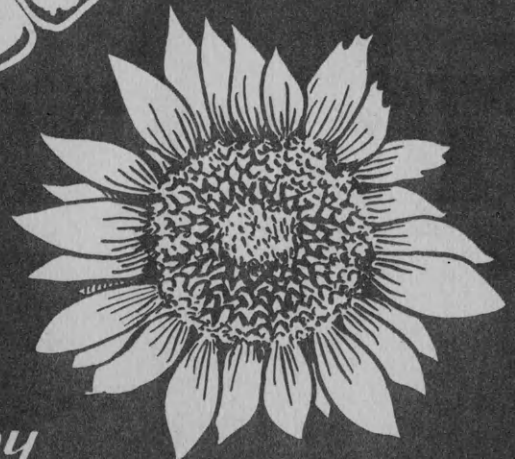
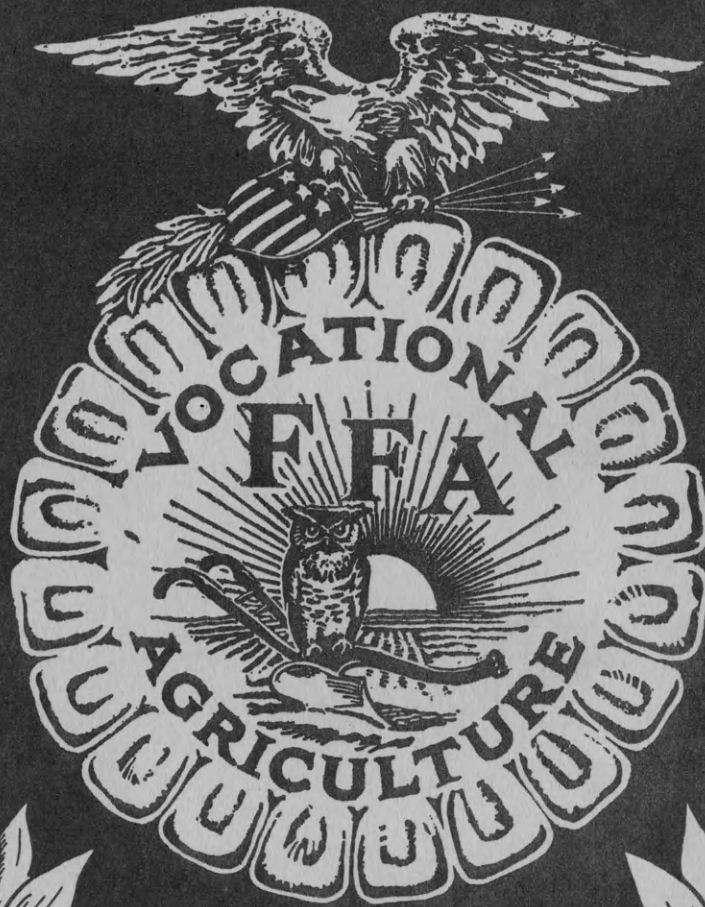


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A TRIBUTE

With the May, 1956 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, State Deputy Advisor A. P. Davidson, head teacher trainer at Kansas State College, completed twenty-seven years as editor of our FFA Newsletter.

Professor Davidson assumed the duties of editor of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter in 1930; however, during the year 1928-29 he published five issues of the Newsletter. The first issue was mailed before the Kansas Association of FFA received its charter.

In 1943, Professor Davidson wrote a history of the first fifteen years of the Kansas Association of FFA. In 1954, at the FFA Silver Anniversary convention in Manhattan, he distributed copies of the 25-year History of FFA in Kansas which he had written. Copies of these two publications are a part of the FFA library in each Vocational Agriculture Department in Kansas.

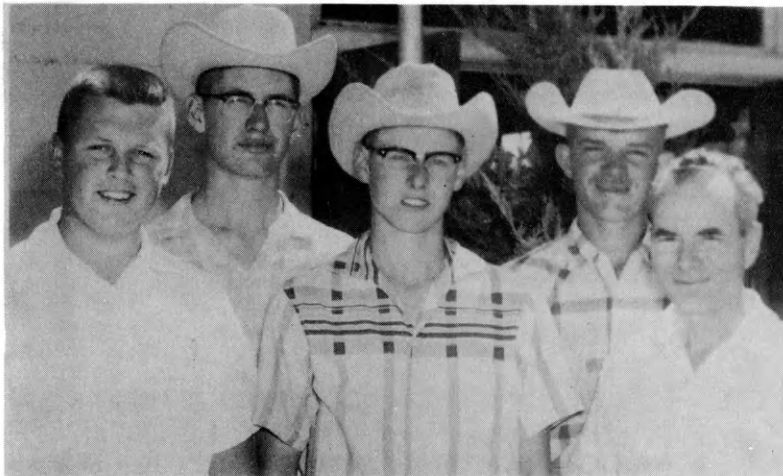
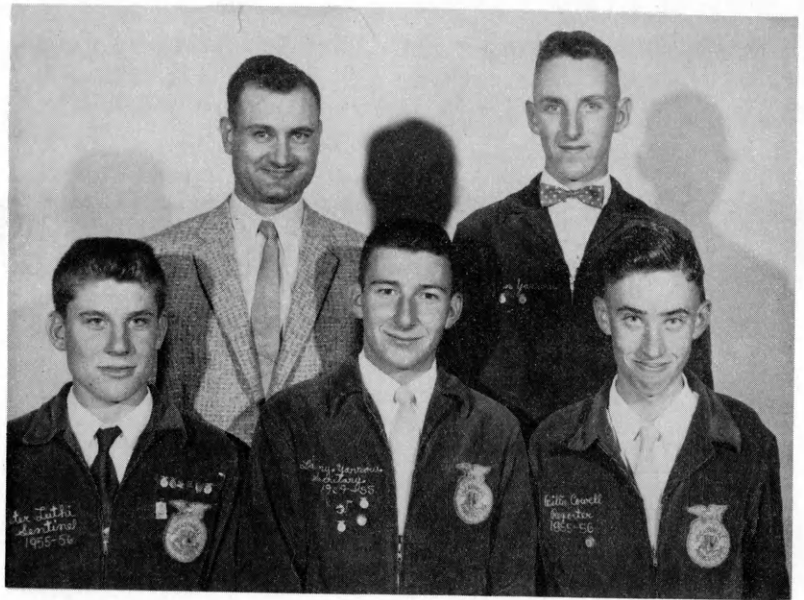
The outstanding FFA program which now exists in Kansas is, to a great extent, due to the fine leadership which Professor Davidson gave through the FFA Newsletter.

Beginning with this September 1956 issue, F. R. Carpenter has assumed the duties of editing the Newsletter.

W. M. Arnold State Director L. C. Custace State Advisor

F. R. Carpenter Executive Secretary

The Clay Center dairy products judging team will compete at Waterloo, Iowa, October 2. Team members shown here are: Front row, L. to R., Ernest Stalver, Larry Yarrows and Bill Cowell. Back Row, L. to R., Dale Brooks, advisor, and Jim Yarrows.



The Manhattan dairy cattle judging team will compete at Waterloo, Iowa, October 1. Team members shown here are: Front row, L. to R., Dale Lind, Harold Bailey, and J. W. Taylor, advisor. Back row, L. to R., Gerald Havenstein, and Walter Rudolph.

Kansas was represented in the National Meats Judging contest last year by the Mulvane Chapter. Team members shown here are: L. to R., Vernon Kennedy, Lee Doyen, advisor, Clair Ferguson, and Merle McKean.



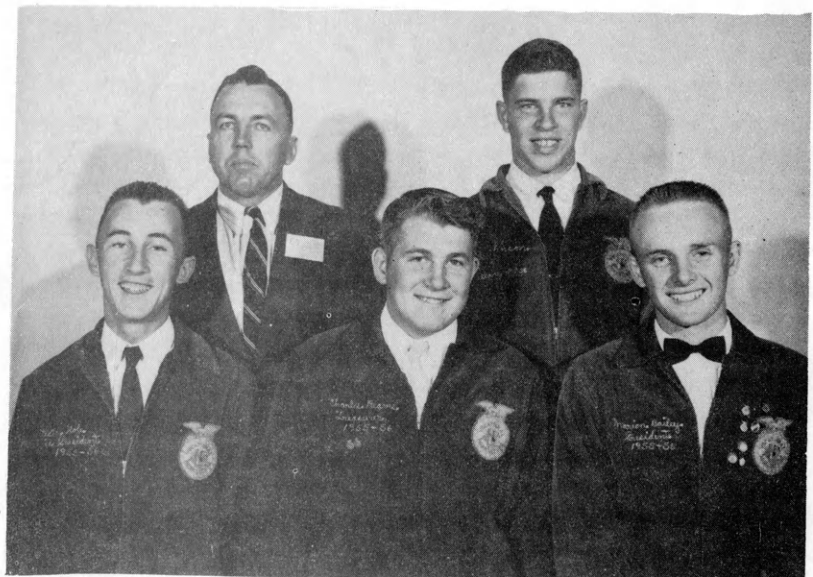


Kansas will be Represented in the National
FFA Judging Contests by the Following Chapters



The McPherson live-
stock judging team
will compete at Kansas
City, October 18. Team
members shown here
are: Front row, L. to R. ,
Gary Shrag, Tommy
Shrag, and Bob Krehbiel.
Back row, L. to R. ,
Richard Ramsdale, advisor,
and Gary Lafferty.

