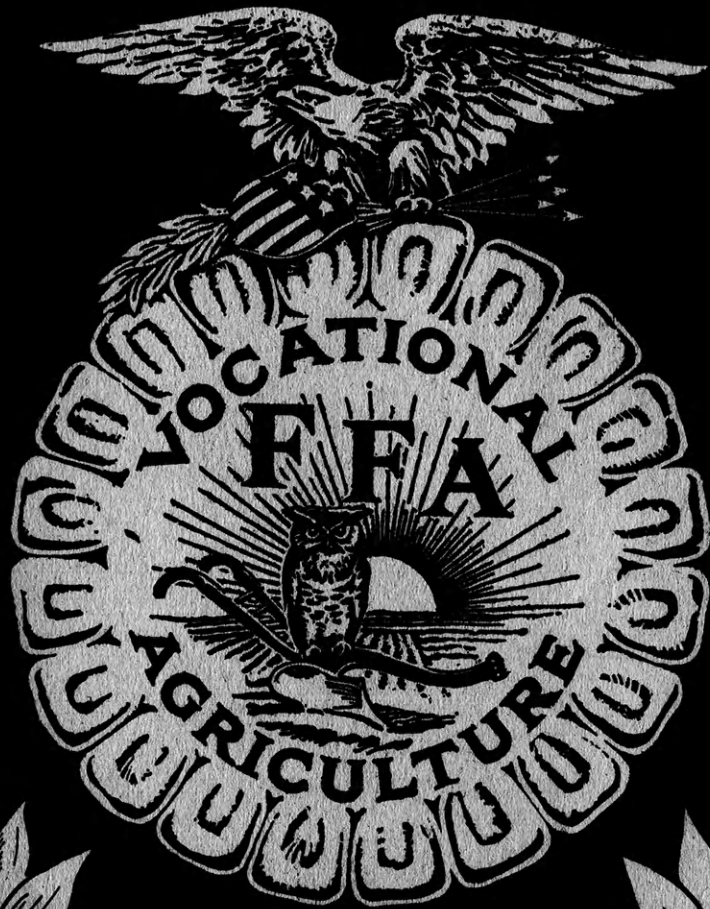


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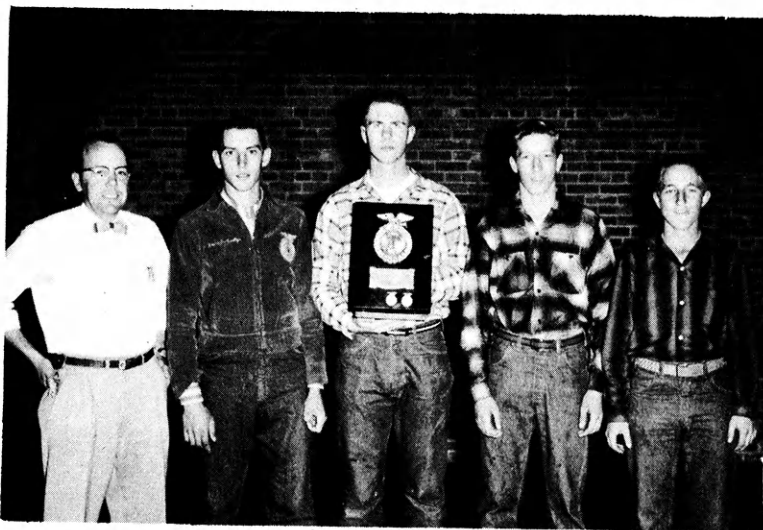
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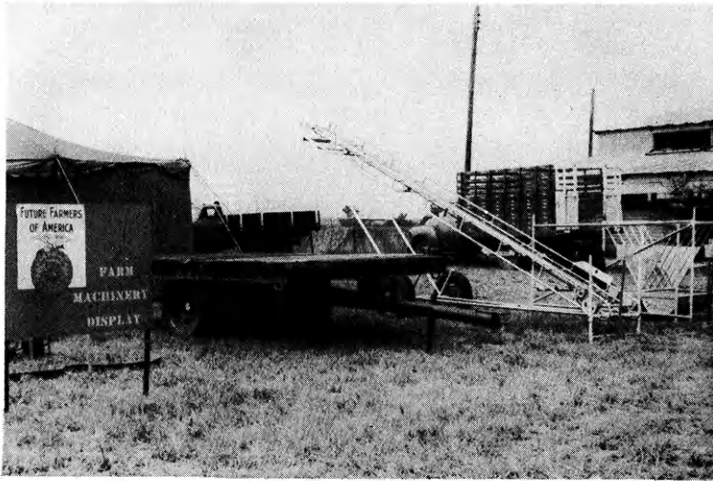


State Officers and a national FFA officer are now making plans for the State Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA to be held in Manhattan, April 26-28. Shown at left are past national president, Howard Downing and the Kansas president, Ralph Young.

Officers of the newly chartered Russell Chapter were initiated by the Ellsworth Chapter. Russell members receiving their degree pins are: L to R, Ronald Boxberger, Earl Goodheart, Stephen Fuller, Larry Elsasser, Glenn Newcomer, and John Radke.



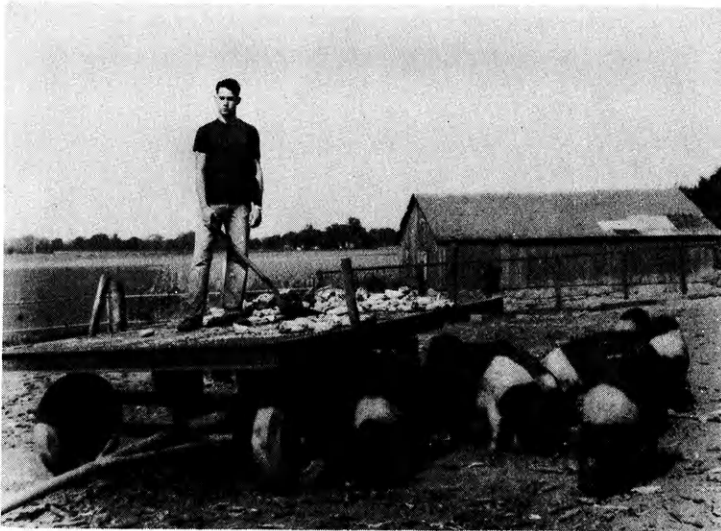
Top FFA team at the State-District Land Judging contest at Ellsworth last fall was the team at left from Ellsworth. From L to R: Advisor L. L. Crandall, Ronnie Svaty, Ed Armbrust, Rance Herdley and Robert Vodroska.



This Cloud County FFA Fair farm machinery and equipment exhibit prepared by the Glasco, Concordia, Delphos and Simpson Chapters helped to show the abilities of FFA members and gave many farmers ideas for equipment they could build.



