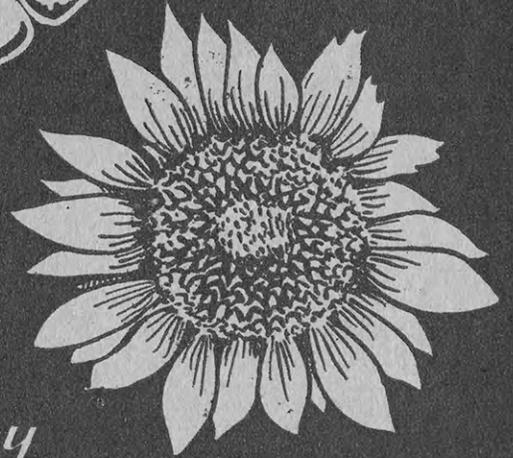
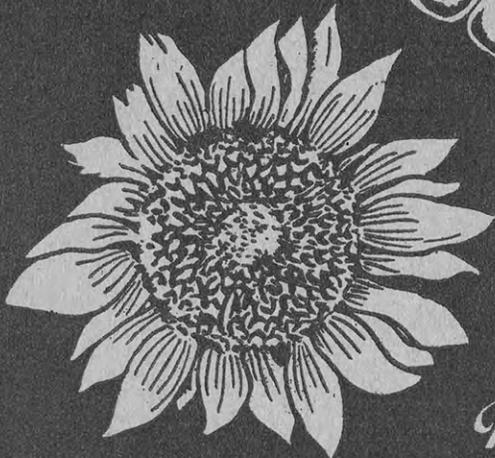
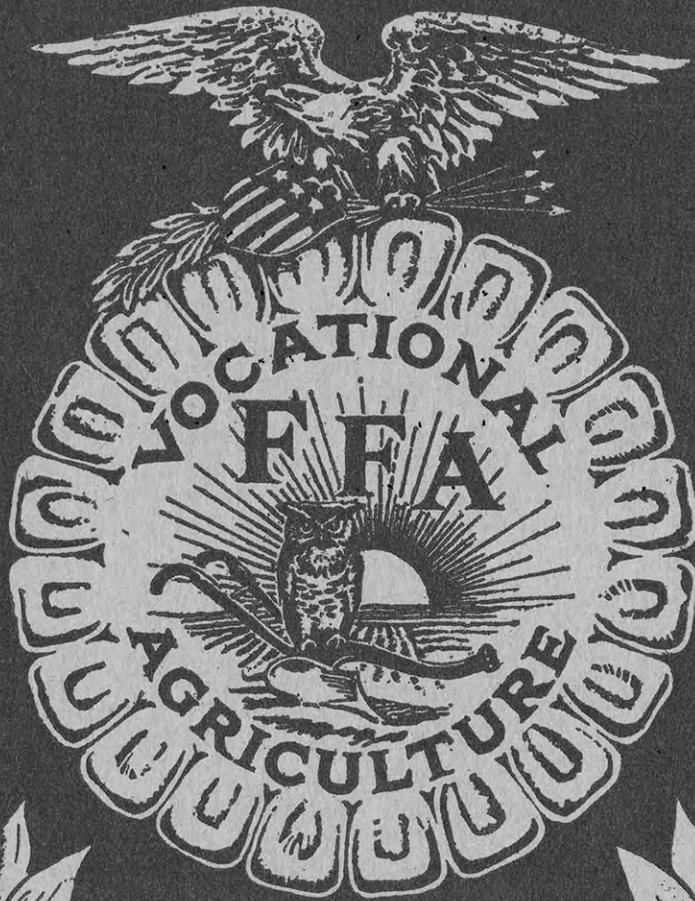


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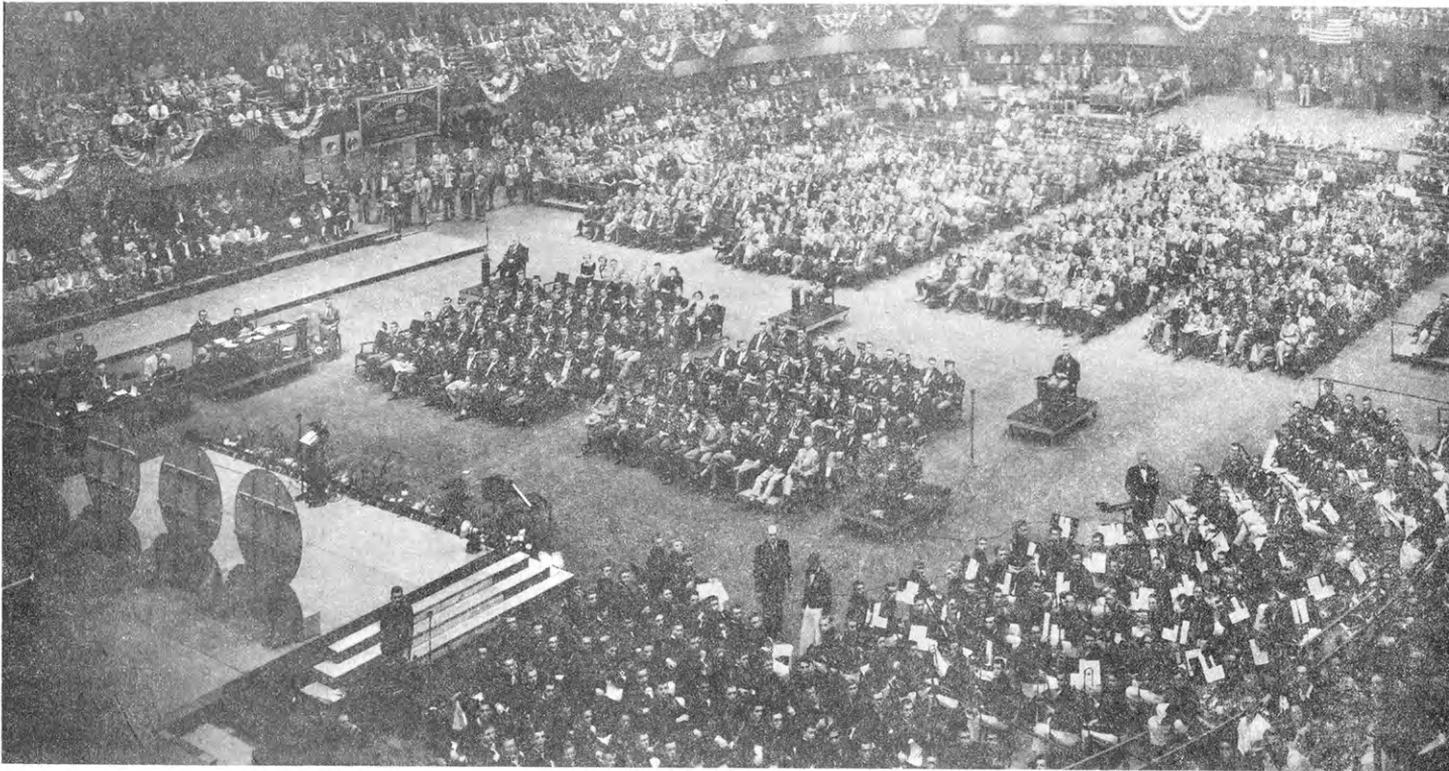
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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter Contest entries -- consisting of the chapter program of work in each case -- must be in the U. S. Office of Education not later than January 31, 1952. The chapters designated as "Gold Emblem Chapters" in the Kansas Association Chapter Contest of 1951 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, 1952.

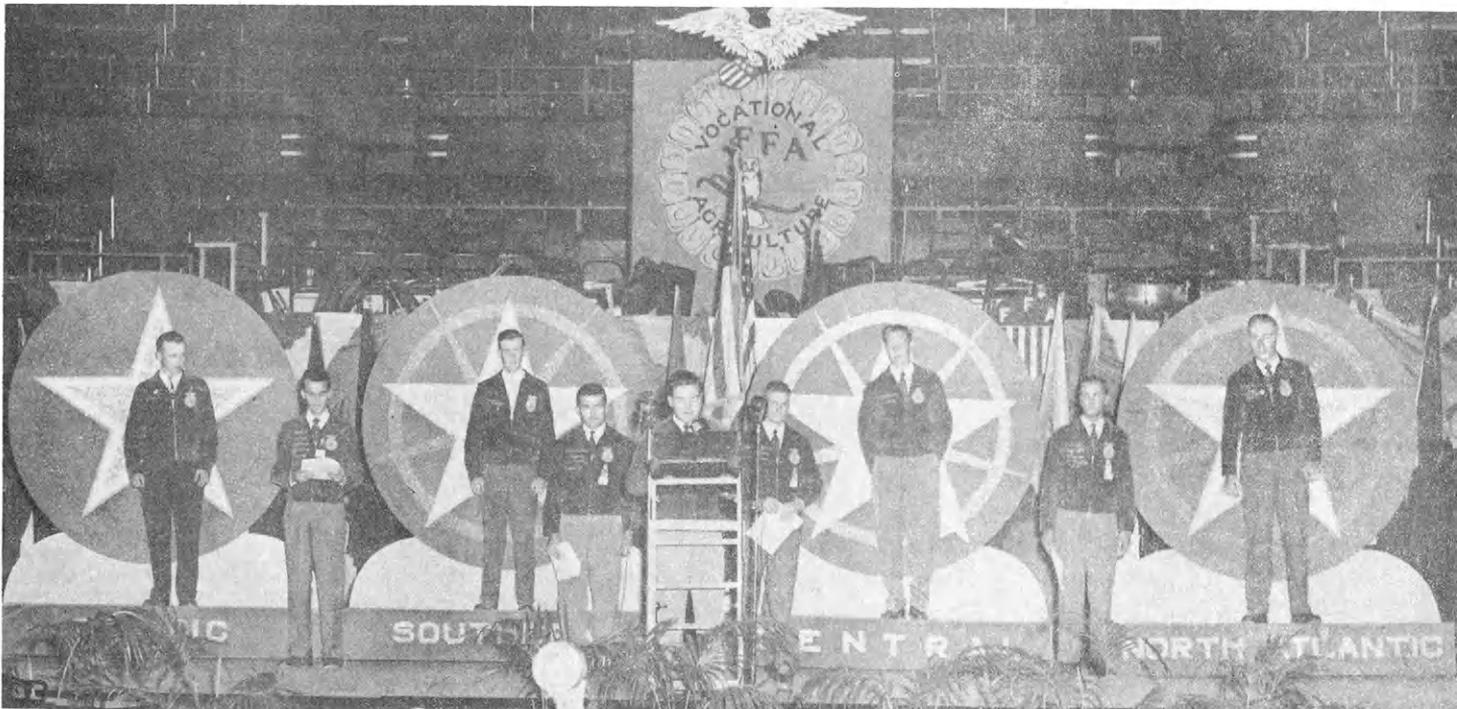
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TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION SCENES



Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium, Star Farmer of America program. Delegates seated in the foreground. Darrel Gartrell, Kansas delegate, absent from station, occasioned by his representing Kansas in the flag-bearing ceremony.



The four Star Farmers of America with the National Vice-Presidents representing each region stationed by the Stars. National President Walter Cummins is in the foreground. Harold Hodgson, Freedom, Oklahoma, Star Farmer from the Southern Region, won the 1951 Star Farmer of America award.

Kansas delegates to the National FFA Convention. L.R. State Treasurer, Darrel Gartrell, Stockton, Prof. A.P. Davidson, State Deputy Adviser and DeWayne Black, American Farmer from Beloit.

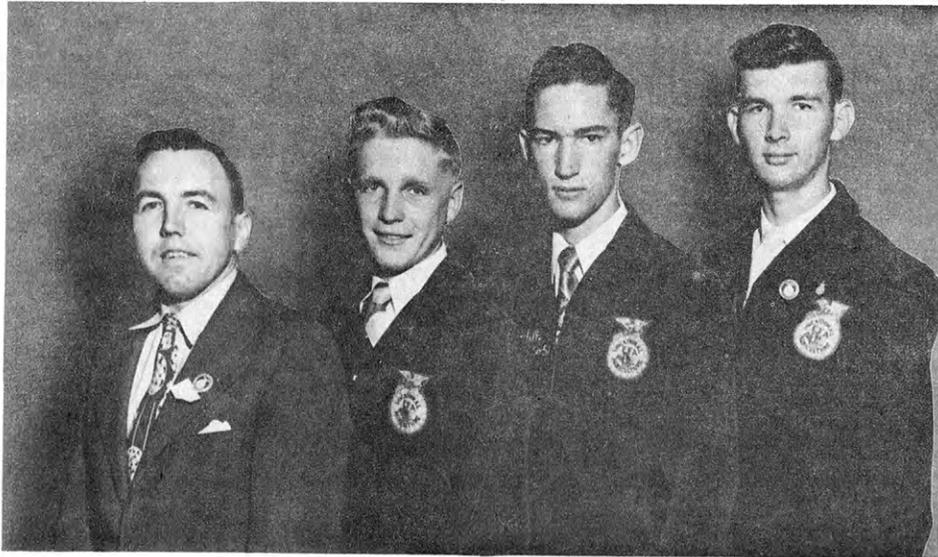
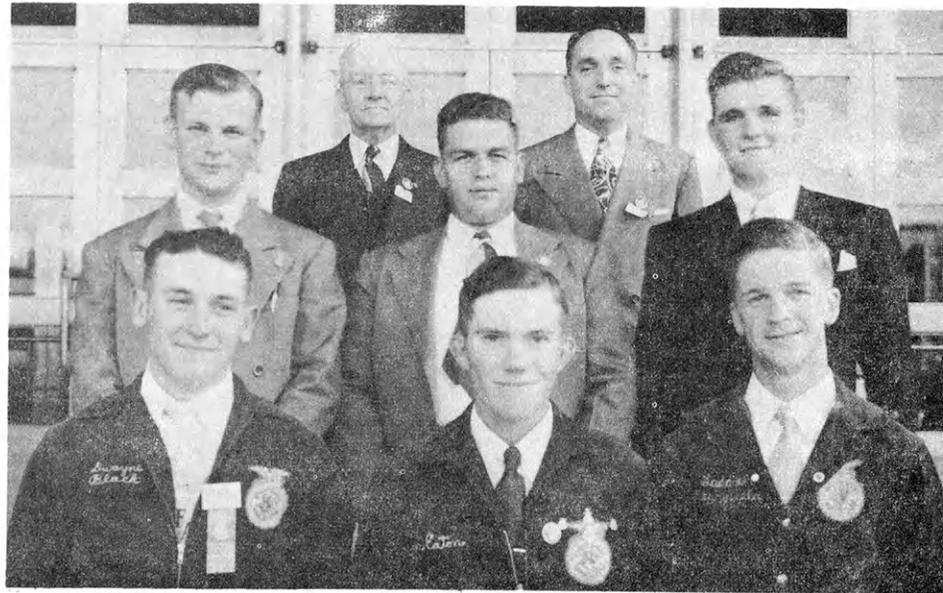


Kansas members of the National FFA Band. Back row - L.R. Darrel Valdois, Haven; Art Kranz, Haven; Jerry Deaton, Tonganoxie; Front row - L.R. John Bircher, Ellsworth, James Smart, Washington

Jimmy Mustard, member of the National FFA Chorus, McCune, Kansas chapter. Jimmy played an important role as an American Indian in the National FFA Charter Presentation Pageant.



Kansas American Farmer candidates: Back row - L.R. State Deputy Adviser Prof. A.P. Davidson; L.E. Whipps; Second row - L.R. J. Vetter, Newton; W. Woodson, Kingman; E. Pachta, Belleville; front row - L.R. D. Black, Beloit; J. Eaton, Columbus; L. Merryfield, Minneapolis.



Chanute Kansas Chapter Gold Emblem Poultry Judging team, National FFA Poultry Judging Contest. L.R. Charles Carter, Adviser; Wayne Burghart; Ralph Madill; Richard Reinhardt.

Officers Shawnee Mission chapter, Gold Emblem Classification winners in the 1951 National FFA Chapter Contest. Standing, (1 to r) Jerry Shadowen, Gene New, Ronald Parks, H. D. Garver, Adviser; seated (1 to r) Charles Pettijohn, Castle Thompson, Pres., Joe White, Mike Ragland.



TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FFA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 8-11, 1951

According to the official records 6,268 FFA members representing 48 states and 2 territories spent three days mixing business and pleasure in attendance at the Twenty-Fourth National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

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.

HEADQUARTERS: Municipal Auditorium with registration in the Grand Foyer. All the 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 Darrel Gartrell, Stockton Chapter, Treasurer of the Kansas Association of FFA and DeWayne Black, Beloit Chapter.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 299 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-Fourth National Convention were: DeWayne Black, Beloit Chapter; James E. Eaton, Columbus Chapter; Laddie E. Merryfield, Minneapolis Chapter; Edward Pacht, Belleville Chapter; James Edmund Vetter, Newton Chapter; Wilbur F. Woodson, Cleveland Chapter.

First rank in number of American Farmer Degrees received by members went to the Texas Association with a total of 33; Illinois with 16; Georgia, Oklahoma and North Carolina each with 14; Wisconsin with 12; and Alabama, California, Missouri and Pennsylvania each with 11 successful American Farmer candidates, ranked in the order listed. Kansas had six successful candidates; Iowa 9, Nebraska 3 and Colorado 2.

Among the prominent individuals appearing on the three day program were: Senator Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma, Senator Harry Darby, Kansas, Herschel D. Newsom, Master, National Grange and Allan B. Kline, President, American Farm Bureau Federation.

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

Robert S. Kerr, United States Senator from Oklahoma, Washington, D. C.
Herschel Newsom, Master, National Grange, Washington, D. C.
Allen B. Kline, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Illinois
T. E. Brown, Retired State Director of Vocational Education, Raleigh, North Carolina
S. L. Chesnutt, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama
Raymond C. Firestone, Vice President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio
Paul Johnson, Editor, Prairie Farmer, Chicago, Illinois
Oscar D. Nelson, President, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri

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 Honorary American Farmers (continued)

D. W. Parsons, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Morgantown, West Va.
 Jess Smith, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association,
 Inc., Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
 Robert E. Wood, Chairman of the Board, Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago, Ill.
 D. C. Aebischer, Itinerant Teacher Trainer, Madison, Wisconsin
 John B. McClelland, Assistant Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Iowa State College,
 Ames, Iowa
 Earl H. Little, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Concord, New Hampshire
 Ralph L. Morgan, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Salem, Oregon
 T. G. Walters, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Atlanta, Georgia

Honorary American Farmer Degrees were also awarded to the following:

1. Fathers of the National FFA Officers
2. Fathers of the recipients of the Star Farmer of America Award
3. Advisers of the local chapters that won Gold Emblem rating in the National Chapter Contest

STAR FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer for the Southern Region is Harold DeWayne Hodgson, 20 year old farmer and Hereford cattle breeder from Freedom, Oklahoma. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated of \$1,000.00.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - George Williams, 19, Route 1, Nicholasville, Kentucky. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Joe Harris, 20 Surprise Valley FFA Chapter, Egleville, California. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Ralph G. Sanner, 21, Route 2, Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Award \$500.00.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First: John Greeneisen, Marysville, Ohio. "I Caused an Accident." Award \$250.00 and Gold Medal.
- Second: James L. Hall, Jr., Guymon, Oklahoma. "The Fourth Freedom - Freedom from Want." Award \$225.00.
- Third: Leron Johnsen, Brigham City, Utah. "The All-American Team of Soil Builders." Award \$200.00.
- Fourth: Donald Fish, Jr., Guilford, Conn. "The Pig, An Efficient Meat Making Machine." Award \$175.00.
- Fifth: George Hirayama, Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii. "If Not In Independent Farming, What Then." Award \$150.00.

