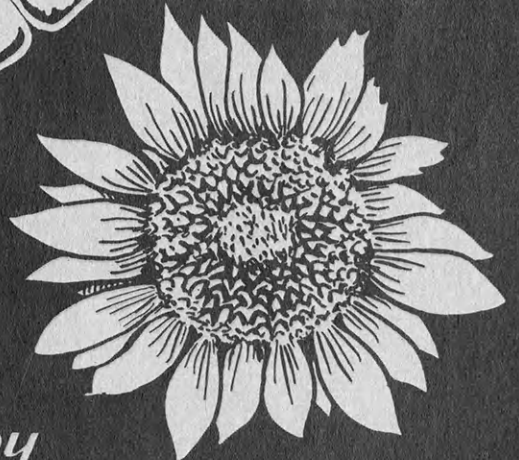
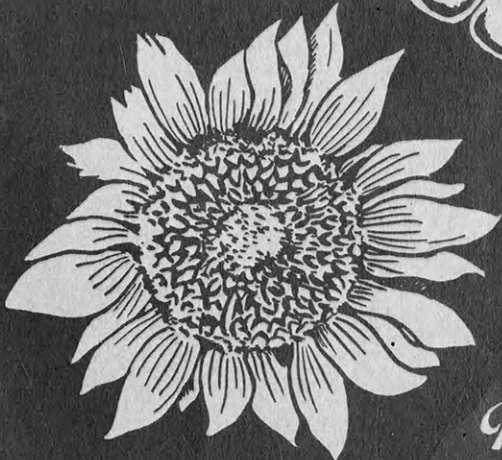
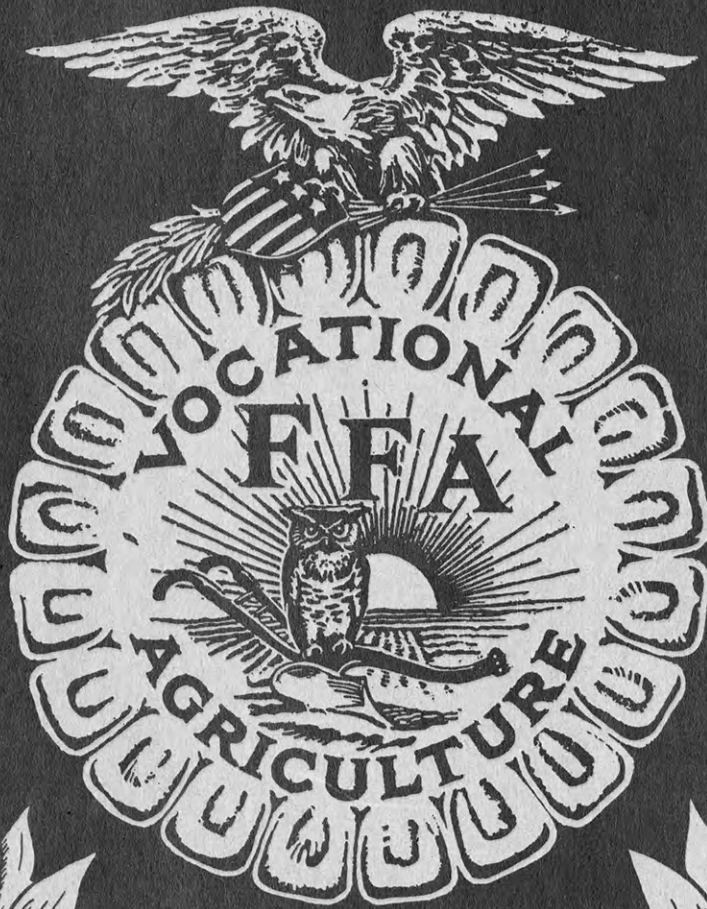


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MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1956. Dues are 30¢
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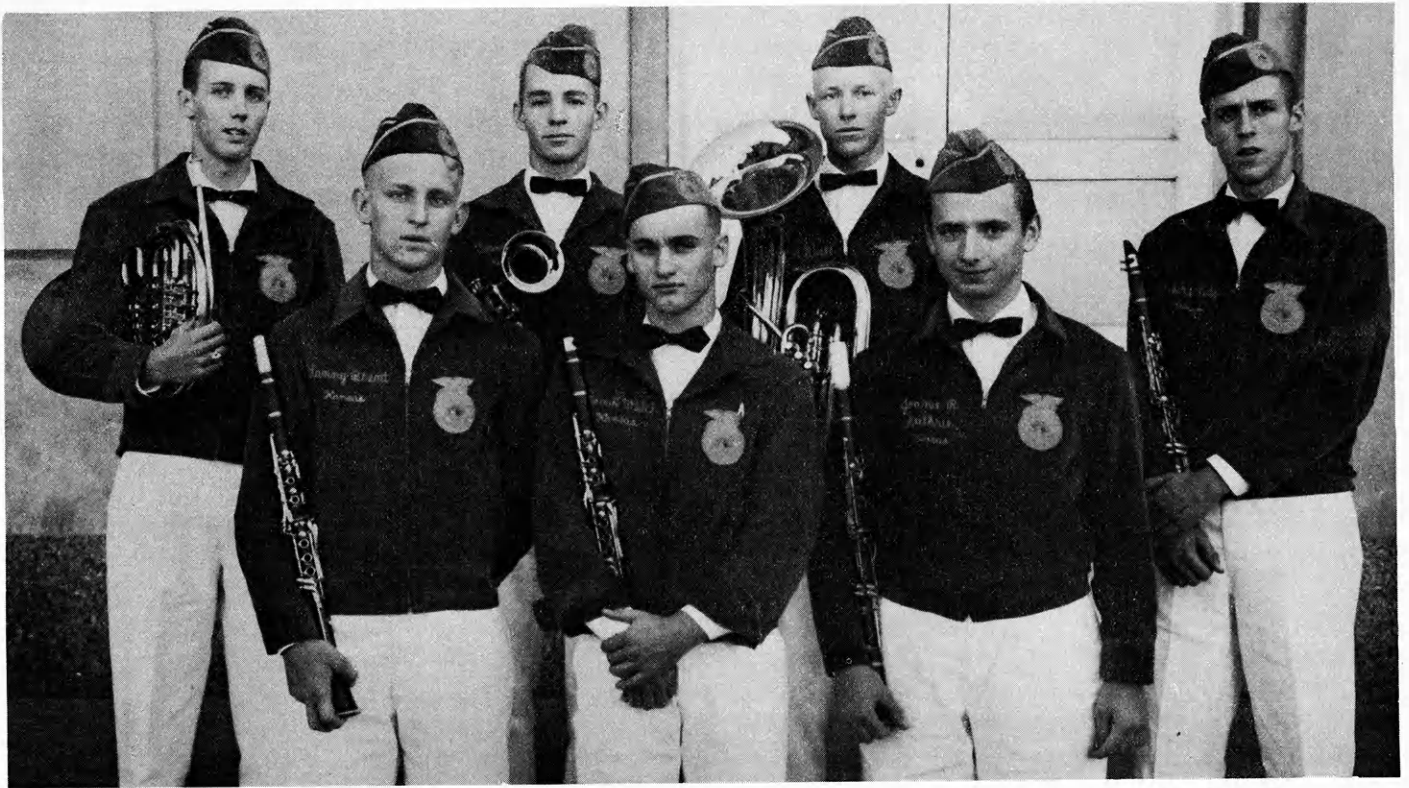
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FFA FILMS AVAILABLE: You may schedule through the State Office, Manhattan,
the following FFA films: Firestone's "FFA Silver Anni-
versary" (5 copies); General Motor's "Farmer of Tomor-
row" (one copy).

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28TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



Kansas members of the National FFA Band - BR-L. R. Steve French, Pretty Prairie; Laron Holt, Barnes; Dennis Duell, Goodland; Richard Hedges, Blue Mound; FR-L. R. Lanny Brent, Alton; Oren Welch, Cherryvale; Jonnie Guthrie, Cherryvale. Dr. Henry S. Brunner was the director of the 119-piece National FFA Band.

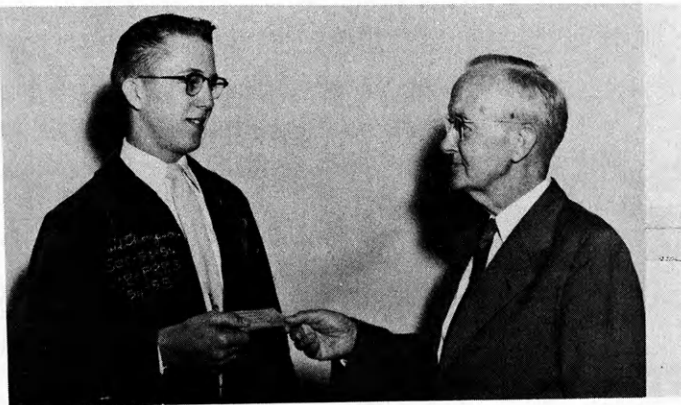


Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus - BR-L. R. Bobby Elliott, Columbus; Marvin Timmons, Fredonia; Thomas E. Kieffer, Belleville; James Ellis, Olathe; FR-L. R. David Jackson, LaCygne; Russel Peterson, Randolph; Jim Coltharp, Barnes; Tommy Schrag, McPherson. Dr. James Hatch was the director of the of the 120-member National FFA Chorus.

28TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



Kansas American Farmer Candidates: BR-L. R. Norwood Blanke, Hanover, Clifford Mayo, Garden City; Waldo Anderson, Oberlin; FR-L. R. Roy Rau, Clay Center; Ronald Cheyney, Chanute; Francis Grillot, Jr., Parsons; Leonard Hawk, Effingham; Assistant Supervisor Loren E. Whipps.



A \$250 Santa Fe Railway Scholarship Award check is presented to David Thompson, Arkansas City Chapter, by State Deputy Adviser A. P. Davidson.



Francis Grillot, Jr., Parsons, 1955 American Farmer. His father receive the American Farmer Degree in 1931 thus Francis becomes the first son of an American Farmer in Kansas to receive the Fourth Degree.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 10-13, 1955

Ten thousand (unofficial) Future Farmers of America from 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico attended the 1955 convention, along with hundreds of their adult advisers and several thousand guests. The 28th National FFA Convention by all standards of evaluation rated Gold Emblem classification - which in FFA language is TOPS.

Each year this great FFA convention renews our faith not only in American Agriculture but our faith in the future of America. The superb manner in which the official delegates and officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America handled their three day meeting favorably impressed not only their leaders but also the citizens of Kansas City, our host city, and the representatives of great industrial concerns who were in attendance at the meetings. Fifty four representatives from thirteen foreign nations were among our guests. They were favorably impressed and given a perspective not possible to attain in any other way. Other guests included members of our Department of Government, foreign government attaches, state governors and mayors of our great American cities. It was the privilege of our FFA members and their leaders to hear messages of good will and inspiration from our agricultural and industrial leaders, as well as leaders from other nations. Kansas FFA members and their leaders are fortunate in being able to have approximately 2500 in attendance at this great Convention sometime during the week.

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 Waldo Anderson, Oberlin Chapter, Past Vice President of the Kansas Association of FFA and Larry Figgs, Effingham Chapter, President of the Kansas Association of FFA. Alternates were Dean Ebel, State FFA Vice-President, and John McComb, Treasurer of the Kansas Association of FFA from Wamego and Washburn respectively.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 375 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-eighth National Convention were: Waldo W. Anderson, Oberlin Chapter; Norwood Blanke, Hanover Chapter; Ronald Daren Cheyney, Chanute Chapter; Francis A. Grillot, Jr., Parsons Chapter; Leonard Hawk, Effingham Chapter; Clifford A. Mayo, Garden City Chapter; Roy R. Rau, Clay Center Chapter.

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

Gerald F. Barton, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, 542 State Office Building, Des Moines 19, Iowa

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

- George S. Bulkley, General Director, Dairy Extension, Carnation Company,
 Carnation Building, Los Angeles 36, California
- A. B. Childers, Area Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 1920 South 26th
 Street, Waco, Texas
- A. P. Davidson, Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Kansas State College,
 Manhattan, Kansas
- Percy Kirk, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of
 Education, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- Howard McClarren, Youth Education, American Institute of Cooperation, 744
 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.
- Robert V. Mullen, Executive Secretary, Sears, Roebuck Foundation, 3333
 Arthington Street, Chicago 7, Illinois
- S. F. Peterson, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Asso-
 ciation, Inc., Ayden, North Carolina
- C. A. Reynolds, Director and Chairman of the Board, The H. D. Lee Company,
 Inc., Kansas City 10, Missouri
- W. A. Ruhmann, Farm Editor of WBAP, Fort Worth, Texas
- Reuben L. Smith, Radio Director, Tractor Group, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing
 Company, 1126 South 70th Street, Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin
- Roy P. Stewart, Columnist, Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- A. L. Teachey, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of
 Public Instruction, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Harold E. Urton, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of
 Public Instruction, Pierre, South Dakota
- Cola D. Watson, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of
 Education, State Office Building, Montpelier, Vermont

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 Awards.
3. A new pattern for awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to teachers of vocational agriculture became effective in 1954. A teacher to be eligible for this award must previously have received the Honorary State Farmer Degree or the regular State Farmer Degree. The criteria for evaluating candidates recommended by State Associations will be found in the September 15, 1954, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, pages 13 and 14.

The following teachers of vocational agriculture were awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 28th National FFA Convention:

- Winfield Leonard Norton, 12 Fair Street, Petaluma, California
- Ellis F. Clark, Box 308, Woodbury, Connecticut
- J. C. Waldron, Box 202, Drifton, Florida
- Clarence M. Hatland, Walnut, Illinois
- C. J. Kuster, Normal, Illinois
- L. F. Lentz, Part Road, R. R. 1, Belleville, Illinois
- Glenn T. Moore, Oneida, Illinois
- Melvin J. Nicol, Maroa, Illinois
- Floyd A. Blauer, Stockton, Kansas
- R. M. Karns, Route 3, Newton, Kansas
- H. Palmer Hopkins, New Park, Pennsylvania (Pylesville, Maryland)
- T. B. Poole, Deckerville, Michigan
- Joseph V. Raine, 615 N.W. Second Street, Little Falls, Minnesota
- Thomas W. Raine, Route 5, Owatonna, Minnesota

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

Jess Kovanda, Ord, Nebraska
 O. J. Gaylord, Bath, North Carolina
 H. G. Johnston, Pittsboro, North Carolina
 John Borton, Upper Sandusky, Ohio
 John Kussel, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma
 William McKinney, 1024 N. 14, Salem, Oregon
 Walter L. Hess, 235 Center Street, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania
 Juan Ellis, P. O. Box 66, Orocovis, Puerto Rico
 Harold White, 704 East Third Avenue, Milbank, South Dakota
 Edward Kantola, Walla Walla, Washington
 E. A. Hutchinson, Clintonville, Wisconsin

STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and The Star Farmer for the Southern Region is Joe Moore, 21 year old of Granville, Tennessee. Moore is a member of the Jackson County High School FFA chapter. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, of \$1,000.00.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Ross Edward Smith Jr., North Harford Chapter, Maryland. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - Richard K. Arnold, Painwell Chapter, Michigan. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Lynn Loosli, North Fremont Chapter, Ashton, Idaho. Award \$500.00.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

First:	Liberato Viduya, Jr., Lanai, Hawaii "Soil, The Stepping Stone to Freedom"	Award \$250.00
Second:	Lee Todd, Bells, Tennessee "The Land Is Our Trust"	Award \$225.00
Third:	Clark Reber, Bunkerville, Nevada "Farm Organizations: An Answer to Our Farm Problems"	Award \$200.00
Fourth:	Clarence Van Dyke, Unionville, Pennsylvania "A Valley with a Vision"	Award \$175.00
Fifth:	Jerry Litton, Chillicothe, Missouri "Farming - A Challenge and an Opportunity"	Award \$150.00

Judges of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest were:

Shelby M. Jackson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, Baton Rouge, Louisiana;
 Wib Justi, Youth Director, The National Grange, Washington, D. C.;
 R. H. Woods, President, Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky.

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 57 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went to 37 chapters; and Bronze Emblem to 21. Plaques were awarded to the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem groups.

Twenty-Eighth National Convention of FFA (continued)
 Gold Emblem Chapters - National Chapter Contest (continued)

Gold Emblem

Ramer, Alabama	Winona, Minnesota
Riverton Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama	Inverness, Mississippi
Amphitheater Chapter Tuscon, Arizona	Flathead Chapter Kalispell, Montana
Phoenix Technical Chapter Phoenix, Arizona	Huntley Project Chapter Worden, Montana
Conway, Arkansas	Auburn, Nebraska
Bent Chapter Las Animas, Colorado	Newton, New Jersey
Brighton, Colorado	Woodstown, New Jersey
Housantonic Valley Chapter Falls Village, Connecticut	Deming, New Mexico
Steven Babcock Chapter Middletown, Delaware	Bath, North Carolina
Quincy, Florida	Wesley Chapel Chapter Monroe, North Carolina
Suwanee Chapter Live Oak, Florida	Linton, North Dakota
Blakely, Georgia	Rugby, North Dakota
Moultrie, Georgia	Loudonville, Ohio
Fairbury, Illinois	Marysville, Ohio
Lexington, Illinois	Mountain View, Oklahoma
Pearl City, Illinois	Snyder, Oklahoma
Audubon, Iowa	Albany, Oregon
Mount Ayr, Iowa	Battlefield Chapter Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Waverly, Iowa	District No. 5 Chapter Duncan, South Carolina
Lafayette Bryan Station Chapter Lexington, Kentucky	Clark, South Dakota
Delhi, Louisiana	Clifton, Texas
Slidell, Louisiana	Iraan, Texas
Agawam, Massachusetts	Nacogdoches, Texas
Cassopolism Michigan Caro No. 19 Chapter Caro, Michigan	Silverton, Texas
Forest Lake, Minnesota	Box Elder Chapter Brigham City, Utah
	South Cache Chapter Hyrum, Utah
	Ashland, Virginia
	Brookville, Virginia
	Green Bank, West Virginia
	Ripley, West Virginia

