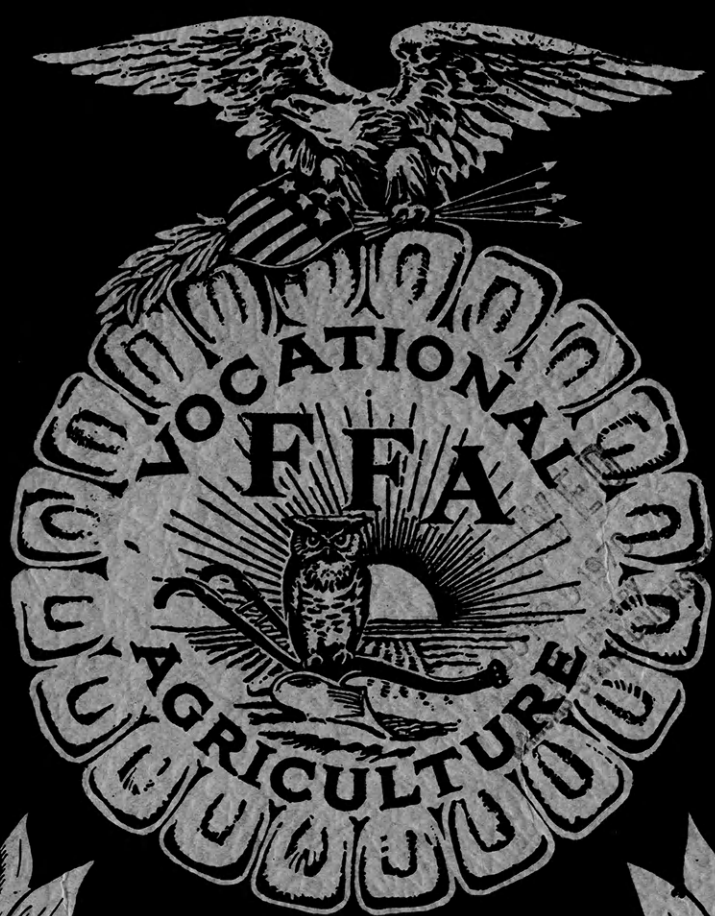


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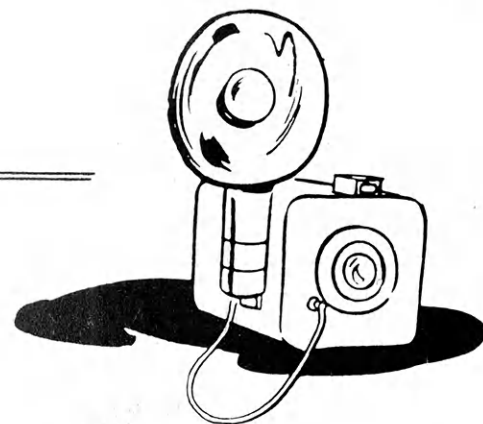
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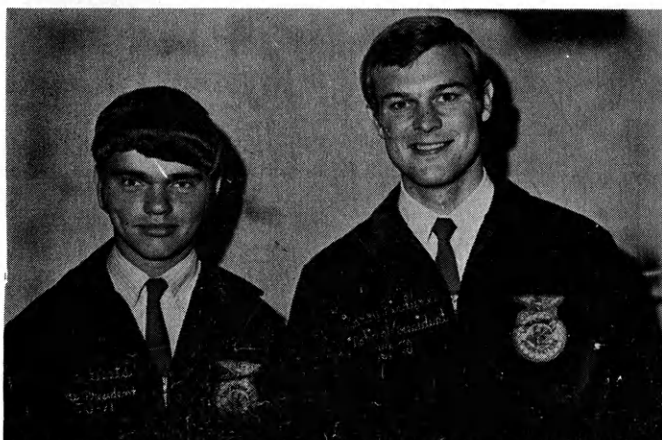
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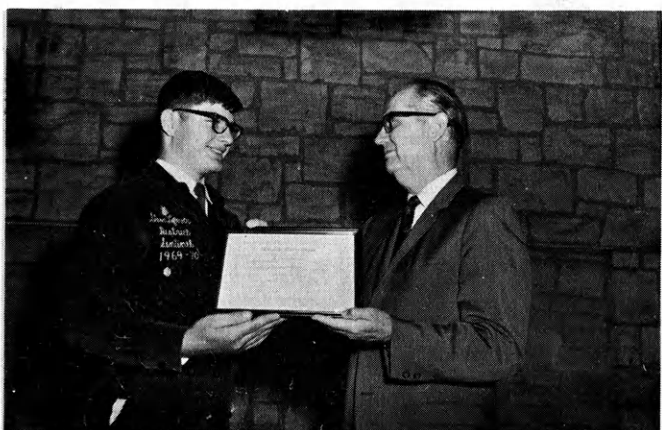
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Kansas President Deets Confers with National FFA President, Harry Birdwell-- Doug Deets, president of the Kansas FFA, attended the National Future Farmers of America Leadership and Citizenship Conference in Washington, D. C., July 19-25. The highlight of the week's event was the announcement of a new FFA community action program, "Building Our American Communities."



1970 Roy Freeland Award--A graduating senior at Peabody High School, Steve Wayne Lefever, was presented the \$500 scholarship, Roy Freeland Future Farmers of America Award, given by Harry Darby of Kansas City



Sears-Roebuck Foundation Promotes Leadership--Mr. M. G. Benninger, manager, Sears-Roebuck and Company, Topeka, presents the Sears-Roebuck Foundation contribution to President Doug Deets. This contribution is used in developing leadership and citizenship in Kansas. From left to right are Phil Stinemetz, State vice president; M. G. Benninger, manager, Sears Roebuck, Topeka; Doug Deets, State president; and Ron Sharp, Sears Roebuck, Topeka.

