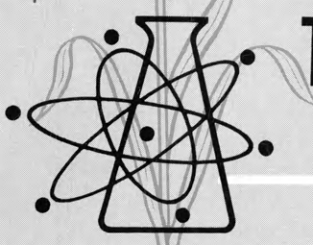


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## COVER

### Worcester Is Regional Star Farmer

Star Farmer of America has been a goal of Dan Worcester from the Hill City chapter for many years, and now he is just a step away from the coveted award. Dan was named Star Farmer for the Central Region and will compete for the Star Farmer of America title at the 48th National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November.

"I feel the Future Farmers of America has developed my leadership and citizenship greatly. I can go into the community and be a leader in the city as well as on the farm," said Dan recently.

Dan's farming program includes 1,120 acres of owned and rented ground, plus an expanding beef herd of 120 head of cattle. He is operating four irrigation circles and has under cultivation 260 acres of corn, 260 acres of milo, and 200 acres of wheat. Dan started in the beef business in 1969 with ten cows and has expanded the operation into 70 brood cows.

During the four years Dan was in Vocational Agriculture, he served as President of the Junior Chapter and Vice President and Reporter of the Senior Chapter. He was State Parliamentarian and placed first and second in two years of competition at the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Dan also won State Proficiency awards in both Crops and Livestock Production.

Dan and the other three Regional Star Farmers were selected from among 692 members who had been recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree for 1975. The Star Farmer of America Ceremony will be at the Thursday evening session, November 13, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

# Call to National FFA Convention

## FELLOW FFA MEMBERS:

By the power vested in me as President of the Future Farmers of America, I am pleased to issue the call for all chapters in good standing to send representatives to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 11-14, at the Municipal Auditorium. The 48th Annual Convention will crown a year of accomplishments by our members and will initiate next year's achievements.

This year's convention promises to be the most successful yet. As the largest youth convention, we will be attracting national leaders to our stage along with award winners, degree recipients, Foundation sponsors and other VIP's.

It is a time of special pagentry with the "Stars Over America" and an Auditorium filled with music provided by the National FFA Chorus and the National FFA Band, as over 16,000 members and friends look on.

The convention has again moved forward on day to schedule an official business session on Tuesday afternoon, November 11, to give greater flexibility to the program and shorten the convention sessions. The national officers will conduct a Vespers Program on Tuesday evening, before officially opening the convention on Wednesday morning. Each session will be filled with the sharing of thoughts, official FFA business, ceremonies, recognition of achievements, and showing of sincere appreciation to those who support Agricultural Education/FFA.

I encourage members from each chapter to participate in all sessions, visit the Agricultural Career Show and the FFA Day at the American Royal. In addition to the chapter representatives, each State Association is also entitled to have its official delegates, as stated in the National FFA Constitution.

The fine image of our organization has been portrayed in the past at every convention. I have faith that if the rules of proper dress and Code of Ethics are observed by all members while in Kansas City, our image shall continue in its



During the State President's Conference, Phil and Jay had breakfast with Congressman Garner Shriver, Fourth District from Kansas.

## Mayfield and Fishburn Attend Washington Conference

Jay Mayfield, State FFA President, and Phillip Fishburn, State FFA President were two of 78 State FFA Officers who attended the State President's Conference at the National FFA Center. Mayfield spoke with Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz and Thomas A. Murphy, Chairman of General Motors during his stay. The week-long conference, sponsored by General Motors through the National FFA Foundation, involved State FFA Officers in leadership development programs and activities to increase their knowledge of the FFA and the nation.



Jay Mayfield, State FFA President, greets Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz (center) and Thomas A. Murphy, Chairman of General Motors.

finest tradition.

Help make the 48th National FFA Convention the most educational, inspirational, and successful yet. I'll see you in November.

