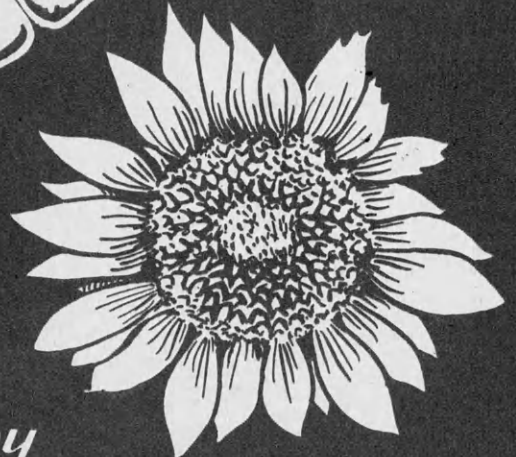
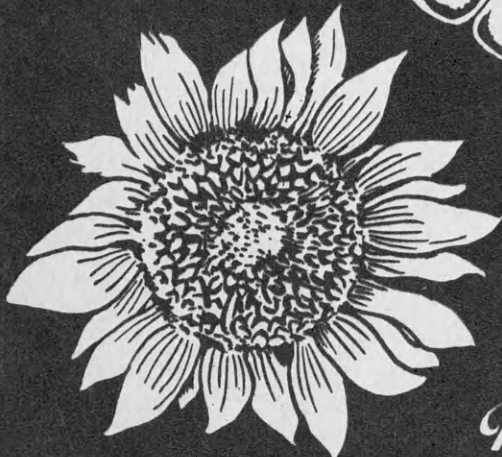
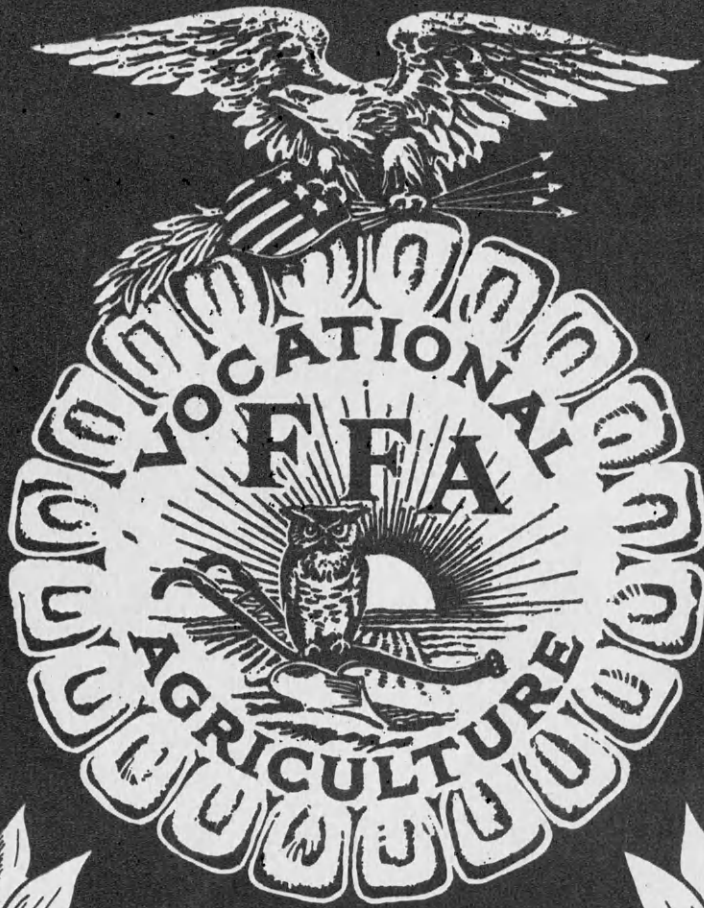


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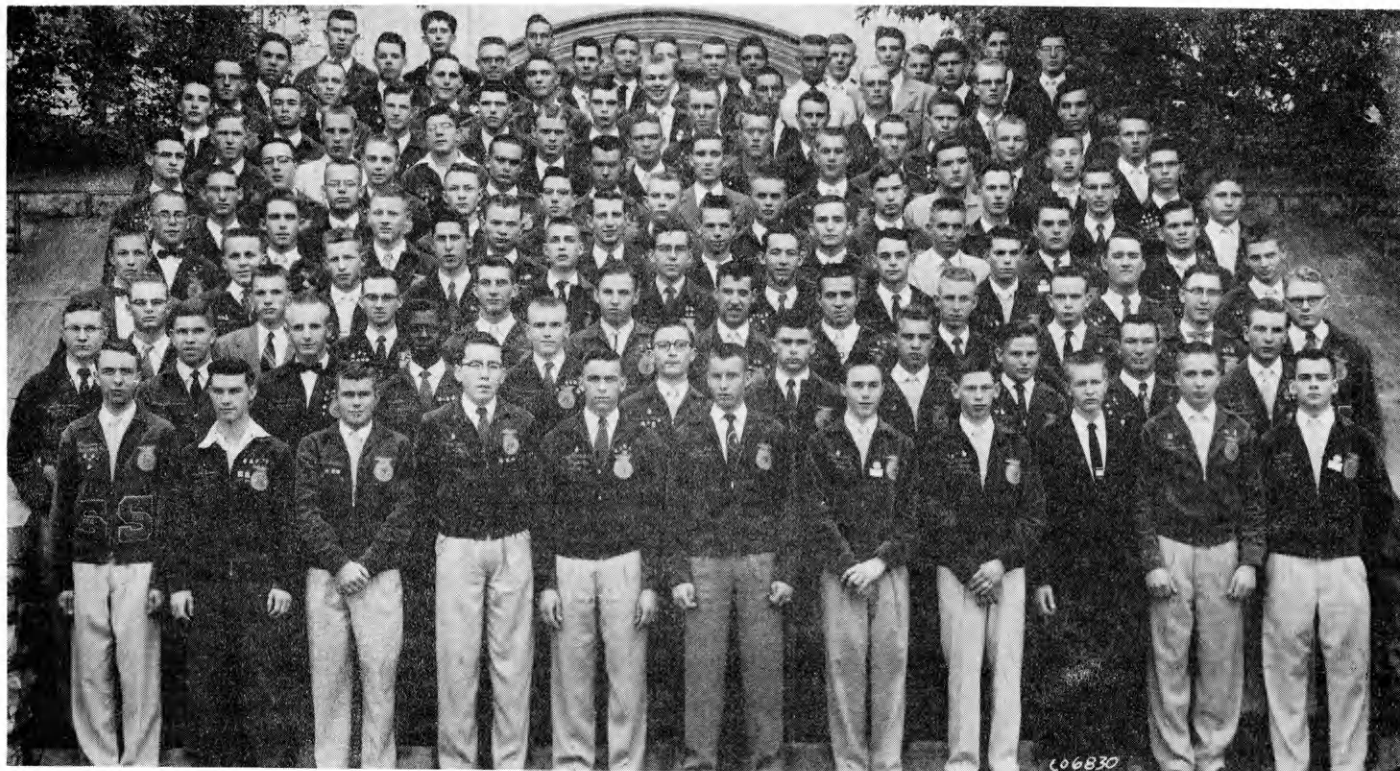
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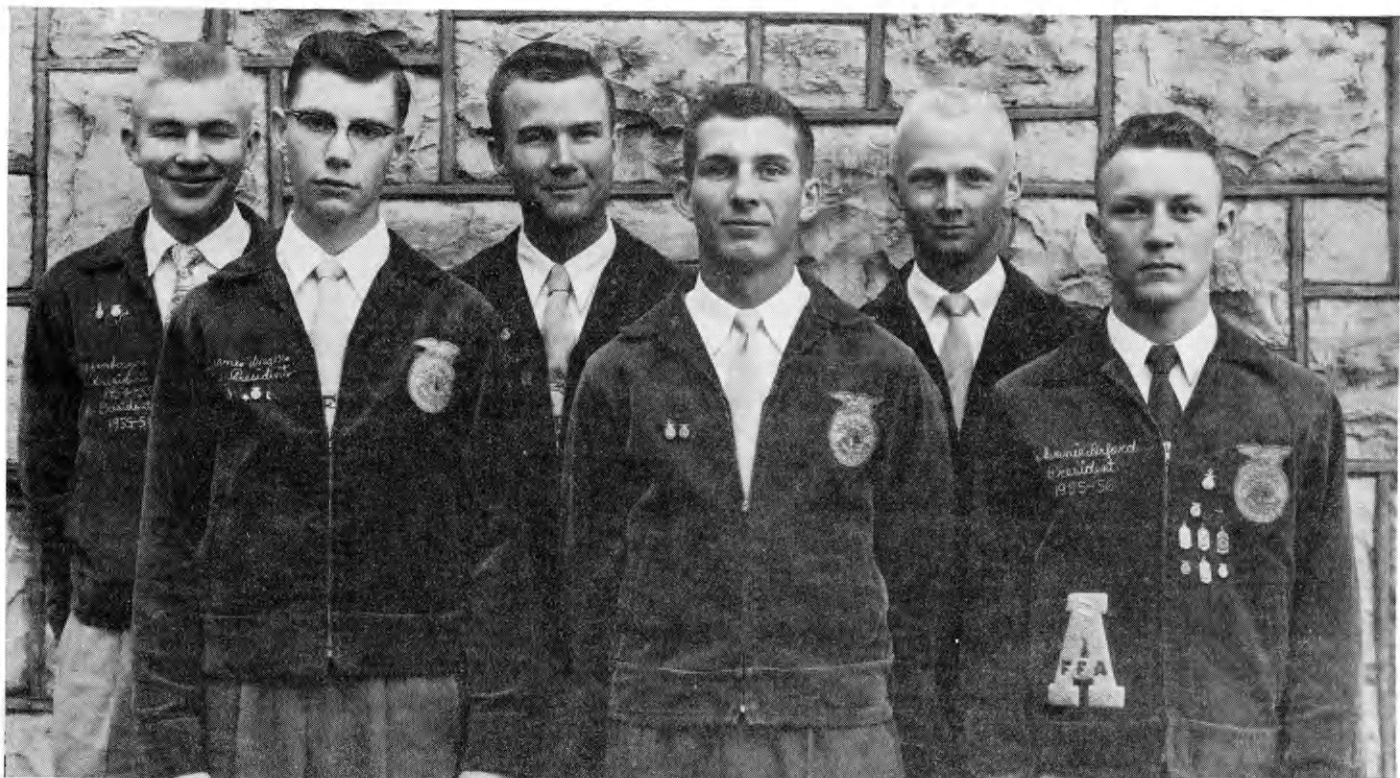
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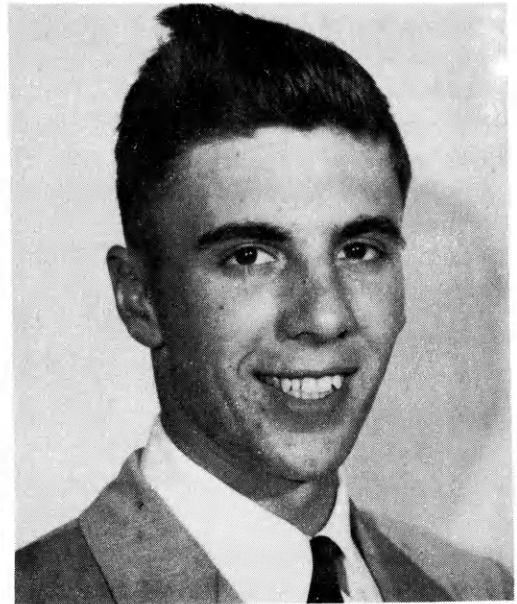
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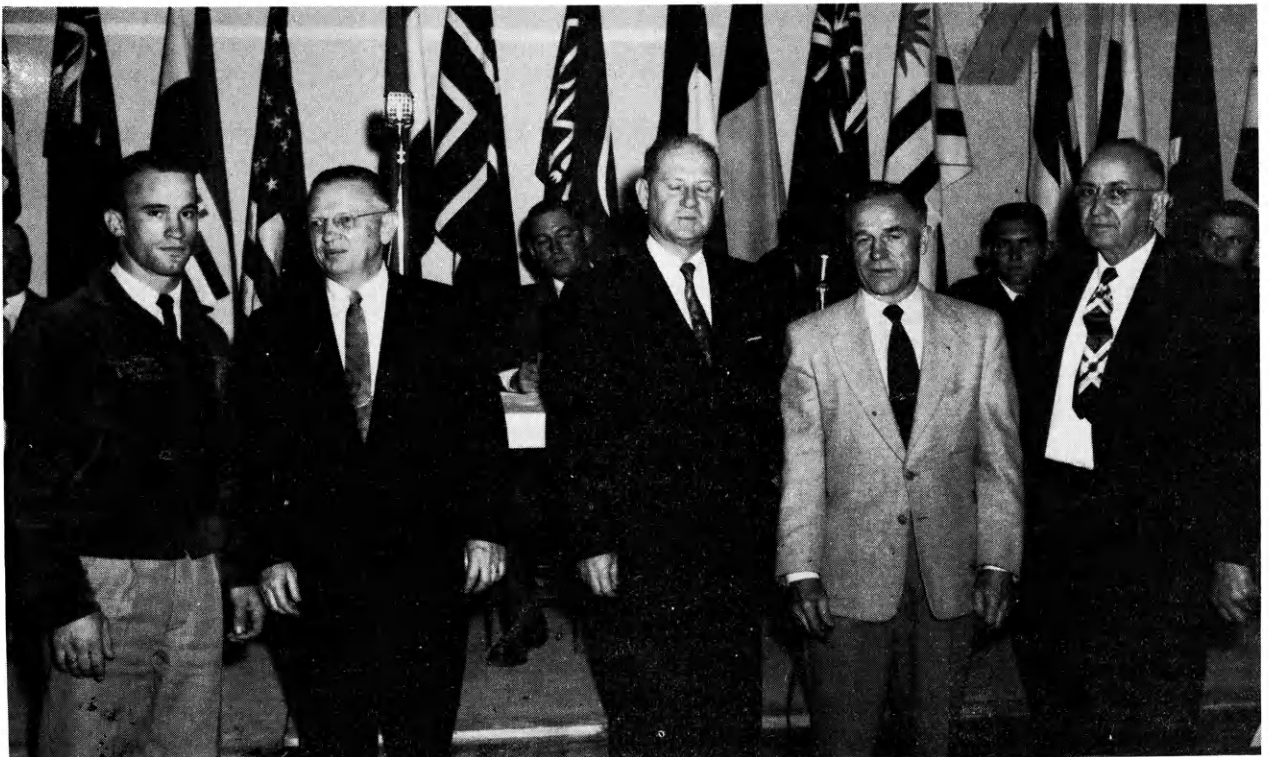
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KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA HIGHLIGHTS, 1955-56

