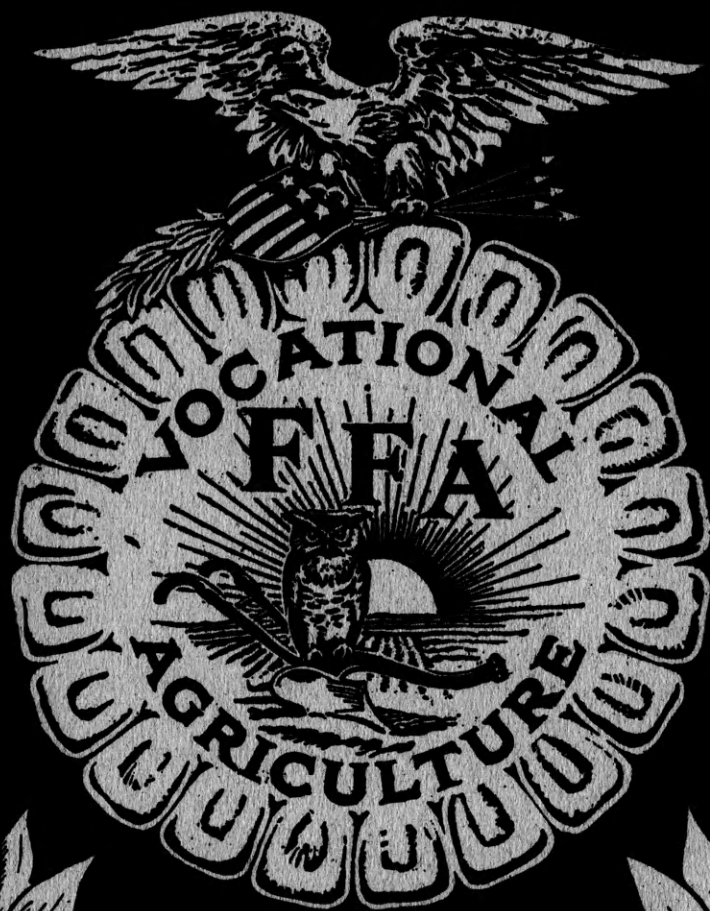


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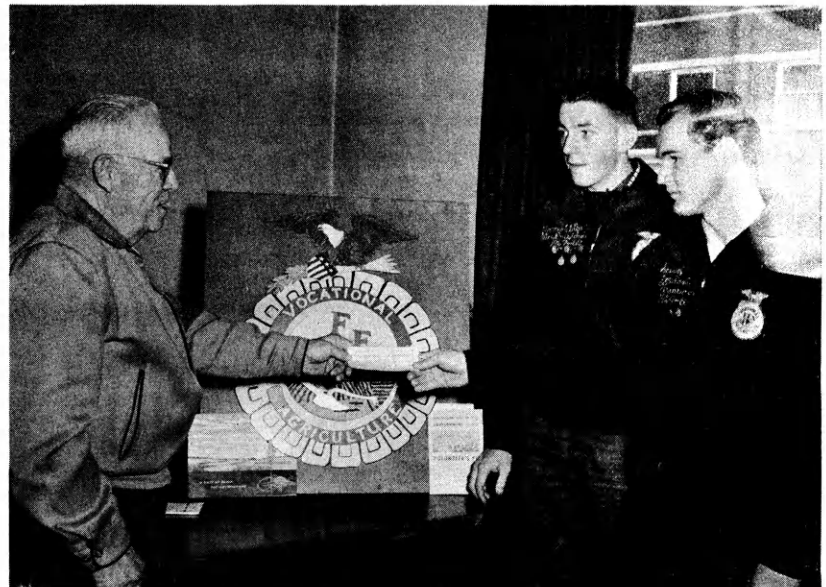


Shown at left is Richard Poor, National FFA Vice-President, from Neosho, Missouri.

Richard will be attending our State Convention in Manhattan May 1-3. Richard was a sophomore at Northeastern Oklahoma A. & M. College, Miami, at the time he was elected to the national office.

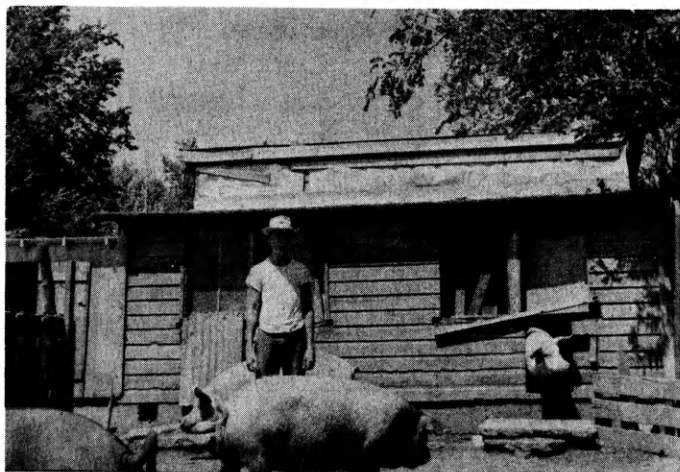
Richard's farming program consists of a half interest in 85 herefords, 200 sheep, 62 feeder lambs three dairy cows, 13 acres of sorgo, and 180 acres of improved permanent pasture.

Many FFA members in Kansas are contributing to the Agricultural Hall of Fame. To the right is Mr. R.C. Beezley, chairman of the county fund raising committee receiving a check from Sonny Zordani and Harry Oldham of the Girard FFA Chapter for the Chapter's contribution.

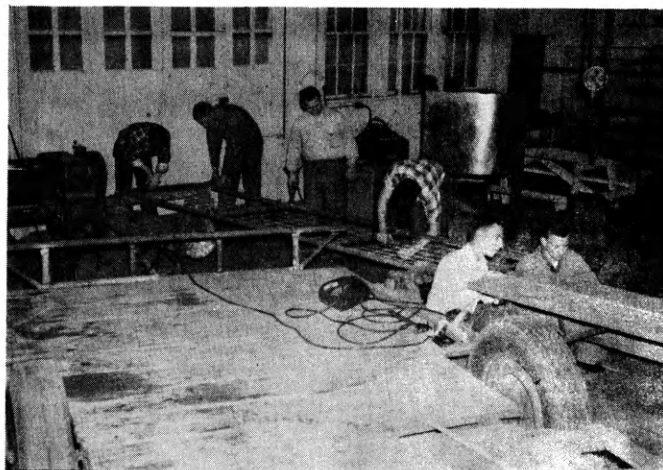


On the right is Larry Schaake, Lawrence Chapter, feeding his group of cross-breed beef calves.

