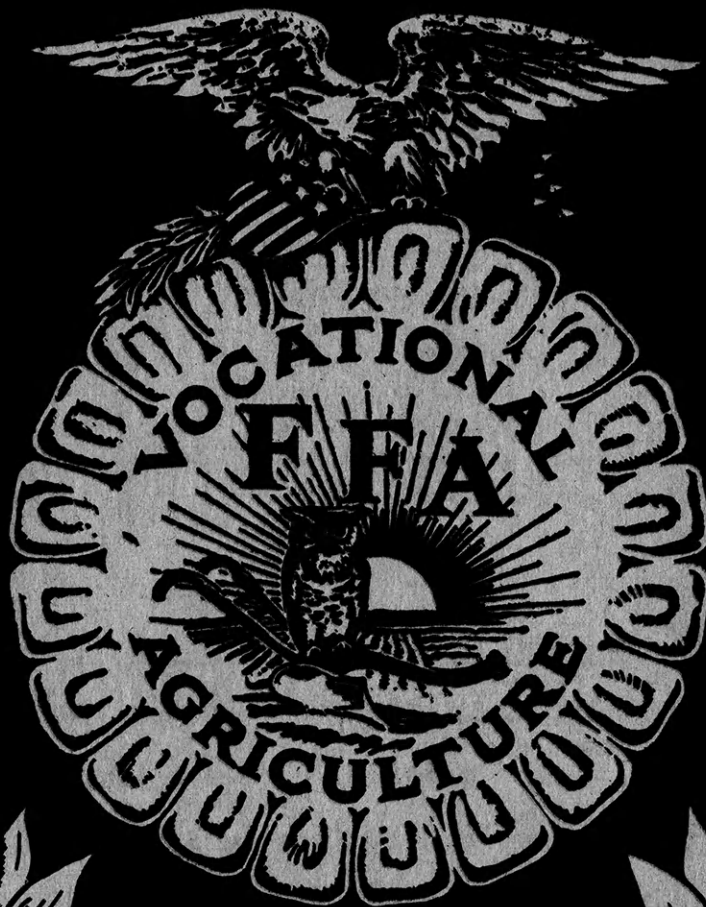


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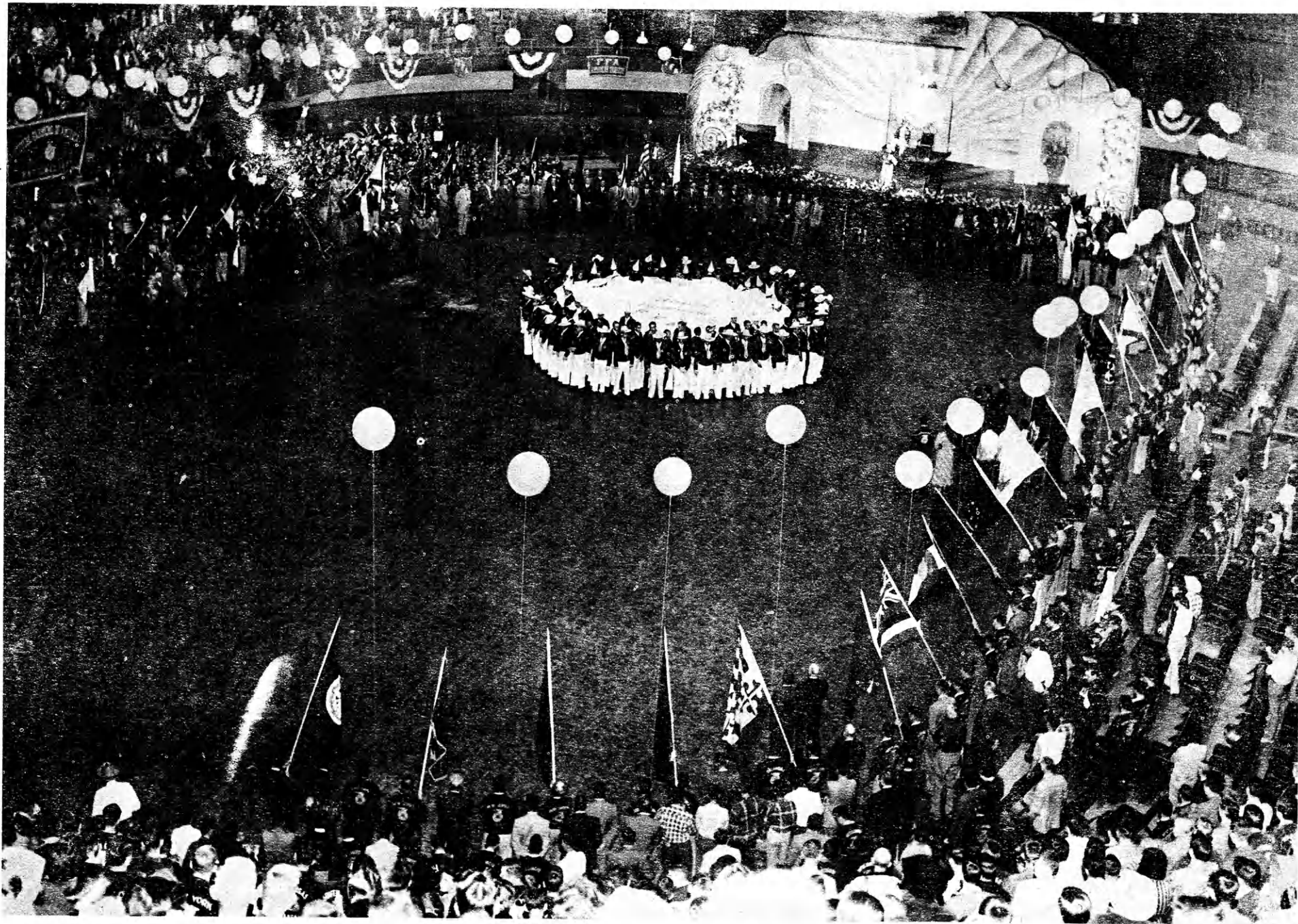
STATE FARMER: Declaration of intent to submit State Farmer Candidate due
November 1, 1953.

CHAPTERS, Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem, summaries due state office
November 20, 1953.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1954. Dues are
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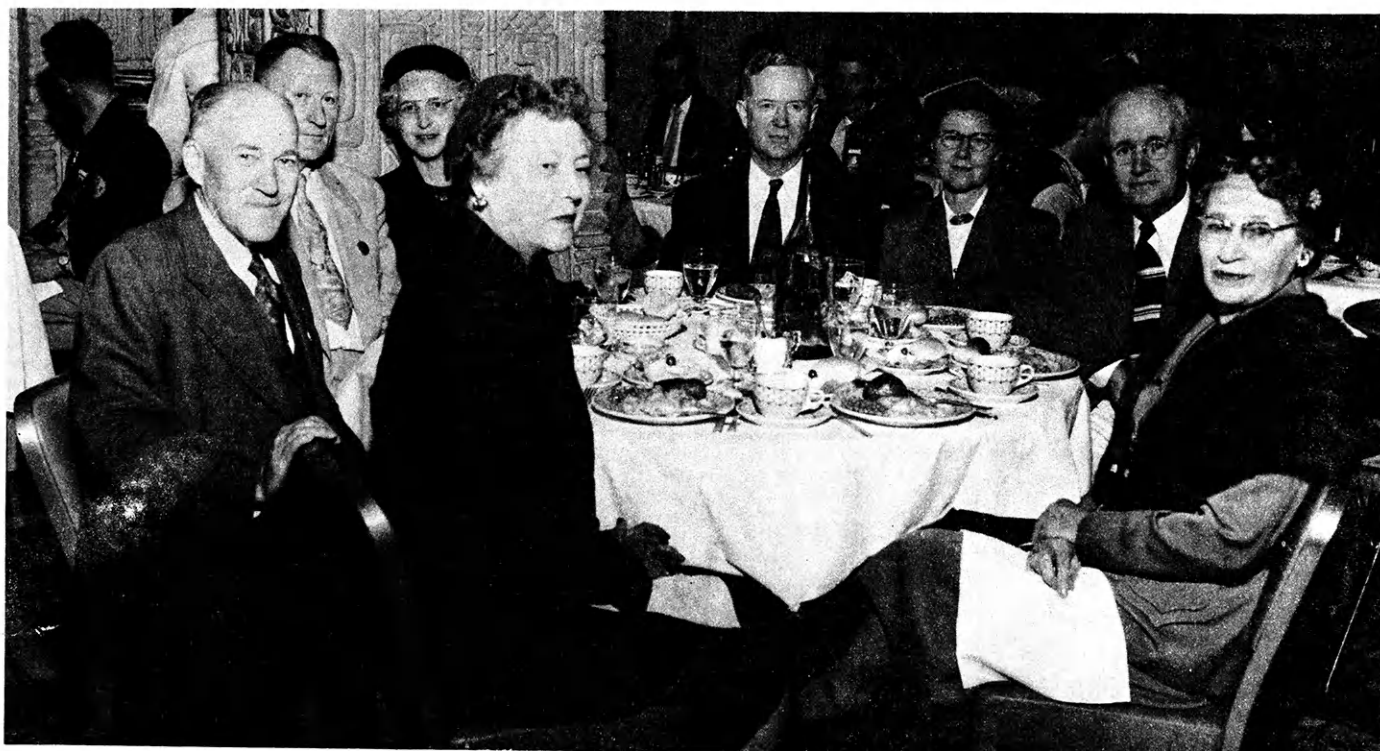
Closing scene of the Silver Anniversary Pageant. Twenty scenes were portrayed. Shawnee-Mission Chapter built the Birthday Cake, and members wearing pointed hats painted with strobe paint gave the effect of lighted candles on the cake. (K C Star Photo)



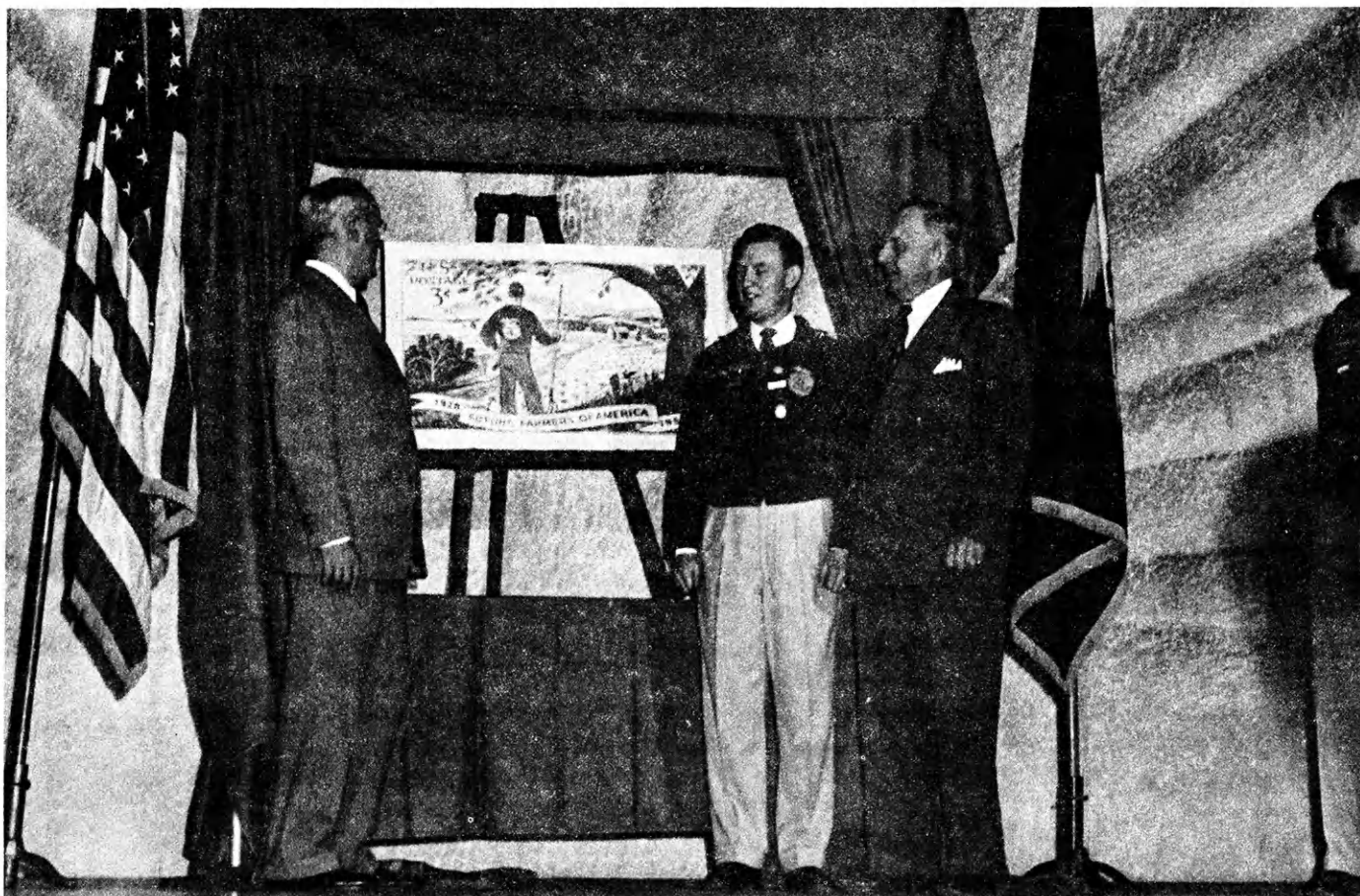
The President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower addresses 9,000 FFA members and friends. The address followed the conferring of the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The American Farmer Key and Certificate were presented by FFA President Dillon. (K C Star Photo)



