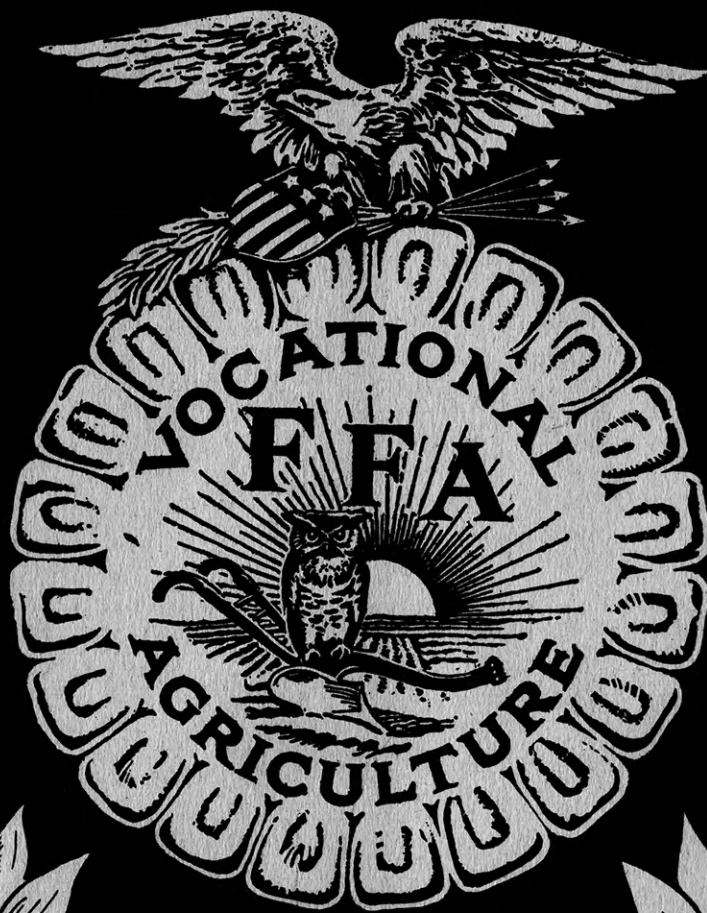


SEP 15 1958

The KANSAS Future Farmer



Published by
**THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**

NATIONAL OFFICERS, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
1957-58

Constituting the

NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....Howard Downing
Nicholasville, Kentucky
REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT.....Royce Lee Bodiford
Millsap, Texas
REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT.....Jerry W. Cullison
Phoenix, Arizona
REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT.....Jerry D. Rulon
Arcadia, Indiana
REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT.....Leon C. Smith
Rome, New York
STUDENT SECRETARY.....Nathan A. Reese
Mooreland, Oklahoma
ADVISOR.....W. T. Spanton
Washington, D. C.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.....Wm. Paul Gray
Washington, D. C.
TREASURER.....R. E. Bass
Richmond, Virginia

---FFA---

NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. T. SPANTON, Chairman, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
E. J. JOHNSON, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
R. E. NAUGHER, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
H. N. HUNSICKER, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
A. W. TENNEY, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
HAROLD F. DUIS, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Lincoln, Nebraska
GEORGE SULLARDS, State Director of Agricultural Education, Little Rock, Arkansas
BYRON J. McMAHON, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Sacramento, California
WALTER JACOBY, Consultant, Agricultural Education, Hartford, Connecticut

univ
S533
F8
K3
v.30

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER
F. R. Carpenter, Editor

OFFICERS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Ralph Young, President Tribune	Ronnie Poor, Reporter Chanute
Richard Heiman, Vice-President Beloit	Gary Harmon, Sentinel Ellsworth
Elton Aberle, Secretary Sabetha	C.C. Eustace, Advisor Topeka
Larry Justice, Treasurer Shawnee	F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary Topeka

Volume XXX	September 15, 1958	Number 1
------------	--------------------	----------

FFA CALENDAR

Program of Work DueOctober 31

INDEX

	Page
Pictorial Section	
President's Message	1
American Farmers	2
Message from C. C. Eustace	2
Delegates to 31st National FFA Convention	3
Where to get FFA Supplies	3
Summary of Kans. Assoc. Report to National FFA	4
Attention - Chapter Treasurers	4
Kansas FFA Budget	5
State FFA Program of Work	6
Plan to Win An Award	8
State Junior Meats Judging Contest - Wichita	8
Kansas Teams in National FFA Judging Contest	8
Official Registration National Convention	9
Call For National Convention	9
Tentative Program 31st National Convention	10
National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus	11
Chapter Program of Work	12
Band and Chorus Records for Loan	12
State Treasurer Describes Camp	13
FFA Information Contest - 1958	13
1958 Kansas Leadership Schools	14
Items From National Board of Student Officers and Directors	15
Proposed Amendments to the National FFA Constitution	16
Chapter News	17
Farming Program Stories	26

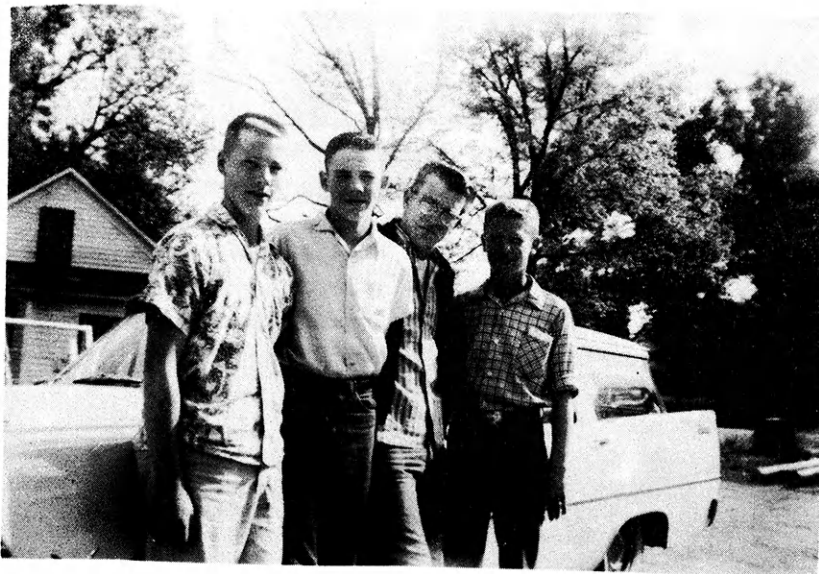


Mr. Ira Blank of Winfield has been recommended by the National Board of Student Officers and the National Board of Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention this fall,

The Goodland FFA Chapter was host during wheat harvest to Tom Rayden, university student from Sussex, England. Mr. Rayden stayed in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Trachsel. Their son is president of the Goodland Chapter. L. to R.: Mrs. Walter Trachsel, Tom Rayden, Mr. Trachsel and Maurice Little, Goodland, advisor.



American Farmer candidate Jim Jarnagin treats one of the calves for screw worms as advisor Hubert Mai assists with the heavy work.



Representing Kansas in the National Poultry Judging Contest in Kansas City will be the Altoona team. They are: L. to R. Jim Callarman, Richard McMillen, Jerry Dannels and Joe Lotta.

The Erie dairy products judging team will compete in the National Judging Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, September 30. Team members shown here are: Front L. to R., Jim LaRue, alternate; Russell Aikins, and Ernest Nicholas. Back L. to R., A. J. Depee and Harold Van Cleave, advisor.



