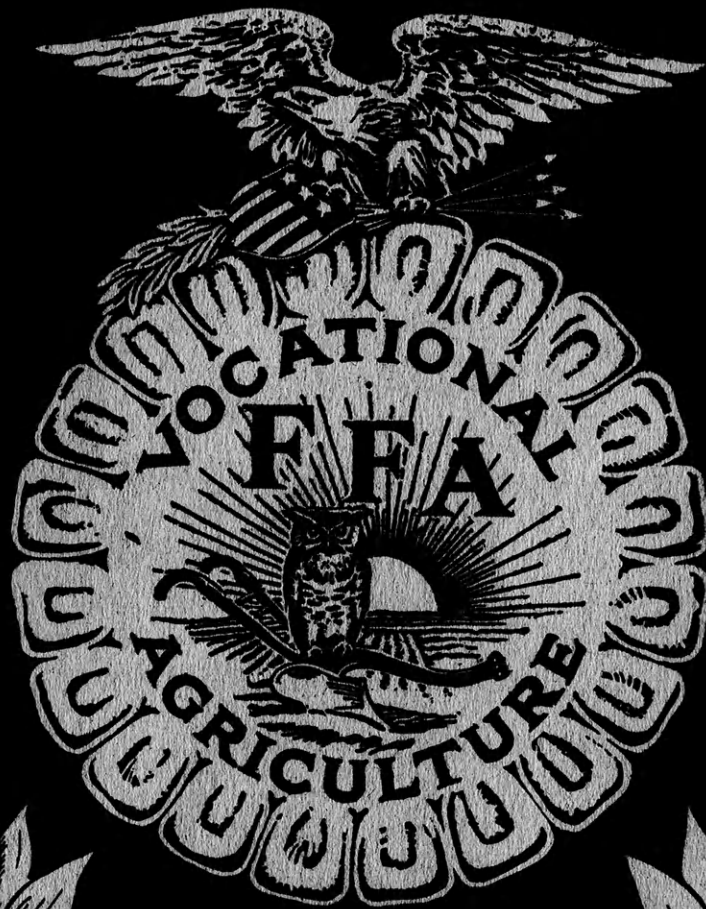


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FFA membership dues final date Jan. 1, 1959.
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Star Farmer of America for 1958 was Jimmie John Jarnagi Jr., of the Jetmore FFA Chapter, Jetmore, Kansas. Jimmie received \$1,000 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., as an award for his outstanding accomplishments. The story of Jimmie's farming program development and his participation in school and community activities was carried in many newspapers and magazines, and was broadcast over numerous radio and television stations throughout Kansas and in other states.

Jerry Taliaferro, vice-president, and Lloyd Barnett, treasurer of the Effingham chapter, hold the plaque on which two gold emblems have been added for the chapter's placing in the National Chapter Award program. Effingham received the gold emblems in 1954 and in 1958.





Kansas American Farmers; from left, Donald Alexander, Coldwater; Norman Nelson, Alma; Larry Gilmore, Highland; Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jr., Jetmore; Calvin Massey, Eureka; Freeman Sander, Stockton; and Darrell Goss, Garden City.



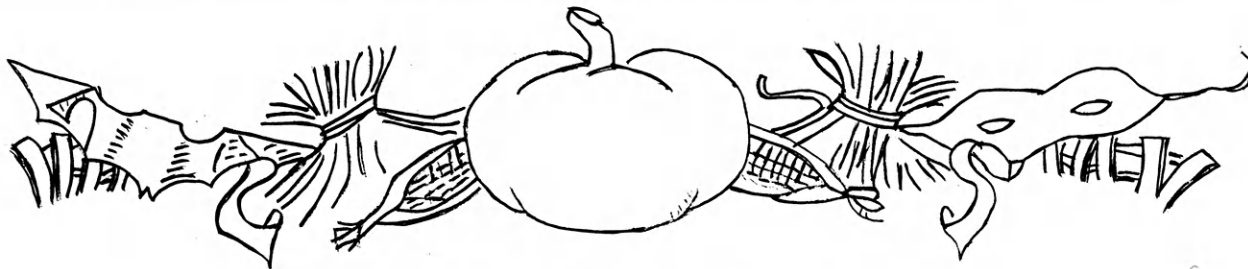
Melvin Wiltz, center, of Sabetha, who was high scorer in the FFA information contest at the Holton Leadership School, is being congratulated by Ronnie Poor, state FFA reporter. At the left is advisor Raymond Hackler, Sabetha.



Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus: Front, from left, John Elliott, Columbus; Ronnie Schmidt, Fredonia; Milburn Franz, Buhler; Jay Mann, Quinter; Dick Laue, Greenleaf. Back, from left, Richard Wenger, Powhattan; Millard Harrell, Paradise; Steve Schumann, Powhattan; Roger Arnold, Ness City; Dean Koeneke, Hanover.



Kansas members of the National FFA Band: Front, from left, Rowland Edwards, Waterville; Stephen Fuller, Little River; Dennis Smith, Holcomb; Ronald Carver, Fredonia. Back, from left, James Ochampaugh, Stockton; Frank Vopat, Wilson; Gary Kolbeck, Spearville; Dallas Kibbe, Csage City; Lawrence Schrader, Effingham. Jack Coltrain, Neodesha, was not present because of the death of his mother.



THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16, 1958

Approximately 10,000 FFA members representing the 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico attended the Thirty-first National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Mayor H. Roe Bartle, Kansas City, Missouri, welcomed the Future Farmers of America to Kansas City. He told the members present that farming remains one of the solid foundations of the nation's economy.

The splendid manner in which the official delegates and officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America handled their four-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 sessions were held in the Main Arena.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All National Officers were present. These young men did a superb job in handling the entire convention.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Ralph Young, president of the Kansas Association, Tribune Chapter; and Richard Heiman, vice-president of the Kansas Association, Beloit Chapter. Elton Aberle, Sabetha Chapter, secretary of the Kansas Association; and Ronnie R. Poor, Chanute Chapter, reporter of the Kansas Association, were alternates.

AMERICAN FARMERS: There were 362 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. Donald D. Alexander, Coldwater Chapter; Larry Dutton Gilmore, Highland Chapter; Darrell Goss, Garden City Chapter; Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jetmore Chapter; Calvin L. Massey, Eureka Chapter; Norman Leroy Nelson, Almena Chapter; and Charles Freeman Sander, Stockton Chapter, were the seven young men from Kansas who received this honor.

STAR FARMER OF AMERICA

One of the 1958 Kansas American Farmers was named Star Farmer of America. He is Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jr., of the Jetmore Chapter of FFA, Jetmore, Kansas.

The story of his record of accomplishments has been featured in a special issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. Also in the special issue, which was edited by John Lacey, Assistant Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, is a review of the teaching career of Mr. Ira Plank of Winfield, who received the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 31st National Convention. The Star Farmer of Kansas in 1958 is also featured in the above publication.

Chapter officers will want to obtain a copy of the colorful, special issue (October 1958) of the Kansas Future Farmer and make it a part of their library.

REGIONAL STAR FARMERS OF OTHER REGIONS:

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - James H. Speer, Jr., 21, Blairs Mills, Pennsylvania. Award \$500.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Malcolm A. Niles, 20, Loleta, California. Award \$500.

Star Farmer of the Southern Region - Ethan Labrier, 21, Kenton, Oklahoma. Award \$500.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First: Stewart Lamb, Hamilton, New York--"Farm Cooperatives in the Changing Agriculture Picture."
- Second: Carl Pyo, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii--"Happiness and Prosperity Through Farm Safety."
- Third: Gregory Click, Ephrata, Washington--"Agriculture-The Unlimited Career."
- Fourth: Ben F. Keahey, Dumas, Arkansas--"The Farmer's Future."
- Fifth: James Oesterreicher, Chesaning, Michigan--"The Organization of an FFA Steer Cooperative."

