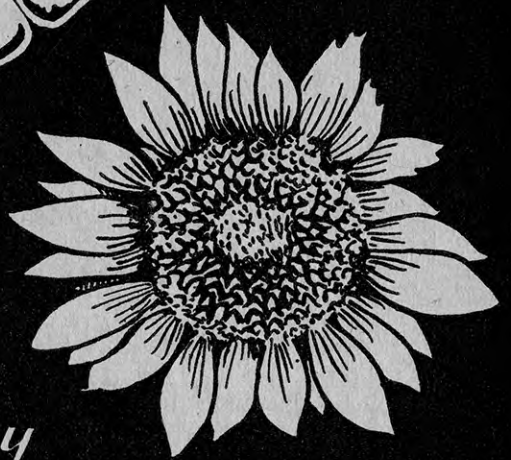
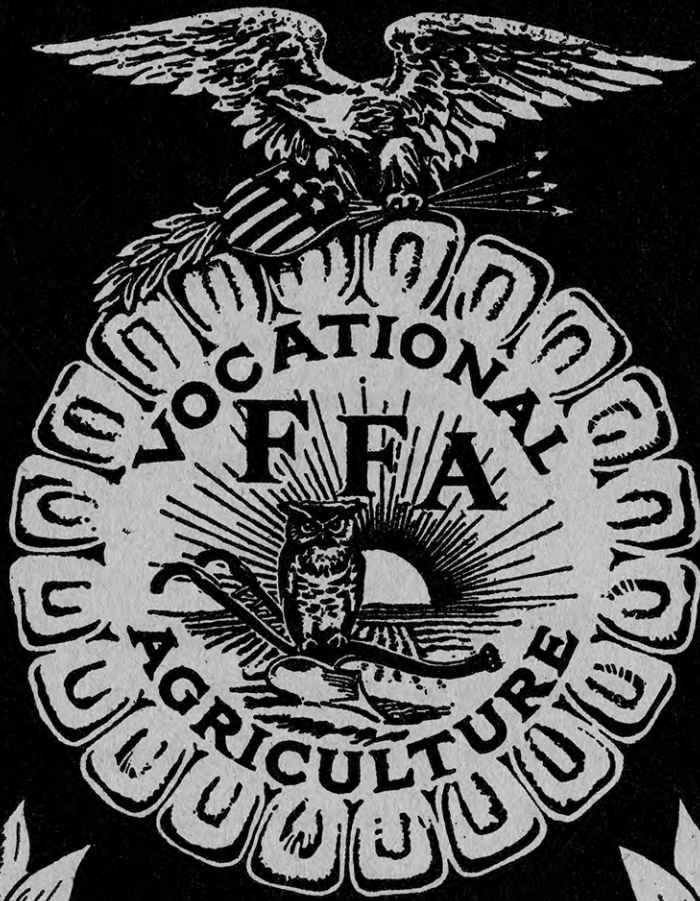


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FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1951. Dues are 30¢ per member, 10¢ national and 20¢ state.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter Contest entries -- consisting of the chapter program of work in each case -- must be in the U. S. Office of Education not later than January 31, 1951. The chapters designated as "Gold Emblem Chapters" in the Kansas Association Chapter Contest of 1950 are eligible to enter. All Kansas entries in the National Chapter Contest should be mailed to Professor A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in time to reach his office not later than January 14, 1951.

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TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FFA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 9-12, 1950

Approximately 7,000 FFA members representing 48 states and 2 territories spent three days mixing business and pleasure in attendance at the Twenty-Third National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

Mayor William E. Kemp, Kansas City, Missouri, welcomed the Future Farmers of America to Kansas City. He expressed his pleasure in welcoming the FFA to Kansas City and stated that in his opinion this meeting of young farmers is one of the most important occurring in Kansas City from one year's end to another.

The splendid manner in which the official delegates and officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America handled their three 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.

Among the national and international men who found time to come to Kansas City and participate in the FFA program were: Charles F. Brannen, Secretary of Agriculture; Harry Darby, U. S. Senator from Kansas; Clifford R. Hope, United States Representative from Kansas; Henrik Kauffman, Ambassador to the United States from Denmark; and E. H. Bakken, National Director, Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America.

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 boys turned in a superb job of handling the entire Convention. The effectiveness of the Fourth Degree Ritual was enhanced by the splendid manner in which the National Officers performed their respective parts.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Bob Ball, Garden City Chapter, President of the Kansas Association of FFA, and Bob Greve, Harper Chapter, past state vice-president of the Kansas Association of FFA. Past state reporter (Kansas) Billy Bert Jessee, Columbus Chapter, and Karl Rau, Clay Center Chapter were seated as delegates Wednesday, October 11, and served in that capacity until the close of the convention.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 265 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. This constituted the largest class of American Farmers in the history of the National Organization of FFA. Kansas FFA members receiving the American Farmer Degree at the Twenty-Third National Convention were: Samuel C. Baier, Medicine Lodge chapter; Mervin J. Deschner, Newton chapter; Robert W. Greve, Harper chapter; Billy Bert Jessee, Columbus chapter; Karl P. Rau, Clay Center chapter; and Tom W. Wedman, Harper chapter.

First rank in number of American Farmer degrees received by members went to the Texas Association with a total of 27; Illinois with 17; North Carolina with 15; Oklahoma, 13; Tennessee, 12; Georgia, 12; and California with 11 successful American Farmer candidates ranked in the order listed. Kansas with six successful candidates topped any previous year in the history of the state association. Missouri members were awarded nine American Farmer degrees; Iowa 5, and Nebraska 4.



## Twenty-Third Nat'l Conv. of FFA Organization (continued)

Kansas was honored in having United States representative from Kansas, Clifford R. Hope, deliver the principal address to the 1950 American Farmer Class. In his introductory remarks Congressman Hope states: "I am talking to members of a group which I like to believe represents the best - the best of America - in its aims and aspirations.... It hasn't been so long ago that we were hearing of youth movements in other countries - of the Hitler youth in Germany, of Mussolini's young Fascists; movements which were based upon ideals that were thoroughly godless, materialistic and anti-democratic. In point of time these movements originated during the same decade that saw the beginning of the Future Farmers of America. What a contrast between those organizations and the one with which you are affiliated. The one dedicated to war and destruction; the other to peace and constructive effort. And what a contrast there is between the final downfall and annihilation of these Fascist organizations and the growth and progress of this one. An organization like this is the greatest assurance that all is well with America. You have a great privilege and opportunity in being in the FFA for soon you will be actual farmers. You can still carry the FFA initials, however, for then you will be the 'first farmers of America.'"

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE: The following persons were granted the American Farmer Degree at the FFA Convention.

- Clifford R. Hope, United States Congressman from Kansas, Washington, D. C.  
His Excellency Henrik Kauffman, Danish Ambassador to the United States,  
Danish Embassy, Washington, D. C.
- E. H. Bakken, National Director, Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America,  
2 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York.
- Clarence B. Hoff, Director, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri.
- Harry J. Kaufmann, Program Director, Radio Station WDAF, Kansas City, Mo.
- James H. White, Managing Editor, Western Farm Life, 1520 Court Place,  
Denver 2, Colorado.
- Fred Waring, The Pennsylvanians, 1697 Broadway, New York, New York.
- Paul R. Brasch, Agricultural Bureau, Rath Packing Company, Waterloo, Iowa.
- W. R. Felton, Asst. State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State A & M  
College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- Carl M. Humphrey, State Director Agricultural Education, State Department of  
Education, Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Howard W. Matthews, Agricultural Research, Swift and Company, Union Stock  
Yards, Chicago, Illinois.
- L. E. Cross, Past President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers  
Association, Inc., 408 Almaden Ave., San Jose, California.
- R. D. Anderson, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Department  
of Education, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Parker A. Woodhul, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers  
Association, Inc., Box 32, Portales, New Mexico.
- Bert L. Brown, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, P. O. Box 97,  
Olympia, Washington.
- W. F. Stewart, Agricultural Teacher Trainer, 215 Ives Hall, Ohio State  
University, Columbus 10, Ohio.

## Twenty-Third Nat'l Conv. of FFA Organization (continued)

## (Fathers of National FFA Officers)

Dana Lewis, Hersman, Illinois  
 John T. Fike, Eglon, West Virginia  
 Joseph B. King, Rt. 3, Box 352, Petaluma, California  
 Claud W. Cartwright, Booneville, Mississippi  
 Glenn M. Lackey, Delaware, Ohio  
 Roy Bakehouse, R. R. #4, Owatonna, Minnesota

## (Fathers of Star Farmers of America)

Carlyle Crawford, Moore, Utah  
 John Forrest Davis, Rt. #3, Box 200, Quincy, Florida  
 Elton Ott, RFD 2, Bangor, Pennsylvania  
 Otto Turnow, Curtice, Ohio

## (Advisers of Gold Emblem Chapters)

Millard E. Fourt, Yuma Chapter, Yuma Arizona  
 Warren T. Smith, Madera Chapter, Madera, California  
 Ernest O. Tarone, Modesto Chapter, Modesto, California  
 William Paul Gray, Eaton Chapter, Eaton, Colorado  
 Herbert E. Brown, Trenton Chapter, Trenton, Florida  
 Clay Cundiff, Lowell Chapter, Lowell, Indiana  
 George A. Richter, Jr., Franklin Chapter, Franklin, Illinois  
A. G. Jensen, Olathe Chapter, Olathe, Kansas  
 Lynn Heatley, Midland Chapter, Midland, Michigan  
 James Wall, Waverly Chapter, Waverly, Nebraska  
 Louis G. Gombosi, Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey  
 W. D. Sumner, Ames Chapter, Ames, Oklahoma  
 Wilson McDonald, Atoka Chapter, Atoka, Oklahoma  
 Ray K. Hagenbuch, Toheca Chapter, Quakertown, Pennsylvania  
 H. A. Small, Camden Chapter, Camden, South Carolina  
 Lawrence Cavendish, Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia  
 Warden M. Lane, Upshur Chapter, Buckhannon, West Virginia  
 Ralph R. Reynolds, Bland Chapter, Bland, Virginia

STAR FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer for the Southern Region, is Forrest Davis, Jr., 21 year old farm boy from Quincy, Florida. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, of \$1,000.00.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Paul Crawford, 20, Moore, Utah.  
 Award, \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - Rolland E. Turnow, 20, Curtice,  
 Ohio. Award, \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Budd E. Ott, 21, Bangor,  
 Pennsylvania. Award \$500.00.

