, and one registered Hereford heifer. His total labor income during his first year was \$462. Living in the dry land area of Kansas, Don endured two of the driest years on record in Kansas in 1955 and 1956. Although he suffered failures in wheat and grain sorghum, he continued to expand his beef cattle enterprise. When the rains came in 1957, Don had a good foundation herd of beef cattle and was able to make a labor income in 1958 of \$5,265. His total labor income has been over \$10,000. He has accumulated a net worth of \$10,596. His present farming program includes 355 acres of wheat and summer fallow, eighty acres of grain and forage sorghums, forty acres of barley, ten acres of alfalfa, fifteen head of Hereford cows, thirteen head of dairy animals, and 300 white Leghorn hens. Don served Hill City FFA Chapter as President and Reporter. He was chairman of the Supervised Farming, Scholarship and Leadership Committees during his high school career. Don was a very active participant in all FFA judging events throughout his high school days. He was active in music and athletics in the Hill City High School. He was President of the F.B.L.A. and a leader in his high school class.

Lloyd Oswald-Natoma Chapter

Lloyd Oswald started his farming program in 1953 with six beef cattle, ten swine, twenty-three sheep, five acres of alfalfa, and twenty-two acres of grain sorghums. Lloyd has made a total labor income through four years of high school and one year out of school of \$7,488. His 1959 farming program includes forty-seven head of Hereford cattle, ten acres of wheat, seven acres of oats, 125 acres of grain and forage sorghums. Lloyd has accumulated a net worth of \$10,501. Lloyd attended Fort Hays Kansas State College, majoring in Agriculture. He drives to and from school forty miles every day in order to be at home to manage his farming operations. Lloyd was active in the Natoma FFA Chapter, serving as Reporter in 1955-56 and President in 1956-67. He was elected Reporter of the State Association of FFA in 1957-58. He was chairman of the Supervised Farming and Leadership Committees. He was high individual two years in a row in the District Leadership Training Schools. Lloyd was Star Farmer of the Northwest district in 1957. He was also winner of the FFA Foundation Award in beef production in 1957. Lloyd was active in music groups and a member of both Junior and Senior class plays. He was president of his class in 1955-56 and he also was valedictorian of his high school graduating class.

Jon E. Larson-Clay Center

Jon E. Larson is in a full-time partnership arrangement on a 1,340 acre general farm with his father. Jon started his farming program with forty-one head of swine and two and one-half acres of corn. During the

past six years Jon has accumulated a net worth of \$28,711 and has had a total labor income of more than \$13,000. Jon's present farming program includes a one-third interest in approximately 150 head of beef cattle, 570 head of swine, and one-third interest in 350 acres of cash crops, feed grain, and hay. Jon was active in the Clay Center FFA Chapter, serving as Secretary in 1955-56. He was elected Secretary of the State Association in 1956. Jon has been active in public speaking. He was Star Farmer of the Clay Center Chapter in 1955, and has actively participated in all livestock and crops contests on the district and state levels. He was a representative to the Sunflower Boys State in 1955, a member of the National Honor Society in 1956, and a continuous active member of the Hi-Y Club. Jon is at present a secretary of the Young Farmer Organization in the Clay Center High School.

- - -FFA- - -

REPORTS OF DELEGATES
TO THE
1959 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Steven Robb- State President

I have just had the opportunity to participate in one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. This was actually the fifth year I have attended the National Convention, but the first year I have had the privilege of participating in Convention business.

For Eldon Eastman and myself, the convention started early. Before registration on Monday morning, we were treated to a tour of the WDAF-TV

Delegate Reports cont.Steven Robb - State President:

station. We were also subjects for a newsreel film which was broadcast Monday evening.

I received my first real view of our organization at work on the national level on Monday afternoon as I was appointed Chairman of the Committee on the FFA Foundation. It was really a pleasure to work with young men from six other states in preparing the committee report. This also gave me a better understanding of the FFA Foundation and the work it does to aid our organization.

I was particularly interested in the finals of the National Public Speaking Contest because I had the opportunity to represent Kansas in the Regional Contest last summer.

The most inspiring part of the Convention for me was the ceremony for raising State Farmers to the degree of American Farmer, and the selection of the Star American Farmers. This has made me determined to work toward the American Farmer Degree.

I regret that I was unable to remain for the entire convention as it was necessary for me to resume my duties as a student at Kansas State University. However, I do know that you were ably represented by the delegates who replaced Eldon and me; Kenneth Lambert and Earl Kellogg. I also regret that every FFA member could not attend the Convention because it is surely the most inspiring FFA activity that takes place.