Sincerely,

Alpha Trivette  
National FFA President

## Wirtz Wins Hesston Scholarship

Jerry Wirtz from the Ellinwood FFA Chapter won the \$500 Hesston Scholarship. Jerry won the scholarship by having the top construction project in the FFA Agricultural Mechanics exhibits at the 1975 Kansas State Fair. Jerry's project was a hydraulic press.

## Stroup Regional Proficiency Winner

Jeff Stroup, from the Prairie View chapter and State Livestock Proficiency winner, was named Central Region Winner in Livestock Production. Jeff was also Star Farmer of Kansas in 1975.

Beef cattle and swine are Jeff's livestock, along with his cropping program of milo and brome. He is involved with his father and brother in an intensive artificial breeding program to improve their herd of beef animals. Registered Durocs and cross-bred market hogs make up Jeff's swine program.

Jeff is very active in livestock showing, as he had Grand Champion barrow in Wichita in the Fall of 1974, and numerous other champions on county and state levels.

The regional winners will be judged during the National FFA Convention, with awards announced at the Thursday morning session, November 13. Jeff will receive \$200.00 and a plaque, from the FFA Foundation for his Regional award.



Phil Kingston, Advisor at Jewell, Scott Lienberger and Brian Robinett, Jewell, visit with Alpha Trivette, National FFA President.

## FFA Members Attend National Conference

Five Kansas FFA members attended the National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., in July. The FFA Conference program was designed to improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of the national heritage, and prepare FFA members for more effective leadership roles in their chapter and community. The Conference is also a forum for the exchange of FFA Chapter activity ideas among members from across the nation.

Besides the training sessions, the week's activities include visits to Mount Vernon Plantation, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, and several other historic monuments and memorials in and around the Capitol.

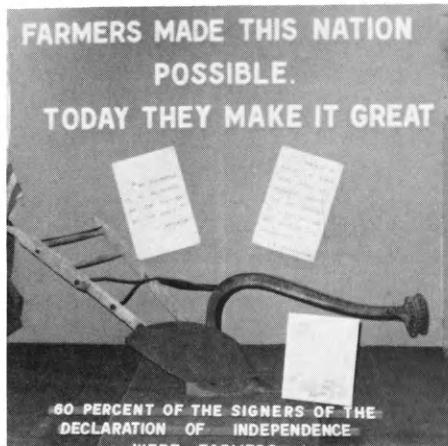


Tom Marr, left, from Mankato, is greeted by Alpha Trivette, National FFA President.



Eric Morrison and Vicki Moody, from the Manhattan chapter visit with Alpha Trivette, National FFA President.

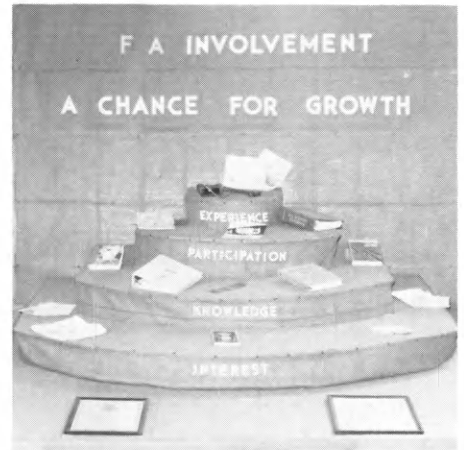
# Mid-America FFA Booths



Mission Valley's Mid-America Fair FFA booth.

The Manhattan FFA chapter repeated last year's performance and placed first in the FFA booths at the 1975 Mid-America Fair. All fifteen chapters who displayed booths did an excellent job in telling the story of Vocational Agriculture and the FFA through their booths.

Mission Valley won second, with third going to Powhattan; fourth, Osage City; fifth, Riley County; sixth, Seaman; seventh, Lawrence; eighth, Sabetha; ninth, Clay Center; and tenth, Atchison County. Other chapters displaying booths were: Burlingame, Highland, Royal Valley, Silver Lake, and Troy.



Manhattan's first place booth at the Mid-America Fair.