Winners in the Tractor Driving Contest at the Girard Homecoming last fall were the Girard FFA members pictured above, L to R; Harry Oldham, second place; Marvin Murphy, first; and Ronald DeLange, third.



Gaylord Taylor, senior in the Winfield Chapter, feeding a group of his fattening hogs. The corn was from his 15-acre field and is being hauled on the four-wheeled trailer which Gaylord built in the Voc. Agri. shop. Gaylord's program and record are explained in the Farming Program Story section of this newsletter.



Richard Buller, Inman Chapter and his prize winning Angus steer. He won high honors with this steer at the Fort Worth and the El Paso, Texas beef shows. Last year Richard was president of the freshman class at Inman.

A T T E N T I O N

1959 State FFA Convention Plans

Because of the need for having a more representative group of our members take part in the planning of the FFA program in Kansas, we are scheduling five sessions in which the chapter delegates will be meeting to carry on the business of the association. It will be necessary for chapters to select delegates who are not members of any contest teams. Each delegate will be assigned to a committee. Chapters are being asked to name their team alternates as delegates, if alternates are taken to the State Contests. No plans are being made to entertain the alternates and others who are not delegates. However, all FFA members who are not in contests will want to attend the delegates' meetings. All delegates sessions, except the one on Monday night will be held in Williams Auditorium at the North side of the Campus.

Advisors who do not have special assignments will want to observe their chapter delegates in action and hear the special events that are being planned.

Advanced enrollment of delegates

Annual FFA report blanks will be mailed to the chapters about March 1. These are due back in the State Office April 12. Place your delegates' names on the designated blanks, if your chapter plans to seat delegates at the convention. This is important, because we will need to construct the standards for your chapter's name and make other plans. If you send a substitute delegate, inform the State FFA Officers at the time the delegates are being seated. Each chapter in good standing with the State Association and the National Organization may seat two delegates at the State Convention.

Music or other talent needed

Send in members' names and type of entertainment that could be provided for the delegates sessions. Vocal or instrumental numbers, stunts or readings are welcome. Entertainment from our own delegate group would be well accepted by the members.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1959 KANSAS FFA CONVENTION
Manhattan, Kansas

Sunday, April 26, 1959

7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. - Vespers Program (all members)
College auditorium

Monday, April 27

- 8:00 A. M. - First Delegate Session - Williams Auditorium
 9:00 - Greetings - National FFA Officer
 10:00 - Delegates Adjourn for Committee work
 11:45 - Adjourn for lunch
- 1:30 P. M. - Second Session - Williams Auditorium
 - Finals in Speech Contest
 - Old and new business
 - Talent
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Tour
- 7:00 - Third Session - College Auditorium
 - Granting of State Farmer Degrees
 - Music
 - Honorary State Farmer Degrees
 - Talent
 - Speaker
 - National FFA Foundation Awards
- 9:30 - Adjourn

Tuesday, April 28

- 8:00 A. M. - Committee Reports (Fourth Session - Williams Auditorium)
 - Music
 - Greetings from FHA Officer
 - Officer Reports
- 12:00 - Adjourn for lunch
- 1:30 P. M. - Officer reports - Williams Auditorium (Fifth & Final Session)
 - Music
 - Committee reports
- 4:00 - Election of Officers
- 6:00 - Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Program

BAND DIRECTOR BRUNNER NOW IN OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Dr. Henry S. Brunner has retired from the position of head teacher trainer of agricultural education at the Pennsylvania State University and has been appointed to a position in the Division of Higher Education in the U. S. Office of Education in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Brunner will continue to direct the National FFA Band which he has directed since its organization in 1949.

TENNEY TO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

Dr. A. W. Tenney, executive secretary of the FFA from 1943 to 1957, has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Agricultural Hall of Fame. Dr. Tenney has also been program specialist in agricultural education in the Central Region for the past 8 years. The Tenney's now are residing in Kansas City. The temporary national headquarters for the Agricultural Hall of Fame is at 916 Walnut Street in Kansas City.



In addition to serving as executive secretary of the FFA, Dr. Tenney was a member of the FFA Advisory Council and Board of Directors from 1949 until January 1, 1959.

While making his visits to Kansas, Dr. Tenney spoke at a number of FFA Parent and Son banquets and became acquainted with many of the advisors by visiting in the vocational agriculture departments. Kansas FFA advisors, teacher trainers, supervisors and FFA members who have known Dr. Tenney and have been familiar with his work with Future Farmers on a national level, will miss his enthusiastic leadership.

The Kansas Association of FFA wishes Dr. Tenney every success in his new position of promoting and developing the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

FIFTEEN KANSAS FFA MEMBERS WIN WELDING AWARDS

Fifteen Kansas FFA members won a total of \$1,000 for their outstanding work in arc welding in 1958. The awards were made by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation. School awards of \$600 were presented to the Clay County Community High School for the improvement of the shop mechanics courses. The Clay Center Chapter won the second award and two of the fourth awards.

Curtis Gardner, Clay Center Chapter, won second-place and \$400 on a "drill press." Lanny Siebold, Clay Center Chapter, won a fourth award and \$100 on a "post hole digger." Larry Henry, Clay Center Chapter, won a fourth award and \$100 on a "four-wheeled trailer."

Fifth-place award winners who received \$50 each were Gary Muller, Ellinwood Chapter, on a "four-wheeled trailer;" Carroll Ray Adams, Clay Center Chapter, on a "power hacksaw;" Merlyn Goodson, Kinsley Chapter, on a "sickle grinder;" and Jimmie L. Yarrow, Clay Center Chapter, on a "power hacksaw."

Sixth-place award winners who received \$25 each were Gerald Befort, Hays Chapter, on a "tire changer;" Neil Gray, Chanute Chapter, on a "tadem wheeled two-horse trailer;" Kenneth Palmgren, Brewster Chapter, on a "3-point hitch grader blade;" Ronald Adams, Chapman Chapter, on a "two-wheeled trailer;" Ken Krien, St. Francis Chapter, on a "four-wheeled lowboy trailer;" Steve Robb, Lawrence Chapter, on a "two-wheeled irrigation trailer;" Gerald Powell, Manhattan Chapter,

Fifteen Kansas FFA Members Win Welding Awards continued

on a "two-wheeled trailer;" and Ronnie Brink, Lawrence Chapter, on a "back blade."

FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The Thirtieth State FFA Speech Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Monday, April 27, 1959, 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 Williams Auditorium. Only the first, second, and third place winners in the junior-senior division (8 to 10 minutes speech) in the district FFA speech contests shall be eligible to compete in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest, except that in the southwest district only the first and second place winners shall be eligible. The number of eligible members is determined on the basis of the active memberships in the districts. Only one member from a chapter shall be eligible to compete in the state contest.