The Beloit Chapter represented Kansas in the National Meats Judging Contest last year: Team members shown here are L. to R., Richard Heiman, Jim Kadel, advisor Lee Doyen, Keith Kresin and Richard Robbins.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As president of the Kansas Association of FFA, I consider it a real privilege to bring to you a few thoughts that I hope will help to guide the action of our fine Organization this year. As a member of the FFA each of us must exert a good influence in the community in which we live and be proud to be a part of the FFA. The challenge of being a member in such an Organization as ours, the largest farm boy Organization in the world, is one each of us should realize. It is the responsibility of not only your state and local officers, but of each member to forward and improve the Future Farmers of America.

As each member is awarded the Green Hand Degree, he accepts the responsibilities of our Organization. As the obligations are met and accomplishments realized there are additional honors and awards forthcoming. The Chapter Farmer, State Farmer, and the American Farmer Degrees await those who will strive for them. To reach these goals, we need the help of our parents, advisors, and many friends. As we strive for these high goals, we realize the effects of this Organization upon our personal development. We then should take it upon ourselves to spread our high ideals to our friends throughout our many communities. If they know of the principles for which we strive, they will in turn be more willing to help us climb toward our goal of a successful life. Make our friends feel that what they contribute is worthwhile, and that they too can be proud of the part they play in helping mold young Future Farmers into citizens of tomorrow. Let us make this year one of telling the public and our many friends of the worthwhile activities of our FFA.

Certainly we know that the FFA offers many opportunities toward providing leaders for the Nation. Let us all participate in our district schools, as well as our state contests next spring. We should be thankful that we have so many different activities for which to train, in order to prepare ourselves for the future. By supporting these schools and contests we can better let the public know of our sound program and the character we develop in FFA.

Those of you who are familiar with the history of our FFA know that it took careful planning and foresight to develop what is now the Future Farmers of America. Only with your cooperation can we keep up those high standards that have been set for us. We, as State Officers, will do our utmost in helping guide you through the coming year, and with your fullest support we can make this one of the most successful and prosperous years of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

Ralph Young, President
Kansas Association of FFA

1958 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The Kansas Association of FFA presented seven applicants for the degree of American Farmer. All seven candidates have been recommended by the National Board of Directors to receive the degree at the National FFA Convention in October, 1958. The action of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors must be confirmed by the delegates at the National Convention. The Kansas candidates recommended are as follows:

Donald D. Alexander, Coldwater Chapter
Larry Dutton Gilmore, Highland Chapter
Darrell Goss, Garden City Chapter
Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jetmore Chapter

Calvin L. Massey, Eureka Chapter
Norman Leroy Nelson, Alma Chapter
Charles Freeman Sander, Stockton Chapter

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND YOUR FUTURE

We have had vocational agriculture in Kansas, as provided for in the Smith-Hughes law, for thirty-nine years. The course has grown and changed as agriculture itself has changed. The vocational agriculture courses as taught in Kansas high schools provide excellent training and supervision for boys who are preparing to be farmers. Many of the successful farmers of today took advantage of vocational agriculture when they were in high schools.

Many young farmers who are becoming successfully established in farming today find the task easier because of the vocational agriculture courses they enjoyed while in high school. The boy, who may not be able to farm but still has an intense interest in the classwork and the activities that make up vocational agriculture, may also be preparing himself for a happy life's work. We must remember that even though only twelve or thirteen per cent of the United States population are classed as productive farmers, forty per cent of the labor force works in the field of agriculture.

How can vocational agriculture training be of value to those who are not able to farm? A month ago I met a young man who holds a high position in a livestock association. He was a former vocational agriculture student who had gone far in Future Farmer work. Another young man on the staff of an agricultural chemical manufacturing firm is a former FFA member. A manufacturing concern in Waverly, Nebraska, is reported to have hired many vocational agriculture graduates because of the skills they had developed in farm mechanics work.

A student who had taken vocational agriculture in one of our Kansas high schools was accepted for employment as an electric arc welder without further training by a prominent west coast firm. Research studies have indicated that livestock or crops judging work helps the student develop the valuable abilities to make keen observations and sound judgment in other matters. These abilities can be valuable to your employer. The poise and confidence you are able to develop through Future Farmer leadership work will be valuable to you in any fields of endeavor. College courses in the school of agriculture, agricultural engineering, or veterinary medicine are more meaningful and easier to master for the young man who has had

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

a good high school course in vocational agriculture.

Many more examples of how vocational agriculture has been valuable to young men like yourself, in getting into profitable and pleasant employment, could be cited. What it all points toward is this: If you really like vocational agriculture training, it can help you in obtaining the employment you will enjoy in later life.

C. C. Eustace

State Advisor

Kansas Association of FFA

- - - FFA - - -

DELEGATES TO THE 31ST NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Official delegates to the 31st National FFA Convention to be held in Kansas City on October 13-16 representing the Kansas Association of FFA will be:

Ralph Young, Tribune Chapter - State President

Richard Heiman, Beloit Chapter - State Vice-President

Alternates:

Elton Aberle, Sabetha Chapter - State Secretary

Ronnie Poor, Chanute Chapter - State Reporter

- - - FFA - - -

WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Most of the supplies needed by chapters and members may be obtained from the Future Farmers Supply Service, P. O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia. The official FFA catalogue for 1958-59 which was published by the Supply Service, carries pictures, descriptions, and prices of many FFA items. ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

Other items and additional sources include:

Badges & buttons (1) (3)

Certificates, State Farmer (2)

Charters for chapters (2)

Creed (2)

Fair supplies (5)

Lapel buttons, celluloid (1) (3)

Membership cards (2) Cards sent only upon payment of dues, 75¢ per member (40¢ state, 10¢ national, 25¢ national FFA magazine)

Plows, miniature (4)*

Prize ribbons (3) (5)

*Washington's General Order on Profanity (2)

1. Future Farmers Supply Service, P. O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Va.
2. F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary, Kansas Association of FFA, State Board For Vocational Education, 11th Floor, State Office Bldg., Topeka, Kans.
3. St. Louis Button Company, 415 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis 2, Mo.
4. Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois.
5. The Fair Publishing House, New London, Ohio.

*Request must be accompanied by letter from State Executive Secretary

SUMMARY OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA
REPORT TO NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 1957-58

Number of vocational agriculture departments	211
Number of active chapters	210
Number enrolled in vocational agriculture	6,584
Number of FFA members	7,245
Average net worth per member	\$537.
Total net worth	\$3,535,608.
Number State Farmer Degrees granted	144
Number agriculture judging teams entered State H.S. Contest	123
Number farm mechanics teams entered State H.S. Contest	93
Number chapters winning chapter awards in the National Chapter Award program	106
Number entered State FFA Speech Contest	30
Number American Farmer Candidates recommended (1958)	7

ATTENTION CHAPTER TREASURERS

Chapter delegates at the State FFA Convention last spring voted to increase the state FFA dues from 20 cents to 40 cents per member and to add to each member's dues a one-year subscription to The National Future Farmer. With the national dues remaining at 10 cents, the total amount to be sent to the State Association Office is 75 cents per member. These dues need to be collected early in the school year. Due date for state and national dues is October 31, which is the date for the Program of Work to be in the State Office.