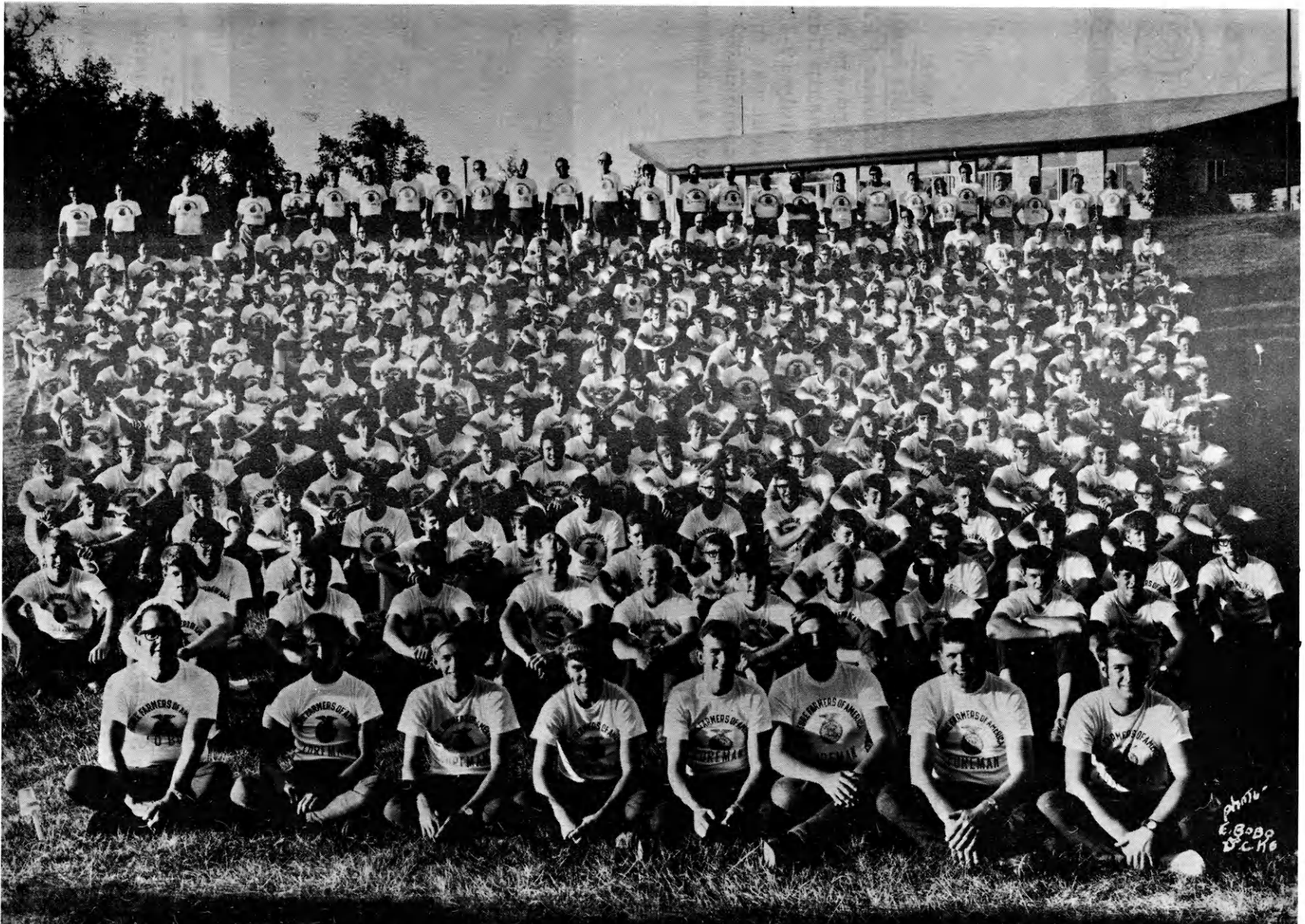


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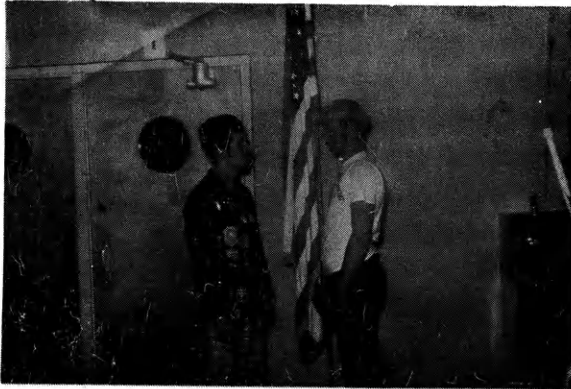
**FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP**  
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Tips From the Banker--Wilbur Levering, president, Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives, and vice president of Merchants National Bank, Topeka, discussed proper procedures in obtaining a loan.



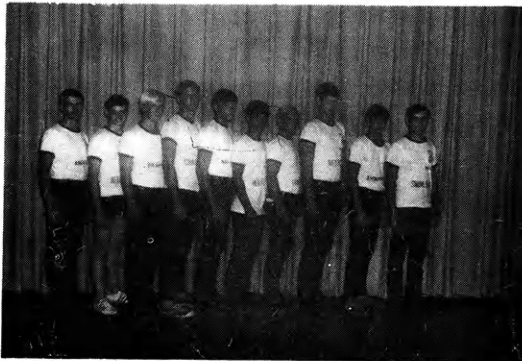
Morning Watch--Concordia Astronotes provided the musical talent for the Morning Watch at the State FFA Camp August 1. Rusty Rogers, former FFA member from McDonald, gave a new look at drug use and abuse.



Your American Heritage--A standing ovation was given Marcus Kerr Almeida, Brazil, when he finished pointing out what is good about America.



1970 State FFA Camp Officers-- Left to right: Mark Mayfield, Joe Broeckelman, Chris Schmidt, Mark Edelman, Ralph Wilson, and Steve Stigge.



Camp Wranglers--David Kehler, Angus; Jay Armstrong, Beefmaster; Jay Montgomery, Brahmas; David Taylor, Charolais; Kevin Sterling, Galloway; Steve Marsh, Herefords; Jerry Hageman, Longhorns; Dale Bohn, Red Polls; Roger Cooper, Shorthorns; and Dwayne Messner, Simmentals.



Assistant Camp Wranglers--Robert Watts, Angus; Ralph Wilson, Beefmaster; Mike Bodenhausen, Brahmas; Bob Mertz, Charolais; David Neibling, Galloway; Keith Carr, Herefords; Allen Chestnut, Longhorns; Roger Hopkins, Red Polls; Rod Nulik, Shorthorns; and Garry Oswald, Simmentals.



