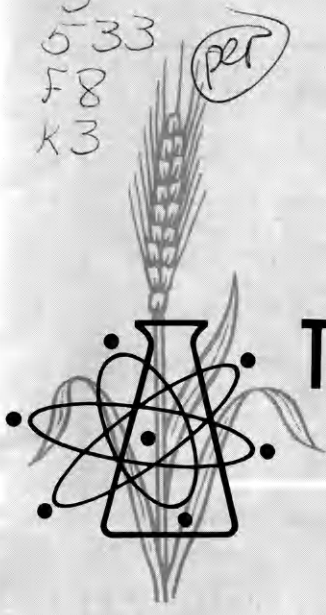


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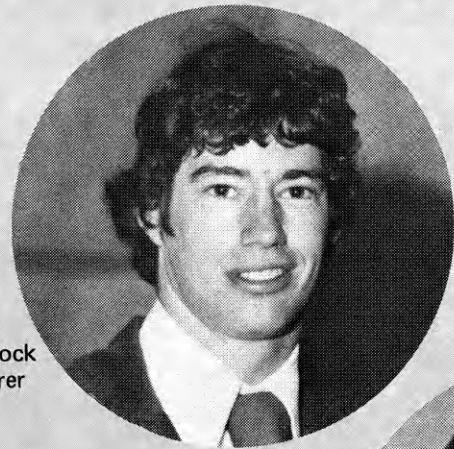
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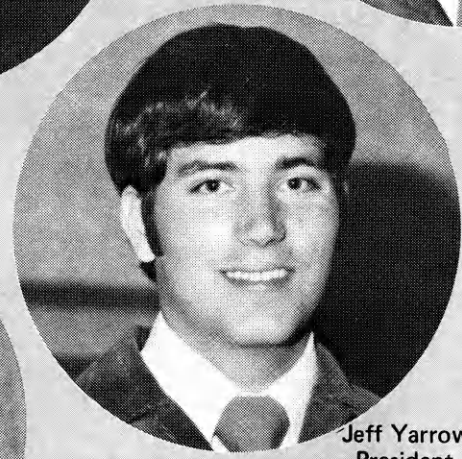
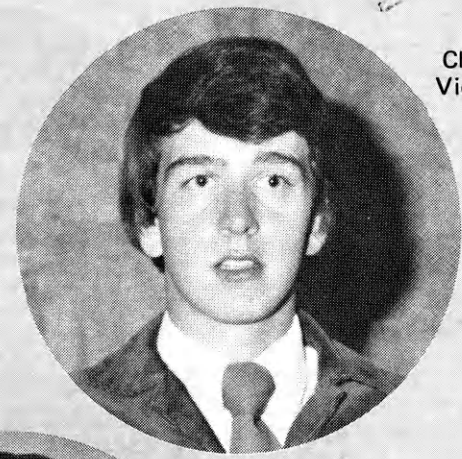


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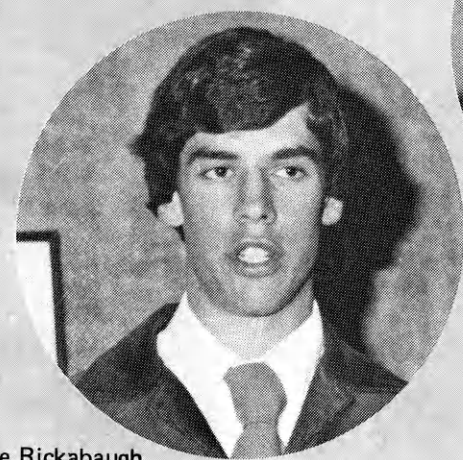
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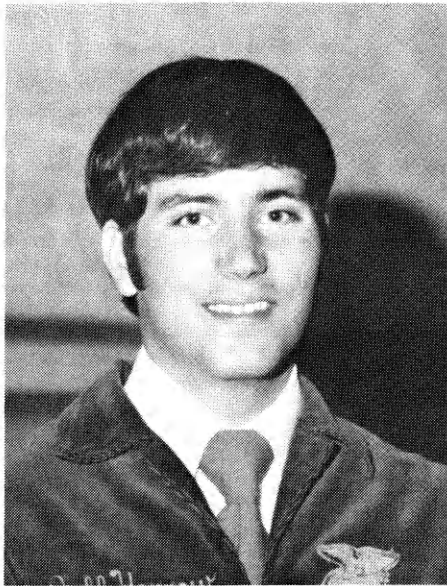
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Dates To Remember

September 9-17	Kansas State Fair — Hutchinson
September 15	Weigh-In of FFA Livestock — State Fair
September 23-24	District Officers Leadership Conference Rock Springs Ranch
September 30	State and National Dues to KSU
October 1, 2, 3	Kansas Junior Livestock Show — Wichita
October 21	State Land Judging & Homesite Evaluation Contests
November 7	National FFA Contests — Kansas City, MO
November 8, 9, 10	National FFA Convention — Kansas City, MO
November 11-18	American Royal Livestock and Horse Show Kansas City, MO
November 23	Thanksgiving
November 30	Chapter Program of Work Due — KSU
December 1-6	NVATA-AVA Meetings — Dallas, Texas
December 25	Christmas
December 30	Union Pacific Scholarship Applications Due — KSU

From the President's Desk

Congratulations!!! To whom? For what?

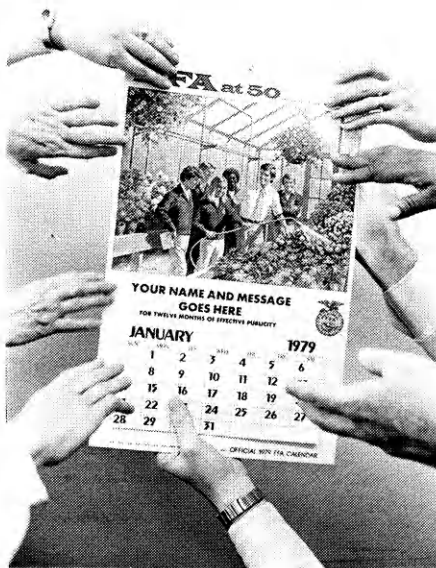
Congratulations *to* all those who helped get the new year off to a fantastic start. State Staff, Chapter Advisors and especially Chapter Officers from all across the state had an instrumental part in a great kickoff of the 1978-79 FFA year at State Leadership Camp at Rock Springs.

Congratulations *for* making Camp the biggest and best in the history of Kansas FFA. The enthusiasm and willingness to participate and become involved was tremendous. You are all to be commended on an excellent performance.

As the new year gets underway it's time to start developing Programs of Work and preparing for the fall contests. But more importantly, it's time to look forward to the highlight of the National Future Farmers Organization. . . National Convention. Convention will be November 8-10 and I am sure will continue, as it always has been, to be a very motivational and inspiring event. We sincerely hope that all of you will have the opportunity to attend.

I might also add, at this point, that the State Officers would greatly appreciate your input on items that will be dealt with at Convention. This will enable us to better represent you, our utmost responsibility.

I hope the State Leadership Camp set the stage for a most successful year in the Kansas FFA.



FFA Calendar Is Good PR

The FFA Calendar is a good public relations tool used by 37 chapters in Kansas last year which was an increase of several chapters over 1977. We need to continue to increase the calendars usage in Kansas. It's simple — simply contact an agribusiness in your community who hands out calendars for Christmas every year and present them with the idea of using FFA calendars and put their slogan and name on them. That way you work together and both accomplish what you want to do.



Announce 1978-79 State FFA Officers

L-R Jeff Yarrow, President, Clay Center; Chuck Banks, Vice President, Wamego; Jeff Bryant, Secretary, Arkansas City; Mark Stock, Treasurer, Troy; Brenda Hundley, Reporter, Topeka; and Joe Rickabaugh, Sentinel, Garnett.

Plan FFA Leadership-Citizenship Day

Tentative

Holiday Inn — Topeka Downtown
January 22, 1979

This year the Kansas FFA is initiating a new activity called the FFA Leadership-Citizenship Day. Its primary purpose is to enlighten FFA members about how our political system works and at the same time inform our legislatures about the FFA organization. You will be hearing more about

this special day but until you do, refer to the following tentative schedule as a guideline. Make plans to invite your Senator or Representative to be your guest at the noon luncheon which will be held at the Holiday Inn on January 22, 1979.

Program Schedule

9:30-10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00-10:10 a.m.	Delegate Orientation — State Officers
10:10-10:30 a.m.	The Legislative Process How a Bill Becomes Law — Senator Ross Doyen
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Ag Forum — Legislation Affecting Agriculture A) Use-Value Appraisal — Paul Fleener B) Energy — Harold Shoaf C) Education — Dale Dennis D) Livestock — Virg Huseman
11:30-12:00 Noon	Meeting with Senators & Representatives
Noon-1:15 p.m.	Luncheon A) Invocation B) Introduction of Guests C) Recognition of President of Senate D) Recognition of Speaker of House E) What FFA is Doing for Me F) What FFA is Doing for Others — Jeff Yarrow
1:15-1:30 p.m.	BREAK
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Remarks — Governor Bennett Importance of Citizenship — Jim Braden
2:00 p.m.	Visit Senate in Session, House Committee Meetings, Tour Capital, and Safe Trip Home

Attention — Chapter Officers

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFYING THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

1. ARTICLE V — Section E, Second Paragraph

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer or **Honorary Chapter FFA** Degree in the local chapter, Honorary State or Farmer or **Honorary State FFA** Degree in the State Association and the Honorary American Farmer or **Honorary American FFA** Degree in the National Organization.

As printed in constitution now:

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2. ARTICLE VI — Section A

There shall be four degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These are (1) Greenhand; (2) Chapter Farmer or FFA; (3) State Farmer or FFA; and (4) American Farmer or FFA.

As printed in constitution now:

There shall be four degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These are: (1) Greenhand; (2) Chapter Farmer; (3) State Farmer; and (4) American Farmer. The National Organization shall set the standards for the several degrees.

3. ARTICLE XII — Section B

Each State Association is entitled to send two delegates from its active membership to the national convention, plus one additional delegate for each 5,000 active members or major fraction thereof above

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XII SECTION B NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XII SECTION B

The voting delegation at the National Convention shall consist of two bodies. These bodies shall be designated as the "House" and the "Senate." Delegates of the House shall be referred to as "representatives" and delegates of the Senate shall be referred to as "Senators."

- The House shall be composed of one representative from each state plus one additional representative for each 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, after the first 5,000 members.
- The Senate shall be composed of two senators from each state.
- The chairman shall preside over both bodies at the National Convention during all business sessions.
- All business shall be discussed simultaneously between both the House and the Senate.
 - Every item of business shall require second and a vote from each body.
 - In order for a motion or amendment to pass it must pass in both the House and the Senate. Failure in either body constitutes defeat of the motion.
 - If an amendment to the main motion is passed by one legislative body and defeated by another, the issue will be assigned to a "Special resolutions" committee to resolve the issue. Main motion will not go to committee for resolution. A split will constitute defeat.
- Each standing committee or ad-hoc committee will be composed of equal members from the House and Senate exempt from this will be the nominating committee.