Eldon Eastman-State Vice-President

Attending a National FFA Convention has always been a highlight of my FFA work. This year it was my privilege and pleasure to attend my fourth National FFA Convention. I was an official delegate representing the Kansas Association. I will always be grateful for the once in a life time opportunity. Trying to convey the feeling one has while sitting in the official delegate section helping conduct the business of the National Organization is impossible to do, so I will only attempt to pass on a few of my experiences.

On Monday morning, October 12, State President Steven Robb, and myself, registered at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City to attend the 32nd National Convention of FFA. The convention activities began Monday noon, with the official delegates' and officers' luncheon, with National President Adin Hester, presiding. After the luncheon, delegates were assigned to committees.

Monday evening the five regional FFA Public Speaking winners gave their speeches in the National Public Speaking Contest. The winning speaker was Phill Rosseau from Franklin, Washington, who spoke on "Food for Our Nation."

On Tuesday morning the convention really got under way with the seating of the delegates and the carrying out of the various events of the program. Speeches of the retiring national officers gave an excellent account of their superb leadership. The much respected H. Roe Bartle, mayor of Kansas City,



Delegate reports cont.

Eldon Eastman-State Vice-President

Missouri gave an address that would make every Future Farmer proud of the example set by the young men of our organization in Kansas City for the past thirty-one years.

The afternoon session was highlighted by the conferring of 367 American Farmer degrees. The events of Tuesday were climaxed by naming Lyle Rader, Tacoma, Washington, Star Farmer of America.

- - -FFA- - -

FIFTH ANNUAL FARM-CITY WEEK November 20 - 26, 1959

Each FFA Chapter will want to take part in promoting and carrying out a part of the program of Farm-City Week this year. This program should lead to

.....An understanding of our farm and ranch economy by urban people.

.....An understanding of town and city problems by rural people.

.....A demonstration that no one is really self-sufficient, but rather that all are interdependent.

.....A realization by farm and city

people of their individual citizenship responsibilities.

.....A realization of the dependence of all people on the fruitfulness of the good earth.

Aids for the Farm-City Week program may be obtained from Kiwanis International Building, 101 East Erie Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

- - -FFA- - -

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION REJECTED

The proposal of the Connecticut Association, which was published in the September 15 issue of the KANSAS FUTURE FARMER, to amend the constitution was rejected by the delegates at the 32nd National FFA Convention. The constitution will continue to provide for one American Farmer for each 1,000 active members or major fraction thereof.

- - -FFA- - -

\$1,000 TO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

The delegates at the 32nd National FFA Convention voted to contribute \$1,000 from the national treasury to the Agricultural Hall of Fame. The check was presented to Dr. A. W. Tenney at the time he spoke to the convention session.

- - -FFA- - -

PLAN TO SUPPORT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

Each FFA member will want to have a part in the building of the Agricultural Hall of Fame here in Kansas. Has your chapter contributed? Some have mailed in \$1.00 per member.

- - -FFA- - -

SUPPLY SERVICE REPORTS SALES

Mr. Edward Hawkins, manager of the FFA Supply Service, reported that for the past year FFA members have purchased an average of \$3.02 worth of goods from our supply house.

- - -FFA- - -

NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTEST

In all five contests, state teams were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention, or Participation, in that order. The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$12,500 for plaques, certificates, and travel awards to state teams. The travel awards are to be prorated on the distance teams traveled to reach the contests. Plaques were awarded the Gold, Silver, and Bronze emblem teams. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participation teams and individuals. Appropriate medals were awarded the Gold, Silver, and Bronze emblem individuals.

The five national judging teams from Kansas won two Gold and three Silver emblem classifications.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
October 16, 1959

Poultry Judging-(36 teams competing)

Altoona won Gold emblem classification -John Davis, Advisor.
Individual Placings: Richard Stewart, Clinton Babcock, and Edward Neds were in the Gold emblem division.

Livestock Judging-42 teams competing

Haven won Silver emblem classification -Glen Schulthess, Advisor.
Individual placings: John Scheele was in the Gold emblem division, and Clarence Biggs and Dean Johnson won a Silver emblem classification.

Livestock Showmanship

Glen Showalter, Harver, received Silver emblem in the livestock showmanship contest.

Meats Identification - 29 teams competing

Beloit won Gold emblem classification- Earl Baugher, Advisor.

Individual placings: Tom Campbell, David Snyder, and Max Gaughey were awarded Gold emblem classifications.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 5-6, 1959:

Dairy Cattle Judging-41 teams competing

Arkansas City won Silver emblem classification - Harold Van Cleave, Advisor. Individual placings: Wallace Wolf won Gold, and Gaylord Shurtz, Bronze, and Dan Marrs won Honorable Mention classification.

Dairy Products-31 teams competing

Clay Center won Silver emblem classification-Dale Brooks, Advisor. Individual placings: Larry Henry and Ronald Wohler won Gold and Dennis Borland won Honorable Mention classification.

