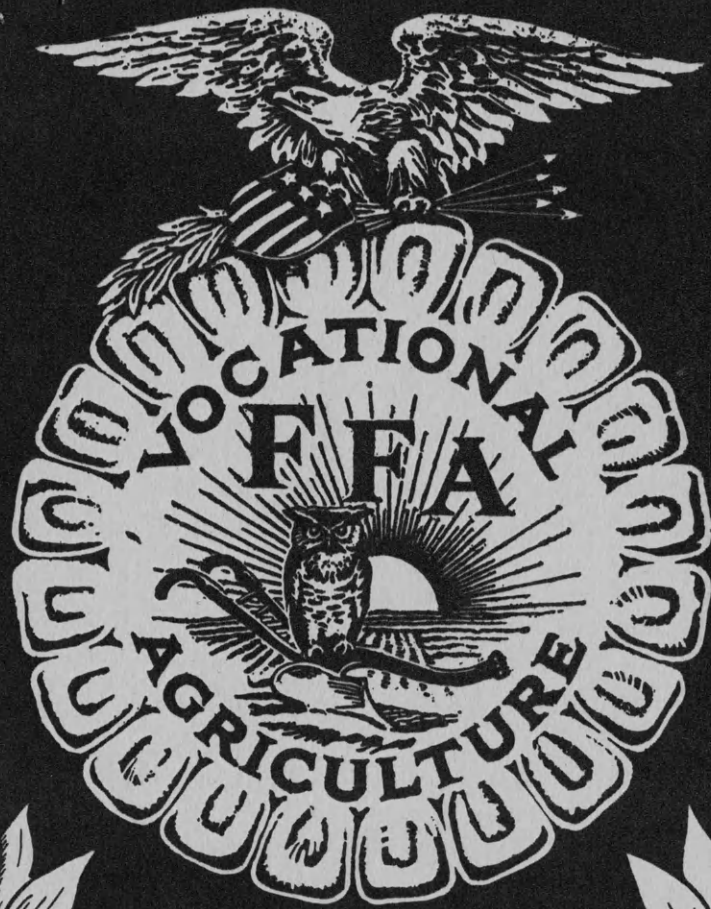


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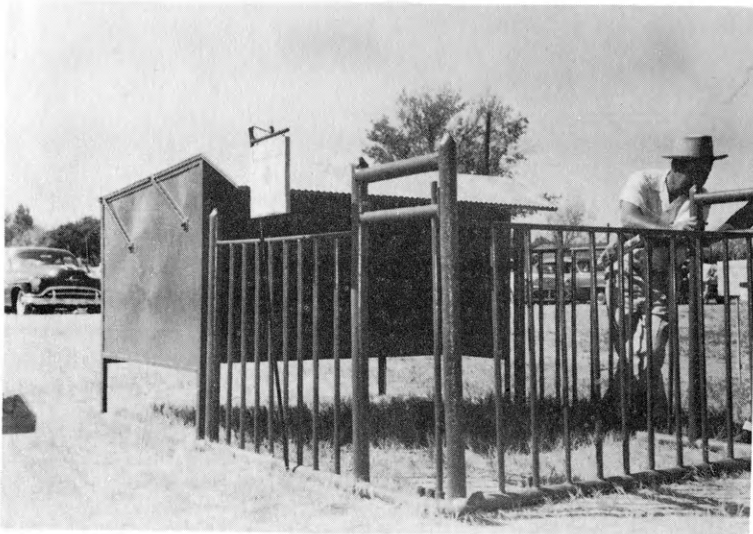
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FFA CALENDAR

National Chapter Award Applications Due.....	April 3
Speech Entry and 3 Copies of Manuscript.....	April 3
Report on Chapter Membership Officers, Delegates, etc.....	April 3
State FFA Executive Committee Meeting.....	April 4
Kansas Association House of Delegate Meeting.....	April 29
State Officers Meeting.....	April 29-30

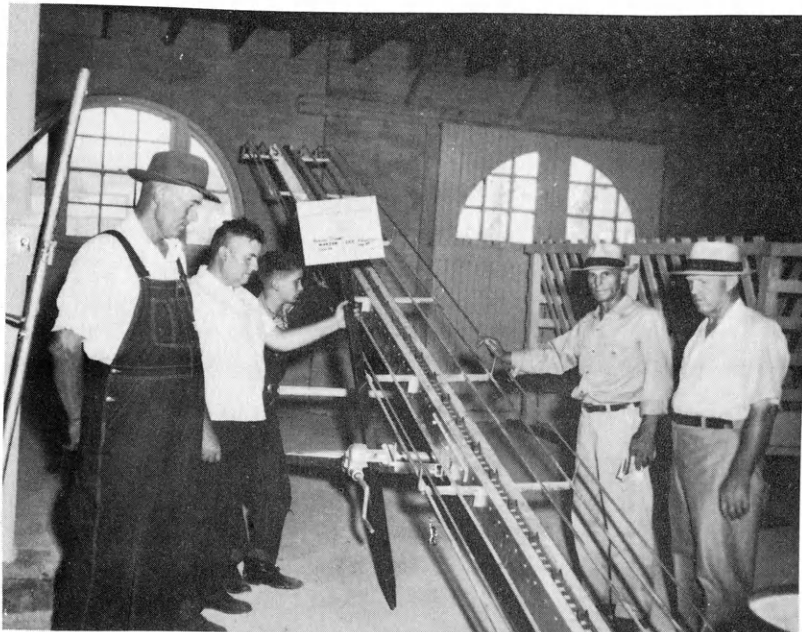
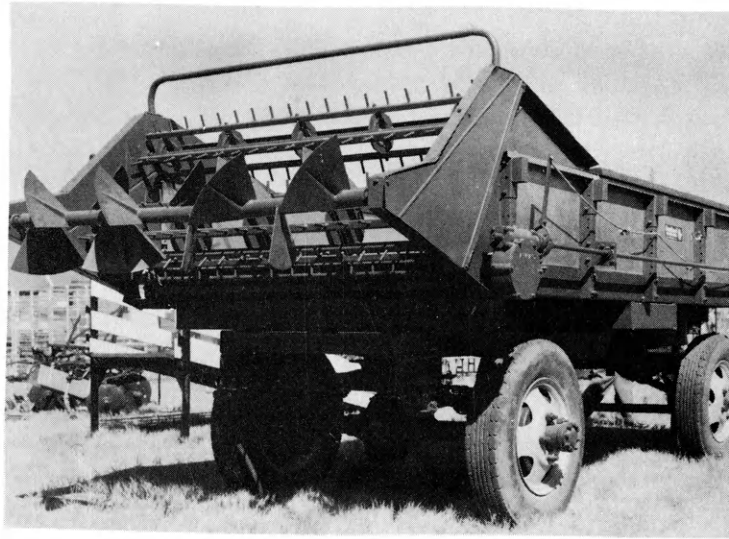
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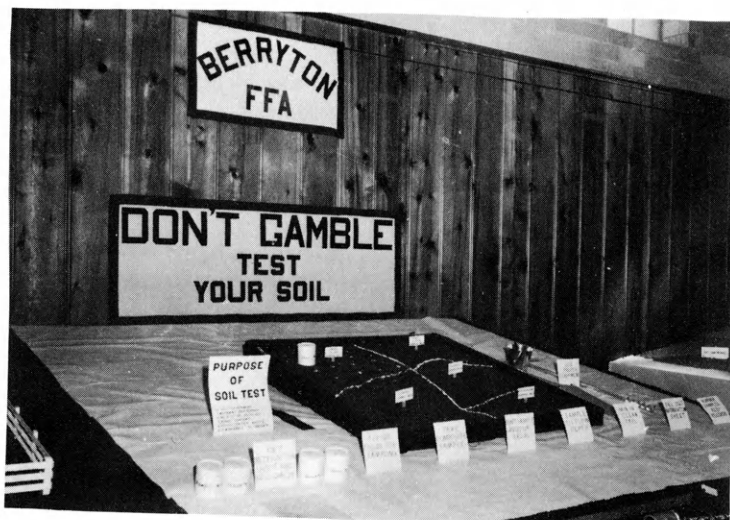
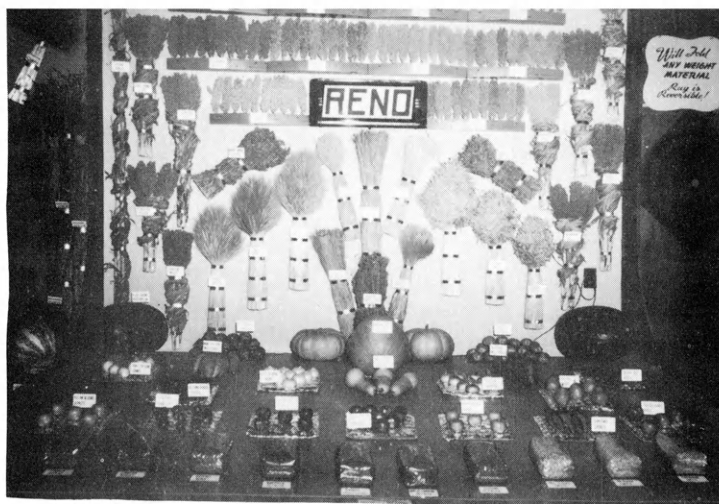
First place entry at the 1956 State Fair Farm Mechanics display was the calf-creep feeder which was a part of the winning exhibit entered by the Winfield Chapter.