Submitted by Wyoming Association.

Kansas Farmer European Trip Is Fascinating

by Bob Broeckelman

It seemed like a dream... something that really couldn't be happening. But then it did and it turned out to be one of the most fascinating and enjoyable weeks of the lives of 28 Kansas FFA members. Saturday, June 3, at 11:25 a.m. everyone boarded TWA flight 880 enroute to New York where we changed planes to board Royal Dutch Airline, KLM642, a wide bodied 747 jet which would carry over 350 people.



After an eight-hour overnight flight, the Kansas FFA delegation landed in Amsterdam, Holland and began a sightseeing tour of Amsterdam in a famous water-bus, traveling through the canals and harbor during the morning of June 4. During the afternoon, we toured Arnhem, Holland which was the scene of much heavy fighting during the World War II in 1944.

On Monday, June 5th, the group visited the New Polders, the most ambitious land reclamation project in Europe. Thousands of acres were reclaimed from the former ocean floor and has become some of Holland's most productive land. Holland uses this land to raise wheat, barley, sugar beets and potatoes.

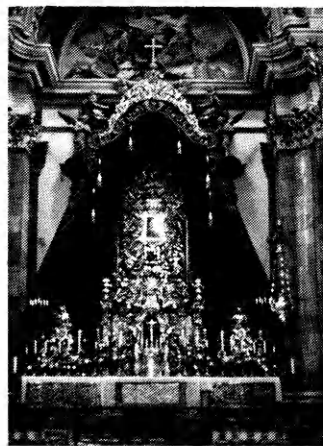
After an exciting two days in Holland, the Kansas delegation journeyed on to Cologne, Germany, to see the great Gothic cathedral, started in 1100 A.D. We continued on to Bonn, capitol of the Federal Republic of West Germany, during the afternoon and we were fortunate enough to board a Rhine river steamer and travel at a leisurely pace through superb river scenery with every bend dominated by castles and vineyards.

On Wednesday, June 7th, we toured a German hog farm where they raise mostly German and Belgium Landrace hogs, winter wheat and sugar beets for cash crops. The German farmer also utilized the Peatrine hogs for a cross with the Landrace

which really improved the hams on the offspring.

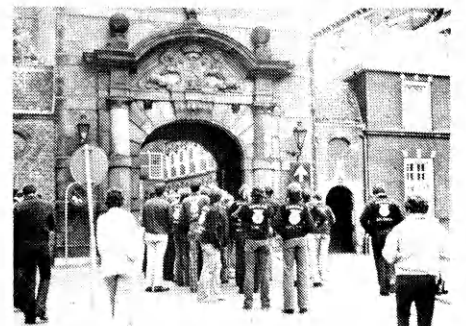
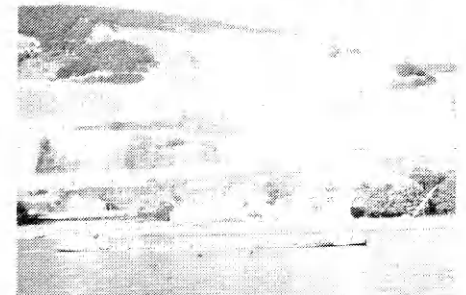
In the afternoon, we continued the journey across Belgium to Brussels, capital of Belgium and headquarters of the Common Market.

Thursday morning, June 8th, after a visit with Lyle Sebranek, Agricultural Attache of the U.S., we had a sightseeing tour of Brussels, including the Grand Place, the finest medieval square in Europe, Palais de Justice, Royal Palace, Mannekin and the Atomium. The following morning we left Brussels and traveled north to Antwerp, a major Flemish seaport and crossed into Holland where we visited the Hague, seat of the Dutch Government, for a sightseeing



tour including the Parliament, Peace Palace and Madurodam (Holland in miniature).

The tired Kansas delegation which included 28 Kansas FFA members, three advisors and their wives, and my wife and I, returned to the Amsterdam airport and flew back to the United States on Saturday, June 10th. Everyone thought it was a fantastic trip of a lifetime and came back ready to sell Kansas Farmer magazines this next



school year so they can win a trip to Hawaii. They all now know that dreams can come true.

Those who went on the trip included: Brian Beaumont, Longton; Kirk Bouray, Hurdy; Michael Buhler, Solomon; Mike Burdett, Ness City; Danny Cook, Hope; Steve Davis, Cambridge; Randy Dean, Mankato; Scott Farber, Norton; Ron Goering, Moundridge; Bruce Ladd, Humboldt; Robert Mayer, Goodland; James McClaskey, Hoyt; James Morris, Emporia; Gary Otta, Hill City; Terry Pankrat, Hillsboro; George Peddicord, Wamego; James Pittenger, Wamego; Darren Putnam, Hoyt; David Ramsey, Fontana; Frank Rohr, Quinter; Keith Shively, Walnut; Ronnie Tremblay, Clifton; Harold Tubbs, Levant; Mark Weber, Ellis; Roger Whitlock, Inman; William Wiley, Independence; Mike Williams, Paola; Dennis Wolf, Ellis; Bob & Bunny Broeckelman, Manhattan; Harry & Marsha Field, Osawatomie; Howard Wallace, Ellinwood; Randy & Linda Warner, WaKeeney; and Lon Phillips of Kansas Farmer, Prairie Village.



Kansas FFA members visit Europe.



Kansas FFA members toured around the cities and shopped for souvenirs.

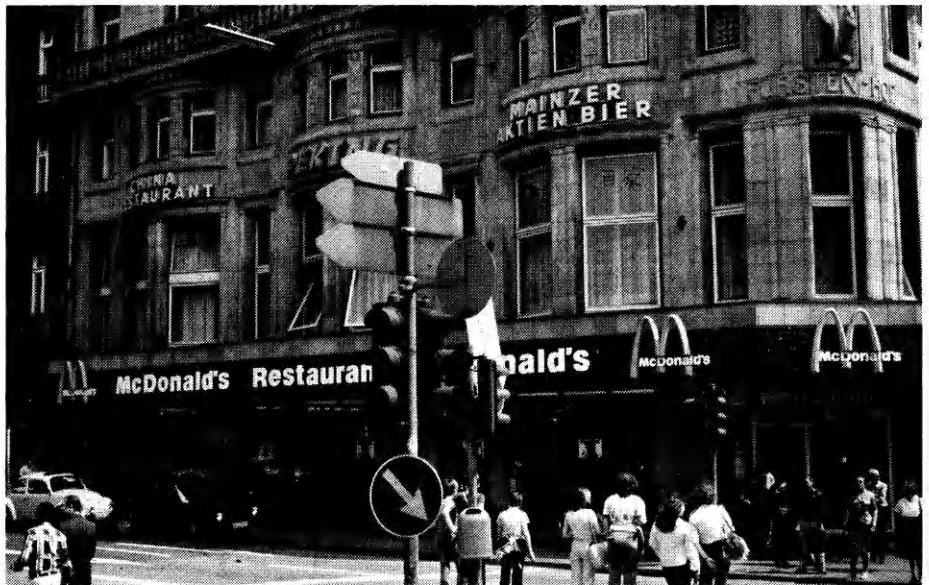


Typical scene along the Rhine River.

Thank New Ad Sponsors

As editor of the "Kansas Future Farmer, I extend my special thanks to the three sponsors who have agreed to advertise in the magazine. These three sponsors are **A. O. Smith Harvestore Products Inc., Production Credit Association** and the **Federal Land Bank.**

Their advertising in the magazine enables the Kansas Association of FFA to hold down the dues as well as increase our ability to spend more money for State Officer travel and leadership development despite the rising cost of inflation. If you get a chance as members of the FFA organization, take a moment and extend your thanks also to these three sponsors. All three have been major supporters of the Kansas Association of the FFA.



Yes, Europe has McDonalds too. The price is twice as much, just like a lot of other things.



1978 Star Farmer of Kansas — Mike Smith, Norton



1978 Star Agribusinessman of Kansas — Joe Harris, Erie

Name District And State Stars

Mike Smith and Joe Harris each received \$200 checks from the FFA Foundation as they were named Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman respectively.

Mike's farming program of beef, swine, wheat and corn plus his outstanding leadership record made him an example for all FFA members to pattern themselves after.

Joe's enormous custom farming operation plus his leadership record also make him an ideal example for all FFA members to follow. Both Mike and Joe received a plaque and \$40.00 from the Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives (KABAR) as did the other District Stars.

The District Star Farmers for 1978 were: East Central — Richard Mueller, Council Grove; North Central — Ronald Schmutz, Chapman; Northwest — Michael Smith, Norton; Southwest — David Brown, Southwestern Heights; South Central —

Jerry Winkley, Marion; Northeast — Gregg Oswald, Atchison County; Southeast — Jeff Kephart, Erie.

The District Star Agribusinessmen for 1978 were: Southeast — Joe Harris, Erie;

East Central — Brenda Hundley, Topeka; Southwest — Sherri Higgins, Southwestern Heights; Northeast — Stephen Franken, Troy; South Central — David Waggoner, Arkansas City.

Earn Livestock Conservation Awards

Two outstanding FFA members wrote winning research papers dealing with livestock conservation. Mr. Karl F. Heimke of the Livestock Marketing Insurance Agency located in Kansas City, Missouri, sponsors the awards which are beautiful Bulova Accutron watches.

Mike Smith from the Norton Chapter

had the winning paper on "Diseases Affecting Cattle Reproduction" and Chuck Banks had the second place paper titled "Look Out For Anaplasmosis."

The application consists of a paper evolving from a member's involvement in researching a problem having to do with animal health and/or safety.

Letters To The Editor

Commends FFA

I would like to commend all who are involved in scheduling FFA contests and/or activities and to thank you for your efforts in helping to protect the student's school day.

Three years ago, the KSHSAA received numerous complaints from administrators about the loss of schooltime their students were experiencing in FFA activities. This prompted a meeting with leaders from your organization and, as a result with the improved communications, I am pleased to share the following information with our administrators:

	Schooltime	Non-Schooltime
1977-78:		
District Events	57	62
Production Field Days	5	15
	62 days	77 days
	45%	55%
1978-79:		
District Events	43	41
Production Field Days	6	22
	49 days	63 days
	44%	56%

The fact that less than 50 percent of the FFA activities are now being held on schooltime has been enthusiastically received. The KSHSAA has made a concerted effort to curtail the loss of schooltime and each of you can be proud of your contribution to this cause.