LR-Nelson Galle, Kansas Delegate; Howard Linder, Donald Boldt, Iowa delegates; Mrs. Tenney; Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary FFA; Fred Reed, Vice President, National FFA; Billy Ray James, Kansas Delegate; Roger Adamson, Kansas winner second place National FFA Speech Contest.



LR - Mrs. Ross; Ray Cuff, National Livestock Commission; W. A. Ross, Washington, D.C., First National Executive Secretary FFA; Mrs. Ray Cuff; Dr. R. E. Naugher and Mrs. Naugher, Washington, D.C.; State Deputy Adviser A. P. Davidson and Mrs. Davidson.



The Hon. J. Robertson, Asst. Postmaster General of the U.S. unveils the Commemorative Postage Stamp honoring the FFA at the opening session of the Silver Anniversary Convention. LR - Asst. P.M. Robertson, Nat. FFA Pres. Jimmy Dillon, U. S. Senator Frank Carlson, Kansas.



Roger Adamson of the Cherryvale, Kansas Chapter, representing the central region, ranked second in the National FFA Speech Contest. Roger delivered his talk in the K.C., Mo. municipal Auditorium before an audience of 8000 people attending the convention.



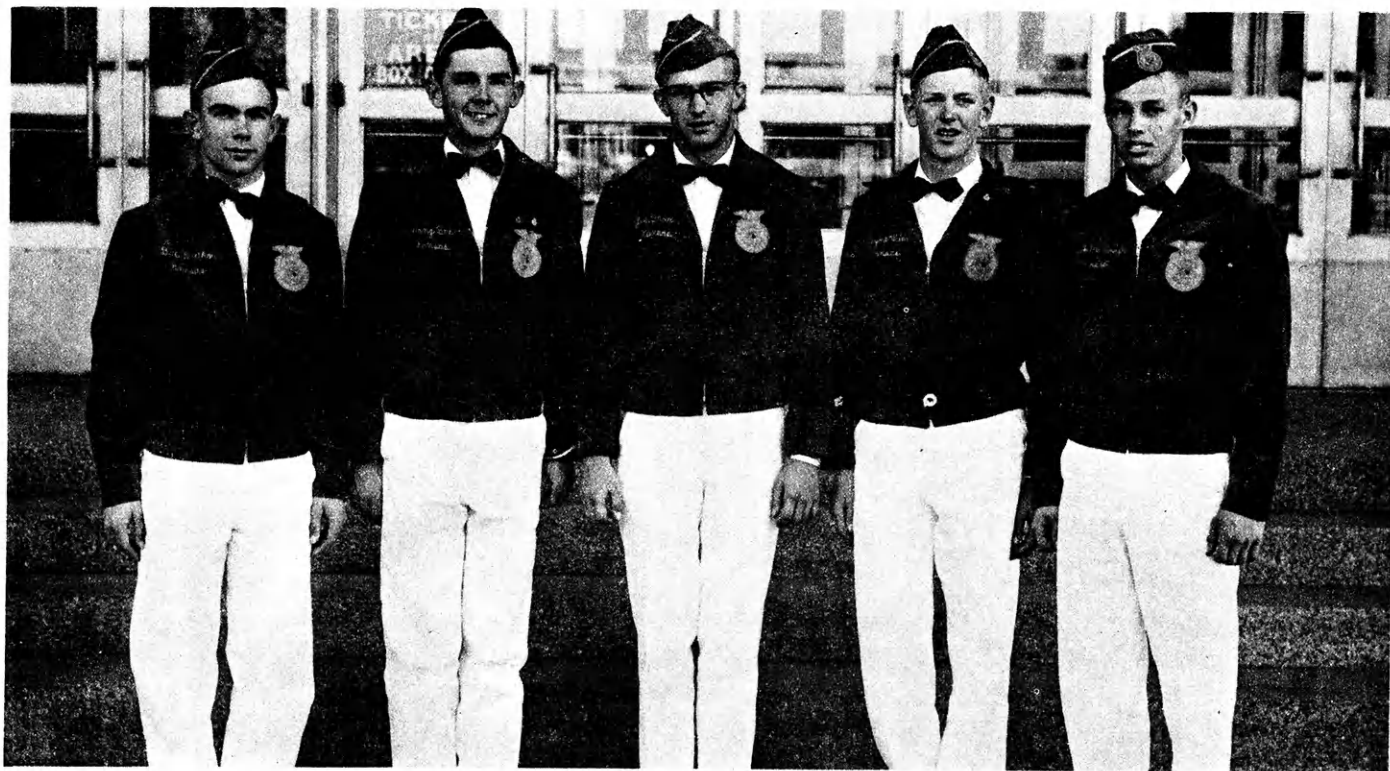
Therean Towns, president of the Palco, Kansas, Chapter purchases the first sheet of special commemorative stamps from the Palco Postmaster. This is typical of the 200 FFA chapters in Kansas



Kansas American Farmer candidates: LR Ronnie Hughes, Emporia; Marvin Allen, Olathe; Donald Hunt, Arkansas City; Kermit Case, Little River and Loren E. Whipps, KSC.



LR - Regional Star Farmers, Graydon Leo Lyons, Colebrook, N.H., North Atlantic; Monroe Kottwitz, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Southern; Rollin Blossey, Williamston, Mich., Central; Stanley Chapman, Monroe, Wash., Star Farmer of America, Pacific.



Kansas members of the National FFA Band - L.R. Bill Brethour, Clay Center; Benny Brent, Alton; Jim Fromme, Trousdale; Wayne Wiens, Hillsboro; Jack McVaughn, Chanute. Dr. Henry S. Brunner was the director of the 120 piece National FFA Band.



Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus - BR-L.R. Raymond Mabry, Pianist, Little River; David Essick, Ellsworth; Harold Heymann, Burns; Hal McClure, Manhattan; Carlyle Thompson, Shawnee-Mission; FR-L.R. Marlin Brown, Williamsburg; Alvin Hofmann, Clay Center; Merle Cuthbertson, Girard; Robert Haas, Riley. Dr. James Hatch was the director of the 110 piece National FFA Chorus.

TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FFA ORGANIZATION
AND
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, 1928-1953

Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15, 1953

According to the official records 12,000 FFA members representing 48 states and 2 territories spent three days mixing business and pleasure in attendance at the twenty-sixth National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

The splendid manner in which the official delegates and officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America handled their three day meeting impressed favorably not only their leaders but also the citizens of Kansas City and the representatives of great industrial concerns who were in attendance at the meetings.

HEADQUARTERS: Municipal Auditorium with registration in the Grand Foyer. All the sessions were held in the Main Arena.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All National Officers were present. These boys turned in a superb job of handling the entire Convention. The effectiveness of the Fourth Degree Ritual was enhanced by the splendid manner in which the National Officers performed their respective parts.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Billy Ray James, Clay Center Chapter, Past President of the Kansas Association of FFA and Nelson D. Galle, Moundridge Chapter, President of the Kansas Association of FFA. Alternates were Gary Neilan, Past State FFA Treasurer, and Gilmore Dahl, Vice-President of the Kansas Association of FFA from St. Francis and Effingham respectively.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 336 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. This constituted the largest class of American Farmers in the history of the National Organization of FFA. Kansas FFA members receiving the American Farmer Degree at the Twenty-sixth National Convention were: Marvin G. Allen, Olathe Chapter; Kermit Case, Little River Chapter; Ronnie Hughes, Emporia Chapter and Donald W. Hunt, Arkansas City Chapter.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE: The following persons were granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the FFA Convention:

Charles Dana Bennett, Foundation for American Agriculture, Farm Film Foundation, Washington, D. C.

H. H. Bloom, President, Massey-Harris Co., Inc., Racine, Wisconsin

Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas, Washington, D. C.

Maynard H. Coe, Director, Farm Division, National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois

A. F. Davis, Vice President-Secretary, Lincoln Electric Company, Cleveland, Ohio

Chester H. Lang, Vice President, Public Relations Department, General Electric Company, New York, New York

S. W. Pettigrew, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Los Angeles, California

James L. Robinson, Extension Economist, Farm Credit Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Walter M. Tolan, Sales Manager, Universal Uniform Co., Van Wert, Ohio

Roderick Turnbull, Editor, "Weekly Star Farmer", Kansas City, Missouri

J. B. Adams, Retired State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Springfield, Illinois

A. R. Bunger, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Denver, Colorado

Twenty-Sixth National Convention of FFA (continued)
 Honorary American Farmers (continued)

Frank B. Cale, State Director Vocational Education, Richmond, Virginia
 Elvin Downs, Assistant State Director Agricultural Education, Salt Lake City, Utah
 John Farrar, Director of Public Relations and Information, Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C.
 R. L. Hahn, Retired State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Hartford, Connecticut
 H. Neville Hansucker, Program Specialist Agricultural Education, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
 R. W. Heim, State Director Vocational Education, Dover, Delaware
 Herbert S. Hill, Retired State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Cumberland Center, Maine
 J. A. James, Head Agricultural Teacher Trainer, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
 Byrle Killian, District Supervisor Agricultural Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma
 Maxwell Lampo, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Neosho, Missouri

Honorary American Farmer Degrees were also awarded to the following:

1. Fathers of the National FFA Officers
2. Fathers of the recipients of the Star Farmer of America Award
3. Advisers of the local chapters that won Gold Emblem rating in the National Chapter Contest. In this group were - Milton Kohrs, Little River, Kansas, and H. D. Garver, Shawnee-Mission Chapter, Kansas. Garver was awarded the American Farmer Degree in 1935. This was his third citation.

STAR FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer for the Pacific Region is Stanley Alton Chapman, 20 year old Monroe, Washington dairy farmer. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, of \$1,000.00.