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARDSFarm Safety

National winner- Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, Arizona - Award \$250.

Regional winner- A.S. Gibbons, Mad-dock, North Dakota-Award \$200.

Regional winner-Pine Grove Chapter, Dumas, Mississippi-Award \$200.

Regional winner-Newton Chapter, Newton New Jersey-Award \$200.

Farm Mechanics Contest

National winner-Jay Barth, 18, Flanagan Illinois-Award \$250.

Regional winner-Myron M. Mueller, 17, Oregon City, Oregon, Award-\$200.

Regional winner-Dennis Torrence, App-omattox, Virginia-Award \$200.

Regional winner-John Barber, 18, Schuylerville, New York-Award \$200.

Farm Electrification Contest

National winner-John Becker, 18, Labadie, Missouri-Award \$250.

Regional winner- Tommy Dale, 16, Parrott, Georgia- Award \$200.

Regional winner- Dale Miller, 16, Berthoud, Colorado, - Award \$200.

Regional winner-Steven Main, 17, Patten Maine- Award \$200.

Soil and Water Management

National winner-James Janks, 18, Caro Michigan - Award \$250.

Regional winner-Bobby Summers, 19, Tifton, Georgia - Award \$200.

Regional winner- Jerry Cox, 17, Rear-dan, Washington - Award \$200.

Regional winner- Kenneth Kerns, 17 Berkley Springs, West Virginia-Award -\$200.

Dairy Farming

(Announced at Waterloo, Iowa, on October 7, 1959)

National winner - Phillip L. Yetter, 17, Newton, New Jersey - Award \$250.

Regional winner- Lynn Ivey, 17, Macon, Georgia - Award \$200.

Regional winner-Bruce Sala, 17, Saline, California - Award \$200.

Regional winner-Richard Doeberienner, Fort Atkinson, Wisc.- Award \$200.

CONVENTION NOTES

Membership: The active membership in the Future Farmers of America as of June 30, 1959, was 381,621.

Registered attendance at National Convention from Kansas: Nine hundred thirty-four Kansas FFA members were officially registered and attended the National FFA Convention in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. Others in attendance were advisors, school superintendents, school board members, parents, state vocational agriculture leaders, and other interested Kansas people.

- - -FFA- - -

A few lines from the talk OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Adin Hester, National FFA President

.....In my chapter, I had the pleasure of participating in Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, being a chapter officer, and taking part in Judging Contests. Little did I realize at the time, but these activities helped me develop those qualities of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship which all Future Farmers should possess.

When I had surpassed one goal, my Vo-Ag teacher had a method to further entice me with something a little farther up the FFA ladder of success. As these new and different opportunities were unveiled, it would require additional planning and effort on my part.

During this period of education I came to fully appreciate the long hours of time and effort my Vo-Ag teacher gave, not only to me, but to anyone in the

chapter who desired the additional counsel and guidance.....

- - -FFA- - -



NATIONAL FFA TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. President and members of the Future Farmers of America:

It is a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer and report to you on the financial status of your organization.

There are four major areas of financial accounting:

1. The FFA
2. The FFA Foundation
3. The FFA Supply Service
4. The Future Farmer Magazine

The FFA Treasurer's office is located in Woodstock, Virginia. Mrs. Pauline Coiner, Secretary to the National Treasurer, keeps the books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation.

Funds of the FFA and the Foundation are maintained in separate accounts in Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. A separate set

National FFA Treasurer's report (cont)

of books is kept for each organization, the FFA and the FFA Foundation; there are separate bank accounts; the fiscal year of the FFA Foundation corresponds to the calendar year, whereas the fiscal year of the FFA extends from July 1 to the following June 30.

Both Mr. Coiner and I are bonded in an amount sufficient to protect the funds in our care; the accounts of the FFA and the Foundation are audited annually by Certified Public Accountants; a copy of the audit is sent to the Boards of FFA and the FFA Foundation, and every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your organization.

The FFA received its income from dues of members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building, and grants from the FFA Supply Service. Expenses consist primarily of travel of the National Officers and Board of Directors, National Office expense, the National Convention, and last year, the National Leadership Training Conference held in Washington, D.C.

The Foundation receives its income from the contributions of some 350 donors to the Foundation, who so far since January 1, have contributed in excess of \$175,000. Expenses of the Foundation consist of achievement awards paid to Vocational Agriculture student members of the association, plus a small amount, approximately 7%, for administration.

The FFA Supply Service gets its income from merchandise sold to FFA members and its expenses consist of the cost of

merchandise, operation of the service, and the rent of the FFA Building.

Receipts for the Magazine come from subscriptions and advertising, and expenses go for editing, printing, mailing, and rent of the office space in the FFA Building.