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 1959 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

When selected to compete in the State FFA Speech Contest contestants must be active members of chartered FFA chapters that have filed a Program of Work with the State Association on or before October 31, 1958, and that are in good standing with both the State Association and National FFA Organization.

The State Contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled in all-day high school classes in vocational agriculture during the current calendar year, or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered. Each contestant's written production is to be the result of his own efforts. It is expected that he will take advantage of all available training facilities in his local school in developing his speaking ability 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 1959 Kansas FFA Speech Contest.

FFA Speech Contest continued

Note: Speech contestants who plan to participate in either the Agricultural Judging or Farm Mechanics Contest on Monday, April 27, must obtain permission to compete in the Speech Contest from Professor H. R. Bradley, Kansas State College, at the time copies of the speech are submitted for judging.



Time Limit and Deductions

Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes. 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 of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof will be made for speeches under eight minutes in length or 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.

Pages 3 and 4 of the February, 1958, KANSAS FUTURE FARMER give a suggested list of speech topics and the names of publications which might be useful in preparing an FFA speech.

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 advisors 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 27, 1959.

Thought for 1959

When folks speak of a lucky person, There's a point they often miss.
The harder one applies himself--the luckier he is.

JUDGES SCORE SHEET 1959 STATE FFA SPEECH CONTEST

Part I. For Scoring Content and Composition:

| Items to be scored | Points Allowed | Points awarded contestants | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 1. Content of the manuscript | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Composition of manuscript | 100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Score on written production | 300 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Part II. For Scoring 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Less overtime deductions, for each minute or major fraction thereof | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Less undertime deductions, for each minute or major fraction thereof | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAND TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Numerical--or Final placing of Contestants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*From the timekeeper's record.

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

Part I--For Scoring Contest and Composition

1. Content of the manuscript includes:
 - Importance and appropriateness of the subject
 - Suitability of the material used
 - Accuracy of the statements included
 - Evidence of purpose
2. Composition of the manuscript includes:
 - Organization of the content
 - Unity of thought
 - Logical development
 - Language used
 - Sentence structure
 - Accomplishment of purpose--conclusions

Part II--For Scoring Delivery of Production

1. Voice includes:
 - Quality
 - Pitch
 - Articulation
 - Pronunciation
 - Force
2. Stage presence includes:
 - Personal appearance
 - Poise and body posture
 - Attitude
 - Confidence
 - Personality
 - Ease before audience
3. Power of expression includes:
 - Fluency
 - Emphasis
 - Directness
 - Sincerity
 - Communicative ability
 - Conveyance of thought and meaning
4. Response to questions includes:
 - Ability to satisfactorily answer the questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject, and ability to think quickly
5. General effect includes:
 - Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention

Up on His Hybrids

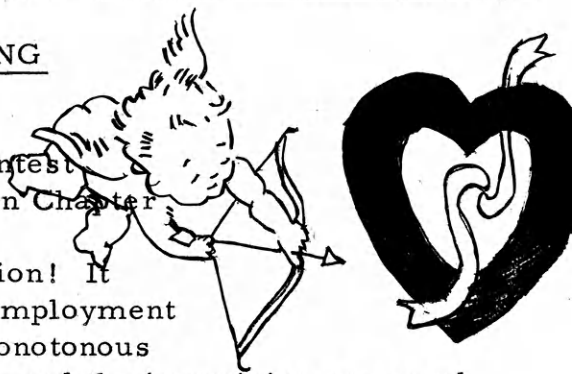
Little Jimmy, age four, was looking at a picture book. When he came to a picture of a zebra, mother asked him what animal that was.

Jimmy thought a moment, then replied, "That's a cow that ate hybrid corn."

THE CASE FOR FARMINGWinning Speech

1958 State FFA Speech Contest

By Dick Duer, Shawnee-Mission Chapter



"To be or not to be a farmer?" This is my question! It might seem easier in the minds of many to seek employment in office or factory. Their clock-punching and monotonous routine are favorably balanced by a steady income and the bargaining power of their union. But could I give up my freedom and the challenge of nature for this security, or could I trade the callouses on my hands for the ulcers and mental breakdowns of business executives?

Rural versus urban dwelling has been a controversial subject for generations, fluctuating one way and then the other during different periods of our nation's development. There are arguments pro and con. The city dweller is faced with possible unemployment; or, if he owns a business, price competition, high wages and possible failure. The farmer gambles against the hazards of nature and crop failure, as well as price declines. But there is always another sunrise, another planting season--and, "hope springs eternal."

The story of Ed Jones will illustrate the case against farming, as to natural hazards, fire, disease and accident. During Ed's last year at college, he rented a farm of 63 run-down acres. After classes he drove 34 miles to tend a batch of 650 broilers in batteries. When they reached about two pounds in weight, a fire destroyed them. Believe me, I know how much work went up in that smoke as I too have raised battery broilers.

Ed's first year was an uphill fight. His corn sickened to 30 bushels per acre. He lost half his soybean crop because he could not get it harvested on time. His sows lost most of their pigs; one heifer drowned in an ice coated pond. He had a new surge of hope when his first calf was born--then despair, when its mother refused to let it nurse and broke its neck with one vicious kick. Another time he stood helplessly looking out of a window while hail ripped his corn to shreds. Lightning struck and--yes--killed his bull.

Needless to say, in his first struggling years Ed was not concerned with over-production; nor were the nation's first farmers, our pioneer forefathers, who toiled early and late to produce enough food and shelter to keep their families alive. But today, one of the biggest problems in farming is over production. In 1910 the farm population made up 34.9% of the total population in the United States, while today it makes up only 12%. Since 1900 the total population of the United States has doubled. Why, then, with fewer farmers and twice as many people to consume their products, do we still have over production? It is because today one man can do what it took two to do in 1940. With the use of new machinery, hybrid corn and sorghum seeds, fertilizer, hormones to increase beef production, antibiotics to make healthier animals, chemicals to kill weeds, and pesticides to save crops from insects this has been made possible. Supply and demand is the first law of

economics. When supply exceeds demand, prices go down and the surplus is a drug on the market. Our government realizes the importance of the industry that feeds our nation and is constantly working on solutions to its problems, for no nation can for very long short sell the industry that feeds it.

Over production is not the only reason farmers have price trouble. Since 1951 the national income has been steadily climbing, and the farmer's income has not kept pace. The result to the farmer is the "cost-price-squeeze," the rising cost for what he buys and a leveling price for what he sells.