Star Farmer of the Southern Region - Monroe Kottwitz, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - Rollin Dale Blossey, Williamston, Michigan. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Graydon Leo Lyons, Colebrook Academy Chapter, New Hampshire. Award \$500.00.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

First:	Phillip Anderson, Jr., Marked Tree, Arkansas	
	"The Benevolent Monster"	Award \$250.00
Second:	Roger Adamson, Cherryvale, Kansas	
	"Our Soil and Our Freedom"	Award \$225.00
Third:	Richard Kuga, Honolulu, Hawaii	
	"Farmers, Let's Cooperate"	Award \$200.00
Fourth:	Richard Whetsell, Kingwood, West Va.	
		Award \$175.00
Fifth:	Dan True, Twin Falls, Idaho	
	"Conservation of the Farm"	Award \$150.00

Twenty-sixth National Convention of FFA (Continued)
National FFA Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

Judges of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest were:

W. A. Ross, Special Assistant to Director of the Training and Education Office,
Civil Defense Administration, Washington, D. C.
Oliver S. Willham, President, Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma
M. D. Mobley, Secretary, American Vocational Association, Washington, D. C.

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 45 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went to 29 chapters; Bronze Emblem to 18 and Honorable Mention to 5.

Gold Emblem

Riverton Chapter
Huntsville, Alabama
Phoenix Technical Chapter
Phoenix, Arizona
Amphitheater Chapter
Tucson, Arizona
Conway Springs Chapter
Conway, Arkansas
Hanford, California
Brighton, Colorado
Eaton, Colorado
Saddle and Grate Chapter
Camden-Wyoming, Delaware
Stephen Babcock Chapter
Middletown, Delaware
Quincy, Florida
Suwanee Chapter
Live Oak, Florida
Blakely, Georgia
Newark, Illinois
Pearl City, Illinois
Delphi, Indiana
Audubon, Iowa
Little River, Kansas
Shawnee-Mission Chapter
Merriam, Kansas
Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter
Lexington, Kentucky
Agawam, Massachusetts
Cassopolis, Michigan
Jasper, Missouri

Flathead Chapter
Kalispell, Montana
Huntley Project Chapter
Worden, Montana
Kearney, Nebraska
Waverly, Nebraska
Newton, New Jersey
Hatch, New Mexico
Rugby, North Dakota
Londonville, Ohio
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
Kingfisher, Oklahoma
Harrisburg, Oregon
Baron DeKalb Chapter
Westville, South Carolina
Chester County Chapter
Henderson, Tennessee
John Sevier Chapter
Erwin, Tennessee
Clifton, Texas
Lamar Chapter
Rosenberg, Texas
Nacogdoches, Texas
North River Chapter
Mt. Solon, Virginia
Rocky Gap, Virginia
Mt. Baker Chapter
Deming, Washington
Battle Ground, Washington
Ripley, West Virginia
Troy, West Virginia

Silver Emblem

Geneva, Alabama
Lakeside Chapter
Hot Springs, Arkansas
DeLand, Florida
John M. Ross Chapter
Hakalau, Hawaii
Chenoa, Illinois

Bluewater, Iowa
Scenic City Chapter
Iowa Falls, Iowa
Athens Chapter
Lexington, Kentucky
Delhi, Louisiana
Slidell, Louisiana

Twenty-Sixth National Convention of FFA (continued)
Silver Emblem (continued)

Gorham, Maine
Owosso, Michigan
Williamston, Michigan
Brainerd, Minnesota
Fairmont, Minnesota
Mountain Lake, Minnesota
Branson, Missouri
Virginia Valley Chapter
Bunkerville, Nevada
Belvidere, New Jersey

Artesia, New Mexico
Schultz Chapter
Towner, North Dakota
Bremen, Ohio
McMinnville, Oregon
Woodruff, South Carolina
Brownfield, Texas
Iraan, Texas
Dayton, Virginia
Greybull, Wyoming
Powell, Wyoming

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

National Winner - David Carey, 17, Walla Walla, Washington. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Jim Frerer, 17, Jasper, Missouri, Central Region.
Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Frank Demeter, 18, Washington, New Jersey, North Atlantic
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Derwood Strain, 17, Morgan City, Mississippi, Southern
Region. Award \$200.00

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

National Winner - Maurice Vonier, 18, Jasper, Missouri. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Donald Hobbs, 17, Tulare, California, Pacific Region.
Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Sterling Huston, 17, Perham, Maine, North Atlantic
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Eugene Bowman, 17, Rocky Mount, Virginia, Southern
Region. Award \$200.00.

DAIRY FARMING CONTEST:

National Winner - John Lee Coots, Jr., 16, Finchville, Kentucky. Award \$250.
Regional Winner - Joe Register, Cottdendale, Florida, Southern Region.
Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Donald Carleton, 17, West Newbury, Vermont, North Atlantic
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Edward L. Reiter, 17, Huntley, Montana, Pacific Region.
Award \$200.00.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTEST:

National Winner - Joe Coleman, 17, Mineral, Virginia. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - James H. Maguire, 13, Morrisdale, Pennsylvania, North
Atlantic. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Curtis J. Bohannon, 17, Greenville, Illinois, Central
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Norman Blaine Strebin, 18, Troutdale, Oregon, Pacific
Region. Award \$200.00

Twenty-Sixth National Convention of FFA (continued)

FARM SAFETY CONTEST:

- National Winner - Rugby Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Phelps Central High School Chapter, Phelps, New York,
North Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Quincy Chapter, Quincy, Florida, Southern Region.
Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Amphitheater FFA Chapter, Tucson, Arizona, Pacific
Region. Award \$200.00.

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Harlan Rigney, Freeport, Illinois, Regional Vice President
Hunt Zumwalt, Artesia, New Mexico, Student Secretary

PRESIDENT NELSON GALLE REPORTS
ON THE 1953 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

It was my privilege to be one of the official delegates to the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, October 12-15. This year is a special landmark in FFA history, because we celebrated the 25th anniversary.

After we had registered we attended an Officer-Delegate luncheon in the Hotel President, where we met the national officers and the delegates from other states. The National FFA Public Speaking Contest was held Monday evening. Roger Adamson from Cherryvale, Kansas, representing the North Central Region, won second place in the contest.

Kansas had six members in the National FFA Band and ten members in the National FFA Chorus. Much time and money was spent on decorating the arena in which all sessions of the Convention were held - a beautiful and inspirational setting for all FFA members and visitors.

The Tuesday morning session was highlighted by the unveiling of the commemorative postage stamp honoring the Future Farmers of America. The Honorable Albert J. Robertson, Assistant Postmaster General of the United States, presented stamp albums to Jimmy Dillon, National FFA President, Senator Frank Carlson, former Senator Harry Darby, and National Adviser Dr. W. T. Spanton.

The American Farmer Degree Ceremony was held on Tuesday afternoon. Kansas had four American Farmers this year. The Star American Farmer Awards were made Tuesday evening. Your Kansas FFA President had the honor of carrying our state flag in this program.

The Silver Anniversary Pageant was presented on Wednesday morning. This, in my opinion, was the most spectacular event of the entire Convention. Twenty scenes were portrayed. The birthday cake featured in the closing scene was built by the Shawnee-Mission Chapter and members of that chapter represented the candles on the cake.

Twenty-Sixth National Convention of FFA (continued)
President Nelson Galle Reports (continued)

The seventh session of the Convention on Thursday morning was highlighted by an address by the Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture. He stated that the future of America does not lie in the vast wealth or large industry of our country, but in the youth of America. The FFA is one of the organizations promoting youth leadership.

That afternoon the Honorable Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare of the United States, gave a very inspiring talk. After that we held the election and installation of new officers.

The final session of the Convention on Thursday evening was the one everybody was looking forward to. We were honored to have as our platform guests Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, members of the Congress and governors from many states. President Eisenhower presented his message to the Future Farmers of America in a way that will long be remembered by all at the Convention.

I enjoyed myself immensely while at the Convention and would encourage any boy who has not done so to attend. The Convention gives one a broader view of the national organization and gives him a feeling of pride that he is a member of the Future Farmers of America.

Nelson D. Galle, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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1953 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS

The following is a brief report on each of the four successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas. Since scholarship was evaluated in connection with the winning of the State Farmer Degree, most references to scholastic achievement will be omitted.

Ronnie Hughes - Emporia Chapter

"When I entered my first year as a freshman in the Emporia High School, after attending a one-room country school for eight years", said Ronnie Hughes, "I knew that the one subject I wanted to take for sure was vocational agriculture. I knew, too, I wanted to be a Future Farmer".

Young Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hughes, never changed his mind about this early decision and took four years of vocational agriculture under the supervision of his vocational agriculture instructor, Emory Groves.

Hughes entered the Emporia High School in 1948 and graduated in 1952. As a freshman he started his farming program on the Hughes 160-acre farm, 7½ miles northeast of Emporia. In the beginning he had four head of fat steers, a Palomino colt, "Bonnie", five pigs, nine acres of corn and ten acres of soybeans. He also started his deferred beef program that year.

1953 American Farmer Class (continued)
Ronnie Hughes, Emporia (continued)

During his sophomore year, he added a few more calves and pigs, and together in partnership with his father, rented 120 acres of ground for farming. He increased his deferred beef to 11 head, and that summer added more acres to his farming program. Through these two years, Hughes was studying in his vocational agriculture classes different phases of farm work, livestock, crops, machinery, etc.

During his junior year, Ronnie learned more about livestock production and crop rotation. It was this year that he started a partnership with his father, R. B. Hughes, in farming and handling livestock. He increased his farming program that year to include 25 head of steers, 10 Angus cows and calves, 2 brood sows and 175 acres in crops. His cattle made good money that year, and he bought a Ford tractor, plow and other machinery, and also his first automobile.

His fourth year as a Future Farmer was a profitable year for Hughes in many ways. He was elected vice president of his FFA chapter, after serving two years as sentinel; he was awarded the State Farmer Degree, the highest honor a state FFA association can award; and he was also on the Emporia state FFA high school judging team, and competed with other members of the team at the state high school vocational agriculture judging contests held at Kansas State College, Manhattan.

Ronnie's farming program consisted of 50 head of steers and heifers, 25 cows with calves, 20 head of pigs, and together with his dad he farmed 300 acres of land. He showed two fat steers at the American Royal; two at the Fort Worth Exposition and Fat Stock Show. His Shorthorn steer was reserve champion at the Topeka Fair and his Hereford won eighth place in his class at the American Royal. He has shown fat steers at the Royal six different years, at the Denver Fat Stock Show, the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, the Hutchinson State Fair, the Topeka Free Fair, and Wichita for the past ten years. In all, he has shown a total of 56 fat steers.

At the present time, Ronnie is still in partnership with his father, and the two of them this year are farming 400 acres of land, and running 300 head of cattle on grass. This year Ronnie has won the championship in Hereford steers and championship in Angus and reserve champion for all breeds at the Lyon County Fair. He also showed 12 fat steers at Topeka, Hutchinson, Wichita, the American Royal, and Denver.

Marvin Allen - Olathe Chapter

Marvin Allen began his farming career in 1946 when he enrolled as a freshman in vocational agriculture in the Olathe High School. He started with one dairy cow and later on added a gilt secured from the Olathe Future Farmer chapter co-op project.

In his junior year, Marvin went with his father and his FFA adviser, A. G. Jensen, to a local banker and obtained a loan for \$3800. With the money he purchased 13 head of dairy cows and 1 bull. He also bought a tractor and some other equipment that year.

The following year the farm on which Marvin and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Allen, lived, was sold and the family moved to Gardner. Because of inadequate shelter and space for his cattle, Marvin had to sell his cows, and

1953 American Farmer Class (continued)
Marvin Allen, Olathe (continued)

the proceeds were invested in more equipment. Marvin, unable to harvest his wheat crop that year because of a very rainy season, lost money.

In the fall of 1950 he entered Kansas State College, working part time at his fraternity house and driving a truck to help pay his expenses. Early in his Future Farmer career, Marvin's one ambition was to become an American Farmer. Deciding he could not attend college and work for his American Farmer degree at the same time, Marvin quit college after finishing two semesters.

Leaving college, Marvin went to work at the Sunflower Ordnance plant the summer and fall of 1951. That fall he planted 70 acres of wheat on rented ground. In February 1952, he obtained a \$3300 bank loan and purchased a herd of dairy cows, consisting of 14 first-calf Holstein heifers.

