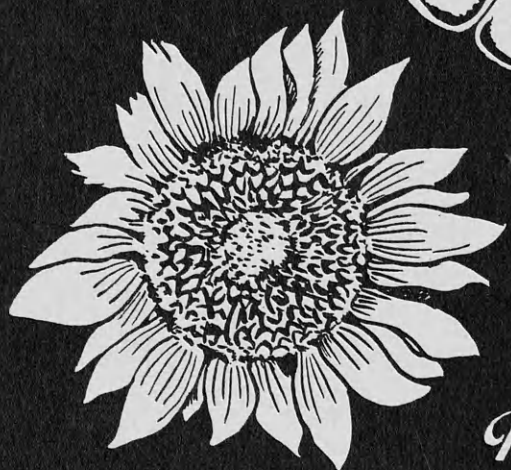


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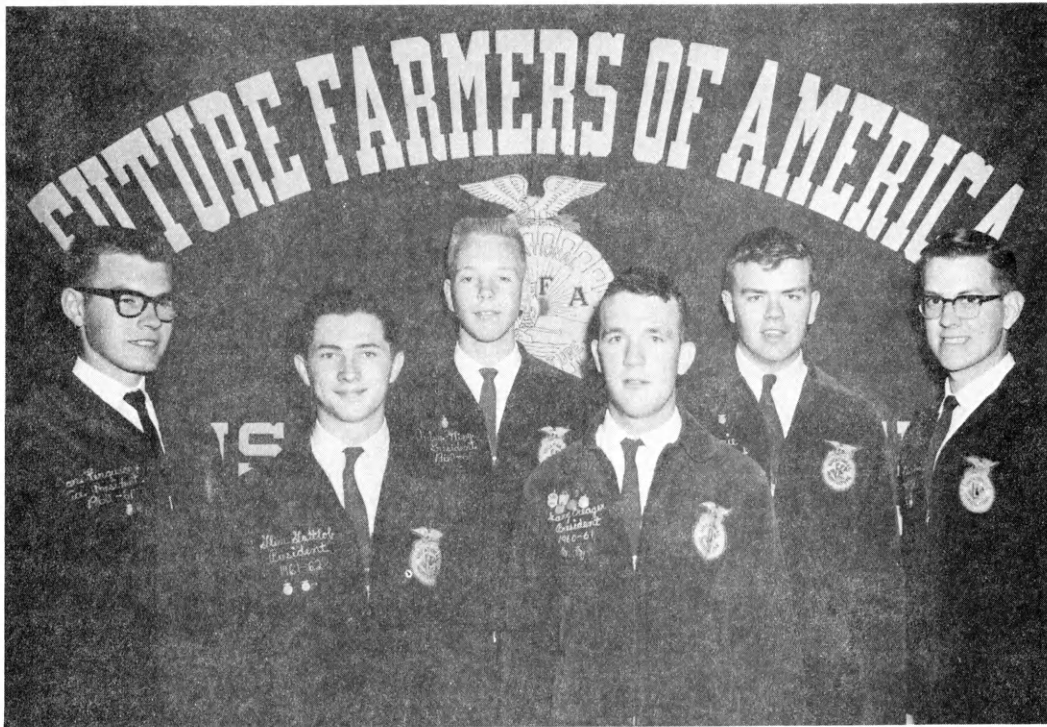


Winner of the Agriculture News-writing Contest during the recent State FFA Convention was David Martin, of the Salina Chapter. On the left is David Cromwell, president of the Salina Chapter, and Mr. Bill Smith, Salina advisor.

Larry Erpelding, State FFA President, is congratulating Gary Creager, of the LaCygne Chapter, who was 1st place winner in the 1962 State FFA Public Speaking Contest. He spoke on the subject entitled, "How Vital is American Agriculture to World Peace."



The Eskridge Chapter was the winner of the State Meats Judging Contest in October 1961. This team placed Silver Emblem in the National Contest. L to R: Mike Kemp, Jerry Bundy, Dick Duling, and Terry Fanning, Eskridge advisor.



1962-63 State FFA Officers elected on Tuesday morning, May 1. L to R are: Don Ferguson, Kensington, Secretary; Glen Gottlob, Arkansas City, President; Arlen Etling, Ensign, Vice-President; Gary Creager, LaCygne, Sentinel; Dennie Dechert, Colby, Treasurer; and Robert MacArthur, Seaman, (Topeka), Reporter.



Mr. Perry Miller, Manager, Kansas Rural Electric Cooperatives, presents a \$100 scholarship to Rick Waldren, Greeley County Chapter. Rick was winner in Rural Electrification - State FFA Foundation Awards.

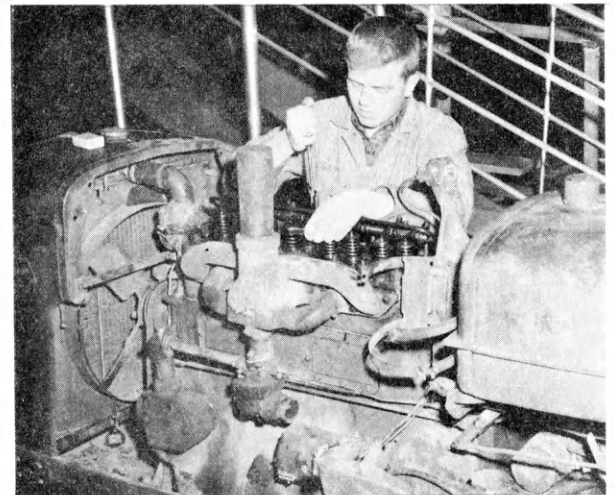
STAR FARMER OF KANSAS
1962



Star Farmer of Kansas, Dennis Dechert, of the Colby Chapter, is shown with his parents during the presentation of the State Star Farmer. Dennis's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Dechert, of Colby.



Dennis is shown in this picture with part of his herd of feeder pigs. The Star Farmer also recently marketed 500 head of feeder lambs, and his crops program includes both wheat and grain sorghums.



Dennis is shown in the Colby vocational agriculture shop completely over-hauling a tractor.

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Review of the 34th State FFA Convention
April 29-May 1, 1962

State officers met throughout the day, Saturday, April 28, to make detailed plans and rehearse the ceremonies for the convention.

State officers, along with Virgil Lake, Kingman, J. A. Johnson, Buhler, and Marvin Castle, of the state staff, met from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Sunday, April 29, to conduct individual interviews with 17 state officer candidates. This committee presented a ballot of ten candidates for state officers on Tuesday, at 1 p.m.

The convention opened with an excellent crowd present for the Vespers Service in Williams Auditorium on Sunday evening. Group singing was led by Mr. Nelson Galle. Jim Norton, of the LaCygne Chapter, presented a vocal solo. Larry Erpelding made announcements and welcoming remarks. A quartet of FFA members from the Smith Center Chapter entertained the delegates and members. "Tex" Winter, head basketball coach at Kansas State University, gave an inspiring message to those present. Coach Winter challenged FFA members to use whatever talent has been given them to the limit, and compared these talents with those of a basketball player.

The first official session of the convention opened on Monday morning, at 8:30 a.m., April 30. Gary Harmon, President of the Collegiate Chapter, greeted the delegates. The delegates were officially seated and the minutes of the 33rd State FFA Convention were

read and approved. James Prewitt, National Vice-President of Kirbyville, Texas, greeted the delegates. Dr. James A. McCain delivered a welcoming address and impressed the delegates with his interest in agriculture and farm boys. Delegates were assigned to 16 different committees and met from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to discuss common problems and make recommendations to the delegate body.

The second session opened at 1:30 p.m. with the Opening Ceremony. John Todhunter, of the Berryton Chapter, entertained the delegates with a ventriloquist act. Mr. Walter Pierce, President of the Kansas Farm Bureau, spoke on "The Road Ahead". Mr. Bill Cox, Public Relations Director of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, presented scholarships and other awards. The film, "Four Star Farmers 1961", was shown. Mr. Jim McGuire, Secretary of the Kansas Cooperative Council, presented the Kansas FFA Cooperative Activities awards. "Doc" Lorimor, of the Spearville Chapter entertained with a humorous reading. At 3:30, the delegates and guests heard the finals of the State FFA Public Speaking Contest. (Winners are reported in another section of this newsletter.) The second session adjourned with the Closing Ceremony.

The third session of the convention was held in the University Auditorium. The First State FFA Chorus, under the direction of Professor Morris Hayes, presented an excellent 30-minute concert. One hundred and

thirty-two chapter farmers were raised to the degree of State Farmer. National Vice-President, James Prewitt, inspired those in attendance, with an address. Four supporters of FFA and vocational agriculture were initiated as Honorary State Farmers. Gary Creager, LaCygne Chapter, and winner of the State Public Speaking Contest, delivered his talk. Eight State FFA Foundation Award winners were presented \$100 checks with due ceremony. Dennis Dechert, Colby Chapter, Star Farmer of Kansas, along with six District Star Farmers, was presented as the climax of the third session. The session adjourned with the official closing ceremony.

The fourth session of the convention was held in Williams Auditorium at 8:30 a. m., May 1. Miss Joan Wilhite, Yates Center, President of the State Association of FHA, brought greetings to the delegate body. Forty-two district winners in the FFA Foundation Awards Program were introduced and presented checks for \$25 each. Eighteen chapters were named "Kansas Gold Emblem" chapters, and were presented certificates of this award. The Hillsboro Chapter presented an entertaining safety skit. Mr. Jim Gibson, representing the Peace Corps, of Washington D. C., talked to the delegates on activities and opportunities in the Peace Corps. A large portion of this session was used for committee reports and conducting the business of the association.

The fifth and last session opened at 1 p. m., on May 1, and the election of state officers was conducted. Mr. Charles Manke, of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, presented 19 scholarship awards to graduating

seniors. Mr. Perry Miller, Manager, Kansas Rural Electric Cooperatives, presented a \$100 scholarship to Rick Waldren, of the Greeley County Chapter, and winner of the Farm Electrification Award. Dick Duling, Eskridge Chapter, and Doc Lorimor, entertained the afternoon session. The 1962-63 State FFA Officers were announced and initiated. The 34th State FFA Convention was adjourned at 3 p. m.

