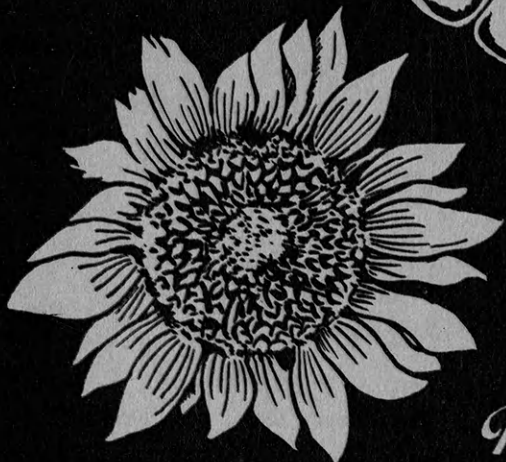
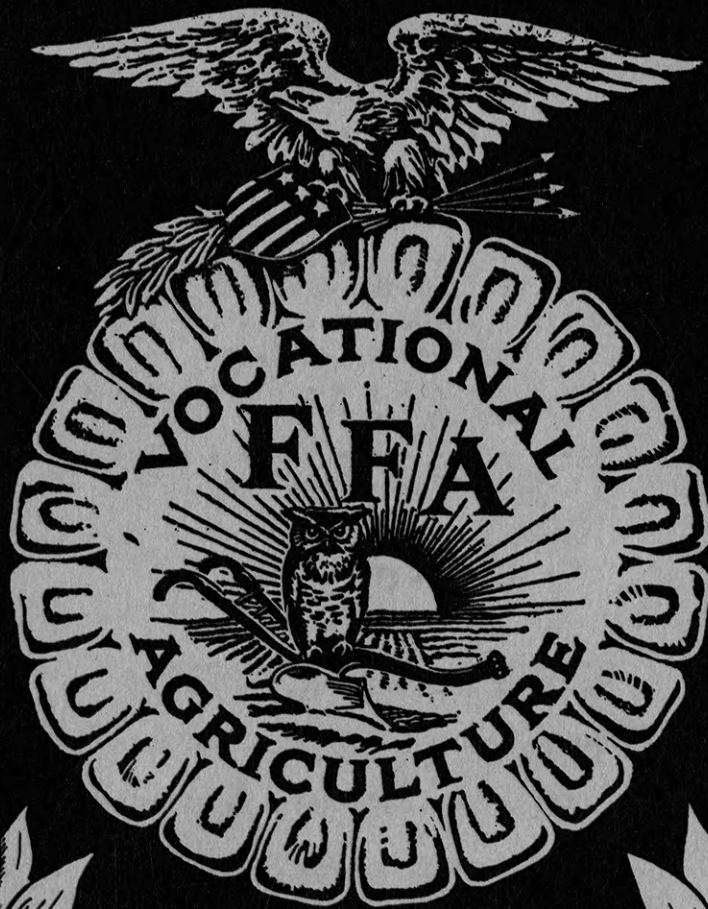


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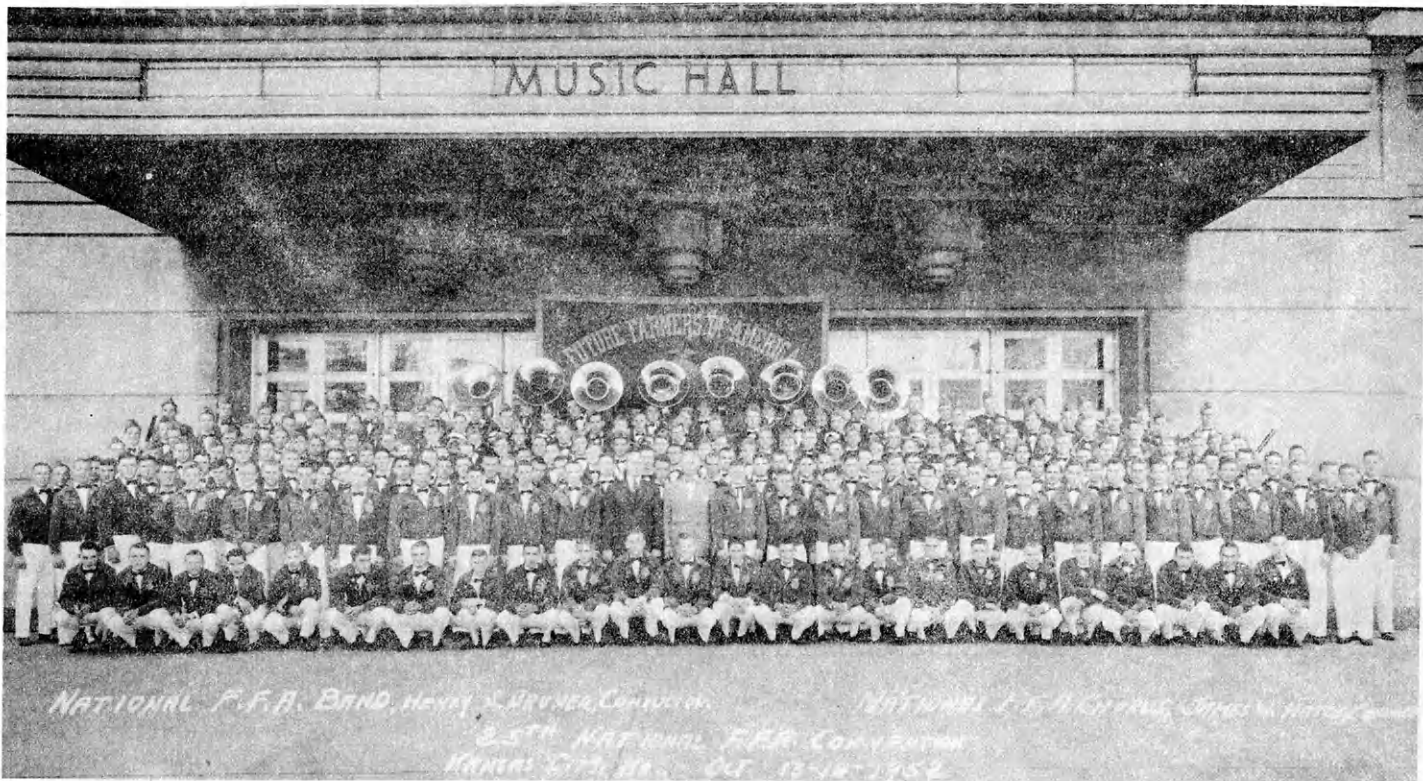
MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1953. Dues are .30¢ per member, .10¢ national and .20¢ state.

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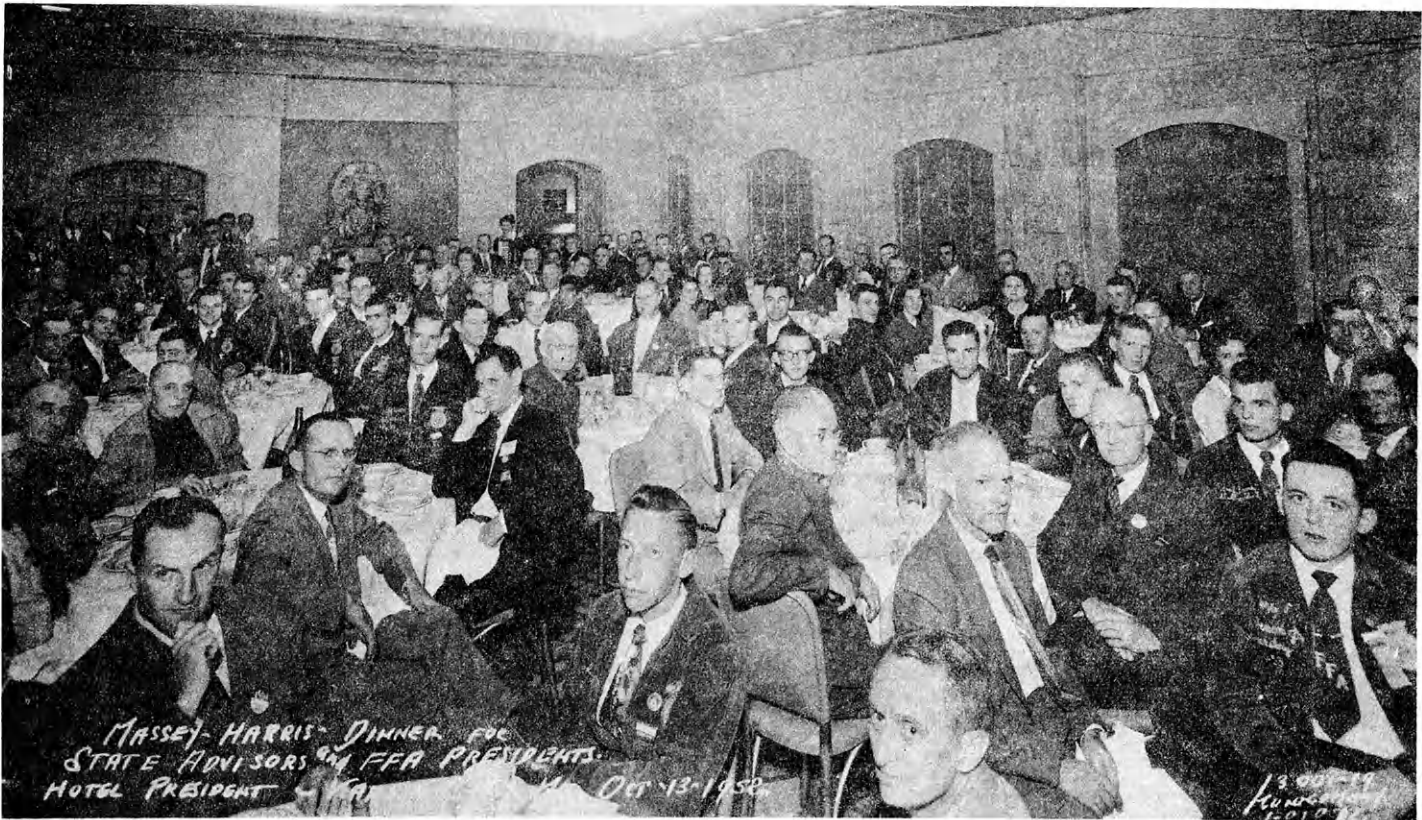
TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION SCENES



Dr. Henry S. Bruner and Dr. James Hatch (center, first row standing) conductors of the National FFA Band and Chorus each with 110 members. The Chorus represented 32 states, and the 36 states.



Kansas members of the National FFA Band and Chorus. Back row - L.R. Allis Ferree, Yates Center; Benny Brent, Alton; James Van Blaricum, Minneola; Bob Miller, Kiowa; Delmar Pfortmiller, Natoma; Raymond Marby, Little River; Steve Ahrens, Mankato; front row - L.R. Sam Graham, Kiowa; Sam Peppiatt, Ellsworth; David Frey, Riley; Gerald Stoker, LaCygne; Robert Raines, Louisburg.

