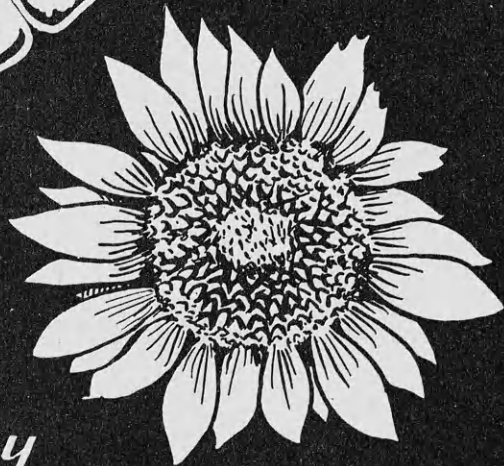
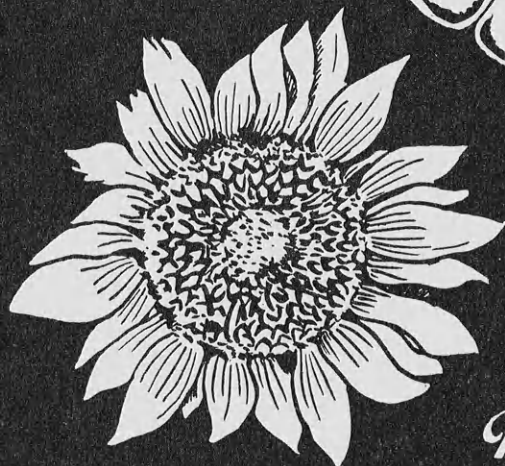
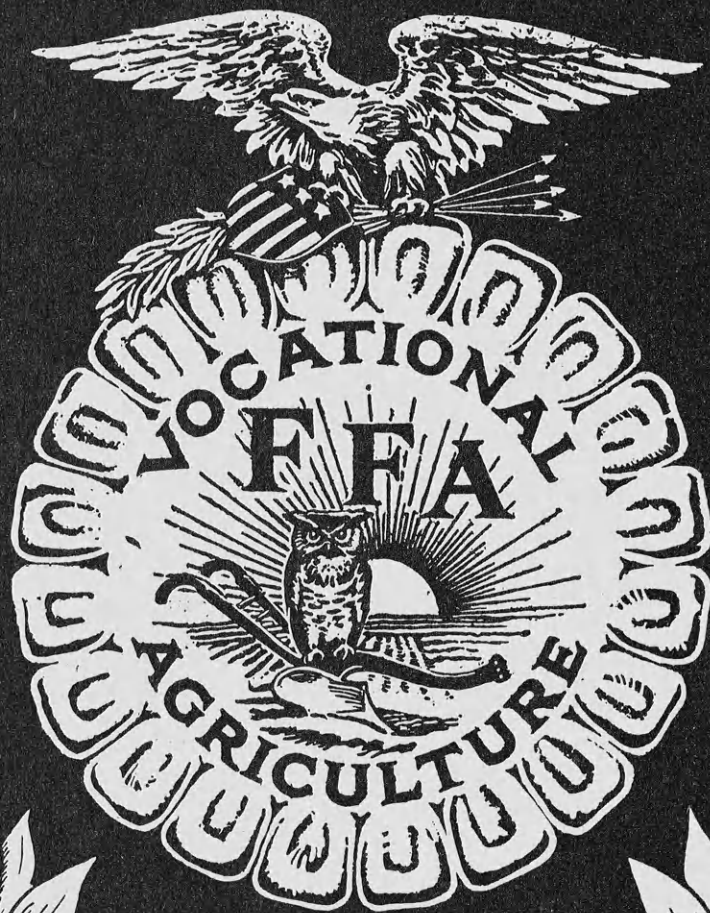


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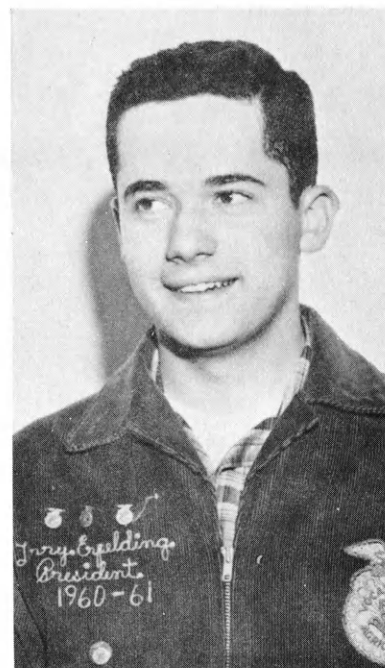
THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER



Ronald E. Mercer, Columbus Chapter, was declared Star Farmer of Kansas at the 33rd annual State FFA Convention at Kansas State University. Shown above, left to right are: Mrs. W. E. Mercer, Ronald's mother; Ronald; and Mr. W. E. Mercer, Ronald's father.



Roger Ratzlaff, Goessel Chapter, shown above, was the 1961 state winner in the FFA Public Speaking Contest. Roger's speech was entitled, "Breadbasket Surplus."



Lawrence Erpelding, pictured above, of the Effingham Chapter is the 1961-62 president of the Kansas Association of FFA. Lawrence also won the NE District Star Farmer award and the State Farm Electrification award.

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER



Officers of the Kansas Association of FFA for 1961-62 are pictured above. They are, front row, L to R: Milam Jones, vice-president, Elk City; Lawrence Erpelding, president, Effingham; Gerald McGown, secretary, McCune. Back row, L to R: F. R. Carpenter, executive secretary, Topeka; Michael Dikeman, reporter, Fort Scott; Dwayne Dietz, treasurer, Wakeeney; Tommy Riffe, sentinel, Stockton; and C. C. Eustace, state advisor, State Board for Vocational Education, Topeka.



Top Meats Judging Team in Kansas in 1960 was from the Lawrence Chapter. They also ranked in the Gold Division in the National Contest. L to R: Roy Cropp, advisor; Buddy Lawrence, Gerald Ice, and Tom Kay.



Dick Duling and Larry Converse of the Eskridge FFA Chapter sang and played twice at the 1961 State FFA Convention.



THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

Kansas' 1961 State Farmer Class - 132 members from 86 chapters received degrees.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA HIGHLIGHTS 1960-61

1. Ronald Mercer of Columbus was declared the 1961 Star Farmer of Kansas.
2. There were 195 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas, with a total enrollment of 6,203.
3. One hundred ninety-five chapters have paid State and National dues.
4. The Kansas Association has an active FFA membership of 6,737 members. This is 108% on the basis of enrollment.
5. Six Kansas FFA members were awarded the American Farmer Degree at the 33rd National FFA Convention.
6. The Effingham Chapter won the Gold Emblem Classification and the Lawrence Chapter won the Silver Emblem Classification in the 1960 National Emblem Awards Program.
7. Six Kansas FFA members played in the 1960 National FFA Band.
8. Kansas teams participating in National FFA judging contests won two Gold, one Silver, one Bronze, and one Honorable Mention Classification.
9. Kansas claimed 12 prize winners in the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation program.
10. The Lawrence Chapter placed first in the booth exhibits and the Altamont Chapter placed first in the Farm Mechanics displays at the Topeka Fair.
11. State FFA Convention delegates met in five business sessions while attending the 33rd Annual State Convention in Manhattan. Delegates were members who were not judging contestants.
12. The Ellinwood Chapter placed first in the Farm Mechanics exhibits at the State Fair at Hutchinson and the Buhler Chapter placed first in the county booth displays at the State Fair.
13. One hundred thirty-two Chapter Farmers from 86 chapters were raised to the State Farmer Degree at the 33rd Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA.
14. Nine Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded.
15. The first State FFA Leadership Training Camp was held near Coddard, Kansas. Officers from 35 chapters took part in the three-day program of leadership training and recreation.
16. The Kansas Association sent three purebred registered swine to the newly organized Future Farmers of Panama.
16. Eleven District FFA Leadership Schools were held throughout Kansas. As a result, nearly 100% of the chapters' officers could respectably open and close a meeting by October 1.
17. Fifty-four Kansas FFA chapters contributed \$1 or more per member to the Agricultural Hall of Fame, and forty-one additional chapters helped materially with money, livestock feeding programs and other devices to support the Hall.
18. The Kansas Association was presented a plaque by Lyle Carpenter, National FFA President, from the National FFA Magazine for the state attaining 100% member subscriptions to the Magazine. On April 1, the State membership was 6,737 and the

Highlights (cont.)

Magazine mailing list contained 6,792 names of Kansas subscribers.

19. Kansas Chapters took a real interest in promoting Rural Civil Defense.

20. Forty large colored road-side billboard signs were placed throughout Kansas in February calling attention to National FFA Week.

21. Kansas FFA members and chapters shared in receiving \$2,363.85 in awards from the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

22. The Kansas Association was honored by having the National FFA President, Lyle Carpenter, Yuma, Colorado, present to assist with the State Convention.

23. One hundred three-man teams entered the 1961 annual high school livestock judging contest, 71 two-man teams entered one or more areas of the six farm mechanics contests, and, in addition, 23 individuals competed in the FFA Public Speaking Contest.

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DATES OF IMPORTANCE

1. (Tentative) National Judging Contest in dairy cattle, Monday, October 1; and dairy products, Tuesday, October 2, at Waterloo, Iowa.

2. National Judging Contests in meats and poultry, Wednesday, October 11; and the livestock contest, Thursday, October 12, at Kansas City, Missouri.

3. National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-13.

4. Kansas members of the National FFA Band -- first practice session, Kansas City, Missouri, 1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 8.

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1961-62 STATE FFA OFFICERS

Seventeen FFA members, all recommended by their local advisors and approved by the Reviewing Committee, were interviewed by the Nominating Committee for State Office. Eleven excellent candidates were included in the slate presented to the House of Delegates. The choice of your 1961 House of Delegates for the leadership of the Kansas Association of FFA during 1961-62 follows:

- President..... Lawrence Erpelding
Effingham Chapter
- Vice- President .. Milam Jones
Elk City Chapter
- Secretary..... Jerry McGown
McCune, Chapter
- Treasurer..... Dwayne Dietz
Wakeeney Chapter
- Reporter..... Michael Dikeman
Fort Scott Chapter
- Sentinel..... Tommy Riffe
Stockton Chapter

The State Office staff extends congratulations and best wishes to this group of young men, and predicts a highly successful year for the Kansas Association of FFA under their leadership.

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1961 CHAPTER AWARDS

The Kansas Association continued to use the State Gold Emblem, the Superior, and the Standard Chapter awards in recognizing the merit of chapter programs.

