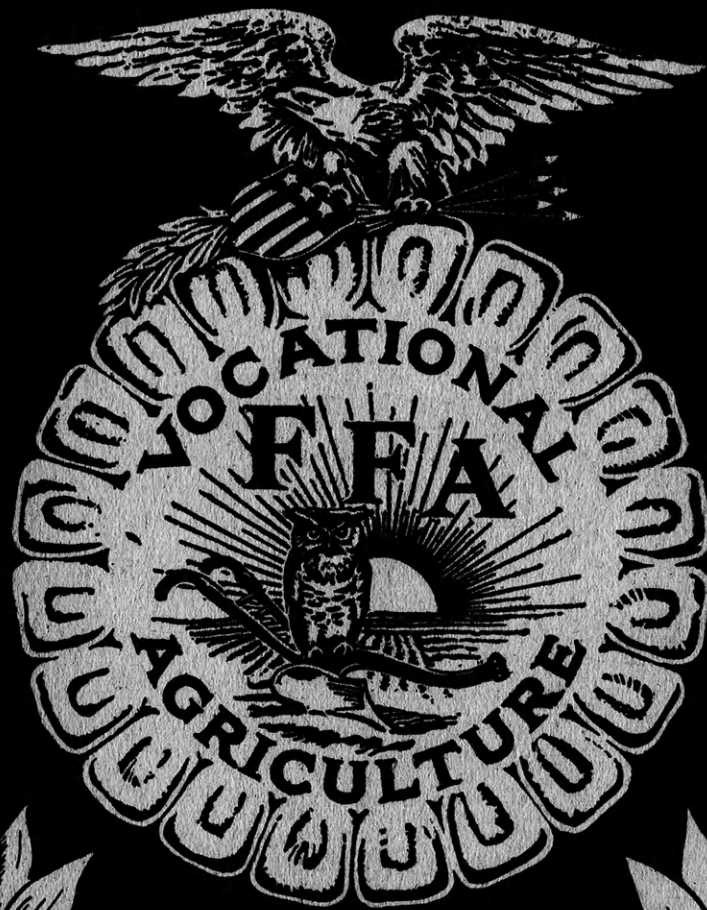


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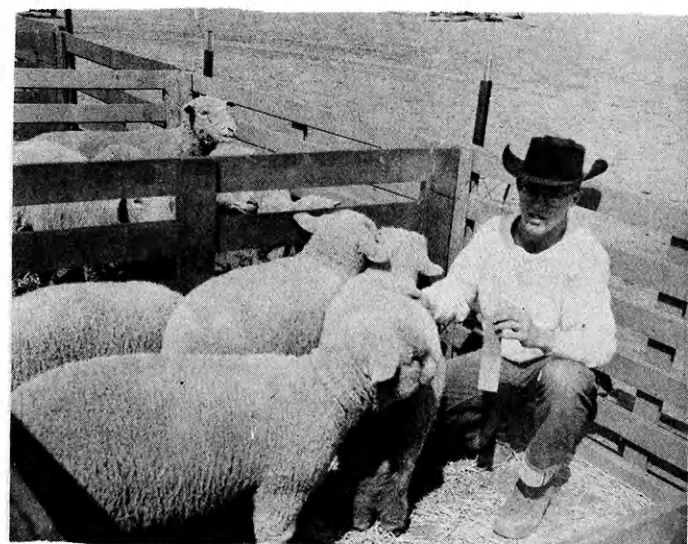
On February 9, 1959, a group of officers of the Kansas Association of FFA met with Governor Docking to take part in the signing of the Governor's proclamation that February 21-28, 1959, be observed as "National FFA Week" in Kansas. Pictured above from left to right are: Dr. R. J. Agan, Head teacher trainer of Vocational Agriculture, Kansas State University; Larry Justice, Shawnee-Mission, treasurer; Elton Aberle, Sabetha, secretary; Governor George Docking; Gary Harmon, Ellsworth, sentinel; Richard Heiman, Beloit, vice-president; and F. R. Carpenter, Topeka, Executive Secretary.



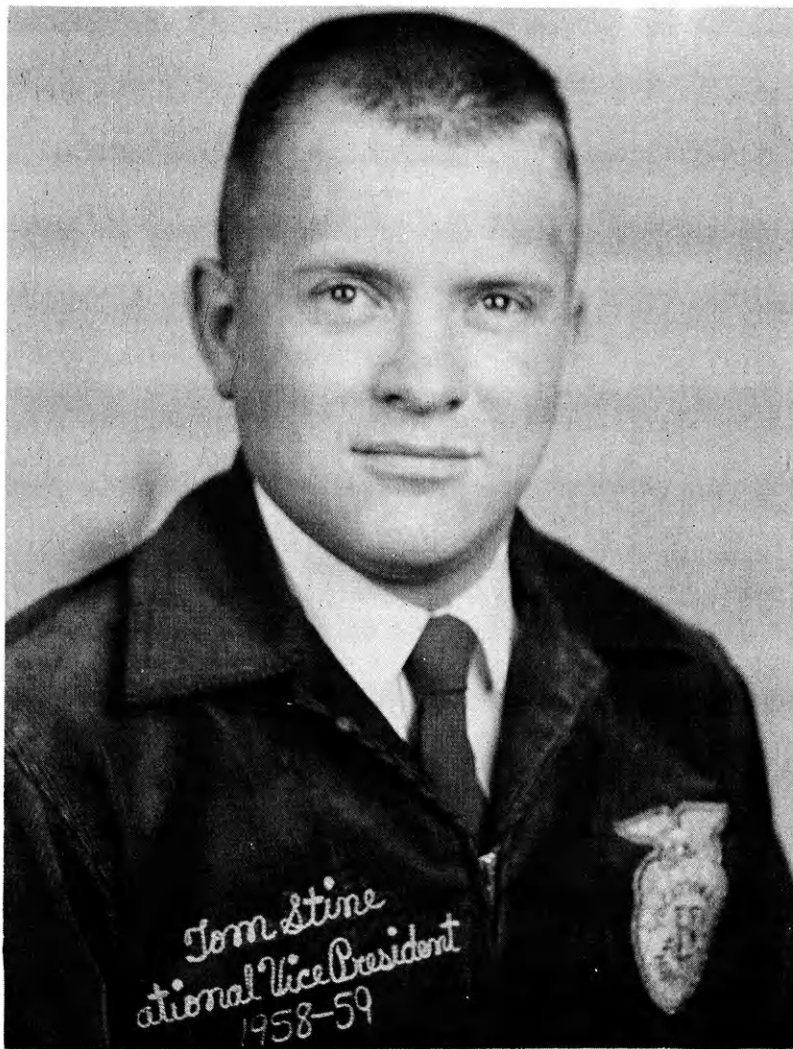
Officers of the recently chartered collegiate chapter of FFA at Kansas State University, seated from left to right are: George Huitt, Cainsville, Missouri, parliamentarian; Bill Fultz, Altamont, reporter; Larry Johnson, Fredonia, vice-president; Joe Seibert, Overland Park, president; Larry Justice, Shawnee, secretary; Gary Harmon, Ellsworth, treasurer; and Carl Whitcomb, Neodesha, sentinel. Standing are: Dr. R. J. Agan, at left, assistant advisor; and P. N. Stevenson, advisor.