1. There are 209 departments of Vocational Agriculture in Kansas, with a total enrollment of 6,637.
2. Two hundred and seven departments have paid state and national dues. We hope to have 100 per cent by the close of the fiscal year.
3. The Kansas Association has an active FFA membership of 7,431 members. This is 110 per cent on the basis of enrollment.
4. Seven Kansas FFA members were awarded the American Farmer Degree at the 28th National FFA Convention.
5. The Washburn and Ellsworth Chapters, Atchison County Chapter, and Effingham won Silver Emblem classification and the Emporia Chapter won Bronze Emblem classification in the 1955 National Chapter Contest.
6. John McComb, Washburn Chapter, represented Kansas in the Regional Speech Contest at East Lansing, Michigan. He placed 4th in the Region.
7. Washburn Chapter placed first in the Booth Exhibits and the Marion Chapter placed first in Farm Mechanics at the Topeka Fair. Salina Chapter won first in the Farm Mechanics Exhibits at the State Fair at Hutchinson. First place in County Booth Exhibits prepared by FFA chapters at the Hutchinson Fair were won for their respective areas by the Buhler Chapter and the Coldwater Chapter. The Grand Championship in this event was won by the Buhler Chapter.
8. Kansas teams participating in National FFA Judging Contests won three Gold Emblem classifications and two Silver Emblem classifications.
9. The Clay Center Chapter won the Agricultural Education Club Award Plaque in 1956.
10. One hundred thirty-five Chapter Farmers from 77 chapters were raised to the State Farmer Degree at the 28th Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA.
11. Four Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded.
12. The Kansas Association was honored by having National FFA Vice President, Dale Ring, Wooster, Ohio, present to assist with the Convention.
13. One hundred twenty-five three-man teams entered the 1956 Annual High School Judging Contests in Agriculture, and 100 two-man teams entered the Farm Mechanics Judging Contests.
14. The House of Delegates was favored with a 20 minute special music program by the K-State Singers. This group consisted of six girls and six boys, all members of the Kansas State College A Cappella Choir. Professor Wm. R. Fischer of the Music Department directed the group. Royce Johnson, a member of this group, entertained with guitar and song.

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

1. FFA Regional Speech Contest, for Mid-South Jubilee, St. Louis, Sept. 6 or 7.
2. National Judging Contest in Dairy Cattle, Waterloo, Iowa, October 1.
3. National Judging Contest in Dairy Products, Waterloo, Iowa, October 2.
4. National Judging Contests in Meats and Poultry, October 17, and Live-stock, October 18 at Kansas City, Missouri
5. National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18.
6. Kansas members of the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus, first practice session, Kansas City, Missouri, 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 12.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

The State Office at Topeka will handle reservations for Delegates, American Farmers, and members of the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus.

If you plan to have judging teams participating in the FFA judging contests at Kansas City, it is advisable to make hotel reservations early. Please address your requests for reservations to Mr. Robert B. Coyner, Manager, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, 1030 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

FFA SUPPLIES

The Future Farmer Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia, handles all official FFA supplies.

The State Office at Topeka will handle the following FFA supplies:

1. FFA Charters
2. State Farmer Degree Pins and Charms
3. FFA membership cards
4. FFA award certificates & Plaques on the state level

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A NEW EDITOR FOR THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER NEWSLETTER

State Deputy Adviser A. P. Davidson will relinquish the editorship of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter with the publication of the May, 1956, issue. He will continue as head of Teacher Education in Agriculture at Kansas State College.

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1956-57 STATE FFA OFFICERS

Fifteen FFA members, all recommended by their local advisers and approved by the reviewing committee, were interviewed by the nominating committee for State Office. Ten excellent candidates were included in the slate presented to the House of Delegates. The choice of your 1956 House of Delegates for the leadership of the Kansas Association of FFA during 1956-57 follows:

William Wachs, Ellsworth, President  
John Arford, Almena, Vice President  
Jon Larson, Clay Center, Secretary  
Tom Knappenberger, Olathe, Reporter  
John Griebel, Stockton, Treasurer  
Duane Unger, Oberlin, Sentinel

The State Office extends congratulations and best wishes to this group of young men, and predicts a highly successful year for the Kansas Association of FFA under their leadership.

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1955-56 STATE FFA CONVENTION

Approximately 150 of the 209 FFA Chapters in Kansas sent representatives to the Twenty-Eighth Annual State Convention. There were 125 agricultural teams entered in the agricultural judging events. One hundred schools entered teams in the farm mechanics contests. There were 36 contestants in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest and 88 chapters entered the Chapter Award Contest. One hundred forty-five schools seated delegates at the annual FFA meeting. The tour groups, under the direction of Professor Curtis Ahrens, Department of Economics, were comprised of approximately 200 alternates. Two hundred twenty FFA members found rooming quarters in the Men's Gymnasium and the Hospital Annex, while the remainder of the contestants and their advisers found rooms in town.

A box lunch was served on the campus to contestants in the agricultural and farm mechanics contests. Eight hundred lunches were served.

Professor Milton Manuel of the Department of Economics was in charge of compiling statistics in the various judging events.

Many departments of the college cooperated in making the Twenty-Eighth Annual State FFA Convention a success.

The Kansas Association was honored to have Dale Ring, Wooster, Ohio, Vice President of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, as a guest throughout the convention. Vice President Ring addressed the House of Delegates meeting and brought greetings to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

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PICTURES OF 1956 STATE FARMER CLASS

Pictures of the 1956 State Farmer Class are available on order at .75 cents each. Address Floyd Hanna, Illustrations Department, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. Order Photograph Number CO 6830 .

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1956 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America wishes to take this means of thanking the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce for the Twenty-Eighth FFA Banquet furnished by this group. President John Stapp, Secretary Lud Fiser and J. M. Davidson, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, can rest assured that both the FFA members and their advisers are duly appreciative of the efforts of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to make their closing event such a delightful occasion.

The annual FFA banquet is a cooperative affair whereby the food is furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and is served under the direction of Professor Davy Mackintosh. The physical properties are provided by Kansas State College under the direction of Professor R. V. Olson, while the program is under the direction of the State Association of FFA. The Block and Bridle Club and the Agricultural Education Club assisted in serving the food. The flags of the United Nations were furnished through the courtesy of the Office of the Dean of Students. Band music was furnished by the Kansas State College Band under the direction of Professor Jean Hedlund.

The entire banquet program was well received, and the State Association turned the meeting over to Professor Rufus Cox, Chairman of the College Contest Committee, at 8:40 p.m.

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1956 CHAPTER AWARDS

Eighty-eight chapters entered the 1956 Chapter Award Contest. This year the Kansas Association changed the award classifications from Gold, Silver, Bronze and Honorable Mention, to State Gold Emblem, Superior and Standard chapter awards. The first State Chapter Contest was held in Kansas in 1932, and these contests have been held annually since that date. All State Gold Emblem and Superior applications are required to complete National Chapter Award Forms I, II and III.

