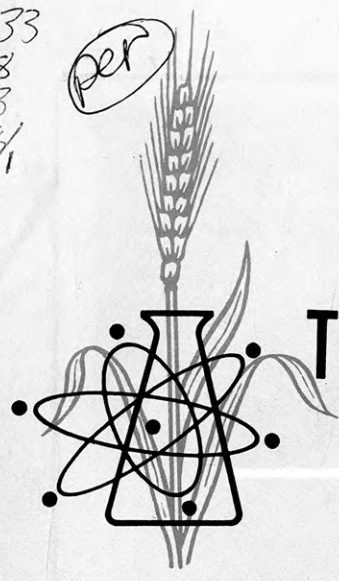


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ON THE COVER . . . OUR TWO WINNERS

Dee James became the third Kansan to win the National Public Speaking Contest and the only Kansan to win it since our Silver Anniversary in 1954. Ken Engle, Abilene, in 1942 and Marshall Shirer, Newton, in 1948 were the two previous winners.

Tim Rodgers, Uniontown, was the National Proficiency Award Winner of Diversified Livestock Production. With the help and encouragement of his father, Tim was able to expand his livestock enterprises "tremendously since entering vo-ag his freshman year," says his FFA advisor, Don Martin. Tim now has more than 500 head of beef cattle and hogs for breeding and marketing. "I was able to buy 60 acres of land to set roots in my farming program for the future," Tim adds. Looking to the future Tim plans to improve the efficiency of his operation by expanding facilities and herd numbers. He also plans to attend college and later return to his farm, where he will work to attain the highest degree of FFA membership, the American Farmer Degree.



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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Kansas FFA and The Kansas Young Farmer and Farm Wives Office new phone number is 913-532-6424. This should be a permanent phone number. Any other numbers you may have, disregard them and use the new number.

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The publication is edited by the Kansas Association of FFA under the advisorship of Bob Broeckelman, Department of Adult and Occupational Education, College of Education, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

STATE SWEETHEART Natalie Haag

Natalie Haag, Holton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Haag, was named the new 1977-78 State Sweetheart at the Kansas State Fair. Kansas is fortunate to have such a talented young lady to represent the Kansas Association. Not only has she been involved in FFA activities, but others as well. Natalie is a member of the National Honor Society, Kayettes, FHA, Student Council, Band, Pep band, Stage Band, volleyball, basketball, and track teams, and is a high school cheerleader. She has won numerous 4-H activities, been on several judging teams, and involved in church activities. Our congratulations to Natalie.



KANSAS HOSTS DR. TEODOR MARIAN

Kansas was fortunate to have the opportunity to host Dr. Teodor Marian, Deputy Director, Education Department, Ministry of Agriculture from Romania, November 3-8, 1977. Dr. Marian had the opportunity to visit with FFA members as well as tour: the solar grain drying reserach units at USDA Grain Marketing Division; the new veterinary clinic and facilities and the KSU campus. Dr. Marian also had the opportunity to visit with President of Kansas State University — Dr. Duane Acker; was interviewed on KSAC radio, and visited Hill City, Paola, Prairie View and Garnett vocational ag programs. FFA members farming programs were alos visited. He finished his visit by watching the Kansas City Chiefs defeat the Green Bay Packers and attending the 50th National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Dr. Marian was a very cordial, warm-hearted individual and was enjoyed by everyone that associated with him.

Dr. Teodor Marian and his interpreter Leslie Auerbach visited with President Duane Acker at KSU.



Dee James presents Dr. Teodor Marian with an FFA T-shirt for his 17 year-old son in Romania.



▲ **MILK QUALITY — DAIRY FOODS.** Representatives from Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., of Springfield, Missouri, and the Carnation Company—Genetics Division, Los Angeles, California, greet Central of Burden team members Mary Donley, Clint Trobaugh, Bob Tatum, and Advisor Dwight Haddock. The team ranked 9th (Silver Division) out of 31 teams, as well as, all three team members finished in the Silver Division.



▲ **MEATS.** Mr. A.G. Becker, Oscar Mayer & Co., congratulates the Bronze placing Lebanon team members coached by Merle Hadachek. Team members Tim Brown and Bruce Fiene finished with Bronze rankings.



▲ **AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS.** The Crest team, coached by Butch Meyers, placed 13th (Silver Emblem) out of 42 teams competing. Dan Damron ranked Gold and members Rod Warren and Robert Clark placed Silver. Mr. Glen Hamilton, Manager of Farm Tires Sales, The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., congratulated the team.

NATIONAL FFA CONTEST TEAMS



▲ **POULTRY.** The McPherson team placed 19th out of 35 in the Silver Division. Members Shelley Chilson ranked Gold and Lori Rump and Becky Parks ranked Bronze. The team is congratulated by Mr. Allen E. Tate, Public Relations Supervisor, Victor F. Weaver, Inc., sponsor of the contest. The team coach was Allen Baldwin.



▲ **FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.** The Marysville team placed 16th in the Bronze Division with team members Craig Spellmeier placing in the Gold Division and Ron Milner in the Silver Division. Members Craig Spellmeier, Ron Milner, David Roguet and Advisor Gary Grownlee visit briefly with Mr. J.M. Dunn, Manager, Dealer Management Services, Deere and Company of Moline, Illinois.



▲ **DAIRY CATTLE.** Garnett team members are congratulated by Mr. Irvin J. Elkin, President, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., on their 12th place (Gold Division) placing. Dan Roberts captured a Gold Division ranking and Lorena Croucher and Joe Rickabaugh placed in the Silver Division. Sam Harris was the team coach.

50th ANNUAL FFA CONVENTION



◀ **LIVESTOCK.** The Coffeyville team, coached by Eldon Harris, consisting of Sheila Adams (alternate), Alysia Allen, Tom Motley and Chuck Johnston placed 8th (Gold Division) out of 46 teams. Team members Alysia Allen and Chuck Johnston placed in the Gold Division and Tom Motley in the Silver Division. The team is shown being congratulated by Mr. Roger Hurst, Manager, Youth Communications, Ralston Purina Company.



NATIONAL FFA
SAFETY AWARDS WINNERS



▲ Mr. Charles Furr, District Sales Manager, Kansas City headquarters (left to right) Dow Chemical, U.S.A., and Mr. Richard Howell, Director of Public Relations, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute of Chicago, Illinois, extended congratulations to chapter Safety representative David Leiker and his Advisor Joe Farrell, of Hill City FFA Chapter, on earning a National Silver FFA Safety Award.

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▲ Mr. Charles Furr, District Sales Manager, Kansas City headquarters (left to right) Dow Chemical, U.S.A., and Mr. Richard Howell, Director of Public Relations, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute of Chicago, Illinois, extended congratulations to chapter Safety representatives Mark Metzler and Steve Kraus, of Mission Valley Chapter FFA, on earning a National Gold FFA Safety Award.

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▲ Mr. Charles Furr, District Sales Manager, Kansas City headquarters (left to right) Dow Chemical, U.S.A., and Mr. Richard Howell, Director of Public Relations, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute of Chicago, Illinois, extended congratulations to chapter Safety representative Brad McMullen and his advisor Larry Turner, of Norton FFA Chapter, on earning a National Bronze FFA Safety Award.

SAFETY AWARD WINNERS



▲ Hill City FFA Officers and Advisor received National Gold Emblem recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Mr. Gordon Cavanaugh, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA and Richard A. Lugar, U.S. Senator from Indiana, greeted J.P. Worcester, Chairman of the Chapter's Community Development Committee and FFA Advisor Joe Farrell (far right).



▲ Columbus FFA Officers and Advisor received National Silver Emblem recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Mr. Gordon Cavanaugh, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA and Richard A. Lugar, U.S. Senator from Indiana, greeted Clay Jones, Chairman of the Chapter's Community Development Committee, Doug Schultz, member, and FFA Advisor, Steve Lynn (far right).



▲ Cherryvale FFA Officers received National Bronze Emblem recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Mr. Gordon Cavanaugh, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA and Richard A. Lugar, U.S. Senator from Indiana, greeted Sondra Van Cleave, Chairman of the Chapter's Community Development Committee and Kim Pressor, member (far right).

BOAC AWARD WINNERS

◀ HORTICULTURE members of the Manhattan Chapter Horticulture Team, coached by Stan Bartel, ranked 27th out of 40 teams in the Bronze Division. Team members Janet Sweeney placed in the Silver Division and Melissa Woodyard, Larry Wood and Vicki Moody ranked in the Bronze Division. The contest was sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.



◀ Marysville FFA Officers received National Bronze Emblem recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Mr. Gordon Cavanaugh, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA and Richard A. Lugar, U.S. Senator from Indiana, greeted Bruce Rengstorf, Chairman of the Chapter's Community Development Committee and Bill Wilson, member.

Kansas FFA Members Attend Leadership Conference

Several Kansas FFA members traveled to the Nation's capitol this summer to attend the National FFA Leadership Conference.

The Conference program was designed to improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of the national heritage, and prepare FFA members for more effective leadership roles in their chapter and community. The conference was also a forum for the exchange of FFA chapter activity ideas among members from across the nation.

Besides the training sessions, the 1977 program included visits to Mt. Vernon Plantation, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, and several other historic monuments and memorials in and around the capitol.

A major highlight of each participant was the visits to their Senators' and Congressmen's offices as well as a Capitol Hill luncheon featuring a question and answer period with Congressmen and Washington leaders in business and industry.