## Ag Mechanics at Mid-America

The quality of workmanship was excellent at the Mid-America Fair Agricultural Mechanics exhibits. Paola took top honors, with Prairie View capturing second, Clay Center, third; Goessel, fourth; and Westmoreland placing fifth.

Individual construction project rankings were: First—Jim Kettler, Paola; Second—Max Kice, Paola; Third—Russell Barnett; Paola; Fourth—Paul Morano, Prairie View; Fifth—Kevin Debrick, Paola; Sixth—Eric Carlson, Clay Center; Seventh—Bob Burns, Prairie View; Eighth—John Stainbrook, Prairie View; Ninth—Lloyd Harold, Prairie View, and Tenth—Leon LaGalle, Paola.

Kyle Bauer, Clay Center, won first place honors in the individual repair projects, with Doug Ebert, Westmoreland, receiving second; Leon LaGalle, Paola, third; and fourth went to Dusty Hammond, from Clay Center.



Jim Kettler's individual construction grand champion project at the Mid-America Fair.



The Reserve Champion project at Mid-America Fair, exhibited by Max Kice.



First place repairs project at Mid-America Fair, exhibited by Kyle Bauer.



President Mayfield displays a big smile while being surrounded by the District FFA Sweethearts. Pictured, back row, left to right: Jane Turpin, Troy; Kim Duke, Marion; Loretta Frank, Garnett; Suzie Jones, Riverton; and Sheryl Rader, Mullinville. Seated, left to right: Tammy Allen, North Central; Mayfield; and Luann Bell, Smith Center.



The Paola chapter won the State FFA Judging Contest and the right to represent Kansas at Denver in the National Western Livestock Show. Pictured left to right: Lana Fagg, Dave Butel, Charles Kerr (Advisor), and Kris Kettler. Labette County was 2nd; Smith Center, 3rd; Garnett, 4th; and Medicine Lodge, 5th. Dave Butel was high individual.

# FFA at Kansas State Fair

## Luann Bell State Sweetheart

Luann Bell, a senior at Smith Center High School and representing the Northwest FFA District, was selected as the 1975-76 Kansas FFA Sweetheart. The competition was held in conjunction with numerous other FFA activities during the Kansas State Fair. Luann was crowned at the evening grandstand show, Saturday, September 13.

Jane Turpin, a senior at Troy High School and representing the Northeast District was named first runner-up.

Awards for Luann included a Bernina Sewing Machine from Midwest Sewing Center in Wichita, a \$100 Savings Bond from Great Bend Manufacturing, a \$100 cash award from Ford Tractor Operations in Kansas City, plus roses and crown from the Kansas Farmer-Stockman Magazine. Jane received a \$25 Savings Bond from Great Bend Manufacturing for her accomplishment.

Kansas Farmer-Stockman Magazine sponsors the State Sweetheart contest and is responsible for the excellent publicity which the contest receives.

The other five contestants were: Kim Duke, Marion; Loretta Frank, Garnett; Susie Jones, Riverton; Tammy Allen, North Central; and Sheryl Rader, Mullinville.



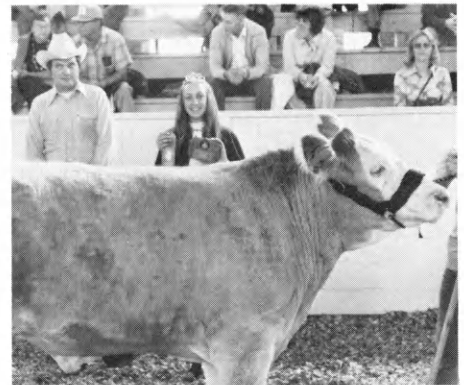
Grand Champion Market Lamb—Jeff Ebert, Westmoreland.



Grand Champion Showman—Susan Gatz, Newton.



Grand Champion Barrow—Ronda Wilson, Arkansas City.