The three major classifications for recognizing the merit of chapter programs are: First, State Gold Emblem Award; Second, Superior Chapter Award; and Third, Standard Chapter Award.

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The results of the 1956 State Chapter Award Contest follow:

STATE FFA GOLD EMBLEM CHAPTERS\*

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>ADVISER</u>
1. Arkansas City	Harold Walker
2. Atchison Co. Com. H.S.	Roy F. Eck
3. Beloit	Frank A. Carpenter
4. Buhler Rural H.S.	J. A. Johnson
5. Chanute	Charles O. Carter, Jr.
6. Ellsworth	Lester L. Crandall
7. Emporia	Emory Groves
8. Eureka	Harry L. Coffel
9. Kingman	Virgil T. Lake
10. Lawrence	Wm. R. Essick & Roy Cropp
11. Little River	Milton Kohrs
12. Oberlin	Lloyd L. Moody
13. Seaman Rural H.S.	Marvin E. Smith
14. Shawnee-Mission	H. D. Garver
15. Stockton Rural H.S.	Floyd A. Blauer

\*All Gold Emblem Chapters were also awarded the Superior Chapter Award Certificate

SUPERIOR CHAPTER AWARDS

1. Almena	Sam Stenzel
2. Bonner Springs	L. L. Van Petten
3. Burlingame	Richard E. Weiser
4. Cherryvale	C. H. Young
5. Coldwater	L. E. Melia
6. Columbus	Robert M. Lay
7. Concordia	W. A. Rawson
8. El Dorado	W. R. McMillan
9. Holton	Harold Gentry
10. Kinsley	Harold Blackwell
11. LaCygne	L. O. Gugler
12. Salina	William D. Smith
13. Simpson	Robert Severance
14. Smith Center	Charles Mantz
15. St. Francis	Donald E. Hall
16. Washington	Otis Dewey
17. Winfield	Lewis Eggenberger and John Lowe
18. Yates Center	Don W. Brock

STANDARD CHAPTER AWARDS

1. Alma	Walter R. Gehlbach
2. Altamont	Courtney D. Bennett
3. Bazine	Edward F. Brenner



## Standard Chapter Awards (continued)

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>ADVISER</u>
4. Belleville	Carl Beyer
5. Cheney	James J. Stanley
6. Chetopa	Joe Turney
7. Clay Center	Dale Brooks
8. Coffeyville	Marvin L. Riggs
9. Ellinwood	John J. Cragun
10. Erie	Harold Van Cleave
11. Fairview	Clifford Elliott
12. Ford	R. K. Marmon
13. Garden City	Kenneth Henderson
14. Garnett	Clarence H. Anderson
15. Geneseo	Anton A. Harris
16. Great Bend	Carl Heinrich
17. Harveyville	Duane McCune
18. Herington	Darrell Mounkes
19. Hill City	Jay Hennigh
20. Inman	Donald L. Kimble
21. Kiowa	Charles E. Watkins
22. Leon	Lester Legill
23. Liberal	C. C. Griffin
24. Longford	Eugene Walker
25. Lyndon	Thos. C. Roberts
26. Manhattan	J. W. Taylor
27. Mankato	James Wilson
28. Marion	Robert C. Stephens
29. McPherson	R. L. Ramsdale
30. Medicine Lodge	Norman Mills
31. Miltonvale	Norman Hildwein
32. Minneapolis	Carl W. Stauffer
33. Mulvane	Lee W. Doyen
34. Natoma	R. B. Feldkamp
35. Ness City	Warren Stone
36. Norton	Philip B. Finley
37. Olathe	A. G. Jensen
38. Osborne	Merwin Stearns
39. Ottawa	S. S. Bergsma
40. Parsons	Ralph W. Gaier
41. Phillipsburg	Frank Freeman
42. Pratt	Keith Fish
43. Pretty Prairie	Powell Heide
44. Randolph	Willis E. Ringen
45. Riley	Edgar Hinkle
46. Rossville	Ira M. Williams
47. Sabotha	Raymond Hackler
48. Silver Lake	Dean M. Prochaska
49. Solomon	Clyde Venneberg
50. Spearville	Oran Nunemaker
51. Wakeency	Loren A. Detwiler
52. Washburn	Dale Perkins
53. Waterville	Robert O. Whitaker
54. Wellsville	Eugene Cleland
55. Wilson	F. E. Simmons

There were 135 FFA members from 77 chapters elected to the State Farmer Degree at the Twenty-Eighth Annual FFA Convention. This brings the total number of FFA members elected to the State Farmer Degree in Kansas to 2,059.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
John Arford	Almena	Larry L. Ihrig	Goodland
Norman Nelson	Almena	Joe W. Morey	Haddam
Dean Leroy Sides	Almena	George Mallean	Hanover
Dean Knewtson	Altamont	Joe Martin	Hanover
Jimmie Donald Peters	Altamont	James Thompson	Harveyville
Maurice Lee Walker	Altoona	Dick Edward Kuntz	Harveyville
Morris Dale Wiltse	Altoona	Douglas J. Fellers	Hays
Kenny M. Dunbar	Arkansas City	Don Paxson	Hill City
G. W. Lovell, Jr.	Arkansas City	Virgil Funk	Hillsboro
Terry Fredrickson	Belleville	Eugene Just	Hillsboro
John Simmons	Beloit	G. M. Bowser	Holton
Larry Walker	Beloit	Gale F. Haag	Holton
Byron D. Bell	Beverly	Ronald Verne Moore	Holton
Everett R. Eggers	Bird City	Melvin Hubbell	Howard
Jerald Lee Robinson	Buhler	Lorraine Mefford	Iola
Marion Bailey	Chanute	Joe Ream	Iola
Merle Dean Greve	Chanute	John Walter	Jetmore
Paul Johnson	Chanute	Charles Ochs	Jetmore
Jerry Gardner	Clay Center	Earl Holloway	Kincaid
Loren Mall	Clay Center	Ronald Waddell	Kincaid
Stan Lips	Coffeyville	Maurice P. Schrag	Kingman
Bill Proctor, Jr.	Coldwater	Howard Wallace	Kingman
Johnnie Gaither	Columbus	Johnny Andrews	LaCygne
Lloyd Ray Helwig	Columbus	Ralph Leary	Lawrence
Bruce Cleveland	Concordia	Kenneth E. Whaley	Lawrence
Charles McCabe	Cottonwood Falls	Owen E. Carper	Lebanon
Wayne Adams	Dodge City	Lowell Woods	Lebanon
Wm. R. Polkinghorn	Dodge City	Donald Jordon	Little River
Gerald Hundley	Effingham	Keith Irvine	Little River
William Harden	Effingham	Harlan H. Bauck	Lyndon
William Kanning	Effingham	David Ray Eklund	Lyndon
Donald G. Miller	Effingham	Leo Williams	Lyndon
Eldon Meyer	Effingham	Dale Leon Lind	Manhattan
Kenneth Wallingford Jr.	Effingham	Walt Rudolph	Manhattan
David Templeton	ELDorado	Warren L. Underwood	Mankato
Martin G. Robl	Ellinwood	Dwight Kruse	Marion
Charles Andrews	Ellsworth	Howard Stenzel	Marion
Dean Ambrust	Ellsworth	James Mechling	McCune
Paul Beyer	Emporia	Gary Lafferty	McPherson
Bob Davis	Emporia	Tommy Schrag	McPherson
Don Huntington	Eureka	Charles Clarke	Medicine Lodge
Rex Parks	Eureka	<b>Jim Lonker</b>	Medicine Lodge
Bill Sears	Eureka	Bill Mills	Medicine Lodge
John Donald Buser	Fairview	Bill Fuller	Miltonvale
Ivan Loomis	Fredonia	Raymond Dyck	Moundridge
Wayne Porter	Fredonia	Darrell Allen	Mulvane
Robert Heiman	Garden City	Don Coleman	Mulvane
Gary Hering	Garden City	Jerry Duane Hall	Neodesha
Charles Wilson	Glasco	Delman E. Frede	Norton

## 1956 Class of State Farmers (continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Jerry L. Kintigh	Norton	Raleigh Fenton	Stockton
Jerry Macfee	Oberlin	John Griebel	Stockton
Lemain Rush	Oberlin	Roger Riffe	Stockton
Duane Unger	Oberlin	Norman L. Roelfs	Stockton
Tom Knappenberger	Olathe	Freeman Sander	Stockton
Dick C. Lindbloom	Osage City	Lanny R. Robertson	Simpson
James Storer	Osborne	Donald Weiser	Smith Center
Marvin J. Miller	Paola	Don Bowman	Seaman RHS
Ted Patterson	Pratt	Fred Elledge	Trousdale
Darrel Albrecht	Pretty Prairie	James Harrison	Washburn RHS
Marion Krehbiel	Pretty Prairie	Martyn Linn Apley	Washington
Max E. Mann	Quinter	Richard Stamm	Washington
Charles Rhine	Quinter	LaVern R. Stigge	Washington
Donald Miller	Rossville	Charles Luin Blaser	Waterville
Gary Cromwell	Salina	Gary Davis	Williamsburg
Dale Eckerberg	Shawnee-Mission	Doyle W. Reichard	Williamsburg
Gerald Schalk	Shawnee-Mission	Gary Miller	Winfield
Charles Brunson	Stockton	Darrell Webber	Winfield
		Leslie Purcell	Yates Center

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1956 HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREES

The State FFA Executive Committee recommended and the House of Delegates approved the granting of the Honorary State Farmer Degree to:

Raymond Gilkeson  
Editor Kansas Farmer

Rodney Turnbull  
Editor Weekly Star Farmer

Charles Mantz  
Smith Center, Kansas

Kenneth Henderson  
Garden City, Kansas

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CORRECTION

Due to an error in mistaking a one for a seven, Bonner Springs was credited with having forty seven students when the correct number should have been forty one, causing the chapter to be incorrectly listed in the chapter rankings appearing in the April, 1956, Newsletter. Bonner Springs paid chapter dues for forty one members and had an enrollment of forty one and should have been listed as 100 per cent.