Judges of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest were:

Sam L. Chesnutt, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Auburn, Alabama
 Rollo E. Singleton, Director of Livestock Division, State Department of Agriculture,
 Jefferson City, Missouri
 James W. White, Managing Editor, Western Farm Life, Denver, Colorado

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:Gold Emblem

Riverton Chapter Huntsville, Alabama	Brainerd, Minnesota
Yuma, Arizona	Huntley Project Chapter Worden, Montana
Lakeside Chapter Hot Springs, Arkansas	Flathead Chapter Kalispell, Montana
Conway, Arkansas	Waverly, Nebraska
Madera, California	Hooper Chapter Walpole, New Hampshire
Modesto, California	Newton, New Jersey
Eaton Colorado	Rugby, North Dakota
Brighton, Colorado	Prague, Oklahoma
Saddle and Grate Chapter Camden-Wyoming, Delaware	Albany, Oregon
Quincy, Florida	Kennett Chapter Kennett Square, Pa.
Blakely-Union Chapter Blakely, Georgia	Smith County Chapter Carthage, Tennessee
Franklin, Illinois	Jasper, Texas
Chenoa, Illinois	Clifton, Texas
Delphi, Indiana	Box Elder Chapter Brigham City, Utah
Mount Ayr, Iowa	Bland, Virginia
<u>Shawnee-Mission Chapter</u> <u>Merriam, Kansas</u>	Walla Walla, Washington
Versailles, Kentucky	Ripley, West Virginia
Lafayette-Bryan Chapter Lexington, Kentucky	Upshur Chapter Buckhannon, West Va.
Midland, Michigan	Powell, Wyoming

Silver Emblem

Mesa, Arizona	Greenville, New York
Suwanne, Florida	Gervais, Oregon
Castleford, Idaho	Mansfield, Pennsylvania
Limestone, Maine	Baron DeKalb Chapter Westville, South Carolina
Mountain Lake, Minnesota	Clark, South Dakota
Jasper, Missouri	Chester County Chapter Henderson, Tennessee
Kearney, Nebraska	Draper's Valley Chapter Drapers, Virginia
Hatch, New Mexico	Battle Ground, Washington
Deming, New Mexico	
Belvidere, New Jersey	

Bronze Emblem

Wetumpka, Alabama	Cassopolis, Michigan
Housatonic Valley Falls Village, Connecticut	Shelbina, Missouri
Stephen Babcock Chapter Middletown, Delaware	Mason Valley Chapter Yerington, Nevada
Pahoa, Hawaii	Virgin Valley Chapter Bunkerville, Nevada
Roberts, Idaho	South Kortright, New York
Sulphur, Louisiana	Schultz Chapter Towner, North Dakota
Clarksville, Maryland	Hayesville, Ohio
Sherwood Chapter Sandy Spring, Maryland	Bremen, Ohio
Stockbridge, Massachusetts	Woodruff, South Carolina
	Middlebury, Vermont

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FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

- National Winner - Elton Parks, 18, Westerville, Ohio. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Robert Mooney, 17, Newton, New Jersey, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Robert A. Swander, 18, Worland, Wyoming, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Leon Paulette, 17, Appomattox, Virginia, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

- National Winner - Russell Wal l, 16, Independence, Mo. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Johnny B. Eubanks, 18, Bristol, Florida, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Charles Bottum, 18, Route 1, Nelson, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Theodore Walker, 18, Route 3, Tremonton, Utah, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

DAIRY FARMING CONTEST:

- National Winner - Hugh Poage, 18, Route 7, Roanoke, Virginia. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Phillip Hopkins, 17, Route 2, Lee's Summit, Missouri., Central Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Ralph A. Payne, Jr., 16, Star Route, Middlebury, Vermont, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Stanley Chapman, 18, Route 1, Monroe, Washington, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTEST:

- National Winner - Herbert H. Goodman, 18, Cumberland, Virginia. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Bruce Brooks, 17, Tolleson, Arizona Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - William McDowell, 16, Greenwood, Delaware, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Harry McGhee, Jr., 16, Metropolis, Illinois, Central Region. Award \$200.00.

FARM SAFETY CONTEST:

- National Winner - Rugby Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Smith County Chapter, Carthage, Tennessee, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, New Jersey, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Canby Chapter, Canby, Oregon, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

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Charles R. Ocher, Cameron, Missouri, Student Secretary

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

This year for the fifth 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 5. 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 11. The Band members remained in Kansas City and participated in the American Royal Livestock Parade, Saturday morning, October 13.

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 five members in the Band and seven members in the Chorus.

The Band members from Kansas were: James Smart, Washington; Jerry Deaton, Tonganoxie; Art Kranz, Haven; John Bircher, Ellsworth; and Darrel Valdois, Haven.

Members of the Chorus from Kansas were: Alfred Schmidt, Buhler; John Sevy, Louisburg; Harry Circle, Kiowa; Allen Schnelle, Medicine Lodge; Melvin Brose, Valley Falls; Melvin Gering, Kingman; and Jimmy Mustard, McCune.

Recordings 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.

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STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS

Perhaps the most colorful and inspiring program of the entire 24th National FFA Convention was the presentation of the Star American Farmer awards during the third session, Tuesday, October 9, 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 Star American Farmer, we are publishing herewith brief excerpts of the program which lead to the award.

Star Farmer of America - Harold DeWayne Hodgson

DeWayne Hodgson, 20, the Star Farmer of America, owns a 320-acre farm worth \$14,400.00 and at the time his application was filed had livestock valued at \$9,538.00, farm machinery, equipment and buildings worth \$7,265.00, growing crops estimated at \$6,000.00 and miscellaneous assets totalling \$742.40. He had liabilities of \$7,450.00, including a \$6,500.00 mortgage on the land, to leave a net worth of \$30,495.40. He operates an additional 255 acres of rented land.

Since he began the study of vocational agriculture at the Freedom High School, Freedom, Oklahoma, in 1944 Hodgson has counted a net income of \$24,960.66. In addition, through improvements in soil and buildings he has added \$7,000.00 value to the farm that he bought for \$8,500.00 in 1949. Of the total income, \$20,625.66 came from his farming program; he realized \$2,000.00 from sale of half the mineral rights on the farm; netted \$1,280.00 from outside farm work, mostly custom harvesting, and \$820.00 working as a P.M.A. Surveyor's assistant. A native of northwestern Oklahoma where farm boys still learn to ride horses as soon as they're big enough to climb in the saddle Hodgson's report shows earnings of \$235.00 in rodeo prizes.

DeWayne got his start in farming at the tender age of five when his father, Alfred Hodgson, gave him a heifer. By the time he entered high school the budding young rancher was well on his way with nine cows. The herd has now grown to 25, of which 18 are high quality registered herefords. In more recent years he has added registered Chester White hogs to his enterprises, and now owns 23 head.

In 1947, during his Junior year in high school, DeWayne rented a 320 acre farm from his Grandfather and increased his "projects" to include 115 acres of wheat and 20 acres of barley. He gave one-third of the crop in rent; paid an additional \$50.00 per year for use of the 150 acre pasture.

By 1949, young Hodgson and his sweetheart, Lillian Seivert, decided he was far enough "on his way" that they could get married. Shortly thereafter the Grandfather, Robert Hodgson, took their personal note for \$8,500 and turned over to the young couple the 320 acres that had been in the Hodgson family since it was homesteaded in the "Run of 89."

Star American Farmer Awards (continued)

DeWayne had been farming the land for two years, but the buildings were run down and delapidated. The new bride found herself in the middle of a real improvement project. Weeds were as high as DeWayne's head and the yard hadn't been fenced in years. The house needed repairs and paint, the "barn" was little more than a pile of rotting lumber. Two years later now, with time out for Lillian when their son "Rocky" was born, the Hodgsons have rebuilt a neat, comfortable home, complete with electricity, running water and a modern heating plant. Rocky can roam the fenced and landscaped yard in safety, and a concrete block barn provides shelter for livestock and storage for feed.

"We still have a lot to do", said DeWayne, "but we're still young and someday we'll have the kind of home we really want, -- one that all the Hodgsons that have lived, and will live, in Northwestern Oklahoma will be proud to see."

He has improved the land, too. When DeWayne first rented the land he made only 12 bushels of wheat per acre, and it was a good crop year. Stories of the days when 40 bushels per acre could be made seemed far-fetched. He has terraced the land, plowed on the contour, planted cover crops and used other soil improvement practices to bring the yield up to 18 bushels.

Hodgson has found time to be a leader in his school and community. He was a class officer every year in high school, serving as vice-president of his Freshman and Sophomore classes, treasurer of his Junior class and president of the Senior class. He served one-year terms as secretary and president of the Freedom FFA chapter and was elected secretary of the Oklahoma State FFA Association for 1948-49. He was captian of the school basketball team and a member of the baseball team.