## Twenty-Third Nat'l Conv. of FFA Organization (continued)

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First: Herbert Mc Petridge, 17, Geneve, N. Y. "Farm Price Supports." Award, \$250.00.
- Second: Herman Brewer, Jr., 16, Eden, Texas. "The Marshall Plan and Farmer's Faith." Award, \$225.00.
- Third: Charles R. Ocker, Cameron, Mo. "Better Living Through Balanced Farming." Award, \$200.00.
- Fourth: Walter Carlson, Powell, Wyoming. "Rural America and Socialized Medicine." Award, \$175.00.
- Fifth: Clement Goreia, Hawaii. "The Young Farmer of the Forty-ninth State." Award, \$150.00

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:Gold Emblem

Riverton, Alabama  
 Yuma, Arizona  
 Conway, Arkansas  
 Lakeside, Arkansas  
 Madera, California  
 Modesto, California  
 Brighton, Colorado  
 Eaton, Colorado  
 Saddle and Grate Chapter,  
 Camden-Wyoming, Del.  
 Trenton, Florida  
 Blakely-Union, Georgia  
 Lowell, Indiana  
 Delphi, Indiana  
 Franklin, Illinois  
 Lanark, Illinois  
 Olathe, Kansas  
 Daviess County, Kentucky  
 Owingsville, Kentucky  
 Limestone, Maine

Huntley Project, Montana  
 Midland, Michigan  
 Binford, Mississippi  
 Flathead Chapter at  
 Kalispell, Montana  
 Waverly, Nebraska  
 Rugby, North Dakota  
 Newton, New Jersey  
 Ames, Oklahoma  
 Atoka, Oklahoma  
 Tohoca, Pennsylvania  
 Camden, South Carolina  
 Smith County, Tennessee  
 Clifton, Texas  
 Ripley, West Virginia  
 Upshur, West Virginia  
 Shoshone, Wyoming  
 Tucumcari, New Mexico  
 Bland, Virginia

Silver Emblem

Auburn, Alabama  
 Phoenix, Arizona  
 Nacogdoches, Texas  
 Clay Center, Kansas  
 Alma, Michigan  
 Mt. Ayre, Iowa  
 Fairbury, Nebraska  
 Jasper, Missouri  
 Mountain Lake, Minnesota  
 Brainerd, Minnesota  
 Housatonic Valley, Connecticut

Hooper, New Hampshire  
 Kennett, Pennsylvania  
 Belvidere, New Jersey  
 Clarksville, Maryland  
 Linville-Edom, Virginia  
 Deming, New Mexico  
 Corvallis, Oregon  
 Lakeview, Oregon  
 Box Elder, Utah  
 Walla Walla, Washington



## Twenty-Third Nat'l Conv. of FFA Organization (continued)

Bronze Emblem

Clark, South Dakota  
 California, Missouri  
 Allentown, Florida  
 Madison County, Georgia  
 Mangham, Louisiana  
 Woodruff, South Carolina  
 Ooltewah, Tennessee  
 Gorham, Maine  
 South Kortright, New York

Sherwood, Maryland  
 Shelburne Falls, Mass.  
 Middlebury, Vermont  
 Middletown, Delaware  
 Pahoa, Hawaii  
 Roberts, Idaho  
 Moapa Valley, Nevada  
 Battle Ground, Washington

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

National Winner - Jack McCaffery, 18, Powell Butte, Oregon. Award \$250.00.  
 Regional Winner - Richard Mooney, 18, Newton, New Jersey. North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Clarence B. Gulsby, 17, Cantonment, Florida. Southern Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Harold Sprinkle, Jr., 16, Ashland, Ohio. Central Region. Award \$200.00.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

National Winner - Loren Maxey, 18, Freeport, Illinois. Award \$250.00.  
 Regional Winner - Charles W. White, 18, Smithfield, Virginia. Southern Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - George Simpson, 18, Camden, Delaware. North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Ronald Harris, 16, Conrad, Montana. Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

DAIRY FARMING CONTEST:

National Winner - John W. Reynolds, Jr., 18, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Award \$250.00.  
 Regional Winner - James Gerspacher, 19, Xenia, Ohio. Central Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Joe Trueba, 17, Glendale, Arizona. Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Arnold M. Cope, 18, East Springfield, New York. North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTEST:

National Winner - Harry Shelton, 15, Shelfar, Virginia. Award \$250.00.  
 Regional Winner - Joseph Blakeslee, 18, Newton, New Jersey. North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Richard Rayburn, 16, Mahomet, Illinois. Central Region. Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Ronald L. Jorgenson, 17, Overton, Nevada. Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

## Twenty-Third Nat'l Conv. of FFA Organization (continued)

FARM SAFETY CONTEST:

- National Winner - Smith County Chapter, Carthage, Tennessee. Award \$250.00.  
 Regional Winner - Eaton FFA Chapter, Eaton, Colorado. Pacific Region.  
 Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Rugby FFA Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota. Central Region.  
 Award \$200.00.  
 Regional Winner - Newton FFA Chapter, Newton, New Jersey. North Atlantic  
 Region. Award \$200.00.

1950-51 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS:

Walter Cummins, 19, Freedon, Oklahoma, President  
 Robert L. Smith, 19, Buttonwillow, California, First Vice-President  
 Hal Davis, 20, Quincy, Florida, Second Vice-President  
 Donald Jorgensen, 19, Lake City, Iowa, Third Vice-President  
 Richard Waybright, 20, Gettysburg, Pa., Fourth Vice-President  
 Wayne R. Staritt, 20, Catawaba, West Virginia, Student Secretary

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

This year for the fourth time all state and territorial associations were given an opportunity to have participants in the National FFA Band and for the third time all state and territorial associations were given an opportunity to have participants in the National FFA Chorus. Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Head Teacher Trainer, Pennsylvania State College, directed the Band, and Dr. James W. Hatch, State Department of Education, Albany, New York directed the Chorus. Both the Band and Chorus added greatly to the enjoyment of the National FFA Convention, both groups performed over National radio hookups and both groups did much to place the Future Farmers of America Organization in an enviable position.

Both the Band and Chorus reported for practice at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 6. Members of the Chorus were permitted to return to their homes when the meeting was turned over to the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Thursday evening, October 12. The Band members remained in Kansas City and participated in the American Royal Livestock Parade, Saturday morning, October 14.

Members of both the Band and Chorus were high in their praises of their leaders and directors. The boys were kept so busy practicing, cutting records, broadcasting and filling their program schedule they scarcely had time for meals. Kansas had seven members in the Band and six members in the Chorus.

The Band members from Kansas were Bob Murphy, Mankato; Bryce Luty, RFD, Inman; Sam Graham, Kiowa, Wendell Weins, Hillsboro, Jim Boyd, Beloit, Harlan Luty, RFD, Inman; Harry Circle, Kiowa.

Members of the Chorus from Kansas were Richard Buller, Buhler; Bert Gillig, Kiowa; Jim Mustard, McCune; Lowell Ratzlaff, Hillsboro; Alfred Schmidt, Buhler; Donald Wiens, Marion.

Recording of both the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus are available through Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Local chapters will find these FFA recordings of interest and they should prove to be very valuable in connection with the local FFA chapter meetings.

STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS

Perhaps the most colorful and inspiring program of the entire 23rd National FFA Convention was the presentation of the Star American Farmer awards during the third session, Tuesday, October 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony was opened with the 100 voice FFA Chorus singing and the National FFA Band playing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Following this number, the FFA Band swung into a lively march and delegates from each of the forty-eight states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico began to move toward the stage. Each state representative carried his own state flag. Bright searchlight beams followed each flag bearer as he moved into his place on the rostrum. The flags were massed behind four huge stars in FFA colors. The Regional Star Farmers and the Star Farmer of America were invited to the rostrum and each took his position before the Star representing his region. A national FFA officer representing the region from which the Star Farmer came then made the award.

In order to make available to all FFA chapters and members in Kansas the achievement record of the National winners in the Star American Farmer program, we are publishing herewith brief excerpts of the program of the Star Farmer of America and each of the Regional Star Farmers of America.

Star Farmer of America - Forrest Davis, Jr.

Forrest Davis, 21, already has earned more than \$45,000.00 from farming. Through study, good management and hard work he has built up a farming program that should continue to provide him with income far above that received by the average farmer in the United States.

This young man is no average farmer. His achievements are so outstanding as to be almost unbelievable, but they are substantiated by facts and figures that are vouched for by his vocational agriculture teacher, his neighbors, and the businessmen of the Quincy, Florida community where he lives.

Davis' farming program for 1950 includes 20 acres of shade tobacco, 20 acres of blue lupine, ten registered Hampshire brood sows, 23 beef animals, 67 acres of peanuts and 250 acres of corn. Another 10 acres of tobacco is grown in partnership with his younger brother, Hal, and the two also are partners in the operation of 1,280 acres of rented pasture.

Forrest owns 80 acres of land, is in partnership with Hal on 150 acres which they bought recently, and again with Hal as partner, has a long-term lease on 1,620 acres. He tends 4 acres of tobacco on the home farm, owned by his mother, for the privilege of operating the remainder of the home farm rent free. Profits from the four acres, incidently, provide funds for sending his three sisters to school.

Forrest is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest Davis, R #3, Quincy, Florida.

His first FFA projects were one brood sow, five acres of corn and five acres of peanuts. Land and equipment was given to him rent free by his father, and Forrest netted \$525.00 from the year's work. He netted \$1,467.00 in his freshman high school year; \$1,503.00 as a sophomore; \$2,543.00 as a junior, and \$7,151.00 in his senior year for a grand total of \$13,189 earned from farming while he was in school. During the two years since he was graduated, he has added another \$32,500 to that figure.



## Star American Farmer Awards (continued)

It was in his senior year of high school that Davis found out what he could do raising shade-grown tobacco. From two acres of the crop he netted \$3,362.00. Even though it had been necessary to invest more than \$2,000.00 in the tobacco before he ever harvested a leaf, he figured the net income would justify the risk and he's been growing it on an expanding basis since 1947.

Young Davis' swing into beef cattle raising is a result of his need for manure to fertilize the tobacco. By growing his own corn, pastures and other feed crops he has found that he can have a constant source of the needed manure, and at the same time expect a reasonable cash return from the cattle as they are sold for beef. There was more corn than he needed for cattle, so he went into the hog raising business. The ten registered Hampshire sows he owns now are the only hogs of that breed in the county.

He already has done much to improve the value of the home farm and the land that he bought. A well-equipped farm shop where machinery and equipment is repaired and serviced was built, a grist mill set up, livestock barn and other buildings constructed, pastures were improved by reseeding and fertilizing. He established a home fruit orchard, and did landscaping to beautify the home and farmstead. Buildings and equipment that he owns are valued at more than \$18,000. These include two tractors, two trucks, two tenant houses, several tobacco curing barns and a complete irrigation system for tobacco.