The Chanute poultry
judging team will com-
pete at Kansas City,
October 17. Team
members shown here
are: Front row, L.
to R. , Lester Hole,
Charles Reeves, and
Marion Bailey. Back
row, L. to R., Charles
O. Carter, Jr. , ad-
visor, and Paul Johnson.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Future Farmer of American not only believes, but also knows that he lives in the greatest country in the world, and that the Future Farmer Organization is one of the finest organizations any boy could belong to. But these opportunities should not and must not be taken for granted. Only with your cooperation can we keep this one of the greatest organizations that ever was or will be.

The young men who belong to FFA are getting important training and experience in citizenship and leadership. I know of no other organization that produces so many leaders for both agriculture and the nation as well.

A future farmer should have pride in his chapter. He should participate in chapter activities such as public speaking, judging, farm mechanics, and leadership school.

At your district leadership schools you officers will be representing your chapter, so do your utmost to prove to your chapter their choice of leader was right. However, the officers alone are not what makes a good chapter. Each of us must help our officers, not only in the local chapter, but also in the state association as well.

During the past year the state association experienced a very successful year. With your help, and with the help of God, we shall make this year the greatest year the Kansas Association of Future Farmers has ever known.

May God bless each and every one of you.

William Wachs, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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1956 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The Kansas Association of FFA presented six applicants for the degree of American Farmer. All six candidates have been recommended by the National Board of Directors to receive the degree at the National FFA Convention in October, 1956. The action of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors must be confirmed by the delegates at the National Convention. The Kansas candidates recommended are as follows:

Ralph B. Basel, Williamsburg Chapter
Ambrose D. Ernzen, Effingham Chapter
David L. Essick, Ellsworth Chapter

Silas Foiles, Arkansas City Chapter
Wilmer Dale Otte, Great Bend Chapter
Gerald Dean Schneider, Ottawa Chapter

YOUR FARMING PROGRAM

Many of us question the reason for being required to do something. As a student in vocational agriculture, you are required to own and operate a farming program. Why this requirement? At the time the vocational education laws were passed, wise heads decided that a farming program would be a great help to the instructor in teaching agriculture to a group of boys interested in farming, because one learns best by doing. When you put into practice on your flock of sheep or on your milo ground, information which you learned in the vocational agriculture classroom, the knowledge and skill gained stays with you. Knowledge you can apply to a live problem on your farming program is of vital interest to you. This makes it easier to study. I am listing some other reasons why you cannot afford to be without a good farming program.

1. It challenges you to do your best in working with nature to produce a quality product. If you accept the challenge fully, you learn and benefit from it.
2. Making the land or live animals produce to the maximum is an inspiring and rewarding task.
3. The financial gain from a well planned and executed farming program cannot be overlooked.

Today in looking over a chapter report, I noted that the freshman class had an average net worth of \$135; the seniors \$2,160.27. There is no doubt in my mind that the increase in net worth figures are paralleled by gains in knowledge, pride and satisfaction by each boy that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

C. C. Eustace
State Advisor
Kansas Association of FFA

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DELEGATES TO THE 29TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Official delegates to the 29th National FFA Convention to be held at Kansas City on October 15-18 representing the Kansas Association of FFA will be:

State President
State Vice-President

William Wachs, Ellsworth Chapter
John Arford, Almena Chapter

Alternates are:

State Secretary
State Treasurer

Jon Larson, Clay Center Chapter
John Griebel, Stockton Chapter

SUMMARY OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA
REPORT TO NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 1955-56

Number of vocational agriculture departments	211
Number of active chapters	209
Number enrolled in vocational agriculture	6,652
Number of FFA members	7,515
Average net worth per member	\$542.50
Total net worth	\$4,076,887.50
Number State Farmer degrees granted	135
Number Agriculture Judging Teams entered State H. S. Contest	125
Number Farm Mechanics Teams entered State H. S. Contest	100
Number entered State FFA Chapter Contest	88
Number entered State FFA Speech Contest	36
Number American Farmer Candidates recommended (1956)	6

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PICTORIALS

Volume XXVIII of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter will continue the use of a pictorial section. Our present plan calls for major emphasis on the following subjects for the six issues of the Newsletter:

- September - Kansas Representatives in the National FFA Judging Contests
- November - 29th National FFA Convention
- December - District FFA Leadership Schools
- February - State Fair FFA Exhibit Winners
- April - Farming Programs of Kansas FFA Boys
- May - 29th Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA.

The above plan may be modified if the need arises. In order to keep up interest in the pictorials the State Office will need the cooperation of local FFA advisers and members in sending glossy prints of good pictures of outstanding activities of Future Farmer groups. Good pictures of interesting and outstanding FFA activities will be "sandwiched" in regardless of the major emphasis theme for any special issue. Address all pictures intended for the Newsletter together with descriptive material to F. R. Carpenter, State Board for Vocational Education, 1025 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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1956-57 State FFA Program of Work

1. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members.
2. Each chapter have a definite program of activities for the year and submit a copy of its program to the State Office not later than October 31, 1956. Only chapters submitting activity programs by October 31 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.
3. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
4. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management and financing of supervised farming programs.
5. A continuous program of maintenance, repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
6. Prevent waste of all kinds (conserve soil and other natural resources; control farm fires; control livestock losses, control pests).
7. Each chapter have a definite safety program, including goals and ways and means of attaining same.
8. Six issues of the FFA Newsletter to be published, beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisors, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
9. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the FFA Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
10. One hundred per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Standard Chapter Award, and file a completed copy of Form I in the state office at Topeka by April 4.
11. Fifty per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Superior Chapter Award.

12. Encourage one hundred per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
13. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
14. Support the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
15. Publicity - 100 per cent of chapters participate in National FFA Week, February 17-23. Encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worthwhile activities; and State Association give publicity to activities of state and national interest.
16. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences to make the farm home more livable.
17. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list of paraphernalia: U. S. Flag, Owl, Ear of Corn, Plow, Gavel and Block, FFA Felt Banner (3'x 6'); framed under glass - Charter, Pictures of Washington, Jefferson, and Groseclose, Washington's General Order on Profanity, Creed and Purposes; Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, FFA Manuals (minimum of seven), Shield for Sentinel Station, FFA Song, and filing case.
18. Encourage scouting.
19. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be (figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed):
 - a. FFA Manual, 1956 edition, for each officer (1) 15¢
 - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer, (2) 10 or more - 15¢, smaller quantities - 20¢ or
A Guide to Parliamentary Practices, Henderson & Rucker. (4) 15¢
 - c. Fifteen and Twenty-Five Year Histories of Kansas FFA, and "FFA at 25". Carpenter, State FFA Office, 1025 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.
 - d. Complete file of the National Future Farmer Magazine for the past year.
 - e. Complete file of Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter for the past year.
 - f. Most recent issue of Proceedings of the National FFA Convention.
 - g. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (4) \$1.00
 - h. Reporting Agriculture through Newspaper, Magazines, Radio, Television, W. B. Ward. (7) \$4.00
 - i. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Starting to Farm, Beard (4) \$2.50
 - Living on a Little Land, Deyoe (4) \$3.95
 - What Our Farmers Can Learn From Other Lands, Yohe (6) \$3.00

- j. At least one copy chosen from:
Short stories for future farmers, Nolan (4) \$2.10
Tony Sees It Through, Bailey (8) \$2.75
If you please, Allen & Briggs (3) \$2.60
- k. At least one copy chosen from:
Programs for Future Farmer Chapter Meetings, Tenney (4) \$2.85
Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (4)
Winning FFA Speeches, Vol. II, Purkey (4) \$3.50
The Fun Encyclopedia, E. O. Harbin (5) \$3.95
1. Future Farmers Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.
 2. W. F. Stewart, Rehearsal Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.
 3. J. B. Lippincott Company, 333 West Lake Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.
 4. Interstate Printing Company, 19-27 North Jackson, Danville, Illinois.
 5. Abingdon Cokesbury, Nashville, Tennessee.
 6. Iowa State Collegiate Press, Press Building, Ames, Iowa.
 7. Cornell University Press, Ithaca, New York.
 8. E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc., New York, N. Y.