Well, in the face of these facts, you might say anyone who chooses to farm is "off his rocker." But let's take a look at the other side of the picture. We will consider first, nature, which played such havoc with our friend Ed Jones.

Despite Ed's unfortunate experience, the farmer's greatest asset is nature and all-for-free, once he gets control of his land. We start with old Mother Earth, the sustainer and receiver of all mankind. In her we plant the seed, a small miracle in itself. Germinated by moisture and nourished by the sun, it breaks its bonds and becomes a living, growing thing. We witness the miracle of birth-- a lamb giving its first trembling bleat--the new-born pig scrambling for a teat-- the bursting of blossoms in the orchard. All this gives a man joy and faith. When you go out at sunrise on a May morning and the sod springs under foot and you hear the sparrows waking in the hedge, you can't help but have faith. You know that every calf, bird and tuft of clover are part of a thriving concern, and it makes you proud and happy to be a part of "Nature and Company, Incorporated."

Combine the miracle of nature with the sweat of your brow, the strength of your muscles, scientific knowledge and courage, and you can make a "going concern" of whatever portion of this great land is given to your care.

Farm life gives you a sense of freedom you do not find in the city. You are free from being chained to a desk--free from being a number on a punch card--free to make your own decisions. It's the kind of freedom we call "feeling easy in the harness." You have no monotonous routine. No farm job lasts long enough to be tiresome. By the time the corn is laid by, the wheat is ready to harvest. When you run your fingers through your own wheat in the bin, you forget the labor and the burn of fertilizer dust in the cuts on your hands. And, if you don't feel free and peaceful when you walk through your own corn field on a Sunday afternoon, you should move to town.

Our own FFA Creed tells the joys and disappointments of farm life. "I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny."

Let's see how our friend Ed, is making out. Five years have passed and he has acquired a wife and three children, 52 additional acres, a herd of 20 cattle, 85 sheep, and 10 brood sows. All his machinery is paid for, and he is steadily whittling down the mortgage.

He met his early failures with optimism, courage, and hard work. He now enjoys a happy, healthy life with his family. He enjoys freedom, peace of mind, and hope for tomorrow--for he knows he is in partnership with God.

Yes, you won't find atheists on the farm. You can't experience an early sunrise over a dew-drenched field of clover, nor watch a field of wheat ripple and ripen in the sun without a deep belief, -the feeling that you are part of something as big as the Universe--and as lasting as time.

"Do you think your son will forget everything he learned in college?"
 "I hope so. He can't make a living just making love to the girls."

STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 2, 1959, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of Dr. R. J. Agan, Holton Hall, Room 103. The principle business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members of the FFA Executive Committee are:

C. C. Eustace, State FFA Advisor
 C. Peairs Wilson, Director School of Agriculture
 Dr. R. J. Agan, Head Teacher Trainer
 F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary FFA
 Harold Walker, Iola, President of K. V. A. A.
 Ralph Young, Tribune, President of the Kansas Association of FFA

C O R R E C T I O N

The Long Island FFA chapter officers should have been listed in the seventh-place position in the chapter listing of winners in the State FFA Information Contest last fall. The Long Island score was 518.

Modern Model

Wife (reading): "It says here they have found sheep in the Himalaya mountains that can run forty miles an hour."

Her Hubby: "Well, it would take a lamb like that to follow Mary nowadays."

NATIONAL FFA WEEK
February 21-28, 1959

Each chapter has received a booklet entitled "National FFA Week," which is a guide for local chapter activities. They have also received a pamphlet which gives a brief description of the Nation-wide program of vocational education in agriculture and the FFA.

Also the chapters have on hand a brochure, explaining the materials from the National Future Farmer Supply Service which can help make National FFA Week to be more effective in local communities. If you have not ordered your supplies from the Supply Service, please do so at once so that you might have them when needed during FFA Week.

The State FFA Office has a supply of the following materials on hand for chapter use:

1. Program for presentation before civic club, other organizations or school assembly.
2. "George Washington and the FFA" - a radio script.
3. "20th Century Visitor" - radio play.
4. Suggested television script.

Each of the above program suggestions can be adapted to fit a chapter's needs for materials for various occasions.

Additional facts regarding the FFA program in Kansas follow:

The Kansas Association of FFA was chartered September 3, 1929, being the 16th State chartered by the National Organization of FFA. During the first 30 years of its history, the Kansas Association has elected 2,339 members to the State Farmer Degree; 107 members have received the American Farmer Degree; two members were declared The Star Farmer of America; two members won the National FFA Speech Contest; and seven local FFA chapters have had the distinction of winning Gold Emblem Classification in the National Chapter Contest. One chapter was declared National winner in the National FFA Foundation Farm Safety Award Program. The Kansas Association in 1958 had 210 chapters with an active membership of 7,245. Membership in the National Organization of FFA is 377,922. There are 8,993 FFA chapters. Officers of the Kansas Association of FFA are:

Suggested Fact Sheet on FFA continued -

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THE FFA CREED

The FFA Creed was officially adopted by the delegates to the Third 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 near 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 of Agricultural Education at the University of Wisconsin.

KANSAS JUNIOR CATTLEMEN PLACE HIGH AT ST. JOE

Four Kansas FFA members placed in the top ten group of the entries in the Junior Cattlemen's Project at St. Joseph, Missouri, last December 4. The members were Fredrick Hall, who placed third; and Richard Wenger, fifth, from the Powhattan Chapter; and Lawrence Schrader, sixth; and Raymond Schrader, eighth, of the Effingham Chapter.

The Junior Cattlemen's Project is sponsored by the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce and emphasizes the handling of cattle on the deferred full-feeding program. Average figures for the 21 entries in the blue ribbon group are as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Initial Wt. per head | 424 lbs. |
| Final Wt. per head | 1040 lbs. |
| Gain per head | 616 lbs. |
| Daily gain per head | 1.71 |
| Corn Equiv., bu. per head | 39.1 |
| Total feed cost per head | \$ 79.45 |
| Sales price per cwt. | \$ 26.95 |
| Return above initial and feed cost per head | \$ 93.41 |

SO YOU'RE ON A COMMITTEE

Each FFA member serves on one or more committees each year in his local FFA chapter. Delegates to the State FFA Convention will consider many subjects or problems of importance to FFA through their work in committees.

The following guides may prove very useful to committee members, secretaries and chairmen:

For the Chairman:

- A. In preparation for committee work.
 1. Understand the job the committee is to do.
 2. Analyze the committee's job and consider tentative assignments.
 3. Develop agenda before each meeting, including members' suggestions.
 4. Supply each member, one week in advance of meeting, with a copy of the agenda and any data to be considered as a basis for action on each item.
 5. Schedule meetings at times convenient to committee members.
 6. Hold meetings under conditions that encourage most attention to committee business.
 7. Check facilities ahead of meeting time.