In total, the organization, including the FFA, the Foundation, the Supply Service, and the Magazine have total assets of \$1,482,558.04; liabilities of \$257,427.10, and a net worth of \$1,225,130.94.

The above figures represent the status of the organization at the end of the last fiscal year. Since July 1, the following represents the financial status of the FFA account.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Balance on hand, July 1, | |
| 1959 | \$ 54,855.26 |
| Receipts, July 1 through | |
| Sept. 30, 1959 | 4,345.02 |
| | <u>59,200.28</u> |
| Expenditures-July 1 through | |
| Sept. 30, 1959 | 36,293.09 |
| | <u>22,907.19</u> |
| Amount in "Accounts Payable"(Income Tax withheld) | 20.52 |
| Balance on hand, Sept. 30, | |
| 1959 | 22,927.71 |

In summary, your organization is in sound financial condition, which I believe is a tribute to the policy directed by the National Board of Student Officers and Directors, and the management by Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor, and Mr. William Paul Gray, your Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
R.E. Bass
National FFA Treasurer

STAR GREEN HAND MEDALS

Chapters will be glad to learn that the National FFA Foundation is providing an award this year for the Star Green Hand in each FFA chapter. This award will be a regular FFA Foundation Medal and will be available in the State FFA office.

- - -FFA- - -

ATTRACTIVE PLAQUE FOR SUPERIOR CHAPTER

A very attractive FFA chapter plaque will be made available after January, 1960 to replace the "Five-Year Certificates" which expire this year. The 12-inch Burwood plaque will be furnished by the National Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. This plaque is to be awarded only to those local FFA chapters that are classified "Superior" in the National Chapter Award Program.

The name of the chapter will be engraved in plastic and inserted on the plaque. There are provisions for 12 yearly classifications of the chapter, beginning the first year the plaque is won. These classification plates will be furnished the State Association each year to be presented to the chapters. If a chapter drops to a "Standard" classification after the plaque is won, such rating will be engraved on the plate and inserted on the plaque.

- - -FFA- - -



NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION OBSERVATIONS

LAWRENCE MEMBERS IN NATIONAL TALENT SHOW: Members of the Lawrence FFA chapter, Buddy Lawrence and Clarence Walker, sang and played guitars in the FFA talent show at the National FFA Convention. From the audience response, the performance was enjoyed immensely.

BASS HELPED DELEGATES

National FFA Treasurer, R. E. Bass, acted as parliamentarian for the delegates at the convention. In explaining good procedure in public meetings, Bass pointed out to the delegates that: (1) the minority should be heard, (2) the majority rules; (3) only one item of business should be considered at a time; and (4) courtesy must be used at all times.

KANSAS DELEGATES ON COMMITTEES

State President, Steven Robb, was chairman of the National FFA Foundation committee and Vice-president Eldon Eastman was a member of the committee on the National FFA Leadership training conference.

CHAIRMAN OF FOUNDATION SPONSORING COMMITTEE ADDRESSED CONVENTION

Merritt D. Hill, of the Ford Motor Company, told the members present at the convention that the donors to the National FFA Foundation buy, with their contributions, something that is greatly out of proportion to the sacrifices that are made by them. He stated that he had been impressed with the sincere, heart-felt interest that a great many business men have in the FFA. He mentioned that by supporting the Foundation, businesses are making a partial payment on what they owe to the system that has nurtured them. Speaking for the donors, he asked only that the FFA members promise to take advantage of the opportunities that are available to them. He asked that each member concentrate on making each day a good day and that success is determined by having more good days than bad ones.

FOREIGN VISITORS PRESENT

Representatives from 13 different countries were introduced to the members in session at the convention. Caesar Quililan, one of the boys representing

the Future Farmers of the Philippines spoke for the group of foreign visitors. He stated that his country was small, but big in heart.

GOODYEAR PRESIDENT CHAIRMAN OF SPONSORING COMMITTEE

Mr. Russell DeYoung, Akron, Ohio, president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, was elected chairman of the sponsoring committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc. for the coming year.

UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER LESS THAN FORMERLY

Dr. William D. Conboy, chairman of the speech and drama department, at KU, told the award winners at the Butler Manufacturing Company breakfast, that labor, business, education, and the professions are understanding each other less well than they did a decade ago. He stated that this was due to our greater specialization, greater accumulations of knowledge, and the many relatively ineffective tools and channels of communications. He said that the language of the future must be a language of translation and not merely a language of transmission. He told the members present that Agriculture has a story to tell and that it must be told by farm people.

ALASKAN ATTENDED CONVENTION
Bill McKinley, Palmer, Alaska, president of the only FFA Chapter in the nation's largest state, was the first FFA representative from the state to attend the National FFA Convention.