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1956 STATE FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The Twenty-Seventh Annual FFA Speech Contest was held on the campus at Kansas State College, Tuesday, May 1, 1956. State President Larry Figgs, State Vice President Dean Ebel, State Secretary Loy Reinhardt and State Treasurer John McComb presided. Judges for the three preliminary sections of the contest were Professors L. W. Schruben, Kenneth O'Fallon, Paul L. Kelley, Leigh Baker, Harvey Littrell, John Gilbaugh, Fred Bortfeld, Wendell Moyer and Howard Hughes of the Riley County S.C.S. Judges for the final speech contest were Professor Howard Hill, Dean Emer. R. I. Throckmorton and Wenzer Petr, State Board of Agriculture.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME AND CHAPTER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	Charles Andrews, Ellsworth	From The Open Range to The Kitchen Range
2	Howard Stroup, Shawnee-Mission	A Farmer Will Die
3	Gary Hering, Garden City	A Challenge to the American Farmer
4	Allan Robb, Lawrence	The Fifth Plate
5	Max Fossey, Little River	Our Richest Heritage
6	Paul Beyer, Emporia	Watersheds and Conservation
7	John Baird, Arkansas City	Is There a Future in Agriculture
7	Steve Boles, Liberal	Soil
7	LaVern Stucky, Moundridge	Shall We Feed The Starving

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

The Clay Center Chapter, under the direction of Dale Brooks, won the 1956 Agricultural Education Club Plaque. This plaque was awarded by Marcus Oliphant, President of the Agricultural Education Club, to the chapter making the highest total score in all activities open to FFA members. The score card used would make it possible for a team to win 105 points in the agricultural events, 99 points in the farm mechanics events, and 102 points in the FFA events. The score card used in determining the winners follows:

SCORE CARD

Breakdown for Agriculture - High Ten Teams

1st place	- 29 points
2nd place	- 28 points
3rd place	- 27 points
4th place	- 26 points
5th place	- 25 points
6th place	- 24 points
7th place	- 23 points
8th place	- 22 points
9th place	- 21 points
10th place	- 20 points

## Agricultural Education Club Award (continued)

For each of the four divisions in Agriculture -  
Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Poultry, Agronomy

- 1st place - 19 points
- 2nd place - 18 points
- 3rd place - 17 points
- 4th place - 16 points
- 5th place - 15 points
- 6th place - 14 points
- 7th place - 13 points
- 8th place - 12 points
- 9th place - 11 points
- 10th place - 10 points

## Breakdown for Farm Mechanics - High Ten Teams

- 1st place - 29 points
- 2nd place - 28 points
- 3rd place - 27 points
- 4th place - 26 points
- 5th place - 25 points
- 6th place - 24 points
- 7th place - 23 points
- 8th place - 22 points
- 9th place - 21 points
- 10th place - 20 points

For each of the seven areas in Farm Mechanics - Farm Power,  
Farm Carpentry, Concrete, Arc Welding, Farm Machinery,  
Sharpening Tools, Soil Conservation

- 1st place - 10 points
- 2nd place - 9 points
- 3rd place - 8 points
- 4th place - 7 points
- 5th place - 6 points
- 6th place - 5 points
- 7th place - 4 points
- 8th place - 3 points
- 9th place - 2 points
- 10th place - 1 point

FFA SECTION

## Chapter Contest

- 50 points - State Gold Emblem
- 30 points - Superior
- 15 points - Standard

## Agricultural Education Club Award (continued)

## FFA Speech Contest

1st place -	10 points
2nd place -	9 points
3rd place -	8 points
4th place -	7 points
5th place -	6 points
6th place -	5 points
7th place -	4 points
8th place -	3 points
9th place -	2 points
10th place -	1 point

## State Farmers

Chapters having 1 -	10 points
Chapters having 2 -	20 points
Chapters having 3 -	30 points
Chapters having 4 -	40 points
Number points possible -	40 points

## Seating Delegates

One delegate -	1 point
Two delegates -	2 points

The ranking of the high ten chapters with total points earned follows:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	Clay Center	181
2	Chanute	173
3	Almena	147
4	Cherryvale	131
5	Ellsworth	123
6	McPherson	120
7	Eureka	97
8	Effingham	92
8	Stockton	92
10	Beloit	89

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA 1955-56

The annual meeting to formulate the State Program of Work was held in Professor A. P. Davidson's office, September 10, 1955. A State Program of Work was formulated and published in the September 15, 1955, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

During the year eight chapters were chartered. They were Plains, Cheney, Leoti, Tribune, St. Paul, Florence, Oakley and Long Island. There are 209 vocational agriculture departments in Kansas with a total enrollment of 6,637. The total FFA membership to date is 7,431. This gives Kansas an active FFA membership of 110 per cent, which constitutes the highest percentage of FFA membership in the North Central Region, comprised of 13 states.

Delegates to the 28th National FFA Convention were President Larry Figgs, Effingham, and past Vice President Waldo Anderson, Oberlin chapter. Alternates were Vice President Dean Ebel, Wamego chapter and Treasurer John McComb, Washburn chapter. An over-all story of the 28th National FFA Convention was carried in the November, 1955, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

Eleven District FFA Leadership Schools were held with State FFA Officers in attendance at each school. A complete report of the District FFA Leadership Schools will be found in the December, 1955, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer.

National Chapter Awards: Silver Emblem Award to Ellsworth Chapter and Washburn Chapter. Bronze Emblem Award to Emporia Chapter.

Kansas FFA Members receiving the American Farmer Degree at the 28th National Convention were: Waldo Anderson, Oberlin Chapter, Norwood Blanke, Hanover Chapter, Ronald Cheney, Chanute Chapter, Frank Grillot, Jr., Parsons Chapter, Leonard Hawk, Effingham Chapter, Clifford Mayo, Garden City Chapter and Roy Rau, Clay Center Chapter.

The plaque awarded by the Agricultural Education Club, Kansas State College, was won by the Chanute Chapter in 1955. This award goes to the chapter making the highest total points in events open to FFA members in connection with the Annual Vocational Agriculture Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests.

One hundred and eighty-nine chapters filed Programs of Work on or before November 1, 1955.

Fourteen chapters merited Gold Emblem classification in the 1955 State Chapter Contest. These chapters were listed in the May, 1955, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

One hundred and forty-five Chapter Farmers from eighty-four chapters were raised to the State Farmer Degree in 1955.

Kansas had seven members in the National FFA Band and eight members in the National FFA Chorus.



## President's Report (Continued)

State FFA President Larry Figgs met with the State FFA Executive Committee April 5, 1956, for reviewing applications for the State Farmer Degree. One hundred and thirty-five applications were recommended by the committee for approval by the House of Delegates.

Practically 100 per cent of the chapters cooperated with the state program in safety, fire prevention, pest eradication, soil conservation and live-stock loss prevention.

John McComb, Washburn Chapter, participated in the Regional Speech Contest held at East Lansing, Michigan, August 16, 1955. He placed fourth in the region.

Kansas FFA teams participating in the National FFA Judging Contests held at Waterloo, Iowa, and Kansas City, Missouri, won three Gold Emblem classifications and two Silver Emblem classifications. These rankings were listed in the November, 1955, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

The Washburn Chapter placed first in Booth Exhibits and the Marion Chapter placed first in the Farm Mechanics exhibit at the Topeka Fair. The Salina Chapter won first in the Farm Mechanics Exhibits at the State Fair in Hutchinson.

First place in County Booth Exhibits prepared by FFA Chapters at the Hutchinson Fair were won for their respective areas by the Buhler Chapter and the Coldwater Chapter. The Grand Championship in this event was won by the Buhler Chapter. A complete report on chapter ranking in FFA exhibits at both the Topeka and the Hutchinson Fairs will be found in the November, 1955, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

The Kansas Association of FFA continued with the responsibility of securing subscriptions to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and sent 4012 subscriptions to Editor Lano Barron, Alexandria, Virginia. This represented 54 per cent of our total membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Figgs, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

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REPORT OF STATE FFA REPORTER, 1955-56

Including the May, 1955, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer, six copies of the newsletter will have been printed and distributed during the year.

As was done last year, requests for local chapter news for The Kansas Future Farmer were sent from the state office. During the year 418 requests were sent and 222 responses were received. This is a response of 54 per cent, a decrease of two per cent under last year.

Six issues (including May 15, 1955) of The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter were published. The plan of devoting the first half of the newsletter to State and National items of interest and the last half of the newsletter to local FFA Chapter news was continued.

A pictorial section, which was added to The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter beginning with the September, 1951, issue, was continued.

Each issue of the newsletter carried out the FFA calendar and gave emphasis to major FFA activities calendared, for example:

- September issue - State FFA Program of Work; Summary of Kansas Association of FFA Report to National Association; Budget of the Kansas Association of FFA; and Establishing FFA Chapters.
- November issue - Devoted entirely to the Twenty-Seventh National FFA Convention, National FFA Judging Contests, Winning FFA Exhibits at the State Fairs; Budget for the National Organization of FFA; and Report of the National Treasurer.
- December issue - 1955 District FFA Leadership Schools; National Chapter Contest; Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.; National Executive Secretary's Report.
- February issue - Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest; National FFA Week; State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership.
- April issue - State FFA President issues Convention Call; Rank in FFA Membership; An Analysis of A Selected List of Chapter Programs; The Budget of the Future Farmer of America Foundation, Inc.
- May issue - Will be devoted to the activities of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA.

The chapter notes were satisfactorily written in most cases. Items from The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter were reprinted in several publications in the field of agricultural journalism.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Milton, Acting Reporter  
Kansas Association of FFA

REPORT OF THE STATE FFA SECRETARY, 1956

House of Delegates meeting, College Auditorium, April 30, 1956, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Figgs.

Formal opening ceremony was used.

288 delegates from 144 chapters were seated.

President Figgs stated that in order to get certain releases to the press in time for the morning papers, he was suggesting that the House of Delegates dispense with the regular order of business and turn to the head of New Business.

It was moved by Vick Randle, Dodge City Chapter, and seconded by Terry Parks, Smith Center Chapter, that we dispense with the regular order of business and turn to the head of New Business. The motion carried.

The report of the nominating committee was made and voting for state officers took place.

Royce "Jonnie" Johnson sang and played his guitar.

Under the head of New Business 135 State Farmer candidates were nominated, elected and raised to the Degree of State Farmer. It was moved by State Adviser C. C. Eustace and seconded by Laverne Snooke, Moundridge Chapter, that we accept the candidates as State Farmers. Motion carried.

It was moved by Douglas M. Smith, Sabetha Chapter, and seconded by Gerald Borders, Eureka Chapter, that we elect Mr. Raymond Gilkeson, Editor, Kansas Farmer, Mr. Rodney Turnbull, Editor, Weekly Star Farmer, Mr. Charles Mantz, Vo-Ag, Smith Center, and Mr. Kenneth Henderson, Vo-Ag, Garden City, to the Degree of Honorary State Farmer. The Motion carried.

The House of Delegates meeting was favored with a twenty-minute program of special music by the K-State Singers. This group was composed of six boys and six girls, all members of the Kansas State College A Cappella Choir. Professor William R. Fischer of the Music Department directed the group.

It was moved by Gary Laugherty, McPherson Chapter, and seconded by Eldin Easten, Arkansas City Chapter, that we return to the head of Old Business. The Motion carried.

It was moved by Loy Reinhardt, State Secretary, and seconded by Frank Hall, Mulvane Chapter, that the Secretary's report be approved as it will appear in the May 15, 1956, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer. The Motion carried.

It was moved by John Milton, Acting State Reporter, and seconded by Gary Sooters, Sabetha Chapter, that we accept the report of the State Reporter as it will appear in the May 15, 1956, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. The motion carried.

