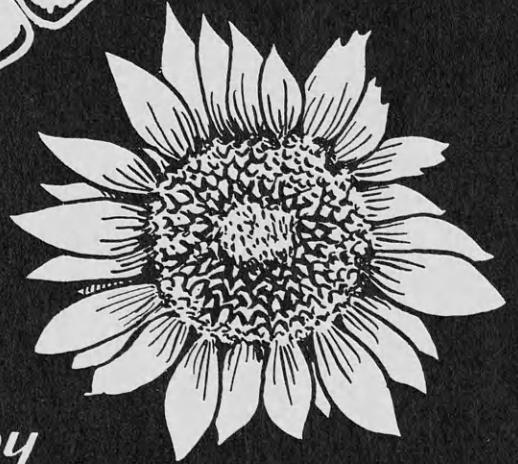
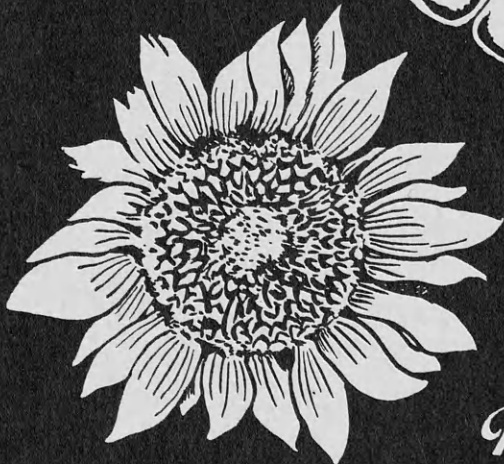
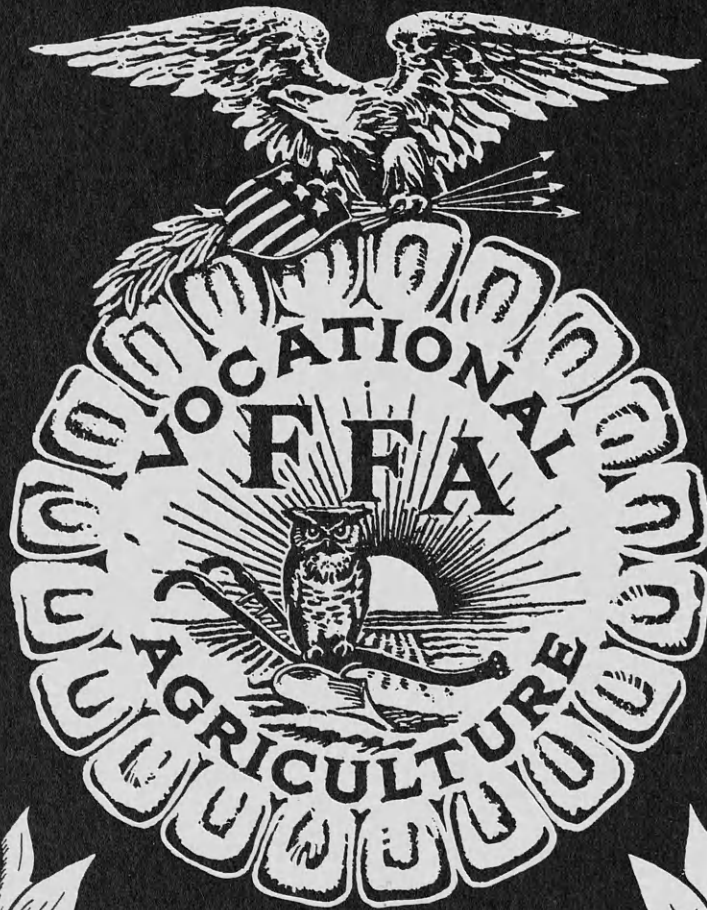


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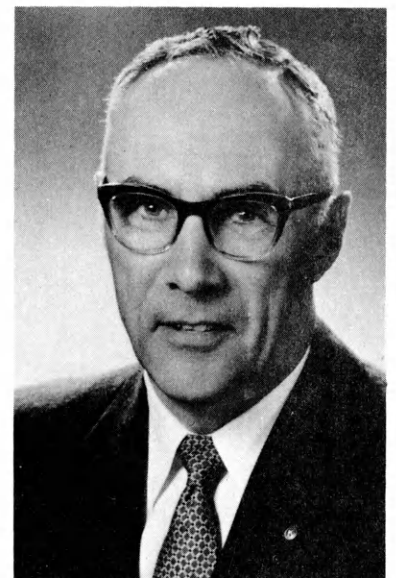
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James Prewitt, 20, National Vice-president of the Future Farmers of America from Kirbyville, Texas, will be one of the featured speakers at the 34th Annual Kansas State FFA Convention to be held April 29 through May 1, at Manhattan, Kansas. Prewitt was elected to this position at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, last October. He served as president of the Texas FFA Association during 1958-59. James farms with his parents on a 173 acre home farm and 500 additional acres, which they rent. Registered Brahma cattle is their specialty.

James will be assisting State Officers in the operation of the convention as well as making three public appearances. Delegates and FFA members will want to meet James Prewitt, one of our National FFA Leaders.

Mr. Walter Pierce, President of the Kansas Farm Bureau, will be one of the featured speakers at the Kansas State FFA Convention. Mr. Pierce owns and operates a 860 acre farm near Hutchinson, Kansas. He is in the production of certified seed and deferred fed steers. Mr. Pierce is a director of the Kansas Crop Improvement Association, a member of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Kansas State University Alumni Association. Three of Mr. Pierce's sons have been members of the Partridge FFA Chapter and have been enrolled in vocational agriculture in that school.





L to R: Richard Knewtson, Eddie Meeks, and Lee Steanson, members of the Altamont FFA Chapter, are admiring one of the 40 roadside signs announcing National FFA Week. These signs were posted as compliments of the Outdoor Advertising companies over the state of Kansas

FFA Chapters over the state are holding parent-son banquets at this time of year to honor parents, and acquaint the community with FFA work. Merle Allen and Joe Smith, members of the McCune Chapter check a last minute detail with advisor, Ira Johnston.

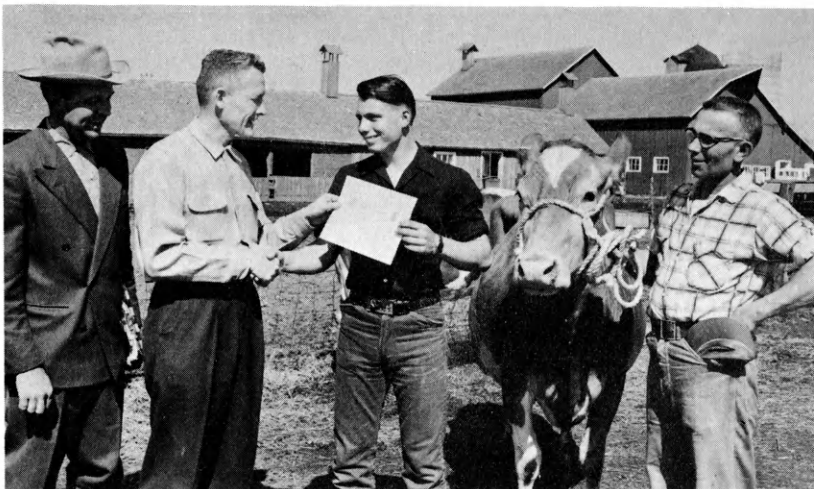


Bill Norris, of the Troy FFA Chapter, is shown on the Chapter Farm preparing a seed bed for planting a waterway. In the background, are experimental corn products in which the ground received no mechanical cultivation. The weeds were controlled by the use of chemicals. The corn yielded 120 bushels per acre. The Troy Chapter had 43 varieties of corn, and 11 varieties of winter wheat on yield test during the 1961 crop year.