Reserve Grand Champion Steer—Dana McLean, Eureka.



Reserve Grand Champion Showman—Sonya Greene, Arkansas City.



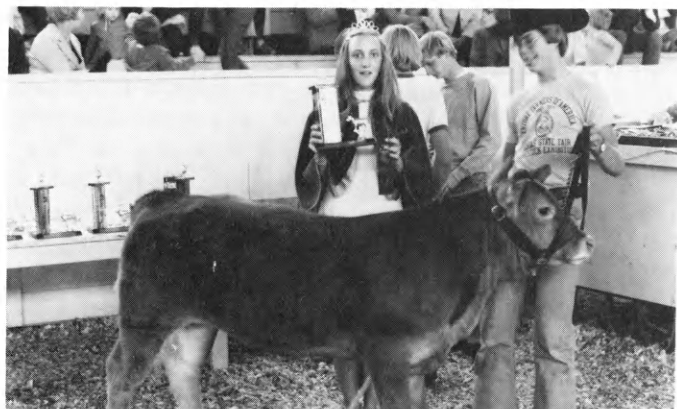
Grand Champion Steer—Lindy Hurley, Newton.



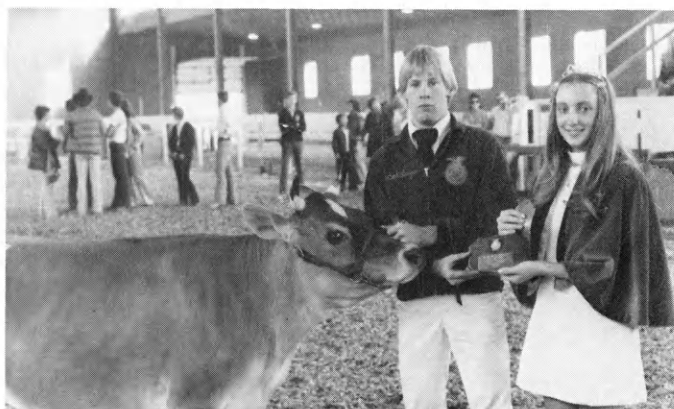
Grand Champion Dairy Female—Eddie Fritz, Washington.



Top chapter in Herdsmanship—Westmoreland, left to right—Luann Bell, State Sweetheart; Gary Ebert, Jeff Ebert, Doug Ebert, and Joni Snapp.



Grand Champion Commercial Heifer—Marvin Diener, Haven.



Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Female—Bob Bayer, Cheney.

## RECORD AG MECHANICS EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

Over seventy agricultural mechanics exhibits from nineteen chapters were displayed at the 1975 Kansas State Fair. For the fourth year in a row, the Ellinwood Chapter captured top honors for the chapter exhibits. Jerry Wirtz, from Ellinwood, had the top construction project, and Aaron Brizer, from Ellinwood, had the top repair project.

Four exhibits were required from a chapter for chapter competitions. The rankings of these chapters were: First—Ellinwood; Second—Moundridge;

Third—Goessel, Fourth—Kingman; Fifth—Mankato; Sixth—Miltonvale; Seventh—Minneapolis; Eighth—Wilson; Ninth—Jetmore; Tenth—WaKeeney; Eleventh—Jewell; Twelfth—Flint Hills; and Thirteenth—Yates Center.

Individual construction project rankings were: First—Jerry Wirtz, Ellinwood; Second—Rollin Flickner, Moundridge; Third—Wayne and John Dewerff, Ellinwood; Fourth—David Govert, Kingman; Fifth—Ron

Schmidt, Moundridge; Charles Schmidt, Goessel; Sixth—Mark Olson, Oberlin; Sixth—William Kocher, Stafford; Ninth—Jerry Wirtz, Ellinwood; and Tenth—Mike Gatton, Ellinwood.