Silver Emblem

Sulligent, Alabama	New Albany, Indiana
Paris, Arkansas	Ellsworth, Kansas
Central Union Chapter Fresno, California	<u>Washburn Chapter</u> Topoka, Kansas
Hanford, California	Sulphur, Louisiana
Newark, Delaware	Gorham, Maine
Greenville, Georgia	Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Rigby, Idaho	Marshall, Michigan
Sugar Salen Chapter Sugar City, Idaho	Mountain Lake, Minnesota
Cisne, Illinois	Kemper County Chapter Scooba, Mississippi
Geneseo, Illinois	Churchill County Chapter Fallon, Nevada
Carlisle-Haddon Chapter Carlisle, Indiana	

Twenty-Eighth National Convention of FFA (continued)
Silver Emblem Chapters - National Chapter Contest (continued)

Virgin Valley Chapter	Fairforest, South Carolina
Bunkerhill, Nevada	Livingston, Texas
Tucumcari, New Mexico	Whitesboro, Texas
Greenville, New York	Blacksburg, Virginia
Franklin, North Carolina	Fife Chapter
Ontario, Oregon	Tacoma, Washington
Garden Spot Chapter	Wapato, Washington
Lampeter, Pennsylvania	Burlington, Wyoming
Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania	Breybull, Wyoming

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

National Winner - Russ Christie, 19, Newton, New Jersey. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Dwight Whitaker, 18, Forest City, Illinois, Central Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Ronnic Persyn, 17, Leming, Texas, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - LeMoyne Roberts, 18, Tremonton, Utah, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

National Winner - John Brandon McCool, 17, Reform, Alabama. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - John Vaszauskas, 18, Middlebury, Connecticut, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - James C. Petty, 19, Gracey, Kentucky, Central Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Joe Daniels, 18, Thermopolis, Wyoming, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

DAIRY FARMING CONTEST:

National Winner - George Ford, 19, Quincy, Florida. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - J. W. Foster, 17, Monett, Missouri, Central Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Sterling Griffiths, 16, Beaver, Utah, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Eldred Hitchcock, 17, Montrose, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTEST:

National Winner - Ben Greene, 18, Ripley, West Virginia. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Kenneth Floyd Serres, 17, Harrison, Nebraska, Central Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Woody Bartlett, 17, Montgomery, Alabama, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Emory Clapp, 18, Dayton, Washington, Pacific Region. Award \$200.00.

Twenty-Eighth National Convention of FFA (continued)

FARM SAFETY CONTEST:

- National Winner - Brighton Chapter, Brighton, Colorado. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Louisa County FFA Chapter, Mineral, Virginia, Southern Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Audubon Chapter, Audubon, Iowa, Central Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Delmar Chapter, Delmar, Delaware, North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.

1955-56 NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS.

Dan Dunham, Lakeview, Oregon, President
Allen Colebank, Morgantown, West Virginia, North Atlantic Vice President
Lynn Loosli, Ashton, Idaho, Pacific Vice President
Dale Ring, Wooster, Ohio, Central Vice President
Lennie H. Gamage, Cartesville, Virginia, Southern Vice President
Terrell W. Benton, Jefferson, Georgia, Student Secretary

1955 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS

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

Waldo Anderson - Oberlin Chapter

Waldo entered high school with a fairly good backlog in feeding steers but had no crops; so the first year, after renting some ground, he planted 10 acres of sorghum, 20 acres of wheat, and two acres of alfalfa.

The second year really provided the spur for his farming program. After assuming a mortgage for \$29,000, he was able to purchase a section of land on which he raised 250 acres of wheat in addition to 20 acres rented wheat and 10 acres of rented sorghum. The deferred feeding program was increased from 10 steers to 33 steers.

Waldo expanded his program during his junior and senior years to 69 head of deferred fed steers, 260 acres of wheat and 10 acres of sorghum. In the future he plans to expand his farming program by acquiring more farm machinery and utilizing more fully the pasture on the land he owns. Waldo says that he will always be grateful to the FFA for the opportunities and challenges that it has presented and for the comradeship and cooperation that its members have given him.

Norwood Blanke - Hanover Chapter

Norwood Blanke enrolled as a freshman in Hanover High School in the fall of 1949. His first year in vocational agriculture his farming program consisted of a registered Holstein cow and a registered Spotted Poland China gilt. His original Holstein cow raised two heifer calves in the next two years which formed the foundation stock for his present herd.

1955 American Farmer Class (continued)
Norwood Blanke, Hanover (continued)

The next two years Norwood increased his dairy cattle and swine, and rented twenty acres of crop land. He joined the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and started a program of selection of better cows. A two sow farrowing house was constructed in shop to be used in his swine program.

The past year Norwood's farming program included four Holstein cows, one bred heifer, one open heifer, one breeding bull and three calves. His cows have reached over 500 pounds of butterfat per cow. His swine herd consisted of 55 head of hogs. He rented 40 acres of corn ground, 40 acres of wheat, 6 acres of oats and 14 acres of alfalfa.

Ronald Cheney - Chanute Chapter

Ronald began farming when he was six years old with a grade Hereford heifer calf. He now farms in partnership on his father's 600 acre farm. Cheney's net worth is \$16,583. He owns most of his own equipment.

In 1953-54 he had 54 head of beef cattle, 17 market hogs, 80 acres, corn; 50, oats; 64 wheat; and 14, alfalfa. He made a little over \$10,000 from which \$4,288 was profit.

Cheney went to Junior College only seven miles from home in the morning and spent his afternoons on the farm. He's farming full time now.

Francis Grillot, Jr. - Parsons Chapter

Francis' interest in FFA was aroused early in life. His father was an American Farmer and State Star Farmer in 1931. Francis hoped some day that he would be worthy of the FFA degrees received by his father.

He had a good start on his farming program by the time he entered high school. As a freshman his farming program consisted of 3 registered Holstein cows, 2 fat steers, and 2 hogs. He received his State Farmer Degree in 1953 and was elected to the office of State Sentinel the same year.

At the present time he owns 24 feeder steers, a 10 foot self-propelled combine, 2 ton truck, and operates 40 acres of rented crop land, comprising a net worth of \$3,955.25.

FFA experience has meant a lot to Francis. He recommends the FFA organization to any young farm boy as an exceedingly interesting organization.

Leonard Hawk - Effingham Chapter

Leonard Hawk's interest in agriculture was inherited from Dutch extraction who farmed for many generations before him and came to America in pre-revolutionary war days. They moved westward as new lands were made available. He is of the fourth generation of Hawk's that have farmed this same land in Atchinson County.

The first agriculture project of his own were two orphan lambs given him by his grandfather. The flock of 30 ewes he now owns originated from these lambs.

1955 American Farmer Class (continued)
Leonard Hawk, Effingham (continued)

When he became old enough to operate machinery he was given 15 acres of land, which included 5 acres of corn, wheat and oats, to farm for himself. The profits from these crops created an interest and an incentive to keep expanding his operations until he now is in partnership with his father and brother. They now operate a total of 1200 acres of crops and grazing land, of which Leonard is paying on 160 acres. They have 60 head of cows and the calves from these cows are used in the deferred feeding system. In years of surplus of feed they buy additional calves to consume the surplus. Their swine program consists of 100 feeder pigs from 15 sows.

Leonard is now 20 years old, married, and well established in farming with \$19,749 in total assets.

Clifford Mayo - Garden City Chapter

Clifford started his farming program in 1943 when he borrowed \$125 from his father to buy a breeding heifer. Her calves paid his debt. In his best year he had half interest in 160 acres of wheat, 225 milo, 40 alfalfa, 40 atlas sorgo, and 70 acres of clover. He owned three-fourths interest in 25 beef animals and had four butcher hogs and 25 chickens on his own farmstead.

From his farming operations he realized a total income of \$41,244, and a labor income of \$12,796. He has earned \$75,034 since he started to farm. He is now worth about \$30,000.

There is now some 1,232 acres devoted to crops and 320 to pasture. Mayo's father owns only 100 acres, the rest is rented. Nearly half the crop land is under irrigation. Clifford and his wife are farming in partnership with Mayo's parents.

To operate the farm Mayo and his father have five wheel tractors and one track type, three trucks, two combines, two wheat drills, and a score of other implements. Clifford owns half interest in all machinery.

Roy Rau - Clay Center Chapter

Roy received his start in vocational agriculture when he purchased half interest in a registered Hereford cow with his brother. He is now worth \$30,329.

His father financed him his first year and now Roy farms 975 acres paying one-third crop for use of his father's machinery. He rents 266 acres and owns 55.

In 1953-54 Rau had 208 acres, wheat; 31, oats; 56, corn; 14, alfalfa; and 12, prairie hay. He also owned 57 head of beef cattle. He made \$34,849 and cleared \$30,896.

In high school he served on numerous FFA committees and exhibited in many fairs.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO THE 1955 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTIONLarry L. Figgs:

Attending the National FFA Convention as your delegate was a distinct honor. Meeting and associating with delegates from other states, and with the national officers was a greater privilege. They consisted of a group of young men of the highest degree of leadership. The national officers definitely exerted an influence of high quality of leadership for the some 8,000 FFA members present. The way they transacted business and social affairs was **definitely** a challenge to the state officers and to the local chapter officer present to carry on their own meetings with the same degree of proficiency and sincerity.