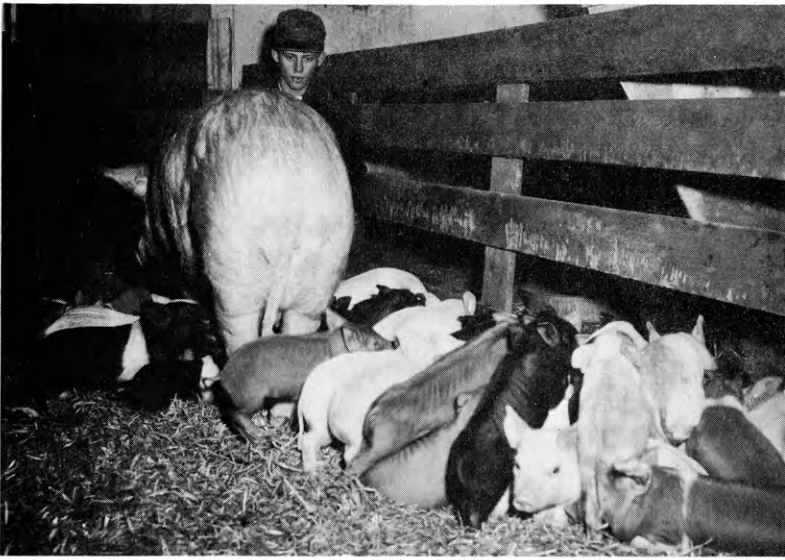


Paul Osgood, of the Florence FFA Chapter, is trying to decide when his lambs will be ready for market. Paul was one of the Sears Roebuck Foundation Sheep Production winners.

A familiar scene at the State Farm Mechanics Contest - the Eureka FFA Farm Mechanics team in the Soil Conservation division during the 1961 Farm Mechanics Contest. FFA chapters over the state should make plans now to attend the 34th State FFA Convention and Contest.



Larry Miles, Seaman Chapter, is presented a certificate by Dr. Charles Norton, Kansas State University. Larry was the high individual at the East Central District Dairy Judging School at Williamsburg. Looking on are Marvin Smith and Eldon Hoyt, Williamsburg dairy farmer, who provided the cattle for the contest.



Jim Wise, Vice-president of Louisburg FFA Chapter, is keeping a watchful eye on his crop of Cross-bred Spring pigs.

Larry Reh, of the Williamsburg FFA Chapter, is shown with his Western Ewe flock. Larry was graduated in 1960, and has recently purchased 160 acres of land on which he is farming full time. The Western Ewe flock was started through the Sears Foundation Sheep Program.



Vocational agriculture students over the state are finding a popular and worthwhile farm mechanics activity in the maintaining, repairing, and reconditioning of farm equipment. Alvin Ratliff, member of the Kensington FFA Chapter shows his finished work to advisor, Coy Allen.

Attention!

FFA CALENDAR

- April 2 - Annual FFA Report and Report of Delegates to the State FFA Convention due in the State Office
- April 7 - Annual Meeting, State FFA Executive Committee
- April 9 - National Chapter Award entries due in the State Office
- April 17 - State FFA Speech Contest entries - three copies - to Howard Bradley, Kansas State University
- April 17 - Agriculture Newswriting Contest entries - to Howard Bradley, Kansas State University
- April 17 - Entries in Agriculture and Farm Mechanics Contests - to Howard Bradley, Kansas State University
- April 17 - Request for hot lunches during State FFA Convention and State Contest - checks sent to Howard Bradley, Kansas State University
- April 17 - Reservations for university housing - checks to C. O. Jacobs, Kansas State University
- April 29 - Vespers Service - Umberger Hall - Kansas State University - Tex Winter, KSU head basketball coach, featured speaker
- April 30 - May 1 - State FFA Convention, Agriculture and Farm Mechanics Judging Contest
- June 4 - 8 - Annual Vocational Agriculture Teachers Convention - KSU

*Coaches of agriculture and farm mechanics teams and individuals who do not have their entries delivered to Howard Bradley by April 17 will not be permitted to have their teams compete in any part of the contest.

PRESIDENT LARRY ERPELDING
ISSUES CONVENTION CALL -

It is my duty and also a pleasure to invite Kansas FFA members to the 34th Annual State FFA Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America to be held April 29, 30, and May 1, at Kansas State University. The State Convention is the highlight of the FFA year. Awards will be made, chapters and individuals will be honored for outstanding achievements, and official business of the State Association is to be conducted. We will need the earnest support of each chapter in the state to make this a truly successful convention. The House of Delegates will be asked to take action on many items of business. Each chapter that is in good standing with the State Association is urged to seat two delegates for the five business sessions. We are most privileged to have the assistance of the Southern Regional Vice-president, James Prewitt, from Kirbyville, Texas, throughout the convention. I know you will enjoy hearing Jim speak at the third session, Monday evening, April 30. I sincerely hope that you will make a special effort to personally meet Jim, one of the six outstanding National FFA Officers. I think we are also fortunate to have the head basketball coach at KSU, Tex Winter, speak at the Vespers Service, Sunday evening, April 29. I believe Mr. Winter's message will be very interesting and inspiring. I would like to encourage everyone to be present for this service. One of the specific purposes of our organization is to develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership. Let us, as Future Farmers, prove our aggressiveness by attending and participating to the best of our ability in the activities of the 34th Annual State Convention. - Larry Erpelding, President
• Kans. Association of FFA

AGRICULTURE IS ESSENTIAL TO
MAN'S EXISTENCE - In our busy lives today we are sometimes apt to get our sense of values mixed up. It is human nature to feel that someone else has got it easier than we have. It is human nature to overlook our blessings and make mountains of our troubles. The government farm program is not popular with the general public because it takes tax money. Many educators are steering those they feel to be better students away from the field of agriculture -- all of these things tend to give "agriculture" a poor "image". Let's look around and see what we can stack on the other side of the balance. Agriculture is the only vocation essential to man's existence. Our cave man ancestors were agriculturists. They lived on plant and animal life. They made their clothing from animal skins. The world today is short of food -- even though we have surpluses in America. The best place to live by far is on a farm in the country, not in a house on a 50-foot lot surrounded by numberless other houses. With your farm background and experience, your ability and interest in this field, you have a running start toward success in the field of agriculture. Young men are becoming established in farming every day. Statistics show that at least 30% of the boys graduating from vocational agriculture today are going into farming. There are more jobs in the related field of agriculture than there are farm boys. Let's think twice before leaving the essential and proud vocation of furnishing man with his essential needs.