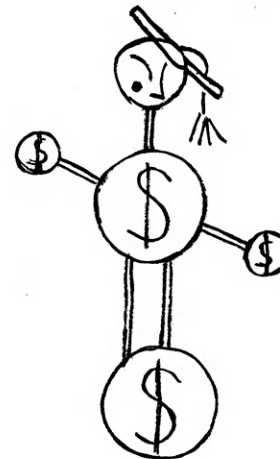
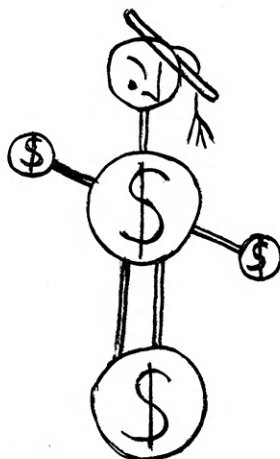
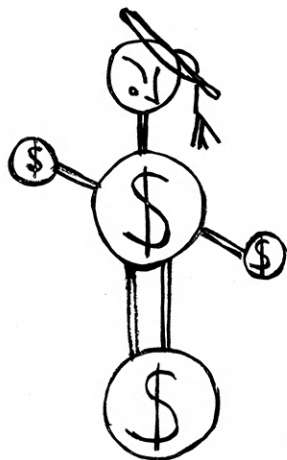
Mailing the dues early along with the list of chapter members and their home addresses will assure that each member will be properly registered to receive his national magazine.

New members and new subscribers whose dues reach the State Office by October 31, will receive the December-January issue for their first copy of The National Future Farmer. Old subscribers will have their subscriptions renewed for one-year.

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

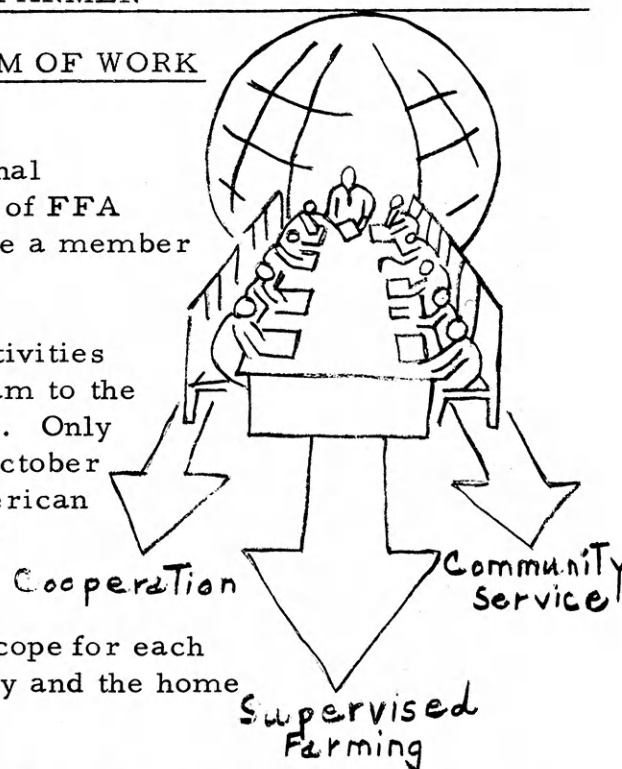
1958-59 KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA BUDGET

	1958-59 <u>Estimated Income</u>	1958-59 <u>Estimated Expenditures</u>	1957-58 <u>Actual Income</u>
1958-59			
Income in Dues	\$2,920.00		\$2,734.95
Reimbursement National Judging Contests	125.00		
Regional Public Speaking Contest		30.00	
Officers to called State meetings		105.00	
Officers to State Convention		110.00	
Officers to District Leadership Schools		50.00	
State Farmer Certificates		10.00	
Public Speaking and State chapter contest certificates		15.00	
Medals, plaques, ribbons, buttons		200.00	
Officer jackets		30.00	
FFA membership cards		20.00	
Program of Work blanks		30.00	
Annual Convention - programs, name cards, etc.		40.00	
Photographs		30.00	
Auditing FFA accounts		15.00	
National FFA dues		730.00	
Delegates to National Convention		75.00	
National FFA Band uniforms		75.00	
National FFA Chorus uniforms		80.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence members National FFA Band		610.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence members National FFA Chorus		675.00	
Special talent, State FFA Convention		30.00	
National Judging Contest		125.00	
Printing State FFA Activity Calendar		50.00	
FFA insurance - band, chorus, American Farmers, delegates		60.00	
Binding FFA volumes		10.00	
	<u>3,045.00</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	<u>\$2,734.95</u>



1958-59 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and each vocational agriculture student to be a member of the FFA.
2. Each chapter have a definite program of activities for the year and submit a copy of its program to the State Office not later than October 31, 1958. Only chapters submitting activity programs by October 31 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates and to participate in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.
3. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
4. As a means of promoting sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management and financing of supervised farming programs.
5. A continuous program of maintenance, repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
6. Prevent waste of all kinds - e.g., conserve soil and natural resources; control farm fires, livestock losses, and pests.
7. Each chapter have a definite safety program including goals, and ways and means of attaining same.
8. Six issues of the FFA Newsletter to be published beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all State Advisors, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
9. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that sufficient copies of the FFA Manual and a Parliamentary Procedure Manual be owned by the chapter in order to make both readily available to all local members.
10. One hundred per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Standard Chapter Award and file a completed copy of Form I (Standard Chapter) in the State Office at Topeka, by April 4.
11. Fifty per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Superior Chapter Award.



12. Encourage one hundred per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's book and official FFA treasurer's book.
13. Participate in FFA contests of State and National scope.
14. One hundred per cent of the members subscribe to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
15. Publicity - One hundred per cent of chapters participate in National FFA Week, February 21-28. Encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worthwhile activities at all times, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of State and National interest.
16. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences to make the farm home more livable.
17. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list of paraphernalia: U.S. Flag, Owl, Ear of Corn, Plow, Gavel and Block, FFA Felt Banner (3'x6'), Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, FFA Manuals (minimum of seven), Shield for Sentinel Station, FFA Song, and filing case. Framed under glass Charter, pictures of Washington, Jefferson, and Groseclose, Washington's General Order on Profanity, Creed and purposes.
18. Encourage members to wear FFA jackets or other means of identification at all FFA functions.
19. Encourage scouting and other organizations with similar objectives.
20. Encourage participation in the National FFA Foundation Awards program.
21. Encourage the awarding of Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees.
22. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be:
 - a. FFA Manual, 1958 Edition, for each officer (1)* 20¢.
 - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer, (2) 10 or more - 15¢, smaller quantities - 20¢.
 - c. Fifteen and Twenty-Five Year Histories of Kansas FFA (7).
 - d. "FFA at 25" (1).
 - e. Complete file of the National Future Farmer Magazine for the past year.
 - f. Complete file of Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter for the past year.
 - g. Most recent issue of Proceedings of the National FFA Convention.

*Figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed.

- h. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross (6) \$1.00.
 - i. Reporting FFA News, C. E. Rogers (4) \$3.00.
 - j. More Effective FFA, Wall (4) \$2.95.
 - k. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Short Stories For Future Farmers, Nolan (4) \$2.10.
 - Living On A Little Land, Deyoe (4) \$3.95.
 - If You Please, Allen & Briggs (3) \$2.60.
 - l. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Programs For Future Farmer Chapter Meetings, Tenney (4) \$2.85.
 - Practical Activities For Future Farmers, Tenney (4) \$2.85.
 - Winning FFA Speeches, Vol. II, Purkey (4) \$3.50.
 - The Fun Encyclopedia, E. O. Harbin (5) \$3.95.
- (1) Future Farmers Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.
 - (2) W. F. Stewart, Rehearsal Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.
 - (3) J. B. Lippincott Company, 333 West Lake Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.
 - (4) Interstate Printing Company, 19-27 North Jackson, Danville, Illinois.
 - (5) Abingdon Cokesbury, Nashville, Tennessee.
 - (6) French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Bldg., Baltimore 2, Maryland.
 - (7) F. R. Carpenter, State FFA Office, State Board For Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas.