DESCRIBES AGRICULTURAL HALL
OF FAME

Dr. A. W. Tenney explained the plans that were being developed toward the building of the Agricultural Hall of Fame. He stated that the Hall of Fame for Agriculture will lend dignity and prestige to farming.

HOPE OF GREAT MEN EVERY -
WHERE

Dr. R. C. Young, who addressed the FFA members at the General Motors breakfast, stated that, "You are the hope of great men everywhere". He said that we need a deep sense of appreciation for America, and that this is the only country where overalls are not a badge of class. The function of the state, here, is to serve the people - not the people to serve the state. Regarding farming, he declared that there was no other vocation where people depend so much on the future. Dr. Young was born in Scotland.



LOOK HERE!

INMAN: This year the three upper classes including 37 of our members attended the American Royal at Kansas City, Mo. It is the policy of the school to take all the boys enrolled in Voc. Ag. to the American Royal once during their four years in Voc. Ag. A school bus is used for transportation and the school also pays for the room at the hotel. The boys pay for their meals and their tickets for the show. The chapter left on Sunday afternoon and returned Monday night after the show. All boys wear their FFA jackets. Our members won over \$200 in prizes at the Inman Fair. They won this money in Farm Mechanics exhibits, livestock, crops, float in the parade, poultry, rabbits, dairy cows, and horses. We were represented at the Junior Livestock Show in Wichita this year by five members. Ronie Bolzer showed second in his class with an Angus calf. The boys all received checks for prize money and sold their steers for a good price. We hope to support the show by more of us attending next year.

Don Enns, Reporter

OXFORD: In FFA this year we have 28 members. Five of these are freshmen. We have started the pest eradication contest. We attended the State Fair on Sept. 21. We made a push cart for the football games and are selling coffee, do-nuts, and candied apples. We are repairing the chapter's squeeze chute in shop and getting it ready to rent out again. Some of the projects in shop include a gas forge, overhauling a silage blower, a loading chute, overhauling a tractor, painting a pick up, and building two picnic tables.

Kenneth Thomas, Reporter

MERIDEN: Our Gilt Ring now has a total of five gilts loaned out to our chapter members. The chapter attended FFA Day at the Mid-America Fair and attended the National FFA Convention on Oct. 14. Some of the projects planned for this year are: an implement trailer, feed bunks, creep feeder, painting farm equipment, and painting the ag. shop. The school has offered the chapter about seven acres of land to grow popcorn for our popcorn machine and to sell. We are cooperatively buying and selling shotgun and rifle shells to members again this year. During the past summer we held a swimming party at Gage Park and a fishing trip to the Jayhawk Boy Scout Camp. A Chapter Sweetheart is being selected for the Barn-warming Party, Nov. 4. Many members earned their jackets and other FFA equipment by selling Farm Journals this year.

Maurice Heller, Reporter

LIBERAL: Our chapter held one meeting last summer and has held two meetings since school started. We sold fireworks this summer and made approximately \$200 profit. At our second meeting this fall Mr. Harvey Franklin, one of our local businessmen who had recently made a trip to Russia, showed slides on Russian agriculture. Several of our members exhibited livestock at the local fair. Our chapter received a first on a chapter Farm Mechanics exhibit. Several of our members are purchasing livestock to add to their farming program for the coming year.

Don Keating, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: We will have twelve Green Hands this year. Our subscriptions to the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER magazine exceeded 100 per cent of our membership. Five chapter members and the advisor attended the Thirty-second Annual FFA Convention in Kansas City. They remained for the American Royal parade on Oct. 17. The chapter is planning to have another banquet honoring the parents in the spring.

Ronald Sanko, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our annual all-day trip to Bennington Lake in Ottawa County was held Aug. 10. We spent the day boating, fishing, and swimming. Bruce Campbell was the third FFA boy from his family to recite the Creed at a leadership school when he recited the Creed at the Clay Center Leadership School on Oct. 5. We have 27 members in our chapter.

Ray Koster, Reporter

WASHINGTON: We won a blue ribbon on our booth at the Washington Co. Fair. The theme of the booth was "Pig Parlor". We also won a red ribbon on the shop display. This consisted of a portable loading chute and a combination metal hay and grain feeder. Our money making projects for this year are: owning and operating a pencil machine in the study hall, sponsor and sell advertisements in football programs, and operate a lunch stand at all home football games. The Junior ag. class attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. We have started our annual pest contest.

Richard Shum, Reporter

HUGOTON: We have 28 members in our chapter this year. We have 14 Green Hands. There are also nine Green Hands that will be raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer. Our work day was on Oct. 31. The six members that brought in the most money are to go on an over-night fishing trip with all expenses paid.