The public speaking contest was the best I have ever heard. I only wish that every member could have heard the speeches and the way the speakers handled the questions asked. I realized the poorest speech was of the highest quality as each one of the speakers was already a regional winner.

The Star Farmer Awards program was the most colorful and outstanding event of the second night. Each of the star farmers was outstanding in leadership, scholarship and farming. Each one definitely stood out as an example for each chapter member to set his goal by.

I only wish that every member in our state association could attend the National Convention during their years as an active FFA member. I wish to thank you for sending me as your delegate. It was an experience I shall never forget.

Waldo Anderson:

I looked forward to the 28th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America with mixed emotions of anticipation and regret because, while I knew it would enable me to renew many friendships and make many new ones, I also knew that it marked the end of my FFA career. To attempt to describe how I actually felt during the convention is impossible, to say merely that it was wonderful seems very inadequate. However, I believe that anyone who has ever attended an FFA convention will say without reservation that it was one of the most thrilling experiences that he has ever had. From the starting luncheon in the beautiful Aztec Room of the Hotel President to the final closing ceremony, one feels the strength and inspiration of the 383,000 Future Farmers working together as one unit. As we heard the inspiring speeches given by the entrants in the national public speaking contest, we felt encouraged that we were members of an organization that could boast of having such talented young men in its ranks. We experienced this same sensation as we listened to the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus. Finally as we listened to some of America's greatest public leaders who had given of their time to come to our convention to talk to us, we were again proud of being FFA members. Very few of us could listen to National President, Bill Gunter presiding over a meeting without marveling at the qualities of leadership that were brought out in a national FFA officer.

FFA members-----it's been a wonderful year. The moment that I received the American Farmer Degree was one of the happiest in my life. I owe a debt to the FFA that I can never repay---it has given me the opportunity to meet some of the finest people I have ever known and I am humbly grateful. It is my sincere wish that the Future Farmers of America may continue to inspire its

Reports of Delegates to the 1955 National FFA Convention (continued)
Waldo Anderson (continued)

members with the same faith in agriculture that it has given me.

Dean Ebel:

I was very fortunate in being selected as a alternate delegate from Kansas to the 28th National Convention of Future Farmers of America. By the enthusiasm shown, I am certain that it was a great inspiration to every delegate present from each of the forty-eight states, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, to participate in carrying out the business transactions for nearly 380,000 FFA members.

During the sessions, parliamentary procedure was stressed to the utmost as I believe I would be safe in saying that in all of the sessions, it was flawless.

Seeing the national officers perform the ritualistic ceremonies, meeting them in person, and becoming acquainted with them was a privilege in itself, to say nothing of meeting other men such as Raymond C. Firestone and many more.

We were honored by having with us representatives from many foreign countries, and it was obvious that they were very much impressed by the great massiveness and precision of the convention.

Many of you, I know, attended the convention, and I am certain that you were as conscious as I of the overwhelming respect which outsiders have for our organization. It is considered by a vast number of admirers as the greatest youth organization in the world. Our past generation has established this standing. It is our job to maintain it.

John McComb:

For the past four years I have had the privilege of attending the National Future Farmer convention at Kansas City. This year, however, was my first time on the inside. No one has any idea the amount of work it takes to carry out necessary functions that are a part of the convention. As alternate delegates, Dean and I were sitting in sessions from 9:00 o'clock to 12:00 o'clock and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The two proposed amendments were defeated after long debates, the budget was discussed and passed, committees met and discussed their activities all one afternoon and on the last day the national officers were elected for the coming year.

Of course, it was not all work. The delegates were guests at several banquets in honor of various people. They were entertained with acts and speeches which were not only fun but very entertaining. The shows put on in the evening were also very nice.

All in all, it was a marvelous experience. One which I will never forget and will be one of my cherished memories.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES

Kansas was recognized with three Honorary American Degrees at the 28th National FFA Convention. Two of these degrees were conferred on vocational agricultural teachers and one on the State FFA Deputy Adviser. The maximum number of teachers eligible to receive this degree in any one year in the United States is 25.

The following is a listing of the 1955 recipients of the Honorary American Farmer Degree with a brief summary of their achievements:

RALPH M. KARNs, NEWTON CHAPTER, NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points Allowed</u>	<u>Points Earned by Candidate</u>
1. For each American Farmer.....	90	450
8. For each American Farmer established in farming.....	90	360
9. For each Speaker participating in National FFA Public Speaking Contest at Kansas City..	60	60
11. For each State Farmer.....	10	220
15. For each State Farmer established in farming	10	180
17. For each State Winner in official National FFA Public Speaking Contest.....	5	10
18. For each team winning Gold Emblem or first place in State Judging Contest.....	5	455
20. For each year served as State Officer in State Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Assn.....	5	5
21. For each year of service as Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.....	5	140
TOTAL POINTS EARNED		1,880

FLOYD A. BLAUER, STOCKTON CHAPTER, STOCKTON RURAL HIGH SCHOOL.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points Allowed</u>	<u>Points Earned by Candidate</u>
1. For each American Farmer.....	90	90
7. For each winning team of Gold Emblem Award in National Judging Contest since 1947.....	40	40
11. For each State Farmer.....	10	490
13. For each State Officer in FFA.....	10	60
15. For each State Farmer established in farming	10	240
16. For each year as winner of Gold Emblem or similar top award in State Chapter Contest.	5	100
17. For each State Winner in official National FFA Public Speaking Contest.....	5	5
18. For each team winning Gold Emblem or first place in State Judging Contest.....	5	435
19. For each year on State Advisory Council....	5	5
20. For each year served as State Officer in State Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Assn.....	5	10
21. For each year of service as Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.....	5	130
TOTAL POINTS EARNED		1,605

Honorary American Farmer Degrees (continued)

A. P. DAVIDSON, STATE DEPUTY ADVISER, KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA.

For 28 years of service to the Future Farmers of America on Local, State, Regional and National levels.

REPORT OF DOWELL J. HOWARD, TREASURER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1955

(FFA Accounts audited by Leach, Calkins & Scott)

Summary of Audit

ASSETS:

Cash in bank		\$ 37,257.53
U. S. Savings Bonds	\$53,875.00	
Less: Reserve for unearned interest.	<u>5,029.50</u>	48,845.50
Loan Receivable:		
"The National Future Farmer"		
Cash Advances	\$36,786.20	
Expenses Paid in prior period.	<u>7,713.80</u>	<u>44,500.00</u>
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		\$130,603.03

OTHER ASSET:

Trademark		\$ 500.00
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FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:			
Land	\$12,343.23		
Buildings	15,317.16		
Equipment	<u>3,288.28</u>	\$30,948.67	
National Office:			
Furniture & Fixtures		<u>1,031.46</u>	<u>31,980.13</u>
			<u>\$163,083.16</u>

BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
JULY 1, 1955, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1956

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</u>
Dues	\$39,000.00
Royalties	25,000.00
Old Mill	2,000.00
Supply Service - Rent	1,500.00
Supply Service - Grant	7,500.00
Appropriated from Surplus	10,765.00
Miscellaneous	<u>125.00</u>
<u>Total Revenue</u>	\$85,890.00

Budget For The National Organization of Future Farmers of America (continued)

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET APPROPRIATION</u>
Travel	\$20,400.00
Convention Expenses	16,190.00
Printing	5,600.00
National Office Expense	22,520.00
National Camp	2,480.00
Judging Expenses	500.00
The National Future Farmer	10,000.00
Contingent	4,400.00
<u>Grand Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$85,890.00</u>

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

FFA leaders throughout the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, and all FFA members who have had the privilege of attending a National FFA Convention during the past eight or nine years, and friends of the Future Farmers of America everywhere, recognize the debt of gratitude owed the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus for the tremendous contribution made by these organizations to the success of the National FFA Convention. Special thanks is due the directors - Dr. Henry S. Bruner, Head Teacher Education in Agriculture, Pennsylvania State University, and Dr. James W. Hatch of Albany, New York for their inspiring leadership in effecting two splendid farm boy musical organizations which by their many high quality performances delighted thousands of people throughout America as well as hundreds of visitors from foreign countries. In addition to the regular performances scheduled in connection with the convention program, both the Band and the Chorus made many appearances before church congregations, and radio and T-V audiences. Both the Band and Chorus pleased the 11,000 person audience at the Coronation Ball, and the Band performing in the American Royal Parade was heard and enjoyed by an estimated 250,000 people. In addition to the distinct honor and many thrills accorded the 117 Band members from 41 states, and the 116 Chorus members from 36 states, every member left the 28th National FFA Convention with a definite conviction that he had made a splendid contribution to its success, and with a new perspective as to the size, importance and future promise of the Future Farmers of America. He was proud to be a Member.

The Band members from Kansas were: Jonnie Guthrie, Cherryvale; Cren Welch, Cherryvale; Steve French, Pretty Prairie; Dennis Duell, Goodland; Richard Hedges, Blue Mound; Lanny Brent, Alton; Laron Holt, Barnes.

Members of the Chorus from Kansas were: James Ellis, Olathe; Tommy Schrag, McPherson; Jim Coltharp, Barnes; Russel Peterson, Randolph; Thomas E. Kieffer, Belleville; Marvin Timmons, Fredonia; David Jackson, LaCygne; Bobby Elliott, Columbus.

