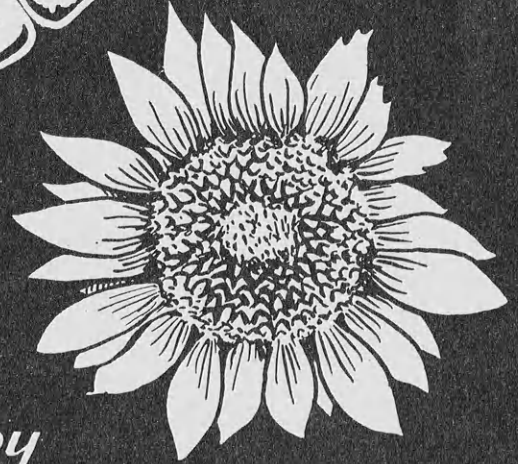
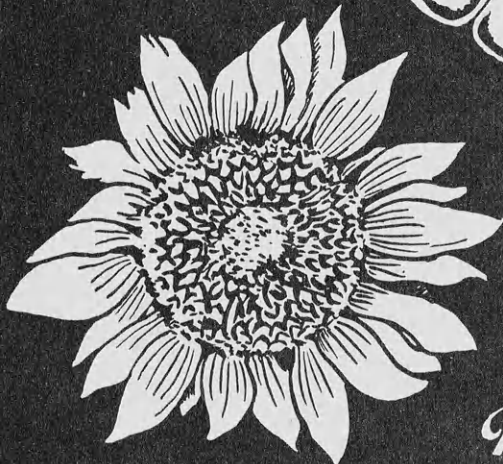


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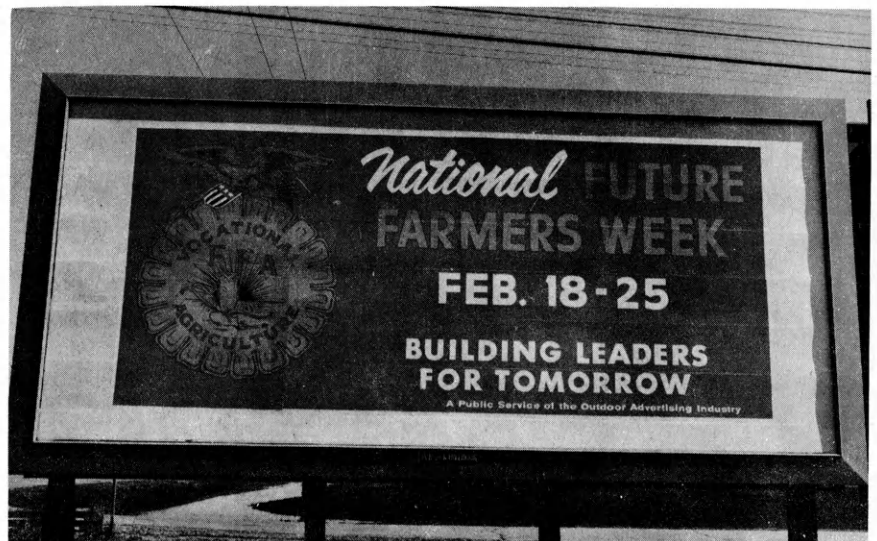
Shown at left is Lyle Carpenter, National FFA President from Yuma, Colorado.

Lyle owns 160 acres of irrigated land and has a 50/50 partnership with his father in 420 acres of dryland farming. He owns 30 swine, 22 beef cattle, and 3 dairy cows.

Lyle was Governor of Colorado Boys State, President of the Freshman Class at Colorado State University, and delegate to Boys Nation. He was a member of winning crops judging and livestock judging teams in state contests.

Lyle will be attending our State FFA Convention in Manhattan from April 30 to May 2.

Forty road-side posters like the one on the right were shown throughout Kansas prior to and during FFA Week in 1961. Obtained from a firm in Texas, the signs were placed and shown as a public service by the Outdoor Advertising Industry.





Governor John Anderson signed his proclamation declaring February 18-25 as National FFA Week in Kansas. Observing the action was Melvin Hunt, State FFA President; C. C. Eustace, State Advisor; and Larry Richardson, State FFA Vice-President.



The Collegiate FFA Chapter at Kansas State University has just passed its second birthday. The young organization has been doing an outstanding job of helping to carry out FFA objectives on the University level. Shown above are: left to right, Professor Paul Stevenson, faculty advisor; Gary Doggett, St. Francis, acting secretary; Gary Higby, Smith Center, sentinel; Gary Eilrich, Ellsworth, reporter; Jerry Gardner, Clay Center, president; Steve Robb, Lawrence, treasurer; Professor Ray Agan, faculty advisor; and Gary Harmon, Ellsworth, vice president.



Major Ralph N. Dove of the United States Air Force Academy will speak to the Kansas FFA delegates on Tuesday morning, May 2, in Williams Auditorium at Kansas State University.

Major Dove has a broad background of experience and training. At the present time, he is responsible for the guidance and counsel of academy aspirants throughout the nation. His presentation will include the showing of films.

At right, Clyde Hoover, Lawrence FFA Chapter, checks the weight of one of his lambs. Mr. Jake Plain, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, visited with Clyde and other FFA members who have ewe flocks under the Sears program.



At left, Professor C. O. Jacobs, KSU, tests a weld for strength. FFA member Larry Emig of Solomon hopes his work will stand the test.

Many similar activities will be performed at the State High School Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics contests on May 1 and 2 in Manhattan.



PRESIDENT HUNT  
ISSUES  
CONVENTION CALL

As this school year rapidly draws to a close, I find it a necessity as well as a pleasure to present this call to this year's highlight. The Thirty-Third Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will be held April 30 to May 2 on the campus of Kansas State University at Manhattan.

I hope that every Kansas chapter will be represented by its delegates who are not members of any contest team. I sincerely wish that everyone will find it convenient to attend the Vespers Program scheduled for Sunday evening, April 30.