By C. C. Eustace, State FFA Advisor



TEX WINTER TO SPEAK AT VESPERS SERVICE - WILLIAMS AUDITORIUM
April 29, 7:30 p.m.

Tex Winter, head basketball coach at Kansas State University, will be the featured speaker for the Vespers Service, which will open the 34th State FFA Convention. In addition to his reputation as one of the leading basketball coaches in the country, Coach Winter has been very active in the organization and work of Christian Athletics, which holds an annual meeting at Estes Park, Colorado, in August each year.

I am sure that Kansas FFA members will want to hear Coach Winter if you are arriving in Manhattan on Sunday evening ahead of the convention. Delegates, State Contest participants, State Chorus members, or other convention guests are invited to be present for the Vespers Service. The entire Vespers program is planned to last no more than one hour and will have several announcements of importance to delegates and candidates.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE 34TH STATE FFA CONVENTION

April 29 - May 1, 1962

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Sunday, April 29, Williams Auditorium, Kansas State University

7:30 - 8:30 - Vespers Service

- Vocal solo - Jim Norton - LaCygne Chapter
- Group singing - Nelson Galle
- Announcements - Larry Erpelding, State President
- Introductions - Larry Erpelding, State President

- Quartet - Smith Center FFA Chapter Quartet
 - Guest speaker - "Tex" Winter - Head Basketball Coach,
Kansas State University
- (This is not a business session of the convention)

Monday, April 30, Williams Auditorium, Kansas State University - Larry Erpelding, State President, Presiding

8:30 a.m. - Williams Auditorium

- Opening ceremony
- Invocation - Tommy Riffe, State Sentinel
- Announcements and remarks - C. C. Eustace, State Advisor
- Seating of delegates - Jerry McGown, State Secretary
- Minutes of 33rd State FFA Convention - Jerry McGown, State Secretary
- Greetings and remarks - Gary Harmon, President, Collegiate FFA Chapter
- Treasurer's Report and approval - Dwayne Dietz
- Greetings from National Vice-president, James Prewitt, Kirbyville, Texas
- Welcoming Address - Dr. James McCain, President, Kansas State University
- Appointment of committee - Jerry McGown, State Secretary
- Closing ceremony

10:00 a.m. - Adjourn to committee meetings

10:30 a.m. - Advisors meeting - Williams Auditorium

Monday, April 30

1:30 p.m. - Opening ceremony

- Entertainment - John Podhunter, Berryton Chapter
- Main speaker - Walter Pierce, President, Kansas Farm Bureau
- Presentation - Santa Fe Railroad - L. M. Olson
- Film - "Four Star Farmers 1961"
- Presentation - Kansas Cooperative Council - Jim McGuire
- Entertainment - "It's in the Book" - Ronald "Doc" Lorimor, Spearville Chapter
- Committee reports
- Vice-president's report
- Sentinel's report

3:30 p.m. - State FFA Speech Contest finals

4:45 p.m. - Closing ceremonies

5 p.m. - State Farmer picture - east steps of Willard Hall

Monday, April 30 - University Auditorium

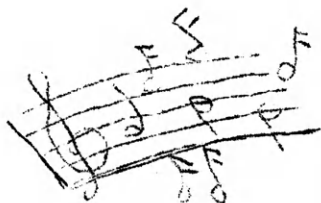
- 7:30 p.m. - Presentation - State FFA Chorus - Morris Hayes
- 8:00 p.m. - Opening ceremony
 - Election of State Farmers
 - Speech - National Vice-president - James Prewitt
 - Election of honorary State Farmers
 - Entertainment -
 - State FFA Foundation Awards
 - State Public Speaking Winner
 - Star Farmer of Kansas Ceremony
 - Announcements
 - Closing ceremony

Tuesday, May 1 - Williams Auditorium

- 8:30 a.m. - Opening ceremony
 - Greetings from FHA President - Joan Wilhite, Yates Center
 - President's report - Larry Erpelding, Effingham
 - Reporter's report - Mike Dikeman, Fort Scott
 - Committee reports
 - Entertainment - Hillsboro Safety Skit
 - District FFA Foundation Awards
 - Chapter Awards - Kansas Gold Emblem
 - Committee reports
 - Presentation - Peace Corp - Jim Gibson
- 11:30 a.m. - Election of State FFA Officers

Tuesday, May 1 - Williams Auditorium

- 1 p.m. - Opening ceremony
 - FFA entertainment - "Proud Young Father" - Doc Lorimor, Spearville
 - Committee reports
 - Presentation of Union Pacific Scholarships - Charles Manke, Union Pacific Railroad Company
 - FFA entertainment
 - Announce State FFA Officers
- 3 p.m. - College Contest Committee



STATE FFA CHORUS

The First State FFA Chorus has been selected, and plans are in progress for the chorus to present a 20-25 minute program to open the Monday evening session of the State FFA Convention. Professor Morris Hayes, of the Kansas State University Music Department, will conduct the chorus. Professor Hayes is the conductor of the Kansas State University Men's Glee Club, which has been so widely known and accepted throughout the state. State FFA Chorus members will have a rare opportunity in working a full day under Professor Hayes direction.

At total of 82 applications for the State FFA Chorus were received in Professor Hayes's office; consequently, many applicants with excellent qualifications had to be turned away this year. A 53 member chorus was selected. Professor Hayes wished to join us in saying thank you to each who applied. If the chorus is a success and is continued in future years, we hope those who could not be used this year will apply again.

The chorus is made up of the following FFA members:

1st Tenor

David Heinemann, Garden City
 Richard Dageford, Greenleaf
 Lavern Kruse, Hanover
 Roy Davis, Harper
 Alan Barstow, Kinsley
 Glenn Raines, Louisburg
 Ronnie Singer, Parker
 Phil Pfeifley, Riley
 Larry Overmiller, Smith Center
 Ustel Hutton, Stockton
 David Maddy, Stockton
 Gail Post, Waterville
 H. H. Stockebrand, Yates Center

2nd Tenor

Ronnie Say, Alta Vista
 Terry Schoenthaler, Ellis
 Alan Pflughoeft, Ellsworth
 Charles Kuntz, Harveyville
 Jim McClelland, Hoxie
 Dean Greig, Osborne
 Lane Sunderland, Powhattan
 Douglas Williams, Preston
 Duane Graber, Pretty Prairie
 Fred Schurle, Riley
 Roger Hartter, Sabetha
 Charles Hammer, Scandia
 David Ayres, Smith Center

Baritone

Kenneth Woerman, Barnes
 Darrel Schmidt, Buhler
 Loren Thorp, Chapman
 Mike Norman, Fowler
 Bill Muellen, Hanover
 Gary Suderman, Hillsboro
 Harold Webb, Holcomb
 Walter Wulf, Humboldt
 Robert Bourbon, Jewell
 Jim Norton, LaCygne
 Lester Norberg, Lindsborg
 Keith Hooper, Smith Center

2nd Bass

Laurel Zimmerman, Alta Vista
 Lester Martin, Attica
 Dale Elliott, Columbus
 Roger Baker, Eskridge
 Roger Friesen, Garden City
 Terry Gigot, Garden City
 Neil Rogers, Garnett
 Marvin Bell, Harveyville
 Lennis Hill, Hoxie
 Ronnie Owens, Humboldt
 George Hightower, LaCygne
 Bill Barnard, Medicine Lodge
 Kenneth Williams, Mulvane
 Lamont Gleason, Plainville
 Allen Finkbeiner, Smith Center

NEW NATIONAL
FFA BAND DIRECTOR

The new National FFA Band director for the 1962 National Convention will be R. Cedric Anderson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. Anderson will replace Dr. Henry S. Brunner, who has been director of the National FFA Band since its beginning in 1947. Application forms for the National FFA Band have been sent to all local advisors. If a chapter has more than one applicant, they may duplicate the forms and submit multiple applications. All applications must be returned to the State FFA Office by April 25, in order that they may be forwarded as a group to the new director by May 1. Announcements concerning selection of band members will be made in early summer. Strict attention should be paid to nominating only FFA members who will definitely be available to attend the entire convention beginning on October 7, 1962, at 1 p.m., and ending with the American Royal on Saturday, October 13.