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CONVENTION NOTES

MEMBERSHIP - The official membership of the Future Farmers of America as of June 30, 1955, was 383,219.

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PIPE ORGAN - Raymond Mabry, Little River chapter, a student at Emporia State, reported Friday noon and played the 4-manual pipe organ at the Country Club Congregational Church, Kansas City, Missouri, for the FFA Chorus in their performances before two congregations on Sunday, October 9.

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ATTENDANCE - Total average attendance at official sessions of the 28th FFA Convention broke all records. This is evidence of two things; good programming, and an increasing interest in the Future Farmers of America.

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CORONATION BALL - The FFA Chorus and the FFA Band occupied spots numbers 8 and 11 respectively on the 1955 American Royal Coronation Ball program. In addition, five members of the Chorus sang "That Old Gang of Mine" for the opening number of the American Royalties. Following single performances by the Band and the Chorus they joined in presenting "This Is My Country" and when they marched off the floor a applause accorded them was enthusiastic and whole hearted.

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THANKS - Special thanks are due Dave Eastlake, Phoenix, Arizona for his performance on the Bass Drum; Robert Reeves, Groettinger, Iowa, for singing "The Lord's Prayer" at the Butler breakfast; and Jack Mounts, Washington, Pennsylvania for his twirling exhibitions.

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PAGEANT- Dr. A. W. Tenney has made many valued contributions to the success of our National FFA Convention. This year was no exception. The Pageant written by Dr. Tenney, "Patriotism and the FFA", was pleasing and inspirational. Harold Garver and members of the Shawnee Mission chapter assisted in furnishing equipment and four members participated in the presentation. They were Pete Lorenze - Navy; Floy VanMeerhaege - Air; Dale Eckerberg - Army; and Charles Schwarz - Marines. William Hess, 22 years old, a former FFA member who is farming in his native state of Maryland, represented Civic Responsibilities. Hess is a member of the Maryland Legislature - the youngest member in the history of the Old Line State legislatures. Regional Vice-President Bobby Futrella, Mt. Olive, North Carolina, did a magnificent job in voicing the Pageant. His performance would have done credit to a member of the Speech faculty of any university.

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MESSAGE TO IKE - A get well message was sent to President Eisenhower by official action of the House of Delegates.

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Convention Notes (continued)

LASTING SUCCESS - Ernie Mehl, Kansas City Star, in his talk to more than 600 at the Butler breakfast called attention to the fact that lasting success is often built upon failure, and illustrated the point beautifully. The point was well taken by agricultural leaders and guests present and we hope will be remembered by the many FFA winners in attendance.

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YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION - and eight page pamphlet extended Greetings and Suggestions from the National Student Officers was timely and helpful. We suggest that beginning next year such material be sent state leaders in time to make the information available to local FFA advisers before leaving for Kansas City.

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WHAT IS THE FFA? This question was asked of FFA Speech Winner Liberato Viduya by Miss Betty Furness, Radio and T-V personality of New York, after he had presented her with an orchid from the Hawaiian Association of Future Farmers of America. The question was proposed before 11,000 persons in attendance at the 1955 American Royal Coronation Ball. Viduya effectively answered the question by taking off his FFA jacket and explaining the Official Emblem found on the back thereof. This neat trick was tops in public relations, and did a much better job of informing this vast audience than would have been possible thru verbalism channels alone.

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POST CONVENTION - The Kansas City Star and Times, as well as the Weekly Star Farmer have been zealous supporters of the FFA since its founding in 1928. In the Star of October 21, a three column spread thanked Time Magazine for their great story of the Star Farmer of America in their October 24 issue, and called attention to an oversight by Time in not mentioning in its story that the Star Farmer award was originated by the Weekly Star Farmer in 1929.

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FFA - TIME MAGAZINE - The October 24, 1955, issue of Time Magazine carried a feature article on the Future Farmers of America, including a **cover** picture of Joe Moore, Tennessee, the 1955 Star Farmer of America.

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER - The state office confused some teachers and irritated others by attempting to secure local chapter subscription lists for the National Future Farmer in time to receive the Fall issue of the magazine. We regret to announce that our efforts were in vain. A letter from V. Stanley Allen, Circulation Manager, under date of October 14, 1955, states that the Kansas subscription order of September 19 arrived too late to be processed for the Fall issue. The 2726 Kansas subscriptions arriving too late for the fall issue will begin with the January, 1956 issue.

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Convention Notes (continued)

AMENDMENTS DEFEATED - The House of Delegates of the 28th National FFA Convention acted adversely on both proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution. One amendment proposed representation of State Associations on a membership basis; the other proposed adding the office of Chaplin to FFA officer groups on local, state and national levels. The debate was spirited, friendly and showed considerable grasp of the problems involved.

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER - The National Future Farmer magazine reports a subscription of approximately 125,000.

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DELEGATE - Mr. Donald Moore, father of Star Farmer of America Joe Moore, was a delegate from the Tennessee Association to the 1928 National FFA Convention.

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STUDENT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE - The meetings scheduled for pre service Vo-Ag teachers was the most successful to date. Kansas had 20 members of the senior class in Agricultural Education present. All reported the meetings were most helpful.

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MR. SPEAKER - Doyle Conner, National FFA President 1948-49, now serves as Speaker of the House in the Florida Legislature.

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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE - The British counterpart of the FFA - The National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs - were represented by four young men who are here under the international exchange program. The British boys have been in this country since June as guests of states which have provided opportunity for study. The representatives and their host states were Iolo Owen, Pennsylvania; Bruce Seaman, Illinois; Derek Goodwin, Oklahoma; and Vivian Walton, California.

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THANKSLIVING

"Were thanks with every gift expressed,
 Each day would be Thanksgiving;
 Were gratitude it's very best,
 Each life would be Thanksliving."

--Chauncey R. Piety.

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. 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.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 12-13, 1955

Poultry Judging Contest: (38 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Chanute team, C. O. Carter, Adviser, won Gold Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Loy Reinhardt, Gary Berthot, Clinton Swiler, Gold Emblem.

Livestock Judging Contest: (42 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Newton team won Gold Emblem Classification.
R. M. Karns, Adviser

Individual Placings: Jim Allen, Elden Schmidt, Gold Emblem, James Suderman, Silver Emblem.

Meats Identification Contest: (29 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Mulvane team won Gold Emblem Classification.
Lee Doyen, Adviser

Individual Placings: Vernon Kennedy, Clair Ferguson, Merle McKean, Gold Emblem.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 3-4, 1955

Dairy Cattle Judging: (41 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Beloit team won Silver Emblem Classification.
Frank Carpenter, Adviser

Individual Placings: Larry Walker, Ronald McCune, Silver Emblem, John Simmons, Bronze Emblem.

Judging Dairy Products: (31 state teams competing)

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

Individual Placings: Jerry Gardner, John Larson, Gold Emblem, Fay Hoffman, Honorable Mention.

FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1955 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 - Washburn Chapter, Charles Ross, Adviser
Theme: Chinch Bug Control
- 2nd place - Rossville Chapter, Ira Williams, Adviser
Theme: Irrigation
- 3rd place - Seaman Chapter, Marvin Smith, Adviser
Theme: Safety
- 4th place - Alma Chapter, Walter Gehlbach, Adviser
Theme: Farm Ponds
- 5th place - Hiawatha Chapter, Ralph Arnold, Adviser
Theme: Grasshopper Control
- 6th place - Silver Lake Chapter, Dean Prochaska, Adviser
Theme: Quality Eggs
- 7th place - Berryton Chapter, Tom Morris, Adviser
Theme: Weed Control
- 8th place - Marion Chapter, Robert C. Stephens, Adviser
Theme: Farm Water System
- 9th place - Neodesha Chapter, Wayne Coltrain, Adviser
Theme: Quality Concrete
- 10th place - Holton Chapter, Harold Gentry, Adviser
Theme: Fertilizers

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Marion, Robert Stephens, Adviser
- 2nd place - Lawrence, William Essick, Roy Cropp, Advisers
- 3rd place - Washburn, Charles Ross, Adviser
- 4th place - Seaman, Marvin Smith, Adviser
- 5th place - Randolph, Willis Ringen, Adviser
- 6th place - Altamont, I. E. Siegenthaler, Courtney Bennett, Advisers
- 7th place - Alma, Walter Gehlbach, Adviser
- 8th place - Highland, Walter Saathoff, Adviser
- 9th place - Hiawatha, Ralph Arnold, Adviser
- 10th place - Rossville, Ira Williams, Adviser

AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSON

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Salina, William Smith, Adviser
- 2nd place - Winfield, Ira Plank, Adviser
- 3rd place - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Adviser
- 4th place - Kingman, Virgil Lake, Adviser
- 5th place - Jetmore, George Turnbull, Jr., Adviser
- 6th place - Hillsboro, Truman Diener, Adviser
- 7th place - Ellsworth, Lester Crandall, Adviser
- 8th place - Delphos, John Nace, Adviser
- 9th place - Oxford, Glen Davis, Adviser
- 10th place - Bazine, Edward Brenner, Adviser

Exhibits at Kansas State Fair - Hutchinson (continued)