An accomplished feeder and showman, he has won several prizes with his livestock in local and state fairs. He was a member of the 3-man Freedom FFA livestock judging team that won first place in two state contests.

Hodgson is a member of the Freedom Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma Crop Improvement Association, the I.O.O.F., Woods County and Big Seven Hereford Breeders' Associations and is a leader in the Christian Church Sunday School and League.

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The National FFA House of Delegates once more "wrestled" with the problem of local chapters entering the National Chapter Contest year after year and receiving the Gold Emblem classification each year. Some members thought that this discouraged other chapters from states where this is the practice from entering the National Chapter Contest. A suggestion was made that Gold Emblem chapter winners be declared ineligible to enter the National Chapter Contest for a period of three years. The point was made by members of the House of Delegates that the way to keep chapter performance on a high standard is to keep the performance standards for recognition on a high plain; that to lower the level of achievement recognition would not raise the standard of performance -- and the House of Delegates went on record favoring the present plan whereby a chapter may participate in the National Chapter Contest each year if the State Association designates the chapter as being eligible to represent the State.

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1951 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.

Lowell DeWayne Black - Beloit Chapter

DeWayne started his farming program in 1946 with 5 Hereford Steers, 15 acres wheat seeded, 13 acres wheat harvested and $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres alfalfa.

Ending the year 1950, DeWayne had increased his farming program to 35 fattening cattle, 5 feeder swine, $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres wheat harvested, 60 acres wheat seeded, 10 acres Atlas Sargo and had purchased 80 acres land.

DeWayne is now on the farm and plans to make farming his life work. He had a total net worth of \$9,950.86 at the end of the year 1950.

He received a DeKalb Award, Santa Fe Award and Corn Belt Feeder's Award in 1949; placed first in the local Record Book Contest in 1947; represented his school in the District Hi-Y Conference, 1946; served as president of the Student Council in 1949. DeWayne was first place winner at the County Fair in Sumac grains and first place winner in sweet clover seed samples in 1949; and received fifth place at the deferred feed show in Kansas City for a pen of 10 Hereford Steers in 1949. He is a member of the Farm Bureau.

DeWayne is 19 years of age. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Black, Scottsville, Kansas. Frank Carpenter is the vocational agriculture instructor at the Beloit High School

James E. Eaton - Columbus Chapter

James started his farming program in 1945 with 1 shorthorn cow, 2 shorthorn heifers, 3 shorthorn steers, 1 chester white gilt, 10 acres wheat, 10 acres corn, 5 acres oats and 10 acres soybeans.

Ending the year 1950, James had increased his farming program to 2 shorthorn cows, 1 registered shorthorn cow, 2 shorthorn heifers, 2 registered shorthorn heifers, 2 shorthorn calves, 3 shorthorn steers, 2 shorthorn bull calves, 2 Duroc sows, 2 Duroc bred gilts, 8 Duroc fattening hogs, 6 Duroc fall pigs, 45 acres wheat, 30 acres corn, 50 acres beans and 20 acres oats.

James is now on the farm. He and his father are in full partnership in livestock and crops. At the end of the year 1950, James had a total net worth of \$14,000.00.

He participated in the District Information Contest in 1946; was a member of the Livestock Judging School which placed 5th in the district in 1946. James served as chairman of the local earnings and savings committee in 1946. He is a member of the American Shorthorn Breeder's Association and the Farm Bureau.

James, 20 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Eaton, Weir, Kansas. Robert M. Lay is the vocational agriculture instructor at the Columbus High School.

1951 Kansas American Farmer Class (continued)

Laddie E. Merryfield - Minneapolis Chapter

Laddie started his farming program in 1945 with 1 registered hereford heifer, 2 registered Duroc gilts, 5 Duroc barrows, and 6 acres Atlas.

At the end of 1950, Laddie had increased his farming program to $1\frac{1}{2}$ registered hereford cows, 3 purebred hereford cows, 1 purebred hereford heifer, $\frac{1}{2}$ purebred hereford bull calf, 15 hereford feeder calves, 105 acres wheat harvested, 33 acres Atlas Sargo, 22 acres oats, 130 acres wheat seeded and 43 acres alfalfa hay.

Laddie is married and is now on the farm. He plans to carry on with his farming program. Ending the year 1950, Laddie had a total net worth of \$7,204.56.

He was a member of the beef cattle judging team all four years of school and placed first in the local chapter contest in 1945. Laddie was baby beef and gilt reserve champion at the local fair in 1948. In 1949 he was the county wide 4-H tractor maintenance instructor.

During the past two years Laddie has specialized in feeding out 27 head of Hereford steers on the deferred steer feeding plan. Laddie has also purchased the home where he and his wife are now living.

Laddie is the 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Merryfield of Minneapolis, Kansas. Karl Will is the vocational agriculture instructor at Minneapolis.

Edward L. Pachta - Belleville Chapter

Edward started his farming program in 1945 with 2 grade Duroc gilts, 19 spring pigs, 10 acres corn, 5 acres oats and 10 acres wheat seeded.

Ending the year 1950, Edward had increased his farming program to 11 purebred Spotted Poland China sows, 34 purebred Spotted Poland China gilts, $5\frac{1}{2}$ purebred Spotted Poland China boars, 73 purebred Spotted Poland China fall shoats, 199 purebred Spotted Poland China spring pigs, 108 purebred Spotted Poland China fall pigs, 1 registered purebred Holstein cow, 1 purebred Holstein heifer calf, 1 grade Holstein cow, 12 grade hereford cows, 8 grade feeder cattle, 3 grade heifer calves, 4 grade bull calves, $\frac{1}{2}$ purebred polled hereford bull, 250 chicks, 85 acres corn, 40 acres oats, 110 acres wheat harvested, 63 acres wheat seeded, 40 acres sweet clover seeded in oats, and 22 acres alfalfa.

Edward is now on the farm and plans to carry on his farming program. At the end of 1950 his total net worth was \$34,302.64.

He served as president of his local FFA chapter in 1948. The same year he received 4th in the Information Contest; was a delegate to the state Convention; and was winner of the DeKalb Award. In the district contest in 1948 Edward was a member of the poultry team which ranked 6th and received 10th in individual rank. He was high member of the livestock team which ranked 4th. In the Hays Livestock Contest in 1948, his team ranked 2nd and Edward received 2nd in individual ranking. At the State Contest he was a member of the livestock team which ranked 4th. Edward was a blue ribbon winner on his reserve champion barrow exhibited at the N.C.K. Free Fair in 1948, and received 1st and 2nd place on his Spotted Poland China gilt.

1951 Kansas American Farmer Class (continued)

Edward L. Pachta (continued)

Edward received a \$200.00 Soil Conservation scholarship in 1948, and that same year was director of the State Spotted Poland China Association. He was a member of the high school band, glee club and the National Honor Society.

Edward has purchased 80 acres of upland. This land has been put under a soil conservation program of contours, terraces and grass water ways.

Edward is 21 years old and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Pachta of Belleville, Kansas. Carl Beyer is the vocational agriculture instructor at the Belleville High School.

James Edmund Vetter - Newton Chapter

James started his farming program in 1946 with 5 fat steers, 1 dairy cow, 20 acres wheat.

At the end of the year 1950, James had increased his farming program to 8 registered hereford breeding stock, 1 dairy cow, 35 acres wheat, 5 acres corn, 20 acres oats and 5 acres Kansas Orange Sargo.

James is now on the farm and plans to continue his farming program. His net worth at the end of 1950 totaled \$3,086.01.

He served as vice-president of his chapter in 1948 and was president of the chapter and of the South Central Kansas District in 1949. James was presiding officer at Officers Training School in 1949. He placed 5th in the Information Contest in 1948 and 3rd in the contest in 1949.

James is 19 years of age, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund W. Vetter, Rt. #1, Newton, Kansas. R. M. Karns is the vocational agriculture instructor at the Newton High School.

Wilbur Franklin Woodson - Kingman Chapter

Wilbur began his farming program in 1946 with 1 saddle horse, 1 Ayrshire heifer, 6 whiteface steers, 30 acres wheat, 40 acres wheat seeded and 3 acres Atlas.

At the end of 1950, Wilbur had increased his farming program to 16 Hereford heifers and calves, 22 western ewes, 1 Hampshire ram, 135 acres wheat harvested, 135 acres wheat seeded, 12 acres barley, 15 acres Atlas, 24 acres maize, 15 acres summer fallow.

Wilbur is married and is now on the farm. Ending the year 1950, he had a total net worth of \$8,732.49.

In 1948 he was elected to the State Farmer degree; placed fifth in the district Information Contest; received first place in the local farming program contest; served as captain in a pest eradication contest; placed third in ritual contest and he placed second on crops and poultry judging teams. Wilbur was a member of the Mid-West Wool Marketing Co-op, the Kansas Flying Farmers and the National Flying Farmers. He is a member of the tennis and football teams. He belongs to the Christian Church and is a member of the church choir. In 1949 Wilbur placed second in wheat and Atlas exhibits at the county fair and fourth place for a loading chute exhibit at the State Fair. Wilbur is 20 years old and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodson. Virgil Lake is the vocational agriculture instructor at the Kingman High School.