- - - FFA - - -

PLAN TO WIN AN AWARD

The 1958-59 National FFA Foundation state awards for improving agriculture and leadership for Kansas will total \$964.75. This award money will be used to help provide awards in the following areas: Star Farmer, Farm Safety, Soil and Water Management, Dairy Farming, Beef Production, Swine Production, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, and Public Speaking. In Kansas, awards in each of the above areas will be made on the district and state levels.

STATE JUNIOR MEATS JUDGING CONTEST - WICHITA

Entries close September 20, 1958. Mail entries to:

Conlee Smith, General Manager
Kansas National Junior Livestock Show
Wichita Union Stock Yards Company
Wichita, Kansas

KANSAS TEAMS IN NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTEST

At Waterloo, Iowa, September 29-30, 1958

Dairy cattle, Newton, R. M. Karns, advisor

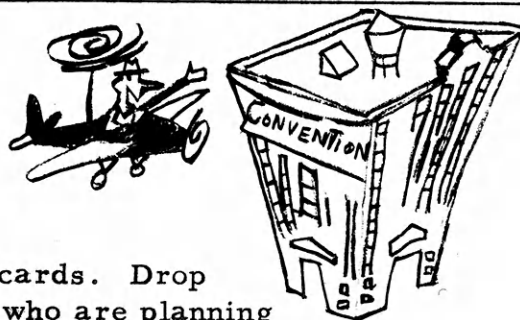
Dairy products, Erie, Harold Van Cleave, advisor

At Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-16, 1958

Livestock, Coldwater, L. E. Melia, advisor

Poultry, Altoona, J. W. Davis, advisor

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION
NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



If you plan to attend the National FFA Convention this fall, you must bring to the Convention with you a completed "Official Registration" card. C. C. Eustace, State FFA Advisor, has a supply of these cards. Drop him a line telling him the number of your members who are planning to attend the Convention and he will get the registration cards out to you by return mail. Each registration card must be completed, including the four signatures on the reverse side by each member, prior to his departure for the National Convention.

Each member is to present his completed card at the registration desk in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.

With each registration card ordered will be sent a leaflet which has been prepared by the national FFA officers. Each member who plans to attend the Convention will find many helpful ideas in the leaflet which is entitled, "You and Your National FFA Convention."

CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

TO MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations, the Territory of Hawaii and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, to send delegates to the National Convention, which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 13 through 16, 1958.

All chartered associations in good standing with the national organization are entitled to select and send two delegates and two alternate delegates from the active membership, and those candidates nominated for the American Farmer Degree by the National Board of Student Officers and approved by the National Board of Directors, also any members who have reservations in Kansas City, and wish to attend the National Convention.

As a national organization, we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our Thirty-First National Convention, plans will be made for the important year ahead. Regular business will be transacted, the National Public Speaking Contest will be held and awards will be made.

Howard Downing
National President

R. R. #3
Nicholasville, Kentucky
July 21, 1958

 THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

 TENTATIVE PROGRAM
THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

Future Farmers of America

Kansas City, Missouri - October 13-16, 1958

October

9-10

 Executive sessions, FFA National Board of Student Officers,
 President Hotel.

11-12

 Executive sessions, FFA National Board of Directors and National
 Board of Student Officers, President Hotel.

13 8:30 a.m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.

12:00 noon Officer-delegate luncheon, Aztec Room, President Hotel.

1:00 p.m. Tours of points of interest.

2:30 p.m. Meeting of State Advisors, President Hotel.

8:00 p.m. National Public Speaking Contest, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

 14 8:00 a.m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium, Band Concert.
 Address of welcome - Hon. H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Mo.
 Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degree upon outstanding
 teachers of vocational agriculture.

Treasurer's report.

Report of The National Future Farmer Magazine.

Report of The Future Farmers Supply Service.

Executive Secretary's report.

Address -

2:00 p.m. Second session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

National FFA Chorus.

Address -

 Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degree upon individuals in
 business and industry.

American Farmer Degree Ceremony.

8:00 p.m. Third session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

Massing of State Flags - State Star Farmers.

Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards.

FFA talent show.

15 9:00 a.m. Fourth session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

Special music.

 Interview with participants in International Exchange program.
 Old and new business.

 Address - Lawrence G. Derthick, Commissioner of Education,
 Washington, D. C.

Pageant - FFA At Thirty.

1:00 p.m. Tours to points of interest.

1:45 p.m. Fifth session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

Appointment of committees.

Recess for committee work.

3:30 p.m. FFA Foundation donors' reception (FFA State Presidents)

8:00 p.m. Sixth session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

National FFA Band and Chorus.

Introduction of Foundation donors.

Introduction of past chairmen of Foundation sponsoring committee.

Presentation of Foundation Awards,
 Honoring parents of 1957-58 National FFA officers.
 Special entertainment - Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

16 9:00 a.m. Seventh session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

Committee reports.
 Presentation of awards in National Chapter Award Program.
 President's report.
 Election of officers.
 Greetings from incoming officers.
 Installation of new officers.
 Presentation of past officers' pins and certificates.
 Closing ceremony by new officers.

2:30 p.m. Special entertainment - courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin Club.
 to

7:00 p.m. (By invitation only)

NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

The National FFA Band under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner of Pennsylvania and the National FFA Chorus directed by Dr. James W. Hatch of New York will again furnish music for the convention

Members of the National FFA Band from Kansas are:

Ronald Carver - Altoona	Gary Kolbeck - Spearville
Jack W. Coltrain - Neodesha	James Ochampaugh - Stockton
Rowland Edwards - Waterville ✓	Lawrence Schrader - Lancaster
Stephen Fuller - Lyons	Dennis Smith - Holcomb
Dallas L. Kibbe - Osage City	Frank E. Vopat - Wilson

Members of the National FFA Chorus from Kansas are:

Roger Arnold - Ness City	Dick Laue - Greenleaf ✓
John A. Elliott - Columbus	Jay Mann - Quinter
Milburn Franz - Buhler	Ronnie Schmidt - Fredonia
Millard Harrell - Paradise	Steve Schumann - Powhattan
Dean R. Koeneke - Hanover ✓	Richard D. Wenger - Powhattan

- - - FFA - - -

"The hen is the only animal in Nature that can lay around and make money."

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

CHAPTER PROGRAM OF WORK

October 31 is the deadline date for mailing your chapter activity Program of Work to F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary, Kansas Association of FFA, State Board For Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas.

Official Program of Work blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of your Program of Work to the State Office and an extra set for a carbon copy to be kept in the chapter files were mailed to each chapter on August 18.

Forms I, II, & III of the National Chapter Award Program contain ideas which may be helpful in building Programs of Work. Include all members of the chapter.

When making committee appointments for building the chapter activity program, every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the whole chapter.

Early scheduling of activities throughout the year is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. Use of the 1958-59 "Calendar of Activities" for the Kansas Association of FFA will be helpful in building your chapter activity calendar.

- - - FFA - - -

BAND AND CHORUS RECORDS FOR LOAN

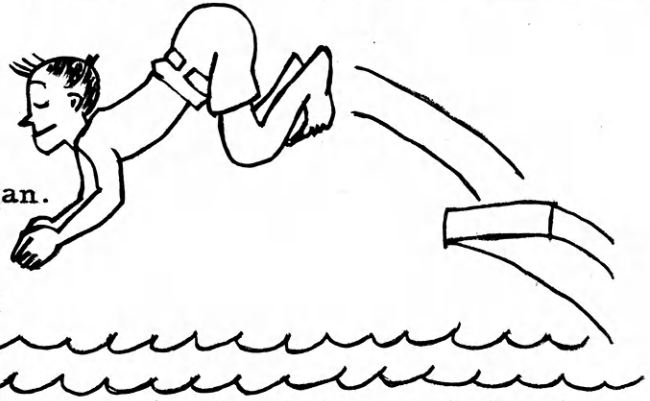
The State FFA Office has one copy of each of the band and the chorus numbers which were recorded at the 29th and at the 30th National FFA Convention. Each is the long playing record which runs at 33 1/2 speed. Each plate has approximately twelve songs recorded. If you have some special chapter event in which you could make good use of one of these records, write the State Office and it will be scheduled for your use if possible.