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FFA Official Calendars

If you have questions regarding FFA Calendars, please refer to Dr. Spanton's report which was published in the September, 1955 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter.

The State FFA office has received the following information regarding calendars from Mr. Lafley, Associate Editor of the National Future Farmer magazine:

The National Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the Future Farmers of America have voted to permit The National FUTURE FARMER magazine to publish and distribute the 1958 official FFA calendars. This means that the year 1957 will be the last year the Osborne Company will be associated with the official FFA Calendars.

The National FUTURE FARMER plans to distribute sample calendars with appropriate information to all FFA chapters in December of this year. Sales of calendars are usually started a year in advance of delivery. However, at the present time the Osborne Company is in the process of selling calendars for 1957. Detailed plans as to conducting the 1958 calendars are not ready for wide-spread publication; however, The National FUTURE FARMER will attempt to put out a quality calendar with greater financial and public relations benefits to the local chapters.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

October 31 is the deadline date for mailing the chapter activity programs of work to F. R. Carpenter, Kansas Association of FFA, 1025 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

Official Activity Program Blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of the local chapter activity program for the State Office and an extra set to be made and kept in the chapter files were mailed all chapters August 31.

Helpful Suggestions for building the chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual. A cross section of the activities planned and executed by the 1954 Kansas Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem winners will be found on page 4-12 of the April, 1955, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

In planning chapter activity programs for 1956-57 requirements of the National Chapter Award Program should be kept in mind. More specific information concerning this program will be found on page 8-11 of this Newsletter.

Committee Appointments for building the chapter activity program should include all members of the chapter. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and advisor.

Calendaring Activities for the year, by months, is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter. The 1956-57 Calendar of Activities for the Kansas Association of FFA will be helpful in building local chapter activity calendars.

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ADDITION TO VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE STATE STAFF

We are pleased to announce that an assistant supervisor of vocational agriculture was added to the state staff on June 1, 1956.

The new man is Frank Carpenter who has been teaching Vocational Agriculture at Beloit. He has been assigned the duties of Executive Secretary of the Kansas Association of FFA. He will also be assisting with supervisory work in the North-eastern section of Kansas.

C. C. Eustace, State Supervisor
Agricultural Education

1956-57 KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA BUDGET

	<u>1956-57</u> Estimated Income	<u>1956-57</u> Estimated Expenditure	<u>1955-56</u> Actual Income
1955-56 Actual Income		\$	\$2,803.15
Income in Dues	\$2,230.00		
Prorated share FFA Supply Service			
Earnings	400.00		
Reimbursement National Judging			
Contests	140.00		
Regional Public Speaking Contest		25.00	
Officers to called State Meetings		50.00	
Officers to State Convention		100.00	
Officers to District Leadership			
Schools		40.00	
Postage for gathering FFA news and			
bulk mailing fee		50.00	
State Farmer Certificates		10.00	
Public Speaking and State Chapter			
Contest Certificates		15.00	
Medals, plaques, ribbons, buttons		230.00	
Officer jackets		25.00	
FFA Membership Cards		20.00	
Program of Work Blanks		50.00	
Annual Convention - programs,			
name cards, etc.		50.00	
Photographs		50.00	
Auditing FFA Accounts		10.00	
National FFA Dues		750.00	
Delegates to National Convention		75.00	
National FFA Band Uniforms		105.00	
National FFA Chorus Uniforms		105.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
members National FFA Band		375.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
members National FFA Chorus		400.00	
Special talent, State FFA Convention		30.00	
National Judging Contest		150.00	
Printing State FFA Activity Calendar		50.00	
FFA Insurance - Band, Chorus,			
American Farmers, Delegates		50.00	
Binding FFA Volumes		10.00	
	<u>\$2770.00</u>	<u>\$2825.00</u>	<u>\$2803.15</u>

CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAMS

- I. NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM. Kansas FFA chapters entering the 1956 National Chapter Award Program will continue to follow the plan which was approved at the 26th National FFA Convention.

The plan* for conducting the National Chapter Award Program is designed to enable every chapter in the United States to participate and be scored.

The general plan includes:

1. Standard Chapter Award
2. Superior Chapter Award
3. National Emblem Awards: Gold, Silver, and Bronze

AWARDS

Awards will be made to chapters by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America as follows:

A. TO ALL NATIONAL EMBLEM AWARD CHAPTERS:

A National FFA plaque the year the chapter is an initial winner.

TO GOLD EMBLEM AWARD CHAPTERS: A Gold Emblem in miniature for attachment to plaque.

TO SILVER EMBLEM AWARD CHAPTERS: A Silver Emblem in miniature for attachment to plaque.

TO BRONZE EMBLEM AWARD CHAPTERS: A Bronze Emblem in miniature for attachment to plaque.

B. TO ALL STANDARD AND SUPERIOR CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS:

A special "5-year" certificate designed to hold 5 seals of the official emblem.

TO STANDARD CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS: A Bronze Emblem seal for affixing to "5-year" certificate.

TO SUPERIOR CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS: A Gold Emblem seal for affixing to "5-year" certificate.

The National Emblem Awards will be presented at the Annual National FFA Convention.

Each State Association shall determine the place and manner for presenting the Standard and Superior Awards to local chapters.

* Office of Education, Vocation Division, Misc. 1299. 1954-55.

Chapter Award Programs (continued)

The certificate and seals for the chapter awards shall be sent to each State FFA Adviser, upon request, for distribution to the winners in his state.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS FOLLOW:

1. Standard Chapter Award (Form I)
 - a. Local chapter must meet Item 1 - Program of Work submitted October 31.
 - b. Must meet 18 of the remaining 20 requirements.
 - c. Form I will have to be filled out and signed as indicated on the form and approved and signed by the State FFA Advisor.
 - d. Standard Chapter Award winners will receive a Silver Emblem Seal for affixing to the "5-year" certificate.
2. Superior Chapter Award (Forms I and II)
 - a. Chapter must meet the first 12 requirements set forth in Form II and at least 5 of the remaining 9 requirements, plus the requirements for a Standard Chapter (Form I) to qualify for the Superior Chapter Award.
 - b. Form II will have to be filled out and signed as indicated on the form and approved and signed by the State FFA Advisor.
 - c. Superior Chapter Award winners will receive a Gold Emblem Seal for affixing to the "5-year" certificate.
 - d. Kansas chapters competing for State Gold Emblem Award will fill out forms I, II and III. Supplementary materials, such as scrapbooks, etc. will not be considered in determining State Gold Emblem Awards.
3. National Emblem Awards
 - a. In evaluating a chapter's final report (Forms I, II, and III) for a National Emblem Award, consideration will be given to the following points:
 - The number of standards met
 - The extent of membership participating in meeting the standards.
 - b. The number of chapters from a state that may participate in the National Emblem Award Program is based upon the same membership requirements that were operative in 1955 - two chapters for each 5,000 members; an additional chapter for each major fraction thereof.

FOUNDATION AWARD MONEY

The 1956 Foundation "State Award for Improving Agriculture and Leadership" for Kansas will total \$985.34. This award money will be distributed equally among the 1956 Gold Emblem Chapter Award winners. All award money must be spent for chapter betterment.

ST. JOSEPH LIVESTOCK MARKETING DAY RESULTS

Top individual hog grader at the St. Joseph Stockyards on September 7 was Lawrence Schroder of Effingham. The top team in the lamb grading was from the Barnes Chapter. In individual ratings in the lamb grading, Larry Toburen of Barnes was third and Larry Goodman of Barnes was fifth.

Larry Toburen, Barnes, Kansas, sold 13 head of lambs; seven graded prime and six graded choice.

1956 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

LAWRENCE: October 8, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Berryton, Blue Mound, Bonner Springs, Garnett, Highland Park, LaCygne, Lawrence, Louisburg, Olathe, Ottawa, Overbrook, Paola, Parker, Rossville, Seaman, Shawnee-Mission, Silver Lake, Tonganoxie, Washburn, Wellsville, Williamsburg.

BELOIT: October 9, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Concordia, Delphos, Downs, Glasco, Jewell, Lebanon, Mankato, Minneapolis, Osborne, Scandia, Simpson, Smith Center.