Dr. Charles Norton, Chairman of the College Contest Committee, announced the results of the various contests. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce presented appropriate trophies.

1962 CHAPTER AWARDS

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

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

The results of the 1962 National Chapter Awards Program and the Kansas Gold Emblem Chapter Contest follow on the next page.

(Continued)

Kansas Gold Emblem

1. Altamont, Norman Haigh
2. Arkansas City, Harold Van Cleave
3. Caney, Ralph Field
4. Colby, Ira Mann
5. Effingham, Roy Eck
6. Ellinwood, John Cragun
7. Ellsworth, Lester Crandall
8. Fort Scott, Milton Kohrs
9. Garden City, Kenneth Henderson
10. Lawrence, Roy Cropp
11. Manhattan, Merwin Stearns
12. Riley, Les Olsen
13. Russell, Sam Stenzel
14. St. Francis, Don Hall
15. Simpson, Bob Severance
16. Stockton, Floyd Blauer
17. Topeka, (Seaman), Marvin Smith
18. Tribune, James Grider

Superior Chapter Awards

1. Alma, Don Miller
2. Alta Vista, Rudy Titsworth
3. Bazine, Edward Brenner
4. Beloit, Larry Kepley
5. Buhler, J. A. Johnson
6. Burlingame, William Gordon
7. Clay Center, Dale Brooks
8. Columbus, Melvin Briley
9. Council Grove, Gordon Morrison
10. Courtland, Bruce Cleveland
11. Emporia, Eugene Walker
12. Ensign, David Williams
13. Eskridge, Terry Fanning
14. Eureka, James Pugh
15. Florence, Earl Wineinger
16. Garnett, Clarence Anderson
17. Girard, Jack McClaskey
18. Goessel, Jon Thole
19. Highland, Raymond Studer
20. Hill City, Joe Farrell
21. Holton, Harold Gentry
22. Iola, Edward Zahn
23. Jewell, Earl Wright
24. Kensington, Coy Allen

25. Kinsley, Don Elson
26. LaCygne, J. Roland Flory
27. Lebanon, Harold Severance
28. Longford, Chester Phillips
29. Mankato, Richard Elkins
30. Marysville, Stanley Larson
31. Medicine Lodge, Layle Lawrence
32. Miltonvale, Bill Fuller
33. Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain
34. Norcatur, Harold Loomis
35. Norton, Philip Finley
36. Oberlin, Don Guinn
37. Osage City, Richard Foster
38. Osborne, Jim Macy
39. Paola, Damon Slyter
40. Peabody, Gary Jones
41. Phillipsburg, Frank Freeman
42. Salina, Bill Smith
43. Smith Center, Charles Mantz
44. Troy, James Hundley
45. Uniontown, Wilbur Hart
46. Washington, Don Kastl

Standard Chapter Awards

1. Alton, Billy Wood
2. Atwood, Gerald Hundley
3. Burlington, Earle Simmons
4. Clifton, John Morgan
5. Dodge City, Allen Starosta
6. Hoisington, Marcus Oliphant
7. Hoxie, C.L. McIlvain
8. Kingman, Virgil Lake
9. Lebo, Richard Winder
10. Liberal, C. C. Griffin
11. Long Island, Joe Adams
12. Louisburg, Don Donley
13. McPherson, Richard Ramsdale
14. Ness City, Warren Stone
15. Oakley, Howard Wallace
16. Oxford, Harold Knewtson
17. Plainville, Marvin Hachmeister
18. Scandia, Marvin Ginter
19. Wamego, Ted Samuelson
20. Waterville, Willis Ringen
21. Winfield, Richard Tredway

1962 STATE FARMERS

There were 132 FFA members from 81 chapters elected to the State Farmer Degree at the 34th State FFA Convention, April 30, 1962. This brings the total number of FFA members elected to the State Farmer Degree to 2,875.

Name and Chapter

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| 1. Darrel Hosie, Abilene | 36. Donald Wallin, Courtland |
| 2. Pat Murphy, Abilene | 37. Paul Banks, Effingham |
| 3. LaVerne Myers, Abilene | 38. Robert Congrove, Effingham |
| 4. Ronald Feyh, Alma | 39. Robert Falk, Effingham |
| 5. Michael Maike, Alma | 40. Paul McLennon, Effingham |
| 6. Howard Neff, Alma | 41. John Schrader, Effingham |
| 7. Kenneth Schmanke, Alma | 42. Albert Vanek, Ellsworth |
| 8. Mike Hanchett, Almena | 43. Dale Weinhold, Ellsworth |
| 9. Kenneth Kepley, Altamont | 44. Gary Watts, Emporia |
| 10. Richard Knewtson, Altamont | 45. Robert Browning, Ensign |
| 11. Lee Steanson, Altamont | 46. Arlen Etling, Ensign |
| 12. John Sweat, Alton | 47. Richard Mentzer, Ensign |
| 13. Alan Thornburg, Alton | 48. William Frederick, Erie |
| 14. Johnny Crawshaw, Altoona | 49. Gerald Love, Fort Scott |
| 15. Charles Fail, Altoona | 50. Charles Timmons, Fredonia |
| 16. James Price, Altoona | 51. Harold Mai, Garden City |
| 17. John Clemente, Arkansas City | 52. Sam Brown, Girard |
| 18. Glen Gottlob, Arkansas City | 53. Randy Risley, Girard |
| 19. Donald Lutz, Berryton | 54. Gary Otte, Great Bend |
| 20. John Kroenlein, Beverly | 55. Neil Hayes, Haven |
| 21. Craig Seymour, Bird City | 56. Leroy Schmidt, Haven |
| 22. Darrel Schmidt, Buhler | 57. Cecil Stade, Haven |
| 23. Robert Truelove, Burlington | 58. Johnny Jones, Herington |
| 24. Carl Freidline, Caney | 59. Larry Campbell, Hill City |
| 25. Roger Fickel, Chanute | 60. Ray Penner, Hillsboro |
| 26. William Taylor, Chanute | 61. Dean Stous, Holton |
| 27. Bill Chamberlin, Chapman | 62. Gary Reitcheck, Hoxie |
| 28. Kenneth Hoffman, Chapman | 63. Donald Ferguson, Kensington |
| 29. Renard Rosenhagen, Cheney | 64. Ed Graber, Kingman |
| 30. Robert Carlson, Clay Center | 65. Richard Neville, Kingman |
| 31. Jerry Siebold, Clay Center | 66. Gary Creager, LaCygne |
| 32. Ronald Taddiken, Clay Center | 67. George Hightower, LaCygne |
| 33. Dennie Dechert, Colby | 68. Jim Norton, LaCygne |
| 34. Jon Holt, Columbus | 69. Richard Teagarden, LaCygne |
| 35. Michael Moore, Courtland | 70. Kenneth Breithaupt, Lawrence |
| | 71. Larry Green, Lawrence |
| | 72. William Sutton, Lawrence |
| | 73. Larry Tuckel, Lawrence |
| | 74. Joseph Befort, Lebanon |
| | 75. John Rypma, Lebanon |
| | 76. John Benfer, Longford |
| | 77. Barnet Cox, Long Island |
| | 78. Stephen Cox, Long Island |
| | 79. Keith Ross, Long Island |
| | 80. Glenn Raines, Louisburg |
| | 81. Jim Wise, Louisburg |
| | 82. Robert Dobson, Manhattan |

1962 State Farmers (cont.)

83. Steven Krispense, Marion
84. Gordon Crome, Marysville
85. Laryl Holle, Marysville
86. Calvin Flaharty, McCune
87. Lowell Yoder, McPherson
88. Bruce Campbell, Miltonvale
89. Paul Hayse, Mullinville
90. Kenneth Jackson, Norcatour
91. Norman Strayer, Norton
92. Ronald Wudtke, Norton
93. Bob DeMay, Oberlin
94. Ralph Unger, Oberlin
95. Lynn Hartwich, Onaga
96. Paul Lundgren, Osage City
97. Barry Romine, Osage City
98. Bill Koelsch, Paola
99. Albert Strecker, Paradise
100. Ronald Hirst, Partridge
101. Melvin Eltiste, Phillipsburg
102. Ronald Morrison, Phillipsburg
103. Carl Schuetz, Powhattan
104. Douglas Williams, Preston
105. John Olsen, Riley
106. Albert Weimaster, Russell
107. Glenn Zwegardt, St. Francis
108. Richard Carlson, St. Marys
109. Paul Schettler, St. Paul
110. David Cromwell, Salina
111. Ross Crane, Severy
112. Herbert Lambert, Silver Lake
113. Vernon Adams, Simpson
114. Larry Motes, Simpson
115. Roney Joy, Smith Center
116. Carrol Jungel, Solomon
117. Keith Neaderhiser, Solomon
118. Dale Bigge, Stockton
119. Richard Ellis, Stockton
120. Richard Williams, Stockton
121. Robert MacArthur, Topeka (Seaman)
122. Larry Miles, Topeka (Seaman)
123. Melvin Bishop, Tribune
124. Rick Waldren, Tribune
125. Paul Woolfolk, Tribune
126. Keith Grant, Udall
127. Robert Martin, Uniontown
128. Francis Arganbright, Waterville

129. Devere Brothers, Winfield
130. Loren Taylor, Winfield
131. George Collins, Yates Center
132. J. D. Old, Yates Center

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1962 HONORARY STATE FARMERS

Four men were initiated as Honorary State Farmers on the evening of April 30, 1962, as a feature of the 34th State FFA Convention. They were:

1. Mr. John Giddens, Director, St. Joseph Livestock Market Foundation, St. Joseph, Missouri.
2. Mr. Vern Albrecht, Registered Duroc Swine Breeder, Smith Center, Kansas.
3. Mr. Thaine D. McCormick, Director, State Board for Vocational Education, Topeka, Kansas.
4. Mr. Conrad Dechert, Father of Dennie Dechert, Colby, Kansas - (Star Farmer of Kansas 1962).