- - - FFA - - -

STATE TREASURER DESCRIBES CAMP

I was one of the fortunate FFA officers to attend Camp Miniwanca at Stony Lake, Michigan. Richard Heiman, the state vice-president, was the other officer. Mr. Shoaf of the State Office was the adult that accompanied Richard and me on the trip. We left for the camp on Sunday, August 10, and arrived the next day. After we got there we checked in, got our cabin located, unpacked and was ready for the next two weeks of wonderful experiences at the camp.



A day's activities consisted of arising at the ringing of the bell at 6:30 a.m. to go to flag raising and then the cool dip in Lake Michigan. We then returned to the cabin to get dressed and clean the cabin. At 7:15 a fifteen minute quiet-period began, where each boy went off by himself and gave this time to think for himself and of God. After this breakfast was served. After breakfast classes began which consisted of fourfold development, life and teachings of Jesus, assembly, life itself, and public speaking. The afternoon activities consisted of one class followed by tribal games, a swim in Lake Michigan, then supper.

After supper vespers service was held usually on Vesper Drive overlooking Lake Michigan. After vespers a different activity each night was held. These consisted of grand council, low council, rodeo, barn dance, and other meetings. This ended the day's activities and bedtime was at 9:30 p.m.

The camp is based on four principles - physical, mental, social and religious development.

It is really a thrilling experience to stay at this camp for two weeks. You meet a lot of boys from other parts of the country and learn a lot too.

I think Richard and Mr. Shoaf will agree with me when I say, "that it is well worth the time spent at the camp."

Larry Justice, Shawnee-Mission Chapter
State Treasurer

FFA INFORMATION CONTEST - 1958

Officers will want to review the following publications in preparation for the District FFA Leadership Schools:

1. The Kansas Future Farmer - 6 issues, beginning November 1, 1957 and including this issue.
2. The Fifteen and Twenty-five Year Histories of the Kansas Association.
3. The Official FFA Manual.

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

1958 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

LAWRENCE: October 6, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Berryton, Blue Mound, Bonner Springs, Garnett, Highland Park, LaCygne, Lawrence, Louisburg, Ottawa, Paola, Parker, Rossville, Seaman, Shawnee-Mission, Silver Lake, Tonganoxie, Washburn, Wellsville, Williamsburg.

BELOIT: October 7, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Concordia, Courtland, Delphos, Downs, Glasco, Jewell, Lebanon, Mankato, Minneapolis, Osborne, Scandia, Simpson, Smith Center.

BUHLER: October 6, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Buhler, Claflin, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Florence, Geneseo, Goessel, Great Bend, Haven, Hillsboro, Inman, Lindsborg, McPherson, Moundridge, Newton, Partridge, Peabody, Salina, Stafford.

EMPORIA: October 6, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Alma, Alta Vista, Burlingame, Burlington, Burns, Cottonwood Falls, Council Grove, Emporia, Eskridge, Harveyville, Herington, Kincaid, Lebo, Lyndon, Marion, Osage City.

PALCO: October 6, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Alton, Dorrance, Ellis, Hays, Hill City, Hoisington, LaCrosse, Morland, Natoma, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Stockton, Wakeeney, Wilson.

HARPER: October 7, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Arkansas City, Attica, Cheney, Clearwater, Harper, Kingman, Kiowa, Medicine Lodge, Mulvane, Oxford, Pratt, Preston, Pretty Prairie, Udall, Winfield.

CLAY CENTER: October 6, Monday, 3:30 p. m.

Abilene, Barnes, Chapman, Clay Center, Clifton, Greenleaf, Haddam, Hanover, Hope, Linn, Longford, Manhattan, Marysville, Miltonvale, Morrowville, Randolph, Riley, Solomon, Wakefield, Washington, Waterville.

OBERLIN: October 7, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Almena, Atwood, Bird City, Brewster, Colby, Edson, Goodland, Hoxie, Jennings, Long Island, McDonald, Norcatur, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Quinter, St. Francis.

DODGE CITY: October 8, Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.

Bazine, Dodge City, Ensign, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Holcomb, Hugoton, Jetmore, Johnson, Kinsley, Kismet, Lakin, Leoti, Liberal, Meade, Mullinville, Ness City, Plains, Spearville, Syracuse, Tribune.

THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

1958 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

HOLTON: October 7, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Centralia, Effingham, Fairview, Frankfort, Hiawatha, Highland, Holton, Hoyt, Meriden, Onaga, Powhattan, Sabetha, Troy, Valley Falls, Wamego, Westmoreland, Wetmore.

CHANUTE: October 7, Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.

Altamont, Altoona, Caney, Cedar Vale, Chanute, Cherryvale, Chetopa, Coffeyville, Columbus, Elk City, Erie, Eureka, Fort Scott, Fredonia, Girard, Howard, Humboldt, Independence, Iola, McCune, Neodesha, Piedmont, Riverton, St. Paul, Sedan, Severy, Uniontown, Yates Center.

- - - FFA - - -

ITEMS FROM THE JULY, 1958 MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND THE NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Plans are being developed to check identification cards at one of the night sessions of the National Convention this fall.
2. The operation of the Old Mill in Virginia is to be discontinued if its operation does not show a profit within one year.
3. A new plan has been developed for preparing materials for use during National FFA Week. A booklet is to be prepared which would include such things as a list of suggested FFA Week activities, sample news stories, radio and TV scripts and spot announcements, aids for planning FFA Week ads, and other items of that nature. The booklet also would illustrate FFA Week materials that would be offered for sale to local chapters on, as nearly as possible, a cost basis. Included in these items would be: (1) Posters, (2) Seals, (3) Editorial Cartoon Mats, (4) Advertising Illustration Mats, (5) Mats of Illustrated FFA Stories of General Interest, and (6) Photos for TV Spot Announcements and Station Breaks. Sale of the above materials is being planned by the FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE.
4. Total sales of the Supply Service for the year ending June 30, 1958 was \$1,068,807 with a net income of \$66,382. The boards voted to place \$40,000. of this amount into the FFA Building Fund.
5. Mr. Hawkins, manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, reported the volume of sales by states. Members of the Texas Association bought \$73,903. worth of supplies from the Service. Texas was followed by Ohio with \$67,191. in purchases. Kansas members purchased \$24,620. worth of materials from our national supply house.

6. The Supply Service is planning to stock a blue, washable shop apron. Do not order this apron until an announcement has been received that they are available.
7. Mr. Carnes, Editor of The National Future Farmer Magazine, reported that the magazine has now reached a point where it is self-supporting. His report showed that as of June 30, 1958, Kansas members were subscribing 66.08 per cent.
8. Mr. Lafley, Managing Editor of the Magazine reported that the states this past year had received \$16,692. in total commissions as a result of the sales of the Official FFA Calendar. He was very optimistic regarding the outlook for the Calendar for this coming year.

- - - FFA - - -

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION

Submitted by the Virginia Association:

Amend Section A of Article II "Organization" by changing the last sentence in that paragraph to read as follows:

"It shall consist of chartered State associations which, in turn, are composed of not less than four local chapters chartered by a State association and having a total active membership of not less than 125."