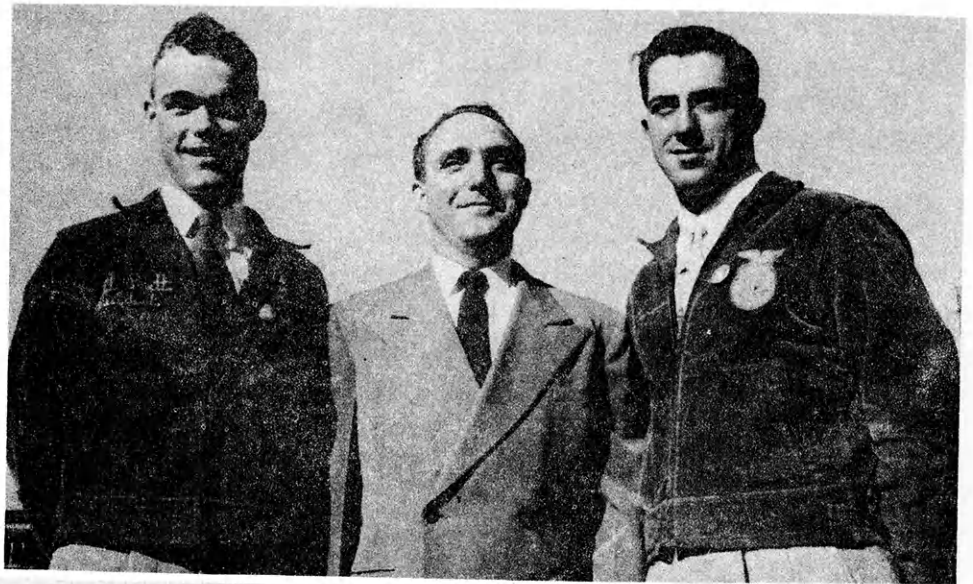


Front table right. State Advisor L. B. Pollom, State Deputy Advisor A. P. Davidson, State Treasurer Gary Neilan, State President Billy Ray James, attending one of the special banquets held for FFA representatives during the National Convention.

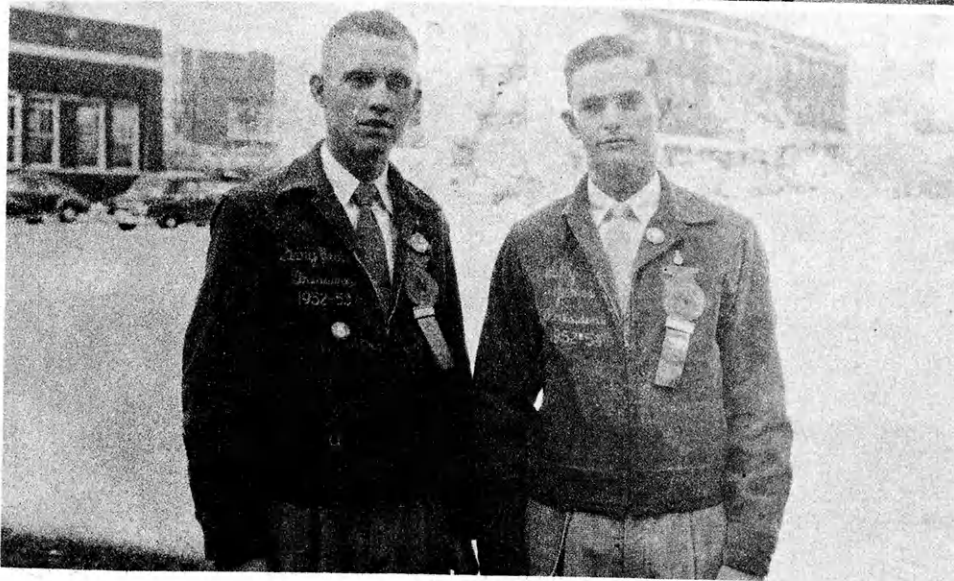


FFA members and advisors studying the Gold Emblem Chapter entries, in the National Chapter Contest. State exhibits in the background.

Kansas American Farmer candidates: L. to R. Phillip P. Pratt, Hoxie; Deryl F. Carswell, Alton.



Kansas delegates to the National FFA Convention. L.R. State Treasurer, Gary Neilan, St. Francis; State President, Billy Ray James, Clay Center



FFA Convention delegates observing the official FFA calendar, handled by "The Osborne Company." Mr. L. F. Barron (extreme right), editor and manager of the Future Farmer magazine, checks over additional subscription lists.



TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FFA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16, 1952

According to the official records 7,000 FFA members representing 48 states and 2 territories spent three days mixing business and pleasure in attendance at the twenty-Fifth 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 Billy Ray James, Clay Center Chapter, President of the Kansas Association of FFA, and Gary Neilan, St. Francis Chapter, State FFA Treasurer.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 318 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-fifth National Convention were: Deryl F. Carswell, Alton Chapter and Phillip P. Pratt, Hoxie Chapter.

First rank in number of American Farmer Degrees received by members went to the Texas Association with a total of 35; Illinois with 17; Tennessee with 16; Oklahoma and Georgia each with 15; Wisconsin with 14; Alabama and North Carolina each with 13; and California and Missouri each with 11 successful American Farmer candidates ranked in the order listed. Kansas had two successful candidates; Iowa 8 and Colorado 2.

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

E. R. Alexander, Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, A & M College of Texas
Walter B. Anderson, District Manager, L. G. Balfour Company, Virginia
L. E. Cook, Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, North Carolina
John F. Daneke, Public Relations Department, General Motors Corp., Michigan
H. H. Gibson, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Oregon
A. C. Hale, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Arkansas
Cal T. Johnson, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Texas
J. C. Moore, District Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Missouri
Paul D. Sanders, Editor, THE SOUTHERN PLANTER, Virginia
G. A. Schmidt, Retired Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Colorado
W. T. Schnathorst, International Harvester Company, Illinois
J. K. Stern, President, American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D.C.
Robert E. Wood, Chairman of the Board, Sears-Roebuck and Co., Illinois

Twenty-Fifth National Convention of FFA (continued)
 Honorary American Farmers (continued)

H. W. Deems, Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, Nebraska
 Elvin Downs, Assistant State Director of Agricultural Education, Utah
 A. P. Fatheree, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Mississippi
 R. C. S. Sutliff, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, New York

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 Central Region is Wayne Vogel, 21 year old Republic, Ohio tenant farmer. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, of \$1,000.00.

Star Farmer of the Southern Region - John W. Reynolds, Jr., 20, Goodlets-ville, Tennessee. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - George H. Warmington, 20, McMinnville, Oregon. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Frank L. Arnold, Jr., 21, Middlesex, New York. Award \$500.00.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First: Bruce Ayers, Stuart, Virginia. "The Green Revolution." Award \$250.00
- Second: Clarence Teagarden, Galesburg, Illinois. "Water Management The American Way." Award \$225.00.
- Third: Billy Webster, Lewiston, Montana. "Green Gold." Award \$200.00.
- Fourth: Shigemi Maeda, Mana, Kauai, Hawaii. "The Soil - A Heritage to Preserve." Award \$175.00
- Fifth: Donald Osborn, Oxford, West Virginia. "Better Living Through Proper Farm Management." Award \$150.00.

Judges of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest were:

Paul D. Sanders, Editor, THE SOUTHERN PLANTER, Richmond, Virginia
 Frank W. Jenks, Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois
 Paul Zillman, Secretary and Agricultural Counsel, Kansas-Nebraska Chain Stores Council, Incorporated, Kansas City, Missouri

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:Gold Emblem

Riverton Chapter	Waverly, Nebraska
Huntsville, Alabama	Newton, New Jersey
Yuma, Arizona	Woodstown, New Jersey
Lakeside Chapter	Deming, New Mexico
Hot Springs, Arkansas	Rugby, North Dakota
Conway, Arkansas	Sayre, Oklahoma
Madera, California	Fairview, Oklahoma
Modesto, California	Albany, Oregon
Eaton, Colorado	Kennett Chapter
Brighton, Colorado	Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
Saddle and Grate Chapter	John Sevier Chapter
Camden-Wyoming, Delaware	Erwin, Tennessee
Quincy, Florida	Chester Co. Chapter
Blakely-Union Chapter	Henderson, Tennessee
Blakely, Georgia	Clifton, Texas
Newark, Illinois	Nacogdoches, Texas
Pearl City, Illinois	Box Elder Chapter
Delphi, Indiana	Brigham City, Utah
Mount Ayr, Iowa	Andrew Lewis Chapter
Cassopolis, Michigan	Salem, Virginia
Brainerd, Minnesota	Battle Ground, Washington
Jasper, Missouri	Martinsburg, West Virginia
Flathead Chapter	Ripley, West Virginia
Kalispell, Montana	Castleford, Idaho
Huntley Project Chapter	
Worden, Montana	

Silver Emblem

Amphitheater Chapter	Hatch, New Mexico
Tucson, Arizona	Schultz Chapter
Stephen Babcock Chapter	Towner, North Dakota
Middletown, Delaware	Bremen, Ohio
Suwannee, Florida	Hayesville, Ohio
Miller Co. Chapter	Corvallis, Oregon
Colquitt, Georgia	Woodruff, South Carolina
Pahoa, Hawaii	Baron DeKalb Chapter
Little River, Kansas	Westville, South Carolina
Winfield, Kansas	Clark, South Dakota
Athens Chapter	Dayton, Virginia
Lexington, Kentucky	Mt. Baker Chapter
Delhi, Louisiana	Deming, Washington
Sandusky, Michigan	
Virgin Valley Chapter	
Bunkerville, Nevada	

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Bronze Emblem

Tanner, Alabama
 Sugar-Salem Chapter
 Sugar City, Idaho
 Audubon, Iowa
 Mt. Carmel Chapter
 Florien, Louisiana
 Mapleton, Maine
 Gorham, Maine

Earl C. Baity Chapter
 Fylesville, Maryland
 Stockbridge, Massachusetts
 Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Auburn, Nebraska
 Wa-Pung-A-Haben Chapter
 Lovelock, Nevada
 Greenville, New York
 Powell, Wyoming

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

National Winner - Ed Reser, 18, Walla Walla, Washington. Award \$250.00.
 Regional Winner - John William Paul, 16, Greendell, New Jersey, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - Maurice Voiner, 17, Route 1, Golden City, Missouri, Central Region. Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - Floyd Goostree, Jr., 16, Sayre, Oklahoma, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

National Winner - Bryce O. Anderson, 16, Imperial, Nebraska. Award \$250.00
 Regional Winner - Tillman Gibbs, 17, Ranbourne, Alabama. Southern Region. Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - Robert D. Biggs, 17, Felton, Delaware, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - Arden Olsen, 17, Kalispell, Montana, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

DAIRY FARMING CONTEST:

National Winner - Harold Miller, 17, Route 1, Ancramdale, New York. Award \$250.00.
 Regional Winner - Edward Steele, Route 4, Butler, Missouri, Central Region. Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - Garth Lamb, Route 1, Gilbert, Arizona, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - Ben F. Middleton, Route 1, Herndon, Virginia, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTEST:

National Winner - Lewis Earl Britton, 17, Greenville, Illinois. Award \$250.00.
 Regional Winner - Jay Wright, 18, Alamo, Nevada, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

Twenty-Fifth Nat'l. Conv. of FFA (continued)Soil and Water Management Contest (continued):

Regional Winner - Cleburn Lincke, 18, Route 2, New Ulm, Texas, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.

Regional Winner - Wesley E. Bobbett, Route 5, Auburn, New York, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00

FARM SAFETY CONTEST:

National Winner - Bottineau Chapter, Bottineau, North Dakota. Award \$250.00

Regional Winner - Tolleson Chapter, Tolleson, Arizona, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

Regional Winner - Deland Chapter, Deland, Florida, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.

Regional Winner - Saddle and Grate Chapter, Camden-Wyoming, Delaware, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.

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* Regional Vice President

James Willis, McColl, South Carolina, Student Secretary

* For the first time in the history of the National FFA Convention the nominating committee failed to recommend a complete slate. A candidate for the North Atlantic Region was not recommended. The Agricultural Supervisors of this region will meet, interview candidates and make a recommendation to the National Board of Student Officers. This body has been authorized by the House of Delegates to elect to the Regional Vice Presidency the candidate recommended by the Agricultural Supervisors.