March 1 he quit work at the ordnance plant and rented a 216-acre dairy and stock farm from Richard Jensen. In June that year he married Mr. Jensen's daughter, Marie, and together with the help of Mr. Jensen, they remodeled the old farm house, where they are now living together with their baby daughter born May 29 of this year.

During the early winter of 1952 Marvin bought 6 more Holsteins, two of which he later sold. Six months later he bought 6 more cows, with the help of a loan obtained from a local bank. He now owns 24 head of dairy cows.

Marvin earned the degree of State Farmer and was awarded this honor in May, 1950, by the Kansas FFA Association. He served both as sentinel and treasurer of the Olathe Chapter. In high school he also found time to play on the FFA basketball first team for two years, and during his junior and senior years he played on the high school varsity first team.

This year, young Allen has out 25 acres of corn, 33 acres wheat, 21 acres oats, and 10 acres sargo. The balance of the farm he has in pasture.

Donald Hunt - Arkansas City Chapter

Donald Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Hunt, enrolled as a freshman in vocational agriculture in the Arkansas City High School in 1949. He started his farming program with two beef steers, 1 breeding gilt, 1 brood sow, and 10 market pigs. He also farmed 19 acres of wheat land in partnership with his father.

He had been gradually building this farming program since 1945 when he raised 1 acre of potatoes near the home farm. The next year he invested the potato proceeds into the seeding of another acre of potatoes and the purchase of two market barrows. He also fed out one beef steer, the gift of his father.

In 1949, as a freshman, Donald's vocational agriculture instructor, W. Dick Turner, encouraged him to purchase some steers to be fed out on the deferred plan which had been discussed in his vocational agriculture class. Following his instructor's advice, he purchased 5 Shorthorn steers in the fall and sold them the following fall for an average net profit of over \$150 per head.

1953 American Farmer Class (continued)
Donald Hunt, Arkansas City (continued)

Young Hunt continued to enlarge his deferred steer program, as well as other farming operations, as he could. Upon graduating from high school in 1952 he was feeding 18 deferred steers of the Santa Gertrudis breed as well as two registered Shorthorn females, 1 bull calf, and 2 Shorthorn baby beef steers. His farming operations consisted of 38 acres of wheat farmed in partnership with his father.

In high school, as a member of the local FFA chapter, Donald gained much useful experience as a leader by serving on various committees, as a chapter officer, and working on chapter projects. These projects consisted of fertilizing lawns, collecting scrap iron, doctoring livestock, repairing machinery, judging livestock, maintaining a gilt loan program for chapter members, and in many other activities.

Learning of a neighboring 85-acre farm for sale in August, 1952, Don and his father decided to enter into partnership and purchased this farm and its improvements, with the idea of dispersing the improvements after obtaining ownership. The farm consisted of 50 acres of tillable land and 30 acres of native pasture. All expenses and receipts of the farm are shared equally by father and son.

Donald at present is a sophomore at Kansas State College and is majoring in agriculture. Since the college is more than 150 miles from his home, Donald does not plan to carry on all of his livestock feeding during his college years, but does plan to continue with his farming operations and return to his livestock interests after completing his college education.

Kermit Case - Little River Chapter

Kermit, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Case, enrolled in vocational agriculture as a freshman in the Little River High School. That year he had three registered Angus heifers and 1 Angus bull as his vocational agriculture projects.

He continued his farming program for the next four years under the supervision of his vocational agriculture instructor, Milton Kohrs. At the present time his farming program consists of 9½ head of registered Angus cattle and he also has an eighth interest in 25 head of Angus cows. He raises feed crops for his cattle on rented ground.

In the past four years he has exhibited Angus cattle at several shows and sales. His heifer, Cases Westerfowlis, was grand champion last year at the Kansas State Fair, and he also had the champion heifer at the Mid-Kansas Angus Show and Sale.

Kermit has served as vice president and president of the Little River FFA Chapter. During the three years he served as a chapter officer, he attended all of the district FFA leadership schools and was elected to the All Star Ritual team each year. In 1952-53 he served as reporter for the Kansas FFA Association. In addition, he was president of the Little River High School Student Council. In 1952 he was awarded the Santa Fe all-expenses-paid trip to the National FFA Convention at Kansas City. Kermit has taken 33 hours of college work at Kansas State College, and at the present time he is farming in partnership with his father on the home farm near Lyons, Kansas.

1953 American Farmer Class (continued)
Kermit Case, Little River (continued)

In addition to his FFA work and his farming program which he carried in high school, Kermit earned 16 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was also a member of the cast of the school one-act play which received highly superior rating at the regional contest.

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KANSAS CHAPTERS WIN GOLD EMBLEM RATING

Kansas was represented in the 1953 National Chapter Contest by the Shawnee-Mission FFA Chapter and the Little River FFA Chapter.

Both chapters won Gold Emblem classification.

The following excerpts were taken from the chapter entries submitted in the National Chapter Contest.

Shawnee-Mission Chapter - H. D. Garver, Adviser

I. Supervised Practice:

Full ownership of farming program projects - 100 per cent of members
Improved livestock premises - 100 per cent of members
Fed balanced rations to livestock - 95.5 per cent of members
Fed mineral mixtures - 90 per cent of members
Increased scope of farming programs - 87 per cent of members
Suitable land for raising feed crops - 85 per cent of members
Treated seed or bought treated seed - 82.3 per cent of members
Owned purebred or high grade livestock - 80 per cent of members
Maintain livestock medicine cabinets - 76 per cent of members
Performed soil conservation jobs - 60 per cent of members
Project soils were tested by 60 per cent of members
Average productive projects per member 3.1
Average livestock projects per member 1.97
Averaged 4.33 livestock hazards removed during year
Averaged 3.1 improved practices per member
Averaged 3.0 home beautification jobs
Averaged 3.0 farm and/or home equipment built during year
Averaged 5.7 repair jobs on machinery
Average net worth \$919.74

II. Cooperative Activities:

Subscribed to National Future Farmer Magazine - 100 per cent of members.

Raised 450 broilers in chapter owned broiler plant. Net profit \$240.00.

Livestock medicines and supplies purchased cooperatively, \$50.00 worth.
Over 100 items including vaccines, grub powder, ointments, etc. Sold to members only.

Twelve thousand printed football programs for home football games.
Net profit \$125.00.

Over ten tons of scrap iron collected and sold.

Kansas Chapters Win Gold Emblem Rating (continued)
Shawnee-Mission Chapter (continued)

Seventeen loads of fireplace wood cut and sold. Profit \$152.00.

Cleared \$92.00 at football game concessions. Helped by 95 per cent members.

All-day air tour of soil conservation projects. Thirty-eight members participated.

Two-day cross country air tour taken over parts of Kansas and Oklahoma. Eighteen members went on trip. Financed from chapter treasury and from individuals making trip. A reward trip.

Chapter owned "Shopmobile" maintained and used by chapter members. This is a complete, portable shop on two-trailer wheels towed by passenger car. It furnished own AC electrical current as well as a DC arc welder. A complete set of tools and appliances (drills, grinder, wrenches, etc.) is part of the Shopmobile.

The chapter purchased a flash camera for loan to members for taking pictures of farming programs and for personal use.

The chapter's old typewriter has been exchanged for a new Remington.

III. Community Service:

Roadside demonstration plots set up to show weed control.

Two roadside fertilizer demonstration plots set out.

Surveys made on farms to determine livestock hazards.

Fruit trees pruned on three farms.

Over 100 soil samples tested for school patrons.

Exhibit prepared for annual PTA program.

Stunt presented between halves of football game to encourage citizens to register for voting.

Contributed to local Cancer Drive.

Helped raise over \$600.00 for local Polio Drive.

Chapter owned generator offered to Red Cross for emergency use on stand-by basis.

Educational bulletin boards placed in nearby feed stores.

IV. Leadership:

Twenty-fifth annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet held, attended by 86 per cent of members.

This chapter has been selected by Civil Aeronautics Administration as a "pilot chapter" in connection with planned activities tying CAA in with FFA for future activities.

Participated in District FFA Leadership School at Lawrence.

Elected Green Hand officers who presided at own meetings for one semester.

Every member kept record of own participation in chapter activities.

Every member on a committee.

Individual members were given a rating (Gold, Silver and Bronze) at end of school year.

Each committee was given a rating at end of school year.

Chapter was represented at every district competitive activity during the year.

Kansas Chapters Win Gold Emblem Rating (continued)
Shawnee-Mission Chapter (continued)

Chapter speaking contest held with 86 per cent participating.
Delegates to annual House of Delegates meeting in Manhattan.
Two successful State Farmer candidates.
Chapter entertained 40 visitors from California, 30 from Illinois, 12 visiting scientists from France, Belgium and Italy. Also entertained visitors from Iran, Pakistan and Jordan.

V. Earnings and Savings:

A chapter budget of \$925.00 was prepared at beginning of school year.
Chapter inventory showed a net worth of \$1336.00.
Average investment per member was \$838.03 (including indebtedness)
Average net worth \$919.74.
Total net profit from cooperative chapter activities - \$453.00.
Sixty per cent of members carry life insurance.
Fifty-six per cent of members have personal savings accounts.

VI. Conduct of Meetings:

A two-hour night meeting was held each month.
A weekly day meeting held during school activity period during the school year.
Business matters only during day meetings, and night meetings devoted entirely to programs.
An outside speaker at each night meeting.
Average attendance at night meetings was 86 per cent.
Every member appeared on a meeting program at least once.
Opening ceremony at each night meeting. Usually not during day meetings.
Alumni and visitors at each night meeting.
Refreshments at each night meeting. No recreation at night.

VII. Scholarship:

Chapter average about same as school average. Improved during the year.
School honor roll averaged 6.5 FFA members each six weeks.
Chapter scholarship chart maintained, showing record of each member (identity disguised to public).
One member received annual Sears Scholarship to K-State.
Special recognition given to FFA members on scholastic Honor Roll.

VIII. Recreation:

Weekly "fun nights" were held during winter months. Basketball, wrestling, etc. provided. Averaged 23 at each night meeting.
Entire chapter attended National FFA Convention at Kansas City.
Twenty-fourth annual Christmas Party held. Attended by 95 per cent of members who brought food and presents for a needy family.

Little River Chapter - Milton Kohrs, Adviser

The chapter began the year with a membership of 46 active FFA and five Honorary members. This was the fourth year that the chapter had received Gold classification in State Better Chapter Contest, and with a Silver and Gold award in the National Better Chapter Contest the last two years. The chapter produced a total of 17,450 pounds of beef; 14,345 pounds of pork;

Kansas Chapters Win Gold Emblem Rating (continued)
Little River Chapter (continued)

12,100 pounds of lamb and mutton; 870 pounds of wool; 76,930 pounds of milk; 665 bushels of sorghum grain, and 8,712 bushels of wheat; a total net worth of \$36,890.18.

Of those members having livestock, 95 per cent produced the necessary feed for their livestock or produced it in partnership with their fathers. All but one used purebred sires in their livestock programs.

The chapter has organized two improvement organizations, the Livestock and Crop, and the Sprayers' Association. These organizations were instrumental for much improvement in the chapter program.

Chapter members sprayed 883 acres for weed control. For insect control members sprayed 1,148 cedars, 445 shade trees, 229 fruit trees, 200 cattle and 40 horses. The chapter owns a John Deere sprayer.

In cooperative activities 52 gallons of concentrated 2-4-D, 18 fire extinguishers, 282 pounds of DDT, 72 pounds of BHC and 3,400 pounds of minerals were purchased.

The chapter collected 16,356 pounds of scrap iron; distributed 450 pounds of mixed Warfarin rat bait for 105 farmers; contributed to the Red Cross, March of Dimes, and Care; have made 52 surveys for livestock loss prevention; distributed 95 safety bulletins; sprayed the town for polio; sheared 250 sheep; vaccinated 40 calves; dehorned 15 head of cattle; castrated 774 lambs, 30 calves, and 65 pigs; and removed a fire hazard from the community by collecting 28,450 pounds of waste paper.