I feel that we are very fortunate in being able to have with us this year, Lyle Carpenter, the National FFA president. I know that he will receive a hearty welcome by all, and that he will want to meet each and everyone present.

As I say, I am looking forward to seeing all of you. I know that I speak for all my fellow officers as well. Let us all participate and close this year with nothing less than a big success.

Melvin Hunt, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

ATTENTION FFA MEMBERS

"Not Enough Farm Boys"

By C. C. Eustace, State Advisor

Most of us, adults included, think of research as dull, confining work involving figures, statistics, experiments, books, test tubes, and indoor drudgery. Much scientific research would seem to be wasted effort as men work long hours over long periods of time and do not come up with beneficial new discoveries that will aid mankind. However, records of their work, even though it did not end in success, may help future researchers to succeed.

Now, FFA members, to prove to you that not all research is dull and uninteresting, here are the results of some careful research studies on farm population, farm boys and agricultural jobs that can bear vital significance to your future.

No. 1. Studies have been made in many states to find out what boys do who have taken all the vocational agriculture that was offered in the high schools where they went to school. Reports show that 25 to 40 per cent of them end up farming. Studies also show that those who farm use more good production practices, make more money and are more civic minded than those who did not take vocational

Attention FFA Members (continued)

agriculture. In spite of what we hear about the difficulty of getting established in farming, research indicates that many of you will be good farmers.

No. 2. National statistics tell us that around 10 per cent of our population today live and work on farms but that 40 per cent of our population are employed in farming and in agribusiness, which is the business of processing farm products and the supplying of farmers with the things they need to produce food and fiber.

As the need for numbers of farmers decreases, the need for technically trained persons in agriculture increases. Special education is needed for the man who farms, for the man who provides services for the farmer, and also for the man who handles the products of the farm. A farm background is useful in all of these occupations. Experience in production of crops and livestock and a knowledge of farm financial problems will be valuable to the man who handles farm products or the man who sells and services farm machinery.

No. 3. Don't say to yourself -- nor let someone else tell you, that, "there's no future in agriculture." The future in agriculture is bright. Every day there are 11,520 new hungry mouths to feed in the U. S. Actually we have to keep going to town to get enough men to do all the jobs in agriculture. If you're not going to be able to operate a farm, you can select your choice of jobs in servicing agriculture and prepare yourself for it. Farm boys are a scarce item. We just do not have enough farm boys to fill all the jobs in agriculture.

WHY I ENROLLED IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AT KSU \*  
by Jerry Gardner

There are two major reasons why I enrolled in Agricultural Education at KSU. First, I have a very sincere love for agriculture and farm life. Secondly, I truly desire to be of some service to my fellow men, and teaching is one of the greatest ways of serving God and people.

I grew up on a north central Kansas farm and have always wanted to be a farmer, or at least to work in a closely related field. When I went to high school, I enrolled in vocational agriculture and learned all I could about agriculture and farming. Vocational agriculture was the course I loved the most and studied the hardest. Upon graduation I thought I would probably start full time farming. But times were changing; the need for higher education became more apparent. I decided that I must obtain a college education to be best prepared for my life's work.

As I had always been interested in agriculture and had thought that I would like to teach people, I enrolled in Agricultural Education. In this curriculum I found a balance between general agricultural subjects and the other courses necessary for a well balanced education. As I am equally interested in Agronomy as well as Animal Husbandry, I found it possible to receive a balanced education in these two fields in the Agricultural Education Curriculum.

\* EDITOR'S NOTE: In the following three articles, seniors at Kansas State University tell about college and their plans for the future.



### Why I Enrolled in Agricultural Education at KSU (continued)

My ultimate goal in college is to receive a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education. When I receive this degree next June, part of my dream will be realized, as I will then be qualified to teach Vocational Agriculture. I will have considerable knowledge of agriculture, and of how to apply the different principles that I have learned. When I receive my degree, I plan to become a Vocational Agriculture Instructor and teach other people better agricultural methods and practices. I fully realize that some day I may want to have my own farm. If this is what I finally do, I am sure there is no other college curriculum that could have better prepared me for making a success of farming than the Agricultural Education Curriculum.

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### WHY I PLAN TO BE A VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHER by Gary Van Leeuwen

I want to be a vocational agriculture teacher so that I can stimulate and guide the learning of students. Vocational agriculture teaching is a challenging profession and a part of the total farming picture. I have always been interested in and liked farming but since it is impossible for me to go back to the farm, teaching vocational agriculture is about as close to the farm as a person can get without farming.

I have been interested in the teaching profession for some time because I like to help others. In teaching, you not only have the opportunity, but the duty to help the students in developing their minds and their personality traits.

Today, because of mechanization, there are less farmers and more jobs associated with agriculture than ever before. Because of this fact, the vocational agriculture teacher has the responsibility to inform the students of agricultural jobs other than farming.

In teaching vocational agriculture, you get to teach many different features of agriculture. Each day you can teach different material; also, there are many ways of presenting this material.

For these reasons I think teaching vocational agriculture would be a very interesting and challenging career.

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### WHY I ENROLLED IN AG. ED. by Larry Johnson

During my years in high school, I took Vocational Agriculture. In these four years, I learned many new ideas and methods of farming. When I decided to come to Kansas State University, I was undecided as to what curriculum to enter. I checked as far as I could into each, and decided that the one which gave the best over all education in both agriculture and farm mechanics was the one in Agricultural Education. My four years in Ag. Ed. have shown this to be very true.

In the Ag. Ed. curriculum, one not only gets a very broad base in animal and soil science, but is given courses which deal with farm power and machinery, electrification, and farm buildings. I consider all these courses to be very desirable for a student of agriculture, no matter what he intends to do after graduation.