Which Way is Europe? --The 1970 Kansas FFA Study Tour to Northern Europe group as they board their plane at Kansas City. On the left from bottom to top are Greg Hands, Garden City; Phil Sandelin, WaKeeney; Bennie Gehring, Moundridge; Jeffry Altwegg, Blue Valley; Jim Maley, Iola; Gary Worcester, Hill City. On the right from bottom to top are Jeff Cox and Steve Rome of Hugoton; Mike Ramsey, Garden City; Tim Benton, Garnett; Sam Hands, Garden City; Jim Kaufman, Moundridge; Steve Lefever, Peabody; Johnny Womack, Iola; and Vernon Shahan, Bird City.



Eskridge Chapter Sweethearts Confer with National FFA President -- From left to right are Jane Hentzler, Eskridge chapter sweetheart; Harry Birdwell, National FFA president; and Ginny Warren, Eskridge chapter sweetheart.



Official FFA Calendars -- An FFA member can contact a local businessman about sponsoring the chapter's 1971 FFA Calendars. Samples will help show the high quality of these Official FFA Calendars. Chapters often help sponsors distribute the calendars when they arrive later in the year. Businesses prefer to get in their orders for 1971 calendars as soon as possible.

Sheep Crook Demonstration -- An official of the Cronberg Sheep Ranch at Medicine Bow, Wyoming, instructs Eskridge FFA Chapter members in the use of a sheep crook.

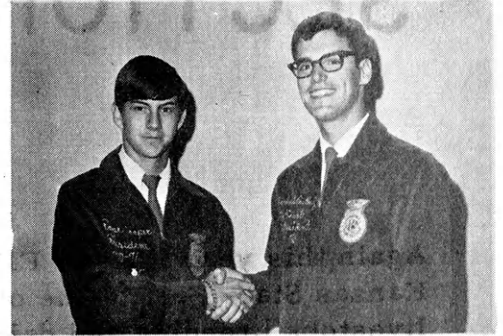




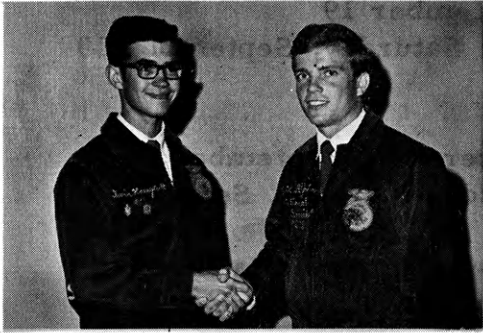
Seven Kansas FFA chapters attended the Leadership training in Washington D.C. They are pictured below:



Winfield--Terry Lawrence



Norton--Roger Cooper



Valley Heights--Kevin Honeycutt



Arkansas City--Larry Schmidt and Ralph Wilson



Highland--David Neibling



Hill City--Brad Trexler



Moundridge--Galen Waltner

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## SECTION



### COME TO THE FAIR

Again this year Kansas FFA members are to play a prominent part in the Kansas State Fair. One of the new features at the fair is the addition of livestock breeding and dairy classes for the FFA livestock show. Listed below is a schedule of activities for the fair. See you at the fair.

#### FRIDAY:

Ag. Mechanics Exhibits in place -- 9:00 p. m., Friday, September 18

#### SATURDAY:

Ag. Mechanics judging -- 9:00 a. m., Saturday, September 19

Kansas European Tour Group Meeting -- 2:00 p. m., Saturday, September 19

#### WEDNESDAY:

Receiving livestock and dairy entries -- Tuesday afternoon, September 22  
and Wednesday morning, Sept. 23

Livestock and dairy weighing and collection of data -- Completed by 6:00  
p. m., Wednesday, September 23

Livestock and dairy announcements -- 7:00 p. m., Wednesday,  
September 23

Livestock and dairy publicity pictures -- 7:30 p. m., Wednesday,  
September 23

#### THURSDAY:

Market lamb judging -- 9:00 a. m., Thursday, September 24

Steer judging -- To follow market lamb judging

Market pig judging -- 1:00 p. m., Thursday, September 24

Start second scheduled herdsmanship inspection of stalls and pens --  
5:00 p. m., Thursday, September 24

FRIDAY:

Judging of breeding sheep classes -- 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 25

Sheep showmanship judging -- To follow breeding sheep classes

Judging of breeding beef classes -- 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 25

Beef showmanship judging -- To follow breeding beef classes

Judging of dairy classes -- 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 25

Dairy showmanship judging -- To follow dairy classes

Start third scheduled herdsmanship inspection of stalls and pens --  
5:00 p.m. Friday, September 25

SATURDAY:

Judging of breeding swine classes -- 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 26

Swine showmanship judging -- To follow breeding swine classes

Interviews of FFA sweetheart candidates -- 11:00 a.m., Saturday,  
September 26

Registration of FFA livestock judging contest teams -- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.,  
Saturday, September 26

FFA livestock judging contest -- 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 26

Start fourth scheduled herdsmanship inspection of stalls and pens --  
1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 26

FFA members guests of State Fair at grandstand races -- 2:00 p.m.,  
Saturday, September 26

Bidding on animals not selected for carcass section of show -- 3:00 p.m.,  
Saturday, September 26

Results of livestock judging contest -- 6:15 p.m., Saturday, September 26

Kansas FFA sweetheart crowning -- 7:15 p.m., Saturday, September 26

FFA members guests of State Fair at grandstand show -- 7:30 p.m.,  
Saturday, September 26

SUNDAY:

Start final scheduled herdsmanship inspection of stalls and pens --  
8:00 a.m., Sunday, September 27

Grand champion livestock showmanship judging --  
2:00 p. m., Sunday,  
September 27



Announcements and presentation of herdsman-  
ship awards -- 2:30 p. m.,  
Sunday, September 27

Loading of animals to be sold through bidder -- 5:30 p. m., Sunday,  
September 27

Animals released -- 6:00 p. m., Sunday, September 27

#### POST-FAIR ACTIVITIES:

Slaughter of animals -- Monday, September 28

Evaluation of animals slaughtered -- Tuesday, September 29

Distribution of all FFA livestock show results

#### 1970 LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The Federal Land Bank of Wichita will sponsor the awards for Leadership Schools. A special thanks should be sent to Mr. William G. Plested, Jr., President, The Federal Land Bank of Wichita, Box 458, Wichita, Kansas 67201.