Booth Exhibits:Central Area

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

Western Area

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

STATE FFA MEATS CONTEST - WICHITA

- 1st place - Mulvane Chapter, Lee Doyen, Adviser, Total Points 1101
Individual Placings: Vernon Kennedy, 378; C. Ferguson, 377; Merle McKean, 346.
- 2nd place - Mulvane Chapter, Lee Doyen, Adviser, Total Points 978
Individual Placings: Claude Nicholson, 330; Jim Bradberry, 336; John Abercrombie, 312.
- 3rd place - Mulvane Chapter, Lee Doyen, Adviser, Total Points 953
Individual Placings: John Boss, 309; Don Simon, 321; Bill Story, 323.
- 3rd place - Winfield Chapter, John Lowe, Adviser, Total Points 953
Individual Placings: Darrel Webber, 313; Gary Miller, 291; Howard Clark, 346.
- 5th place - Kinsley Chapter, Harold Blackwell, Adviser, Total Points 893
Individual Placings: Don Hainer, 299; Charles Schaller, 303, Meryln Goodson, 291.
- 6th place - Smith Center Chapter, Charles Mantz, Adviser, Total Points 892
Individual Placings: Don Lemon, 330; Jerry Post, 336; Dennis Dentz, 226.
- 7th place - El Dorado Chapter, William R. McMillen, Adviser, Total Points 845
Individual Placings: Grant Helmer, 208; George Boucher, 326; Jerry Doornbos, 311.
- 8th place - Coffeyville Chapter, Marvin L. Riggs, Adviser, Total Points 809
Individual Placings: Don Plute, 252; DeLoren Allen, 299; Jack Scovel, 258.
- 8th place - Altamont Chapter, I. E. Siegenthaler, Courtney Bennett, Advisers, Total Points 809
Individual Placings: R. Burger, 310; Lesly Heibsch, 299; Rex Knoles 200.
- 10th place - Ness City Chapter, Warren E. Stone, Adviser, Total Points 798
Individual Placings: Rodney Barrows, 221; Raymond Long, 312; Jim Clouston, 265.

Note: This is the first year that a chapter could enter more than one team. Mulvane entered three teams.

CHAPTER NEWS

OSAGE CITY: The annual watermelon feed for the new vocational agriculture students was held August 27. After a softball game we were served ice-cold watermelon...The annual program of work was discussed and studied during the summer by the officers and adviser, and then presented to the chapter for approval. Chairmen were chosen to head the eight divisions of work and they in turn drew names from the hat for their assistants. Each member of the chapter is on a committee...Our Chapter Local Hybrid Corn Show in our vocational agriculture department attracted eight entries - five ten-ear samples of corn and three shelled samples of corn. The three high will compete in the regional show at Ottawa. The chapter adviser is training a team to be entered in the Ottawa show and judging contest...The Green Hand Degree will be given to nine candidates by the officers of our chapter at a night meeting November 7. Basketball games will be played for recreation, with light refreshments served at the close of the program...Shop projects include a large feed bunk, loading chute, livestock squeeze chute, farm gates, hog troughs, A-type farrowing houses, car repairs, welding jobs and tool conditioning.

Duane Fredrickson, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson on FFA Day at the fair. We entered the Comanche County Booth in the County Collective Booth Exhibit and placed first in the Western Division. Members of our chapter entered in the open classes of sorghums...Members and dates held a picnic and line party to the local theatre. Everyone reported a good time...Six of our members showed calves at the Wichita Livestock Show. The calves placed and sold well.

Ernest Bennett, Reporter

SIMPSON: The Simpson Chapter is sporting a new 1955 half-ton Chevrolet pickup, which will be used for class field trips, light hauling, and other activities carried on in connection with the FFA chapter and vocational agriculture program...With about forty members and guests present, the chapter enjoyed their first fall social function with a hayrack ride.

Lanny Robertson, Reporter

TROY: FFA members enjoyed an overnight fishing party at Horton Lake this summer...Our Annual Barnwarmer is planned for late fall...The chapter has 76 acres of corn and 4 acres of popcorn to shuck this fall. A used corn picker was purchased and rebuilt in shop...We put rubber tires on two steel-wheeled wagons and built a new wagon box for one. Other shop projects include a portable loading chute and carrying trays for use at our concession stand.

Stanley Etherton, Reporter

SABETHA: The FFA held the Green Hand Initiation Ceremony for ten new members on September 28. This makes a total of 36 active members in our chapter. In the near future we will advance eleven sophomores to the degree of Chapter Farmer...The farm shop classes have completed two feed bunks, two gates, four wooden hog troughs and several smaller items...For community service we are putting up signs for the Chamber of Commerce along Highway 36...We are cooperating with the Kay Organization to beautify the school grounds. Three dead trees have been removed and pruning of trees will be completed in the near future...Six acres of wheat have been planted to help in our money raising activities.

Kenneth Alderfer, Reporter

GOODLAND: Members of the shopomore vo-ag. class and the Goodland Chapter officers initiated the Green Hands of the Tribune Chapter...Goodland's annual parent-son meeting will be held November 1. Green Hands will be initiated and Dennis Duell, Goodland president, will give an account of his experiences in the National FFA Band...A fourth year of agriculture is being taught in Goodland High School this year...Many of the boys in the Goodland Chapter will be short of feed this year because of the drought.

Kenneth Scofield, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Our chapter held three summer meetings. Short business meetings were held prior to recreation. The recreation for our first meeting was a softball game - The Jayhawk Chapter-vs.-Washburn Rural. At each of the remaining summer meetings, we had a softball game with the chapter members choosing sides. Officers met three times during August to help plan FFA activities for the beginning of school. One of these meetings was held at one of our advisers house with home made ice cream as refreshment...Our chapter cooperated with local clubs in holding our annual Douglas County fair. During the fair our members were very active in helping with the judging, entertainment, concession stand, etc...Each of the officers and two committee members have completed our program of work...The officers and two Green Hands were taken for one day to the National FFA Convention. The entire chapter enjoyed a trip to the American Royal, October 19...Our farm shop is busy working with our community farmers in building farm equipment...We are now planning our annual father-son banquet, which will be held in our school cafeteria the evening of November 15. The members are glad to have a chance to introduce their dads at this event, and thank them for helping back each of us in our FFA work.

Phil Spencer, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our chapter placed second at the Narka Fat Barrow Show and third at the County Fair...We operated a pop stand at the Washington County Fair and cleared \$85.00...The chapter won \$38.50 in prize money. We are operating a lunch stand at all home football games. We sponsored the football programs. ...Our chapter farrowed over 500 pigs so far since January 1. We have a new plan for boars in our gilt rings. We are dividing in groups of 2 or 3 boys and the FFA pays up to 1/3 of the boar price for the boys...We started our pest program October 15...We have the following projects started in shop: 3 two wheel trailers, 1 cement mixer, a cattle squeeze, a large barn door, a feedbunk, a feed rack and many other smaller jobs. We have started 60 broilers in the school shop.

Richard Stamm, Reporter

GENESE: Nine Green Hands were initiated October 17. The Chapter Farmer initiation will be held at the December meeting...All freshmen members have started a farming program, having either gilts or heifers. The chapter's eight acres are being made into pens for their projects and rent will be paid by the freshmen...On a county dairy tour the sophomores and juniors saw an irrigation setup and Grade A setup...Committees are working on the program of work...One member from each class will enter the public speaking contest... Freshmen and sophomores are selling farm magazine subscriptions and will buy FFA jackets...The chapter built a cab for our truck...We took a machinery exhibit to the fair and placed 17th out of 22...Shop projects are: clothes-line posts, hog feeder, feed bunk, duck foot and two loading chutes.

Wayne Pruitt, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: The Wellsville Chapter has 36 members this year...A field trip was taken to study damage done by corn bores...Sixty-nine pigs have been castrated and sixty shoats rung...Money for the F.F.A. banquet is being raised by concession stands at the football games...Three sets of bleachers have been built for the school by F.F.A. members with the help of the City Council and Chamber of Commerce...Shop jobs include iron gates, a fruit jar cabinet, and feed bunks.

Alan Schendel, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: The Silver Lake Chapter has 34 members...A fishing trip was held at Maple Hill this summer with 17 members and the adviser in attendance...We presented a demonstration on Weed Control over WIBW T-V...A square dance is being planned to which the F.H.A. girls will be invited...Our chapter is selling Christmas cards. We also sell programs at all home games and cooperate with the F.H.A. in selling concessions...A Yorkshire gilt ring is being started...We have two new arc welders in our shop.

Eugene Smith, Reporter

JENNINGS: Sixteen boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture with 100% membership in F.F.A...Our program of work has been planned for the year. One of our activities will be to sponsor freshmen initiation with the F.H.A...A prize will be given for the outstanding farming program of the year. This program will be selected by a committee of honorary members on the spring tour. The prize is to be awarded at the annual parent-son banquet...The Agriculture Classes I & II have run a slab of concrete 32' x 60' at the south end of our shop. This will be used for work and storage space.

Lennie Hatch, Reporter

LONGFORD: The Longford FFA Chapter had a picnic and swimming party at the Ottawa County Lake for their August meeting...To earn money this year we are selling permanent anti-freeze to all members at bargain prices and we are also selling boxed chocolates for Christmas...Our chapter has a new popcorn popper and will have that concession for all school activities...In co-operation with the Longford H.D.U. the chapter helped set buffalo grass sod in the city park...We have 19 members enrolled in vocational agriculture this year.