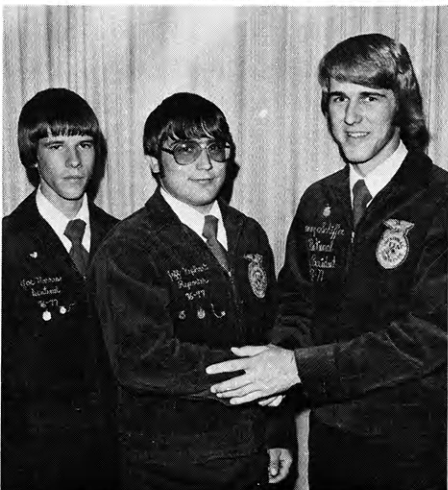
"I'll be glad when you pick up a little spending money."



Sherri Higgins (left) of Plains is greeted in Washington, D.C., by Danny Schiffer (right) of Orlando, Florida, National Vice President of the Future Farmers of America.



Troy Nelson (left) of Norton is greeted in Washington, D.C., by Danny Schiffer (right) of Orlando, Florida, National Vice President of the Future Farmers of America.



Joe Harris, Jeff Kephort (left) of Erie are greeted in Washington, D.C., by Danny Schiffer (right) of Orlando, Florida, National Vice President of the Future Farmers of America.



Jerry Marr, Kirk Berneking, Bryan Clark (left) of Mankato are greeted in Washington, D.C., by Danny Schiffer (right) National Vice President of the Future Farmers of America.

CHAPTER REPORTS

CENTRAL HIGH

Livestock Teams

Central High FFA Livestock Team got it all together at the Kansas Hereford Field Day, hosted by the Walnut Valley Hereford Ranch near Winfield. Central brought home first place honors at the multi-state judging contest.

Along with their team trophy, Central High FFA members captured individual trophies. Brett Billiter won first place with Carl Donley right behind him placing second. Central High also brought home third place individual trophy by member Richard Donley.

Approximately 170 individuals tried their judging skills in the multi-state event with Brenda Billiter, Brett Billiter, Carl Donley, Richard Donley, Mark Donley, Dick Tatum, and Robert Tatum judging from Central High FFA.

On Labor Day, Central High FFA members attended the Mar-Clar Swine Contest and Sale held at Mulvane, Kansas. Central brought home individual and team honors. Central placed second as a team. Centrals advisors Dwight Haddock and Dave Brothers won first and second place individual honors in the adult division. Team members were the following: Brett Billiter, third individual (tie); Carl Donley, third individual (tie); Richard Tatum; Robert Tatum; Mark Scott; Trent Glenn; Steve Drake; Martha Schauf; and Lori Tredway.

State Fair

Forty-five Central High FFA members attended the Kansas State Fair. Brett and Brenda Billiter, Central High FFA members, showed their

Angus heifers in the Junior Yearling class. Brett placed third and sixth and Brenda placed fifth.

For the third straight year Central High FFA members have collected and assembled the Cowley County Crops Booth for the Kansas State Fair. This year field crops, fruits, and vegetables were collected from 32 various farms, home gardens, and orchards throughout Cowley County.

Central High FFA took shop projects to the Kansas State Fair for the first time. Projects exhibited at the fair included a livestock loading chute constructed by Brett Billiter, a machinery trailer constructed by Clint Trobaugh, a portable livestock corral pen constructed by Jack Boucher, and a log splitter made by Chris Mackey. In project repair division Kirk Kennedy placed fifth with a farm tractor he had completely overhauled.

To International Land Judging Contest

Central High FFA Land Judging Team will be one of five teams to represent Kansas at the International Land Judging Contest to be held in Oklahoma City next spring. Central competed against 7 teams to win the top honors. They were Kingman, Winfield, Moundridge, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, Marion, and Kiowa.

"A" team members were Carl Donley, first individual; Dick Tatum, third individual; Robert Tatum; and Mark Scott.

Other Central High FFA members competing were Brett Billiter, Mary Donley, and Steve Drake.

Meats Team

Central High took their Meats Teams to the District contest held at Winchester Packing Company at Hutchinson, Kansas to win another first.

Robert Tatum led the "A" team by winning high individual honors at the contest. Mary Donley was third high individual and Terry McClure won seventh place honors. Dick Tatum was the fourth member of the "A" team.

Central "A" team led the competition with 967 points, followed by the second place McPherson team with 889. Other teams competing were Arkansas City, 887; Moundridge, 836; Kingman, 842; Newton, 808; and Marion 749.

The top "B" team with 824 points was led by Mark Scott and Steve Drake. Other members on "B" team were Brenda Billiter, Jeff Shelton, and John Donley. Centrals "B" team placed sixth overhaul at the contest.

Test Plots Planted

Central High FFA planted nine varieties of wheat for one of the 1978 Cowley County test plots. After the 1978 harvest the wheat will be tested and publicized for the farmers of the county. Hopefully these will help them in making a decision on the type of wheat they would prefer to grow.

Still Winning

Central High's FFA Entomology and Horticulture teams brought home first and second place respectively from the District Entomology and Horticulture contest held at Wichita, Kansas, October third at the Area Vo-Tech School in which seven schools participated.

Entomology team brought home first "A" team and first "B" team placings. Individual placings were Becky Keplinger first, Dick Tatum second (tie), Carl Donley second (tie), Brett Billiter seventh, Robert Tatum seventh (tie), Mark Scott and Steve Drake tied for tenth.

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Other team members were Troy Kennedy, Terry Fouch, Tom Krug, Tony Wilson, John Donley, Trent Glenn, and Randy Stewart.

Horticulture brought home second "A" team and second "B" team. Individual placings were Lori Tredway fourth, Janet Ballin fifth, Betty Rhodes fifth (tie), and Jennifer Haggard ninth.

Other Horticulture team members were Stephanie McGrath, Troy Kennedy, Julie Burger, Chris Snook, Clifford Cox, and Julie Deets.

Mark Scott
Reporter

National Convention

Central High FFA took talent and a judging team to nationals this year.

The national talent from Central High was Brett Billiter, Brenda Billiter, and Lori Tredway. They sang six times at sessions, breakfasts and suppers throughout the convention.

The group a part of the Locally "Country Swingers" was such a big success that they were invited to perform at the 1978 National FFA Convention, and the Kansas State FFA Convention this June. Plans are also being made by the National FFA Association to have the group tour and entertain at several Mid-Western State Fairs this summer. The purpose of the groups tour will be to represent the National FFA organization in celebrating its 50th anniversary and promoting good will for the FFA organization.

The Central High FFA judging team representing the state of Kansas was their Dairy Products Team. The teams members were Mary Donley, Clint Trobaugh, and Bob Tatum. The team placed top silver emblem at the contest.

Mark Scott
Reporter

FFA at 50 "A GOLDEN PAST • a brighter future" is the theme for National FFA WEEK, February 18-25.

HOLCOMB

Kansas State Fair

Twenty-one members of the Holcomb FFA attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson September 19. The group left at seven a.m. and spent the day viewing exhibits and taking in State Fair activities. At 7:00 p.m., they dismantled the county collective booth and returned home at 10:30 p.m. Members attending were: Keith Richmeir, Jerry Roth, Steve Brecheisen, Tim Hamill, Brian Rome, Craig Adam, Kris Smith, Mark Hill, Bruce Maestas, Brian Roth, Tom Miller, Bryan Roth, Jeff Roth, Jeff Wilson, Charles Becker, Kurt Smith, Lloyd Dinkel, Dora Schiffelbein, Noreen Stegman. The wheat bundles and seeds of each wheat variety were given to a group of men in Hutchinson and will be used in a display next week to show Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture, the importance of wheat to Kansas.

Terry Golay
Chapter Reporter

Chapter Places First At Leadership School

The Holcomb FFA Chapter won first in the overall combined Southwest District Leadership School at Dodge City, October 25th. The team placed first in FFA Information. Those in the top ten from Holcomb were: Jeff Adam—first, Greg Mader—third, Paul Hill—fourth, Craig Adam and Chris Roth tied for fifth, and Terry Golay was seventh.

The team also placed first in parliamentary procedure which entitles them to compete at the State Contest which is held during the State Convention in May. In addition, the team placed first in the ritual demonstration. Chosen from Holcomb for the Master Ritual Team were: Paul Hill—Master Ritual President, Chris Roth—Master Ritual Treasurer, and Greg Mader—Master Ritual Sentinel. Other members participating were: Laren Haflinger, Jerri Ross, Mark Hill and Ricky Klaus.

Horticulture Contest

Twenty three members of the Holcomb FFA chapter attended the Southwest District Horticulture Contest October 15th. The team placed first overall with high individuals as follows: First—Clint Nordstrom, second—Doug Munsell, Third — Ricky Klaus, fourth—Terry Golay, fifth—Steve Brecheisen, sixth—Wade Barlow, seventh—Mark Hill, eighth—Bryan Roth, ninth—Ronnie Becker, tenth—Greg Holsted. Other members attending from Holcomb were: Jerri Ross, Chad Messenger, Jerry Roth, Tim Hamill, Craig Barlow, Jon Irsik, Keith Richmeier, Craig Adam, Chuck Becker, Kurt Smith, Scott Partridge, David Beasley and Chuck Foreman.

Eight members of the Holcomb FFA attended the annual Scott City land judging contest October 15. The team placed second with the following individuals placing in the top ten: Teddy Unruh—fifth, Greg Mader—sixth, and Laren Haflinger—ninth. Other members attending were: Jeff Adam, Ronnie Haas, Troy Fenton, Brian Rome and Tom Miller.

The Holcomb FFA Land Judging Team placed third in the District Land Judging Contest at Dodge City October 21. Jeff Adam was third high individual. Also attending from Holcomb were: Laren Haflinger, Teddy Unruh, Greg Mader, Terry Golay, Ronnie Haas, Troy Fenton, Doug Munsell, Chad Messenger and Brian Rome.