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HIGH STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

The National FFA Officers set a high standard of proficiency in handling the entire program of the 25th National Convention. Credit is due the entire group of student officers, but special credit must be given President Don Staheli for the splendid job he did in keeping the convention moving on an even keel. Much business was transacted and a wide range of activities were engaged upon during the week, and the smooth and efficient manner in which the business was consummated can be attributed to a well trained group of officers with an outstanding chairman. Don's range of experiences during the convention week included; table Grace on many occasions, introducing dignitaries from Industry, Government, Agriculture, and the Theatre, appearing on radio, on television, and calmly and efficiently conducting the various meetings under klieg lights while the 1953 version of an FFA technicolor-sound movie was being taken. Certainly Don Staheli and his group of National FFA Officers set a high level of performance for the 1953 group of officers to attain.

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STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS

Perhaps the most colorful and inspiring program of the entire 25th National FFA Convention was the presentation of the Star American Farmer awards during the third session, Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony was opened with the 110 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 - Walter Wayne Vogel

Walter Wayne Vogel, 21, Rt. 2, Republic, Ohio, was named the Star Farmer of America. Young Vogel's achievement of FFA's highest honor is a Horatio Alger story of a boy's seven-year struggle against tremendous odds to become successfully established in farming. His parents were separated before he entered high school, and Wayne's only real assets toward his ambition of becoming a farmer were a stubborn determination and the will to work.

Living on a one-acre place near McCutchenville with his mother, the boy insisted that he wanted to farm and got his start by renting nearby small plots of ground, hiring the machinery to cultivate it. He cleared \$700 during his freshman year as a vocational agriculture student on a farming program consisting of 85 ducks and 400 ducklings, 370 chicks, 6 acres of corn, and one-fourth acre of potatoes. He lost \$27.83 on the ducklings, incidentally, and quickly dropped that enterprise. He earned another \$345 doing day-labor work for farmers in the community, \$275 for keeping the South Bend cemetery mowed, and \$82 from mowing lawns.

In his second year he got more land and expanded his corn to 13 acres, had 5 acres of wheat, 600 chicks, 131 hens, 197 ducks and one-eighth acre of potatoes, and netted \$721.72. Outside work brought in about \$335.

By the beginning of his junior year in high school Wayne had bought a used tractor and some second-hand machinery for working his crop land. He rented unused buildings in the neighborhood to house his laying hens, bought a sow and a heifer, and continued finding small acreages of land that he could rent and work. When he graduated in May, 1949, he was farming 96 acres of land, had a fairly complete line of farm machinery, had expanded his poultry enterprise, and was raising a few hogs.

During his four high school years he had earned nearly \$3,000 from farming and more than \$1,200 from outside work. He had found time to serve one-year terms as secretary and president of the local FFA chapter, represented the chapter two years in the state FFA public speaking contest, served as president of the county's Junior Fair Board, was secretary of his Sunday School, and assistant steward in the local Grange.

Star American Farmer Awards (continued)

Ohio Future Farmers looked over his achievements in 1949 and named him to receive their top award of Star State Farmer, then elected him to serve as the 1949-50 vice president of the State FFA Association.

Wayne's break came in 1950 when he succeeded in renting a 160-acre farm from W. B. Shumway, Sr., of Tiffin. The farm was badly run down, the buildings neglected, and the landlord so disgusted with tenants he had been able to get in the past that he had the farm listed for sale. After the first year of renting the place to Wayne, Shumway was so pleased with the result that he took the farm off the market and began working with Wayne to improve it. They have installed running water in the house, laid tile for drainage, and are clearing 20 acres of thin woodlot not previously farmed.

Asked how Wayne suited him as a tenant, Shumway said: "Very well! If he didn't, I wouldn't be spending more than \$3,000 this year to improve the farm."

Young Vogel is doing his part, too. He rebuilt the brooder houses, built a foundation under the granary, removed the old barn floor and hauled in fill dirt to provide a place to store his machinery. The buildings are old and could stand a coat of paint, but the premises are neat and have a much different appearance than when Wayne took over.

The young farmer has a complete line of farm equipment and estimates that it, together with his livestock and other assets, are worth more than \$16,000. At the time his application for the American Farmer degree was filed last spring, he still owed nearly \$5,000, most of which was borrowed to meet expenses of this year's crops and for the purchase of machinery.

He was married last spring and his wife, Kathleen, often helps with the work in the fields during the rush seasons. They have the home comfortably furnished, and provide a home for Wayne's mother.

The young farmer continues his education. He has moved from McCutchenville to the Sycamore community where he is a member and officer of the Young Farmer Class. He regularly drives twenty miles to attend the classes taught by vocational agriculture instructor Harold Moorhead. During the 1952 Ohio Young Farmer conference, Wayne was elected State vice president and he represented the state at a national conference held in Kansas City October 17 and 18.

Young Vogel's record already has won him considerable acclaim. One statement made by Warren G. Weiler, state supervisor of vocational agriculture in Ohio, sums up his accomplishments:

"Teachers and staff members who know of Wayne's achievements in spite of almost insurmountable obstacles agree that it probably is a record without precedent in Ohio. Starting with practically nothing as a freshman and with little visible opportunity, Wayne developed in four years a program that won for him the Star State Farmer award. Since leaving high school, Wayne has continued his remarkable progress until today, three years out of high school, he is as well established in farming as many men who have worked a lifetime."

1952 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS

The following is a brief report on each of the two 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.

Phillip P. Pratt - Hoxie Chapter

Phillip enrolled in vocational agriculture as a freshman in 1946, he owned three saddle horses, one heifer, three steers and a sow. In the spring of 1947 he rented 22 acres of feed ground and seeded it to Norkan feed. Two thirds of the crop was used as feed and the other third was given as rent for the ground.

In 1948 he added another 15 acres of rented ground and planted it to wheat.

In 1949 he borrowed money from the bank and bought 14 head of steers and rented 30 more acres of land which he planted to wheat. In the fall he added 2 registered Duroc bred gilts to his farming program, and in January 1950, a registered Duroc boar.

In August 1950, he bought 27 head of bred heifers. In the spring, the heifers produced 15 calves. That fall Pratt weaned 24 pigs from his registered sows.

In 1951 his program included 31 head of Hereford cattle; 42 head of Duroc swine; 30 acres of wheat; 70 acres of wheat and 40 acres of summer fallow in partnership with his brother; 35 acres of corn; 37 acres of silage feed; and 50 acres of hay.

In 1952 he had 62 head of Hereford cattle, 108 Duroc swine; and seven head of horses; on rented ground he had 148 acres of fall planted wheat (110 in partnership with his brother); 40 acres summer fallow (in partnership); 35 acres corn; 37 acres silage; 53 acres meadow; 50 acres waste land; 320 acres of pasture; and a 1950 GMC three-quarter ton pickup.

At that time his farming program was estimated at \$15,216.26. Of this amount he owed \$7,190 which gave him a total net worth of \$8,026.26.

In FFA activities he served his local FFA chapter as president for two years, 1948-50. During the two years, the Hoxie chapter, under the supervision of Willard Barry, rated the gold emblem award in the state chapter contest.

In 1949, Pratt was host president at the Northwest District Leadership School. The same year he was a member of the Hoxie FFA state livestock, crops and poultry judging team, and in 1950 he was a member of the chapter's state farm mechanics contest.

During his high school years, in addition to carrying on his farming program, he found time to take a big part in high school activities. He received three letters in track, three letters in football, (served as part-time football captain in '49-50), and played on the basketball team four

1952 American Farmer Class (continued)
Phillip F. Pratt, Hoxie Chapter (continued)

years; he was treasurer of his Junior class, and was a member of Hi-Y. He is a life member of the United Duroc Record Association and the Kansas Livestock Association.

Phillip is 19 years of age. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Pratt, Hoxie, Kansas, and graduated from the Hoxie High School in 1950 after taking four years of vocational agriculture under the supervision of his teacher, Willard Barry.

Deryl F. Carswell - Alton Chapter

Deryl Carswell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Carswell, Alton, Kansas, and a graduate of the Alton High School, May 1951. Robert Barnes is the local FFA Adviser.

He enrolled as a freshman in the vocational agriculture department of the Alton High School in 1947. At that time he owned two registered Hereford cows, one registered Hereford bull and 20 acres of growing wheat. During the year his beef herd was increased by a heifer and one bull calf, and young Carswell was one of the lucky boys who won a steer calf at the "catch it" county fair calf contest. He sold his registered Hereford bull that year and with the money purchased a registered Hereford gilt who had a spring and fall litter. From the spring litter he saved four gilts for his swine breeding herd. His crops consisted of 20 acres of wheat and 15 acres of Norkan. In the fall he put in 35 acres of wheat.

In 1949 his Hereford cattle had increased to include another heifer and one bull calf. Once again Carswell won a steer calf in the "catch contest." This year he sold one of his gilts and his remaining sow and three gilts each dropped two litters.

In 1950 he switched from Hereford hogs to Hampshires, buying two sows and two gilts, but kept his Hereford cattle. He rented 80 acres of land, seeding 60 acres to wheat, and summer fallowed the rest. He also bought a used car that year.

The next year he bought a bred registered Hereford heifer from the Sutor Hereford farm and borrowed enough money to buy two other bred registered Herefords (one in partnership with his brother). This heifer, bred to Double Dandy III, reserve champion at the Futurity Hereford show of 1950, was bought in hopes that Carswell and his brother might get a herd sire. This year Carswell bought a new car and borrowed \$1836 to pay for a half interest in a new Diesel tractor. Two-thirds of his swine crop was sold to his father and brother. Through natural increase his cattle enterprise was enlarged by one bull and three heifer calves. He rented a total of 100 acres of land and seeded the entire acreage to wheat.

In 1952 his farming program consisted of 10½ head of registered Hereford cattle, 14 head of swine, 100 acres of wheat, 20 acres of clover and 7 acres of feed.

Deryl has had some severe blows in the past year. In January a heifer that had placed grand champion female at the County Fair died and another cow that had been purchased from the Sutor Hereford farm for \$750 was struck by lightning. Carswell, however, hasn't given up, but, instead has bought more heifers to replace them.

1952 American Farmer Class (continued)
Deryl F. Carswell, Alton (continued)

Carswell plans to go into partnership with his father this year and will take over the management of the Carswell 1000 acre ranch. In addition to the 100 acres he had earlier this year, he will have 225 acres of wheat in which he will have a third interest. He will also have an interest in 100 head of registered Hereford cattle.

At the time of his application Deryl's farming program had a value of \$10,620.31. Of this amount he owed \$2,661.

He was quite active in school affairs. In addition to FFA offices held, he was a member of Hi-Y; Boys' Glee Club and Mixed Chorus; won four letters in football, and one letter each in basketball and baseball. He is also active in community and church work.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTION ON
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FFA CONSTITUTION

The House of Delegates voted favorably upon all proposed amendments to Article V, but amended Section C and Section E.

Amend Article V, Section C, paragraph 7, by striking out on the last line \$25.00 and substitute \$100.00. Amended to read \$50.00.

Amend Article V, Section D, paragraph 6, by striking out on line five \$250.00 and substitute \$500.00. Carried as proposed.

Amend Article V, Section E, paragraph 3, by striking out on line five six, \$500.00 and substitute \$1500.00. Amended to read \$1000.00.

The proposed amendments to Article VI, Section A, and to Article XI, Section B, were voted upon unfavorably by the House of Delegates. The amendments "killed" follow:

Amend Article VI, Section A, by striking out the first sentence, beginning on line one and ending on line twelve, and substituting the following: A State Association may submit annually, the applications of all candidates for the American Farmer Degree who meet the minimum requirements as set up in Article V, Section E, paragraphs one through four as amended.