This manure spreader was one of the outstanding pieces of equipment which was displayed by Hillsboro Chapter. Their exhibit placed second at Hutchinson.



A group of farmers inspect the bale elevator which was built by Howard Stenzel of Marion and displayed at the Topeka Free Fair.

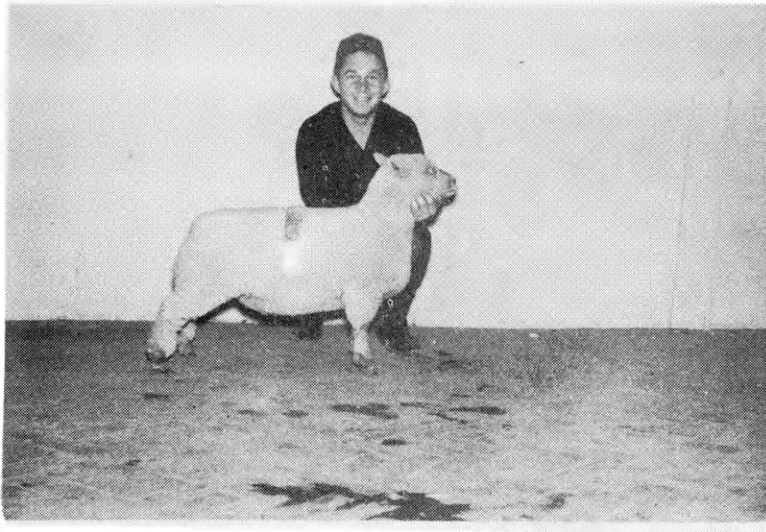
The Buhler Chapter won Grand Champion in the County Booth displays at the State Fair in Hutchinson, 1956



At the Topeka Free Fair in 1956, the Berryton Chapter won first place in the booth exhibits. Ten booths were entered.

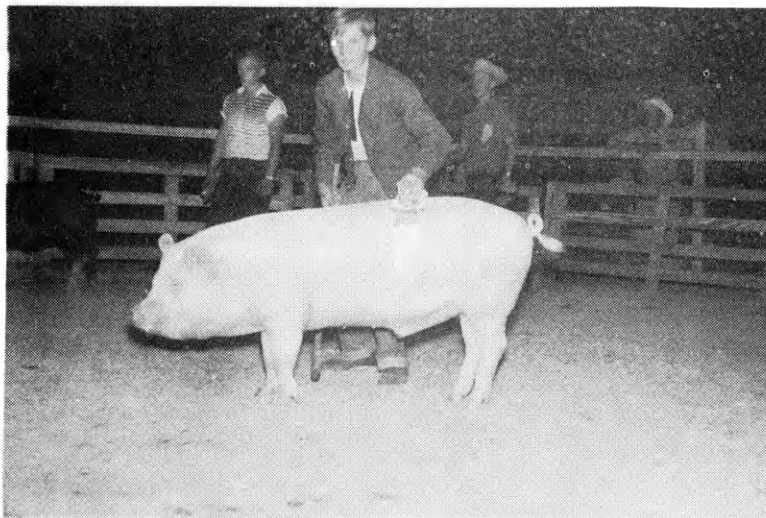
Jdall Chapter members hold the pen of 3 lambs, which won fifth at Wichita. Left to right the holders are: Rex Neff, the owner; R. B. Stout, advisor; Richard Smith and Charles Winter.





Robert Ensz, Inman Chapter, placed fourth at the National Junior Livestock Show at Wichita, with his Southdown fat lamb. Selling price \$32.

John Schierling, Inman Chapter, and his steers which he showed at the Wichita Show. His Hereford placed second in its class. The two steers averaged 40¢ a pound.



Reserve Grand Champion Barrow at the Wichita Show was the Yorkshire, which was shown by Earl Barrager, Altamont Chapter. The barrow brought 45¢ a pound.

Tenney, Dunham Visit Japan

Dr. A. W. Tenney, national executive secretary, and Dan Dunham past national president of the FFA recently returned from a month-long stay in Japan. They addressed some 10,000 students, held community round-table discussions, conferred with Future Farmers of Japan, and visited farm families during the tour.



Dr. Tenney stated that one of the crucial problems of Japan today is how to have an acceptable standard of living in the overpopulated, mountainous country. Scores of youths asked how to improve conditions on their little farms, often only two or three acres.

Dr. Tenney said the 5-year-old FFJ and excellent agricultural high schools and school farms are helping provide a partial answer. Through the use of modern farm machinery, improved varieties of rice and other grain, and fertilizer, production is being boosted.

Throughout the Nation Japanese showed high esteem for Americans and the FFA.