Submitted by the Connecticut Association:

Amend Section A of Article VI "Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree" to read as follows:

"A State association may submit, annually, the applications of two candidates for the American Farmer Degree for the first 1,000 active members in the association or major fraction thereof, and the application of one candidate for each additional 1,000 active members or major fraction thereof, computed on the basis of national dues received in the office of the National Treasurer by midnight of June 15, or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National Treasurer on or before June 1. Each State association in good standing shall be entitled to submit the applications of at least two candidates for the American Farmer Degree each year."

Submitted by the West Virginia Association:

Amend paragraph 2, Section D "State Farmer Degree" of Article V "Active Membership Degrees and Privileges" to read as follows:

"Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture

class, or have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all of the vocational agriculture offered at the school last attended; and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming. "

Submitted by the Texas Association:

1. Amend paragraph 9, Section D, "State Farmer Degree" of Article V "Active Membership Degrees and Privileges" to read as follows:

"Each State association shall be entitled to elect at least ten qualified individuals annually; where State membership exceeds 500, a number in excess of ten, but not more than 3% of the total State membership, may be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number). Written records of achievement verified by the local advisor shall be submitted to the State advisor by the local chapter's governing body at least one month prior to the State convention. The State advisor will then review the records, prepare briefs, and submit his recommendations to the governing body of the State association. This body will nominate at the regular State convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Briefs of the records shall be made available to the delegates when the candidates are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect to the State Farmer Degree the candidates found most worthy. "

2. Amend Section A of Article VI "Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree" to read as follows:

"A State association may submit, annually, the application of one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for each 500 active members in the association or major fraction thereof, computed on the basis of national dues received in the office of the National Treasurer by midnight of June 15, or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National Treasurer on or before June 1. Each State association in good standing shall be entitled to submit the application of at least one candidate for the American Farmer Degree each year. "

Submitted by the Oregon Association:

Amend Article III "Procedure for Determining Standing of State Associations, Chapters and Members" by adding an Item 4 under Section C, as follows:

4. "He is currently enrolled in a high school class of vocational agriculture or has completed all vocational agriculture taught in the school last attended. "

This proposed amendment should be discussed with your Official Delegates so that they will be prepared to act in accordance with the wishes of your State Association at the time of the National Convention.

KANSAS ENTRIES FOR NATIONAL EMBLEM AWARDS

The Lawrence and the Effingham chapters are representing Kansas in the National Emblem Awards program this year.

CORRECTIONS FOR 1958-59 KANSAS FFA CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

1. Change the district farm mechanics school at Ellinwood from March 21, to March 7.
2. Change the district livestock school at Haven from April 13 to April 10.
3. Enter SE dairy cattle judging school at Elk City under date of April 20.

FILMS FOR LOAN AT THE STATE FFA OFFICE

The State FFA Office in Topeka has the following 16mm. sound, colored films available for loan to FFA chapters:

1. Silver Anniversary of the FFA - 5 copies
2. That Inspiring Task - 2 copies
3. Farmer of Tomorrow - 1 copy
4. How to Raise a Boy - 1 copy (black and white)

Also available at this office are the following sound films which can only be used with a sound projector that is equipped with magnetic sound mechanism:

1. Highlights of the 1957 National FFA Convention
2. Highlights of the 1958 Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA and the State Judging Contests.
3. The Little River Safety Program; which won first in the National FFA Foundation safety program in 1957.

When returning films to this office, send them by parcel post, film rate, and insured. Total cost will be approximately 30 cents. Mail them back to the State Office the day after showing.

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING FFA FILM

"Here and There with FFA" is a color, 16mm sound film which shows outstanding accomplishments of FFA boys and chapters in many states. This film is free except for return postage. Order from the Venard Organization, Peoria, Illinois.

ONE NEW CHAPTER 1957-58

The Courtland Chapter was chartered by the Kansas Association of FFA on December 17, 1957. This was the only new chapter to receive a charter in the school year of 1957-58. Courtland was the 263rd FFA chapter to be chartered in Kansas.

CASH TO KANSAS AMERICAN FARMERS

Each successful American Farmer candidate from Kansas is to receive \$75. cash at the National Convention in Kansas City, provided he is in attendance.

CHAPTER NEWS

MULVANE: We held our election of officers last spring. Our officers met September 9, 1958, to plan our meetings for the coming year. . . . Our chapter project for this year is a hog ring and nine acres of wheat. We have approximately 52 members in our FFA chapter this year.

Bill Lewallen, Reporter

KINGMAN: Late last spring our chapter presented a TV program over KARD-TV, Channel 3, Wichita, on "Safety in the School and Farm Shop." At our parent-son meeting last spring we awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to our high school principal, to the president of the Board of Education, and to our local editor. . . . Our annual open-house was held on May 13 and 14. Each member exhibited one major item constructed in the shop during the year. On July 19 a group including FFA members attended the Hereford field day on the Crook Hereford Ranch near Sylvia. The Kingman county group placed first in the contest. On July 24 our advisor and three members attended the Cudahy junior meats judging and grading school in Wichita. . . . On August 12 the combined group of old and new officers met at Mr. Lake's home to make plans for attending and exhibiting at the fairs. We had a farm mechanics exhibit at both the Kingman and Sedgwick County Fairs and plan to go to the State Fair.

Ben Voran, Reporter

BUHLER: Two of our members were victims of accidents this summer. Larry Marrs was in too much of a hurry to add water to a hot tractor radiator. He was fortunate that he received no deep burns. Just before school started John Willison was accidentally shot in the hip. He and some friends were hunting doves when the accident happened. He was in serious condition for several days, however he is out of danger. The Kansas State Fair has the attention of our members now as we are getting ready for our 22nd "Collective Exhibit." Five members are busy getting shop projects ready to exhibit in the FFA Farm Mechanics Exhibit. The following projects will be exhibited: A reconditioned mower including a power-take-off attachment, a whirl cut-type pasture mower, a 150 bushel calf creep feeder, a bale elevator and a loading chute. We have 56 enrolled in vocational agriculture this year.

A. Miller, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: Our FFA chapter had a get acquainted party and watermelon feed for the freshmen enrolling in vocational agriculture. We plan to have a booth in the local fair, featuring a phase of soil conservation. Main shop projects include: Two-wheeled trailers, a forge, and livestock feeding equipment. . . . We plowed the seven acres of the school farm. It is going to be planted to wheat. We will run tests by putting three members in charge of different amounts of fertilizer on the field. The sophomore and junior classes decide on the management practices to be used on our farm. Ten Green Hands will be promoted to the Chapter Farmer Degree.

Jim Kent, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Two regular meetings were held during the summer - one on June 9 and the other August 9.... Five members and the advisor spent five days, August 13-17, on a mountain camping trip in Colorado. Our judging team placed first in the Goodland Fair judging contest. Our chapter built a float for the annual Cheyenne County Fair parade on Friday, August 29. The local Massey-Ferguson Agency cooperated by furnishing equipment for our float.

Bob Northrup, Reporter

WASHBURN: We held our annual parent-son banquet last spring. FFA Foundation awards were presented. Our advisor Mr. Renken showed slides of each FFA boy's farming program. The FFA Creed was recited and illustrated with slides. A flannel board demonstration on rat control was presented. Dr. A. W. Tenney was the guest speaker at our banquet. New officers were installed..... In July the officers met to plan our budget for the coming year.... We had a watermelon feed and saw a movie at our August 22 meeting..... We are now planning our farm mechanics projects for this year. Several trailers and wagon boxes, two squeeze chutes, several tractor and motor overhauls, and other miscellaneous livestock equipment are included in our plans. We entered a mechanics display at the Kansas Free Fair..... Our annual FFA-FHA all-school carnival is scheduled for October 14 this year.

