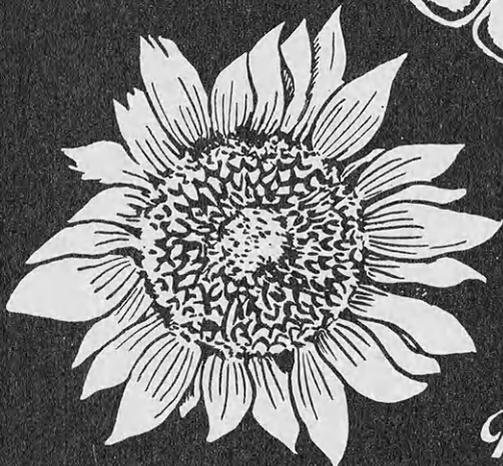
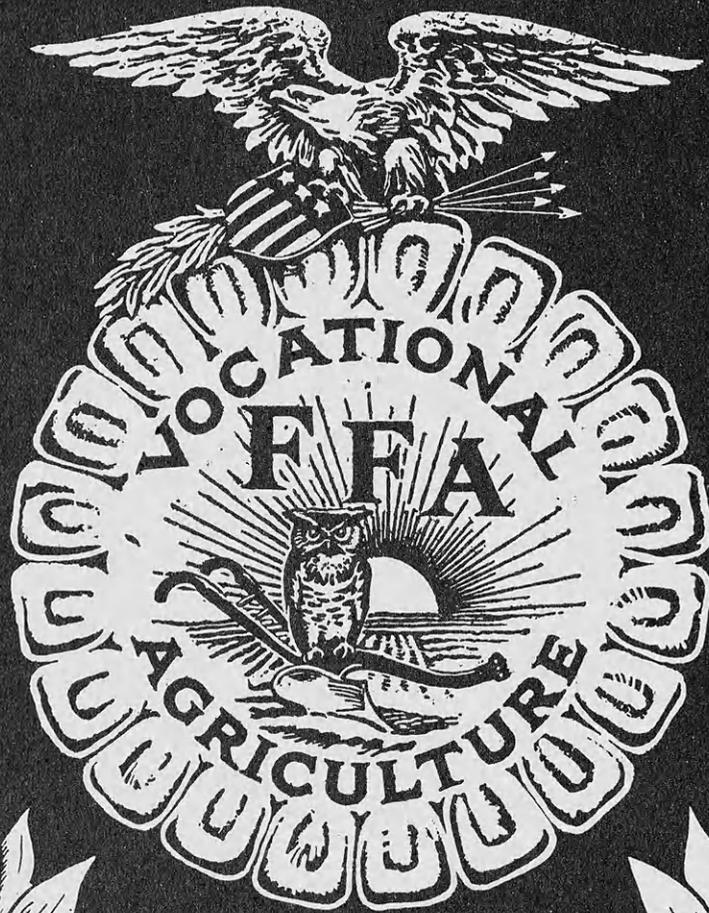


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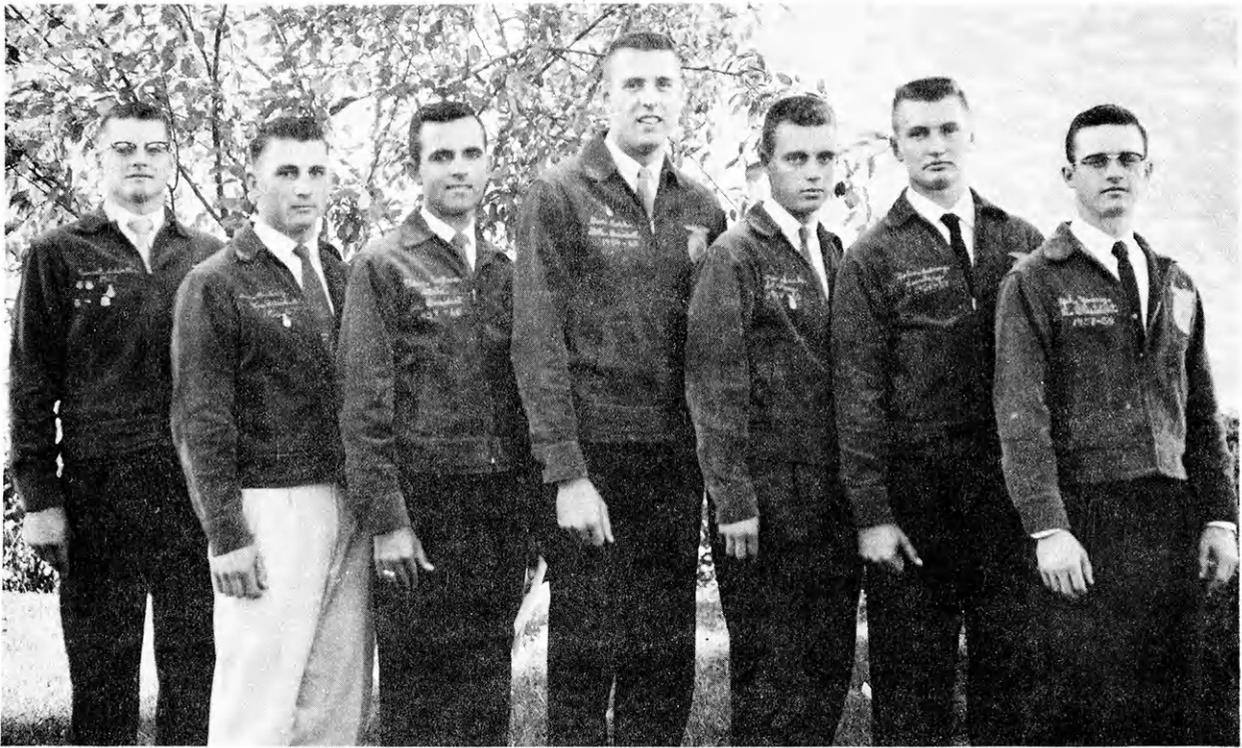
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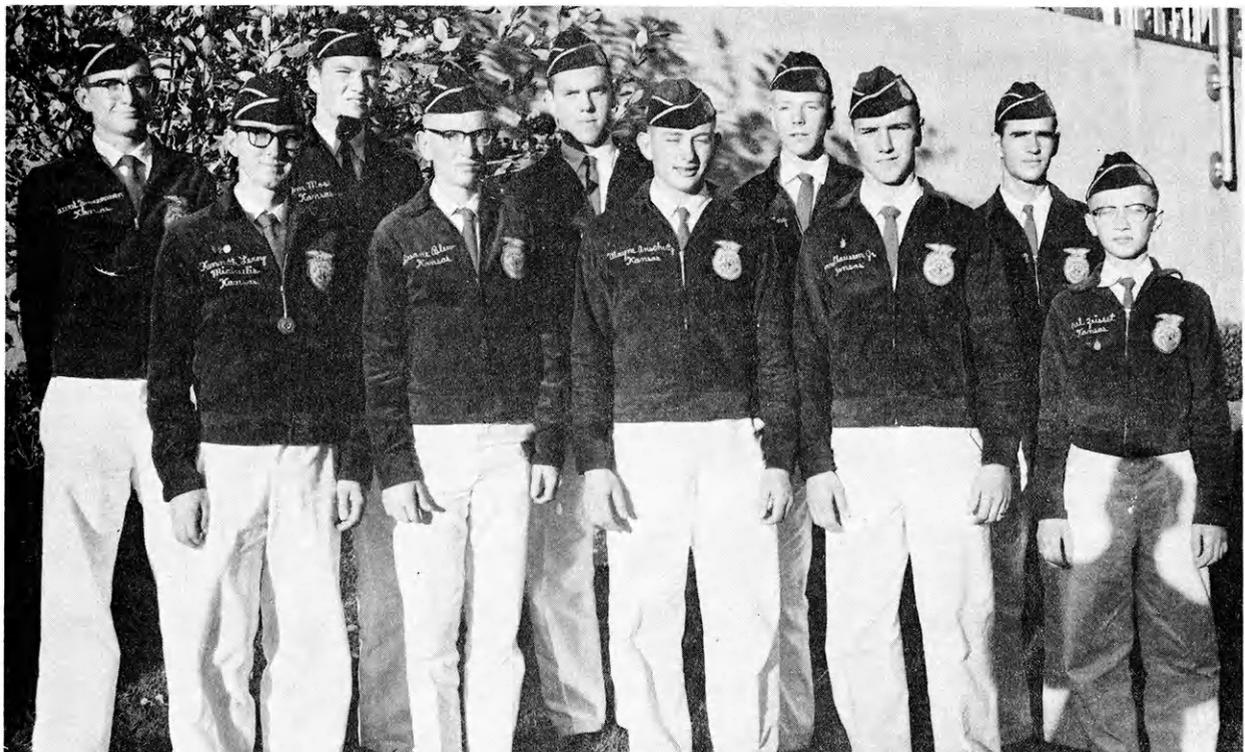
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The 1961 class of American Farmers representing the Kansas Association of FFA are: L to R, Ernest Schlatter, Lebanon; Don Rudicel, Kingman; Eldon Eastman, Arkansas City; Steven Robb, Lawrence; Larry Schaake, Lawrence; Galen Schrag, Pretty Prairie; and Ralph Young, Tribune.



