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**1976 Star Farmer
And Star Agribusinessman**

Monte Jessup, from the Phillipsburg chapter, was named the 1976 Star Farmer of Kansas and Charles Hatch, of the Salina Chapter, named Star Agribusinessman.

Monte's farming program includes beef, swine, wheat, corn, and alfalfa. He is in partnership with his brother, Rick, in the swine operation which includes 15 Yorkshire, 34 Crossbred, and 16 Duroc gilts and sows. His beef program includes 56 head of steers which are being fed for market.

In 1975, Monte's wheat averaged 50 bushels per acre, his corn averaged 100 bushels per acre, and his alfalfa yielded 2.9 tons of hay per acre.

Monte has been president and reporter for his FFA chapter and Northwest District reporter and treasurer.

Charles Hatch, the Star Agribusinessman, has been very involved in greenhouse and nursery experiences plus custom hay hauling, and working on a large farm. He has also built various machinery and livestock handling equipment.

Charles is currently president of the Salina FFA chapter and North Central District reporter.

1976-77 State Officers

Six outstanding young men were elected to lead the Kansas Association of FFA for the 1976-77 year. President Jay Selanders, from the Garnett chapter, has served as president and reporter of his local chapter and president and treasurer of the East Central District. Jay's supervised occupational experience program consists of a cow-calf and feeder steer operation. He plans to attend Kansas State University, majoring in pre-veterinary medicine.

Vice-president, Kerry Zillinger, from the Phillipsburg chapter, has served as both president and vice president of his local chapter and the Northwest District. Kerry's supervised occupational experience program consists of beef, sheep, and swine. He plans to attend Colby Community College for two years and then return to the farm.

Jeff Zillinger, also from the Phillipsburg chapter, was elected to the office of State Secretary. Jeff has served two years as chapter secretary and was active in numerous district events. His supervised occupational experience program consists of wheat, milo, hay, and cattle. Jeff's plans are to major in agriculture at Kansas State University and then return to the farm.

Chapter vice-president, sentinel, and parliamentarian were local offices held by State Treasurer Larry Lankard of the Garnett chapter. Larry was the East Central District reporter and has a



1976-77 State Officers, left to right: Jay Selanders, President; Kerry Zillinger, Vice President; Jeff Zillinger, Secretary; Larry Lankard, Treasurer; Steve Handke, Reporter; and Cline Rusk, Sentinel.

supervised occupational experience program of beef and crops production. Larry plans to attend the two-year Farm and Ranch Management Program at Southeast Kansas Area Vocational Technical School and then return to the farm.

State reporter, Steve Handke, from the Atchison County chapter, has served as chapter president and district vice president. Steve's supervised occupational experience program consists of beef and crops. His plans are to attend

Kansas State University, majoring in agriculture and then return to the farm.

Clint Rusk, from the Medicine Lodge chapter, was elected to the office of state sentinel. Clint has served as chapter vice-president and South Central District president and sentinel. His supervised occupational experience program consists of registered Hereford cow-calf operation. Clint plans to attend Colby Community College, then Kansas State University, majoring in agriculture and return to the farm.

1976 State Farmers

One-hundred thirty eight Kansas FFA members were raised to the degree of State Farmer at the 48th Convention. Each was presented a certificate and the golden charm of the degree, the charm sponsored by Farmland Industries.

The State Farmers were: Craig Gignstad, Steve Handke, Kevin Kiehl, Ronnie Rodvelt, Dan Schletzbaum, Joe Schletzbaum, and Richard Wagner, all from the Atchison County Chapter; Kevin Brockhoff and Cliff Heiniger from Powhattan; Mark Finley, Jerry Johnson, and Darrell Salee from Troy;

Luin Berger, Kurt Larson, and Alan Parker from Valley Heights; and Doug Ebert from Westmoreland.

Steve Jarrett and Bob Shanks from Columbus; Dannie D. Dillinger, David L. Harris, Gary P. Hawkinson, Norman J. Jordan, and Thomas Sailors from Erie; Jeff Caldwell from Ft. Scott; Bradley Stephens from Fredonia; Bruce Gulick, Darrell Gulick, Glenn Hoppes, Clifford Peterson, and Kenneth Roberts from the Labette County chapter; Douglas Johnston from McCune; E. Joe Smith, Neodesha; Donald Culver, Riverton; Philip McNew, Gregg Mar-

tin and Phil Smith, Southeast; Mark Fink and Curtis A. Russel, Uniontown; and Chuck Sievers, Yates Center.

Jolene Dasenbrock, Dodge City; Bruce Looney and Brad Richardson, Ensign; Margret Lobmeyer and Mark Schweer, Garden City; Tim Miller and Johnny Rupp, Holcomb; and Jerry Eikelberger, Scott City.

Kent Bryant and Michael Robinson, Arkansas City; Chris Mackey, Roger Meyer, Jesse Schauf, and Bart Schooley, Central of Burden; Randy Blanchat, Chaparral; Dale Unruh,

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International Land And Homesite Judging

Garnett was first in the nation in Homesite judging and eighth in Land judging, with Allen Sobba placing high individual in the Homesite division and Larry Lankard high individual in Land judging. Larry had a perfect score in this division, the first time in history that it has happened.

Plainville, Linn, and Ness City were close behind Garnett, placing second, fourth and twelfth respectively. Other high individuals in the Homesite division were Vance Westhusin, Plainville, second; Dennis Hastert, Garnett, third; Aaron Markley, Plainville, eighth; and John Vos, Plainville, ninth.

In Land judging, Plainville, Linn, and Salina placed 18th, 20th, and 32nd respectively. The adult division found Ed Brenner, Ness City advisor placing first in Homesite and Loren Lilly, advisor at Scott City, placing third in Homesite. Marvin Hackmeister, Plainville ad-



Garnett Land and Homesite Judging Team, left to right, Alan Sobba, Larry Lankard, Dennis Hastert, Jay Selanders, and Advisor, Sam Harris.

visor, was third in the nation in Land Judging.

The Kansas teams did an excellent job considering there were 87 teams from 33

states present. The Kansas FFA teams are selected for National competition through the five area land judging contests held each fall across the state.



Dan Worcester, Star Farmer of America, and his wife Sue were given special recognition at the State Convention.

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Great Bend; Kent Niehage, McPherson; Duane Kirkpatrick, Marion; Scott Lawrence and Clint Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Warren Kaufman and Douglas Stucky, Moundridge; Rick Bradfield, Fred Heersche, John Nelson, Roy Speer, and Edwin Stunkel, Mulvane; Douglas Gray, Randy Windsor, and

Evan Yoder, Peabody; Justin Groom and Scott Walker, Udall; and David Drake, Winfield.

Roger Bandel, Alma; Russell Bunnell, John Stephens, and Mark Veteto, Crest; Dennis Hastert, Larry Lankard, Jay Selanders, and Alan Sobba, Garnett; Vern George and Mike Small, Lebo; Kevin Gleason, Mission Valley; Ken Bloom

and Perry Thompson, Osage City; John Greathouse, Leon LaGalle, Burl Peckman and Ron Vohs, Paola; Rick Knight, Seaman; Wes Basel and Chester Fredricks, Williamsburg.

Larry Garten, Abilene; Dennis Zumbunn, Gary Schmutz, Glen Snider, and Ken Wood, Chapman; Kyle Bauer, Dee James, and Raymond Larson, Clay Center; Brian Robinett, Scott Lienberger, and Thomas Schwerman, Jewell; Craig Clark, Marshall Hanson, and Roger Rightmeier, Mankato; Dallas Breen and Bradley Fuller, Miltonvale; Landy Hay, Gary Householder, Kevin Larson, and John Robinson, Pike Valley; Nathan Larson, Riley County; Steve Arpin, Duane Flaherty, and Charles Hatch, Salina; Kim Boston and Bruce Nutsch, Washington.