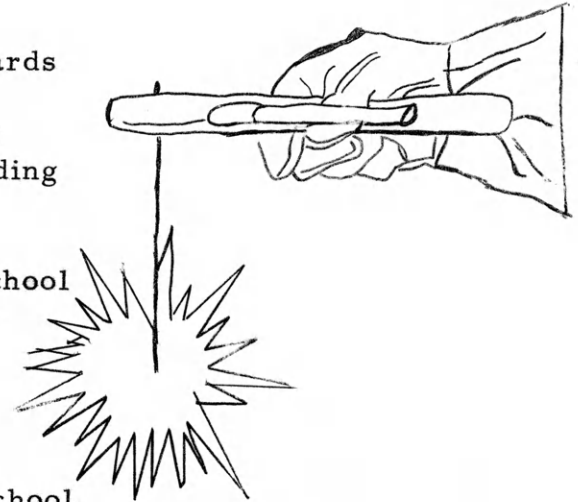
Eight Win Welding Awards

Kansas FFA members won 8 of the Arc Welding Awards given by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation in 1956.

Jerry Gardner, Clay County Community High School won second place award and \$400.00 on a power hack saw, a cattle squeeze and a truck tongue. His school also received \$400.00.

Fifth place award winners who received \$50.00 each were: William Zavesky, Ellsworth High School, on "Arc Welding on the Farm"; Jerry Lee Wilcox, Lawrence High School, on a multi-purpose trailer; Dwight J. Kruse, Marion High School, on a combination squeeze chute and trailer; Jon E. Larson, Clay County Community High School, on a wheel-controlled tandem disk harrow.

Sixth place award winners who received \$25.00 each were: Donald Bohn, Clifton Rural High School, on a machinery carrier; Gerald E. Schalk, Shawnee-Mission High School, on a partable grain elevator; Richard A. Davenport, Lawrence High School, on a fifth wheel, heavy-duty trailer.



FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The Twenty-eight State FFA Speech Contest will be held on the Kansas State College Campus, Tuesday, April 30, 1957, beginning at 9:00 a. m. The speech sections will be held in the following rooms: G 206, Holton Hall; J 15, Eisenhower Hall; and Engineering Lecture Hall. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for this contest immediately.



THREE TYPEWRITTEN COPIES of the speech entered in the State FFA Speech Contest will be required. One original and two carbon copies will be acceptable. Please be certain that good carbon paper is used in order that the carbon copies can be read easily.

The 1957 State FFA Speech Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national speech contest.

The speech will be scored, allowing 300 points on content and composition and 700 points on Delivery of the Production. This is in agreement with the national score card.

Eligibility

The FFA Chapter must have filed a program of work with the State Association on or before October 31, 1956, and must be in good standing with both the State Association and National FFA Organization in order to have a member eligible for the State Speech Contest.

Each eligible FFA Chapter in Kansas will be entitled to one entry in the State FFA Speech Contest.

The State Contest will be open only to boys less than twenty-one years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant come, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Any boy who has participated in a State FFA Speech Contest is ineligible for participation in the 1957 Kansas FFA Speech Contest.

Note: Speech contestants who plan to participate in either the Agricultural Judging or Farm Mechanics Contest on Tuesday, April 30, must obtain permission to compete in the Speech Contest from F. R. Carpenter, April 3, 1957, at the time copies of the speech are submitted for judging.

FFA Speech Contest (continued)

Time Limit and Deductions

Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges. Deductions will be made of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length. Deductions will also be made of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.

Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an Agricultural Character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable. Official judges of any FFA public speaking contest should disqualify a participant who speaks on a non-agricultural subject.

The following list offers many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State FFA Speech Contest.

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, The Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
6. The World Food Crisis
7. Milk for the Millions
8. The Future of the American Farmer
9. The Future Farmers of American in Relation to American Agriculture
10. Farm Safety
11. Farming - A Challenge and an Opportunity
12. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
13. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
14. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
15. Farm Organizations: An Answer to Our Farm Problems
16. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
17. New Markets for Farm Products Through Chemurgy
18. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
19. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
20. The Part - Time Farmer in American Agriculture
21. Soil, The Stepping Stone to Freedom
22. Farm Family Partnership
23. Conservation of Soil - Our Greatest National Problem
24. The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America
25. The Land Is Our Trust
26. The Place of Farm Cooperatives in our National Economy
27. Education of the Farmer of Tomorrow
28. Atomic Energy, Its Application to Rural Life

FFA Speech Contest (continued)

Sources

It is impossible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the Public Speaking Contest. The following standard sources should not be overlooked.

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, technical bulletins, and special reports). Note: In addition to the old line technical bureaus such as Animal Industry, Dairy Industry, Entomology, Chemistry, etc., the following agencies are now a part of the USDA: Soil Conservation Service; Farm Credit Administration; Rural Electrification Administration; Farm Home Administration; Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation. For information on publications write the Director of Information, USDA.
4. Current National Magazines.
5. The Farm Press.
6. Census Report.
7. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Biennial reports and Special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas.
8. State newspapers.
9. Proceedings of National FFA Convention.
10. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, Judson, published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois.
11. Winning FFA Speeches, Vol. II, R. D. Perky, Interstate, Danville, Illinois.

Order of Appearance

Drawings will be made for Order of Appearance by a disinterested party 15 days prior to the date of the Speech Contest, and information relative to Place and Order of Appearance will be mailed to local chapter advisers having entries in the Speech Contest. A schedule of Place and Order of Appearance will be posted on the wall south of the door to the Agricultural Education Office in Holton Hall, Monday, April 29, 1957.

Place and Order of Appearance for the Speech finals will be posted in Holton Hall, Tuesday, April 30, at 1:00 p. m.

JUDGES SCORE SHEET
1957 STATE FFA SPEECH CONTEST

PART I. FOR SCORING CONTENT AND COMPOSITION

FFA Speech Contest (continued)

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Content of Manuscript	200												
2. Composition of Manuscript	100												
Score on written production	300												

PART II. FOR SCORING THE DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Voice	100												
2. Stage presence	100												
3. Power of expression	200												
4. Response to questions	200												
5. General effect	100												
Score on delivery	700												

PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Score on written production	300												
2. Score on delivery	700												
TOTAL	1000												
* Less overtime deduction for each minute or major fraction thereof	20 points												
* Less undertime deduction for each minute or major fraction thereof	20 points												
GRAND TOTALS													
* From the Timekeeper's Record													

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

For Part I.

Content of the speech includes:Importance and appropriateness
of the subjectComposition of the speech includes:Organization of content
Unity of thought

FFA Speech Contest (continued)

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

For Part I. (continued)

Suitability of material used
 Accuracy of statements included
 Evidence of purpose

Logical development
 Language used
 Accomplishments of purpose-
 conclusions
 Sentence structure

For Part II.

Voice includes:

Quality
 Pitch
 Force
 Articulation
 Pronunciation

Power of expression includes:

Fluency, emphasis
 Directness, sincerity
 Communicative ability
 Conveyance of thought and
 meaning

Response to questions includes:

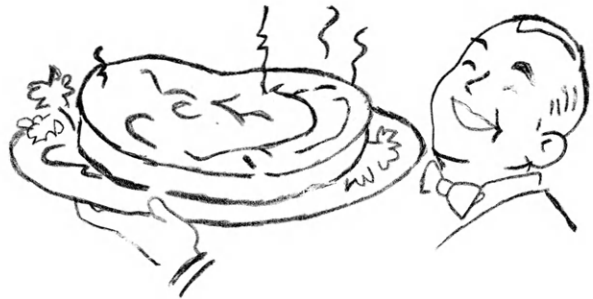
Ability to satisfactorily answer
 the questions on the speech which
 are asked by the judges, indicating
 originality, familiarity with sub-
 ject and ability to think quickly.