Crops And Entomology

Twenty eight members of the Holcomb FFA attended the Southwest District Crops and Entomology contest recently. The Crops team placed second with the following members in the top ten: Karl Larson—tenth, Chad Messenger—Ninth, Teddy Unruh—Eighth, Greg Mader—Seventh, Ricky Klaus—sixth, Terry Golay—fifth and Jeff Adam—first. Others in crops were; Craig Adam, Ronnie Becker, Jon Irsik, Scott Partridge, David Beasley, Chuck Foreman, Ronnie Haas, Jerri Ross and James Roth.

The entomology team also placed second. Members from Holcomb in the top ten were: Greg Holsted—tenth, Chuck Becker—ninth, Jeff Roth—eighth, Wade Barlow—sixth, and Kurt Smith—fourth. Others participating in the Entomology contest were: Dennis Beasley, Clint Nordstrom, Bryan Roth, Tom Miller, Jerry Roth, Tim Hamill and Johnny Leiker. Chapter Reporter Terry Golay

Members Attend S. W. Dist. Greenhand Conf.

Nineteen members of the Holcomb FFA chapter attended the Southwest District Greenhand Conference at Dodge City November 2. The participants went through leadership training sessions to learn more about the FFA and had the opportunity to visit with the District and State FFA officers. All greenhands were given a test covering information about the FFA. The following students from Holcomb were in the top ten: Bryan Roth—first, Brian Rome and Chuck Becker—tied for sixth, Doug Munsell, Jerry Roth and Gary Hartley tied for eighth. Other Greenhands attending were: Eddy Wasson, Wade Barlow, Jerry Brown, Terry Hamill, Keith Richmeier, Randy Hamill, Lloyd Dinkel, Tom Miller, Tim Hamill, Steve Brecheisen, Jeff Roth and Trent Nichols. Sara Webdell, chapter Sweetheart accompanied the group and helped with registration. Jeff Adam, District Sentinel also attended and had a part in the Greenhand Conference. Terry Golay, Chapter Reporter

MARYSVILLE

Local FFA Officers Perform For Club

Marysville FFA officers performed opening and closing ceremonies and a parliamentary law meeting Monday noon for the Marysville Rotary Club meeting in The Establishment.

Markus Frese is local FFA president; Bruce Rengstorf, vice president;

Kenny Schmitz, secretary; David Breeding, treasurer; Kevin Saathoff, sentinel; Bill Wilson, acting reporter.

Training with the team as junior sentinel is Doug Linkugel.

In the parliamentary law meeting competition, the members have 6 minutes to put 20 motions on the floor and vote on them. In less than 6 minutes the Marysville team had 25 motions and 8 debates.

FFA advisor Gary Brownlee said the ceremonies and meeting procedure were learned mostly on his and students' own time.

FFA To Contest

Craig Spellmeier, David Roquet and Ron Milner, Marysville FFA members, will travel to Kansas City next week to compete in the first National FFA Farm Business Management Contest.

Thirty teams from across the country will be participating in this event, which is to be conducted in conjunction with the golden anniversary FFA convention Tuesday through Friday.

Gary Brownlee, vocational agriculture instructor and chapter advisor, is the MHS team coach.

Each of the teams participated in contests at the local, area and state level. As teams progressed to area and state contests, the competition became more difficult.

Travel expenses for the trip to Kansas City will be paid in part by John Deere.

Awards will be presented at a breakfast Friday, Nov. 11.

Blue Ribbon Winners

The FFA started the year by receiving a 4th blue ribbon at the Sunflower Expo in Topeka. The theme of the booth was "New Generation of Agriculturalists".

At the present time the members are selling pork from Swim's Pony Express Ranch as a money making project. The FFA has a good start towards another rewarding year.

Members Win Creed Speaking Contest

Congratulations are in order for Brian Cudney and Becky Cohorst who represented MHS in the FFA Creed speaking contest at Holton. Becky placed 7th and Brian took first which makes him eligible to compete for state honors.

Sat., Oct. 22, Area Land Judging was held at Marysville. Last Tuesday MHS again played host but this time they were competing in a Leadership School. Judging was based on different activities in which leadership qualities were tested. The Future Farmers were rewarded for all their hard work by making an excellent showing at this contest.

Last evening the Greenhands were put to the test by doing several different stunts for their initiation.

As usual, the month of October has been a busy one for the FFA.

Cudney Wins

Brian Cudney, and MHS Future Farmer of America, placed first in the creed-speaking contest Oct. 10 at the District FFA meeting in Holton.

Cudney will compete in the state contest in Manhattan representing northeast Kansas.

Becky Cohorst placed seventh in the creed-speaking contest. In the information contest Don Dettke and Lisa Jones tied for first.

District leadership school is set for Oct. 25 in Marysville and will feature par-law demonstration; information tests and ritual demonstration.

MHS Future Farmers of America will play host to a land-judging contest here Saturday, Oct. 22.

A steer shown by local FFA member Terry Hellmer, Marysville, received fifth overall steer in the carcass contest at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson in September.

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Linn FFA Team First In Area Land Contest

Neither mud nor drizzle could stop the Future Farmers of America as they slogged their way through an area land-judging contest near Oketo Saturday.

The contest was entered by 19 FFA and two 4-H teams from 13 counties in northeast Kansas. Each team was allowed four members; 81 individuals participated.

Participants emerged from the contest muddied and damp, Linn FFA'ers carrying the day with the top two individuals and the No. 1 team.

Contestants were to judge soil characteristics and treatment at five sites. Sites were selected by Don Gier of Marysville, soils specialist for Soil Conservation Service and official judge of the contest, on land owned by Marvin Argo, Oketo.

Teams were given one hour, 55 minutes to judge the five sites. There were 480 possible total points, and the winning teams were selected on the basis of the top three out of four scores.

Winners were:

Individuals—1, Scott Bokelmon, Linn 354. 2, Scott Stone, Linn, 343. 3, Lisa Auen, Manhattan, 340. 4, Royce Krolle, Linn, 337. 5, Kent Scheele, Linn, 329. 6, Roy Peters, Wamgo, 325.

7, TODD EBERT, Wamego, 323. 8, Ron Meagher, Royal Valley, 321. 9, Gregg Oswald, Effingham, 316. 10, Todd Gigstad, Effingham, and Wayne Bobni, Mission Valley, 310.

Teams—1, Linn A, 1034. 2, Effingham, 930. 3, Royal Valley, 926. 4, Mission Valley, 892. 5, Manhattan, 882. 6, Linn B, 848. 7, Wamego, 845. 8, Alma, 823. 9, Troy, 814. 10, Linn C, 805.

4-H—1, Jackson County B, 863. 2, Jackson County A, 741.

Three top 4-H individuals—1, Rich Fitzgerald, 324. 2, Dan Burns, 300. 3, Jeff Golden, 276, all of Jackson County.

THE TOP THREE individuals and teams received awards. The No. 1 FFA and 4-H teams are entitled to participate in the national land-judging contest in Oklahoma City next May.

The contest was sponsored by the Marshall County Extension Council in cooperation with the Marysville FFA chapter and Marshall County SCS.

Gary Brownlee, MHS vo-ag instructor, and Paul Oltmanns, county extension agent, were in charge of the contest. Russell McKee was responsible for digging the sites.

Scoring took place in Oketo City Hall.

David Prell
Marysville Chapter
Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE

Medicine Lodge F.F.A.er's traveled to the northern part of Barber Co. and surrounding to attend the Kansas Hereford Association Annual Tour. While on the tour many members learned about the variations of the different operations on the tour. But to let 250 people in attendance know that the F.F.A. was around, the help prepared and served three meals over a 1½ day span. The members not only worked hard but left with a good feeling in their heart because they had been of great service to the people of their state.

Mona Dawson
Medicine Lodge Chapter Reporter

SOUTH BARBER

The South Barber FFA is off to another busy school year. First, we had a meeting so the Greenhands could get started in FFA. After the meeting, we had a watermelon feed which was enjoyed by everyone.

Labor Day was the next thing on the agenda for the FFA. We were in charge of a Dunkboard and a

Dart-throw booth at the Labor Day Carnival. The Dunkboard was the most exciting of the two as the chapter members and the advisor sat on the board. Both booths were termed a success.

Then came the State Fair and all of its excitement. Jeff Sternberger showed a hay and grain feeder in the Ag Mechanics division and won a red ribbon. Shelley and Charla Wolgammott each showed lambs. Shelley received a third and a fifth placing on her lambs. The FFA members visited the fair as a recreational activity.

September 20th, the chapter had another business meeting. After the meeting we had a guest speaker, Leo Brent, to entertain us. Leo is from Northwestern Oklahoma State University at Alva. He talked about the future in farming and the courses offered at the college. It was a very interesting talk and was enjoyed by everyone.

The FFA Slave Auction was held October 11th at the Vo-Ag building. Instead of having it after a football game, we decided to have a hamburger fry and then the sale of the members. The average was \$96 and the lowest anyone sold for was \$50. Our advisor, John Slocombe, and Clay Spicer were the highest as they sold for \$200 a piece.

Milford Hunter
Chapter Reporter
South Barber FFA

UNIONTOWN

Educational Tour

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, . . ." Simple words but yet how very important in the success of the Future Farmers of America. The Uniontown FFA chapter relies on this motto for the basis of their activities.

Recently an educational tour was held to examine the corn and grain sorghum test plots set out on several of the members farms. Seed for the demonstration was donated by Roy Johnson, a local Golden Harvest dealer.

The first stop was at the grain sorghum plots set out by Mitch Bolling and Steve Shadden. The second stop was at the corn plot set out by Steve George, and then on to more grain sorghum plots set out by James Bradbury and Ray Taylor. The fourth stop was at the home of Danny and Tracy Clayton to view another corn plot. Mark Leibeg's grain sorghum plots were next on the tour agenda before the last plot of grain sorghum at Roger Millers.

The plots were scattered all over Bourbon County with previous land vegetation ranging from brush to row crop. The planting date on grain sorghum ranged from April 30 to June 16; while both corn plots were planted April 29.