Lewis Worcester, Hill City; Tim Brown, Bruce Fiene, Gayle Pletcher, Dave Rorabaugh, and Mark Shipley, Lebanon; Alan Beck and Steve Meier, Natoma; Steve Drommer, Tim Schulze and Robert Wyatt, Norton; Monte Jessup, Greg McClure, Alan Weiser, and Jeff Zillinger, Phillipsburg; Pat Burton and Mark Westhusin, Plainville; Wayne Griebel and Steve Nilhas, WaKeeney.

1976 Proficiency Awards



Foundation Proficiency award winners.

One hundred dollars and a certificate went to each of the 15 State winners of the Agricultural Proficiency Awards winners at the 48th Convention. The awards are sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated; several through special project sponsorship within the Foundation.

Agriculture Mechanics

From the Norton FFA Chapter, Mike Smith is the 1976 winner of the Agriculture Mechanics Award. Mike's mechanical accomplishments during his FFA Career consisted of building a 14 foot sorting gate, feeder panels, a gas barrel stand, five protective guard racks for pickups, an open cattle shed, refinishing a truck and also a loading chute that has 20 separate panels for a portable corral. Mike has been active in FFA by placing high in numerous district and state contests. Mike's future plans are to attend college, receive a degree in mechanics or animal production, and return home to work with his

father on a 2000 acre farm and 250 head of cattle.

The FFA is happy to have the international harvester company as a special project sponsor of the agriculture mechanics award.

Crop Production

The first place winner of the Crop Production Proficiency Award for 1976 is Jim Ireland of the Chaparral F.F.A. Chapter. Jim started in a feeder steer program, and in 1973 he rented 240 acres of wheat, two years later, Jim added an additional 240 acres. To aid in his operation Jim has purchased a drill, a 20 foot trailer, one half interest in a 1972 6030 John Deere tractor, a case plow, and one third interest in a fertilizer applicator. Jim acquired his cropland through custom farming. As another facet of a diversified program Jim also sells pre-mix additives. Jim's future plans include expanding his farming operation.

The Crop Production Proficiency

Award is a special project of fund's Funk's G. Hybrids.

Dairy Production

The 1976 Dairy Production winner is Mike Kennedy of the Erie Chapter. Mike started his program with one registered dairy calf when he was eight years old. Since that time, Mike has increased his herd to 38 additional dairy animals. Mike has exhibited his animals in local, state, and national dairy shows placing very high in each level of competition. Clearly, Mike enjoys participation as he is also a member of the Junior Holstein Association, the Rod and Gun Club, The Yorkshire Association, and the National Ayrshire Breeders Association. Mike has a firm foothold in the dairy business and plans to continue helping his family with their dairy production.

The Dairy Production Award is a special project sponsored by the AVCO New Idea Farm Equipment Company and the Da Laval Separator Company.

Livestock Production

The 1976 livestock production recipient Dan Schletzbaum from the Atchison County FFA Chapter. Dan began his cattle and hog operation with two gilts and two calves, and since has expanded his operation to include 125 calves, and one boar. Dan's mechanical skills serve as another asset to his farming program. His supplementary practices include the construction of three portable hog houses, three farrowing crates, one hay bunk, pouring a concrete feeding floor, and installing automatic cattle and hog waters.

Dan owns one tractor and plans on buying or renting an additional 150 acres of land. In the Livestock Production Proficiency Award the Kansas FFA is indeed happy to have as a special project sponsors the Keystone Steel and Wire Division and the A. O. Smith Harvestone Products Incorporated.

Swine Production

Lorena Croucher of the Garnett FFA Chapter is the 1976 winner of the State Swine Production Award. After overcoming some early problems in her swine program, Lorena now owns 45 of the 135 sows that she and her brother raised. Lorena has found that an important part of any farming program is providing adequate facilities Lorena has undertaken several buildings into outstanding hog facilities. Lorena can perform many of the skills necessary to her swine operation. Presently, she castrates, vaccinates, and balances feed rations. An active FFA member, Lorena is also involved in several school activities as well as outside organizations.

The FFA Organization is proud to have the Pfizer Agriculture Division as a special project sponsor of the Swine Production Proficiency Award.

Ornamental Horticulture

The winner of the State Proficiency Award in Ornamental Horticulture is Steve Arpin from the Salina FFA Chapter. Steve is currently employed by the Twin Valley Garden Center and Grigby's Greenhouse in Salina. While on the job at Grigby's Greenhouse, Steve was involved in the grading and marketing of tomatoes, as well as serving as greenhouse foreman. Steve spends his winter at the Twin Valley Garden Center where he prunes and burlaps trees and shrubs, identifies plants, recognizes diseases and

insects, and recommends to customers what plants to buy.

Ag Sales and Services

Bart Schooley of the Central High FFA Chapter has been chosen as the 1976 recipient of the Agricultural Sales and Services Award. As a rancher it seems appropriate that Bart works in the Cowboy Shop during the winter months where he builds and repairs bridles, saddles, and spurs. Bart and his brother own and operate a custom hay hauling business during the summer. Bart finds that much time is spent repairing and maintaining their hay hauling machine. Last year Bart and The Hay Monster hauled over 55,000 bales of hay.

The FFA is pleased to have Allis-Cahmiers as a special project sponsor of the Agriculture Sales and Services Award.

Home and Farmstead Improvement

The first place award winner in Home and Farmstead Improvement is Robert Wyatt of the Norton FFA Chapter. Robert's major improvements consists of landscaping, building a portable loading chute, installing and building swinging gates, and helping remodel the family home to name just a few. Presently Robert is employed at the Norton Veterinary Clinic and the Norton Livestock Auction. Roberts variety of experiences are sure to be of value to his expanding feeder pig and bucket calf operation.

The Home and Farmstead Management Award is specially sponsored by Upjohn, Tuco, Asgrow and Cobb Organizations.

Beef Production

The Beef Production Award winner for 1976 is Clint Rusk of the Medicine Lodge FFA Chapter. Clint enjoyed working with beef animals and in 1975 purchased 20 commercial hereford cattle to expand his operation. Presently, Clint owns 38 Hereford cattle, 2 heifers, 17 calves, a market steer, and one-sixteenth interest in his family herd bulls.

Clint is constantly learning new practices in the beef industry, which involves proper care and feeding of his cattle, artificial insemination, showing his animals at major livestock shows, and detecting cattle diseases for treatment. Clint's learning experience in the

beef industry will continue at Colby Community Junior College and then to K.S.U.

Special project co-sponsors, are NASCO and Sperry New Holland for the Beef Production Award.

Sheep Production

From the Moundridge Chapter, Dwight Wedel is the 1976 Sheep Production Winner. As a showman and a breeder, Dwight has received recognition across Kansas and across the nation showing Grand Champion Ewes in several states. Dwight is constantly looking for improvement practices in his sheep program. Top quality breeding, accurate records, and the addition of the newest equipment all play a part in Dwights program. After college Dwight plans to return to the farm to expand his sheep program.

Placement in Agricultural Production

The 1976 top award winner of the placement in Agriculture Production is Jesse Schauf of the Central of Burden FFA Chapter. Jesse's award winning project consists of managing a 2250 head hog feedlot in which he oversees the feeding of 6000 feeder pigs annually and has the responsibility of keeping 12 pens in top condition. Jesse plans to become a partner with his father in their feedlot operation, and eventually to be the sole owner of the Circle S Livestock Hog Operation.