Stage presence includes:

Personal appearance
 Poise and body posture
 Attitude
 Confidence
 Personality
 Ease before audience

General effect includes:

Extent to which the speech was
 interesting, understandable,
 convincing, pleasing and held
 attention



FROM THE OPEN RANGE TO THE KITCHEN RANGE

By Charles Andrews, Ellsworth Chapter

On a late August night in 1872, a wagon train had organized on the east bank of the Missouri River, just across from Old Fort Leavenworth. The next day they would cross the river and head in a southwesterly direction through the great state of Kansas to select a place to settle and build their homes. Around one campfire was a tall, lean, raw-boned six footer with his bride of only a few months. He was talking to one of the wagon train scouts. The scout was painting a vivid picture of the miles and miles of wonderful sod of Blue Stem and Gramma grasses, and the rich, thick carpet of Buffalo grass

From the Open Range to the Kitchen Range (continued)

that lay ahead of them in the rolling hills and on the level prairie. The hopes of this young couple were high that night and their dreams might have been a little exaggerated. But, I am confident that they never dreamed that eighty-seven years later their great grandson would be telling you this morning how grass from that very sod had found its way in the form of a thick sirloin steak to the dinner plate here in a home in St. Louis, and in doing so, I hope to show its importance to our agricultural economy and our nation's health.

Beef helped to build America more than any other raw product.

In Biblical time men realized the value of meat too, and it is recorded in the Book of Books "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle and herbs for the service of man that he may bring forth food out of the earth" and Isaac said "And make me a savory meat such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat". The meat of which Isaac spoke, of course, was once grass.

Have you ever observed a blade of grass starting to grow in the spring, or have you ever tried to place a value on that blade of grass? "Grass yields no fruit in the air or in the ground, and yet, should its growth fail for one year the black horse of famine would depopulate the earth". Try now to visualize that blade of grass on a dinner plate 1000 miles from where it grew.

In describing the complicated process of getting our nation's meat supply from the open range to the homemakers kitchen range, we will center this discussion on the production of beef - that universally accepted meat which now accounts for about half of the nation's meat diet. That means you and I will eat over 81 pounds of beef this year. Four years ago we ate only about 55 pounds. This tremendous amount of beef comes from 600 million acres of pasture land in our country, or about three-fifths of our total farm acres. Five out of six farms report having some cattle. In fact more farms now have cattle than chickens.

Processing this tremendous amount of beef calls for speedy and efficient methods. The pioneer meat packer inaugurated our present assembly line method of manufacture. By swift processing and transporting of the meat he handles, he moves it safely and in good condition an average of 1000 miles.

Beef is highly perishable product and the packer must be geared to perform his function on a high speed timetable. Beef must be chilled and maintained at a temperature from 32 to 36 degrees until sold to some of the 300,000 meat retailers throughout the nation. This process usually takes only about seven days.

Marketing, processing, and distribution is rather complicated since two-thirds of the cattle is located west of the Mississippi River while two-thirds of our nation's meat supply is consumed east of the Mississippi River. The final link in the production-consumer chain is the all important home-maker. She buys 75% of the meat sold over the counter. The other 25% is consume in public eating places. The homemaker has always shown a marked tendency

From the Open Range to the Kitchen Range (continued)

toward fresh beef. However, her interest in pre-packaged, quick frozen beef is increasing and some experts predict this will constitute 25% of the trade within five years.

Here is an interesting observation: Do you know if all the ground beef consumed in the United States last year were made into hamburgers, they would reach around the equator 19 times. Also, if all of the frankfurters consumed were fastened together, they would reach to the moon and back to earth again.

As research reveals more about the food value of vitamins, proteins, and various minerals, we shift from high calorie to more protective foods. This means food of animal origin. You and I can now see the importance of the role that beef plays toward better national health. Beef contains all of the substances necessary for growth, tissue repair, and replacement. Beef has as its properties an abundance of the vitamins and the minerals, phosphorus, copper, and iron along with the amino acids that nutritionists tell us should be available to our bodies at the same time. Beef is highly digestible. In fact, it is given in specially prepared form to babies as early as the second month of life. But in spite of the fact that we feed our babies well, the malnutrition of the American youth manifests itself by the high percentage rejected for military duty. Only one per cent of our teen-agers have perfect teeth, and more than 75% have eye difficulties. Beef added to the diet would help to correct these abnormalities, as well as increase the volume of the most important part of our agricultural income - livestock.

How can we help to correct this situation? We need to tell the people who eat beef about its food value and nutritional benefits. By writing articles for all types of magazines, agricultural and popular alike, as well as by expanding our vigorous advertising campaign such as radio and television, we can strike a blow for better national health. And equally important, we must accept every opportunity to impress upon the millions who eat beef, its importance to them, whether we do it on the public platform or in a casual conversation.

Napoleon, one of the great field generals of all times, once said, "An army marches on its stomach." By this same token a democracy "marches on its stomach" and we need have no fear of ours being the greatest nation on earth with God's help, and a well feed people. For the strength and health of our nation we must continue to encourage the conversion of one of our great natural resources into one of our greatest life and strength giving foods - grass to beef.

STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 4, 1957 at 10:00 a. m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Holton Hall, Room 103. The principle business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members

State FFA Executive Committee meeting (continued)

of the FFA Executive Committee are: C. C. Eustace, State FFA Advisor; Dean, A. D. Weber, School of Agriculture; A. P. Davidson, Head Teacher Trainer; F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary FFA; Wm. Smith, Salina, President of K. V. A. A.; William Wachs, Ellsworth, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Information About

NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

February 16-23, 1957

Can You Use One or More of the Following Ideas:

1. Obtain "FFA Week" proclamation from mayor or governing official of town.
2. Make "National FFA Week" posters and place them in prominent downtown store windows and other public places.
3. Prepare a special FFA exhibit, such as those displayed at fairs and shows, and arrange to have it displayed in a downtown store window.
4. Work with the editor of the local newspaper to obtain FFA stories or perhaps a special FFA edition. Some suggestions of material and pictures for publicity follow:
 - a. Story announcing FFA Week.
 - b. Story reviewing the history and outstanding accomplishments of the chapter since it was organized.
 - c. Story built around the chapter's current program of work, telling the number of members, names of officers, present activities and plans for the rest of the year. Provide names of committee members and chairmen for special activities.
 - d. Story giving the summary of members' supervised farming programs during the past year. Tell how much the boys earned from farming, what their investment in farming is, how many acres they had in crops, how many livestock, and describe the programs of two or three outstanding individuals. Tell about improvement projects that have been completed during the year, and about farm shop work that was done.
 - e. A picture of the entire chapter membership.
 - f. One or two pictures of chapter officers and important committees at work.
 - g. Picture of the chapter advisor, with story telling his background, how long he has been working in the community, and mentioning any special accomplishments or recognition.