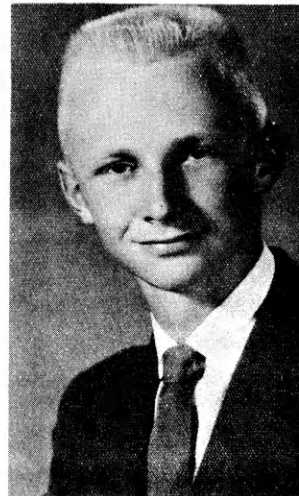
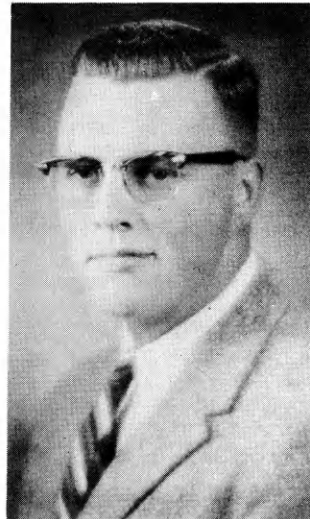
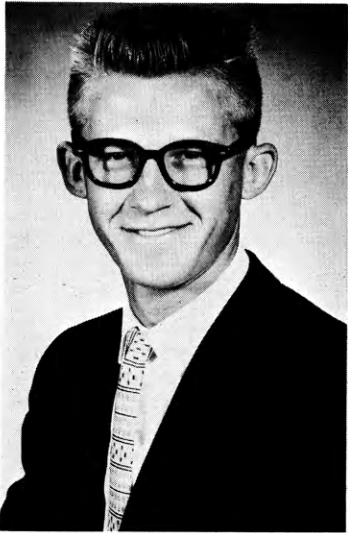
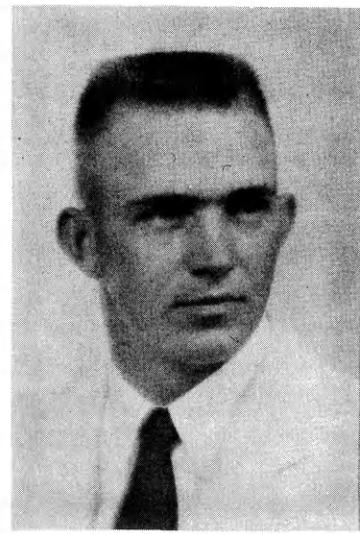
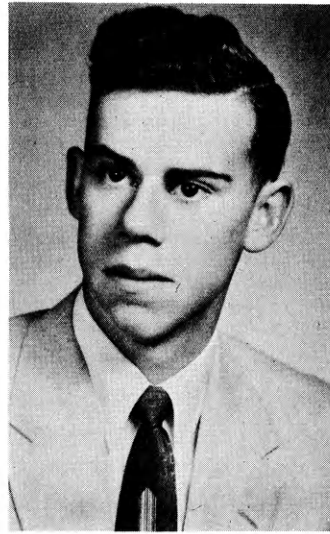
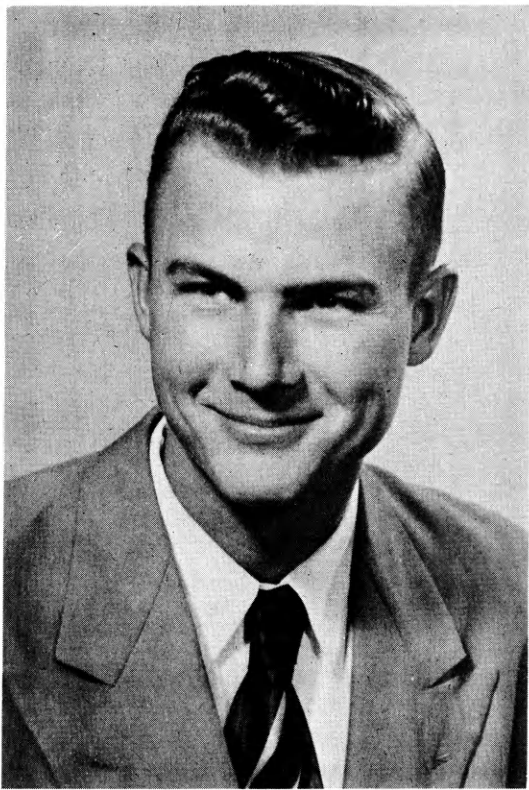
Larry has an outstanding farming program and is looking forward to applying for the American Farmer Degree within the next year or two.



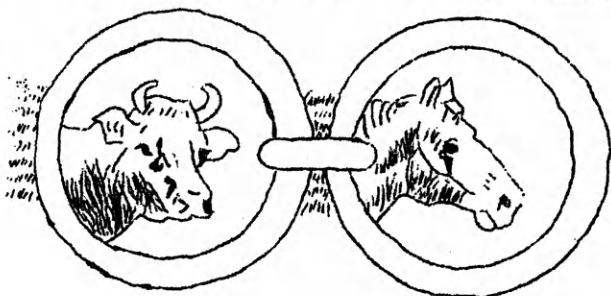
Above is Jerry Regeher, Jr., Inman Chapter with part of his swine program. He now has five sows and plans to increase his swine program.



During the stormy weather in northcentral Kansas, the Haddam vocational agriculture shop was full of worthwhile farm mechanics jobs as the picture above indicates. From left to right in the picture are: Robert Zurfluh, Rodney Arbuthuot, Mr. Keith Fiscus, advisor, Pat Ketterer, Roger Parrack, and Norman Hanshaw.