The Hesston Corporation and the Sheep Chemical Company are a big plus to the FFA as special project sponsors for the Placement in Agricultural Production Award.

Soil and Water Management

The 1976 Soil and Water Management recipient is Larry Lankard of the Garnett FFA Chapter. Soil and water conservation play an important part in the 160 acre farm that Larry and his brother own. Larry uses such practices as contour farming, minimum tillage and no tillage farming. Larry and his brother have also constructed three ponds, built 8,235 feet of terraces, taken soil tests, cleared and reseeded pastures. Larry has also witnessed the soil and water techniques of other farming programs as he has traveled to Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Hawaii.

The Ford Motor Company Tractor Division is a special project sponsor of the Soil and Water Management.

Agricultural Electrification

Norman Nelson, of the Norton FFA Chapter is the 1976 winner of Agricultural Electrification Award. Norman has done electrical work on his farm as well as his neighbors farms. Normans electrical experiences have been acquired by doing extensive wiring on the facilities of his families hog operation and completely rewiring a portion of his family home. After graduation from high school, Norman plans to farm with his father.

The Agricultural Electrification Proficiency Award in Kansas is a special project of the Kansas Farm Electrification Council.

Horse Production

The first place winner of the Horse Production Award is Terry Laughlin of the Norton FFA Chapter. Terry has not only developed fine horses, but also a variety of horse skills, which include keeping records of the feeding, training, and trimming of his horses. Recently, Terry purchased a pickup and trailer for transportation to and from various horse shows; and plans to rent his stallion as breeding stock. Terry spends most of his extra time working with his horses. Although an active FFA member, Terry is also involved in 4-H, and the Arabian Horse Association.

The American Morgan Horse Foundation is a special project sponsor of the Horse Proficiency Award.

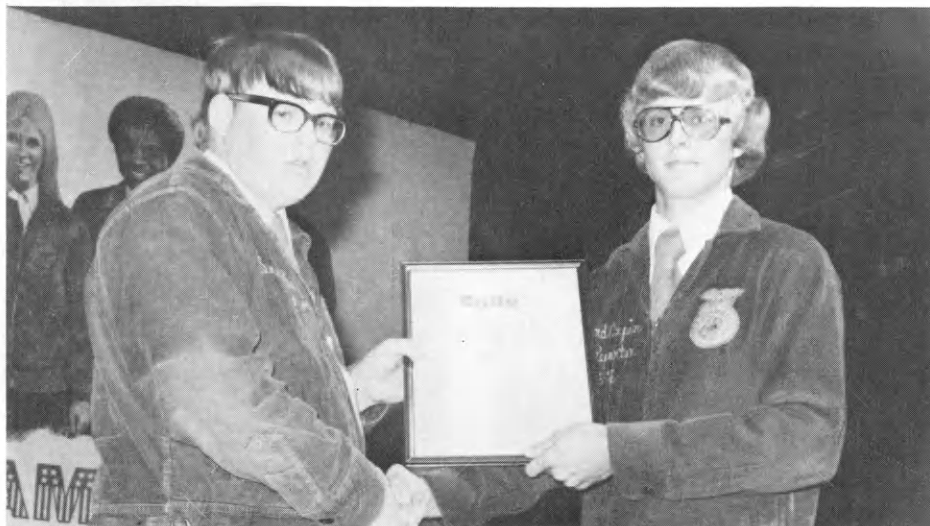
Fish and Wildlife Management

The 1976 Fish and Wildlife Management Award recipient was Myron Flickner of the Moundridge FFA Chapter. In the past two years, Myron doubled his catfish program from 15,000 to 30,000 channel catfish. Much of Myrons catfish program centered around proper land management of the five ponds that he and his brother operate. Present practices include cleaning ponds, controlling brush and moss, trimming trees, terracing land, constructing a flood dike, cleaning waterways, and controlling turtles.

Pond water is supplied from a farm well which is also used in irrigating 111 acres of the Flickner farm. Myrons swine program also occupies much of his time.



Mr. Chuck Hoagland, assistant safety director for Kansas Farm Bureau, presents the State Safety awards.



A representative of the Peabody Chapter accepts their international award from Richard Arpin, State Reporter.

State Safety Winners

Hill City was named the top Safety Program chapter in Kansas with Norton placing second. These two chapters will represent Kansas in National competition.

The third place chapter was Seaman; and fourth was Garden City. Each of these chapters received a trophy from the Kansas Farm Bureau for their efforts.

District winners were also named, each receiving a plaque and a check for \$100.00 from Kansas Farm Bureau. The district winners were: Erie, Garden City, Hill City, Washington, Atchison County, and Seaman.

International Awards

The Peabody chapter was presented with a Certificate of Merit on behalf of the National FFA organization for their hosting a foreign exchange student this past year through the Work Experience Abroad Program.

The purpose of the Work Experience Abroad Program is to allow an exchange of students between the United States and other countries. Students learn about agriculture and the ways of life in countries other than their own.

Eleven Named to

Eleven outstanding supporters of vocational agriculture and the FFA were given the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the 48th State Convention. The recipients were:

Senator Ross Doyen—Senator Doyen is a past member of the Kansas House of Representatives and presently President of the Kansas Senate. Senator Doyen was an FFA member at Concordia where he earned the State Farmer Degree.

Karl Heimke—President and General Manager of the Livestock Market Insurance Agency, Mr. Heimke sponsors the Livestock Conservation Awards in Kansas. Holding a Doctorate of Law degree from the University of Wisconsin, he served three years as an attorney for the United States Department of Agriculture and ten years as Vice President of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in Chicago.

Thayne Cozart—Editor and publisher of "Farm Talk" a regional weekly agricultural newspaper. Mr. Cozart has worked for the extension services at Kansas State, Oklahoma State, and Washington State Universities. "Farm Talk" gives excellent coverage of FFA activities in Southeast Kansas.

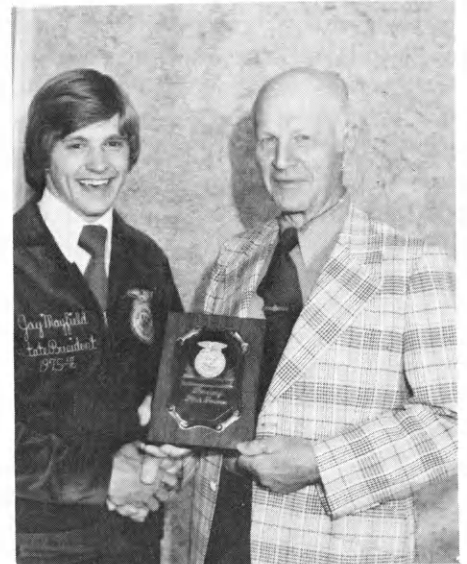


Jim Housman

Bill Fuller—Mr. Fuller is a former instructor of vocational agriculture at Miltonvale. He is presently farming and very active in community and state agricultural services. A past FFA member, he received the State Farmer Degree in 1956.

Dr. Roger Mitchell—Vice President of Agriculture at Kansas State University, Dr. Mitchell has always been on hand to help with FFA and vocational agriculture activities. A native of Iowa, Dr. Mitchell has worked as a researcher and teacher in agronomy.