Members of the 1961 National Band from the Kansas Association were: L to R, Laurel Zimmerman, Alta Vista; Kenneth Michaelis, Hoisington; Sam Moser, Lyndon; Duane Blew, Ford; Darrell Schmidt, Buhler; Wayne Anschutz, Russell; Arlen Etling, Ensign; Verne Claussen, Wilson; Lester Norberg, Lindsborg; and Paul Zeisset, Jewell.



Bill Smull, St. Francis chapter, was winner of the 1961 State Agriculture Journalism Contest. He is being presented a certificate by Mr. Don Hall, FFA advisor of St. Francis. Bill was also the Burlington Railroad Award winner.

Armin Nelson, McPherson chapter, right, is being congratulated by James Isaac Messler, Star Farmer of America, from Greenback, Tennessee - Armin was the National winner in Crops Farming. Story, page 1.

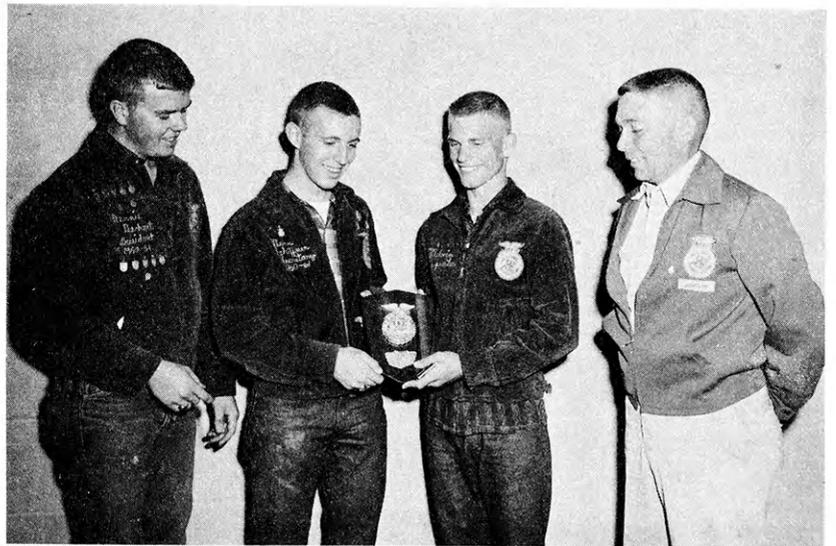


Roger Ratzlaff, Goessel chapter, placed second of 13 participants in the Central Region Public Speaking Contest, at Kansas City, Missouri, October 10, 1961.

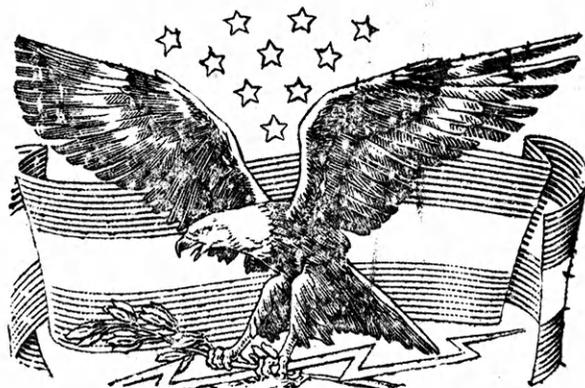


A familiar sight during the past month has been FFA members participating in the five State Area Land Judging Contests.

The three High Individuals in the Northwest State Area Land Judging Contest were from the Colby chapter. L to R, Dennis Deckert, Glynn Schiffner, Melvin Carpenter, and advisor, Ira Mann. 225 students participated in the contest.



Roy Eck, Effingham advisor, was one of the 25 vocational agriculture teachers in the United States to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The Effingham and Arkansas City chapters received Gold Emblem classification in the National Emblem Award program.



### NATIONAL WINNER CROPS FARMING

Armin Nelson - McPherson Chapter -  
National Winner - Crops Farming  
Award.

Armin Nelson, Route 3, of McPherson, a 1961 graduate in vocational agriculture, was named National Winner of the Future Farmers of America Award for Outstanding Achievement in Crops Farming. He received a \$250 cash award during the Thursday morning session of the 34th Annual FFA National Convention. Armin had been named State Winner in Crops Farming at Manhattan during the State Convention in May. The following is a summary of his achievements in his supervised farming program.

At 18 years of age, Nelson is operating a 160 acre irrigated farm; he raises grain sorghum, corn, alfalfa, and wheat. He rents the cropland from a neighbor on a share-crop basis, and pays cash rent for use of pasture and buildings.

As a freshman student of vocational agriculture in McPherson High School, Armin's supervised farming enterprises consisted of three registered Angus cows, and 15 beef cattle for fattening. Using profits from the cattle, plus additional money borrowed from

the bank, the next year he increased the beef herd to 13 breeding animals and 33 fattening steers. On 12 acres of land rented from his father, he raised grain sorghum. Beef cattle prices were good that year, and his records showed a labor income of \$4,862 for his efforts.

In early 1960, a neighbor decided to leave the farm, and was looking for a renter who could be depended upon to maintain the soil and who was experienced with irrigation farming. Armin's father had been using irrigation for several years, and the boy convinced his neighbor that he could do a good job of handling the farm. He agreed to pay \$240 a year for the use of the buildings, feedlots, and pasture, and one-third of the crops. The landlord furnishes the irrigation equipment and one-third of the fertilizer.

That Armin knows how to farm is attested by his crop yields last year. His corn produced 60 bushels per acre, milo 95 bushels per acre, and alfalfa 200 bales per acre. Armin increased his livestock enterprises to consume the feed crops and started raising swine in addition to beef cattle. Last year he raised 49 pigs from 5 sows, and raised them out to 225 (continued on page 2.)

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pounds at five and one-half months of age.

His farming program for 1961 included 40 acres of grain sorghum, 18 acres of corn, 16 acres of wheat, 16 acres of alfalfa, 5 sows and litters, 19 registered Angus cattle, and 39 fattening cattle.

His livestock and harvested crops, at the time his application was filed for the Crops Farming Award, were valued at \$15,960. Though he still owed his father about \$7,000 for feed and cattle, he could count his net worth in excess of \$9,000. He does not own farm machinery, but trades his own work on his father's farm for the use of needed equipment.

Armin's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Nelson. His vocational agriculture instructor at the McPherson High School is Richard Ramsdale. He completed three years in vocational agriculture prior to his graduation last spring. While in school, he was an honor student, lettered two years in football, and served one year as vice-president of his FFA chapter. Armin plans to earn a degree in agriculture, then return to the farm and enter the business as a partner with his father.

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FREE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS - If The National Future Farmer magazine subscriptions list includes 100% of the families represented in the chapter, then the chapter is entitled to three free subscriptions. Please include the names and addresses of the persons to receive the free subscriptions.

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THIRTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
FUTURE FARMERS OF  
AMERICA ORGANIZATION

**Kansas City, Missouri**  
**October 11-13, 1961**

Delegates to the 34th National FFA Convention were officially seated from 49 states and Puerto Rico. (The state of Alaska did not send delegates.) Throughout the week, there was a total of close to 9,000 FFA members registered for the various activities.

DELEGATES - Kansas official Delegates, Milam Jones, State Vice-President, and Mike Dikeman, State Reporter, registered on Tuesday morning, October 10, and served through the Wednesday evening session. Jerry McGown, State Secretary, and Larry Erpelding, State President, served through Thursday and Friday sessions until adjournment.

NATIONAL BAND - The National FFA Band, under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner, reported to Kansas City on Sunday, October 8, for (continued on page 3.)

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rehearsal, and entertained FFA members many times during the National FFA Convention. Dr. Brunner, who has directed the band since its birth in 1947, is retiring from that position this year. The current band members presented Dr. Brunner with a plaque for his leadership of the band during this year, and former band members presented Dr. Brunner with a silver baton, with which he conducted the last number of the concert on Thursday evening of the National Convention. Thirty-eight states supplied a total of 119 members to the 1961 band. Ten Kansas FFA members served the 1961 band.

AMERICAN FARMERS - A total of 377 candidates for American Farmer were formally initiated in a colorful ceremony on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 11. The seven successful candidates from Kansas were: Larry Schaake, Lawrence; Eldon Eastman, Arkansas City; Ernest Schlatter, Lebanon; Steven Robb, Lawrence; Galen Schrag, Pretty Prairie; Donald Rudicel, Kingman; and Ralph Young, Tribune.

STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS - The Star Farmer of America for 1961 was awarded \$1,000 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., during ceremonies on Wednesday evening, October 11. He is James Isaac Messler, 20; Greenback, Tennessee. Messler was the Star Farmer of the Southern Region.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Henry A. Nagamori, Lomi, Montana - \$500.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - G. Wallace Coulk, Jr., Woodside, Delaware - \$500.