The Kansas Gold Emblem chapters were selected from the chapters that ranked in the Superior Division of the National Chapter Awards Program. Each Superior Chapter will be awarded a plaque or a plastic classification plate for attaching to their plaque. Standard chapters which received the Superior rating last year will receive a "Standard" plastic plate to be attached to their plaque. Kansas Gold Emblem chapters were also awarded certificates.

The results of the 1961 National Chapter Awards Program and the Kansas Gold Emblem Chapter Contest follow:

Kansas Gold Emblem

1. Arkansas City, Harold Van Cleave
2. Beloit, Earl Baugher
3. Caney, Ralph Field
4. Clay Center, Dale Brooks
5. Effingham, Roy Eck
6. Ellsworth, Lester Crandall
7. Fort Scott, Milton Kohrs
8. Garden City, Kenneth Henderson
9. Kingman, Virgil Lake
10. Lawrence, Roy Cropp
11. McCune, Ira Johnston
12. Salina, William D. Smith
13. St. Francis, Don Hall
14. Stockton, Floyd Blauer
15. Topeka (Seaman), Marvin Smith
16. Tribune, James Grider

Superior Chapter Awards

1. Bazine, Edward Brenner
2. Bird City, Darrel Schallenberger
3. Buhler, J. A. Johnson
4. Burlingame, William Gordon

5. Chapman, McCune & Rapp
6. Colby, Ira Mann
7. Council Grove, Gordon Morrison
8. Ellinwood, John J. Cragun
9. Emporia, Eugene Walker
10. Florence, Earl Wineinger
11. Ford, Gary Jones
12. Garnett, Clarence Anderson
13. Hill City, Joe Farrell
14. Hoisington, Marcus Oliphant
15. Inman, Donald Kimble
16. Kinsley, Donald Elson
17. LaCygne, Joseph Flory
18. Long Island, Harold Severance
19. Mankato, Richard Elkins
20. Marion, Ron Sweat
21. Marysville, Stanley Larson
22. Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain
23. Norton, Philip Finley
24. Oberlin, Don Guinn
25. Osage City, Kenneth Kern
26. Peabody, John Denyer
27. Phillipsburg, Frank Freeman
28. Plainville, Marvin Hackmeister
29. Russell, Sam Stenzel
30. Scandia, Loren Isaacson
31. Shawnee-Mission, Harold Garver
32. Simpson, Robert Severance
33. St. Marys, Jim Marstall
34. Troy, James Hundley

Standard Chapter Awards

1. Burlington, Earle Simmons
2. Courtland, Bruce Cleveland
3. Downs, Allen Watts
4. Ensign, David Williams
5. Erie, Gordon Nelson
6. Jewell, Earl Wright
7. Lebo, Richard Winder
8. Liberal, C. C. Griffin
9. Manhattan, Merwin Stearns
10. McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
11. Meade, Charles Wickwire
12. Miltonvale, Billy R. Fuller
13. Morland, Gail LaMunyon
14. Natoma, R. B. Feldkamp
15. Ness City, Warren Stone
16. Ottawa, S. S. Bergsma

Standard Chapter Awards (cont.)

17. Oxford, Harold Knewtson
18. Riley County, Leslie Olsen
19. Silver Lake, Dean Prochaska
20. Uniontown, Wilbur Hart
21. Waterville, Willis Ringen

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1961 STATE FARMERS

There were 132 FFA members from 86 chapters elected to the State Farmer Degree at the Thirty-third Annual FFA Convention. This brings the total number of FFA members elected to the State Farmer Degree in Kansas to 2,743.

Name and Chapter

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| 1. John Arleigh Hubert, Alma | 26. Steve Chism, Elk City |
| 2. Gary Poage, Almena | 27. Thomas Warta, Ellsworth |
| 3. James Apperson, Altamont | 28. Lloyd Prochaska, Ellsworth |
| 4. Bill Noble, Altamont | 29. Rance K. Headley, Ellsworth |
| 5. Joe Fultz, Altamont | 30. Rolland Bircher, Jr., Ellsworth |
| 6. Joe Mentlick, Jr., Atwood | 31. Dean Erickson, Eureka |
| 7. Duane Schneider, Bazine | 32. Maurice Erickson, Eureka |
| 8. David Haskins, Beloit | 33. Richard Nixon, Eureka |
| 9. Jim Emmot, Beloit | 34. E. M. "Butch" Pyle, Ford |
| 10. Kent Voorhies, Bird City | 35. Michael Dikeman, Fort Scott |
| 11. Dennis Teter, Buhler | 36. Dale Niemeir, Fort Scott |
| 12. Don Romine, Burlingame | 37. Earl Carter, Fort Scott |
| 13. Charles E. Munson, Chapman | 38. Larry Gilliland, Fort Scott |
| 14. Dean Blank, Cheney | 39. Charles R. Love, Fort Scott |
| 15. Ronnie Young, Cheney | 40. Steven K. Reynolds, Fredonia |
| 16. Jerald A. Riemann, Claflin | 41. Dennis Kleysteuber, Garden City |
| 17. Tyrone E. Kamphaus, Clay Center | 42. Max Brown, Girard |
| 18. Donald O. Sutter, Clay Center | 43. Ernest Pankratz, Goessel |
| 19. Robert E. Templer, Coffeyville | 44. Jim Calcara, Great Bend |
| 20. Glenn DeWayne Schiffner, Colby | 45. Rodney Arbuthnot, Haddam |
| 21. Donald Leroy Towns, Colby | 46. Dennis Leroy Albright, Harper |
| 22. Ronald Mercer, Columbus | 47. Dean Johnson, Haven |
| 23. James Zwonitzer, Effingham | 48. Gary Oehlert, Haven |
| 24. Lawrence Erpelding, Effingham | 49. David Rayl, Haven |
| 25. Henry Falk, Effingham | 50. Glenn R. Showalter, Haven |
| | 51. Lawrence Blanton, Highland |
| | 52. Thomas H. Smith, Highland |
| | 53. Ronnie Wolf, Hill City |
| | 54. Joe Zohner, Hill City |
| | 55. Charles Kennedy, Holton |
| | 56. Dale Leroy Pickell, Howard |
| | 57. Lessie Pratt, Hoxie |
| | 58. Loren Zabel, Hugoton |
| | 59. Ronald D. Coltrane, Iola |
| | 60. Marion Ochs, Jetmore |
| | 61. Dennis Bamberger, Jetmore |
| | 62. Norman Bamberger, Jetmore |
| | 63. Gerald Lee Hodgson, Kincaid |
| | 64. Steve Stucky, Kingman |
| | 65. Jimmy Joe McRae, Leoti |
| | 66. George Teagarden, LaCygne |
| | 67. Gerald Ice, Lawrence |
| | 68. Loren Anderson, Lawrence |
| | 69. Paul Train, Lindsborg |
| | 70. Freddie Heigele, Longford |
| | 71. Conrad C. Cox, Long Island |
| | 72. Ronnie Jones, Louisburg |
| | 73. Kenneth Lippert, Lyndon |

1961 State Farmers (cont.)

74. Ronald Miller, Lyndon
75. Jon Howe, Manhattan
76. Terry Lee Biery, Mankato
77. Laddie W. Helmer, Marion
78. Tim Houseweart, McCune
79. Armin Nelson, McPherson
80. Robert Stucky, McPherson
81. Ronald Flickinger, McPherson
82. Gary Herrold, McPherson
83. Neill Walker, McPherson
84. Lloyd Lynn, Merriam
85. Jerry Lee Condray, Miltonvale
86. Charles Cummings, Morland
87. Stephen Waggoner, Morland
88. Timothy Waggoner, Morland
89. Warren Koelling, Natoma
90. George Katzer, Neodesha
91. Clyde Goodman, Ness City
92. Duane Pember, Ness City
93. Richard Rule, Norton
94. Francis Paden, Norton
95. Elvin R. Beneda, Oberlin
96. Dick Ruby, Osage City
97. Gary Lindbloom, Osage City
98. Lawrence Anderson, Osage City
99. Paul Trueblood, Osage City
100. Roy R. Sauzek, Oxford
101. Morris F. Schroeder, Paola
102. Joe M. Zitnik, Paradise
103. Billy F. Williams, Partridge
104. Lonnie Kent, Partridge
105. Joe D. Gaines, Peabody
106. Junior Paul, Peabody
107. James Truax, Peabody
108. Paul D. Freeman, Phillipsburg
109. Wayne Krob, Plainville
110. G. C. Rundell, Preston
111. Marvin Goering, Pretty Prairie
112. Ronald Graber, Pretty Prairie
113. John Radke, Russell
114. Gerald Machin, Russell
115. Montford L. Carpenter, Sabetha
116. Larry Emig, Solomon
117. Rodney Bracelin, St. Francis

118. Marvin Smull, St. Francis
119. Leonard J. Dix, Stockton
120. Larry Hrabe, Stockton
121. Archie Dix, Stockton
122. Victor Mustoe, Syracuse
123. Bruce Myers, Highland Park
(Topeka)
124. Dale V. Johnson, Tribune
125. Dwayne E. Dietz, Wakeeney
126. Gary Lee Stamm, Washington
127. Larry Anderson, Williamsburg
128. Verne Claussen, Jr., Wilson
129. Charles Craig, Jr., Winfield
130. Roger A. Kindt, Winfield
131. Richard Ibbetson, Yates Center
132. Jerry Newby, Yates Center

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1961 HONORARY STATE FARMERS

1. The Honorable John Anderson, Jr.
Governor of Kansas
2. Dr. R. J. Agan
Agricultural Education, KSU
3. Lou Houser, Editor
High Plains Journal
4. Carl Rochat
News Bureau, KSU
5. Paul Stevenson
Agricultural Engineering, KSU
6. W. E. Mercer, Columbus
Father of the Star Farmer of
Kansas (1961), Ronald Mercer
7. Virgil Lake, Vo-Ag Instructor
Kingman High School

1961 Honorary State Farmers (cont.)

8. Dr. Charles Norton, Head
Dairy Department, KSU
9. Reuben Lind
Extension Soil Conservationist, KSU

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33rd KANSAS FFA CONVENTION - 1961

The State FFA Convention opened with a vespers program in the Williams Auditorium at Kansas State University. During that program, Tommy Riffe of the Stockton Chapter presented a vocal solo. Other numbers included announcements by President Melvin Hunt and remarks by the State Advisor, C. C. Eustace. Dr. Walton S. Cole, Minister of the First Methodist Church in Manhattan, gave the evening address.

On Monday morning, the first session of the delegates met in Williams Auditorium. Delegates were seated, and Dr. G. H. Beck, Dean of Agriculture at KSU, gave the address of welcome. A trumpet solo was presented by Mark Williams of the Florence Chapter. National FFA President, Lyle Carpenter, spoke. The collegiate chapter gave a report. Reports of the State Treasurer and Sentinel were given. The delegates were then appointed to committees and spent two hours in developing reports.