A wide range of management variables were witnessed and discussed. These included fertilizer rates, chemical applications, row widths, plant population rates, mechanical practices, and insect damage.

Pictures were taken along with random samples of each plot for comparison. Yield tests will be taken at time of harvest and a plot summary and analysis will be constructed for further educational purposes.

The tour was concluded with a watermelon feed at the Redfield park.

Those people attending the tour included the following: Brenda Ericson, Kelly Johnson, Steve George, Ray Taylor, James Bradbury, Jimmy Ermel, Roger Miller, Kevin Ericson, Mitch Bolling, Steve Shadden, Jim O'Bryan, Danny Clayton, Tracy Clayton, Mark Leibeg, Elmer Miller, Bob Estes, Roy Johnson, Glenn Newcomer, Bourbon County Extension Agent and chapter advisor, Don Martin.

Uniontown FFA Busy At Work

The Uniontown FFA has been busy with activities on district and chapter levels in the past month. October 24, several members attended the landing judging contest at Garnett. On the B team Steve George received 6th high individual and the team received 8th. On the A team Brenda Ericson

received 9th high individual and the team received 6th. On October 27th the chapter officers attended the annual Leadership School held at Girard. In the information contest Steve George received 3rd high and Brenda Ericson received 1st high individuals. The team got 3rd in the information, 3rd in parlaw, and 4th in ritual contest. The team received 3rd over all. Brenda Ericson was also picked to be on the Master Ritual Team as the secretary.

The chapter has sold fruit from October 26th to November 5th. The chapter sold approximately \$6605. dollars worth and plan to sell some more on delivery.

The Chapter Officers are also planning to attend the National Convention. The officers are: Earl Fink, President; Kevin Davis, Vice President; Brenda Ericson, Secretary; Roger Miller, Treasurer; Mike Hazelbaker, Sentinel; Kevin Ericson, Parliamentarian.

Uniontown FFA Busy At Old Settlers Day

September 5, 1977 was a big day around Uniontown this year. The day started at 10:30 a.m. with the 71st annual Old Settlers Day Parade. Money was awarded to the top floats. The winners were 4th Bronson Ruritani; 3rd Uniontown 4-H; 2nd Baptist Church; 1st Methodist Church.

After the parade many activities started. A band started playing music in the band stand. A horse show started at the arena. Future Homemakers of America sold watermelons and the FFA took donations on a pig, several pairs of ducks and geese. The FFA sold donations — such as guessing the weight of a bale of hay and the dunking tank began.

At 12:30 the FFA auctioned off a picture of the first Angus Bull in America. It was sold to Mrs. Thelma Felt for \$32.50.

At 3:00 the races started for the little children — there were turtle races, foot races, egg toss, sack race and many others.

At 4:30 the FFA had a child draw lucky winners for the pig, duck, geese

and presented the bale of hay to the winner. The winners of the pair of duck and geese were Kelly Murrow, John Allen, Terry Hinton, Curtis Russell and Tim Sims. The winner of the pig was Ralph Stewart. The winner of the bale of hay was Jeff Leslie.

At 7:00 p.m. the rodeo sponsored by the Uniontown Saddle Club was started and a street dance followed.

The Uniontown traditions continue.

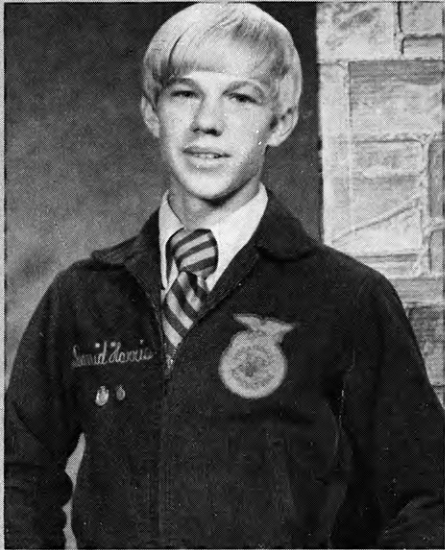
Ag Mech I Contest

Terraces, tractors and farm buildings are some of the things that are needed to know if you work on a farm but if you know these things and many more you could of done good at the Ag Mech I contest November 17 at Altamont. The Uniontown Chapter had several people attend this contest. In the farm power and machinery contest Chuck Reasoner placed 9th high individual. The team placed 6th. In structures and environment. Mark Liebig received 10th high individual and the team received 6th high. In the soil and water contest the team placed 6th. The team placed 6th overall in the contest. After the results everyone went home.

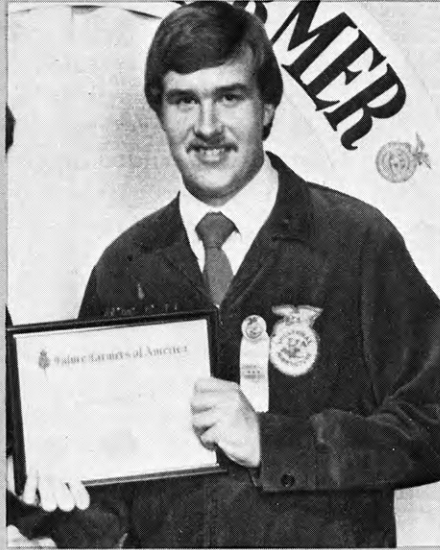
Chapter Members Attend National

James Bode, Crystle Gayle, Dolly Parton, and James B. Hunt were just four of the many people who talked to 22,000 FFAers at the 50th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 9th through the 11th. We arrived at Kansas City at 9:30 November 9th after registering we went to the American Royal to see the Angus and Limousine show. That afternoon we attended the rodeo and saw Dolly Parton entertain. Wednesday night we attended the convention and heard the public speaking contest in which Dee James from Kansas won the speaking contest.

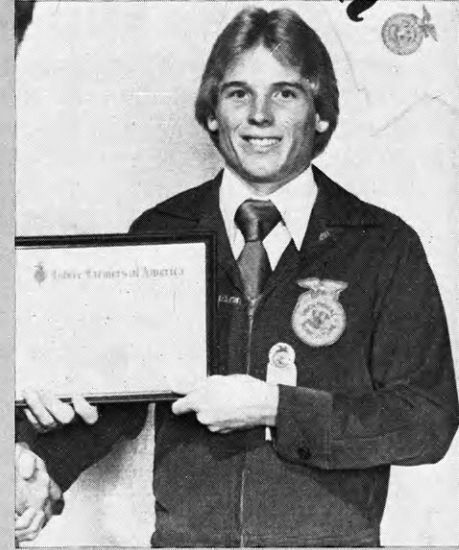
Thursday morning they announced the proficiency award winners in
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David L. Harris, Erie



Phillip Fishburn, Haven



Greg Thompson, Haven



Norman J. Jordon, Erie

NATIONAL FFA OFFICER CANDIDATE

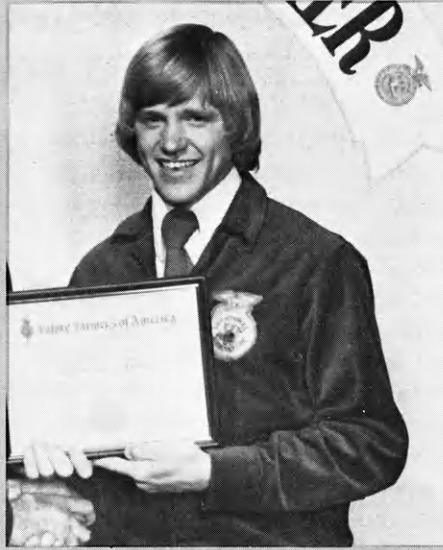


Jay N. Selanders, Garnett

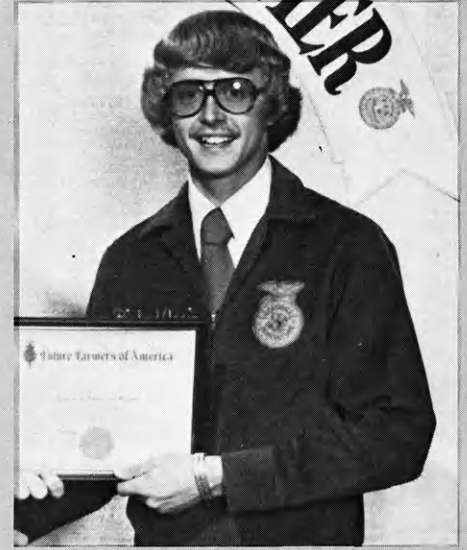
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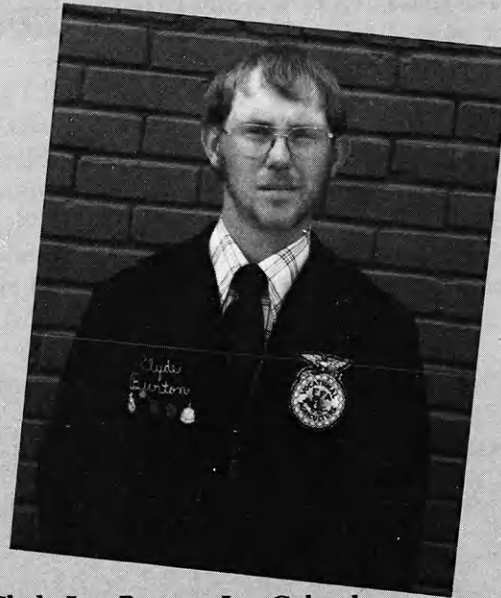
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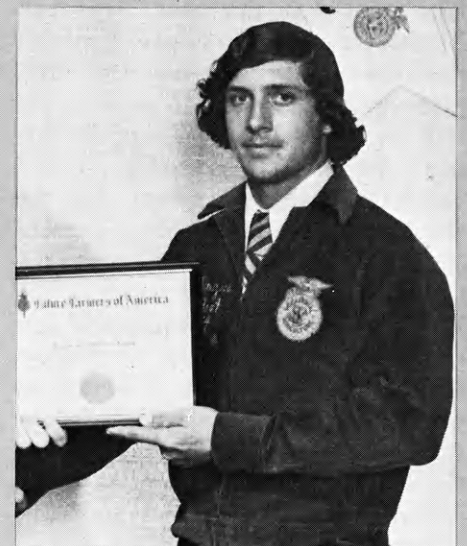
Rodger Dale Smith, Southeast



Daniel Max Martin, Mission Valley



Michael Brent Weltmer, Smith Center



Paul W. Dague, Washington



TROY SWEETHEARTS

This year the Troy FFA had a rather unique situation as far as the selection of the Sweetheart was concerned. Last year Dian Reisner of Troy was our sweetheart. After the selection had been made, Dian had the privilege of turning over her rein as sweetheart to her own sister, Debi. We are really proud of the way Dian served us last year and are sure that Debi will represent us well also.