- B. In conducting the work of the committee.
 1. Open meeting on time.
 2. See that all committee members know each other and insure members' comfort.
 3. Develop a common understanding of -
 - a. The committee's assignment.
 - b. How it will proceed.
 4. See that all pertinent information is presented, reviewed, and understood.
 5. Make sure that each member states how he feels and what should be done about each item on the agenda.
 6. Direct discussion to relevant issues.
 7. Summarize often, considering points of agreement or disagreement.
 8. When discussion indicates general understanding and agreement has been reached, get a group decision.
 9. Repeat each committee decision as it will be included in the minutes.
 10. Make plans for the next meeting.
 11. Close meeting promptly.

- C. As a follow-up.
 1. See that members are notified as to date, time, and place of next meeting.
 2. Follow up on decisions and actions.
 3. See that other interested groups are advised of actions taken by the committee.

So You're on a Committee continued -

For the committee secretary:

1. Record all committee decisions and promptly prepare and make available to members copies of minutes following each meeting.
2. Keep an accurate file of committee minutes and actions and have them available for ready reference at committee meetings.

A. Under the direction of the chairman:

1. Prepare a brief one sentence description of each major subject or problem listed in agenda.
2. Assemble for committee reference all previous decisions or actions related to each item of the agenda.
3. Get agenda and a copy of all information bearing on items into hands of members one week in advance of meeting if possible.
4. Arrange for meeting place and other physical facilities necessary for effective committee work.
5. Notify members as to the date, time, and place of each meeting.
6. Arrange for resource persons and supplementary materials to aid the committee in dealing with items on the agenda.
7. Prepare analysis of alternative decisions or actions for the consideration of the committee.
8. Notify other interested groups of action taken by the committee.

For all Members:

1. Understand the purpose of the committee and the limits of its authority.
2. Become familiar with the basic information on each item before the committee, including previous relevant decisions and actions.
3. Canvass the group you represent for guidance on your committee work.
4. Be on hand and ready to work for the full scheduled time.
5. Accept the responsibility for discussing each item of the agenda.
6. Listen to others as they talk and give them the benefit of your reaction.
7. When in session, talk to the entire committee rather than to an individual member.
8. Consider the viewpoint of other interested groups.
9. Never jump to conclusions--examine all the facts, then make up your mind.
10. Give a clear-cut decision; don't hedge.
11. Fulfill assignments given by chairman promptly and fully.
12. Report committee actions promptly to those you represent.

So You're on a Committee continued -

Working Procedures:

In committee meetings the best thinking is done and the wisest decisions are made in an informal, warm, and friendly atmosphere.

To encourage a friendly, problem-solving approach, deal with each agenda item by answering the following questions:

1. What are the pertinent facts on the problem?
2. How do we feel about them?
3. What shall we do about the problem?
 - a. Pool information needed to solve the problem.
 - b. Explore possible solutions.
 - c. Determine consequences of various solutions.
 - d. Select the best solution to meet needs.
 - e. Reach agreement on a plan of action.

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AGRICULTURAL JOURNALISM CONTEST

The Journalism Department of Kansas State College has offered to furnish training kits for those teachers who are planning to enter an FFA member in the Ag Journalism Contest at the State Convention this spring. Please request the kits from the State FFA Office.

ACROSS THE BORDER

MISSOURI:-- Advance Chapter

"The FFA mail box post project has met with wide approval in the Advance community. Each member is permitted to build a mail box post during a two week period in the farm mechanics shop."

OKLAHOMA:--Wetumka Chapter

"Eighteen Wetumka FFA members are taking part in a 120-day feeding program with the help of the Oklahoma City stockyards. The boys recently weighed in all of their steers for the beginning of the feeding project and will market them at the end of the 120-day period."

Across the Border continued -

NEBRASKA:--Ansley Chapter

"The Ansley FFA members have started another year with a heavy schedule of activities. Two teams represented the chapter in the Area Land Judging Contest at Alma where they placed third. Thirty of the chapter members traveled to Omaha to take part in the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation District FFA Recognition Banquet. The local chapter was presented with a beautiful loving cup and a \$500 check for completing the top Soil Conservation Program in the State."

"Two teachers have been invited to each meeting to help improve the relationship and develop a better understanding of our FFA program. Members are planning to invite two nonagriculture students from each class to all of the remaining meetings to improve school relations."

"The money won in the FFA-SCD Contest has been used to purchase parts for another grass seeder. The original seeder will be loaned to the Soil and Water Conservation District. Members will get to use the new seeder by purchasing a share for \$5.00. Operating expenses will be taken out and eight percent interest paid on all the money invested in the seeder..."

CHAPTER NEWS

PARTRIDGE: The highlight of our fall activities was our Halloween party... At Green Hand initiation, the boys were required to recite the FFA creed and to answer questions concerning FFA history... We made \$247 by selling fire extinguishers. We are also selling booster tags... Our annual Sweetheart Dance will be held near the time of Valentine's Day.

Dave Warnken, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: Our FFA chapter had a freshmen-parent meeting in Nov. The Green Hand degrees were awarded to 8 freshmen boys at this meeting... We sold 100 fire extinguishers and made \$100 profit. We are also selling rat poison. We are currently having a pest eradication contest. An essay contest was held for the chapter heifer. Only the freshmen and sophomores were eligible. The winner was Ronnie Harrison, a freshman... We have planned to visit the farming program of each member... As a community service we have butchered three hogs and a steer... One of our FFA members, Gary Carpenter, accidentally shot himself in the hand with bird-shot while hunting... Our shop projects include a self-feeder, two feed bunks, a loading chute, several hog troughs, a DC welder, a large doghouse, and several two-wheeled trailers.

Jim Kent, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Last summer Delbert McElfresh and Donnie Miskimon went on a trip to Pennsylvania State University. The trip was the result of the chapter winning third-place in the State Cooperative Activities Contest. The boys were invited to the District annual meeting of the Kansas Cooperative Council to give a report of their trip... Last fall Roger Sowers took a trip to Chicago. This trip was awarded to the chapter for winning the District Farm Safety award... Recently we purchased 1800 feet of pipe to be used in our shop projects. Some of our major shop jobs include: 3 two-wheeled trailers, and 3 four-wheeled trailers. Six 20-foot feed racks have been completed by members and young farmers... On Nov. 5, Larry Reh received the Sears Sheep Award for commercial sheep production... Five of our members purchased registered Yorkshire gilts. Three boys purchased grade Hampshire gilts... The FFA boys and the FHA girls are planning a chili supper. The proceeds will be sent to CARE.