At the second session, entertainment was furnished by Richard Ellis of the Stockton Chapter and the FFA Quartet from Long Island. Martin J. Byrne, President of the Kansas Farmers Union, spoke to the delegates. The finals in

the State FFA Speech Contest were held. Jim McGuire, Executive Secretary, Kansas Co-op Council, presented the Co-op awards. Mr. L. M. Olsen, General Manager of Santa Fe Railway, presented a check to the State Association for scholarships and other educational awards.

At the third convention session, the State Farmers were elected; Lyle Carpenter gave an address; the Honorary State Farmers were elected; The Honorable John Anderson, Jr., Governor of Kansas, gave an address; and the District Star Farmers were presented. Ronald Mercer, Star Farmer of Kansas, was given his National FFA Foundation Award. The other state winners in the Foundation awards program were announced.

Officer reports and committee reports took up much of the time scheduled for business Tuesday morning. Other numbers on the fourth session program were: entertainment by the Eskridge Duet composed of Dick Duling and Larry Converse; and by the Elk City FFA Quartet. The District Foundation Award winners were recognized and the Kansas Gold Emblem Chapters were announced. Miss Ruth Lee Raymond, President of the Future Homemakers in Kansas, brought greetings to the delegates. Major Ralph N. Dove, United States Air Force Academy, gave an illustrated talk on the program and opportunities at the Academy. Officers of the Kansas Association of FFA were elected.

At the fifth session, Mr. Charles Manke of the Union Pacific Railroad presented the Union Pacific Railroad scholarships. Committee reports were given; and the new State Officers for 1961-62 were announced

State Convention (cont.)

On Monday and Tuesday noons, the delegates and contestants were served hot lunches on the campus. Many departments of KSU cooperated in making the Thirty-third Annual State FFA Convention a success.

After the State FFA Convention was adjourned, the State Contests winners were announced, and medals and trophies were presented by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

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1961 STATE FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The Thirty-second Annual FFA Speech Contest was held on the campus at Kansas State University, Monday, May 1, 1961. Judges for the two preliminary sections of the contest were:

Group I: Dr. Kenneth O'Fallon,
Chairman
Professor Orlo Sorenson
Professor Harold Spies

Group II: Professor Norman Whitehair,
Chairman
Professor Phil Cook
Professor Raymond Gieseman

Finals: Professor Lowell E. Brandner,
Chairman
Dr. Robert Ealy
Professor Terry Welden

SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

1st - Roger Ratzlaff, Goessel Chapter
"Breadbasket Surplus"

2nd - Richard Gillaspie, Council Grove Chapter - "Is There a Future"

3rd - Tommy Riffe, Stockton Chapter
"Conquest of the Land"

4th - Mike Dikeman, Fort Scott Chapter - "Credit Needs of the American Farmer"

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1961 NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION
AWARD WINNERS IN KANSAS

Fifty cash awards, totaling \$2,350, were presented to Kansas FFA members and chapters. The winners were:

Star Farmer of Kansas:

Ronald Mercer, Columbus

District Star Farmers:

Dennis Kleysteuber, Garden City

Armin Nelson, McPherson

Dwayne Dietz, Wakeeney

Ronald Mercer, Columbus

Verne Claussen, Wilson

Gerald Hodgson, Kincaid

Lawrence Erpelding, Effingham

FARM SAFETY (Chapters)

State Winner:

Simpson

District Winners:

Fort Scott

Russell

Ellinwood

Tribune

Ellsworth

Effingham

BEEF PRODUCTION

State Winner:

Dwayne Dietz, Wakeeney

Beef Production (cont.)

District Winners:

Paul Trueblood, Osage City
 Steve Chism, Elk City
 E. M. "Butch" Pyle, Ford
 Armin Nelson, McPherson
 Charles Munson, Chapman
 John W. Schrader, Effingham

SWINE PRODUCTION

State Winner:

Neill Walker, McPherson

District Winners:

John W. Schrader, Effingham
 Bill Young, Norton
 Herman Shublom, Salina
 Bill Burgess, Williamsburg

DAIRY FARMING

State Winner:

Roger A. Thorn, Wellsville

District Winners:

Victor Mustoe, Syracuse
 Richard Nixon, Eureka
 William Harries, Marysville
 Gerald Machin, Russell
 Rolland Bircher, Jr., Ellsworth

SHEEP PRODUCTION

State Winner:

Larry Gilliland, Fort Scott

District Winners:

Larry Anderson, Williamsburg
 David Cromwell, Salina
 Junior Paul, Peabody

CROPS FARMING

State Winner:

Armin Nelson, McPherson

District Winners:

Ned Bethell, Williamsburg
 Gary Overley, Stockton

SOIL & WATER MANAGEMENT

State Winner:

James Zwonitzer, Effingham

District Winners:

Stanley Jones, Salina
 Dean Erickson, Eureka

FARM MECHANICS

State Winner:

Roy Sauzek, Oxford

District Winners:

Max Brown, Girard
 Lloyd Prochaska, Ellsworth
 Henry Falk, Effingham

FARM ELECTRIFICATION

State Winner:

Lawrence Erpelding, Effingham

PUBLIC SPEAKING

State Winner:

Roger Ratzlaff, Goessel

Second:

Richard Gillaspie, Council Grove

Third:

Tommy Riffe, Stockton

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COMMITTEE REPORTS1. Nominating Committee

In order that the delegates may know more about the procedure of selecting the candidates, we would like to present the following information.

Teachers throughout the state were requested to submit names of those whom they thought would be good state officers. These applicants were then screened by the District State Farmer Selecting Committees. Their names have been submitted to the Nominating Committee.

During the last two days, the Nominating Committee has had an interview with each applicant. We, the Nominating Committee, spent approximately 20 minutes with each candidate and graded the applicants according to their knowledge of the FFA, farming program, knowledge of farming, leadership, parliamentary procedure, and personality. On the basis of the scores, the committee submits the following ballot:

President & Vice-President:

Lawrence Erpelding, Effingham
Milam Jones, Elk City

Secretary:

Steve Stucky, Kingman
Jerry McGown, McCune

Treasurer:

Terry Biery, Mankato
Dwayne Dietz, Wakeeney

Reporter:

Michael Dikeman, Fort Scott
Dennis Kleysteuber, Garden City

Sentinel:

Charles Munson, Chapman
Billy Williams, Partridge

EDITOR'S NOTE: The President called for additional nominations. George Teagarden of LaCygne was nominated, but declined the nomination. Tommy Riffe of Stockton was nominated for Sentinel. Tommy was not present in the Delegates' Session but arrived from his contest work in time to appear before the delegates.

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2. Budget Committee

The facts presented in this report came from the statement submitted by R. L. Davis, Auditor for the State Association. The value of the State Association Savings Bonds has increased \$35.00 and now is \$1,171.80. The amount in the General Fund is \$7,888.49. The Sears Foundation Sheep Fund totals \$2,170.18. That leaves a total balance of \$10,058.67.

We recommend that:

1. A fund of \$150 be set up in the year's 1961-62 tentative budget to help pay the expenses of the state judging teams incurred while attending the National Contests.
2. Strike out Chorus on the item of FFA insurance and in its place put the National Judging Teams.
3. Each chapter set up a budget for the year by October 1, 1961.
4. The State Executive Committee contact all chapters that have outstanding checks dated before January 1, 1961.

Budget Committee (cont.)

A motion was passed to adopt the same tentative budget as the one used in 1960-61 with the exception of the above recommendations.

It is the opinion of the committee that the State Association finances are in excellent condition. We wish to commend our State Officers and advisors on a job well done.

Ralfe Taylor, Hoxie Chapter
Chairman

Jack Nichols, Smith Center Chapter
Recorder

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3. Degree Advancement

This committee makes the following recommendations to the 1961 House of Delegates:

A. State Farmer Degree

1. The present applications for State Farmer be accepted.
2. In order to raise the standards of the State Farmer Degree, the committee recommends that:
 - a. More information be given out to Vocational Agriculture students in the form of score cards used in reviewing State Farmers.
 - b. The State Farmer applications from one district be reviewed by another district.
 - c. A standardized report form be developed for the Vo-Ag teacher to fill out to include information of the State Farmer applicant's farm background, parent's farming program, and

other information necessary for a complete picture.

d. The Reviewing Committee give a written report of more specific reasons why a State Farmer applicant did not make State Farmer.

B. Local Chapter Degree

1. Recommend that the Chapter Farmer standards be raised to \$100 instead of the present \$50.
2. Recommend the official ceremonies be used by all chapters for degree advancement.

Joe Fultz, Altamont Chapter
Chairman

Larry Emig, Solomon Chapter
Recorder

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4. Chapter and Foundation Awards

1. Every chapter take definite steps in informing its membership and the members' parents of the possibilities and requirements of the various award programs.
 - A. Give requirements when awards are given.
 - B. Special publications to all interested individuals.
 - C. Include it on Freshmen's parents program.
2. Participation be required in the FFA Foundation Awards Program in order for a chapter to receive Standard Rating in the National Chapter Awards Program.
3. Have State publish information clarifying Chapter Foundation Awards,

Chapter and Foundation Awards (cont.)

and send it to all of the chapters.

Encourage chapters to devote at least one meeting to explain the chapter awards in detail.

4. Sheep production awards to be included in National, State, District, and local programs.

Gary Creager, LaCygne Chapter
Chairman

Warren Sager, Bird City Chapter
Recorder

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5. FFA Conventions

Our committee met in Holton Hall at 10:00 on May 1, 1961. We first elected the President Kenney Marten. John Yoxall was appointed Recorder. There were 12 members present: Glen Combs - Burlington; Robert Mainquist - Courtland; Sidney Wacker - Ellsworth; Leonard Scheufler - Herington; Larry Brown - Iola; Kenney Marten - Onaga; Walter McFadden - Stafford; Larry Ochs - Syracuse; Dennis Ross - Parker; Dean Hudson - Leoti; John Yoxall - Osborne; and Justen Lambert - Cherryvale. There were eight absent.

Motion passed to have the delegate stand when giving a motion and call out his name and chapter instead of coming out to the aisle every time.

Next we voted to give the Executive Committee the power to rule out any motion that does not make sense. Motion carried.

Then we discussed the problem of the number of members from each chapter

that should go to the National FFA Convention. We voted to allow six members and one advisor to attend the convention.

We then discussed the problem of the delegates not coming to the committee meetings. We decided it was up to the advisor to see that his delegates were present. Then if a chapter does not send in the names of two delegates, they should be cut down to the rating of Standard.