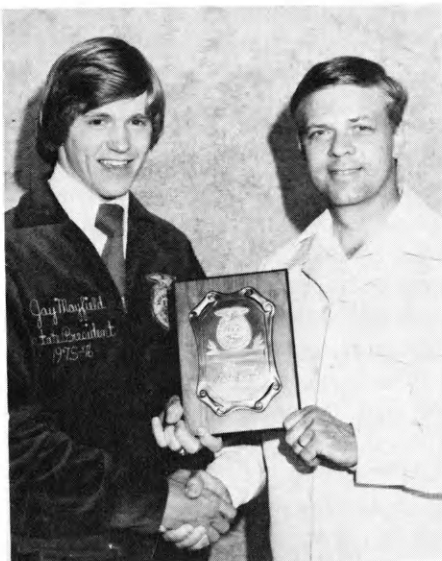
John Shireman—Presently super-



Milton Kohrs

intendent of schools at Girard, Mr. Shireman has always been dedicated to quality vocational agriculture programs and active FFA chapters. Formerly the superintendent at Cherokee schools, he was instrumental in establishing a vocational agriculture department in that school. Mr. Shireman holds the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree and is a past Distinguished Service recipient.

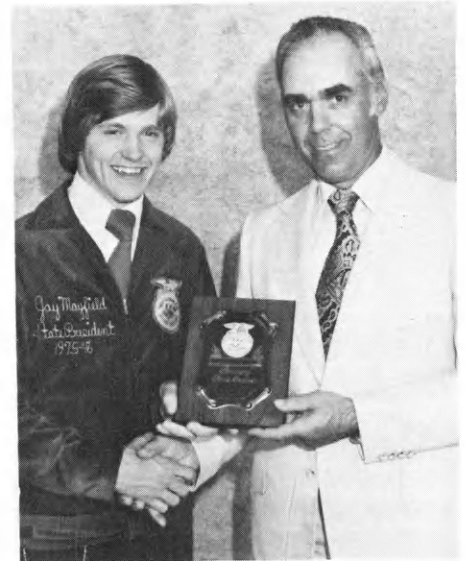
Jim Housman—Presently President of the Kansas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, Mr. Housman has taught vocational agriculture at



Jim Hundley

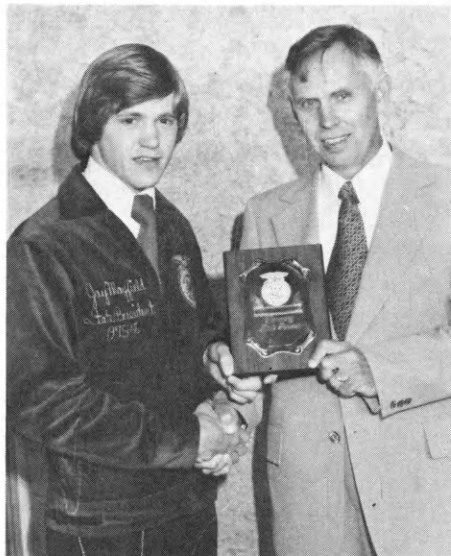


Ira Mann



Senator Ross Doyen

Honorary Membership



John Shireman

Columbus for the past twelve years. He has guided his chapter to many outstanding accomplishments, not the least of which was the Governor's Citation for their top BOAC program in the State in 1975.

Ira Mann—An outstanding teacher of vocational agriculture. Mr. Mann guided the Garden City FFA chapter to a National Gold Emblem chapter rating for four consecutive years. Presently, Director of Agricultural Education at Garden City Community College, Mr. Mann has been named as an Outstanding Junior College Teacher in



Powell Heide

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

James Hundley—Mr. Hundley has taught vocational agriculture for the past 18 years, during which he has had 17 State Farmers and one American Farmer. Presently teaching at Seaman High School, the Seaman chapter had the 1976 champion parliamentary procedure team.

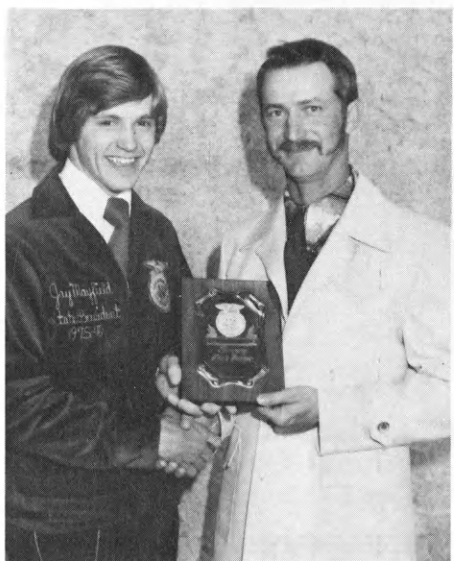
Milton Kohrs—Mr. Kohrs retired in 1975 after 33 years of successful teaching of vocational agriculture. His record shows 55 State Farmers, four American Farmers, and four State offi-



Thayne Cozart

cers. His chapters have received several times national recognition in Safety and BOAC programs. Mr. Kohrs, who believes that teaching is a study of people as well as a challenging and rewarding career, has been an inspiration to many FFA members.

Powell Heide—As an instructor of vocational agriculture for over 30 years, Mr. Heide has compiled an envious record. Twenty-six State Farmers, one American Farmer, 1st place in farm machinery exhibit at State Fair, and 1st place in livestock and dairy judging at the State contests.



Bill Fuller



Karl Heimke

Kansas Coop Council AIC Scholarships

The Kansas Cooperative Council provided seven scholarships to the American Institute of Cooperation in Blacksburg, Virginia, to the District FFA Presidents. The presidents will be flown to the conference which will be held on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The district presidents who received the scholarships are: Don Ebert, West-

moreland; Sheryl Neblock, Central Heights; Chuck Johnston, Coffeyville; Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Sharon Ruenkle, Holcomb; Terry Nelson, Norton; and Dee James, Clay Center.

1975-76 Membership

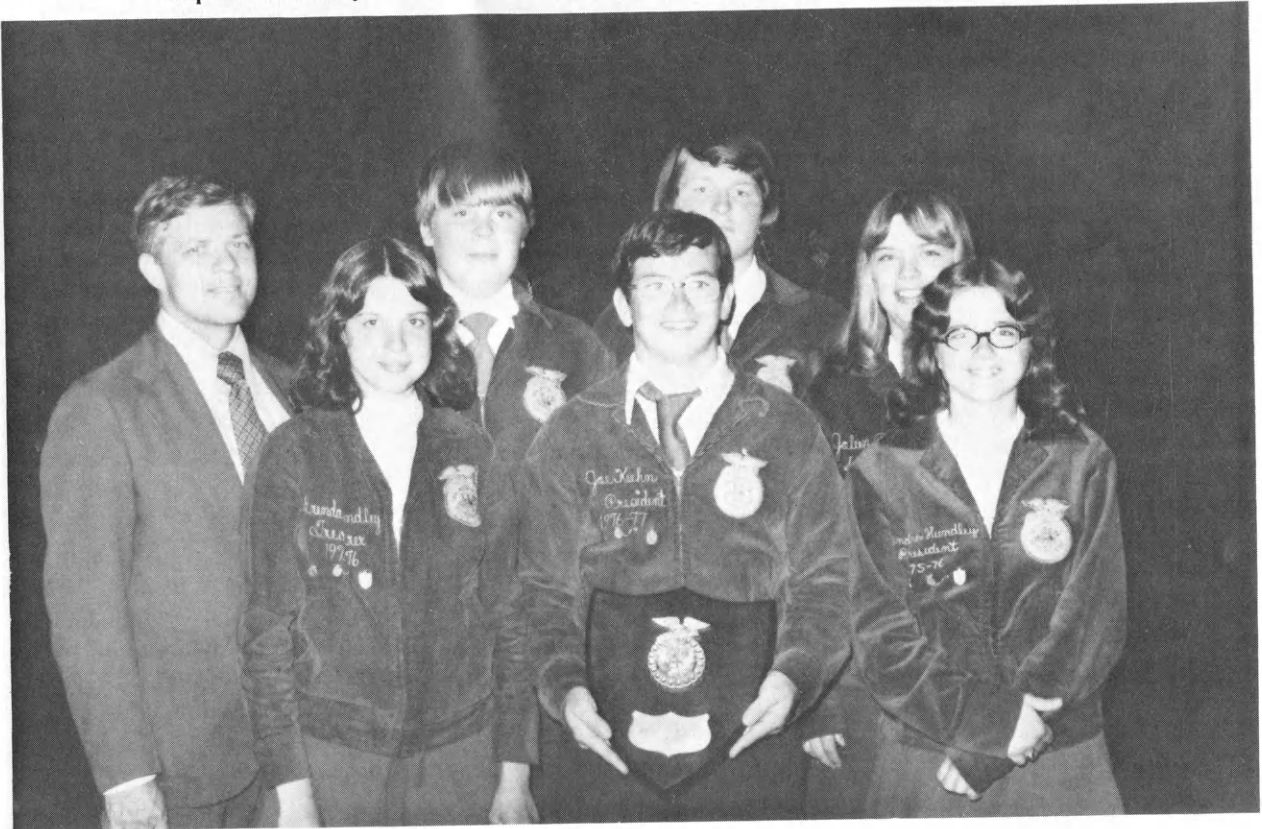
For the first time in history of the FFA, the National membership has exceeded the half-million mark; to be exact, 500,385. This makes the FFA the

