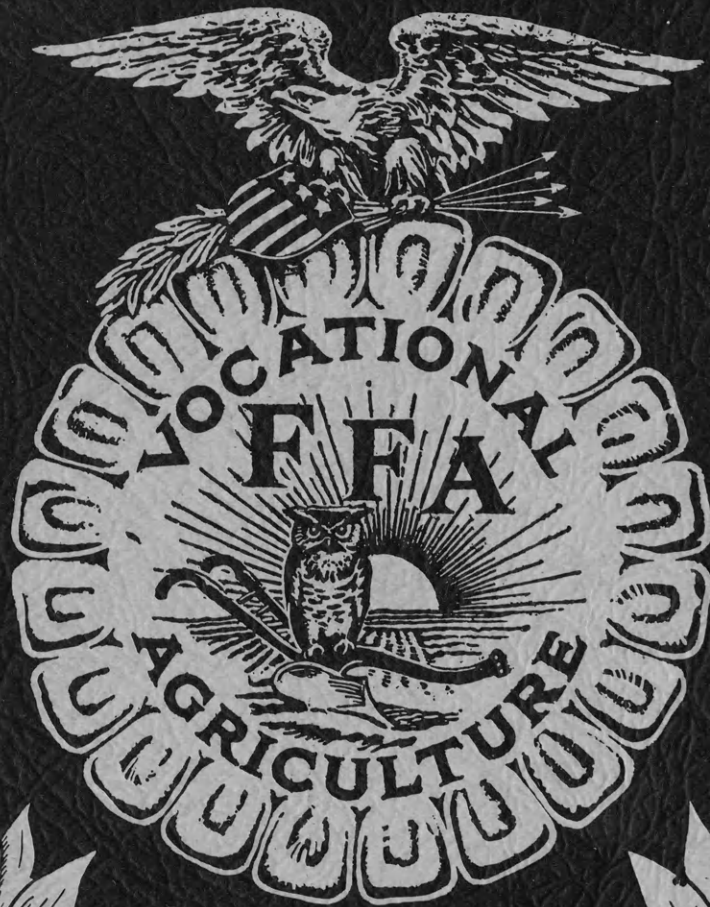


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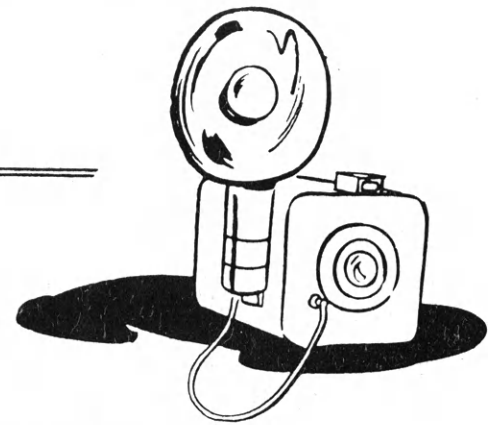
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## GOVERNOR SIGNS FFA WEEK PROCLAMATION



Governor Robert Docking signs the proclamation that delegates National FFA Week February 15 to 22 as the date to recognize accomplishments of Kansas Future Farmers.



Newton FFA officers observe the Knapp Outdoor Advertising Agency putting up a poster to publicize National FFA Week. Left to right are Glen Altum, treasurer; Bob Sadowsky, reporter; Robert Dreier, secretary; and Rod Lowe, president.



Mayor Lester McClintock of Council Grove officially proclaims February 15 to 22 as an observance of National FFA Week.

1969 STATE FFA OFFICERS' GOOD WILL TOUR



President Lyle Yost and Nelson Galle, Assistant Personnel Manager, Hesston Corporation, took time from their busy schedules to give the State officers a tour of the plant. The State officers were luncheon guests of Hesston Corporation.



Federal Land Bank officers discussed present-day credit with the State officers. Officials present were Mr. R. B. Crutcher, vice president and secretary; Mr. G. A. Wiles, secretary and treasurer; and Mr. R. G. Gollehon, assistant director of associate relations.

Mr. Dean Stoskopf, vice president, First National Bank, Salina, discussed banking operations and new systems of record keeping for farmers. Mr. Terry Odle has been employed as assistant in the Farm Department. Mr. Odle and Mr. Stoskopf were both former State FFA officers.



Mr. Robert Baxter, vice president of manufacturing, Full-Vision Cab Company, displays the latest in air conditioned cabs with music to keep the farmer happy.