In leadership activities the chapter officers placed first in the FFA Ritual Contest at the District FFA Leadership School and have won that rank four times in the past five years. In the Wisconsin Alumni Foundation Pest Project the chapter has received the gold and silver classification with special citation for the last two years. Kermit Case, our past chapter president and State Reporter, was elected to the American Farmer Degree. Gene Wilson and Frank Carlton were raised to the State Farmer Degree this spring.

A Silver Anniversary program of fifteen minutes was presented over radio station KSAL in February.

Our annual trip to the National FFA Convention was attended by 21 students from our chapter. Raymond Mabry was selected as the official pianist for the National FFA Chorus. The chapter paid the expenses of Mr. Folck, our bus driver, and paid for the gas and oil for the school bus. The chapter also paid one-half of the cost of the rooms for the members. We attended the last three days, and one day of the American Royal.

The chapter has held ten night meetings including the Annual Parent and Son Banquet. The over-all attendance at these meetings was 97 per cent, the highest that the chapter has ever had. Thirty-nine members had perfect attendance records. Seven outside speakers have appeared on our programs during the year. Refreshments were served at all of the meetings.

Scholarship awards were presented to Delbert Hayes and Dick Hubbard for having the highest grades in the chapter.

Kansas Chapters Win Gold Emblem Rating (continued)
 Little River Chapter (continued)

Recreation has consisted of boxing, wrestling, basketball, and volley ball. Also one of the ~~many~~ highlights has always been our three-day fishing trip to the Cottonwood River with 65 per cent of the members attending. Transportation was furnished by the chapter.

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REPORT OF DOWELL J. HOWARD, TREASURER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1953.

(FFA Accounts audited by Leach, Calkins & Scott)

Summary of Audit

ASSETS:

Cash in bank		\$ 18,763.88
U. S. Savings Bonds	\$50,000.00	
Less: Reserve for unearned interest	<u>4,140.00</u>	45,860.00
Loan Receivable:		
"The National Future Farmer"		
Cash advances	\$26,786.20	
Expenses paid	<u>7,713.80</u>	<u>34,500.00</u>
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		\$ 99,123.88

OTHER ASSET:

Trademark		500.00
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FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:		
Land	\$ 12,343.23	
Buildings	15,317.16	
Equipment	<u>3,288.28</u>	\$30,948.67
National Office:		
Furniture & Fixtures	<u>655.06</u>	<u>31,603.73</u>
		<u>\$131,227.61</u>

BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
JULY 1, 1953, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1954

REVENUE

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Dues	\$37,000.00
Royalties	28,000.00
Loan from Supply Service	20,825.00
Old Mill	2,000.00
Supply Service - Rent	1,500.00
Supply Service - Grant	7,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>300.00</u>
<u>Total Revenue</u>	\$97,125.00

Budget for the National Organization of FFA (continued)

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET APPROPRIATION</u>
Travel	\$18,000.00
Convention Expenses	16,220.00
American Farmer Keys	3,600.00
Printing	4,100.00
National Office Expense	23,405.00
National Camp	2,800.00
Judging Expenses	500.00
The National Future Farmer	<u>28,500.00</u>
<u>Grand Total Expenditures</u>	\$97,125.00

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

Distinct honors and many thrills were accorded 120 FFA boys from 30 states and 110 FFA members from 34 states who comprised the 1953 National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus. They had the privilege of performing for the President of the United States and two members of his Cabinet. In addition they performed for the largest audiences ever to attend a National FFA Convention. Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Head Teacher Trainer, Pennsylvania State College, directed the Band, and Dr. James W. Hatch, State Department of Education, Albany, New York, directed the Chorus.

Practice for both the Band and Chorus began at 1:00 p. m. Friday, October 10, and from then until after the American Royal Ball for the Chorus and until after the opening evening Horse Show at the Royal for the Band, all members were kept extremely busy practicing, broadcasting, cutting records, and filling their program schedule. Members of these two FFA groups had the honor of performing for the President of the United States and his Official Party. This privilege and the thrill that accompanied it constituted an experience that comes to but a few persons in a lifetime. The high standard of performance on the part of both groups of musicians added greatly to the enjoyment of the National FFA Convention and did much to place the FFA in high esteem in the minds and hearts of the people of America.

The Chorus sang at one of the larger churches in Kansas City on Sunday preceding the convention, and this year for the first time, they were asked to remain and sing for the American Royal Ball. Raymond Mabry, Kansas, for the second year served as pianist for the Chorus.

The FFA Band might well be termed the "official greeter" for the 1953 National FFA Convention and the American Royal Livestock Show. This group of 120 musicians welcomed the President when he arrived at Kansas City, led the American Royal Livestock Show Parade, and played for the President and his Official Party when they attended the American Royal Livestock Show. The Band played "Ruffles and Flourishes" four times for the President of the United States (the only person rating such a salute) and "Hail To The Chief" when he arrived at Kansas City, a repeat of these numbers when he entered the arena of the Municipal Auditorium, and another repeat when the President and his Official Party entered the arena of the American Royal Livestock Show.

National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus (continued)

Two feature numbers presented by the Band in both the arena of the Municipal Auditorium and in the arena of the American Royal Livestock building approached the professional level. As a part of the marching assignment the Band formed the letters FFA. Unnoticed to most of the audience was a set of five drums placed in the arena. The precision marching of the band finally caused the snare drummers to form the lower bar of the letter "F" in line with the set of drums. Ronnie Fink, Emden, Illinois, who had left the line of march without anyone being aware of the fact appeared in an appropriate strobe painted uniform and took his place at the drums. His performance on the drums was par-excellence. This number was followed by an exhibition of flame baton twirling by Jack Mounts of the Washington chapter, Pennsylvania. The superb performance on the part of Ronnie and Jack together with the superior marching and fine play on the part of the entire FFA Band did much to favorably impress the 9,000 FFA audience in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium and the approximately 10,000 audience at the opening Horse Show at the American Royal.

Few high school youth of America will ever have such a privilege as was accorded to both the members of the FFA Band and FFA Chorus at their Silver Anniversary Convention, and we congratulate them upon their opportunity and the splendid manner in which they responded to the challenge.

The Band members from Kansas were: Benny Brent, Alton; Bill Brethour, Clay Center; James H. Fromme, Trousdale; Wayne Wiens, Hillsboro; Jack McVaughn, Chanute.

Members of the Chorus from Kansas were: Marlin Brown, Williamsburg; Merle Cuthbertson, Girard; Robert Haas, Riley; Harold Heymann, Burns; Arvin Hofmann, Clay Center; Hal McClure, Manhattan; Carlyle Thompson, Shawnee Mission; David L. Essick, Ellsworth.

Recordings of both the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus are available through Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Local chapters will find these FFA recordings of interest and they should prove to be very valuable in connection with the local FFA chapter meetings.

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AN APPRECIATION

Most adult leaders in agricultural education have had the experience of assisting with the planning and conducting of state FFA conventions and know how "dog tired" they are after staging such an affair. Did you ever stop to think how much more difficult it is to run a convention in a city a thousand miles from headquarters? The Office of Education agricultural education staff faces that dilemma each year the National FFA Convention is held, and of course the Silver Anniversary Celebration along with the 26th Annual FFA Convention posed the biggest problem of all. On behalf of the Kansas Association of FFA we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to this group of planners and tireless workers - Spanton, Tenney, Naugher, Johnson, Farrar, and Swanson. Also our thanks to such tireless workers as National FFA Treasurer Dowell J. Howard, our Kansas City co-workers, directors of the FFA Band and the FFA Chorus, representatives of many state vocational staffs, and last but not least, our National FFA Officers.

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CONVENTION NOTES

The Delegates Dinner affords an opportunity for the delegates to become acquainted with one another and with the adult FFA leaders. It was especially gratifying this year, our 25th anniversary, to have present many of the wives of the adult FFA leaders as well as the wives of our Kansas City adult cooperators. The splendid manner in which the national officers handled the Delegates Dinner was indicative of the high standard of performance that was to prevail throughout the entire convention. A travelogue with kodachrome slides by David Boyne, Michigan, and Philip Brouillette, Vermont, International Youth Exchange members, represented one of the highlights of the Delegates Dinner.

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We were delighted to have Honorable Albert J. Robertson, Assistant Postmaster General of the U.S. present to unveil the commemorative postage stamp honoring the Future Farmers of America. The stamp pictures a typical farm scene with rolling hills in the background. An FFA boy is shown viewing the landscape. The FFA Commemorative Stamp was one of 13 commemorative stamps issued in 1953. One hundred ten million stamps were printed in the first issue. United States Senator Frank Carlson introduced the resolution in Congress recommending the issuance of the FFA Commemorative Stamp. Stamp albums were presented to National FFA President Jimmy Dillon, National FFA Adviser Dr. W. T. Spanton, United States Senator Frank Carlson and former United States Senator Harry Darby. Thousands of Official First Day Covers were mailed from Kansas City.

The largest number of commemorative FFA stamps purchased by a post office in Kansas to date was by the Herington Postmaster who purchased 15,000 stamps. FFA chapter members called on businessmen of Herington and secured their cooperation in the use of the stamp.

The first official communication bearing the commemorative FFA stamp to reach the state office from a Kansas Chapter was mailed by the Little River Chapter.

The Kansas Association of FFA purchased 7,000 commemorative FFA stamps to be used during the year.

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John Pickthall and James Muir, International FFA Exchange Student from England, brought greetings from the Young Farmer Clubs of England. Greetings from the Future Homemakers of America were extended by National Historian Roene Malcom, Cozad, Nebraska, representing 370,000 members. Greetings were brought by a representative of the National 4-H Clubs, the Boy Scouts of America, Future Farmers of Canada and the Future Farmers of Japan -- an organization of 160,000 members.

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Much credit for writing and planning the Silver Anniversary Pageant must be given to Dr. A. W. Tenney, FFA National Executive Secretary. Dr. H. N. Hansucker of the Office of Education ably assisted Dr. Tenney in the actual staging of this significant feature. The Pageant was undoubtedly the best portrayal of the work of the FFA that has been presented in the entire history of the National Organization. The effectiveness of this program was greatly enhanced by the colorful setting, effective lighting and splendid performance.

Convention Notes (continued)

National FFA President Jimmy Dillon was responsible for the introduction. The part of Uncle Sam was taken by Bob Taylor, National First Vice President, 1947, and Charles Ocker, National Student Secretary, 1951, described the scenes.

The contribution of the National FFA Chorus and the National FFA Band added materially to the success of the Pageant. The marching of the FFA Band in opening this number thrilled the audience of 9,000 persons. The performance of Drum Major Jack Mounts, Pennsylvania, Base Drummer Dave Eastlake, Arizona, and Jack McVaugh, Kansas, on the cymbals brought forth favorable comment not only from the audience attending the Pageant but from audiences throughout the entire week whenever the band had a marching assignment. McVaugh was selected for the snare drum and had to be switched to the cymbals after Dr. Brunner found that the boy selected for this assignment did not show.

Delegate Gary Neilan, Kansas, was chosen by Editor Lano Barron to assist in presenting the scene having to do with the National Future Farmer Magazine.

Of the twenty scenes depicted by the Silver Anniversary Pageant, none was more impressive than the closing one. In this scene the east and west sides of the arena were lined with FFA members from the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico with the state FFA president carrying his state flag, the state Star Farmer carrying a balloon with the name of the state painted on it with strobe paint and an adult state officer. The National FFA Band occupied the south end of the arena. The following groups lined up inside the flag and balloon bearers: Twenty-Five Year Vocational Agricultural Teachers, Kansas City guests, National FFA Board of Directors, Past National FFA Officers, Star Farmers, Present National FFA Officers, foreign guests, and representatives of the FFA Foundation Inc.. A huge birthday cake "self propelled" itself to the center of the arena where it was surrounded by members of the National FFA Chorus. The Chorus sang "Happy Birthday" while the lights were turned out and the cake was spotlighted by strobe lights. Twenty-five boys (Shawnee Mission Chapter) concealed in the cake then burst through the paper covering, each wearing a pointed hat painted with red strobe paint thereby giving the effect of lighted candles on the cake. The spots were then turned off and the lights turned on, and the audience, led by the National FFA Band, joined the Chorus in singing "God Bless America". Thus, was brought to a close the most spectacular and informative event staged by the FFA in its 25 year history.