Henry Huddlestun, Reporter

ESKRIDGE: Our chapter chartered a bus and went to the Kansas Free Fair for our first school year activity. A father-son watermelon and softball game was held last fall. Seven freshmen were installed as Green Hands at a parent-son meeting in Nov. At Christmas time the FFA and Kayettes held a caroling party at which we rode through town in a wagon pulled by a team of horses as we sang to shut-ins... We are now participating in a county wide pest eradication contest. A single shot 22 rifle is the prize for the top eradicator in our chapter... Some equipment we have built for the shop includes a rolling tool panel, portable oxy-acetylene cart, and a movable clean-up barrel. Some of the shop projects

now in construction are a sheep self-feeder, combination hay and grain feeder for dairy calves, cattle feed bunks, hog self-feeders, combination hog and calf squeeze chute, false floor for a pickup, and a masonite canopy for a pickup.

Charles Eastman, Reporter



ATWOOD: We have taken various field trips to projects of several FFA boys... Shop jobs of the boys consist of: making an electric hack saw, overhauling a gasoline engine, making hog feeders, constructing a sheep self-feeder and a welding table.

Rudy Niermeier, Reporter

MARION: At our Dec. 15 meeting, we initiated 14 Green Hands and received 5 Honorary members... Our pest control contest began Dec. 1, and ends Feb. 28. The member with the highest number of points will receive a 22 caliber rifle... As a money making project, we sold 120 fire extinguishers making one dollar for each extinguisher sold. We also sell concessions to other school organizations... During FFA Week we will have an assembly in our high school auditorium, where we will show a short film, and present awards of Star Farmer, Safety, Beef, etc. Also during FFA Week we have a PTA program where we plan for a member to give a short speech about the FFA. The officers will present and explain the opening and closing ceremony and the freshmen and sophomores will construct the emblem. At the local Kiwanis meeting during FFA Week one of our members is planning to give a short talk about FFA. We plan to have an article in the local paper and distribute FFA posters in the store windows during FFA Week... Two of our members have entered the KCMO calf contest.

Gary Helmer, Reporter

ALTON: At one of our recent meetings, the manager of the Alton elevator explained the operation of the new elevator. This was followed by a field trip of each class to the elevator. At the present time our shop projects consist of: a loading chute, 2 two-wheeled trailers, 3 feed bunks, a doghouse, a hog self-feeder, a squeeze chute, two gates, and the painting of a weeder and a tractor... We are planning our annual carnival for Feb. 7. On Jan. 6, our department was host to 20 voc. ag. instructors from north central Kansas for an area meeting.

Don Cordill, Reporter

KINGMAN: We sponsored a fire extinguisher sale in which 196 extinguishers were distributed at a profit of \$150 for the chapter. Individual prizes were also won... We initiated 18 Green Hands at the Dec. FFA meeting. Chapter membership stands at 50... Last week the chapter received 3 gilts from members who had started in our gilt ring a year ago. These were distributed to 3 new members... The annual pest eradication contest ended Jan. 6... Members of our chapter attended the McKenna Ranch field day in Oct.

Bennie Voran, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: The freshmen won the pest contest which ended Jan. 9. The other three classes will give a wild life program and serve chili as refreshments Feb. 12. The total numbers of pests destroyed for the entire contest included: 2,052 sparrows, 192 mice, 474 starlings, 1 crow, 89 rats, 6 coyotes, 18 prairie dogs, 11 moles, and 71 jack rabbits... The chapter will help sponsor a swine school and judging contest on Sat., Feb. 7, in connection with the Vern Albrecht sale of purebred Durocs... In shop we have made two 16-foot feed bunks and a self-feeder that holds 300 bushels. We have butchered four hogs and two beef; have started a boat trailer, 2 metal feed bunks, and a two-wheeled machine trailer. We have also made concrete hog troughs.

Dennis Mannering, Reporter

MANKATO: Our junior class attended the veterinary open house at Kansas State College recently. The boys returned home with a new outlook toward the field of veterinary medicine... We promoted a sale of fire extinguishers. This proved to be a profitable as well as a definite safety promotion project... In cooperation with the local HDU, our boys built a picnic table for the City Park. The boys built the table in shop... Our members and their dates thoroughly enjoyed a hayrack ride to the country early in the fall. The evening was spent in roasting weiners and marshmallows and in dancing.

Richard Colson, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Our Dad's night program consisted of a talk by Floyd Blauer, the Stockton voc. ag. instructor. We also had a demonstration on wheat varieties and quality, a farming program talk, and initiated 15 freshmen to the Green Hand degree... Our chapter reported the sale of \$103 worth of fire extinguishers during a contest by the chapter... Some of the shop activities are: chicken feeder, one two-wheeled trailer, one 4-wheeled intandem horse trailer, two feed bunks, 4 sled weeders repaired, 2 tractors overhauled, one dehorning gate, one Maytag engine overhauled, one car overhauled, one model A Ford pickup overhauled, and runners of two spring tooth harrows hardfaced... One of the boys recently purchased three registered cows and one registered Angus bull calf for his livestock in his farming program... The number nine class is studying parliamentary procedure. There is a total of 35 members in our chapter.

Maurice Pomeroy, Reporter

DODGE CITY: We raised 18 members to the Green Hand degree... We have constructed 49 cattle feed bunks ranging from four to sixteen feet in length, two farrowing crates, 45 grass cages for the Soil Conservation Service for use on grazing lands under contract to compare used areas with those in non-use for management purposes. We have now under construction two horse trailers, power lawn mower, gates, hog troughs, two chicken batteries, tool box, three hog self feeders and overhauling a one cylinder engine... Our chapter barbecued the chicken in connection with the southwest poultry meeting held in Dodge City, Jan. 6... We are raising broilers again this year for our parent banquet to be held in April.

Cary Wilson, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: We sold fire extinguishers to raise money for the annual FFA banquet. . . Just before Christmas, members brought gifts wrapped in white for distribution among the needy. . . A pest eradication contest was just completed. . . A recent decision made was to change the gilt ring constitution - a member having an FFA gilt must return two fat hogs instead of two gilts with which to purchase another bred gilt.

Lynn Millenbruck, Reporter

ST. PAUL: Our boys in shop have made 2 squeeze chutes, 6 gates, 12 hay feeders, 5 feed bunks, and 6 picnic tables. . . We obtained good profit from our Donkey Ball Game. . . We are starting a Hampshire gilt ring with the most qualified boy receiving the gilt. . . The FFA is planning a barbecue for the parents, faculty and special friends associated with farming.

Jim O'Toole, Reporter

BAZINE: We recently initiated 8 Green Hands. . . Our shop projects include 3 bunk feeders, 35 sections of portable corral, 1 soil undercutter, 1 cattle rack for pickup, metal grain bed extension for pickup, grain box for unloading auger and one lawn mower. . . We constructed and placed nine-foot scrapers around the high school building. . . We sold 301 fire extinguishers in a safety campaign.