Individual repair project rankings were: First—Aaron Birzer, Ellinwood; Second—Brad Nemick, Ellinwood; Third—Mark Sebesta, Wilson; Fourth—Tom Schwerman and Jim Peters, Jewell; and Fifth—Vo-Ag Class, Mankato.

## Erie Hosts Greenhand Convention

On the evening of September 9 the Erie Chapter acted as host to 170 Greenhands from 16 Chapters for the Southeast District Third Annual Greenhand Conference. First place in the Creed Speakers Contest was J. C. Parsons from the Southeast Chapter. First place in the FFA Spelldown was the Caney team. The members of the Caney team were Mike Cluebline and Joe Potts.

The District Officers were in charge of the Conference. Their names and office as follows: President, Tom Sailors from Erie; Vice-President, Chuck Sievers from Yates Center; Secretary, Susan VanCleave from Cherryvale; Reporter, Mike Bogner from Altamont; Treasurer, Chuck Johnson from Coffeyville.

Special guests were State Officers. Their names and offices as follows: President, Jay Mayfield from Caney; Secretary, Mark Scanlan from Abilene; Sentinel, Ronda Wilson from Arkansas

## Paola Attends Fairs

Members of the Paola Chapter of Future Farmers of America are planning to attend the Mid-America Fair at Topeka and the State Fair at Hutchinson.

Why? To show the progress the chapter has gained in the past year through construction projects and livestock exhibits.

Five members plan to exhibit individual projects and chapter construction projects from September 6-9 at the Mid-America Fair. The construction projects are an implement trailer by Max Kice, one squeeze chute by Jim Kettler, stack racks by Kevin Debrick, a loading chute for swine by Russ Barnett, and a loading chute for beef by Leon LaGalle. For repair projects are

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City.  
Rodney Hughes, Reporter  
Erie FFA Chapter

Leon LaGalle with a repaired sickle bar mower. The projects will be judged on Thursday by two professors. The Chapter placed first with the same exhibits at the Miami County Fair.

At the State Fair will be 13 exhibits of beef shown by Kevin Debrick, Laura LaGalle, Mark Saunders, Ronnie Vohs, Ross Hendrickson, Delbert Walters, John Waln, Chris Kettler, Mike Stiles, Eric Guenther, and Rex Medlin.

Also 10 swine shown by Max Menefee, Lana Fagg, Mark Saunders, and Kevin Williams.

Four sheep plan to be shown by Randy Reese and Chris Kettler.

A livestock judging team will judge in a contest during the fair.

Every FFA Chapter across Kansas is eligible to show.

Ken Nickell, advisor, will accompany the group to Topeka, and Charles Kerr and Gary Thompson will accompany the members to Hutchinson.

Eric Guenther  
Paola FFA  
Chapter Reporter

## FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION



Representatives of the Future Farmers of America and Massey-Ferguson, Inc. review a memorandum of understanding in which their organization agrees to cooperate in sponsorship of the First World Conference in Agricultural Education for Youth and Adult Leaders. Shown are, left to right, seated, Edmund D. Ludlow, Vice President; Massey-Ferguson, Inc.; Donald McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Sponsoring Committee; standing, Eugene P. Barnes, Public Relations, Massey-Ferguson, Inc.; Gerrit DeBruin, National FFA Vice President; Donald Swenson, Vice President Personnel, Massey-Ferguson, Inc.; and Lennie Gamage, International Programs, FFA.

DES MOINES, Iowa—initial planning is underway for the First World Conference in Agricultural Education for Youth and Adult Leaders to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in November, 1976.

Hosted by the Future Farmers of America as a Bicentennial activity, the conference will be conducted in conjunction with the 1976 National FFA Convention. It will feature seminars on agricultural education for teachers, administrators, and youth leaders as well as the first International Agricultural Olympics competition. Nearly 150 educators and students are expected to attend.

The First World Conference in Agricultural Education is being made possible through a financial grant to the National FFA Foundation from Massey-Ferguson Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, a leader manufacturer of farm machinery and the largest company in Massey-Ferguson Limited's worldwide group of companies.