<u>Date</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Oct. 7	SC	Buhler	Leslie Starks
Oct. 7	NW	Hill City	Joe Farrell
Oct. 7	EC	Seaman of Topeka	Jim Hundley
Oct. 7	NC	Belleville	Robert Mainquist
Oct. 8	SW	Dodge City	Allen Starosta
Oct. 8	SE	Cherokee	Larry Coltrane
Oct. 8	NE	Effingham	Roy Eck

#### FFA Information Contest

1. Twenty-five questions will be given.
2. Questions will be taken from the official FFA Manual, the November 1969 Future Farmer newsletter, the April 1970 Future Farmer newsletter, and the May 1970 Future Farmer newsletter.

3. The test will not include names of winners of district, State, or National contests.
4. The test will not include names or home chapters of American Farmer candidates.
5. The test will not cover names of regional vice presidents or Board of Directors of the National organization.
6. The top ten individuals will be recognized.

### Parliamentary Procedure

A new list of items to be used as topics has been developed for this year's district parliamentary procedure contests. Some of the old items have been incorporated in the new list but a number of new subjects have also been included. Activities involving the Building Our American Communities program have been selected as the major theme of many of the topics. It might be advisable for teams of parliamentary procedure to study some of the topics stressed in the booklet sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., which was distributed to FFA advisors at area conferences last month.

All items this year will also be dividable.

### NEW ZEALAND VISITOR

Arthur Bishop of New Zealand is to spend six weeks in Kansas starting the first part of September. Arthur's objective is basically two-fold--to see as much Kansas agriculture and to tell of his country, New Zealand.

FFA chapters are encouraged to use Arthur when he is in their area if a program and details can be arranged. Below is Arthur's itinerary while in Kansas being hosted by the Kansas FFA:

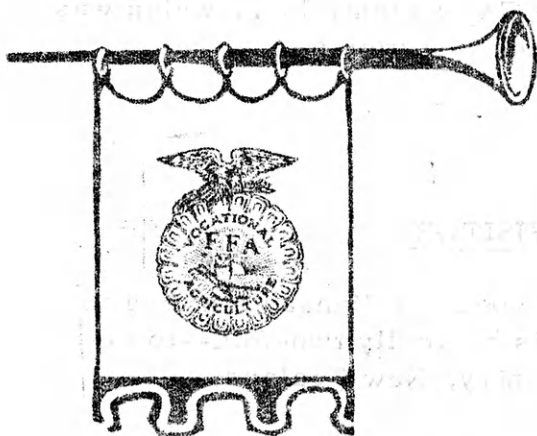
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| August 30 - September 8     | - Garden City Junior College's Irrigation Technology program with Roger Hamilton of Leoti as his host |
| September 8 - September 15  | - Peabody FFA chapter with Gary Jones as his host   |
| September 15 - September 22 | - North Central Kansas AVTS Production Agriculture Program at Beloit with Gary Jarmer as his host     |
| September 22 - September 27 | - Kansas State Fair   |
| September 27 - October 3    | - Arkansas City FFA with the Frank Wilson family as his host  |
| October 4 - October 10      | - Burlingame Young Farmers with Gary Reick as his host  |

October 10	- KSU - KU football game at Manhattan
October 11	- Peace Treaty at Medicine Lodge
October 12 - 17	- National FFA Convention

### CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

#### FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

In keeping with the Constitutional responsibilities of this office, it is my privilege to issue the Call for the 43rd National FFA Convention. I am pleased to inform you that the 43rd Annual National FFA Convention will be held October 13 - 16 at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri. The Tuesday evening, October 13, Vespers Service, will mark the beginning of the 1970 classic, and the "Firestone Show" on Friday evening, October 16, will conclude the 43rd convention.



Several changes in the program should make this year's convention even more exciting. Never has there been a more outstanding slate of speakers featured at a National FFA Convention. In addition, the efforts and achievements of Future Farmers from every sector of our Nation will be recognized and rewarded in new and dynamic ways.

Friends and supporters of the FFA will be more impressively honored; and time consuming convention ceremonies and formalities will be speeded so as to provide greater inspiration to both the participants and the audience.

In transacting the business of the FFA for the coming year, all State Associations in good standing shall be represented at the convention by two official delegates, plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000, and two alternate delegates. Official delegates and National Officer candidates should be prepared to attend the delegate orientation at 9:00 a.m. on October 13. All American Farmer Degree candidates, award winners, National Officer candidates, and chapter representatives need be present at the first session, Tuesday evening.

As National President of FFA, I extend an invitation to every FFA chapter to be represented by six Future Farmers or 10% of its membership, whichever number is greater. This figure does not include award winners or program participants.

While preparing for your visit to Kansas City, kindly familiarize yourself with "You and Your National Convention." May I remind you that Kansas City is a tremendous host for our convention activities. Let us continue to merit their faith in and enthusiasm for our organization.

As the 1969-70 National FFA Officers look forward to seeing you in Kansas City, we anticipate a most successful and monumental convention.

Harry Birdwell  
National President

#### FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS OF KANSAS:

One of the highlights of the FFA is the National Convention. This year's 43rd National Convention will be held October 13 - 16 at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. The program and activities that are planned should prove to make this convention the most exciting and dynamic convention in the history of FFA.

Each chapter in Kansas may be represented by six Future Farmers or 10% of its membership, whichever is greater. As the Kansas State FFA President, I would urge each and every chapter to attend the National Convention proceedings and activities. I'm quite sure that this convention will provide an educational and inspirational experience for FFA members that will never be forgotten.

May I remind you that Kansas City has been an excellent host for the convention and that you will be representing the FFA as an organization. Therefore, I would ask that you conduct yourself in a manner that would respectfully represent FFA ideals and values.

I look forward to seeing many blue and gold jackets from Kansas at the 43rd National Convention. I anticipate a most successful and inspirational convention. Hope to see you there.

Doug Deets  
State President

#### STATE FFA OFFICERS

Listed below are the home and college addresses and telephone numbers of the 1970-71 State FFA officers. Chapters are encouraged to use the State and district FFA officer wherever possible. Attempts should be made to use the officer nearest your area and the chapter should be prepared to pay the expenses of the officers.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Address &amp; Phone</u>	<u>College Address &amp; Phone</u>
Doug Deets	Solomon Valley Feed Lots R. R. #2 Beloit, Kansas 67420 913 738-3990	Farm House 1830 College Heights Manhattan, Kansas 66502 913 JE 9-2321
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Rod Rahn	R. R. #3 Arkansas City, Kansas 67005 316 442-4222	Same as home address and phone
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Ronald Roth	R. R. #1 Green, Kansas 67447 913 944-2237	Farm House 1830 College Heights Manhattan, Kansas 66502 JE 9-2321



### FFA ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Making rural communities better places in which to live and work is the objective of a new community action program announced recently by the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. Theme of the new program is "Building Our American Communities."