BUHLER: October 8, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Buhler, Claflin, Eldorado, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Florence, Geneseo, Goessel, Haven, Hillsboro, Inman, Leon, Lindsborg, Little River, McPherson, Moundridge, Newton, Partridge, Peabody, Salina, Stafford.

EMPORIA: October 8, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Alma, Alta Vista, Burlingame, Burlington, Burns, Cottonwood Falls, Council Grove, Emporia, Eskridge, Harveyville, Herington, Kincaid, Lebo, Lyndon, Marion, Osage City.

PLAINVILLE: October 8, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Alton, Bunker Hill, Ellis, Gorham, Great Bend, Hays, Hill City, Hoisington, LaCrosse, Natoma, Morland, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Stockton, Wakeeney, Wilson.

HARPER: October 9, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Arkansas City, Attica, Cheney, Clearwater, Harper, Kingman, Kiowa, Medicine Lodge, Mulvane, Oxford, Pratt, Preston, Pretty Prairie, Udall, Winfield.

CLAY CENTER: October 8, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Abilene, Barnes, Chapman, Clay Center, Clifton, Greenleaf, Haddam Hanover, Hope Junction City, Linn, Longford, Manhattan, Marysville, Miltonvale, Morrowville, Randolph, Riley, Solomon, Wakefield, Washington, Waterville.

OBERLIN: October 9, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Almena, Atwood, Bird City, Brewster, Colby, Edson, Goodland, Hoxie, Jennings, Leoti, Long Island, McDonald, Norcatur, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Quinter, St. Francis.

DODGE CITY: October 10, Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.

Ashland, Bazine, Coldwater, Dodge City, Ensign, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Holcomb, Hugoton, Jetmore, Kinsley, Lakin, Liberal, Meade, Mullinville, Ness City, Plains, Spearville, Sublette, Syracuse, Trousdale, Tribune.

1956 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

HOLTON: October 9, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Centralia, Effingham, Fairview, Frankfort, Hiawatha, Highland, Holton, Hoyt, Meriden, Onaga, Powhattan, Sabetha, Soldier, Troy, Valley Falls, Wamego, Westmoreland, Wetmore.

FREDONIA: October 9, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Altamont, Altoona, Caney, Cedar Vale, Chanute, Cherryvale, Chetopa, Coffeyville, Columbus, Elk City, Erie, Eureka, Fort Scott, Fredonia, Girard, Howard, Humboldt, Independence, Iola, McCune, Nedgesha, Parsons, Piedmont, Riverton, Sedan, Severy, Yates Center, St. Paul.

CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

TO MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territory of Hawaii to send delegates to the National Convention, which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 15 through 18, 1956.

All chartered associations in good standing with the national organization are entitled to select and send two delegates and two alternate delegates from the active membership, and those candidates nominated for the American Farmer Degree by the National Board of Student Officers and approved by the National Board of Directors, also any members who have reservations in Kansas City, and wish to attend the national convention.

As a national organization, we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our Twenty-Ninth National Convention, plans will be made for the important year ahead. Regular business will be transacted, the National Public Speaking Contest will be held, and awards will be made.

Daniel B. Dunham
National President

P. O. Box 2
Lakeview, Oregon
July 23, 1956

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AUTHORIZED SUPPLIERS OF THE FFA TRADE-MARKED EMBLEM
OFFICIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The following are the official suppliers which have been authorized by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America to use the trade-marked emblem of the FFA on official supplies and equipment:

The Fair Publishing House, New London, Ohio
The Future Farmers Supply Service, P.O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia
St. Louis Button Company, 413 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

In order to avoid misunderstandings and possible embarrassment later on, it is recommended that only officially designated sources of FFA supplies and equipment be patronized.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia - Cash must accompany all orders. No C.O.D. orders are accepted.

September, October and November constitute the rush seasons for the Supply Service, Order early.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA - The following supplies are available through the State FFA Office at Topeka.

- a. Local FFA Charters
- b. Chapter Program of Work blanks
- c. Certificates and plaques on the state level
- d. State Farmer pins and charms
- e. FFA membership cards.

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STATE JUNIOR MEATS CONTEST - WICHITA

Entries close September 23, 1956. Mail entries to:

Conlee Smith, Manager
Kansas National Livestock Show
Union Stock Yards
Wichita, Kansas

WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Following is a list of FFA supplies and where they can be purchased. See that this list is filed so that when your chapter is in need of supplies your secretary will have the necessary information on where the material can be purchased, thereby eliminating the necessity of writing the State Office for this information.
ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH.

WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES - continued

- Adviser pins (1)
- Badges and buttons (7)
- Banners, felt (1)
- Belts and buckles (1)
- Billfolds (1)
- Blankets (1)
- Bookends (1)
- Bracelets, identification (1)
- Caps (1)
- Certificates, State Farmer (6)
- Charters for Chapters (6)
- Coveralls (1)
- Creed (6)
- Cups, paper (1)
- Cups, trophy (1)
- Cuts and mats of emblem (1)
- Decals of emblem (1)
- Decals, letters (1)
- Degree pins and buttons (1)
- Ear of corn, model (1)
- Electric emblem (1)
- Electrotypes, emblem (1)
- Emblems, cut out (for Building of the Emblem Ceremony) (1)
- Emblem stickers (1)
- Envelopes (1)
- Fair supplies (5)
- Favors (1)
- Felt goods (1)
- Flags (1)
- Gavels (1)
- Jackets (1)
- Jewelry (1)
- Knife (1)
- Lapel buttons, celluloid (1)
- Letterheads (1)
- Livestock blankets (1)
- Manuals (1)
- March of the FFA (band) (2)
- Medals (1)
- Membership cards (6) Cards sent only upon payment of dues, 30¢ per member (20¢ state, 10¢ national)
- Metal markers (7)
- Music:
 - "Hail the FFA" (1)
 - "Hail the FFA" (quartet) (1)
 - "FFA March" (2)
- Neckties (1)
- Necktie chain clasps (1)
- Newspaper mats (1)
- Notebooks (1)
- Officer Station Drapes (1)
- Official FFA Owl (1)
- Paperweights (1)
- Parliamentary Procedure (3) 10 or more 15¢, less than 10 - 20
- Pennants, felt (1)
- Pictures, Washington & Jefferson (8)*
- Place cards (1)
- Pencils, wood and mechanical (1)
- Pencil clips (7)
- Pen and Pencil sets (1)
- Pens (1)
- Plaques (1)
- Plates, paper (1)
- Plows, miniature (4)*
- Printed supplies (1)
- Prize ribbons (5) (7)
- Project markers (7)
- Purposes (6)
- Recordings:
 - "FFA March"
 - "Hail the FFA"
 - "I'm in Love with a Boy from the FFA" (1)
- Rings, finger (1)
- Rising Sun (1)
- Scrapbooks (1)
- Sentinel Plaques (1)
- Secretary books (1)
- Secretary, pocket (1)
- Shirts, sport, dress & dark blue (1)
- Shop coats (1)
- Signs, metal (1)
- Stamps, rubber - emblem (1)
- Stencils with FFA emblem (1)
- Stickers, baggage (1)
- Stickers, windshield (1)
- T-Shirts (1)
- Treasurer books (1)
- Ties (1)
- Washington, bust of (1)
- Watchfobs (1)

WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES - continued

Sweetheart compact (1)	Washington's General Order on Profanity (6)
Sweetheart bracelet (1)	Work jacket, denim (1)
Sweetheart pearl pendant (1)	
Sweetheart jacket (1)	
Trophies (4)	*Request must be accompanied by letter from State Deputy Advisor
Uniforms (1)	

- (1) Future Farmers Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia
- (2) Cundy Bettoney Company, Hyde Park, Boston, Massachusetts
- (3) W. F. Stewart, Rehearsal Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio
- (4) Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois
- (5) The Fair Publishing House, New London, Ohio
- (6) F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary Kansas Association of FFA, 1025 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas
- (7) St. Louis Button Company, 415 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis 2, Missouri
- (8) Swift and Company, Chicago 9, Illinois, Agricultural Research Department

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KANSAS TEAMS NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

At Waterloo, Iowa, October 1-2, 1956

Dairy Cattle, Manhattan, J. W. Taylor, Coach
Dairy Products, Clay Center, Dale Brooks, Coach

At Kansas City, Missouri, October 17-18, 1956

Livestock, McPherson, Richard Ramsdale, Coach
Poultry, Chanute, Charles O. Carter, Jr., Coach

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ATTENTION - 1956 GOLD EMBLEM CHAPTER WINNERS

Summaries of Chapter Accomplishments for all chapters placing in the Gold Emblem classification are due in the State Office October 1, 1956. Summaries must be submitted to the State Office before distribution of award money under the "Improving Agriculture and Leadership" project can be made.