Since I was born and raised on a Kansas Farm and taught in schools with viable FFA programs, I have long admired and appreciated your contributions to agriculture in our world today. Congratulations on the excellent job each of you is doing!

Nelson Hartman
Executive Secretary
Kansas State High School Activities

Improved Conduct

8-1-78

Mr. Robert J. Broeckelman
Executive Secretary
Kansas Association of FFA
Department of Adult and Occupational Education
Holton Hall
Manhattan, Kansas 66506

Dear Bob:

Please excuse the tardiness of my comments as it has been my intent to write you for the past six weeks.

I want you to know that there was a marked improvement in the conduct during the two FFA meetings this spring. You, the various chapter advisors and all responsible for this turn-around are to be commended for your efforts in this accomplishment.

I know it isn't always the most popular move to put a "damper" on some activities, but it certainly was in the best interests of all concerned.

I hope you will convey my appreciation to the various folk involved and we are all jointly looking forward to a program of continuing improvement.

Sincerely yours,
Fritz Pyle
Innkeeper
Holiday Inn

Wineinger Wins Creed Contest

Ron Wineinger, a freshman at Marion High School, won the 1978 State Greenhand Creed Contest.

Second place went to Brian Cudney from the Marysville Chapter; third to Rae Koch from the Newton Chapter, and fourth to Debbie Allen from the Kaw Valley (Rossville) Chapter. The fourteen finalists in the State Greenhand Creed Speaking Contest were all in their first year of vocational agriculture and were either 1st or 2nd place winners in their district competition. The other finalists were: John Pachta, Belleville; Eric Larson, Clay Center; Mitch Caster, Russell; Randy Carlgren, Downs; Sam Waugh, Mission Valley; Bob Bodine, Osage City; Gene Lewis, Cherryvale; Michael Mitchell, Coffeyville; Roy Sprunger, Satanta; and Everett Reimer also from Satanta.



Ron Wineinger, Marion, receives his 1st place Creed Speaking plaque from Jeff Zillinger, Collegiate FFA Vice President.



A Team — 1977-1978 State FFA Officers

The 1977-78 State FFA Officers were a team indeed. Dee, Terry, C.J., Pat, Ron and Mona worked for the FFA members and strived to promote fellowship and their love for the FFA throughout the year. They traveled thousands of miles, visited more than half of the FFA Chapters and sixty-three businesses and friends of the FFA. They began planning the leadership Citizenship Day scheduled for February,

1979 with the Legislators in Topeka.

Membership grew, chapter participation increased and happiness and friendship glowed wherever they went. The Kansas Association is very proud of the leadership and time given by the past State Officer team and wish to say a great big "thank you" to the 1977-78 State Officer team, an inspirational unit indeed!

Reports Kansas FFA Membership Up

The Kansas FFA Association experienced another good year by having a slight increase in its total FFA membership. As of May 1, 1978, the Kansas FFA membership was 7,223, which is an increase of 119 members over 1977. The National membership experienced a slight drop from 509,735 to 507,108.

State Proficiency Award Winners



Frank Berg of Westmoreland received the Dairy Production Award. This award is made possible by the Avco New Idea Farm Equipment in conjunction with the DeLaval Company.



Being presented the Poultry Production Award is Tim Cooke of Coffeyville. This award is provided by the National FFA Foundation.



The Diversified Livestock Production Award was captured by Joe Rickabaugh of the Garnett Chapter. Mr. Dave Brue of Mid America Harvestore Inc. is presenting the award to Joe. Wayne Feeds and Animal Health Aids also help sponsor this award.



The Beef Production Award was won by Kevin Robinson of the Mission Valley FFA Chapter. His award is sponsored by Nasco and Sperry New Holland.



Kerry Jarvis from the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter won the Swine Production Award. Presenting the award to Kerry is Mr. Richard Klein, Regional Manager of Midwest Pfizer Company. Pfizer Company provides this award.



Ken Arpin of Salina received the Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Award. This award is provided by Briggs and Stratton.



The National FFA Foundation sponsors the Sheep Production Award which was won by Verl Zimmerman from the Chaparral Chapter.



The Weyerhaeuser Company makes possible the Nursery Operations Award that was won by Brenda Hundley from the Seaman FFA Chapter.



Being presented the Agriculture Processing Award is John Werner from Washington. His award is sponsored by the Carnation Company.



The Agricultural Sales and/or Service Award was won by Joe Harris of the Erie Chapter, which is sponsored by Allis-Chalmers.



Mary Jane Hamilton from the Kansas Farm Electrification Council is presenting Jonathan Vopat of the Wilson Chapter the Agriculture Electrification Award.



Ford provides the Soil and Water Management Award which was won by Richard Tatum of the Central of Burden Chapter.



The Shell Company and Hesston Corporation provides the Placement in Agriculture Production Award won by Tom Voelker from the Linn FFA Chapter. Lu Wall, Executive Assistant to the President of Hesston Corporation presented the award.



The Fish and Wildlife Management Award was received by Mike Lobmeyer of Garden City. Mr. & Mrs. Clarke E. Nelson make this award possible.



Herb Cressler from Hoxie placed third in the Crop Production Award. Mr. Alfred Sick, Director of Research with the J.C. Robinson Seed Co., sponsors the second and third place awards in Crop Production.



Tim Ptacek from Wilson was awarded the Agricultural Mechanics Award which is sponsored by International Harvester.



James Wester of the Erie FFA Chapter won the Outdoor Recreation Award which is provided by White Farm Equipment Company.

Editors note: The remaining proficiency award pictures did not survive development. Those not pictured are: Chad Messinger, Leon Heady, Lee Singular and Mike Smith.

**Congratulations
STATE
PROFICIENCY
AWARD
WINNERS**



Sondra Van Cleave receives her leather briefcase for the second year in a row from Bob Keating, representing the "High Plains Journal," for having the top scrapbook in Kansas.

50th State Convention



Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Waite, Grandparents of Mona Rusk, attended the 50th State Convention and Mr. Waite gave an address to the Convention delegation on "How the FFA Has Changed".



Terry Nelson and Dee James proudly display the 50th Anniversary cake specially made for the Convention by Sally Nelson, sister of Terry.



Velva Hale was pleased to receive her plaque for her outstanding service to the Kansas FFA over the past several years in assisting with slide shows and numerous other activities.



Chuck Banks seemed pleased to receive his \$500 Roy Freeland Ag Education Scholarship.



Governor Robert F. Bennett gave very appropriate remarks to the Kansas Delegation on the agricultural situation.



Peg Armstrong, who represented the National Organization in an outstanding manner, was presented a K-State umbrella as a token of our appreciation. Everyone enjoyed Peg's comments which added tremendously to the 50th Convention.



Professor Howard Bradley, State FFA Alumni Executive Secretary, presented the Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate plaque to Mike Raine of the Wamego FFA Chapter.



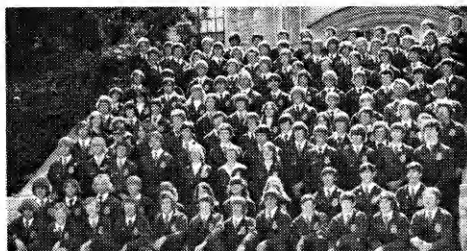
Sara Stuewe from the Norton FFA Chapter added good music and charm to the State FFA Convention serving as Convention Organist.



Natalie Haag, State FFA Sweetheart, addressed the Convention and expressed her appreciation to the Kansas FFA for her past year's experiences.



David Prell, Marysville FFA Chapter, received a plaque from Dee James for submitting the most quality reports to the "Kansas Future Farmer Magazine".



The 1978 State Farmer Delegation.



Jeff Bryant and advisor, Rod Nulik, proudly receive the Garlow Memorial Trophy from Don Ditmars, State Reporter, shortly after being named top chapter in Kansas.

Name Arkansas City Top Chapter

The Arkansas City FFA Chapter was named the top Gold Emblem Chapter for 1978. The Plainville Chapter was second followed by Hill City, Erie, Russell, Cherryvale, Altamont, Washington, and Osage City, in that order. These top nine chapters will represent Kansas in National Better Chapter Award Contest in November at the 51st National FFA Convention. Other Gold Emblem Chapters (in order) were: Marion, Uniontown, Marysville, Columbus, Atchison Co., Manhattan and Troy.

Silver Emblem Chapters were (in order) Central of Burden, Seaman, Wamego, North Central, Wilson, Medicine Lodge, Girard, Norton, Colby, Kingman, Westmoreland, and Sabetha.

Eleven additional chapters were named Bronze Emblem which were Fowler, Riley Co., Palco, Scott City, Southwestern Heights, Garden City, Lebo, Downs, Cheylin, Mullinville, and Smith Center. The State Chapter Award Program is sponsored by SUNLAND PLAN.



Monte Reese, Federal Land Bank poses with the Hill City FFA Chapter after being named the top par law/ritual team in Kansas.

Hill City Tops In Ritual/Parliamentary Procedure

The Hill City FFA Chapter broke the winning cycle of the Seaman FFA Chapter by proving to be the best Ritual/Parliamentary Procedure team in Kansas for the 1977-78 school year. Team members were J.P. Worcester, President; Mark Worcester, Vice President; Jeff Reynolds, Secretary; Larry Luck, Treasurer; Mark Voss, Reporter; David Leiker, Sentinel; and chapter members David Quint, Tony Wasinger, Mike Worcester, and Robert Riemann.

The Seaman FFA Chapter placed second followed by Clay Center, third place

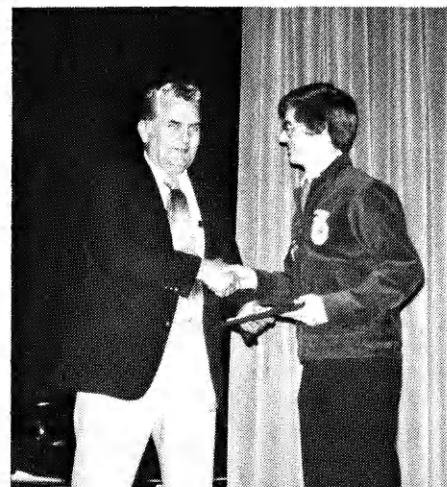
and Arkansas City, fourth place. Other competitors were: Marysville, Erie, and Holcomb.

Each of the teams received a plaque and \$40.00 from the **Federal Land Bank Associations of Kansas** for winning their respective districts. The top four teams received an additional \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$50, according to their placing. **Federal Land Bank Associations of Kansas** sponsors the Ritual, Parliamentary Procedure Contest annually which costs over \$1,000 per year which includes cash awards, plaques and medals.

Announce State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest Winners

Mark Johnson from the Labette County FFA Chapter, in a cool and relaxed manner out-talked all of the other contestants to the State Championship in FFA Extemporaneous Speaking. Mark surpassed thirty-four other contestants at the state level to earn the first place plaque sponsored by FARMER-STOCKMAN OF THE MIDWEST.