### Why I Enrolled in Ag. Ed. (continued)

Agricultural Education also gives the student an insight into the teaching profession. The courses in general education have been very helpful in providing understanding about the school, the teacher, and the student.

Although I originally enrolled in this curriculum with the thought of returning to the farm after graduation, I now find myself increasingly interested in the possibility of teaching Vocational Agriculture. My contacts in FFA and in the Ag. Ed. curriculum have made me feel that teaching would be a very interesting and rewarding profession. I am looking forward to my student teaching experience as an excellent way to judge for myself whether I should continue with my desire to teach.

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### CHAPTERS CAPITALIZED ON "FFA WEEK"

In February, many Kansas FFA chapters supplied local newspapers with pictures and news stories which told the FFA Story. Twenty-five radio stations used a special recording which featured statements from outstanding Kansas leaders, regarding the importance of the vocational agriculture and FFA program.

Television stations carried many announcements and pictures of vocational agriculture farming programs and other FFA activities. FFA chapters presented many programs for assemblies and civic groups, and built numerous displays and posters which described the leadership and farming programs that are being developed in FFA.

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### CAPTAIN JOHN R. MCKONE FORMER KANSAS FFA MEMBER

Kansas FFA members will be interested to know that Captain John R. McKone, who was held prisoner seven months in Moscow and who was released on January 25 of this year, was a member of the Tonganoxie FFA Chapter while in high school. He was also a member of the National FFA Band in 1948 and in 1949. At the present time he is stationed at the Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka.

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### ANNUAL FFA CHAPTER REPORT DUE

Chapter officers and advisors will note that the annual FFA report form has been revised. An attempt has been made to request only information which relates to FFA activities that are important, desirable and basic to a "going FFA program".

Your state association must receive a report from each chapter, so that our data for state-wide publicity and for our report to the National Organization will be accurate and complete.

Save unnecessary correspondence and postage by mailing in your report promptly.

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Prof: What's that you're working on?  
Student: A fluid that will dissolve anything.  
Prof: That's a great idea. When you find it what are you going to keep it in?

KANSAS CHAPTERS USE  
OFFICIAL FFA CALENDARS

The following Kansas Chapters have the official 1961 FFA Calendars hanging in quantity in their communities:



Abilene	Liberal
Belleville	Manhattan
Beloit	McCune
Bird City	McPherson
Brewster	Ness City
Chapman	Oakley
Clearwater	Oberlin
Colby	Peabody
Concordia	Phillipsburg
Ford	Plainville
Fort Scott	Russell
Garden City	Shawnee -
Girard	Mission
Goessel	Solomon
Hill City	Highland Park
Hoxie	Uniontown
	Winfield

STATE FFA PUBLIC  
SPEAKERS - NOTICE

A bibliography MUST be included as part of the public speaker's manuscript, and direct quotes from any other sources of information, etc., must be marked in "quotes" on the manuscript and be identified with the bibliography. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify a contestant.

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You can't expect even crumbs of comfort in old age if you loaf in youth.

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The above chapters are to be congratulated for participating in this very effective public relations program.

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NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT  
TO KANSAS  
FOR STATE CONVENTION

Lyle Carpenter, National FFA President, Yuma, Colorado, will be working with your state FFA officers at the Kansas State FFA Convention to be held April 30 - May 2 at Manhattan. Lyle was elected 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.

RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

On October 1, there were 6,203 students enrolled in 195 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of March 22 was 6,620. The percentage of membership based upon October 1 enrollment was 107%.

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

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

The seven chapters having the highest paid-up membership for the year were: Altamont - 106; Chapman - 63; Effingham - 61; Garden City - 68; Kingman - 66; Lawrence - 68; and Paola - 71.

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

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 to 175 per cent are:  
 Centralia                      Merriam                      Stockton  
 Holcomb                      Simpson

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

Almena	Frankfort	Long Island
Berryton	Goodland	McPherson
Beverly	Greenleaf	Moundridge
Brewster	Haddam	Paola
Clearwater	Harper	Powhattan
Coffeyville	Haven	Quinter
Downs	Highland	Stafford
Effingham	Hillsboro	Wakefield
Ellsworth	Hoxie	Waterville
Erie	Liberal	Wetmore
Fairview	Linn	Wilson

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

Abilene	Lindsborg
Alma	Lyndon
Altamont	Mankato
Alton	Marysville
Arkansas City	Medicine Lodge
Attica	Morrowville
Atwood	Natoma
Barnes	Neodesha
Bazine	Ness City
Belleville	Norcatour
Bird City	Norton
Blue Mound	Oakley
Buhler	Oberlin
Cherryvale	Osage City
Clay Center	Osborne
Clifton	Oxford
Colby	Palco
Cottonwood Falls	Paradise
Council Grove	Partridge
Ellis	Peabody
Ensign	Plainville
Eureka	Preston
Florence	Pretty Prairie
Fort Scott	Randolph
Fowler	Riley
Garnett	Russell
Girard	Sabetha
Great Bend	Salina
Hanover	Severy
Hill City	Silver Lake
Hoisington	Smith Center
Holton	Solomon
Hope	Spearville
Humboldt	St. Francis
Inman	Tribune
Jennings	Troy
Jewell	Udall
Kingman	Uniontown
Kinsley	Wakeeney
LaCrosse	Wamego
Lawrence	Washington
Lebo	Wellsville
	Yates Center

Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

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

Alta Vista	Hoyt
Altoona	Hugoton
Beloit	Jetmore
Burlington	Kensington
Burns	Kincaid
Cheney	LaCygne
Claflin	Leoti
Columbus	Louisburg
Courtland	McCune
Delphos	Minneapolis
Ford	Ottawa
Goessel	Parker
Harveyville	Plains
Hays	Scandia
Herington	

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

Burlingame	Marion
Caney	Miltonvale
Chapman	Mulvane
Concordia	Riverton
Dodge City	Rossville
Elk City	St. Marys
Eskridge	St. Paul
Howard	Syracuse
Independence	Valley Falls
Lebanon	Williamsburg
Longford	Winfield
Manhattan	

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

Iola	Newton
Meriden	Onaga
Mullinville	Phillipsburg

Those chapters having a membership range of 58 to 79 per cent are:

Ellinwood	Morland
Emporia	Pratt
Fredonia	Highland Park - Topeka
McDonald	Seaman - Topeka



SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE  
FOR  
1961 STATE FFA CONVENTION  
Kansas State University, Manhattan

Sunday, April 30

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 1 - Williams Auditorium

8:30 a.m. to noon -

First Session in Williams Auditorium and committee meetings in designated classrooms.