Amend Article XI, Section B, by striking out the first sentence, beginning with line one and ending on line six, and substitute the following: Each State Association is entitled to send a minimum of one delegate from its active membership to the National Convention, and the additional fifty delegates to attend the National Convention be allocated to State Associations determined by a formula based upon the proportionate active membership of each state to the total active membership of the National Association as of June 30th prior to the National Convention.

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KANSAS CHAPTERS WIN SILVER EMBLEM RATING

Kansas was represented in the 1952 National Chapter Contest by the Winfield FFA Chapter and the Little River FFA Chapter.

Both chapters won Silver Emblem classification.

The following excerpts were taken from the chapter entries submitted in the National Chapter Contest.

Winfield Chapter - Ira Plank and John Lowe, Advisers

This chapter has an enviable production record. During the past year they produced 42,541 pounds of beef. Of the 223 head of beef cattle handled, 66 per cent were breeding stock, and 76 per cent of the members used pure-bred bulls. In their sheep program their goal was to produce 3,200 pounds of lamb and 320 pounds of wool. They produced 9,225 pounds of lamb and 900 pounds of wool.

In swine their goal was 50,000 pounds of pork, and they produced 59,774; 20,000 pounds more than they produced the previous year. All Future Farmers raising hogs used registered boars and 85 per cent had registered sows and gilts.

One hundred per cent of the members with dairy projects bred to registered bulls or through the Kansas State College insemination program.

Seven members started orchards on their home farms. Eighty-five trees were planted, including cherry, peach, apple and pear.

In crops their goal was for 100 per cent of the members to use certified seed. They produced 4,097 bushels of grain for sale and feed, but fell short of their goal due to flooding and a bad hail storm.

In the control of parasites the chapter carried a line of the best known sprays, drenches and other controls for resale to chapter members. During the year, 170 boys checked on equipment to treat for internal and external parasites, vaccinate and dehorn, castrate and dock lambs. Another one of their goals on control was to administer, at cost, parasite controls on field trips to local farms to encourage farmers to use the best practices. In accomplishment, the Winfield boys treated 320 head of livestock for mange, lice, cattle grubs, stomach worms, nodular worms, round worms and screw worms.

The members had a total value of all productive farming programs of \$83,090.66 and an average investment per member of \$865.52. This was the members' own net investment and did not include money borrowed or owed.

In community service work, five members planted windbreaks; six boys with assistance of Mr. Plank surveyed their farms, made terraces, and waterways. Two other boys drew up a five-year plan for terracing their farms; the Junior class, in developing a project in farm planning, chose a farm of one of the boys and made a complete soil survey of the farm; two members, supervised by Mr. Lowe, sprayed 3,000 head of sheep. Other boys sprayed fruit trees and shrubs. The chapter has 10 spray units for loaning to the boys. In farm shop they built a sheep spray boom with 12 drive nozzles. Chapter members helped paint the local fair building and a big amphitheater;

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16,200 pounds of seed potatoes were treated at cost through the use of a war surplus steel vat which they had purchased; 20 seed samples were run and several rechecked for members and farmers; 18 surveys for studying causes of losses in livestock and how to prevent them were made and mailed to the livestock commissioner of the Kansas City Stockyards Company; members sponsored voluntary contributions to the "March of Dimes," Cancer Fund, National Red Cross and other charitable organizations.

In farm shop work 83 of the members built 360 pieces of useful farm equipment, and 15 boys rebuilt 15 pieces of old equipment. In all, six tons of new iron, four tons of old iron and 5,000 board feet of lumber was used in the farm shop during the year in the construction of farm equipment.

Little River Chapter - Milton Kohrs, Adviser

During the past year, 100 per cent of the Little River members had productive enterprises and had an average of 3.7 enterprises per member; 100 per cent worked out a definite farming program for the current year and a tentative one for the next three years.

As of January 1, 1952, the freshmen members had an average net worth of \$225; sophomores, \$670.39; juniors, \$1,198.53; and the seniors, \$501.11. They produced, during the year, a total of 14,297 pounds of beef; 12,209 pounds of pork; 6,510 pounds of lamb and mutton; 60,406 pounds of milk; 1,021 pounds of wool; 1,100 bushels of grain sorghums; and 4,235 bushels of wheat.

Ninety per cent of the members who had livestock raised their own feed; 90 per cent treated their seed; all members except one used purebred sires; and 95.7 per cent have purebred females. All members carried out improvement practices and averaged 5.2 practices per member; 64 pieces of farm equipment were constructed by them in the vocational agriculture farm shops, and 95 pieces were repaired; (these figures do not include the number of jobs done on the home farms).

In cooperative activities they assisted in marking the high school football and baseball fields; put up markers, and cleaned up after games; sprayed 769 acres for weeds and insect control; 20 yards were sprayed for dandelions; 80 acres of township and 3 miles of hedge were sprayed for weeds. Ninety-five farmers and two people made use of the chapter sprayer. With their portable Bean Sparton sprayer, they sprayed 643 shade trees and 96 fruit trees. In addition, 180 pigs were sprayed with BHC for lice and mange.

In the interest of rat control, they conducted five demonstrations, and distributed 532 pounds of bait and 195 bait stations, winning both silver and gold achievement awards from the Wisconsin Alumni Foundation; all members took part in charity drives; 20 samples of seed were tested for farmers by members; 33,570 pounds of scrap iron were collected and sold; 82 calves were castrated; 65 calves, 210 pigs and 950 lambs were vaccinated and 48 head of cattle dehorned; and 34 livestock loss prevention surveys were made.

In community service the Little River Future Farmers and their adviser, Kohrs, sheared 563 head of sheep; pruned a total of 210 trees on the grounds

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of the three local churches and the city park; the chapter members collected and baled 30,950 pounds of paper; tested soil for 18 farmers; set out 36 multiflora roses and 3 honey suckle plants on the school grounds, and pruned and fertilized all school trees and shrubs; assisted in setting up a county wheat variety and soil fertility test plots; planted 180 cedars in the city park and 31 pounds of mixed grass seed; and built three oxygen carts for the Little River Hospital.

The net profit made by the Little River Future Farmers through various activities created a working capital of \$1,112.46. The chapter has no outstanding bills and has a net worth of \$3,070 in equipment and bonds. They are creating a sinking fund to be used in replacing wornout equipment.

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

This year for the sixth time all state and territorial associations were given an opportunity to have participants in the National FFA Band and for the fourth 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 10. Members of the Chorus were permitted to return to their homes October 17. The Band members remained in Kansas City and participated in the American Royal Livestock Parade, Saturday morning, October 18.

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 five members in the Chorus.

The Band members from Kansas were: Sam Graham, Kiowa; Sam Peppiatt, Ellsworth; David Frey, Riley; John Bircher, Ellsworth; Steve Ahrens, Mankato; Benny Brent, Alton; and Altis Ferree, Yates Center.

Members of the Chorus from Kansas were: J. W. Van Blaricum, Minneola; Gerald Stoker, La Cygne; Robert Raines, Louisburg; Bob Miller, Kiowa; Delmar Pfortmiller, Natoma.

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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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

Ed Reser, 18, Walla Walla, Washington. Ed farms with his parents, featuring the production of wheat and livestock. His farm mechanics abilities have been put to use as the family embarked on a farmstead improvement plan that included building a new home, a new beef cattle barn, and a new farrowing house for the swine. He helped with all the construction work, built a panel fence around the yard; installed labor-saving gates and stalls in the barn, and built an automatic waterer for livestock in the barn.

The Resers have a large, well-equipped farm shop in one of the old barns and Ed has been given the responsibility of re-arranging the equipment for more efficient work, and improving the building. He built work benches, tool cabinets, and bins for storage, and poured a new concrete floor. They have power drills, a forge, lathe, electric and acetylene welders, and many types of hand tools, and Ed has learned to use all of them.

He has built several items of farm machinery. A "farm hand" built in the high school farm shop is a hydraulically operated buck rake mounted on an old truck chassis. In operation, Ed drives the machine to the hayfield, slides the fork under a load of hay, then uses the hydraulic lifting apparatus to lift the hay into the air so it can be hauled to the mow or stack. The machine is valued at \$760.00.

Needing a garden tractor, Ed mounted an 8 horsepower motor on a frame using cut-down auto parts and wound up with a neat job that is used for many small power jobs around the farm. He took a Model T Ford frame, 8-cylinder Pontiac motor, and other parts from different types of cars and trucks and put together a "farm run-about" used for quick trips around the farm and for light hauling.

Ed regularly handles the greasing, servicing, and minor repair work on trucks and tractors used on the farm, and has done complete overhaul jobs on three trucks and a tractor. He has learned to operate heavy diesel tractors, combines, and all the other machinery used on the farm. He installed a water system in the barn and cattle pens, and set up an automatic watering system for the lawn.

Young Reser has been a top leader in the FFA. He was an officer of the Walla Walla chapter and was named to receive Washington's Star State Farmer award in 1951. He is establishing a herd of registered Shorthorn cattle and has exhibited two grand champion steers at the Spokane Junior Livestock Show.

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National Award - Farm Electrification

Bryce O. Anderson, 16, Imperial, Nebraska. The work of Bryce Anderson that won the national award in Farm Electrification for him also resulted in complete electrification of the Anderson's 540 acre home farm. His parents bought the farm six years ago and built a house on it, but the rural electrification line was a mile away and Mr. Anderson decided against installing an electrical system at that time because of the cost of materials and labor. When Bryce was a sophomore student of vocational agriculture in 1950, he convinced his parents that he could save 40 per cent of the cost by doing the work himself, and they made plans to go ahead.

The REA brought its lines to the home, and Bryce's first job was to install 220-volt underground wires from the meter pole to the farm shop to power two electric welders, and 110-volt lines to supply the lights and motors in the shop. He then installed a 30-foot yard pole about 200 feet from the meter pole and ran two wires from it to the barn and cattle shed. He installed three overhead lights and a grounded plug-in with switch in the barn, and three overhead lights in the cattle shed. Six plug-ins were installed in the cattle shed to provide current for electric pig brooders that he expects to use there.

Bryce continued his work by installing underground lines from the meter pole to the chicken house and installing lights and plug-ins in that building. The home was wired for electricity at the time it was built and needed only an underground line connection to the meter pole, plus replacing some faulty wiring in the basement. Additional underground lines were run to the garage for lights, plus a 220-volt circuit for the deep well water pump that Bryce helped Mr. Anderson install. Later, he installed three yard lights that could be controlled from either the house or the garage.

Bryce's work on the home farm was so successful that his brother-in-law hired him to install the electrical wiring on his farm, and a similar job was done for a neighbor. His report of accomplishments also includes a list of several electrical items built, including two pig brooders, a cess-pool pump, three poultry water heaters, a seed grader, and a drill press. He has learned to service many kinds of electrical equipment, and has repaired motors, irons, and other appliances.

His time has not been spent entirely in electrical work. Young Anderson has an outstanding farming program including a sow and litter, two dairy heifers, eight acres of alfalfa, 20 acres of wheat and 15 acres of corn. He has served one-year terms as secretary and president of the Imperial FFA Chapter.

National Award - Dairy Farming

Harold Miller, 17, Route 1, Ancramdale, New York. The first purebred dairy animal to be used on the Miller farm was a Holstein calf bought by Harold when he was 12 years old. In five years he has increased the herd to 30 purebred Holsteins registered in his name, and seven grade cattle. Fourteen are producing cows, 19 are young stock, and he owns four bulls.