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EXPLANATION OF THE POLICY OF
THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
GOVERNING THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION INC. AWARDS

I. The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., has approved the plan proposed

by the Kansas Association of FFA for using the 1956 award money for "Improving Agriculture and Leadership." The amount allotted to Kansas for this purpose is \$985.34. The award money will be divided equally among the Gold Emblem Award winners in the 1956 State Chapter Contest. The award money will be paid the chapters out of the State FFA Treasury, and a short statement of accomplishments of the award winners together with a reimbursement voucher will be sent the National FFA Office. The State Association will then be reimbursed for the maximum amount allocated for this purpose. All award money distributed for this project in Kansas is to be used for the betterment of the local FFA chapter.

- II. The Kansas Association participated in the 1956 Farm Safety (Chapter Award) Program of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Chapters should keep in mind the fact that the Kansas Association will participate in the chapter safety program for 1957 and should include increased emphasis on chapter safety activities for the current chapter year. The chapter award on the state level will be \$100, which must be spent for chapter improvement.
- III. The American Farmer award of \$100 for each successful American Farmer candidate is given to help defray expenses to the National Future Farmers of America Convention and is made direct to the individuals concerned, all of whom have been out of high school for at least one year.
- IV. The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America acts as an intermediary for distributing the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., award money to assist in paying travel expenses for the National Future Farmers of America Judging Contests.
- V. The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America does not accept Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., cash awards on the state level for individual FFA members enrolled in high school.

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HEADQUARTERS - KANSAS OFFICIAL DELEGATES

The headquarters of the Kansas Association of FFA at the 29th National FFA Convention will be at the Hotel President. American Farmer candidates from Kansas will be housed at the Ambassador Hotel.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Future Farmers of America
Kansas City, Missouri - October 15-18, 1956

October 11-12 Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Student Officers,
President Hotel

- October 13-14 Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel
- October 15
- 8:30 a. m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
 12:00 noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, President Hotel
 1:00 p. m. Tours to Points of Interest
 2:30 p. m. Meeting of State Advisors, President Hotel
 8:00 p. m. National Public Speaking Contest, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- October 16
- 8:00 a. m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
 9:00 a. m. Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Band Concert
 Address of Welcome--Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri
 Treasurer's Report
 Executive Secretary's Report
 Address--
 2:00 p. m. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Award Program
 Address--Charles B. Sherman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Illinois
 Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
 American Farmer Degree Ceremony
 7:30 p. m. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Massing of State Flags - State Star Farmers
 Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
 Special Entertainment--Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company
- October 17
- 9:00 a. m. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Introductions and greetings from Past National Officers
 Old and New Business
 "Frontiers"
 Address--Dr. Kenneth McFarland, Topeka, Kansas
 1:00 p. m. Tours to Points of Interest
 2:00 p. m. Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Appointment of Committees
 Recess for Committee Work
 8:00 p. m. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Introduction of Foundation Donors
 Presentation of Foundation Awards
 FFA Amateur Hour
- October 18
- 9:00 a. m. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Committee Reports
 Report on Future Farmers Supply Service
 Report on The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine

Twenty - Ninth National FFA Convention (continued)

- 1:30 p. m. Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Election of Officers
 Greetings from Incoming Officers
 Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and
 Certificates
 Closing Ceremony by New Officers
- 2:30 p. m. Special Entertainment, Courtesy, Saddle and
 to Sirloin Club
- 7:00 p. m. (By invitation only)

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KANSAS ENTRIES IN NATIONAL EMBLEM AWARD CONTEST - 1957

Advisors of the 1956 Gold Emblem Chapter winners in Kansas met to ascertain whether they would be interested in entering the 1957 National Emblem Award Contest. The result of this meeting showed that the following three chapters declaring their intention of entering the 1957 National Emblem Award Contest: **Arkansas** City Chapter, Ellsworth Chapter and Lawrence Chapter.

In case membership in the State Association does not reach 7,501, it will be necessary for Lawrence to withdraw. We hope our membership will permit the three above listed chapters to enter the 1957 National Emblem Award Contest.

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE

The Kansas Association is again cooperating with The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine in securing subscriptions. Multicolor subscription blanks with full instructions were mailed Kansas chapters on September 12, 1956. May we suggest that you give this matter early and careful attention.

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine is interested in securing stories and pictures of FFA activities. We hope that Kansas FFA members will make it a point to send stories and pictures of newsworthy FFA activities to Editor Lano Barron, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

A. W. Tenney, National FFA Executive Secretary

The following FFA members were selected to represent the Future Farmers of America in Great Britain this year:

Stanley M. Hanna, Forest City, Iowa
 Gordon Hall, Chandler, Arizona
 Johnnie Haid, Siloam Springs, Arkansas
 Charles W. Anken, Holland Patent, New York

They sailed from New York City on May 30, on the "Queen Elizabeth" and returned from Southhampton on the "Queen Elizabeth" on September 6.

We have continued our exchange with the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain. Four young men from that organization came to the United States. They sailed from Britain on May 4 and will return after the National FFA Convention.

The states participating in this exchange in 1956 are serving as host states to the boys from Britain. If you have use for one of these young men from Britain while they are in this country, I suggest you communicate directly with the officials in one of the host states.

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

The National FFA Band under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner of Pennsylvania and the National FFA Chorus directed by Dr. James W. Hatch of New York will again be on hand to furnish music for the convention.

Members of the National FFA Band from Kansas are:

Donald Ochampaugh, Stockton	Jerry Post, Smith Center
Paul Dozier, Herington	Dean Ebel, Wamego
Ronnie Poor, Chanute	John Baird, Arkansas City
John Carlson, Ellinwood	

Members of the National FFA Chorus from Kansas are:

Richard Aberle, Kiowa	Kermit Froetschner, Kinsley
Preston Bassford, Beloit	Warren Ochsner, Tribune
Jerry Cundiff, Chapman	Larry Ohlde, Linn
Bobby Elliott, Columbus	Marvin Timmons, Fredonia

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ANDREWS FOURTH IN REGIONAL FFA SPEECH CONTEST

Charles Andrews, 1956 winner in the state FFA speech contest, placed fourth in the regional contest held at St. Louis, September, 5. Jim Borthwick of Iowa placed first. Borthwick spoke on "The Challenge of Farming" and will represent the Central Region in the National FFA Speech Contest at Kansas City in October. Joe Smucker, Ohio, placed second and Maynard Pratt, Minnesota, placed third. Andrews spoke on the subject, "From the Open Range to the Kitchen Range."

ITEMS FROM THE JULY, 1956 MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND THE NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Dan Dunham, national FFA president, stated that only the FFA pin repre-

senting the highest office or highest degree held in the organization should be worn on the official FFA jacket.

2. Dale Ring presented a motion which passed, that the Civil Defense Program become a part of the Program of Work under the heading of "Community Service" and that the Boards send proposals or suggestions of activities to each State Association.
3. Mr. Barron, editor of THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE reported that 17 states were subscribing 100% and that many central and western states were crowding 100%.
4. The National Future Farmer magazines are being carried on Capital Airlines.
5. Dr. Spanton emphasized that there is to be no official connection between the National FFA Contests and the Pfizer Livestock Judging Contest which is to be held October 19. The National Convention closes Thursday night, October 18.

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTION TO FFA CREED

The member who is to recite the FFA Creed begins as follows:

"The FFA Creed is of special interest to Kansas FFA members because it was written by a native Kansan - the late Mr. E. M. Tiffany. The author grew to manhood on a farm near Lyndon, Kansas.

The Creed was adopted by our National FFA organization at the third National FFA Convention. Every FFA member memorizes this Creed in fulfilling the requirements for the Greenhand Degree.

Our Creed is as follows:

"I believe in the Future of Farming - - - - - ."

FUTURE FARMERS BREAK GROUND FOR NEW OFFICE BUILDING

National officers of the Future Farmers of America participated in a brief ground-breaking ceremony July 24 for a \$275,000 office structure the organization is building South of Alexandria, Virginia, near the intersections of Mount Vernon Boulevard and U.S. Highway 1, approximately 15 miles southwest of Washington, D. C.

Dan Dunham, 20-year -old national president of the FFA from Lakeview, Oregon, turned the first spadeful of earth before construction equipment was pulled on the site to begin excavations. He was joined in the operation by his fellow national FFA officers, and by Dr. W. T. Spanton, national FFA advisor.

The new Future Farmers' building will be a brick structure in colonial architecture containing two stories plus basement. It will face Mount Vernon Boulevard, setting back about 630 feet from the road. Construction is to begin immediately, with completion expected next spring.