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ANNUAL FFA REPORT DUE

The Annual FFA Report is in the hands of advisors and is due in the State FFA Office on or before April 2. Your State Association must receive a report from each active FFA chapter. The information asked for is necessary in order that a complete and accurate report may be made to the National Organization. The report is the same form as was begun last year and requests only information that is desirable and basic to a good FFA program.

The names of your official delegates to the State Convention are asked for at the top of page 1. The names are needed in order that each delegate may be assigned to a committee. If you do not plan to send delegates to the convention, please complete the report and leave the name blank. Please save unnecessary correspondence and time by filing your report promptly.

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KANSAS FFA CHAPTERS USE
OFFICIAL FFA CALENDAR

The following FFA chapters in Kansas are using the 1962 National FFA calendars:

Abilene	Garden City
Alta Vista	Girard
Belleville	Goessel
Beloit	Hill City
Bird City	Howard
Brewster	Hoxie
Burlingame	Jennings
Caney	Jewell
Chapman	Lawrence
Colby	Liberal
Concordia	Manhattan
Fort Scott	McPherson

Ness City	Riley
Norcatour	Russell
Oakley	Solomon
Oberlin	Topeka (Highland Park)
Oxford	Udall
Peabody	Uniontown
Phillipsburg	Wilson
Plainville	Winfield

A total of 6,975 home and office booklet style, 150 desk type, and 475 large poster style calendars are in use throughout the state as advertising agents for the Future Farmers of America. Chapters and sponsors in the above list are to be congratulated on participating in this very worthwhile public relations activity. If your chapter is not participating, we would urge your consideration of the program for 1963.

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33RD FFA CONVENTION MINUTES TO CHAPTERS IN APRIL

Copies of the minutes of the 33rd State FFA Convention will be mailed to advisors of all FFA chapters in the state by April 15. Delegates who have been nominated to conduct the business of the 34th Convention as well as the other officers will want to read these minutes carefully. One of the first items of business at the 34th Convention will be the correcting and or approving of the minutes of the last meeting.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE IN STATE OFFICE APRIL 9

A worthwhile goal of every FFA chapter in Kansas would be to meet the minimum qualifications for a "Standard" FFA Chapter Award. Chapter officers, the executive committee, or a special

committee should have the responsibility of completing the National Chapter Award forms and mailing them to the State Office.

In competing for a Standard Chapter Award, Form I only, should be completed. If you are applying for the Superior Chapter Award, then both Form I and Form II must be completed. For the National Emblem Award, and the Kansas Gold Emblem Award, Forms I, II, and III must be completed.

The first year in which a chapter applies for and receives the Superior Chapter Award, a special "12 Year Award" plaque will be presented. In the following years, a special plastic plate with the award won will be presented to the chapter for attachment to the "12 Year Award" plaque. The name of the chapter and award won are engraved in plastic and attached to the plaque. Every chapter in Kansas should strive to meet the requirement of a Standard Chapter. If the National Chapter Award forms have been misplaced, or not received, you may obtain an additional copy by requesting from the State Office. The requirements for the Standard Chapter Award, Form I, are reproduced on the following pages.

*Twelve things to remember: The value of time...the success of perseverance...the pleasure of working...the dignity of simplicity...the worth of character...the power of kindness...the influence of example...the obligation of duty...the wisdom of economy...the virtue of patience...the improvement of talent...the joy of originating.

-Marshall Field

REQUIREMENTS FOR A "STANDARD CHAPTER AWARD"

(A chapter must meet Item 1 and at least 18 of the remaining 21 requirements to receive a "Standard Chapter Award.")

CHAPTER _____ STATE _____ DATE SUBMITTED _____

Address _____

Total Net Enrolled in High School Vocational Agriculture Classes _____

Total FFA Membership _____

This Report for the Year Ending _____ (date) _____

Check if Accomplished	Standards for a Standard Chapter Award
_____	1. Prepared a written program of work by October 31.
_____	Date completed _____, 19 _____
_____	Was a copy filed with the State Association _____?
_____	2. Adopted a budget for chapter.
_____	Date adopted _____, 19 _____
_____	(b) Amount budgeted \$ _____
_____	3. Paid membership dues to State Association by the date requested.
_____	Number paid _____ Date paid _____
_____	4. Used all of the official paraphernalia for chapter meetings, including the FFA banner.
_____	Check items used: Banner _____, Flag _____,
_____	Owl _____, Ear of corn _____,
_____	Washington _____, Plow _____, Charter _____,
_____	Creed _____, Shield for sentinel station _____,
_____	Gavel _____
_____	5. The first regular meeting of the school year was held in September, and other regular meetings were held at least once each school month, with not less than one meeting held in the summer.
_____	Number meetings held: Sept. _____, Oct. _____, Nov. _____,
_____	Dec. _____, Jan. _____, Feb. _____, March _____,
_____	Apr. _____, May _____, Summer _____, Total _____
_____	6. The chapter had a planned program for each regular meeting.
_____	7. All regular officers could recite from memory their part in the official opening and closing ceremony.
_____	8. The chapter used the official FFA Secretary's and Treasurer's Books.
_____	9. All chapter officers have for their personal use the revised edition of the FFA Manual, and all members have access to revised manuals.
_____	Total number of manuals in chapter _____
_____	10. Official FFA jackets are owned by several members of the chapter.
_____	No. Officers with jackets _____
_____	Total number of members with jackets _____

Check if Accomplished	Standards for A Standard Chapter Award
_____	11. Chapter conducted one major activity during National FFA Week which was appropriate to the occasion. What was done? _____
_____	12. The chapter officers (or governing body) met at least once per month during the school year and once during the summer. Number of meetings held during the year _____
_____	13. The official FFA ceremonies were used in conferring the Greenhand and Chapter Farmer Degrees.
_____	14. All chapter officers received special training for their respective positions. Approximate average number hours _____ Number sessions _____
_____	15. All members are acquainted with the history, the organization, and the aim and purposes of the FFA.
_____	16. Chapter sent representatives to county, district, or area FFA meetings. * No. district (area) meetings held _____ * No. meetings attended _____
_____	17. Chapter sent official representatives to State Convention.
_____	18. Chapter members have made a study of parliamentary procedure. Approximate average number hours per member _____
_____	19. Held an FFA banquet or a similar activity in honor of parents.
_____	20. Chapter provided awards and recognition for members with outstanding farming programs.
_____	21. Chapter had six or more articles per year in local newspaper or in other publications.
_____	22. Chapter held a local public speaking contest.