Forrest is a firm believer in soil conservation and improvement. He uses fertilizers and green manure crops heavily to keep the soil producing.

Davis keeps complete and accurate records on all of his farming operations.

His leadership records show that he served as secretary and president of the FFA chapter, was a member of the livestock judging and parliamentary procedure teams. He was president of the Senior class and class valedictorian. He was first vice-president of Florida state FFA association in 1946-47.

He is now president of the Young Farmers chapter at Quincy, a director of the West Florida Livestock Association, an alternate member of the County PMA Committee, a member of Farm Bureau and a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

D. M. Bishop is currently vocational agriculture instructor at the Quincy school. His opinion of the Star Farmer of America is high.

Star Farmer of America North Atlantic Region - Budd E. Ott

Budd Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ott, Route 2, Bangor, Pennsylvania, Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region for 1950, is operating a 300-acre dairy farm in partnership with his parents. The farm features 70 head of Holstein of which 44 are in producing age. The herd last year averaged 450 pounds of butter-fat and more than 14,000 pounds of milk per cow.

Ott enrolled in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1943. He netted \$537.00 that year from two dairy calves, one acre of potatoes and 10 hogs. The two calves, incidently, were registered Holsteins and marked the first time that purebred cattle had been used on the Ott farm. Primarily through Budd's influence, about one-third of the herd are now purebred animals and plans call for a herd of all registered Holsteins in the near future.

## Star American Farmer Awards (continued)

One of his first purebred heifers won \$50.00 in prize money and the grand champion prize of a \$150.00 Holstein heifer at the 1944 Stroudsburg Fair. With that income and the proceeds from his potatoes and pigs, plus money earned in wages for other farm work, he was able to buy three more heifers in his sophomore year, expanding his herd to six head. Those six heifers and five acres of corn netted \$586.00 for his second year's work in the FFA.

He continued expanding his dairy herd and producing corn so that by the time he completed high school in 1947 he had earned \$3,307.00 from farming projects, most of which was represented in his investment in cattle.

Budd married his high school sweetheart in the fall of 1947 and it was shortly after that when he signed a partnership agreement with his father. The boy was required to invest \$8,000.00 to gain one-fourth interest in the total farm. His cattle provided enough for the down payment and he gave a note for the balance of \$6,422.50. Most of the debt already has been paid.

Young Ott has contributed much to the home farm. It was he who introduced the first registered Holsteins. He initiated the farm record keeping system and kept accurate records of the entire farming program, including production records on the cows which were valuable in upgrading the herd. The Production Credit Association presented him an award for having kept the best farm accounts book in Northampton County.

Both father and son have worked hard to improve the home farm. Within the last three years all but 35 acres of the cultivated land has been contoured to help prevent soil erosion and to conserve water. A one and a half acre pond near the farm buildings has added much to the beauty of the home as well as afforded recreational facilities and water for fire protection. Farm buildings are well-kept and modernized. A full line of mechanical equipment is used including such recent inventions as a mechanical gutter cleaner in the dairy barn and a "Haymaker" that crushes the stems of plants as it mows, thus allowing quicker drying and a better quality of hay.

Young Ott's leadership record includes serving as treasurer two years, vice-president one year and president one year of the Bangor FFA chapter, and treasurer and president of the district FFA association. He was a member of the chapter's dairy judging team and had a leading part in many of the local FFA activities.

Currently he is president of Young Cooperators, a local youth organization sponsored by Dairymen's League, holds membership in Grange League Federation, Lehigh Valley Artificial Breeding Cooperative, Holstein-Friesian Association and Chester White Breeders' Association; is on the advisory committee of the Exchange Club, which sponsors the Blue Valley Farm Show; is active in the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Sunday School, and is a member of the Soil Conservation Committee for Northampton County.

Throughout his Future Farmers of America career, the Regional Star Farmer has been studying and working under the supervision of George O. Ott, Vocational Agriculture instructor.

## Star American Farmer Awards (continued)

Star Farmer of America Central Region - Rolland E. Turnow

Rolland E. Turnow, 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turnow, Curtice, Ohio, and is farming in one-third partnership with his father and his brother, Ralph. They operate two farms totaling 812 acres near Toledo. Major crops are sugar beets, tomatoes and cucumbers. They have a small herd of 12 dairy cattle and raise some grain and feed crops.

Rolland has earned more than \$20,000.00 from his share of the farming program since he first entered Clay High School as a vocational agriculture student in 1943. He now owns about \$50,500.00 in assets; but he owes \$31,500.00 on land and equipment, thus giving him a current net worth of \$18,900.00

The Future Farmer owns a third of the farm's machinery and livestock and bought 160 acres of land from his father on a contract basis. The partnership farms all land together, with each member paying one-third of costs and receiving a third of the income.

The Turnow's farming program this year includes 115 acres of tomatoes, 275 acres of sugar beets, 30 acres of cucumbers, 30 acres of corn, 35 acres of alfalfa, 90 acres of soybeans and the 12 dairy cattle. From a similar program last year they netted about \$15,000.00.

Rolland has done considerable work in home beautification and soil conservation. For the past three years he has managed the entire bookkeeping system, including handling arrangements for finances and paying wages to the hired help.

He has an excellent leadership record, having served as vice-president and president of the Clay FFA chapter; and was elected president of the Ohio State FFA Association for 1947-48.

In high school he was a member of the Student Council and lettered in football and track. He was captain of the Clay football team.

Rolland has been exceptionally active in his church. He is deacon. Turnow also is active in the Ohio Young Farmers Association and is a member of the State YFA Council.

Star Farmer of America Pacific Region - Paul Crawford

Paul Crawford, 20, of Moore, Utah, the Star Farmer of the Pacific Region, is married and has a one year old son, Jon Paul. He is operating a large ranch in partnership with his father, Carlyle Crawford, featuring the production of high quality registered Hereford cattle, range beef cattle and a few dairy cows.

When Paul was a first year student of vocational agriculture in South Emery High School he fattened a Hereford steer as a Future Farmer of America project. The steer won Grand Championship at the Utah State Junior Livestock in Spanish Fork and sold his Future Farmer owner on the idea of going into the registered Hereford business. With proceeds from the sale of the prize animal and \$2,000.00 he was able to borrow from the bank, young Crawford bought ten high quality Hereford heifers in the spring of 1944. The ten heifers formed the foundation of a fine herd of Hereford cattle that he now owns.



## Star American Farmer Awards (continued)

As he continued in his high school work, Crawford fed from eight to twenty-eight steers each year, exhibiting the best in the livestock shows and selling others as fat cattle. Proceeds from the sale of the steers was plowed back into the expansion of his purebred Hereford breeding stock. He has featured high quality stock in his Herefords, and has been able to sell several registered yearling bulls for \$1,000.00 or more. He earned about \$8,700.00 from farming during the four years he was in school.

Paul won a scholarship to Utah State College in 1947, attending that school one year and then decided his best course of action was to stay on the home ranch and continue developing his Hereford herd. In September, 1948, he entered into a partnership agreement with his father. The twenty head of registered Herefords that he owned were put into the partnership pool, and Paul received a one-third interest in the entire farming operation.

At that time the farm consisted of 200 acres of irrigated land, 800 acres of grazing land, 90 head of range cattle and 10 dairy cattle. In addition, there was a range permit for 120 head of cattle on the public domain and 90 head on the Manti National Forest range. Since 1948 the father-son team has acquired 10 additional dairy cattle, 12 more registered Herefords and 780 acres of mountain grazing land. They recently completed fencing work on the 780 acre tract and will seed it to a pasture mixture of smooth brome grass, orchard grass and sweet clover.

At the 1949 Ogden Livestock Show Paul bought a registered Hereford bull at auction for \$1,800.00 and is now using this outstanding animal as his herd sire. They have improved their range cattle until they are getting almost 100 percent calf crop each year, about double that obtained by most ranchers in the community. The quality of their calves is considerably above the average for the community and many of the steer calves are sold to other Future Farmers of America for beef feeding projects.

He is a member of the Hi-land Cooperative Dairy Association, Utah Hereford Breeders' Association, the Ferron Cattlemen's Association, Independent Canal Reservoir Company and the South Emery Young Farmers chapter.

In high school Crawford served as reporter, secretary and president of the South Emery FFA chapter. He was elected state FFA secretary for 1947-48 and was named Star State Farmer in 1947, and played in the state FFA band during the 1947 convention. He was president of his Junior class, lettered in basketball and softball, and was salutatorian of his graduating class in 1947.

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Glenn Lackey, 4th Vice-President, Delaware, Ohio, had the good fortune of being selected to represent the Future Farmers of America in our exchange program with the youth of European countries. Glenn flew to England and while in Europe he took approximately 300 khodochrome pictures. Glenn showed 120 selections from this list of pictures at the Delegate-Officer luncheon on October 9th. The pictures were of high quality from the photographic standpoint, choice of subjects and composition. Glenn did a fine job of telling his picture story. We are hoping that he will find time before leaving for the Armed Forces - the official invitation or greetings having already been received - to make a wire recording to go along with the slides and to make the outfit available to other states.

1950 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS

The following is a brief report on each of the six successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas. Since scholarship was evaluated in connection with the winning of the State Farmer Degree, most references to scholastic achievement will be omitted.

Samuel Baier - Medicine Lodge Chapter

Samuel started his farming program in 1946 with 3 Grade Hereford steers, 12 cows, 9 calves, 10 Angus heifers, 1 steer calf, 1 milking cow, 9 feeder cattle, 1 bull, 6 heifer calves, 4 bull calves, 12½ acres wheat harvested, 12½ acres wheat seeded.

Ending the year 1949, Samuel had 27 Grade Hereford cows, 1 registered Hereford bull, 26 heifers, 2 steer calves, 1 milking cow, 22 heifer calves, 23 bull calves, 12½ acres wheat harvested, 35 acres wheat seeded, 48 acres feed.

Samuel is now on the farm and plans to carry on with his farming program. Ending the year 1949 Samuel had a net worth of \$13,827.12.

He was a member of the agricultural judging team representing his chapter in the state contest in 1949, and was a member of the livestock judging team that placed second at Lewis Hereford Farm; was a member of his high school mixed chorus and glee club, and was a delegate to the 1949 state FFA convention.

Baier is 18 years of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Baier of Medicine Lodge. Calvin Doyle is the vocational agriculture instructor in the Medicine Lodge High School.

Mervin Deschner - Newton Chapter

Mervin started his farming program in 1945 with 1 Angus steer calf, 6 purebred Shropshire ewes, 65 purebred Bronze Broadbreasted turkeys, 10 acres wheat harvested, 10 acres wheat seeded and 5 acres oats.