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NOTICE: During the State FFA Convention, a questionnaire concerning the reading habits of farm boys was distributed to instructors. In the rush of events at that time, not many questionnaires were completed. If the questionnaires can be completed at home and returned to Mr. Hofmeyer it would be much appreciated. Materials should be addressed to K. J. Hofmeyer, N-25 Jar. Terr., Manhattan, Kansas.

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CONGRATULATIONS

1962 NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS IN KANSAS

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

Lebanon	\$ 25
Effingham	\$ 25
Uniontown	\$ 25

Star Farmer of Kansas

Dennie Dechert, Colby \$200

BEEF PRODUCTION AWARD

State Winner

John Schrader, Effingham \$100

District Star Farmers

John Schrader, Effingham	\$ 50
Vernon Adams, Simpson	\$ 50
Rick Waldren, Tribune	\$ 50
Renard Rosenhagen, Cheney	\$ 50
Charles Fail, Altoona	\$ 50
Gary Creager, LaCygne	\$ 50

District Winners

Larry Tuckel, Lawrence	\$ 25
Richard Mentzer, Ensign	\$ 25
Terry Odle, Stockton	\$ 25
Myron Lawson, Riley	\$ 25
Sam Brown, Girard	\$ 25
Ray Purdy, Oxford	\$ 25

FARM SAFETY AWARD

State Winner

Ellsworth \$100

SHEEP PRODUCTION AWARD

State Winner

Lowell Yoder, McPherson \$100

District Winners

LaCygne	\$ 25
Tribune	\$ 25
Ellinwood	\$ 25

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District Winners

David Cromwell, Jalina \$ 25
Clyde Hoover, Lawrence \$ 25

SWINE PRODUCTION AWARDState Winner

Kenneth Breithaupt, Lawrence \$100

District Winners

Bill Young, Norton \$ 25
John Schrader, Effingham \$ 25

DAIRY PRODUCTION AWARDState Winner

Rolland Bircher, Ellsworth \$100

District Winners

Rick Waldren, Tribune \$ 25
George Hightower, LaCygne \$ 25
Gerald Machin, Russell \$ 25
Joe Gaines, Peabody \$ 25

CROPS FARMING AWARDState Winner

Arlen Etling, Ensign \$100

District Winners

John Olson, Riley \$ 25
George Hightower, LaCygne \$ 25
Gerald Machin, Russell \$ 25

SOIL & WATER MANAGEMENT AWARDState Winner

Richard Miller, Norton \$100

District Winner

Gordon Crome, Marysville \$ 25

FARM MECHANICS AWARDState Winner

Wesley Duerksen, Goessel \$100

District Winners

Larry Tuckel, Lawrence \$ 25
Gordon Crome, Marysville \$ 25
Larry Kern, Salina \$ 25
Harold Younger, Lebanon \$ 25

FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDState Winner

Rick Waldren, Tribune \$100

District Winners

Roger Johnson, Salina \$ 25
Gerald Machin, Russell \$ 25
Carl Schuetz, Powhattan \$ 25

PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDState Winner

Gary Creager, LaCygne \$100

Second Place Winner

Arlen Etling, Ensign \$ 50

Third Place Winner

Don Ferguson, Kensington \$ 25

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1962 STATE FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The Thirty-third State FFA Public Speaking Contest was held on the campus of Kansas State University on Monday, April 30, 1962. There were twenty outstanding young men who

reached the State Contest!

The winners of the first four places were as follows:

1st - Gary Creager, LaCygne Chapter -
"How Vital is American Agriculture to World Peace"

John Ploger, Kinsley Chapter -
"Government Control and Farming"

Reece Mitchell, Lawrence Chapter -
"This I Believe"

Robert Dobson, Manhattan Chapter -
"Is There A Future in Farming for Me?"

2nd - Arlen Etling, Ensign Chapter -
"How Vital is American Agriculture to World Peace"

Calvin Flaharty, McCune Chapter -
"Automation for Agriculture"

3rd - Don Ferguson, Kensington Chapter -
"Government Intervention in Agriculture"

Bill Young, Norton Chapter -
"A Future Farmer's Challenge"

4th - Robert MacArthur, Seaman Chapter -
"Farmers Are Businessmen Too"

Albert Weimaster, Russell Chapter -
"Agricultural Careers - Opportunities Unlimited"

Other participants and the titles of their speeches alphabetically by schools as follow:

Richard Carlson, St. Marys Chapter -
"Agriculture VS Industry"

Richard Knewton, Altamont Chapter -
"Let Us Face Tomorrow"

Roger Johnson, Salina Chapter -
"Fish Farming"

Robert Mayhill, Arkansas City Chapter -
"Does a Farmer Need an Education?"

Buzz Houston, Winfield Chapter -
"Agriculture and Youth"

Donald Lutz, Berryton Chapter -
"Why Be A Farmer?"

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Lonnie Willis, Bird City Chapter -
"The Importance of Research to Agriculture"

Joe B. Detrixhe, Concordia Chapter -
"Farming and Youth" -- Today and Tomorrow

Lloyd Prochaska, Ellsworth Chapter -
"This World and the Next"

Randy Risley, Girard Chapter -
"Fountain of Death"

1962-63 STATE FFA OFFICERS

Thirty outstanding young men were nominated by their chapters for state office. Each candidate was interviewed by the district state farmer reviewing committee and a quota for each district was recommended to the state nominating committee. From this group, ten outstanding young men were placed on the ballot. The delegates to the 34th State FFA Convention then voted on and elected the following officers of the Kansas Association for the 1962-63 year.

(Continued on following page)

1962-63 State FFA Officers (Cont.)

President Glen Gottlob
 Arkansas City Chapter

Vice-President... Arlen Etling
 Ensign Chapter

Secretary..... Don Ferguson
 Kensington Chapter

Treasurer.....Dennie Dechert
 Colby Chapter

Reporter Robert MacArthur
 Seaman Chapter

Sentinel..... Gary Creager
 LaCygne Chapter

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NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
TALENT NEEDED

The following are quotes from a letter from National Executive Secretary, William Paul Gray: -

FFA talent will play an important part in this year's national convention program. Present plans call for talent shows to be presented on Wednesday evening, and just prior to the closing session on Friday. In addition, talent will be used during the regular convention sessions and at special banquets or other activities such as service club meetings.

We solicit your aid in providing outstanding FFA talent for the convention.

The following rules and regulations will govern talent participation:

I. Selection of Talent

- (1) Each State will be limited to two entertainment acts. The nature of these acts to be left to the discretion of the State association. (vocal or musical solos, quartets, small instrumental groups, comedians, novelty acts, master of ceremonies).
- (2) The manner in which the acts are selected at the State level will be the responsibility of the State association.
- (3) All entertainers and acts will be auditioned in Room 400 of the Auditorium from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. and from 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 1962. Vern Freeh, Director of Talent and his assistants will select the acts which will appear on the various talent shows as a result of these auditions. No acts or entertainers will perform unless they have first been auditioned.

II. Submitting Talent Entries

- (1) State associations are to submit an entry blank for each individual or group entertainment act to the National Office on or before August 30, 1962.
- (2) Because of the time required for auditions and rehearsals, FFA members who are participating as talent should not have other specific responsibilities at the convention, such as being a delegate, member of a

judging team, etc.

III. Recognition and Reimbursement

- (1) FFA members who are selected by State associations to participate in convention talent programs will be reimbursed for a portion of their expenses if they take part in the auditions, and are chosen to perform at the convention. Reimbursement will be in the nature of travel funds which will be paid to the individual performers at the convention. Funds will be allocated proportionately based on a system of four zones determined by the distance of State capitals to Kansas City. This is outlined in FFA Foundation Bulletin No. 2 - page 11.
- (2) FFA members who are selected to participate in the National Convention on the basis of auditions at Kansas City, will receive an attractive "talent pin" to signify that they have performed at the National Convention.
- (3) A group picture will be taken of all performers. One print will be presented to each performer and the directors.

NOTE: If any chapter desires to submit an entry in the talent program they should request the forms from the State FFA Office in Topeka immediately.-JWL

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FFA LIVESTOCK GRADING SCHOOL

A livestock grading school for vocational agriculture students was held in the Kansas City Livestock Sales Pavilion on March 28. The school was arranged by Mr. Jim Leathers of the Kansas City Livestock Companies, and the major packing plants cooperated in furnishing the animals for grading demonstrations and practice. The noon lunch was provided by the Kansas City Livestock Yards. Classes were conducted in grading market cattle, feeder and stocker cattle, market hogs, and fat and feeder classes of lambs. Each school was asked to limit the number attending to five students. The following FFA chapters from Kansas participated in the event:

Alta Vista	Highland Park
Eskridge	(Topeka)
Paola	Seaman (Topeka)
Silver Lake	Parke r

Seventeen FFA chapters from western Missouri participated in the event. Schools who are located in the East Central part of the state may want to consider attending this very worthwhile event in future years.