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The following countries were represented in the FFA Pageant: Mexico, Japan, Phillippines, Sweden, Chile, Finland, Italy, Canada, England and Thialand.

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The Shawnee Mission Chapter built the huge FFA Birthday cake used in the closing scene of the Pageant. The cake was approximately $4\frac{1}{2}'$ x 20', paper covered, and decorated with appropriate frosting. Twenty-five members of the Shawnee Mission Chapter were concealed in the cake and were charged with the responsibility of "self propelling" the cake to the center of the arena, and there to remain in a crouched position until time for emergence as candles. A small point overlooked almost made the "self propelling" impossible. The plan called for a smooth, even hardwood floor upon which to do the propelling. When the time came for the cake to be moved to the middle of the arena, the

Convention Notes (continued)

Professor found the floor strewn with radio and TV cables. What to do? What to do? The Professor called for a desperation pass and by careful management on the part of the boys concealed in the cake, the mission was accomplished. HDG rushed out and ordered a glass of hot milk to settle the butterflies in his stomach. "All's well that ends well".

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Not a "FIRECRACKER". The noise heard by the audience assembled to listen to President Eisenhower, as well as by the nation-wide TV and radio audience, which sounded very much like someone had touched off a giant firecracker just as the President was making his third point was not a mischievous prank on the part of an FFA member. The noise was caused by the explosion of a flash light bulb in the camera of an FFA member who was attempting to take a picture of the President. This disturbance was most inopportune, but we are glad to be able to report that it was purely accidental and in keeping with proper decorum and not a "firecracker" prank.

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower addressed the Ninth Session of the FFA Convention. Among the platform guests were U. S. Senator Andrew Schoeppel and U. S. Senator Frank Carlson, Governor Ed. F. Arn, and past U. S. Senator Harry Darby. These, with governors of some twenty states, U. S. Cabinet members and other high government officials were introduced from the platform. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon President Eisenhower. National FFA President Jimmy Dillon had the honor of presenting both the American Farmer Key and Certificate to the President.

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Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, addressed the Seventh Session of the convention and Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby, Health, Education and Welfare, addressed the Eighth Session.

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The Hawaiian Association of FFA maintained a beautiful floral display in the Little Theater throughout the convention. The floral display consisted of the following: Wood Rose - brown; Enturium - brilliant red; Lie fashioned out of Pluemaria; another Lie made out of Orchids with Bird of Paradise and Red Ginger bouquets completing the beautiful arrangement. The effect was most pleasing.

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The original painting for the 1954 FFA Calendar was presented to President Jimmy Dillon who will turn the painting over to the national FFA office to be placed with the other originals of FFA Calendars. "Partners" is the title of the painting used on the 1954 FFA Calendar. Artist Anderson makes a special price on his work for the FFA and values the painting at approximately \$1200.

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Convention Notes (continued)

Many favorable comments were heard relative to the splendid behavior on the part of FFA members throughout the convention week. The educational work of the National Office of Education and state leaders together with splendid cooperation on the part of local FFA advisers was responsible in a large measure for the excellent deportment at the largest FFA convention in the history of the national organization.

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"Order and Discipline" In order to encourage FFA members to maintain proper decorum during the various FFA Sessions, committees of adult workers were formed and assigned to various sections of the arena. One member of the committee who was the victim of a well aimed water gun apprehended the lad who fired the gun and demanded to know what state he was from, and very much to his surprise learned that the offender was from his home state. Another adult committee member was in a telephone booth using the phone. He heard a few noises resembling the firing of a toy pistol or firecracker. Rushing from the booth he was surprised to find that the noise was made by cracking a "blacksnake" whip, and that the boy handling the whip was from his own FFA chapter. Incidentally, the boy was also surprised.

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At the twenty-five year mark the Future Farmers of America holds a place of high regard in the minds and hearts of the American people. This position has been earned through careful planning and much hard work on the part of individual FFA members and interested adult leaders.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

NEBRASKA - Litchfield Chapter presented a check for \$50.00 to the Polio Fund. The chapter has completed the fencing of a 2-acre tract for the Wild Life project to be on the Larry Snell farm. Trees will be planted in the area and a picnic table and an open fireplace for picnicing will be added. The freshman and sophomore classes will be in charge of construction. The chapter voted to promote National FFA Week each year. The plan used last year included a picture board 28" x 40" on which was placed the picture of each student enrolled in vocational agriculture. Writeups showing the accomplishments and progress made during their years in Vo-Ag were included for the senior members.

OHIO - The Bremen FFA Chapter has purchased a four acre plot southwest of Bremen. The reason for buying the land was that about 18 years ago money was donated to the FFA when the sire association was started. Artificial insemination has taken the place of bulls. The crops which will be grown on the land will be corn with sweet clover in the rows as a mulch. The chapter already owns a tractor, plow, disc, and cultivator. A number of people were contacted for advice on the proposition including a soil conservation expert, a local banker, some of the boys' fathers, and our first State Farmer.

ILLINOIS - The Cullom Chapter of Future Farmers of America has 21 members. There are 21 steers, 12 beef breeding animals, 24 head of sows and gilts, 5 dairy animals, 1 poultry and sheep project and 12 crop projects. In addition the chapter owns 3 gilts which are out on the gilt chain project, and are feeding a Shorthorn Steer project.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

In all of the contests, state teams were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention or Participation, in that order. Emblem winner's team received plaques, and those placing Honorable Mention and Participation received certificates.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$10,000.00 for plaques, certificates and cash awards to state teams, the cash awards to be pro-rated on the distance teams must travel to reach the contest. Plaques were awarded Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem and Bronze Emblem teams. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participating teams and individuals. Appropriate medals were awarded Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem and Bronze Emblem individuals.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 14-15, 1953

Poultry Judging Contest: (35 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Cherryvale team was one of seven states winning Gold Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: John Townsell, Gold Emblem; Roger Adamson, Robert McClaren, Silver Emblem; C. H. Young, Adviser.

Livestock Judging Contest: (40 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Hill City team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Leone Worchester, Allen Worchester, Curtis Harvey, Silver Emblem; Jay Hennigh, Adviser.

Meats Identification Contest: (33 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Quinter team won Silver Emblem Classification.

Individual Placings: Jack Sutcliffe, Dwight Jamison, Silver Emblem; Boyd Tuttle, Honorable Mention; Ormond Breeden, Adviser.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 6-7, 1953

Dairy Cattle Judging:

Kansas represented by Chanute team won Bronze Emblem Classification.

Members of Team: Dean Strack, Mervin Snowden, Garold Burghart.

Judging Dairy Products:

Kansas represented by Claflin team won Silver Emblem Classification

Members of Team: Bobby Beck, Don Rugan, Richard Feist.

FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1953 STATE FAIRS

FFA exhibits at both the Topeka and Hutchinson State Fairs attracted wide and favorable attention. The following rankings were given the competing chapters.

AT THE TOPEKA FREE FAIRBooth Exhibits:

- 1st place - Ottawa Chapter, S. S. Bergsma, Adviser
Theme: "Farm Electricity for Safety and Economy"
- 2nd place - Hiawatha Chapter, Ralph M. Arnold, Adviser
Theme: "Save Your Crops With Silo and Bank Your Profit"
- 3rd place - Alma Chapter, Thomas G. Morris, Adviser
Theme: "Ten Steps to Improving Pasture"
- 4th place - Silver Lake Chapter, Dean M. Prochaska, Adviser
Theme: "Are You Wasting Fertilizer"
- 5th place - Sabotha Chapter, H. R. Pollock, Adviser
Theme: "Brucellosis Clinic"
- 6th place - Rossville Chapter, Ira Williams, Adviser
Theme: "Cattle Grub Control Program"

AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSONFarm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Adviser
- 2nd place - Ellsworth, Lester Crandall, Adviser
- 3rd place - Eldorado, William McMillan, Adviser
- 4th place - Moundridge, Richard Ramsdale, Adviser
- 5th place - Kinsley, Leslie Demeritt, Adviser
- 6th place - Hillsboro, John Lacey, Adviser
- 7th place - Little River, Milton Kohrs, Adviser
- 8th place - Ford, Raymond Harmon, Adviser
- 9th place - Ness City, Warren E. Stone, Adviser
- 10th place - Lakin, Dean Hoppas, Adviser

Booth Exhibits:Central Area

- 1st place - Reno County
(prepared by Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser)

Western Area

- 1st place - Comanche County
(prepared by Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser)

CHAPTER NEWS

GARDEN CITY: Our chapter had one of the most successful years on our food stand at the county fair. We cleared \$470.00. We sold pop, hamburgers, ham sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, candy and gum....Other money raising projects are shocking feed and liming the football field....This year we have taken on a new project by selling rat poison to the farmers of this area. To start with each member gets a receipt book and then takes orders from farmers who want the poison. This year all the poison was delivered by the boys on October 22. We also attended a bait distributing demonstration given by Bill Nelson of the Fish and Wildlife Service....We started our pest eradication contest on October 22. Two captains were appointed and they in turn chose their team. The losing side will give a chili supper for the winners.... The Garden City Chapter gave an assembly in connection with the sale of the FFA commemorative stamps. The first sheet of stamps bought in Garden City was presented to Superintendent J. R. Jones by our president.

Bob Dale, Reporter

HOLTON: Our chapter officers for this year are: Dale Moore, president; Kent Sampson, vice-president; Galen Kabance, secretary; Gary King, treasurer; Keith Gilliland, reporter; Lyle Smith, sentinel....Our FFA chapter was host to an area conference of vocational agriculture teachers on September 28th. A follow-up to this conference will be held in Horton, Kansas on November 3.... Twenty-two members attended the National FFA Convention. We thought it to be a very inspiring and worthwhile experience....On October 26 we are having a county-wide corn field day. We are cooperating with the county extension agent in bringing the results of a 55 variety test plot to the attention of the farmers of the county....Our chapter is selling Farm Magazine subscriptions. At least two boys have earned FFA jackets for themselves....We are getting a good start on shop jobs. The larger jobs include two loading chutes, two air compressors, two lawn chairs, two sets of hen nests, a feed bunk, a garden tractor, a power hack saw and a cement mixer. Many smaller articles are being constructed....Our chapter Grade Improvement Contest is underway for this school year.

Keith Gilliland, Reporter

HERINGTON: Our chapter gave a chicken fry at Lake Herington for the eight new members enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. Everyone had an enjoyable time....We attended the Kansas Free Fair this year....Two of our FFA members raise the flag at every home football game....Our local postmaster, Mr. Doyle, ordered a supply of 15,000 stamps commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Future Farmers of America. The day before they went on sale the local FFA boys went to every business establishment in town and reminded the businessmen to ask for the FFA stamp when buying stamps....We are selling Christmas Cards as a money raising project and handled the concession stand at one of our football games....Our chapter intends to have a Donkey Basketball game in the very near future....The Vocational Agriculture boys attended the State Holstein Show and Sale here at Herington....Our Green Hand Degree Initiation will be held in November at our second regular meeting. We hold a regular FFA Meeting on the first and third Thursday of every month....Farm Mechanics projects in shop are: calf feeders, cattle bunks, clothesline poles, pipe rack, picnic tables, garden hose reel, and many other small repair jobs. The Vocational Agriculture III boys are helping build a chicken house.