CHAPTER NEWS

which Tim Rogers from the Uniontown Chapter was named National Diversified America Farmers receive their degrees. Thursday night was the big night for the Star American Farmer and Star American Agribusinessman as they were awarded their plaques.

Friday morning we heard Governor James B. Hunt Jr. the Governor of North Carolina give a speech. Also the next years National officers were elected. Friday afternoon was FFA day at the Royal. We went to the Royal and watched the rodeo and saw Champion and Reserve Champion steers in the FFA division picked. Also we saw Crystal Gayle perform at the Rodeo. After the Rodeo we walked through the buildings and saw the exhibits and then left for home.

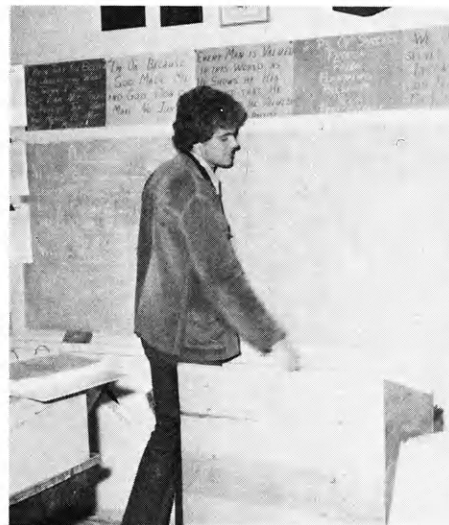
Reporter
Steve George

DENMARK STUDENT TALKS TO TROY VO AG CLASSES

Students in the Vo Ag Program at Troy had the pleasure of talking with Mr. Niels Hansen from Copenhagen, Denmark in early October.

Niels is in the U.S. on People-to-People. He has completed 9 years of required schooling and 3 years of college and is now waiting to enter the University where he plans to become a high school teacher, (the university only takes about 3000 each with a waiting list of around 9000).

Niels indicated the land and climate is similar to that of Kansas. Cost of food, clothing and most other items are 2-3 times higher and the government takes 40-55% of the individuals income for taxes. However the government in turn provides many benefits: free schooling up to the university level then the government pays everything but for books; free medical care; child care subsidy. He also indicated that discipline in the schools is a big problem.



The average family in Denmark consists of a man, wife and 2-3 children. The average income is similar to that of the U.S.

Neils has one brother and teaches swimming and is a lifeguard during the off season.



1977-78 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

The 1977-78 National FFA Officers elected November 11 at the 50th Anniversary National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, are: Seated, left to right: Howard Morrison, National FFA Secretary, of Gilbert, Arizona, and J. Ken Johnson, National FFA President, of Nacogdoches, Texas. Standing, left to right:

Peggy Sue Armstrong, Central Region Vice President, of Newhall, Iowa; Robin C. "Rob" Hovis, Eastern Region Vice President, of Helena, Ohio; Dee Sokolosky, Western Region Vice President of Owasso, Oklahoma, and Christopher C. "Chris" Hardee, Southern Region Vice President, of Chiefland, Florida.

Fanning Regional Proficiency Award Winner

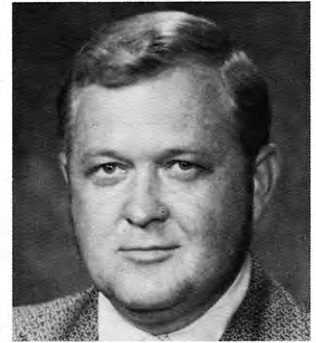


Phil Fanning, 18, Eskridge, Kansas, is congratulated by Dr. David A. Phillipson, Vice President, Agricultural Division, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Phil was a regional winner in the FFA Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award program sponsored by The Upjohn Company as a special project of the National Foundation, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.D. Fanning.

INSTRUCTORS AWARDED HONORARY FARMER DEGREES

This year, 89 of the 11,500 instructors of vocational agriculture in the nation are awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The degree is awarded on the basis of points scored by a teacher for his accomplishments as a vocational agriculture instructor, FFA Advisor, and as a participant in professional vocational agriculture teachers organization.

Sam Harris, Garnett, and Wilbur Buntin, Erie, both have records to be proud of. During 28 years of teaching, Mr. Harris has had 38 State Farmers, 3 State Officers, 1 Star Farmer of Kansas, 6 State Proficiency Awards Winners, 2 American Farmers, and numerous other honors. Mr. Buntin has an equally coveted record with 42 State Farmers, a State Star Farmer, and State Star Agribusinessman in 15 years of teaching.



HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS



Dean Prochaska, Director of Vocational Education also had the coveted Honorary American Farmer Degree bestowed upon him. Mr. Prochaska taught vocational agriculture for 21 years, served as KVATA Secretary-Treasurer, served as Executive Secretary for the Kansas Young Farmers, was Central States Chairman for NASAE and served on the National FFA Board of Directors.

Rich Hull, Farm Director of WIBW Radio-TV, has always been an avid supporter of FFA and agriculture in general. He has assisted in establishing FFA Alumni chapters, has spoken at numerous FFA banquets and functions, has promoted local and state FFA activities through radio and TV media, coordinated the filming of "Seven Stars Over Kansas," and was instrumental in establishing the FFA Alumni in Wisconsin and Kansas. His significant contribution shows his willingness to assist in the advancement of the FFA and Ag Education whenever and wherever the need arises.



Information Contest Winners. Left Brenda Hundley, Right Lori Beckard.



You'll recognize this very capable FFA camp staff.

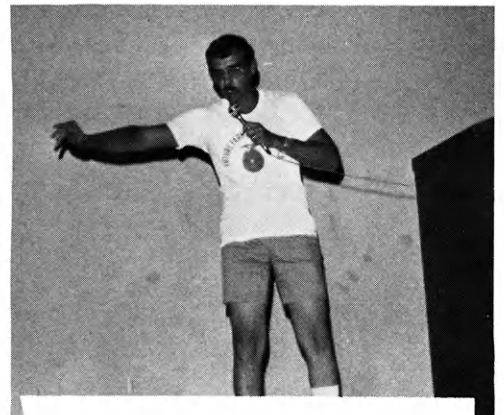
1977 FFA CAMP

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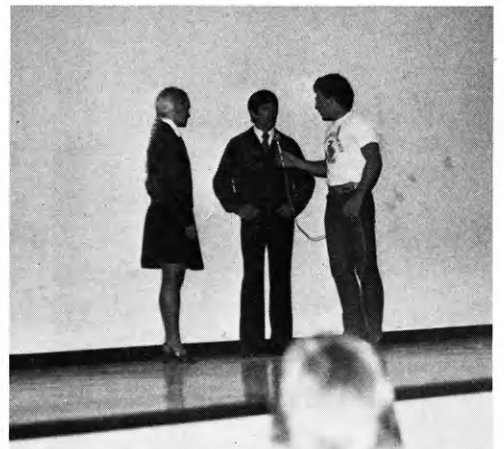
DOING TO LEARN

EARNING TO LIVE

LIVING TO SERVE



"Now hear this" — T.D. Fanning.



KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

KSU COLLEGIATE FFA CHAPTER - HERE TO HELP

Need some extra help organizing a contest? How about people to work as judges, timekeepers and tabulators? Want some former FFA members to tell about their experiences? If you would like any kind of help, just contact the Kansas State University Collegiate FFA chapter.

The main purposes of the collegiate chapter are to cooperate with the state and national organizations in promoting activities, purposes and ideals of the FFA and to promote a spirit of cooperation and goodwill between high school students and KSU students who are FFA members.

The collegiate members have been there. They've entered the contests, attended the leadership trainings and participated in the activities. Now they're ready to help out high school chapters across the state.

Jay Selanders, former state president from Garnett, is serving as president of the KSU collegiate chapter for the spring semester. Other officers are Jeff Zillinger, Phillipsburg, vice president; Tim Stucky, Moundridge, secretary; Michael Raine, Wamego, treasurer; Becky Vining, Central Heights, reporter; and Mel Waite, Scandia, sentinel.

Also on the executive council are Daryl Patton, Garnett, Ag Student Council representative; Merry Lu Pasley, New Windsor, MD, historian; and Sandra Hundley, Seaman, parliamentarian.

Prof. Paul Stevenson, professor of agricultural engineering at KSU, Serves as advisor for the 40 member chapter. He has been involved with the collegiate chapter since its founding in 1959.

So, high school FFA'ers and KSU collegiate FFA'ers, let's start cooperating. To get in touch with the collegiate chapter, contact Prof. Stevenson in Seaton Hall at Kansas State University, Manhattan, phone 532-5580.



Officer Leadership Conference Success

All but one District FFA Officer attended the District FFA Officer Leadership Conference on October 1 and 2 at Rock Springs Ranch.