As of March 1, 1950, Mervin had increased his farming program to 15 purebred Hereford feeder cattle, 3 heifers, 3 cows, ½ bull, 2 bull calves, 5 purebred Duroc Gilts, 1 boar, 14 shoats, 26 pigs, 10 purebred Shropshire ewe lambs, 290 Leghorn hens, 150 broilers, 200 turkeys, 25 acres wheat seeded, 10 acres Atlas sorgho, 10 acres corn, 5 acres rye, 10 acres oats, 15 acres kafir.

Mervin is on the farm now and plans to carry on with his farming program. Ending the year 1949 Mervin had a net worth of \$13,017.64.

He was president of his local chapter in 1948, and is president of the Harvey County Rural Life group. He received a DeKalb award in 1948, and placed 11th in the 1949 state terracing contest. Mervin served as a delegate to the 1948 state FFA convention.

Mervin is 19 years of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Deschner, RR #1, Halstead, Kansas. Ralph Karns is the vocational agriculture instructor in the Newton High School.

## 1950 Kansas American Farmer Class (continued)

Robert Greve - Harper Chapter

Robert started his farming program in 1943 with 1 registered Hereford Heifer, 14½ Hampshire ewes, 32 lambs, ½ ram, 40 acres seeded wheat and 9 acres oats.

As of March 1st, 1950, Robert had increased his farming program to 4 registered Poland China sows, 5 gilts, 1 boar, 51 fattening hogs, 48 pigs, 20 Western lambs, 5 Native ewes, 34 Western ewes, registered. 1 Dorset ram, 130 acres wheat seeded, 19 acres oats, 25 acres maize, 14 acres alfalfa, 14 acres clover, 7 acres sudan, 4 acres millet, 5 acres rye.

Robert is now on the farm and plans to carry on with his farming program. Ending the year 1947, Robert had a net worth of \$8,735.80.

Bob served his local chapter as reporter, vice-president and president. He was vice-president of the Kansas Association of FFA in 1948. In high school he was vice-president of the Junior class; treasurer of the Senior class; delegate to Boys State; member of the student council; secretary and treasurer of the Hi-Y. He won the DeKalb award in 1948. Served as a delegate to the 1947 state FFA convention and served as the presiding officer at the 1948 state FFA convention. He served as one of the delegates to the national FFA convention in 1948 and in 1950.

Since completing his application for the American Farmer Degree, Robert has taken over the entire operation and management of their farm. Their farm comprises 680 acres of land. They have 104 head of sheep, 58 head of cattle, 4 dairy cows and 45 hogs.

Bob is 20 years of age and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Greve, Freeport, Kansas. A. A. Haltom is the vocational agriculture instructor in the Harper High School.

Billy Bert Jessee - Columbus Chapter

In 1946 Billy Bert Jessee started out with 2 registered Hereford cows, 3 heifer calves, 2 Holstein milking cows, 1 Brindle heifer, 3 feeder cattle, 5 Shropshire ewes, 1 ram, 10 lambs, 9 acres wheat harvested and 15 acres wheat seeded, 6 acres corn, 24 acres soybeans.

At the end of 1949 he increased his program to 7 Hereford cows, 2 heifers, 2 bulls, 1 Jersey milking cow, 6 feeder cattle, 3 heifer calves, 5 bull calves, 1 Chester White sow, 7 fattening hogs, 40 feeder hogs, 40 Leghorn hens, 128 chicks, 28 acres wheat, 30 acres corn, 40 acres soybeans, 6 acres Hegiar, 4 acres oats.

All livestock and equipment owned by the candidate has been obtained and financed by the candidates own efforts. However, it has been necessary for the candidate to borrow some money from time to time from his father. He also used some credit. The candidate and his father are now farming on a 50-50 basis with the exception of cattle and sheep.



## 1950 Kansas American Farmer Class (continued)

## Billy Bert Jessee's net worth:

Beg. of 1st year	\$ 710.75	Gain
End of 1st year	1779.75	\$ 1069.00
End of 2nd year	3825.00	2045.25
End of 3rd year	5627.58	1802.58
End of 4th year	8710.58	3083.00

Billy Bert's net worth at the end of 1949 was \$9,660.58. Billy Bert is now on the farm and plans to continue his farming program.

He served as reporter and president of his local chapter, and was elected to the office of Reporter in the Kansas Association of FFA in 1949. He was a delegate to the state FFA convention in 1947, and to the National FFA Convention in 1950; participated in the 1948 state FFA public speaking contest; was a member of the 1949 agricultural judging team representing his high school in the state agricultural judging contests; was vice-president of his high school class in 1949, and was president of the DHIA in 1946.

Billy is 18 years of age. He is the son of Mr. Peter G. Jessee, Sr., Weir, Kansas. Robert M. Lay is the vocational agricultural instructor in the Columbus High School.

Karl P. Rau - Clay Center Chapter

Karl started his farming program in 1946 with 1 registered Hereford cow, 1 3/4 heifer, 1 bull calf and 4 feeder cattle. He had 122 acres wheat seeded, 5 acres wheat harvested and 15 acres hay.

As of March 1st, 1950, Karl had increased his farming program to 6 1/2 registered Hereford cows, 31 heifers, 3 bulls, 24 fattening cattle, 7 1/2 heifer calves, 10 steers, 1 1/2 bull calves, 225 Austria White pullets, 150 chicks, 100 White Rock chicks, 19 acres wheat seeded, 30 acres oats, 6 acres alfalfa, 20 1/2 acres buffalo alfalfa, 100 plants Pellett clover, 2 1/2 acres Brome grass, 85 acres certified corn, 1 acre Blackhull kafir, 1 acre popcorn, 32 acres prairie hay, 9 acres certified Cherokee oats, 120 acres native pasture.

Karl is now on the farm and plans to carry on with his farming program. Ending the year 1949, Karl had a net worth of \$26,694.34.

He served as treasurer of his local chapter, and as a delegate to the National FFA Convention. He was Union Pacific Scholarship winner in 1949; was a member of the agricultural judging team representing his high school in the 1948 State Judging Contest, placing third high individual in this contest; in 1949 he was a member of the Farm Mechanics team representing his high school in the State Farm Mechanics Judging Contest and was second high individual. Karl was county wheat king at the 1947 state fair; was wheat, corn, beef and crop champion of Clay County in 1949, and was declared soil conservation champion of Clay County in 1949. He is a member of the Clay County P.C. Hog Breeders Association, and in 1949 was a member of the local Lion's Booster Club.

Parents of 18 year old Karl are Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Rau, RFD Wakefield, Kansas, and his vocational agricultural instructor in the Clay County Community High School is R. W. Morrison.

## 1950 Kansas American Farmer Class (continued)

Tom W. Wedman - Harper Chapter

Tom started his farming program in 1944 with 1 registered milking short-horn cow, 1 bull calf, 2 Hereford steers, 16 acres wheat harvested and 16 acres wheat seeded.

As of March 1, 1950, Tom had increased his farming program to 1 saddle horse, 9 registered Hereford cows, 12 heifers, 5 bulls, 4 fattening cattle, 192 acres wheat seeded, 15 acres barley.

Tom is on the farm now and plans to carry on with his farming program. Ending the year 1949, Tom had a net worth of \$14,156.11.

He served his chapter as secretary and vice-president, and was a delegate to the state FFA program in 1947. In 1946 he was a member of the agricultural judging team representing his school in the state judging contest, and in 1947 he was a member of the farm mechanics judging team representing his school in the state farm mechanics judging contest. He was a member of the student council and president of his class in 1947.

Tom is 20 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wedman, Danville, Kansas. His instructor in the Harper High School in vocational agriculture was Mr. A. A. Haltom.

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THE NATIONAL FFA CAMP

The National FFA Camp was opened on May 15 and closed September 10. The delegates at the convention in 1949 authorized the sale of the national camp due to the fact that its use by members did not justify keeping it for camping purposes. After due consideration the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council recommended that we continue to operate the Future Farmers Supply Service from the national camp. Two of the large buildings at the camp are now occupied by the Supply Service. Further consideration will be given to this matter at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation in January.

It is likely that the Supply Service will buy the camp from the FFA and use it as permanent national headquarters. If this is done it may make it possible to continue to serve a limited number of chapters that wish to stay on this property when they visit Washington, D. C. If the Supply Service finds it necessary to utilize all of the buildings at the camp it will be possible to build some wooden platforms and erect Army type tents for use by FFA chapters during the summer.

The George Washington Grist Mill, which is leased from the Virginia Conservation Commission is still being kept open to the public. A caretaker is kept on duty and the income is enough to pay for all of the expenses, maintenance and salary of the caretaker.

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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST - KANSAS WINNERS

Kansas chapters competing in the 1950 National Chapter Contest were Olathe and Clay Center. The Olathe chapter won Gold Emblem classification and the Clay Center chapter garnered a Silver Emblem rating. Olathe is the third Kansas chapter to win Gold Emblem classification in the history of the National Chapter Contest. Shawnee Mission chapter, H. D. Garver, adviser, was the first Kansas winner in this contest. The Buhler chapter, J. A. Johnson adviser, has the distinction of having won the Gold Emblem award upon two occasions.

Olathe Chapter, A. G. Jensen, Adviser - Gold Emblem Award

The Olathe chapter won the Silver Emblem award in the 1949 National Chapter Contest, and came back in 1950 to raise their classification to that of Gold Emblem. The chapter has 61 members. Officers at the time the chapter entry was filed were: Bob Alexander, president; John Palmer, vice-president; Bob Steinhauer, secretary; Marvin Miller, treasurer; James Radcliff, reporter; and Larry Haskin, program chairman. The average investment per member in farming was \$520.88, and the average labor income per member was \$431.69.

The 61 members produced 15,700 pounds of beef, 216,400 pounds of milk, 47,405 pounds of pork, 8,400 pounds of lamb and mutton, 2,789 pounds poultry and 792 dozen eggs. Seventy-two percent used purebred sires and 68 percent have purebred females. Eighty-two and six-tenths percent of the members used certified seed and total grain produced was 3,545 bushels.

As a service to the farmers of the community, the members pruned 87 fruit trees, 216 grapes, castrated 59 calves, 261 pigs and 70 lambs. They docked 107 lambs, dehorned 71 head calves, vaccinated 60 pigs and 33 calves, and culled 400 hens. Members destroyed 1185 pests as a result of a pest eradication contest.

As a service to the school they banded 93 trees, cleaned up the campus three times, repaired the football field fence and took care of the canvas around the field for each game. Members sponsored the printing of 7,300 athletic programs during the year.