Star Farmer of the Central Region -

Gary M. Trego, Gutherland, Nebraska - \$500.

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST - Seventy-six chapters from across the nation received the Gold Emblem Award in the National Emblem Award Program, at the 34th National FFA Convention, October 10-13. Silver Emblem Awards went to 48 chapters, and Bronze Awards were presented to nine chapters. Each state may enter two or more chapter reports, based on its membership. The two Kansas entries placed as follows:

Roy Eck, Advisor, Effingham - Gold Emblem

Harold Van Cleave, Advisor, Arkansas City - Gold Emblem

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST -

First - Marvin Gibson, Marysville, Tennessee.

Title - "We Need Research in Agriculture Too".

Award - \$250

Second - Fred Tilberg, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Title - "Reclaiming Our Soil Heritage".

Award - \$225

Third - Richard Turnquist, Rugby, North Dakota.

Title - "Farm Heritage".

Award - \$200

Fourth - Evan J. Green, Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

Title - "Farm Surpluses".

Award - \$175

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ROGER RATZLAFF PLACES SECOND IN REGION - Roger Ratzlaff, of the Goessel Chapter, winner of the 1961 State Public Speaking Contest, (continued on page 4.)

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competing with the 13 state central regions prior to the National Public Speaking Contest, placed second. Roger's speech was titled, "Breadbasket Surplus."

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DR. W. T. SPANTON, NATIONAL ADVISOR, 1941-61, WILL RETIRE NOVEMBER 1.

Dr. William T. Spanton, the last active member of a small group that met to organize the Future Farmers of America in 1928, and who has served as National Advisor of the FFA for the past 20 years, will retire on November 1. During Dr. Spanton's tenure as advisor, the FFA has grown from 241,000 members to more than 380,000, despite a decline in farm population.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation Donors held a dinner for Dr. Spanton, at which more than 150 presidents, general managers, and other executives of major industries in America were in attendance to pay tribute to our National Advisor. Roderrick Turnbull, Farm Editor, Kansas City Star, said that there was no better way to determine the esteem in which Dr. Spanton is held, than to know those who came to honor him. "No one," Turnbull said, "has had more influence on the Future Farmers of America." Dr. Spanton's most significant achievement, Turnbull said, was to establish dignity, which the blue jacket of the FFA symbolizes for its wearer. "He has made these boys impressed with their own profession of farming," said Turnbull.

Dr. Spanton was honored throughout the Convention. Several of our FFA Foundation Donors presented him with

plaques, and other citations, for his outstanding service to the farm boys of the past 20 years.



NEW NATIONAL ADVISOR FOR FFA

Dr. A. Webster Tenney has been appointed Director of the Agricultural Education Branch, in the Division of Vocational Education, U. S. Office of Education, succeeding Dr. W. T. Spanton, who is scheduled to retire on November 1, 1961. In this position, Dr. Tenney automatically becomes National Advisor of the Future Farmers of America, Chairman of the National FFA Board of Directors, and President of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Tenney came to the U. S. Office of Education in 1943 and served to 1957 as the National Executive Secretary of the FFA. From 1957 to 1959, he relinquished his duties as FFA Executive Secretary to spend full time as a Program Specialist for the Central Region.

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Taking leave of absence from the Office of Education in 1959, Dr. Tenney served one year as the first Executive Director of the Agricultural Hall of Fame in Kansas City. Earlier, he had authored several bulletins, and two books dealing with vocational agriculture and FFA subjects.

Prior to his coming to Washington in 1943, he taught vocational agriculture in Florida at Plant City and Deland; served as critic teacher in vocational agriculture, and as Professor of Agricultural Education at the University of Florida.

In 1956, at the request of the State Department, he visited the agricultural high schools and universities in Japan and attended the national convention of the Future Farmers of Japan.

Most Kansas advisors are acquainted with Dr. Tenney, as he has appeared at our state conventions and teachers conferences several times. We welcome Dr. Tenney as our National Advisor of the Future Farmers of America.

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**NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTEST** - In each of the five contests, state teams were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention, or participation in that order. As state winners, each team has part of its expenses paid to the National Contests by the FFA Foundation, Inc. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Emblem teams were awarded plaques; individuals in the Emblem groups were awarded medals. Kansas entires placed as follows:

### KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

October 11-12, 1961

#### Poultry Judging - 35 teams competing

Altamont won Gold Emblem classification.

Individual Placings - Jim Apperson, Robert Baker, and Oliver Becker were all Gold Emblem.

#### Meats Judging - 35 teams competing

Eskridge won Silver Emblem classification.

Individual Placings - Dick Duling, Gold; Jerry Bundy, Silver; Mike Kemp, Bronze.

#### Livestock Judging - 42 teams competing

McPherson won Silver Emblem classification.

Individual Placings - Lonnie Schrag and Neill Walker, Silver; Ronald Flickinger, Bronze.

### WATERLOO, IOWA

October 12, 1961

#### Dairy Cattle Judging - 42 teams competing

Hillsboro won Silver Emblem classification.

Individual Placings - Roy Penner Gold; Gary Suderman, Silver; Jerry Suderman, Honorable Mention.

#### Dairy Products - 33 teams competing

Clay Center won Gold Emblem  
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classification.

Individual Placings - Jerry Siebold, Gold; Ronald Taddiken and Gail Hauserman, Silver.

Donald Klein, Hillsboro, won Gold Emblem in Showmanship in Dairy Cattle.

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### NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARDS

#### Farm Safety

National Winner - Allison Chapter, Allison, Texas - Award - \$250

Central Regional Winner - Audobon Chapter, Audobon, Iowa - Award - \$200

Pacific Regional Winner - Spanish Fork Chapter, Spanish Fork, Utah - Award - \$200

North Atlantic Regional Winner - Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey - Award - \$200

#### Farm Mechanics

National Winner - Eugene Gantz Millerburg, Pennsylvania - Award \$250

Central Regional Winner - Owen Goeser, Calio, North Dakota - Award - \$200

Southern Regional Winner - Jim Motfat, Lexington, Oklahoma - Award - \$200

Pacific Regional Winner - Larry Poos, Holyoki, Colorado - Award - \$200

#### Livestock Farming Award

National Winner - Jon Ford, Helena, Oklahoma - Award - \$250

Central Regional Winner - Edwin Del

Welliver, Adrian, Missouri - Award - \$200

Pacific Regional Winner - Ken Frazier, Walla Walla, Washington - Award - \$200

North Atlantic Regional Winner - James Linthicum, Dayton, Maryland - Award - \$200

#### Poultry Farming Award

National Winner - Fred Blaswick, Visalia, California - Award - \$250

Central Regional Winner - Roy Roundtree - Enbank, Kentucky - Award \$200

Southern Regional Winner - Jim Teets, Terra Alta, West Virginia - Award - \$200

#### Farm Electrification Award

National Winner - Kenneth Lee Burk, Centerville, Indiana - Award - \$250

Southern Regional Winner - Don Nicholson, Quincy, Florida - Award - \$200

North Atlantic Regional Winner - Berton Sands, Caribou, Maine - Award - \$200

Pacific Regional Winner - Len Anderson, Pleasant Grove, Utah - Award - \$200

#### Crops Farming Award

National Winner - Armin Nelson, McPherson, Kansas - Award - \$250

Pacific Regional Winner - Bruno Pelanconi, Madera, California - Award - \$200

Southern Regional Winner - Milton Castille, Sulrur, Louisiana - Award - \$200

North Atlantic Regional Winner - Lloyd Fitzwater, Clay, West Virginia - Award - \$200

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TEXAS AMENDMENT FAILS - The Amendment to the National Constitution of the FFA, proposed by the Texas Association (See page 5, Sept. 15, 1961 Kansas FFA Newsletter) failed on the floor of the delegate body, because of a lack of a two-thirds majority vote. Several attempts to amend the amendment were made, but each was declared unconstitutional. Several states apparently disagreed with the last phrase of the amendment, feeling that this would allow neighboring states in the respective regions to obtain American Farm degrees above their quota if any of their respective states would have a candidate disqualified - 67 votes were necessary to pass the Amendment - 53 affirmative votes were recorded.

NATIONAL FFA MAGAZINE PROPOSAL FAILS - A proposal to expand the National FFA magazine to ten issues per year and raise the subscription rate to \$.75 per year, to be included in the national dues, failed to receive approval by the delegate body. Apparently, the delegate body would have approved the ten issues, and the increased subscription rate, but were not in favor of increasing the dues to cover it. One state delegate reported he felt sure they would lose members if the dues were raised to 85 cents per year.

BERRYTON CHAPTER HAS EXHIBIT AT KANSAS CITY - The Berryton chapter booth titled, "Keep Agriculture in Orbit", represented the Kansas Association in the exhibit section during the National Convention. The Berryton booth had previously been shown at the Mid America Fair in Topeka.