largest vocational student organization in America.

Kansas FFA membership is maintaining, but the rapid growth experienced in the last few years has leveled off. The final count for 1975-76 is 6,886 members.

In many vocational agriculture departments, a few students do not join the FFA. If you as active members can encourage them to join and likewise become active, the Kansas FFA could gain several hundred members.

Top Parliamentary Procedure Team in the state for 1976 from the Seaman Chapter.



State Parliamentary Law Contest

The Seaman chapter proved that it had the best parliamentary procedure team in Kansas, through an excellent demonstration in the State finals. Seven chapters competed, each being the winner of their respective districts and four were ranked in the State competition.

Garden City was second best, followed closely by Erie, who placed third, and Sabetha, fourth place. The

other competing teams were from the Winfield, Hill City and Salina chapters.

Awards for the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest were sponsored by the Federal Land Bank Association of Kansas. Each first place team in the district received a plaque plus a check for \$40.00.

The four ranked teams in the State Contest received an additional plaque and checks for \$100 for first, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third and fourth each.

Public Speaking

Kevin Gleason, from the Mission Valley chapter, became the 1976 Public Speaking Champion in the Kansas FFA. Kevin's topic was "The Food Stamp Program."

Kerry Zillinger, from the Phillipsburg chapter, was second; Duane Flaherty, from the Salina chapter, third; and Susan Montgomery, from the Sabetha chapter fourth.

Twenty-six FFA members participated in the State contest, each earning the right to participate by placing in the top 20% of their district contests.

Kevin received \$100 and a plaque from the Future Farmers of America Foundation Incorporated. Kerry, Duane, and Susan each received plaques and \$50, \$17.50, and \$17.50 respectively.



Galen Hubbs, associate editor of the High Plains Journal, presents Hill City Reporter, C. J. Riemann with his leather briefcase.

State Scrapbook Contest

Many outstanding chapter scrapbooks were on display at the 48th state convention. It was very evident that chapter reporters are doing their job of keeping the history of their chapter in an organized fashion.

City chapter won "first" in the State Scrapbook Contest, with Eric Guenther, Paola, second; Carolyn Kelly, Seaman, third; and Cindy Ricketts, Clay Center, fourth.

Aaron received a leather briefcase from the High Plains Journal for his first place scrapbook.

C. J. Riemann, reporter of the Hill

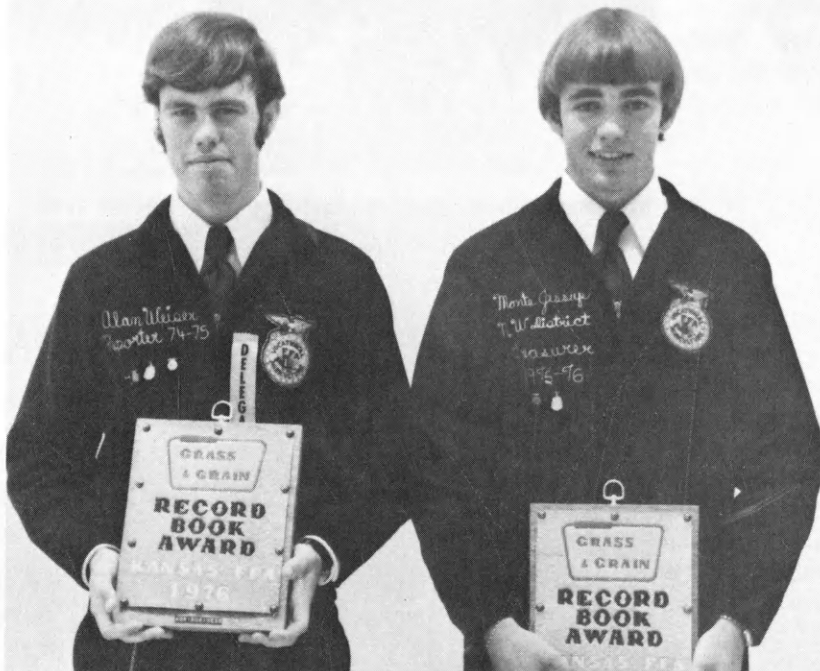
Grass and Grain Recordkeeping Awards

Two Phillipsburg chapter members won the Grass and Grain Recordkeeping Awards; Monte Jessup for his production agriculture records and Alan Weiser for his agribusiness records.

This award was established to encourage members to strive for excellence in the recordkeeping of their supervised occupational experience program and various FFA activities.

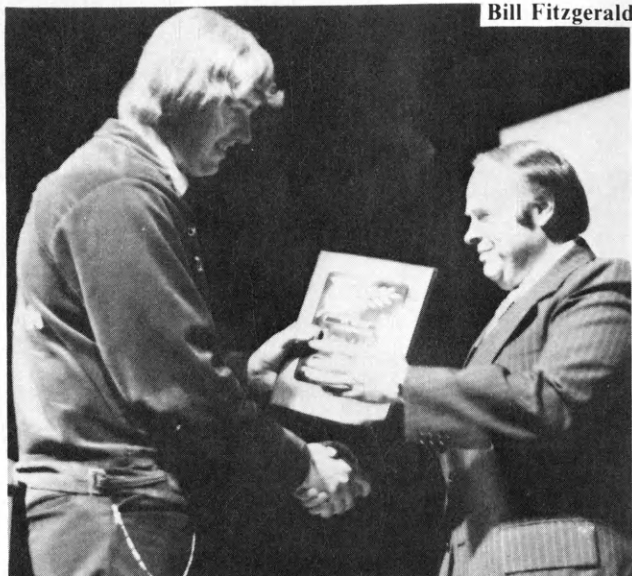
Monte and Alan were presented with beautiful tooled leather plaques for their efforts.

The awards are sponsored by Grass and Grain magazine.



Grass & Grain Record Book winners, Alan Weiser and Monte Jessup, both from the Phillipsburg Chapter.

Bill Fitzgerald



Fritz Pyle



S. C. Jackson



Bill Templeton



Distinguished Service Awardees

Four gentlemen who have served vocational agriculture and the FFA were recognized at the 48th Convention and presented with the Distinguished Service Award. The recipients were:

Bill Fitzgerald—Mr. Fitzgerald has served as publications editor for the State Department of Agriculture for the past twelve years. He was recognized for the excellent coverage he gives to FFA members in "Kansas State Board of Agriculture Annual Report" each year.