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, entertainment, scholarship presentations, and finals in speech.

7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. - University Auditorium  
Third Session - State Farmer Degrees, National FFA Officer, Address by Governor Anderson, National FFA Foundation Awards, and Honorary State Farmer Degrees.

Tuesday, May 2

8:30 a.m. to noon - Williams Auditorium  
Fourth Session - Business, entertainment, report from FHA.

10:00 - Major Ralph Dove - U. S. Air Force

11:15 - Election of State Officers  
 Lunch - Animal Industries Bldg.

1:00 to 2:45 p.m. - Fifth Session  
 Business, scholarship presentations, and announce new State Officers  
 Adjourn Convention

3:00 p.m.  
 Kansas State University and Chamber of Commerce presentations - announcements of contest winners.

Note: Monday night's program will be in the University Auditorium. The remainder of the Convention program will be in Williams Auditorium.

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA  
FOUNDATION, INC.  
1960 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	157.14
Soil and Water Management	100.00
Star State Farmer	200.00
American Farmer	450.00
Judging	138.95
State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership	917.76
Total Distributed in Kansas	\$2363.85

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NO NATIONAL CHORUS IN 1961

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 1961.

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

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The automobile has had great influence on public morals; it has completely stopped horse stealing.

CONVENTION MINUTES TO  
CHAPTERS IN APRIL

Early in April, a copy of last year's State FFA Convention minutes will be mailed to the chapters. Local officers and delegates should examine these minutes carefully and be ready to correct or approve them at the beginning of this year's convention.

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PRESIDENT HUNT TRAVELED  
WITH NATIONAL OFFICERS

Kansas FFA President Melvin Hunt and your executive secretary traveled with the National FFA Officers while they made a two-day tour of businesses in Kansas City. The National Officers were finishing their annual good will tour. While in Kansas City, the group visited the Spencer Chemical Co., The Kansas City Star, Western Auto Stores main office, Sheffield Steel, Butler Manufacturing Co., and the American Hereford headquarters.

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NATIONAL FFA CHAPTER AWARD  
APPLICATIONS  
Due April 6

Chapter officers need to appoint 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 committee.

Chapters that receive a "Superior" rating this year and did not receive such rating last year will receive a beautiful 12-year plaque. This plaque has spaces on which the chapter classification can be placed for each of 12 years. The name of the chapter and the classifications are engraved in plastic and attached to the plaque.

Chapters that received plaques last year will receive their appropriate designation this year for placing on the plaques.

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 1961.

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EASY PAYMENT PLAN

An old country doctor parked his Model T on the street. When he came back, a number of youths were standing around laughing at the old bus. The doctor climbed into the seat and said mildly, "The car's paid for, boys." He looked deliberately from one boy to another. "You're not--and you're not."

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REMINDERS

from  
Professor H. R. 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-eighth Annual State High School Vocational Agriculture Judging and Farm Mechanics contests, May 1-2, 1961.

ENTRY ARRIVAL DATES:

All entries listed below must arrive on the KSU campus by Tuesday, April 18.

April 18, 1961: FFA SPEECH CONTEST

Individual entries for the FFA Speech Contest are to arrive not later than April 18. Three typewritten copies, including a bibliography, are to be mailed to Howard R. Bradley, Department of Education, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas.

April 18, 1961: AG. NEWSWRITING CONTEST - Individual entries for the Ag. Newswriting Contest are to arrive not later than April 18.

April 18, 1961: AGRICULTURE AND FARM MECHANICS CONTESTS - Entries for the Agriculture and Farm Mechanics Contest are to arrive not later than April 18.

April 18, 1961: HOT LUNCHES  
Send money orders or checks (no cash) to Agriculture Education Club for advisors, contestants and FFA delegates.

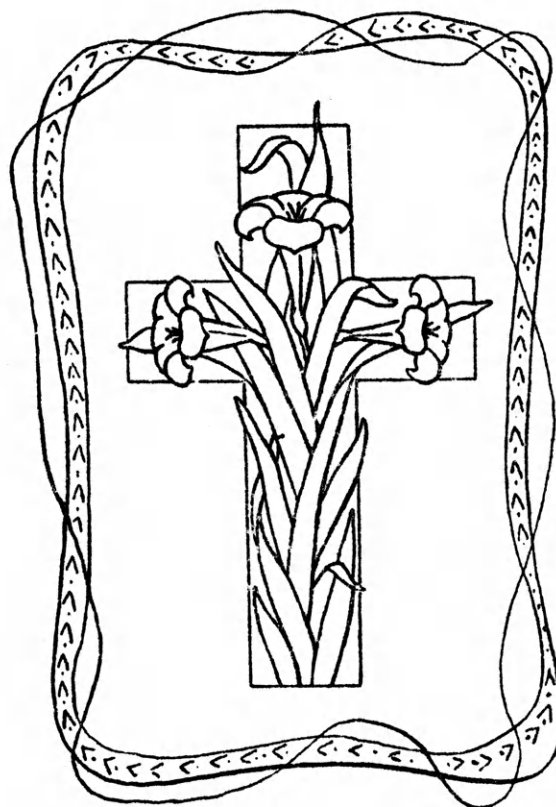
April 18, 1961: UNIVERSITY HOUSING  
All reservations for beds, together with \$2.50 per bed, should be made to Dr.