TALENT SHOW - Dick Duling and Larry Converse, of the Eskridge FFA chapter, were chosen to present a talent number on Thursday evening of the Convention. Dick and Larry entertained delegates to the State FFA Convention last spring.

SANTA FE AWARD WINNERS BANQUET - Eleven Santa Fe Certificate of Merit winners were honored with a banquet on Thursday evening, October 12, during the National FFA Convention. Mr. J. R. Walter, Freight Traffic Manager, Santa Fe Railway, and toastmaster for the banquet, stated, "The Santa Fe Railroad receives more benefit from its contribution to the Future Farmers of American than any other contribution during the year." There was 100% attendance of Kansas Certificate of Merit winners present for the banquet. Santa Fe Certificate of Merit winners from Kansas are:

Roger Thorne, Wellsville  
 Dennis Kleystuber, Garden City  
 Armin Nelson, McPherson  
 Paul Trueblood, Osage City  
 Neill Walker, McPherson  
 Roger Ratzlaff, Goessel  
 Buddy Booth, Riverton  
 Jim Apperson, Altamont  
 Robert Baker, Altamont  
 Larry Erpelding, Effingham  
 James Zwonitzer, Effingham

USHERS AND COURTESY CORP - NATIONAL CONVENTION - The Kansas Association can be proud of the following FFA members who served during the National FFA Convention:

Bob Moews and Glenn Raines, of  
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the Louisburg Chapter, served as ushers. Robert Falk, John Schrader, and Allen McClennon, of the Effingham Chapter, served on the Courtesy Corp.

ROY ECK, EFFINGHAM CHAPTER - HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE - Mr. Roy Eck, advisor, Effingham chapter, was one of only 25 vocational agriculture teachers in the nation who was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

In fifteen years of teaching vocational agriculture, Mr. Eck has helped 46 of his students to achieve the State Farmer Degree. Among these, three received the American Farmer Degree, and four were elected to State FFA office. He has had two State winners of FFA Foundation Awards, two first place teams in State Judging Contests, and his chapter has been ranked Gold Emblem in the National Chapter Award Program four times.

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QUOTES FROM THE  
REPORT  
OF THE

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
MR. WILLIAM PAUL GRAY

Future Farmers Supply Service - The Future Farmers Supply Service is continuing to grow and expand its services to more members, yet it has not lost sight of the importance of quality and price in providing service to you. Many new items have been added the past year.

National Future Farmer Magazine - The National Future Farmer Magazine continues to grow and now has over 278,980 subscribers -- 73.79%

of the FFA membership. Thirty states support the magazine with over 100% of the members subscribing. Every local chapter that has 100% of its members subscribing to the magazine can be proud. Check your subscription percentage, and if you need to set a goal -- may it be a challenge to you, your chapter, and your State Association.

The Official FFA Calendar - Excellent progress has been made in the Official FFA Calendar program, with an increase this year from 631 to 780 chapters participating and a total of over 130,000 calendars sold, compared with 59,000 sold in 1957.

National Chapter Award Program - Excellent interest has been shown in the State Chapter Award Program by an increasing number of Superior plaques earned by chapters this year.

Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. - The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was organized with twelve companies and individuals in 1944; today it has grown to over 300 donors who make annual contributions of approximately \$165,000. This money is used to finance an award program to recognize outstanding FFA members for their accomplishments in farming. This year, we honor seven companies as "15 Year Donors" to the National FFA Foundation. They are: Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Consumers Co-operative Association, General Motors Corporation, Kraft Foods Company, Massey Ferguson, Inc., Standard Oil Foundation, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Cuff.

Report on State Accomplishments

For 1960-61 - The Annual Report form on FFA activities was revised last year and was too late in reaching the state associations, which made it impossible to obtain a complete and accurate summary. There were trends of good accomplishments in:

1. Active membership dropped 31. There is a total of 378,050 members in 8,644 chapters.
2. Over 90% of the chapters provided co-operative agricultural services. High among these services was breeding sires and swine, followed by beef bulls.
3. Over 90% of the chapters operated **livestock chains** with swine ranking highest, dairy cattle second, and sheep third.
4. The number of chapters that held a public speaking contest increased over last year.
5. There was increase in the number of states which provided leadership training for chapter officers.
6. The number of states which operated a state camp remained **fairly constant**; but a greater number of chapter members are provided leadership training in the camp program.
7. A surprising number of states conducted a Good-Will Tour by their state officers in promoting FFA.
8. There was a continuing increase in the number of State Superior Chapters.

9. Chapters are making excellent use of the special activities to observe National FFA Week.
10. More state associations are using national officers to assist the state officers in leadership training and improving the State Convention.
11. Over 95% of the states participated in an organized farm safety program; the greatest emphasis was placed on tractor and machinery safety, closely followed by farm mechanics shop safety and third, farm work safety. All major areas of farm safety had participation.

We Look to the Future - We have much to gain by setting high goals and accepting real challenges. Let us meet these challenges in the following areas.

1. Work to maintain a strong membership of qualified members.
2. Broaden the leadership training program on regional and state levels so that it reaches every member.
3. Properly prepare and nominate more candidates for both the State Farmer and American Farmer Degrees.
4. Place greater emphasis upon accuracy and properly completed applications for all FFA degrees and awards.
5. Encourage greater number of outstanding members who are qualified to run for national office.

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6. Encourage greater participation in the FFA Foundation Award Program.
7. Make greater use of the state officers in conducting a state Good-Will Tour to promote the FFA program.
8. Each state have over 50% of its chapters rate Superior, and 100% of its chapters rate Standard in the State Chapter Award Program.
9. One-hundred per cent of the members in ALL states subscribe to the National Future Farmer Magazine.
10. Every chapter hold a parent-son banquet.

William Paul Gray

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VICE-PRESIDENT OF DEERE & CO.  
NAMED TO HEAD FFA FOUNDATION  
SPONSORING COMMITTEE - Bruce  
 Lourie, of Moline, Illinois, Vice-  
 President of Deere and Company,  
 was named to serve during the next  
 year as chairman of the Sponsoring  
 Committee for the Future Farmers  
 of America Foundation, Inc.

The FFA Foundation is the organization which provides funds for award programs to stimulate higher achievement among vocational agriculture students throughout the nation. Some \$180,000 is spent for this purpose each year. Mr. Lourie's principal responsibility as chairman of the Sponsoring Committee will be to contact potential fund donors during the coming year.

He succeeds John C. (Jack) Denton, of Kansas City, President of the Spencer Chemical Company.

Currently, more than 300 business and industrial companies, organizations, and individuals make annual contributions to support the FFA Foundation Program. Lourie's election took place during the dinner meeting of the donors, held in conjunction with the 34th Annual National Convention of Future Farmers of America, in Kansas City. Later in the evening, he was introduced before the entire convention body. Deere and Company has been a substantial contributor to the FFA Foundation since it was organized in 1944, and prior to that time, had directly sponsored awards for FFA members.

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REPORTS OF THE DELEGATES TO  
THE 1961 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mike Dikeman, State Reporter

The National Convention got underway with a very successful start on Tuesday, October 10, 1961. All of the delegates registered in the Hotel President, and then attended a very fine Officer-Delegate Luncheon. Many of the delegates got acquainted, which was partly done by each one introducing himself and the state he was representing. Every delegate took an interest in their committee appointments which was a good beginning for convention business.

The first session was opened by Lyle Carpenter, National President presiding, and past National  
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President, Jim Thomas, giving the invocation. Besides regular business, some special guests were introduced. One that was enjoyed most was the Honorable Mayor Bartle. He gave a truly sincere welcome to the FFA and gave us some very interesting and inspiring words. He recognized Dr. Spanton as being one of the outstanding leaders and citizens of America. Lyle Carpenter was given the key to Kansas City, and congratulated for his excellent speaking and outstanding leadership qualities. In giving the welcome, the Mayor stated that in 34 years, only one boy of the FFA had been in trouble with the law while in Kansas City during the Convention.

Captain John McKone, a member of the RB-47 incident in Russia, was a guest speaker who spoke about the Communist threat in America. Captain McKone was a member of the Tonganoxie FFA chapter. Another highlight was the Spencer Chemical Luncheon. It was very enjoyable with some very good after-dinner speakers. One of these was the **President of the Future Farmers of the Phillippines. A very educational experience was the reception for donors of the FFA. Like always, the Star Farmer of America ceremony was truly inspiring.**

Serving as a delegate was a wonderful opportunity and experience. I am grateful for my opportunity to be a state officer and a delegate. The National Convention was wonderful, and I wish every boy would have the opportunity to attend it. Lyle Carpenter and the other national officers did a magnificent job, and were wonderful boys to meet.