Members of the Buhler, Haven, Partridge, and Pretty Prairie chapters receive instructions from J. J. Rockers, area soil scientist, prior to the Land Judging Contest in Reno County.



Garth Brown, Lebanon FFA Chapter, is shown with a pen of fat lambs from his range ewe, fall lamb program. The Lebanon FFA members hold a farming program exhibit each spring.

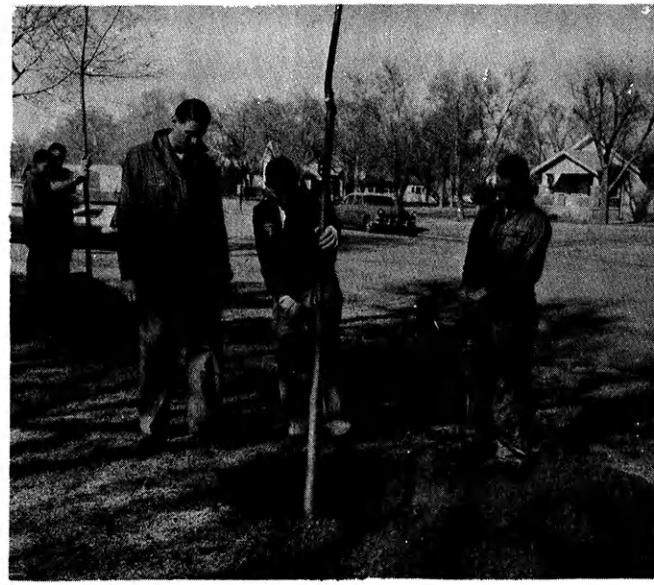


Shown at left is Tom Stine, National FFA Vice-President from Ozark, Missouri.

Tom will be attending our State FFA Convention in Manhattan April 26-28.

Tom completed four years of vocational agriculture and was president of the student body of the Ozark High School before graduating in 1956.

He is now a junior at the Missouri College of Agriculture and is majoring in dairy production. He also has worked as a radio announcer for station KBIA in Columbia.



Left to right: Wayne Krob, Advisor Marvin Hackmeister, and Darrel Moss of the Plainville Chapter, are planting redbud trees as a community project. Chapter members and advisor have planted over 100 trees on the local golf course and in the city park.

Mr. Loren Detwiler, Wakeeney Chapter advisor, is giving a demonstration in tree planting to the sophomore vocational agriculture class.

PRESIDENT YOUNG ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

As the State President of the Kansas Association of FFA, I am pleased to issue the call to the Thirty-first Annual State Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, which is to be held April 26-28, 1959, at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

As you probably know, the convention will include five sessions this year. I hope you will choose your delegates carefully, and try to select boys who will take part in our committees. You are probably aware that the delegates will carry a bigger load than in the past. It is important that the delegates do not hesitate in taking part in the business meetings, because there are several items of business to be considered. I am sure you will enjoy the various talent presentations and the other parts of the program that are being prepared.

We are most fortunate that Tom Stine, national FFA vice-president, from Ozark, Missouri, will be with us. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to work with my fellow officers and Tom, throughout the convention, and in personally meeting as many of you as possible.

Help us to make our convention a most successful one by attending and taking part.

Ralph Young, president
Kansas Association of FFA

Why Be Represented at Your State FFA Convention?

By C. C. Eustace, state advisor

A convention is a costly affair. It takes money and time to get a large group of people together for several days. A convention is hard work. People who participate in conventions are usually glad to get home to their jobs. Why, then, do people hold conventions? Why should your chapter be represented at the State FFA Convention? The answer to the first question points out the answer to the second question.

Organized groups of people, who are engaged in the same business, meet together to discuss and reach a common decision on their like problems. Policy for the ensuing year may be set. Production goals may be established. A price pattern may be set. Existing and new markets may be discussed. A feeling of unity and working together for the common good is cemented.

Farmers today run a huge business, but form a small percentage of the total U.S. population. This makes them less powerful politically than they were in years past. You Future Farmers are potential leaders of agriculture. You know what you would like to see in the future for the farm family. You produce a product that everyone consumes. It is a most important product. In your Future Farmer work you learn how to conduct a business meeting and how to express yourselves. This ability can be useful in your community, but this is not enough; your support can be still more useful on a state or national level. Your leadership can help

Why Be Represented at Your State FFA Convention? - continued

in developing and maintaining a nation of farm families who are efficient producers and good businessmen. Every Future Farmer chapter in Kansas should select members with a sound knowledge of farming and outstanding leadership ability to attend your State Convention. The results can be worth many times the cost.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

Applications for the American Farmer Degree are due in the Topeka Office May 15, 1959. Address application materials to F. R. Carpenter, State Board for Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka.

PICTURES PLEASE

We need black and white pictures of farming programs. They should be about 3" x 4" but if you do not have that size, send them in as they are. We can use them in newspapers, magazines, TV shows, and for various displays.