At home, all members in class helped improve living conditions by trimming shrubbery, improving drives, setting out trees, painting buildings and making other repairs or doing construction work, with a total of 214 such projects to their credit in addition to a total of 324 home practice jobs completed.

The chapter has encouraged members to exhibit at county fairs, and last year, 16 members showed there and at the American Royal. Members showing won 26 firsts, 17 seconds, 9 thirds, 3 fourths, 1 sixth, 1 tenth, 2 grand championships, 2 championships and two reserve championships at county fairs. They received 1 first, 3 seconds, 1 third, 1 fourth, and 1 reserve champion at the State Free Fair. They won 1 first, 1 fourth, a fifth and tenth place at the Royal, and the chapter pen of lambs placed sixth.

The chapter cooperative swine project benefited nine cooperating members and helped them establish good foundation stock.

Members of the chapter cooperated in a schedule of radio programs over station KPRS, Olathe. The officers of the chapter began the series by giving the first program, which consisted of activities planned for the year and duties of each officer. Other members broadcast on five other programs, one of which was given as a cooperative program with the Olathe chapter of Future Homemakers of



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National Chapter Contest - Kansas Winners (continued)

America. This FFA-FHA program was presented in the form of questions and answers on boy and girl relationship problems. The Bonner Springs chapter accepted an invitation to present one program on the Olathe chapter schedule so that a total of seven FFA programs were presented during the year.

Members cooperated in fire prevention and safety campaigns with discussion and motion pictures. No serious fire or accident was reported in homes of members.

Chapter members also cooperated with FHA members in conducting a concession stand at the Old Settlers Picnic, held there each fall. A float in the parade depicting advancement in farm practices and improvement in living conditions was worked out by the two organizations and received second place rating among the approximately 30 floats.

Farming programs and projects were visited by all members in class as a tour and work of members was evaluated by the group. All members in the class made a trip to the American Royal one day and also visited Aines Dairy and the Franklin Ice Cream Company plant. A trip to KMBC farms was also made by all members in class with the idea of studying farm management and livestock. Most members in class attended the national FFA convention once or twice as a group.

Members gave assistance to veterans and instructors in getting the school vocational agriculture farm shop ready and program established for veteran classes in shop work.

Chapter members repaired 98 farm machines and constructed 53 pieces of farm equipment. A total of \$4,300.00 was borrowed for the members through chapter help to assist them in financing their farming programs. Of this amount, \$3,800.00 was borrowed from a local bank and \$500.00 from Production Credit.

For several years, the Board of Education has provided school letters with FFA on them, to members competing in state wide activities. Many members of the judging team, shop team and FFA speaker, as well as successful State Farmer candidates, received these coveted awards. Many of the members felt that awards should be presented to members with less ability but willing to work. A committee worked out a system of points to include the following: scholarship, judging, speaking and shop contests; leadership activities, home improvement projects, record books, farm mechanics, program, crop and livestock program, participation in athletics, and attendance at meetings. Following the committee's recommendation, the chapter voted a minimum of 80 points for a member to receive an award. Ten of these seven inch chenille emblem awards with OHS on the bottom bar were purchased and presented by the chapter to members and seven of the Board of Education school letters at a recognition meeting.

In the Athletic field, the chapter had 13 members out for football; 11 out for high school basketball; and 12 out for track. Besides these members out for the school teams in basketball, the chapter had first and second FFA teams coached by a former player. Ten games were played with other chapter and local organized teams, with the Olathe Chapter teams winning half the games. Basketball suits in FFA colors were supplied for first team members and jerseys for second team members.

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National Chapter Contest - Kansas Winners (continued)

For recreation, three parties, a Halloween party with FHA girls; a Christmas party; and a scabenger hunt party were given. Two hayrack rides with a watermelon feed and a picnic were also included.

The annual Parent and Son banquet held in late November with 160 present, was the setting for presentation of the chapter "Sweet Heart"; and honorary degrees to two instructors in the high school and the FFA basketball coach as a token of appreciation for help to the chapter.

An assembly was presented as a Dr. I.Q. program, with FFA and vocational agriculture questions for the student body and faculty members.

The winner of the chapter speaking contest in the senior division, Larry Haskin, competed in a district contest where he ranked third, and fifth in the state contest. The winner in the freshman division, Ray Zimmerman, received a free trip to Manhattan at the time of state judging activities. Chapter members competed in all district and state activities. Although the chapter had no outstanding contestants, the chapter rank was always in the upper half and in the district animal husbandry contest, Olathe ranked first with second, third and fourth individual placings. In the Guernsey Day judging activities held at Lawrence, Olathe members won first, fourth and fifth place ribbons.

The chapter received Gold Emblem rating this spring in the state chapter contest for the fifth consecutive year. The four successful State Farmer candidates in 1950 made a total of 32 State Farmers for the chapter in the fourteen years since it was chartered.

One member, Dan Henley, who was awarded a Sears scholarship, is now enrolled in Kansas State College as a result of the award.

In the National FFA Dairy Products Judging Contest, Waterloo, Iowa, October, 1949, the Olathe chapter received the Silver Emblem Classification. Individual ratings in this contest were one Gold and two Bronze Emblems. In the cow holding contest at Waterloo, one member, Wayne Zimmerman, received a superior rating.

Clay Center Chapter, R. W. Morrison, Adviser - Silver Emblem Award

The Clay Center chapter, another of the Kansas entries in the 1950 National Chapter Contest won Silver Emblem classification. R. W. Morrison is the chapter adviser and vocational agricultural instructor.

Clay Center Future Farmers number 55 members, three of whom are associate members. Officers for the year 1949-50 when the entry was made in the national contest were: Paul Pfizenmaier, president; Clarence Steinbach, vice-president; Louie Del Charpie, secretary; John Brethour, treasurer; Fred Case, Student Council Representative; Don Fowles, sentinel; and Homer Meyre, reporter.

Paul Mugler, past president of the Kansas Association of FFA is a member of the Clay Center Chapter. He is now enrolled in Kansas Wesleyan College at Salina.

Karl Rau, a Clay Center Chapter member, was one of six Kansas Future Farmers in a national class of 265 to be awarded the American Farmer degree this year at the national meeting.

## National Chapter Contest - Kansas Winners (continued)

This spring, the judging team composed of Paul Pfizenmaier, Waldo Bushell, John Brethour, and Ralph Ginrich, alternate, placed second in the state contest, judging livestock and dairy products. The chapter shop team, made up of Harvey Benson, Louie Del Charpie, and Fred Case, alternate, placed first in the State Farm Mechanics Contest. The two teams together won the over-all plaque in the State Contest in Manhattan.

At present, Paul Pfizenmaier, Ralph Ginrich, Louie Del Charpie, and Fred Case are engaged in farming; Waldo Bushell joined the Navy, and John Brethour and Harvey Benson are seniors in the Clay County Community High School.

The team in Dairy Products which judged at Waterloo, Iowa, October 3-5, won Gold Emblem Classification, with individual rankings of Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Clay Center Meats judging team which competed at Kansas City October 11-13, won Silver Emblem classification, with individual rankings in this contest consisting of one Gold and two Silver awards.

The chapter was chartered February 2, 1931. Edward Hedstrom was the chapter adviser at the time. Since then, the chapter has shown a rapid growth in number of members and in program activities. It has placed major emphasis on offering all around training for members rather than on a few activities, and is one of the top ranking chapters in the entire state. The Clay Center Future Farmers and their instructor, Ray Morrison, are both state and nationally known for their outstanding work in farm mechanics carried on in their vocational agriculture farm shop

As a service to the farmers of the community, the members butchered 30 head of hogs, 12 head of cattle, drenched 50 sheep, dipped 80 sheep, carried on building projects, and repaired machinery.

As a service to the school, the members had FFA news in the school paper, sponsored district officers' training school, had a Student Council Representative, conducted special programs in the school, and participated in all of the school activities. Ten percent of the members were elected to the National Honor Society and 15 percent were on the honor roll.

The chapter also conducted a safety campaign with the results that there were no serious accidents on the farms of the 55 members during the past year.

The total net worth of the 55 members was \$44,451.48, with an average per member of \$854.84. The total net worth of grain was \$6,620.98 and total returns for management were \$5,181.35.

In projects the members had 94 head of cattle with an average of 1 4/5 per member and produced 75,200 pounds of beef; 462 head of hogs with an average of 9 per member and produced 92,400 pounds of pork; 24 sheep and produced 2,040 pounds of mutton. They also produced 1,050 pounds of poultry.

In grains the members had 535 acres of wheat, averaging 10 acres per member, and produced 8,025 bushel of wheat. They had 135 acres of corn and raised 5,360 bushel; 36 acres of Sorghums and produced 185 tons; 11 acres of hay and produced 22 ton. They also had small amounts of alfalfa, clover and potatoes.



FUTURE FARMER OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED, AWARDS

In addition to the awards made available through the FFA Foundation, Incorporated, in the field of Star Farmer, American Farmer, Star State Farmer, Public Speaking and the FFA Judging Contests, \$30,000.00 was budgeted for awards in five major fields of activity; namely, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management, and Farm Safety. Farm Safety awards on the National and Regional levels were made for the first time at the 23rd National FFA Convention. A state winner, a national winner, and three regional winners are declared in each of these fields. We are glad to present herewith briefs of the achievements of the national winners in these major fields of activity.

National Award - Farm Mechanics

Jack McCaffery, 18, Powell Butte, Oregon. Award \$250.00. Jack is now engaged in full time farming with his mother, Mrs. Vera McCaffery, and specialized in the production of registered Hereford cattle.

Young McCaffery's most ambitious mechanics project was the construction of a 24 by 60 foot combination farm shop and machinery shed in 1947. He and a hired man did all of the building work and Jack built cabinets, tool racks, and work benches to equip it. He has learned to service and repair all of the machines used on the farm, including trucks, tractors and other tools. He is experienced in the operation of the acetylene torch and electric welder and uses them frequently in the repair of farm machinery or building new equipment.

Some of the machinery and equipment McCaffery has built in the farm shop includes a hydraulic lift, harrow sled, stone boat, two potato elevators, a row-crop duster, ten feed racks, eight feed boxes, corrals, two loading chutes, a truck bed and stock rack, two hay derricks, a power lawn mower, three hog troughs and six chicken feeders.

He poured the concrete foundation and floor for a new barn, helped the electrician to do the wiring, and has done much of the interior work building cabinets, stalls, and racks in the barn.

McCaffery helped a plumber do work on their tenant house, gaining experience that enabled him to lay water lines and install faucets in the barn, pig pens and poultry house.