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State Treasurer, John McComb, read a summary of the financial activities of the previous year. Doyle Cornelius, Kingman Chapter, moved and it was seconded by Virgil Funk, Hillsboro Chapter, that we accept his report. Motion carried.

President Larry Piggs moved that the President's Report be approved as it will appear in the May 15, 1956, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer. The motion was seconded by Frank Byer, Herington Chapter. The Motion carried.

Announcement was made of the winners in the State Chapter Contest.

Dale King, National Vice President from Wooster, Ohio, addressed the House of Delegates meeting.

The results of the ballot for state officers were announced. The following were the successful candidates:

William Wachs, Ellsworth, President  
John Arford, Almena, Vice President  
Jon Larson, Clay Center, Secretary  
John Griebel, Stockton, Treasurer  
Tom Knappenberger, Clathe, Reporter  
Duane Unger, Oberlin, Sentinel

Closing ceremonies were given and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loy Reinhardt, Secretary  
Kansas Association of FFA

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#### REPORT OF STATE FFA TREASURER 1955-56

Professor Theodore O. Dodge, Certified Public Accountant, audited the Kansas Association of FFA treasurer's books for 1955-56.

Professor Dodge's audit follows:

The examination was limited to cash transactions which did not include the verification of inventory. The balance of cash in bank at April 1, 1955 in amount of \$3,199.65 plus the cash on hand April 1, 1955 in amount of \$384.65, a total of \$3,584.30 is shown as the beginning balance of cash per books in Exhibit "A". This total amount agrees with the ending balance from Exhibit "A" per audit a year ago. The cash on hand at April 1, 1955 was deposited April 5, 1955. All receipts of cash for the period April 1, 1955 to April 16, 1956 was deposited in the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas. All disbursements of cash as shown by the records were made by check properly drawn on the Union National Bank account. The balance of cash in bank at April 16, 1956 was verified by reconciliation with the bank statement, \$6,413.61.



## Treasurer's Report (continued)

The bank reconciliation at April 16, 1956 is presented as follows.

Balance per bank statement, April 16, 1956 \$7,237.89  
Less - Outstanding checks, April 16, 1956

Check #	Payee	Amount	
1008	National Future Farmers Magazine	\$ 85.72	
1009	Edward A. Roche	7.50	
1010	Future Farmers Supply Service	43.25	
1011	Future Farmers Supply Service	585.94	
1012	Future Farmers Supply Service	68.67	
1013	Future Farmers Supply Service	6.90	
1014	Secretary of State of Kansas	2.50	
1015	Shawnee County Treasurer	3.00	
1017	Future Farmers Supply Service	20.80	824.28
<u>Cash balance per books, April 16, 1956</u>			<u>\$6,413.61</u>

Cash in bank per check book was adjusted by the addition of \$1,628.43 to bring the balance in agreement with the bank balance as reconciled, \$6,413.61.

In my opinion, the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements presents fairly the results of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America cash operations for the period April 1, 1955 to April 16, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore O. Dodge  
 Certified Public Accountant

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
 STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 APRIL 1, 1955 TO April 16, 1956

Cash balance per books, April 1, 1955 \$ 3,584.30

Receipts:

Dues - 7457 at 30 cents	\$ 2,237.10
Subscriptions for National FFA Magazine	1,049.20
Charms and Pins	641.10
Supplies (Plaques, Jackets and Other)	157.76
Charters	3.00
Contributions	
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad	\$ 100.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad	1,050.00
FFA Foundation, Inc.	999.10
FFA Foundation, Inc. Travel Reimbursement	2,149.10
Future Farmers Supply Service	146.46
Sears Project	412.07
Miscellaneous	3,000.00
	<u>8.00</u>

Total Receipts

9,803.79

Total to Account For

\$13,388.09

## Treasurer's Report (continued)

Disbursements:

Dues - 7535 at 10 cents		\$ 753.50
Subscriptions for National FFA Magazine		1,003.09
Charms and Pins		657.09
Supplies (Plaques, Jackets and Other)		884.12
Awards and Scholarships		
Chicago, Burlington & Quincey Railroad	\$ 100.00	
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad	1,050.02	
Gold and Silver Chapter Awards	977.96	
State Award Plaque	20.80	2,148.78
Travel		
National Judging Contest	\$ 142.25	
Regional Public Speaking Contest	35.00	177.25
State and National Convention Expense		1,106.30
Leadership School Expense		10.00
Printing and Binding		145.40
Auditing		10.00
Insurance		50.20
Safe Deposit Box Rent		3.30
Recordings of National Band and Chorus		7.50
Filing Fees - Corporate		5.50
Mailing Permit		10.00
Refunds		2.45
<u>Total Disbursements</u>		<u>\$6,974.48</u>
<u>Cash Balance per Books, April 16, 1956</u>		<u>\$6,413.61</u>

CHECKS WRITTEN FOR DISBURSEMENT  
FROM 4/1/55 - 4/16/56

4-11-55	Future Farmer Supply Service - Paper Napkins	\$ 4.50
4-27-55	Theodore O. Dodge - Auditing FFA Books	10.00
5- 2-55	Wareham Coffee Shop - State FFA Officers Dinner	13.05
5- 2-55	Wareham Coffee Shop - State FFA Officers Dinner	4.50
5- 3-55	Friends of Music School Fund-K-State Singers - House of Del.	25.00
5- 3-55	Kay Hofman- Entertainment House of Delegates	5.00
5- 6-55	Chamber of Commerce - 200 convention badges	10.00
5- 6-55	Future Farmer Supply Service - 1 set FFA emblem stencils	1.00
5- 6-55	Campus Book Store - Window decorations	7.40
5- 6-55	Griffith Lumber Co. - 1/2# box nails	.10
5- 6-55	College Book Store - 4 sheets cardboard	.60
5- 6-55	Diane Hills - Lettering for exhibit	1.00
5- 6-55	A. L. Duckwall Store - 5 pkgs. upholstery nails	.51
5- 6-55	Karl K. Gaston - Lettering certificates	10.00
5-18-55	Paul Faidley - State Convention Expense	4.25
5-18-55	Bill Gunter - State Convention Expense	7.46
5-18-55	Dean Peter - State Convention Expense	1.32
5-18-55	John R. Milton - State Convention Expense	6.70

## Treasurer's Report (continued)

5-18-55	Ron McKinnie - State Convention Expense	\$	3.89
5-18-55	Waldo Anderson - State Convention Expense		3.00
5-18-55	Future Farmer Supply Service - Sentinel Plaque		1.75
5-18-55	Illustrations Dept. - FFA Convention pictures		19.84
5-19-55	Lynn Perkins - State Convention Expense		5.00
5-20-55	Gillett Hotel - FFA Officers rooms for convention		58.12
6- 6-55	Dowell J. Howard - National dues 7464 members		746.40
6-10-55	Dowell J. Howard - National dues 71 members		7.10
6-13-55	Physical Plant Dept. - College P.A. System		20.88
6-16-55	Art Craft Printers-Membership Cards-Programs-Certificates		459.70
6-20-55	Future Farmer Supply Service-6 official jackets-St. Officers		54.00
7-20-55	Charles Ross-John McComb Exp. Regional Speech Contest		35.00
9- 8-55	St. Louis Button Company - Badges		74.92
9- 8-55	Art Craft Printers-Binding FFA Volumes-Calendar Cds.-Program of Work Blanks		142.15
9- 9-55	McDonald FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9- 9-55	Almena FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9- 9-55	Atwood FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9- 9-55	Norcatour FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9- 9-55	Bird City FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9- 9-55	Norton FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9- 9-55	Oberlin FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9- 9-55	St Francis FFA Chapter - Burlington RR Grant		12.50
9-10-55	Gillett Hotel - Dinner State FFA Officers		10.95
9-16-55	Troy FFA Chapter - Refund National Magazine Subscriptions		2.45
9-19-55	The National Future Farmer Magazine - subscriptions		592.47
9-19-55	Larry Figgs - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Loy Reinhardt - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	John McComb - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Manuel Bruch - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Ray Drumright - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Jim Allen - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Donald Alexander - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Jerry Doornbos - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Bill Fuller - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	John Simmons - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Lester Hole - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Fay Hoffman - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-19-55	Kenneth L. Stuckey - Santa Fe Railway Award		61.54
9-30-55	R. B. Jones & Sons Inc. - Insurance		50.20
10- 3-55	The National Future Farmer Magazine - subscriptions		179.37
10- 6-55	David Thompson - Santa Fe RR Scholarship Award		250.00
10- 6-55	Raymond Mabry - FFA Convention Expense		25.00
10-18-55	Lynn Perkins - FFA Leadership School Expense		10.00
10-19-55	National Future Farmer Magazine - subscriptions		145.08
10-19-55	Montgomery Foto Service - Band, Chorus, American Farmer Photos		7.50
10-25-55	Dr. James W. Hatch - 7 National FFA Chorus Uniforms		105.00
10-25-55	National Future Farmer Magazine - subscriptions		.45
10-26-55	Chapman FFA Chapter - Refund National FFA Chorus Uniform		7.50
10-26-55	Future Farmers Supply Serv. - National FFA Band Uniforms		105.00
11- 7-55	Dean Ebel - National Convention Expenses and Beloit trip		29.45

## Treasurer's Report (continued)

11- 7-55	Tommy Schrag - FFA Chorus Expense	\$	53.77
11- 7-55	Gillett Hotel- Boys rooms on way to Nat'l. Conv.		15.60
11- 7-55	Frank Coltharp - FFA Chorus Expense Nat'l. Conv.		50.95
11- 7-55	Bobby Elliott - Chorus Expense Nat'l. Conv.		40.95
11- 7-55	Marvin Timmons - Chorus Expense Nat'l. Conv.		53.31
11- 7-55	Russel Peterson - Chorus Expense Nat'l. Conv.		48.00
11- 7-55	Thomas Kieffer - Chorus Expense Nat'l. Conv.		56.84
11- 7-55	David Jackson - Chorus Expense Nat'l. Conv.		50.43
11- 7-55	Steve French - Band Expense Nat'l. Conv.		58.60
11- 7-55	Orin Welch - Band Expense Nat'l. Conv.		57.05
11- 7-55	Richard Hedges - Band Expense Nat'l. Conv.		53.00
11- 7-55	Lanny Brent - Band Expense Nat'l. Conv.		53.61
11- 7-55	Laroon Holt - Band Expense Nat'l. Conv.		52.63
11- 7-55	Dennis Duell - Band Expense Nat'l. Conv.		69.36
11- 7-55	Jon Guthrie - Band Expense Nat'l. Conv.		62.74
11-16-55	James Ellis - Chorus Expense Nat'l. Conv.		47.44
11-18-55	Alma FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Chapter Award		19.68
11-18-55	Bonner Springs FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Chapter Award		19.68
11-18-55	Coffeyville FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Coldwater FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Eldorado FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Eureka FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Harveyville FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Holton FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Hoxie FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Kingman FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Kiowa FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Olathe FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Seaman FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Simpson FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Smith Center FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Solomon FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	St Francis FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Washington FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Williamsburg FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Winfield FFA Chapter - Silver Emblem Award		19.68
11-18-55	Arkansas City FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Beloit FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Buhler FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Chanute FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Clay Center FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Effingham FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Ellsworth FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Emporia FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Little River FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Oberlin FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Ottawa FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Shawnee-Mission - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Stockton FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
11-18-55	Washburn FFA Chapter - Gold Emblem Award		41.74
12-13-55	Beloit FFA Chapter-Travel Exp. 1955 Nat'l. Judging Contest		46.94
12-13-55	Clay Center FFA Chapter - Travel Exp. 1955 Nat'l Judging Cont.		43.72
12-13-55	Chanute - Travel Expense 1955 National Judging Contest		11.51