Certification: We hereby certify that the above claims and information reported in behalf of the chapter are true and accurate.

_____ Chapter President

_____ Chapter Secretary

_____ Chapter Advisor

*May include special State-wide meetings in small States.

KANSAS STATE FAIR INCREASES
MILEAGE FOR FARM MECHANICS
EXHIBITORS - Word has been re-

ceived from the Kansas State Fair officials that a request for an increase in mileage for schools exhibiting five projects at the Kansas State Fair has been approved. The amount of money which is to be prorated on the basis of miles traveled has been increased from \$545 to \$840. This increase should provide a minimum of 22 cents per mile in travel to and from the fair grounds and any additional amount would depend upon the number of schools exhibiting. The 1961 exhibit was the largest in the history of the event and attracted a great deal of favorable comment from the public. State fair officials were also very pleased. Chapters wishing to exhibit should make preliminary plans now. We hope to have a bigger than ever exhibit this coming September.

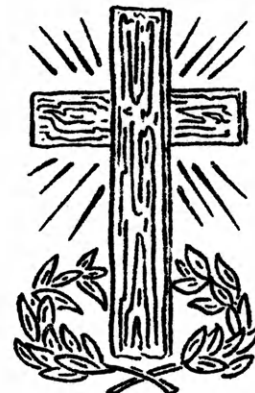
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YOU GOTTA HAVE HEART!

There are always people who will laugh at or heckle someone who is doing a good job. Take Thomas Edison for example: people actually thought he was "off his rocker" for trying to develop the light bulb. Henry Ford was considered a lunatic for rodding his contraptions up and down the street. These two men, among many others, were actually laughed at for trying new things which they thought were right. Have you ever been laughed at for doing something which you thought was right? Maybe it was on the basketball court when you made a mistake. Maybe it was when you were in the parliamentary procedure contest

that you stood up for a point of order in which you thought your point was well taken. It could have been one of many places that it happened. We, as Future Farmers, cannot be so discouraged when we make mistakes, that we just give up and let the others laugh and go on by us. We, as Future Farmers, must take the lead, take the initiative, take the embarrassing moments as well as taking the happy and rewarding ones, take off on a new road or take up where someone else has left off on a good thing and carry on to make the backbone of our nation much stronger. It will take courage to be able to carry out these challenges. It will take nerve, fight, and more action which will lead us into more growth of our nation of which our own local surroundings are a part. As a Future Farmer, I dare each person who reads this article to start a crusade, to be your best. I maintain that you are a better, more capable person than you have demonstrated so far. The only reason you are not the person you should be is that you don't have the nerve. Once you challenge yourself, once you stop drifting with the crowd and face life courageously, life will take on a more significant outlook.

-NEVADA FUTURE FARMER



HOW TO TALK

1. Select a subject you have earned the right to talk about. How do you "earn the right to talk" about a subject? Either by knowing a great deal about it or by feeling very deeply about it.
2. Work hard and long on your talk. The beginner usually underestimates the time it takes to prepare a talk. He figures he can prepare a 30-minute speech in half an hour. Gentlement, it can't be done!
3. Make your speech interesting. I can give you the one great rule for being interesting: use plenty of examples. A speech without examples can be profound, but not popular.
 - (a) Overcome fear. How? "Courage comes from having done the thing before," says Emerson. "Do the thing you fear to do and the death of fear is certain."
 - (b) Don't read your talk. Why not? Well, nobody who ever heard a talk read would ask that question! Write out your talk, if you must, work it over, cut about nine-tenths of what you have written, throw away what you have written and start all over again, then cut out some more.
 - (c) Deliver your talk with animation and enthusiasm. Measles are no more contagious than enthusiasm. If you have enthusiasm, the audience is almost certain to catch it.
 - (d) When you stand up in front of an audience, don't make distracting motions or display distracting mannerisms.
 - (e) Don't tell funny stories. Yes, others do -- but you don't know how many years they spend learning how -- or how much

funnier they would be if they didn't tell them. The chances are always at least 100 to 1 that you can't tell a funny story well. You are probably in the host of people Stephen Leacock used to tell about who "remember the fun they got out of a story, but forget the point." Don't risk it -- it is better to be dull than to be pitiful.

- (f) Be brief. Irvin S. Cobb once said, "No speech can be entirely bad if it is brief enough." Here are some suggestions for making your speech brief.
- (1) After you write your speech, kill the first few paragraphs. This is a magic rule for getting a good start. Never begin a speech in the beginning -- begin in the middle.
 - (2) After you write your talk, go through and cut out at least half of the words.
 - (3) Work hard on your talk. Any fool can write a long speech, but it takes a wise man to cut it short. "To write short, think long." As Albert J. Beveridge once said, "If you don't strike oil in the first two minutes, stop boring."
 - (4) Remember, when you can't think of any more examples, your speech is over.
 - (5) Memorize your ending. Lord Palmerston once said, "The speaker must know the ending of his speech, or he will never be able to sit down."
 - (6) When you are about half through your speech, stop.
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CHAPTER NEWS

ENSIGN - On February 8, all the Ensign members gave a speech at a local speech contest. The three winners were Arlen Etling, Rick Mentzer, and Dennis Osbourn. These three boys went to the District to participate in the Co-op Speech Contest. Arlen was selected as the top speaker in the Southwest District. He will compete in the State Co-op Speech Contest, March 26, at Hutchinson, Kansas. During National FFA Week, we presented three 15-minute television programs and four 10-minute radio programs. Our chapter has completed the Co-op Activity Report and sent it to the state. Arlen Etling applied for the FFA Foundation Crops Production Award and Rick Mentzer for the Beef Production Award. At the present, we are planning a three day agriculture tour. We will visit points of interest in Hutchinson, McPherson, Kansas City, Lawrence, and Manhattan. The tour will be March 29, 30, and 31, and will include all FFA members. Our local co-op is sponsoring the tour. We are planning our FFA Parent-Son Banquet for April 5. Arlen Etling and Rick Mentzer are planning to go on the Kansas FFA Goodwill Tour of Europe and Communist countries this summer.

WAMEGO - On January 8, the chapter held a night meeting. Eighteen Greenhands were initiated, and nine Greenhands were advanced to the Chapter Farmer Degree. On February 3, we were host to the Northeast District Poultry Judging Contest. Sixteen chapters were represented. For money-making projects, we sold vocational agriculture rat poison and Christmas cards. During FFA Week,



we had a display in a business building downtown and we received many compliments. Some shop jobs that have been completed, or are under construction include: three 4-wheel trailers, one self-loading chute, a 2-wheel trailer, an elevator, a loading chute, a feed rack for hay, and two head chutes. The freshmen are doing woodworking, welding, and other skill jobs. We are busy planning our Parent-Son Banquet to be held March 29. On March 10, our chapter watched doors for the March of Dimes Benefit Basketball Game.