R. J. Agan, Department of Education, KSU, Manhattan, Kansas. Make check payable to K. V. A. A.

Note: FFA activities - Due April 6.  
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 compete in any part of the contest.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

KINCAID:

At our November meeting, 12 Green Hands were initiated into the chapter. Our chapter donated \$1 per member to the Ag. Hall of Fame and helped the county committee in collecting donations in our area. Our pest control contest ended January 2, and the losing side will give the winning side a picnic. We made \$225 from our corn project which will finance our Parent-Son Banquet to be held on April 12. Some shop projects that are underway include a self-feeder, 2 barbecue pits, painting stock racks, swings, desk, several farrowing crates, and gates.

Deane Ramsey, Reporter

ELLSWORTH:

Some of our safety achievements include a hunter safety program on KCKT-TV; a junior rifle club started; 10,000 pieces of safety literature passed out; two continuous window displays in downtown Ellsworth; twenty safety films shown to FFA members and interested persons; fifty news articles on safety in the local papers; aided student council in conducting a school-wide safe driving campaign; conducted auto safety check at school with aid of a state trooper; constructed forty safety flags for tractors; and safety checked 400 farms. Seven FFA members received a total of \$400 worth of Soil Conservation scholarships offered by the county. Outstanding shop projects include a bale elevator, four

calf cradles, 2 two-wheeled trailers, and 2 four-wheeled trailers. In recent North Central Kansas FFA contests, we placed first in Public Speaking, first in Crops Judging, and second in Farm Mechanics. Coming events for the chapter include our annual Parent-Son Banquet and the construction of a fall-out shelter as the final phase of our safety campaign.

Wally Weber, Reporter

TROY:

Our pest eradication contest ended on February 1. We are putting up FFA signs along Highways 7 and 36. Our chapter officers put on a program for the Kiwanis at Troy on February 15. During FFA Week, we put up FFA signs and put up some window displays. Our chapter bought some pigs which we are feeding for market. We also made two self-feeders for the pigs. Our chapter bought a tractor with a 3-14 inch mounted plow. Our shop projects include: overhauling a truck, painting a tractor, and constructing a loading chute.

Bobby Keller, Reporter

PARADISE:

Officers for next year were elected during our March meeting and will be installed at the Parent-Son Banquet in May. We elected a Chapter Sweet-

Paradise (continued)

heart and presented her a white chapter sweetheart jacket. We will select a Chapter Star Farmer and Star Green Hand again this year and will present them with their awards at the banquet. A farming program tour is being conducted as field trips. Several castrating and dehorning field trips have been held.

Albert Strecker, Reporter

SIMPSON:

Six FFA chapter members inspected one hundred seventeen cars in an afternoon in January. This vehicle inspection was held with two Highway Patrolmen assisting. Items such as brakes, lights, windshield wipers, directional signals, and other features were checked. OK stickers were given to vehicles passing inspection. Seven teams of boys from our chapter recently went out from school to make their 1961 farm safety visits. These visits were made to help farm families eliminate some of the hazards which could cause farm accidents or fatalities. The members completed one hundred three visits by early afternoon. In connection with the Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Committee, we sold 2 1/2 lb. dry chemical fire extinguishers at low prices. The purpose of this sale was to get more effective fire extinguishers placed in homes, trucks, pickups, tractors, shops, barns, and other needed places to be ready in event of an emergency.

Reporter

COLBY:

We held a joint chapter meeting with the Oakley FFA Chapter. At this meeting our chapter initiated the Oakley Green Hands, and then the Oakley Chapter initiated our Chapter Farmers. All of the parents of the FFA boys, both from

Oakley and our chapter were guests at the joint meeting. We are having a pest control contest with the Oakley Chapter. The losing chapter will give the other chapter a hamburger supper. Our chapter is building a Radiation Fall-out Shelter. Civil Defense has given our chapter \$250 to build this shelter. The structure of this building will be made out of cement blocks, and it will be large enough for a family of six people. It will have all the necessary equipment and food to last a family for two weeks. This shelter will be built on the grounds of the new KXXX Radio Station south of Colby. The Hi Plains Co-op of Colby bought 100 official FFA Calendars this year, and they gave these calendars to our chapter. In our gilt ring, two gilts have been placed with two freshman boys. At our last FFA meeting, Mr. Whitaker, the Game Protector from Atwood, gave a talk and showed a very interesting picture. In our chapter the student with the best-kept record book will receive a prize and the student with the highest grades for the semester will receive a medal. On February 25, we held our FFA-FHA Sweetheart Dance.

Jerry Franz, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS:

Plans are being made for our Parent-Son dinner to be held April 7. We are starting our farming program tour. We plan to visit each boy's farming program and take pictures of his program. Eight boys have a feeder pig program that is being carried out at the Ag. barn. Three boys plan to show cattle at the Chase County Beef Show April 22. Some of our shop jobs are: gates made from used pipe, hog feeders, calf creep feeders, and tractor overhaul.

Larry Scott, Reporter

SEVERY:

On January 5, the freshman Vocational Agriculture boys held a parent-son meeting. Our advisor talked on what Vocational Agriculture is about, how we study, safety in shop, and other points of interest to the parents. Our president told of the rituals and tests we took at Chanute earlier in the year, and the vice-president told of our trip to Kansas City. The Vocational Agriculture shop was opened for the parents. After the meeting, coffee and cookies were served. Our chapter has bought a snow-cone machine which will be set up at most home basketball games and other school activities. The profit, after the machine is paid for, will go into the chapter funds for a parent-son banquet in the spring. Our pest hunt is completed. Shop projects being made in the Vocational Agriculture shop consist of feed bunks, hay bunks, loading chutes, farm trailer, clothesline poles, and gates. These projects will be finished in the near future and either be sold or taken home. The Freshman FFA boys are selling Farm Journal magazine subscriptions.