## Treasurer's Report (continued)

12-13-55	Mulvane FFA Chapter - travel exp. Nat'l. Judging Contest	\$	22.03
12-13-55	Newton FFA Chapter - travel exp. Nat'l. Judging Contest		18.05
12-13-55	Future Farmers Supply Service - set of station markers		15.00
12-30-55	Postmaster - bulk mailing fee		10.00
1- 4-56	Union National Bank- rental safety deposit box		3.30
1-31-56	J. W. Jordan - 8 chapter farmer pins		2.48
2-14-56	Montgomery Foto Service - 2 American Farmer pictures		1.50
3- 2-56	Art Craft Printers - Binding two volumes Future Farmer		3.25
3- 7-56	The National Future Farmer Magazine - 377 subscriptions		85.72
3- 8-56	Edward A Roche- two National FFA Band & Chorus Records		7.50
3-27-56	Future Farmer Supply Service - Purpose Banner-Electrotype Emblems- Napkins-Manuals-etc.		43.25
3-28-56	Future Farmer Supply Service - State Farmer Pins		585.94
3-28-56	Future Farmer Supply Service - Tax on State Farmer Pins		68.67
4- 3-56	Future Farmer Supply Service - Ball point pen-Paper Cups, Paper Plates		6.90
4- 5-56	Secretary of State Kansas - Filing & recording Articals of Inc.		2.50
4- 5-56	Treasurer Shawnee County - Filing & recording Articals of Inc.		3.00
4- 5-56	College Book Store - 2 rolls corrugated peper, House of Delegate		5.60
4-14-56	Future Farmer Supply Service - State Award Plaque		20.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$6,974.48

Respectfully submitted,

John McComb, Treasurer  
Kansas Association of FFA

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CHARTERED FFA CHAPTERS 1955-56

Eight chapters were chartered during the year bringing the total number of chapters chartered in the twenty eight year life of the Kansas Association of FFA to 259. Of this number of chartered chapters 209 are on the active list.

The date, charter number and chapters chartered follow:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charter No.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
May 19, 1955	252	Plains	Earl Borgelt
May 25, 1955	253	Cheney	James J. Stanley
October 20, 1955	254	Leoti	Kenneth Wilson
November 7, 1955	255	Tribune	James T. Grider
November 7, 1955	256	St. Paul	Jack Nickols
December 12, 1955	257	Florence	Kenneth Pfaff
January 1, 1956	258	Oakley	Karl Will
January 27, 1956	259	Long Island	Ira J. Mann, Jr.

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RESULTS OF 1956 STATE HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL JUDGING CONTESTSGold Emblem Teams--Entire Agricultural Contest

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Chanute	Charles O. Carter
McPherson	R. L. Ramsdale
Newton	R. M. Karns
Cherryvale	C. H. Young
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Belleville	Carl H. Beyer
El Dorado	Wm. R. McMillan

Gold Emblem Teams--Dairy Contest

Chanute	Charles O. Carter
Manhattan	J. W. Taylor
Jetmore	George Turnbull
Riverton	Gilbert L. Arnold
McPherson	R. L. Ramsdale
Osage City	R. P. Latimer
Ellinwood	John J. Cragun
Marysville	James L. Jacobson
Arkansas City	Harold Walker
Hugoton	Leo Van Pelt
El Dorado	Wm. R. McMillan
Labette Co. Com. HS	C. D. Bennett

Gold Emblem Teams--Animal Husbandry

McPherson	R. L. Ramsdale
Osborne	Merwin Stearns
Cheney	James J. Stanley
Hugoton	Leo Van Pelt
Council Grove	J. Gordon Morrison
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Simpson	Bob Severance
Hiawatha	Ralph Arnold
Seaman	Marvin E. Smith
Ellsworth	Lester L. Crandall
Newton	R. M. Karns
Quinter	Ormond Breeden

Gold Emblem Teams--Poultry Contest

Chanute	Charles O. Carter
Osborne	Merwin Stearns
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
McPherson	R. L. Ramsdale
Cherryvale	C. H. Young
Emporia	Emory Groves
Almena	Samuel Stenzel
Belleville	Cary H. Beyer
Eureka	Harry L. Coffel
Newton	R. M. Karns

Results of 1956 State High School Agricultural Judging Contests (cont'd)  
Gold Emblem Teams--(cont'd)

Gold Emblem Teams--Agronomy Contest

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Cherryvale	C. H. Young
Belleville	Carl H. Beyer
Newson	R. M. Karas
Bazine	Edward F. Brenner
El Dorado	Wm. R. McMillan
Chanute	Charles O. Carter
Beloit	Frank R. Carpenter

Gold Emblem Teams--Dairy Products

Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Arkansas City	Harold Walker
Concordia	W. A. Rawson
McPherson	Richard Ramsdale

RESULTS OF 1956 STATE HIGH SCHOOL FARM MECHANICS CONTESTS

Gold Emblem Teams--Entire Farm Mechanics Contest

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Lakin	Dean Hoppas
Almena	Samuel Stenzel
Neodesha	Wayne Coltrain
Miltonvale	Norman Hildwein
Cherryvale	C. H. Young
Ellsworth	Lester Crandall
Labette Co. Com. HS	Jack Shell (Shop Instructor)
St. Francis	Donald E. Hall
Sabetha	Raymond E. Hackler

Gold Emblem Teams--Tool Conditioning

Goessel	Gerald S. Deckert
Labette Co. Com. HS	Jack Shell (Shop Instructor)
Lakin	Dean Hoppas
St. Francis	Donald E. Hall
Pretty Prairie	Powell Heide
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Miltonvale	Norman Hildwein
Eureka	Harry L. Coffel
Humboldt	M. B. Tinkler
Norton	Philip B. Finley

Gold Emblem Teams--Farm Machinery

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Almena	Samuel Stenzel
Neodesha	Wayne Coltrain
Lakin	Dean Hoppas
Seaman	Marvin E. Smith
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Smith Center	Charles Mantz
Labette Co. Com. HS	Jack Shell (Shop Instructor)
Cherryvale	C. H. Young
Miltonvale	Norman Hildwein
Sabetha	Raymond F. Hackler

Gold Emblem Teams--Arc Welding

Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Winfield	Lewis Eggenberger
Phillipsburg	Frank P. Freeman
Yates Center	Don Brock
Labette Co. Com. HS	Jack Shell (Shop Instructor)
Lakin	Dean Hoppas
Wakeeney	Loren Detwiler
Oberlin-	Lloyd L. Moody
Almena	Samuel Stenzel
Haven	Glen Schulthess

Gold Emblem Teams--Farm Carpentry

Almena	Samuel Stenzel
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Lakin	Hoppas
St. Francis	Donald E. Hall
Smith Center	Charles Mantz
McPherson	Richard Ramsdale
Fredonia	Norman Haigh
Centralia	Conrad F. Johnson
Haven	Glen Schulthess
Seaman-	Marvin E. Smith

Gold Emblem Teams--Soil Conservation

Fairview	Clifford Elliott
Almena	Samuel Stenzel
Ellsworth	Lester Crandall
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Sabetha	Raymond F. Hackler
Chanute	Charles O. Carter
Labette Co. Com. HS	Jack Shell (Shop Instructor)
St. Francis	Donald E. Hall
Little River	Milton Kohrs
Garden City	Kenneth Henderson



Gold Emblem Teams--Concrete Contest

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Clay Co. Com. HS	Dale Brooks
Neodesha	Wayne Contrain
Meade	Howard E. Thomas
Almena	Samuel Stenzel
Cherryvale	C. H. Young
Chanute	Charles O. Carter
Altoona	John W. Davis
Mullinville	Wayne W. Thompson
Miltonvale	Norman Hildwein
Eureka	Harry L. Coffel

Gold Emblem Teams--Farm Power

Lakin	Dean Hoppas
Goessel	Gerald S. Deckert
Miltonvale	Norman Hildwein
Colby	G. K. Cunningham
Cherryvale	C. H. Young
Pretty Prairie	Powell Heide
Beloit	Frank R. Carpenter
Little River	Milton Kohrs
Fredonia	Norman M. Haigh
Hillsboro	Truman Diener

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YOUNG OUTDOOR AMERICANS' CONFERENCE

The third annual Young Outdoor Americans' Conference was held April 18-20 in Sioux City, Iowa. The conference is sponsored by the Izaak Walton League of America...Two delegates from each state are chosen to attend, from the Boy Scouts of America, Future Farmers of America, and the 4-H Clubs. There were ninety-seven of us at the conference. I represented the Kansas Association of FFA...The purpose of the conference is to discuss conservation problems and practices. The four main topics which we discussed are "Soils For Food and Fiber", "Land for Recreation", "Land for Living", and "Soils for the Future"...The Studebaker-Packard Corporation came to the aid of this public service program and paid all the expenses of the delegates attending the conference. This trip is one I will never forget, as I met boys from all over the U.S. and made friends which I shall remember for a long time.

Loy Reinhardt, Secretary  
Kansas Association of FFA

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LARRY FIGGS ATTENDS MISSOURI FFA CONVENTION

In April I had the honor of being invited to appear on the program of the Missouri State FFA Convention. I attended their Friday afternoon session and was greatly impressed by the large number of Future Farmer boys present, and with the high standard of performance on the part of the state FFA officers. The Friday evening meeting was given over mainly to State Farmer and Star Farmer awards. A chorus of 90 FFA boys presented a splendid program and merited the high praise it received. Their State Farmer Degree class numbered 240. The attendance at the Friday evening meeting filled the auditorium to capacity - an estimated 3,500 persons. It was my privilege to address this group. My thanks to Mr. Carl M. Humphrey, Director of Agricultural Education, for the invitation, and my hope is that the Kansas Association may return the compliment next year.

Larry Figgs  
Immediate Past State FFA President

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During the year 1928-29 it was my privilege to cooperate with other state workers in the field of vocational agriculture in publishing five issues of the Kansas Future Farmer. Editorship of this publication was accepted in 1930. Twenty-seven volumes and approximately 1,500,000 words later brings us to the signing off place.