The 1959 class of American farmers from Kansas are shown above. These young men had outstanding records of farming programs and leadership. Four of the above group had been state FFA officers. From left to right-top are: William Wachs, Ellsworth Chapter; Donald Paxson, Hill City Chapter; and Don Huntington, Eureka Chapter; Left to right-bottom are: Lloyd Oswald, Natoma Chapter; Eldon Meyer, Effingham Chapter; Dale Lind, Manhattan Chapter; and Jon Larson, Clay Center Chapter.



PRESIDENT ROBB
ISSUES
CONVENTION CALL

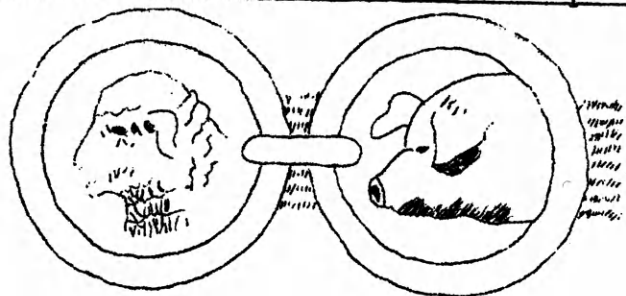
Another school year is rapidly drawing to a close, and with it, the major activities of FFA. Of course, the year would not be complete without the experiences of our State Convention. So it is with pleasure that I issue this call to the Thirty-Second Annual State Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA, May 1-3, 1960, at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

It is my sincere wish that all of you will arrive in Manhattan in time to attend the Vespers Program that precedes the convention. I also hope that every chapter will be represented by the most able delegates that you can select.

I am sure that all of you will enjoy the talent portions of the program and will gain much from the Public Speaking Contest finals, the National Officer's addresses, and the business proceedings of the convention.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you personally and I am certain that this convention will be a big success if you will attend and participate.

Steve Robb, president
Kansas Association of FFA



WHAT'S IN FFA FOR ME?
By C. C. Eustace, State Advisor

There are so many things going on in this nuclear age; so many things demanding ones' time, so many opportunities for service, so many choices to be made in planning ones' life, that each of us should stop and ask ourselves these questions. What do I want to do? Where am I going? To be specific in this one thing, what can FFA do for me?

You have shown an interest in the future of farming in that you are enrolled in vocational agriculture. Often times, the work we are doing seems commonplace and unimportant. We need to get back and take a look at the picture as you stand first at a distance in judging a class of animals. Agriculture is the biggest, most important single industry in our nation. You can help in guiding its future, its independence, its prosperity. Your wholehearted participation in FFA activities will help you to attain a position of leadership in the agricultural field.

A. F. Davis of the Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, once chairman of the national FFA foundation, believed that FFA was the greatest "boy organization in the world". As long as he lived, he never missed a national FFA convention if it were possible for him to get there. He was impressed by the things

What's In FFA For Me? continued

future farmers do, impressed by the leadership they gained through local chapter, state association, and national organization activities.

Today, I read an article by a member of the Illinois legislature that said, "I have seen boys take charge and do things that they would not have done without the FFA stimulating them. Any young man who has taken active part in FFA is a better citizen as a result". These statements came unsolicited from men who had obtained influential positions in life. They were based on the strength that lies in unity and leadership, which has come from FFA.

Do you want to have a hand in making a better agriculture for tomorrow? FFA will give you the opportunity.

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AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES
ACCLAIMED

Newspapers in Kansas did a magnificent job of telling the story of vocational agriculture and FFA during National FFA Week this year. Much of the credit for this fine publicity is due to the outstanding job that was done by the chapter reporters with the assistance of their advisors.

Radio and TV stations carried many announcements and stories of farming programs of Vocational Agriculture students, and of other FFA activities.

FFA chapters presented many programs for assemblies and for civic groups. Chapter members built many window displays and constructed numerous posters which helped to tell the FFA story.

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1960 NATIONAL CONVENTION
HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, October 12, 1960

- p.m. American Farmer ceremony
- Evening Star Farmer Ceremony
Talent Night Program

Thursday, October 13, 1960

- a.m. Pageant - "FFA Salutes the Boy Scouts of America"
- p.m. Business Session
Leadership Training
Tours
- Evening National Public Speaking Contest
National FFA Foundation Awards
Red Foley Show

Friday, October 14

- a.m. Election of National FFA Officers
- p.m. Special Session at Livestock Arena - American Royal Livestock and Horse Show
- Evening Talent Material and Band Closing Session
National Chapter Awards Program
Installation of New Officers
Firestone Show

FFA CALENDAR USE INCREASING

This year, over 100,000 official FFA Calendars are hanging in communities across the country. These calendars are having a great impact and doing a great selling job for vocational agriculture and the FFA. The following table shows the participation by states in the Central Region, and emphasizes the tremendous potential that exists in the area of public relations:

Official 1960 Calendar Sales
as of Dec. 31, 1959

Ranked by number of chapters participating

State	No. FFA Chapters	No. Chapters participating	No. calendar Orders	Small Calendars	Large Calendars
Indiana	354	39	35	3625	525
Michigan	236	32	32	2860	300
Illinois	488	31	37	3050	385
Iowa	286	31	34	3400	475
Minnesota	289	28	32	2775	625
Kansas	206	27	28	4250	300
Ohio	346	24	20	2470	350
Missouri	267	22	15	3000	100
Wisconsin	282	21	21	2560	550
Nebraska	146	20	23	2385	200
Kentucky	202	13	13	1900	475
South Dakota	81	12	14	1250	100
North Dakota	59	10	11	1250	150
Totals	3,242	310	315	34,775	4,535

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Unable to get experienced help, a farmer was forced to hire a man unfamiliar with farm chores. One day he found the hired hand forcing the milkcow, Old Bossy, to drink a pail of milk.

"Say fellow", he said. "What's the idea of feeding that pail of milk to the cow?"

"Well," replied the new hand, "this darn cow stepped in it and got it dirty, so I'm running it through again."

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE
FOR
1960 STATE FFA CONVENTION
Kansas State University, Manhattan

Sunday, May 1

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Williams Auditorium (north side of campus)

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, May 2 - Williams Auditorium

8:30 a.m. to noon-

First Session in Williams Auditorium and classrooms in same building.