For further information contact: Dan Ruwee, Director of Information, National FFA Center, P. O. Box 15160, Alexandria, Virginia 22309, Phone: 703-360-3600.

## What's FFA Without Competition?

Competition plays a major role in the FFA organization. A great place to have this competition is at the State Fair in Hutchinson in September. The livestock show is what I'm talking about. From personal experience, I can say that you can learn a lot and have a lot of fun by participating in this show. Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Swine are shown. The show starts on Friday, the 19th, with weigh in of the animals. A judging contest is held on Saturday morning with beef, dairy, and sheep judging afterwards. The swine show and champion showmanship judging is held on Sunday. Release of animals is Sunday evening. During this period of three days you meet many different people from all over the State of Kansas.

A short meeting is held on Friday night. This meeting is for picking members for the livestock committee. Games of football and frisbee are available in the show ring whenever you are not busy. During the show, placings are awarded with money and trophies.

One division of this show that brings out the most competition is the herdsman's contest. Each chapter is judged daily on fitting, showing, condition of pens, and chapter display. This contest is also of fun because you try your absolute hardest to out do the chapters around you.

This livestock show has been successful but would be a lot better if everyone would compete in it. I travel from the very northwest corner of the state to compete in this show so I feel like everyone else should be able to compete.

If you are at all interested in FFA then I challenge you to show your interest by coming to the State Fair and showing off your exhibits, because if FFA means anything to you, competition should have something to do with it.

Cindy Curry  
St. Francis Chapter



Morgan Williams, Farmers Home Administration State Director for Kansas, is greeted by Alpha Trivette, National FFA President, at a recent meeting on Building Our American Communities Program held at the National FFA Center.

## KANSAS FmHA OFFICIAL MEETS WITH TOP FFA LEADERS

Top officials of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) recently met with leaders of the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) to stimulate activity and develop new goals for the FFA's Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program.

Morgan Williams, FmHA State Director for Kansas, attended the meeting held at the National FFA Center near Mount Vernon, Virginia. The meeting was hosted by Alpha Trivette, National FFA President, and Frank Elliot, FmHA Administrator.

Williams said the meeting was called to promote understanding of the goals and purposes of BOAC and urge more enthusiastic FmHA and state participation in the program. The BOAC program is supported by FmHA and the Speery-New Holland Corporation.

Discussions were held concerning the methods of conducting the program, and several FmHA State Directors described the use of Rural Rehabilitation Corporation funds to finance community development projects.

State Director Williams said the Farmers Home Administration and FFA in Kansas have cooperated fully on the BOAC program and have a very active program in Kansas.

BOAC is a program that involves American youth in activities to improve conditions in their communities through classroom studies and practical experience in community development projects. BOAC also develops leadership ability of young people by encouraging them to take an active role in their community.

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## State Alumni Meets

The Annual Meeting of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association was held in Hutchinson and chaired by Eleanor Mayfield, State Chairwoman. Robert Broeckelman and Dan Hoffman term as council members had expired and Rich Hull, WIBW, Topeka, was elected to Dan's position and Robert Broeckelman was elected for an additional two year term.

The Alumni set State dues at \$1.00

and discontinued the \$3.00 rebate program to FFA chapters with alumni affiliates who have FFA members participate in national or international FFA activities.

Sam Brownback was elected State Chairman and Richard Hull, State Vice Chairman. The group decided to hold annual meetings in the future at the State FFA Convention.

## FFA On Summer Tour

On June 9 eleven FFA members, Mr. Peterson, and Junior Lowe struck out on a five day tour.

The group spent the first night in Chillicothe, Missouri, at the Methodist Church. While in Chillicothe they toured the Liton Charolais Ranch.

Trucking on into Moline, Illinois, they spent the next night in the Presbyterian Church. In Moline, the FFAer's toured the International Harvester Combine Factory, the John Deere Plow and Planter Factory, and the John Deere Combine Assembly Plant. They were given a guided tour and free lunch at the John Deere Administration Building.