Kenney Marten, Onaga Chapter
Chairman

John Yoxall, Osborne Chapter
Recorder

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6. Publicity and Publications

To improve publicity, this committee recommends that:

1. Chapter elect a responsible Reporter.
2. FFA road signs of the large type be used.
3. TV appearances, radio programs, and tape recordings be used to the fullest extent.
4. Each chapter own a camera (a 620, a 35mm, or have access to a polaroid camera.)
5. Chapters use exhibits at fairs (state and local), open house, and store windows. (especially during FFA Week)
6. Chapters act as hosts to prospective members.
 - a. Open house or invitation.
 - b. Watermelon feed.
 - c. Eighth-grade Day in spring.
7. Parents night be held in 100% of the chapters.

Publicity & Publications (cont.)

8. Each chapter give the Honorary Chapter Farmer award yearly to:
 - a. parents of outstanding boy
 - b. school officials
 - c. businessmen
 - d. editors
9. 100% of the chapters in Kansas have annual banquet.
10. Chapters use the following during National FFA Week:
 - a. Exhibits in store windows
 - b. Newspaper items
 - c. School assemblies
 - d. PTA and open house
 - e. Attend church as a group
 - f. Wear FFA clothing (destroy FFA emblem after it becomes worn and faded).
11. Chapter participate in Public Speaking Contests.
12. 100% of the members strive to own FFA jackets.
13. Chapter sponsor a calendar if possible.
14. Chapter sponsor signs and stickers.
15. Initiate Green Hands with formal ceremony.

In the area of publications, the committee recommends:

1. Every member subscribe to the National FFA magazine (include in the dues.)
2. Chapters subscribe to leading farm magazines.
3. Each member have access to an FFA Manual.
4. Each chapter have several news articles published in local papers each year.
5. Each chapter contribute (at least twice a year) to the Kansas Future Farmer.
6. More pictures be sent to the Kansas Future Farmer.

Charles Gordon, Waterville Chapter
Chairman

Ronald Anderegg, Garnett Chapter
Recorder

Wayne Coltrain, Neodesha
Advisor

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7. Leadership Schools

The Leadership Schools Committee wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. That the starting time of Leadership Schools be decided upon by the host chapter and member chapters of the district.
2. That more questions on parliamentary procedure be included in the information quiz.
3. That a qualified speech instructor from a Jr. College or University be used to judge the ritual contest and to select the members of the Master Ritual Team.
4. That the State Association give medals to the members of the Master Ritual Team
5. That two medals and four certificates be given to the top six individuals in the Information Contest.

Floyd Wheeler, Dodge City Chapter
Chairman

Gary Stocker, Jetmore Chapter
Recorder

The above committee report was amended by the delegates by striking out recommendations 4. and 5. and substituting "That certificates be awarded to:

- (1) Top five schools in ritual;

Leadership Schools (cont.)

- (2) Master Ritual Team;
- (3) Top five schools in information;
- (4) Top five individuals in information!

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8. Program of Work

Recommended that the Program of Work for 1961-62 include the following changes from the 1960-61 program:

1. Last sentence in Item 6 changed to read: "Each chapter adopt at least one major activity and actively participate in other fields."
2. Add to Item 8: "Two copies (one to advisor and one directly to the chapter) of each issue to be mailed to all chapters submitting a Program of Work."
3. Change 50% to 75% in Item 11.
4. Add to 13: "Encourage all chapters to participate in State, and State winners in National."
5. Under 23, (a): change "1958 edition" to "latest edition".
6. Change 23, (g) to read "A current copy of the National FFA Convention Proceedings."
7. Add 23, (m) I Dare You - Mr. Danforth - Ralston-Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri. (Free)
8. Add 24: Encourage 100% of the chapters to participate in District Speech Contests.

Albert Weimaster, Russell Chapter
Chairman

Robert Stover, Seaman Chapter
Recorder

Richard Elkins, Mankato
Advisor

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9. Public Speaking

Our committee approved last year's committee report with the following recommendations:

1. Each participant in the State FFA Speech Contest wear an official FFA jacket.
 2. In addition to the regular number of participants in the senior division sent to the State FFA Speech Contest, each district send one freshman, one sophomore, and one junior to compete in their divisions in the State FFA Speech Contest. At the completion of the contest, scores of the freshman, sophomore, and junior participants from each district be added to the score of the top senior participant from that district, and recognition be given to the district with the high score.
 3. Each participant in the State FFA Speech contest be required to:
 - a. Send in his three manuscripts with bibliographies four weeks in advance of the State Contest instead of two weeks as is now required.
 - b. The judges must notify all participants whether or not their manuscripts have been approved.
 - c. All participants whose manuscripts are not approved will then have sufficient time to revise their manuscripts.
 - d. These participants must then re-submit their manuscripts five days before the State FFA Speech Contest.
 - e. The judges must notify these participants before the State FFA Speech Contest whether or not their revised manuscripts have been approved.
- Donald Ferguson, Kensington
Chairman and Recorder

Public Speaking (cont.)

The above recommendations were amended by the delegates by striking out 3 (a) above and inserting: " have the manuscripts of the district winners, where the Speech Contest is held four weeks or longer ahead of the State Contest, be submitted four weeks before State Contest time. Otherwise, the manuscripts from the districts will be submitted within three days after the District Speech Contest and a notation with it telling why the manuscript is late. It will be up to the State to let the chapters know about the deadline for submitting the manuscripts."

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10. Parliamentary Procedure

We recommended that:

1. There should be a Parliamentary Procedure Contest held in connection with the District Leadership Schools.
2. Each school have a team made up of five to seven members each, they would select a topic at random and would give an eight to ten minute discussion.
3. After completing this, they would have an oral questioning period to determine their general knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
4. The judges would be selected in accordance with their knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the topics being discussed.

Gary Blankenship, Udall Chapter
Chairman

Gary Droege, Burlingame Chapter
Recorder

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11. Fairs and Exhibits

Our committee recommends that:

1. Chapters put more emphasis on selling agriculture.
 - a. Make more use of livestock and machinery displays and booths at local fairs.
 - b. Use educational booths at fairs and during National FFA Week.
 - c. The local FFA reporter make more use of the local newspapers.
 - d. More work to be done with the local civic groups, especially during our Centennial celebrations.
 - e. More welcome signs be placed along the highways at our cities limits.
 - f. Take advantage of the display booths and cases in our high schools.

2. Each chapter be given the opportunity to appear on a television program.

Darwin Smith, Udall Chapter
Chairman

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12. FFA Camp

The 1961 State FFA Camp is to be held at Camp Fellowship, Lake Afton, Goddard, Kansas. Approximately 300 newly elected officers will attend. The date will be decided by the State Supervisors of Vocational Agriculture.

This committee recommends that the camp be conducted as in the previous year with these exceptions:

FFA Camp (cont.)

13. Safety

I. LEADERSHIP

A. The minimum leadership training per day be one and one-half hours and the maximum be three hours, and that most leadership training be in the morning and recreation in the afternoon.

B. Part of this time be spent in group discussion of problems pertaining to chapter improvement, such as:

1. Chapter Finance
2. Educational Tours
3. Meeting Program Planning
4. Community Service
5. Public Relations

II. RECREATION

A. Continue the present recreation activities which are:

1. Swimming
2. Ping Pong
3. Shuffle Board
4. Horse Shoes
5. Volley Ball
6. Soft Ball

Add the following:

1. Canoeing
2. Archery
3. Badminton

B. The evening program to include:

1. Group skits entered into competition on tournament basis.
2. Interesting demonstrations by subject expert. For example: Wildlife, Safety, or Handicraft.

Dick Duling, Eskridge Chapter
Recorder

We, the Farm Safety Committee of 1960-61, say a big "thanks" to people and organizations which assisted and donated awards to Kansas FFA chapters

We recommend that:

1. Each delegate assigned to this committee in future years, express himself verbally on his chapter's safety program.
2. State Office provide a list to each chapter of safety materials and ideas that can be stressed at chapter meetings.
3. State Office provide a list of recommended fire extinguishers for sale to raise chapter funds.
4. That chapters stress the cleanliness of farm tractors throughout the community.
5. Each chapter be encouraged to participate in District, State, and National safety award programs.
6. Chapter express ideas dealing with accidents that could happen throughout the community.
7. Farm pond safety be stressed throughout the community.
8. Firearm safety be stressed in the chapter and throughout the community.
9. Chapters put on firearm demonstration open to the public.
10. That FFA members stress to the parents to pay closer attention to their children around farm machinery.

Jed Cluck, Highland Chapter
Chairman

John Davis, Jr., Altoona Chapter
Recorder

The above report was amended by the delegates by striking out Item 3.

14. Activities and Banquets

We recommend that:

- a. the Poultry and Crops Contests be combined because they are the least attended in most areas.
- b. the Ag. teacher and principal or superintendent get together at first of year and work out some of the contests on the activities calendar.
- c. the local band instructor receive more recognition for developing musicians who play in the National FFA Band.
- d. chapters who have a Pest Control Contest pay close attention to the animals that they select to kill in the contest, as most animals are valuable to the farmer except rats and mice.
- e. chapters have more community service projects.
- f. articles to be sold by the chapter be checked by the proper authorities before selling.
- g. chapters use shop more for money-raising projects such as de-horning chutes, feed bunks, and squeeze chutes.
- h. chapters invite 8th grade boys and parents to FFA Banquet.

Norman Lee Spohr
Chairman

The delegates amended this report by striking out (h) and substituting "Chapters invite all those prospective people who might be interested in enrolling in FFA to the yearly banquets."

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15. Membership

Recommendations:

1. Require 2/3 vote of chapter members to expell a member.

2. A big brother plan to be used in each chapter on visitation day to give guidance to prospective students and continue throughout freshman year.
3. Keep interest in membership by having an organized Program of Work.
4. Contact and invite all former FFA members to regular meetings and have them become active members if eligible.
5. All chapters not to be satisfied without 100% attendance in the chapter.

Glenn Schiffner, Colby Chapter
Chairman

James Armbruster, Wakeeney
Recorder Chapter

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16. Constitution

We urge each member to read the State FFA Constitution.

We recommend the following changes in the Kansas FFA Association Constitution:

1. Article 4; Section C - No. 7, that the \$50 be changed to \$75.
2. Article 5; Section C - add the following: "No other organizational emblems or pins are to be worn on the FFA jacket."
3. Article 6; Section D - The first statement be changed to read "No State Officer may be re-elected to a State Office."
4. Article 7; Section D - changed to read "Each local chapter shall be entitled to send 2 delegates who are Chapter Farmers from the active membership to the State Convention."

Dave Howard, Caney Chapter
Chairman

Constitution (cont.)

James Thomas, Fort Scott Chapter
Recorder

Earle Simmons, Burlington
Advisor

The delegates amended this report by changing the \$75 in Item 1 to \$100.

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TALENT FOR 1961 NATIONAL
FFA CONVENTION

The National FFA Organization will budget money this year to help defray part of the expenses of good talent for the 1961 National Convention.