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COUNTY COLLECTIVE BOOTH
SPACE AVAILABLE

Space is now available for one FFA chapter in any part of the state who might want to sponsor a county collective booth at either the Mid-America Fair in Topeka or the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, or the same booth may be used both places. The Mid-America Fair averages about \$100 premium and the State Fair about \$110, based on points earned from the score card. Notify the state office if interested. - JWL

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA FOR 1961-62

1. Dennie Dechert, of Colby, was declared the 1962 Star Farmer of Kansas.
2. Armin Nelson, McPherson Chapter, was declared National Winner in Crops Farming in the National FFA Foundation Awards Program.
3. Roger Ratslaff, Goessel Chapter, placed 2nd in the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest in Kansas City, Missouri, October 10, 1961.
4. There were 187 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas, with a total enrollment of 6,203.
5. There were 186 FFA chapters in good standing with the State Association.
6. The Kansas Association has an active FFA membership of 6,674 members. This is 108% on the basis of enrollment.
7. Seven Kansas FFA members were awarded the American Farmer Degree at the 34th National FFA Convention.
8. The Effingham and Arkansas City Chapters won the Gold Emblem Classification in the 1961 National Emblem Awards Program.
9. Ten Kansas FFA members played in the 1961 National FFA Band.
10. Kansas teams participating in National FFA judging contests won two Gold and three silver emblem classifications.
11. Kansas claimed 21 prize winners in the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Program.
12. The Burlingame Chapter placed first in the booth exhibits and the Altamont Chapter placed first in the Farm Mechanics displays at the Topeka Fair.
13. State FFA Convention delegates met in five business sessions while attending the 34th Annual State Convention in Manhattan. Delegates were members who were not judging contestants.
14. The Goessel Chapter placed first in the Farm Mechanics exhibits at the State Fair at Hutchinson and the Buhler Chapter placed first in the county booth displays at the State Fair.
15. One hundred thirty-two Chapter Farmers from 81 chapters were raised to the State Farmer Degree at the 34th Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA.
16. Four Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded.
17. The second State FFA Leadership Training Camp was held near Goddard, Kansas. Officers from 36 chapters took part in the three-day program of leadership training and recreation.
18. Eleven District FFA Leadership Schools were held throughout Kansas. As a result, nearly 100%

of the chapters' officers could respectably open and close a meeting by October 1.

19. Thirty-nine large colored roadside bill-board signs were placed throughout Kansas in February, calling attention to National FFA Week.
20. Kansas FFA members and chapters shared in receiving \$2,431.23 in awards from the National FFA Foundation, Inc.
21. The Kansas Association was honored by having the National FFA Vice-President from the Southern Region, James Prewitt, Kirbyville, Texas, present to assist with the State Convention.
22. One hundred three-man teams entered the 1962 annual high school livestock judging contest. Fifty-two two-man teams entered one or more areas of the six farm mechanics contests, and in addition, 20 individuals competed in the FFA Public Speaking Contest.

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SOME OF THE BENEFITS OR
VALUES OF A HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAM IN VOCATIONAL
AGRICULTURE

by E. O. Bolender - Ohio

We are now approaching the time of the year when incoming 9th graders will be selecting their courses for the 1962-63 school year or probably for their entire school career. If one of these boys were talking with you and you were a Senior vo-ag student, what benefits or values would

you tell him you had received? What you say will probably weigh heavily on his decision. You know he will be looking to you as an enthusiastic and satisfied customer.

Would you tell him that your ultimate objective was to become established in farming and that vocational agriculture was a definite help to you in getting a "toe hold" in farming?

That your farming program provided you with an opportunity to accumulate some livestock, some equipment, and a balanced experience which you consider invaluable in managing these assets as you progress in farming?

Maybe you will give emphasis to the increased attitude you develop toward being responsible. You know it is different when you are preparing for a sow to farrow in which you have \$75 invested and which has already consumed \$30 worth of feed. To operate a \$4000 tractor in which you have a substantial partnership, or maybe a full owner, is different from driving the other fellow's tractor.

It may be that your emphasis will be in the direction of operative skills you acquired and the opportunity you had in developing leadership ability. Many boys have said that the experiences gained through participating in parliamentary procedure, public speaking, and serving as a delegate to the state and national conventions have been the high spot in their entire vocational agriculture career.

For those not particularly interested in farming, but in a career in agriculture, your vo-ag experience can be an invaluable experience. It will give you a better understanding and

appreciate of life on the farm and its relationship to those with whom you will be working. Employers in related industries have definitely given expression to the value of a vo-ag experience when those not desiring to farm are seeking an opportunity in a related career.

Yes, these are some of the benefits a satisfied senior would express to a prospective 9th grader? What do you as a teacher have to add?

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION RATE
TO BE INCREASED

The subscription rate of the National Future Farmer Magazine will be increased to .50 per year beginning July 1, 1962. The magazine has not raised in price since it was begun. The number of issues has been increased from four to six and the quality of the magazine has been maintained at a high level. Although advertising has been increased, the magazine has still continued to lose money. It is felt the magazine must begin to pay its own way, consequently, the increase in subscription rate.

The official delegates to the recent FFA Convention voted to raise the amount of dues sent to the State Association from .75 per member to \$1.00 per member to offset the increased cost of the magazine and at the same time, continue to send this very valuable publicity tool to people who are interested in the Future Farmers of America.

The dues next fall will consequently

be \$1.00 per member as follows:

- .10 - National FFA Dues
- .40 - State FFA Dues
- .50 - Yearly subscription to National Magazine

A summary of subscriptions to the National Magazine in the Central Region is as follows:

State	Subs. Received	% of membership Subscribed
Iowa	11,288	115.25
Minnesota	14,532	114.33
Nebraska	5,929	111.61
Kentucky	13,148	109.03
Ohio	11,925	106.24
Indiana	10,258	104.84
Kansas	7,054	104.71
Michigan	10,768	101.02
North Dakota	2,625	100.19
South Dakota	2,192	72.74
Missouri	7,565	62.81
Illinois	8,197	54.26
Wisconsin	6,650	46.29
	112,131	89.39

DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Tuesday, July 17, Wichita, Cudahy Packing Plant Meat Grading and Judging School.
2. Friday, July 20, Great Bend, Thies Packing Plant, Meat Grading and Judging School.
3. Thursday, July 26, St. Joseph, Exchange Building, Meat Grading and Judging School.
4. October 10 - 12, 1962, National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri.

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April 26, 1962

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

Gentlemen:

I have examined the records of Mr. F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, who resigned June 30, 1961, and Mr. John W. Lacey, new Executive Secretary of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, for the period beginning April 1, 1961, and ending March 31, 1962, and herewith submit my report with the following exhibits and comments:

EXHIBIT A - General Fund - Cash Receipts and Disbursements from
 April 1, 1961 to March 31, 1962

EXHIBIT B - Sears Sheep Project Fund - Cash Receipts and Disbursements from April 1, 1961 to
 March 31, 1962.

EXHIBIT C - Reconcilement of the Cash Account from April 1, 1961 to
 March 31, 1962, with adjustments to the Bank Balance as of
 March 31, 1962.

CASH BALANCE - \$ 12,495.45

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

As of March 31, 1962, the Association's cash was on desposit in the First National Bank of Topeka and was subject to withdrawal by checks signed by Mr. John W. Lacey, Executive Secretary of the Association of Future Farmers of America.

INVESTMENTS - \$ 1,229.20

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

BOND NO.	MATURITY		REDEEMABLE VALUE
	VALUE	COST	MARCH 31, 1962
C 113715 J	100.00	72.00	87.80
C 113716 J	100.00	72.00	87.80
C 113717 J	100.00	72.00	87.80
C 113718 J	100.00	72.00	87.80
M 111553 J	1,000.00	720.00	878.00
TOTALS	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,008.00</u>	<u>1,229.20</u>

The bonds are kept in a Safety Deposit Box in the vaults of the 1st National Bank of Topeka. Persons with authorized access to the box is Mr. John W. Lacey, Executive Secretary. The bonds were inspected by me on April 26, 1962.

OTHER COMMENTS

On October 1, 1961, Mr. John W. Lacey, Executive Secretary, was bonded to the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, in the amount of \$ 2,000.00

Since the audit was confined to the records of the Association, this auditor does not certify to correctness of the classifications of Receipts or Disbursements in this audit period.

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

EXHIBIT A

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - - GENERAL FUND

FROM APRIL 1, 1961 to MARCH 31, 1962

RECEIPTS

Dues Collected - 6674 members @ 50¢ each	3,337.00
Magazine Subscriptions - 6637 @ 25¢	1,659.25
Sale of Charms, Pins, Uniforms, Jackets, Etc.	630.35
Chicago, Burlington RR - Awards	100.00
Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe - Awards	800.00
Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe - Scholarships	800.00
National Future Farmers of America - Awards	1,529.12
National Future Farmers of America - Refunds on Public Speaking Contest, National Judging Contest & Safety Award Expense	146.79
Interstate Printers & Publishers - Royalty on Account Books	297.24
Percent of Calendars Sales	221.54
Farm City Project	325.00
Deposit of Travel Course	857.00
Summer Camp	2,147.00
Consumers Cooperative Association	109.93
United Sales and Service	3.19
Overpayment on Dues, Subscriptions, etc.	82.65
National Future Farmer	147.70
Percent of Subscriptions	179.59
Misc. Receipts	11.05
Total Receipts	<u>13,384.40</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Awards	2,335.00
State and National Conventions Expenses	1,119.01
Purchase of Charms, Pins, Uniforms, Jackets, etc., for Resale	731.03
Magazine Subscriptions	1,690.62
National Future Farmers of America - Dues	673.70
Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe RR - Scholarships	800.00
Expense of State Officers	80.87
Expense of Public Speaking & National Judging Contests	295.29
Expense of Leadership School	85.49
State Office Expenses - Supplies & Services	52.90
Summer Camp Expense	2,054.70
Advertising - FFA Week Posters and Postage	132.00
Calendars	46.65
Farm City Project	268.27
Travel Course Expense	626.67
Travel Course Refunds	300.10
Misc. Expense	8.40
Refunds of Overpayments on Dues, Subscriptions, etc.,	93.50
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	11,394.20
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EXHIBIT BKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICARECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - - SEARS SHEEP PROJECTFROM APRIL 1, 1961 TO MARCH 31, 1962RECEIPTS

Chapter Repayments	4,625.75
Sears Roebuck Foundation	500.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,125.75
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DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Sheep Purchased Including Transportation Charges	4,319.79
Insurance on Rams	108.80
Trophies	28.08
Entertainment of Guests	112.50
Refunds on Overpayments	110.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	4,679.17
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KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
RECONCILEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FROM APRIL 1, 1961 TO MARCH 31, 1962

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BANK BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1962

GENERAL FUND

April 1, 1961 - Cash Balance	7,888.49	
Total Cash Receipts from April 1, 1961 to March 31, 1962 - Exhibit A	13,384.40	
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	21,272.89	
Total Cash Disbursements from April 1, 1961 to March 31, 1962 - See Exhibit A	11,394.20	
March 31, 1962 - Cash Balance		9,878.69