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

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. -

Second Session - Williams Auditorium

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

7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. - University Auditorium

Third Session - State Farmer Degrees, National FFA Officer, Address by Governor Docking, National FFA Foundation Awards, and Honorary State Farmer Degrees.

Tuesday, May 3

8:30 a.m. to noon - Williams Auditorium

Fourth Session - Business, entertainment, report from FHA.

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

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Fifth Session Business, entertainment, and scholarship presentation.

3:00 p.m. -

Election of State Officers and final business.

4:00 p.m. -

Kansas State University and Chamber of Commerce presentations - announcements of contest winners.

5:00 p.m. - Final adjournment

Note:

Monday night and Tuesday afternoon's programs will be in the University Auditorium. The remainder of the Convention program will be in Williams Auditorium.

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RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

On October 1, there were 6,303 students enrolled in 196 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of March 22 was 6,695. The percentage of membership based upon October 1 enrollment was 106%.

One hundred forty-eight chapters reported a paid-up membership of 100 per cent or more. Forty-four chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

One hundred ninety-two chapters have paid dues to date. Four chapters are delinquent.

The seven chapters having the highest paid-up membership for the year were: Altamont - 109; Buhler - 68; Effingham - 68; Garden City - 68; Lawrence - 64; Linn - 75; Paola - 67.

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

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 to 175 per cent are:
Frankfort Hanover Stockton
Goodland Hiawatha

Those chapters having a membership range from 126 to 150 per cent are:
Almena Clifton Liberal
Alta Vista Council Grove Linn
Arkansas City Ellis Marysville
Atwood Garden City Miltonvale
Belleville Haddam Moundridge
Berryton Harper Mullinville
Bird City Haven Spearville
Brewster Highland St. Francis
Centralia Lebanon Wilson
Clay Center



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

Alma	Glasco
Altamont	Hays
Alton	Herington
Altoona	Hill City
Attica	Hillsboro
Blue Mound	Hoisington
Buhler	Holton
Burlingame	Hope
Burlington	Howard
Caney	Hoxie
Chanute	Humboldt
Clafin	Inman
Coffeyville	Jennings
Concordia	Kingman
Cottonwood Falls	LaCrosse
Dodge City	LaCygne
Downs	Lakin
Effingham	Lawrence
Emporia	Lebo
Ensign	Leoti
Erie	Longford
Eureka	Long Island
Fairview	Lyndon
Florence	Manhattan
Ford	Mankato
Fort Scott	Marion

Rank in FFA membership continued:

101 to 125 per cent: (cont.)

McCune	Powhattan
McPherson	Pratt
Morland	Quinter
Morrowville	Riley
Mulvane	Simpson
Natoma	Smith Center
Norcatgur	Solomon
Norton	Topeka - Seaman
Oberlin	Tribune
Osborne	Troy
Ottawa	Udall
Oxford	Uniontown
Palco	Wakeeney
Paola	Wakefield
Paradise	Wellsville
Peabody	Yates Center
Plainville	

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

Bazine	Meade
Beloit	Meriden
Burns	Merriam
Colby	Minneapolis
Delphos	Neodesha
Elk City	Newton
Ellsworth	Osage City
Fredonia	Pretty Prairie
Goessel	Riverton
Harveyville	Sabetha
Jetmore	Scandia
Kincaid	St. Marys
Kinsley	Williamsburg
Lindsborg	

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

Beverly	Great Bend
Chapman	Jewell
Cheney	Kiowa
Columbus	Louisburg
Courtland	McDonald
Eskridge	Ness City
Garnett	Oakley
Girard	Parker

90 to 99 per cent (cont.)

Partridge	St. Paul
Plains	Syracuse
Randolph	Tonganoxie
Salina	Winfield
Severy	Independence

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

Abilene	Wamego
Hugoton	Washington
Phillipsburg	Waterville
Rossville	
Russell	

Those chapters having a membership range of 31 to 79 per cent are:

Clearwater	Onaga
Ellinwood	Preston
Fowler	Silver Lake
Holcomb	Topeka-Highland
Iola	Park
	Valley Falls

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The new farm hand was awakened at 4:00 a.m. by the farmer who announced that they were going to cut oats.

"Are they wild oats?"

"No, why?"

"Then why do you have to sneak up on them in the dark?"

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NATIONAL FFA CHAPTER AWARD
APPLICATIONS

Due April 8



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.

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
FOUNDATION, INC.

1959 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>	
Dairy Farming	\$ 100.00
Farm Electrification	100.00
Farm Mechanics	100.00
Farm Safety	100.00
Public Speaking	148.33
Soil and Water Management	100.00
Star State Farmer	200.00
American Farmer	525.00
Judging	141.15
State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership	964.75
Total distributed in Kansas	<u>2,479.23</u>

Each chapter should assign a committee the responsibility of completing and mailing to the state FFA office, a national chapter award application. A carbon copy of this application should be filed for use by your next year's program of work committees.

Beginning this year, "superior" chapters will receive a beautiful 12-year plaque. This plaque has spaces on which the chapter classification can be placed for each of the next 12 years. The name of the chapter and the classifications are engraved in plastic and attached to the plaque.

If your chapter is striving for the "Standard Chapter Award", fill in Form I (pink sheet) only. If you are applying for the "Superior Chapter Award," fill in Forms I and II (pink and blue sheets). For the "National Emblem Chapter Award" and the "Kansas Gold Emblem Award," fill in Forms I, II, and III. The top two chapters as determined from these applications shall represent Kansas in the National Emblem Awards program in 1960.

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NO NATIONAL CHORUS IN 1960

Dr. W. T. Spanton, national FFA advisor has informed the state associations that there will be no National FFA Chorus at the National FFA Convention in 1960. There is a possibility that the Chorus may be continued after this year.

The National FFA Band will continue this year as it has in the past. Later this month each chapter will receive application blanks for the band.