Rushing along, the third night was spent in the Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. There they attended the John Deere Tractor Assembly Plant and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Heading back towards home, Ames, Iowa was the next stop, and they spent the night in a park. They were shown through the Iowa State University,



North Central chapter tour group.

Animal Science and Research Facilities, seeing among other things a cow with a porthole in its stomach.

Going through Coon Rapids, Iowa the Future Farmers toured Garst Farms, the owners of the Pioneer Seed Company. There they saw a three thousand cow and calf operation, which are wintered on corn cobs and urea.

Keeping on the move, the group stopped at Carroll, Iowa and visited the Farmland Foods Ham Canning Facilities. Then they went on to Lincoln, Nebraska to spend the night with the Francis Stone Family.

While in Lincoln, they visited Norden Laboratories, which produces veterinarian supplies.

On the way home, they stopped at Waldo Farms at DeWitt, Nebraska. They have the top swine operation in the Midwest.

Those attending on the trip were: Marty Fiser, Dewayne Rose, Ron Sinn, Darrel Carter, Ronnie Graham, Chris Miller, Steve Nutsch, Kenny Welch, Dan L'Ecuyer, Larry Carter, and Kevin Rose.

All the members enjoyed the trip, and got home exhausted.

## District Officers Conference Success

Leadership, citizenship, and cooperation were emphasized at the 1975 edition of the District Officers Conference held at Rock Springs Ranch, the last weekend in September.

The Conference, organized and carried out by the State FFA Officers, was highlighted by Bart Brashears, National FFA Vice President from Alex, Oklahoma. District Officers were challenged to get out and become involved in FFA activities now as

tomorrow is too late.

Ron Wilson and Sam Brownback, both past Kansas FFA Presidents, assisted the State Officers in the program. Also present was Dr. Ralph Field, who gave a very informative talk on public speaking.



District Officers Conference participants.



Learning about group cooperation can be fun.

# 16th State FFA Camp



Call to Colors each morning at the State Leadership Camp was very inspirational.



Camp Wranglers, back row, left to right: Scott Lawrence, Dough Ebert, Jerry Johnson, Don Ebert, and Scott Lienberger. Front row: Tom Marr, Steve Arpin, Kerry Zillinger, Mona Rusk, and Larry Lankard.