SHAWNEE-MISSION WINS GOLD EMBLEM RATING

Shawnee-Mission Chapter represented the Kansas Association in the 1951 National Chapter Contest and received Gold Emblem classification. This is the fifth time a Kansas chapter has won the Gold Emblem rating in the National Chapter Contest. Gold Emblem Chapter winners in the National Chapter Contest from Kansas have been: Buhler twice, Olathe once, and Shawnee-Mission twice. The Shawnee-Mission Chapter was designated as the "Best Chapter" in the National Chapter Contest in 1935, when it was the practice of the National Organization to select the outstanding chapter only. In the 1951 Chapter Contest Shawnee-Mission shared top rating with 37 other chapters in the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. The Shawnee-Mission Chapter was chartered November 8, 1929, and received Charter No. 18 from the Kansas Association of FFA. H. D. Garver was the local adviser at the time the chapter was chartered and has served continuously in that capacity. The chapter has 52 members. Castle Thompson is chapter president.

The following is a brief summary of the goals and achievements of the Shawnee-Mission Chapter during 1950-51 which lead to Gold Emblem classification in the National Chapter Contest.

I. Supervised Practice

Chapter average of productive projects per member 3.2
 Average livestock projects per member 2.6
 80% members raised feed crops
 85.7% members have purebred or high grade livestock
 An average of 7.4 livestock hazards removed
 341 improved farm practices per member. Average 6.01
 412 home and farm conveniences; average 7.3 per member
 27 members have livestock medicine cabinets
 Average investment in farming for 1950 was \$390.07
 Average investment in farming for 1951 was \$590.00
 100% members have full ownership of at least one project.
 Averaged 6.6 home beautification jobs at member's homes
 Averaged 4.7 repair jobs on machinery and equipment

II.. Cooperative Activities

Chapter rented ten acres for field corn project. Netted \$200.00
 Chapter has four bred gilts on share lease to members
 Members sold 270 broilers and 300 dozen eggs cooperatively.
 Five tons of fertilizer bought cooperatively. Valued at \$437.50
 Bought 40 gallons weed killer valued at \$160.00
 Bought \$61.80 medicine cabinet for individual livestock medicine cabinet
 Cleared \$155.00 through sponsorship of football programs
 Published Owl's Nest. Free to members. Cost \$225.00
 Chapter purchased a \$450.00 arc welder and mounted it in an outfit
 valued at \$1,000.00
 Chapter held four game concessions, netting \$212.46 total

III. Community Service

Mounted 440 weed specimens for public identification
 Surveyed 56 farms for fire and livestock hazards
 Pruned trees on three farms
 Tested soil from 37 farms

Shawnee-Mission Wins Gold Emblem Rating (continued)Community Service (continued)

Chapter set out two weed killer and three fertilizer demonstration plots along highways

Chapter sponsored Crusade for Freedom, collected 4,000 names and raised over \$100.00 cash donations.

Contributed to local Cancer Fund

Sponsored coin pitching for Polio drive. Collected \$138.00

Five educational bulletin boards maintained in community centers

IV. Leadership

Lawrence Leadership School: 1st in Ritual
3rd in Information
7th in State

Sent two delegates to Manhattan

Green Hand officers elected and served

Every member on a committee

Teams entered: District Poultry, Ottawa, 3rd
Dairy, Topeka, 4th
Livestock, Emporia, 3rd
Shop, Osage City, 6th
Speaking, Washburn, 1st
State Contests, Manhattan, no placing
State Public Speaker, 3rd

Held chapter speaking contest. 85% entered

Qualified for and entered National Chapter Contest

Three radio programs presented

A weekly half column run in each of two local papers

V. Earnings and Savings

Average investment in farming	\$ 590.07
Average net worth	828.64
Chapter net worth	1587.00
Chapter budget for 1951-52	875.00

VI. Scholarship

Chapter average "C" in a school of 1,700

Averaged 7.5 members on school honor roll each six weeks

A scholarship bulletin board kept up to date, showing scholastic progress

VII. Conduct of Meetings

Weekly meetings held during school activity period

Ten monthly night meetings during the nine school months

Each meeting opened with ritual

Full chapter paraphernalia maintained at all times

A different speaker on the theme, "Know Your Neighbors." Theme dealt with learning about foreign countries. Speakers from Denmark, France, England, Ireland, Switzerland. Mexico and China planned.

Averaged over 90% attendance during school year.

Shawnee-Mission Wins Gold Emblem Rating (continued)VIII. Recreation

A "fun night" held weekly during winter months
 A basketball team for local games organized
 Christmas party held
 Attended national convention and helped at headquarters
 Two-day trip to Manhattan held in Spring

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Playing in the National FFA Band

The Kansas group arrived in Kansas City about eleven-thirty on Friday and we began practicing Friday afternoon. The first three days were spent hard at work getting ready for the Convention. Although we worked hard the first three days, every one enjoyed working under Dr. Brunner and the work was enjoyable.

Starting on Monday we played concerts once or twice a day for the Convention. The Convention itself was something very interesting. It is really a pleasure to watch the boys your own age conduct meetings in such orderly fashion. Tuesday night the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company put on a show for the FFA boys, which included some of the finest entertainers in the United States.

There was always something going on for the boys, so there was never a dull moment. When there was a free afternoon for the Band, the boys were given free tickets to go on tours all over the city. If the boys didn't care to go on tours, they could go to the YMCA or to a show.

Thursday afternoon and Friday we practiced marching for the big American Royal Parade, which was Saturday morning. Marching in the Parade was fun for me because I had never seen the Parade before. All the boys were given uniforms alike and it was truly one of the grandest experiences in my life.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity to play in the National FFA Band and I will remember it all my life.

James H. Smart
 Washington Chapter

-- FFA --

Singing with the National FFA Chorus

I would like to thank you and all those responsible for letting me go to Kansas City and sing in the National FFA Chorus. I think two of the greatest experiences of my life were when I was chosen to play in the National FFA Band last year and sing in the National FFA Chorus this year. I wish that every FFA member could attend at least one of the National Conventions in Kansas City. I don't think they realize how big the FFA organization really is and how proud they should be of being able to be a member of it until they attend one of the National Conventions. I know I didn't. Again thank you for helping to make it possible for me to attend the Convention.

Harry Circle
 Kiowa Chapter
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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, \$30,500.00 was budgeted for awards in five major fields of activity; namely, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management, and Farm Safety. 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

Elton Parks, 18, Westerville, Ohio. Award \$250.00. Elton has complete responsibility in the operation and management of a farming program which included this year 50 acres of wheat, 80 acres of soybeans, 25 acres of corn, 5 acres of oats, 4 acres of sweet clover, one dairy cow, and two sows and litters. He has full ownership of \$2,900 worth of farm machinery and fifty per cent partnership in a tractor, combine, corn picker, cultivator and plow valued at \$2,500.

Parks has built a 10-foot spike-tooth harrow, a drag, a trailer, two four-wheel wagons, a buzz saw, several hog troughs, and a self-feeder. His farm mechanics activities have included installing a new motor and clutch in a tractor, installing new bearings in a disc harrow, overhauling a grain drill, rebuilding two mowing machines, overhauling a garden tractor engine, reconditioning a corn picker, and considerable work in building repair and construction.

The Future Farmer got his start when his father, Elmer E. Parks, bought a 20-acre run-down farm in the Westerville community. Mr. Parks works off the farm, and gave Elton a free hand in developing it. The boy has rented additional land, and is now well established in farming. He was graduated from Westerville High School last spring, and is now active in Farm Bureau and Westerville Young Farmers Club.

National Award - Farm Electrification

Russell Wall, 16, Drum Institute, Independence, Missouri. Award \$250.00. Drumm Institute, where Russell Wall receives his training in vocational agriculture, is a cooperative boys' institution where all the boys share in the ownership and operation of the 370-acre general livestock farm. They live on the farm the year-around, receive agricultural instruction and experience there, and are transported to school in Kansas City for other subjects of their high school curriculum.

At the Institute, when a boy shows special interest and skill in a particular phase of the farm work, he is encouraged toward responsibility in that field. Russell was interested in electrical work, so was given the job of repair and construction of electrical appliances on the farm.

He has built four electric pig brooders, one lamb brooder, two poultry water heaters, three baby chick brooders, eleven broiler batteries, a walk-in chill room and freezer unit for the slaughter house, an electrical display and shop board, and a pea huller.

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He has done considerable work in electrical wiring on the farm, including the installation of switches, lights and appliances; serviced and repaired many pieces of electrical equipment. He's now in the midst of wiring a Community Building that was presented recently to youth of the community.

Russell has been a member of the Drumm Institute FFA chapter three years and has held chapter offices of vice president and sentinel. He has lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track, and was named winner last year of the Drumm Award for excellence in citizenship, scholarship, youth activities and sports.

National Award - Dairy Farming

Hugh Poage, 18, Roanoke, Virginia. Award \$250.00. Hugh is the junior member of a mother-sons partnership that has built a thriving dairy business from a 70-acre run-down farm left to them in 1942 when the boys' father died.

Hugh was seven years old at that time, his brother, Billy, eleven. There was little the family could do but hold on the best they could, marking time until the boys were old enough to assume the management responsibility. The first boost came when Billy entered Andrew Lewis High School in Salem and attracted the attention of the school's Vocational Agriculture Teacher.

The teacher visited the farm, pointed out the need for repairs on the farm buildings, gullied fields that needed soil conservation planning, brush crowding into the pastures, thin grass, milk cows of questionable ancestry and even more doubtful production. He worked with the boys and their mother to develop a rebuilding program for the farm. They had been churning butter from eight grade Jersey cows. The teacher urged them to shift into Grade A milk production for the Roanoke market.

Going was slow because of the lack of cash to make the needed improvements, but the boys cleaned and repaired the building needed for grade A production, and shipped their first whole milk in January, 1946.

"That was a big day in our lives," says Hugh. "The more we learned in vocational agriculture the more we could see what needed to be done. We were willing to work, but improvements cost money, too, and that we didn't have."