KANSAS COOPERATIVE COUNCIL AWARDS TO THREE CHAPTERS

The three high chapters in Kansas in cooperative activities in 1959, according to the reports submitted to the Kansas Cooperative Council, were: First, Arkansas City; second, Effingham; and third, Beloit. These chapters were awarded plaques at the annual meeting of the Kansas Cooperative Council in Hutchinson on April 1. Professor H. R. Bradley, Kansas State University, presented the plaques.

The advisor and one chapter member from each of the three above chapters will be awarded an expense-paid trip to the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation, which is to be held at the University of Illinois this summer.

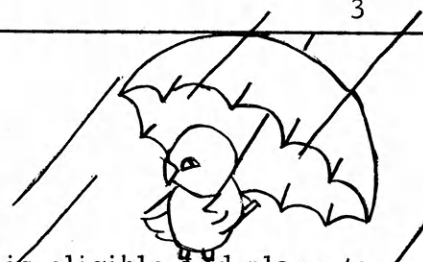
Flying over the mountain an airline hostess handed out chewing gum to passengers.

"It's to keep your ears from popping at high altitude," she explained.

When the plane landed, one of the passengers rushed up to the hostess and said: "Okay--now how do I get the gum out of my ears?"

REMINDERS

from

Professor Bradley
Kansas State University

Mailing dates below are important to any FFA member who is eligible and plans to take part in the Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests, the Dairy Products Judging Contest, the Entomology Contest, or the FFA Speech Contest, to be held at Manhattan in connection with the Thirty-sixth Annual State High School Vocational Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics contests, April 27-28, 1959.

MAILING DATES:

- April 13, 1959: FFA SPEECH CONTEST - Entries for the FFA Speech Contest are to be in the mail not later than April 13. Three typewritten copies are to be mailed to Howard R. Bradley, Department of Education, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas.
- April 13, 1959: AG. JOURNALISM CONTEST - Entries for the Ag. Journalism Contest are to be in the mail not later than April 13.
- April 13, 1959: AGRICULTURAL JUDGING CONTESTS, FARM MECHANICS, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND ENTOMOLOGY - Entries for the Agricultural Judging Contests, the Farm Mechanics Contest, and for the Dairy Products Judging Contest are to be in the mail not later than April 13.
- April 13, 1959: CONTESTANTS' HOT LUNCH CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS TO ACCOMPANY CONTEST ENTRIES - Money orders or checks (no cash) to Agriculture Education Club for contestants and delegates must accompany contest entries April 13.
- April 13, 1959: COLLEGE HOUSING - All reservations for beds, together with \$2.50 per bed, should be made to Dr. R. J. Agan, Department of Education, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas. Make check payable to K. V. A. A.

Note: FFA activities - State Farmer and Foundation Award applications, delegates' names and Annual FFA Report, and National Chapter Award entries are to be sent to the State Board for Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas.

Coaches of Agricultural and Farm Mechanics teams who do not have their entries in the mail or delivered to H. R. Bradley by April 13 will not be permitted to have their teams compete in any part of the contest.

FFA Report Due

The Annual FFA Report, due April 2, is needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at the time of the convention. Place delegates' names on FFA Report so that a placard can be constructed for your chapter prior to convention time.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE FOR 1959 STATE FFA CONVENTION

Sunday, April 26:

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM - College Auditorium

Vespers program - Everyone invited.

State Advisor, State President, National Officer, good music,
and an appropriate address will be presented.

This will not be a business session.

Monday, April 27:

Williams Auditorium (North side of Campus)

8:00 AM to noon -

First Session in Williams Auditorium and classrooms in same building.

Lunch for delegates and contestants - Animal Industries Building
(near Williams Auditorium).

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM -

Second Session Williams Auditorium.

Business, finals in speech, entertainment, and scholarship
presentation.

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Tour.

7:30 PM to 9:15 PM - College Auditorium

Third Session - State Farmer Degrees, National FFA Officer,

K-State singers, Address by Governor Docking, National

FFA Foundation Awards, and Honorary State Farmer Degrees.

Tuesday, April 28:

8:00 AM to noon -

Fourth Session - Business, entertainment, report from FHA, and
from teenage chairman of March of Dimes.

Lunch - Animal Industries Building (for delegates and contestants).

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM -

Business, film, entertainment, scholarship presentation.

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM -

Election of State Officers.

6:00 PM -

(Animal Industries Building) Chicken Bar-B-Q and program,
courtesy Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

Announcements of the contests results.

Note: Sunday and Monday nights' programs will be in the College Auditorium. The remainder of the Convention program will be in Williams Auditorium and the nearby Animal Industries Building.

ALL ATTENTION ATTRACTED TO FFA

Clippings from many local newspapers showed that the FFA chapters in Kansas did a magnificent job of telling the story of vocational agriculture and FFA to the public during National FFA Week.



Some chapters received full-page coverages which included farming program pictures, scenes of repairing farm machinery, and illustrations showing activities of community service. News stories, which accompanied these pictures, gave the history of FFA, both on the national and local levels, and the purposes and objectives of the organization. News from the chapters to the State Office indicated that many radio, television, high school assembly, and civic club programs were presented by FFA members. Also, window displays were popular in showing chapter programs.

RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

On October 1, there were 6,392 students enrolled in 207 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of March 26 was 6,874. The percentage of membership based upon October 1 enrollment was 108%.

Two hundred chapters have paid dues to date. Seven chapters are delinquent.

One hundred fifty-seven chapters reported a paid-up membership of 100 per cent or more. Forty-three chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

The five chapters having the highest paid-up membership for the year were: Altamont - 102; Linn - 76; Effingham - 72; Oberlin - 68; and Lawrence - 67.

In case of error in percentage of membership below, we will be glad to have you notify us so that correction can be made in the May issue of THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER.