Rusty Hull, Reporter

LAKIN: Our shop jobs include painting a W-9 tractor; constructing a barrel tipper, a bolt rack, three loading chutes, a field sprayer, a feed wagon, a basket carrier, a truck stock-rack, a corral gate, a hoseroller, a pickup stock-rack, a barrel stand, and a basketball backstop. The sophomores have been running concrete and the freshmen started on their skill chart. They also have castrated twenty pigs. We attended the State Fair this year.

Terry Lindner, Reporter

NEWTON: There are 59 boys enrolled in Voc. Ag. this year. We attended the State Fair at Hutchinson on Monday, Sept. 21. Tom Fey purchased two Hereford heifers at the Weaver Hereford sale. Plans are being made for the "covered dish" supper with our parents. Bruce Cowan took second place on his Triumph wheat at the Hutchinson State Fair.

Lorin Dreier, Reporter

POWHATTAN: During the summer we took our annual fishing trip and later had a watermelon feed for the incoming freshmen. We took a Farm Mechanics exhibit to the Mid-America Fair. The officers attended the National FFA Convention on Oct. 13. In shop we are building a flatbed trailer, gates, picnic table, auger wagons, and hog troughs. The freshmen are working on skill projects.

Wesley Duesing, Reporter

LEBO: This school year began with 43 members in our chapter. The sophomore boys are building feed bunks and hog houses. The chapter held its annual work week and made \$250. We sent cards out to farmers and put an ad in the newspaper. Upon the receiving of cards and phone calls we sent boys to work for the farmers. We expect to make \$100 to \$150 on our milo crop. The milo crop consists of twelve acres of milo which is farmed by the chapter. The officers and advisor attended the National FFA Convention.

Duane Barnett, Reporter

LA CYGNE: This summer we held a watermelon feed for all members and prospective members and their parents. In Sept. we had a paper drive and collected \$85 for the chapter. All chapter members attended the awarding of the "Star Farmer of America" and the talent show for the members' projects and for the community's projects is scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4. Our chapter is planning a television program for KCMO of Kansas City for presentation next spring. Our first freshman to start a farming program this fall bought twenty yearling ewes and a registered ram.

Billy Lane, Reporter

BLUE MOUND: Our officers and the freshman agriculture class attended the National FFA Convention on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The whole chapter attended the Mid-America Fair on FFA Day. We are selling see-thru outdoor thermometers as a money raising project. In shop we are building some bleachers for the school. Other major shop projects now in progress are several gates and two 18 ft. feed bunks. Several of our members have entered the Linn County Soil Conservation Contest and the S. C. S. Speech Contest.

Eddie Murrow, Reporter

LEOTI: Fair booth and exhibits, officer leadership school, preparation for the initiation of eighteen Green Hands, the annual hayrack ride, and the completion of the annual program of work by its various committees have been keeping the Leoti FFA chapter busy. We completed the student council bleachers for the football field just in time for the first home game.

We are planning to check milo test plots for one of our fund raising projects.

Jack Rapier, Reporter

FRANKFORT: Early last summer we went on an FFA fishing trip but were rained out about 2:30 P.M. We received from four to six inches of rain that night. There were several other big rains causing considerable washing and damage to crops in our area this summer. A watermelon feed was held for all prospective freshmen in August. There are 13 new members coming into the FFA this year which makes a total of forty. Four boys and the advisor went to Kansas City to the FFA National Convention.

Alvin Gerstner, Reporter

BURLINGTON: This year we have 26 enrolled in Voc. Ag. We plan to initiate sixteen to the Green Hand degree at our Nov. meeting. Our chapter has ten FFA gilts out to FFA members. Each boy is to return two gilts at weaning age. Some of the projects started are: 4 four-wheeled trailers, horse trailer, gates, feeders, and a hay elevator.

Mike Williams, Reporter

HIGHLAND: We have 42 members in our chapter. We are now planning a pest eradication contest with the Troy Chapter, in which the losing chapter will give the winning chapter a camping trip. For our money making project we are planning to sell rat poisoning. Some of the projects in our shop will include:

a 14' by 8' trailer, a bale loader, a wagon, a combination squeeze and loading chute, and a self-propelled lawn mower. Several hog houses are also being built and tractors are being overhauled.

Nicky Keller, Reporter

ALMENA: We held a project tour at the start of the school year. We attended the Judging School at Hays this year. The shop projects we are working on this year are: five barrel feeders, one tractor, one harrow, one calf feeder, one picnic table, and one cornpicker. We have castrated fifty pigs so far this year. We sent nine boys to the National FFA Convention this year.