They were able to buy a second-hand milking machine with money received from the sale of a scrub bull and some peaches. Wanting better cattle, they bought four Holstein heifers in a neighboring county and put them on pasture for the long wait until they would start producing milk. A two-acre field of alfalfa, seeded exactly according to the directions their agriculture teacher gave them, provided an additional supply of much needed feed.

The boys realized they needed a silo to store winter feed, but there was a matter of \$900 cost that had them stymied until a neighbor told them of a wind-damaged silo they could buy for \$50. Mrs. Poage scraped up money to build the foundation, the boys dipped in their own savings for the \$50. It would be a tough job of construction, but with plenty of faith in their

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own abilities the boys went ahead with the planting of corn to fill a silo. The corn was waist high before they began the job of tearing down the old silo and moving it to their own farm.

"We had not even seen a silo built," says Billy, "and we had no experience or training to draw on in the job of tearing it down, moving to our farm, and attempting to rebuild it. But, then, we needed a silo, didn't have the money to hire someone else to do the job, so it was up to us to do the best we could."

They wrote the factory that had made the silo originally, told what they planned to do, and asked for instructions. The factory sent detailed descriptions of how to go about the rebuilding. The boys fastened the directions on a barn wall and started to work.

The first 14 feet went up easily, but then the older brother had to give way to an old weakness of being unable to stand height. Hugh, 13 years old at the time, was required to climb 26 feet above the ground and use a 12-pound sledge hammer to drive in the second round of 14-foot staves while Billy held them in place.

1948 saw the boys joining the local Artificial Breeding Association to get the services of high quality bulls for their 11 cows, a slow but sure method of herd improvement. They continued to improve the farm buildings, stop the gully washing on the land, and were at last visibly on their way to success in farming.

In 1949 they went heavily into debt to buy a tractor; put it to work doing a better job of farming more land so it would pay out. More equipment has been added since that time, including a new pickup hay baler. Their herd now totals 40 head of good producing Holsteins. Last year they shipped 163,000 pounds of milk to the Roanoke market, indicating a considerable expansion over their 25,000 pounds of production in 1947.

"Give us a couple more years and we'll really be on our way," say these young Virginians.

National Award - Soil and Water Management

Herbert H. Goodman, 18, Cumberland, Virginia. Award \$250.00. The trend toward better land management in the rebirth of the Agricultural South may be evident in the fact that the national winner of this award is, for the second consecutive year, a Virginian. Herbert Goodman's father died about a year ago and the boy at 18 years of age is responsible for the operation and management of the home farm. He raises corn, small grains and tobacco, runs Hereford cattle on lush improved pastures, and maintains good timber stands on land too rough or hilly for cultivation. Expenses and profits are shared 50-50 with his mother, Mrs. Edna H. Goodman.

Included among his accomplishments are the maintenance of terraces protecting 200 acres of land, use of a planned system of crop rotation, strip-cropping 50 acres of hilly land, and the establishment of a 20-acre Ladino clover and orchard grass pasture that greatly increased yield and quality of

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forage for his cattle. He stepped up the production of 115 acres of established, permanent pasture by the application of 600 to 800 pounds of fertilizer per acre.

Even the farm pond gets fertilizer on the Goodman farm -- the fish grow better that way. To insure good fishing, Herbert re-stocked the pond with 600 bass. For good hunting, he seeded 2 acres of wildlife border with milo and lespediza and provided more grain for the birds when last winter's snow covered their feeding grounds.

Young Goodman, who graduated from Cumberland High School last spring, has been an active leader among youth of his community. He has served one year terms as treasurer and president of the Cumberland FFA chapter, participated in Dramatics Club, Glee Club, baseball and basketball, was superintendent of his Sunday School and president of the sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship. He is now an active member of Farm Bureau.

One of his best recommendations for the award came from Norborne R. Patrick, U.S.D.A. Soil Conservationist at Cumberland. Patrick's letter about Herbert said, in part:

"He has requested tests on all crop and pasture land not recently tested (to determine fertilizer needs), and has carried out recommendations resulting from the tests. He has kept up the terraces and improved the pasture land that was not already in a high state of production. His crops and livestock show the result of good management and good treatment. There is no idle land on the farm."

National Award - Farm Safety

Rugby, North Dakota, FFA Chapter. Award \$250.00. The 97 members of the Rugby FFA chapter stepped up their activities in farm safety during the past year with a fire prevention program to win the national award. They won the North Atlantic region Farm Safety award in 1950. Ben Axtman was president of the Rugby chapter for 1950-51 and Ray Arlien was chairman of their Safety Committee.

During the year Rugby Future Farmers surveyed 496 farm homes in their community and made recommendations for correction of all fire hazards they found. The Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, which writes insurance on most of the farms in the Rugby vicinity, has commended the chapter in a letter stating that "since the local FFA chapter began its fire prevention work, we have not had a single fire loss within a radius of ten miles of Rugby. We attribute this splendid record almost entirely to the fine work done by the FFA boys."

Another safety campaign in Rugby found the FFA developing a check sheet titled "Winter Driving Needs" last fall. They mimeographed the check sheet and the boys put them in every car they could find parked on Rugby streets, about 400 in all. Additional sheets were given to service station operators in town and they handed them out to their customers. The campaign had been prompted by frequent reports of lives lost when sudden winter storms caused cars to stall on the roads away from shelter. No lives were lost from

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that cause in the Rugby area during the last winter, and the FFA boys believe that their campaign may have helped. They will continue a similiar plan in the future.

In addition to the hundreds of little jobs of finding and removing hazards in the school and home farms, the Rugby FFA members have adopted a campaign to sell the idea of safer living to the entire community. The boys and their vocational agriculture instructor, Don Erickson, gave 19 talks on safety to community groups last year; built and exhibited "The Who's Next Cemetery"; distributed 1,500 leaflets on safety; put on a one-act safety play, "The Farm of Broken Men," and made complete safety and hazard surveys on 61 farms. Other major accomplishments included placing "Scotch-light" reflectors on 176 pieces of farm machinery that might travel on the road after dark, making 17 warning signs for bad roads in the community, and checking brakes, lights, horns and tires on a large number of cars and trucks.

Even with their outstanding program in safety, the Rugby FFA Chapter insures all its in-school members against the possibility of an accident in the school farm shop or on the chapter farm. So far, they haven't needed to collect any insurance.

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CONVENTION NOTES

Most FFA members in attendance at the convention wore the official FFA jacket, but costumes varied widely - cowboy boots, 10 gallon hats, and one confederate battle hat. The confederate battle hat was worn by Hugh Poage, 19 year old Roanoke, Virginia, member.

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Approximately 1,850 FFA members and official delegates went on the Chamber of Commerce sponsored tours.

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The Louisiana delegation totaled. In the group were both the 1950 and the 1951 State FFA Queens.

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Mayor William E. Kemp in his address of welcome called attention to the significance of the FFA Aims and Purposes Banner.

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Raymond C. Firestone, Vice-President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company attended his fifth FFA Convention. Mr. Firestone was chairman of the FFA Foundation, Inc. There were 100 donors to the Foundation when Mr. Firestone took office, and the number was increased to 120 during his term of office. The entertainment program following the Star Farmer Awards was sponsored by the Firestone Company. The show was of exceptionally high calibre, and special songs pertaining to the FFA were written for the show.

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Convention Notes (continued)

Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma and Senator Harry Darby of Kansas were both active supporters of P.L. 1740 which by Act of Congress chartered the Future Farmers of America. At the first business session of the 24th National Convention the Federal Charter was presented. Both Senators Darby and Kerr were present. Senator Kerr presented the charter to National FFA President Walter Cummins.

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As a part of the national FFA charter presentation ceremony, twenty-five FFA members dressed in costumes depicting Indians, Pilgrims and farmers participated in a pageant which told of the growth of farming in America and the development of the Future Farmers of America. The pageant was written by Dr. J. W. Hatch, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Albany, New York and Executive FFA Secretary J. W. Tenney of the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Jim Mustard, McCune, Kansas Chapter, a member of the National FFA Chorus and reliable pianist for that group, represented the American Indian in the pageant. The Shawnee-Mission, Kansas Chapter was responsible for the costuming and two Shawnee-Mission members, Mike Sullivan and Eugene New, participated in dancing the minuet.

Leslie Applegate of Freehold, New Jersey, the first National President of FFA in 1928, attended the chartering ceremony.

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Massey Harris showed a sound, technicolor movie entitled "Our Daily Bread" at the dinner given State FFA Presidents and State Advisers. This picture is one of the best that has come to our attention and should have wide distribution in Kansas. Write Don Maxwell, former Kansas Vocational Agriculture Instructor, c/o Massey Harris, Racine, Wisconsin, for bookings.

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The Kansas delegates as well as most FFA members from Kansas had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful floral exhibit furnished by the Hawaiian Association of FFA which was on display in the Little Theatre. Many Kansas members enjoyed the privilege of meeting George Hirayama of the Hawaiian delegation who had charge of the exhibit. George lives in a sugar cane section on the island of Oahu and works as an electrician on the sugar cane plantation. His hobby is growing orchids and three-tailed goldfish.

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Ed Pachta, member of the 1951 American Farmer class from Belleville, Kansas, gave the response at the Santa Fe breakfast and did a fine job. Mr. R. S. Outlaw general solicitor of the Santa Fe Railroad of Chicago, Illinois, was toastmaster. There were 150 guests present. The Santa Fe Railroad cooperating with the Future Farmers of America since 1928 has brought to the annual National Conventions a total of over 1,000 trip winners.