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When Harold entered vocational agriculture at Pine Plains Central High School all the records the family had on the production of their dairy cows were figures furnished by the milk plant. Harold had taken samples of the milk to school to get butterfat tests made by older boys in the FFA, but there was no accurate information on the production of each cow. He convinced his father, Clifton Miller, that they should join a Dairy Herd Improvement Association and keep accurate records on each cow's production.

The herd's production already was high, the 41 cows averaging 398 pounds of butterfat per year. By culling the low producers and buying heifers of better breeding, they were able, in two years time, to build the average production up to 472 pounds.

"Included in this 472 pounds average were many of those heifers freshening for the first time which I had purchased. All of these heifers exceeded 400 pounds of butterfat and some went as high as 12,910 pounds of milk and 476 pounds of butterfat in 305 days," Harold stated in his application for the Dairy Farming award.

Harold continued: "We are enlarging our herd now to 60 cows, with a good group of first calf heifers to freshen this fall, all of which are by herd sires owned by me or by a sire in the artificial breeding stud of New York State. The last six herd sires used on our herd have been purchased and owned by me, the latest being a bull from the famed Suttan Oaks herd of California. This herd is a result of Dad's and my cooperation.

"We are very strict about our disease program. We test the herd yearly for T.B. and Bangs. We use strip cups to detect any mastitis. We now raise our own replacements, selecting only the best 15 heifers every year for our herd. We care for our bulls just as we do the rest of the herd. By feeding a large amount of the best grass hay to them and a fair amount of fitting ration, we keep them in good breeding condition. We always feed in such a way as to prevent waste, using hay racks that I built of used lumber. We mix our own feeds, using one-third home grown corn and oats and buying the protein feed to mix with them. We like to feed a 16 per cent protein feed.

"The milk on our farm is taken to the milk room, placed in 10 gallon milk cans and put into the cooler immediately. The coolers are equipped with agitators to cool the milk quickly. We use an electric can hoist to lift milk cans in and out of the cooler and load on the truck. We have been very successful in producing clean milk in the last three years, having a bacteria count of less than 10,000."

Harold has won many prizes on his cattle in dairy shows and is, himself, an accomplished judge of dairy cattle. He placed second in a nation-wide judging contest held in 1951 at the National Dairy Show in Indianapolis, Indiana. A senior in the Pine Plains school now, he expects to enter a full partnership with his father on the farm after his graduation next spring.

He has served as treasurer and president of the Pine Plains FFA chapter, and this year was elected vice president of the New York State FFA Association.

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National Award - Soil and Water Management

Lewis Earl Britton, 17, Greenville, Illinois. Lewis has had the major responsibility of operating the home farm near Greenville, Illinois, since his father died in 1947. He has a 50 per cent partnership in the farm with his mother.

A city boy until his parents moved to the farm in 1945, Lewis gives much credit for his success in farming to his high school instructor of vocational agriculture, Carl S. Brock, and to the technicians of the Soil Conservation Service. Brock has supervised the boy's work closely for the past five years, and the Britton farm is one of five in the county having special records and personal supervision by the S.C.S.

"We have followed almost all the recommendations made by the S.C.S., and have found them very profitable," Lewis says.

The result has been the gradual transformation of a run-down farm into a productive one, with plans set to make it even better. Lewis has built more than 7,000 feet of terraces and 2,000 feet of grass waterways. He cultivates on the contour, practices strip-cropping, keeps a cover crop on the soil through the winter, rotates grazing in three pastures and clips them annually to control weeds.

"Soil and water management practices are a must on our farm, because the average slope on our cultivated ground is 4 feet per 100 feet," young Britton said.

He is so meticulous in his conservation practices that he leaves bedding straw on the ground through a good rain before he bales it.

"The University of Illinois reports that almost 50 per cent of the nutrients is leached out into the soil by a heavy rain," he explains.

Lewis has had additional help from other members of the Greenville FFA chapter. During the last three years the Future Farmers have helped him set out 4,000 pine trees and 5,500 multiflora roses for hedge fence. The vocational agriculture teacher frequently takes his class to the Britton farm to observe the result of good soil management practices.

Lewis is particularly proud of his wildlife management practices. He provides cover and leaves edges of grain fields to feed the quail, and finds that rabbits thrive in his clover-bluegrass pastures. He released bass in the farm pond and spread high-nitrogen fertilizer around the water's edge to make them grow. Turtles are trapped to stop their eating fish.

"Our system of clover, multiflora roses, pine trees and ponds provides virtually a wildlife paradise," he says.

Despite his time-consuming work on the farm Lewis has been active in school and community affairs. His grade average was fifth high in his graduating class last spring. He was secretary of the Greenville FFA chapter in 1951-52; had leading parts in his Junior and Senior Class plays; was active

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in athletics; sang bass in the school's Boys' Quartet, and played piano for the Boy's Chorus. Lewis received the high school's "outstanding citizen" award as a senior last spring.

National Award - Farm Safety

Bottineau, North Dakota, FFA Chapter. The 76 members of the Bottineau FFA chapter during the 1951-52 school year made safety checks on 503 farms of the community to discover and correct fire hazards. Boys used check lists to find the hazards, made recommendations for correction, and obtained the farmers' signatures promising that they would do their best to see that the recommendations were carried out.

Under the leadership of James Holwell, vocational agriculture instructor in Bottineau High School, and Reggie Gorder, chairman of the chapter's Safety Committee, the boys embarked on a program to promote safety in the school, home, and on the highways. In addition to the work in fire and injury prevention, they campaigned for better health through disease prevention by sanitation, safety with medicines and farm chemicals, and for livestock loss prevention.

Their promotion activities included exhibiting three safety movies to 165 people, presenting a safety skit in the high school assembly, and exhibiting safety posters and pictures.

The boys put Scotchlight reflectors on 304 farm vehicles that might be used on the road at night, placed 12 stop signs at farm driveway entrances to main roads, painted and placed six warning signs for danger spots in country roads, and set up 12 cattle crossing signs.

Every member checked his home farm for safety hazards. Many of them repaired ladders, put fire extinguishers where they would be handy, built racks for such tools as pitchforks, rakes, hoes and shovels, and cleaned up trash where it might provide a health or safety hazard.

Included among their accomplishments was refueling caution signs placed on 10 tractors, warning signs placed on danger areas of 21 farm machines, and repairing 28 hay racks and wagon box floors.

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CONVENTION NOTES

The 25th National FFA Convention will go down in history as one of the finest in the history of the Organization. High standards of performance on the part of the national the national officers and members of the house of delegates merited the plaudits of the many friends of this farm boy organization.

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The exemplary conduct of members in attendance at the Convention removed whatever stigma may have attached itself to the 1951 Convention, and will do much to satisfy the qualms of the national leaders as they approach the big problem of planning for the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

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One sour note, in the form of an unauthorized partisan dance scheduled in direct conflict with the FFA Speech Contest, was occasioned by youthful zeal and lack of information. We are hopeful that a similar breach of etiquette will not occur in the future.

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The Delegates Dinner, which in reality is the kick-off event, affords a splendid opportunity for boys from all states and insular possessions to become acquainted with each other and to learn first hand of the size and scope of the FFA. The technicolor pictures of his IFFE trip to Europe shown by Vice President Billy Howard were excellent and greatly enjoyed. We were pleased to have among the guests former editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, Mr. W. A. Cochel, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuff of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board.

100 Delegates were seated at the opening session, representing 48 states and the insular possessions of Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

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Thirty six states were represented in the National FFA Band and 32 states had members in the National FFA Chorus. Both organizations performed exceptionally well and added much to the success of the Convention.

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The National FFA Chorus sang at one of the largest Kansas City churches on Sunday. This practice will be continued next year at which time the invitation of a different church will be accepted. This is a splendid way to cooperate with the church groups in Kansas City and most certainly will prove beneficial to all concerned.

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Kansas American Farmers Phil Pratt and Deryl Carswell had the high honor and distinction of being the first Kansas FFA members to appear on WDAF-TV. The boys had a 4 minute spot on the Friday, October 17, program at 10:30 p.m. When we consider the fact that the whole proceedings of the 25th National FFA Convention only rated a 4 minute spot on WDAF-TV, we can then grasp the magnitude of the honor coming to the two Kansas boys.

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The FFA Exhibits in the Little Theatre were of high quality. The floral exhibit by the Hawaiian delegation was beautiful. North Dakota with a splendid potato exhibit right along side the Idaho exhibit including a wide range of agricultural products of that state - sans potatoes - had us somewhat confused. However, we are reminded that the principal purpose of the exhibits is Educational.

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Convention Notes (Continued)

California with 45 extra members not officially occupied with Convention duties, under the leadership of George Couper, were the guests of the Shawnee Mission chapter Monday October 13. Harold Garver, Shawnee Mission chapter adviser, states that the tour was beneficial to all concerned. The boys were served lunch by the Sertoma Club.

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A practice begun in 1941 by Professor J. N. Weiss whereby he accompanied a group of his pre-teachers to Shawnee Mission chapter for a "field study" was in order again this year, and some 25 young men from Illinois preparing to teach Vo-Ag had the opportunity of studying the Shawnee Mission lay-out and vocational agricultural program. Professor Weiss was chairman of the Agriculture Student Teacher Program which ran concurrently with the convention. There were in attendance 132 pre-service teachers from nine states.

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The Star Farmer of America program Tuesday evening was without question one of the most colorful of the entire convention. The massing of the state flags together with the beautiful decorated stars on the platform, flanked by the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus presented to the 8,000 persons in attendance an inspiring picture that will long be remembered. So many flash bulbs were exploding as the Press and FFA members were making their pictorial recording of the various events that one was reminded of flashes of lightning accompanying the approach of a Kansas line storm.

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The premier showing of the new FFA technicolor-sound movie, "The Farmer of Tomorrow" constituted a part of the sixth session of the 25th National Convention. The picture was planned and filmed by the General Motors Corporation. It requires approximately 15 minutes for showing, has beautiful scenery and good acting. The FFA story is well presented. It is our hope that this film will be made available through state associations of FFA.

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An international note was given the convention through the appearance on the program of two British boys and six boys from Canada. The British farm boys are organized into a National Federation of Young Farmer Clubs, while the Canadian boys are organized as the Future Farmers of Canada. The six Canadian boys and their adviser, Mr. Robert Isbister, were from Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. Canada PFC had their first Provincial wide meeting last year, and much interest has been shown in this new farm youth organization. Representatives from Britian who were guests of the FFA were John D. Graham, Burwick-on-Tweed, England, and W. Hubert Gwillim, Breckenshire County, Wales.

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Total membership in the National Organization of Future Farmers of America at the close of the 1951 fiscal year stood at 352,916.

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Convention Notes (Continued)

President Don Staheli demonstrated his grasp of parliamentary procedure in handling the amending and accepting of the report of the Nominating Committee. In disposing of this particular report it was necessary to take six distinct parliamentary actions, and only one skilled in parliamentary practice could have weathered the storm.

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The FFA Supply Service was reported to be functioning in fine style. Mr. Tenney stated that more letters are now received complimenting the service than are received carrying complaints. The service employs a staff of 28 persons. The largest volume of merchandise ordered in one week totaled \$52,000.

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The House of Delegates voted to increase the cost of the Official FFA jacket approximately 40¢ each in order to use permanent dye in the construction of the garment. The members from New Mexico and Arizona say that the sun - out where it shines a little brighter and more often - really fades the blue from the jackets as they are now made. We have seen some badly faded official jackets in some of the more gloomy regions of this USA, and we are glad the House of Delegates recommended a permanent dye be used in the future.