SEARS SHEEP PROJECT

April 1, 1961 - Cash Balance	2,170.18	
Total Cash Receipts from April 1, 1961 to March 31, 1962 - Exhibit B	5,125.75	
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	7,295.93	
Total Cash Disbursements from April 1, 1961 to March 31, 1962 - Exhibit B	4,679.17	
March 31, 1962 - Cash Balance		2,616.76
TOTAL CASH BALANCE - March 31, 1962		12,495.45

ADD: - OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF MARCH 31, 1962

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
1-11-60	81	Gary Busboom	1.00	
10-20-60	253	Blue Valley FFA Chapter	.50	
11- 2-60	270	Highland Park FFA Chapter	.75	
11-30-60	294	Altoona FFA Chapter	18.73	
2-10-61	330		5.00	
3-13-61	339	Valley Falls FFA Chapter	24.00	
1- 3-61	505	Jewell FFA Chapter	.50	
2-15-62	550	Billy Williams	200.00	
				250.48
March 31, 1962 - Balance Shown by the Bank Statement				12,745.93

RESULTS OF 1962 STATE HIGH
SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL JUDGING CONTESTS

Gold Emblem Teams - Dairy Husbandry

Clay Center, Dale Brooks, Advisor
Phillipsburg, Frank Freeman, Advisor
Chanute, Charles Carter, Advisor
Salina, Bill Smith, Advisor
Belleville, Carl Beyer, Advisor
Hugoton, Kenneth Pfaff, Advisor
Riverton, Gilbert Arnold, Advisor
High Individual - Roger Fickel - Chanute

Gold Emblem Teams - Animal Husbandry

Altamont, Gary Cromwell, Advisor
Kensington, Coy Allen, Advisor
McPherson, Richard Ramsdale, Advisor
Newton, Ralph Karns, Advisor
Arkansas City, H V Cleave, Advisor
Lawrence, Cropp & Gehlbach, Advisors
Seaman, (Topeka), M.E. Smith, Advisor
Salina, Bill Smith, Advisor
High Individual - Don Ferguson -
Kensington

Gold Emblem Teams - Poultry Contest

Altamont, Gary Cromwell, Advisor
Manhattan, Merwin Stearns, Advisor
Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain, Advisor
Belleville, Carl Beyer, Advisor
Riley County, Les Olsen, Advisor
High Individual - Robert Dobson -
Manhattan

Top Five Teams - Agronomy

Altamont, Norman Haigh, Advisor
Riverton, Gilbert Arnold, Advisor
Lawrence, Cropp & Gehlbach, Advisors
Ellsworth, Lester Crandall, Advisor
Beloit, Larry Kepley, Advisor
High Individual - Eddie Meeks -
Altamont

Gold Emblem Teams - Entomology

Lawrence, Cropp & Gehlbach, Advisors
Bazine, Edward Brenner, Advisor
Florence, Earl Wineinger, Advisor
Great Bend, Fred Schulthess, Advisor
High Individual - Norman Beeghley -
Lawrence

Gold Emblem Teams - Dairy Products

Belleville, Carl Beyer, Advisor
Manhattan, Merwin Stearns, Advisor
Riley County, Les Olsen, Advisor
Clay Center, Dale Brooks, Advisor
Mankato, Richard Elkins, Advisor
High Individual - Lee Stadel -
Manhattan

RESULTS OF 1962 STATE HIGH
SCHOOL FARM MECHANICS CONTESTS

Gold Emblem Teams - Farm Welding

Altamont, Jack Shell, Advisor
Fredonia, Stanley Lewis, Advisor
Lawrence, Cropp & Gehlbach, Advisors
Winfield, Richard Tredway, Advisor
Clay Center, Dale Brooks, Advisor
High Individual - Richard Simon -
Altamont

Gold Emblem Teams - Soil Conservation

Lyndon, Frank Forest, Advisor
Syracuse, Virgil Hecker, Advisor
Altamont, Norman Haigh, Advisor
Smith Center, Charles Mantz, Advisor
High Individual - Ray Lippert, - Lyndon

Gold Emblem Teams - Farm Shop Tools

Lyndon, Frank Forest, Advisor
 Paola, Damon Slyter, Advisor
 Altoona, John Davis, Advisor
 Wilson, Delbert Schrag, Advisor
 High Individual - Devere Brothers -
 Winfield

Gold Emblem Teams - Farm Carpentry
& Concrete

Lyndon, Frank Forest, Advisor
 Lawrence, Gehlbach & Cropp, Advisors
 Goessel, Jon Thole, Advisor
 Ellinwood, John Cragun, Advisor
 High Individual - Ray Lippert - Lyndon

Gold Emblem Teams - Farm Power &
Machinery

Altamont, Jack Shell, Advisor
 McPherson, Richard Ramsdale,
 Advisor
 Humboldt, Marcell Tinkler, Advisor
 Kincaid, Sam Harris, Advisor
 High Individual - Richard Woolery -
 Kincaid

Gold Emblem Teams - Rural Electri-
fication

Lyndon, Fran Forest, Advisor
 Altamont, Jack Shell, Advisor
 Altoona, John Davis, Advisor
 Paola, Damon Slyter, Advisor
 Winfield, Richard Tredway, Advisor
 High Individual - Galen Eklund -
 Lyndon

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

As your State FFA Vice-President, it now becomes my duty and privilege to report to you, the delegates of the 34th State FFA Convention, of my activities while serving you as the 1961-62 Vice-President.

Last August 11, Dwayne Dietz and I left Wakeeney, Kansas, on a thousand mile trip which took in the Illinois State Fair at Springfield, Illinois, the boyhood home of Mark Twain, at Hannibal, Missouri, the Chicago Museum of Natural History in Chicago, Illinois, and ended on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan, at Camp Miniwanca. During the following two weeks which we spent at Camp Miniwanca, we engaged in sports, both on teams and as individuals, we enjoyed the beauties of nature, which was complete with racoons in our cabins and poison ivy along the pathways to the showers and swimming area. But far more important than the fun which we had, we studied; in classes especially designed to continue in the development of leadership in many areas, democnrcacy and Christianity being emphasized the most. I feel that the leadership training which I received at Camp Miniwanca has aided me not only in the past months of FFA work, but in almost any endeavor which I have found myself preparing to undertake. I feel that it will continue to be a great help to me in the years to come.

Shortly after school started last fall, I attended three days of leadership schools in the western part of the state. Among the schools which I attended were the leadership schools at Palco, September 25, Oberlin, September 26, and

Dodge City, on September 27. I felt that it was a pleasure indeed to be able to assist Mr. Marvin Castle, of the State FFA Office, with directing these schools.

Next were the two days at Kansas City serving the Kansas Association as an official delegate at the 34th National FFA Convention, lasting from October 11 through October 13.

One evening during the last week of October, I attended the Riley County Chapter's Greenhand Initiation ceremonies and evening meeting. On March 3, I helped the North Central District Executive Committee interview state officer candidates and review and select successful State Farmer candidates from that district. During April, I attended Parent-Son banquets at Elk City and Highland Park. Since that time I have been very busy preparing for the state convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Milam Jones, Vice-President
Kansas Association of FFA - 1961-62

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

The last 12 months have been the highlight of my life. I shall never forget the inspiring and educational period that I have served working with the most outstanding group of young men the nation has.

My role as State President went into full operation on July 31, 1961. It was then that I attended the Co-op Family Camp at Estes Park, Colorado. On August 4, the Council flew me from Estes Park to Camp Fellowship by way of a DC-7 plane for the opening of the 2nd Annual State FFA Leadership Camp. While at the camp I enjoyed visiting and working with Jerry McGown, State Secretary, Mike Dikeman, State Reporter, and Tommy Riffe, State Sentinel. It was inspiring for me to assist at a camp where 217 FFA members, advisors, state officers, and staff were gathered for training in leadership.

After the State FFA Camp, I returned home where I assisted my father in operating our farm. August 31, I traveled with Mr. C. C. Eustace to the Farm Bureau Commodity Conference at Rock Springs. While at the conference I met many prominent Kansas agricultural leaders.

September 9, I met with the other state officers in Topeka, where we attended FFA Day at the Mid-America Fair. After leaving the fair grounds we, the state officers, Mr. Lacey, Dr. Agan, and Professor Bradley, met at the state office where the program of work was approved and assignments for the district leadership schools were made along with making assignments to the National FFA Convention.

I had the privilege of attending two excellent district leadership schools on September 25 and 26 at Emporia and Chanute. The host chapters did a tremendous job in making the leadership schools a success. I think these schools enabled the officers in attendance to enjoy a most accomplishing year.

On the evening of October 11 I met Jerry McGown at Kansas City where we accepted the voting responsibilities as delegates to the National FFA Convention. It was most inspirational and educational for me to represent the Kansas Association at the business sessions of the Convention.

February 12, I traveled with Mr. Lacey and Professor Galle to attend a banquet at the Kansas Electric Cooperatives Incorporated Convention at Wichita. I extended appreciation to the Electric Cooperatives for the \$100 scholarship they are making available annually to the State FFA winner in farm electrification.

I had the honor of representing the Kansas Association of FFA at the State FFA Convention on March 10 in Topeka. You can be assured the convention was inspiring as well as enjoyable.

March 17, I traveled with Mr. Shoaf to Smith Center, where a great task laid ahead of us - that of selecting from eight outstanding boys - three who would be eligible to remain as candidates for state officers. The Northwest District can be equally proud of all eight boys as they displayed outstanding qualities of leadership.

Throughout the year I have had the honor of attending Parent-Son banquets at Alma, Chapman, Clay Center, Effingham, Highland, Peabody, Rossville, Seaman, and Silver Lake. I can truthfully say the boys operated these banquets quite professionally. After the convention I will be attending banquets at Troy and Wakeeney.

I also attended at Greenhand Initiation ceremony at Waterville and a regular chapter meeting at Manhattan which were quite impressive.