National Future Farmers of America Week (continued)

- h. Several pictures of members with their supervised farming projects.
 - i. Picture of member building farm equipment in the school's farm shop.
 - j. Picture of member or members doing improvement work on their home farms.
 - k. Picture showing recreational activities sponsored by the chapter.
 - l. Picture of mayor presenting FFA Week proclamation to officers.
 - m. Picture and stories about former members that have won recognition or have become successful farmers.
 - n. Provide the editor copies of the FFA "Motto, " "Creed" and "Aims and Purposes. "
5. Urge chapter members to listen to the National Farm and Home Hour on February 16 over NBC network, when the National FFA President will be presented.

Additional suggestions for FFA Week activities may be found on page 9 and 10 of the February 1, 1956 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

Suggested Fact Sheet on FFA

The Kansas Association of FFA was chartered September 3, 1929, being the 16th State chartered by the National Organization of FFA. During the first 28 years of its history the Kansas Association has elected 2,059 members to the State Farmer Degree; 93 members have received the American Farmer Degree; one member was declared, The Star Farmer of America; two members won the National FFA Speech Contest; and six local FFA chapters have had the distinction of winning Gold Emblem classification in the National Chapter Contest. The Kansas Association in 1956 had 209 chapters with an active membership of 7,515. Membership in the National Organization of FFA is 382,342. There are 8,990 FFA Chapters.

THE FFA CREED

The FFA Creed was officially adopted by the delegates to the 3rd National FFA Convention, 1930. In 1935 a framed copy of the Creed was presented to Mr. E. M. Tiffany, of Wisconsin, the author. Kansas FFA members will be interested to learn that Mr. Tiffany is a native Kansan. He was born and grew to manhood in Lyndon, Kansas. Mr. Tiffany graduated from the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science in 1915, and at the time he wrote the FFA Creed, was assistant professor agricultural education at the University of Wisconsin.

National FFA Week (continued)

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE FFA

(LIST FROM MANUAL)

THE FFA MOTTO

LEARNING TO DO-- (As vocational agriculture students in High School, Future Farmers study the practical, scientific principles of agriculture that will enable them to become good farmers.)

DOING TO LEARN-- (Each member is required to conduct a farming program at home, under the supervision of his vocational agriculture instructor, where he puts into actual practice the methods he learned in the classroom.)

EARNING TO LIVE-- (The supervised farming program at home is designed to operate at a profit so that the Future Farmer may expand his farming enterprises as he learns, to the end that he will be successfully established in farming and become a self-supporting, substantial citizen.)

LIVING TO SERVE-- (Development of competent, aggressive rural leadership and citizenship is a primary aim of the FFA; practical experiences in parliamentary procedure, committee work and conducting other business of an organization are provided through regular chapter meetings.)

LEVELS OF FFA MEMBERSHIP

The FFA has four degrees. The first two--Greenhand and Chapter Farmer may be awarded by the local chapter. State Farmer degree may be awarded by the State Association to not more than two percent of its total membership each year. The American Farmer degree is conferred by the national organization. Each state may have one American Farmer for each 1,000 members every year. Advancement to higher degrees is based on increased investments in farming, leadership in local and State FFA activities, and scholarship.

NEWS STORY ON NATIONAL FFA WEEK

Your local papers have been sent a suggested news story on National FFA Week. They will probably want from you your PLANS FOR FFA WEEK OBSERVANCE, INCLUDING SUCH THINGS AS WINDOW DISPLAYS, RADIO PROGRAMS, PARENT-SON BANQUETS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

A TV Skit and a Radio Skit, concerning National FFA Week are available at the State FFA office in Topeka.

FFA CALENDAR

Our National Future Farmer magazine is now the publisher of the Future Farmers of America Calendars. Orders should be taken soon from one or two sponsors.

The present arrangement offers more to our organization in public relations and in financial returns to the chapters than has been possible in the past.

If sufficient 1958 calendars are distributed, the price to sponsors may be reduced in future years.

STATE FFA OFFICER CANDIDATES NEEDED

Send the name of your state officer candidate to the state FFA office if he has previously received the State Farmer Degree or if you have not clearly marked on his present State Farmer application that he is an officer candidate.

Submit your member who has good leadership ability and personality. Mail by February 15, his name and office desired, to F. R. Carpenter, 1025 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas



Sears Sheep Program--for 1957

The Sears Foundation has again granted to the Kansas Association of FFA funds to be used in establishing seven FFA boys in a sheep programs. If possible one boy will be selected from each of the seven vocational agriculture teachers' districts in Kansas.

The minimum qualifications for this program are as follows:

1. A boy must be either a Freshman or Sophomore and be recommended by his advisor.
2. He must have on his home farm sufficient fencing, housing and land for temporary pasture and feed crops.
3. He must be willing to purchase 15 yearling range ewes from the same flock that the Sears Ewes are purchased.
4. After the boys have been selected, a working agreement will be drawn up and signed by the boy, his father, and his advisor.
5. The Sears Foundation will furnish each boy, who has been chosen, 15 yearling range ewes and loan of 1 registered ram.
6. The boys will then have 30 range ewes and a registered ram to begin their sheep business.

Sears Sheep Program (continued)

7. The boy will receive all receipts from the lambs and wool sold for two years.
8. After two years the boy will be expected to return to the Kansas Association of FFA, the same amount of money, without interest, that was loaned to him in value of the 15 ewes that were given him at the beginning.
9. Also the Registered Ram will be passed on to the next boy who has been chosen to start a Sear's Sheep Program.
10. Each boy who is selected to receive a Sears Flock is expected to follow the spring lamb system of sheep production. In other words, arranging the breeding program of the ewes so they will drop their lambs as near as possible during the month of December, thus making it possible to market these lambs by the middle of May at which time the lamb market is usually strong.

I'm Just a Wheel - A Steering Wheel
and you're my captain

"Behind me you're the lord and master of a miracle. You can make me take the kids to school. You can turn me down the sunny road to town. With me you can guide your goods to market -- you can rush your injured to be healed -- you can go, in minutes, to places that once were hours away. You can do magic.

"Yet, in the blink of an eye, in the tick of your watch, I can turn deadly killer. I can snuff out the life of a kid still full of life -- maybe yours.

"I can twist a smile into tears. I can wreck and cripple and destroy. I can deal out death like the plague.

"I'm just a steering wheel. And you're my captain. Behind me you're the lord and master of a miracle -- or a tragedy."

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By W. C. Greenway, Georgia

CHAPTER NEWS

WETMORE: Ten freshmen boys were awarded the Green Hand degree. At this meeting the boys' fathers attended our chili supper after the degree ceremony. To raise money for the chapter we sold magazines, rake wheel gates, and other shop projects. We built a concession stand and put up the goal posts on the new football field. We are holding our annual pest contest again this year.

Theron Talley, Reporter

SIMPSON: Our December meeting was designated as "Mother's Night", and was highlighted by the raising of last years Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer. A parliamentary drill skit was given by the new Chapter Farmers... For recreation a free throw contest was held with each member shooting twenty-five free throws... For the second consecutive year, the Simpson FFA Chapter won the Beloit-Simpson pest eradication contest. Simpson will be treated to a chili supper some time in February.