Those chapters having a membership range from 176 per cent plus are:

Harper	Hiawatha	Hoxie	Hoyt
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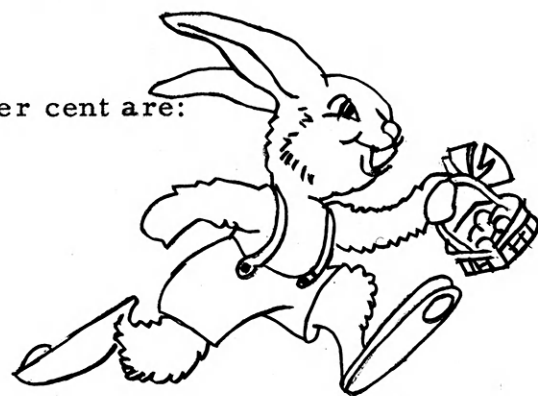
Those chapters having a membership range from 151 to 175 per cent are:

Alta Vista	Cedar Vale	Ellsworth	Kingman
Belleville	Edson	Goodland	Oberlin

Rank in FFA membership continued

Those having a membership range from 126 to 150 per cent are:

Abilene	Lebanon	Hanover
Alma	Linn	
Arkansas City	Marysville	
Atwood	McPherson	
Brewster	Miltonvale	
Burlington	Minneapolis	
Centralia	Morrowville	
Council Grove	Paradise	
Ellis	Partridge	
Fairview	Powhattan	
Garden City	Quinter	
Glasco	Spearville	
Hill City	St. Francis	
Holton	Stockton	
LaCrosse	Wakeeney	
Lakin	Wakefield	



Those chapters having a membership range from 101 to 125 per cent are:

Almena	Effingham	Kincaid	Norcatour
Altamont	Elk City	Kinsley	Osborne
Altoona	Ellinwood	Kiowa	Palco
Barnes	Ensign	LaCygne	Paola
Berryton	Erie	Lawrence	Peabody
Beverly	Eskridge	Lebo	Phillipsburg
Bird City	Eureka	Liberal	Plainville
Bonner Springs	Fort Scott	Lindsborg	Riverton
Buhler	Frankfort	Longford	Sabetha
Caney	Garnett	Long Island	Salina
Chanute	Geneseo	Lyndon	Simpson
Chapman	Great Bend	Manhattan	Solomon
Clafin	Haddam	Mankato	Stafford
Clearwater	Harveyville	Meriden	Tribune
Coffeyville	Haven	Morland	Troy
Colby	Highland	Moundridge	Udall
Columbus	Hope	Mulvane	Wamego
Concordia	Humboldt	Natoma	Waverille
Cottonwood Falls	Inman	Neodesha	Wellsville
Courtland	Iola	Newton	Wetmore
			Williamsburg
			Yates Center.

Rank in FFA membership continued

Those chapters having a membership range of 100 per cent are:

Alton	Goessel	McCune	Randolph
Bazine	Hays	McDonald	Rossville
Beloit	Hugoton	Ness City	Scandia
Blue Mound	Jennings	Oakley	Sedan
Delphos	Jetmore	Osage City	Severy
Dorrance	Jewell	Oxford	Smith Center
Florence	Johnson	Parker	Wilson
Fredonia	Marion	Pretty Prairie	

Those chapters having a membership range of 90 to 99 per cent are:

Burlingame	Emporia	Leoti	Syracuse
Cheney	Ford	Louisburg	Topeka - Seaman
Cherryvale	Girard	Merriam	Valley Falls
Clay Center	Herington	Ottawa	Washington
Clifton	Hillsboro	Riley	Westmoreland
Dodge City	Howard	Silver Lake	Winfield
Downs	Independence	St. Paul	

Those chapters having a membership range of 80 to 89 per cent are:

Burns	Hoisington	Norton	Topeka -
Chetopa			Highland Park

Those chapters having a membership range of 47 to 79 per cent are:

Attica	Mullinville	Preston	Topeka - Washbu
Holcomb	Onaga	Russell	Uniontown
Meade	Pratt		

NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT
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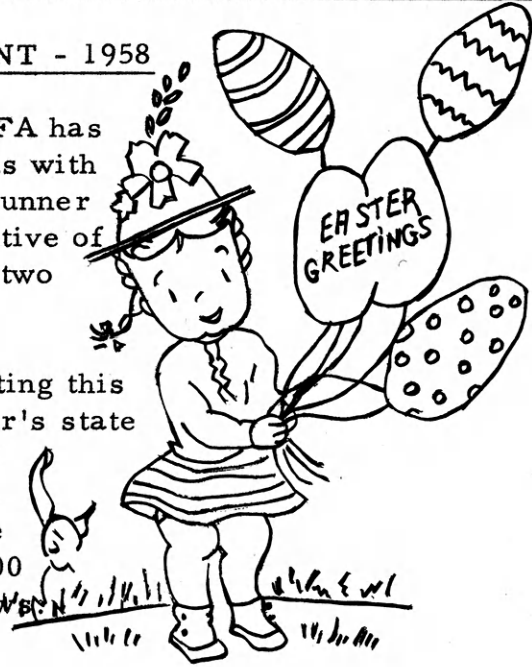
Tom Stine, national FFA vice-president, Route 2, Ozark, Missouri, will be a feature speaker at the Kansas State FFA Convention to be held April 26-28 at Manhattan. Tom was elected to this position at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last October.

A man remains wise as long as he seeks wisdom--the moment he thinks he has found it, he becomes a fool.

BAND AND CHORUS STATEMENT - 1958

For several years, the Kansas Association of FFA has been providing the National FFA Band and Chorus with some of our state's top FFA musicians. Dr. Brunner and Dr. Hatch, the directors, are very appreciative of the Kansas contributions to the success of these two organizations in Kansas City each year.