Fritz Pyle—Mr. Pyle is manager of the Holiday Inn of Manhattan. He has always done his best to make FFA members feel at home during their stay at the Holiday Inn during conventions and contests.

S. C. "Jack" Jackson—Mr. Jackson is field trainer for Sunland Plan, a magazine sales program. Sunland Plan has enabled many chapters to earn money for activities. In 1975, Sunland Plan and Mr. Jackson assumed the sponsorship of the State chapter award program.

Bill Templeton—Mr. Templeton is District Marketing Manager for Ford Tractor operations. He has been instrumental in obtaining the Ford tractor's sponsorship of awards for the State Sweetheart Contest. Ford tractor is also a special project sponsor of the Soil and Water Management Proficiency Award.



John Robison, Pike Valley FFA Chapter, visits with H. N. Hunsicker, National FFA Advisor.

Pike Valley Member To West Germany

John Robison, of the Pike Valley FFA chapter is one of 50 FFA members to participate in the Work Experience Abroad Program this summer. John will spend six months in West Germany living and working with a farm family.

John wrote to his advisor, Mark Russell, upon his arrival in Germany and commented "This is truly a dream come true for myself."

A four-day orientation session was held in Washington, D.C. prior to

John's departure. During the orientation, John visited with Mr. H. M. Hunsicker, National FFA Advisor.

Brain Landis, from the Norton chapter, is also participating in the WEA program this summer in Switzerland.

Building Our American Communities

The Governor's Citation for the first place BOAC program went to the Hill City FFA chapter. The second place chapter was Columbus; third, Norton; and fourth, Garden City.

Twenty chapters were rated either Gold, Silver or Bronze in the State competition. The Gold Emblem chapters were: Clay Center, Columbus, Garden City, Hill City, Norton, and Plainville.

Silver Emblem chapters were: Cherryvale, Downs, Girard, Jewell,

Kensington, Lebo, North Central, and Troy.

Bronze Emblem chapters were: Abilene, Erie, Lakin, Lebanon, Phillipsburg, and Seaman.

The four top chapters will be submitted for National competition, their awards to be presented at the National FFA Convention in November. All BOAC awards are sponsored by the Eli Lilley Endowment Fund. The Farmers Home Administration also works very closely with the FFA in the BOAC program.



Chapter Officers Go To Washington, D.C.

Several Kansas FFA members spent a week in Washington, D.C. and the National FFA Center at the National FFA Washington Conference Program. The Conference was designed to improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of our national heritage, and prepare FFA members for more effective leadership roles in their chapter and community.

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



Terry Davidson, Debbie Clubine, and Caney Advisor, Bill Jackson are greeted by Bobby Tucker, National FFA President.



Ron Ditmars from the Washington Chapter is greeted by Ron Wilson, National FFA Vice President from Kansas.



David Waggoner from the Arkansas City Chapter is welcomed to the National Conference by Bobby Tucker, National FFA President.



Ken Welch from the North Central Chapter is welcomed by Kansas' own Ron Wilson, National FFA Vice President.



Randy Johnson and Dan Whitney are welcomed to the Conference by Ron Wilson, National FFA Vice President from Manhattan.



Lewis Worcester and C. J. Riemann received a warm welcome from Bobby Tucker, National FFA President.

Chapter Reporter Contest

Eric Guenther, from the Paola Chapter became the first winner of the chapter reporter contest. Eric turned in numerous and excellent articles to the Kansas Future Farmer Magazine.

The Chapter Reporter Contest was originated to encourage chapter reporters to submit articles to the Kansas Future Farmer Magazine. The results have been tremendous, with excellent articles being written.

Worcester Receives Golden Eagle Award

Dan Worcester, 1975 Star Farmer of America, from the Hill City chapter, was presented the Golden Eagle Award at the American Academy of Achievement Conference in San Diego, California. Dan was one of only 24 outstanding youths from across the nation to receive this honor.

The three-day conference consisted of rap sessions with 50 outstanding leaders in business and industry; one being Frank Hedrick, President of Beech Aircraft in Wichita. Recreation and entertainment also highlighted the conference.

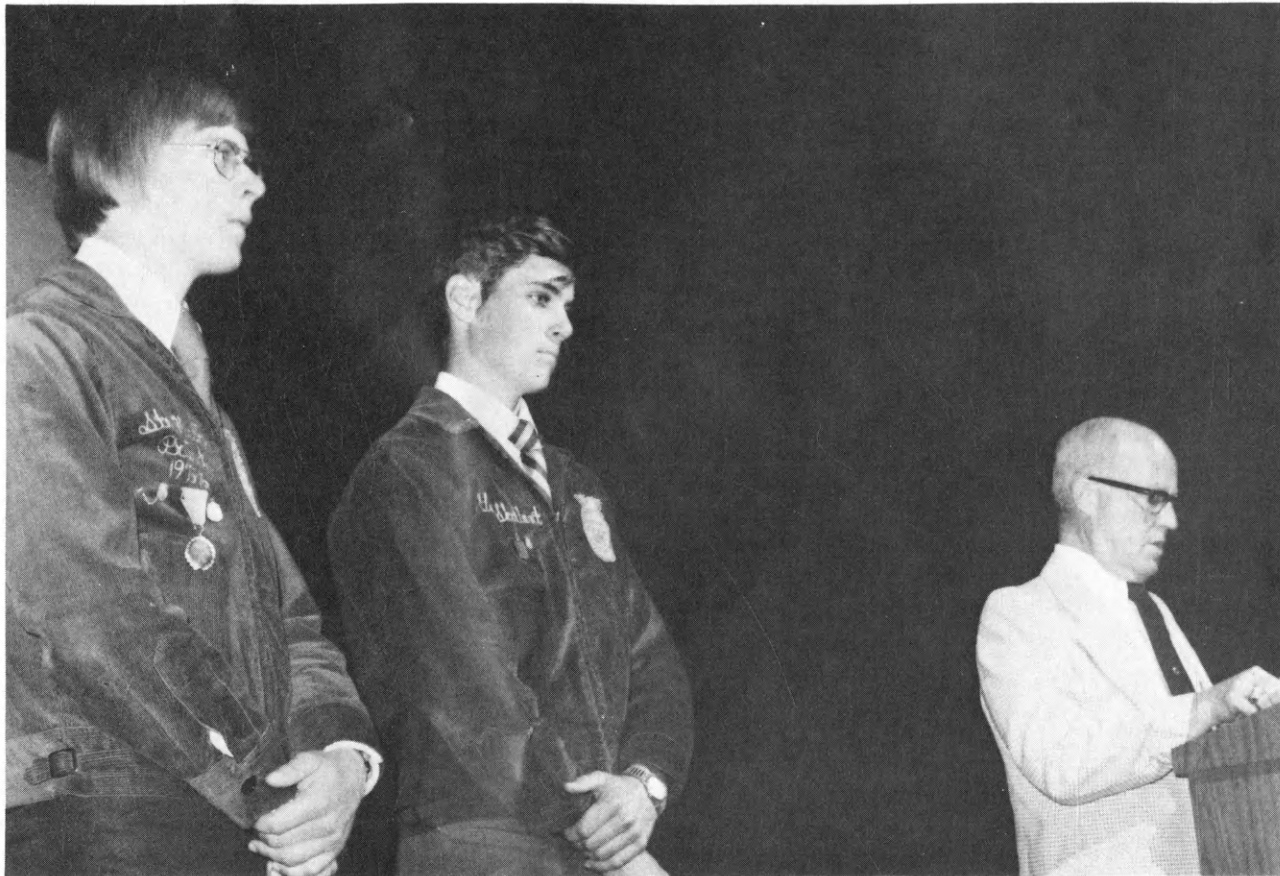
State Creed Speaking Contest

Todd Breathour, from the Wamego FFA chapter, became the first State winner in the FFA Creed Speaking Contest. Second place went to Terri Johnston, Coffeyville, third to Charles Stoffer, Abilene, and fourth to J. P. Worcester from the Hill City chapter.