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A delegate from California in the House of Delegates meeting stated that the bulldog was used to a considerable extent in his state as the symbol of the station of the sentinel, and he moved that the bulldog be made the official symbol of the sentinel station. A delegate from the North Atlantic Region stated that he thought the symbol should represent agriculture, and remarked that a good deal of corn was grown in the midwest and that he could not see any connection between a bulldog and a cornfield. President Staheli with one of his few asides, remarked that perhaps the bulldog was to keep the cows out of the cornfield. The motion lost. A delegate from Indiana finally pointed out that the duties of the sentinel were not concerned as much with keeping people out of FFA meetings as with the business of welcoming people to meetings. He therefore, proposed a motion to have the House of Delegates recommend that the National Office be given the power to select the emblem and that it be symbolic of friendship. The motion carried.

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The committee on FFA Foundation, Inc., awards, recommended that a Parliamentary Procedure Contest be added to the list of events for which awards are made, and that state, regional and national awards be made available.

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The Oliver Corporation is preparing a sound technicolor FFA movie to be shown in connection with the 25th Anniversary Celebration in 1953. Professionals have been employed in preparing the script and in many other phases of this undertaking. Many scenes for the forthcoming movie were filmed during the 25th FFA Convention.

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The closing number of the National FFA Chorus, with their florescent ties, black faces (Strob lights), green hands, farmer attire and farm live-stock, constituted one of their best programs. The program was planned for an evening performance but got crowded out and was given during an afternoon meeting.

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In 1953 the FFA will celebrate its 25th Anniversary. The Anniversary will be held at the same time the National Organization of FFA is holding its 26th National Convention. The Anniversary will celebrate 25 years of completed programs, while the Convention will mark the number of years elapsing since the date of founding the organization. Attendance will undoubtedly be limited, due to hotel accommodations. However, with the fine program in the planning, we expect to see Kansas City swamped with visitors who will want to see the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of a splendid farm youth organization.

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1. FFA is the largest farm boy organization in the world.
2. FFA has clear-cut, wholesome purposes and ideals with a program set up for us.
3. FFA provides us additional opportunity to train ourselves as farmers and farm citizens.
4. FFA increases our chance to learn new improved methods by providing practical experience on our own level with our own problems.
5. FFA helps us to develop our talents and leadership ability.
6. FFA encourages and assists us in good living habits.
7. FFA teaches us to deal with ourselves and to work with others--cooperation.
8. FFA rewards and encourages our efforts while enlarging the scope of our opportunities.
9. FFA teaches us to be thrifty--to save and to have.
10. FFA broadens our acquaintances and allows us to exchange our ideas.
11. FFA increases our value to our community as a good citizen.
12. FFA creates love and appreciation for country life.
13. FFA strengthens confidence in ourselves and our work.
14. FFA helps us to become established in farming.
15. FFA encourages us to participate in more rural recreation activities.

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE

The first mailing of The National Future Farmer, the official magazine of the Future Farmers of America, was made October 5, 1952. Kansas members are to be congratulated on having two articles in the first issue - the Little River rat control program and the Deloit chapter cooperative wheat project. Editor Lano Barron is to be congratulated on producing such a splendid publication on very short notice. The articles were balanced, timely, well written and the magazine carried sufficient humor to liven it up a bit. There were no advertisements of alcoholic beverages and tobacco. The magazine is hoping for a subscription list of 200,000. A subscription list of 50,000 is necessary in order to get second class mailing privileges. Third or fourth class mailing would cost approximately \$4,000 more than second class mailing. Constructive criticism offered by the editor of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter includes; (1) more prominence be given the Official FFA Emblem, (2) a closer tie-up with Vo-Ag in articles selected and (3) a younger lad be chosen for future cover page pictures.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

Kansas FFA chapters are to be congratulated on the excellent response to the request for subscriptions to the new FFA magazine. A total of 156 chapters have sent in subscription lists, 89 chapters responding with 100 per cent on the first call. As of October 23 our subscriptions to the National Future Farmer Magazine from Kansas totaled 5476. This is approximately 90 per cent of our enrollment in Vocational Agriculture. We of the state office appreciate greatly the fine cooperation on the part of our state FFA membership and local FFA advisers in turning in such a fine record. At the time of the National FFA Convention, Kansas led all the state associations in percentage of subscriptions based upon enrollment in vocational agriculture.

Editor Lano Barron in his report before State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers at the FFA Convention stated that in 27 states subscriptions to the magazine were collected through the state office, and that while these 27 states had only 40 per cent of the total FFA membership in the National Organization, 80 per cent of the subscriptions had come from these states. It appears evident that the state offices will have to give attention to the business of obtaining subscriptions to The National Future Farmer Magazine if we expect it to survive.

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MARCH OF TIME

March of Time photographed activities of the Labette County Community High School to be shown over a nation-wide hookup with an audience of from six million to ten million people. Adviser Irvin E. Sigenthaler states that approximately 95 per cent of the filming was of Vo-Ag activities. Dale Miksch summarized the part Vo-Ag played in helping him become established in farming. Congratulations LCCHS.

NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

In all of the contests, state teams were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention or Participation, in that order. Emblem winners team received plaques, and those placing Honorable Mention and 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. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participating teams and individuals. Appropriate medals were awarded Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem and Bronze Emblem individuals.

WATERLOO, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 1952

Dairy Cattle Judging: (37 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Hillsboro team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Lloyd Funk, Gold Emblem; Lloyd Klassen, Harold Klassen, Honorable Mention. W. D. Smith, Adviser.

Judging Dairy Products: (34 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Silver Lake team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Arlin Kippes, Gold Emblem; Robert Barr, Silver Emblem; Melvin Martinek, Bronze Emblem. Dean Prochaska, Adviser.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 15-17, 1952

Meats Identification Contest: (33 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Partridge team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Duane Johnson, Gold Emblem; James McAlister, Clinton Pierce, Silver Emblem; Floyd Nighswonger, Adviser.

Livestock Judging Contest: (40 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Moundridge won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Gilbert Kaufman, Glenn Waltner, Nelson Galle, Silver Emblem. Richard Ramsdale, Adviser.

Poultry Judging Contest: (35 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Chanute team was one of seven states winning Gold Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Hal Sinclair, Delmar Hansen, Gold Emblem; Jack McVaugh, Silver Emblem; Charles O. Carter, Adviser.

FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1952 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: "Grade A Dairy"
- 2nd place - St. Marys Chapter, Tom Linville, Adviser
Theme: "Alfalfa Seed Bed Preparation"
- 3rd place - Ottawa Chapter, J. S. Bergsma, Adviser
Theme: "Rat Control"
- 4th place - Alma Chapter, Frank White, Adviser
- 5th place - Holton Chapter, Keith Wagoner, Adviser
- 6th place - Berryton Chapter, Thomas Morris, Adviser

AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSON

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Hillsboro, W. D. Smith, Adviser
- 2nd place - El Dorado, William McMillan, Adviser
- 3rd place - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Adviser
- 4th place - Kingman, Virgil Lake, Adviser
- 5th place - Ellsworth, Lester Crandall, Adviser
- 6th place - Little River, Milton Kohrs, Adviser
- 7th place - Great Bend, Carl Heinrich, Adviser
- 8th place - Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, Advisers
- 9th place - Lakin, Dean Hoppas, Adviser
- 10th place - Peabody, Don Kastl, Adviser

Future Farmers exhibiting in the unit which won top money were: Glenn Schattak, Monroe Bartel, Lloyd Frank, Lloyd Klassen, Paul and Richard Barkman, Emerson Weens, and Willis and Westey Neckel. The display included nine pieces of farm equipment.

Booth Exhibits:Central Area

- 1st place - Reno County
(prepared by Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser)

Western Area

- 1st place - Comanche County
(prepared by Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser)

CHAPTER NEWS

MINNEOLA: Our chapter has access to two city lots on which they plan to do experimental work with Hairy Vetch and Austrian Winter Field Peas. The Chapter plans to test both of these crops in hopes of finding a legume that will do well on a loam type soil. Many farmers in this area will be watching the experiment for they are interested in finding a legume that will benefit the Summer Fallow land...Plans for the ensuing year include making FFA signs with the chapter's name on them and place them outside of town on all State Highways...The chapter plans to plant "Wild Plum" thickets in native pastures for wildlife refuge and cover...A Hot House bed is now being constructed to produce early garden plants.

Carlin G. Lewis, Reporter

FORD: To raise money for the chapter we had an iron scrap drive. We bought the iron for \$18.00 a ton. We kept the good iron for shop jobs and sold the rest. We collected fourteen tons of iron...Some of the larger shop jobs planned for this year are: a truck bed, stock racks out of pipe and wood, two self-feeder's for hogs, hay loader and a trailer for an air compressor.

Darr Tracy, Reporter

STOCKTON: Our chapter took an active part in the Rooks County Fair. The chapter sponsored a livestock judging contest for Northwest Kansas. This contest was won by Hoxie. We won first place on our FFA booth exhibit. Most of the members exhibited some phase of their farming program...Seventeen boys received the Green Hand degree on October 23...Plans are being made for our annual FFA carnival or "Goblins Glory" to be held October 30.

Jim Turnbull, Reporter

LAKIN: The chapter exhibited several things in the FFA Farm Mechanics exhibit at the 1952 state fair. Among them were a squeeze chute made by James Woodrow; a loading chute made of pipe and a cattle oiler made by Arnold Davis; a loading chute made of cable by Bill Jack Clark; and a tool cabinet made by Kenneth Kysar...For community service we built two sets of football bleachers 14 feet wide and 6 rows high. These were made of pipe and 2x12 boards...We are building a new fence across the entrance to the Ag Building.

Kenneth Kysar, Reporter

HILLSBORO: The Kansas Dairy team had a very nice trip and were amazed at the quality of cattle they saw at the national dairy cattle congress held at Waterloo, Iowa. They were also impressed by the fine farm machinery exhibit. Several shop projects this year are being fashioned from ideas brought back from that exhibit...The south central district dairy judging contest is to be held in Hillsboro this year. We are making plans to bring all classes to our new fair barn for this event...We exhibited ten pieces of equipment constructed in our shop last year at the state fair. Our exhibit won first place and received the \$100 cash prize...Harold Klaassen, Lloyd Klaassen and Lloyd Funk gave a fifteen minute radio program over WIBW July 15. Wes Seyler interviewed Mr. Smith on our farm machinery exhibit at Hutchinson and transcribed the interview September 20...We completed our program of work at our last meeting. A mimeographed copy will be given each member.

Wayne Wiens, Reporter

Chapter Notes (continued)

PRATT: Our chapter Green Hands will receive their degree during the next regular meeting...The chapter has begun its pest eradication contest. The losing side will treat the winning side at a future night meeting. The three high individuals will receive awards provided by the chapter...To make money we are cooperating with the FHA in operating a concession stand at a football game. We are also selling subscriptions to the "Farm Quarterly" magazine... Day meetings are scheduled twice a month during activity period and night meetings are scheduled once a month...Some of the shop projects now being constructed are a trailer, feed bunk, a loading chute, and the repair of a combine.

George Strobel, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: The FFA has 102% membership of Vo-Ag students...Sixty-six per cent of the Freshmen in Agriculture have purchased or ordered FFA jackets... September 25 the FFA received another new pick-up...The FFA boys attended Kansas Guernsey Breeders Association Field Day at the Bolhle Farm, Lawrence, Kansas...Twenty-five boys attended National FFA Convention...The chapter worked with the Agronomy Department, Kansas State College, in securing results of a Corn Performance Testing program. The chapter will harvest 3 acres of corn which was planted last spring.