The building will be used to house the National Future Farmer Magazine, a bi-monthly publication published by the organization, and the Future Farmers' Supply Service, a mail-order business operation selling jackets, jewelry, and other official supplies to FFA members throughout the country.

Both the magazine and supply service are wholly owned and operated by the national FFA organization. About 30 persons are currently employed by the two units and housed in old buildings already located on the site. Additional employees are hired on a temporary basis during fall and early winter rush seasons. Both the magazine and the supply service expect considerable expansion in their business and number of employees within the next few years.

The magazine, which was begun as a quarterly in 1952, has a circulation of about 180,000 and just this year switched from a quarterly to a bi-monthly publication. Operation of the Future Farmers' Supply Service was begun in 1948.

National headquarters of the FFA will remain with the U.S. Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare building in Washington, D. C.

The property upon which the new building is to be located was originally purchased by the FFA in 1939 for use as a national camp. Two wood frame buildings were constructed, a barracks building to house 75 boys, and a dining-recreation hall with a capacity of about 100 persons. Shortly after completion of those buildings, however, the outbreak of World War II caused cancellation of all plans for a national camping program, and the camp was closed until the summer of 1946 when the facilities were made available to FFA chapters for housing members while they were touring the Washington area.

By 1949 the property was beginning to assume the looks of a white elephant. National Treasurer Dowell J. Howard presented figures to show that from a cold-cash standpoint the FFA would have saved money by furnishing free hotel rooms in downtown Washington to touring FFA members. Delegates at the 1949 national FFA convention voted to give the Board of Trustees authorization to dispose of the property.

In the meantime, though, the Future Farmers' Supply Service had been started and one of the buildings was used to house those offices. It expanded so rapidly that before any sale of the property could be arranged, the space of both buildings was needed. Checking into the proposition of renting or buying other facilities in the area revealed that little, if any, savings could be made by selling the camp.

What once appeared as a white elephant has turned into a good investment for the FFA. Rising real estate values in the area place the land at a worth considerably more than its original cost.

About eight acres, including a 760 foot frontage on U.S. 1, has been zoned for commercial use and is being offered for sale by the organization. Only about ten acres will be required for the grounds of the new building, but the FFA has no plans at present for disposing of the remaining acreage.

When plans for the new building were approved by the national FFA officers last year they also arranged for the purchase of two vacant lots facing Mount Vernon Boulevard. The purchase gives a 268-foot frontage on the Boulevard. Although not included in the original building contract, future plans call for a circular driveway from the Boulevard to the building, with nearby paved parking facilities for 30 cars. The old buildings will remain in use until the new one is completed, then it is expected that they will be demolished.

CHAPTER NEWS

ERIE: Eight Erie FFA boys and their advisor attended the Missouri FFA Camp, located in the Lake of the Ozarks near Kaiser, Mo. Leadership training and conservation of natural resources and wildlife highlighted the week's activities along with fishing, boating, swimming and various sports events. There were 23 chapters from Missouri and two from Kansas represented the week of August 6-11 and approximately 135 chapter members in all. Norman Husa, Nebraska State FFA Secretary, stayed in our barracks during the week and helped in various ways providing leadership training to all boys during the week. All of the Erie boys enjoyed the camp, including Jim Mayfield who came down with the mumps on Thursday of the camping week... Our chapter had a watermelon feed during August with our dads and prospective members of the 9th grade as guests... We are going to start our Christmas card sale two weeks after school starts... We got a blue ribbon on our chapter Farm Mechanics display at the Neosho County Fair. Five boys received blue ribbons and five received red ribbons on individual articles. The chapter's grassland drill was used to drill 92 acres of Sudan this summer in stubble fields. Jerry Stirewalt, chapter treasurer, drilled four acres of Sudan in wheat stubble on June 27. On July 20, he turned in five head of cattle on the Sudan. On August 1, he mowed the Sudan for hay and baled about 4 tons of hay from the field, keeping the cattle on the field all the time. On August 25, the Sudan was about 10 inches tall and should make pasture until frost. The Sudan was sowed using 20 inch spacing at 12-15 lbs. per acre. Several farmers in the community are interested in using the drill to sow Brome grass and Alfalfa in their pastures this fall.

Russell Aikens, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: Our chapter went on an all-night fishing trip to the Seneca Lake immediately after school was out last spring. The number of fish caught is not known but everyone had a good time... We held our annual watermelon feed for the freshman boys the last of August. The attendance and the watermelons were good... Several of our members have competed in various judging contests this summer... At present, we are working on our Livestock Loss Prevention exhibit for the Topeka Fair.

David Lambertson, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: The Morrowville FFA chapter held its annual swimming party at Fairbury with 18 attending... The annual parents and son and future members and parents watermelon feed and softball game was held the 27th of August with an attendance of 120... The Morrowville FFA chapter purchased a registered Duroc boar from the Waldo Farms in Nebraska to be used with the gilt ring... The FFA livestock lots were moved to new ground to make room for the grade school playground.

Roger Newcomb, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: The Ellsworth officers have held four summer meetings for the purpose of working out the program of work, calendar of work, leadership school and the Parent and Son banquet... Our chapter plans two entries for the State Fair at Hutchinson. The two entries will be a County Collective booth and a Machinery display. The Machinery display will consist of a dehorning chute, post hole digger, machine trailer, hay feed bunk, and irrigation pipe trailer... For recreation, the freshman class went fishing at the Kanopolis Dam. The sophomore class went to Brookville for a chicken dinner. After dinner, they went to a show in Salina. The junior class went fishing on the Smoky Hill River.

Gary Harmon, Reporter

TROUSDALE: Chapter farmer degrees will be granted at the next regular FFA meeting... A farming program tour will be made September 29... A scrap drive is planned by our chapter this fall... An FFA and FHA party is also being planned... Eight FFA students went on a trip to Eagles Pass, New Mexico during the week of May 29... Our first regular meeting for this school year was held August 20. After all business was taken care of a watermelon feed was held... A Greenhand initiation is planned for October 1.

David Paxton, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: We cooperated in sharing a booth with the Stockton and Palco chapters at the Rooks County Fair August 20 at Stockton, Kansas. The booth consisted of the state-owned Selectroscope machine which projects 2" x 2" slides on a 15" x 15" screen at 10 second intervals. Slides of local boys and their achievements along with the slides offered by the state office were used to show activities of Vocational Agriculture... Eight boys entered the judging contest at the Thomas County Fair at Colby and the Osborne County Fair at Osborne and were able to bring home the first place trophy in both fairs. The team members at Colby and their rankings are: Jim Rempe, high individual; Tracy Thompson, 2nd high individual; Delmar Mayhew, 4th individual. The team members at Osborne and their rankings are: Tracy Thompson, high individual; Jim Rempe, 2nd high individual; Lyle Marcotte, 3rd high individual.

Tracy Thompson, Reporter

SEAMAN: Our chapter plans to accomplish more in shop this year. We have a much larger shop than we had last year. About \$2,000 worth of new equipment has been added to our shop... The school has provided us with a new truck for this year... Major projects completed last spring were: 4 gates; eight, 4-wheel trailers; five, 2-wheel trailers; 1 hog self-feeder; 2 cattle feed bunks; 2 forrowing crates; 2 picnic tables and 1 loading chute... Our chapter has been busy in the past weeks getting ready for the district Leadership School, and working on our Free Fair booth and Farm Mechanics exhibit. We also plan to go to the Hutchinson State Fair to learn new ideas for help on our projects... We are going to sell football programs again this year to help raise money for our chapter... During the summer we had a swimming party and our annual watermelon feed for members and prospective members.

Norman Armstrong, Reporter

OLATHE: Our officers met for a summer planning session... In August the chapter members ate watermelon and swam in the city park... Plans have been made with the FHA girls to enter a float in the "Old Settlers Picnic" parade on September 8. The theme of the float depicts the danger of division by the two major political parties that are trying to pull "Uncle Sam" down off his perch while the FFA and FHA are united to hold him in position. The float will urge people to vote and support our schools as well as vote for national issues... Twenty-two members have made plans to get work assignments up and secure signatures of teachers so the members might attend FFA day at the Topeka Fair. Our members have enjoyed these trips in other years... Our officers have held one meeting in which they worked on the ritual and a little on the information they may need for the leadership school.

Jim Larson, Reporter

SABETHA: The chapter wheat plot yielded 30 bu. per acre on the railroad right-of-way... The drouth has affected the corn crop of the members. Most of it is being put in the silo... The classroom was repainted and redecorated over the summer vacation... We now have 36 members. The membership will increase with the coming of the 10 freshman... The chapter is considering building shop projects for money-raising activities.