The Conference was sponsored by the Kansas Association of FFA under the guidance of the State Department of Education and the Agricultural Education Staff in the Department of Adult and Occupational Education at

Kansas State University. The conference is held each year to help develop and inspire FFA members for their leadership roles in their respective districts. Ron Wilson, Jay Selanders, and Dr. Larry Erpelding, Assistant to the Dean, College of Agriculture at Kansas State University, as well as the six State FFA Officers, highlighted the conference.



Pictured are the four visitors from the Soviet Union. From left to right are Nikolaj Poludenny, Andrey Nikiforov, Rivkat Toukhvatullin, and Natalia Moskaljuk.

Soviets View FFA Program in America

These four people were on a ten-day tour of the United States. They were part of an exchange program between the FFA and the Communist Youth League.

When they arrived at KCI the group was joined by Jay Selanders, immediate past president of the Kansas FFA, and Ron Hollandsworth, Agent Manager of Agra Steel Corp. from Kansas City, Missouri.

On July 20, 1977, they were guests

at an evening meal furnished by the Troy FFA Chapter. After the informal meal and a most enjoyable evening of visiting with each other, the visitors were boarded for the night by local families.

Traveling with them were Daniel Rishik of New York City, a State Department interpreter, and Jeff Tennant of the International Programs Staff of Future Farmers of America.

FORMER NATIONAL OFFICER RON WILSON — ON THE AIR

MANHATTAN — Most days his voice can be heard on KSAC, the Kansas State University AM radio station which is on the air week-day afternoons.

For Ron Wilson, a Kansas State University junior in ag education from Manhattan, works part-time in agricultural programming for KSAC.

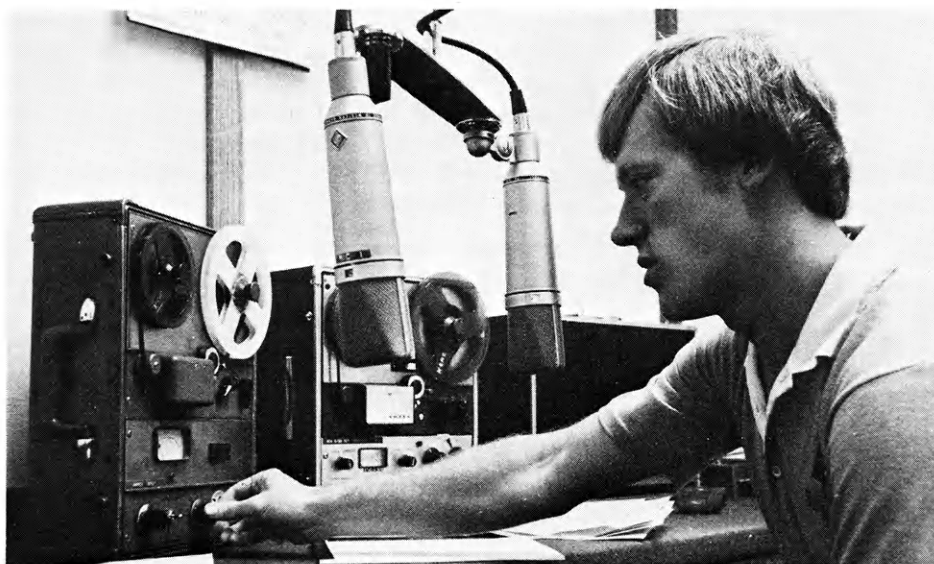
Because Wilson is as versatile as he is energetic, his daily on-air duties may include an interview on "Agriculture Today," the market report (directly from the KSU department of agricultural economics); on "News at One"; or on "Profile," which is a news or feature report.

program, and farrow-to-finish hog operation on the family's 320-acre wheat and grain sorghum farm.

Wilson was chapter FFA reporter and won the state agricultural news-writing contest and placed second in the state public speaking contest. He also was active in judging contest on the district, state, and national levels.

He was recognized in Who's Who of American High Schools, was an honor student, served as assistant editor of his school newspaper, and was 4-H club president.

In college, Wilson has been an Ag Ambassador; a member of Blue Key, senior honor society; and a member of



Wilson's credentials are impressive. He's just been named outstanding KSU agricultural student (for September), is a past (1975-1976) national vice president for the Future Farmers of America, and is a past president (1973-1974) of the Kansas Association of FFA. Last summer he participated in an Agricultural People-to-People Tour of Europe and the Soviet Union. All that, and he's just 21.

Wilson grew up on a ranch near Manhattan and he's been active in FFA since his days at Manhattan High School. During that time he developed a cow herd, crop production

Student Senate and Ag Student Council.

He also has been an orientation leader for new KSU students and was invited to participate in the White House Conference on Consumer Representation.

Despite his background in reporting and broadcasting, Wilson is aiming toward a career as a vocational agriculture teacher. He says his own life was greatly influenced by his vo-ag teacher in high school and he would like to be that same kind of influence on young men and young women. Eventually he would like to go back to the family farm.



Hoyt Joins National FFA Organization Staff

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—Tony Hoyt, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, has joined the staff of the National FFA Organization as Program Specialist for Leadership Development. Hoyt left the position of Coordinator of the Arkansas Department of Commerce in Little Rock.

Hoyt's responsibilities will include coordination of National FFA Officer travel and activities, coordination of the National Convention program, and responsibility for leadership programs in which the National Organization is involved.



HARRIS TO N.O.F.F.A.

The U.S. Office of Education announced that C. Coleman Harris has been employed as Executive Secretary of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. He was formerly the program specialist for Leadership Development who is being replaced by Tony Hoyt. Mr. Harris will assume the duties of Wm. Paul Gray who has retired from his position as National FFA Executive Secretary.

KANSANS IN NATIONAL BAND AND CHORUS

Nine FFA members from across Kansas participated in the mail order chorus or band at the historical 50th National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Five members participated in the National Band directed by Roger Heath of VPI in Blacksburg, Virginia. Those five were Joe Neumann, Troy; Sandra Hundley, Topeka; Phil Mathews, Fontana; Mark Carinder, Cherryvale; and Richard Ringering, Ellinwood.

Mona Lee Dawson, Medicine Lodge; Robert Etherton, Troy; Randall Herzog, Lebo; and Richard Parks, Prairie View participated in the National FFA Chorus. The chorus was directed by Marvin Myers, a retired member of the Purdue University Musical Organization.

WINEINGER HOME DESTROYED

A tragic fire recently raced through the Earl Wineinger family home near Marion, totally destroying the home and contents. Ron Wineinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wineinger, was this years winner of the Blonde D Acqvitaine heifer calf.

Contributions to assist the Wineinger family in their tragic loss may be mailed to: The Wineinger Fund, c/o The Kansas FFA Association, Kansas State University, 20313 Holten Hall, Manhattan, Ks. 66506.



PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER spoke about his experience as a Plains FFA member and secretary in a visit with over 80 state FFA officers during the State FFA Presidents' Conference held at Washington, D.C. in July. "I began to learn about organizational structure and I began to learn about competition. I began to learn how to make a speech. I began to learn how to work with other people. I also learned the value of agriculture, farm

families, stability, commitment, idealism, hope, truth, hard work and patriotism from the FFA." Carter said he was proud to be "part of one of the finest organizations on earth. It's never lost its pride of what has been and its vision of what can be in the future." The National FFA President presented Carter with the first commemorative medallion produced in honor of the FFA's 50th Anniversary.

LU ACHILLES WALL GIVEN FFA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HESSTON, Ks. (11/9/77) — Lu Achilles Wall, executive assistant to Lyle E. Yost, Hesston Corporation board chairman, was presented a Distinguished Service Award by the Future Farmers of America at the 50th National FFA Convention in Kansas City Nov. 10.

Wall is one of 25 persons in the U.S. given the FFA award for significant contributions in time and effort and to vocational agriculture and the FFA over a period of many years.

Her contributions to FFA include



judging the 1975 Placement in Agriculture Production Award competition which Hesston co-sponsors, judging past Star Farmer and Star Agri-businessman FFA competitions, soliciting funds for the National FFA in Kansas, and representing Hesston Corporation at numerous state and national conventions. She has the responsibility to host and work with all FFA projects involving Hesston Corporation. In 1975, Wall was also awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree, State of Kansas.

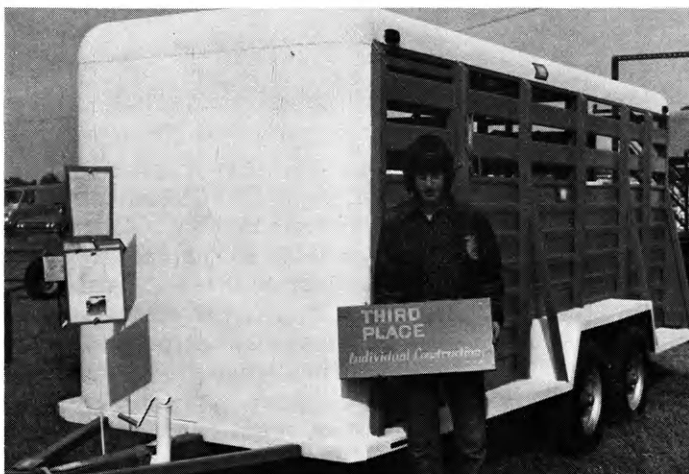
KANSAS FFA CHAPTERS ACTIVE AT THE 1977 KANSAS STATE FAIR



Rod Robl of Ellinwood is shown with his Grand Champion Bobcat and adviser Howard Wallace.



Kelly Miller, Ellinwood won the Reserve Champion award with his Loading Chute & Portable Corral.



Craig Robl, Ellinwood constructed this stock-trailer for the third place award.



Jim Ahrens of Ellinwood placed fourth with his project, a log splitter.