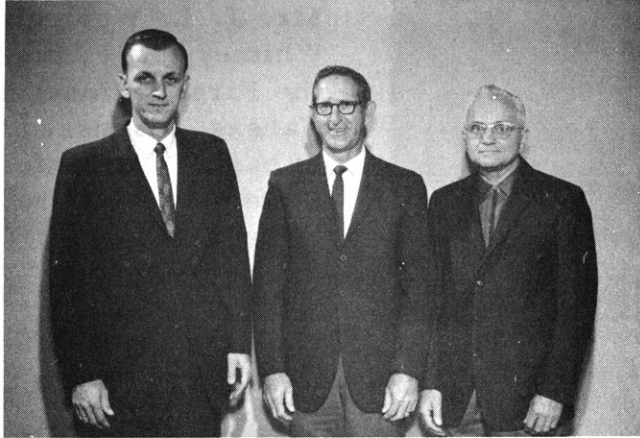
Mr. J. L. Woolridge and Mr. C. A. Whitney, Jr., both vice presidents of the First National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, discussed the many facets of banking that affects farmers. The State officers were luncheon guests of the bank.

Mr. Kenneth Carson, vice president, Dodson Manufacturing Company and former vocational agriculture instructor, discussed automatic feeding devices as a labor saver to the farmer.



Mr. Robert Chiles, Wichita Beacon and Eagle, was responsible for a most enjoyable tour of the Wichita Beacon and Eagle.

ELLSWORTH VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL



Advisory Council officers of the Ellsworth Vocational Agriculture Department are from left to right Lewis McAtee, president; Ernest Fulton, vice president; and R. W. Herzog, secretary.

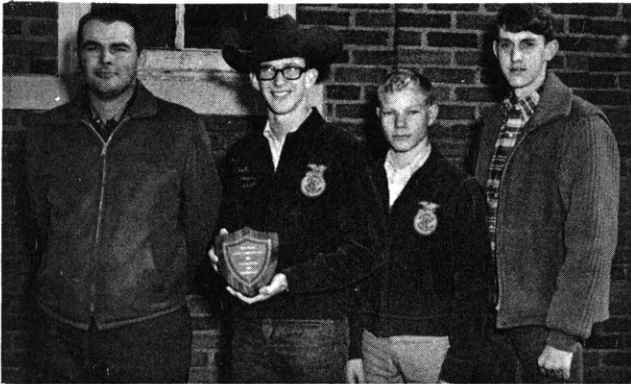
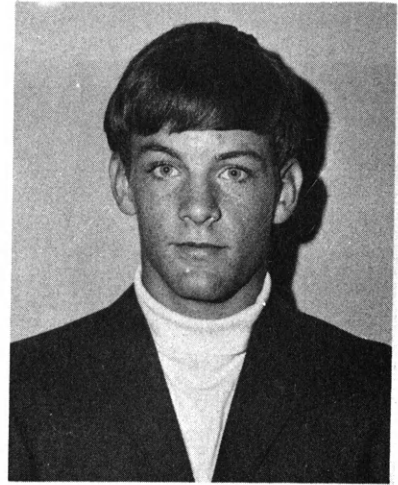
WINNERS' CORNER



Congratulations to Brad Ott, Kiowa FFA Chapter, shown with his champion steer of the 1969 National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colorado. Others left to right are Flynn W. Stewart, president, American Angus Association, Wichita Falls, Texas; Harlan Ritchie, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Judge; Marquie Sharp, Colorado Angus Queen, Greeley; Nick Petry, show president; and Brad's twin brother, Doug Ott, holding trophy.



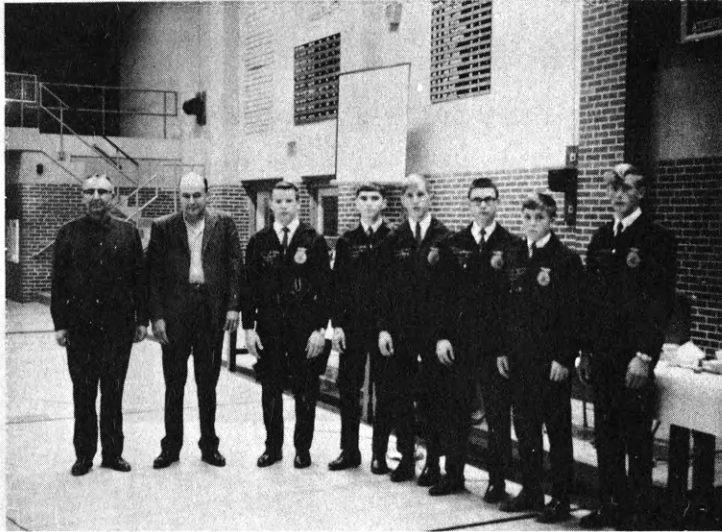
Congratulations to John W. Womack, Jr., Iola FFA Chapter, for placing third in the National Arc Welding Contest.



Kiowa FFA Chapter won the 1968 Angus Futurity Judging Contest, Hutchinson, Kansas. Left to right are Herschel Staats, coach; Kent Payne; Stanley Jahay; and Chris Spicer.

Council Grove FFA Chapter placed first in the Southeast Kansas Area Land Judging Contest. Left to right are Calvin Zimmerman, Larry Haag, Frank Buchman, and Harold Hermstein.