I can think of nothing more valuable than to have served you as state president. The training I have had during my term of office will assist me as I go on in life. I shall always remember the acquaintances and cooperation I have received from my fellow state officers. I can never show enough gratitude to the advisors and state supervisors for the assistance they have given me. I also want to thank each future farmer in Kansas for a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Erpelding, President
Kansas Association of FFA

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

Last year at the final session of the State Convention I felt a great deal of pride that the delegates of that convention entrusted to me the position of State Treasurer of the Kansas Association of FFA. I didn't realize the tremendous challenge and opportunities that faced me.

After being elected to a State FFA Office, I had one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. This was a two weeks trip to Camp Miniwanca on the shore of Lake Michigan with Milam Jones, the State Vice-President. We were taken to Michigan by Mr. and Mrs. Loren Detwiler of Wakeeney. The experiences which we received at this leadership camp were a great help to me this past year and I am sure will continue to help me in the future.

The experience of being a state officer is indeed a rewarding and educational one. I wish every FFA member could have some of the same experiences I have had as a state officer. If he could have had some of these experiences, I'm sure that he would realize the value of the FFA more fully. At the end of this convention, I will be stepping down from my state officer position. There will be a feeling of sadness in my heart but it will be mixed with the memories of the experiences that I have had this past year.

On September 25 and 26, I attended some very fine leadership schools at Clay Center and Holton. This was my first opportunity to personally help with an FFA contest. These chapters are to be congratulated.

I have had the opportunity and privilege of attending the Emporia and Jetmore Parent-Son banquets. To you whose banquets I did attend, I would like to again congratulate you on the fine job that each of you have done in promoting agriculture and FFA. In the future I have another banquet engagement and I am sure that another wonderful experience awaits me.

As my term draws to a close, I would like to thank those who have helped me attain the position and serve as State FFA Treasurer.

I will always look back with pride for the opportunity of being one of six that was chosen from approximately 7000 Kansas FFA boys to help lead and represent FFA in Kansas for the year of 1961-62.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwayne Dietz, Treasurer
Kansas Association of FFA - 1961-62

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

This year I am deeply thankful to you, the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, for the privilege of holding such a challenging office - the State Secretary's office. As many of you know the Future Farmers of America organization is the largest single organization for farm boys; I can truthfully testify that through the FFA, opportunities are unlimited. The FFA is the most worthwhile, character-building organization of America that is producing the educated, respected leaders of tomorrow. The many people you meet and friends you make are good, clean, and wholesome.

As many of you know, three of my fellow state officers and I attended the 2nd Annual State Camp at Goddard, Kansas, last summer. We assisted the state staff members with the activities of the camp and enjoyed the fellowship, fun, and good will.

After the state camp we held our first state officers meeting in Topeka during the Mid-America Fair. During the fair we made an appearance on the grounds and looked over the exhibits. Later we discussed the activities for the District Leadership Training Schools and the National Convention. Each officer was designated certain District Leadership Schools to attend and some of the officers were to serve as delegates to the National FFA Convention.

On September 25 and 26 I attended the District Leadership Schools at Harper and Buhler with Mr. Lacey, our State FFA Executive Secretary. I was well pleased with the leadership schools, especially the methods used in conducting them and the very fine leadership and knowledge that was exhibited.

During the middle of the National FFA Convention, Larry Erpelding, our State FFA President, and I, served as alternate delegates in the place of Milam Jones, our State Vice-President, and Mike Dikeman, our State Reporter. During the convention, Larry and I attended several banquets and suppers at the Hotel Muehlebach and Hotel President. On the last day we were entertained at the Horse Show during the American Royal. Two of the most interesting and most worthwhile events of the National Convention was the announcement of the Star Farmer of America and the film, "Four Star Farmers". These are two of the most inspiring events in the FFA organization that every FFA member should have a chance to see.

On March 9, I spoke at the Parent-Son Banquet held at my home town, McCune.

I will always remember my wonderful experiences as your State Secretary, and again, I wish to say that I will always be thankful to you, the members of the Kansas Association, for giving me the chance of being so privileged as to be a state officer. I wish to close by reciting this poem.

(Continued on the following page)

"You are the fellow who has to decide,
Whether you'll lead or linger behind,
Whether you'll try for a goal that is far,
Or be contented to stay where you are,
Take it, or leave it, it's all up to you."

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald R. McGown, Secretary
Kansas Association of FFA 1961-62

REPORT OF THE REPORTER
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

Serving as your State Reporter for the past year has been a challenging, rewarding, and enjoyable experience. The other State FFA Officers are wonderful boys to work with. I surely enjoyed working with the State Office Staff. Before last years convention I knew none of the other officers. Now I feel that I have five friends for life. Through my responsibilities and experiences I have met many people and made many other friends. I only wish that every boy in the FFA could have one-half the experiences that I have had as a state officer.

After our election last year, we didn't see each other until we went to the FFA Leadership Camp at Goddard. This is where I really got acquainted with three of the other officers. The other two were not present. This was an excellent camp which was inspiring to everyone present and was very enjoyable. This is when I really started enjoying being a state officer. I noticed that there were more friends made among the boys than probably all the rest of the FFA year.

In September I went to Topeka to a state officers meeting. We made an appearance at the Mid-America Fair and afterwards had a business meeting. Leadership schools were assigned and I was assigned the leadership school at Lawrence. The Lawrence Chapter was a very fine host and there were some very good boys and chapters participating. It was at these leadership schools that I had my first opportunity to speak as an officer.

My next opportunity as a state officer was to be a delegate to the National FFA Convention for two days. The Convention meant much more to me serving as a delegate. As I checked into the hotel I rode on the elevator with Lyle Carpenter, past National president, and one of the other National FFA Officers. I had a short but exciting talk with them. The next day I sat beside and talked with Victor Butler, who later was elected National FFA President.

In February I was invited to be guest speaker at the Garnett FFA Banquet. This was a valuable experience for me. They were fine hosts and I really enjoyed it.

On March 26 I had the opportunity to speak at the Iola FFA Chapter banquet. I received a very warm welcome there and enjoyed it a lot.

Then on March 30 I attended the Uniontown FFA Banquet. They had a very well organized and excellent decorated banquet. These chapters are to be congratulated.

Being up here today is one of the highlights and the climax of my office. Although I am retiring as your state reporter, I still have two more speaking engagements. May 8 I am looking forward to attending the Columbus banquet. On May 15 I am speaking at my local chapter banquet in Fort Scott.

Again, I say thank you for having the honor and opportunity to serve as your State Reporter. But, before I conclude I would like to leave something for next years officers and other members of the FFA. I would like to leave the thought of this poem which I have referred to many times.

If you think you're beaten you are
If you think you dare not, you don't
If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you've lost,
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will.
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are
You've got to think high to rise.
You've got to hustle before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But soon or late the man who wins
Is the one who thinks he can.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Dikeman, Reporter
Kansas Association of FFA

REPORT OF THE SENTINEL
OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

As the 33rd Annual State FFA Convention drew to a close last year, I was very fortunate in being elected to the office of State Sentinel. Every since I had been an FFA member I had dreamed of being an officer of the State Association. Last spring this dream came true.

I returned to my farm home west of Stockton and further developed my farming program during the summer months.

On August 4 I drove to Camp Fellowship near Goddard, Kansas, where I met Larry Erpelding, Mike Dikeman, and Jerry McGown. The three days I spent at the State FFA Camp proved to be profitable and inspiring. I sincerely hope that every chapter will seriously consider attending this camp in the future.

At Topeka on September 10 I met with my fellow officers. We visited the Mid-America Fair and then held a planning meeting at the State Office Building.

I journeyed to Palco on September 25 where I assisted Milam Jones and Mr. M.O. Castle in conducting the leadership school which was well attended.

The following day found me in Beloit where I worked with Mr. C. C. Eustace in conducting that fine leadership school. The Palco and Beloit chapters are to be congratulated for a job well done.

It was a honor and privilege to present the awards at the Northwest District Poultry Contest, which was held at Stockton on February 17. This contest is held annually at my home town and it was a great pleasure for me to present the awards to the winners.

I drove to Stafford on March 10 where I met Mr. J. W. Lacey and several advisors of the South Central District. We interviewed five Future Farmers who were seeking a nomination to a State Office. It was a real pleasure to talk with these fellow Future Farmers and I assure you that our task of choosing between them was not easy.

On April 12 I traveled to the North Central part of the state and attended a fine banquet at Scandia. Mr. Ginter and his Future Farmers are to be commended on their fine banquet.

I drove to Osborne on April 17 where it was my privilege to attend their FFA Parent-Son Banquet. The Future Farmers of the Osborne Chapter are to be highly recognized for their inspiring and worthwhile banquet.

I am looking forward to attending the coming banquets at Palco, Kinsley, Phillipsburg, Plainville, and Simpson, which will be held during the month of May.

As my office of State Sentinel draws to a close I can safely say that the past twelve months have been the most inspiring and worthwhile of my life. I have had the opportunity of traveling throughout our fine state and meeting with Future Farmers and advisors. It has been a great privilege and honor to work with five of the finest Future Farmers that I have met.

I feel that the Future Farmers of America will continue to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. Consequently, you fellow members must remember that you will play a major role in that inspiring task.

Respectfully submitted,
Tommy Riffe, Sentinel
Kansas Association of FFA

STATE FFA CAMP

The 3rd Annual State FFA Leadership Training Camp is scheduled to begin on Saturday evening, August 18, and will be completed after lunch, on August 21, 1962. The camp is being held at Rock Springs Ranch, south of Junction City, Kansas. Total capacity of the camp is approximately 285 people. The total cost of the camp, including meals, insurance, and the use of all facilities, will be under \$10.50 per camper. The camp is open to local FFA officers, when they are accompanied by their advisor for the entire camping period. No provision can be made for attending a part of the camp, and local chapter officers can not be accepted unless accompanied by their advisor. Pre-registration for the camp is now being held. Contact the state office for further details.