Kansas members have each had a part in supporting this venture; since approximately 18¢ of each member's state dues has been used this year to support our band and chorus members. The Kansas Association pays one-half the cost of the uniforms and all the travel insurance and subsistence (maximum \$3.00 a day for meals). A statement of expenses follows:



Expense: (National Band and Chorus 1958)

20 uniforms (10 chorus - 10 band) -----	\$ 150.00
Total paid for band travel and subsistence -----	519.19
Total paid for chorus travel and subsistence ----	539.90
Insurance -----	46.20
Total Expense	<u>\$1,256.09</u>

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.
1958 Distribution of FFA Awards

The following indicates the distribution of the National FFA Foundation money which was awarded to Kansas last year:

<u>Award Area</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dairy Farming -----	\$ 100.00
Farm Elect rification -----	100.00
Farm Mechanics -----	100.00
Farm Safety -----	100.00
Public Speaking -----	153.28
Soil and Water Management -----	100.00
Star State Farmer -----	200.00
American Farmer -----	1,525.00
Judging -----	146.75
State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership -----	<u>963.27</u>
Total Distributed in Kansas in 1958	\$3,488.30



CHAPTER NEWS

SPEARVILLE: Chapter members planned and prepared food for 125 guests at our Parent-Son Banquet. Citation certificates were given parents of the Chapter Star Farmer and the DeKalb Accomplishment Award winner. Chapter members gave the entire program and entertainment. Eighth-grade boys were table waiters. The film "Four Star Farmers" was shown after the banquet. . . Five members gave a TV program recently at Great Bend. . . A group of members and the advisor are planning a two weeks tour through the hog-beef cattle corn producing areas in Illinois and Iowa this summer. During National FFA Week, the local newspaper carried several articles concerning the FFA. Members used FFA stickers on all correspondence.

Melvin Habiger, Reporter

LEBANON: Our Parent-Son Banquet is planned for May 1. At the banquet, the tables will be arranged in a position to form the letters FFA. . . On May 22, we plan to hold our achievement day. All FFA members will bring in their livestock to show. Ribbons will be given and the boy with the most points has his name engraved on the plaque in the hall. . . In shop we are building a squeeze chute, loading chute, gates, pig feeders, clothesline poles, feed bunks, panels for sheep, and a 2-wheel trailer. We are also repairing a oneway 3-bottom plow and putting on new points and edges. . . We recently put up new FFA signs by the highway at each entrance to our town. At our last meeting our local veterinary gave a talk on various diseases, parasites, and their control.

Ronnie Stanley, Reporter

OXFORD: Last month our chapter completed our pest eradication contest with the losers treating the winners to a chili supper. Fifty members and their Dads were served. Immediately following the feed, the junior ritual team raised the Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer, and the sophomore ritual team conducted the meeting for initiating the Green Hands. . . Several members have earned FFA jackets by selling subscriptions to the Farm Journal. . . Some of the shop projects include the following: Two 4-wheel trailers, 2 machinery carriers, 2 tractors in for repairs and painting, 3 farrowing crates, and 3 air compressors.

Kenneth Thomas, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our Pest Eradication Contest ended Jan. 30. The losing side treated the winning side after the show, which was sponsored by the chapter. . . A roller skating party was held with the FHA girls. Our Parent-Son Banquet will be held Apr. 30.

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The chapter raised a total of \$110 selling fire extinguishers. . . Some of our shop jobs completed or under construction are: Individual hog house, 2 loading chutes, forage feed rack, garden tractor, bale elevator, feed bunk, and pig panels.

Richard Bull, Reporter

KIOWA: Our chapter is sending a team to the National Land Judging Contest at Oklahoma City, Apr. 30 and May 1. We won the county and district contests at Medicine Lodge and Coldwater respectively. . . Our shop jobs include: One sheep feeding trough, a sheep dip vat, 2 horse trailers, 3 picnic tables, and 2 stock racks. . . Our chapter has worked on 130 cattle, 35 sheep, and 10 hogs for farmers in the community. . . Our Father-Son Banquet will be held in Apr. .

Gene Loyd, Reporter

POWHATTAN: We have purchased a Yorkshire boar to be used in our gilt ring. . . Our Parent-Son Banquet is scheduled for Apr. 9. . . In shop we are making a loading chute, 3 flatbed trailers, 2 self-unloading wagons, 3 bale loaders, squeeze chute, lift for the back of tractor, overhauling 2 tractors, wheeled disc, and harrow carrier. . . The sophomore class planted a windbreak. . . We recently dehorned and castrated cattle.

Fred Hall, Reporter

FRANKFORT: We entered the poultry contest at Wamego, the crops at Valley Falls, and the farm mechanics at Troy. . . At the close of our pest eradication contest, the loosing team gave a party for the winning team. . . Our shop projects include the construction of hog troughs, chicken feeders, trailer beds, self hog feeder, and a wheelbarrow. . . We sold fire extinguishers to raise money for the chapter. . . We are planting 2 test plots of grain, and 2 test plots of forage sorghums this spring.

Gary Pillard, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our pest contest was completed Mar. 2. Pests killed included 2,373 sparrows, 555 starlings, 719 mice, and 64 rats. Five FFA clothing prizes were awarded to the high five individuals. FFA ball point pens were awarded to members of the winning team who brought in 1,500 points. The losing team treated the winners to pop and candy at an FFA basketball game. . . Our shop projects include: Six portable steel loading chutes, dehorning chute, 2 steel gates, steel rose trellis, and one steel hay and grain combination feeder.

Gary Stamm, Reporter

The cost of living is always about the same---all a fellow has.

HAVEN: Our team placed first in the farm mechanics contest at Ellinwood. We observed National FFA Week by publicizing the FFA and its activities in the school and local newspapers. We also displayed on a machinery dealer's lot a large number of farm shop projects that had just been completed. We received many favorable comments on the display in the press, and from local citizens. Included in the display were: Three cattle squeeze chutes, 3 loading chutes, 3 hay feeders for cattle, a metal hog feeder, self unloading grain wagon, Ford carryall, Ford hoist, a shop built tractor with bulldozer and tool bar hydraulically operated, revolving mineral feeder, garden tractor, and playground equipment. . . Projects now being built in shop include: A combination hay and silage feeder, 2 Ford hoists, a 28-foot harrow carrier, a 30-foot overshop carrier, a tandem wheel machinery trailer, a 4-wheel hay trailer, 2 loading chutes on wheels, 8 pipe gates, 6 sawhorses, 3 picnic tables, 6 hog troughs, 3 sheep feeders, 3 wood gates, a blocking stand, a cattle guard, a breeding and ringing chute for hogs, 2 clothesline poles, 4 barn doors, a poultry self feeder, and 200 electric fence posts. . . Fifty members of our chapter attended the Wichita barrow show and school on Mar. 20. We are planning to have our spring farming program tour in April. We will take a full day for the tour, visit as many outstanding farming programs as possible, and have a picnic at noon.