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Atchison County FFA Chapter chose Mr. Elmer Hart, principal, and Mr. Justin Schletzbaum as recipients of the Honorary Chapter Farmer at their 34th Annual Parent-Son Banquet. Left to right are John Scholz, Mike Meerpohl, Jim Jensen, Larry Rogers, Rick Sprang, and Mike Navinsky.

Council Grove wins East Central Poultry Contest for the third consecutive year. Left to right are Frank Buchman, Wes Hoerner, and Ron Wilson.



Kansas State University Collegiate FFA chose Cindy Stroup, LaCygne, (center) as their Chapter Sweetheart. Linda Ault, Wamego, (left) and Dorothy Newell, Stafford, (right) were her attendants.

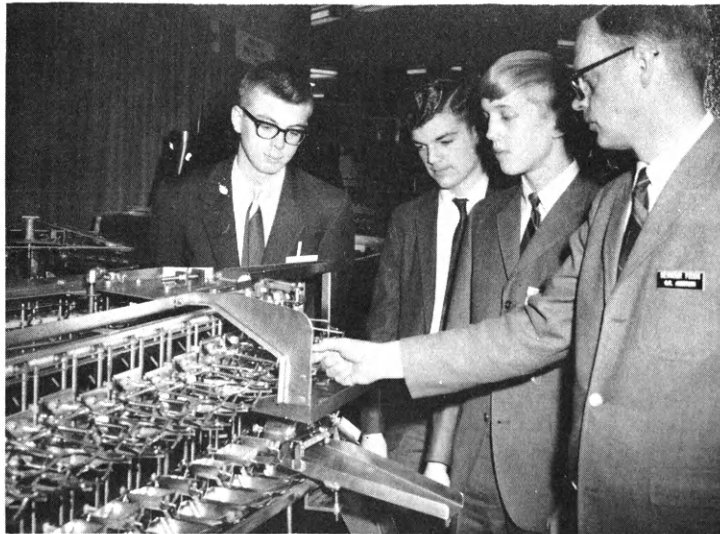


Ron Wilson, Council Grove FFA member, presents a 1969 calendar to Manager Warneke. Ninety-five such presentations were made on the chapter officers good will tour in December.



Arkansas City FFA recognizes National FFA Week by a booth in the Home National Bank.

### POULTRY FACT FINDING CONFERENCE



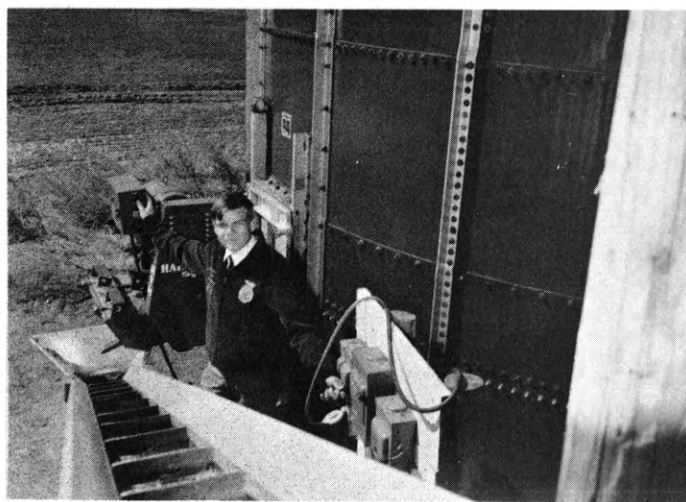
Three Kansas FFA members attended this year's National Junior Poultry and Egg Fact Finding Conference. The Kansas FFA group is sponsored by the Seymour Foods Company of Topeka. They are shown above with Mr. Orville R. Anderson, vice president of Seymour, as he shows an egg-breaking machine which is made by the organization. From left to right are Ralph Bestvater of Williamsburg, Robert Dein of Quenemo, Jim Jensen of Everest, and Mr. Anderson.

DISTRICT STAR FARMERS



Terry Odle of the Stockton FFA Chapter is the District Star Farmer from the Northwest District. He is shown here with his swine phase of his farming program.

Benson Keil of the Concordia FFA Chapter is the District Star Farmer of the North Central District. Benson is shown here with the automated feeding system used in caring for his beef program.



Jim Rohleder of the Garden City FFA Chapter is the Southwest District Star Farmer. Here Jim is shown at an irrigation well located on a 960-acre piece of land owned by him and his brothers.





Kendal Frazier of the Winfield FFA Chapter is the District Star Farmer from the South Central District. Kendal is shown above using some of his welding equipment from the farm shop.



Jim Lindquist of the Valley Heights FFA Chapter at Waterville is the District Star Farmer from the Northeast District. Above Jim is shown applying milkers to one of his fine dairy cows.