If you know of an FFA member or group of members who are good entertainers and who might be interested in performing at the National FFA Convention this fall, inform the State FFA Office.

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NATIONAL RADIO MONTH

The National Association of Broadcasters has designated May to be National Radio Month, and has suggested that local chapters of the Future Farmers of America may benefit from cooperation with local stations in the observance.

In their letter informing us of National Radio Month, NAB suggested:

"First, members of your organization could tour your local radio station facilities and receive a description of the station operations in bringing news and entertainment to the community. Many of the stations will be holding open house and will be happy to welcome your members. You may be assured that station executives will be glad to explain what radio can do to cooperate with your organization in public service projects. Secondly, radio stations will be glad to work with your organization in publicizing your own activities and those in which you may jointly participate."

Other suggestions included: "Invite radio broadcasters in your community to address your group or attend functions scheduled during May"; and: "Honor local radio stations for any outstanding contributions to the success and activities of your organization or the welfare of the community."

The theme for this year's National Radio Month will be "Radio-- The Best Sound Around," in recognition of radio's unique conveyance of news, information, public service and entertainment.

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DRY CLEANED

Dick, age three, did not like soap and water. "Surely you want to be a clean little boy, don't you?" asked his mother. "Yes," he tearfully agreed, "but can't you just dust me?"

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

The school year 1960-61 will always be outstanding in my memory. For it was this past year that I had the honor of being President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

My State Association activities began in August when I spent two very enjoyable weeks at Camp Miniwanca with your Vice-President, Larry Richardson, Mr. Marvin Castle of the State Vocational Agriculture Office, and the other members of this fine camp. I am sure that the leadership training that Larry and I received at Miniwanca has been very helpful in making our term as State Officer a success.

In September I visited with the other officers, the Mid-America Fair in Topeka, and then held a meeting in the State FFA Office. With the help of Dr. Agan, Mr. Carpenter, and the officers, the Program of Work was approved and published in the September 15, 1960, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

On September 26 and 27, I attended two very well-organized and conducted leadership schools at Palco and Oberlin. I am positive that the spirit that was displayed at these schools has contributed much to the year's success.

At the National Convention, Larry Richardson and myself attended the first two days of the convention as the official delegates from Kansas.

Throughout the year, I have attended Parent-Son Banquets at Arkansas City, Silver Lake, Jetmore, and Highland, Kansas. I attended a regular meeting at Manhattan and at my home chapter of Tribune.

Also during the year I had the opportunity of presenting the Governor of Kansas with a proclamation declaring National FFA Week in Kansas.

On March 5, I traveled with Mr. Carpenter to Kansas City where we joined four of the National Officers, Dr. Spanton, National Advisor, and the Executive Secretary, Wm. Paul Gray. We spent a very enjoyable three days touring Kansas City which was the final stop of the National FFA Good-Will Tour. This association with the National Officers along with the National Convention have been the highlights of my term as State Officer.

As I look back over the past year, I can see where many times, I could have done more for our State Association; but I can truly say it has done a lot for me. Of course, working on the State Program of Work and carrying out other duties which have been mine as your President have been inspiring as well as educational. I can truly say I will miss and remember my fellow officers and cherish for the rest of my life, the memories that I have encountered this year as your President. It

President's Report (cont.)

has indeed been a pleasure working with the adult supervisors and all of you fine fellows who make up our great organization of the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Hunt, President
Kansas Association of FFA 1960-61

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REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

The past year will be one of long remembrance and fond memories for me because of the privilege and honor which I have had of serving as Vice-President of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

Little did I realize the many thrilling and wonderful experiences which were to be mine the coming year when I stepped into office at the 32nd Annual State Convention. It has been not only challenging, but also inspirational and educational. I could not begin to evaluate the knowledge which I have gained by being a State Officer. The many people which I have met and the thousands of miles of Kansas highways which I have traveled, have all played a part in developing my character and the vast respect which I have for the FFA Organization, its members and its advisors.

Immediately after the convention twelve months ago, I returned home to finish high school and work to improve my farming program.

On August 14, I drove to Topeka where I met Mr. Castle of the State Office, and Melvin Hunt, State President. From there we drove to Lawrence where we met Bob Wingert and proceeded to Camp Miniwanca, a Christian Leadership Camp located on the shores of Lake Michigan.

We spent an enjoyable two weeks there on the sand dunes, while the camp staff developed us physically, mentally, socially, and religiously, as is the purpose of the camp. It was very interesting to talk to state officers from other states and share our ideas with them.

On September 10, the State Officers met in Topeka to make plans for the Leadership Schools, National Convention, and to attend FFA Day at the Mid-America Fair. I also attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson and the Kansas National Junior Livestock show at Wichita.

Vice-President's Report (cont.)

On the 26th, 27th, and 28th of September, I attended Leadership Schools at Emporia, Harper, and Dodge City. Each host chapter had superbly planned the schools and every participating chapter presented themselves in a very honorable and highly commendable manner. These chapter officers are to be congratulated for the splendid way in which they represented their chapters.

On October 11, Melvin Hunt and I left college life at Kansas State University to spend two glorious and wonderful days at the 33rd National FFA Convention held in Kansas City. To be a delegate at the National Convention is a rare and golden opportunity to develop greater leadership ability.

I was fortunate in being able to attend Parent-Son Banquets at Emporia, Udall, and Labette County Community High School at Altamont, my home chapter. All the banquets were conducted with utmost proficiency; and I am sure that all of the parents at these banquets were rightfully proud to see the work which their sons had been doing. I would like to have attended more banquets, but I was limited by other activities and studies at KSU.

Throughout the year, I have met and talked with many of you fellow members of the Future Farmers of America. It is through these many contacts that I have come to believe the importance of each individual in every chapter and the responsibility of the chapter in the state.

It is to you members of the Future Farmers of America that future generations will look for agricultural leadership and guidance, and I am sure that you will be prepared to give your support and hard work when called upon to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Richardson, Vice-President
Kansas Association of FFA 1960-61

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

Serving the Kansas Association of the Future Farmers of America during the past year as secretary has been an inspiring challenge, full of responsibility and enjoyment. It was a privilege and a great honor to be one of the six young men who took their positions at the State Convention last year as the retiring officers stepped down from their positions in the organization. It was this ceremony which unfolded a new field of FFA activities to me.

Secretary's Report (cont.)

On May 25 - 26, soon after the Convention closed, I attended the Meat Promotion and Public Relations Meeting in Kansas City. My trip was sponsored by the Farm Bureau and included tours of hotels, cafeterias, packing houses, and the stock-yards.

During June and the first part of July, I worked at home keeping up my farming program.

From July 24 through August 6, I made a trip to the West Coast which was sponsored by the Kansas Co-op Council. I traveled with John Teagarden, LaCygne, representing 4-H and Jim McGuire, Council Executive Secretary, who was our sponsor. We spent three days at the Co-op Camp in Estes Park before traveling with the Colorado delegation to California to attend the American Institute of Cooperation. I was very fortunate to be selected to be chairman of the youth panel which discussed Co-op benefits as a part of the AIC program. August 4, we departed for home by way of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma. This was the outstanding trip and experience during my term in office.

On September 10, I was in Topeka with my fellow officers to attend the FFA Day activities at the Mid-America Fair and an officers' meeting. We planned the Leadership School trips and for the National Convention. On the 19th, I was at the Hutchinson Fair during FFA Day.

I had the opportunity to attend two very fine Leadership Schools at Buhler and Chanute on September 26 - 27. These chapters are to be congratulated for a fine job.

On October 13, Roger and myself traveled to Kansas City to attend the National Convention, which is one of the most impressive experiences for members of our Organization. I also attended the Santa Fe Banquet as an Educational Award winner.

During semester vacation, I went to Topeka for an officers' meeting. The officers presented the FFA Week Proclamation to Governor John Anderson for signing.

During February, I attended two very fine banquets. On the 18th, I was at Garnett, my home chapter, for their banquet. The next week I attended the Seaman Banquet and saw a very impressive chapter program.

On March 11, I attended the State FHA Convention in Topeka at which time my sister, Miss Ruth Lee Raymond, was installed as President of the Kansas Association of the Future Homemakers of America.

On March 27, I showed slides and gave a short talk on my trip to the AIC at the annual meeting of the Kansas Co-op Council held in Hutchinson.

Secretary's Report (cont.)

During April, I attended two more chapter meetings. April 6, I was at Ellinwood for a meeting on safety. They showed me some of their shop projects as well as chapter projects. On April 18, I attended the Highland Park Parent-Son Banquet. The program was very interesting, especially the slides of their Vo-Ag farm.

I have made several appearances on radio and before civic groups. On May 9, I plan to attend the Fort Scott Chapter Banquet.

These are a few of the experiences which have highlighted my year as an officer in the FFA. Being an officer of the Kansas Association has given me the opportunity to make many lasting friends and see many places which otherwise would have been impossible. These memories, which after the close of this convention will be history, I shall always remember and cherish. I wish to thank each and every person who has helped me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Raymond, Secretary
Kansas Association of FFA 1960-61

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REPORT OF THE SENTINEL
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

Immediately after being elected to the office of State Sentinel last May, I attended and spoke at the Parent-Son Banquet of the Highland Park FFA Chapter. They had a very nice banquet and I was glad to be able to attend.

In October, I traveled to St. Joseph, Missouri, where I represented the State Association at a Farm Bureau sponsored convention which was designed to improve farm - city relations. It was a very successful meeting, and I gained much knowledge from it.

The first of February, I attended, with the other officers, the Governor's signing of the FFA Week Proclamation.

On March 5, I represented the State Association at the State Convention of the Future Homemakers of America in Topeka. I can assure you that attending an all-girl convention was a very enjoyable experience.

On April 15, I attended and was guest speaker at the annual Parent-Son Banquet of the Osage City FFA Chapter. I was very glad for the chance to go to my home chapter and attend their banquet.

Sentinel's Report (cont.)

While serving as a State Officer, I have come to realize more the reasons why we should be proud to wear an FFA jacket and be a member of this organization.

I sincerely want to thank the members of the State Association for the chance to serve as your State Sentinel the past year. I consider it a privilege and I have enjoyed it very much.

Respectfully submitted,
Dallas L. Kibbe, Sentinel
Kansas Association of FFA 1960-61

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NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION ATTENDANCE RESTRICTED

Attendance at the National Convention (1961) will be limited to not more than six carefully selected members and one advisor from any given chapter, or 10% of the chapter membership, whichever is greater.

The following members will not be counted in the local chapter quota: official State delegate, American Farmer degree candidate, official State judging team member, National FFA Band member, contestant in the National FFA Public Speaking Contest, and regional or national winner of an FFA Foundation award. Parents and wives of FFA members and other adult guests will not be counted in the chapter quota.