Harry Birdwell, National FFA President, made the announcement at a Capitol Hill breakfast for State FFA presidents, their congressmen, and senators. "This is an opportunity for young people to show their concern for America by getting actively involved in their community," Birdwell told the group of 80 State officers and 40 congressmen.



"We want to make it clear," said Birdwell, "that students of vocational agriculture and members of the FFA are training for occupations in both farming and agribusiness. Because of our expanded interests and desire of our members to be associated with agriculture, we feel it is essential to build strong rural communities where they can live and work in agriculturally related jobs. This will be possible only if jobs are available and rural communities are desirable places in which to live and work," he said.



The Building Our American Communities program is a joint effort of the FFA, the U. S. Office of Education and the Farmers Home Administration (FHA), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. The FHA has prepared a "Guide to Understanding and Developing Communities" for use by vo-ag instructors in the high school vocational agriculture classroom. The guide outlines discussion that can be related to any community and includes topics such as: identifying the wants and needs of the local community, analyzing the resources available for community improvement and how to carry our constructive projects for improving the community.

A second phase of the program will involve FFA members in community action projects. Chapters will be encouraged to take on constructive projects that will improve their communities. Some projects being suggested include surveys of community land, water, manpower and transportation resources, job surveys, environmental clean up and control and community health and safety projects.

"As we view America's future, it becomes more evident that rural America must help find solutions to the problems of congested urban centers," said Birdwell in announcing the program. "The overpopulation of cities can be reduced," he explained, "provided that sufficient jobs, adequate housing and municipal facilities can be secured to make rural and semi-rural areas more attractive places in which to live and work."

In addition to support from the FHA, several top government officials including President Nixon have given their verbal support of the FFA Community Action Program. Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, Indiana, is sponsoring the "Building Our American Communities" program through the National FFA Foundation, Inc. More than 5,000 awards are available to FFA chapters that take an active role in improving their communities.

"We realize this project is quite an undertaking," said Birdwell, "however, we anticipate that many other organizations will become actively involved in community projects as a result of FFA efforts to help coordinate rural development."

REGIONAL STAR AMERICAN FARMERS NAMED

Four outstanding young Future Farmers of America have been named by the National Officers and Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America to receive the coveted Regional Star American Farmer Award for 1970.

They are Albert C. Wildes, 19, Route 3, Hazlehurst, Georgia, member of the Jeff Davis FFA Chapter; Merrill Kelsay, 21, Whiteland, Indiana, member of the Whiteland FFA Chapter; Jay Brian Scharf, 19, Route 1, Box 64, Amity, Oregon, member of the Perrydale FFA Chapter, and Robert Lee Weaver, 21, R.D. #1, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, member of the Garden Spot FFA Chapter.

Selection of the Star American Farmers is based on achievement in agriculture and leadership in activities of the FFA. The four named were picked from among the 471 members who have been recommended by their respective State FFA Associations to receive the FFA's highest degree, that of American Farmer.

As Star American Farmers for their respective regions, each will receive a cash award of \$500 at the National Future Farmers of America Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16. At that time, one of them will be named Star Farmer of America and will receive an additional \$500.

REGIONAL STAR AGRIBUSINESSMEN NAMED

Four outstanding Future Farmers of America have been named by the FFA National Officers and Board of Directors to receive the Regional Star Agribusinessman of America Award for 1970. This is the second year this award has been made available to FFA members whose supervised agriculture occupational experience program is related to agribusiness. To be eligible for recognition as Star Agribusinessman of America, the candidate must also meet the requirements of the American Farmer Degree, highest degree of membership in the FFA.

This year's Regional Star Agribusinessmen are: Jerry L. Williamson, 19, 6536 Tina Street, Jacksonville, Florida, member of the Paxon FFA Chapter; Merle Eugene Klotz, 21, Napoleon Road, Bowling Green, Ohio, member of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter; Lynn Allan Scott, 19, Route 1, Gaston, Oregon, member of the Forest Grove FFA Chapter, and Earl M. Weaver, 21, R. D. 1, Middletown, Pennsylvania, member of the Upper Bucks Tech FFA Chapter.

Selection of the Star Agribusinessmen of America is based on achievements in one or more areas of non-production agriculture as well as leadership in FFA activities. The four named were selected from among the 471 members who have been recommended by their respective State FFA Associations to receive the FFA American Farmer Degree.

As Star Agribusinessmen for their respective regions, each will receive a cash award of \$500 at the National Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16. At that time, one will be named Star Agribusinessman of America and will receive an additional \$500.

NATIONAL BAND AND CHORUS MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

National Band members from Steve Marsh, Miltonvale; Young, Erie; Scott Tichenor, Russell.

Chorus members for 1970 Eugene Shields, Winfield; Hank Harr, Caney; and Bill



Kansas for 1970 will be Steve Newby, Haven; Frank Paradise; and Tim Ehrlich,

are Ricky Nix, Hugoton; Terry Lawrence, Winfield; Hunter, Altamont.

NATIONAL PIANIST CHOSEN FROM KANSAS

Pianist William Dennis Good, FFA member from Paola, will serve as National FFA Chorus accompanist with an FFA member from Texas. Dennis Dienes of WaKeeney served as accompanist for the past two years.

FARM AND HOME ELECTRICAL LESSON PLANS AVAILABLE

An instructor's manual and student's manual will be available to vocational agriculture departments upon request to the State office, 120 East Tenth Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Please include \$1.00 for each instructor's book and student's book to cover printing costs. Make the check payable to the Kansas Association of FFA.

The Kansas Electrification Council has invested \$3,000 in research and putting the lesson plans together. This should be a real time-saver for vocational agriculture instructors as it contains pertinent and organized material. I am encouraging each chapter to use these lesson plans this year. In two years it is planned to evaluate and bring the lesson plans up to date again.

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Please send \_\_\_\_\_ instructor's manuals and \_\_\_\_\_ student's manuals to \_\_\_\_\_ chapter. I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1 per manual) to cover the cost of printing.

UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF FFA JACKETS

It has come to the attention of the National Board of Directors and National Board of Officers of the FFA that the Holt's Sporting Goods Company of Waco, Texas, is aggressively soliciting the sale of jackets bearing the official FFA insignia outside the State of Texas.