Second place went to Bruce Rengstorf, Marysville; 3rd to Joe Rickabaugh, Garnett; 4th to Candace Jessup, Phillipsburg; 5th to Jim Pittenger, Wamego; and 6th to Larry Schalles, Manhattan. These contestants also received plaques from Farmer-Stockman of the Midwest. Other State contestants were: Randy Hagger, Ness City; Charlie Reese, Hiawatha; Wayne Gosen, Garden City; Terry Settle, Fredonia; David Leiker, Hill City; Ed Kerley, Mulvane; Dan Rockers, Garnett; Mark Stenson, Pike Valley; Sherri Higgins, Kismet; Duane Blumanhourst, Kingman; Bruce Arnold, Osage City; Harry Dawson, Medicine Lodge; Mike Ross, Columbus; Todd Hynek, North Central; Doug Van Allen, Phillipsburg; James Long, Chaparral; Ben Lange, Mankato; Mike Disberger, Haven; Clint Ball, Central Heights; Dan Russell, Riley County; Jim Sobba, Fowler; Steve Scott, Erie; Mike Murphy, Hill City; Earl Fink, Uniontown; Bob Etherton, Troy; Randy Mader, Jennings; Jack Corn, Garden City; Larry Wiezorek, Washburn Rural; Jeanette Jones, Marysville.



Hal Ramsbottom, representing Farmer-Stockman of the Midwest presents Mark Johnson, Labette Co., his first place plaque.

Award 1978 Honorary State Fa



Representative Keith Sebelius, Norton



Dr. Dave Schafer, Manhattan



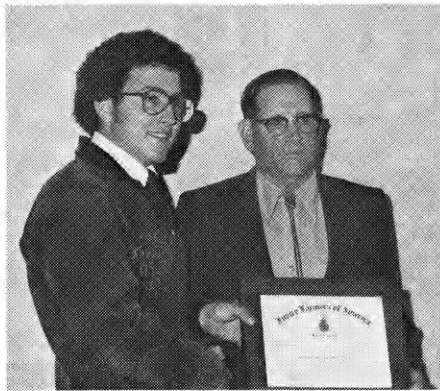
Senator Harry Darby, Kansas City



Carl Hempstead, Topeka



Dr. Robert Mills, Manhattan



Boyd Waite, Winfield



Larry Schmidt, Lehigh



Dr. Bill Able, Manhattan



Oran Nunemaker, Morland



Allan Bailey, Manhattan

Twelve dedicated and true supporters of FFA and agriculture were awarded the highest honor the Kansas FFA can bestow — the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

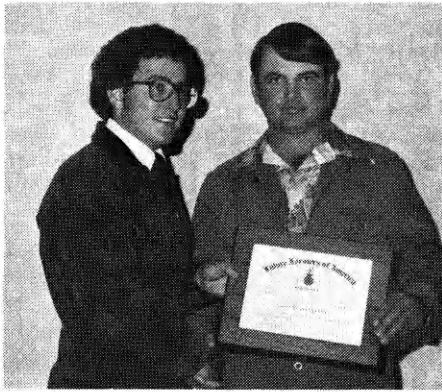
Those receiving the degree were Representative Keith Sebelius, representative for 1st District in Kansas; Senator Harry Darby, former Senator from Kansas and President of Darby Corporation; Dr. Robert Mills, Professor of Entomology, KSU; Dr. Bill Able, Associate Professor, Animal Science & Industry, KSU; Dr. Dave Schafer, Assistant Professor of Animal Science & Industry, KSU; Carl Hempstead, State Department of Education, Topeka; Boyd Waite, Winfield, 1st State FFA President; Oran Nunemaker, Morland, past President of KVATA; Larry Schmidt, President of Wheatland Bank of Goessel; and Allan Bailey, Stage Manager, McCain Auditorium, KSU.

Two instructors of vocational agriculture were selected for the Honorary Degree based on their accomplishments in vocational agriculture and FFA. They were Gary Brownlee, Marysville, and Harold Helton, Altamont.

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Gary Brownlee, Marysville



Harold Helton, Altamont

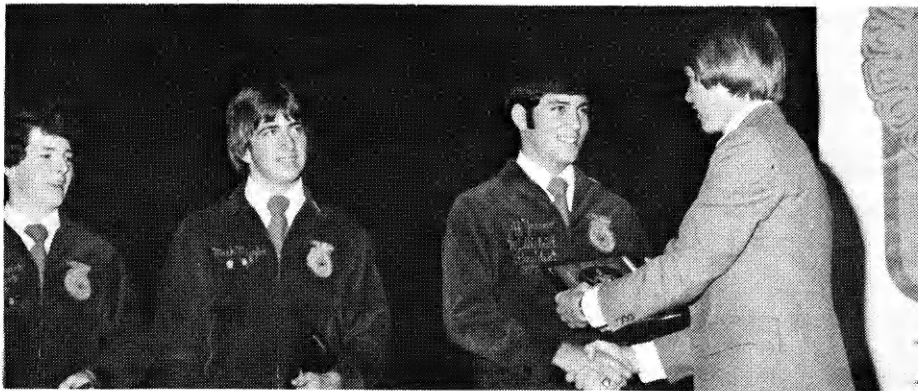


Standing Left to Right: Lloyd E. Barnett, Hiawatha Advisor; John Gilliam, North Central; Chuck Banks, Mr. AIC 1977-78; Randy Reinhardt, South East; Denis Rockers, East Central. Seated: Jeanette Barnett; J.P. Worcester, North West; Joe Neumann, North East; Phil Huston, South Central.

Present Coop Council AIC Scholarships

The seven District FFA Presidents were presented scholarships to the American Institute of Cooperation which was held from July 31-August 4 in Bozeman, Montana, on the Montana State University campus. The scholarships were sponsored by the Kansas Cooperative Council.

The scholarship recipients were J.P. Worcester, Hill City; Randy Reinhardt, Erie; Denis Rockers, Garnett; Phil Huston, Haven; Steve Sterling, Scott City; Joe Neuman, Troy; and John Gilliam, Washington.



Jeff Yarrow receives his 1st place plaque and \$100 check from Jeff Zillinger, Vice President of the K-State FFA Collegiate Chapter.

Yarrow Wins Top Public Speaker

Jeff Yarrow, Clay Center Chapter, won the coveted State Public Speaking contest and earned the right to represent Kansas in the Central Region contest in November at the 51st National FFA Convention. Yarrow's topic was "A Golden Past — A Brighter Future."

Jeff Bryant, Arkansas City, was second speaking on "America: The World's Agricultural Superpower." Third went to Mark Mugler, Manhattan, who spoke on

"Success in Agriculture." "Our Threat, Our Challenge" was Steve Ramer's topic from the Chaparral Chapter. Jeff received a \$100 check from the Future Farmers of American Foundation, Incorporated while Jeff, Mark, and Steve received \$50, \$17.50, and \$17.50 respectively. Their checks were from the Kansas Association of FFA. The plaques are sponsored by the Kansas State FFA Collegiate Chapter.

Hill City Wins Safety Award

The Hill City Chapter received a beautiful first place trophy and a \$100 check from the KANSAS FARM BUREAU for being state winners in the Kansas FFA Safety Program. Their efforts were judged on chapter member and community involvement in their safety program.

Placing second in the State Safety Program was Erie followed by Plainville and Russell. The top four chapters received trophies plus a cash award for their efforts. The next six chapters received plaques which were: (in order) Wilson, Columbus, Seaman, Marysville, Norton, Atchison Co., and Westmoreland.





Dwight Beckwith — Bern, Kansas



Edith Frisbe — Wichita, Kansas

Recognize Membership Achievement Awards

The Membership Achievement Award was developed to recognize those FFA Chapters who have 100% membership when compared to the vocational agriculture enrollment. Sixty-three chapters attained the 100% mark this year, an increase of eleven chapters over last year. Hill City topped the list this year again with 172% membership.

Gold Emblem chapters ranging from 111% to 172% were (in order) Courtland-Scandia, Marion, Chaparral, Hiawatha, Erie, Alma, Washington, Atchison Co., Uniontown, Westmoreland, Norton, WaKeeney, Plainville, Coffeyville, Troy, Chapman, LaCrosse, Garnett, Moundridge, and Miltonvale. The Silver Emblem chapters, their percentages ranging from 105% to 110% were: Burden, Kingman, Mankato, Marysville, Royal Valley, Oberlin, Sabetha, Labette Co., South Haven, Tribune, Council Grove, Girard, Stockton, Bird City, Richmond, Fowler, Claflin, Powhattan, Columbus, Kensington, and Washburn Rural.

Ranging from 100% to 104% were the Bronze Emblem chapters: Jennings, Linn, Natoma, Rossville, Yates Center, Cheryvale, Caney, Fredonia, Wamego, Holcomb, Mission Valley, Crest, Highland, Hoxie, Jayhawk-Linn, Lebo, McCune, Medicine Lodge, Osage City, Russell, and Cherokee.

Earn Distinguished Service Awards

Throughout the history of the FFA organization, there have been men and women outside our organization who have worked hard in promoting the ideals of The Future Farmers of America. These people have donated not only money, but their time and labor so that our programs have been able to reach their present high level of success. These people are always ready and willing to help. This year four individuals were singled out for their support and were presented the Distinguished Service Award at the 50th Convention.

Mrs. Halstead is the Manager of the Sunflower State Exposition and has been instrumental in organizing the Kiddies Barnyard, FFA Booths, Crops Displays, and Ag. Mechanics Displays.

Mrs. Frisbe is the Administrative Assistant for the Kansas Farmer Stockman Magazine which sponsors the State

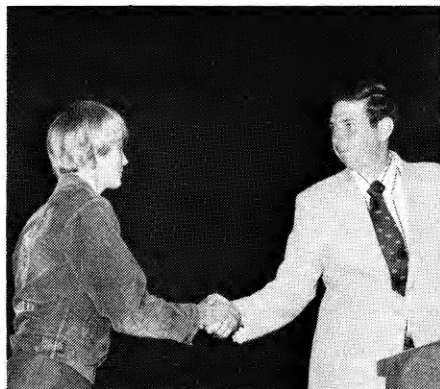
Sweetheart Contest and the Kansas State Fair Kiddies Barnyard.

Dwight Beckwith earned his State Farmer Degree in 1945, but his association with the FFA has continued through the years. For the past six years he has closed his meat packing plant in order for the members of the Northeast District FFA to use the facility for their meats contest.

Hector Campbell, a native Canadian, has rendered his services to the Kansas FFA as the Industry Chairman of Kansas for the National FFA Foundation in 1976 and the State Chairman of Kansas for the National FFA Foundation in 1977. He is currently the President of Speed King Manufacturing.