Ellinwood FFA Members Do Well At State Fair

The Ellinwood FFA Chapter had the top collective booth at the Kansas State Fair. (Photo courtesy of R.F. Nuttelman, Area Extension Specialist in Crops and Soils).





Grand Champion
Hereford Heifer



Champion
Showmanship



Grand Champion
Market Barrow



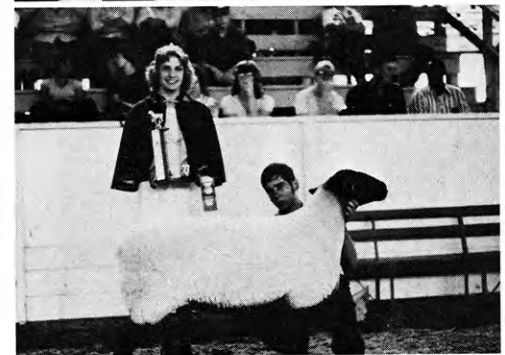
Grand Champion
Market Lamb



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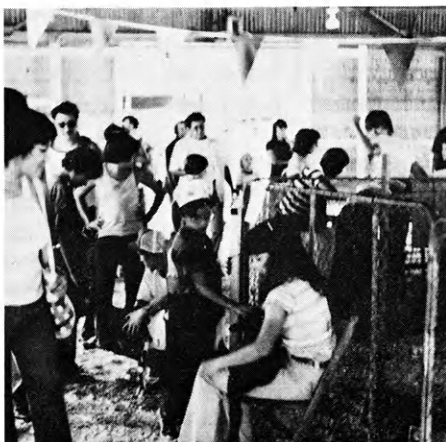
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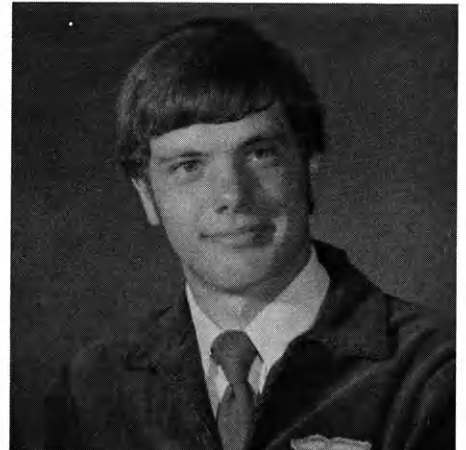
FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECT WINNERS 1977 KANSAS STATE FAIR

FFA Children's Barnyard Popular at Sunflower Expo '77



CENTRAL REGION PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNER

Phil G. Fanning, Central Region FFA Home and Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award Winner, lives on a small farm with his family in Kansas. The son of a vocational agriculture teacher, Phil found that if he wanted to farm he would have to do most of the work himself. "Farming practices did not come to me naturally," he said, since prior to that he had lived in town. Today, however, after many hours of labor, Phil has established a small hog operation on the once-barren farm. Using skills developed in his vocational agriculture program Phil built fences, pole barns, box stalls, farrowing houses and a variety of other equipment. Besides building all his



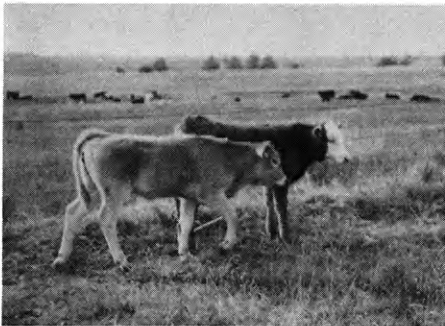
hog facilities, Phil improved the home area with the addition of a porch, driveway and sidewalk and landscaped the home grounds. Phil will find the skills and competencies learned through these improvements useful in his future as a vocational agriculture instructor and swine breeder.

Some of Phil's FFA activities included Chapter Reporter and President, District Secretary, State Winning Meats Team, State Convention Delegate, and State Winner of Wildlife Pest Control Contest. Phil was also involved in class STUCO, musicals, chorus, athletic teams, church usher and livestock associations.



WINEINGER IS WINNER OF BLONDE D ACQUITAINE HEIFER

Ron Wineinger, Marion FFA Chapter member and son of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wineinger, was the second winner of the Blonde D Acquitaine



heifer calf. Last year's winner was Lorna Sutor from Palco. The heifer has been donated through the generosity of Floyd Schneider from WaKeeney who is a Blonde D Acquitaine breeder and a firm believer in the breed. Wineinger recently heard by mail about his award and gets his choice of the two heifers pictured at left. He has agreed to give the first heifer calf born to another FFA member to keep the chain going. Our congratulations to Ron Wineinger and our best wishes to the other 10 applicants who applied for the heifer.

MANHATTAN WINS STATE INFORMATION CONTEST

Manhattan was the winning chapter in the State information contest with 535 points out of a possible 600. Not far behind were Winfield — 524; Garnett — 523; Arkansas City — 521; Salina — 521; Osage City — 520; Clay Center — 520; Haven — 519; Girard — 518; and Seaman — 516.

A one-hundred question quiz was given covering the areas of FFA

history, activities, and major award winners.

Brenda Hundley was the overall state winner with 98 points. The other top individuals were Lisa Auen, Manhattan — 97; Kevin Lickteig, Garnett — 97; Brenda Erickson, Uniontown — 97; Gerald Keehn, Seaman — 96; Robert Chiles, Salina — 95; Jeff Patterson, Garnett — 95; Roger Brown, Manhattan — 94; Paul Simpson, Plainville — 94; John Toews, Moundridge — 94; and Robert Linker, Medicine Lodge — 94.

1978 District Leadership Schools

Southeast District

Ritual Contest: 1st—Erie; 2nd—Girard; 3rd—Columbus; 4th—Uniontown; 5th—Lafayette County; 6th—Cherryvale; 7th—Neodesha; 8th—Coffeyville; 9th—Riverton; 10th—Southeast; 11th—Yates Center; 12th—Altoona-Midway; 13th—Iola; 14th—West Elk; 15th—Elk Valley.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Erie; 2nd—Southeast; 3rd—Uniontown; 4th—Lafayette County; 5th—Girard; 6th—Columbus; 7th—Yates Center; 8th—Cherryvale; 9th—Neodesha; 10th—Riverton; 11th—West Elk; 12th—Altoona-Midway.

Information Contest — Teams: Girard (518 points); Lafayette County (507 points); Uniontown (493 points); Erie (493 points); Cherryvale (469 points); Neodesha (432 points); Iola (432 points); Southeast (429 points); Altoona-Midway (427 points); Columbus (425 points); Yates Center (401 points); Elk Valley (392 points); Coffeyville (371 points); West Elk (360 points); Riverton (299 points).

Information Contest — Individuals: 97 points—Brenda Ericson, Uniontown; 93 points—Kenny Kmiec, Girard; 91 points—Steve George, Uniontown; Rodney Mein, Girard; Rick McKinzie, Lafayette County; 89 points—Jeff Martin, Southeast; 88 points—Eddie Weber, Girard; Bill Kunschek, Girard; Rick Carnahan, Lafayette County; and Randy Reinhardt, Erie.

Master Ritual Team: President—Bill Kunschek, Girard; Vice President—Joe Harris, Erie; Secretary—Brenda Ericson, Uniontown; Treasurer—Randy Reinhardt, Erie; Reporter—Casey Doyle, Lafayette County; and Sentinel—Jay Vinson, Erie.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Erie; 2nd—Girard; 3rd—Uniontown; 4th—Lafayette County; 5th (tie)—Cherryvale and Columbus; 7th—Southeast; 8th—Neodesha; 9th—Yates Center; 10th—Altoona—Midway; 11th—Riverton; 12th—West Elk.

Northeast District

Ritual—Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Marysville; 2nd—Wamego; 3rd—Troy; 4th—Westmoreland; 5th—Sabetha; 6th—Valley Heights; 7th—Atchison County; 8th—Hiawatha; 9th—Royal Valley; 10th—Highland; 11th—Frankfort; 12th—Holton; 13th—Centralia; 14th—Silver Lake; 15th—Powhattan.

Information Contest — Teams: Valley Heights (506 points); Wamego (501 points); Marysville (499 points); Troy (488 points); Westmoreland (468 points); Hiawatha (444 points); Atchison County (439 points); Sabetha (421 points); Holton (377 points); Centralia (350 points); Royal Valley (339 points); Highland (336 points); Silver Lake (332 points); Frankfort (311 points); Powhattan (263 points).

Information Contest — Individuals: 93 points—Steve Franken, Troy; 91 points—Jeff Ebert, Westmoreland; 90 points—Kenny Schmitz, Marysville; Mark Stock, Troy; 89 points—John Nordquist, Valley Heights; 88 points—Bruce Rengstorf, Marysville; Chuck Bank, Wamego; Todd Brethour, Wamego; Rick Claycamp, Valley Heights; John Bach, Troy; and Scott Burger, Valley Heights.

Master Ritual Team: President—Chuck Banks, Wamego; Vice President—Lynette Burger, Valley Heights; Secretary—Buck Peddicard, Wamego; Treasurer—Barb Priest, Sabetha; Reporter—Todd Brethour, Wamego; and Sentinel—Steve Havenstein, Westmoreland.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Wamego; 2nd—Marysville; 3rd—Troy; 4th—Valley Heights; 5th—Westmoreland; 6th—Sabetha; 7th—Atchison County; 8th—Hiawatha; 9th—Royal Valley; 10th—Centralia; 11th—Holton; 12th—Highland; 13th—Frankfort; 14th—Silver Lake; 15th—Powhattan.

Southwest District

Ritual Contest: 1st—Holcomb; 2nd—Southwestern Heights; 3rd—Garden City; 4th—Jetmore; 5th—Ensign; 6th—Fowler;

7th—Hugoton; 8th—Mullinville; 9th—Ness City; 10th—Lakin.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Holcomb; 2nd—Garden City; 3rd—Jetmore; 4th—Southwestern Heights; 5th—Ensign; 6th—Ness City; 7th—Fowler; 8th—Mullinville; 9th—Lakin; 10th—Hugoton.