The Objective kept uppermost in mind in publishing the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter has been that of keeping leaders and members abreast of the achievements of the FFA on all levels. The principles upon which the FFA was founded have remained the same throughout the history of the Organization. The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter has constantly endeavored to clarify fundamental objectives and to encourage high standards of performance on the part of FFA members and their advisors.

Editorship of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter has been rewarding in the many lasting friendships formed.

For the privilege of working with FFA members and advisors we will close with Clyde McGee's poem entitled -

GRATITUDE

For sunlit hours and visions clear,  
For all remembered faces dear,  
For comrades of a single day,  
Who sent us stronger on our way,  
For friends who shared the year's long road,  
And bore with us the common load,  
For hours that levied heavy tolls,  
But brought us nearer to our goals,  
For insights won through toil and tears,  
We thank the Keeper of our years.

A. P. Davidson

CHAPTER NEWS

Blue Mound: Projects made in farm shop this year are: feed bunks, two and four-wheeled trailers, stock racks, knives, foot scrapers, repairing wagon and gasoline motors. We have culled several blocks of chickens. Our scrap drive amounted to approximately \$70.

Richard Thyer, Reporter

Osborne: The Osborne FFA Chapter Parent-Son Banquet was held March 20 with 146 parents, guests, and members present. The Osborne FFA received its Charter 20 years ago, so Jerome Hageman gave an interesting account of past history of the local chapter...The Osborne FFA Banquets are in cooperation with the mothers, home economic department and local members. Mothers furnish pies, salads, and potatoes, the boys freeze the ice cream in the school shop, and the home economic girls prepare the meat loaf and serve the meal. Parents, guests, and members bring their own service... Mr. Charles Booz, Portis, Kansas, manager of a Tamworth hog farm and Mr. Hugh Haire, Science and Basketball coach, received the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree...A new method was used in electing the 1956-57 officers this year. Each member ranked the boys that were put up by the nominating committee, according to his ability to perform the duty. Members rating most frequently on top became president, 2nd man, vice-president, etc...Dehorning, vaccination of cattle for blackleg, docking and castrating sheep, and livestock selection work has been the major field trips completed during the spring months.

Howard Guyer, Reporter

Hill City: We had our annual election of FFA officers at our regular meeting of April 18. The new officers will start their term with the May meeting. Plans are to hold a spring fishing trip on May 25 and 26... The Chapter has 70 acres of wheat in the class project. We have planted 14 acres of clover and are planning to plant 25 acres of milo. We are going to plant demonstration plots of grain sorghums varieties.

James McKim, Reporter

Washington: Our chapter has had a total of 11 State Farmers in the last 5 years and 36 State Farmers in the history of the chapter... Paul Leck made Star Farmer of America, the only one that Kansas has ever had...Shop jobs in the shop that were recently completed are: One dehorning chute, one range poultry feeder, one garden tractor, one salt and mineral feeder, one cement mixer, and four two-wheeled trailers...Shop jobs that we are repairing are: two manure spreaders; one four-wheel trailer; one side delivery rake; one boat and we have several smaller projects under way such as gates, feeders, and troughs.

Richard Stamm, Reporter

Powhattan: The Chapter held its annual Parent & Son Banquet on April 25. There were 110 present. Our speaker for the evening was Wes Seyler from WIBW. Shop projects in shop are: one disk carrier, one dehorning chute, four bale trailers, two bale loaders, five livestock chutes, two wire winders, one harrow transporter, two dirt scoops, five dirt blades for tractors.

Larry McKee, Reporter

Wetmore: Our magazine sales netted \$75.00 for the chapter treasury. Our chapter purchased a new meeting room banner this year. Leon Edwards is going to plant a test plot of Hybrid Sorghum in cooperation with the DeKalb Hybrid Seed Company...We held our first Parent and Son meeting in April.

Larry Barrand, Reporter

Burlington: The Burlington chapter had their annual banquet March 13 in the High School gymnasium. After the banquet, the chapter boys presented "Farm of Broken Men"... Jim Strawder and John Truelove presented a grape pruning program over television station WIBW in February. The chapter had a scrap iron drive by which we raised money for our banquet... We planted seven varieties in corn plots east of Burlington. We also plan to plant some Hybrid sorghum plots... On May 4 we held our annual FFA fishing party which included our dads. Prizes were given for the largest and the most fish caught.

Reporter

Randolph: Our chapter held its annual pot luck supper honoring the parents on March 22. At that time we awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to Pete Hawkinson...Our chapter's gilt ring is rapidly growing. We started a year ago with one registered Duroc bred gilt. Dick Howe and Russell Peterson each got a gilt from the original litter... The Chapter has done quite a bit of vaccinating, castrating, and dehorning for local farmers... We are planning to sponsor a Horse Show here sometime this summer... Shop projects include three squeeze chutes, a pipe stock rack, a flat bed trailer box, a power hack saw, a road grader, a carry-all for a Ford tractor, a drill press, numerous gates, feed pans, and other smaller items.

Don Hohman, Reporter

Effingham: During the National FFA Week our chapter put up a window display in the Firestone Store in Atchison, Kansas. Also the chapter officers give a five-minute radio broadcast each morning during the National FFA Week over the Atchison Radio Station...During the past year 84 chapter members planned and completed an average of 10.4 improvement projects, 20.8 supplementary farm practices, and Chapter members repaired 383 farm machines at home and in the farm shop...The average net worth per member at the end of the year of 1955 was \$1221.69 giving an average increase in net worth for the year of \$279.02. Chapter members produced 108,222 lbs. milk, 58,689 lbs. beef, 106,862 lbs. pork, 3907 lbs. mutton, 9832 bu. corn, averaging 39.9 bu. per acre, 5143 bu. oats averaging 33.3 bu. per acre, 3,475 bu. wheat averaging 32.7 bu. per acre, 1,368 bu. milo averaging 29.7 bu. per acre, 212 tons hay averaging 3.4 tons per acre.

James Lee, Reporter



Long Island: A committee of chapter members held a meeting recently to decide what the chapter would do concerning a gilt ring. The chapter will buy a gilt at weaning time, giving her to a member of the FFA, who would feed and care for her. When this gilt has a litter, a female pig of the first litter will be given to another member...The local FFA chapter held their first Parent and Son banquet March 12. There were approximately 110 guests present...The FFA Queen was elected Friday afternoon, January 13. Candidates for the honorary position were elected from each class with no limit on the number of candidates. Some of the things which each contestant competed in were: sawing a board with the use of a square; driving nails in the same board which they sawed and squared; judging swine and riding a horse. Everyone had a lot of fun. Donna Rogers was elected "Queen" of the FFA Chapter...National FFA Week, our chapter attended church as a group at the Luctor Christian Reformed Church. The boys used a window in the Erickson and Davis Hardware to display officers station markers during the week of George Washington's birthday.

Reporter

Bonner Springs: A fifteen minute T-V broadcast was given during National FFA Week over WDAF...We butchered 10 head of beef and 8 head of hogs in the Voc. Agr. shop in February...Our Parent & Son Banquet was held the 20th of March. It was the 25th year of FFA in our high school. The charter members were our honored guests. They were introduced by their advisor of 25 years ago - Mr. Mize, who is still in the Bonner Rural High system...Our chapter broiler project of 250 birds has been completed with a loss of 2½% of birds from purchasing to dressing. They averaged 3# dressed at nine and ten weeks of age. They were dressed by the chapter members. We have mixed 3 ton of protein supplement for hogs and sold to the chapter members at cost...The following shop projects are completed or are being completed: two four wheel trailers with 150 bushel beds, two poultry feeders, three pipe gates, two sets of clothes line poles, a 24 compartment bolt bin, one 8 compartment hen nest and one barrel feed bunk. Machinery repaired were: one rotary rake, one gang plow, one dirt scraper, one four wheel trailer and two hydraulic lift beds.

Russel Clark, Reporter

Lebanon: The Lebanon FFA have 12 Sophomores that received the Chapter Farmer Award at the last meeting. Owen Carper received the DeKalb award for the outstanding Senior Program. His farming program includes beef, corn, wheat and milo...We had our annual FFA Banquet April 17 with 100% attendance of parents.

Neil Hackerott, Reporter

LaCygne: During National FFA week our Chapter celebrated it by attending church as a group, February 19, holding a special meeting, February 21, annual Parent-Son Banquet February 23, and special program for high school, February 24...Larry Coffin was the winner of the 1956 medal and certificate given by DeKalb to the outstanding Senior in Vocational Agriculture...Our Chapter sponsored a basketball game with the Boy Scouts to help encourage membership in the Boy Scouts and FFA.

Bill Rhyneron, Reporter



Haven: Our chapter held its annual Parent and Son Banquet Saturday evening, May 12. We elected three men to honorary membership in our chapter. They were Mr. C. A. Williams President of the Haven State Bank; Mr. Leland McElwain, Chevrolet dealer, and Mr. Fred Howell, our High School principal...Our Adviser is giving free milo and sorgo seed to boys to encourage feed crop production. So far 20 boys have applied for 1200 lbs. of milo seed and 200 lbs. of atlas sorgo seed. Bill Romig, our president, recently bought 10 stocker steers to add to his farming program. He also has 5 fat heifers to market in June and 2 Hampshire sows with 17 pigs. Gene Heim bought 8 steers and Jerry and Billy Huston each bought 5 head...We are repairing and remodeling our portable sheep dipping vat and crop sprayer in preparation for another season of activity. Major shop jobs nearing completion include a bale pickup, 4 wheel trailers, irrigation pipe trailer, 2 wheel trailer, a tandem wheel house trailer, a gasoline tank stand and grease house, feed bunk and garden tractors...Our two shop teams won first and second place in the district contest and were first, second, third, and ninth high individuals. Larry Seitz and Peter Mueller represented our chapter in the state shop contest and rated in the Silver Emblem group. Our judging team placed in the Bronze Emblem Division in the State Contest. Members of the judging team were Bill Romig, Jack Hayes, and Pat Maloney.

Art Hoskinson, Reporter

Beloit: Programs for FFA meetings this year included: a talk on Future Trading by a local elevator operator; a report on the Livestock Auction business by the manager of the local sales barn; films and a talk on livestock programs by our County Agent; talk by a local farmer who had traveled Europe...Mitchell County Co-Op is sponsoring a trip for all of our FFA members to points of interest in Kansas City May 28 and 29. We will visit the Board of Trade, the BOP Assembly Plant, the Fiber Glass Factory, the CCA Oil and Paint Laboratories, and see a big league baseball game between Kansas City and Chicago...For National FFA Week we put on the assembly program for the high school, published FFA news in the school paper and the two city papers, and placed a display in a downtown store window...We held our Parent-Son banquet May 8. The program was furnished by FFA members with the assistance of one number by the girls vocal group. Our program included open house in the shop and was attended by board members, faculty and our parents.