Dean Kobetich, Reporter

ATWOOD: A watermelon feed was held to welcome 13 new members to the chapter...A pest eradication contest is being held this year. Prizes will be given to the highest contenders...The gilt ring is being continued for boys interested in a hog program. We now have registered Black Poland Chinas. We are planning to purchase two registered gilts, one Duroc and one Hampshire.

Joe Conant, Reporter

NESS CITY: We have twenty-nine boys enrolled in vocational agriculture and all are members of our FFA chapter...This summer our chapter went on an over night fishing trip to the Meade State Lake...Our meat judging team attended the meats contest in Wichita...Our chapter is going to dig up old oil pipe as a money raising project...We have a radial saw and other new tools for our shop this year.

Rodney Barrows, Reporter

BREWSTER: Our chapter has eighteen members this year...We earned about \$50.00 shocking feed...We hope to visit the livestock show in Denver in January... Our chapter presented a program at the PTA meeting consisting of the opening and closing ceremonies, parliamentary procedure demonstration, and initiation of nine Green Hands...We are selling farm magazines.

Larry Roulier, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Chapter's officers were installed at a dinner meeting on August 23. Those present were the retiring officers, new officers, two advisors, and six honorary members...The senior vocational agriculture students attended the Livestock Demonstration School held at the State Fair in Hutchinson. The farm machinery exhibit displayed by the Winfield Chapter received a second place award...Our annual watermelon feed was held September 21 to acquaint the freshmen and their parents with the FFA chapter and to encourage the freshmen to join...The Winfield Rotary Club invited the Chapter to a dinner meeting on October 4. The officers gave the opening and closing ceremony. Larry Waite spoke on his duties as reporter, Darrell Webber, the vice-president, informed the Rotarians how he developed his farming program, and Gary Miller, the president, discussed the Chapter activities for the coming year...The initiation of the Green Hands started this year by taking the prospective members to one of the freshmen's farms and having them clean and repair the barn so he would have adequate shelter for his livestock this winter. This freshman boy has the responsibility of managing the forty acre farm, including twelve head of livestock, chickens and ducks...Nineteen freshmen students were raised to the Green Hand degree on October 19. The official Green Hand Ceremony was used. At this same meeting, seventeen members of the FFA were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree.

Larry Waite, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Our booth exhibit at the Rooks County Fair on approved and low quality varieties of wheat grown in Kansas was awarded the Grand Champion FFA ribbon. Four of our members, caught calves in the calf rodeo at the Rooks County Fair. These boys will receive steers from various breeders in the county to feed and show at the fair next year...We held our annual watermelon feed early in September...Our chapter officers were guests of the local Lions Club on October 6. They furnished the program, which consisted of the opening and closing FFA ritual and slides of chapter activities...We are getting ready for our part of the annual school carnival.

Vernon Lovin, Reporter

OTTAWA: Our annual picnic and watermelon feed was held in the city park with our honorary members and rural eighth grade graduates as our guests...Our farm mechanics exhibit at the Topeka Fair consisted of three farm gates, one mounted blacksmith vice and a concrete land roller...We held our annual crop show on October 5, 6, and 7. On the night of the sixth we invited our parents in to see the exhibit. We had a regular Future Farmer meeting with a short program for our parents after which refreshments of donuts and cider were served...We had a one day scrap iron drive for the purpose of raising money to finance a bus trip to the American Royal Livestock Show. We sold over one hundred dollars worth of scrap which was more than was needed for the bus. The extra amount was spent for admissions to the afternoon show.

Bill, McNish, Reporter

PEABODY: The chapter had its annual hayrack ride for FFA members and their dates. Two hayracks were well-filled with boys and girls and everyone had a good time...Three members represented Peabody in a land-judging contest... On October 3 two of our members appeared on television KTVH in demonstrating how to clean and pack a wheel bearing. Homefolks enjoyed seeing the local boys on the screen...Five new members will be initiated at our Green Hand ceremony.

Kenneth Guthrie, Reporter

GOESSEL: The Goessel FFA Chapter held their annual summer watermelon feed... We have 34 members enrolled in vocational agriculture this year...Money making projects include hauling trash and selling concessions at ball games...We have two new arc welders in our shop this year...Several of last year's projects were exhibited at the Marion County Fair...We plan to start a pest eradication contest in the near future...Plans are being made for a parent-son banquet this fall.

Weldon Voth, Reporter

HOLCOMB: We initiated 13 Green Hands, giving us a total membership at the present time of 28 boys...Twenty-three members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson...Our shop time has been used primarily on shop skills, overhauling engines and building feed bunks...Our chapter shocked 15 acres of feed for a farmer in the community...We are co-sponsoring a carnival with the F.H.A.... The School Board has provided a 9-acre tract of land for the vo-ag classes to farm. We will start farming it next summer...We have a new irrigation well 300 feet deep and a new 6 inch pump that delivers about 500 gallons of water per minute.

James Holmstrom, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: We started our school year by welcoming the freshmen with a watermelon feed...At a Marketing Day in St. Joseph we learned points on grading sheep, hogs, and cattle...All members of our chapter are entered in the Program of Work and are working on it...During the summer we reconditioned our school shop...The Green Hand initiation was completed recently at a night meeting. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts were served following the initiation program.

Duane Thomas, Reporter

PARKER: Ronald Troutmas, a sophomore was awarded the trip to the Lawrence FFA District Leadership School for outstanding vocational agriculture work... To date, our chapter has sold 44 gallons of permanent antifreeze. This is carried as a chapter co-operative purchase project as well as making extra money for our chapter...The FFA boys are proud and grateful for the new 40 by 55 foot shop building to start their shop program. Some projects that are started include: horse trailer, disk trailer, garden tractor, milk cart, several pipe gates, gas barrel stand, welding table, barb wire spool, calf creep, chicken self feeder, and tool box.

Thomas Smith, Reporter

SEAMAN: After school was out last spring, 18 members and the adviser visited the Purina Research Farm and Laboratories at St. Louis, Missouri...During the summer, three night meetings were held. During the school year, meetings are held on every third Friday. Night meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month, at which we have either a speaker or a film...At the Kansas Free Fair, the chapter had the third place educational booth. The theme of the booth was "Farm Safety." The chapter also entered the farm mechanics exhibit and took fourth place. The exhibit consisted of a metal feed bunk for cattle, a wooden feed bunk for cattle, a picnic table, a four-wheel trailer, and a two-wheel trailer...On October 1, the chapter bought a registered Duroc boar at the Kansas Duroc Breeders Association Sale at the Kansas Free Fair Grounds. The boar is to be used by the members and local farmers...The chapter recently purchased a squeeze chute for \$125. This is to be used for dehorning, castrating, and vaccinating and will be used by the ag. classes or rented out to farmers.

Don Bowman, Reporter

PRATT: The chapter had a booth on exhibit at the Pratt County Fair. Most of the members had livestock or crops on exhibit...Plans are under way for a television program to be given on KTVH, Hutchinson...Sides have been chosen for the annual pest eradication contest...We have cashed in two of our bonds that have matured and invested the money in the Pratt City Teachers Credit Union...Shop projects under construction include a hog house, tractor mounted post hole digger, cement mixer, power lawn mower, feed bunk and numerous small projects.

Gary Fitzsimmons, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: We have twelve new FFA members, bring our total members to 31. Our chapter held a watermelon feed in their honor...Marlan Smith is our representative to the Student Council...We placed fourth in our division of the county collective booths at Hutchinson...We have elected our queen and her attendants for our FHA and FFA Harvester. We are also making plans for our float in the Homecoming Parade...At present the chapter is selling farm magazines to earn money...In shop we are making squeeze chutes, gates, troughs, welding carts, hog houses, and loading chutes.

Richard Pieschl, Reporter

EL DORADO: One of the most important ways the El Dorado Chapter contacts the public is through the local radio station KBTO. We have a five minute program each Saturday morning under the direction of the chapter reporter...The El Dorado Chapter held a field demonstration on wheat seeding at our field one mile south of town...Seven El Dorado FFA members visited Kansas City and saw the National FFA Band marching in the American Royal parade. Beside attending the Royal, the boys toured the American Hereford Association Building, the Municipal Airport, and other points of interest in Kansas City.

DeWayne Clemons, Reporter

STOCKTON: Sixty six per cent of our members exhibited projects at the Rooks County Free Fair. The chapter won a blue ribbon on our Education Booth. A livestock judging contest was sponsored by our chapter for the North West District at the fair...Fifteen boys were initiated as Green Hands. A best dress contest was held in connection with Green Hand initiation...Ten members attended the State Fair...Our annual High School carnival (Goblin's Glory) was sponsored by our chapter on October 31.

Freeman Sander, Reporter

FORD: We are repairing and repainting the battery brooders in which we will raise one-hundred broiler chicks. We plan to build pits and barbeque the chickens for our parent and son banquet...The chapter made eighty dollars one Wednesday by shocking feed for a farmer.