Editor's note: Pictures of Martha Halstead & Glen Turlene receiving the award for Hector Campbell didn't survive processing.

Make plans to attend the National FFA Convention.



Charles Atkinson is being congratulated by Dr. Robert Henderson on having the winning paper in Wildlife Damage Control.

REMEMBER —
Program of Work is due November 30th.
Start thinking about National FFA Week in February.

'Controlling Cottontails' Wins Top Write-Up

Charle Atkinson had the top write-up on "Controlling Cottontails." Members choose one animal (pest) he or she wishes to study and attempts to solve a problem relating to that animal. They keep a notebook on the activities to solve the problem. The state winner wins a hunting or fishing trip sponsored by Robert Schendel of Schendel Pest Control Inc.



Larry Luck accepts the top "Gold" membership achievement award on behalf of the Hill City Chapter.

Seven Members Receive Scholarships

Chuck Banks from the Wamego FFA Chapter received the coveted Roy Free-



Jerry Winkley, Marion-Florence Chapter, receives his \$600 Santa Fe Scholarship from Loren Simmons, representing Santa Fe Railway. The Atchison Topeka Santa Fe is one of the major contributors to the FFA by donating \$2,200 this year to the Kansas Association of FFA.

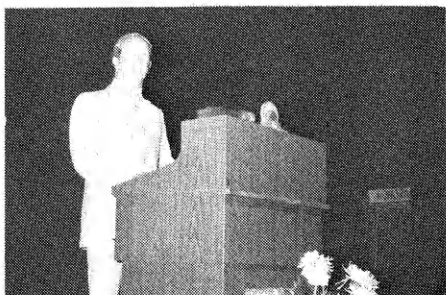
land Harry Darby Agricultural Education Scholarship for \$500.00. The scholarship was established to encourage FFA members to enter the profession of teaching vocational agriculture. Chuck will be a freshman this fall at K-State majoring in Ag Education.

Two \$600 scholarships were given to Brenda Ericson, Uniontown, and Jerry Winkley, Marion-Florence FFA Chapter, from the Santa Fe Railway Company. The scholarships are intended to help FFA members continue their education in preparing for a career in agriculture.

\$400 scholarships from the Union Pacific Railway Company were presented to Lori Bechard, Clay Center; David Lehman, Abilene; Brenda Hundley, Topeka, and Dan Russell, Riley Co.

Plan Joint Effort In Crime Prevention

The Kansas Farm Bureau and the KBI in conjunction with the Kansas Sheriffs' Association are beginning a joint effort to fight the increasing number of cases of theft of farm equipment, as well as other farm property. The equipment and tools needed to mark your farm equipment and household goods are available from your local county Farm Bureau Office or your local county sheriff. A film explaining the program may also be borrowed from the Kansas Farm Bureau Office, 2321 Anderson, Manhattan, Kansas, 66502 (913) 537-2261. If you call, ask for Frank Bernasek or Charlie Sargent and reserve the film for the meeting you need it for. It will make an excellent BOAC project.



Congressman Keith G. Sebelius addresses the Golden Anniversary Convention



Before Convention



After Convention

Reveals Youth's Role In Agriculture

"The Future Farmers of America is an organization that enables the modern miracle of American agriculture to continue." This statement was part of the opening remarks of the U.S. Representative from the "Big" 1st District of Kansas, Keith Sebelius, as he addressed the 50th State FFA Convention.

In his address, Congressman Sebelius stressed the importance of the free enterprise system and the family farm in this country, and said that he was happy to see that "the FFA emphasizes individual opportunity, competition, and the free enterprise system."

Sebelius stated that he believed, "... youth's role in agriculture is to prepare for the challenges we will face in the future."

For his belief in and support of agriculture and FFA, Congressman Sebelius was presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree later in the Convention.

Russell Wins BOAC

Chapter involvement and community and chapter cooperation won the BOAC Governor's Citation for the Russell chapter as they were named first place in Kansas in BOAC activities. Governor Bennett personally congratulated the winners and extended greetings to the delegation. Governor Bennett has been a true friend of the FFA and agriculture in Kansas, and we appreciate his interest.

Five other chapters besides Russell will be competing at the Regional level this fall in Kansas City. These chapters are: Columbus, who placed second; Central of Burden, third; Hill City, fourth; Abilene, fifth; and Uniontown, sixth.

All chapters that submitted for State awards were grouped according to their accomplishments into Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories. Other chapters in the Gold division besides the top six were: Colby, Plainville, and Marysville. The Silver Division included Cherryvale, Clay

Center, Linn, Marion-Florence, Norton, Palco, Phillipsburg, Smith Center, Wamego, and Westmoreland.

Bronze Emblem winners included Beloit, Girard, Jennings, Lebanon, Manhattan, Moundridge, Mullinville, Riley, Seaman, and Wilson.



Governor Bennett congratulates Alan Rusch and Advisor, Dave McCarthy, from Russell on a job well done in the BOAC area of competition.

Participate In Food For America Program

Remember the grade school children. Help build your FFA Chapter for the future. Tell them now about agriculture and the FFA through the Food for America program. Plainville had a very successful program and as editor I would like to share some of the letters that were sent back to the Plainville FFA Chapter.

Plainville Grade School
Plainville, KS 67663
April 18, 1978

Dear Mr. Hachmeister and F.F.A. Boys,
I would like to thank you all, for every-

thing you've done. I enjoyed every bit of it. There was a lot of things that were to be learned. Practically all of it was interesting! Most of it I already learned . . . but forgot, in the midst of the summer.

At Jack Couse's farm, that was fun. I'd hate to be one of those cows! Having one of those tubes hanging on you. Yyuuck! The dairy stunk! But that's all right. I'm used to it, from my gramp's farm.

Most of all I liked the Kiddie Farm. When I picked up that cute little rabbit I was very fascinating. Never have I seen such little rabbits. Everything was great!

With a capital G.

See you round like a dough-nut.

Your pal,
Michelle Mayfield

Dear FFA Officers,

Thank you for taking us to the kiddy farm. We liked the horse and her colt, pigs, goats, lambs, dog and her pups, rabbits, ducks, cats, kittens, fish, cow and calf, chickens and cold fish. The color books are fun.

We liked the field trip. We liked Jack Couses Dairy and L. K. Dairy and the Coop. We liked the ice cream and the bus trip. We wish the FFA was still here. We liked the film.

Thank you very much.
Dawn Jones Evan Hance
Lorri Dix Clay Crouch
Billie Dick Darrell Knipp

Dear Mr. Hachmeister and F.F.A. Boys,

I enjoyed the things you planned for us. I especially liked the Dairy farm and going to the L.K. Dairy. I think it was fun to go downtown and see the Kiddie Farm. I wish you could do this every year. We all enjoyed it.

When I get in high school I am going to take F.F.A. It sounds like a lot of fun.

Brian Edgett

Dear Mr. Hachmeister and Vocational Ag Members,

Many thanks for the Food For America program given to us by your group. It was a very informative, useful, and an interesting program and certainly took a lot of thought and planning.

I've heard many interesting comments from the students. Just this morning one girl said it was the first time she had been so close to a cow. With such a varied program, all were pleased with some phase or all of it.

Thanking you for your considering us in your presentation we remain

Your friends,
Room 126
Kathleen Slimmer



Carol Sobba, Garnett receiving her production agriculture record book plaque from Frank Buchman, Editor of Grass & Grain.



Brenda Hundley, Seaman FFA Chapter, receiving her agribusiness record book plaque from Frank Buchman, Editor of Grass & Grain.

Present Record Keeping Awards

Carol Sobba, Garnett, has the best set of production record books in the state while Brenda Hundley, Seaman, had the best set of agribusiness books. Both received the State Grass and Grain Record Keeping Award from Frank Buchman, editor of "Grass and Grain."

The Grass and Grain Record Keeping Award was established to encourage FFA members to keep accurate, complete, and neat records on their supervised occupational experience programs. Competition begins at the district level in which everyone who applies for a State Farmer Degree is considered for the award. The district winners for 1978 were: North Cen-

tral (Production) Doug Schwartz, Washington; East Central (Production) — Carol Sobba, Garnett; (Agribusiness) — Brenda Hundley, Seaman; Southeast (Production) — Jeff Kephart, Erie; (Agribusiness) — Joe Harris, Erie; South Central (Production) — Jerry Winkley, Marion; (Agribusiness) — David Waggoner, Arkansas City; Southwest (Production) — David Brown, Southwestern Heights; (Agribusiness) — Donnie Bergkamp, Ensign; Northwest (Production) — Candace Jessup, Phillipsburg; Northeast (Production) — Mark Stock, Troy; (Agribusiness) — Rick Claycamp, Valley Heights.

REMEMBER TO:
Send In Membership
Dues
Due: September 30
Payable to:
Kansas Association of FFA
\$4.00



FFA Members Attend National Conference

Members of Washington and Medicine Lodge FFA chapters attended the National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in June. Robin Rusk, Medicine Lodge Chapter of Medicine Lodge High School and John Gilliam and Douglas Schwartz, Washington Chapter of Washington High School attended the week-long Washington Conference held at the Olde Colony Motor Lodge and the National FFA Center near the nation's capital.

The FFA 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 1978 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 Capital.

A highlight of the Conference was Thursday morning visits to the offices of

Congressmen Keith Sebelius of Norton and Robert Dole of Russell. Participants also attended a Capitol Hill meal featuring a question and answer period with Congressmen, and Washington leaders in business and industry.

Robin Rusk, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlos Rusk of Sun City. Her vocational agriculture instructor is Richard G. Poland. John Gilliam, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Gilliam, Greenleaf and Doug Schwartz, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schwartz of Washington. Phil Kingston is the vocational agriculture instructor at Washington.

Members Tour Missouri and Iowa

Again this year, the Mission Valley Future Farmers of America (FFA) continued its tradition which makes it unique when 30 members spent six days touring Missouri and Iowa on a Spring Educational Trip.

Farms, ranches, industry, and agribusinesses of the area were visited in an effort to see new developments in production agriculture, better understanding of various units of agricultural supply, service and marketing, meeting individuals who have become successful and finding out why, and exploring the numerous occupational opportunities available to young people. In reality, it was a six day field trip, an extension of the vocational agriculture classroom.

This was the 19th such annual Spring

Educational Trip taken by the FFA. The trip takes about five months to organize from the letter writing stage to developing a solid itinerary. The chapter members have the full responsibility for planning, communicating, financing, and conducting this trip. Each year the trip is aimed in a different direction. Next year the FFA will visit western Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming, and the following year they will tour Oklahoma, southern Missouri, and Arkansas.

The only costs to the FFA members are the meals and other small miscellaneous items. The Unified School District 330 supplies the bus and the FFA pays for the gasoline and other transportation charges. To keep the cost down so members can afford to go, arrangements are made with

various schools along the route to stay in gyms overnight.