Larry Colwell, Reporter

HANOVER:

Our biennial Parent-Son banquet was held on February 14 with 110 guests present. Each member served his parents and honored guests. The following awards were given: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Crops, Poultry, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Soil and Water Management, Scholarship, Star Green Hand, Public Speaking, Dekalb award, and Chapter Star Farmer. The theme of the banquet was "Science in Agriculture." In December we held our annual pest contest. We had two teams

and the losing team served the winning team a chili supper. Our 38 active members raised 998 hogs, 185 cattle, 77 sheep, 164 acres of corn, 122 1/4 acres of milo, and 88 1/2 acres of wheat. They have a total net worth of \$37,438,53. The Ag III class is building self-feeders which will be sold to raise money to go on the annual trip to the stock yards, Swift Packing Plant, and other farm related businesses in Kansas City. The freshman class is studying gardening. They have a sectional plastic green house for their hot-bed. Any profit from this project will go into the FFA treasury.

Lavern Kruse, Reporter

SEAMAN:

Our chapter challenged Silver Lake in pest control and won. Our chapter participated in the East Central Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest. We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet on February 27. There were 180 people present. Gene Raymond, State FFA Secretary, brought greetings from the State Association. We showed slides of the members' farming programs for the main part of the program. We took first in the East Central District FFA Poultry Contest. Shop projects that have been constructed are 2 three-point hitch carriers for tractors, 4 feed bunks, 3 gates, and 2 four-wheeled trailers. We are planning to have a Donkey Basketball Game and set steel posts for a water line development as money-raising activities.

Ray White, Reporter

NATOMA:

We have branded, vaccinated, dehorned, and castrated livestock. We are planning to poison some prairie dogs this spring. Some of the projects being built in our shop are: squeeze chute, stock racks, feed bunks, self-feeders, and tables. We recently held a Dad's Night in our chapter. All the dads were invited for an evening of visiting and card playing.

Warren Koelling, Reporter

HAYS:

The night of April 6, 1961, will be the pleasant occasion of our annual FFA Banquet. It is an event to which everyone looks forward. Our chapter is installing a fall-out shelter at the Fort Hays Experiment Station. We granted 12 boys the Green Hand degree. Our chapter had a hayrack ride with the FHA. One of our judging teams won second place at the Angus Futurity Show at Wichita.

David Schukman, Reporter

BURLINGAME:

Our parent meeting and Green Hand initiation and open house were combined this year with most of our parents attending. The chapter is continuing the cooperative gilt ring this year with our registered Landrace Sows. We were represented by a member from each class at the East Central District Speech Contest, and acted as host chapter for the District Poultry Contest. We have earned enough from the Mid-America Fair exhibits, concession stands at football and basketball games, and other activities for our annual Parent-Son Banquet to be held in April. Some of our major shop projects have been: feed bunks, portable loading chutes,

gates, hog waterers, portable scales, and a tractor blade.

Gerald Tucker, Reporter

HOWARD:

In shop, the members have made a hay loader, hay elevator, hay wagon, 8 gates, a forge, 2 calf feeders, a feed bunk, 2 welding tables, an anvil, and 1 hog feeder. We have repaired a tractor hitch and draw bar, a manure spreader, and a disc. We plan to enter some projects in the Lincoln Arc Welding Contest. Our annual Parent-Son Banquet will be held April 14. We have raised broilers for it. We have held our annual Chili Feed in which we invited our fathers. For the program, we awarded Green Hand degrees and showed slides. We are selling tractor seat cushions. We plan to attend the Purina Research Farm. Also we have a fishing trip and a spring tour planned.

Kenneth Vaughn, Reporter

HOLCOMB:

Our chapter has a 10-acre plot of wheat. As a Vo-Ag shop project, many members built farrowing crates and sold them to farmers in the area. There are also many individual shop projects in our chapter. At our annual Parent-Son Banquet this year, we honored Mr. John F. Riggs, School Superintendent, and Dr. David I. Williams, Principal, with the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree. The chapter held a pest control contest. We plan to send delegates, judging teams and Farm Mechanics contestants to the State FFA Convention.

Harold Webb, Reporter

ATTICA:

We held a Donkey Basketball Game to help raise funds for the FFA chapter. The senior Vo-Ag class plans to visit the Purina Research Farm at St. Louis when school is out. We attended the Crops and Poultry Judging Contest at Peabody.

Doyle Yoder, Reporter

SILVER LAKE:

Shop projects under construction in our shop include 2 portable hog houses, an implement trailer, and a squeeze chute. Repair jobs being carried out include a new bed for a manure spreader, overhauling a tractor, and repairing a metal hog self-feeder. We are making plans to entertain the Seaman Chapter to a chili feed. They beat us in a rodent control contest this winter. On Feb. 18, we had our annual chapter sweetheart party. The senior agriculture class has been appointed to serve as a nominating committee for the election of our chapter officers again this year. This election will be held in April with formal installation in May. We attended the St. Marys feeder steer demonstration March 16.

Kerry Bahner, Reporter

MANHATTAN:

We initiated 12 members to the Green Hand degree in November. The following received the Green Hand degree: Dwight Diederich, Melvin Johnson, Alvan Johnson, Robert Avery, Gerald Buckman, Barton Carey, Jack Conrow, Floyd Huntzinger, Tom Kientz, Robert Lansdowne, David Parker, and Stanley Russell; and eight members received the Chapter Farmer degree in January. At our February night meeting, Melvin Hunt, State FFA President, was guest speaker.