Jerry Burnette, Reporter

KINCAID: At our October meeting, 7 members were raised to the Green Hand degree and 11 Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree. Our upper class members and advisor attended the American Royal... Our community service has included castrating 43 pigs and 11 bulls; dehorning 104 head of cattle; testing 4 samples of seed for germination; and testing 1 sample of soil for lime and fertilizer... Our pest eradication contest ended January 2 with the largest number of pests brought in then ever before. The losing side will furnish the food at our spring picnic... We have just completed our Chapter Public Speaking Contest. The winners will compete in the district... We made \$150.00 by picking up corn... Shop jobs just completed or nearing completion include: 1 tractor painted, 1 tractor overhaul, 1 garden tractor overhaul, 2 trailers rebuilt, 1 post hole digger, and several feed bunks and gates. A new band saw was added to our shop this fall.

S. G. Jackson, Reporter

EL DORADO: Our chapter advisor, Mr. W. R. McMillan, suffered a heart attack December 26. He will be in the hospital for several weeks and is not expected to resume his teaching until March... Richard Chase, state FFA president of 1946, is taking Mr. McMillan's place. Mr. Chase is a graduate of Kansas State College. He is now farming with his father near Potwin... The chapter's ten acres of wheat are surviving the dry weather. We seeded the waterway with grasses last summer... Our pest eradication contest included only the worst pests of our area. The winners will be honored at the chili feed in February... The chapter has co-ownership with the student council on a milk vending machine.

Ralph Unger, Reporter

PRATT: Nine members received their Green Hand degrees in November. We held our annual Christmas party and gift exchange... We had a float in the homecoming parade during football season... Dedication ceremonies were held October 14 for our new vocational building. Several members acted as guides during the open house. The Vo-Ag department has a shop 44x78; a large classroom, a laboratory and a large storage space in the building... We have a new 12 inch grinder, a gas forge and a new power hack saw. We have made a frame for a hoist since school started... We have laid out terrace lines on two farms in the county... Plans are being made to hold our Dad's Night meeting during National FFA Week.

Dale Jensen, Reporter

STOCKTON: Our chapter furnished an assembly program for the high school on October 5... We won the District Land Judging contest held in Smith Center on October 27. Our annual FFA Carnival was held October 29 in the high school gym. The profit from the carnival was \$736.84. Our annual parents meeting was held November 6th. Seven boys were initiated as Green Hands at our November 13 meeting.

Earl Ochampaugh, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: There are 33 members in our chapter this year. We have just completed our annual pest eradication contest with the losing side standing treats to a party night. Our annual FFA-FHA party was held in November with all FFA members present... At the Christmas meeting, which was also a Dad's Night, a grab bag was enjoyed by our members and special gifts presented the Dads. A Christmas program was also presented... Some of the shop projects are: 5 portable steel constructed loading chutes, 4 tractor mounted post hole diggers, a post drill, trailer type crop sprayer, farm gates, hydraulic dump trailer, TV towers, four-wheel trailers, and feed bunks... The FFA chapter is purchasing four pure-bred gilts that will be placed in our gilt ring. A program at the Lion's Club and a window display are scheduled for FFA Week.

Jim Yarrow, Reporter

NESS CITY: We are planning a safety survey in the near future. A chapel program is being planned for National FFA Week... Some of the shop projects that have been completed are, 2 pickup stock racks, a welding table, 2 hinged flag poles, 4 corral gates, 1 loading chute, and the overhauling of a pickup engine.

Ronnie Hemel, Reporter

LONGFORD: In shop our chapter has built the following projects: 10 steel gates made of rake and cultivator wheels, 1 two-wheel heavy duty trailer, a grain auger, and the largest project is 3 stanchions made of pipe for a modern walk-through grade "A" milk barn. . . At the present time a pest eradication contest is going on in our chapter. Each member is required to bring in 1,000 points, or the balance of the 1,000 not brought in will be subtracted from his teams score. We are divided into two teams, and the losers must treat the winners to a chili supper. . . Our Junior and Senior FFA members attended the National FFA Convention last October for two days. . . We sold 37 gallons of anti-freeze to raise money for the chapter.

Gene Holt, Reporter

McPHERSON: Green Hand initiation was held January 24 with 15 Green Hands being initiated. . . Bob Krehbiel, our chapter president, sold 30 Angus deferred steers in Kansas City the first of November. He received \$24.00 per cwt. which was the highest price paid for fat cattle that day. The steers had been on full feed since July 15, and they returned him a nice profit. . . Among our shop projects are: 2 two-wheel trailers, 2 four-wheel trailers, spring-tooth carrier, motor overhaul on V-8 Ford, re-paint job on Farmall H, 2 livestock loading chutes, squeeze chute, and a repair and re-paint job on a tractor mower.

Darrell Ensminger, Reporter

CHANUTE: Our chapter has 43 members this year. Several members won prizes on their grain exhibits. Our chapter ranked Reserve Champion in the state corn judging contest sponsored by the Pfister Seed Corn Company. . . Large shop projects now under construction include: a loading chute, farm trailers, hay feeders, stock racks. Our pest eradication contest will end February 18. . . Our 20th Annual Parent-Son Banquet was held January 15. Eleven new members were initiated as Green Hands that night. We also elected two Honorary Chapter farmers. . . We have organized our FFA basketball team. . . Bill Young Chevrolet has furnished our new FFA pickup again, and we have re-painted the box.

Ronnie Poor, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: On December 15 our chapter held the annual Parent-Son Banquet. The theme was "Farmer of Tomorrow. . ." Charles Andrews gave his state winning speech, "From the Open Range to the Kitchen Range". William Wachs, the state FFA president, in his talk enumerated the things FFA has done for him. Mr. John Lacey, Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, showed the very informative film, "Farmer of Tomorrow". Five adults were presented the degree of honorary chapter farmer for their outstanding help with the chapter for the past year. The ten State Farmers of the past four years were special guests of honor at the banquet. . . The pest eradication contest has been completed. The losing team will treat the winners to a chili supper. . .

The chapter elimination speech contest will present their speeches at the annual Soil Conservation District meeting held on February 20.

Gary Harmon, Reporter

PARADISE: We have been conducting a pest contest for the past month. The chapter was divided into two sides and the losers will have to give the winners a party sometime in the near future. Individual prizes will be given to the three high scorers and will be awarded at the annual Parent-Son Banquet in the spring. Our instructor, Mr. Thomas, has been taking pictures of our farming programs and will show them at our Parent-Son Banquet.

Jon Anderson, Reporter

CONCORDIA: At our annual FFA Sweetheart Party, the sweetheart was chosen after she won the highest score on five contests used to determine which of the candidates would receive the honor. All candidates were members of the Future Homemakers organization at the high school. Each girl baked a cake during homemaking class and the senior FFA boys judged the cakes on appearance, texture and taste. At the party in the evening the girls demonstrated their shop skill by putting together a pre-cut miniature hog trough. Another part of the event was answering ten questions on agriculture and identification of ten common farm grains. After the contest our chapter president presented an FFA sweetheart jacket to the winner and an FFA charm bracelet to the other candidates. The program also included square dancing with Vic Tatro and his band. Tatro is a former member of our chapter and used a violin which he had constructed.