Gary Brown, Reporter

WETMORE: The chapter sold \$214.68 worth of magazines for a profit of \$76.92. Twenty-six members attended the Mid-America Fair on FFA Day. Other fund raising activities include making gates in shop and selling them. We plan to start our pest eradication contest soon. We have bought 36 boxes of light bulbs to sell to FFA members' families as a community service. Also we are getting a supply of "NO HUNTING" signs to distribute to FFA members who want them.

Steven Smith, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: This year seven chapter officers and advisor, Mr. Eck, attended the National FFA Convention. Our chapter has eighteen Green Hands. John Schletzbaum, chapter Vice-president, is attending

the National Safety Congress in Chicago. He won a scholarship trip sponsored by the Kansas Farm Bureau. Jim Buttron and John Schletzbaum attended the Leadership Cooperative Training Camp last June in Liberty, Mo. The sophomore, junior, and senior FFA boys visited the Agricultural Hall of Fame site and assisted in carrying the United Nation flags during the dedication ceremony, Sept. 17. Chapter members operated the parking lot for the Soil Conservation Field Day, August 12.

Jerry Handke, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Fifteen Green Hands were admitted to our chapter at initiation last month. Four of our boys attended the Central Kansas Land Judging Contest at McPherson. We attended the Officers Training School at Beloit. Our chapter had a watermelon feed for the prospective FFA members and their parents. A meeting was held for the parents of the freshman FFA boys. Jarold Hayden talked on how he built his farming program and slides were shown of the farming programs of other members. Our annual crop show and potluck supper will be held Nov. 12. We expect 200 samples of grain crops. The local merchants will furnish the money for prizes. Several of the freshmen ag. boys have started good farming programs. Some of the shop jobs under construction in our shop are: a squeeze chute, post hole digger, movable hog panels, a hog house, grain trailer, a loading chute, a truck bumper, lifting bar for a tractor, and a set of car ramps.

Howard Johnson, Reporter

NEODESHA: Our chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. One of the high-lights of the trip was a visit to the Carey Salt mine where the boys saw the process of mining salt. Our chapter has a weiner roast planned in the near future. This event will enable the older boys to get better acquainted with the new freshmen. Our annual parent-son banquet is to be held Nov. 23. After the dinner the twelve freshmen will be initiated to the Green Hand degree. We are making ten cattle feeders in shop as a project designed to build up our treasury. We then plan on overhauling farm machinery, which the boys will bring in from their homes.

Darrell Howerton, Reporter

ABILENE: We started the year with a covered-dish supper for our parents. It will give a chance for the freshmen and their parents to get acquainted with the rest of the chapter and parents. All FFA members were able to attend the State Fair at Hutchinson and several of the boys returned home with ideas for shop projects. The chapter officers attended the National FFA Convention on Tuesday, Oct. 13. On Wednesday, Oct. 14, the chapter officer gave a radio program about the National Convention. The freshman Farm Mechanics class is busy working on skills, the sophomore class is repairing farm machines, and the senior class is organizing the shop facilities.

Jimmy Gaskill, Reporter

UNIONTOWN: Seven FFA members attended the National FFA Convention on Oct. 14. Our chapter is cooperating with the P. T. A. in putting on a soup supper, Nov. 2. We have 53

boys enrolled in Voc. Ag. this year. Twenty-four of these are Freshmen.

Jerry Handke, Reporter

BELOIT: During the summer all chapter members went on a three-day tour around the state visiting the different cooperatively owned businesses. This tour was sponsored by the local Co-op. Two members attended the A.I.C. Convention held at the University of Illinois. We held our annual potluck supper-watermelon feed in August. Freshman boys and their dads were the honored guests. Our meats judging team placed first in the State Contest and Tom Campbell was high individual. Eight chapter members including all officers attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. We are making plans for the Fifth Annual Pest Contest with the Simpson Chapter. Our Barn-warmer was held October 27 at one of the member's quonsets.

David Snyder, Reporter

GIRARD: Girard was well represented at the Crawford County Fair. Among the exhibits shown were: one large farrowing crate, tractor repair project, ornate mailbox stand, silage and hay bunks, gates, two-wheel trailer, and a fancy porch lamp. On Aug. 25, we held a father and son watermelon feed. All school board members and all of the men faculty members were invited. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint these people with the goals and purposes of the FFA. Ten FFA members attended the Mid-America Fair and participated in the judging.

We constructed a float with the theme of "Support the Agricultural Hall of Fame". This float won the second prize of \$25 in our annual Homecoming parade. Eleven members attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City on Oct. 14. We are cooperating with the County Soil Service in operating and maintaining their Brillion Seeder and Bermuda Sprigger.