Ron Wilson of the Council Grove FFA Chapter is the District Star Farmer from the East Central District. Ron is shown above with his beef program.



Tom Epler of the Columbus FFA Chapter is the Southeast District Star Farmer. He is shown above with Mr. Dean Knewtson, one of his FFA advisors, inspecting some of his Parker wheat.

# CONVENTION



# SECTION

## CALL TO THE STATE FFA CONVENTION

The time is coming for our 41st Annual State FFA Convention. As your State president, I wish to issue a call to all chapters to send their delegates to the State convention. This year's convention will again be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Manhattan, Kansas, from April 27 - 29, 1969.

After you complete your registration, you will receive a brochure entitled, "You and Your State FFA Convention." It will be a great benefit to you if you review this brochure with your advisor. While you attend the State convention, I would urge you to conduct yourselves in the proper fashion and wear your FFA jacket correctly and proudly. The way in which you conduct yourselves and dress will have a great influence upon the public's opinion of our organization.

I am sure that your attendance at the State convention will be a highlight of your FFA work, for you will have the opportunity of seeing and hearing many highly respected people and inspirational speakers.

We State officers are looking forward to visiting with each of you. See you at the convention.

Gregory Hands, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT -- JEFF HANLON  
FEATURED SPEAKER AT STATE CONVENTION

Jeff Hanlon, 19, National president of the Future Farmers of America, will be a featured speaker at the Kansas State FFA Convention to be held April 27, 28, and 29 at Manhattan, Kansas. The visiting National officer is a native of Cornelius, Oregon, and was elected to his post at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, last October. At that time he was continuing his education at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, but has taken a leave of absence from school for a year to fulfill the duties of his FFA office, which requires extensive travel.

THANK YOU TO MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce furnishes the medals and plaques for the State FFA contests. FFA members and advisors should express their appreciation by writing Bob Buzenberg, President, Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 816, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for Kansas teams representing Kansas in the National contest: Team members must be eligible for the National contest at the time they win a State contest to represent Kansas in the National FFA contest.

If the Kansas team winning first place in the State contest consists of more than one team member who is not eligible for the National contest, the next place team with all members eligible shall represent Kansas in the National contest.

DELEGATE BREAKFAST

The Fourth Annual Delegate Breakfast will be held in the Main Ballroom of Kansas State University Student Union at 6:30 a. m. Monday, April 28. (Central Daylight Time).

The Sears-Roebuck Foundation will sponsor this delegate breakfast. A special thank-you note should be written to Clay Devitt, Regional Director, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, 3625 Truman Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64127.

HELPFUL CONVENTION HINTS

Congratulations to all who have been selected to represent your chapter at the State FFA Convention. The officials and citizens of Manhattan give unselfishly of their time and effort to assure you of a successful convention. The character of our organization and its membership is judged to a certain degree by the actions of members at the State Convention. You are on parade. You represent your chapter, your community, and the FFA. Follow these suggestions and you will make the State Convention a success.

1. Wear your official FFA jacket whenever possible.
2. Sit with your group and near your advisor during convention sessions (if you are not a delegate).
3. Be prompt in attending sessions. If you are unavoidably detained, enter quietly.
4. If you must leave the assembly room before the session is over, please leave between special numbers.
5. Do not smoke while wearing your FFA jacket.
6. Wolf calling, whistling, and booing are not appropriate for FFA members at the State FFA Convention.
7. Make sure you are properly registered in your hotel. Someone may need to find you.
8. Inquire about hotel rates when you register. Tell the room clerk when you plan to go home.
9. Retire by 11:30 p.m. so you will feel well and be alert during the day.
10. Leave your room key with the desk clerk in the lobby when leaving the hotel.
11. You will be held responsible for any damage done to furniture in your room.
12. Telephones in your hotel rooms are for house calls. Calls outside of hotel are charged to you at about fifteen cents per call.
13. Bellhops answering room calls expect tips. Do not call for room service unless you expect to tip.
14. Loud music and other noise in hotel rooms will be reported by other guests. This may lead to the hotel detective calling on you. Be mindful of others.



15. Loud talk, vulgarity, boasting, and profanity are unbecoming to a Future Farmer. Watch your language.
16. Throwing material out of a hotel window is an offense subject to police action.
17. The elevators should not be misused. Other guests in the hotel also have important appointments.
18. Be courteous to the employees of the hotels and eating places.
19. Ask your advisor for tips in ordering meals.
20. Once you have selected a seat in a restaurant, remain there. Moving about confuses the waitresses and delays your order. Think of others.
21. Be courteous to young people and adults on the streets.
22. Be friendly to adults who wish to talk with you about the FFA.
23. Stay out of bars and other questionable places.
24. Watch your money and other valuable possessions, especially in large crowds.
25. Be a gentleman, first, last, and always.

It will be appreciated if you will give attention to these items. If you do this, you will represent your local chapter and your State Association in a very fine way at the State Convention. You will also have a good time.