Ronald Ball, Reporter

PARADISE: A new vocational agriculture building is being constructed and should be completed by November 1...Our Parent-Son banquet will be held November 1...We have had initiation for thirteen Green Hands.

John Reese, Reporter

ALTAMONT: The chapter has 128 members in FFA this year...Ten advanced FFA members were on a panel discussion held by an associate editor of Successful Farming magazine. The problems facing farm youth were discussed. The 10 agriculture students devoted most of their attention to the problem of getting a start in farming. The article, "After Graduation What" appeared in the September issue of the Successful Farming magazine...Recently the editors of March of Time sent 2 men photographers to LCCHS to film the Vo-Ag department and FFA members' farming programs...16 Junior and Senior boys attended the American Royal October 18-19.

Bob Fultz, Reporter

LA CYGNE: Thirty-nine boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture...The Ag classroom was redecorated during the summer and a few new tools added to the shop...Gene Bond, James Karr, and Warren Capehart report that their Duroc FFA gilts are progressing satisfactorily.

Gerald Stoker, Reporter

NATOMA: Thirty-two chapter members attended our annual recreation meeting at Kanopolis Lake where we enjoyed good fishing, swimming and boating...We had one summer meeting and a swimming party in July...We have built football lockers and ran concrete walks for the school...The chapter made over \$100 shocking feed for farmers...Our adviser, R. B. Feldkamp, painted our shop and improved it in many different ways this summer...We have 42 members this year.

Clyde Boller, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

PRETTY PRAIRIE: Our chapter won 3rd place at the machinery exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair. Our exhibit contained such items as a post hole digger built by Butch Stucky, squeeze chute made by Mike White, gates, two-wheel trailer constructed by Harold Casad, hog house built by Merlin Krehbiel... Chapter members sold the "Farm Quarterly" magazine. The project netted the chapter \$250...We have organized our pest eradication contest a few days earlier than usual. Sides were chosen, a certain number of points were designated for each animal and a system of prizes was worked out. The losing side will give the winning side a party at the close of the contest.

Jim Goering, Reporter

OLATHE: The members of the chapter are planning the initiation of the Green Hand candidates at a night meeting October 29...Our chapter Green Hands will have an election of officers and let them conduct a meeting of their own once a month, with the regular officers sitting in on the meeting to supervise...Sam Harrison, Charles Lane, and Bob Chesney will have charge of the business meeting at each of our regular meetings...The members in Vo-Ag took part in a tour of the 100 bushel corn producers in Johnson county...The FFA and FHA sponsored a hayrack ride October 10. About 60 members of both organizations attended...Our chapter president appointed eight committees to plan the chapter program of work...The chapter had a float in the Old Settlers parade. It ranked second place and netted the chapter \$15. The chapter concession stand at the Old Settlers Reunion netted \$59...Every year the chapter takes care of the football programs for the home games. We net about \$40 selling advertisements on the programs...Charles Brink's Hampshire sheep was shown at the American Royal and rated fourth and tenth placing as individual and fourth in pen of three. His Cheviots placed fourth on individual showing and second on pen of three.

Sam Harrison, Reporter

ATTICA: We have 20 members enrolled in our chapter...Our chapter held a watermelon feed at the Anthony Lake...Shop projects include cattle bunks, gates, cattle loading chute, stock rack for a pick-up, cattle hay feeder, self hog feeder, 2 sets of bookshelves for the Christian Church, cabinet for the classroom, library table and have just completed a library table for the school library, and a tackle dummy frame for the football field. We have also installed plumbing in the shop for a new lavatory...On October 16 we held our chapter Work Day. It added \$90 to our chapter treasury...We have purchased a new seed germinator and a complete new set of weed mounts and seed samples...We attended the sorghum field day at Anthony.

Larry Holland, Reporter

BERRYTON: Our chapter entered a booth at the Topeka Free Fair. The booth concerned "Farm Ponds for Food, Fun and Drought." The pond was a tin pan filled with water and dirt making up the dam and edges. The dirt was then covered with sod. The pond was fenced to keep the cattle out. It demonstrated the use of an automatic stock water and grass spill-way...Since moving into our new school building the students have undertaken the job of landscaping the ground. They have sown blue grass and set out shrubs...The members are competing in a pest eradication contest...100% of the Vo-Ag students are now active FFA members.

Donald Bruhardt, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

COTTONWOOD FALLS: Our chapter has been holding two meetings each week since the beginning of school, but now that we have completed our program of work we will hold only one regular meeting each week...The committee on recreation and social activities got off to a good start with a hay ride and weiner roast October 7. We had 40 FHA girls and several teachers as guests. All but 4 of our 32 members attended this meeting...Our chapter has 19 steers on full feed at this time and all members are taking turns in feeding and caring for the steers...We recently completed three large feed bunks, a mineral box, and a grain bed for the FFA trailer. We partially re-roofed the FFA barns and repaired several feed bins...October 27 is the official opening of our pest eradication program. One team is composed of the seniors and freshmen, the other of juniors and sophomores. The losers must treat the winners to a chili supper. We also have individual prizes.

Roy Bower, Reporter

OTTAWA: The chapter started its yearly program of work with a booth exhibit at the Topeka Free Fair. We placed third...The annual FFA Barbecue was held September 28 at Forest Park. The administration and teachers and the Young Farmers Club were invited to attend. Over 200 persons attended. One hundred thirty pounds of beef was barbecued by chapter members...We plan to have our annual FFA crop show for all boys enrolled in agriculture...The National FFA Convention was attended by the five officers and Mr. Bergsma, adviser...The chapter is sponsoring a scrap iron drive during the month of November, and our annual pest hunt during the Christmas vacation...Candy bars and ice cream are sold at home football games as a money raising project.

John R. Milton, Reporter

MEADE: The FFA is selling magazines again this year. The proceeds will go to the FFA...The following boys attended the livestock judging school at the Kansas State Fair September 15: Tommy Fletcher, Jackie Jenkinson, Bill Lauppe and Sherman Crouch.

Francis Dye, Reporter

HIGHLAND PARK: 100% of our members subscribed to the new National FUTURE FARMER magazine. The subscription price was made a part of this year's FFA dues...Most of the chapter members attended the American Royal Show October 22...A school grounds improvement project has been undertaken by our chapter. We re-seeded the lawn around our new school building. Other grounds improvement plans include the planting of trees and shrubs and the building of some new fences.

Marshall Price, Reporter

LAWRENCE: There are 60 active members in our chapter. We meet every 3rd hour on Wednesday...One of the main activities of the year was the sponsoring of a trip to the American Royal where several of our members displayed and sold their calves...We had a concession stand at the fair which helped defray the expenses of other activities...The bankers in our town sponsor a banquet and football game for the Vo-Ag boys who have completed their projects for the year...We have a Father-Son Banquet. The chapter furnishes part of the food... On October 9 we attended a Guernsey Field Day and Judging Contest. One of our members took first place.

Jim Springer, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

GREAT BEND: Sixteen members of the chapter participated in the Balanced Farming Day at Lebanon, Kansas...Our chapter had an entry in the farm mechanics display at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson. We placed seventh...Our chapter had the concessions at our first home football game...We are planning our Father-Son chili feed during the first part of November...We are building one ensilage trailer, four feed bunks, overhauling two v-8 motors, one two-wheel trailer, constructing a two-row lister, a side mounted mower for Ford tractor and two work benches in our shop at present...We had our Father-Son Water-mellon feed with 20 members and their fathers present.

Jerry Magie, Reporter

TROUSDALE: Six new members were added to our chapter as Green Hands on Oct. 24. They are: Donnie McCammon, Lanny Ellis, Fred Elledge, Raymond Adams, Kenneth Hagewood and Tony Bell...The FFA officers and adviser attended the American Royal, October 18, 19 and 20...In planning for Community Service, the chapter will carry on rat control education in the community and help those farmers who desire our help in controlling them...Our chapter Fat Hogs are gaining nicely and we should be ready to market five head in the very near future. Dan Smith is keeping the chapter sow until after she has her next litter of pigs...All shop classes are building projects with a goal, as exhibiting their shop projects at our parent night and the Kansas State Fair.

Ronald Schultz, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: The FFA and FHA held a pie supper October 14. The FFA Chapter Sweetheart was presented with a jacket. The FFA boys used their share of the proceeds to go to the American Royal...David Morrison, a sophomore, was awarded reserve champion for his ten ear entry in the Southeast Kansas corn show held at Chanute...During the summer the Ag. classes held two crop tours, visiting every boy with a crop project...The chapter is carrying an alfalfa crop project, one third of the crop is given for rent of the land. The boys used their fathers' tractors and equipment to seed the alfalfa.

John Kilian, Reporter

COLDWATER: Seven members, Bob Currier, Ivan Hilt, Roger Bean, Kermit McMillin, Donald Parcel, Jerry Heft and Jerry Melia, constructed the Comanche County Collective Booth at the Kansas State Fair. This committee worked out the Educational idea this summer before school started. We placed 1st in the Western division and fourth in the entire group. We were somewhat handicapped against central and eastern competition this year due to the dry weather. Our prize check was \$194.61. We also won \$14 on entries in the open class with two seconds, one first and one third in sorghums. This money will be used to finance chapter activities...Our chapter held a date picnic October 13. After the picnic we attended the picture show.

Jerry Melia, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: We will have 36 members in our chapter this year; 11 will receive their Green Hand degree November 5...Seven members attended the Eastern Kansas Livestock Judging School July 30-August 1...Several members bought shares on a registered Duroc boar, which was purchased to provide breeding services for their sows and gilts. Persons other than stockholders will pay \$5.00 for each breeding service.

Jimmie Wyatt, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HARPER: Our chapter started the year with 27 members...30 FFA members and potential Green Hands attended the State Fair at Hutchinson...Our officers and committee chairmen met and divided the members into committees and outlined the Program of Work for the year. Each committee will work its part out in detail...We sold a load of waste paper at Hutchinson and brought back a load of pipe and iron for the use of Vo-Ag students...The advanced class is making feed bunks for the farmers...Our chapter served as host to the Leadership Training School for this section...We rebuilt 46 heavy-duty screens on the lower floor of our high school building to comply with fire inspection requirements...Each member received a copy of the Future Farmer Tattler each month during the summer, giving the activities of the members during the summer months.

Eldon King, Reporter

MC PHERSON: There are 57 boys enrolled in Vo-Ag and 62 members in FFA...We have finished our fall project tours. Stanley Boyce is getting some very good market steers from Shorthorn-Angus Cross. Clark Borth planted 10 acres of certified Triumph wheat. Anson Dossett has 25 acres of Ponca wheat...The FFA boys attended the State Fair at Hutchinson...Dr. Lundstrom gave the Ag. 11 boys a talk on control of animal diseases...Royce Graber, senior FFA boy, is assisting in teaching Freshman Shop.

Duane Gustafson, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: The chapter has an enrollment of 24 members this year...On October 14 Mr. Pinnick and ten FFA boys attended the National Convention at Kansas City. Those attending were the officers and Mike Banks, Norman Brockhoff, Ralph Reschke, Norman Weick, and Donnie Sunderland...John Buser, John Kopp, Leroy Jurgensmeier, Gene Hinton, Farrell Snyder, Robert Sewell and Duane Thomas received their Green Hand degree this fall...On October 18 the chapter held a scrap iron drive to help raise money. The drive was a success from a financial standpoint...We plan a Barnwarmer for November 18 with the High School girls, school teachers, and board members as our guests...We are planning a Chili Supper for the parents and Ag boys in the near future.