The manufacturing and sale of jackets by the Holt's Sporting Goods Company DOES NOT have the approval of the National Board of Directors and National Board of Officers, and by unanimous vote of the Boards, this practice is not condoned or authorized. Holt's Sporting Goods Company has indicated that they have approval of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association of Texas to sell within the State of Texas only, however, they do not pay a royalty to the National Organization for the use of the FFA emblem as is required of the National FFA Supply Service.

It is apparent that the jacket being offered for sale by the Holt's Sporting Goods Company does not meet the standards and specifications of the official FFA jacket supplied by our own National FFA Supply Service as approved by the National Board of Directors. On July 27, 1970, a request was made to have both the official FFA jacket and the one manufactured by the Holt Company tested by the Better Fabrics Testing Bureau, Inc., New York City, with their following comments: "The Future Farmers official jacket is superior to the competitive product in fabric weight, abrasion resistance, dye penetration workmanship, and quality of embroidery."

In keeping with the "Official Policies Regarding The Use Of And Authorization For Use Of The Name and Emblem Of The FFA" (pages 110-111 in the FFA Manual), the National FFA Board of Directors and the National FFA Officers on July 30, 1970, officially asked that State FFA Advisors and Executive Secretaries be notified of the above situation, and that their help and assistance be solicited in preventing the unauthorized sale of jackets bearing the official FFA insignia. They also requested that FFA Chapter Advisors and members be encouraged to patronize their own FFA Supply Service in their efforts to maintain quality merchandise and to provide needed revenue in maintaining the National Organization and in strengthening its service to FFA members.



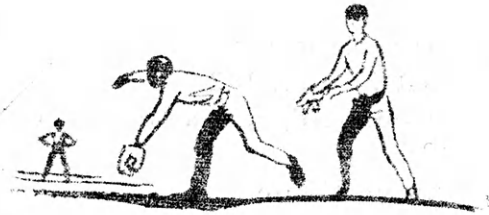
# ACTIVITIES

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# SECTION



## 1970 KANSAS FFA STUDY TOUR TO EUROPE

On July 8, 15 Kansas FFA members started on a three-week study tour of Northern Europe, which took them to Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Holland, West Germany, East Germany, Sweden, and Denmark. The activities also took the group over the countries of Ireland, Wales, Canada, and much of the United States.

Highlights of the tour are many, but most participants would probably be quick to refer to the Berlin visit with the sobering experience of crossing "the wall" and the contrasts which exist on the Eastern side. A three-day stay in a number of homes in Denmark was an experience of a lifetime for the participants. The different types of foods were an adventure most participants will remember for some time.

Then picture, if you can, 15 FFA Kansas farm boys having breakfast in bed in Paris. This must surely be the peak of luxury. While in Paris the group observed the National French Holiday, Bastille Day. From atop the famous Eiffel Tower the group observed the fireworks and general celebrating of the French people. The highlight of Bastille Day was a large military parade, with President Pompidou as the featured entry.

Upon returning the group flew via the new 747 which is an experience in itself.

And so on the story could go. . . .

A number of the participants could make outstanding presentations for local chapter meetings. The following is a list of potential speakers:

Jeffrey Altwegg  
Route 1  
Riley, Kansas 66531

Tim Benton  
Route 3  
Garnett, Kansas 66032

Greg or Sam Hands  
South Star Route  
Garden City, Kansas 67846

Bennie Gehring  
Moundridge, Kansas 67107

Jim Kaufman  
RR 2, Box 142  
Moundridge, Kansas 67107

Mike Ramsey  
Imperial Route  
Garden City, Kansas 67846

Steve Rome  
Star Route, Box 18  
Hugoton, Kansas 67951

Phil Sandelin  
Rural Route 1  
WaKeeney, Kansas 67672

Johnny Womack  
Route 1  
Iola, Kansas 66749

Gary Worcester  
Hill City, Kansas 67642

Steve Lefever  
Route 2  
Burns, Kansas 66840

If chapters do contact these members for presentations, the chapters should be prepared to assist with the expenses such as mileage, meals, lodging, etc.

Tentatively plans are being developed for another tour in 1972, with Moscow as the goal. It is hoped that the cost can be held to around \$700-\$800. Now is the time to start making plans for the 1972 adventure.

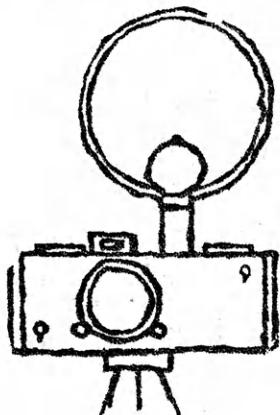
#### KANSAS FFA FILM WINS "OSCAR" AWARD

"Seven Stars Over Kansas," recently was awarded the "Oscar" award in Agriculture of the Farm Radio and Television Division of National Radio and Television Oscar competition. Entries in the competition were from all parts of the United States. "Seven Stars Over Kansas" is a film of the seven district star farmers of Kansas for 1970.

Receiving the coveted trophy was George Logan, Farm Director of WIBW in Topeka. Logan filmed, produced, and narrated the film, which was sponsored by Farmland Industries. Congratulations are certainly in order to George and the rest of the WIBW staff and an acknowledgement of appreciation to Farmland Industries for making it all possible.

Actors in the film, of course, were the seven Kansas FFA members who were selected as district star farmers for 1970. Who knows, we may have a future Clark Gable in the ranks of Kansas FFA members.

Copies of the film are now available through the State FFA office or the Farmland Industries office in Kansas City. The film has already experienced much use on the local chapter level, and it is booked for a great amount of time in the future. If your chapter would like to see the film, however, don't hesitate to contact one of the offices above because your date may possibly just be open for at least one of the films.



The seven 1970 District Star Farmers are:

David Carnahan, Wamego - Northeast District  
 Merrill Crawford, Seaman - East Central District  
 Kent Hansen, Altamont - Southeast District  
 Ronald Roth, Clay Center - North Central District  
 Karl Magnusson, Winfield - South Central District  
 Wesley Schmidt, Hugoton - Southwest District  
 Corey Lowdon, Osborne - Northwest District

### STEVE LEFEVER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Steve Lefever, FFA member from Peabody High School, was the recipient of the Roy Freeland Future Farmers of America Award given by Harry Darby of Kansas City. The \$500 scholarship was presented at the Kansas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Banquet at Kansas State University, Manhattan, June 4.