### Jerry McGown, State Secretary

On Wednesday, October 11, I arrived at the Hotel President to attend the rest of the National Convention with Larry Erpelding, State President. We attended the third session that night. We were impressed very much with the presentation of the Star Farmer of America, and the movie, "The 1961 Star Farmers". Thursday, Larry and I attended breakfast in the Hotel Muehlebach, which was sponsored by the Butler Manufacturing Company. After breakfast, we attended the convention. At noon, I took Larry's place; I attended the dinner for the State Presidents. This dinner was held in the Hotel Muehlebach, and was sponsored by the Rotary Club. Larry and I enjoyed the National FFA Speaking Contest that was held Thursday night. Friday, we enjoyed breakfast with the General Motors Company in the Muehlebach Hotel. In the morning session, the National officers were elected. During the afternoon, Larry and I attended FFA Day at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. Due to Larry's having to leave, we said our good-byes at the Royal. Mr. John Lacey, Mr. C. C. Eustace, Mr. Harold Shoaf, and myself attended the Massey-Ferguson Supper; after which we attended the closing session. One sad part of the convention was the retirement of Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor, and Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Conductor of the National Band. After the closing ceremony, I drove home from the Convention, tired, but filled with enthusiasm and desire.

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Larry Erpelding, State President

It was a real pleasure for me to attend the 34th National FFA Convention, October 11-13. I feel that representing the Kansas Association in the business sessions was the highlight of my FFA experiences.

On the evening of October 11, I arrived at the Convention Hall, where Jerry McGown and myself took over the voting responsibilities. The FFA donors were introduced and the highest of all honors was given, that of Star American Farmer. The evening was climaxed by the showing of the "Four Star Farmers of 1961". I wish that every FFA member in Kansas could see this inspiring movie.

The most interesting day of the convention for me was Thursday. The National Chapter Awards were presented to the outstanding chapters in the nation. Kansas was honored to have both chapters, Arkansas City and Effingham, receive the Gold Emblem Award in the National Emblem Award Program. I also enjoyed witnessing the finalists of the National Public Speaking Contest speak for 1st place. Kansas was represented well in the National Contest, as Roger Ratzlaff, of Goessel, placed 2nd in the Central Region.

The Friday morning session was highlighted by the greetings of the president of the Future Farmers of the Phillippines. The president gave such a motivating speech about the goodness of America and the Future Farmers of America, that it made me proud to be a part of such a wonderful country and organization.

I truly wish that each and every member of the Kansas Association would

have been able to attend this great exhibition of leadership, as demonstrated by National President, Lyle Carpenter, and his fellow national officers. The convention was inspiring and very educational for me, and I know that I have realized some very important experiences there, which will make me a better Future Farmer of America.

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**7 STAR SPECIAL!**

1961 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS ASSOCIATION - The following is a brief summary of each of the seven successful candidates for the American Farmer Degree. Each of these young men received the Gold Emblem of the American Farmer, a certificate, and a check for \$75.00. The award was made October 11, in a regular session of the 34th National Convention.

ERNEST A. SCHLATTER - Ernest Schlatter, a 1958 graduate of Lebanon High School, and a member of the Lebanon FFA Chapter is in a full partnership with his older brother in operating an approximate 1,100 acres of general farm land in North Central Kansas.

Ernest began his farming program in 1955 with two head of dairy animals and 46 acres of wheat. In 1957, his  
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father passed away, and he took over a 50% interest in the farm with his older brother. The partnership purchased the livestock and equipment from the other heirs and since that time have made a real success of the farm business.

Ernest has continually kept back his produce and built up the beef and swine enterprises until at present, he owns a 50% interest in 190 head of beef cattle, 105 head of swine, and a 50% interest in the 1,100 acres of land.

Ernest was an active member of the Lebanon FFA Chapter in livestock judging, farm mechanics activities, and parliamentary procedure work. Ernest is presently a member of a township A. S. C. committee, County Farm Bureau, and the Soil Conservation Service.

Ernest is the son of Mrs. Ruth Schlatter, Bellaire, Kansas.

LARRY C. SCHAAKE - Larry C. Schaaque, 19, is a member of the Jayhawk FFA Chapter at Lawrence, Kansas. A 1959 graduate of the Lawrence High School, Larry has been the full time operator of a 590 acre Kaw Valley farm. Larry's present program includes 47 acres of wheat, 50 acres of corn, 25 acres of soybeans, 10 acres of alfalfa, and he is feeding out 59 head of beef steers. In the six years Larry has been operating his program, he has earned more than \$25,000.

Larry was active in leadership work, was a member of livestock and crops judging teams, and served his local chapter as treasurer in 1958. Larry is presently a member of the County Farm Bureau, Farmers Co-operative

Association, and the Civil Defense Planning Committee.

Larry is the son of Mrs. Zella Schaaque, Lawrence, Kansas.

GALEN SCHRAG - Galen Schrag, 20, a member of the Pretty Prairie FFA Chapter, was graduated from high school in 1958. Galen began his farming program in 1955 with four head of dairy animals. He continued to keep back the dairy heifers, and has expanded that enterprise until his present program shows 30 head of dairy animals. Galen is operating a Grade A dairy unit.

His crops program includes 60 acres of wheat and 180 acres of pasture and feed crops for the dairy animals.

Galen and his wife, Donna, live on a farm which adjoins that of his parents. Much of the equipment and machinery is owned in a partnership arrangement with his father.

Galen had an outstanding record of FFA activities during his four years in high school, and is now a well established farmer in his community.

Galen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrag, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

STEVEN ROBB - Steven Robb, 19, and a 1959 graduate of the Lawrence High School, is a member of the Jayhawk FFA Chapter. Steven is presently a junior at Kansas State University, enrolled in dairy husbandry, and will join his father in a full partnership in a well established Grade A dairy business when he is graduated.

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Steve is presently the owner of 27 head of high grade Holstein cows and growing stock. In addition, he farms 20 acres of corn, and 14 acres of alfalfa under an intensive irrigation program. While Steven is enrolled at Kansas State, he spends week-ends, holidays, and summer vacations actively engaged in the Grade A dairy business.

Steven served his local chapter as president. He was one of the outstanding presidents of the State FFA Association. He is presently Treasurer of the Collegiate FFA Chapter, was a State Public Speaking winner, and was active in student council affairs.

Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Robb, of Lawrence, Kansas.

DONALD RUDICEL - Donald Rudicel is a 1958 graduate of the Kingman High School. Donald has been an active member of the Kingman FFA chapter since 1954. Donald began his farming program with four dairy animals, 10 head of swine, and 10 acres of growing crops. In the past seven years, he has a labor income of over \$12,000. He is presently operating 640 acres of land in a 50% partnership arrangement. He has 28 head of beef cattle, and nine head of dairy animals at the present time. Donald has purchased \$5,000 worth of farm machinery from the profits of his farming program.

Donald served his local chapter as vice-president in 1957. He has been active in livestock judging and farm mechanics. He was nominated Chapter Star Farmer in his senior year in high school. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, Brown Swiss Breeders Association, and the local Co-operative.

Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Rudicel, Kingman, Kansas.

RALPH YOUNG - Ralph Young, 20-year old Greeley County farmer near Tribune, Kansas, is a full partner with his father in farming 3,000 acres of ground to cash crops and silage crops. Three-hundred and fifty acres of this land is under irrigation, and insures an ample supply of feed for the livestock program.

Ralph and his father winter around 600 head of feeder steers each year. Steers are carried through the winter on a rough feed and a small amount of grain and are sold to the full feeding operations in the spring of the year.

The dry land farming operation consists basically of wheat, grain sorghum, and summer fallow. The 1960 crop averaged better than 30 bushels per acre.

Ralph was president of his local FFA chapter, and served the State Association as president in 1958-59.

Ralph is married, and has a 15-month old son. Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Young, Tribune, Kansas.

ELDON EASTMAN - Eldon Eastman is a 1958 graduate of the Arkansas City High School. Eldon is married, and farms partly in partnership with his father, and partly on his own. Eldon has 83 acres of wheat, 39 acres of oats, 35 acres of alfalfa, and one-half interest in 93 head of beef cattle. Since 1955, his labor income has exceeded \$25,000.

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City Chapter of FFA in 1957-58, and was Vice-President of the State Association in 1959-60. Eldon was elected Star Farmer of Kansas in 1958. He was active in livestock judging work, and was president of his local chapter during the organization of the first multiple farrowing unit in South Central Kansas. Eldon is presently a member of the Kansas Livestock Association, American Angus Association, National Hampshire Swine Association, and the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Eldon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Eastman, Arkansas City, Kansas.

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STATE OFFICERS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA - On August 11, your State Treasurer, Dwayne Dietz, and I left Wakeeney, Kansas, for a two-week leadership training school and camp at Camp Miniwanca, Stoney Lake Michigan. Enroute, we visited the Illinois State Fair, at Springfield, Illinois, and also the Chicago Museum of Natural Science and Aquarium. We arrived in camp on Sunday, August 13, and were assigned to cabin groups, which competed as tribes, both in games and clean-up work. We studied many phases of Christian leadership and youth development in our classes.

During the organization of our first-year class at Camp Miniwanca, Dwayne Dietz was honored with being elected class secretary of a class of about 300 top FFA, 4-H, Boy Scout, and church group boys from all over the nation.