We held our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet March 9. Our average net worth per boy is \$1133.27. Mr. Harold Frank and Mr. Bryce Todd received the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree. National Foundation Awards were present in the following areas: Star Farmer, Star Green Hand, Dairy Farming, Farm Mechanics, Crops, Electricity, and Livestock Farming. We have a Farm Account Book contest. The Collegiate Chapter and our chapter presented a program for the Manhattan Kiwanis Club. Farm mechanics jobs in shop are: a loading chute, feed rack, combine repair, self-feeder repair, saw horses, picnic table, tool box, horse trailer, stock rack, tractor overhaul, concrete hog troughs, water trough for sheep, wheel barrow repair, dehorning chute, welding table, 2 listers rebuilt to hydraulic lift to mount on tractor, clothes rack, and adjustable shop standards. We plan to contribute to a foreign exchange student fund in our high school.

Robert Dobson, Reporter

SABETHA:

Our chapter held a pest contest with the Holton and Centralia FFA Chapters, Our chapter won. We awarded Chapter Farmer degrees to five members. In shop this year, we have reconditioned several two-wheeled trailers, a lister, built six steel gates, five picnic tables, a fuel tank stand, four farrowing crates, and several are making a two-wheeled implement trailer, dehorning chute, and a bale loader.

Stephen Herrmann, Reporter

LONG ISLAND:

At our annual FFA Queen contest, all high school girls participated. The events of the contest were making a milking stool, taking an FFA information test, identifying 50 tools, and driving a tractor forward and backward through stakes. At our January meeting, a member of the Kansas Highway Patrol showed a film and lead a discussion on farm and highway safety. We gave a special radio broadcast during National FFA Week. On the Sunday of FFA Week, sixteen of our members attended the Methodist Church as a group. We also displayed a booth uptown during the week. In safety, we have inspected farms, held a Safety Car Check, had a fire demonstration, and gave safety talks over radio station KKAN - Phillipsburg. At present we are making preparations for our annual Parent-Son Banquet. In shop we are building a branding iron stove, 2-wheel trailer, hog panels and feeders, steel gates, a mineral feeder, a road drag, and a tractor and plow are being repaired.

Don Covington, Reporter

JENNINGS:

Ten boys were awarded the Green Hand degree at our last monthly meeting. Some of our shop projects are: dehorning chutes, implement carryall, loading chutes, sprayer trailers, picnic tables, feed bunk, air compressors, and farm gates. To raise money, we are building several projects to sell.

Bill Brooks, Reporter

OTTAWA:

Our annual crop show included 160 entries. We had a parent meeting and FFA program in connection with this show. In shop we made and sold one cattle feeder, six farm gates, and

several concrete hog troughs. Profits from the sales go into the FFA treasury. We have played two basketball games with the Paola FFA. Three of our members entered the farm shop contest at Highland Park. We have started selling subscriptions to the Kansas Farmer. We are working on plans for a banquet in April.

Bob Hayden, Reporter

GOESSEL:

Our chapter held its annual FFA Banquet March 10. The theme was centered around the Centennial. At this banquet, the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree was awarded to the manager of our local co-op. The seniors of our chapter recently toured the Wichita Livestock Yards. We are planning to enter the District and State Farm Mechanics Contests this spring. Some of the projects that are being built in shop include: a squeeze chute, loading chutes, implement carriers, bale elevators, scraper blade, self-unloading trailer, and numerous hog troughs and gates. This year we are repairing plows and a spring tooth harrow and hope to get a couple of mowers to work on before school is out.

Dennis Schmidt, Reporter

RUSSELL:

Our chapter used the Green Hand Initiation Ceremonies at the Freshman Parents Night and awarded that degree to 14 freshman boys. Later at another Parents Night, the Chapter Farmer degree was awarded to 12 Green Hands. Our advisor conducted an adult welding class and the FFA furnished the coffee for these meetings. The local Kiwanis Club awarded a purebred Hampshire gilt to Daryl

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Berry, Green Hand, to start a gilt ring for our chapter. Our chapter cooperated with the County Extension Council when they held their annual Feed Handling School. We gave safety demonstrations and skits and our officers' mothers served the dinner. They gave the net proceeds to our chapter. This amounted to \$85.85. We conducted an open house during FFA Week. Some of the more popular projects now under construction in the shop are: loading chutes, feed bunks, picnic tables, machinery repair and adjustment, and motor overhauling and repair.

Norman Nuss, Reporter

WINFIELD:

Our chapter held its Thirty-Second Annual Parent-Son Banquet on February 23. At the banquet, Floyd Barkman gave a talk on "Kansas Centennial," and Aaron Estabrook spoke on "What is a Kansan?" The Foundation Awards were presented by Mr. Tredway. Roger Aberle, the State FFA Treasurer, spoke. Our total net worth of all members except freshmen on January 1, 1961, was \$34,042. On January 1, our chapter members' programs included: 153 beef, 222 hogs, 17 dairy cattle, 51 sheep, 144 acres of wheat, 167 acres of milo, 63 acres of alfalfa, 20 acres of barley, 20 acres of attar, 12 acres of prairie hay, 8 acres of rye, and 5 acres of corn.

Devere Brothers, Reporter

HILLSBORO:

We are now making plans for our annual Parent-Son Banquet which is to be held in April. At the banquet we plan to make FFA Foundation Awards in the following areas: Sheep Production, Swine Production, Farm Mechanics and Chapter Star

Farmer. We also plan to use the Haven FFA Chapter's giant-sized, lighted FFA Emblem. This year we sold popcorn at home football and basketball games. We also exhibited the Marion County Collective Booth at the Hutchinson State Fair and participated in the Farm Mechanics exhibit at the State Fair. In our shop, we have 3 loading chutes, 3 implement carriers, 2 bale elevators, 1 horse trailer, 1 squeeze chute, and 2 feed bunks.