Sam Strahm, Reporter

PEABODY: Eighteen freshmen received the Greenhand degree on October 7 at the high school. Our total membership is now 41...We exhibited three shop projects at the county and State Fairs; we received \$55...All of our members attended the State Fair for one day and the sophomore class attended the American Royal a day...Projects started and completed in shop are: 4 feed bunks, 3 booms for Ford tractors, 2 hog troughs, 1 hay feeder, 1 mineral feeder, 1 trailer, 2 plows for Ford tractors. We have also repaired several pieces of farm machinery...We have started a gilt ring in our chapter to help put more hogs on farms...The community of Peabody has voted bonds for a new Vo-Ag building.

David Craig, Reporter

SEAMAN: The prospective freshman boys were guests at our annual Watermelon feed the last week of August...We had 14 boys attend the National Convention for the evening session, October 14.

Jimmie Hahn, Reporter

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MULLINVILLE: The chapter has opened this year with 19 members. The dues are \$1.00 per year...The chapter received their charter last week. An old charter, issued to a chapter here in 1929, has been found among the school records. At that time, this was the 16th chapter in Kansas to be chartered... The chapter will sponsor a donkey ball game and will sell "The Farm Quarterly" magazine to help in financing the chapter.

Chester Zimmerman, Reporter

TROY: The chapter is preparing to harvest their first corn crop in the history of the chapter...Last spring the chapter bought a new Super C Farmall with attachments; later in the season a sprayer was purchased. The chapter rented some land and several small plots in town. These were planted with corn, potatoes and popcorn. The tractor was also used for custom work...Donna Horner was the Chapter Sweetheart at the "Barnwarmin" held October 10 in the Vocational Arts Building. The shop was decorated with cornstalks, pumpkins and bales of hay. Cider and doughnuts were served. Members and their dates were entertained by square dancing, games and social dancing.

Sam Warren, Reporter

CHANUTE: We have 53 enrolled in Vo-Ag this year with 55 members in the FFA... The new officers and committee chairmen held their first meeting of the year at the home of the adviser, Charles O. Carter, Jr. The new committee chairmen are: Duane Moyer, supervised practice; Charles Hole, cooperative activities; Roy Graham, community service; Bill Reinhardt, yearbook; Jack McVaugh, recreation; Pat Brazil, leadership; Mervin Snowden, earning and savings; Dean Strack, conduct of meetings; and Ronald Cheyney, scholarship...The first activity of the new school year was a trip to the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson, which was made by 30 boys and the adviser...The Chanute Future Farmers participated in the regional Pfister junior corn show. A grain judging school was also held with Delmar Hanson having a grand champion entry. Duane Moyer's, Ronald Cheyney's, and Clinton Swiler's entries placed first in their classes. ...We have made \$50 on concessions at one football game...We have a new grinder in our shop...Two of our boys recently bought purebred Hereford heifers... Tabor Motor Co. is again furnishing us with a new Ford pick-up for our class use.

Duane Moyer, Reporter

NESS CITY: Our chapter has a total enrollment of 44 members...As our first project this year we built an announcer's booth, concession stand, and added a 36 foot section of bleachers to the present ones on the athletic field ...For a money making project we will sponsor the Olson All American Red Heads. The Red Heads will play one of our town teams...Our chapter placed second with a brooder house at the county fair. Homer Delaney placed first with a portable loading chute.

Dick Vogel, Reporter

EL DORADO: The chapter is picking 4 acres of popcorn. It will be processed and sold to local stores in 2 lb. cellophane bags...The chapter is making plans for its third annual cooperative calf project and plan to add a feeder Lamb for the first time. Each boy wishing to participate gives feed or money

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for shares...9 senior Ag members attended the American Royal in Kansas City. Those attending were: Ronnie Wimberly, Richard Wilson, Bob Carson, Don Loos, Dale Hamilton, Douglas Sherwood and Dick Burch...To promote scholarship the chapter has an honor roll with each member's name on it. Each member may receive points for each grade he receives. An A is worth 4 points, a B is worth 3 points, C worth 2 points, D worth 1 point, and F is minus 2 points. On this point basis a member may be ranked Gold Emblem if he receives 14-20 points, Silver if he receives 11-13 points and Bronze if he receives 8-10 points. Arlan Stackley and Jack West ranked in the Gold Emblem classification for scholarship.

Dick Burch, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Summer activities included: 12 of our members camped out overnight near Smith Center and participated in the Balanced Farming Day activities at Lebanon the next day...Our judging teams competed in contests at the Thomas County Fair at Colby and the Rooks County Fair at Stockton...Late in August we had a watermelon feed. All former FFA members and prospective freshmen were invited...We are planning a joint party with the FHA, also a chili supper for our dads...For community service we have been shocking feed for farmers near Plainville...We will have a cake walk and fun house at our school carnival November 4.

Leland Adam, Reporter

HOWARD: We have 42 active members in the chapter this year...The chapter bought another registered Hampshire gilt this year. This makes 3 gilts owned by the chapter...We have made 16 field trips to test 170 acres of soil for lime and phosphates, castrated 3 calves, 50 head of pigs, ringed 50 head of pigs, and culled 200 hens...Fifteen prospective Green Hands were given a hearty welcome at a party held Sept. 15...Our annual FHA-FFA hayrack ride and dance was held Oct. 24...The chapter constructed a booth for the fair but we didn't compete for the booth prize...The chapter voted to buy all new paraphernalia when our new agriculture classroom and shop are completed...Lynn Perkins entertained Fred Jackson, an International Farm Youth Exchange student, this summer...Jim Perkins spent 10 weeks touring the European countries this summer.

Don Perkins, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: We have 45 members in our chapter this year - 19 of them are Green Hands. We also have a 100% membership in FFA...The FFA chapter purchased 4 Registered Duroc gilts at the Registered Duroc sale at Newton recently, and re-sold them to members at cost...Equipment being built in shop at the present time includes: creep feeder, 2 hog self-feeders, 4 feed bunks made out of barrels, 1 feeder made from ice freezing tanks, cake sled, portable loading chute, 1 set of pickup stockracks, 1 feed mixing box made of galvanized iron on wheels, set of clothesline poles, and other small articles...Our chapter has shocked feed and received donations from community service such as castrating, dehorning and vaccinating calves...Every member in our chapter has a part in our program of work...We have ordered FFA letters from the Future Farmers Supply Service, for members of the judging and shop teams.

Kendall Angell, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

STAFFORD: In August, the following boys, Carl Marks, Wesley Learned, Ronnie Sturegon, Leclair Slade, John Slade, Bob Howe, Terry Knocke, Willard Eisenhower, Bill Howe and adviser, Mr. Schrag, went on a trip to St. Louis, Missouri. They stayed one night in the Manhattan Vocational Agriculture building, and two nights in the Shawnee-Mission High School, where they enjoyed a watermelon feed with the Shawnee-Mission officers. One night was spent at Columbus, Kansas. In St. Louis they went to the zoo and to a ballgame between the Cleveland Indians and the St. Louis Browns, and visited the Purina farms. They drove to Bagnell dam, and through parts of the Ozarks...Our chapter is now holding a Pest Eradication Contest between classes. The pests we are trying to eliminate are crows, blackbirds, starlings, sparrows, rats and mice.

Willard Eisenhower, Reporter

WINFIELD: The chapter members will soon move into the new one-half million dollar Vocational Building, which is now nearing completion. The farm mechanics shop is 48 x 128 feet. It is equipped with a five ton traveling crane for handling heavy equipment. It contains a supply room, paint and wash room, locker and shower room, and toilet facilities. Just outside the door is a large court to park farm shop jobs. In other parts of the Ag building are the foods processing room designed for community work as well as the Home Economics work in the high school. This building contains a butchering room with cooling room for 12 beeves at a time and a deep freeze room. There are 2 classrooms each of which is equipped with small offices for the teachers, and a Future Farmer room. The FFA President will have a desk in this room, which will also contain the FFA library and other supplies including chapter paraphernalia...A weiner roast at Island Park was the feature of our October meeting. After the eats and a short business meeting Dick Lewis, our young auctioneer, tried out his art by selling a quarter, the money going to the community chest. We turned in \$3.80 to the Chest Drive.

Rex Bolack, Reporter

BURLINGAME: The school purchased a new $\frac{1}{2}$ ton International truck for the Vo-Ag department. We use the truck to haul livestock, to go on field trips and for other activities...We built a concession stand on the Ag truck in which we sell hot dogs, candy and pop at football games.

Robert D. Mills, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: The newly elected senior officers took over their duties and responsibilities on June 1...Monthly meetings of the officers were held during the summer months...Our total membership in the FFA is 33...The chapter has a registered Poland China gilt with a litter of six pigs. Registration papers will be obtained on at least two of the gilt pigs. Two of the best gilts will be placed with worthy chapter members when they reach 100 pounds...The chapter harvested 3 acres of Gibson Soybeans which yielded 48 bushels, averaging about 16 bushels per acre. We received \$2.72 per bushel. We plan to sow Oats on the ground next spring if weather conditions are favorable; if not, we will plant corn...An FFA party was held on August 27 for the new incoming Vo-Ag students. Softball under lights was played for recreation. Doughnuts and pop were served...In shop we have made three feed bunks, loading chute, farm ladder, hog troughs, and have repaired several cars for minor

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jobs with one overhaul job on another. Several tools have been re-conditioned and we are now doing some Community Service work for the local Chamber of Commerce by helping to build Christmas decorations for street lighting. Several jobs in both gas and arc welding have been completed on farm machinery parts.

Ralph Reese, Reporter

LONGFORD: Our livestock team, composed of Bill Steenbock, David Mugler, Eldon Harder and an alternate, Howard Habluetzel, won second place at the C. K. Ranch Judging contest. David Mugler was high individual, Eldon Harder was third high individual...The Vo-Ag II class attended the Hutchinson State Fair September 15 and 16. They attended the livestock selection demonstration and afternoon and evening performances. An interesting side trip was the Carey Salt Mines...The Vo-Ag III Class attended the National Convention held in Kansas City October 14 and 15...We have been redecorating our classroom by putting in a new floor, painting the walls and ceiling, hanging new pictures, building a new entranceway, new tables and bookcase.

Eldon Harder, Reporter

HOLCOMB: Thirteen freshmen received their Green Hand degree September 17... We have constructed approximately two-hundred-fifty feet of sidewalk since school started this year...The entire chapter attended the L. L. Jones and Sons Registered Hereford dispersal sale in September. Members were on hand to see the sale of one bull for \$3300.00...As money raising activities for the year we have selected a donkey basketball game and magazine subscriptions. We are now in our subscription campaign...We have built several feed bunks for farmers in the community...We showed a movie at our last regular meeting entitled "Rainmaker." It may be obtained from the Sinclair Refining Company, Box 978, Topeka, Kansas.

Chuck Holmstrom, Reporter

ATWOOD: Our chapter has been busy with community service work. We have planted the lawn in front of the hospital, set posts in the high school parking lot, and built a speaker's stand for the football field. Some of the things built in shop this year are: 2 cattle feed bunks; 1 sheep feeder; 1 welding table; and a portable loading chute...Our chapter showed three fat calves in the junior division of the county fair...Chapter members are selling "The Farm Quarterly" to raise funds for the chapter.

Bobby Reinert, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: Last August the officers and part of the senior class spent 3 days at Lake Kanopolis planning some of the year's FFA activities, fishing and swimming...Our chapter had a county collective booth at the state fair again this year. We placed second in the central division...Some of the shop projects under construction now are: 3 loading chutes, 2 two-wheel trailers, remodeling a manure spreader, gym swing set, football charging sled, remodeling a grain drill, wheel jig, tractor overhaul...The officers spent one day at the American Royal.

Evan Kindall, Reporter