Bill Arndt, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: September 27 is the Harveyville Grange Fair. Our FFA chapter is planning a money making booth, an exhibit booth and a float for the parade. Many members are planning to take livestock and crop exhibits.... A new gas forge has been installed in the shop this year.... We held a watermelon feed for the freshmen September 8. Some of the shop projects being planned are: a fifth-wheel wagon, two-wheel trailer, creep feeder, hog feeder, and the repair of a four-wheel wagon. Our chapter attended the Topeka Free Fair Saturday, September 6.

Ralph Bullock, Reporter

SHAWNEE-MISSION: A busload of FFA members from Nelson, Nebraska spent one night in our chapter house last spring. They were on a three-day trip through Kansas and Oklahoma. A swim in Mike Parks' pool was welcomed by our visitors. Our chapter is raising a 15 acre field corn project. The field is located near a creek which overflowed during the summer; however, the corn was high enough to miss being destroyed and we expect a good crop. We used our chapter owned tractor to cultivate the corn..... Larry Justice attended a two weeks' leadership camp sponsored by the American Youth Foundation. The camp is on the east shore of Lake Michigan..... Dick Duer represented Kansas in the North Central Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest held in St. Paul. He did not place in the top four rankings. The rest of the placings were not announced. He was accompanied by his mother and our advisor, H. D. Garver. The Minnesota State Fair was visited after the speech contest. Dick made a fine presentation of his speech and in answering the questions that followed..... Dan Peters placed in the state Angus show held near Stanley. He missed first-place by just one point. Larry Justice placed sixth and John Cunningham was eleventh.

Carl Orser, Reporter

MORLAND: We held our summer watermelon feed August 26. The members and guests present enjoyed the games before the meeting. We are now in our new vocational agriculture and high school buildings. Steve Waggoner, along with our instructor Mr. LaMunyon, will represent the Morland chapter at the National Safety Congress at Chicago in October. New equipment added to our shop, consists of 2 electric welders and an air compressor with a spray gun attachment. We have also added to our laboratory a soil testing kit, and a seed germinator.

Kenneth Bell, Reporter

JETMORE: We are planning a trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri to see a fellow member receive the American Farmer Degree. We are offering senior vocational agriculture this year. The total enrollment for this year is 30 FFA members. The freshmen enrollment is large this year with 12 enrolled.

Larry Berger, Reporter

WATERVILLE: To climax the 1957-58 school term, the chapter presented an achievement parent-son banquet. State Farmer, Arnold Lindquist's farming program was featured at the meeting. During the summer we have had meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month. At our August meeting we had a watermelon feed for the freshmen. To make money for the chapter, we have kept the popstand open during baseball games and are taking orders for football program advertisements this fall. We will have a chapter gilt ring again this year. Eight gilts will be available. R. J. Edwards will represent the Waterville Chapter in the National FFA Band in Kansas City this fall. We will have 48 members in FFA this year.

Eldon Sedlacek, Reporter

ALTON: There are 18 boys enrolled in agriculture this year which is an increase of three over last year. On August 26, we held our summer meeting in which we invited our dads as guests. On August 25 several of our members went on the beef tour at Shield's Ranch and Gilbert Simpson's Angus farm.

Carney Williams, Reporter

MANKATO: The Mankato FFA chapter had a summer get acquainted watermelon feed on August 18. All prospective FFA members were invited as guests. The 35 members of the Mankato chapter are planning a trash pick-up campaign as a fund raising project; they will also conduct a concession stand at the fall football games to swell their chapter funds. New farming program plans for the 58-59 year include two deferred-feeding systems with 5 steers each, increased hog production and increased crop production. Major shop projects include: 6 A-type hog sheds, 4 cattle feeders, 5 four-wheel trailers, and 6 hog feeders. . . . The Mankato FFA chapter is looking forward to a busy and successful year.

Richard Colson, Reporter

SOLOMON: We held our annual election of chapter officers at our regular meeting, May 20. Our annual FFA chicken barbecue was held on May 15. Approximately 400 attended. We made \$186.56.....On June 4, we held our annual spring party. It was a steak fry for the members and their dates. The regular meeting and watermelon feed for the freshmen was held on August 13. There are 33 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture, 14 of these are freshmen. The boys that caught calves at last year's calf scramble showed their calves at the Lions Club Festival, September 6.....Mr. T. T. Riordan, local banker, donated to our chapter 10 acres of land for crops. At the present there are 4 acres of Plainsman milo planted. The milo seed was donated by the Farmers Union Co-op. The other 6 acres will be planted to barley.

Larry Einhaus, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: Our chapter held its parent-son banquet last spring. Three of our former officers are attending Kansas State College this year. We have 22 members enrolled in vocational agriculture this year.....Our chapter held a hayrack ride at the close of the last school term and elected our officers for the coming year. We attended the Topeka Fair and plan to attend the Hutchinson Fair.

Lonnie Steere, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: The chapter has a foodstand at the Finney county fairgrounds that we open each year to earn money for the chapter. This year we netted \$700.Darrel Goss, a member of the Garden City chapter, will receive the American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention. The chapter is planning to go to the Convention to see Darrel receive his award....Our chapter won the District Safety Contest. Prizes included \$25., a plaque, and an all-expense paid trip to the National Safety Congress in Chicago for one chapter member. We plan to hold a safety meeting September 15 for the public..... We held our annual watermelon feed and summer meeting July 28. Forty-three members were present.We had an educational booth at the Finney County Fair on safety. The theme was, "A Death Trap."

Harry Lightner, Reporter

MARION: Our annual swimming party and watermelon feed was held on August 25. There were approximately 40 boys present....Our chapter's farm mechanics exhibit at the Marion County Fair at Hillsboro included: Silage wagon, stockrack, implement carrier, dump trailer, and a posthole auger. The chapter received \$25. in awards on the farm mechanics projects.

Garry Vogel, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: We held our annual summer meeting on July 21. A project tour was planned and pigs from the gilt ring were given to two selected members. After the project tour, the members enjoyed a swim and watermelon feed..... On July 31, two of our members attended the Angus field day at Stilwell, Kansas.Several members attended the Topeka Free Fair on FFA Day.... Two members have DeKalb sorghum display plots.....Fourteen of our 23 members in our chapter are participating in Pfister's corn growing contest.

LOUISBURG: We had a meeting and watermelon feed for all FFA members and their fathers August 28 in the vocational agriculture shop. The officers gave the opening and closing ceremony. Our principal, Mr. Larson, gave some good comments on why a boy should take vocational agriculture. A sophomore gave a talk on how to improve farming programs and how he plans to earn the State Farmer Degree. The gilt ring committee chairman gave a summary of the gilt ring activities. The watermelon feed was furnished by the chapter's seven Honorary Chapter Farmers.....The Green Hand degrees will be awarded to 10 members on October 15.....We had 10 registered Hampshire gilts in our gilt ring this last year and this year we will have 14. Chapter members showed 10 head of Hampshires and one Landrace at the Miami County Fair and won 4 grand champion, 3 reserve grand champion, and 17 blue ribbons. The chapter took in \$33. from the fair premiums.....This year our FFA chapter built a float for the Labor Day parade in Louisburg. The float was made up to represent a meat-type Hampshire hog. The hog was built to the scale of an actual hog and was 5 1/2' high and 10' long. The chapter placed first with its float and won \$25. We were also invited to take the float to the American Royal Parade, October 18.....We have 2 new gas overhead heaters in our shop, a new Johnson gas forge and a bench grinder. A new floor was put in our classroom.

John Meyer, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Last year we bought 10 pigs in November for \$160., selling shares at \$10. each. We sold them in February and made \$9.50 profit per share. We plan to have a larger project this year.....We have had, and are planning to have again this year, a Harvest Festival Ball in place of a hayrack ride because it is safer. A square dance club will help us by demonstrating how to perform and then help us with the dances. A watermelon feed was given in honor of the freshmen one-week before school started.