The purpose of the award is to attract students of outstanding ability and sincerity of purpose to the teaching profession. The award is based on high school Future Farmer activities, scores on achievement tests, high school grades, character, personality, and the desire to be a teacher of vocational agriculture. Steve, son of Mrs. Beverly Lefever, plans to enroll in the agricultural education curriculum at Kansas State University this year.

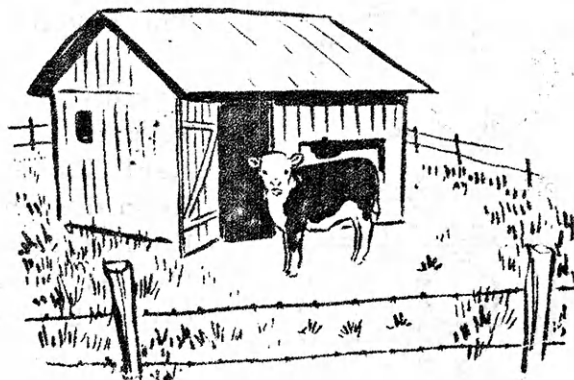
This is the fourth year for the award. C. Scott Sparks, Kingman, a K-State senior in agricultural education, was the 1967 recipient; Darrell Cardell, Richmond, a K-State junior in agricultural education, was honored in 1968; and Charles Van Petten received the award last year and is now an ag. ed. sophomore at Kansas State University.

### 1970 KANSAS AMERICAN FARMERS NAMED

Seven outstanding young Future Farmers of America have been named by the Kansas Association of FFA to receive the coveted American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention October 14 at Kansas City. They are John Wayne Bastin, 21, Selden, Kansas, member of the Oberlin FFA Chapter of Decatur Community High School; William M. Blanton, 21, Robinson, Kansas, member of the Highland FFA Chapter of Highland High School; A. James Hess, Jr., 21, Burlington, Kansas, member of the Burlington FFA Chapter of Burlington High School; Lauren Dean Libby, 19, Smith Center, Kansas, member of the Smith Center FFA Chapter of Smith Center High School; Lester C. Priest, 21, Winfield, Kansas, member of the Winfield FFA Chapter of Winfield High School; Gary Allen Ritter, 20, Norcatur, Kansas, member of the Norcatur FFA Chapter of Norcatur High School; and Myron D. Schmidt, 23, Newton, Kansas, member of the Goessel FFA Chapter of Goessel High School.

John Wayne Bastin

"I started out with two cows. Dad had given me the two as calves for doing chores." Those are the words of John Wayne Bastin of Selden, Kansas, who went on to participate in the National FFA Convention talent activities and now has been selected as an American Farmer from Kansas.



It didn't take Bastin long to get established in farming. "When I sold the first calves from my cows, I saved the money and put it in the bank. When I had a job, I saved the money that I made and later used it to buy more calves," says Bastin. He also used some of the money to buy such machinery as a Noble Sweep Machine.

Making the most of his opportunities, Bastin began a beef cattle operation, which now has a scope of 70 head. He also farms over 100 acres of wheat and 32 acres of forage sorghum.

During his FFA years he was popular in his talent of playing the accordion at local and district events, and at both the State and National FFA Conventions.

Bastin is the 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo E. Bastin. He is a member of the Oberlin FFA Chapter at Decatur Community High School, where his vocational agriculture instructor is Mr. Don Guinn. Superintendent of the Oberlin school system is Mr. Glenn Martin.

William M. Blanton

William M. Blanton, 21, of Robinson, Kansas, has been selected for the American Farmer Degree by the Kansas Association of FFA. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Blanton. He and his wife, Charlotte, live on a farm in northeast Kansas.



Blanton believes there is a real future in farming--a belief he has demonstrated since 1960 when he started borrowing money from the local bank to finance and expand his farming operation.

Blanton has been determined to farm in his own right. And he did--"I furnish all of the labor in my farming program, and if assistance is needed, I seek advice from my father or father-in-law," says Blanton.

The primary crops in Blanton's farming program are corn and wheat. He set a goal of 100 bushels of corn per acre and was able to reach that goal. Along with



his fine corn producing abilities, he has a sow herd of 19 head, which had an average litter size of 10.2 and weaned the pigs at a weight of 35 pounds at 49 days of age.

Blanton's vocational agriculture teacher at Highland High School is Lyle H. Chadwell and his school superintendent is Mr. J. S. Schmucker.

#### A. James Hess, Jr.

A 21-year-old livestock and crops farmer from Burlington, Kansas, has been selected to receive the American Farmer Degree by the Kansas Association of FFA. A. James Hess, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Hess, and his wife, Kathleen, and young daughter operate a farming operation of corn, wheat, soybeans, beef, and hogs.

Jim's major emphasis in vocational agriculture classes, however, has been in the area of agricultural mechanics. He has participated in the State contests in such areas as carpentry and concrete, farm shop tools, and soil and water management--placing in the gold division in all three areas. A trailer he constructed was shown at the Mid America Fair and ranked as Reserve Grand Champion. A machinery repair project ranked as Grand Champion.



Jim says, "We try to keep all our equipment in top working condition. All machinery and equipment is kept shedded as much as possible to prolong life and value. Some of the equipment has been constructed at a cost less than appraised value."

Recently Jim and his wife purchased 100 acres of farmland to enable them to expand even more their farming program. Jim's vocational agriculture teacher at Burlington High School is John Ballard, and the high school principal is Charles Gash.

#### Lauren Dean Libby

Lauren Dean Libby, 19, of Smith Center, Kansas, has been selected as an American Farmer by the Kansas Association of FFA. Lauren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Libby, who operate a general crop and livestock farm near Smith Center.

At the present time Lauren is a student at Kansas State University where he is studying agricultural education. Lauren returns to his home farm on many weekends to help with the farm operation while his father manages the farm.

To help finance his farming ambitions, Lauren says, "I have worked at KKAN Radio Station in Phillipsburg, Kansas, for the last three years in addition to farming. During the summer I sign on at 5:45 a. m. and work until 2:00 p. m. and then farm. This enables me to expand my farming program without having to go into debt."

A highly qualified leader, Libby has been active in Kansas serving as State FFA president and currently representing Kansas in competition for a National FFA office. He was a semi-finalist at the National Farm Bureau Debate Contest and State 4-H winner in Civil Defense.

Lauren's vocational agriculture teacher at Smith Center High School was Charles Mantz and the school administrator is Robert Wells.