Some of the facilities visited this year were the Kansas City Board of Trade, Farmland Industries Manufacturing, McCormick Distillery, Litten Charolais Ranch, Buchcama Bull Test Station, Farmland Pork Slaughter Plant, John Deere Tractor Works, Farmstead Mobile Swine Housing, a \$190,000 solar energy swine finishing unit, and Purina Research Farm. Indeed, not all learning takes place in the classrooms at Mission Valley High School.

Scott Wendland
Chapter Reporter

CHAPTER REPORTS

Lawrence Chapter Members Attend National Session

Two members of the Lawrence FFA Chapter attended the third session of the National Leadership Conference held in Washington, D.C. Bryce Schumann, President, and Matt McCarter, Reporter, represented Lawrence.

The first three days of the conference were devoted to personal and chapter improvement workshops. On Thursday and Friday the conference participants toured our nation's capitol. Sites such as the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Capitol Hill were visited. Bryce and Matt were able to confer with their Congressman, Larry Winn and state Senator Robert Dole. Both agree the conference was an excellent learning experience and are excited about the prospects it could hold for the Lawrence Chapter.

Yours for a better FFA,
Matt C. McCarter
Lawrence Chapter Reporter

Annual Softball Game And Melon Feed Starts New Year

The Mission Valley FFA held their annual Father and Member softball game and Melon Feed, at the Eskridge Grade School, Monday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m. The young and talented members were opposed by the dazzling, daring Dads.

There were about 30 members that attended the activity. The excitement started with the softball game, which probably ended in a dead-tie. Following the softball game we ate delicious melons of all kinds.

Craig Lister, chapter sentinel, was in charge of the arrangements for the softball game and melon feed.

It was a very fun and enjoyable evening for both the members and their fathers.

Scott Wendland
Chapter Reporter

Uniontown FFA Chapter Attends State Contest

The Uniontown Chapter of Future Farmers of America recently attended the State Contest at Manhattan. The following teams and team members are how they placed.

Ag. Mech. Skills, the team received 7th with Mark Liebig receiving 17th, Ray Taylor 29th, and Kevin Woodward placing in the bronze division.

In Electricity Kevin Woodward placed in the bronze division. In Structures and Environment, Mark Liebig placed 13th. Dairy Products, Roger Miller placed in the bronze division. In poultry the team placed 15th, Brenda Ericson received 17th with Earl Fink placing in the bronze division.

The dairy cattle team placed 22nd with Earl Fink placing in the Silver division and Mike Judy placing in the bronze division. Last but not least the Livestock team placed 1st in the State with Roger Miller receiving 8th, Brenda Ericson receiving 3rd and Earl Fink receiving 1st. The following teams and team members have not received the results of their efforts.

Etymology team members were Jeff Liebig, Scott Holeman, and Kelly Isaac. Horticulture team members were Ray Taylor, Kelly Isaac, Scott Holeman, and Brenda Ericson. The Meats team members were Earl Fink, Brenda Ericson and Steve George.

Steve George
Reporter

Mission Valley Member Receives National Honor

Once again the Mission Valley Chapter gained national recognition. This time through the efforts of Mike Mills. He has learned that he has been selected as a member of the National FFA Band.

To become a member he had to submit an application, a tape of his playing, and letters of recommendation from his band and music teachers. Only four out of the thirty-two applicants from Kansas made the band..

His first rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, in Kansas City. The band will be playing at the National Convention and the American Royal.

Scott Wendland
Chapter Reporter

Lawrence Chapter Summer Meet

The Lawrence Chapter combined business and recreation during a summer meeting held at Lone Star Lake. Members and parents were invited and each family brought a covered dish. Following dinner the chapter officers called a short meeting. A report on the State Convention was presented by Jeff Dillon, then Bryce Schumann, President, and Matt McCarter, Reporter, presented slides taken during their time spent at the Washington Conference Program. Chapter business was shortly thereafter concluded and the meeting was adjourned.

Yours for a better FFA,
Matt C. McCarter
Lawrence Chapter Reporter

South Barber Reports

This has been a busy and exciting summer for the South Barber FFA. The summer was started off with the officers attending the 50th annual State FFA Convention. While at the convention the officers were delegates and alternate delegates as well as viewing sites of interest around the Manhattan area. Our chapter president, Mark Root & vice-president Jeff Kimmell along with the chapter advisor had hardly unpacked when they were preparing for the trip to the National Leadership Conference held in Washington D.C. & Alexandria, Virginia. The two fortunate members were sponsored by the chapter & responded they learned a great deal from the week long leadership activity.

Later in the summer the South Barber FFA Officers; Mark Root, Jeff Kimmell, Danny Gillig, secretary; Jay Black, treasurer; and Greg Diel, reporter, attended the State FFA Leadership camp at the Rock Springs Ranch. While at the camp they learned many new ideas they plan to incorporate into the chapter this coming school term.

The first part of August everybody was getting ready for the annual Barber County Fair held in Hardtner Kansas. Several members showed livestock as well as agricultural mechanic projects they constructed in the vocational agricultural shop

during the past school year. Along with these activities a safety booth was exhibited with brochures available on fire, tornado, & poison safety that were available to the public. Another activity that was enjoyed by everyone attending the fair was a dunking board sponsored by the South Barber FFA. The dunk board has been successful in more than one community since two other towns including one FFA Chapter has borrowed it to use at their own community activities throughout the summer & fall months.

The officers met several times during the summer to plan some of the upcoming activities & incorporate new activities that the South Barber Chapter plans to participate in throughout the next school year.

Now that school has started we are trying several new ideas & striving for a better year than any previous one has been.

Greg Diel

South Barber FFA Chapter Reporter

Lawrence Chapter Elects New Officers

The Lawrence Chapter recently elected and installed its officers for the upcoming year. Close races were to be found for each office with the following members being elected: Bryce Schumann, President; Scott Schaake, Vice-President; Anne Fishburn, Secretary; Alan Bignall, Treasurer; Matt Mc Carter, Reporter; Jeff Dillon, Sentinel. At East Central Banquet, Mc Carter was also elected to the office of District Secretary.

The new officers have been planning for the upcoming year and believe Lawrence can and will have an excellent year.

Yours for a better FFA,

Matt C. McCarter

Lawrence Chapter Reporter

Briggs & Stratton Corporation Sponsors National FFA Award

The Briggs & Stratton Corporation has recently joined with the National FFA Foundation, Incorporated, in sponsoring the new National FFA Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Proficiency Award for 1978. The new award for vocational agriculture/FFA students enrolled in Horticulture programs, will recognize those who excel in the use of modern management practices in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetable crops.

According to Frederick P. Stratton, Jr., Briggs & Stratton president, the company is sponsoring the FFA award because of the firm's close association with agriculture over the years and the world's pressing need for constant improvement in agricultural techniques.

Briggs & Stratton, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the world's largest manufacturer of small gasoline engines which supply reliable power for pumps, generators and sprayers as well as lawn and garden equipment and numerous other machines for farm, home and industrial use.

Mr. Stratton noted that the efficient production of fruit and vegetable crops is an integral part of the world economy, and said, "We are glad to help reward proficiency by FFA in this area."

As National sponsors of the FFA Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Proficiency Award program, Briggs & Stratton Corporation will be providing funds at all levels of FFA activity. At the local level, the award winner will receive a medal and certificate and is eligible for application for a state award. All state winners will receive a plaque and a check for \$100. Further competition will result in four regional Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Award winners and a national winner at the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City — the regional winners will receive checks for \$250 and the national winner will receive a plaque and a check for \$500 from the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The national winner will also participate in an expense-paid tour of Europe, to view European agriculture. The Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Award is one of the 22 Proficiency Awards recognizing achievement in activities leading to careers in agriculture and agribusiness.

Employ New FFA Info Director

K. Elliott Nowels has been employed by the National FFA Organization as Director of Information. Nowels, a former FFA member from Ohio, was previously Associate Editor of **The National FUTURE FARMER** magazine and prior to that had served the magazine as Regional Advertising Manager. Nowels will assume the duties of Information Director September 5th.

Nowels is a native of Ohio and attended Ohio State University where he earned a B.S. in Agriculture in 1976 with a specialization in Journalism and Public Relations. While at Ohio State, he was elected president of the Alpha Zeta agriculture fraternity, associate editor of the ag college magazine and an officer of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow.

As Director of Information, Nowels will plan, prepare and carry out the communications effort of the National FFA Organization which will include the responsibility of preparing extensive publicity for the National FFA Convention held each year in Kansas City, Missouri. Nowels will also have major responsibility for the FFA's audio visuals, films, photographic services, and will coordinate the "Food for America" information program.

Nowels is a member of the American Agricultural Editors' Association and the Washington Farm Church Choir.

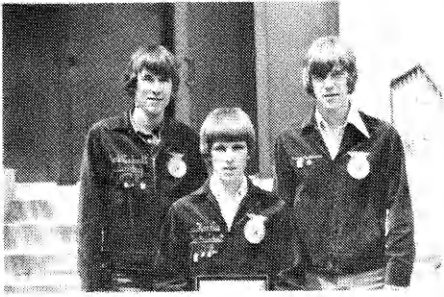
Future Farmers of America is the national organization for students of vocational agriculture in public secondary

schools. Members, aged 14-21, are preparing for careers in production agriculture and agribusiness. The FFA, which is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year, is active in the 50 States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, with 507,108 members. It is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, in cooperation with State Boards of Vocational Education and local high school departments of vocational agriculture.



The National FFA Center announced that K. Elliott Nowels has been employed as Director of Information of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

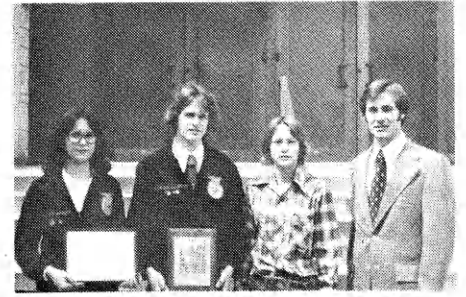
State FFA Contest Winners



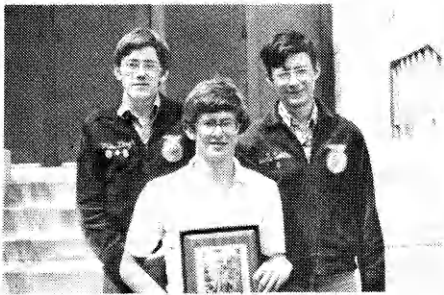
Farm Power-Erie: Mark Reinhardt, Joe Harris, and Kenny Baldwin.



Soil and Water-Wilson: Jim Vopat, Jon Vopat, Tim Ptacek, James Patry.