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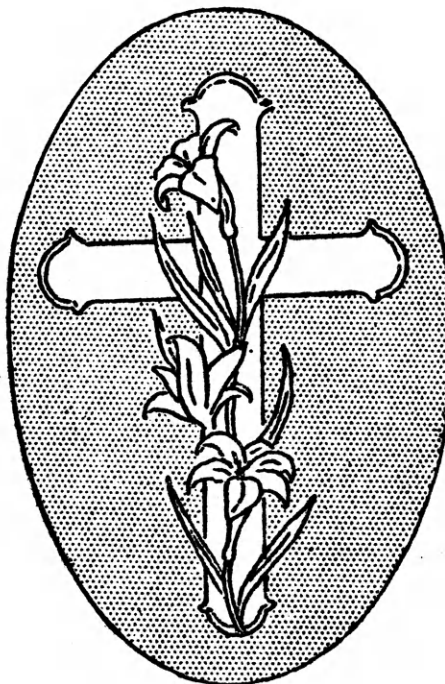
NATIONAL CONVENTION
AND
AMERICAN ROYAL TO OVERLAP

Tentative plans for the National FFA convention in 1960 call for the convention to open on Wednesday instead of on Tuesday as it has in the past. The convention would close on Friday and would overlap with some of the activities of the American Royal livestock and horse show.

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Prize Winner!

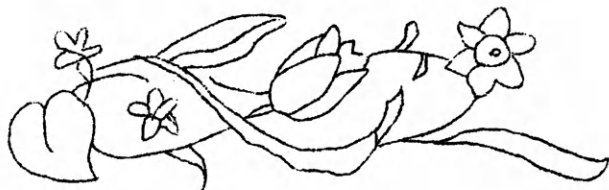
Small boy (running into a store):
"Quick, help me! My father is being chased by a bull."
Clerk: (excitedly): "What can I do?"
Small boy: "Put a film in my camera."
Boy, that ought to win first prize."



NATIONAL FFA VICE-PRESIDENT
TO
KANSAS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Richard Poor, National FFA vice-president, Neosho, Missouri, will be working with your state FFA officers at the Kansas State FFA Convention to be held May 1 - 3 at Manhattan. Richard was elected vice-president of our national organization at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last October. He will speak to the delegates and later will address the total membership and guests in attendance at the convention.

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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, Agricultural Newswriting Contest, or the FFA Speech Contest, to be held at Manhattan in connection with the Thirty-seventh Annual State High School Vocational Agriculture Judging and Farm Mechanics contests, May 2-3, 1960.

MAILING DATES:

April 8, 1960: FFA SPEECH CONTEST - Entries for the FFA Speech Contest are to be in the mail not later than April 8. Three typewritten copies are to be mailed to Howard R. Bradley, Department of Education, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas.

April 18, 1960: AG. NEWSWRITING CONTEST - Entries for the Ag. Newswriting Contest are to be in the mail not later than April 18.

April 18, 1960: AGRICULTURE AND FARM MECHANICS CONTESTS - Entries for the Agriculture and Farm Mechanics Contest are to be in the mail not later than April 18.

April 18, 1960: CONTESTANTS' HOT LUNCH CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS TO ACCOMPANY CONTEST ENTRIES - Money orders or checks (no cash) to Agriculture Education Club for contestants and FFA delegates are to accompany entries.

April 18, 1960: UNIVERSITY 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 - Due April 8. 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 18 will not be permitted to have their teams complete in any part of the contest.

FFA REPORT DUE

The Annual FFA Report, due April 8, is needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at the time of the convention. Place the delegates' names on the FFA Report so that a placard can be constructed for your chapter prior to convention time.

FFA CHAPTER NEWS

HUMBOLDT: We sent one dollar per member to the Agricultural Hall of Fame. During Dec. and Jan. we are conducting a pest eradication contest. The chapter put on an assembly program before the student body on Feb. 19. The program was a demonstration on Parliamentary Procedure; a pantomime by 3 members; and FFA group singing. Some of our projects this year in farm machinery repair are: checking and repairing mowers, grain drills, combines, and manure spreaders.

Vernon Williams, Reporter

OBERLIN: We have acquired an old one-sack concrete mixer that we are repairing in the shop. We plan to do some custom work this summer. We will also use it to mix mineral in the shop. Oberlin, Kansas is having its 75th anniversary in June. Our FFA chapter plans to take part by building a booth or two and by taking part in other activities. We completed our rodent control contest. Our FFA Banquet will be held on April 5. The theme will be "Farming in the Future."

Duane Carman, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our annual roller skating party with the F.H.A. girls was held Nov. 17, and the F.H.A. -- F.F.A. square dance was March 18. We initiated seven Chapter Farmers in Nov. and ten Green Hands in Dec. Officers for next year were elected at the March activity period meeting. Some of the shop jobs completed and under construction in our shop are: three pick-up stock racks, post hole digger, two loading chutes, farrowing crates, roughage rack for cattle, hog troughs, and gates.

Ray Koster, Reporter



LEBO: Thirty-one members observed FFA week by attending church. We also built a miniature farm for display in one of the stores. We wrote an article which was published in the Emporia Gazette.....On February 29, we participated in the program for the Farmers Co-operative Association dinner which 540 people attended. We built the official emblem with the symbols and explained to the audience the meaning of each symbol. We darkened the gym and put a spot light on the emblem. As each symbol was put in place, its meaning was explained. Music supported the presentation. . . . We plan to hold the district entomology contest April 1st. . . . Our parent & son banquet will be held in April..... Some of the outstanding shop projects that have been completed are: 1 double farrowing house, 1 combination hog and calf house 10 x 20, 1 hay bunk 8 x 24 constructed of 2" pipe.

Duane Barnett, Reporter

HILL CITY: On Jan. 28, we had our annual pest control contest and chili feed.....We also raised seven members to the chapter farmer degree. On Feb. 6, ten of our boys attended the
(cont.)

Hill City: (continued) Duroc Swine Judging Contest at Smith Center. . . . On Feb. 8 we attended the Crops Contest at Hoxie. On Feb. 20, we attended the Poultry Judging Contest at Stockton. . . . We set up a FFA Week display in a local store window. We are making plans for our 30th Annual Parent and Son Banquet in April.