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The Puerto Rico delegates and supervisor came by air. It required only 14 hours to make the trip.

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Convention Notes (continued)

The 1951 Star Farmer of Missouri, Kenneth Moore, 18 year old Princeton FFA member, gave major attention to dairying during most of the time he was in vocational agriculture. Last year he added pheasant production as a sideline. The business proved to be so in demand that before the year was out he, in cooperation with his parents had handled 13,000 pheasants. The Moore's are keeping 300 pheasants over the winter and expect to produce 20,000 eggs next year.

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The Seaboard Air Line Railroad had as guests at the Convention six state winners in forestry achievement. The winners were from the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Wm. S. Fish, 18, Taylor, Florida, managed eighty acres of timberland which he leased on a share and share alike basis. He harvested \$2,283 worth of timber and turpentine from the eighty.

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Ross Bergdall, 17 year-old FFA member of the Lahoma, Oklahoma Chapter, showed the junior grand champion Hereford steer at the 1951 American Royal Livestock Show.

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The Shawnee-Mission Chapter built fifty tables to be used for FFA exhibits in the Little Theatre. Thirty tables were size 8'x38" and four tables were 4'x12'. This was no little "farm shop" job to be worked in with an over crowded FFA program.

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George Stelter, past National FFA Officer from Kansas was present at the charter presentation ceremony. George is with the Niles Conner Memorial Parks organization at 409 Watts Building, San Diego 1, California. George states that he is still working in the soil, and that he is in the type of business where the customers do not talk back to you. He was accompanied by his wife Harriet and their two year old daughter.

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Past National FFA President George Lewis of Illinois brought greetings from the eight month old National Organization of Future Farmers of Japan. Although only eight months old this organization has a membership of 150,000 farm boys.

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Hunter Spence, a junior in high school in Creeds, Virginia, did a splendid job in leading the National FFA Band in the American Royal Parade. Hunter relieved Dr. Brunner, Director of the Band on more than one occasion during the FFA Convention. He played the alto sax and doubled as a drum major.

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Third Vice-President Donald Jorgensen, Lake City, Iowa, M. C.'d the FFA Talent Night and did a masterful job.

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Convention Notes (continued)

The Osborne Company, Clifton, New Jersey, states that they have already sold 209,000 1952 FFA calendars. Approximately 90% of the sales were repeat orders. The original FFA Calendar painting by Anderson was presented to National FFA President Walter Cummins.

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Executive FFA Secretary A. W. Tenney stated that the National Supply Service sold more than 30,000 FFA jackets last year. The Supply Service staff has been greatly increased in order to expedite the business of the organization.

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Accompanying the National FFA Chorus

It was my privilege to be a member of the National FFA Chorus in both 1950 and 1951, and in 1951 was chosen to be the pianist for the Chorus. Chorus members are selected by a national committee, and all report to Kansas City Friday noon preceding the Convention. Many long and hard hours of work precede our initial appearance on the Convention program, and much work on the part of each member is required throughout our stay in Kansas City. Dr. J. W. Hatch deserves a great deal of credit for his work in directing the Chorus and credit must go to each individual in the Chorus for whole-hearted cooperation and effort in making the National FFA Chorus a success. Here the Purposes and the Creed of the Future Farmers of America stand in each member's heart and are lived as only can be done by Future Farmers of America. My greatest thrill was in helping with the pageant in the National Charter presentation program. We made recordings and presented programs over the Mutual and the National broadcasting systems. I appreciated having had the opportunity of being a member of the National FFA Chorus and give my heartfelt thanks to the Kansas Association for making this possible.

Jim Mustard
McCune Chapter

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Appreciation

I enjoyed playing in the National FFA Band and was glad to have an opportunity to meet the Kansas members as well as members from all over the U. S. It was a real thrill to play in the Band. I have never learned so much or worked so hard in music as I did that week, but feel it was an experience that could never be duplicated. I would like to go back again but as one of the boys said, if we got to go again, some boy would never get to go.

John Bircher
Ellsworth Chapter

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Executive Adviser A. W. Tenney informed the House of Delegates that the matter of publishing a national FFA magazine was still in the planning stage.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

In all of the contests, state teams and individual judges were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emble, 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, Silber Emblem and Bronze Emblem teams and individuals. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participating teams and individuals.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 3, 1951

Dairy Cattle Judging (36 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Eldorado team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Kenneth W. Schmidt, Weldon Braman and John R. Unger, all Silver Emblem. William R. McMillan, Adviser.

Judging Dairy Products: (30 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Cherryvale team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Robert McGuire, Silver Emblem; Charles Allen, Bronze Emblem; Harlow Altendorf, Honorable Mention; Clem Young, Adviser.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 10-11, 1951

Meats Identification Contest: (29 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Yates Center team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Roger Nordmeyer and Altis Ferree, Silver Emblem; Joe R. Steiner, Bronze Emblem; Don Brock, Adviser.

Livestock Judging Contest: (39 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Newton won Bronze Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Maurice Kurr, Silver Emblem; Sammy Kreuger, Bronze Emblem; Vere English, Honorable Mention; Ralph Karns, Adviser.

Poultry Judging Contest: (32 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Chamute team was one of four states winning Gold Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Richard Reinhardt and Ralph Madill, Jr., Gold Emblem; Wayne Burghart, Silver Emblem; Charles O. Carter, Adviser.

FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1951 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 FAIR

Booth Exhibits:

- 1st place - Hiawatha Chapter, Ralph Arnold, Adviser
Theme: "Swine Management"
- 2nd place - Holton Chapter, Keith Wagoner, Adviser
Theme: "The Kansas DeFerred Feeding Plan"
- 3rd place - Ottawa Chapter, S. S. Bergsma, Adviser
Theme: "Combination Sorting and Loading Chute"
- 4th place - Sabotha Chapter, H. R. Pollock, Adviser
Theme: "European Corn Borer"
- 5th place - Williamsburg Chapter, Earl Anderson, Adviser
Theme: "Miltiflora Rose in Farming and Wild Life"
- 6th place - Hays Chapter, Thaine Clark, Adviser
Theme: "Grass the Healer"

AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSON

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Kingman, Virgil Lake, Adviser
- 2nd place - Haven, Glen Schulthess, Adviser
- 3rd place - Eldorado, William R. McMillan, Adviser
- 4th place - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Adviser
- 5th place - Winfield, Ira Plank & John Lowe, Advisers
- 6th place - Great Bend, Carl Heinrich, Adviser
- 7th place - Hillsboro, William D. Smith, Adviser
- 8th place - Mankato, Darwin Housholder, Adviser
- 9th place - Little River, Milton Kohrs, Adviser
- 10th place - Ness City, W. E. Stone, Adviser
- 11th place - Arkansas City, William D. Turner, Adviser
- 12th place - Lakin, Dean Hoppas, 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 - Ottawa County
(prepared by Minneapolis Chapter, Karl Will, Adviser)

Western Area

- 1st place - Comanche County
(prepared by Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser)
- 4th place - Ellis County
(prepared by Hays Chapter, Thaine Clark, Adviser)

* Only Booth Exhibits prepared by FFA chapters are listed.

CHAPTER NEWS

Note: The addition of pictorials and the wealth of material concerning the 24th National FFA Convention make it necessary to severely edit chapter notes for this issue of the Newsletter. All news concerning District FFA Leadership schools will appear in the December issue. ED

KENSINGTON: Our department of vocational agriculture was re-established this fall, and we have activated our FFA chapter which was chartered 4-2-38 and is number 140 in our state association.

Denis Sweat, Reporter

SOLOMON: We have a membership of 35...Our fall Fair was held October 12 in conjunction with the Lion's Fall Festival...The Lions club donated \$25 for premiums, and this amount was matched by the FFA...The chapter is paying half the cost of FFA jackets for our officers...Two events which we are all looking forward to are the FFA-Senior carnival, November 9, and the annual FFA Barnwarmer, November 21.

Mike Barrett, Reporter

COLUMBUS: There are 48 members in our chapter...Our officers gave the Parliamentary Procedure skit at the district P.T.A. conference in Pittsburg, October 24...Major shop jobs under construction are: portable loading chute, farrowing house, two tractor mounted post hole diggers, numerous feeders and troughs.

Harold Duff, Reporter

FREDONIA: Thirty-five members of our chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson...Our officers attended the 24th FFA Convention at Kansas City... We plan to hold our FFA banquet November 30.

Benny Bonan, Reporter

HADDAM: We have 14 gilts in our Duroc gilt program, which is in its third year...We initiated nine Green Hand members...Our sophomore and junior members attended the American Royal, October 16.

Ronald Lull, Reporter

CENTRALIA: We held our watermelon feed for prospective members in August... Galen Forgy received Grand Champion and Reserve Champion on two Shorthorn cows entered in the Seneca Agricultural Fair...We have 31 members in our chapter.

Edwin Schlarman, Reporter

BUNKER HILL: Vocational Agriculture is offered for the first time this year in our high school. We have organized an FFA chapter and our members were given the Green Hand degree by the Ellsworth chapter officers.

Gail Bush, Reporter

QUINTER: We held our Parent-Son Meeting on October 4...We entertained the freshmen and Faculty men in a horseshoe tournament and watermelon feed early in the school year...We have mixed about 2 ton of mineral.

Maurice Lines, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ESKRIDGE: We have 27 members...Our new 100'x50' building is now finished. Our members painted the doors, windows and trim; did the plumbing and heating work; made work benches, and are now working on concrete sidewalks - Open House will be November 15.

Marvin Hafenstein, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: We have 21 members...Our pest eradication contest is under way... Some shop jobs are - wagon box, spray painting farm machinery, 2 turkey feeders and gates.