### Lester Priest

"I started my livestock program with one baby calf which I purchased with the money made from a small acreage of milo. As more grass was available I was able to buy more breeding heifers with money financed through my hometown bank." Those are the words of Lester Priest, an American Farmer from Winfield, and from that modest beginning Lester now operates a registered Polled Hereford cow herd of 20 head and over 300 acres of rich cultivated crop ground in south central Kansas.

Lester has been active and successful on numerous FFA judging and skill contest teams. In 1966 he placed in the Gold Emblem division on the National FFA Meats Judging Contest. He also exhibited the Grand Champion Farm Mechanics project at the Kansas State Fair in 1967 and received the Hesston Corporation Scholarship for his talents.

While farming Lester completed an Associate Degree at a nearby junior college, completed a carpentry program at a nearby area vocational-technical school, and participated in flight training to obtain a pilot's license. All of this schooling and training was done in hopes that it could eventually help Lester in his farming operations.



Lester and his wife now live on their farm near Winfield. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vollie Priest.

### Gary Allen Ritter

Gary Allen Ritter, 20, of Norcatur, Kansas, has been selected as a Kansas FFA American Farmer by the Kansas Association of FFA. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. F. Ritter.

Gary has finished two years at Cloud County Junior College at Concordia, Kansas, where he was a star basketball player and proved his abilities by being selected as a member of the All-Conference Junior College Basketball team for Kansas.

Since the college is only 100 miles from his home, he is able to help with the farming operations on weekends while his parents manage the farm. He now has 50 percent ownership in 400 acres, which is mainly pasture. His farming program centers around a 41-head cow herd plus some acreage in wheat.

A highly qualified leader, Ritter has been active in his chapter, serving as president and treasurer. He was editor of his school paper and was selected to participate in Kansas Boys State.

Ritter's vocational agriculture teacher at Norcatour High School is Aaron Bates.

#### Myron D. Schmidt

A 23-year-old dairy and crop farmer from Newton, Kansas, has been selected to receive the American Farmer Degree and is the Kansas nominee for Star Farmer of America. Myron D. Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed D. Schmidt, was named Star Farmer of Kansas in 1964 and in the same year received the National FFA Foundation award in agriculture mechanics.

Currently Myron is in a 50-50 partnership with his father in a farming operation which includes 147 dairy cattle and nearly 500 acres of cultivated cropland. The Schmidt's cows average 13,463 pounds of milk and 502 pounds of butterfat with a 4.2 percentage.

Myron and his wife, Pat, live in a very interesting and historic sod house which was built approximately 100 years ago on the virgin Kansas prairie by Mennonite immigrants. Myron and Pat have done a great deal to preserve the original flavor of the home and reconstruct parts of it to provide a comfortable home in which to live.

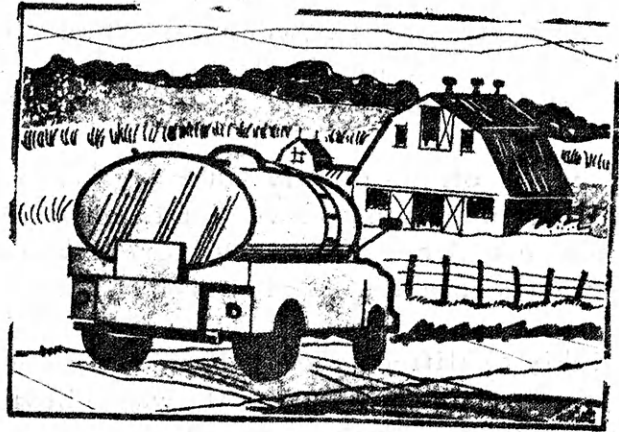
Although the farming operation has been the central point of his life, Myron has been quite active in FFA and community activities. He has recently fulfilled his military obligation by serving as a Volunteer in the Mennonite Youth Farm Program at Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada. In addition he officiates basketball games in his home community and area.

Myron's vocational agriculture teacher was Nelson Galle, who is now on the management staff of Hesston Corporation.



## CHAPTER AND DISTRICT

### SECTION



#### CONCORDIA FFA CHAPTER

The number one FFA chapter of Kansas kept busy during the past summer trying to improve the chapter for the coming year.

The president, John Morgan, attended the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. He brought back several ideas from chapters across the nation from which we can gain new project plans.

In July the officers with their advisor, Steve Reedy, spent five days in Colorado in workshop. During this time they revised the chapter constitution, drew up a constitution for the pig cooperative, planned all of next year's activities, made agendas for all night meetings, and completed the program of work.

The members met once each month through the summer in regular meetings. The August meeting was a combination watermelon feed and swimming party. The new freshman members and all parents were invited to this meeting, where a report of the summer's activities was given.

Pigs from the FFA Pig Cooperative were sold and a little more than \$8 per pig was made.

#### ESKRIDGE FFA CHAPTER

Some sweethearts are only figureheads that do very little work within the chapter. Others are quite active and are a credit to the chapter. Such is the case with Jane Hentzler and Ginny Warren, sweethearts of the Eskridge FFA Chapter.

Girls who are just starting their year as chapter sweetheart might get a few ideas on their responsibilities from the activities of these girls. Jane and Ginny attended every FFA meeting and always wore their own "official" dress, which they styled. It included a matching blue sweater and skirt combination worn with the sweetheart jacket. Some of the activities which these chapter sweethearts have

performed are as follows: attended State FFA convention, attended district FFA awards banquet, helped prepare parent and son banquet and served on clean-up committee afterwards, painted signs for FFA pickup, helped prepare chapter scrapbook, did secretarial work such as correspondence, typing, and copying, assisted with chapter television presentation, took part in FFA all-school assembly, presented several programs at FFA meetings, prepared home-made refreshments for most of the FFA meetings, wrote 35 stories for news release, helped at district contest by enrolling contestants, working in tabulation, and presenting awards, served as moderator during interviews of next year's chapter sweetheart.

The feeling of the entire school towards the FFA sweetheart was reflected this spring when the student council created a point system which would limit the number of activities a student could participate in. The purpose of this action was to spread our responsibility. The council decided that the FFA Sweetheart would have the same number of points as a class president, major organization president, or cheerleader.

An FFA sweetheart can be an important part of an active chapter, but it is up to the chapter membership to elect an interested sweetheart and then let her know that her efforts have been appreciated. Eskridge is proud of its chapter sweethearts.