Each of the seven FFA districts selected two Creed Speaking contestants and from these fourteen Greenhands came the top four speakers.

In addition to reciting the creed, each contestant was asked several questions regarding the FFA Creed on what certain phrases meant to them.

The Greenhand Creed Speaking Contest is open to freshmen in a four-year vocational agriculture program and sophomores in a three-year program.



Loren Simmons, Santa Fe Railway, gives remarks prior to presenting Steve Handke & Garry Skrdlant their \$500 scholarships.

Santa Fe Awards

Steve Handke, Atchison County chapter, and Gary Skrdlant, Norton chapter, were honored by the Santa Fe Railway Company by each receiving a \$500 scholarship to continue their education.

Loren Simmons, Traveling Representative for the Public Relations Department of Santa Fe, was on hand to present the scholarship certificates, plus a check to pay for the scholarships and other activities of the Kansas Association.

tion.

Santa Fe will also sponsor a banquet at the National FFA convention at which several Kansas FFA award winners will be invited in addition to Steve and Gary.



Karl Heimke presents Dwight Wedel with a watch for his first place Livestock Conservation paper.

Livestock Conservation

"Diseases in Sheep" was the title of a research paper Dwight Wedel, of the Moundridge chapter, wrote which earned him first place honors in the Livestock conservation contest and an Accutron watch.

Second place went to Valerie Skidmore, of the Seaman chapter, who wrote on "Meat—To Eat or Not to Eat." Valerie also received an Accutron watch for her efforts.

The Livestock Conservation Awards are sponsored by the Livestock Marketing Insurance Agency.

Delegates' Recommendations At the 48th

Sixteen very active delegate committees met and discussed the FFA awards and activities for the 1976-77 school year. A summary of some of the more important items passed is as follows:

Recommended Constitutional Amendments

Two changes were decided upon: (1) to include the "Executive Secretary" on the nominating committee; and (2) to change the wording in the election of officers section to read, "The runnerup for president shall become State Vice President without necessitating a majority vote."

Both of the amendments will be voted on at the 49th State Convention.

FFA Contests Other Than Judging

1. That no objects may be used for demonstration purposes in the public speaking contest.

2. The Greenhand Creed Speaking Contest be held to members who are freshmen in a four-year vocational agriculture program, or sophomores in a three-year program.

3. The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will have six finalists instead of four.

4. In Parliamentary Procedure, all motions must be relevant to the subject being discussed; the FFA manual be added as a third reference; and parliamentary procedure quiz be expanded to 40 questions consisting of true-false, multiple choice, and matching type questions.

5. The Parliamentary Procedure and Ritual Contests be combined into one contest. The six minute time limit will still pertain to the Parliamentary Procedure portion, but no time limit on the ritual. The Parliamentary Procedure/Ritual team will consist of the six constitutional officers plus four other members. All ten will participate in the demonstration and the quiz. The scoring of the demonstration will be approximately 80% for Parliamentary Procedure and 20% for Ritual.

6. The top 10% of the chapters in the State still be rated as Gold Emblem

chapters, but only the top three receive additional plaques and the remaining "ranked" chapters for national recognition receive certificates.

Wildlife Damage Control Contest

The delegates voted that no chapter can continue the "Pest Control" contests, but rather shall initiate the Wildlife Damage Control Contest and the Acres for Wildlife Program.

State FFA Livestock Show

1. Market steers be shown by breed

and weight as long as at least six animals are in the class.

2. No assistance may be given exhibitors other than help of other FFA members in grooming when an individual has more than one animal in a class or close consecutive classes. The assistants must have prior approval of the General Superintendent.

Other very important decisions were made and FFA members can read all of the recommendations when the convention minutes are sent to their advisors.

Membership Achievement

Fifty-two FFA chapters had 100% or more membership when compared to the enrollment in their vocational agriculture program. Since FFA is a part of the instructional program in vocational agriculture, it is important that everyone be a member. Chapters with over 100% do so by the graduates continuing their membership.

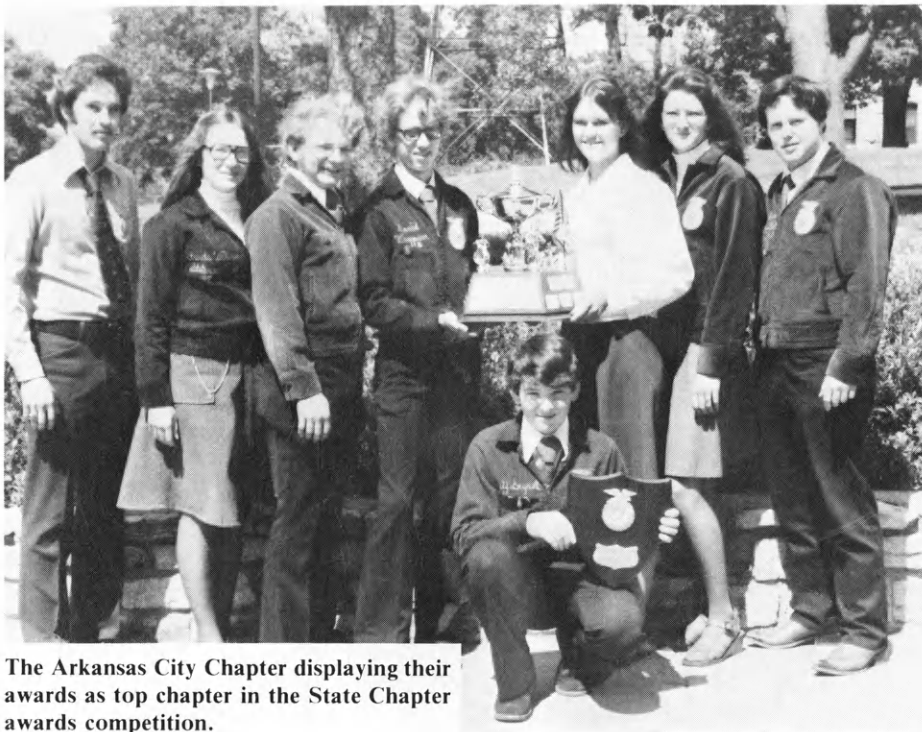
The 52 chapters were divided into Gold, Silver and Bronze divisions according to their percentages. The Gold divisions were: Hill City (142%); Iola (142%); Westmoreland (140%); Plainville (140%); Miltonvale (133%); Norton (132%); Marion (129%); Linn (127%); Council Grove (127%); Fredonia (126%); Troy (122%); Ellis (122%); Girard (119%); Garden City (119%); Columbus (118%); and Coffeyville (117%).

The Silver Emblem chapters were: Atchison County (113%); Abilene (113%); Royal Valley (112%); Claflin (111%); Smith Center (110%); North Central (109%); Chaparral (108%); Holcomb (108%); Williamsburg (107%); Arkansas City (106%); Caney (106%); Erie (105%); Manhattan (105%); Stockton (104%); Kingman (103%); Garnett (103%); Clay Center (103%); and Kensington (103%).



Membership achievement awards are presented.

Silver Emblem chapters: McCune (102%); Southeast (102%); Osage City (102%); Flint Hills (102%); Randolph (102%); Minneapolis (102%); Jewell (102%); Yates Center (100%); Jayhawk-Linn (100%); Riley County (100%); Pike Valley (100%); Ness City (100%); Lakin (100%); Natoma (100%); and Oberlin (100%).