John Scheele, Reporter

COLBY: As a result of our pest control contest, the losing team is giving a mountain oyster fry for the winning team. The winners are furnishing the entertainment for the evening. . . On Jan. 17 the FHA and FFA sponsored the fourth annual snowball, an all-school formal dance. . . During National FFA Week, we presented an assembly program. . . We initiated 16 Green Hands at our regular meeting on Feb. 25. The parents of the members were invited to this meeting.

Kenneth Rohn, Reporter

RILEY: We have 26 members in our chapter. For money-making projects we have sold fire extinguishers, magazines, and some gilts from our gilt ring. . . Our chapter's FFA sweetheart was crowned at the Riley Fall Grain Show. . . Some of our projects in the farm shop include: Loading chutes, grain carts, a self-feeder for small pigs, several gates, feed bunks for cattle, a hay feeder for cattle, and hog sheds. Some of the members painted tractors and other farm machinery. . . We held a skating party on Mar. 9 for members and their dates. . . We helped landscape the Methodist Church parsonage.

Earl Llewely, Reporter

INMAN: Our chapter purchased 12 bred gilts for \$45 per head. These gilts were purchased last Nov. and farrowed in Jan. We had good luck with all except two gilts. We had an average of 8 pigs from 10 gilts. One of the gilts was not with pig; we sold her with no loss except time. The other one contracted Lepto. We vaccinated her and all the other animals on the place. This was a lesson for the other boys who immediately had their livestock vaccinated for the disease. . . Twelve of our members will show livestock at the State Fair and

Inman continued

at the Jr. Livestock Show in Wichita. For this year's show, 6 members purchased calves from registered herds last Oct. They will show them next Sept. and Oct. The other 6 boys are going to show swine and fat lambs. Two boys are raising their own registered swine. The other 4 boys will purchase lambs in May to show in Oct. These lambs are usually purchased at the lamb sale on the Harold Tonn farm near Haven, Kansas. The lambs must be from registered stock.

Don Enns, Reporter

CANEY: We have 17 new Green Hand members this year. Our sophomores and seniors attended the Fat Stock Show at Dewey, Oklahoma. Our freshmen class has been weighing litters at the Messner Duroc Farm for production registry. We have 4 Duroc gilts in our fattening pen. These will go to market the last of May. . . We will have a spring freshman-parent night in Apr. and our Parent-Son night the last of Apr. We have established a loan fund in the FFA account to finance student projects this spring. We sponsored an FFA basketball team this winter. . . In shop we are building one 4-wheel trailer, two 2-wheel trailers, one horse trailer, one 14-ft. boat, one creep feeder for swine, picnic tables, gates, basketball goals and stands, swing standards, athletic equipment, and hog feeders and waterers.

Johnnie Atkinson, Reporter

OSBORNE: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet Mar. 10 with 130 parents, guests, and members present. . . Local FFA Foundation Awards we re granted in Safety, Dairy Farming, and Chapter Star Farmer. The DeKalb Agriculture Award was presented. Following the meal the film, "That Inspiring Task," was shown.

Terry Storer, Reporter

HOISINGTON: We have just finished our safety campaign for the year. Our chapter voted to attend the Little American Royal at Kansas State. Our banquet will be held on May 12. We are planning to have films of our past two years' activities for part of the program. We are also planning for open house. . . Our freshmen boys are building 2 farrowing crates for the FFA to rent. They are re-designing the plans from some commercial crates. We are going to make good heat lamp brackets on them as well as make them adjustable for different size sows.

Gary Lowrey, Reporter

DOWNES: Our chapter entered the crops contest at Hoxie and the Farm Mechanics Contest at Oberlin and placed 3rd and 2nd respectively. . . The chapter purchased a new camera and will take pictures of the boys' farming programs and projects to be shown as slides at the Parent-Son Banquet on Apr. 14. We will elect a sweetheart and present a plaque to our honorary

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Chapter Farmer at the banquet. . . Larry Robinson won first-place in the Western Kansas Division of the Sears sheep program. . . We will have a new vocational agriculture shop next year.

Garry Thaete, Reporter

HIGHLAND: We have 42 members in our chapter. Recently we attended the Poultry Judging Contest at Wamego and the Farm Mechanics Contest at Troy. The Troy chapter won the Pest Eradication Contest between our two chapters. Our two chapters plan to have a camping trip, and the Highland chapter will pay for the food and other things needed. . . Our shop is crowded with projects which include: One 12-ft. tandem disc made from two horse-drawn discs, 3 loading chutes, two 8 x 14 trailers, a power hacksaw, and a utility tractor made from a '48 Ford car; there are also farrowing houses, cattle feeders, and many other machinery projects. Two boys are overhauling a tractor. They have done everything from adjusting the brakes to grinding the valves. . . We have a chapter boar and gilt ring which we keep on a rented lot. The gilts have just farrowed. We are making a hog house in the shop which will soon be moved to the gilt pens and wired for electricity. . . The District Livestock Judging Contest was held in our shop on Mar. 25. . . We will soon be making plans for our annual Parent-Son Banquet. Each year we select a chapter sweetheart.

Roger Schwope, Reporter

GARNETT: Some of our activities this year were: An FFA-FHA dance, pest contest, skating party, and basketball. . . We held our pest contest during Nov. We divided our chapter by classes and the two losing classes payed the expenses of a skating party for the two winning classes. . . Our FFA-FHA dance is an annual occasion at Garnett High School. Being held near Valentine's Day, the theme was "True Hearts." Miss FHA and Mr. FFA were crowned at the dance. . . We had two basketball games with the Paola chapter. . . For a money-making project we are working on a sale of donated articles, which are articles not used at home by the boys. . . We also have a committee working on a parents' night program.