Duane Schneider, Reporter

CHENEY: We entered five shop projects at the State Fair last fall. . . The chapter officers attended the National FFA Convention. . . We have two applicants for the State Farmer Degree. . . The projects that the members are working on in shop consist of: 3 hog houses, 2 sheep feed racks, 2 feed bunks, a post hole digger, and a 4-wheel trailer.

Sheldon Garnett, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: We held our annual Dads' night meeting Dec. 3. At the meeting 13 Green Hand Degrees were granted. There were 90 in attendance. After the meeting recreation consisted of boxing and wrestling. . . Our chapter completed its pest eradication contest on Feb. 1. . . Each member is filling out a safety check on his and one neighbor's farm. . . Our annual parent-son banquet will be held on Feb. 25. The State President will be the guest speaker.

Harry Lightner, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: Shop jobs being constructed are: 3 loading chutes, a hoghouse, a combination hay and grain feeder, a welder, several items being painted, and a bale loader. . . The chapter is engaged in a pest eradication contest. . . March 31 is the date set for our annual parent-son banquet. . . The chapter cleared approximately \$200 in its annual magazine subscription campaign.

Robert King, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: We held our chapter farmer ceremony Dec. 10. Nine members received the degree. On Jan. 5, thirteen freshmen received the Green Hand degree. . . At our Nov. meeting Dr. Umberger, the local veterernarian, gave a very interesting talk. . . The average net worth of our chapter members is \$590. Our chapter has completed a letter award system. Letters are earned through FFA and vocational agriculture activities. . . Harveyville is participating in a county-wide pest eradication contest. . . We had the honor of putting on a program for the local Lions Club last Dec. 17. Our chapter plans to set up a DeKalb seed test plot. Some of our shop projects include wagons, gates, hog feeders, a squeeze chute and pig brooders.

Ralph Bullock, Reporter

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Our chapter's field-corn project was completed with a \$235 net profit. Although at one time the 15-acre field stood in water five feet deep, the corn averaged 65-bushels per acre. It was sold from the field. . . We adopted a Christmas family this year. This is the 30th consecutive year we helped families at Christmas time. . . A meat judging school for the East Central District was sponsored by our chapter. It was held Dec. 13. Due to bad weather only four schools attended. They were: Bonner Springs, Lawrence, Burlingame and Shawnee-Mission. The school was held in the meats warehouse section of Safeway Stores in Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Delmar Reiger, a member of the K-State Meats Judging team was in charge and gave a very worthwhile demonstration. . . We built a third plastic house, which was used for a broiler project.

Paul Green, Reporter

HERINGTON: Our meats judging team attended the Meats Judging School at Salina and competed in the state contest at Wichita. We placed third. . . We have just finished our pest eradication contest. We killed 3,171 pests. . . On Dec. 11 we raised 6 members to the Green Hand Degree. . . Our shop projects this year include: 3 sets of clothesline poles, 2 gates, a combination hay and feed rack, hog troughs, 2 feed bunks, as well as a large number of farm equipment repairs.

James Biehler, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: We held our annual dad-son chili supper on Nov. 4. Our formal initiation of 9 Green Hands was held before the supper. The initiation was presented by a ritual team made up of the sophomore class members. The high school faculty men were guests. Fifteen members attended the National Western Stock Show in Denver on Jan. 17 and 18. Admissions were furnished by the local Citizens State Bank. . . A safety and fund-raising campaign of fire extinguisher sales is now in progress. . . Principal shop projects at the present time include: converting a truck into a "farmhand", overhaul automobile transmission, clutch and differential, building a shop work table from steel tubing, and several hog and calf troughs made out of steel tanks.

Bob Northrup, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: Our chapter is competing in a pest eradication contest with three neighboring chapters. The two low chapters are to treat the two high chapters. The points are to be figured a point per member basis...Some of the shop projects completed and in the making are: two wagons, two wagon beds, two stock racks for pickup trucks, several rakewheel gates, and a creep feeder...We plan to paint the classroom as a class project.

Lonnie Steere, Reporter

BUHLER: Our chapter sold 150 fire extinguishers. We also sold and distributed rat poison. The results were very encouraging. In our community we had one of the worst plagues of rats for many years. It was necessary for us to reorder several times. The poison was sold at cost...To further encourage safety we are conducting a survey. Each member is surveying his own home. All hazards found will be removed, if possible, by the middle of February...The chapter has 1,000 pounds of minerals on hand for swine, cattle and sheep. Each member is encouraged to use these minerals to improve his breeding stock. We are getting ready for our annual parent-son banquet...Projects underway in our shop are: Implement trailer, 4-wheel bale racks, power lawn mower, a 2-blade 6-foot power take off power mower whi rl cut, a corral fence, a stock rack for pickup, self-feeders for hogs, 2-wheeled trailer, sets of clothesline poles, mineral feeder, and a rabbit hutch.

Alan Miller, Reporter

MORLAND: Our chapter held an Ag I parent meeting in Oct. The parents were taken on a tour of the agriculture building and served refreshments...A pest eradication contest was conducted during Nov. and Dec. The losing team is sponsoring a Father-son soup supper...Some of our farm mechanics shop projects completed or now in construction consist of: An 80-bu. creep feeder for calves, two 14-foot feed bunks, one with hay feeder, metal pickup stockracks, hayfork for a stacker, calf working chute, 20-foot bed and 4-wheel trailer, tractor motor overhaul, 2 A-type hog houses, chicken nests, a 2-wheel trailer with combine tank, 50-foot TV tower, two 8-foot wooden gates, and 3 clothesline poles.

Kenneth Bell, Reporter

SCANDIA: Our pest contest ran for two weeks. The highest 4 scores received prizes. The senior class fireproofed the doors of a rest home...In shop we are overhauling a machine trailer and building a grain box on a flat bed. We built several farrowing crates...The upper classes are studying how to make out income tax returns on their farming programs...We plan to attend the Albrecht's Duroc judging school at Smith Center.

Ronald O. Odell, Reporter

HOXIE: We started our new semester with a new FFA advisor. He is Mr. C. L. McIlvain from Oklahoma. He taught seven years at Union City, Oklahoma... Our chapter has 40 gilts in the gilt ring, so we will have around 80 gilts to come back to our chapter...Our chapter was host Jan. 14 at the annual soil conservation meeting. Our annual parent-son banquet will be Mar. 18. Our chapter will be

host to the northwest district crop judging contest Feb. 9... Shop projects include: one squeeze chute, one garden tractor, one motor overhaul, 8 steel gates, 6 hog troughs, 2 steel cattle feeders, 1 wooden cattle feeder, and one sheep feeder... Our chapter will have a crop judging team and a livestock judging team.