The following procedures have been adopted:

1. Each FFA member attending the convention must have a registration card filled out before leaving home, complete with signatures of the member, teacher, parent, and high school superintendent or principal. (Two official delegates from each State and American Farmer degree candidates are not required to have their cards signed.)
2. The pre-registration cards may be obtained from the State FFA Advisor upon request by local teachers.
3. Upon arrival in Kansas City, the advisor or chaperon of a group of members will present the completed registration cards of all members of his group at the FFA convention registration desk. He will be issued an identification card for each of his members which must be signed by the advisor and the member.
4. No member will be admitted to the convention sessions or entertainment programs without the official identification card. Door checks will be made.

Convention Attendance Restricted (cont.)

5. No registration cards for members will be available in Kansas City. They must be obtained and completed before the member leaves home. Teachers and State staff members also should have cards for their own registration.

(1961 National FFA Convention -- Kansas City, Mo. -- October 11-13)

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FFA TALENT SHOW FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

Present plans call for FFA talent shows to be presented on Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, and just prior to the closing session on Friday during the National Convention. Talent may be used from time to time during the regular convention sessions.

The following rules and regulations will govern talent participation:

I Selection of Talent

- (1) Each state will be limited to two entertainment acts selected at the discretion of the State Association. (Vocal or instrumental groups, comedians, novelty acts, etc.).
- (2) All entertainers and acts will be auditioned in the Main Arena of the Auditorium from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. and from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 1961.

II Submitting Talent Entries

- (1) State Associations are to submit an entry blank for each individual or group entertainment act to the National Office on or before August 30, 1961.
- (2) FFA members who are participating as talent should have no other responsibilities at the convention.

III Recognition and Reimbursement

- (1) FFA members selected by State Associations who audition and are chosen to participate will have part of their travel expenses reimbursed. They will also receive an appropriate emblem to signify that they have performed at the National Convention.
- (2) A group picture will be taken of all performers. One print will be presented to each performer and the directors.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF
THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

Last year at the final session of the 32nd Annual State Convention, I was honored and privileged to be elected as your State Treasurer. In the past year, I have been able to meet some of the finest people that our inspirational organization can produce. However, I can't say that I feel regret in having to step down from my office, for I do so knowing that some other young man will be able to capitalize more fully on the opportunities that FFA affords in the up-building of young men who will be our leaders of tomorrow.

My State Officer activities began when I attended the first annual State FFA Leadership Training Camp held in Kansas, at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. There I was able to further develop my own leadership and to aid in the leadership activities of a fine camp. I was also able to meet many promising young men from all over the State of Kansas.

On September 10, 1960, during FFA Day at the Mid-America Fair in Topeka, the State Officers met to outline the year's activities.

On September 26, I accompanied Dr. Ray Agan to the District Leadership School at Clay Center. That chapter is to be commended for being a good host and for conducting a very effective Leadership School.

On September 27, Professor H. R. Bradley and I traveled to the Leadership School at Beloit. They also conducted a school that was a credit to our organization.

In the following month, I attended Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Initiations at Waterville and Riley County High School respectively. They both held impressive ceremonies.

In preparation for National FFA Week, the State Officers visited Governor John Anderson, Jr., at the Capitol in Topeka. Governor Anderson signed an FFA Week proclamation.

This spring I have had the privilege of attending Parent-Son Banquets at Winfield and Peabody. They are to be congratulated on the well-organized banquets, and the good public relations for the FFA.

These are only the highlights of my State Officer experiences. Had I not had them, my FFA career would have been incomplete. These experiences have caused me to realize that the FFA is built on the qualities and principles that will be necessary for future leaders in agriculture and the Nation to have. Tomorrow afternoon, as I step down from my State Office, my prayer will be that I have stood before you in sincerity and humility, having used to the best of my ability, those things granted to me from a power greater than man's, using these gifts for the betterment of a worthy organization, the FFA.

April 18, 1961

Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America
 11th Floor - State Office Building
 Topeka, Kansas

Gentlemen:

I have examined the records of Mr. F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, for the period beginning April 1, 1960, and ending March 31, 1961, and herewith submit my report with the following exhibits and comments:

EXHIBIT A - General Fund - Cash Receipts and Disbursements from April 1, 1960 to March 31, 1961.

EXHIBIT B - Sears Sheep Project Fund - Cash Receipts and Disbursements from April 1, 1960 to March 31, 1961.

EXHIBIT C - Reconcilement of the Cash Account from April 1, 1960 to March 31, 1961 with adjustments to the Bank Balance as of March 31, 1961.

CASH BALANCE - \$ 10,058.67

All cash receipts as shown by the records of the Executive Secretary for the period examined were traced into the bank account and cancelled checks for the period were examined for proper endorsements.

As of March 31, 1961, the Association's cash was on deposit in the First National Bank of Topeka and was subject to withdrawal by checks signed by either C. C. Eustace, State Advisor, or F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary.

INVESTMENTS - \$ 1,171.80

This investment consists of five Series J, United States Savings Bonds, purchased September 9, 1954, and maturing September 1, 1966, as follows:

BOND NO.	MATURITY	COST	REDEEMABLE VALUE
	VALUE		MARCH 31, 1961
C 113715 J	100.00	72.00	83.70
C 113716 J	100.00	72.00	83.70
C 113717 J	100.00	72.00	83.70
C 113718 J	100.00	72.00	83.70
M 111553 J	1,000.00	720.00	837.00
TOTALS	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,008.00</u>	<u>1,171.80</u>

Report of the Treasurer (cont.)

The bonds are kept in a Safety Deposit Box in the vaults of the First National Bank of Topeka. Persons with authorized access to the box are C. C. Eustace, State Advisor, or F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary. The bonds were inspected by me on April 18, 1961.

OTHER COMMENTS

The funds and securities of the Association are not under dual control nor are the State Advisor and the Executive Secretary under bond to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard L. Davis
 1817 Tara St.
 Topeka, Kansas

EXHIBIT A

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - - GENERAL FUND

FROM APRIL 1, 1960 TO MARCH 31, 1961

RECEIPTS

Dues Collected - 6678 members @ 50¢ each	3,339.00
Magazine Subscriptions - 6409 @ 25¢ each	1,602.25
Sale of Charms, Pins, Uniforms, Jackets, etc.	679.12
Chicago, Burlington RR - Awards	100.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe - Awards	800.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe - Scholarships	800.00
National Future Farmers of America - Awards	1,717.76
National Future Farmers of America - Refunds on Public Speaking Contest, National Judging Contest & Safety Award Expense	240.69
Interstate Printers & Publishers - Royalty on Account Books	611.73
Sale of Calendars	61.91
Percent of Peanut Sales	26.86
Operation Porcina	296.46
Deposit on Travel Course	10.00
Donation for Hall of Fame - Hugoton	10.00
Summer Camp	1,795.00
Overpayments on Dues, Subscriptions, etc.,	64.76

TOTAL RECEIPTS 12,155.54

Report of the Treasurer (cont.)

DISBURSEMENTS

Awards	2,294.00
State and National Convention Expense	424.56
Purchase of Charms, Pins, Uniforms, Jackets, etc., for Resale.....	1,474.56
Magazine Subscriptions	1,542.49
National Future Farmers of America - Dues	673.70
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe RR - Scholarships	800.00
Expense of State Officers	87.19
Expense of Public Speaking & National Judging Contests	266.09
Expense of Leadership School	38.50
Pictures	10.85
Operation Porcina	396.46
Donation to Shawnee Co. Centennial Assn.	50.00
Donation to Hall of Fame - Hugoton	10.00
State Office - Supplies & Expense	48.80
Summer Camp Expense	1,858.55
FFA Group Insurance.....	48.00
Royalties on Kansas Record Book - Interstate	339.85
Advertising - FFA Week Posters and Postage	175.39
Refund of Overpayments on Dues, Subscriptions, etc.....	71.80
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>10,610.79</u>

EXHIBIT B

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - - SEARS SHEEP PROJECT

FROM APRIL 1, 1960 TO MARCH 31, 1961

RECEIPTS

Chapter Repayments	4,380.44
Sears - Roebuck Foundation	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>5,380.44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Sheep purchased including transportation charges	4,844.81
Refund on Overpayment	12.60
Entertainment of Guests	150.75
Trophies.....	<u>29.60</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>5,037.76</u>

Report of the Treasurer (cont.)

EXHIBIT C

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
RECONCILEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FROM APRIL 1, 1960 TO MARCH 31, 1961

Adjustments to the Bank Balance as of March 31, 1961

GENERAL FUND

April 1, 1960 - Cash Balance	6,430.88	
Less Adj. for the last Audit period.		
Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. Death		
of Sheep	100.00	
Adjusted Cash Balance 4-1-60	6,330.88	
Total Cash Receipts from April 1, 1960		
to March 31, 1961 - See Exhibit A	12,155.54	
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	18,486.42	
Total Cash Disbursements from April 1,		
1960 to March 31, 1961 - See Exhibit A..	10,610.79	
Cash Balance	7,875.63	
Plus Cancelled Warrants.....	12.86	
March 31, 1961 - Cash Balance		7,888.49

SEARS SHEEP PROJECT

April 1, 1960 - Cash Balance	1,727.50	
Plus Adj. from the last Audit Period.		
Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. Death		
of Sheep	100.00	
Adjusted Cash Balance 4 -1-60	1,827.50	
Total Cash Receipts From April 1, 1960		
to March 31, 1961 - See Exhibit B	5,380.44	
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	7,207.94	
Total Cash Disbursements from April 1,		
1960 to March 31, 1961 - See Exhibit B..	5,037.76	
March 31, 1961 - Cash Balance		2,170.18
TOTAL CASH BALANCE - March 31, 1961.....		10,058.67

ADD: OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF MARCH 31, 1961

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-11-60	81	Gary Busboom.....	1.00
10-20-60	253	Blue Valley FFA Chapter50
11- 1-60	265	Alta Vista FFA Chapter50
11- 2-60	270	Highland Park FFA Chapter..	.75
11-30-60	294	Altoona FFA Chapter.....	18.73
11-30-60	296	Belleville FFA Chapter.....	35.60

Report of the Treasurer (cont.)