FFA CHAPTER NEWS

FLORENCE: Major accomplishments of our chapter the past few months have been the organization of two gilt rings and a chapter boar program. (Spotted Poland China was the breed we selected.) The chapter also sponsored and financed the building of a shot-put concrete slab for the improvement of track facilities for the athletic department. Work on four welcome signs to Florence is nearing completion. Our 2nd Annual all-school FFA Horseshoe Pitching tournament sponsored by the FFA has been completed. A traveling trophy and medals were awarded to the winning team, Mark Williams and Doug Olson. Our Annual Parent-Son Banquet was held May 5 with fried chicken as the main course of the meal. The fryers were hatched and raised as a chapter program. Paul Osgood was awarded the Chapter Star Farmer award and Royal Hettenbach received the Star Greenhand award. "Grandma" Olson and Mr. John Johnson were awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. Slides and film were shown of members farming programs and chapter accomplishments.

Paul Osgood, Reporter

BLUE MOUND: The Blue Mound Chapter held their annual parent-son chili supper on May 1. Eighty-seven persons were present. A program followed the supper consisting of presentation of awards, slides reviewing boys' farming programs, and a film entitled "That Inspiring Task." Some of the shop projects that have been built this year are farm gates, loading chutes, picnic tables, feeders, hay elevator, painting tractors, overhauling of tractors, trailers, wagon box, and clothes line poles.

Myron Reed, Reporter

GARNETT: We have now elected and installed all new officers for next year. We have also selected the chairmen of all the committees. At the Parent and Son Banquet, our special guest was Mike Dikeman. The program consisted of the creed, the best selected speech, and a trumpet solo. We have built various decorations and ornaments in our shop this year for other organizations. The chapter also helped decorate for the F. H. A. Dance. One of our members was selected to sing in the choir at the

State Convention. We sent two delegates and also two others who judged livestock at the meeting. The members are now deciding on some ways in which to encourage new members to join the FFA organization.

Fred Ahring, Reporter

WASHINGTON: The Washington FFA Chapter held its annual Parent and Son Banquet on March 16. The officers conferred the honorary degree on three men who have been very beneficial to our chapter. In shop we are building an implement trailer, six loading chutes, a blade for a Ford tractor and a harrow carrier. At our last regular meeting we elected a full-time program chairman for the coming months and discussed an overnight fishing trip. We are planning to build a welcome sign on main street. Our chapter sent two delegates to the State Convention at Manhattan.

John Walter, Reporter

WILSON: Trips, chapter meetings, judging trips and the FFA Banquet were items which have kept us busy for the last few months. Chapter meetings included Dr. Calvin Harban, chairman of the Division of Education, Psychology and Philosophy at Fort Hays Kansas State College, who spoke on study habits, study conditions, and attitudes toward studying to help us improve our scholarship. At another meeting Kirk Baker, Russell County Agricultural Agent, spoke on the life of a County Agent and pasture grasses important to this area. At a third meeting, Verne Claussen Jr., our president, gave us an account of his trip to Kansas City and the National FFA Convention and his activities as a member of the National Band. April 17 was the date of our FFA

Parent and Son Banquet. The theme this year was "Agriculture the Big Wheel." Blue and gold streamers, wagons on wheels and daffodils were combined to decorate the banquet room. We presented the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to our superintendent, Mr. Herbert R. Baker, for his support to FFA. Our livestock team placed second in the North Central livestock judging contest held at Salina. Ernest Soukup was eighth high individual in the contest. At the Better Livestock Day, Soukup tied for sixth with two other contestants. Roger Swart and Harry Vopat represented us at the State contest in the Farm Shop tool section where they placed fourth in the state. Roger was eighth high individual in the contest. In the vocational agriculture shop we have made a four-wheel trailer, stock rack, feed bunk, hoist, post hole digger, portable corral, gates, loading chutes, self-feeders and hog self waterers.

Raymond Homeier, Reporter

LACYGNE: The LaCygne Chapter of FFA has been very busy in the past months and still have several more activities planned. Saturday, April 28, our local chapter operated the concession stand at the fishing derby. The contest was highlighted by a visit from Harold Ensly. We have also participated in several judging contests placing second in the district dairy contest and first in the livestock contest. On Sunday, April 24, nine boys and our advisor, Mr. J. Flory, left for Manhattan to attend the Annual State Convention. The first afternoon was spent touring the campus and surrounding area. In the evening we all attended vespers. The next morning we departed bright and early for the many

activities which included the judging contest, the public speaking contest and the convention. Monday afternoon, Gary Creager, our local president gave his speech to the delegation and was awarded first place in the State Public Speaking Contest. At the evening session, four LaCygne boys were raised to the degree of State Farmer. Gary Creager received the award of Star Farmer of the East Central District. Tuesday morning George Hightower received his checks for winning the district co-op and dairy Foundation Awards. On Tuesday afternoon Gary Creager, after delivering a speech to the delegates, was elected to the office of State Sentinel. The awards won by the chapter are, first in the district co-op quiz and second in the State Safety Contest. We also received the superior chapter rating.

John Woodburn, Reporter

CONCORDIA: The Concordia Chapter held its annual Sweetheart party on January 9. Miss Linda Jones was chosen as the FFA Sweetheart for 1962. A skating party was held. Our chapter had as a guest Mr. Osmudo Castilla from Nicaragua. He stayed three days with our chapter. He is a student at Kansas State University. He presented a very interesting program at our February meeting. While here he presented an assembly program to the student body. Our chapter held its annual Dad's night on February 13. A chili supper was served. The program was presented by Dr. Mark Gale, local veterinarian and honorary chapter member. Our Parent-Son Banquet was held on March 15. Members of the FHA chapter served the banquet. Highlight of the program was a series of slides of the 20 freshmen boys and their farming programs along with a tape recording of their future plans. Mr. Clark, school superintendent;

Mr. Derusseau, local packing plant manager; and Mr. Joe Neil, County Agent, were elected honorary members. Richard Harrington was presented the DeKalb award. On April 24 the local fire department presented a program on farm fire prevention and showed a film on fire prevention. Our annual hayrack ride was held May 10. Members and their dates rode out to a member's pasture and played ball and had a weiner roast. Plans are being made for an FFA rodeo this summer.

Eldon Trost, Reporter

ABILENE: The Annual Parent-Son Banquet of the Abilene Chapter was held April 12, honoring our parents for the help they have given to us during the year. Darrel Hosie was given the DeKalb award this year. Mr. Frey announced three successful candidates for State Farmer this year. They are: Darrel Hosie, Pat Murphy, and LaVerne Myers. Our chapter has improved in our judging contests this year. March 9 at the District Farm Mechanics contest our team won second place. Pat Murphy was 3rd high individual and LaVerne Myers was 10th high individual. The freshman team, Terry Schmidt and Stuart Gilder, won 5th place in the freshman division. April 14, our chapter won 5th place at the District Dairy Judging Contest at Kansas State. LaVerne Myers was second high individual. April 19 our chapter went to the Better Livestock Day contest at the Ralph Munson Farm. Our team, Stuart Gilder, Calvin Veal and Dwight Kuntz, won first place. Stuart Gilder was high individual. April 30 - May 1 our delegates, Laurance Jury and Ron Greun will be going to the State Convention. Pat Murphy, Darrel Hosie and LaVerne Myers, Jim Gaskill and Jerry Lahr will participate in Livestock and Farm

Mechanics Judging Contests. ~~Pat~~ Murphy, Darrel Hosie and LaVerne Myers will also receive their State Farmer Awards. LaVerne Myers won a \$200 scholarship to Kansas State University from the Union Pacific Railroad. There is just one award given to each FFA member in each county. The vo-ag IV has just completed an over head storage in our Ag. shop. It is an 18' by 24' structure which will house our pipe and iron supplies. It was built for more floor room for student projects. The vo-ag I and II are completing the new tennis court. It is a 126' by 90' rectangular court which has a pipe post and a wire netting enclosure. The tennis court is one of our money-making projects.

Jerry Lahr, Reporter

EMPORIA: The Emporia Chapter had its 24th annual Parent and Son Banquet March 30, 1962. One hundred and ten people were in attendance. The theme of our banquet this year was "FFA-The Key to the Future." Dwayne Dietz, State FFA Treasurer was guest speaker. The chapter raised nine Greenhands to the Chapter Farmer Degree and seven members were raised to the Greenhand Degree. The chapter has also held a car wash and a slave auction for money-making purposes. Some of the projects which are now being built in the shop are a post hole digger, a cattle squeeze chute, several trailers and other smaller projects. Our chapter is also planning to have a truck garden this summer to raise money for our activities.

James Spillman, Reporter

LYNDON: On April 10 the Lyndon Chapter held the annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet. The program was given by some

of the members presenting reports on the FFA activities in the past year. Miss Janet Laue was crowned Chapter Sweetheart. On April 29, six vocational agriculture students and their advisor will travel to Manhattan to the State Contest and State Convention. Some of the shop projects since the last report are: eight wagons, fifteen hay feeders, three loading chutes, and numerous gates.

Charles Wiley, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Greenhand Initiation was held October 30, 1961. Fourteen candidates were raised to the degree of Greenhand. Members of the Ag II class served as the special ritual team. After the formal ceremonies the invited guests (fathers and faculty men) were entertained with a chili supper. Money-making projects for the year have been feed shocking, football concession stand and shop construction jobs. Current shop projects include four neck squeezes, one steel farm gate, four step ladders and two motor reconditionings. During FFA Week our officers visited local service clubs, a member talked to the Lions Club about FFA activities, a window display downtown explained the purposes of FFA, and place mats were distributed to all restaurants and cafes in town. Our annual Parent-Son Banquet is being held Tuesday, April 3.

Royce Gienger, Reporter

UDALL: The Udall Chapter attended the Poland China Type Conference at Arkansas City, and judged the classes of Poland China hogs. They also attended the Spring Barrow Show at Arkansas City to judge the hogs and see the official judging of the hogs. Homer

Preston, manager of the Udall Farmers Union Co-op elevator, spoke at the pest control party. He spoke about how the Co-op was operated. The Greenhand Initiation Ceremony and the Chapter Farmer Ceremony was held at the pest control party. The members are thinking about next year's officers, and awaiting the sweetheart contest. The Parent-Son Banquet will be held April 24. The chapter is planning a summer trip to Roman Nose State Park in Oklahoma like the one we took last year. We are planning a spring calf show in cooperation with the Udall 4-H club to be held the first part of May. Each class is now touring the member's farming programs. Projects in shop this year are: loading chute, two-wheel trailers, a-type hog houses, hay racks, feed bunks, creep feeder, show boxes, pickup stock racks, milking stall, gates, parking guard rail, and an all weather mineral feeder.