Larry Campbell, Reporter

NEODESHA: Our chapter held its annual Parent-Son banquet on Nov. 28 in our high school gym. We entertained our parents and the high school faculty with our opening and closing ceremony and our initiation of the eleven green hands. We initiated our chapter farmers in Jan. We have been competing in FFA basketball with other chapters in our area. During the year we have competed in the following contests: FFA information, speech, shop, crops, and poultry. During national FFA week we held an assembly in our school. The assembly was based on parliamentary procedure. Our chapter has been earning money by picking up corn, by selling Christmas cards, and by selling snow cones at the high school basketball games. We have been practicing machinery maintenance in our shop. We have overhauled and repaired twenty farm machines.

Darrel Howerton, Reporter

HANOVER: We have 55 FFA members this year. During FFA week our chapter sponsored the chapel program at our school. We also had a write-up in the local newspaper. Some shop projects this year are 4 trailers, 2 loading chutes, 4 feed hunks, 4 gates, sprayer, and complete overhauling of 3 mowers along with tractor tuning and several small items such as hog troughs, cupboards, and end tables. The boys in shop are also building a snack bar for the local

Teen Town. Our chapter sponsored the football programs and sold popcorn at football and basketball games to raise money. The Ag. III raised money by picking up corn for their annual trip to the stockyards, Swift Packing Plant, and other farm related businesses in Kansas City. . . . The freshman class is studying gardening. They are constructing a plastic sectional green house, in addition to their study, for their hot-bed. Any profit from this project will go to the FFA treasury.

Steve Reedy, Reporter

ALTOONA: We have completed our annual pest contest. . . . We presented our FFA Sweetheart with her jacket at a basketball game in January. . . . Our FFA Banquet is planned for May 6. . . . From fund raising activities we cleared \$175 on our Work Day, \$98 on our Sweetheart contest, \$80 on our Pie Supper, \$120 on Christmas Card sales, \$95 on tickets on a rifle and fry pan which were given away at the pie supper, \$48 on cake, coffee, pop, and cider. . . . At the Topeka Fair we displayed a farm mechanic exhibit and came home with \$100 prize money. Our shop projects are: 6 pipe gates, a 4-wheel trailer, a hog self feeder-40 bu., a loading chute, a drag, 6 hog troughs, and 2 sets of clothes line poles. We also built the stage props for our new stage. . . . We are starting a gilt ring this spring. We are going to Iowa to get our first stock.

Jerry Hon, Reporter

OXFORD: We held our chili feed Jan. 21 with our fathers as guests. As part of the program, we initiated our green hands and chapter farmers. On Mar. 17, we had our annual FFA Parent-son banquet. During the regional tournament held at Oxford, the FFA made

Oxford: (continued) fifty dollars on coffee sales. Some of our projects in shop include; 3 loading chutes, 1-2 wheel trailer, 1 gas forge, a machinery carrier, overhauling a combine, and a hay feeder.

Kenneth Thomas, Reporter

FRANKFORT: At our FFA - FHA sweetheart dance, an FFA Chapter sweetheart was elected. . . . Our pest eradication contest closed with a chili supper for the winning side. The fathers were invited. . . . Our poultry team won first place in the district contest at Wamego. . . . We were the host chapter for the district crops contest this year. Some of the shop jobs this year have been: overhauled tractor, building of loading chute, overhauled combine engine, built swing set, ventilating fan for shop, barrel feeder for pigs, 2 gates repair of front end loader, repaired seed cleaner, made electric fence posts.

Alvin Gerstner, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Our annual parent-son banquet was held Mar. 19 with 140 guests present. Eighth grade boys were servers. Presentations of chapter star farmer and star green hand were made. Certificates of appreciation were given these two boys' parents. Other Foundation Awards were made. An outstanding feature of this year's banquet was the building of the emblem using Christmas tree light bulbs and selections from the National FFA Band recording. As each symbol was "constructed", the colorful lights outlined the symbol. The story of FFA, vocational agriculture, and our activities were thoroughly covered by the local newspaper and on radio during National

FFA Week. Our new "Welcome" signs for placing along the highway have been painted--When the weather clears, the old ones will be replaced. . . . Shop work has consisted of: construction of stock rack for pickup, scraper blades, garden hose cart, barbecues, oxy-acetylene cart, implement hitches, saw horses, and a mail box stand. Repairs have been made on a stock rack, harrow, plow, tractor drawbar, and cattle squeeze.

Ronald Sanko, Reporter

MEADE: At a recent chapter meeting, our dads observed the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer initiation. We are raising chickens for the banquet, which will be in May. The Lions club donated a popcorn machine to the FFA, so we could sell popcorn at football and basketball games. We also, sold magazines to finance trips. We had a pest control contest. Our shop jobs consist of 2 gates, a tool carrier, three auto gates, and a TV stand. The freshmen are working on shop skills, while the juniors are working on farm machinery maintenance. They have a baler in shop now.

John Lemaster, Reporter

OSBORNE: Our Pest contest ended Jan. 8. The Green Hands competed against the three upper classes. We will have a Chili supper for the members and their fathers in honor of the Freshman who won the contest. Our chapter won the ten dollar first prize in the soil conservation poster contest. FFA week was observed by distributing posters around town, putting place mats in the local restaurant and writing a news story for the paper.

Osborne: (continued) The FFA ran the concession stand at one of our basketball games. We made \$21 profit. Some of the projects being built in shop are the following: hog troughs, gates, stacker teeth, the repairing of a baler, a two wheeled trailer, a stacker attachment for a tractor. Other projects are a welding table, a flag pole for the front of the school house and a swing set. We were all shocked and deeply grieved by the accidental death of our president Terry Storer on March 1.

Ted Hale, Reporter

UNIONTOWN: Twenty-six members were initiated as Green Hands at the freshmen-parent night. Sixty-three guests were present to enjoy the pot-luck supper. Eleven members received the Chapter Farmer Degree at the annual parent-son banquet on Mar. 24. Three honorary chapter farmer degrees were also awarded. We held a pest hunt contest during Jan. Two hundred and twenty-five feet of concrete side walk were laid around the new high school building by our chapter members. The chapter cooperated with the PTA in sponsoring a chili, soup, and pie supper to raise money. Other money raising activities included: cooperating with the county SCS in maintaining a grass drill which the chapter receives a per acre commission, selling rat poison, operating the popcorn popper, and selling FFA pencils. The chapter held a safety meeting on Feb. 17. Members of the Fort Scott Chapter put on a few safety demonstrations. Fifty-seven parents and guests were present at the meeting. The FFA Week committee erected a window display in town, put posters in all business places, and submitted a news story to

to the Fort Scott Tribune advertising National FFA Week. The Union State Bank sponsored our FFA Calendars for 1960. Some of our shop jobs include: 14 machines repaired, 20 gates constructed, 2 farm welders being constructed, 6 hog troughs, and 6 feed bunks. The farming program summary shows the members own 98 head of beef cattle, 54 sows, gilts, and fattening hogs, 361 laying hens, 97 sheep and lambs. Crop plans include 172 acres of corn, 53 acres of soybeans, 49 acres of grain and forage sorghums, 47 acres of wheat, and 6 garden projects.