Information Contest — Teams: Holcomb (753 points); Garden City (684 points); Southwestern Heights (655 points); Ness City (630 points); Fowler (596 points); Ensign (561 points); Jetmore (557 points); Mullinville (498 points); Lakin (492 points); Hugoton (412 points).

Information Contest — Individuals: 86 points—Jeff Adams, Holcomb; 85 points—Sherri Higgins, Southwestern Heights; 84 points—Greg Mader, Holcomb; 81 points—Paul Hill, Holcomb; 79 points—Chris Roth, Holcomb; Craig Adam, Holcomb; 77 points—Ron Shenogie, Southwestern Heights; Tony Martin, Hugoton; Terry Golay, Holcomb; Jack Corn, Garden City; Benny Billinger, Garden City; and Rick Corbelt, Garden City.

Master Ritual Team: President—Paul Hill, Holcomb; Vice President—Sherri Higgins, Southwestern Heights; Secretary—Nathan McDonald, Ness City; Treasurer—Chris Roth, Holcomb; Reporter—Blaine Vogel, Ness City; and Sentinel—Greg Mader, Holcomb.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Holcomb; 2nd—Garden City; 3rd—Southwestern Heights; 4th—Jetmore; 5th—Ness City; 6th—Ensign; 7th—Fowler; 8th—Mullinville; 9th—Lakin; 10th—Hugoton.

East Central District

Ritual — Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Lebo; 2nd—Mission Valley; 3rd—Osage City; 4th—Prairie View; 5th—Garnett; 6th—Lawrence; 7th—(tie) Wabausee and Williamsburg; 9th—Seaman; 10th—Flint Hills; 11th—Paola; 12th—Central Heights; 13th—Council Grove.

Information Contest — Teams: Osage City (229 points); Garnett (227 points); Mission Valley (195 points); Wabausee (184 points); Williamsburg (175 points); Council Grove (172 points); Central Heights (167 points); Paola (164 points); Prairie View (156 points); Seaman (154 points); Lawrence (147 points); Lebo (140 points); Flint Hills (135 points).

Information Contest — Individuals: 45 points—Bob Bodine, Osage City; 44 points—Brian Adams, Garnett; 42 points—Loretta Sobba, Garnett; 39 points—Kirk Regenal, Osage City; Peg Rockers, Garnett; Diane Haney, Central Heights; Cathy Lieber, Osage City; 38 points—Mike Hendrickson, Osage City; 37 points—Dave Nielsen, Council Grove; 36 points—Chuck Halloran, Garnett.

Master Ritual Team: President—Bruce Fouts, Mission Valley; Secretary—Loretta Sobba, Garnett; Treasurer—Sam Wagh, Mission Valley; Reporter—Keith Klein, Paola; and Sentinel—Annette Graves, Lawrence.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Mission Valley; 2nd—Osage City; 3rd—Garnett; 4th—Lebo; 5th—Prairie View; 6th—Wabausee; 7th—Williamsburg; 8th—Lawrence; 9th—Seaman; 10th—Paola; 11th—Central Heights; 12th—Council Grove; 13th—Flint Hills.

North Central District

Ritual Contest: 1st—Clay Center; 2nd—Washington; 3rd—Manhattan; 4th—(tie) Abilene and Mankato; 6th—Riley County; 7th—Salina; 8th—Beloit; 9th—Wilson; 10th—Pike Valley; 11th—(tie) Minneapolis and Chapman; 13th—Linn; 14th—Belleville; 15th—Concordia; 16th—Jewell; 17th—Miltonvale.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Clay Center; 2nd—Mankato; 3rd—Manhattan; 4th—Abilene; 5th—Washington; 6th—Concordia; 7th—Salina; 8th—Wilson; 9th—Riley County; 10th—Pike Valley; 11th—Beloit; 12th—Miltonvale; 13th—Chapman; 14th—Jewell; 15th—Linn.

Information Contest — Teams: Manhattan (535 points); Salina (521 points); Clay Center (520 points); Washington (472 points); Mankato (461 points); Wilson (441 points); Abilene (439 points); Beloit (439 points); Pike Valley (411 points); Riley County (405 points); Belleville (404 points); Miltonvale (403 points); Chapman (397 points); Jewell (365 points); Linn (361 points); Concordia (340 points).

Information Contest — Individuals: 97 points—Lisa Auen, Manhattan; 95 points—Robert Chiles, Salina; 94 points—Roger Brown, Manhattan; 93 points—Mike Heatch, Salina; 91 points—Jerry Marr, Mankato; 90 points—Bruce Nuss, Wilson; and Richard Schmidt; 89 points—Loy James, Clay Center; Jeff Yarrow, Clay Center; Ken Arpin, Salina; Rich Taylor, Manhattan.

Master Ritual Team: President—Jeff Yarrow, Clay Center; Vice President—Lisa Auen, Manhattan; Secretary—Kent Stewart, Washington; Treasurer—Roger Forsyth, Clay Center; Reporter—Lynda Ricketts, Clay Center; and Sentinel—Gregg Stewart, Washington.

South Central District

Ritual Contest: 1st—Arkansas City; 2nd—Inman; 3rd—Haven; 4th—Buhler; 5th—(tie) McPherson & Medicine Lodge; 6th—Kingman; 7th—Moundridge; 8th—(tie) Peabody and South Barber; 9th—Chapparral; 10th—Central of Burden; 11th—Winfield; 12th—Clafflin; 13th—Mulvane; 14th—Stafford.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Arkansas City; 2nd—Inman; 3rd—Winfield; 4th—McPherson; 5th—Medicine Lodge; 6th—Peabody; 7th—Haven; 8th—Buhler; 9th—South Barber; 10th—Moundridge; 11th—Kingman; 12th—Chapparral; 13th—Stafford; 14th—Clafflin; 15th—Central of Burden; 16th—Mulvane.

Information Contest—Teams: Winfield (524 points); Arkansas City (521 points); and Haven (519 points). Three high teams only.

Information Contest — Individuals: 94 points—John Toews, Moundridge; Robert Lenkner, Medicine Lodge; 93 points—Karen Chrisler, Winfield; 92 points—David Waggoner, Arkansas City; 91 points—Mary Donley, Burden; 90 points—Jay Groene, Winfield; Justin Waite, Winfield; and Jeff Bryant, Arkansas City.

Master Ritual Team: President—Robert Lenkner, Medicine Lodge; Vice President—John Toews, Moundridge; Sentinel—Dale Lepp, Inman; Reporter—Wes Regehr, Inman; Treasurer—Pam McCord, Arkansas City; Secretary—Clay Spicer, South Barber.

Northwest District

Ritual — Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Hill City; 2nd—Plainville; 3rd—Norton; 4th—Oakley; 5th—Lebanon; 6th—St. Francis; 7th—WaKeeney; 8th—Kensington; 9th—Phillipsburg; 10th—Palco; 11th—Atwood; 12th—Colby and Russell (tie); 14th—Stockton; 15th—Northern Valley.

Information Contest — Teams: Plainville (513 points); Hill City (511 points); Lebanon (494 points); WaKeeney (471 points); Phillipsburg (467 points); Norton (462 points); Oakley (440 points); St. Francis (437 points); Russell (435 points); Kensington (433 points); Atwood (423 points); Stockton (397 points); Palco (393 points); Downs (383 points); Colby (377 points).

Information Contest — Individuals: 94 points—Paul Simpson, Plainville; 91 points—Fred Westhusin, Plainville; 90 points—Greg Brown, Plainville; 89 points—Bryan Russell, Plainville; J.P. Worcester, Hill City; 88 points—Mark Worcester, Hill City; Kelly Roush, Lebanon; Deedee Brown, Lebanon; Sara Stuewe, Norton; Pat Hageman, Plainville.

Master Ritual Team: President—J.P. Worcester, Hill City; Vice President—Mark Worcester, Hill City; Sentinel—Kelly Hadley, WaKeeney; Reporter—Blaine Stoppel, Russell; Treasurer—Jerry Haley, Stockton; Secretary—Sara Stuewe, Norton.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Kansas FFA'ers, for your presence and support at the 50th National Convention of our organization. Kansas had a fine representation of outstanding chapters and individuals, and it made us, as state officers, prouder than ever to be serving you.

Reflecting back on the National Convention should inspire us to think of the coming months ahead prior to our own Golden Anniversary Convention. It is not too late to be making plans to attend the State Convention, not only as a member or delegate but as an award winner.

One of the most disturbing facts I have learned about our state this year, is our relatively low number of participants in the different awards programs. For example, in 1975-76 only 76 chapters, or 49 percent, participated in the Superior Chapter program. There were only 44 chapters (28.4 percent) that applied for Area BOAC awards and 18 chapters (11.6 percent) were recognized as Superior Safety Chapters. During this same year, only 11 chapters (7.1 percent) carried out the Food For America project. Chapters with candidates for the State Farmer Degree numbered 86 (55.5 percent), only 11 chapters (7.1 percent) had candidates applying for the American Farmer Degree.

To me, this shows that we have a lot of room to grow or maybe participate! Filling out applications for awards does involve added time and work but there are many chapter programs and individual projects that deserve recognition. Hanging those new plaques on the wall or adding a spur to an old one will make your efforts worthwhile. It all depends on how you look at that award. Someone once complained, "It is a shame that rose bushes have thorns", while another observed, "Isn't it great that thorn bushes have roses!"

I offer my congratulations to those of you who have "smelled the roses". To the ones who only see the thorns, I say to take another look; there is still time for some "late bloomers".

Best wishes,



Dee James, President
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