In the short time that I was in camp, I made many new friends, as well as getting acquainted with FFA officers

from many other states in the nation. One afternoon, a group of FFA members from various states gathered and we discussed many projects and problems which each had in his own state.

I feel that a trip to Camp Miniwanca is a prize which any boy could accept with pride. Even though I may never be able to return to Camp Miniwanca for all four years of leadership training, I will always feel a debt of gratitude to those who made this wonderful trip possible for me. And, I shall never forget those two weeks I spent this summer in Camp Miniwanca.

Milam Jones, State Vice-President

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### STATE ACTIVITIES

CO-OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AWARD PROGRAM - The Kansas Co-op Council is again sponsoring the Kansas FFA Co-op Activities and Quiz Contest. The Quiz Contest is scheduled for mid-December. Activities reports are due March 1.

The high scoring individual in each district in the Quiz Contest will be awarded an expense-paid trip to the American Institute of Co-operation summer meeting next August on the campus of Ohio State University.

The winning chapters in each district will continue to receive cash awards and trophies as in the past years.

First Place	-Trophy and \$50
Second Place	-Trophy and \$35
Third Place	-Trophy and \$15

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Mr. Jim McGuire, Kansas Co-op Council, Topeka, will be glad to furnish chapters with reference material for the quiz, if you will let him know your needs.

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**DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND PROGRAMS OF WORK** - At this writing dues and National Future Farmer Magazine subscriptions have been received and processed for approximately 872 members from approximately 22 chapters. FFA dues as well as Chapter Programs of Work were due in the State Office on or before October 31. If this item has been overlooked by any chapter, it will want to be remedied at the earliest possible convenience.

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**SEVENTH ANNUAL FARM-CITY WEEK - November 17 - 23, 1961**

State FFA advisor, Mr. C. C. Eustace, is the State Chairman for the sixth annual Farm - City Week. Each chapter in Kansas will want to take part in promoting a better Farm - City relationship during this week. The following suggested activities may be helpful in your planning.

1. Arrange a tour of farming programs inviting city people as guests.
2. Prepare a "Children's Barnyard" exhibit of farm animals in a roped section of a street.
3. Invite boy scout troops to a monthly FFA meeting.

4. FFA members speak or present program at civic club meetings.
5. Prepare window display interpreting the activities of farm and city people.
6. Prepare a special future news article on Farm - City Week Youth Activities.

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**SEARS RANGE EWE PROGRAM** -

It will soon be time to make the selection for the seven boys to take part in the Sears Foundation Sheep Program for 1962. If you have a freshman or sophomore boy whom you feel would make a good candidate, please send his name to:

Marvin Castle, Assistant Supervisor Vocational Agriculture, State Board for Vocational Education, 11th Floor, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas, no later than December 31, 1961.

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**FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION SCORE CARD FOR FARM PROFICIENCY AWARDS** -

The following score card for evaluating applications for Regional and National Awards in the Foundation Award Program has been released by the National Office. This score card is available for use on the district and state basis, and may offer help in planning for these awards.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION  
Score Card For Farm Proficiency Awards

1961 - 62 - 63

Item	Points Allowed	Applicant's Score					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>PART I. SUPERVISED FARMING PROGRAM (250)</b>							
Scope and Growth of Program.....	125						
Appropriateness to the award sought	100						
Adequacy and degree to which applicant exercises control.....	25						
<b>PART II. INVENTORY AND STATUS (200)</b>							
Inventory.....	100						
Appropriateness to the award sought	50						
Adequacy and degree to which applicant exercises control of land and buildings.....	25						
Financial Statement.....	25						
<b>PART III. DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT (300)</b>							
Extent of Activities.....	100						
Quality of Management.....	100						
Evidence of Progress in the area of the award sought.....	100						
<b>PART IV. ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES (150)</b>							
Achievements in FFA.....	100						
School and Community Activities other than FFA.....	50						
<b>PART V. OTHER INFORMATION (100)</b>							
Photos.....	25						
Personal and Family Information (for clarity).....	25						
Development in Supervised Farming (Degree to which applicant is personally responsible for his achievements.....	50						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,000</b>						

**STATE AREA LAND JUDGING CONTEST**

**RESULTS** - Land Judging Contests to select five teams to represent Kansas in the National Contests at Oklahoma City next May were held during October. The winners are:

Northeast - October 7 - Marysville  
Southeast - October 7 - Chanute  
Central - October 15 - Smith Center  
Southwest - October 21 - Hugoton  
Northwest - October 21 - Colby

**SEED SALES PROGRAM APPROVED**

The Stafford Seed Company, managed by Mr. Eugene Brister and his brother, of Stafford, Kansas, have been authorized to contact FFA chapters located west of Highway 81 to propose a certified seed distribution program. Each chapter will want to evaluate the program on its merits and make a decision on its own. The NC-4 Hybrids have a good reputation for quality and dependability.

**STATE AND AMERICAN FARMER**

**APPLICATIONS** - Notification of intention to submit State and American Farmer candidates have been sent to local chapters. Requests for State Farmer application blanks will be filled by December 1.

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### FFA CHAPTER NEWS

ENSIGN: Our summer activities included a weekend camping trip for the FFA members and their dads. Twenty members and eleven dads enjoyed the weekend of camping. In June, two of our members, Rick Mentzer and Dick Hamilton, attended the Co-op Camp in Missouri. In August, we exhibited farm mechanics projects and field crops at the Gray County Fair. We received nine blue and two red ribbons on our farm mechanics exhibits. We also exhibited three heifers co-operatively owned by the chapter. We are following the deferred full feeding program in fattening the heifers. Arlen Etling was one of the fifth place winners in the National Lincoln Arc Welding Contest. He placed with a stubble mulch plow he constructed in Vocational Agriculture last year. Arlen was also one of the ten Kansas FFA members selected to play in the National FFA Band this year. During the summer, our vocational agriculture department was completely repainted.

Bob Browning, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Eleven boys from LCCHS participated in the Kansas Junior Livestock Show held in Wichita, Kansas, October 3, 4, and 5. The boys showed 29 head of barrows and two lambs. Elbert Polk showed the Champion Spotted Poland China barrow and Stanley Rife had the Champion Crossbred barrow. Eddie Meeks had

the Reserve Champion Yorkshire barrow. Other boys who showed barrows were Phillip Godfrey, Russell McKee, Tim Maxson, Ronnie Rife, Bob Dyke, Gene Dyke, and Phil Modesitt. Joel Keene showed his two fat lambs. The eleven Future Farmers sold their livestock Thursday, October 5. Top price went to Stanley Rife's barrow which sold for \$33.50 cwt. The Livestock Show is limited to FFA and 4-H members only. The show was the largest in history--140 barrows, 250 lambs, and 250 steers were shown. The boys were accompanied by Gary Cromwell, Vocational Agriculture Instructor at LCCHS.

Eddie Meeks, Reporter

PALCO: A chapter Gilt Ring was organized (two) years ago. A community farmer, Jack Elliston, donated two bred gilts to the Palco Chapter. Along with the gilts was an agreement stating the feeding, management, medicine and the return of two bred gilts to the chapter. After the gilts farrowed, two young gilts from each of the members were returned and presented to four incoming Freshman members with the same agreement. The gilts, up to date, have farrowed the following number of pigs; 8, 11, 10, 9, and 8. This year there are 17 new Freshman in FFA; this is the largest class in many years at Palco. All of the boys would like a gilt. Since there are only ten gilts coming in, we are planning to buy five

or six registered gilts if we can find them for sale at a reasonable price. As the project progresses there will be more gilts coming in than needed. We plan to sell the left over gilts and put the money in the chapter funds. This is not only a money making project, but gives everyone in the chapter a good start in a supervised farming program.

Kent Noah, Reporter

HOXIE: Our chapter meeting in August consisted of a watermelon feed for the members, and we also invited the 8th grade boys. The purpose of the feed was to get everyone together and to welcome our Future FFA members. Our chapter officers attended the District FFA Leadership School held at Oberlin. At our September meeting we elected two new officers due to the fact that two of our officers moved out of the community. We also elected our Chapter Sweetheart. The chapter voted to sponsor a gilt ring again. We are sponsoring the show case in the main hall of the high school. A display is used to promote FFA and to let the student body know more about FFA. The chapter sponsored a "mixer" after the first home football game. The chapter also built two ticket booths to sell football tickets at our home games.