Errol Dean Landman, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Five Jayhawk boys attended the Missouri State FFA camp at Kaiser, Missouri during the week of June 18. The boys reported that the leadership training was excellent. They participated in swimming, boating, fishing and many other organized games... Our chapter played five softball games with Washburn Rural Chapter this summer. Even though Washburn was too good for us, we still had a lot of fun... During August we had our annual watermelon feed and softball game. The watermelon was very good and everyone had a good time. Many of the boys' dads were present too... The chapter is planting 2 acres on the high school grounds to various native, tame and lawn grasses and several legumes for identification and study purposes. These various grasses and legume plots will also demonstrate the growth habits of the grasses and legumes common to this area... The Farm Mechanics classes exhibited five major projects at the Topeka Free Fair... We have twenty-two boys in the freshman class. This is an increase of four boys over last year.

Harold Mitchell, Reporter

COLDWATER: We have only twenty boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year... Our first big project is exhibiting the Comanche County Collective booth exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair. We are working on this exhibit now... This is the driest summer on record here and we are going to have trouble finding good samples to exhibit... The entire chapter plans to attend the State Fair for FFA day, Monday, September, 17.

Ernest Bennett, Reporter

LABETTE: Several boys from our chapter showed livestock at the county fair at Oswego during the week of August 1-4... This was the first year for having a Junior Crops and Livestock at the County Fair and it was very successful. A farm shop exhibit of five pieces of equipment from each chapter was also included in the county fair for the first time... Several of the boys in the chapter are fitting barrows for the Kansas Junior National Livestock Show at Wichita and also for the American Royal at Kansas City... An order of 200 lbs. of warfarin has just been received by the chapter for resale in controlling pests and also to aid in raising funds for the FFA chapter... The major source of raising money for the chapter is derived from the sale of all-occasion and Christmas cards, and an order will be placed for these cards during the coming week in order to get an early start... The FFA officers and advisors held a business meeting last week in planning the chapter's program for the coming year... The seedbed is being prepared for the school's rented agronomy farm for wheat to be seeded this fall. About one acre is used for variety plots for four varieties of wheat and other crops which farmers in the community may be interested. These plots are located facing a county road and may easily be observed... Our Vocational Agriculture enrollment is expected to be about 110 students this fall.

Billy E. Cultz, Reporter

BERRYTON: Members of our chapter went on a fishing trip June 9th and 10th... We held an officers meeting shortly after school was out and also one before school this fall... We had a watermelon feed in honor of freshman coming in this fall... The chapter entered a four-wheel trailer, a two-wheel trailer, a dehorning chute, and a rope-halter, (all of which were made in shop during the school last year) at the Berryton Fair... We entered five pieces of equipment in the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka. Our booth this year was on "Soil Testing."

Forrest Rainey, Reporter

GOESSEL: Our chapter held its annual watermelon feed on August 16... We selected 5 boys' shop projects and displayed them at the Marion County Fair... We held our officer election on September 6... Among the shop projects being started are a wagon box, bale elevator, bull pen and implement carrier... We have 42 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year.

Jerol Schmidt, Reporter

COTTONWOOD: We are starting our fall project tours. We plan to visit every boy's farming program... At our county fair, R. T. Symes showed the grand champion breeding heifer. Robert Simmons was first and Donnie Benninghoven was second in the judging contest... The chapter cleared \$125.00 on its 16 breeding ewes which we handled as a class project... Bob Stacey from Australia showed pictures and talked about Australian Agriculture. It was very interesting to learn about agriculture in another country... Some of our larger shop jobs are: Loading

chutes, gates, pickup stock racks, clothes line posts and feed bunks... Our Parent-Son Banquet has been set for January 23... We have 32 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year.

Gordon Heathman, Reporter

PARADISE: Nineteen boys have enrolled in Vocational Agriculture at Paradise high school this year. John Thomas is again the instructor... The FFA held a watermelon feed for the incoming freshman on August 15... Plans have been made for the election of officers for the school year later in September.

Jon Anderson, Reporter

OTTAWA: Our annual picnic and watermelon feed for the eighth-grade graduates was held August 9, in the city park... Our officers attended one day of the Topeka FFA and 4-H judging school... We exhibited our booth at the Franklin County Fair. A few changes have been made to allow for larger space and we have taken it to the Topeka Fair... We are planning to take several of our members to the National FFA convention.

Bill McNish, Reporter

NESS CITY: The Ness City chapter exhibited a power mower, two pick-up cattle racks, a dog house, an auto gate, a hay rack, two saw horses, and two clothes line posts in the FFA Farm Mechanics exhibit at the Ness County Fair August 9-11... Carrol Schounhals showed his Chester White hogs in the open classes at the Ness County Fair. He won first place ribbons in the aged board, aged sow and junior yearling sow classes... We are color-conditioning our shop equipment as recommended in the Safety Practice Bulletin from the Colorado A&M College at Ft. Collins, Colorado... We have several members who are working out for the State Meat Judging Contest to be held in Wichita in October.

Ronnie Hemel, Reporter

MANHATTAN: Dale Lind was awarded the Carl Raymond Gray Scholarship and was chosen the De Kalb Achievement winner from our chapter... Richard Irvine has been awarded a Sear's Scholarship to Kansas State College... On July 8, we held our annual summer family picnic at the home of the president, Gerald Havenstein. Fifty-four attended... Larry O'Neill and Richard Irvine have qualified their Duroc sows for production registry.

Gerald Powell, Reporter

LONGFORD: On May 14, our chapter entertained our parents and the faculty with a chicken barbecue at the city park. Everyone was so enthusiastic about it that we decided to make it an annual event. Seventy members and guests were served.

During the evening, eleven chapter farmer degrees and four Greenhand degrees were awarded. . . Two purebred gilts have been distributed within the chapter throughout chapter gilt ring. . . We have 25 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year. This is an increase of six over last year. . . As a community service project, we built 15 bucking chute gates for the rodeo arena which has just recently been built.

Gene Holt, Reporter

HOLCOMB: During the summer we had our 9-acre farm levelled so we can do a better job of irrigating. The FFA boys helped the soil conservation men stake the field out and we had a local contractor do the levelling. Approximately 5,000 yards of soil were moved in the operation. We are now busy corrugating, bordering and running ditches getting ready to irrigate. We plan on planting 9 acres of Concho wheat this fall. . . Since school started, we have been repainting our shop and getting all of the equipment in shape. . . We are planning on having a barbecue for the members and their parents about the middle of October. We have two pigs we intend to butcher and use for this purpose.

Ronald Pettz, Reporter

GENESEO: Warren Campbell, President of the Geneseo FFA chapter, received high awards in the Ellsworth County Fair by winning 5 blue ribbons and 2 champions and 2 reserve champion awards on his shorthorn cattle. Warren had the champion shorthorn heifer, champion shorthorn steer, reserve champion shorthorn heifer and reserve champion steer over all breeds. Warren attended the Saline County Fair with 2 heifers and won the reserve champion shorthorn heifer and 1 blue ribbon and 2 red ribbons. He will have 2 shorthorn heifers and 1 steer in the State Fair at Hutchinson. . . We have 35 boys in Vocational Agriculture this year which is an increase of 10 over last year. We will have 18 boys receiving the Greenhand degree which will be held in the October meeting. Each of the 16 freshman boys have a satisfactory Supervised Farming Program in operation at this time. . . We are taking a Farm Machinery exhibit to the Hutchinson Fair this year which will consist of a chisel, loading chute, stock rack, calf cradle and bale elevator. . . Our chapter will put on a 15 minute T. V. program over K. T. V. H. November 8. . . The FFA officers will attend the National FFA convention in Kansas City, October 15-20. . . We have a new Chevrolet pickup that is furnished us by the Larson Chevrolet Company in Ellsworth.

Ermon Beagley, Reporter

STOCKTON: Twenty-seven exhibited projects of the Stockton FFA were shown at the Rooks County Fair. 4-H and FFA of the county sponsored a fat livestock sale. There were 62 calves sold at an average price of \$29.12 a hundred weight. There were 65 fat hogs sold at an average price of \$24.75 per hundred. There were three lambs sold at an average of \$24.00 per hundred. Palco, Plainville, and Stockton chapters sponsored a booth explaining the Vocational Agriculture program and FFA work in Rooks county and Kansas. The Stockton FFA sponsored a live-stock judging contest at the fair for the schools of the Northwest district. . . Plans are

being made to send delegates to the state fair and the national convention.