The Arkansas City Chapter displaying their awards as top chapter in the State Chapter awards competition.

Southeast District Reports

The meeting of the Southeast District Future Farmers of America Officers was called to order on April 22, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. by President Tom Sailors. The main item of business was election of next years officers. There were 19 applicants from various chapters in the District. The nominating committee, composed of chapter advisors from the District, nominated 10 people for District Offices last Tuesday. They were:

President: Chuck Johnston, Coffeyville; Susan Van Cleave, Cherryvale. Secretary: Debbie Clubine, Caney; Mark Forsyth, Erie. Treasurer: Doug Elrod, Southeast; Alysia Allen, Coffeyville. Reporter: Rodney Hughes, Erie; Bob Geiger, Uniontown. Sentinel: Tim

Gold Emblem Chapters

Arkansas City captured the coveted title of "Top Chapter" for their outstanding activities during the year in the State Chapter Award Program. Their awards included a plaque, a check for \$50.00 and the honor to keep the Garlow Memorial Traveling Trophy for a year.

Fifteen chapters were named in the Gold Emblem ceremonies; they being the top 10% of all the chapters in the State, rated on their overall activities. Seven of the fifteen were ranked and will be submitted for Gold, Silver, or Bronze ratings on the National level. The other six chapters in order were Atchison County, Norton, Labette County, Erie, Hill City, and Washington.

The other Gold Emblem chapters were Clay Center, Garden City, Girard, North Central, Paola, Plainville, Seaman, and Troy.

Chapters receive a plaque the first year they enter the Gold Emblem rank and a space for the plaque each year after. The top seven chapters received additional plaques.

The State Chapter Awards are sponsored by Sunland Plan.

CHAPTER REPORTS



Sheryl Neblock, FFA East Central district president, and Gaylene Springer, FHA District H historian, discuss plans for their year as district officers. (Photo courtesy of *Ottawa Herald*)

Rogers, Uniontown; Chuck Kunshek, Girard.

At the meeting Thursday evening, the following people were elected:

President: Chuck Johnston, Coffeyville. V.P.: Susan Van Cleave, Cherryvale. Secretary: Debbie Clubine, Caney. Treasurer: Alysia Allen, Coffeyville. Reporter: Bob Geiger, Uniontown. Sentinel: Tim Rogers, Uniontown.

The newly elected officers were installed at the District Banquet on Saturday, April 23, at Columbus, Kansas. These officers will represent the 21 chapters in the Southeast District and the 1,188 FFA members during the 1976-77 school year.

Central Heights Reports

Students at Central Heights High School are proud of their FFA chapter and it's sister organization, the FHA.

Two Central Heights girls were recently elected district officers of the two similar organizations.

Sheryl Neblock is the new president of the East Central District of Future Farmers of America and Gaylene Springer is historian for the Future Homemakers of America in District H.

As president, Sheryl holds the highest office in the FFA district which consists of 18 chapters.

Sheryl and her five fellow officers will plan district contests, the Greenhand Conference, chapter visitations, and many other events.

"As president," Sheryl says, "I hope to get Greenhands more involved in the organization. I also want the district to work better as a whole instead of as 18 separate chapters. Our clean-up day at the Mid-America Fairgrounds is just one of the many ways the district can cooperate."

Sheryl served as district sentinel last year and plans to stay involved in FFA for several years, including in college and through the alumni program.

When named district FHA historian, Gaylene said, "Being elected to this office has to be the biggest success of my life. It was really a thrill in the installa-

tion ceremonies to receive my books and my rose."

Gaylene's duties as district historian include editing the district newsletter, serving as chairman of the scrapbook contest, keeping a scrapbook of district activities and assisting the state historian.

Donna Walter, CH FHA adviser, is serving as FHA district adviser during Gaylene's term. Since Sheryl is district president, Don Benjamin, Ch FFA adviser, will be the East Central district adviser.

Crowned FFA-FHA king and queen at a St. Patrick's Day dance were Rod Schaub and Janie Mullins. The St. Patrick's dance is sponsored annually by the Central Heights FFA and FHA chapters.

Attendants of the royal couple were Shelly Medlen, Calvin Pearson, Sherri Johnson, and Roy Edwards. Candidates were elected by the FFA and FHA members.

All queen candidates were presented with carnations. Queen Janie received a crown and King Rod an I.D. bracelet.

Holcomb Places 3rd At District Ag Mechanics Contest

The Holcomb FFA Agricultural Mechanics Team placed third at the District Contest in Dodge City, March 11th. The contest was divided into three categories; electrification, oxyacetylene—welding and cutting, and agricultural mechanics skills. In electrification, the Holcomb team placed first and with Jeff Scott placing third and Tim Miller first. Tim Miller was second high individual overall. Mike Pointer was the other team member.

Holcomb FFA Wins District Speech Contest

For the second year in a row the Holcomb FFA won the District Speech contest. Shawn Runkle won first in the Junior division and Chris Roth, fourth. In the Senior division, Stan Linville was third and Mark Roth was first. Shawn Runkle was also second in extemporaneous competition. Others competing were: Clint Nordstrom, Terry Golay, Tony Leiker, Laren Hafliger, Paul Hill

and Ricky Klaus.

The district officer nominations were held in conjunction with the speech contest. Paul Hill was nominated for Sentinel and Shawn Runkle was nominated for President. Election of District officers will be held at the District banquet on April 7th.

"Her Name Is Betsy"

Betsy's Her Name Giving Milk Is Her Game

This may sound strange to you. It may not even make sense. The sophomore FFA members of the Holcomb Chapter will disagree because this has become their motto for their cow-calf coop milk cow. The story goes like this. On September 1, 1975 they purchased a Holstein milk cow that was ready to calve. After the calf was born they named the cow Betsy and the calf Brutus. Why Brutus? What would you name your one and only calf if you happened to be studying Julius Caesar in English? Brutus of course! The next week they purchased three feedlot calves and guess what they named the best one?

Cassius of course! The other two were named Mark and Anthony, Mark Anthony,—catchy huh? To make a long story short, they left the Roman Quadruplets on Betsy for five months, and then put them on wheat pasture. That left old Betsy with nothing to do but watch the grass grow—not so, Betsy has generously consented to be a mini-dairy. They are now making some clear profit by selling the milk for \$1.50 a gallon. This may seem high but where else can you find fresh dairy milk from such noble Roman Ancestry. Those Sophomore FFA members who own shares are Dennis Beasley, Laren Hafliger, Paul Hill, John Leiker, Shawn Runkle and Richard Hartley.

Union Pacific Scholarships

Six Kansas FFA members received \$400.00 scholarships from the Union Pacific Railroad. The six awardees are: Kyle Bauer, Clay Center; Larry Garten, Abilene; David Rock, Hope; Kenneth Wood, Chapman; Jerry Johnson, Troy; and Stephanie Bush, Meridan.

The award is based on scholarship and activities of the applicants.

From the President's Desk

Now that our Summer Vacation is about over, it's time to start planning what you and your chapter want to do in the coming year.

Planning is an important step on the road to success, because if you don't know where you are going, how can you ever expect to get there?

Set your goals high, aim for having the best BOAC, Safety, or food for America Program in the state, aim for that state farmer degree or that gold medal in livestock judging, and then work toward those goals and do your best to achieve them. Remember that you must plan your work and then you must work your plan. For without labor, neither knowledge, wisdom or planning can accomplish much.

With everyone planning and working, we can keep the future farmers of America and the business of agriculture "movin' on".

Sincerely,

Jay Selanders

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