Lennis Hill, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: Lyle Carpenter, National FFA President, was guest speaker at the Garden City Co-op Annual Meeting. Lyle was introduced as the guest speaker by our chapter president, Dennis Kleysteuber. Lyle then proceeded to give a very inspir-

ational speech about the importance of the FFA in developing the farm leaders of tomorrow. The Garden City Chapter sent two delegates to the State Convention at Manhattan. Robert Blackwood and Robert Finley made the trip and reported back to the chapter. On May 11, we installed our new officers for the year 1961-62. We held our summer meeting August 9. Our principal and superintendent were guests at the watermelon feed. The chapter had a total of 40 exhibits entered in competition at our county fair. Our food stand sold a little over 700 lbs. of hamburger, which left us with some tired cooks. After the receipts were counted, we had taken in \$1,810.74 which left us with \$896.90 to spend after deducting the costs of \$913.84. The chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson on FFA Day. The chapter participated in the Livestock Judging events. Randy Seay was second high individual in the judging. The chapter spent the rest of the day looking over the many displays set up on the fair grounds. On September 22, we held an FFA-FHA Hayrack Ride. The FFA furnished the trucks to go to the Plymell Community House to dance. The FHA furnished the refreshments, and everyone had an enjoyable evening. The chapter sent Dennis Kleysteuber, our former president, and Terry Gigot, our new president, to the National FFA Convention at Kansas City. Dennis received a Santa Fe Award while he was there.

David Heinemann, Reporter

MANKATO: The first two months of school have been eventful. Plans have been made for the coming FFA activities. All members have been appointed

to a certain phase in the Program of Work. The immediate money-making projects are a trash clean-up, concession stand, and continuing to make to make concrete hog troughs. The officers are arranging a pest control contest with the Jewell FFA Chapter. The Mankato Chapter had representatives at the Meats Judging School and Leadership School. Some of the shop projects being planned this year are squeeze chute, two stack busters, four two-wheel trailers, picnic table and many other farm machinery repair jobs. The twelve freshman boys are working on their Green Hand degree work.

Marvin H. Wagner, Reporter

UDALL: The Udall Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its first summer trip last August. Ten members rode in a truck to Roman Nose State Park in Oklahoma. After three days of camping out, eating their own cooking, swimming, boating, and water skiing, the boys reluctantly came home. Our chapter officers attended the State FFA Leadership Camp near Goddard last August. Our chapter was represented at District Leadership School, State Meats Judging School and at Kansas National Junior Livestock Show at Wichita. Two officers, two members, and our advisor attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City. We are planning our annual worksale and our members are getting their show projects for next year ready.

Dennis Wells, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: The Smith Center summer activities started off with a

trip after school through the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, and a visit to some of the business places in Salina. We attended the judging contests in the Smith and Osborne County fairs. A father-son watermelon feed was held a week before school started for the benefit of the new freshmen. We have one of our co-operative projects started which consists of 25 feeder pigs. Ten freshmen have been awarded the Green Hand Degree. One of our more interesting FFA meetings consisted of talks and demonstrations on farm safety. The Ag IV class is planning a farming program tour to each students home farm.

Allen Lehmann, Reporter

JEWELL: In June our chapter held an FFA farming program tour followed by a campout in the hills west of town. In August two of our officers and our advisor attended the Second Annual FFA Leadership Camp at Goddard. On August 26 our chapter held a baseball game and watermelon feed for the new freshmen boys and parents. We took three projects to the State Fair at Hutchinson. They were a creep feeder, springtooth carrier, and mineral feeder. On September 26 the officers attended the Leadership School at Beloit. The members took active part in the Annual Corn Show held in Jewell. They entered the crops exhibits, displayed old-time machinery and prepared the booths. We have re-wired the football concession stand for the season's use in conjunction with our study of electricity. Four members and Mr. & Mrs. Wright attended the National FFA Convention. Paul Zeisset also attended as a member of the National FFA Band. At the present time, Jewell and Mankato

officers are making plans for a joint pest control contest.

Jim Oplinger, Reporter

KENSINGTON: On September 25 the Kensington officers attended the District Information Contest at Palco. The chapter went to Downs to the Griffiths Packing Company. We judged some beef and pork carcasses and watched them slaughter some beef. We are selling tractor seats for a money making project.

Donald Grauerholz, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Our summer started off with an overnight fishing trip to the Webster Reservoir west of Stockton, June 10 and 11. Nineteen members made the trip. In July, our chapter members turned loose 480 pheasants eight weeks old. They were made available through the Kansas State Fish and Game Commission to turn loose on the member's farm. Our chapter officers and our advisor attended the Second Annual State FFA Leadership Camp near Goddard, Kansas, August 4-7. Our chapter members exhibited at the Phillips County 4-H and FFA Fair 15 head of cattle, 5 fat lambs, 6 fat market pigs and 1 steel gate. Two of our members won Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Showmen in the Showmanship Contest. On August 21, we held a ice-cream social for eighth graders interested in taking Vocational Agriculture. On September 5, we sponsored another professional wrestling program. The turnout was very good and we profited \$190.00. Our chapter has harvested the 12 acres of milo in our chapter cooperative. It made

54 bushels to an acre. The nine acres of wheat was planted on September 26. There are 24 members in the cooperative. It has a capital stock of \$180.00. On October 12, 13 our officers and our advisor attended two days of the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. They also attended the American Royal and visited the Kansas City Board of Trade. Some of the shop projects that are being or will be constructed are: a two-wheel trailer, two steel gates, a portable loading chute, a bale loader, mounting sheep shearing equipment on a portable table, two ladders, hardsurfacing seven sweeps and a farrowing crate.

Roger Schilowsky, Reporter

WAMEGO: This year we have 41 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and 43 members in FFA. The Freshman Class is the largest, having 18 members. This fall we had a watermelon feed for the incoming freshmen. Thirteen of the new freshmen attended. Our major projects in FFA at the present time are completing the chapter program of work and getting started on money-making projects.

Tom Ross, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: This summer our chapter held two overnight fishing trips. We held our annual Father and Son watermelon feed on August 25 in honor of the freshmen and their parents. At one of our three summer meetings we showed slides on weed control and invited our fathers to attend, after which we had ice cream. Our money raising projects for this year are selling tractor seat cushions, a carnival, and selling chicken barbeque

suppers. We have a pest eradication contest planned in the near future. On November 1, we are having our Green Hand initiation at which their parents are invited to attend. Some of our shop projects for this year include three tractors to overhaul, a stock-rack for a 1/2 ton pickup, three trailers, a horse trailer, **post hole** auger, a squeeze chute, a bale elevator, a loading chute, and some window screens. Laurel Zimmerman was chosen to participate in the National FFA Band at the National Convention in Kansas City from October 8 - 14 after which he gave a report to the class at its chapter meeting.

Donald Thomas, Reporter

LOUISBURG: The year is well under way with 47 boys in Vocational Agriculture. The Freshman Class has twenty boys. Several boys from the chapter attended the Mid America Fair with one of the boys tying for first place in the judging. The chapter attended the American Royal on Saturday and viewed the parade and in the afternoon observed the livestock and attended the horse show. The chapter ran a foods stand at the county fair to raise money for the chapter. Many large shop projects are being built this year. Some of them are feed bunks, calf creep feeders, squeeze chutes, loading chutes, gates, etc. Many of the projects are being made from native lumber which is being purchased from a saw mill nearby.

James Suefeiling, Reporter

YATES CENTER: In shop this year we have made or are making 12 gates,

two calf feeders, eight saw horses, two horse trailers, one two-wheel trailer, a hay trailer bed, two sheep creep feeders, one hog self-feeder, four feed bunks, grain boards for truck, side boards for pick-up and five hog troughs. We reconditioned and painted 21 lockers for our shop. We set up two one-thousand bushel steel bins for a neighbor. We participated in the District FFA Leadership School at Chanute this fall. Our advisor also took six officers to the National FFA Convention.

Robert Heffern, Reporter

MULVANE: Our chapter now has 37 Chapter Farmers and 21 Green Hands, a total of 58 members. Our first meeting of the year was a watermelon feed; the fathers were the guests. We invited the mothers to a pot-luck supper October 18. Our chapter now owns six gilts in its pig ring. We plan to buy two registered, disease free, bred gilts. Three members exhibited livestock at the Kansas National Fat Stock Show. Two members showed a pen of three fat barrows and one showed fat lambs. All three received good ratings and the animals sold for a good price. So far this year our shop projects include one two-wheel trailer; two trailers being repaired, feed bunks, repairing of soil packer, 2-row curler and hay elevator. New shop equipment that has been added this year includes one new arc-welder and a steam cleaner.

Paul Pittman, Reporter

MORLAND: On August 20 we had our annual watermelon feed to introduce the prospective freshmen to the FFA organization. There were nine prospective freshmen, six sophomores,

six juniors and five seniors which made a total of 26 members. On August 21 we held an FFA fishing trip. On September 17 the senior agriculture boys went to the State Fair at Hutchinson. They were at the fair Sunday and Monday. They stayed in tent city. Some of our shop projects are: overhaul small engines, construct feed bunk, book cases, hog trough, rocking horses, and repair pickup.

Gary Goff, Reporter

FREDONIA: The Fredonia Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has 37 members. We are making plans for our FFA-FHA Halloween party and also for our Christmas card sales. Seven of our members and advisor attended the American Royal on October 13, 14. We saw many interesting things. Some of the things that are being constructed in shop are: Several gates and hay feeders; water tank heater; carport; weather vane mineral feeder; and a loading chute.