Richard Ramsey, Reporter

GREAT BEND: Members of our chapter and our advisor camped at the Cedar Bluff Lake and later took a six day vacation trip to Red Feather Lake and Cheyenne, Wyoming last summer. The trip was taken in a farm truck. . . Two of our members won prizes for crop entries at the Kansas State Fair. . . We served sixty-seven members, dads and guests at our annual Father-Son Chili Feed last November. . . We presented a television program over KTVH, Hutchinson, December 11. Our subject was "Vocational Agriculture". . . Completed shop projects include: 1 gate, 2 wooden cattle feed bunks, 1 four-wheel trailer bed, 2 salt racks, 4 wooden sheep bunks, 6 barrel type feed bunks, completely overhauled one mowing machine, ground valves on 5 gasoline engines, 1 community type poultry nest and one combination loading and dehorning chute. . . We have provided a full set of the recently approved pieces of paraphernalia and a new six foot felt banner for our meeting room. We re-painted our army surplus panel FFA truck emblems on the two doors.

Joe S. Trobel, Reporter

FORD: We are giving a box of shotgun shells for first prize and a box of rifle shells for second prize in our pest eradication contest. The losers are to give the winners a chili supper... Major shop projects at the present time include: 4 clothes-line poles, 2 mail boxes, a four-wheel hay trailer, a two-wheel trailer, and a TV tower.

J. E. Foshuhl, Reporter

GOODLAND: Many members of the Goodland chapter have sold most of their livestock because of the drouth and shortage of feed. Some of them have experienced three continuous crop failures... Our local veterinarian gave a very interesting talk on Alaskan farming at our December meeting... An illustrated talk on the early history of Sherman County was given at our January 24 meeting.

Darryl Bauman, Reporter

GOESSEL: Some projects that are being built in our farm shop are: 2 loading chutes, 2 implement carriers, a bale elevator, bale trailer, hoist, horse trailer, and a stock rack for pickup truck. A plow and a hammer mill are being repaired... We held our annual FFA carnival in December. The carnival is one of our money making projects. In January the REA brought displays and materials to show us different things about electricity and how to use it.

Jerol Schmidt, Reporter

NORCATUR: We have completed our pest eradication contest... The chapter bought an old Chevrolet car for the purpose of making a trailer to sell... We have been testing milk for various people in the community... Last fall our Ag. II and III classes replaced the sidewalks in front of the high school building... On October 26 our school carnival raised \$156.90 for the chapter funds.

Larry Lyon, Reporter

NATOMA: The annual Parent-Son Night was held November 5, with approximately 125 in attendance. After a banquet prepared by the mothers of the FFA boys, 5 freshmen boys recited the FFA creed. This was followed by a parliamentary procedure demonstration. The school board members were raised to the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree... On December 3, eight Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree and at the January 7 meeting eight freshmen were raised to the Green Hand degree... On our annual Junior Vo. Ag. trip to the Denver Stock Show, a total of 8 students and 9 adults attended the show for three days.

Harold Hagel, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: Thirteen freshmen recently received the Green Hand degree and eight sophomores received the chapter farmer degree. We are conducting our annual pest eradication contest. . . We presented a 12 minute program on Farm Safety over WIBW-TV on December 6, 1956. . . The chapter gilt ring is being carried on by two freshmen boys. Each received a Poland-China gilt last fall and they have been bred for spring pigs. . . When we completed our record books for the year 1956 we found the average net worth for the 29 boys enrolled in agriculture was \$749.89. . . Some of the shop projects completed or started are: hog troughs, tool cabinets, sheep feeders, 2 welding tables, 3 feed bunks, dairy feed cart, mail box mounted on a barrel, 5 farm gates, 2 chicken feeders, two-wheel farm trailer, two-wheel implement trailer, 2 sheep watering troughs, home-farm shop work bench, calf waterer, bolt storage bins, three tables for a local church and rebuilt a two-wheel implement trailer.

Wayne Harsch, Reporter

TROY: Recently our chapter attended "Economy Beef Day" at St. Joseph, Missouri. Our president, Wayne Albers, placed second and was awarded a five day trip to see different beef producing farms and ranches in Nebraska. . . Some of our shop projects are: 1 sickle grinder, several hog troughs, 2 small self feeders, 1 farrowing crate, 1 bale loader, picnic tables, flower boxes and six gates. . . Earlier this year we held a Father-Son chili supper and initiated six chapter farmers. Dick Owens of the St. Joseph Market Foundation was our guest speaker. The subject of his talk was "Livestock Losses Through Bruising". . . We plan to hold a Parent-Son Banquet this spring. . . We are now conducting a pest eradication contest.

Freddy Lewis, Reporter

WINFIELD: The chapters Christmas toy drive for needy children was very successful. We repaired and painted 871 toys, which were distributed by the Salvation Army. . . We are presently working on the details of our annual Parent-Son Banquet. We have voted to have a covered dish dinner. The program committee plans to have Dwaine Waite, a candidate for the American Farmer degree this year, show colored slides and discuss how he developed his farming program. Also two members will give the speeches they plan to present at the District FFA Speech Contest.

Larry Thiel, Reporter

BURNS: One of our freshman members entered 2 steers in the Wichita Fat Stock Show. Our chapter cleaned more than 2,500 bushels of seed wheat and barley for farmers in our community. We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet in November with the members providing the entire program. We bought a basket of groceries for a needy family at Christmas. At present the boys are testing milk for butterfat. . . Major projects under construction are: a portable workshop, stock racks for a pickup truck, a two-wheel trailer, a calf feeder, a motor scooter, a self feeder for hogs, and 2 gates. . . We are having our annual pest contest now.

Johnny Dormbush, Reporter

PRETTY PRAIRIE: Our chapter has 47 members. The Kayettes gave the chapter a barn warmer and in return we gave them a skating party. We also had our annual Fun Night. . . We have completed our annual pest control contest. . . Some of the shop projects that are being made are: two bale elevators, large earth mover, two irrigation trailers, four picnic tables, two chisels, one de-horning chute and three loading chutes. . . At the Kansas State Fair, Galen Schrag's cow and heifer won Reserve Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Junior Champion. . . Because of these winnings the Southern Kansas Guernsey Breeders Assn. payed part of his way to Waterloo, Iowa, where the National Guernsey Show was held. Cattle from 18 states were exhibited in the junior show and his heifer was fourth. In the open class his cow was 10th and was picked for best uddered class. In November the cow finished her second lactation with 608 pounds of butter fat, 12,226 pounds of milk in 305 days, twice a day milking.

Mark Collins, Reporter

PEABODY: Our Green Hands elected Junior officers in the Freshmen class. They held two meetings. One was among the boys the other for their parents. . . The Juniors and Seniors won the pest eradication contest. They will be treated to a skating party by the under-classmen.