Charles Cobb, Reporter

CANEY: We have a total vocational agriculture enrollment of 54...The first three of our chapter gilts farrowed an average of 8 2/3 pig per litter. We have 10 chapter gilts to farrow...We have purchased a purebred Duroc boar for our chapter gilt ring. Marion Machey, a junior, is furnishing a registered Hampshire boar for our chapter Hampshire gilts...We are selling advertisements for an FFA Calendar and Christmas cards to sponsor a spring FFA achievement banquet...We are planning a fall project tour for October.

Joe Kennedy, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: A watermelon feed was held in the city park this summer. A short business meeting was held, and then the freshmen were introduced to chapter members by the Adviser...The chapter has purchased four bushels of certified Concho seed wheat from the State for our certified seed ring. The seed was given to one member on the basis that he will return two bushels for each bushel he received from the chapter. If the wheat makes over 17 bushels per acre, he will be required to return 10% of each bushel over that mark to the chapter. Our chapter has six members who have planted certified Concho wheat as one of their projects...A window display on "The Milling Qualities of Wheat" was prepared by one of the classes and displayed in the window of the S.C.S. office...Several members had projects at the Wichita Fat Stock Show this year.

Bill Mills, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: The chapter has started a gilt ring with the purchase of two bred registered Duroc gilts and two registered weanling Duroc gilts. The chapter also purchased a registered Tamworth gilt that now has 7 nice pigs. We are planning to sell breeding stock...The chapter has 18 bred ewes scattered throughout the chapter. The FFA chapter is caring for two ewes to help demonstrate the proper care of ewes...The chapter livestock team won second place in the Washington county livestock judging contest...At the present time the members are working on a two wheel trailer for the chapter.

Gilbert H. Heck, Reporter

ERIE: The Erie FFA Chapter held a watermelon feed in August for sixty members and fathers...Nine junior vo-ag students attended two days of the Hutchinson Fair... We have started our card sales and have set 500 boxes as our goal... The chapter entered a float in the Corn Festival...The junior vo-ag class is seeding a grass waterway on a nearby farm...Our Green Hand initiation was October 25, we initiated 18 Green Hands and 9 Chapter Farmers...We are building the following shop projects: 4 two wheel trailers, one implement trailer, two loading chutes, one bale elevator, five cattle hay feeders, one truck bed, three A-type hog houses, one feed bunk on wheels, two other feed bunks, one sheep hay and grain feeder, completed the football scoreboard.

Donald Gibson, Reporter

NATOMA: The Natoma Chapter took a one day fishing and swimming trip to Cedar Bluff Dam last summer...We made a teeter-totter for the Natoma Park. The children of the community thoroughly enjoy it...The regular monthly meetings of the Natoma Chapters of FFA and FHA are held the first Monday of the month. Last month a joint meeting was held and was such a success that more joint meetings are planned for the future...A tour to see a deferred steer program was taken by the vocational agriculture students...The chapter has collected a combine for scrap iron...New cabinets were acquired in the classroom during the summer. They were much needed and do improve the atmosphere of the classroom.

Lloyd Oswald, Reporter

HAYS: We have 34 members enrolled in vocational agriculture. Our Green Hand initiation was held October 25...The chapter had a watermelon feed...Our chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson and helped set up the Ellis County Collective Booth...New shop equipment purchased this summer includes two arc welders and a skill saw.

George Befort, Reporter

BERRYTON: We have been working on our program of work...A coon hunt is scheduled for November 18th. Our pest control contest will start November 1, and run through December 31. The losers will sponsor a chili supper for the winners...Night meetings will be held to initiate the Green Hands and the Chapter Farmers...We use the opening and closing rituals and parliamentary procedure at all of our meetings.

Lloyd Huyett, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Shop projects are: cattle squeeze, 36' bale and grain elevator, feed wagon, loading chutes, cattle guards, post hole digger, and smaller items. We plan to build a new squeeze chute as a chapter project this year and sell our old one. Students not having jobs will work on it. Besides our cattle squeeze, we also have a fertilizer spreader, Brilliant seeder, implement trailer and sheep clippers which we loan out to local farmers...Last week the advanced class went on a field trip to learn how to judge land. Rex Henry, our county agent, and Earl Nichols of the Soil Conservation Service assisted with showing us the fundamentals of land judging...In September we combined our regular monthly meeting with a watermelon feed for our Dad's.

Billie E. Cowell, Reporter

ELLINWOOD: The enrollment in our chapter for the 1955-56 year is 37. All the boys have started a project, and some of the small ones have been finished... Our chairmen for the program of work have been selected, everything has been completed and voted on by the chapter...The officers met regularly during the summer. They set up a point system for lettering and worked out our constitution...We are going to have a pest contest and a basketball team...Our parent-son banquet is set for May 10, 1956.

Jim Schartz, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: The Ellsworth FFA Chapter had two boys this year who received \$100 Soil Conservation Scholarships - Bill Zavesky and Charles Andrews. These scholarships are given to members who have accumulated outstanding soil conservation practices on their home farms...Our chapter has a program of meetings arranged for this year. The local chapter meets every other week and the officers meet on the Monday between meeting dates. We also put on the program when our parties are going to be held, and other dates of importance. The local chapter's program of work has been arranged for this year. This program is set up by the officers and the adviser, with the help of the chapter. Each officer and his committee is responsible for one division...Our chapter was represented at the State Fair this year by both a machinery and a booth display...We are raising money by selling calendars. The senior class is building a two-car garage for one of the high school teachers...Our Parent-Son Banquet will be December 2 with Loren Whipps, Assistant Supervisor, as guest speaker.

Paul Haase, Reporter

McPHERSON: The McPherson Chapter initiated fifteen Green Hands. We have 45 enrolled in vo-ag and 55 members in FFA...Thirty-five members attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson as a group. Several members exhibited livestock at the State Fair and at the Wichita Fat Stock Show...The FFA was host to the FHA on a hayrack ride and weiner roast in October with about seventy members present...We plan to have a basketball team again this winter...Our chapter made \$275 selling farm magazine subscriptions...We are attempting to get a milk vending machine placed in the high school...New equipment added to our shop this summer includes a band type power hack saw, heavy duty floor grinder and a 7-inch portable electric sander.

Tommy Schrag, Reporter

HARPER: A local newsletter called "The Future Farmer Tattler" was sent to each member of our chapter once each month during the summer months...Our chapter received the blue ribbon on our booth at the county fair...The Executive Committee, consisting of the officers and committee chairmen, met at our adviser's home for a hamburger fry, after which we outlined the Program of Work for the year. This was worked out in more detail by the members of the committees and presented to the chapter for approval...The chapter set stakes for the leveling and grading of the school ground...We chartered a bus to go to the State Fair...Our chapter ordered anti-freeze cooperatively for members and their families.

Robert Hekel, Reporter

CHAPMAN: Officers have been elected for the school year. At our last regular meeting 19 Green Hands were initiated...The pest control committee reports the opening date for our contest is November 1...Seth Lauer has been chosen as our student council representative...The chapter gilt is in possession of Harold Provance, and Donald Acker, a freshman, will have second choice of the litter farrowed last spring...During the summer our department installed a gas forge, rearranged and painted the shop, and built a cabinet and display area along the east wall of the classroom...We held our annual summer picnic and father-son softball game...At all our home football games we operate a concession stand...The following shop projects have been completed: 4 feed bunks, 2 feed racks, 8 hog troughs, 1 300-gallon gas barrel stand, 6 gates, 11 repairs on machinery, 2 ladders, 2 show chests and minor projects.

Verle Hettenback, Reporter

KINCAID: Our FFA activities for this year began September 14 when the junior and senior members attended the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka. Our local fair was held September 15, 16, and 17th and in the FFA division of crops and live-stock we had 32 entries...October 4, was the day we had fun at the Freshmen expense. It was the informal initiation for the Green Hands. We have eleven this year. The formal initiation will take place at our next regular meeting.

George E. Croan, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: Officers have been elected for the present year...The chapter had a hay-rack ride followed by a weinmer roast, October 8...The officers attended the leadership school, which was held at Fredonia. Sixteen members of the chapter enjoyed a trip to the FFA convention...For money raising activities we rented seven acres of land from Frank Becco and sowed it to wheat. We also served refreshments at a football game.

Joe R. Clary, Reporter

OLIATHE: Our members cooperated with the FHA grils in a float at "Old Settlers Parade" that rated first place and paid us \$25. The two organizations also cooperated in a concession stand at the picnic that offered experience and about the same reward financially...We are scheduled to attend the American Royal on the 19th and expect to visit several places of interest in the morning before going to the Royal building...This year as usual, the sophomore members are managing the football field canvas as another chapter activity project and a means of earning money. We also sold ads and sponsored the printing of football programs.

Jim Russell, Reporter

PARADISE: The Paradise FFA held their annual watermelon feed in August to acquaint freshmen boys with the FFA...We have been working on our Program of Work the last few days...A hayrack ride is planned for the latter part of October...We plan to initiate the Green Hands, using the initiation ceremony in the FFA Manual, at our regular monthly night meeting...During the summer we had a farm mechanics display at the county fair...We placed 5 gilts from our gilt ring with chapter members...We have a new Lincoln Arc Welder for our shop and we are very proud of it.

Harry Eulert, Reporter