Doug Graham, Reporter

LACYGNE: We attended the Angus Futurity Judging contest at Manhattan on Dec. 1 and won first place. We entered the district co-op quiz contest and won second place. We presented a television program on KCMO, on March 12, on the construction and proper use of a farrowing crate. We held our parent and son banquet Mar. 25, and our guest speaker was Steven Robb, State FFA President. As soon as the weather clears, the chapter will be taking soil samples for the farmers in the community. The Linn County Co-op will give us 25¢ for each sample turned in to them.

Billy Lane, Reporter

INMAN: Several of our members will enter the district speech contest at Hutchinson. This year for the first time, we have five boys with 20 calves in the KCMO calf feeding contest. For a money raising project this year, the chapter has sold light bulbs and plans to make about \$100. The profits from these projects

Inman: (continued) are used for recreation and educational trips....We are planning a FFA-FHA skating party this spring. The chapter also plans to take a fishing trip to one of our near-by lakes.

Ronie Pauls, Reporter

KINSLEY: Our chapter has recently purchased a pick-up which will be used for FFA and other school activities....Our president and our advisor gave a report on our chapter activities over the Dodge City radio station during National FFA Week....The Formal Initiation of eight Green Hands was held at our last regular meeting.... An FFA date party was held on March 29 and our annual Parent-son banquet will be held on April 7.

Larry Lippoldt, Reporter

HAVEN: The FFA and Kayettes operated two concession rooms during our regional tournaments. Each organization cleared one hundred dollars.... Our FFA basketball teams played five games with neighboring chapters. The "A" team won four of these games.... Farm shop projects completed since Christmas include: two four-wheeled trailers, two portable loading chutes, four feed bunks, a hay buck, a tractor-driven whirlwind mower, a cultivator, two plow repair jobs, and three steel gates....The junior class will tour the grain storage facilities of the Farmers Co-operative Grain Company in Hutchinson as well as the Board of Trade and Grain Standards Bureau as soon as the weather becomes more agreeable.

Gary Ochlert, Reporter

DOWNS: Our chapter has entered the district contest this spring and we plan to enter two more.....We fed 1200 lbs. of milo to wild birds while their natural food was covered with snow. The milo was donated by our local elevators....Some of the projects in shop now are: two stockracks, hog self-feeder, two gates, weed sprayer, two hacksaws, two feed bunks, implement trailer, grain auger, and a wheel trailer.....We are planning a banquet on April 21. At the banquet we will give a jacket to our chapter sweetheart.

All Becker, Reporter

ABILENE: For FFA week activities, we placed an FFA exhibit in the display case at school, placed FFA week posters in downtown stores, presented an assembly to high school students. We also elected an FFA queen who was crowned at the assembly. She will be guest of honor at our annual banquet....The conservation committee has been hard at work promoting the feeding of game birds and the safety committee is promoting a safety check of the boys' home farms....We organized an FFA basketball team this year. Their record was two wins and no losses.

Jim Gaskill, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Our chapter took its annual trip to the National Western Stock Show in Denver. We also toured the Lowery Air Force Base..... Our annual parent-son banquet is planned for April 19th. Features of this meeting will be a covered dish dinner followed by a program prepared by the members and a shop open-house.....

Bird City (continued) Some of shop projects consist of two power hack-saws, overhauling a grain drill, building a forge, reconditioning and painting a pick-up and box, squeeze chute, and miscellaneous feeders and bunks.

Craig Seymour, Reporter

BELOIT: Our pest eradication contest was between the ag classes this year. We had a hamburger fry on Feb. 1 with our parents as guests. One of our money making activities this year is a candy concession during the noon hour. . . . Our chapter helped feed the birds by scattering grain in feeding places. . . . Our shop jobs include: Overhauling three tractors and one truck, four portable loading chutes, two squeeze chutes, three machinery carriers, one two unit hog house, numerous gates, three feed bunks, two sets of stockracks for pickups, one set of stockracks for a truck, painted two tractors and have three more to paint. . .

David Snyder, Reporter

EMPORIA: Our 22nd annual parent-son dinner was held March 22. One hundred thirty-five members and guests were present. Our high school principal and our junior high school principal were made honorary members. The seniors presented the "Build the Emblem" ceremony to a tape recorded script and music. Our advisor projected and explained over 100 color slides taken throughout the year on farming programs and activities. Our pest contest closed on March 1. The losing team paid \$1.00 each for prizes and a party for the winning team. Among the highest numbers of pests destroyed were the sparrow (985), starling (478), rats

(188), rabbits (117), mice (101), blackbird (58), and racoon (58).

Don Crowell, Reporter

HOISINGTON: This year our chapter has adopted a new method for the election of officers. By this method all of the members who want to become officers are interviewed by a nominating committee which is made up of senior FFA members. The nominating committee then selects the members who are best qualified for the offices and they are voted upon by the chapter. . . . Many of the members have been working at home on their improvement and supplementary practices. The boys are fixing roofs, building fences, and repairing and painting machinery. . . . Some of the juniors gave a TV demonstration on soldering. . . . We plan to attend the agriculture science day at Manhattan in April. . . . Volunteer members are getting ready to work after school hours for a money raising project. Some of the jobs which they have lined up are: painting a car, fiberglassing a boat, and making new hurdles for the school track. . . . On the social side, we are planning a Sunday afternoon for bowling, a square dance with the girls physical education class, and a summer camp trip.