Dennis Wells, Reporter

CANEY: The Caney Chapter of FFA since January has held their annual Chapter Sweetheart Dance and crowned Judy Long as our Chapter Sweetheart. The freshman, sophomore, and junior classes honored the seniors with a chili supper and fun night for being the winners of the pest control contest held earlier in the year. We have our co-op project going smoothly with twenty-four pigs, and twenty-one members who purchased shares in the project. We sent three teams to Miami, Oklahoma's Aggie Day and also sent a team to Livestock Contest at Coffeyville, Dairy at Columbus, Dairy products at Erie, Crops at Yates Center, and Dairy at Parsons. We held our Parent-Son Night May 3. We also presented Greenhand and Chapter Farmer awards and individual accomplishment awards. At the close of the meeting the

chapter officers for next year were installed. Our all-night outing and fishing trip will be held the last of May. The new officers for next year are: President, Boyd Newby; Vice President, Allen Harrison; Secretary, Glenn Shafer; Treasurer, Lloyde Fields; Reporter, Dennis Blundell; Sentinel, Clayton Dean; Student council, Lewis Dean; and Parliamentarian, David Troutman.

Howard Ferrell, Reporter

CENTRALIA: In our chapter we have eight Greenhands, 17 Chapter Farmers, and 17 freshman. The total enrollment of boys in our school is 56 and 42 belong to the FFA chapter. To start the year off right with our new students in vocational agriculture our advisor, Mr. Dobkins, held a meeting for the freshman and their parents. He explained the advantages and what they are to accomplish in vocational agriculture. Our chapter had a Father-Son watermelon feed in September. The big event for the officers this year was the two day trip to Kansas City to attend the National Convention. The officers and advisor all enjoyed themselves. Our chapter has entered in three judging contests so far this year. In the District Poultry we placed second, District Farm Mechanics we also placed second, and District Dairy we placed third. In December and January we had a pest control contest where the members killed a great number of pests including eight coyotes. In our shop this year we have been making picnic tables and concrete hog troughs and selling them as a money making project for our FFA Chapter.

Chuck Schlaegel, Reporter

UNIONTOWN: The FFA Parent and Son Banquet was held on March 26, 1962. There was 156 present and 17 Greenhands raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer. Mike Dikeman, State Reporter, was main speaker. Chapter members averaged 6 home improvements and 5 supplementary jobs this year. The chapter public service this year has been eye test, brake reaction, and aiming headlights for safety. The chapter members completed the harvest of their demonstration farm plots. The yield results were figured and announced. Demonstrations were conducted on the use of atrazine, propazine, napcheor, varying rates of fertilizer application nitrogen plow down, and corn varieties. Chapter members made and distributed canvas slappers as a livestock loss prevention project. Shop jobs include 36 pipe gates, a farm corral, eight feed bunks, welder, four clothesline poles, sheep feeder, four hog self feeders, seven picnic tables, gun racks, hog troughs, bunk shelf-rear mounted tractor box carrier, mowing machine, knife sharpener.

Leon Perry, Reporter

TRIBUNE: The Greeley County FFA officers gave the official initiation ceremony to the following boys raising them to the degree of Chapter Farmers: Merlin Beedy, Ronnie Foos, Forest Graber, Harry Hutchison, Kenneth Lee, Bill Mallory, Tom Rutherford, Dennis Schneider, Tom Schulz, Dennis Sebastian, Donnie Stephenson, Terry Waldren. During our safety program this year, we learned mouth to mouth artificial respiration. The local health nurse helped us with this project. This year our Roto Tiller has been used a lot to help establish lawns in our county. We have

put in 15 lawns, and this has not only been a community service, but has brought in some nice donations for the chapter treasury. We did two church lawns as a direct service. We had as a group project and co-op activity, the feeding out of 50 feeder pigs. This has been well supported by all members by their buying shares to operate the program. Our Livestock Judging Teams have won first in District, Harry Smith & Sons, and 5th at John M. Lewis & Sons at Larned. Melvin Bishop was second high individual in District, first at Smiths and third at Larned. Our Parent-Son Banquet which will be May 8, will have Dwayne Dietz, State Treasurer, for our speaker. In our TV programs this year we have tried to stress information about the FFA and home beautification as our major themes. We are having a car safety check in May to finish out our safety program for the year.

LaVerne Stevenson,
Reporter

LEBO: Our chapter held its sixth annual banquet on April 20 with about 110 parents, guests and boys present. The guest speaker for the evening was Ralph Bonewitz, Dairy Extension Specialist, from Manhattan. A team from our chapter placed 4th in the poultry contest held at Alma on February 24. At the state contest at Manhattan we received Bronze in animal husbandry and bronze in soil conservation. Our chapter purchased a registered Duroc boar. Five of our members have gilts and take turns keeping the boar. We also are sending him out for use to farmers so the cost of the boar should be low. Shop jobs this year have

included such things as a loading chute, a squeeze chute, numerous gates, a power hack saw, sheep feeders, gas tank stands, and a blade for the front of a tractor. Next week we plan to have a picnic on our last meeting of the school year. We are inviting the freshman boys of next year to attend and will elect our officers.

Robert Becker, Reporter

HAVEN: The Haven Chapter held their monthly meeting April 10 and saw a film from the American Herefords Breeders Association entitled "In Good Hands." On April 7 the chapter sponsored the Annual South Central Livestock Judging Contest which was held at George Schlickau's farm. Newton placed 1st from a field of 35 teams and received a bronze bull trophy as a prize. Arkansas City placed 2nd, and McPherson 3rd. May 8 will be the election of officers for the next school year. The annual Spring Parent-Son Banquet will be held May 12. During the spring and early summer the chapter plans to operate the sheep-dipping vat again. This will be done at a cost of 15¢ per head to raise funds for the chapter treasury and supply the farmers with a necessary operation. Last year 4100 head were dipped. There have been many shop projects completed in the last two months. Among them are such things as 16 picnic tables, 3 self-feeders for swine, an operating table for cattle, 6 pipe-framed farm gates, creep feeder for calves, 2 three-point tractor carts, 2 roughage feeders, 5 barn doors, 2 farrowing crates, a double gas tank, a hog loading chute, 3 grainfeeders for sheep, loading chutes, 2 hay feeders for sheep, and a poultry feeder.

John Grandon, Reporter

HILL CITY: Our chapter held a pest control contest which began November 1 and ended December 1 with a chili feed. A carton of 22 shells and a box of shotgun shells were awarded to the highest scorers in the pest contest. Ten Hill City FFA members, our advisor, and another sponsor attended the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, January 13-14. We were hosts to the Graham County Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting, February 1. Our chapter presented the program which consisted of the opening and closing ceremony, talks on Soil Conservation, and a musical number. Our chapter sold NC-Hybrid Seed as a money-making project. We sold 1700 pounds of different types of grain and forage sorghums. We are conducting demonstration plots on the types and rates of fertilizer on the wheat on our chapter farm. Last fall, we applied Ammonia Nitrate at various rates on thirty acres. This spring we top dressed 25 acres of wheat with 28% Nitrogen Solution at various rates. Part of this had been fertilized in the fall. We purchased a Nobel blade and are now putting it to use on our summer fallow land of which we put 50 acres into the Stubble Mulch program. We are also in the process of conducting demonstration plots on the effects of various chemicals on the control of field bindweed. We will make our final count on the tests we carried out last spring on various rates of 2,4-D on bindweed control the last of this month. We held our Annual Parent Son Banquet April 26. We held an open house preceding the banquet. Our meal was served family style which was followed by a program presented by our chapter members. Five of our FFA members and our advisor attended the State FFA Convention in Manhattan where one of our members received the

State Farmer Degree. We are making plans for our annual fishing trip to be held shortly after school ends.

Larry Keith, Reporter

POWHATTAN: Our annual Parent-Son Banquet was held April 23 in the new gymnasium with eighty-six members and guests present. For the program chapter members presented their winning speeches and the advisor showed movies he had taken on farm visits of farming programs, farm homes, and families. After the program the vo-ag building was opened to visitors. The six best farming record books were displayed along with all the current projects being completed in Farm Mechanics. Our chapter has entered the one acre 304 bushel challenge project sponsored by Funk's G Hybrid corn. The test plot will be located on the Lloyd Wagoner farm northeast of Powhattan.

Jim Bartley, Reporter

IOLA: Since our last letter in the Kansas Future Farmer we were greived by the death of one of our members in an automobile accident. Our chapter has carried on many projects this year. During FFA Week the officers prepared a tape and the local radio station broadcast it for us. In March we had our Greenhand election and also our Parent-Son Banquet and several of our boys received awards. Our sophomore class picked up fourteen dollars worth of corn in one class. Our chapter participated in the judging contest at Ivan Strickler's farm, and we have just had our officers election. Our chapter is planning on raising money to send one of our former members on the

Good Will trip in July. We have made field trips to see most of our members projects this year. Most of our farm shop jobs now are on building loading chutes.

Gary Truitt, Reporter

BIRD CITY: The freshman boys of the chapter picked up corn out of the field of Lowell Query to make some money. He couldn't get to the corn with a picker so instead of letting the corn go to waste he let the boys pick it up. The boys will shell the corn and sell it. Lonnie Willis won 2nd place out of nineteen contestants in the advanced division of the speech contest at Norton on March 3. He also presented his speech, "The Importance of Research to Agriculture," at the state speech contest in Manhattan on April 30. Craig Seymour received the State Farmer degree at the 34th State FFA Convention in Manhattan. The chapter held its Annual FFA Banquet on May 4. The meal was a potluck supper. At this meeting the officers for the next year officially took office.

Keith Lillich, Reporter