In addition to his farm mechanics activities, McCaffery has an outstanding farming program. He owns 46 registered Hereford cattle and has one-half interest in 50 acres small grains, 46 acres of potatoes, 100 acres of alfalfa, 440 acres of dry landpasture and 194 acres of irrigated pasture.

He has been an active leader in the FFA serving as treasurer one year, and vice-president two years of the Redmond FFA chapter, three years on the chapter's livestock judging team and a year as state FFA treasurer. He is a member of the Oregon Cattlemens Association, a director of the Oregon Purebred Breeders Association, and active in several local farm organizations.

National Award - Farm Electrification

Loren Maxey, 18, Freeport, Illinois, was named national winner of the Future Farmers of America 1950 Farm Electrification Award. Loren has built several items of electrical equipment and put them to use of the home farm,

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including an air compressor, pig brooders, chick brooders, grinder and sander, cart and wiring for a portable motor, and a pulsator tester for milking machines.

His father, Robert W. Maxey, is state distributor for a milking firm and Loren has done the installation work, including electrical wiring for about 500 milking machines. He also is responsible for service work on the machines. During the past three years Loren has worked with his father in installation of electrical wiring for several homes and other farm buildings.

Maxey was graduated from Freeport High School last Spring. As a senior student he was called to serve as assistant instructor during the six week period that the vocational agriculture class studied farm electrification.

The Maxeys' make extensive use of electricity on their 156 acre farm. Loren's personal farming program includes 11 head of swine, 16 sheep 340 poultry and 17 acres in corn and oats. He had been a student board member of the local Youth Center and for two years was business manager of the school yearbook, had a major role in a Junior class play, and is a junior member of the Farm Bureau.

#### National Award - Dairy Farming

John W. Reynolds, Jr., 18, Goodlettsville, Tennessee. Award \$250.00. John, a 1950 vocational agriculture graduate of the Goodlettsville, Tennessee, high School, has the most outstanding record in dairy farming that any Tennessee Future Farmer has posted in many years. He also is outstanding in leadership and serves this year as president of the Tennessee FFA State Association.

His father manages a business in the city and has had little time to devote to the home farm. The boy, John, assumed a strong interest in the farm when he began his work in vocational agriculture four years ago. With financial help from his father he began establishing a purebred Guernsey herd and building up the farm to grow good pastures and crops for feed.

The 18 year old Future Farmer now has complete ownership of 25 registered Guernseys worth \$7,700.00; and partnership interest in 20 more worth \$7,000.00. He has built a Grade A dairy barn and other needed buildings, and bought more than \$1,800.00 worth of dairy equipment.

Although he still owes about \$3,000.00 on this investment, he is making regular payments from milk proceeds and can count his net worth at more than \$10,000.00. He married his high school sweetheart this spring and is well on his way to becoming one of Tennessee's successful dairy farmers.

In addition to his regular high school work and his outstanding farming program, John has served as president, secretary and treasurer of the Goodlettsville FFA chapter; secretary and vice-president of his district FFA and is now state Future Farmers of America president. He was a member of the Chapter's dairy judging, parliamentary procedure, crop judging and poultry judging teams. He played baseball and basketball on school teams. He was named Star Farmer of Tennessee in 1948, recognizing him as the most outstanding of all the Tennessee FFA members who won the State Farmer degree.

National Award - Soil and Water Management

Harry Shelton, 15, Shelfar, Virginia was named winner of the Soil and Water Management national award. Harry received a \$250.00 cash award for first place in the national contest.

Harry is an eleventh grade student and has been a member of the Louisa County Future Farmers of America Chapter at Mineral, Virginia, for three years.

His accomplishments in soil and water management include building one and a fourth miles of terraces, stopping 350 yards of gullies on the home farm, and seeding 15 acres of grass on steep land. He cleared three acres of woodland for pasture, built several miles of fences, seven miles of fire guards, and was responsible for the construction of two ponds holding more than seven million gallons of water. The ponds, incidently, have been stocked with fish.

Not all of Shelton's soil management problems were concerned with preventing erosion. Some of the home farm is located in a low, poorly-drained section and considerable work in drainage has been necessary. Harry was responsible for cutting two miles of drainage ditches and installing one-half mile of underground drainage tiles.

For use in his conservation work young Shelton has built a wood drag, a land drag with metal blade, subsoiler, and reconditioned a grain drill and lime spreader. He has learned to operate and service the tractor and other equipment used on the home farm.

National Award - Farm Safety

The Smith County Future Farmers of America chapter at Carthage, Tennessee, has an outstanding record in all FFA activities and has been named Gold Emblem Winner for the last four years in the FFA's National Chapter Contest. Their work in the promotion of farm safety during the past year now wins the national Farm Safety Award of \$250.00.

The chapter has 85 active farm boy members with B. Clark Meadows as Vocational agriculture instructor and FFA chapter adviser. During the 1949-50 school year, for which the award is presented, Raymond Porter was chapter president and Charles Robinson served as chairman of the safety committee.

Among the Farm Safety activities during the year was an education exhibit displaying 20 of the most frequent kinds of farm accidents. The exhibit was seen by more than 9,000 people at the Smith County Fair and more than 140,000 at the Tennessee State Fair. It won the first place educational booth award at the State Fair.

The FFA chapter promoted and sponsored Farm Safety week in Smith County and members visited 41 elementary schools in the county to give talks and pass out literature on farm hazards. About 85 percent of the farm homes in the county were reached in that single activity.

During Fire Prevention week the Smith County Future Farmers placed special posters in store windows, sponsored fire prevention movies at the Gordonsville and Smith County high schools, and engaged a special speaker from Nashville to give a lecture on the cost and dangers of fire.



## Future Farmer of America Foundation, Inc., Awards (continued)

They sponsored a "clean-up" week in Smith County in which citizens were urged to get rid of all safety hazards. A survey of farm hazards on the members' home farms was made and methods devised to correct the conditions. A program and other literature on farm safety was sent to all vocational agriculture teachers and county school superintendents in Tennessee.

Disease prevention took its place in their safety campaign and the FFA chapter reached 400 farmers with disease prevention information. A rat and pest eradication drive was conducted in cooperation with elementary schools. A radio program on farm safety was presented over Radio Station WSM at Nashville and several articles featuring safety were prepared for the use of local and state newspapers.

All members of the chapter studied and practiced First Aid. They contributed to the March of Dimes, Cancer Drive, Tuberculosis Campaign, and Drive for Crippled Children.

First Aid information was given 260 farmers, a safe driving campaign reached all farm people in the community and more than 1,000 Farm Safety windshield stickers were placed on cars.

- - FFA - -

A group from the Shawnee Mission chapter, assisted by girl friends from the Shawnee Mission High School, put on a high quality exhibition of square dancing on FFA talent night. The caller was Dale Grosshart, president of the chapter, and he did an excellent job of calling.

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Harlan Luty, one of the Kansas members of the 120 piece National FFA Band, after practicing for three days and nights had to miss the opening performance of the band due to a bad cold. Harlan joined the group on Tuesday and remained with them until after the American Royal Parade.

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The Crusade For Freedom booths in leading downtown Kansas City, Missouri Hotels were in charge of Shawnee Mission chapter members.

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If you are interested in the Official FFA Calendar, write Fred W. Bailey, % Osborne Co., McGee Trafficway, K. C., Mo. Mr. Bailey is the company representative handling the Kansas territory.

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This years group of National FFA Officers, led by President George Lewis, handled the six sessions of the 23rd National Convention in an efficient and pleasing manner. They left a high standard of performance for succeeding officer groups to live up to.

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## NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

In all of the contests, state teams and individual judges were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention or Participation, in that order. Emblem winners, team and individual, received plaques, and those placing Honorable Mention or Participation received certificates.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$10,000.00 for plaques, certificates and cash awards to state teams, the cash awards to be pro-rated on the distance teams must travel to reach the contest. Plaques were awarded Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem and Bronze Emblem teams and individuals. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participating teams and individuals.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 3-5, 1950

Dairy Cattle Judging (36 states teams competing)

Kansas represented by Eldorado team, won Gold Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Clifton Patty, Gold Emblem; Bill Salmans, Silver Emblem; Edward Chase, Honorable Mention. William R. McMillan, Adviser.

Dairy Products Judging (31 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Clay Center team, won Gold Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: John Brethour, Gold Emblem; Harvey Benson, Silver Emblem; Clarence Steinbach, Bronze Emblem. Ray Morrison, Adviser.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 14, 1950

Meats Judging Contest (25 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Clay Center team, won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: John Brethour, Gold Emblem; Harvey Benson and Clarence Steinbach, Silver Emblem. Ray Morrison, Adviser.

Livestock Judging Contest: (37 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Beloit team, won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Joe Moss, Gold Emblem; Dewayne Black, Bronze Emblem and Eugene Richards, Honorable Mention. Howard Bradley, Adviser

Poultry Judging Contest: (32 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Stockton team, won Gold Emblem Classification

Individual Placings: Donald Bigge and Richard Muir, Gold Emblem; Lewis Muir, Bronze Emblem. Floyd Blauer, Adviser.

FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1950 STATE FAIRS

FFA exhibits at both the Topeka and Hutchinson State Fairs attracted wide and favorable attention. The following rankings were given the competing chapters.

AT THE TOPEKA FREE FAIRBooth Exhibits:

- 1st place - Hiawatha chapter, Ralph Arnold, Adviser  
Theme: "Artificial Breeding of Dairy Cattle"
- 2nd place - Seaman Chapter, George Robinson, Adviser  
Theme: "Time Marches On"
- 3rd place - Sabetha Chapter, W. R. Pollock, Adviser  
Theme: "Balanced Farming"
- 4th place - Alma Chapter, Frank E. White, Adviser  
Theme: "Grass Farming"
- 5th place - Burns Chapter, W. W. Miller, Adviser  
Theme: "Trace Minerals"

AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSONFarm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Kingman, Virgil Lake, Adviser
- 2nd place - Winfield, Ira Plank & John Lowe, Advisers
- 3rd place - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Adviser
- 4th place - Arkansas City, William D. Turner, Adviser
- 5th place - Little River, Milton Kohrs, Adviser
- 6th place - Ellsworth, L. O. Gugler, Adviser
- 7th place - El Dorado, William McMillan, Adviser
- 8th place - Hillsboro, William Smith, Adviser
- 9th place - McPherson, Richard Patton, Adviser
- 10th place - Ness City, W. E. Stone, Adviser

Booth Exhibits:\*Central Area

- 1st place - Reno County  
(prepared by Buhler chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser)
- 2nd place - Marion County  
(prepared by Burns chapter, A. W. Miller, Adviser)
- 3rd place - Ellsworth County  
(prepared by Ellsworth chapter, L. O. Gugler, Adviser)
- 4th place - Franklin County  
(prepared by Ottawa chapter, S. S. Bergsma, Adviser)

Western Area

- 1st place - Comanche County  
(prepared by Coldwater chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser)
- 2nd place - Ford County  
(prepared by Dodge City chapter, Chris Langvardt, Adviser)
- 3rd place - Rooks County  
(prepared by Stockton chapter, Floyd Blauer, Adviser)

GRAND CHAMPION OVER ALL BOOTHS ENTERED - RENO COUNTY  
Buhler FFA Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser

\*- Only Booth Exhibits prepared by FFA chapters are listed.