Earl Ochampaugh, Reporter

ELLINWOOD: The De Kalb Hybrid Sorghum Company has furnished the seed for some field plots. The plots consist of three kinds of hybrid plus westland and midland. At this early stage it looks a little better than the rest of the feed planted beside it. . . Last spring, the chapter was presented a bred heifer and two gilts by some local farmers and business men. To help us to decide who should receive the heifer and gilts, we have elected an advisory council which consists of nine men. These men will meet regularly each month and will have many other duties. . . At the last summer meeting the FFA officers and Mr. Cragun picked the meeting dates for the coming year and the program will end with the annual FFA banquet on May 9. . . At the end of August, we held a picnic in the city park for all new members.

Richard Hammeke, Reporter

PARKER: We have thirty-two boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. Twenty new enrollees will soon be eligible for initiation and membership as Greenhands. . . Officers were elected at our regular monthly meeting September 6. It was decided by the chapter that membership dues would be \$1.50 and that each member would buy a new FFA manual.

Ronald Troutman, Reporter

TROY: The Troy chapter has held several events during the past summer including a hayrack ride and two chapter meetings. . . A watermelon feed was held on August 21 for the freshman. Twenty-two members and guests enjoyed a film and the watermelon. . . The FFA chapter will attend the Kansas Free Fair as a group on Monday, September 10.

Fred Lewis, Reporter

GOODLAND: The Goodland and Edson chapters sponsored an FFA livestock judging contest at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair again this year. Six classes of livestock were judged and two sets of reasons were given. . . Senior FFA members from Goodland took a five-day trip to the hills of Colorado and Wyoming during the summer. Among the places visited were: The Monfort feed lots at Greeley; the Experimental Farms at Akron; the A&M campus at Fort Collins; the University of Wyoming campus at Laramie, and the State Capitol of Wyoming at Cheyenne. . . The drouth is very evident in Sherman County and many FFA members have suffered their second or third crop failure in a row. Many have also had to curtail their livestock programs.

Darryl Bauman, Reporter

WINFIELD: The chapter members attended an all-day educational tour of eleven farming programs last May. In spite of severe drouth several very successful livestock and crop programs were seen. Also, the members visited an extensive irrigation system owned and operated by a former FFA member... Fifty FFA members and their parents enjoyed the annual basket dinner and picnic held this summer... The chapter officers attended the Missouri State Leadership School and Camp in August. The officers thought that they received good leadership training... The chapter cooperated with the County Fair Association and the County 4-H Clubs in improving the facilities for the Junior Department livestock at the Cowley County Fair this year. The entries in the Junior Department were the highest that they have ever been. A total of \$1000.00 was awarded as prize money. The FFA members built a tractor safety booth, by borrowing small toy tractors from an implement dealer and showing how accidents happen when operating a tractor... The chapter has held its annual parent-son watermelon feed for the freshman students. The program consisted of one of the members telling how he developed his farming program and another member showing colored slides and explaining the FFA activities. We find that this is a good method of acquainting the freshman and their parents with our chapter activities.

Larry Thiel, Reporter

McPHERSON: Our chapter had a wiener roast at the Lakeside Park following the close of school last spring. There were about 40 FFA members present. The evening was spent playing softball and eating the refreshments which were furnished by the losing side in the pest-control contest... The chapter plans to attend the Hutchinson State Fair as a group on September 17... Two of our members are growing milo test plots in cooperation with the De Kalb Seed Company. LeRoy Stephens has the dry-land plot and Larry Walker, the irrigated plot... Several of our members placed high with their livestock at the county fair this year. Bob Krehbiel showed the grand champion fat steer and the grand champion fat lamb. The steer was a hereford and the lamb was a southdown. Larry Anderson showed the champion Angus heifer, and Ronald Embers had the champion shorthorn heifer.

Darrell Ensminger, Reporter

EL DORADO: A watermelon feed and a swimming party highlighted the summer activities. Unexpected extra money from twelve acres of the chapter's wheat paid for the treat... Thirty-eight members are enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and we expect 100% or more to be in FFA... The Butler County 4-H Fair was the exhibition place for the members' shop projects. High blues were won by Larry Adams, a large boat trailer; J. B. Welty, picnic table built from one inch tubing; Galen Unger, barrel stand with work benches combined... The chapter invested in a used tractor last spring and we are glad to announce that it is paying for itself... A large percent of the members chartered a bus to Hutchinson and attended one day at the State Fair. Bob Seglem and Ralph Unger are in the 4-H crops judging contest. Gary Jones is entering his swine and John Condell, his beef hereford... The seniors plan to attend the American Royal. The advisor, W. R. McMillan will take them in the Agriculture panel truck.

Ralph Unger, Reporter

NATOMA: The Natoma FFA chapter held its annual Dads Night this spring. We entertained our dads with card games, guessing games and awarded prizes. At the close of the evening, refreshments were served. . . At the end of the school year, the eighth grade boys were invited to a chapter meeting and were entertained at a line party afterwards. . . Our chapter held on summer meeting. We also enjoyed a joint party with the Natoma FHA. This consisted of a trip to Kanopolis Lake where we enjoyed a picnic and swimming.

Harold Nagel, Reporter

HILLSBORO: On August 16, we had a business meeting and served watermelon for refreshments. All incoming Greenhands were invited as guests. . . We also took part in the Farm Mechanics exhibit at the Marion County Fair. Peabody, Goessel, Marion, Florence and Hillsboro were the five Marion County chapters participating. The Fair Association provided \$100.00 to be divided among the participating chapters. Among the things exhibited were manure scoop, self unloading power wagon, bale elevator, gates, power hoist, loading chutes, implement carrier, stock rack, 4-wheel trailer, tank heater, feed bunk, tire breaker and other farm equipment. Mr. Clinton Jacobs judged the exhibit. Each piece of equipment was placed in a blue, red or white ribbon group. The FFA also sold popcorn and pop at the fair. The profits will help pay for the Parent-Son banquet that we have each year. We also plan to sell popcorn at football and basketball games. . . We plan to take some of the farm equipment that boys made in the shop last year to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Allen Suderman, Reporter

HARPER: Our FFA officers for this year were elected last spring. . . The losers in our Pest-Eradication contest furnished pop and ice cream for our picnic at our last meeting last spring when we chose up sides for softball. . . We took a truck load of paper to Hutchinson the first of August which netted our chapter about \$45.00. . . We held a work day on August 11 to build panels for the hog barn at the County Fair. Thirteen boys showed up for work and 38 panels were built including the hinges for hanging. . . The chapter baled some straw this summer to be used for bedding at the County Fair. The members took turns selling the straw as the exhibitors needed it. . . We put in a booth at the County Fair and won first place. A number of our members won blue ribbons on stock which they showed at the County Fair. . . Keith Hostetler won the gilt which is given to the outstanding FFA boy in the county.

Denny Winters, Reporter

BREWSTER: Our chapter had its first fall meeting on the 6th of September. Thirteen freshman and fifteen older members were at the meeting. Some of the business discussed was: Attending the Denver Stock Show at Denver and the Leadership School at Oberlin. . . During the summer months we had a judging team at the Sherman County Fair. . . Our program of work is being planned at the present time.

Kenneth MacDaniel, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: Our $6\frac{1}{2}$ acre field of Ponca Wheat averaged 27 bu. per acre and netted us \$179.20 for our share of the crop. . . The chapter has prepared the seed-bed again for the coming year. We are dividing the acreage into three test plots to determine any differences in yields for the 1957 crop. One plot will have 8-24-8 fertilizer. Another will use 8-16-0 and the third will use anhydrous ammonia. Other practices will remain the same, and we plan to seed 5 pecks per acre after October 10. . . Our retiring treasurer, Ronald Tucker, marketed three steers at Kansas City on September 6 and received \$29.25 per cwt. for a Shorthorn weighing 885 pounds, which was second high for the day. . . Three past members of the Fort Scott chapter have enrolled at Kansas State College this fall to continue their studies in Agriculture.

Edwin Leonard, Reporter

HANOVER: Our chapter had its annual fishing trip August 8 and 9. Twenty-six boys accompanied by Mr. Lampe and Mr. Prichard went to Ottawa State Lake. . . The Vocational Ag. Department purchased a pick-up truck for use around shop and on field trips. . . The judging team competed at the Washington County Fair and was awarded a cup for second place. The boys making up the team were: Leo Schwartz; George Mallean; Bill Goeckel; Don Hynek; Jim Hynek, and Bill Mallean. The chapter received a blue ribbon on its booth showing the advantages of irrigation. . . Individual awards were made to Orville Junemann for his trailer, David Brychta for a lawn set and Bob Gordon for his rabbits.

Bill Mallean, Reporter