Oscar Krouse, Reporter

NORTON: Eight members and our adviser attended the State Fair at Hutchinson... Chapter members have shocked feed for several farmers and have earned enough money to finance our annual FFA Banquet...Our new shop and classroom unit is nearing completion.

Bob Hubbard, Reporter

WAMEGO: We started the year with our annual FH A-FFA Square Dance. The FHA furnished refreshments while the FFA furnished the entertainment... We earned \$25 by locating, digging out, cleaning and repairing a disc that was four feet under sand as a result of the July floods... Two registered Duroc gilts have been purchased and given to Freshmen on a basis of return sow and gilt when gilts reach 200 lbs... We have sold 1,000 pencils with football schedule on them... 24 members attended the National FFA Convention.

Carl Stewart, Reporter

MULVANE: The Junior and Senior boys have hauled 2,700 bales of hay for farmers and the Freshmen and Sophomore boys have been picking corn - the two projects have netted the chapter \$300... Our FFA Banquet is scheduled for November 27, turkey will be served... We are finishing a cattle squeeze and are installing a new metal lathe... New equipment in shop this year includes a new arc welder, and a new acetylene welder.

Garland Humboldt, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Martin Thomson's exhibit of black hull wheat at the Hutchinson State Fair placed second... Ronald Squire's Duroc litter has been accepted as a ton litter... Our pest eradication contest is under way.

Stanley J. Westlake, Reporter

RIVERTON: Our entire chapter attended the 24th National FFA Convention at Kansas City October 17... We are selling coffee at home football games to raise money... Community service to date includes culling chickens and building a concrete water tank

Joe Brown, Reporter

MANKATO: A fishing party and watermelon feed was held for prospective members during August... Our chapter purchased a registered Hampshire boar for use in our purebred gilt ring... We purchased an old brooder house and completely remodeled it for a concession stand at football games... Our members earned \$75 shocking feed for farmers and to this was added \$50 of prize money for exhibits at the State Fair... 40 members and their dates enjoyed a hayrack ride and weiner roast October 16.

Gerald Carpenter, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

LAKIN: We attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. Arnold and Dewey Davis exhibited steers at the State Fair. Arnold Davis exhibited the stock rack for a pick-up he made in farm shop.

Dick Crump, Reporter

HERINGTON: At our first meeting it was decided that the chapter would purchase 150 boxes of Christmas cards...A pest eradication contest is under way... We had a chicken dinner for Freshmen boys in vocational agriculture at Herington September 13.

Dean Floyd, Reporter

WASHBURN: Our officers attended the 24th National FFA Convention...Seven of our members exhibited livestock at the Kansas Free Fair...Our chapter president, Bob Engler, had the grand champion steer at the Hutchinson State Fair in the junior division...Some shop projects under way are: hog troughs, sheep feeder, hog house, two four-wheel trailers and beds, and a power lawn mower.

Bruce Oelke, Reporter

OVERBROOK: We staged a watermelon feed for prospective members during August... We are fixing up street markers for the city streets...Plans for raising money for the chapter include building 2 implement trailers to sell; and "give" away a turkey at our last football game.

Charles Garrett, Reporter

SHAWNEE MISSION: The entire chapter attended the National Convention, Tuesday, October 9. As in past years a number of members worked at National headquarters...chapter members working after school for two days picked up 90 bushels of walnuts. The walnuts were sold to a Northern logging firm as seed for \$1 per bushel...Gene Barker, 4th place winner in the Lincoln Arc Welding Contest, brought his self-unloading grain trailer back during National Convention week for visitors' inspection. The 4th place honor gave Gene \$100 and the chapter \$100...Over 100 guests visited Shawnee Mission during National Convention week. Groups from Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Iran, Thailand, Philippines, and Germany. The groups included teachers, students, and the Minister of Education from Siam, Dr. Luang Pramodya...Our chapter has placed 4 roadside FFA markers along important highways leading to our school. 20 members have individual FFA markers.

Jerry Shadowen, Reporter

BUHLER: Our chapter prepared the Reno County Collective Agricultural Exhibit for the Hutchinson State Fair. The exhibit ranked first in the Central Division...Our next activity is that of making the annual Community Chest Drive in the city of Buhler...Shop jobs under construction are: Manure loader, Buzz Saw, portable tool grinder, pull-type grader for tractor, sheep feeders from barrels, power lawn mower, two barrel-type hog feeders, veterinary kit, hog feeder, and 2 wheel trailer.

Kay Rader, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WAKEFIELD: At our October meeting we adopted a program of awarding FFA letters.

Richard Elkins, Reporter

ONAGA: We held our annual watermelon feed for the freshmen members September 7 - 400 foot of moving pictures of our FFA activities during the past year were shown...Our chapter has placed 6 registered Spotted Poland China pigs with FFA members this fall from our cooperative hog project...Our chapter purchased a pop corn machine last year and made enough profit by the close of the year to pay for it...Major shop jobs include 2 machinery trailers, 4 hog houses, 1 loading chute, 1 calf creep feeder, 1 self feeder for hogs and overhaul of a manure spreader.

Donald Berges, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: We have a membership of 66...We conducted a concession at the county fair and netted \$290.00...We lime the football field and receive \$5.00 for the job each time.

Cliff May, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Our Father-Son watermelon feed was held August 31 with an attendance of 42...Our Parent-Son Banquet is scheduled for November 16...We have at present \$300 in our chapter treasury, resulting from the prize money for our booth at the Kansas Free Fair and for the sale of 1 concrete packer...Our adviser and 20 boys attended the American Royal October 17...We have painted the walls and floor of our Ag Room and are installing a magazine rack...Community services completed to date include: 401 sheep drenched, wormed 63 hogs, castrated 104 hogs, castrated 5 calves, and vaccinated 16 calves for blackleg.

James Ware, Reporter

HUMBOLDT: 15 chapter members accompanied by our adviser attended the State Fair at Hutchinson...We plan to sponsor a Sweetheart Contest which will last approximately 6 weeks. The queen will be crowned and given a Sweetheart Jacket at a pie social.

Gary Upton, Reporter

HOYT: We have 12 members in our chapter...Our chapter bought a Duroc gilt which was given to Don Rickel. The gilt farrowed 12 pigs and 8 of them were saved. Don will return a barrow and a gilt to the chapter at the end of the school year.

George Williams, Reporter

KINGMAN: Our chapter purchased a pop vending machine for the Youth Center at a cost of \$400...The FFA receives all the profits until the machine is paid for. Then the profits will be split, 75% for the FFA and 25% for the Youth Center. Our goal is to have the machine paid for in two years or less...We have a membership of 56...Our entire chapter attended the State Fair in Hutchinson.

Julius Weber, Reporter

BEVERLY: We are still feeding our 2 Angus steers on the deferred system...Our Greenhand initiation and FFA-FHA Barnwarmer is scheduled for next month.

Keith Suelter, Reporter

BAZINE: We plan to sponsor a girls' basketball team and a Parent-Son Banquet during the coming year.

Paul Scheuerman, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ROSE HILL: We started the year with our annual watermelon feed for Freshmen... We have 38 boys in our chapter...A heavy floor drill has been added to our shop equipment...Major shop projects are: 2 hog houses, 1 breeding crate, 4 feed bunks, 4 hog troughs, 2 pipe gates and 1 two wheel trailer.

Edwin Wilks, Reporter

HOLTON: Our adviser and FFA officers attended the 24th National Convention at Kansas City...We are building a 24 inch retaining wall of concrete for the parking lot east of the school building. The wall is 8 inches wide and 130 feet long...Our popcorn machine is paid for and is bringing in some profit... We purchased a small radio to be used during noon hours and at FFA meetings... Shop jobs include: a loading chute, barrel hog feeder, feed storage bin, several hog troughs from hot water tanks, painting a side-delivery rake, an 8'x14' flat bed trailer for hauling baled hay.

Allen Clinkenbeard, Reporter

JEWELL: Our chapter took an active part in the Jewell Corn Show, October 12 and 13 by setting up tables and booths for exhibits and preparing a float for the parade.

Wayne Foulke, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: We had a watermelon feed and play night for the freshmen Ag boys in September...Members of our chapter exhibiting at our county fair were: Richard Froberg, grand champion Guernsey heifer, reserve champion Angus baby beef; Arlyn Scheller, blue ribbon Holstein heifer; Melvin Scheller, reserve champion Holstein heifer and blue ribbon Hereford baby beef. David Dettke won red and white ribbons on Polled Herefords at the Hutchinson State Fair...For part of our community service, members of shop classes are painting the shop equipment and have built an outdoor platform for welding larger projects.

Bill Drinnen, Reporter

HOXIE: The FFA boys planted 22 acres of certified Comanche wheat on the co-operative farm at the Hoxie Airport. The seed was produced by Lloyd Mills one of our chapter farmers...Our chapter spent a half day collecting scrap, October 23...Our FFA and FHA box social is scheduled for November 14 - a turkey will be "given" away and boxes will go to the highest bidder...The classes in shop are making 6 hog troughs, overhauling 2 Chevrolet motors, 2 Maytag motors, 1 gate, and 2 squeezes. With the help of all the FFA boys the chapter built a squeeze to use in the community.

Archie Hughes, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Nine FFA members, together with adviser, Don Hall, took a Rocky Mountain camping trip in August, visiting Granby Reservoir, Grand Lake and Arapahoe National Forest.

Eugene Cook, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Senior FFA members attended the Hutchinson State Fair on Monday. The Fair was an inspiration to all who attended.

Richard Theander, Reporter