John Meyer, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ASHLAND: A Sweetheart Contest was sponsored by the Chapter with a candidate from each Vocational Agriculture class. Ballot boxes were constructed and placed in several business houses. The contest ran for about three weeks and closed October 19 with an income of \$92.74....An old popcorn popper in bad need of repair was donated to the chapter by one of the boys. The Ag. classes made the necessary repairs on the popper and have used it at one home football game satisfactorily. It will be used at all home football games and possibly basketball games....A gilt program is being sponsored by the Chapter. The Hampshire breed was chosen and the boy to receive the gilt this year was selected. He will receive a registered gilt weaning age and will return two weaning gilts back to the chapter next year for distribution to two other boys on the same basis....All first-year boys have completed their qualifications for Greenhand degree. Ceremonies will be performed and pins presented at the November meeting....Our FFA barn dance is planned for November....The order for FFA jackets will be in the mail this week. The chapter has agreed to pay one half the price of the jackets for the officers.... Our shop was improved this summer to the extent of painting all panel boards, benches and fixtures, painting the washroom, addition of two new wall cabinets and addition of two new arc welding cubicles. Among the list of new items are one new arc welder, new paint spray gun, complete line of auto mechanics, hand tools and many other miscellaneous items....Farm Shop projects are: three farm stock gates, one portable loading chute, three trailers repaired, three feed bunks, one rabbit hutch, two power lawn mowers overhauled, two sets of hen nests, one car painted, and other small items.

Carl Stacy, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: We have 28 boys enrolled in FFA this year....The officers and our adviser received a steak dinner for placing in the gold emblem group in the information and ritual contest....Our adviser and one sophomore student drove to Forbes Air Base in Topeka and bought three tons of iron to be used in the shop....Twenty-four boys and our adviser attended the state fair at Hutchinson. ...The freshman Green Hand degree and Chapter Farmer degree initiation was held at our last meeting....We had our annual watermelon feed for the freshman boys....Some new tools in our shop include hammers, saws, framing squares, bench grinder, work bench, vices and motor mechanics tools....Farm Shop projects being constructed by students include a loading chute, lawn mowers, hose winders, gas barrell stand, gates, feed bunks, trash barrells, and painting two tractors for farmers and painting 40 chairs for the church.

Alvin Freeman, Reporter

HOXIE: Eight Greenhands have received their degree. They are: Tom Haffner, Tom Moss, Richard Morgan, Dean Husted, Don Chapman, Gearhart Rall, James White, and Frank Timken....Sixty-five members have paid their dues for the coming year....The chapter planted it's 20 acres of rented summer fallow wheat ground to certified Comanche wheat September 26....Equipment already built in shop this year include six hog troughs, two welding tables, two lumber racks, one tool cabinet, a tool rack and numerous small jobs....The freshman boys are working on forge work and tool conditioning....The chapter holds two meetings monthly during school activity period and one night meeting a month. The program of work has been worked out, voted on, and accepted by the chapter. It is now being typed into a final draft....A 100 foot concrete retaining wall is being run east of our agriculture building by the Vocational Agriculture classes. The enclosure formed by it is to be seeded to grass in the spring.

Don Sumner, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

PALCO: Fourteen of the Palco Chapter Farmers attended the final session of the National Convention in Kansas City....Our chapter has shocked about 100 acres of feed during the first four weeks of school as a fund raising activity. We charge \$3.00 per acre....Work in the shop is increasing every day. Some of the jobs are: feed bunks, wooden and steel gates, hog troughs, motor overhaul, repairing grain drill, building farm wagons from old cars and any number of small fix-it, repair and repaint jobs....The Palco chapter is planning a parent son banquet for the 28th of November....The FFA boys served the FHA parent daughter banquet October 14 and received a great many compliments on their work. This was just one of many co-operative activities carried out between the two organizations....The senior FFA boys are making plans and reservations for the annual trip to the National Western Livestock Show in Denver this coming January....Our chapter has sold \$40.00 worth of the commemorative stamps.

John Bomgardner, Reporter

SYRACUSE: We have 41 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year with 35 active members....One hundred per cent of our members subscribed to the National Future Farmer Magazine....Our booth at the county fair received a red ribbon. Two brothers, Arlan and Melvin Huser, both active members of the FFA, showed champion and reserve champion fat steers at the county fair....Darrel McKinney received a blue ribbon at the State Fair on his milo....The advance agriculture class is working on the program of work, which will be checked by the rest of the classes before being sent in to the state office....The speaker for the annual FFA Father-Son Banquet, November 17, will be C. L. Huxman, State Senator from our district....The Vo-Ag boys installed a new air compressor in our shop during the first six weeks of school. Other shop projects include punches, chisels, and repairing a harrow.

Melvin Huser, Reporter

CLIFTON: The Clifton vocational agriculture class has completed a squeeze chute, started last fall. The chapter will charge 10¢ per head for community use of the chute....Shop projects are: a creep feeder, two trailers 7x14, mineral feeder, a gate, a feed bunk and two four-wheel trailer chassis....The chapter elected a Chapter Sweetheart last meeting. The three candidates were Donice Jackson, Mary Ann Morgison and Janice Mayer....The FFA parliamentary procedure team attended the Leadership School at Clay Center and also demonstrated at P. T. A. meeting....The annual hay-rack ride was held October 13. The trailers were furnished by FFA members and the tractors were driven by local farmers....The freshman Vo-Ag boys picked popcorn on the Howard Germann farm to help raise chapter funds.

Max Francis, Reporter

MANKATO: The classroom was remodeled and repaired during the summer....The summer watermelon feed was held in August....The fall hayrack ride and weiner roast was held October 6....Shop projects under construction in the various classes are: three metal feed bunks, three sets of sawhorses, barrell rack, cattle supplement feeder, two hog feeders, lawn chair, wash stand, mail box and stand, and a posthole digger....The Mankato FFA Chapter purchased a registered Hampshire spring boar from R. E. Bergstein, Randolph, Kansas, for the registered Hampshire gilt ring now operating.

Steve Ahrens, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

PARTRIDGE: The Partridge vocational agriculture's new building is nearing completion. All the FFA members are eagerly awaiting the opening day.... We have 47 enrolled in vocational agriculture this year, thirteen of which are freshmen. The freshman boys are now inspecting the farming programs of the various members. Our newly established gilt ring is causing a lot of interest among the members, and the boys are receiving valuable information on swine management problems....Our pest eradication contest will soon be under way, with the climax next spring when the losers will sponsor a chili feed....Preparation is being made for a FFA vegetable hot bed in the spring.

Leon Ricksecker, Reporter

SALINA: School started September 8 with the course of vocational agriculture being taught for the first time in the Salina schools. Thirty-one students enrolled in the new course. We elected temporary officers from the Vocational Agriculture III class to represent us at the Buhler Leadership School. They placed in the Gold Emblem Classification in the Information Contest and Gold Emblem Classification in the Ritual Contest. Don Weberg was elected all star vice-president and Jim Jarvis was elected all star secretary. Jack Gebhart tied for tenth place in the FFA information contest....We have our program of work nearly completed and will mail it to the state office and at the same time make application for a charter....Our first meeting was held October 12. The following officers were elected: Palmer Price, President; Don Weberg, Vice-President; Jim Jarvis, Secretary; Gilbert Riley, Treasurer; Doug Newland, Sentinel; and Jack Gebhart, Reporter....The Minneapolis and Ellsworth chapters have volunteered to bring their officers to our November meeting to install our permanent officers and confer membership degrees on the Salina members.

Jack Gebhart, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Nearly 100 per cent attended the annual parents and member watermelon party on August 23....Our soil testing kit is used daily to test seed beds for wheat seeding to determine fertilizer needs....Irwin Graves was our entrant in the tractor rodeo held during the Washington County Fair.

John Wieland, Reporter

ELLIS: Twelve boys went to Smith Center with the adviser, where they visited the county irrigation project farm. While at Smith Center they visited Vern Albrect's purebred Duroc farm....We have our FFA meetings on the first Monday of every month, serving refreshments after each meeting....There are 31 boys in vocational agriculture and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ boys in the FFA chapter.

Jack Seibel, Reporter

MARION: Members of the Marion Chapter have found this school year quite loaded with FFA activities....During Fire Prevention Week 20 FFA members and their adviser, Mr. Stephens, assisted by the Marion Fire Dept. abolished a great fire hazard by burning off the parking lot at the football field to prevent fires from starting during games....We have taken several field trips studying irrigation, drenching sheep, and a land judging school at which one of our members, Vernon Bowers, placed first....At our home town celebration the local chapter entered a float which placed first. This float, entitled "The Balanced Farming Program", demonstrated the various phases in a farming program....We plan to give the Green Hand Degree to 13 freshmen and raise 33 green hands to Chapter Farmer Degree.

Donald Longhofer, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MULVANE: The Mulvane FFA Chapter has 60 members so far this year....Our parent and son banquet was held November 3. The main speaker was John Kirk, past executive secretary for the Flying Farmers....We have had two night meetings so far and have had two speakers, who talked on the value of life insurance and fire protection. The first night meeting was Dad's Night and watermelon was used for the dessert....The boys built five new portable bleachers for the Mulvane Saddle Club as a community service. Under construction are four feed bunks, cattle squeeze, pickup stock racks, and three trailers.... We have five arc welders in our shop this year.

Jim R. Bradberry, Reporter

WATERVILLE: Our chapter has been making money through the sale of season tickets and Christmas cards this fall...We have entered the Pfister Seed Co. Corn Growing Contest....During the summer the chapter operated the popcorn and pop concessions at the softball games....The FFA officers and the Junior boys enrolled in agriculture attended the American Royal in Kansas City.... Our chapter is planning a trip to the Black Hills in the spring. Our school has purchased two school busses this year, and we will use one of them for our trip....The chapter has a number of pigs which have been placed among the members.

Terry Turner, Reporter

HANOVER: We are selling popcorn at all the football games and basketball games....We entered a float in the parade at the annual Days of 49....A fishing trip was held on August 19 with 29 members taking part. We went to Lake Goodman....We entered a booth in the County Fair portraying the 25th anniversary of the FFA....This year we have 46 members in our school chapter. The officers for the new year are Keith Allerheilgen, President; Harry Gantenbein, Vice-President; Bill Roevers, Treasurer; Don Cumro, Secretary; and Keith Ebeling, Reporter.

Keith Ebeling, Reporter

CHANUTE: The officers for the Chanute Chapter this year are: Mervin Snowden, president; Bill Reinhardt, vice-president; Gary Berthot, secretary; Paul Hansen, treasurer; Garold Burghart, reporter; Loy Reinhardt, sentinel. Each officer will act as a committee chairman and other committee chairmen for this year are George Koch, Ralph Berthot, and Jim Malson....The officers and committee chairmen met on Wednesday evening, September 9, and made committee appointments as well as general plans for the year....Our Dairy Judging team represented Kansas at the National Dairy Judging contest held at Waterloo, Iowa....Our annual chapter FFA information contest was held just prior to the Leadership School at Fredonia....One hundred per cent of our FFA members have subscribed to the FFA magazine.

Garold Burghart, Reporter

QUINTER: The Quinter chapter members are enjoying the use of a new shop which is 44 by 98 feet. A gas forge is part of the new equipment....The junior boys built new tool cabinets, and the sophomore boys built the benches for the new shop. The FFA plans to assist in landscaping the grounds around the new building....The FFA boys are building backstops for our new tennis courts.

Paul Rhine, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

COFFEYVILLE: Our chapter enjoyed a weiner roast the evening of October 8.... FFA members are completing the 1953-54 program of work and are getting the 1954 calendar ready for publication....The Green Hands are preparing the 15-minute discussion, a requirement for Chapter Farmer Degree....In shop the seniors are busy erecting FFA signs on the four main highways entering Coffeyville.... Juniors are constructing such projects as community egg nests, hay racks, sheep feeders, and concrete splash blocks....Sophomores are working exercises at the forge, soldering, and tool conditioning.