#### FFA CONVENTION BEGINS IN UMBERGER HALL

Please note that the FFA Convention Program that was sent to each chapter shows that the State FFA officer candidates will be meeting on Sunday at 2 p. m. in Room EX 10, Umberger Hall, Kansas State University.

The Parliamentary Procedure Contest will be held in Williams Auditorium at Sunday, April 27.

#### CHANGE OF TIME

Central Daylight Savings Time will begin Sunday, April 27. Please note the change of time so you will not miss the Vespers Service at 8 p. m. Sunday, April 27.

# ACTIVITIES SECTION



## 1970 FFA THEME

"FFA--EMPHASIS AGRICULTURE"

### DISTRICT AND STATE FFA FOUNDATION WINNERS

A Congratulation Booklet will be given to each district and State award winner. A personal thank-you letter to the FFA sponsoring committee, Mr. Donald Danforth, Jr., Executive Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63199, is very important. A letter will let our friends know that the incentive awards are appreciated.

### EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THANK-YOU LETTER

Dear Mr. Danforth,

In the poem Ulysses by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Ulysses decided that although he was old he would leave his rule to his son and take one last adventurous trip. He summed up his reasons for going in one immortal line. "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

I felt this same kind of enthusiasm when I became a member in the greatest youth organization in the world and decided to strive for a foundation award and State Farmer Degree. Last week I was awarded the District Home Improvement Award and next month I will receive my State Farmer Degree.

The FFA Foundation encourages and gives members the enthusiasm to strive for higher and higher goals, to seek the answers to their problems, and to find their goals by not yielding to their problems.

As chairman of the sponsoring committee I hope you will convey my thanks to the other members of your committee and as chairman I am sure you will do more than your share to help the Foundation to continue to improve as it has in the past.

Again, thanks for your support!

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Charles Van Petten  
E. C. District Vice President  
Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America

### NATIONAL LAND JUDGING CONTEST

Kansas will be represented in the National Land Judging Contest on April 30 and May 1 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by the following chapters:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Atchison Co.	Roy Eck
Clay Center	Earl Wright
Council Grove	Gordon Morrison
Garden City	Gale Seibert
Stockton	Floyd Blauer

### STATE FFA CAMP - JULY 24 to 27

All local FFA chapter officers for the 1969-70 FFA year and advisors are invited to attend the Tenth State FFA Leadership Training Camp. Enrollment for the camp will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 24. The camp will close 1 p.m. Sunday, July 27. The camp will be held at Rock Springs Ranch, which is located thirteen miles south of Junction City, Kansas.

This camp will help train, motivate, and inspire new chapter officers to carry out their duties and responsibilities. This activity will also assist candidates applying for State Farmer, American Farmer, State officer, and in Superior Chapter Awards. No other one activity can do as much in creating a group spirit in the local chapter officers. Leadership School in September will be patterned after activities at the summer camp. The camp has also been used as a proving ground for activities at Leadership School. This has been particularly true in Parliamentary Procedure.

The local 1969-70 chapter officers with their advisor are eligible to attend and will be expected to enroll for the entire camp period. Late arrivals or early departures cannot be accepted. The total cost of the camp will be \$13 per person. This includes nine meals, two official camp T-shirts, and all facilities available at the camp. Each camper will furnish his own bedroll, towels, toilet articles, personal leadership material, and enthusiasm.

The Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives (KABAR) is again going to provide the awards for the camp. This group also plans to sponsor a session of the camp emphasizing the free enterprise system and citizenship. Mr. Harold Walker of Arkansas City is the coordinator of FFA and KABAR relations.

The following registration blank asks for a definite commitment of a chapter wishing to enroll. If more chapters enroll than the camp can accommodate, chapters will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

A committee of FFA members who attended the 1969 camp made the following recommendations. If the delegate body passes the following recommendations, they will go into affect at the 1969 FFA camp.

1. One leadership FFA camp for State.
2. Limit number to 400 FFA members and advisors. Rock Springs requires 350 to hold camp just for the FFA.
3. Chapter officers are preferred, but advisors may substitute if one or more officers cannot attend.
4. Full payment must be sent in to Kansas Association of FFA office by July 1 (full payment is \$13).
5. If one or more individuals do not attend camp, all but \$5 registration fee per member will be returned after the camp. This plan would assist in the following:
  - a. to determine more accurately the number to plan for at the State FFA Camp
  - b. save time and manpower plus confusion in enrolling
  - c. herds could be organized prior to camp
6. No chapter will be allowed to enroll without instructor.
7. Ten herds will be used.



1969 Camp Evaluation Committee  
Larry Berger, Secretary



CAMP REGISTRATION BLANK

The following FFA officers from the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter are planning to attend the State FFA Leadership Training Conference at Rock Springs Ranch, Junction City, July 24 - 27, 1969.