Lonnie Nickel, Reporter

NORCATUR:

Twenty-two of our FFA members attended the Denver Stock Show at Denver. We are getting ready for our annual Parent-Son Banquet which will include movies taken by our instructor of our farming programs and shop projects. The newly elected officers will confer the Honorary Chapter award at our banquet. The chapter will also give a \$100 scholarship award. We have taken several soil samples for farmers in our area. Some of the shop projects are: farrowing crates, pig creep feeders, stock racks, steel gates, tractor and truck painting. We have purchased a Hampshire boar for use in the FFA gilt ring.

Frank Brooks, Reporter

FORD:

We have been selling fire extinguishers and tractor seats. The Ford FFA is also having a work day and an ice cream social. Our local speech contest was held. All of the boys in the chapter made and gave an FFA speech. At present, most of the boys are working on shop skills and record books.

Roger A. Jones, Reporter

PLAINVILLE:

We had a pest eradication contest and those that did not turn in 200 or more points had to serve a chili supper for the rest of the members and all members' dads. This year we had a groundhog supper. The chapter netted a profit of \$240.37. The chapter bought the hogs, butchered and dressed them in the vocational agriculture classes. The members and a few mothers served the pancake feed. We also sold the Official FFA Calendar to a local business firm for 1961. Some of the major projects in shop now are: stock racks, portable loading chute, stationary loading chute, picnic tables, hay feeders, hog self-feeders, and a pickup carryall. We are making plans for our annual FFA Banquet. We will have a special program for the Green Hands on April 6 --the public is invited.

Mike Stahl, Reporter

OSAGE CITY:

We raised 7 freshmen to the Green Hand degree this year. We had 4 entries in the District Public Speaking Contest at Lawrence. We won the East Central Kansas Crops Contest which was held February 7. Mr. Harold Duis, Program Specialist in Agricultural Education, Washington, D. C., and State Advisor C. C. Eustace, visited our department on February 13. Recent additions to our farming programs include: 40 head of purebred Suffolk Ewes, 3 feeder steers, and 2 polled Hereford heifers. Our chapter is contributing one dollar per member to the Agricultural Hall of Fame. Our pest control contest ended on February 24. The major interest this year was on coyotes. The average net worth of our chapter members is \$1,620.74. At our Chapter Farmer degree meeting, the FFA Dads were invited and the shop projects were on display and

labeled with the name of the project and the person who was working on it. We are planning to have our annual Parent-Son Banquet on April 15. We will install the new officers, present an Honorary Chapter Farmer degree, have Dallas Kibbe, the State Sentinel, as a guest, and have a short program at the banquet. Some of the larger projects being constructed in shop are: 4 squeeze chutes, a 10' x 12' calf creep feeder, 11 H-frame type gates, movable pen for a farm scale, reconditioning a tractor and a side-delivery rake, building a 4-wheel wagon and box, oxy-acetylene welding cart, sheep sorting panel, and 2 large hay feed racks on skids.

Reporter

PEABODY:

Our budget committee recently submitted the budget for our chapter for the coming year. The committee mimeographed copies so each member could read it and discuss it more intelligently. The chapter accepted it as proposed. Plans are developing for our annual Parent-Son Banquet. The FHA girls will fix the food for the banquet. We are now selling battery booster cables, thermometers, wrenches, and tractor seat cushions in the community. We also plan to have our annual work-day during the Easter vacation. Our president, Junior Paul, won the South Central Kansas FFA Foundation Award for Sheep Production this year. Junior's farming program consists of 70 two-year old Western ewes, and 80 acres of farm land, rented and devoted to wheat, barley, alfalfa, and milo.

Keith Guthrie, Reporter



PRATT:

This year we sold refreshments at two ball games. We also sponsored an all-school dance after one of the basketball games. During National FFA Week, our chapter presented a fifteen minute radio program on "George Washington and the FFA." We conducted two pest control contests. At our last meeting we elected officers for the coming year and delegates to the State FFA Convention. We are making plans for our Parent-Son Banquet to be held April 24. Some of the major projects that are being made in shop this year are: a portable loading chute, 2-wheeled tiltbed trailer, 4 cattle feeding bunks, 2 hog feeders, bait and fertilizer spreader, 6 gates, seed treater, 2-wheel trailer and reconditioning farm equipment.

Roger Davis, Reporter

FORT SCOTT:

Our chapter held its FFA Sweetheart-Queen Party in December. Twelve Green Hands received their pins at our November meeting, and ten Chapter Farmers at our December meeting. Eight thousand, four hundred lbs. of bone meal, salt, and calcium were mixed by the chapter and sold to the members at cost. Our members presented \$53 to the Agricultural Hall of Fame. Through the National Safety Council and the Kansas Safety Council, a plaque of "Commendation" was presented by our officers to our local radio station for its work in Safety this year. FFA Week was celebrated by presenting FFA programs to the high school assembly, community meetings and at our regular night meeting. Window displays were set up downtown; also, FFA literature was distributed at meetings. A fertilizer and plant food demonstration with tomato plants was presented at community meetings and FFA meetings by two of our members. Another

demonstration, "Testing Soils" has been presented to community meetings. Over 30 samples of soils have been tested. Our seed germinator has been busy testing seed germination for members and local farmers. Some of the shop projects include: 13 wood and metal gates, 16 hog troughs, 15 metal panels for the local fair, overhauled one tractor, painted 2 tractors, overhauled and painted one manure spreader, and a 22 ft. metal cattle portable feed bunk. We have castrated 150 hogs, docked and castrated 210 lambs, dehorned and castrated 167 head of cattle, and vaccinated 48 pigs.

Delbert Crays, Reporter

FARMING PROGRAM  
STORY

Blaine Parker, a junior in the Long Island FFA, began his farming program as a freshman with a half interest in one sow, and a third interest in five heifers. He now has four sows, three gilts, and retains his third interest in the five head of cattle he started out with as a freshman. In field crops, he has had five acres of milo, five acres of barley and plans to have five acres of milo again this year. Blaine has done a fine job in building and keeping records on his farming program.

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