Gene Raymond, Reporter

WILSON: On Nov. 17 we had a father-son chili feed at which time we initiated 9 Green Hands. Our chapter sold 208 fire extinguishers in Dec. . . Our Pest Eradication Contest ran from Nov. 17 to Jan. 6 - over 1,000 rats were turned in. . . Some of the larger shop projects being constructed are: 5 feeders, 5 2-wheel trailers, 2 weed sprayers, 2 hay elevators, one manure spreader, post hole digger, and a 20-ft. implement trailer.

Duane Languman, Reporter

HOYT: Our Pest Eradication Contest was between teams in our chapter this year. The losing team gave the winners a chili supper... Our FFA chapter conducted an all-school assembly. The assembly consisted of a farm skill contest between the FFA sweetheart candidates.

Jerry Grant, Reporter

WATERVILLE: Eleven boys were raised to the Green Hand degree last fall. State Vice-President, Richard Heiman, was present for the ceremony... Some of our shop projects include: Gates, loading chutes, and the painting of tractors. The ag. boys are making a building in which to house the school's lawn mower. All of the classes have taken part in the building of a new concrete incinerator... The FFA and FHA recently had a panel discussion on dating.

Eldon Sedlacek, Reporter

WASHBURN: Our Pest Eradication Contest ended Jan. 31. We are selling rat and mouse poison in the community for \$1 per pound. The chapter will double its money on the 12-dozen pounds that it will sell... We held Green Hand initiation for 5 freshmen. On Jan. 8, we held the formal Chapter Farmer initiation for 5 sophomores... Our FFA intramural basketball team is still unbeaten, and on top of the intramural standings... In preparation for the District Public Speaking Contest, we all prepared speeches and chose a winner from each class to represent us in the District Contest... Some of the shop projects that are now in the shop are: 2 squeeze chutes, 2 farm gates, a tractor overhaul, 2 trailers, and several rat bait stations.

Bill Arndt, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Our FFA is planning the annual Parent-Son Banquet to be held on Apr. 7. The boys who ranked highest at the District Speech Contest plan to give their speeches at the banquet... The DeKalb Award has been given to the outstanding senior boy of the chapter... Our large projects in the shop at the present time are: A heavy-duty machinery trailer, a power hacksaw, and a feeder calf bunk... We have recently finished a fire extinguisher sale.

Wayne Burr, Reporter

ALMA: This year our chapter won the county Pest Eradication Contest. Other chapters in our county contest consisted of Eskridge, Alta Vista, and Harveyville. It was agreed at the beginning of the contest that the two high teams would be treated to a feed by the two losing teams. The second-place team was Eskridge. In order that all teams would be competing on an equal basis, we took the average of all the boys in the chapter... Another big activity that we are doing this year is the feeding trials on Brangus calves. We have 19 boys who have 40 Brangus calves. These calves cost \$6,211.21. The purpose is to see which calves will make the cheapest gains. Also to see how well these calves are adapted to this area. These calves will be shown at the County Fair in Aug., and there will also be a group to be judged at the Wabaunsee County 4-H Day... Shop projects

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under construction at this time are: Ensilage wagon, portable chute, squeeze chute, weed sprayer, hog troughs, gates, picnic tables, clothesline poles, and home improvement signs.

Jim Dillingham, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: We recently initiated 12 Green Hands. This was preceded by a hamburger fry. . . We cleaned and treated 6,000 bu. of seed wheat, and sold fire extinguishers as FFA money-raising projects. . . We held a pest control project last semester. . . Our shop projects include: 2 hay wagons, one horse trailer, a power hacksaw, 4 silage feeders, 2 portable cattle feeders, and one gasoline tank stand. . . We are having our Parent-Son Banquet Apr. 20.

Danny Stucky, Reporter

NEODESHA: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet Nov. 24. Our 12 Green Hands were initiated at the banquet. We had our local high school faculty as guests, and we also elected one honorary chapter member at our banquet. . . At our meeting on Dec. 15, we raised 8 Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer degree. . . We have completed our local Pest Eradication Contest. The losing team will give a chili supper for the winners. We will have boxing, wrestling, and other forms of recreation. . . To raise money for the chapter we sold Christmas cards and fire extinguishers. We also have a sno-cone machine, which we use at all our high school basketball and football games, and at the track meets. The sno-cones are our main source of income. . . We have an FFA basketball team, which is our main form of recreation.

Larry Katzer, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: We presented a live show on farrowing crates over KCMO-TV this winter. . . We held our chapter Public Speaking Contest as a school assembly. . . We have butchered 6 beefs, 8 hogs, and 4 sheep. We initiated 19 Green Hands into the chapter in Dec. Broiler units were given to us by one of our honorary Chapter Farmers. . . We sent 4 boys to the District Public Speaking Contest. George Wendt ranked 2nd in the senior division. . . We have been operating a broiler project of 250 birds since Feb. 8. We are using a Rock-Cornish cross. . . Chapter members sent a telegram and letters to Mr. Cowden, chairman of the Agriculture Hall of Fame Location. . . The chapter will hold its Parent-Son Banquet on Apr. 7.

George Wendt, Reporter

BELOIT: We distributed food baskets to needy families again this past winter. . . We won the pest contest with the Simpson FFA chapter this year, and were guests at a chili supper Mar. 24. . . During FFA Week, we put on an assembly program for the student body, displayed literature down town, and had articles in the local paper. . . We plan to have delegates at the State

Beloit continued

Convention... Plans are underway for the annual Parent-Son Banquet to be held May 5... Our large shop projects in progress or completed are: 2 three-unit hog sheds, 2 portable loading chutes, 2 bale elevators, one 2-wheel trailer, 2 sets of stock racks, and one cattle guard.

Tom Campbell, Reporter

GIRARD: We held our Parent-Son Banquet Mar. 10. A judging contest was available for the parents before the banquet. Two classes of corn were set up to be judged. The mothers competed against each other and the dads competed against each other. A foot scraper and a pair of sawhorses were given as prizes. Both articles were made in the shop... Seed corn samples were given to the boys last spring by two of the local corn dealers. After the corn had been picked and all samples had been totaled, there was a net income of \$2,500. Two honorary Chapter Farmer degrees were awarded at the banquet. Mr. Whipps from the State Office attended the banquet and gave an illustrated discussion on "Developments in a Farming Program." The junior class girls served the 110 people present.