2-10-61	330	5.00	
2-10-61	335	Ralph Unger.....	3.00	
3-13-61	339	Valley Falls FFA Chapter ..	24.00	
3-14-61	341	National FFA Magazine.....	39.82	
3-21-61	342	FFA Supply Service	67.86	
3-23-61	343	Church of God State Camp, Inc.	100.00	
3-30-61	344	Effingham FFA Chapter	25.00	321.76
		SUB-TOTAL		<u>10,380.43</u>
DEDUCT: Deposit by Executive Secretary but not credited to the Bank Statement as of March 31, 1961.....				542.21
March 31, 1961 - Balance shown by the Bank Statement....				<u><u>9,838.22</u></u>

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RESULTS OF 1961 STATE HIGH
SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL JUDGING CONTESTS

Gold Emblem Teams - Poultry Contest

Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
Altoona, John W. Davis
Belleville, Carl H. Beyer
Chanute, Charles Carter
Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain
McPherson, Richard Ramsdale

Gold Emblem Teams - Agronomy

Riverton, G. L. Arnold
Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
Ellsworth, Lester Crandall
Bazine, Edward Brenner

Gold Emblem Teams - Dairy Husbandry

Hillsboro, Truman Diener
Elk City, James Campbell
Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach
Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
Downs, Allen Watts
Lebo, Richard Winder
Alma, Donald Miller
Stockton, Floyd Blauer
Parker, Chester Ward

Ten High Teams - Dairy Products

Clay Center, Dale Brooks
Beloit, Earl Baugher
Belleville, Carl Beyer
Arkansas City, Harold Van Cleave
Fort Scott, Milton Kohrs
Emporia, Eugene Walker
Mulvane, Francis Shoup
McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
Wamego, Chris Langvardt
Alta Vista, Rudy Titsworth

Agricultural Judging Contests (cont.)Gold Emblem Teams - Animal Husbandry

McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
 Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
 Hillsboro, Truman Diener
 Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach
 Arkansas City, Harold Van Cleave
 Seaman (Topeka), Marvin Smith
 Newton, R. M. Karns
 Stockton, Floyd Blauer
 Haven, Glen Schulthess

Four High Teams - Entomology

Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach
 Goessel, Nelson Galle
 Manhattan, Merwin Stearns
 Osage City, Kenneth Kern

RESULTS OF 1961 STATE HIGH
SCHOOL FARM MECHANICS CONTESTS

Ten High Teams -- Soil Conservation

Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
 Altoona, John W. Davis
 Lyndon, Frank Forest
 Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain
 McCune, Ira Johnston
 McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
 Hill City, Joe Farrell
 Hillsboro, Truman Diener
 Longford, Chester Phillips
 Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach

Ten High Teams -- Farm Welding

Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach
 Colby, Ira Mann
 Fredonia, Stanley Lewis
 Burlington, Earle Simmons
 Downs, Allen Watts
 Beloit, Earl Baugher
 McCune, Ira Johnston
 Alton, Billy Wood
 McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
 Clay Center, Dale Brooks

Ten High Teams -- Farm Shop Tools

Colby, Ira Mann
 Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
 Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach
 Goessel, Nelson Galle
 Clay Center, Dale Brooks
 Downs, Allen Watts
 McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
 Norton, Philip Finley
 Hillsboro, Truman Diener
 Lyndon, Frank Forest

Ten High Teams -- Farm Carpentry
and Concrete

Colby, Ira Mann
 Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
 Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach
 Longford, Chester Phillips
 Ellsworth, Lester Crandall
 Lyndon, Frank Forest
 Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain
 Phillipsburg, Frank Freeman
 Garden City, Kenneth Henderson
 Emporia, Eugene Walker.

Farm Mechanics Contests (cont.)

Ten High Teams -- Rural Electrification

Miltonvale, Billy Fuller
 Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
 Lawrence, Cropp - Gehlbach
 Clay Center, Dale Brooks
 Colby, Ira Mann
 Lakin, Dean Hoppas
 Norton, Philip Finley
 McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
 Altoona, John W. Davis
 Beloit, Earl Baugher

Ten High Teams -- Farm Power and Machinery

Labette Co., Gary Cromwell
 Lyndon, Frank Forest
 Colby, Ira Mann
 Osage City, Kenneth Kern
 McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
 Hill City, Joe Farrell
 Salina, William Smith
 Beloit, Earl Baugher
 Norton, Philip Finley
 Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain

Three High Individuals -- Newswriting

Bill Smull	St. Francis Chapter
David Cromwell	Salina Chapter
Loren Zabel	Hugoton Chapter

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CHAPTER NEWS

PALCO: We sent two delegates, our advisor, and our president to the State FFA Convention. Our Parent-Son Banquet was held on May 15. At Palco's FFA March meeting we had a very interesting and helpful welding demonstration by the Eutectic Co.

Harold Bradford, Reporter

KINGMAN: We have attended district schools and contests in livestock, poultry, dairy, and speech. Our chapter had a fun night in the school gym on April 11. We celebrated National FFA Week by having an FFA dress up day on George Washington's birthday. Our Parent-Son Meeting was held on May 9, and our chapter election was held on May 15.

Leonard Albert, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Our chapter presented two programs during National FFA Week. One of the programs was for the Columbus Kiwanis, and the other was for the Columbus Lions. At the close of our pest contest the losing side furnished a chili feed to the winners and their parents. On April 14 our chapter was host for the SEK Dairy Judging School. Seventeen schools

participated. On May 11, we held our annual Parent-Son Banquet. The program was furnished by the members. Some of the things we are finishing in our shop are: 1 farrowing crate; 1 combination feed bunk; 2 barrel-type feed bunks; 1 hog self-feeder; and 1 silage feed bunk. Work is being done on our new vocational agriculture building which we hope to be in by next year.

Kenneth Clark, Reporter

HADDAM: Our Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degree initiation was held at the time of our annual Parent-Son Banquet. We have started a heifer club to be conducted in conjunction with the heifer clubs sponsored by purebred beef associations. We conducted an FFA Sweetheart contest this year. The candidates were nominated from each class and elected by votes costing one cent each. With this money the sweetheart receives a sweetheart jacket and other FFA gifts. Our shop projects include two four-wheel trailers, three two-wheel trailers, two portable loading chutes, three stock racks, four picnic tables, two stands for gasoline tanks, a squeeze chute, and 12 pipe gates.

Donald Grove, Reporter

KENSINGTON: We held our first Parent-Son Banquet on April 6. Slides were shown of the farming programs of the FFA boys and a Civil Defense film was shown. Honorary chapter farmer degrees were awarded to three citizens of the community. Our livestock judging team placed fourth at Foster Farms and first at Chester, Nebraska. The chapter sent one boy to the state judging contest, and two delegates to the State FFA Convention at Manhattan.

Gary Dettmer, Reporter

NORTON: Our annual Parent-Son Banquet was held April 29, in the High School gymnasium. Awards were given out to six members for their achievements in various phases of FFA work. Two honorary members were presented their degrees. A few weeks ago, the Norton Chapter received a registered Hampshire gilt from Ernest Anderson of Fair Acres Farm by a cooperative agreement. This gilt is a selected individual from the female Hampshire hogs on Fair Acres Farm which has as its herd sire Mr. Dynamic, top selling Hampshire boar from the Kansas Swine Testing Station in 1959. One eight-week old gilt will be presented to a chapter member each year. Louis Anderson, son of Ernest Anderson, owner and manager of Fair Acres Farm, is a State Farmer from the Norton Chapter in 1957.

Richard Miller, Reporter

ENSIGN: Our chapter placed second in the southwest district Co-op Quiz Contest. We also formed an FFA co-op, purchased two hogs, and fed them out, and purchased and sold rat bait in the community. For FFA Week we presented a television program and school assembly on the "Danger of Atomic War to Humans and Livestock." We attended livestock judging contests at Garden City and at the Lewis Ranch near Larned. On April 20 we held our annual Parent-Son Banquet. In June our local co-op is sponsoring two boys from our chapter and our advisor to the Co-op Youth Camp in Liberty, Missouri. We are planning a camping and fishing trip for the last of May. Farm Mechanics projects completed this year are: two stubble mulch plows, a portable loading chute and corral, mineral feeder, ten corral gates, three feed bunks, power hack saw, two tables, two trailers, T. V. antenna tower, two swing sets, three point carry-all, and a show box.

Virgil Salem, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: At our annual Dad's Night and Chili Supper the freshmen were granted the Green Hand degree, and Charles Mantz, advisor at Smith Center, was our guest speaker. After the program, the dads toured the school shop. Our Chapter Farm Mechanics team placed third at the NW district shop contest at Oberlin. Our Chapter sponsored a professional wrestling program. There were three matches. We made \$165. For National FFA Week we sponsored a radio program to talk about FFA's aims, purposes, and the history of FFA. Our twenty-first annual Parent-Son Banquet was held on April 25. Philip Finley, Voc. Ag. instructor at Norton, spoke on "Agriculture is Not Dead." The FFA letters and bars and FFA Foundation medals were presented to various boys. Chapter farmers were initiated and new chapter officers were installed. Our chapter has voted that all new officers will attend the officers training school at Camp Goddard, in August. Some of the shop projects that have been completed or are under construction are: 4 small gasoline engines overhauled; 1 mower repaired; 8 spring tooth harrow runners hard-faced; cement block maker; 16 nail boxes; 3 sheep feeders, and 4 steel gates.

Roger Schilowsky, Reporter

JEWELL: Our pest eradication program started last month and will end when school is out. The losing team will give the winners an all-night camp out. Some shop projects include: 3 self-feeders; 1 feed bunk; clothes line poles; and overhauling 2 engines. Our Parent-Son Banquet was a highlight of the activities this year. At our barn-warmer we elected a chapter sweetheart before the student body. We had a car wash and raised money for our

Jewell (cont.): banquet. The chapter also sold tractor seats.

Roger Foulke, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: During National FFA Week we had our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet. There were 350 members, parents, and guests present. At this meeting we presented an Honorary Chapter Farmer degree to the Jr. High principal. The degree of Star Chapter Farmer was presented to one of the chapter farmers. Our livestock, crops, and shop judging teams have attended many of the judging contests that have been in our area. At all of the contests we had one or more teams in the top ten. We also had a shop, livestock, and crop team entered in the State Contest. At our Chapter Farmer Night, we initiated 12 Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer. This was one of the largest classes initiated in our chapter. We have several shop projects that are now being constructed in our shop. The projects are: 1-house trailer; 1-tandem trailer; 1-squeeze chute; 1-irrigation pipe trailer; 3 sets-clothes line poles; 2-hog feeders; 1-welding table; 1-tractor shade.

Robert Blackwood, Reporter

SOLOMON: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet on April 21. Bill Fair, manager of the Farmers Co-op, and Sam Carter, editor of the Solomon Valley Tribune, were awarded Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees. The Chapter is having its annual Chicken Bar-B-Q May 10. This has proven to be a good money-maker in the past. We hope to sell 500 dinners this year. We are planning to plant corn on our two acres of rented land.

Keith Neaderhiser, Reporter

CENTRALIA: Our chapter has 40 members. In April, we had our annual Parent-Son FFA Banquet with the freshmen class building the emblem and a freshman giving the FFA creed. The 1961-62 officers were installed at this time. In the shop we have been working on 2 creep feeders, a hog feeder, and a lowboy trailer. As a reward to our most successful year, four of our officers and advisor are taking a trip to Aspen, Colorado for a camping, fishing, and sight-seeing trip. Our chapter has participated in 5 district judging contests. A swimming party is planned for July, and a watermelon feed in August.