Crops-Manhattan: Janet Sweeney, Roger Brown, Lisa Auen, adviser Mark Mayfield.



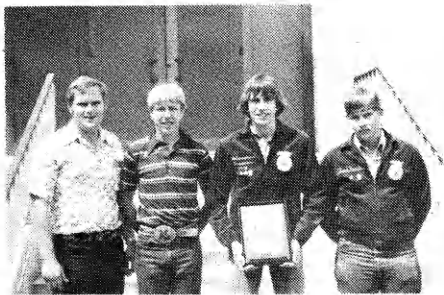
Ag Mech Skills-Labette County: Mike Lloyd, Mark Johnson, Denzil Smith.



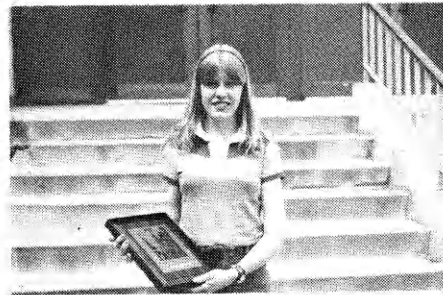
Overall Mechanics-Southeast of Saline: back-Dale Peak, Larry Coltrane; front-Doug Preston, Jeff Martin.



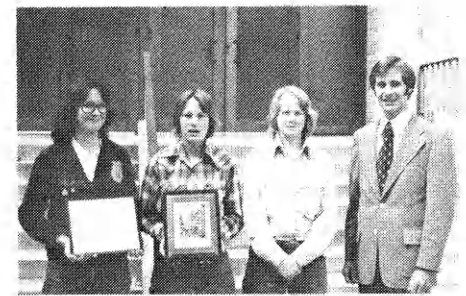
Horticulture-Riley Co.: back-Chuck Voelker, Dan Russell, Vaughn Powell; front-Doug Stueve (adviser), Jean Kunze.



Electricity-Labette Co.: student teacher Phil Reilly, Jeff Falkenstien, Rick Carnahan, Richard Houston.



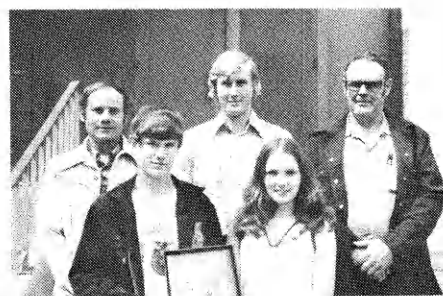
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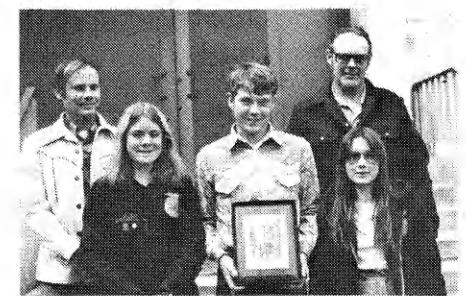
Entomology-Manhattan: Janet Sweeney, Lisa Auen, Chris Miles, adviser Mark Mayfield.



Structures and Environment-Labette Co.: back-John Frazier; middle-Mark Johnson and Denzil Smith; front-Mike Lloyd.



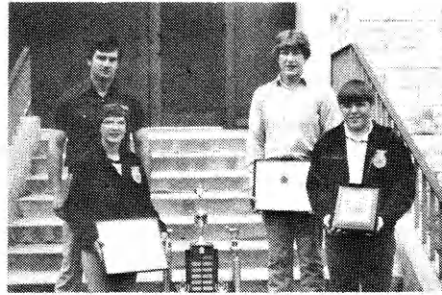
Farm Business Management-Central of Burden: back-adviser Dave Brothers, Jack Boucher and adviser Dwight Haddock; front-Carl Donley and Becky Keplinger.



Dairy Products-Central of Burden: adviser Dave Brothers, Jan Ballin, Mark Jennings, Julie Burger, Dwight Haddock.



Dairy Cattle-Medicine Lodge: back-adviser Richard Poland, Pat Bedwell; front-Robert Lenkner, Robin Rusk.



Livestock-Uniontown: back-adviser Don Martin, Earl Fink; front-Brenda Ericson, Roger Miller



Poultry — Plainville L-R Bryan Russell, Steve Selbe, Fred Westhusin, Marvin Hachmeister, Advisor.



Meats — Mission Valley L-R Mick Bowers (alternate), Kevin Robinson, Rick Smith and Jay Wheeler.

Farm Bureau Sponsors Speaking Contest

Contestants in a new FFA speaking contest will have only thirty minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech. The new contest in extemporaneous public speaking is sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation of Park Ridge, Illinois, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Administered by the National FFA Organization in Alexandria, Virginia, the contest will provide awards at the chapter, state, regional and national levels.

The contests will begin early in the 1978-79 school year. Elimination contests at chapter, district, state, and regional levels will culminate in the selection of a national winner at the 1979 National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

One of eleven National FFA Contests, the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest is designed to encourage members to develop speaking skills in situations where there is a minimum of time for preparation. The contest is a continuation of the FFA organization's emphasis on development of speaking and leadership skills which goes back to the founding of the organization fifty years ago.

The first National FFA Public Speaking Contest was held at the National FFA Convention in 1930. The contest, which

requires participants to deliver a six minute prepared speech, will continue to be part of contest activities at the National FFA Convention.

"We are especially pleased to be able to sponsor this contest," said American Farm Bureau President Allan Grant, "because it emphasizes the importance of communication in agriculture today. Given today's political and economic situation, it is extremely important that our future agricultural leaders be articulate in expressing their ideas. We are convinced that activities such as the FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest can help give our young people the encouragement they need to develop essential communications skills that will make them effective leaders for tomorrow's agriculture," Grant concluded. He then announced the appointment of Ken Cheatham, AFBF Director of Local Governmental Affairs as the organization's liaison person for the program.

The National Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest is open to FFA members enrolled in the high school vocational agriculture program during the current calendar year. In order to compete in the national finals, participants must participate in elimination contests at the local, state

and regional levels. Awards sponsored by the American Farm Bureau are presented to contest winners and runners-up at each level of competition.

Participants in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest have 30 minutes in which to prepare their speech. The speech topics are selected from three broad categories which include production agriculture, related agricultural occupations (agribusiness) and leadership. The contestant may use his or her own reference materials in preparing the four to six minute speech. Contestants may make notes and use note cards.

Contest scoring is done by two timekeepers and three judges. The judges observe and rate the speech on the basis of delivery, knowledge of subject, organization of material and response to questions during a five minute question period.

Sponsorship of the National FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Award by the American Farm Bureau Federation provides for medals to chapter and state winners. First, second, third and fourth place winners at the National FFA Convention each receives a plaque and shares over \$1,000 in award money and \$350 to offset convention travel expenses.

Sponsors FFA Fish And Wildlife Award

The National FFA Foundation, Inc., has announced the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement for sponsorship of the Future Farmers of America Fish and Wildlife Management Proficiency Award by Philip Morris Incorporated.

The Fish and Wildlife Management Award is one of 22 FFA proficiency award programs recognizing achievement in activities related to studies in vocational agriculture. The award is presented to FFA members who have made significant achievements in the application and knowledge gained in the vocational agriculture instruction program.

Philip Morris' growing relationship with FFA is an extension of the firm's widening social responsibility program, which includes active support of numerous environmental, cultural and educational projects throughout the world.

Joseph F. Cullman 3rd, chairman of the board, set the tone for the company's commitment to the community when he recently said: "Our business activities must make social sense and our social activities must make business sense."

A noted sportsman, Mr. Cullman also has a deep personal involvement in ecological and environmental causes. He is

currently president of the International Atlantic Salmon Foundation and general chairman of the campaign for corporate support of the World Wildlife Fund — U.S.

To earn the FFA award, students must show how they have been involved in conserving, protecting and encouraging the growth and development of fish and wildlife. The award recognizes students for initiating good fish and wildlife management practices. In addition to their involvement in fish and wildlife management, applicants for the award must also show their involvement in FFA and leadership activities.

"Application of sound management practices to our nation's fish and wildlife resources is vital if we expect future generations to be able to enjoy fishing and hunting and the out of doors," Mr. Cullman said prior to signing the sponsorship agreement. "We feel that our investment in youth will be repaid many times by providing these incentive awards."

As sponsor of the FFA Fish and Wildlife Management Proficiency Award, Philip Morris Incorporated will provide funds for the annual awards consisting of certificates, plaques and cash awards.



Dr. Don Claycomb

New Face Involved At KSU

A new face at KSU is Dr. Don Claycomb who will be involved in Pre-Service Education activities at Kansas State. Dr. Claycomb received his B.S. Degree at the University of Missouri in 1965 and his M.S. Degree at Northwest Missouri State University in 1969. He just recently completed his Ph.D. work at the University of Missouri. In 1965 he taught vo-ag courses in Tabor, Iowa, and from 1965-70 was the Vo-Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor at Trenton High School in Trenton, Missouri. From 1970 until starting with KSU Dr. Claycomb has been the Agribusiness Supervisor at Trenton Junior College in Trenton, Missouri, where he not only taught but was responsible for the recruitment and placement of students. As a Vo-Ag Instructor, Dr. Claycomb had 3 American Farmers, 20 State Farmers, a State Officer, and was listed in the 1974 edition of **Outstanding Young Men of America**.

Dr. Claycomb and his wife, Nelva, have 2 daughters; Dana, age 7, and Donna, age 5.

1978 Wildcat Schedule

Sept. 9Arizona at Tucson
 Sept. 16Auburn at Manhattan
 Sept. 23Tulsa at Tulsa
 Sept. 30 Air Force Academy at Manhattan
 Oct. 7Oklahoma State at Manhattan
 Oct. 14Nebraska at Lincoln
 Oct. 21Missouri at Manhattan
 Oct. 28Oklahoma at Norman
 Nov. 4Iowa State at Ames
 Nov. 11Colorado at Manhattan
 Nov. 18Kansas at Manhattan

Be Sure You
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 FFA CALENDARS

WANTED: COTTONWOOD

The National FFA Alumni Association has decided to construct "delegate signs" for use at the annual National FFA Alumni Convention held each year in Kansas City, Missouri. These, as you know, are the signs displaying the states' names and used to designate the location in the meeting hall of each of the state alumni delegations.

In an attempt to personalize these signs and add that special "something" which exhibits the pride each individual holds for their home state, they would like to construct the signs out of lumber which is native to each particular state; preferably lumber from the species of tree that is designated the "State Tree."

We don't need much. Just one rough-cut board at least 1" x 8" x 24". The first chapter that volunteers the cottonwood board will get recognition in the Kansas Future Farmer. We need the board soon, so hurry and be the first to volunteer.