Tom Ross, Reporter

JEWELL - Plans for our annual Parent-Son Banquet are being made for April 3. Our chapter conducted a trash pick-up day to raise money for the banquet. The Agriculture II and III boys made four coat racks for use during the District Basketball Tournament. Also being made in the shop are two portable loading chutes, a combination ensilage and hay feeder, a 14-foot gate, and some hog troughs. Jewell placed seventh in the Speech Contest at Chapman, January 22, with Paul Zeisset placing 2nd in the sophomore division. Seven freshmen boys became Greenhands during our initiation ceremony, December 7. Five boys from the Agriculture I and III

classes attended the Farm Mechanics Contest, March 9, held at Clay Center. The Jewell-Mankato Pest Control contest ended January 31 with Mankato having the highest average. The contest started October 30 and such pests as sparrows, starlings, rats, jack rabbits, opossums, skunks, and coyotes were collected. The Mankato and Jewell Chapters then conducted a joint meeting and supper, at Jewell, February 20.

Jim Oplinger, Reporter

NORTON - The annual Parent-Son Banquet of the Norton Chapter of Future Farmers of America will be held in the high school gymnasium on April 7, 1962. Chapter elections will be held before the banquet so that the new officers may be installed during the banquet. John Holste and Bill Young will present their speeches that won first and fourth in the sophomore and senior divisions respectively. FFA Foundation awards will be presented and there will be a variety of instrumental and vocal musical numbers. The Norton Chapter had three boys submit applications for district FFA Foundation Awards. They were: **Bill Young**, swine; **Ronald Brault**, farm mechanics; **Richard Miller**, swine and soil and water management. The Norton Chapter recently took the Co-operative Quiz Contest and were able to place quite high in the Northwest District. Shop projects recently completed are: a 4-wheel trailer, pick-up stock racks, self-unloading feeder wagon, a self-feeder for swine and a tractor cab. Projects under construction are a 4-wheel trailer, a group of file boxes, the overhauling of two tractor engines and the overhauling of two small engines.

Richard Miller, Reporter

OAKLEY - One of our most interesting meetings this year was a discussion on the control of coyotes with cyanide guns. Mr. George Halazon, a wild life conservationist, from Kansas State University, was our guest. As a loser in last years pest control contest with Colby, we brewed up some chili and had their chapter down for a chili supper, followed with recreation in the gymnasium. This year we have not challenged another chapter in the pest contest. Our seniors and freshmen are challenging the juniors and sophomores. To keep our treasurer in balance so far this year we have sold tractor seats. Assorted nuts were sold just prior to Christmas. Our annual Pancake Feed was held January 27. At our feed, we served all day in hopes of clearing nearly seventy-five dollars. Our chapter has completed the cutting of two old boilers from our grade school basement. A new heating system was installed this year, thus permitting the removal of the old boilers by our chapter. The FFA treasurer will sell the metal from the boilers. Projects now being built in our shop are two squeeze chutes, grain side boards, two hay elevators, two pipe gates, four feed bunks, two picnic tables, four-wheeled wagon, two loading chutes, self-feeder for hogs, clothes line post, and a bearing press.

Roy Meerian, Reporter

*It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

*When you lose hope, you'll part with anything.

When a young man saves up for a rainy day then gets married, he finds that the rainy season has begun.

NATOMA - Our annual "Parent Nite" was held in our shop with around 125 attending. The junior class went to the National Western Stock Show in Denver this year. It was very enjoyable and educational. We have had and are having a lot of projects being built in shop this year. Among them are: five steel combination grain and feed bunks; a horse trailer, two wooden feed bunks, a squeeze chute; a tractor overhaul; three stock racks; spray trailer; and grain sides.

Warren Koelling, Reporter

ERIE - The theme for the October night meeting was "Wildlife Conservation". Several movies were shown and the speaker was the local wild life conservation agent. Junior and senior members made their annual trek to the Mid-America Fair on FFA day. The Vocational Agriculture II class went to Topeka on Thursday. They brought home many new ideas and plans from the Farm Mechanics Display. Jane Hudson, sister of a former member, ruled as Chapter Sweetheart at the FFA Barnwarmer. Decorations gave the Vocational Agriculture Shop a fall atmosphere for the barnwarmer. Square dances were called by the advisor, dancing, games and refreshments were enjoyed by all. One of the queen candidates set a new record catching that slick pig in four seconds. Our Christmas card sales were a success. Larry Dillinger was high for the chapter, selling 34 boxes. FFA basketball team has won one, lost one record. Tom Bartholomew, a member of the Vocational Agriculture II class showed the second place native pecan entry at the Annual Nut Growers Association Show at Mound City. In addition to the second place ribbon, Tom also received

a check for \$12. Two members of the Erie Chapter have their five steer calves which they will feed on the Kansas deferred system. They will show these calves next fall in the Parsons Deferred Calf Contest.

Steven Gentle, Reporter

ALTON - The Alton FFA has been promoting a Safety Program in our community. We have sold 78 sets of web to metal seat belts, and have installed 65 of these. We have also sold six fire extinguishers to local farmers. The members have been pairing off and going to farms and giving them a safety check. Our safety program has been a big success in our surrounding community. On February 8, the Alton Chapter Judging Team finished 2nd in the Albrecht Duroc Judging Contest at Smith Center. Alan Thornburg placed 8th and Virgil Yost tied for 9th as individuals. Jerry Welker was the third member of the team. Projects which have been built in shop include three trailers made from old vehicle frames, one portable loading chute, and a snow plow to fit the school lawnmower. Four feed bunks and one stationary loading chute were built of wood. The sophomores have been busy overhauling small motors. The freshmen have been learning how to weld with both the electric and gas welding equipment and how to properly use and care for tools and machinery.

Jerry Welker, Reporter

SMITH CENTER - The freshmen and sophomores won the pest control contest from the juniors and seniors. The total number of pests obtained in the contest were: sparrows, 1,208;

jack rabbits, 421; starlings, 396; mice, 173; rats, 24; moles, 19; coyotes, 12; magpies, 11; crows, 1; and prairie dogs, 1. The high individuals were Clinton Higby, Jimmy Kuhlmann, and Richard Shockley. Smith Center placed second in the Farm Mechanics Contest at Oberlin. Colby placed 1st with Oberlin 3rd, and Phillipsburg 4th. Roney Joy was high individual. Smith Center placed third in the Crops Contest at Quinter. Russell was 1st and Stockton 2nd. Roney Joy was second high individual. The FFA chapter helped sponsor a Judging Contest in connection with the Vern Albrecht Duroc sale. There were forty-one FFA teams and forty 4-H club teams entered. The FFA and the FHA are planning their annual combined banquet for the early part of May.

Allen A. Lehmann, Reporter

BUHLER - The Buhler Chapter Judging Team competed in the District Judging Contest at Hillsboro. Roger Teter, president, was the high individual. Our team rated 6th. The chapter is preparing a television program for the KTVH Station. It will be given on April 6. It will concern the meat type hog versus the lard type hog. The participants will be Robert Regier, Darrel Schmidt, Roger Teter, and Gus Meschke. Our Parent-Son Banquet will be on April 3. The theme will be "The Great American Hobby". At the present we are working hard on speeches of the three and five minute variety. Each member is required to prepare and give a talk. The best of these will be given at the District Speaking Contest, March 28, at Hutchinson. Our shop projects are: ensilage unloading wagon, hog and cattle feeders, trailers for transporting machinery, and many smaller projects. Money-making projects include the sale of

funnels for pouring oil into cars, tractors, etc., rat poison, and tractor seats. We hope to raise enough money to finance our Parent-Son Banquet. Our chapter basketball team was fairly successful having won all of their first team games. There were six games played.