Kenny Guthrie, Reporter

ERIE: We held our first FFA barn warmer last fall. Square dancing was a part of the program. . . We are planning for a TV show on February 15. . . We are now participating in the eradication of pests on the farms. . . For National FFA Week, we are setting up an exhibit up town in a store window. A week ahead of time we are going to set it up in the school. The exhibit includes a picture display (in a lighted box) and some models of machinery the boys have made in shop. . . We also sent \$5.00 to CARE. . . The projects that are now in shop are as follows: a hydraulic harrow leveler, a squeeze chute, three hay feeders, two saw horses, two gates, two loading chutes, three two-wheel trailers, one hog feeder, two anvils, and one tractor cover.

Russell Aikins, Reporter

BERRYTON: Last fall we held our pest eradication contest. . . On December 20, a chili supper was held in honor of promoting nine Green Hands to Chapter Farmer. We used the opening and closing ceremony and the parliamentary procedure demonstration during the initiation. After the meal a movie was shown. . . The Ag. classes have been using their new squeeze chute quite often. They have castrated and dehorned several calves. They are constructing another squeeze chute to sell.

Forrest Rainey, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: Our chapter has 40 members. We harvested two test plots of corn in October. Some of the shop projects are: 6 gates, two-wheeled trailer, and hog house. The chapter built a squeeze chute that is available for use... We held our annual pest eradication contest.

Marion Kramer, Reporter

TROUSDALE: Ten FFA members attended a welding demonstration school at Kinsley. We are making plans for our annual Parent-Son Banquet... One of the farmers in the community gave the FFA chapter an engine which we are using in our study of farm power.

David Paxton, Reporter

COLDWATER: We are planning our annual Parent-Son Banquet for March 14... We plan to pass a blanket at our next home basketball game to collect for the March of Dimes. We have set \$20.00 as our goal. Last year we collected more than this amount.

Duane Deyoe, Reporter

LABETTE: We placed second at the District Land Judging Contest, September 29. Several boys showed fat barrows at Wichita. Seven boys showed barrows at the American Royal at Kansas City... Our chapter now has in its program, a new farrowing house and beef barn. Both were completed last fall... We initiated 40 Green Hands into the chapter the eighth of November... The chapter has been raising money by selling Warfarin rat poison and also Christmas cards and all-occasion cards. We have enough money to pay for our banquet which was held November 17, in the school cafeteria... The FFA has been playing basketball with other FFA teams and school organizations. I am not reporting the results of these games... We will be host for the District Farm Mechanics School on February 11.

Billy E. Fultz, Reporter

HILLSBORO: We raised six freshmen to the degree of Green Hand and eight Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer degree. We are going to erect signs along the highways entering Hillsboro indicating that there is an FFA chapter in this area.

Allen Suderman, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: The Morrowville FFA chapter held their annual FFA Banquet, November 13. The theme for the banquet was "Serving by Giving". The eleven freshmen were awarded their Green Hand pins and eleven sophomores were awarded their Chapter Farmer pins... The boys have nearly finished a squeeze chute and are working on a loading chute.

Roger Newcomb, Reporter

BURLINGAME: Our parents were honored at our 5th Annual FFA Banquet held November 30, 1956. There were approximately 115 guests present. The theme of the program was "Tractor Tragedies" and featured a miniature tractor demonstration, to show how tractor safety pays off when the hazards of operation are understood. . . Colored slides entertained visitors in the hall-way until the tables were all made ready. Mothers were presented with corsages of chrysanthemums and fathers were given FFA pencils. . . Thursday, January 17, 1957 members of the sophomore Ag. class journeyed to Topeka to present a TV show on tractor safety. After the program the Burlingame boys and Mr. Weiser, our advisor lunched with Wes Seyler and other members of WIBW-TV farm service department. . . By years end our chapter will have appeared before seven different civic and farm organizations. February 11, the chapter will present a P.T.A. program. In March the chapter will have charge of "Farmers Night" at our local Rotary Club. The Saturday Afternoon Club will be host to our chapter in April at which time we will present a short program. . . Four of our members will compete in the speech contest to be held February 4, at Washburn Rural High School. . . Some of the major farm mechanics jobs under construction are: 3 feed bunks, 1 hay elevator, 2 portable loading chutes, reconditioning a mower, several large and small farm gates, and 5 hay wagons.

Bob Norton, Reporter

SOLDIER: Our chapter sponsored a pest contest. We divided our chapter into two groups, the loser to give a party for the winning side. . . We have taken three trips. Twenty-eight of our members went to Topeka to see the Purina Champion. Sixteen of our members went to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Our chapter went to John Deere Day at Holton.

Farrel, Holliday, Reporter

LAWRENCE: This spring our chapter is beginning a former activity. We are starting a gilt ring. The chapter is buying two registered Landrace gilts to give to two boys who will return two gilts of weaning age. These pigs are noted for being meat type. Last September 125 feeder lambs were bought cooperatively by five boys of the chapter. These lambs were fed different rations to see how they would gain. The lambs were sold January 15. Some of the larger projects in progress in shop are: 3 four-wheel wagons, 1 all metal silage wagon, a cattle shed on skids, and a squeeze chute.

Harold Mitchell, Reporter

HARPER: Our chapter initiated ten Green Hands on December 3. After the formal initiation the group entertained themselves with stunts and boxing, after which refreshments were served. . . Our pest eradication contest started December 1 and will continue until March 1. . . We are now making plans for our Parent-Son Banquet to be held early in March. Our chapter is scheduled to put on a television program over Station KTVH channel 12, March 13. We sponsored the Osborne Co. Future Farmer calendars this year.

Dennis Winters, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: We have twenty-four members in our chapter this year. We attended the Topeka Fair, and received many good ideas... We held a Harvester Dance last fall... We are holding a pest eradication contest... For our money making projects, we sold magazines. We put up the Ottawa County collective grain booth which placed third in our division at the Hutchinson State Fair. The booth consisted of grains, vegetables, fruits, and sorghums furnished voluntarily by the local farmers... We presented a float in our homecoming parade and later an assembly program before the student body... In our shop this year we have a large machine carrier, three squeeze chutes, park benches, two 16 foot gates, 1 large hog house, two loading chutes, and a bale loader.

John Matt, Reporter

GENESEEO: 18 boys received green hand pins at our December meeting. There were 28 parents in attendance at the meeting... March 18 will be our FFA Parent and Son Banquet, and the theme will be "The Farmers of the Future" ... Farm Safety is a major problem on all farms as well as on the highway, and the Geneseo FFA is planning a Safety Campaign in the spring to try and reduce some of the farm and home accidents in this community. The FFA boys will visit farms in the community and check for hazards and then return later and see if the hazard has been corrected... On February 18, will be the crops and poultry school at Peabody. Our boys will compete in the class to see who will be on the team... All Vocational Agriculture boys are preparing a speech for this six weeks work. The speech has to do with soil conservation or some phase of agriculture. Two of the outstanding boys will speak at the Ellsworth county soil conservation meeting February 14... Some of the shop projects being worked on or that have been completed recently are: a noble plow, 2 squeeze chutes, ford cultivator, 2 machinery trailers, 2 pipe racks, 1 calf cradle, 6 sets of clothes line posts, coat rack for Home Ec. room, cooker frame and holder, 3 two-wheeled trailers, 2 loading chutes, poultry cages, harrow hitch, 2 cattle guards, and several gates.

Ermon Beagley, Reporter