Marvin Murphy, Reporter

LEBO: We attended the Farm Mechanics Contests held at Seaman and Washburn Rural High Schools of Topeka... The junior class members assisted in butchering a steer at a chapter member's farm... A senior, Robert Mark, has constructed 6 pigloos, which he plans to use in his swine enterprise. They are constructed of plywood and metal, and are designed to save a greater number of pigs... The chapter has selected 2 gilts from the first litter farrowed from the Landrace gilt chain, which was started last fall... The chapter is planning a fitting, showing, and judging school, which is to be held at the Bert Garard farm. The fitting and showing demonstrations will follow the judging of several classes of cattle, hogs, and sheep. Invitations will be sent out to several chapters and 4-H clubs.

Keith Lewis, Reporter

EMPORIA: FFA boys worked 3 days during the late fall picking up corn. The chapter received half and sold it for 95¢ per bu. The net profit was \$118. The money was used to finance the Parent-Son Banquet... Our pest control contest was held during Dec. and Jan. Among the pests destroyed were: 2,498 sparrows, 1,398 starlings, 1,000 mice, 848 rats, 515 rabbits, and 77 opossums. The losing team members paid 50¢ each and those not bringing in a quota of points paid 75¢ extra. The money was used for a skating party... The annual Parent-Son Banquet was held on Mar. 24. There were 141 parents and guests present. Prof. H. R. Bradley of Kansas State University was the speaker.

Marvin Birk, Reporter

BLUE MOUND: We are preparing for our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet. . . A total of 4,000 pests were killed by chapter members during our pest control contest. . . Our members enjoyed a trip to the Engineers' Open House at Manhattan. . . Four members attended the District Poultry Judging Contest at Burlingame. . . Our chapter has picked up corn as a money-raising project. . . Some of the shop projects we now have are: 1 portable loading chute, 2 two-wheel trailers, 1 wagon bed with grain sides, 1 pick-up overhaul, repair of a farm mower, several gates, mailboxes, hay hooks, foot scrapers, 4-barrel feeders, and 10 hurdles for the athletic departments.

Marty Davis, Reporter

BURLINGTON: We recognized National FFA Week with several window displays in the local stores. A special school assembly was held to inform the student body of activities of our FFA chapter. The advisor, president, and vice-president presented a program at the local Lions Club. . . At our Parent-Son Banquet, we served a semi-formal dinner with the whole family of each FFA member being present. After the meal, a short program was given. It consisted of a welcome by the president of the chapter and the showing of slides of farming programs of the members and some scenic slides of Florida. . . At present in shop, there are 5 boys making 4-wheel trailers and another boy is making a pair of farrowing crates. The freshmen are busy making bale-hooks, sawhorses, and feeders. . . Our chapter is carrying out a hog-feeding program. It is designed to raise money for the activities of the chapter. We bought 20 hogs at weaning age, and the hogs now weigh about 135 pounds. They are fed corn, which the members picked up last fall following corn harvest. We are buying protein and mineral as needed. They will be marketed at 220 pounds. . . We also have a gilt ring. At present, there are 4 gilts on different members' farms. The gilts have farrowed recently with most of the boys getting very good litters. Later, 10 gilts will be given to members, as each boy who has a pig will return 2 pigs to the chapter at weaning age. The chapter will also purchase two more to be given away. The limited number of gilts going out each year will be kept at 10 and the remaining 10 will be sold by the chapter. . . The junior ag. boys have been dehorning cattle and castrating livestock on farms of the members of the class.

James Truelove, Reporter

LIBERAL: We completed our pest contest on Dec. 12. We gave prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$2 to the boys with the highest points. The winners were also treated to a chili feed. . . The officers put on a radio program during National FFA Week at our local station. . . Our annual Parent-Son Banquet was held on Mar. 25. We selected an FFA sweetheart. . . We plan to send two delegates and a judging team to the State FFA Convention in Manhattan in Apr. . . We are building a stand for selling fireworks for the chapter that we expect to use this coming July. We have sold fireworks the last two summers as a money-making project, which has worked out real well.

Delbert Long, Reporter

OBERLIN: We have obtained F.W. Albertson to speak at our FFA Banquet, which is to be held on Apr. 2. Mr. Albertson, who has spent some time in India studying the native grasses, will speak on the agriculture in that country. . . We have nearly completed tearing down the large old lumber yard building for the local historical society. the chapter is to receive \$200, as well as some of the lumber for doing the job. . . New officers for the coming year have been elected. Our new advisor will be Mr. Don Guinn. . . Shop projects include: Four 2-wheel trailers, one 4-wheel trailer, 2 loading chutes, 2 engine overhauls, and numerous small carpentry jobs, such as hen nests, feed bunks, self-feeders, and hog troughs. . . Our FFA quartette has been performing very well.

Woodrow Morford, Reporter

"Why did you stop singing in the choir, Thomas?"

"Well, one Sunday I was sick, and didn't sing, and a lot of people in the congregation asked if the organ had been fixed."

REPORT ON FARMING PROGRAM

BELOIT CHAPTER: Larry Fobes, Beloit FFA treasurer, is a junior at the Beloit High School. He started his farming program as a freshman with a sow obtained through the chapter gilt ring. By using good management practices, Larry had excellent results with his first sow. By his sophomore year, Larry had expanded to three sows and litters, and one registered boar. In addition to the hogs, he added five deferred steers. This year Larry has six sows and litters and fifteen head of feeder steers.

Much of Larry's success can be attributed to the feed and grain crops which have been a part of his farming program. Although he started with a small acreage of crops, he now has 30-acres of wheat and plans for 25-acres of milo, 15-acres of atlas, and 5-acres of corn, as a part of his farming program for this year.

In shop and at home, Larry has built and helped build stock racks, gates, a three-unit hog house, a 4-wheel trailer, and hog troughs.

Larry is active in school activities, a member of MYF, and has been active in 4-H.