1. President \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Reporter \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Sentinel \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Advisor \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (<sup>15</sup>\$13 per person). We understand that if we fail to attend camp as planned, we will forfeit the \$5 pre-enrollment fee. Payment by check should be made to Kansas Association of FFA, 120 East Tenth Street, Third Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66612, prior to June 1 deadline.

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WRANGLER APPLICATION

Campers interested in a Wrangler position should complete the following form and return it to the State office not later than June 15. Any camper is eligible for this.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Class 1969-70 School Year \_\_\_\_\_ No. in High School Class \_\_\_\_\_

No. in Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Offices held in your local chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership activities you have participated in with your local chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Other high school leadership activities \_\_\_\_\_

Present Farming Program \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans for the future? \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION NEEDS ENTERTAINMENT

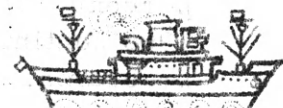
If you would like to appear at the FFA talent program at the National Convention next October, please contact the Kansas Association of FFA office, 120 East Tenth, Topeka, Kansas 66612 immediately. This is an opportunity to serve the Kansas Association and the National FFA organization as well as develop your own talent.

KANSAS COOP COUNCIL QUIZ WINNERS

<u>District</u>	<u>Individual High Score</u>	<u>Chapter High Score</u>
Northeast	70 - Larry Berger Valley Heights	58 - Valley Heights
East Central	66 - Ralph Bestvater Williamsburg	66 - Williamsburg
Southeast	77 - David Pellett Fort Scott	58 - Columbus
North Central	75 - Danee Helvey Ellsworth	71 - Ellsworth
Northwest	66 - Rodney Carsten Stockton	55 - Oakley
South Central	75 - Kendal Frazier Winfield	61 - Winfield
Southwest	71 - Tim Gillan Garden City	56 - Garden City

KENT HAMILTON TO DENMARK

The National FFA Center has announced the selection of Kent Hamilton, State secretary, as a participant in International Agricultural Exchange Program to Denmark in the summer of 1969. Approximately 40 FFA members across the country will represent the United States to eight European countries,



Australia and New Zealand. Kent will be working on a 275-acre farm near Kolding, Denmark. The farm includes mixed farming as well as 60 milk cows and 300 head of swine. The length of stay will be the three months of June, July, and August. The program also will include an opportunity to tour many historical sites in Europe.

The IAEA Program not only works toward improvement of the United States' image abroad, but provides an opportunity for greater understanding between nations as the participants will be more than happy to speak of their experiences after their return.

The exchange program is operated by the National FFA Organization in cooperation with other farm youth organizations and the International Agricultural Exchange Association.

#### THE NATIONAL FFA LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

The National Association of FFA is sponsoring a leadership and citizenship conference for chapter presidents on three different dates this summer, June 23 - 28, July 7 - 12, July 14 - 19.

The Concordia Chapter plans to attend the National conference June 7 - 12. Mr. Steve Reedy, advisor at Concordia, plans to take a car of FFA boys to attend this first National chapter president conference. He has space available for two other FFA chapter presidents who would desire to share trip expenses. The cost would amount to about \$50 per FFA member. Chapter presidents or advisors may contact Mr. Steve Reedy, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Concordia High School, Concordia, Kansas 66901.

#### NEW LOOK IN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

There is a new look in vocational agriculture, and it's getting newer every day! Significant changes are being made in instruction at the high school level. These are in keeping with aspirations and competencies of the students as well as in the changing needs for manpower on the farm and in agricultural businesses. New programs are being offered beyond high school.

Recent statistics collected by the U. S. Office of Education show that 38 percent of 105,000 students completing high school vocational agriculture in 1966 continued their education in colleges or in postsecondary vocational programs.

Thirteen percent entered the armed forces and about 5 percent are unaccounted for. Of the remaining group (about 46,822 students), 67 percent

were placed in agricultural occupations including farming; 25 percent entered jobs not closely related to their training; 5 percent were employed part time, and 3 percent were unemployed.

"Please credit the high school vocational agriculture program with providing a springboard for those students who continue their education," says H. N. Hunsicker, head of agricultural education in the Vocational and Technical Division of the Office of Education. "These are some of our finest students and most of them continue their study in the field of agriculture. They are encouraged to do so by their vocational agriculture instructors. There is a shortage of professionally and technically trained men in the agricultural economy."

#### THE 1969 FFA STATE GOOD WILL TOUR

January 27, 28, and 29 the State FFA officers and Mr. Harold Shoaf, State executive secretary, conducted the annual State FFA Good Will Tour. This year the tour covered mostly the western half and some parts of central Kansas.

The purpose of the tour was to visit and thank those industries that have supported the Kansas FFA Association. Also, many new and nonag-related industries were included in the tour for the purpose of telling them what the FFA organization is about and what it is doing in Kansas.