Gus Meschke, Reporter

ALTA VISTA - Our chapter is busy making arrangements for our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet which is to be held 13. Our shop projects now include three portable loading chutes, two tractor overhauls, post hole auger, horse trailer, calf creep feeder, pick-up stock racks, and a three point hook-up blade for a tractor. We are proud to say that our FFA Carnival came off very well. Our sophomore class attended a Crops Judging Contest to correspond with their school studies. We are also proud to announce that Laurel Zimmerman and Ronnie Say from our chapter have been chosen for the State FFA Chorus. Our Chapter Farmer initiation is scheduled for Monday, March 26, at which seven boys will receive the degree.

Donald L. Thomas, Reporter

MARYSVILLE - The Marysville Chapter of Future Farmers of America placed 1st in the District Poultry Judging Contest at Wamego, on February 3. Other contests we have participated in are the Speech Contest at Effingham, where we received 6th and 10th in the 10-minute division; the Crops Contest at St. Marys where we placed 4th and the Market Hog Show, where we placed 2nd. Twelve Greenhands were raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer. Their parents were invited to attend the meeting. We advertised FFA Week by displaying posters in the downtown area. Our

chapter was in charge of assembly on Friday, March 2. The assembly program consisted of the opening and closing ceremonies, our top 10-minute speaker, and several safety skits. Shop projects include a truck box, a loading chute, a farrowing crate, tractor overhaul, 2 weed sprayers, and an implement trailer.

Gordon Crome, Reporter

GARDEN CITY - December 6 was the occasion of our annual FFA Dad's Night. Members and their Dads met at 6:30 in the school shop for a meal of hot dogs, beans, pop, and donuts provided by the chapter. The main order of business was the initiation of the Greenhands. Sixteen members were awarded the Greenhand Degree. Mr. Abe Hubert, Junior High Principal, spoke on the importance of the FFA in building responsibility among the farm youth of today. Our annual FFA-FHA Carolling Party was held on December 19. We boarded trucks and sang carols around town. After the carolling was completed, hot chocolate and donuts were served in the high school cafeteria. We held a skating party with the FHA on January 29. The pest contest was completed on February 2. The group, captained by Larry Ulrich, won and gave a chili supper to the losing team on March 21. Five of our chapter members participated in the Co-op Speech Contest. Larry Scott, Harold Mai, and David Heinemann were the top three in the school contest. They then participated in the District Speech Contest at Garden City, where they received 4th, 5th, and 6th, respectively. Ten members participated in the Poultry Judging at Ness City and the Crops Judging at Bazine on February 19. They placed 3rd and 5th respectively. Our 40th Annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet was

held February 21. The FHA girls served the meal. After the meal had been served, Mr. Warldorf led us in group singing. Robert Blackwood then welcomed our parents and other guests. His welcome was followed with a response given by Mr. Ralph Gross on behalf of the parents. Mike Gigot then recited the FFA Creed. Mr. Saffel, our high school principal, then made a few remarks to the parents. A speech entitled, "Forty-Five Years of Vocational Agriculture in Garden City", was given by David Heinemann, pointing out some of the important events which have happened in our chapter since its beginning in 1919. This was followed by an address from our guest speaker, Mr. C. C. Eustace, State FFA Advisor. Awards were presented by our president. The highlight of the evening came when the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award was bestowed upon Mr. A.E. Cook, who is a past advisor of the chapter. Chapter Farmer Night was held on March 14. Ten members received their Chapter Farmer Degrees. A talk on car safety was then given by Officer Cleve Spencer, of the Garden City Police Department. A film was then shown pointing out some of the highlights of the 25th National FFA Convention. After the meeting, refreshments were served. The Garden City Chapter has also been busy working on the State Safety Contest. A few of our activities have been radio and newspaper announcements as well as promoting the use of car seat belts.

David Heinemann, Reporter

MANKATO - The chapter has had representatives at district contests and are preparing for the rest of the contests and the State FFA Convention. We have purchased some FFA chapter signs and are installing them at the

east and west entrance to Mankato as part of the public relations program. Shop projects being finished include: a set of feed gates, squeeze chute, trailer, feed handling equipment, and front end tractor blade. As a school betterment project a large magazine rack was constructed for the study hall. Each FFA member is working on a committee to plan the Parent-Son Banquet for May 3, 1962. A Spring Date Party is being planned for mid-April. Mankato FFA Chapter was the guest of the Jewell FFA Chapter on February 20. This was the conclusion of our pest control contest and we all enjoyed the hospitality of the Jewell FFA Chapter. We are completing our fund raising activities for the year with the continued sales of hog troughs and the Kansas Livestock Directory.

Marvin Wagner, Reporter

ST. MARYS - The annual Parent-Son Banquet is to be held May 12. Our chapter won the recent pest contest which we held with the Silver Lake Chapter, and a summer meeting and party is being planned at the expense of the Silver Lake Chapter. At present, our shop jobs include: 2 loading chutes, an implement trailer, a horse trailer, squeeze chute, head gate, weed sprayer, pick-up stock racks, picnic tables, gates, and the painting and reconditioning of a tractor. The FFA beef project has been completed. Out of the 39 heifers weighing 979 pounds, 30 dressed out 61% or better and graded choice. As a token of appreciation, the boys in the project footed the bill for a large steak dinner at Mr. "D" Steakhouse for their parents and others who made the project possible. There were 48 people present.

Larry Lenherr, Reporter

KENSINGTON - The Kensington Chapter attended the Crops Contest at Quinter, the Poultry Contest at Stockton, and the Public Speaking Contest at Norton. We adopted a constitution at our February meeting. Each member put up identification signs and a committee is working on highway road signs. Thursday, March 15, we awarded 17 boys their Chapter Farmer pin. We are planning our FFA Banquet for April 5.

Donald Grauerholz, Reporter

HERINGTON - Our banquet is scheduled for March 30. We sponsored a Christmas dinner and gift exchange, for our members and guests. We held a Pest Eradication Contest with the losing team, treating the winners, after an inter-chapter basketball game. The high individuals of the contest were awarded FFA sweat shirts. We attended the District Poultry Contest held at Abilene. Our chapter held the District Crops Contest, put on with samples from KSU. Our team placed first with the members placing first, third, and fourth individually. Our members have just completed the REA Electric School, and we are looking forward to the State Crops Judging Contest this spring.

Robert Gentz, Reporter

SIMPSON - On January 15, 1962, the Simpson and Beloit Chapters engaged in a joint meeting at Beloit. The meeting was opened by combined forces of Beloit and Simpson officers. After opening the meeting, Beloit furnished entertainment in the form of a group of three boys singing. Then, Simpson showed slides and told of the Safety Campaign they had in 1961. After the meeting was closed, refreshments and basketball was enjoyed by everyone. In the month of May, the Simpson

Chapter will celebrate their 25th Anniversary. A program of the events concerning the anniversary will be announced at a later date.