CHAPTER NEWS

Note: The wealth of material available for the 23rd National FFA Convention number made it imperative that we edit chapter notes severely. Since this issue carries information on all National FFA Judging Contests, all Booth Exhibits at the State Fairs, and since the December 1st issue of the Newsletter will carry a detailed story on the District FFA Leadership Schools, practically all mention of these items was deleted from the local chapter news. ED

PARKER: The FFA officers for the year of 1950-51 are as follows: George Henry Diehm, president; Lloyd Wilson, vice-president; Leslie Bearly, secretary; Robert Troutman, treasurer; Loyde Crosby, reporter; and Charles Majors, sentinel. The chapter has repaired combines, grain elevators and other equipment; has constructed Hog House, Hog Feeders, bale hooks, etc. We have whitewashed our shop and purchased new tools for it. Thirty-three students attended the American Royal with our adviser and his wife, Mr. and Mrs Charles H. Huff.

Loyde Crosby, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: At our next meeting of Future Farmers of America, the Clay Center Chapter will have initiation for Green Hands and Chapter Farmers. There are twenty-four to be initiated in the Green Hand degree, and fourteen Chapter Farmers to be initiated. Next year at this time Clay Center plans to have a new Agriculture building. It is to be a very modern and well-equipped building which will be a great improvement over the old building.

Ronald Rosenow, Reporter

PRETTY PRARIE: Officers elected at our September meeting for 1950-51 are: Dean Schrag, president; Alvin Albright, vice-president; Homer Graber, secretary; James Drolte, treasurer; Junior White, reporter; Bill Black, sentinel. All of the officers have official FFA jackets. We have 48 members in our chapter this year. Our chapter received \$91.00 for placing 3rd in the Farm Machinery Exhibit at the Hutchison Fair. An air compressor and paint spray equipment was added to our shop this summer.

Junior White, Reporter

STOCKTON: The officers elected last spring for the year 1950-51 are: Harold Copper, president; Darrel Gartrell, vice-president; Darrel Odle, treasurer; Bill Denio, secretary; Elton Hunter, reporter; and Jack Muir, sentinel. Our chapter exhibited many of their projects at the Rooks County Fair and, at which time, also sponsored a livestock judging contest for the Northwestern Kansas District. Our annual FFA "Goblins Glory" is going to be held Oct. 31st.

Elton Hunter, Reporter

ELDORADO: Officers for 1950-51 are as follows: Ed Chase, president; Bill Salmans, vice-president; Ken Schmidt, secretary; Clifton Patty, treasurer; Weldon Braman, reporter, Larry McCully, sentinel. We are ready to plant our wheat. This year we will have about 20 acres. We have 18 acres of milo which is about ready to harvest. There are a few southwestern borers in it. We also have about 2 acres of popcorn which we plan to sell.

Weldon Braman, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

ST. MARYS: Our newly installed officers for the year 1950-51 are: Florian Luckenthaler, president; Edwin Haase, Vice-president; Charles Marstall, secretary; Daniel Grieshaber, reporter, Larry Sheppard, treasurer; Duane Hutley, sentinel. The following boys accompanied Mr. Linville, our new FFA adviser to the Shawnee County Extension Judging School at Topeka in July: Charles Grieshaber, Roy Hutley, Norman Marstall, Jody Muller and Jim Woody. The school lasted two days and the boys judged 30 classes of livestock. They stayed two nights at the Kiwanis Youth Camp at Lake Shawnee.

Daniel Grieshaber, Reporter

COLDWATER: We elected officers at our first meeting this fall. The new officers are Charles Deyoe, president; Bill Deyoe, vice-president; Jack Allen, secretary; Kay Klepinger, treasurer; Wayne Kindsvater, reporter and Mr. Melia, Advisor. Charles Deyoe, Bill Deyoe, Ronald Harness, Wayne Kindsvater, Bob Currier and Ronald Bean constituted the committee that placed our booth at the State Fair at Hutchison. First prize award for the Western Division which we won, amounted to \$188.14.

Wayne Kindsvater, Reporter

CHANUTE: The Chanute FFA Chapter officers for the school year 1950-51 are: Howard Stitt, president; Ralph Madill, vice-president; Richard Reinhardt, secretary; Glenn Wrestler, treasurer; Hal Sinclair, reporter; Charles O. Carter, Jr., advisor. Other committee chairmen are Richard McRell, Wayne Burghart, Richard and Robert Drury. On September 11, 1950, we held our annual skating party and watermelon feed. We hold this party annually to acquaint the new members with our chapter. Twenty-eight members of our chapter went to Hutchison this year to the fair. Our chapter assisted the Chanute Junior Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring a crops judging school at our annual Fall Festival. Two members of our chapter tied for first place with scores of 450. The members were Richard Reinhardt and Glenn Wrestler.

Hal Sinclair, Reporter

HAYS: Newly elected officers for the Hays FFA Chapter are Herbert Pfeifer, president; Wallace Gosser, vice-president; Lawrence Schmeidler, secretary; Richard Baker, treasurer; William Philip, III, Reporter; Bill Staab, sentinel; Larry Breeden, student council representative; Thaine Clark, adviser. We are conducting a scrap iron drive and hope to raise enough money to start a cooperative gilt program. We expect to initiate 10 Greenhands at the November meeting. Robert Wenzl, a sophomore, greenhand, exhibited his five beef steers at the American Royal this year. In the department of recreation the chapter is again organizing a basketball team. A quartet, "The Cowboy Singers," is a newly organized group of Ag boys who like to sing together. They will sing at the Parent-Son Banquet and on other occasions.

William Philip III, Reporter

TROUSDALE: We have not had Vocational Agriculture in our school for quite some time. This year we organized a chapter. Our class officers for the year of 1950-51 are as follows: Ronald Corbet, President; Richard Johnson, vice-president; Courtney Smith, secretary; Milton English, treasurer; Darrel Miller, reporter. Our instructor is Mr. Alden Loomis. We have made a trip to the Sorghum Field Day at Hays, Kansas. We have collected several pieces of old farm machinery for our scrap pile.

Darrel Miller, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

SEAMAN: The Seaman FFA started the year off with their annual watermelon feed, to which potential freshman Ag boys were invited. The following officers have been elected for the year: Larry Bleier, president; Marvin Lindberg, vice-president; Bob Chance, secretary; Arthur Holt, treasurer; Maurice Paslay, reporter; Jere Bleier, sentinel. Bob Chance was chairman of our Education booth at the Topeka Free Fair. We won \$88.30. Our FFA had a visitor at it's last meeting; He was Ernest Debbitz of Bremerhaven, Germany. Ernest is in the U. S. on an exchange student fellowship. On October 19th the chapter had their annual Freshman Parent Meeting to which all freshmen and their parents were invited. The regular officers had charge of opening and closing ceremonies. Freshmen Ag students provided most of the program.

Maurice Pasley, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our officers for 1950-51 are as follows: Albert Wheelock, president; Doug McKinley, vice-president; Hugh Fullerton, secretary; Ed Stump, treasurer; John Warren, reporter; and Gaylord Gant, sentinel. Our adviser, Mr. Doile, Albert Wheelock, Hugh Fullerton, Wilber Ford, Dean Bloom, and Sammie Baier attended the 23rd National Convention. Dean Bloom sold a litter of fat hogs from his Poland China sow and they averaged 257 pounds at six months of age. The FFA gilt returned by Bill Reneau was given to Marvin Jones on agreement and she farrowed eight pigs. We initiated fourteen Greenhands at a night meeting on October 17th.

John Warren, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: The officers for the year 1950-51 are: Eldon Roberson, president; Melvin Martinek, vice-president; Walter Stolle, treasurer; Marvin Hromada, secretary; O'Neil Wilson, watch dog; Dale Frey, reporter, and Mr. Dean M. Prochaska, adviser. On October 10 the five officers and adviser attended the 23rd National Convention at Kansas City. Our shop is in fine condition and looks fine from the new coat of paint it received last summer. We have several new items of equipment which includes a saw sharpening machine, arc welder, set of sockets and hand saws.

Dale Frey, Reporter

TROY: The Troy Chapter was organized at the beginning of school this fall and the following officers were elected for the coming year. Myron Jeschke, president; Jack Masters, vice-president; Ronald Ashworth, secretary; Donald McClelland, treasurer; John Mallory, reporter. We have 20 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. Our first activity which we have planned is a hay ride for all members and their dates.

John Mallory, Reporter

PEABODY: Newly elected officers for the Peabody Chapter of FFA are as follows: Melvin Burdorf, president; Bob Moffett, vice-president; Dick Davis, secretary; Richard DeForest, treasurer; Gary Hannaman, reporter and Eddie Slocombe, sentinel. Our members were initiated and officers were installed by the Hillsboro Chapter. All the members attended the Hutchison State Fair. We have purchased a popcorn machine and plan to sell popcorn at all our home games. We have 18 members in our chapter.

Gary Hanneman, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

ERIE: Officers for the coming year are: Ronnie Greve, president; Rex Beard, vice-president; Charles Whitworth, secretary; Harvin Knetzer, treasurer; Dwight Foust, reporter. We have 32 boys in vocational agriculture and 32 boys in FFA. One boy is not a Future Farmer of America, but of Germany. This boy, Wilhelm (Bill) Ruppert is an exchange student from Germany. We had our first meeting in August and enjoyed eating watermelon. On October 3rd the FFA boys, their dates and advisor, enjoyed a hayrack ride and weiner roast.

Dwight Foust, Reporter

SABETHA: Our Chapter will hold its annual turkey feed on November 14, 1950. All FFA members, the men teachers in the high school are invited. This feed will be held at Sycamore Springs. Our chapter purchased a steer for the Parent-Son Banquet. The steer is being fed by a father of one of our members. We will retail the two back quarters and one of the front quarters at market price. These three quarters will pay for all expenses. One quarter will be left for our banquet. A local store will cut the meat for the chapter. Our chapter purchased a new herd boar. We now have two excellent herd boars. We have five acres of Certified Brome Grass. This will furnish our chapter with funds to finance our program. Our Yard Campaign has nine members who follow our recommendations on fertilizer treatment. We are receiving lots of publicity on this project.