Richard Harding, Reporter

EUREKA: The Eureka FFA Chapter had many members taking part in the Greenwood County Fair this fall. Our annual fishing party was held in August at our advisors farm. Six members and the advisor represented our chapter at the National FFA Convention. They also attended the American Royal and the American Royal Parade. Our next activity is the FFA-FHA Barnwarmer which is an all schools square dance. A Barnwarmer King and Queen will be elected by penny votes. It has been

a tradition to serve apple cider and cookies for refreshments at the Barnwarmer.

James Crismas, Reporter

SOLOMON: The Solomon, Chapman and Abilene Chapters co-operated in a farm mechanics display at the Central Kansas Free Fair in Abilene. We had on display an Ensilage wagon and stock racks by Keith Jungel; two wheel utility trailer by Carroll Jungel; a ford tractor blade by Jack Divilbiss and loading chute by the Junior Class. We received two blue ribbons, three red and a white for our efforts. We held our annual watermelon feed on August 25 with the incoming freshmen boys as our guests. Six Green Hands were raised to the Chapter degree at our regular October meeting. Plans are now underway for the annual all school FFA Barnwarmer which will be held in November.

James Shank, Reporter

MARION: Our chapter displayed the following projects at the county fair: One gas barrel stand, one power hacksaw, a welding table, aluminum hog feeder, feed bunk, squeeze chute, farrowing crate, and picnic table. We had a hamburger fry at the county lake at which time we held election of officers. A get acquainted watermelon feed and a father and son baseball game was held before school started. During the summer our chapter purchased a Hampshire Boar to be used among the students who have swine projects. Farm mechanics projects started include a feed bunk, power hacksaw, forage fork, two wheel trailer, metal gate, and a post hole auger.

Max Robertson, Reporter

HOLTON: On August 25 we held a watermelon feed for the FFA boys and their fathers. Our chapter went to the Topeka Fair where we entered a Farm Mechanics exhibit and a booth. We have the following planned for shop work: Unloading wagon, two picnic tables, a garden tractor, two loading chutes, two trailers, a self-feeder for cattle, and a stock rack. The upper classmen plan to recondition some farm machinery for their shop work. Seven Green Hand members received their Chapter Farmer awards.

Don Utz, Reporter

PARTRIDGE: On September 25 the new FFA officers and Mr. Terrill, the advisor, went to the District Leadership School held at Buhler, Kansas. The Partridge Chapter is planning a Halloween party for October 28. It will be open to everyone in school. A small fee will be charged.

Larry Bowser, Reporter

CLIFTON: This fall our chapter has chiefly been concerned with farm safety. We have a program set up which involves checking farms for farm hazards. We have put up "drive safely" signs on four roads entering our city. For a money raising activity our chapter is selling fire extinguishers and car seat belts. Ten members of our chapter attended the American Royal at Kansas City this year. Shop projects started this fall are: Overhauling of irrigation motor, two power hacksaws, one tractor bulldozer, one four-wheeled trailer, two

farrowing crates, several clothes line posts, and complete overhaul and body work on pickup truck.

Phil Branfort, Reporter

HERINGTON: Our chapter held election of officers in May of 1961. During the summer vacation, many of our members participated in the county fairs. Our chapter attended District Leadership School and demonstrated the Green Hand Initiation Ceremony. This was our actual Green Hand Initiation as the Green Hands were present. We have two members raising the flag at the football games. Recently our chapter had the concession stand. The chapter attended the National Farm Loan dinner as a group. We are planning a Ping-Pong tournament on November 16 in the high school gym. Also, we are planning a Pest Eradication Contest and climax it with a basketball game. We plan to have our banquet on March 30.

Robert Gentz, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Our chapter has gone all out for the safety contest this year. As a money-making project, we are picking up corn following the picker for shares. We plan to have an FFA basketball team again this year. Each Vocational Agriculture I boy must prepare a two - three minute speech and the chapter will pick two boys to represent us in the Public Speaking contest. Four officers and Ronald Mercer, Star Farmer of Kansas, presented a radio program. Our chapter will have a joint Halloween party with the local FHA, including games and dancing. Our new Vocational Agriculture building will be

ready to move into at the start of the new year. Our chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson and toured the fair grounds and exhibits. We have class officers in our Agriculture classes, they compete in ritual contests, hold meetings, and this helps prepare them for chapter offices in the future.

Norman Conard, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Nine boys and our advisor participated in the annual camping trip July 24 - 28. Each member, except those furnishing cars, paid \$15.00 to cover cost of food and gasoline. Most of the time during the 1100 mile trip was spent in the Buena Vista, Colorado area. Fourteen FFA members, dressed in jeans, white shirts and the official FFA jackets, rode saddle horses and carried the American Flag and our FFA Flag as our part of the county fair parade. Green Hand Initiation is being planned for October 30. Thirteen Freshman Vocational Agriculture students presented the "Assembling the Emblem" ceremony at the Oberlin Leadership School. Fund raising activities at this time are feed shocking and football concession stand.

Royce Gienger, Reporter

McDONALD: We had seven FFA members who showed farm mechanics projects to the county fair this summer. We received one Grand Champion, one Reserve Champion, four blue ribbons and one red ribbon. This year we have built a concession stand for the Junior class. For a money-making project, we have

been shocking feed for the farmers, we had a hayrack ride on October 18.

George Banister, Reporter

BAZINE: On June 8, 1961 the Bazine FFA served a free barbecue for everyone after the parade on the opening day of the Bazine Centennial Picnic. The Bazine State Bank provided for the barbecue with the FFA group and advisor preparing and serving the entire meal. On August 11, 1961, the Bazine Chapter entered in the Farm Mechanics phase at the Ness County Fair. The Bazine Chapter was represented well at the fair with many exhibits. Exhibits entered at the State Fair consisted of a portable chute made by Allen Wittman; a portable stockrack, made by Charles Schaben; portable panels, made by Allen Wittman; a metal saw horse, made by Ronald Tittel; and an adjustable stand, made by Raymond Gross. The Bazine Chapter was awarded 15th place and \$10.00 at the Kansas State Fair. The Bazine Chapter has 22 members this year. The chapter members voted to pay half of the total price for FFA jackets for all members of the Bazine Chapter from chapter funds. Shop projects include two portable stockracks, several panels and portable corrals, a cattle oiler, car ramps, and a self-feeder.

Charles Schaben, Reporter

KINGMAN: The Kingman Chapter has 57 members this year with 40 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. FFA meetings and cabinet meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays. Six boys and our advisor, Mr. Lake attended the 34th National Convention

in Kansas City, Missouri. We are planning an initiation for our Green Hands on November 14. Shop projects which are being made this year are: 14 ft. pipe gate, steel welding table, bale elevators, aluminum step ladders, 3-point lister, 4-wheel bale trailer, horse trailer, garden tractor, barbeque grills and pig feeders.

Larry Epley, Reporter

ALTON: Members and freshman guests met at Bob Delaney's farm on June 16 and went from there to Carl Grines' pond for fishing and a picnic supper. On July 26 the group met at the Vocational Agriculture building and from there went to Stockton for a swimming party. The Alton FFA judging team tied for third place in livestock judging contest at Smith Center, August 9. The FFA judging team placed sixth at the Osborne County Fair, August 17. Alan Thornburg tied for first high individual. Other members of the team were Jerry Welker, Dennis Thornburg, and Ronnie Peterson. On August 19, the chapter sponsored a purebred swine sale at the fair grounds at Osborne. At the Rooks County Free Fair, August 24, the judging team places second. Jerry Welker placed second high individual, and Bob Delaney placed seventh high individual, Richard Schalansky was the third member of the team. The six officers and the advisor attended the American Royal Stock Show at Kansas City on October 14-16. We also toured the Armour Packing Plant and the Livestock and Grain Exchange Buildings. This year the Alton Chapter has raised six members from Green Hands to Chapter Farmers, and has initiated

eight Green Hands. This brings the total chapter membership to twenty.

Jerry Welker, Reporter

NORTON: Ten members of the Norton Chapter showed livestock and five showed crops at the Norton County Fair. The Norton Chapter took part in the Norton County Centennial parade. Chapter members rode horses in the street parade and carried the Future Farmers of America banner. The Junior members of the Norton Chapter of Future Farmers of America attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson in September. The boys looked over the fair exhibits and took part in an FFA livestock judging contest and demonstration. The FFA and FHA UNICEF dance is planned for Saturday, October 28, 1961. Before the dance the members of these two organizations will be trick or treating the city of Norton in an attempt to collect money for the underprivileged children of other countries. There are now four gilts in the chapter gilt ring, three Durocs and one Hampshire. There are forty-six students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year and fifty-five FFA members. For a money raising and community service project this year the chapter is planning to shock feed and sponsor a coyote hunt. Projects under construction in the shop include feed bunks, engine overhauls, combine cab, feed box for Ford tractor, tractor cab.

Richard Miller, Reporter