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FFA Leadership Schools Quiz Approaches

Leadership schools are approaching rapidly and again the information quiz will consist of 100 questions. There will be true-false, matching and multiple choice type questions.

Questions will come from information in the FFA Manual; FFA Activity Handbook; Chapter FFA Activity Guide; National Future Farmer and Kansas Future Farmer magazines; Kansas FFA Activities and Awards Opportunities 1978-79 booklet and the 1978-79 Calendar of Activities.

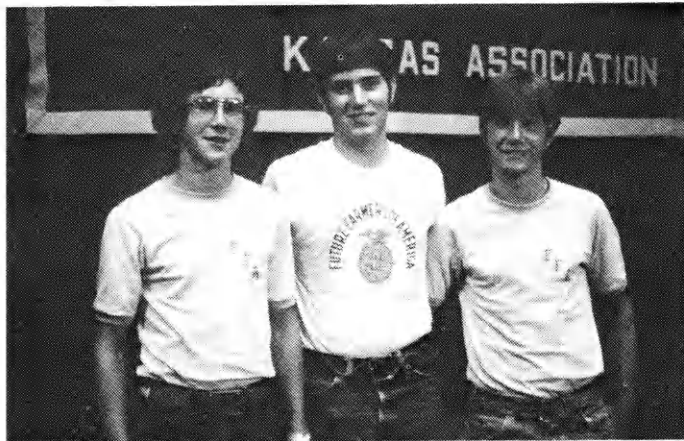
The four Kansas Future Farmers used for the quiz will be Spring-Summer 1977, Winter 1977-78, Spring-Summer 1978, and Fall 1978 (this issue.)

FFA Camp Is Real Success

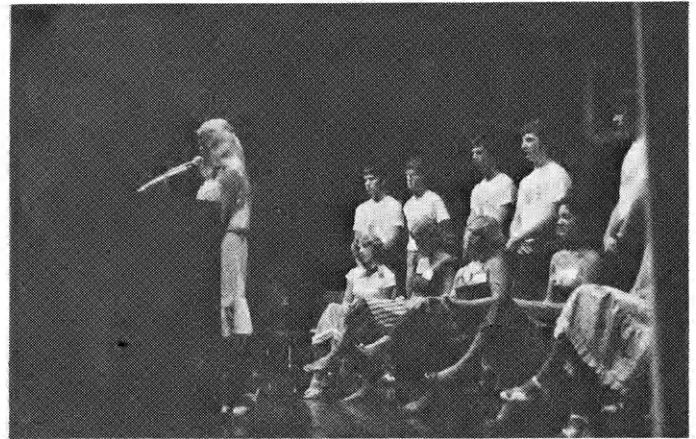
Four hundred and forty-four FFA members and advisors from 77 different chapters attended FFA camp full of vigor and energy from July 25-28 at Rock Springs Ranch. Members were given the opportunity to improve their skills and/or knowledge in FFA information, parliamentary procedure, BOAC, Safety, FFA Ritual, extemporaneous speaking, proficiency awards, public relations, public speaking, FFA Alumni, Food for America, Crime Prevention and the "Kansas Farmer Program." I'm sure the chapter officers returned home feeling capable of assuming a more meaningful role as a leader in their local chapter.



Members enjoyed one evening having a cookout at Rock Springs Ranch.



Spelldown champ J.P. Worcestor, Hill City, and 1st runner-up David Ramsey, Prairie View, pose with Jeff Yarrow, State FFA President.



The members were pleased to have the FFA District Sweethearts address the camp members. The new 1978-79 State Sweetheart will be crowned at the Kansas State Fair.



The 1978 camp officers are: J.P. Worcestor, President, Hill City; Joe Neuman, Vice President, Troy; Phil Huston, Secretary, Haven; Troy Nelson, Treasurer, Norton; Stacy Shearer, Reporter, Norton; and David Ramsey, Sentinel, Prairie View.



Camp participation and enthusiasm was at an all time high.

Carter's Address To State Presidents

Washington, D. C.
July 20, 1978

(We thought that the President's comments would be of interest to you. Prior to his remarks, National FFA President Ken Johnson on behalf of the organization presented the President a plaque, history book, and FFA at 50 tie. After the President's remarks he visited and shook hands with every FFA officer and guest present.)

"I was trying to remember how long I've been a member of FFA. I became a member in 1936 and as a freshman in high school I was very small for my age, very timid and I would say that my career that led up to the Presidency of our great country began in the Plains FFA Chapter. I learned how to cut a rafter and how to repair a tractor, how to plant an acre of peanuts, I learned how to judge a good hog or dairy cow. I learned how to be a leader in a small group which was highly competitive. I learned how to make a speech and I learned how to broaden my area of personal interests beyond the confines of my own family and my own farm and my own community. The Future Farmers have meant a lot to me. I went off to the Navy and when I came home my small business, that didn't make much money, sponsored every year a trip to Kansas City for the outstanding FFA member of the Plains Chapter. We have done it ever since. And as I prepared for this meeting with you I thought about how closely related my present duties are with the responsibilities that you share with me. You have already proven your leadership capabilities, your personal characteristics and attitudes have been assessed by other

members of FFA. They have shown that they have confidence in you to lead them as I lead this country and to represent in your own life their own aspirations and the values that they hold dear.

"I just came back from a trip to Europe. I rode through the beautiful fields of West Germany and saw their grain crops being harvested now. They have an excellent wheat and oat crop, sugar beets are grown in that area and I discussed with the other leaders of the major democratic industrialized countries common problems. Every one is a responsibility of your own. One of the major considerations is employment, the control of inflation and an end to the waste of energy, more efficient operations, the removal of obstacles to trade and the most difficult single negotiating point in the multilateral trade negotiations is agricultural products. We have an advantage over every other country on earth. Many, of course, but one that comes to mind and one that is uniformly and universally recognized is in the production of agricultural products. We love our land and even our religious conviction is that we should be good stewards of it. We are proud of what we have accomplished and although we do have some close interrelationships between government and the agricultural community, farmers and others associated with agriculture, have always prided ourselves on our own independence, our duty and our eagerness to stand on our own feet, to make our own decisions, to be individuals, to cooperate with our neighbors, and because of the vicissitudes and uncertainties of the weather, to have confidence in the future. And when we are discouraged with drought, or poor harvest or low prices, we always look to the next year. We are not afraid. We believe in our country and this is a characteristic that binds me with you.

"I might add one other point. I have been in office now for 18 months, almost exactly 18 months. There has been a tremendous resurgence in the viability of American agriculture, the prosperity of farmers, prices are up, family income is up to an extraordinary degree, prosperity exists in our agriculture regions now. This is a good year apparently. Last year we set an all-time record on agricultural exports. This year we will far exceed that historic record. The rest of the world is eager for what we grow and we meet the needs of American peoples as well. So we have a lot to be thankful for but along with our blessings derived from God and our citizenship in the

greatest nation on earth, we have a responsibility and my responsibility is no more intent than yours. You are young, still in your formative years, still trying to expand your minds and your hearts, to learn more things and to encompass more friends, to let your influence be broadened and benevolent, to understand the attitudes of other people who depend upon us for leadership and service. So, for all these reasons, I am deeply grateful for your visit to me. My successes you can blame on FFA, my failures you can blame on the fact that I left farming and ran for the Navy for awhile, but there is no doubt that the attitudes that I learned as a member of yours and my organization have permeated my whole life and I think for the better. I am grateful for what you mean to me and to our country. I am even more grateful for what you will mean in the future. Thank you very much."

OUR THANKS
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Receive Honors At 1978 International Land Judging

Three Kansas FFA Chapters received outstanding honors at the International Land Judging Contest held May 3-4, in Oklahoma City. Ness City took second in the Homesite Evaluation Judging as well as Marvin Whipple of Ness City placing first high individual in that competition.

The Central of Burden FFA Chapter received fourth high team in the Homesite Contest, closely followed by the Garnett Chapter which placed fifth. Dan Rockers of Garnett was also awarded second high individual in Homesite Evaluation.

On October 21, 1978 five area land judging contests will be held at Marysville, Allen Co. CJC, Atwood, Haven and Ensign. The top winner in each area will represent Kansas in Oklahoma City next May 2-3.

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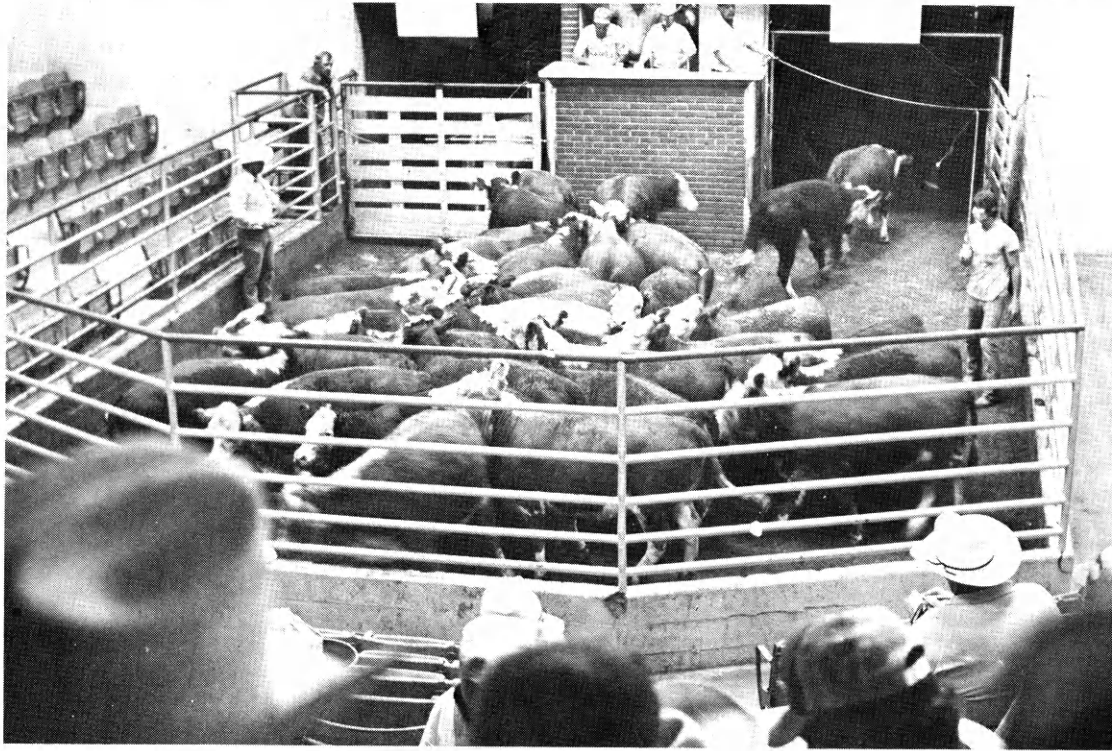
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