Charles Schlaegel, Reporter

ELLIS: The proposed project of inviting guest speakers to the special night meetings was enacted. Our guest speakers' talks were to deal primarily with their own vocation. We have had two guest speakers so far, and have more planned for the future. Our first speaker was Mr. Marvin Maier, the game protector. He gave an interesting talk and showed an exceptionally good wildlife film. Our second speaker was Dr. Phillips, a veterinarian. He also gave an interesting talk on his own career field. At the last of April we elected FFA officers for the 61-62 year.

Dick Ridgway, Reporter

LaCROSSE: We raised needed money for the chapter by shocking feed last fall. Throughout the year our chapter has toured the county visiting outstanding livestock farms. We attended Agricultural Roundup Day at Hays. We held our Parent-Son Banquet on April 20. During the evening an Honorary Chapter Farmer plaque was presented. Glenn Reifschneider, our chapter

LaCrosse (cont.): Star Farmer's program consisted of twenty-eight head of feeder calves, and thirty acres of wheat.

Robert Kershner, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Our FFA crops team placed fifth in the contest held at Hays. Our chapter has taken part in district land, crops, shop, and livestock schools and contests, and the International Land Judging in Oklahoma the past year. The FFA-FHA Banquet was held on April 24. Seven boys received FFA Foundation awards through special efforts and reports given during the year. Two members showed slides and narrated a Civil Defense program. The officers for the next year were announced. Two hundred nine people were served in cafeteria style. Our chapter won the Cooperative Activity trophy for the second consecutive year. The project consisted of 21 sheep and 24 pigs. Good profit was made on the pigs, but the sheep project netted a small loss.

Allen Lehmann, Reporter

SIMPSON: Our chapter is promoting a community spring clean-up. We believe that a few hours spent now to clean out the hazards may result in the saving of many days during the busy season. A well-maintained farm requires hard work, careful planning, and the cooperation of all farm people. Such a program pays dividends. Fire hazards are lessened and the chances of accidents are decreased.

Jerry Burnette, Reporter

JDALL: We held our annual work sale Jan. 12. All the members attended the Spring Barrow Show at Arkansas City March 6. The junior judging team went to a quarter horse judging contest March 26. We were the guests of the FHA at a party March 17. We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet March 30. The chapter sweetheart was

crowned at the banquet. Our guest speaker was Larry Richardson, State Vice President. The members who were working out for the judging team went to a beef evaluation school at Arkansas City April 5. We entered a livestock judging team in a contest at Haven April 8. A dairy products judging team entered a contest at Arkansas City April 17. Projects completed this year in the shop were: 1 four-wheeled trailer, several hog waters, clothes line poles, hay feeder, creep feeder gates, mail-box stand, portable creep-feeder, foot scraper, a farrowing crate, salt and mineral feeders, and several gates. The juniors and seniors have been repairing farm machinery. We are planning a summer trip. We have 8 steers and 6 barrows on feed to show at the county and state fairs this fall. Several members are selecting lambs to go on feed.

Dennis Wells, Reporter

PARTRIDGE: At our sixth annual Sweetheart Contest and Dance, the results of the contest counted 50 per cent of the choice for queen and the members votes counted the other 50 per cent. We had a judging team and a farm mechanics team at the State Contest. Shop projects completed last semester were: saw horses, irrigation-pipe trailer, air compressors, tool cabinets, and a complete overhaul of cars.

Lonnie Kent, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Sixteen of our members attended the National Western Stock show in Denver. The trip was financed by a \$5 fee deposited by each participating member prior to the trip. On Feb. 1, four of the senior members presented a program on the establishment and care of windbreaks

St. Francis (cont.): and shelterbelts in Northwest Kansas over TV Station KWHK in Goodland. National FFA Week was observed by distributing signs, place cards, and place mats, and by a mechanical window display which showed the FFA Purposes and a county map with the location of members' farms indicated by name cards. A story in the local newspaper dealt with the history of the local chapter and a summary of the current farming programs. Our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet was held on April 6. The highlight of the affair was an address by National President Lyle Carpenter, who was accompanied on the trip by Bob Eisenach, president of the Colorado Association. One-hundred-forty parents, members, and other guests were present. Our chapter has competed in the following district schools and contests: crops, livestock, dairy, farm mechanics, and speech. Our shop classes are dismantling a combine which was given to us by a local implement dealer. We are using the scrap metal for our repair and construction projects.

Royce Gienger, Reporter

LOUISBURG: April 13 the chapter had their Parent-Son Banquet. There were awards given for Soil and Water Management, Public Speaking, Dairying, Farm Mechanics, Rural Electrification, Farm Safety, Star Green Hand and Star Chapter Farmer. A group attended the Livestock Judging Contest at Council Grove. Seven boys attended the State FFA Convention. Fifty per cent of the members have swine for their farming programs. Several of the members have cattle, and there are two members who have sheep for their programs. The members in this chapter are mostly raising corn and grain sorghum. The chapter recently purchased a boar from the Boar Testing Station at Manhattan.

Several boys are building loading chutes, hay feeders, gates, and self-feeders.

Gary Kricher, Reporter

ST. PAUL: Last fall we built an FFA Trading Post Bulletin Board and placed it in one of the city cafes. It is used by people in the community who wish to post for sale or wanted items, and to post all FFA information and activities. In Oct. we had an FFA hayrack ride and weinner roast at Lake McKinley for the entire high school. A money-making project which netted \$125 was held in our high school gym last November. Many thanks is given to the McCune chapter who participated in our Donkey Basketball game. A cooperative activity our chapter undertook this Feb. was to build a 10' x 24' hog shed and a 40' x 80' pen. The shed and posts consisted of discarded rail-road ties which the chapter collected along the railroad tracks. The chapter purchased 25 feeder pigs and are feeding them a complete ration purchased at the Girard Co-op. In March the schools of our county had a science fair. Our chapter set up a booth on Rural Civil Defense. The last of May we plan to have our annual Chicken Barbeque and Program. A picnic table will be given away as a door prize. Some of the projects completed in shop are: 2 portable loading chutes (one which is convertible to a trailer,) 10 hay feeders, 1 calf-feeder, 1 feed bunk, 26 gates, 1 gas rack, 5 sets of clothes line poles, 2 swing sets, and 3 picnic tables.

Ed O'Toole, Reporter

BUHLER: Our chapter has a membership of 47. Recently we have sold 84 tractor seats. In Feb., we presented an assembly program before the student body. The program included the building of the FFA Emblem which we rented from the Haven chapter. We had a joint FFA-FHA Party on April 14. The girls prepared the refreshments and the Chapter furnished the entertainment. A representative of the Pioneer Hybrid Seed Co. distributed 13 samples of hybrid grain sorghum to members of the chapter. Roger Teter and Darrel Schmidt were Delegates to the State Convention. They gave interesting reports at our meeting on May 4.

Leon Gaeddert, Reporter

HOYT: Our chapter has taken part in the various schools and contests in this district such as the Public Speaking and Poultry. Our sophomores have been laying out terrace lines on a member's farm. We attended the area lamb production and wool marketing day at Topeka. We held our Parent-Son Supper May 12. Shop projects are as follows: harrow carrier; feed and silage bunk; mounting a plow on a tractor; 4-wheel wagon; 1 wire winder for rolling electric fence; 1 valve job on a car; 1 rear blade for 3-point hitch; installed brake lights on a car; 2 picnic tables; repair of fenders on 1 pickup truck; and repaired 2 harrows.

James Rose, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet on April 21. Green Hand and Chapter Farmer certificates were presented to six freshmen and five sophomore boys. We also awarded our Chapter Star Farmer, Dwight Schrader, with a plaque and medal. The chapter elected a Chapter Sweetheart and presented her with the official Chapter Sweetheart jacket. Our main business at our banquet was the installation of new officers for the next year. Slides of the boys' farming programs and shop projects were

shown after dinner. This year our chapter is working on a demonstration plot on the south side of town. We are going to plant grain sorghum, furnished by the DeKalb Co. In our demonstration plot we will demonstrate chemical weed control, no weed control, cultivation, fertilizer use, and no fertilizer. Some of our shop projects include: stock racks for a 1/2 ton pick-up truck, post hole auger, loading chute, grain wagon, feed bunks, gates, garage doors, and repairing a burr mill and converting it to a 3-point hookup and power take off.

Laurel Zimmerman, Reporter

WATERVILLE: We held a chili feed and followed the meal with the Chapter Farmer Degree Ceremony for six members. The chapter is selling tractor seat-cushions. A prize of an FFA jacket will go to the member selling the most cushions. Our advisor and nine FFA boys attended the State FFA Convention held at Manhattan on May 1 and 2, and took part in the judging contests. We held our annual FFA pot-luck supper on May 5, at which time the new officers for 1961-62 were installed. The projects which are being made in shop are: loading chutes, feed bunks, a steel gate, and trailer boxes.

Francis Hanke, Reporter

MARION: We held our first Parent-Son Banquet on April 22. The girls from the local FHA chapter served the food and washed the dishes. These girls were called out before the audience at the end of the program and were each given a silver dollar. The program consisted of short talks on different areas of Vocational Agriculture given by FFA members. Slides taken this year of farming programs,

Marion (cont.): shop work and projects, and FFA activities were shown and local chapter awards given in connection with each talk. Our school held its annual Spring Display April 13-14. The purpose of the event is to give the people interested in the school an opportunity to see the accomplishments of the various classes. In the Vocational Agriculture classroom, the over-all objectives of Vocational Agriculture and means of reaching these objectives were outlined. Student record and note books as well as agreements and references used in the classroom were displayed. A Rural Civil Defense display was also set up. In shop, completed projects, skills and projects in various stages of completion along with the plans drawn by each student were viewed by visitors going through the department.

Keith Hett, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: This year we had a St. Patrick's Day dance at which we crowned our Chapter Sweetheart for the coming year. Our total enrollment in FFA is 43. Sixteen of these are Green Hands. Farm mechanics construction projects for the past year include a self-unloading wagon, two hay-grain combination feeders, a truck bed, two two-wheel trailers, two picnic tables, and a sickle grinder. We have completed a pest eradication contest with the Frankfort Chapter. Our total chapter score was 21,544 points to their 14,414 points. Our chapter enjoyed a chili supper as guests of the Frankfort FFA. Our Parent- Son FFA Banquet featured chicken as our main dish. Darryll Johnson, State FFA Reporter, was our guest speaker. Star Chapter Farmer is Don Prell. Our farm mechanics team, livestock judging team and two voting delegates attended the State FFA Convention and contest in Manhattan May 1 and 2.

Gerald Seematter, Reporter