Edward Wegman, Reporter

JEWELL: We assisted with the annual corn show by building booths and Edward Oplinger, our president, prepared an exhibit of his Hybrid Milo Test Plots... The chapter is now preparing for the chili feed. We plan to show the movie "That Inspiring Task" as a part of the program... Shop projects at the present time include: 8 hog troughs, gate, farrowing crate, and trailer.

Jerry Collie, Reporter

NORTON: At our last meeting committees were appointed to prepare for our annual parent-son FFA banquet to be held in Mar. An honorary chapter farmer has been selected by the chapter and will be presented at the banquet... One dollar is offered at each chapter meeting to some member whose name is drawn at the door who can recite the FFA Creed from memory. If the dollar is not claimed it does into a jackpot and another member is picked at the next meeting... Our chapter has been invited to a chili feed on Feb. 11 by the Almena chapter... Plans were made at a recent chapter meeting for celebrating National Future Farmers of America Week by attending a local church as a group on the Sunday of FFA Week... The Norton chapter plans to attend the annual Albrecht duroc hog sale and judging contest on Feb. 7 at Smith Center, Kansas.

Richard Hahn, Reporter

LOUISBURG: The total farming program net worth of the 33 FFA boys is \$31,286.83. Each of the 10 freshmen FFA boys purchased "A Future Farmer Lives Here" sign and it is displayed in front of his home... Recently the 7 Honorary Chapter Farmers of our chapter had a calendar printed with the chapter's picture on it. These will be distributed to all FFA members, board members, teachers, and business men... During National FFA Week, the chapter will put on a program at the Lions Club, display an FFA booth in a store window, attend the church of their choice wearing their FFA jackets, and display FFA posters. A page will be used in the local newspaper to publicize the FFA. A special issue of the newspaper will be put out so all people in the community will receive a copy... FFA road signs are displayed on all four roads leading into Louisburg... The freshmen and sophomore voc. ag. boys sold \$162 worth of Farm Journal magazines last fall... We have 12 gilts out in the FFA gilt ring this year. They are registered Hampshires and will start to farrow Jan. 31... The FFA chapter put on a TV program Dec. 20, on KCMO... Our annual FFA banquet will be April 2. The program will be put on by FFA members. The shop and classroom will be open for inspection... Our chapter attended the National FFA Convention last fall. A bus took us to the Convention early in the morning. We divided into groups of 6 and there was an FFA officer in charge of each group. We attended all sessions and left in the evening after the FFA talent show... Some of the shop projects we have now are: 2 low-boy trailers, 2 two-wheeled trailers, 1 four-wheeled trailer,

4 barrel feeders, 1 hay and grain bunk, 6 metal gates, 3 metal loading chutes, 2 wood loading chutes, 2 farrowing crates, painting 2 tractors, repair and repaint a plow and mower.

John Meyer, Reporter

HOLTON: We finished our annual pest contest on Jan. 9. A total of 19 coyotes, 282 rats, 1,994 sparrows, 555 mice, 10 crows, 123 starlings, 144 pigeons, 2 moles, 36 jack rabbits, were killed. . . The FFA is planning a party with the FHA in the near future. . . Our shop projects include: 4 trailers, 1 feed bunk, 1 chicken feeder, 1 tractor overhauled, 2 gates, 3 picnic tables, and 1 stockrack. . . We also have two applicants for State Farmer this year. . . We are well pleased with our registered Duroc boar.

Don Schuyler, Reporter

REPORT ON FARMING PROGRAMS

WINFIELD CHAPTER: Gaylord Taylor, a senior in voc. ag. at the Winfield High School, started his farming program as a freshman with two gilts which he purchased with money he had collected from the sale of scrap iron. These first gilts produced very small litters so he replaced them with a sow. This sow developed milk fever and the nine pigs were lost. Even though Gaylord was discouraged because of these set-backs, he continued in the swine business. He worked closely with his voc. ag. teacher and his father in improving his management, and three years later his total supply was 262 hogs. A recent report on his program showed that he had 22 fat hogs, 110 pigs, 16 sows, and one boar.

Gaylord purchased two registered gilts and a registered boar in 1957 so that he could improve his breeding stock. The blue ribbons he has received at the county fair and the premium he has received for his market hogs proves that he has done an excellent job of selecting his breeding stock. Besides his hogs he has three Hereford cows, one calf and a steer.

Gaylord's financial success is to a large extent due to the fact that he has grown his own feed crops. In 1958 he harvested 10 acres of milo, which yielded 65-bushels per acre, 15-acres of corn, 10-acres of wheat and 10-acres of alfalfa as pasture.

In shop, Gaylord has built a 4-wheeled trailer, loading chutes, self-feeders, hog panels, troughs, automatic waterers, and has remodeled a chicken house so he could use it as a farrowing house.

Report on Farming Programs continued -

Gaylord is president of the Winfield FFA chapter, president of his 4-H Club, a member of the county council, a member of the MYF, was chapter Star Farmer and District FFA Foundation Swine Production award winner last year.

Gaylord plans to attend college in his home town next year so that he can continue his farming program.

MARION CHAPTER: One member of the Marion chapter, Kenneth Meisinger a senior, is well on his way to becoming established in farming. Kenneth started his first year with one fattening calf, 4 pigs, 15-acres of wheat, and 8-acres of corn. During the last three years he has increased his farming program to 30-acres of wheat, 20-acres of corn, 13-acres of maize, and 47-acres of alfalfa. He also has 80 pullets and one heifer.

Kenneth is trying to get established in farming and he is making good progress towards that goal.

Gary Helmer, Reporter

ELLIS CHAPTER: Our annual pest-control contest is now under way. We have included no fur bearing animals or game birds on the list. We hold regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

The Ellis FFA president, Henry Fischer, has an outstanding farming program. He started as a freshman with a baby beef. As a sophomore he expanded his farming program to include a cow, a heifer, a fat steer, a gilt, and 10-acres of wheat. He made a bale loader in our shop that year. As a junior Henry was elected president of the FFA. His program was expanded to 2 cows and 2 heifers, a sow and 2 litters, a gilt and 2 litters, and a boar. In addition to this he had 10-acres of wheat and 12-acres of milo. In shop he made a hog self-feeder and a farrowing house. Henry is now a senior and was re-elected as president of our chapter. His farming program consists of one cow, 6 heifers, 10-acres of wheat, and 10-acres of milo. His hog enterprise has been expanded to 5 sows and litters. After graduation Henry plans to farm with his father.

Orval Weigel, Reporter