Steve Marshal, Reporter

HOISINGTON: We held our summer meeting in August and treated the Voc. Ag. I boys to a watermelon feed. All FFA dads were invited. Copies of our program of work were distributed to our chapter members. We cooperated with the local Lions in building a twenty-stall bicycle rack for one of the city schools. We will hold our Third Annual Barn-warmers Dance in the voc. ag. shop in November. We will select a queen from our members' dates. We are also making plans for our annual parents and son meeting at which time we will raise our Green Hands to Chapter Farmers and initiate our freshmen as Green Hands.

Jerry Rowley, Reporter

BLUE VALLEY: The shop projects that we took to the fair at Topeka were: a silage trailer, a 36 foot bale elevator, another bale elevator, a repainted and reconditioned tractor, and a hog hay feeder. At the leadership school at Clay Center, our chapter demonstrated how to initiate Green Hands. The freshmen sold Farm Journals and four of them received FFA jackets. Some of the

projects started in shop are: a flat-bed box, a grain box, a bale elevator, and a post-hole digger. Most of the other boys are catching up on their record books. We are now asking bids on our new ag. building. The boys will help move things and build benches in the new building.

Dennis Wohler, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Our sophomore boys are presenting the Green Hand ceremony at the Oberlin Leadership School. Projects in our shop now include: a squeeze chute, two power hack saws, a small utility two-wheel trailer, a motor overhaul, reconditioning and painting a pickup box, a fresh flow solvent tank for the shop, and miscellaneous feed bunks and troughs. We are moving the grade school playground equipment to make way for the new addition they are starting next month. On Oct. 27 we initiated our Green Hands. In connection with this meeting, we held a freshman, sophomore-parent meeting to better explain our program. Our annual pest eradication contest got off to a fine start shortly after the Game and Fish Department's wildlife truck visited our school. Mr. Stevens gave us many helpful suggestions.

Wayne Burr, Reporter

RILEY CO.: Our Riley Co. grain show was held October 19 in Riley. A Chapter Sweetheart was elected at this show. Our new school classroom and shop is not finished yet so we are holding class in a room under the bleachers. We

hope to get in the shop soon. The chapter officers attended the National FFA Convention, Oct. 13.

Myron Lawson, Reporter

HILL CITY: We started this year's activities with a meeting in August. We invited all the freshmen interested in Voc. Ag. and all the fathers. The subject of the program was, "The Opportunities in the Field of Agriculture", and "The Functions of the FFA". After the program, we all enjoyed a game of softball and all the watermelon we could eat. On our chapter farm we have twenty acres of milo, which is fair; 28 acres of barley, and we plan to plant 67 acres of wheat as soon as we get time from our school activities. Last year's wheat crop averaged fourteen bushels to the acre. We had some trouble with Wheat Streak Mosaic or the yield might have been better. October the thirteenth and fourteenth, ten members and our advisor attended the National FFA Convention. While in Kansas City we toured the Armour Packing Co. which was very interesting and educational. This fall we have 32 members enrolled in vocational agriculture. We have been making the needed repairs and adjustments on mowers that are brought to us by farmers. Some of our future plans include: a turkey shoot, the school carnival, and our annual pest contest. We also plan to participate in all the judging contests this year.

Larry Campbell, Reporter

OBERLIN: At our fall watermelon feed the freshman boys were our guests. Our concession stand at football games has been doing very well. Four of our officers attended the National FFA Convention.

Duane Carman, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: We held a picnic last summer welcoming the new FFA advisor, Mr. Harold VanCleave. A watermelon feed and swimming party was held later in honor of the incoming freshman agriculture class. The junior and senior voc. ag. classes attended the Hutchinson State Fair Sept. 21 and 22. This year's officers and advisor attended the National FFA Convention. Our shop projects include: three cattle hay feeders, one set of stock racks for pickup, a loading chute, a D.C. welder, and a feed bunk. We are also planning to repair a side delivery rake, mowing machine, combine, manure spreaders and a disk, and painting three tractors.

Gary Learned, Reporter

FARMING PROGRAM

Richard Fobes, Senior

BELOIT: Richard Fobes, Beloit FFA President, is a senior at the Beloit High School. As a freshman, he started his farming program with fifty head of ewes, three sows, and two steers. Arrangements were made to buy feed from his dad. During Richard's sophomore year, he went into a partnership with his dad. Richard bought a one-third interest in all stock and crops and bought a one-half interest in all machinery and equipment. Bad luck hit Richard the first year of the partnership with the loss of many ewes and lambs, but with the coming of the junior and senior years the trouble was straightened out. At the present time, Richard has a one-third interest in twenty head of cattle, 280 ewes, 200 feeder lambs, 87 acres of wheat, 53 acres milo, 35 acres forage sorghum, 300 acres pasture (rented), and one-half interest in all machinery. Some of his shop work has included building stock racks, gates, trailer, and much machinery overhaul and repair. Richard is active in school activities and MYF.

---FFA---