Gene Kennedy, Reporter

Liberal: Our parent and son banquet was held February 20, with 50 parents, sons and guests attending. The foods class served the dinner...We had an extremely good tractor driving contest with about 23 contestants...Steve Boles represented our chapter in the speech contest. He won first place in the District Contest at Garden City, and tied for seventh place in the State Speech Contest at Manhattan. We elected our officers for 1956-57 at our April 25th meeting. We will install these new officers at our May 9 meeting. We want to make plans for at least one summer meeting.

Jerry Brown, Reporter

Peabody: Our Annual Parent-Son Covered Dish Supper was held April 9 at 6:30 p.m. Lester Weatherwax from Radio KFBI, Wichita, was our speaker. Another feature was slide films of the boys and their farming programs...Our group has bought 325 trees to be planted in the community to replace those killed by drouth. As a community service, we planted about 100 in the city park and 6 on the school grounds...Two boys, Kenneth Guthrie and Douglas Gillet, are appearing on television station KTVH, Hutchinson, May 7 with a demonstration on How To Service Tractor Air-Cleaners.

Kenneth Guthrie, Reporter

Cedar Vale: We held our Parent and Son annual FFA banquet, April 6 of this year. Our speaker was Mr. Harold Walker, Vo-Ag teacher at Arkansas City, Kansas...We have completed tightning down all the bolts and painting the ball park bleachers for the community. Before school is out we will finish building the school some football yard markers for the field.

Gordon Thompson, Reporter

Riley: Our chapter has held meetings once each month with recreational meetings once each six weeks. We have an over-night camping party planned for this spring. Our last business meeting will feature color slides of the boy's farming programs and shop projects. The parents of the boys and the eighth grade boys from the grade school will be invited to the meeting.

Larry Jones, Reporter

Downs: The Downs Chapter held its Father-Son chili feed early in the winter. The recreation after the meal was a volley ball game between the boys and their fathers...Our Freshman class has given programs for several organizations. These programs consisted of "What is meant by the FFA" and "Building the Emblem"...Our Annual Parent-Son Banquet was held April 17...In shop we have constructed a feed bunk, four-wheel grain trailer, two-wheel utility trailer, sickle grinder, swine alfalfa feeder, several gates, repaired and painted a tractor, two squeeze chutes, several hog troughs, two picnic tables, and several other miscellaneous items...Our chapter is now making plans for our summer trip.

Dale McKemey, Reporter

Simpson: The Simpson FFA boys held their annual Spring Date Party Thursday evening at the Vocational Agriculture Building. The evening was spent playing cards and group games with Gary McClintock as recreation leader. Music was furnished by the Vic Trola band for the dancing which was held in the shop.

Lanny Robertson, Reporter

Little River: Our annual FFA Parent and Son Banquet was held May 4th. 152 guests were served by the FHA girls...Three honorary degrees of Chapter farmer were conferred on Mrs. W. H. Burke, C. D. Livingston (county sheriff), and Oral Brunk (country Soil Conservationist)...Two yourkshire gilts were purchased and placed with two deserving freshmen boys. They will return two gilts at 6 months of age. The chapter has purchased a new Argus C-4 camera from funds received from the National Foundation of FFA for being in the gold emblem group in the chapter contests...The chapter is making plans in eradicating 70 acres of prairie dogs before school is dismissed.

Keith Irvine, Reporter

**Inman:** The Inman chapter has completed their spring farm program class visitation and have voted Galen Postier and Robert Stoughton as the out standing chapter farmers. These spring visitations are made by school bus and during school time. Invitations are extended to school board, Principal, and parents of boys who might care to go on the trip...Each year the chapter votes to do something for the community. This year we built a 25' x 25' x 6" concrete floor. On this floor we are going to build a burner for cooking food and burning trash. The community furnishes the money and the boys do the work free. Estimated cost of the burner is \$250.00...In our chapter of 37 members we have 23 that are grooming some sort of livestock for showing this summer at fairs and other shows.

Wayne Goertzen, Reporter

**Leon:** Our FFA Chapter sponsored a Pest Eradication Contest. The number of pests eradicated were: sparrows 3,286, cottontail rabbits 246, starlings 758, crows 18, rats 90, pigeons 132, jack rabbits 45, opossums 61, and mice 261...In shop the boys made equipment for driver's education, music folio racks for the grade and high band, racks for the typing classes, equipment for the home economics department, bulletin boards for the class rooms, a number of gates, a feed mixer, chicken feeders and waterers, hog troughs, two grader blades for garden tractors, a number of clothes line poles, calf waterer and a grain auger. We caponized fifty production white roosters, butchered eight beefs, dressed ninety-six chickens, did some dehorning, and castrated both calves and pigs... At present we are planning our spring fishing trip. We are going to Independence, Kansas, to fish on the Verdigris River.

Tommy Allen, Reporter

**Plains:** The Plains Chapter held their first Father-Son Banquet Feb. 14 at the Vocational Agriculture building with 92% of the members and their Dad's attending. The Chapter held a pest eradication contest with 321 rabbits, 3 coyotes, 245 sparrows and 24 starlings being exterminated.

Darryl Ball, Reporter

**Miltonvale:** We held our Parent-Son Banquet April 6. One hundred and eleven members, parents and guests were present...An assembly program was presented before the students during National Future Farmers of America Week...We are making plans for an overnight camping and fishing trip for this summer... Farm mechanics jobs completed are: Trailer for hauling irrigation pipe, machinery trailer, three four wheel trailers, pipe stock rack, six rake wheel gates, two sets of clothesline posts, two pipe gates, yard gate made from rake wheel, two calf feeders, two feed bunks, combination grain and hay feeder for cattle, repaired pick up bailer, repaired side delivery rake, four air compressors, and one ping pong table.

Noble Hargett, Reporter

Preston: The local chapter went on a scrap paper drive on March 24. The paper was sold to the Hutchinson Paper Mill. It netted a total of \$11.16 after expenses were paid for hauling the paper to the mill...On April 27 two members of the FFA appeared on television station, KTVH, Hutchinson, along with the adviser and the Pratt County Agent. The demonstration which they conducted was on Identification Wheat by the Kernel Method.

Joe Johnson, Reporter

Hoisington: Our FFA Chapter's last meeting was for the purpose of electing officers for the 1956-57 year. Our next year's program is being planned. We have our regular meetings every other Thursday and officers meeting on the alternate Thursday. We recently completed our pest control contest with the losing team furnishing a chili feed. This year our chapter purchased a Vendo Milk machine. It is doing quite well and holding its own as far as making the payments is concerned. It has sold as high as 170 cartons of milk and orange drink per day. We have had two concession stands at athletic events... In the future we plan to buy old combines out of use, cut them up, and sell the scrap metal from them.

Lloyd Boger, Reporter

Kiowa: Our chapter held a banquet on April 23 at which all fathers and sons were present. The trophies and metals won at various contests were presented at that time. The meal consisted of steak, baked potatoes, salad, green beans, pie, and ice cream. The meal was prepared by the FFA officers and the clean-up committee was the Green Hands for this year. The total cost of the banquet was about \$30...Our chapter repainted the inside of the Agriculture Shop, added a finish room, and made new tool cabinets and work benches... Our chapter is in the process of making a livestock sprayer. The chapter recently had a sheep dip, but found that the sprayer will be much more efficient...The Sophmores and Juniors of the chapter plan to make a trip to King's Ranch in Texas after this year's school term and continue going every year if at all possible...Some of the shop projects completed are as follows: four combination feed and hay bunks, two hog self-feeders, two hog water troughs, complete overhaul of one tractor and one pick-up truck, complete overhaul of three one-cylinder gas engines, the building of five trailers, one seed treater, one weed burner, repainted one combine, one field cultivator, one one-way, one plow, one gasoline storage rack, one farrowing crate, two show-boxes, one corner table, two book shelves, two pipe swings, four basketball goals for the Grade School playground, and other small items.

Larry Cox, Reporter

Spearville: Our successful campaign of selling front auto name plates provided us with sufficient funds for the annual summer outing. We have also made and sold stock feeders and hog self feeders. The hog feeders were constructed from old ice cans...We observed National Spring Clean-Up Week by improving the school ground and promoting the value of clean-up as a safety measure around the farm.

Marvin Ryan, Reporter



Bird City: Last fall the FFA chapter shocked feed for local farmers, earning enough money to purchase tickets for all of the boys to attend the National Western Stock Show in Denver...Money left from shocking feed was used for our Parent-Son Banquet held April 10. The banquet theme commemorated the 25th anniversary of this FFA chapter. We invited the original charter members as our special guests...This year we turned out the following shop projects: One steel gate, two air compressors, two power hack saws, one set of stock racks for a pick-up, one acetylene welding cart, one major tractor overhaul, two feed bunks, two auto creepers, one mail box with stand, one bulletin board, one television tower, and one hardware display board...We plan to have a watermelon feed this summer for the incoming freshmen agriculture boys.

Gary O'Leary, Reporter

Wilson: In observance of National FFA Week, we sponsored an all-school assembly. All FFA members had a part on the program which consisted of: Ritual, Parliamentary procedure demonstration, and slides showing some of our FFA activities, farming programs and farm mechanics work...Our annual Parent-Son Banquet was held March 27, with 100% FFA boys and parents in attendance. Mr. John Lacy was our guest speaker. After the closing ceremony the Vo-Ag Department was open for inspection. Some of the projects on display in the shop were: five four-wheeled trailers, one 16 ft. implement trailer, two-wheeled trailer, one combination trailer-loading chute, two cattle squeeze, one 30 ft. elevator, one pick-up stock rack, four steel gates, one air compressor, several different types of feeders, welding carts and table, and picnic equipment.

Jim Tamrzla, Reporter

Garnett: At our January meeting 15 Green Hands were raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer. At the February meeting, the parents were invited to attend. Fifty-two parents, out of fifty-five, were present to see 17 freshmen boys receive the Green Hand degree. At the March meeting the FHA girls attended the meeting and a dance which followed... We put on a 15-minute radio program over our sub radio station concerning information about the FFA organization...Some of the projects in our shop have been the overhauling of two tractors, five trucks, seven gas engines, one drill, two mowers, two disk harrows and two drag harrows. We have constructed on portable welder, three implement trailers, seven trailers, one subsoiler, seven pipe hay feeders, five gates, seven wood feed bunks, four work benches and many other small projects.

Gene Young, Reporter

Oberlin: Eighteen members of the Oberlin Chapter plan to leave on their annual FFA trip, May 19th. They plan to go to Detroit, Michigan. This trip has proved very successful and educational in the past...The FFA recently planted a shelter belt of 500 trees on the Bruce Guinn farm. We are planning to mix mineral before school is out. This is one of our main ways of raising chapter funds...New equipment purchased for the shop include a Radial Arm 14-inch DeWalt Saw and a gas forge. The entire shop is being redecorated in color dynamics pattern. Most of the work is being done by the members of the Agriculture Department.

Jerry Macfee, Reporter  
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