Vernon Adams, Reporter

FREDONIA - The Fredonia Chapter of Future Farmers of America has started a Berkshire Gilt Ring. The annual FFA-FHA Skating Party was held at Chanute on March 13. We are making plans for the Parent-Son Banquet, March 28. Our chapter is going on a camping trip the last of April at Lake Farlington. We are going to camp over night. Some of the projects that are being built in our shop are: several barrel feeders and hay bunks, two stock racks, one post hole digger, several gates, farrowing crates, truck bed, car ports, and two rafts.

Richard Harding, Reporter

ESKRIDGE - Most chapter members completed the Standard Red Cross First Aid Course, taught by Mr. Ray Curry, an instructor for the Red Cross, of Topeka. The course was conducted during five special night meetings. The largest crowd ever assembled in the agriculture building met for the winter Parent-Son Banquet. At this meeting, twelve Greenhands were installed and eleven were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree. Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees were awarded to Dean Dunn and Jack Martin, local business men. The chapter has presented three programs to our Kiwanis Club. The National Meats Team told of their experiences at the State and National Contest, the Speech Team gave their speeches they took to the District Speech Contest, and for the last program, slides of the 1,850 mile spring trip were shown.

We distributed safe hunting posters throughout the county. We put in all shot-gun boxes a small but important safety note. Our chapter was host to a Farm Mechanics Contest. There were nine schools present. The speech team came back from the District Speech Contest with third place. Some of the five smaller public service activities were sweeping the floor at basketball games, building and presenting a swing-top trash can to be used in the high school, and the farm service jobs such as castrating and dehorning livestock, and pruning fruit trees and grapevines.

Gary Herrick, Reporter

ONAGA - Our pest eradication contest was completed. The seniors had more than the other three classes combined and won the pest contest. The FFA is sponsoring a roller skating party for the FHA. We have 12 Greenhands this year. At a school assembly, the FFA plans to put on a Parlimentary Procedure Demonstration. Shop projects include: five loading chutes, overhauling one car, two motors, and one tractor, two trailers, several hog troughs, one feed bunk, and two farrowing crates. Our dairy products judging team won 1st in our district. Larry Brunkow was high individual.

Ted Forst, Reporter

HOXIE - Our chapter opened the new year with the officers giving the opening and closing ceremonies at the Annual Soil Conservation Meeting. We had decided at a previous chapter meeting to have teams for our pest contest this year. The losing team would then join the losing cookbook team of the FHA to give a joint party to the winning teams. It was decided at our February meeting that our annual Parent-Son Banquet would be

on March 19. We also decided to have a penny pitch booth at our school carnival which will be held on April 14. We will take six members consisting of one State Farmer applicant, two choir representatives, and three delegates to the State FFA Convention. We had a fine turn out for our Parent-Son Banquet. Approximately 180 people attended. The awards handed out at the program following the meal were: Star Greenhand - Paul Babcock, Star Chapter Farmer - Gary Rietcheck, Dekalb Award - Lessie Pratt - and Honorary Farmer - Fred Pratt.

Lennis Hill, Reporter

DODGE CITY - On December 6, the FFA Chapter presented Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, and Representative, J. Floyd Breeding, Honorary memberships in the chapter and honored them as important figures in agriculture. This presentation took place during an appreciation dinner held for Representative Breeding in Dodge City. On December 7, the fourth hour class of FFA boys served lunch for the Southwest District Swine meeting held in the National Guard Armory. February 8, the FFA boys prepared and served a Chili Supper for all patrons attending a Fertilizer Meeting held at the Dodge City Co-operative Exchange. Floyd Wheeler and Norvin Dirks, members of the local chapter, have joined the Kansas Future Farmers Goodwill Delegation Visit in Europe this summer. The chapter has purchased 350 baby chicks to be raised in the shop. These chicks are of the broiler type and are raised for meat production. Special facilities will provide forced ventilation. The purpose of the project is to give the boys an opportunity to observe feeding

practices, growth rate, feed conversion, and the cost involved. Part of the meat will be used for the Parent-Son Banquet. Floyd Wheeler, chapter president, has recently made five public speaking appearances.

Lawrence Winger, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG - On December 4, our chapter held our annual Dad's Night Chili Supper. The program consisted of a farming program talk, a talk on shop projects, two demonstrations, and a welcome by our school principal. Eight Greenhands were initiated. We held a Pest Eradication Contest from November through January 4. We awarded cash prizes to the winners. Our FFA Co-op paid off \$5 per \$3 share on December 21. We have the wheat profits to divide as soon as it is harvested. A team from our chapter placed 9th in the Swine Judging Contest held in Smith Center, on February 3. A team from our chapter placed 2nd in the Northwest District FFA Poultry Contest on February 17, at Stockton. We observed National FFA Week by putting on a radio program and a story in the local county paper about FFA. We also distributed stamps and publications along with posters to uptown business firms. On March 3, we entered two members in the Northwest District FFA Speech Contest in Norton. A team from our chapter placed fourth in the Northwest District FFA Farm Mechanics Contest held in Oberlin on March 9 - 10. We are making plans for the annual Parent-Son Banquet on April 26, and a summer trip to Yellowstone National Park. Shop projects include: two portable loading chutes, one pair of car ramps, a hay feeder, one set of steel stock racks, two portable sheep shearing units, two trailers, a bale

loader, two ladders, and a steel cattle guard.

Roger Schilowsky, Reporter

COLUMBUS - The Columbus Chapter celebrated FFA Week presenting a program to the Lions Club and Kiwanis Club of Columbus. At these programs we told our activities of FFA, degree advancement, why we celebrated FFA Week, and answered any questions presented by the clubs. We also put up posters in the school building proclaiming National FFA Week. The week was ended with a Sweetheart Dance where we selected an FFA Sweetheart from the FHA girls by putting in a penny a vote. We collected around \$16 on the voting. The dance was a big success. For a money-making project, we are selling license plate booklets in our county. We are doing this in cooperation with the local Kiwanis Club. We held a joint chapter farmer ceremony with the Altamont Chapter. After the ceremony, we played two games of basketball.

Norman Conard, Reporter

MARION - Three boys from our local FFA Chapter and advisor presented a program on production testing in swine. Our chapter played two basketball games with Hillsboro on March 15. Our chapter plans a Parent-Son Banquet for April. We held a pest contest with 1st prize being a box of rifle and shotgun shells which was awarded to the man with the most points. Our chapter is planning to send several boys to the District Speech Contest at Hutchinson.

Max Robertson, Reporter

HOYT - Greenhand and Chapter Farmer Degree ceremonies were

performed on December 8, 1961. In December, we had a pest control contest, and the losers had to treat the winners to a Chili Supper on March 9. We are going to have our annual Parent-Son Banquet, March 30. Later this year, we are planning on going to St. Joseph, Missouri to the meat packing plant. Shop projects we have been working on this year are steel farm gates, a hay or grain calf feeder, and we are in the process of making a four-wheel wagon.

Richard McClane, Reporter