Lee White, Reporter

GOODLAND: The Goodland chapter has 51 members this year. Officers for the 1950-51 school year are: Varo Shores, president; Lary Peter, vice-president; Bob Scofield, secretary; Elton Chatfield, treasurer; Jim Laughlin, reporter; Bob Martin, watch dog; Leland House, student council member. Our officers went to the 23rd National FFA Convention held in Kansas City. Our chapter cooperated with the Soil Conservation and Farm Bureau on their annual fall tour. During the summer we placed nearly 1,000 pheasants on our home farms, in an effort to restock the pheasants in this area. We also planted over 3,000 trees in home beautification and wind break development. We will give the members of the Edson Chapter their formal initiation at a night meeting to be held early in November.

Jim Laughlin, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Officers for the year 1950-51 are: Robert Stalnaker, president; Raymond Ganoung, vice-president; Richard Werner, secretary; Herman Eilers, Jr., treasurer; Wilfred Garvert, reporter; Melvin Jones, sentinel and A. V. Jackson, Adviser. The Freshmen Vo-Ag boys have elected junior officers.

Wilfred Garvert, Reporter

LONGFORD: Newly elected officers for the year 1950-51 are: Martin Mugler, president; Leon Marrs, vice-president; Norman Macy, secretary; Merwin Davidson, treasurer; Richard Scripser, reporter and Carol Ferguson, sentinel. We have a total FFA membership of 31. Our Senior members attended the Hutchison State Fair. The Junior FFA class attended the American Royal for two days.

Richard Scripser, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

PARADISE: The following officers were elected for 1950-51: Bobby Dickinson, president; Tommy Hutchison, vice-president; Merl Houser, secretary; Gerald Thompson, treasurer; Jay Anderson, reporter. Willard Obley, our Vocational Agriculture Instructor is our Adviser. The first night meeting of the new chapter was held October 2, 1950. The program of work was discussed and planned. Some of the ways that we are going to earn money are, shocking feed, bingo stand at school carnival and FFA dues. We have already shocked feed and earned \$52.00.

Jay Anderson, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: The Ellsworth chapter officers are: Keith Bailey, president; Larry Slaight, vice-president; John Bircher, secretary; Sam Peppiatt, treasurer; Arthur Armbrust, reporter; Larry Zavesky, sentinel. Our chapter held a Day for Eight Graders in May. Twelve boys attended the Vocational Agriculture classes and a special FFA meeting and a field trip to the Ell-Kan Dairy. In May our chapter held an all day Farming Program Tour and judging contest. Eugene Peterman was high individual. On May 22 twelve boys went on an overnight fishing trip. The Annual Parents meeting was held October 3. The film "That Inspiring Task" was shown. Mr. Gugler, FFA Adviser, showed colored slides of the chapter activities and the boys Farming Programs. Eight FFA members entered the county Soil Conservation Activity contest. Keith Bailey received first place. We are making two ping pong tables in the shop for use in our recreation program. We will harvest the Sorghum Variety Test plots on Larry Slaight's and Keith Bailey's farms this month. We are working with the County Agent, 4-H Club Agent and Veterans Instructors in planning a Corn and Sorghum Show the first week in November.

Arthur Armbrust, Reporter

HOPE: The following officers this year are: David Dunlap, president; Loren Book, vice-president; Don Ihde, secretary; Joe Cox, treasurer; Bill Scott, reporter, and our adviser Mr. R. J. Cohorst. Some of the shop jobs started this year, consist of a grain bed for truck, two stock racks, one feed bunk, two show boxes and two power lawn mowers. We plan to have two night meetings and a basketball game between the members after each meeting. We meet twice a month, during activity period. We are planning to have a pest eradication contest.

Bill Scott, Reporter

FORD: The Ford Chapter of FFA elected the following officers. Ernest C. Snook, president; Charles Keller, vice-president; Billy Brown, secretary; Orville Liller, treasurer; Bob Henry, reporter; Eugene Blew, sentinel. The Ford Chapter spent two days shocking feed to finance a gilt ring for the boys in the freshman class desiring to start a hog program.

Bob Henry, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Officers for the coming year are: Wayne Elliott, president; Willis Heck, vice-president; Marvin Heck, secretary; Willis Shaw, reporter; Lloyd Wells, treasurer; Arlo Delay, sentinel. We attended the Washington County Fair. Our judging team placed first again for the second straight year. Our FFA is helping to sponsor an all school Carnival on October 24. We are repairing our FFA school lots. We are planning to buy some steers and feeder pigs in the near future.

Willis Shaw, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

MINNEAPOLIS: Officers for this school year are as follows: Leo Baker, president; Max Hoesli, vice-president; Stephen Rupert, secretary; Dick Popham, treasurer; DeVere Pieschl, reporter. The officers attended the Leadership School at Beloit. Our officers went to the American Royal October 14 and 15. Our chapter is planning a "Harvester" for October 24. The FHA is going to help us sponsor the event. The chapter chooses a queen and two attendants. In like manner, the FHA chooses a king and attendants. The queen, king and attendants must be members of the FFA and the FHA.

DeVere Pieschl, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Winfield chapter held its first meeting Wednesday, September 16, 1950. After all business was taken care of, the meeting was adjourned to the basement for a chili supper. There were 63 members and 87 parents and guests present. Advisor Ira Plank and FFA President Marvin Cranston of the Winfield Chapter attended the National FFA Convention held at Kansas City, Missouri.

Ted Graham, Reporter

HARPER: The 1950-51 officers of the Harper FFA Chapter are: Lee Drumright, president; Jim Parsons, vice-president; D'Owen Williams, secretary; Ronnie Yoder, treasurer; Byron Reida, reporter; Leonard Drumright, sentinel. Mr. A. A. Haltom, Adviser. This year the Harper Chapter purchased official FFA officer jackets for the first time. In August the chapter held a picnic for the Freshmen who were planning to enroll in Vocational Agriculture and join the FFA. We played softball and after the game a picnic lunch was enjoyed. At the Harper County Fair this August the Harper Chapter won first with their booth. The theme of the booth was controlling insects and weeds by airplane spraying. Also at the fair they had the third place judging team in the judging contest. Two of our local active members were raised to the American Farmer Degree. It is unusual for two members of the same chapter to get the degree the same year. The members are Tom Wedman and Bob Greve. Bob was also a delegate to the National Convention and won the Sante Fe Award. Three boys from the chapter, and the adviser attended the 23rd National FFA Convention. They were Jim Parson, D'Owen Williams, Ronnie Yoder and Mr. Haltom.

Byron Reida, Reporter.

GREAT BEND: Our officers are Robert Ludwig, president; Jerry McMahan, vice-president; Richard Amerine, secretary; Darell Deming, treasurer; Junior Willcutt, reporter; Lloyd White, sentinel. We had our Summer Fishing Camp at Lake Kanopolis in August. Twenty three of our members and our Adviser attended the Hutchison State Fair, September 18 and 19. We have built three feed bunks, a farm shop heater, a power saw, overhauled two gas motors and two sets of clothes-line poles in our shop. We are planning to enter a Poultry Judging Team in the contest to be held at the Poultry Congress at Emporia December 7, 8 or 9. We had our regular monthly meeting Monday night, October 16. Our officers gave a Demonstration in Parliamentary Procedure. Tarmo NELLEMA, an exchange student from Holland, who has been training on the Fred Schultis Farm, spoke to us about Farming in Holland. Our float in the Home Coming Parade won first prize Friday afternoon October 20. We had an old sod busting plow pulled by a black panther on a trailer covered with dirt. We pulled the trailer with a John Deere plow furnished by Dan Alef & Sons. Irwin Alef is a past State President and an American Farmer. We will have our Annual Father-Son Chili Feed, Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Junior Willcutt, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

LAWRENCE: On October 11, 1950, the Jayhawk Chapter was host to the California delegation to the National Convention in Kansas City. This was a very great honor. On October 17, the Jayhawk Chapter played host to twenty other chapters in the Annual Northeast Kansas Leadership School. On October 19, sixty of our FFA boys were able to attend the American Royal. Our programs of meetings include each boy telling of his project of the present year and what he expects to have the next year. We have picture shows about different phases of agriculture in the world. The Kansas FFA Newsletter plays an important part in the programs once a month.

The Jayhawk Chapter is very fortunate and honored to have an exchange student from Germany. His name is Horst Salszman, and agriculture student who has studies extensively in Germany. Now he is with us in the chapter. We can learn much from him about Germany. We also find that our animal and plant diseases are similar to the ones in Germany. Exchanging students is a wonderful idea, and should be enlarged to a great extent. Both foreign and home students can learn much. If this would be done, I am sure that every chapter would receive valuable information such as we have learned.

Gerald A. Bradley, Reporter

HILLSBORO: Newly installed officers for this year are: Russell Hiebert, president; Donald Goertzen, vice-president; Daniel Schmidt, secretary; LeRoy Unruh, treasurer; Robert Matz, reporter, and Lloyd Funk, sentinel. Our officers went to Peabody, September 18, and installed their officers. Peabody is a newly chartered chapter. Ten members from the Junior class attended the American Royal at Kansas City, October 18 and 19. Our chapter is getting a gilt program started. Two purebred Duroc gilts will be bought from Herman Popp at Haven and will go to Daniel Schmidt and Lloyd Funk. The Annual date party which included a hayrack ride and weiner roast was held on Monday, October 23, at Spring Lake.

Robert Matz, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: We held our election and installation of officers for the year 1950-51 in May. The following officers will serve for the year: Donald Anderson, president; Howard Hall, vice-president; John Anstrom, secretary; Joe Croucher, treasurer; Donald Standiferd, reporter; Jim Dorr, sentinel. We have thirty members. We plan to initiate fourteen members to the Greenhand degree on November 6. Our Chapter Farmer degree will be held at a future date. There will be about seven or eight Greenhands raised to their second degree. Our Program of Work for the coming year is now being built by our officers and adviser. Several of our members are planning a cooperative purchase of Angus steers from the Skonberg ranch at Miller, Kansas. These will be Texas steers of good quality and breeding. Deferred feeding will be the system we plan to use among the three or four members who make purchases.

Donald Standiferd, Reporter

MCPHERSON: The officers for this year are: John K. Regier, president; Charles Lundberg, vice-president; Clinton Leon, secretary; John E. Regier, treasurer; Dennis Chinberg, reporter, Loren Dean, sentinel. Our entire chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchison for one day. We have a chapter membership of 44. The Ag ten and eleven classes have completed their fall project tour.

Dennis Chinberg, Reporter