Coy Allen, Reporter

WAMEGO: During the summer some of our boys attended several judging schools and contests over the state....We built a quarter-mile cinder track with a cement curb around the football field for the school. We received a cement mixer and \$65 motor....In shop we have built several feed bunks, a dozen metal gates from implement wheels, two two-wheel trailers, a metal cattle guard and repaired farm machinery....Our money making projects include janitoring the agriculture building and woodworking building, taking tickets and parking cars at ball games, and prize money from receiving second place with our float....Our department received about \$650.00 worth of new equipment at the beginning of the school year. A new tool cage for checking our tools was included in this equipment.

Paul Henningsen, Reporter

BUHLER: For the seventeenth year our first activity of the year was the preparation of the Reno County Collective Exhibit at the State Fair. The scores of the exhibits were a little lower than usual due to the drought. Shawnee County champion exhibit scored 1118 points; we had 1117....Robert Stoughton had the highest yield of corn in the local corn growing contest.... Dick Gisel's dairy heifer presented him with twin calves....We are waiting until the contractor has finished with our new building, so we can start shop in earnest....We have bought a threshing separator from George Slickau to use for scrap metal....Our chapel program was given on November 4....Gerald Robinson, our president, has been chosen to represent Kansas at the International Stock Show. He won the honor on his outstanding work in gardening. He worked out his own irrigation system.

Robert Stoughton, Reporter

HOYT: Our FFA held a watermelon feed on August 25....The freshman boys have received their Green Hand Degree....Shop jobs under construction are a sheep feeder, steel gates, a cattle hay feeder, and repair of two corn pickers.... A Donkey Basketball game will be held on November 30 to raise money for the chapter.

Delbert Zackariasen, Reporter

ENSIGN: We held our first FFA meeting of the school year September 1....We voted to attend a basketball game at Kansas State in December and hold a father-son banquet this year....We have purchased a new farm level, power hand saw and portable grinder since school started.

Jim Bryant, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE-MISSION: September 14 we started our chapter year with a night meeting with Mr. Welch, our school principal, as speaker....During this month we also had a meeting where the first year boys and their parents were invited. Each of the chapter officers gave a brief report on different phases of the chapter. Refreshments were served after the meeting....During the latter part of September and the first of October, our chapter built a large birthday cake. This cake was used in the 25th anniversary pageant at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City....On October 12 the whole chapter attended the National Public Speaking Contest....At one of our home football games we had a concession with the P.T.A. With 37 chapter members helping, our share of the concession was \$125.00 clear....This year as last year we are going to sell cordwood, but instead of selling it in slabs we're cutting down trees on a member's farm. With the aid of many axes and a borrowed chain saw we're cutting them into chunks, which we expect will bring us more money than the slabs which were sold last year....We had many visitors at the time of the Future Farmers Convention....One of the large city banks decorated its window in honor of the FFA 25th anniversary as well as our chapter's 25th anniversary.

Ralph Russell, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: One of our members gave a talk at our regular meeting about his trip to the National Boy Scout Jamboree, held at Irvine Ranch in California. ...In shop the chapter is making the following: two post hole diggers, one bale elevator, one loading chute, one Ford tractor jack, one tank heater, two yardgates, one livestock gate, one small step ladder, one wagon tongue and two clevises. They are repairing the soil conservation service grass drill and have repaired one other grain drill....The school has purchased a new popcorn machine. The FFA is responsible for the machine and will receive part of the income.

Neil Schild, Reporter

HIAWATHA: Our chapter has an active membership of 30 this year. The officers for this year are: President, Allen Meyers; Vice-President, Ronald Bowen; Secretary, Delman Moll; Treasurer, Oliver Dickinson; Reporter, Vernon Lewis; Sentinel, Marvin Mueller....For the fourth year we entered a booth in the FFA division at the Kansas Free Fair. The topic of our booth was "Silos and Silage!" We ranked second....At our regular October night meeting Mr. Bowman gave a very interesting discussion on the raising and caring of chinchillas....Work has started on our float, which we are entering in the Halloween Parade. The float will illustrate three phases of our work: supervised farming, farm shop, and classroom study....The shop projects completed or now under construction are four feed bunks, a four-wheel trailer, a two-wheel implement trailer, two sow farrowing houses, one wagon box and one cattle squeeze.

Vernon Lewis, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: Our chapter is now holding our annual magazine drive. For this drive we chose up sides. The losing side will have to put on a weiner roast for the chapter. We use the profits of the drive for the parent and son banquet in the spring. We will use the same sides for our pest eradication contest soon....We have a new disc grinder in our shop....Some of our shop projects are: one two-wheel trailer, one four-wheel trailer, a 100 bu. hog feeder, rake wheel gate, two ladders....We will take care of the high school and city park shrubbery this year.

Abe Hunt, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ROSE HILL: Several members exhibited shop projects at the Butler County Fair. Blue ribbons were won by Jack McCune and Stanley Harris....In August we held our annual watermelon feed honoring fifteen freshmen and three new students....On October 14 our chapter presented an assembly program honoring the 25th Anniversary of FFA....We have cleaned and treated over 5,000 bushels of seed wheat for 38 farmers of this community....In shop each freshman has completed his bait box and has started on a major project....Shop projects completed or in progress are three major overhauls of cars and trucks, four feed bunks, a baseball batting cage, two sets of clothesline poles, three two-wheel trailers, one four-wheel trailer, a nail and bolt box, a swing set, and a metal feed bunk.

Larry Young, Reporter

LOUISBURG: Our local chapter achievement award went to Arthur Godfrey, our president....The chapter enjoyed a baseball-watermelon feed this summer....Shop projects this fall have included an all-weather 12' x 20' concession stand and a flag pole in concrete. At present we are remodeling our washroom and building lockers from old gym floor....Our chapter will sponsor a two-day paper drive to raise money.

Marvin Wilke, Reporter

SOLOMON: We have a membership of 25 this year....Twelve members of our chapter with Mr. Venneberg and his wife took a 2500-mile tour this summer, which included 500 miles in Canada. Travel was by truck. A truck canvas top, seats from old cars, racks and other equipment was installed. The trip was financed by assessing each member \$25.00, which had to come from the net earnings from his farming program....We sponsored a car driving skill contest in conjunction with the Lions Club Fall Festival....The shop was given a complete paint job this summer following the recommended color dynamics for vocational agriculture shops. It looks a lot brighter and cleaner....The chapter is financing the construction of a cattle squeeze. It will either be sold or kept to loan out on a rental basis....Six sophomores received the Chapter Farmer Degree at our monthly October meeting....Our FFA annual Senior carnival was held October 31.

George Geske, Reporter

COLUMBUS: The Columbus chapter has 47 boys enrolled in FFA....Twenty-five freshmen will receive their Green Hand Degrees at the annual Parent-Son dinner December 10. This dinner is a highlight of the year including the high school faculty, parents, vocational agriculture boys, former FFA boys and their wives, school board members and agriculture committees in the county....There are 50 pieces of farm equipment under construction in the farm shop. The boys have taken advantage of the open weather to do this construction out-of-doors....New tables and chairs have been ordered for the classroom....The FFA enjoyed an invitation to sit in on a meeting of the FHA October 8. Following the meeting a mixer was held and cookies and punch served by the girls.

Lloyd Helwig, Reporter

HUMBOLDT: On October 3, we had a skating party with the FHA as our guests....The annual Green Hand Degree was received by freshmen on October 22....Our chapter had a hayrack ride and weiner roast October 20.

Joe Hurst, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WASHBURN: We have a membership of 33 in our chapter....Eight boys and the adviser went on an FFA fishing trip to Lake Wabaunsee....Twelve members attended the Eastern Kansas Livestock and Crops Judging School....Our chapter held a watermelon feed for the freshman boys....We started school in the new Washburn High School building....We are making new equipment for the shop, a piped compressed air system, large work table, welding tables. We are also mounting grinders and a drill press and constructing and painting new tool cabinets....The chapter entered the FFA educational booth exhibits at the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka and received \$97.00 in premiums....Our chapter is selling Christmas cards and concessions at football games....The first of June our chapter bought a bred Duroc gilt to start a gilt ring among the members.

Larry Engler, Reporter

CENTRALIA: Our chapter started the year with eleven active members, five sophomores and six freshmen. We have a half time department this year....Erwin Flentie, Gary Lackey, William Cross, Donald Walden, and our adviser attended the National FFA Convention on October 12 and 13....James Lackey, our president, tied for first place in the information contest at our district leadership school....The sophomore class painted a garage....Our chapter has concession rights of pop and popcorn at all football and basketball games this year....A hay rack ride was held October 27 with the high school girls as our guests.

Ernie Raugewitz, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: The Smith Center Chapter held its first meeting of the school year August 24, which consisted of a watermelon feed honoring the freshmen....Our first social function of the year was a hayrack ride. We had three tractors and racks with forty FFA members and about forty-five FHA members as our guests....Pictures of the officers at the post office window buying FFA stamps were taken and published in the local paper.

Bob Heide, Reporter

ONAGA: We have 40 members in FFA....One hundred per cent of our members subscribed to the National Future Farmer Magazine....A watermelon feed in honor of the freshman boys was held in September....Shop projects being constructed are three trailers, one wagon box, remodeling a forge, eight football benches, one porch swing, and numerous other articles....We made \$55.00 selling popcorn at football games....A pest eradication campaign will be held during December and January.

John Worthington, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: We held our GreenHand Degree on October 13. The chapter invited our fathers and had a chili supper with 70 members, fathers, and faculty present. The official Green Hand ceremony was given by a ritual team made up of members of the No. X class....The chapter has been raising money by shocking feed and selling pop, coffee, and do-nuts at games.

Ronald Curry, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

BAZINE: The Bazine chapter now has access to a new shop building and classroom. Ag boys are building new work benches and cabinets and the shop is being equipped with new tools including an arc welder and metal lathe....Our chapter has 25 FFA members. The following officers were elected: President, Vyrl McFadden; Vice-President, Gene Feezor; Secretary, Larry Holmes; Treasurer, Dean Holmes; Reporter, Leroy Bieber; and Sentinel, Larry Ries....A special night meeting was held October 20 in order that Gerald Schwein and Daryl Filbert, the two delegates to the National FFA Convention, could tell of their experiences. Parents of all FFA members were invited.

Leroy Bieber, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Our FFA chapter husked corn for 31 county test plots....There were ten different samples of hybrid corn in a corn show in our ag classroom.... There are 24 members in our FFA chapter, plus 17 prospective Green Hands.... Our shop projects are a grain bed for a four-wheel trailer, a ten-foot feed bunk for cattle, and a power sprayer mounted on a two-wheel trailer. Our chapter painted the interior of the shop and tools....Our school purchased a new heavy duty grinder for some of our hard grinding...We are making plans for a float for Marysville's Centennial in 1954.

Merle Holle, Reporter

JEWELL: The FFA boys from our chapter participated in the 10th Annual Jewell Corn Show, October 16-17, by constructing display booths and entering grain exhibits, livestock judging and tractor driving contests. Our float in the parade was built around the theme of the 25th Anniversary of the FFA....Shop projects now under way are three feed bunks, a gate, small tractor, bale hooks and repairing and painting ladders.

Dennis Burke, Reporter

KINGMAN: Roland Belcher, our vice-president, exhibited Jersey cattle at the State Fair. He received a blue ribbon on his calf and on his senior yearling heifer....Committees composed of all the members have been busy working out the annual program of work. It has been completed and approved by the chapter and was in the state office by November 1....The following projects are completed or in the making: one creep feeder, one 10'x16' calf shelter, three 14' feed bunks, one loading chute, two two-wheel trailers, four show boxes for livestock exhibitors, two tool cabinets, two poultry feeder, one 14' gate.

Don Lock, Reporter

YATES CENTER: The Yates Center Chapter started the year off with 49 members... The chapter has all the concession stands at all football games....The chapter harvested Woodson County corn test plots.

Jimmy Martin, Reporter

MC DONALD: Our chapter shocked over 100 acres of feed....We have three motors in the shop for overhaul jobs, one trailer and several small woodworking projects....Our chapter held its Green Hand Degree ceremony the night of October 26....The chapter entered a float in the Community Day Parade on October 17, and it placed third.

Reporter