Jerry Rowley, Reporter

LEOTI This year there were 18 boys who were awarded the Green Hand degree at our annual father-son chili feed. Some of the shop projects this year included: pipe trailer, cattle feeder, stock racks, barrel holder for gasoline and deisel tanks, creepers, welding tables, and loading chutes. . . . We had a pest control con-

Leoti (continued) test with the Syracuse chapter.....Early this year we held a food sale which was very profitable..We now have five gilts in the gilt ring and at the present time they are being distributed to freshmen.

Dave Wieggers, Reporter

EFFINGHAM We have three members applying for agriculture scholarships..We initiated our Green Hands at our father-son chili supper, and our chapter farmers at our parent-son banquet. We showed films of trips and of safety activities. We showed films at our chapter meetings on pest control, fertilizer use, and care of machinery.Our money raising activities consist mainly of operating a popcorn stand at football and basketball games and booths at the fair.....Our chapter had a basketball and ping-pong tournament.We sold light bulbs, hog troughs, mineral, and Christmas cards....We had a chapter speaking contest and participated in the district speaking contest....During FFA week, our chapter presented a daily radio program on chapter activities and information on the FFA.

Jerry Handke, Reporter

MERIDEN We are now making plans for our annual FFA banquet that is going to be held April 15....In shop we have made a hog creep-feeder, overhauled an engine, built an air compressor, saw-horses, and a rabbit hutch..... We plan to attend ag science day at Manhattan on April 2....To raise money, we are building farm items for local farmers...We are also planning a scrap metal drive.

Maurice Heller, Reporter

GIRARD We cooperated with the county Agriculture Hall of Fame chairman in a fund raising drive. We raised \$25.00 from the donations of corn from the corn plots the boys planted last year...We have overhauled the Brillion seeder and the Bermuda sprigger for the Soil Conservation District and gave the seeder a new paint job. These machines are ready to be used and will be available for rent through our FFA Chapter this year.....Our shop projects include: building a squeeze chute, truck bed, converting a horse-drawn manure spreader for tractor use, and plow repair.....We held our annual parent-son banquet on March 15. Part of the program was presented by the local banker and his wife. They had recently visited Europe and taken several interesting slides on European agriculture. During the meeting the chapter conferred the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree on our school superintendent.

Steve Marshall, Reporter

ALMENA Our chapter is planning its FFA banquet for April 22. The highlight of the banquet will be movies of all the members with their parents observing and discussing their farming programs.....We are putting on a chili supper for the Dads and businessmen April 27. After the supper we will show the film "Stop Rats Forever",..... Most of our shop projects are repair jobs. We have four farm engine overhauls, two tractor engine overhauls, three section of drag harrow to repair, and four picnic tables to repair for the city park. We are building three gates from rake wheels and a feed bunk..... We have dehorned some dairy heifers and castrated and docked some lambs for one of our neighbors....Because of

Almena (continued) the bad weather, our activities during national FFA week were limited to distributing posters and pamphlets to our business houses, and by putting ads in the local newspaper.....The junior class is making plans to attend the ag science at Kansas State University April 2.

Gary Brown, Reporter

BURLINGTON: On Jan. 25 we had our annual Dad and Son chili feed. The losing side of our pest control contest treated the winners.....We celebrated national FFA week by having a display of FFA activities in the main lobby of the high school and our FFA officers presented a 20 minute program to the Rotary Club.....Our local editor took several group pictures of our FFA organization and these were sponsored by local merchants and published in the paper.

Michael Williams, Reporter

ALMA: The county pest control contest came to a close Feb. 26, with the following four schools participating: Alta Vista, Eskridge, Harveyville, and Alma. The two low chapters will treat the two winning chapters to a hamburger fry....April 9th is the date set for our parent-son banquet. This year instead of having a guest speaker, we plan to show slides and films of different members' farming programs and other chapter accomplishments. It is also at the banquet that we announce our Chapter Star Farmer, Star Green Hand Farmer and our FFA sweetheart for the coming year.

Charles Sommer, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: We held our annual father and son barbecue on Nov. 31, at which time we initiated 13 new Green Hands. Our first pest control contest started Dec. 18 and ended Jan. 18,.....The seniors have been selling battery booster cables as a money raising project....Our chapter participated in National FFA week by going to church as a group on FFA Sunday, also the chapter placed an exhibit downtown in a local hardware store..... Our chapter had its public speaking contest on Mar. 21. Our annual banquet is to be held two weeks after the State convention. The chapter sold its multiple farrowing hog farm setup to the Maurer-Neuer packing plant of Arkansas City, who will use the farm in conjunction with their own similar setup.....The vocational ag classes helped set up pens and arena for the annual barrow show held at Arkansas City on Mar. 7.....Our freshman class operated a concession stand at the barrow show....We will be host to a dairy products school on the afternoon of April 15. There will also be a Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Armory.

Gary Learned, Reporter

IOLA: Our chapter celebrated its 20th anniversary Nov. 2, 1959. Additional recognition of the anniversary was given at the annual parent-son banquet on Mar. 28. Our high school superintendent and principal were awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree at the banquet....We were host to the SE Kansas District Public Speaking School in Jan. and will be host to the Dairy Products Judging School in April.....In shop, several pieces of equip-

Iola (continued) ment have been built and repaired. A senior built a wagon trailer grain box and will use it in operation of his farming program..... The FFA officers presented the program for the Lions Club during National FFA Week. A window display was also prepared.....We are looking forward to attending the state convention again this year.

Ronald Coltrane, Reporter

FARMING PROGRAM STORY

VALLEY FALLS CHAPTER: - Dale Kirkham

At the time I entered high school, I was living on the farm and owned one dairy cow, one dairy heifer and a calf. Soon after, I bought ten western ewes. During my sophomore year, I managed my dairy and ewe-lamb projects. I also bought eleven feeder lambs and found this venture to be profitable and educational. In my junior year, I purchased one beef heifer and eighteen breeding ewes. During my senior year, I fattened one heifer and sixteen lambs for market. I maintained my dairy and ewe-lamb projects.

During high school, I was employed on several jobs concerned with agriculture. I feel that I owe my education in the agricultural field to my experiences on the farm and my learning in high school vocational agriculture courses.