The tour began in Garden City on Sunday, the 26th, where the State FFA officers and Mr. Shoaf were to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Hands, who are the parents of State president, Gregg Hands. However, bad weather and hazardous driving conditions delayed Mr. Shoaf; Kent Hamilton, State secretary; Alan Johnson, State treasurer; and Kenneth Conway, State sentinel; in eastern Kansas.

On Monday morning Gregg Hands, State president; Danny Scott, State vice president; and Steve Davis, State reporter; along with the assistance of Mr. Ira Mann, a former vocational agriculture instructor and now vice principal for vocations at Garden City High School, toured several industries in Garden City.

The group first toured Producers Packing Company, which is a part of Farmland Industries, Inc. This is solely a cattle-slaughtering operation that employs around 140 people.

The next stop was Oswald Industries. This is a new plant that builds specialized equipment for feedlots. The company's biggest product is grain dryers.



Monday afternoon was spent in Dodge City. The first visit was to the High Plains Journal. Ray Pierce, editor, took the group out to lunch. The journal is a farm newspaper that has wide distribution over Kansas and Colorado. Mr. Ray Pierce has been a friend and supporter of the Future Farmers for some time.

The next stop was the Mayrath Machinery Company. Their main product at this plant is grain augers and grain handling equipment.

The last stop in Dodge City was the new Farmland Industries anhydrous ammonia plant. This \$15 million plant was just recently completed. The tour through it was very interesting and very informative. From here the group traveled on to Hutchinson where they met Mr. Shoaf and the other State officers.

On Tuesday morning the entire group visited the Farmers Cooperative Commission Company, which has been recently changed to Far-Mar-Co. The company is the marketing arm for all of the local cooperatives. It is also a part of Farmland Industries. At this same stop the group also visited the Board of Trade, which is in the same building. Here the grain companies put their grain on the market and it is bought by millers and bakers.

The next stop was perhaps one of the most interesting and thought provoking of the entire tour. This was the Hutchinson State Industrial Reformatory. The group got to tour the whole reformatory and observe life on the inside of the wall. It was much different than what many think.

Tuesday afternoon was spent in Wichita. The group was luncheon guest of the First National Bank. Much was learned about banking and especially on the farmer's banking problems. The hour spent at the bank was an educational and enjoyable one.

From there the group went to the Federal Land Bank of Wichita. Here they learned more about the Federal Land Bank system and borrowing money for farm land and farm improvements. The Federal Land Bank has been a supporter of the FFA for many years.

The last stop for the day was the Wichita Beacon and Eagle. Seeing how all of the paper's departments compiled information and put together a daily newspaper was quite different and interesting.

On Wednesday morning, the 29th, the first stop was Dodson Manufacturing Company. The group had an interesting talk with Mr. Kenneth Carson, who is vice president of the company and was a former vocational agriculture instructor at Fort Scott. The company is a manufacturer of upright silos, feeding equipment, and Dodstone building material.

The next stop was in Newton at the Full-Vision Cab Company. This industry manufactures tractor and combine cabs. It was one of the first and now one of the largest manufacturers of farm implement cabs.

Hesston Corporation was the next stop. This company is one of the largest manufacturers of farm equipment in the United States. It employs over 1,100 people and has grown quite rapidly in the last few years. The group was luncheon guest of Hesston Corporation. A short and impressive tour of the plant was enjoyed.

Last stop of the tour was in Salina, Kansas, where the group visited Mr. Duane Stoskopf, vice president of the First National Bank. Mr. Stoskopf is president of the Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives as well as a past State officer from Goodland in 1950. Also, the group visited with Mr. Terry Odle, a former State FFA president, who is an assistant in the agricultural department of the bank.

The tour was very enjoyable and much valuable information was obtained. Many thoughts and ideas were exchanged which helped each State FFA officer and the Kansas FFA Association as well. Also, many people in agriculture and nonrelated fields know a little more about the FFA and what it is doing in Kansas.

Steve Davis  
State Reporter



# CHAPTER SECTION



## ELLSWORTH FORMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Eleven members from all walks of life in the Ellsworth community now are formed together as advisory committee for the vocational agriculture department. The group meets once a month for ten months a year. Members of the council and their vocations in the community are Lewis McAtee, banker; Ernest Fulton, highway engineer; Karl Pflughoeft, George Zavesky, and Milas Doubrava, farmers; L. C. Peterson, railroad agent; Foster Albright, Independent Salt Company; Pete Dlabal, farmers cooperative; Virgil Carlson, county extension agent; R. W. Herzog, retired newspaper publisher; James Kroboth, FFA president; and Lester Crandall, vocational agriculture instructor.

## HILL CITY FFA PUBLISHES MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Hill City FFA Newsletter keeps the local chapter and friends of the FFA informed as to the activities of the local chapter. The newsletter gives an opportunity to recognize outstanding FFA members.