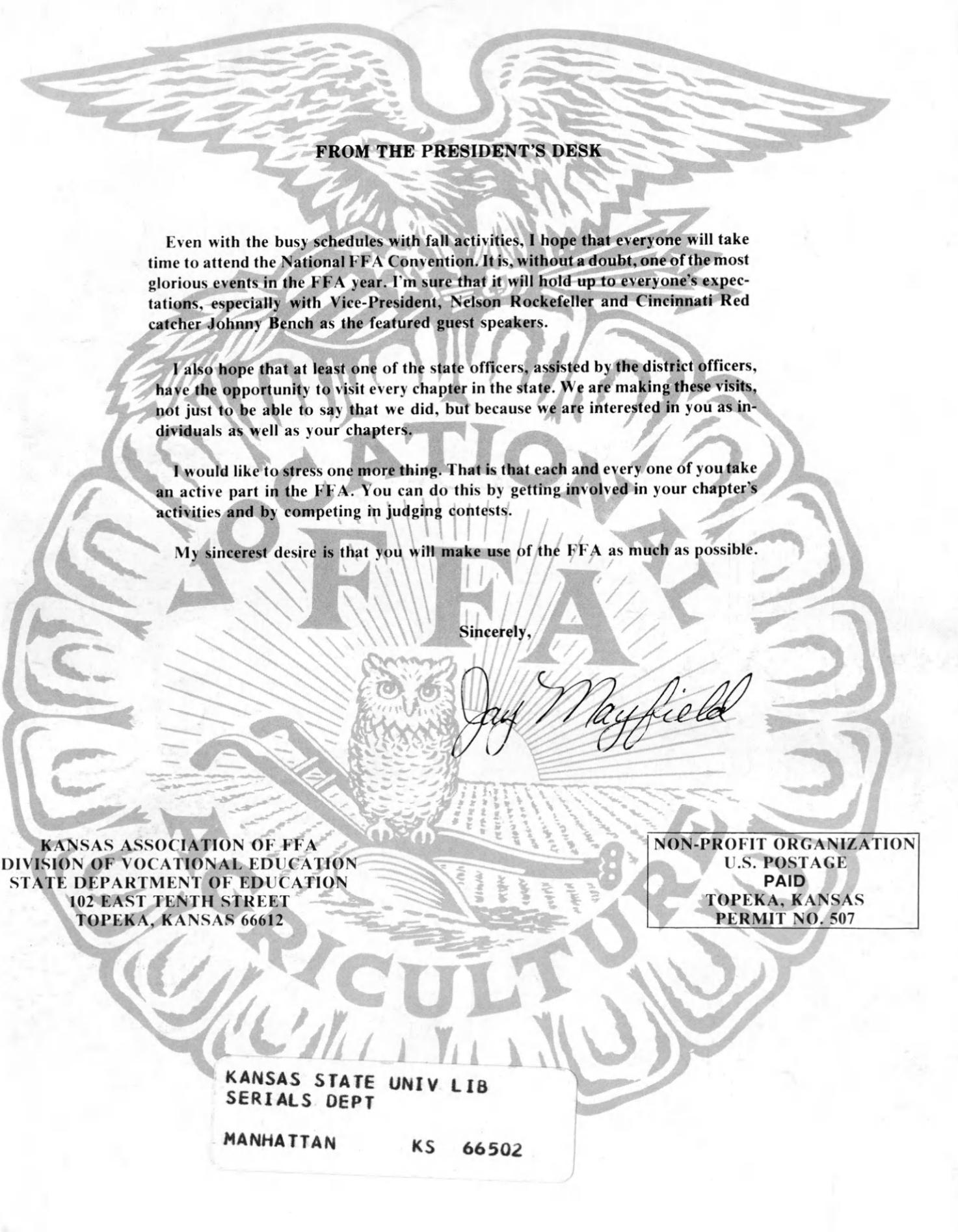
Camp Master Ritual Team "A", left to right, back row: Joe Keehn, Treasurer; Russell Brandberry, Sentinel; Dee James, Vice President. Front Row: Clare Schulte, Secretary; Kerry Zillinger, President; and Pam Catrell, Reporter.



Camp officers were back row, left to right: Clint Rusk, President; Kyle Bauer, Treasurer; and Jay Selanders, Vice President. Front row: Charles Hatch, Sentinel; Jeff Zillinger, Reporter; and Mike Robinson, Secretary.



Camp Master Ritual Team "B", left to right, back row: Charles Hatch, Reporter; Susan Van Cleave, Secretary; Mark Demus, Treasurer. Front Row: David Hett, Sentinel; John George, Vice President; and Tom Sailors, President.



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Even with the busy schedules with fall activities, I hope that everyone will take time to attend the National FFA Convention. It is, without a doubt, one of the most glorious events in the FFA year. I'm sure that it will hold up to everyone's expectations, especially with Vice-President, Nelson Rockefeller and Cincinnati Red catcher Johnny Bench as the featured guest speakers.

I also hope that at least one of the state officers, assisted by the district officers, have the opportunity to visit every chapter in the state. We are making these visits, not just to be able to say that we did, but because we are interested in you as individuals as well as your chapters.

I would like to stress one more thing. That is that each and every one of you take an active part in the FFA. You can do this by getting involved in your chapter's activities and by competing in judging contests.

My sincerest desire is that you will make use of the FFA as much as possible.

Sincerely,

*Jay Mayfield*

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