Dennis Monnering, Reporter

NORTON: Our chapter has an increase in membership this year. The freshmen ag class consists of 19 members and there are a total of 31 members in the upper three classes....We held three summer meetings. The last was a picnic in the city park....Our members again exhibited farm mechanics projects, livestock and crops at the county fair. Among the farm mechanics projects exhibited were a sheep dipping vat, a shop table, tool boxes, picnic table, and a two-wheel trailer. The Norton chapter and the Almena chapter cooperated in the farm mechanics display and in putting up an exhibition booth in the new fair building.. The chapter livestock that was shown at the fair this year was well fitted and properly shown, perhaps as a result of the annual fitting and showing demonstration held each summer in the vocational agriculture shop for all FFA and 4-H members in the county....One of the chapter gilts farrowed 10 pigs and they are now eight weeks old. Another gilt is due to farrow soon and it is hoped that this litter will be large enough to check for production registry....Twelve members of the sophomore and junior class will attend the State Fair at Hutchinson and will stay overnight Sunday and Monday nights in Tent City.....Money making activities this summer included a junk auction and the refreshment concession stand

at the county fair. We also threw bales for a part of one day to earn funds for the chapter.....Future plans call for joint meetings with the Long Island, Almena, and Oberlin chapters for the purpose of installing Green Hands and raising other members to the Chapter Farmer Degree.

Richard Hahn, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: This past summer the Phillipsburg chapter had two summer meetings, sponsored a trip to Yellowstone Park, took part in the 4-H and FFA Fair, and participated in a judging contest held in Stockton.....Thirteen members and two sponsors, Mr. Freeman our advisor, and Mr. Salmon our high school principal, started on a trip to Yellowstone at 6:00 a.m., Sunday, August 3. The members enjoyed one fine day of fishing on Yellowstone Lake. They caught 42 fish that day. Another day was spent over at Old Faithful and another day was spent visiting and seeing the sights at the Yellowstone Falls. The boys were all surprised when they found frost on the cars each morning in Yellowstone. This was a camping trip in which the boys all participated in preparing the meals. The cost of the trip to each boy was \$18.40.....Approximately two-thirds of the chapter members received quail and pheasants from the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission to release on their farms this summer.....The chapter received a blue ribbon on the booth which they prepared for the fair. The booth was about quality wheat varieties. Four members showed fat steers at the fair.

Maurice Pomeroy, Reporter

FREDONIA: We had a farm mechanics display at the Wilson County Fair. The chapter is fertilizing and taking care of the football field and practice field. Early in the summer we constructed a barn for washing cattle at the Wilson County Fair. At the present time we are cleaning and conditioning the machinery and tools in the shop. Some of the projects that are being planned for this year are: A squeeze chute, a pickup overhaul, haybarn poles, reconditioning a manure spreader, a pump jack, stockrack, a creep feeder, and four welders. This year two boys from Fredonia will represent the chapter at the National FFA Convention. Ronnie Carver will play in the FFA band and Ron Schmidt will sing in the National Chorus. The officers and some of the members are planning to attend the Convention.

Ron Schmidt, Reporter

HOYT: Our FFA chapter went on a fishing trip July 25. We have three pigs in our FFA gilt ring. We are planning two major educational trips - one is to the Kansas Free Fair and the other to the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City.

Jerry Grant, Reporter

ELLIS: The Ellis chapter of FFA began another school year with a swimming party and watermelon feed to welcome the incoming freshmen and to inform them of the standards of the FFA. . . . Several members participated in the annual fall field day at Fort Hays State Experiment Station in Hays. . . . As a money making activity, we plan to sell FFA calendars sponsored by town merchants. Our chapter is planning a parent-son meeting to inform parents of new members, the purpose of vocational agriculture and FFA.

Orval Weigel, Reporter

COURTLAND: Our chapter held an overnight fishing party on June 15. . . . An officers' meeting was held on August 25 to make plans for the coming year. . . . Twenty-nine boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture this year; this is four more than last year. . . . The boys who are irrigating for the first time this year are well pleased with irrigation. Prospects look good for corn and milo. These boys are in the Bostwick Irrigation District.

Larry Brown, Reporter

Rural Free Delivery

A Kansas farmer stopped at a bank to see if he could get a loan on his farm. "It might be arranged," said the banker. "I'll drive out with you and appraise it."

"You don't need to bother," said the farmer, noticing a huge cloud of dust rolling up the road. "Here it comes now."

FARMING PROGRAM STORIES

COLUMBUS: Bob Darnell lives with his parents on a one-fourth acre tract eight miles east of Columbus. In September, 1956, Bob enrolled in vocational agriculture and became a member of the Columbus FFA chapter. At that time he had nine feeder shoats, and announced that he wanted to be a farmer. His net worth was approximately fifty dollars. . . . In December, Bob bought a 1940 Ford tractor, a 2-12" plow, a disk, and a harrow for \$390. He then bought a used cultivator for \$75. . . . The next spring Bob rented ten acres in little patches which he planted to soybeans. This was his first crop. He plowed gardens and did other odd jobs to pay for his tractor and other pieces of machinery. That year was dry and his beans were hardly worth harvesting. . . . During the summer Bob rented an eighty and sowed fifteen acres to wheat. In October, 1957, his old tractor gave out, so he traded for a 1950 model Ford tractor and a 2-14" plow. . . . Last spring Bob rented an additional thirty acres of crop land. This makes about ninety acres in cultivation for next year. He has twenty acres of hay meadow. This summer Bob bought a used car. . . . In the spring of 1957, Bob bought a Hampshire gilt at weaning age. The first litter consisted of ten pigs all of which were raised to weaning age. These pigs brought \$13. each at two weeks of age. At the present time Bob has the Hampshire sow, 4 acres of corn, 40 acres of soybeans and a hay crop, along with his equipment.

Bob has had his soil tested and is preparing to use lime and the recommended fertilizer combinations on 30 acres of wheat this fall. He will sow either sweet clover or lespedeza in the wheat next spring. He plans to plant 40 acres of soybeans again next spring and 10 acres of corn. . . . As of September 1, 1958, Bob's net worth was \$1,650.

David Spriggs, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: One member of the Wakefield chapter, a sophomore, Keith Dittman is well on his way to becoming established in farming. Keith, a town boy, started his career in vocational agriculture with rabbits as a farming program. The only area he had available for a program was an area behind his father's garage. This year Keith has enlarged his program by making an agreement with his grandfather who is a retiring farmer. Keith, who worked with his grandfather this summer on a labor-share basis on certain crops, is ready to begin this school year with over 3 tons of feed. His livestock program has a value over one hundred times of last year. His livestock inventory shows 2 breeding heifers, one bred gilt, and 3 fattening hogs. Keith is trying to get established in farming and he is making good progress toward that goal.

Jim Kent, Reporter

BUHLER: Alan Miller started in vocational agriculture with two fattening calves. He showed them at the State Fair and at the Wichita Fat Stock Show. His second year he continued his fat steer program with 2 Hereford steers and added a registered Hereford heifer. His junior year program included a Hereford heifer and heifer calf, 2 blue ribbon Hereford steers (sold at \$36. cwt.), 1/4 interest in the milo crop or 40 acres for his share, and 4 deferred steers (they are in the third phase now, being on full feed). His senior year 1958-59, he is adding more deferred steers and keeping his registered heifer. He plans to buy another registered cow, increase his crop acreage, continue his fat steer program, and buy his sister's registered Berkshire hog business.

A. Miller, Reporter