Chapters who may be interested in publishing a monthly newsletter should contact Mr. Joe Farrell, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Hill City, Kansas 67642.

## GOODLAND FFA MEMBERS LEND A HAND

John Pizel, a member of the Goodland FFA Chapter, was critically injured in an automobile accident last summer. After John's return from the Craig Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver, he was in need of a tilting table to be used for therapy purposes. The Goodland FFA members, under the direction of their instructor, Mr. Maurice Little, are building a table which will be the same height as the hospital bed, which will have an axle in the middle and when tilted forward, John would be almost perpendicular with his feet near the floor. Mrs. Pizel, John's mother, states that this will assist

him in gaining his balance and also help him overcome dizziness when he is able to stand. Congratulations to Maurice Little, advisor, and his FFA members for their assistance.

### COUNCIL GROVE OFFICERS VISIT 95 BUSINESSES

Ninety-five Morris County business establishments were visited by officers of the Council Grove Chapter of Future Farmers of America on their Good Will Tour. Officers toured business places, visited with business managers, and expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the business with the FFA throughout the past year. Managers were presented with official 1969 FFA Calendars, which tell the FFA story with monthly changes and colored photographs. Farmers and Drivers Bank and Flint Hills RECA provided the official calendars for the Good Will Tour. Three hundred other calendars were mailed to farmers in the community. Officers participating in the Good Will Tour were Frank Buchman, president; Ron Wilson, vice president; Alan Waner, secretary; Rick Prochaska, treasurer; Phil Burnett, reporter; and Dale Williams, sentinel.

The Council Grove FFA Chapter brought home the district poultry judging trophy for the third consecutive year. The chapter was also very active during National FFA Week. Mayor Lester McClintock officially proclaimed National FFA Week February 15 - 22. In a portion of the proclamation, Mayor McClintock stated, "It is vital to our well being that we train skilled farmers and ranchers to provide a plentiful supply of food products in years to come and to train those who provide services to the farmer and process and distribute farm products." Activities for National FFA Sunday were sponsored in five community churches. Scripture lessons, FFA prayers, and responsive readings were given by FFA members. Five hundred FFA inserts were distributed in the church programs. In addition, the FFA members participated in Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Optimist Club meetings. Thirty-seven National FFA Week spot announcements were mailed for broadcast to WIBW, KFDI, and KOMA radio stations. A special display entitled, "Four levels of FFA participation" was set up in the Morris County Farm Bureau office.

An FFA dress-up day in which all chapter members wore ties and jackets to school was sponsored February 21. Twenty miniature billboards were distributed in farm business establishments throughout the community. Four hundred official FFA place mats were used by cafes of the community. Four hundred National FFA Week stamps were used by school officials on their correspondence during the week. A half-page advertisement was sponsored in the daily newspaper by 17 business establishments to help support National FFA Week. Nine other articles including a feature, an editorial, and news stories were published throughout the week. A news article



concerning the activities was printed in the school paper, The Trail Blazer. The Kansas Association congratulates the Council Grove officers and chapter members for a job well done.

#### ARKANSAS CITY CHAPTER RECOGNIZES NATIONAL FFA WEEK

The radio was used as a means of communication by Arkansas City FFA members and advisors to emphasize the theme "FFA--An Opportunity for Youth." The chapter also set up an educational booth in the Home National Bank. The exhibit introduced the areas of agri-business in which vocational agriculture graduates can be employed.

On Sunday, February 16, the chapter attended church as a group at the First Methodist Church. In the afternoon, all the FFA members attended a bowling party sponsored by the chapter.

The junior and senior high school FFA members observed a dress-up day in which all members wore white shirts, ties, and FFA jackets. Five members of the chapter presented a special FFA program to the Kiwanas Club.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kent Nulik, Reporter

#### ATCHISON CO. FFA CHAPTER HOLDS ANNUAL PARENT-SON BANQUET

Approximately 250 people attended the Atchison Co. 34th Annual Parent-Son Banquet in the Effingham High School gymnasium. Individual FFA members were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Two outstanding supporters of the Atchison Co. Future Farmers of America were presented with the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. These individuals were Mr. Elmer Hart, principal of the Atchison Co. Community High School, and Justin Schletzbaum, who has assisted the local chapter in many of their activities of the year. Mr. Schletzbaum's son John was Star Farmer of Northeast Kansas last year.

#### PAULA GIERSH, PALCO, NORTHWEST SWEETHEART

District president Bob Price informed the State Association that Paula Giersh of Palco has been chosen Northwest District FFA Sweetheart. Paula was chosen from 19 candidates. Judges for the selection committee were Miss Donna Guinn, State FFA Sweetheart; Ken Conway, State FFA sentinel; Mr. Phil Finley, Decatur Co. Agricultural Extension Service; and two district officers. Paula will compete for State FFA Sweetheart next September at the State Fair in Hutchinson.