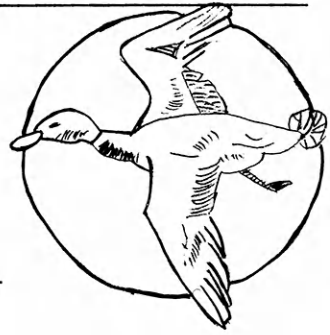
CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 68 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went to 35 chapters; and Bronze Emblem to 22. The two Kansas chapters placed as follows:

Gold Emblem: - Effingham
Silver Emblem - Lawrence

1958-59 NATIONAL STUDENT OFFICERS:

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1958 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS:

A report on each of the seven successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas.

Jimmie John Jarnagin - Jetmore Chapter

Jimmie John Jarnagin's supervised farming program as a freshman consisted of two registered Hereford heifers. As a sophomore he added 12 sheep and half interest in 70 acres of milo. Drouth got most of the milo, and he lost money on both the sheep and the cattle. His net labor income for those first two years was \$126.

In 1954 Jimmie's father made arrangements for Jimmie to purchase 800 acres of the home farm for \$24,000 on a time payment basis. There was a 450-acre growing crop of wheat on the land at the time of the purchase. Jimmie expanded his beef herd to 24 and his sheep to 20. The wheat crop was good, and he harvested 6,500 bushels. His labor income at the end of the year amounted to \$13,889.50. With it, he paid off \$12,000 of the amount owed his father.

That was to be his last good wheat crop until this past summer. In 1955 he netted \$142 from 400 acres. There were failures again in 1956 and 1957, although he did get returns of about \$2,400 during each of those two years from land placed in the soil bank.

In the meantime, Jimmie sold his sheep and attempted to expand his beef herd. In 1955 he pastured and fed 70 head of his father's cows for one-half of the calf crop. Selling his share of the calves, he bought more cows. Then the drouth got worse. At the beginning of 1956, Jimmie had 52 cows, 4 heifers, and 2 bulls. Because of feed and water shortage, he sold his entire calf crop and 20 of the poorer cows.

The rains came in the spring of 1957, too late for that year's wheat crop but helped the pastures. Jimmie bought 320 acres more of grassland from his father for \$15,000 and leased 320 acres from his mother at \$2.50 per acre, per year. He got 31 calves from his 34 cows. In the fall he borrowed more money to buy 214 head of stocker steers and cows. He paid \$21 per hundred pounds for them, wintered them on wheat pasture and milo stubble. By last spring the steers had gained an average of 200 pounds each, and prices had gone up. He sold 107 at a good margin, getting enough to pay off his note and still keep the remainder of the steers and cows to eat this year's good pastures.

Jimmie John Jarnagin - continued

At the time he filed his application for the FFA's American Farmer degree last spring, Jimmie had nearly \$30,000 worth of cattle, \$70,000 in land and buildings, with machinery and other miscellaneous items to bring the gross value of his holdings to \$111,071.11. He still owed \$33,000 on the land, \$14,500 on the cattle, and \$965 in other liabilities, for a net worth of \$62,606.11.

Of that amount he could count \$53,634.05 gained in actual earnings from farming and other sources over a period of six years. The remainder represented his father's gift of the original 160-acre farm, and increased inventory value of the land he had purchased.

In high school, Jimmie was a leader in the FFA, Student Council president, captain of the football and basketball teams, and played in the school band.

Donald D. Alexander - Coldwater Chapter

Donald Alexander's first-year vocational agriculture farming program included 36 beef cattle, 14 swine, and 3 dairy cattle. His total labor income for his freshman year was \$1,005. At the time he was graduated from the Coldwater High School, he had expanded his program to include 115 beef cattle, 107 swine, and 3 dairy cattle. His labor income for the senior year was \$6,401. Donald's crops program in 1958 included 75 acres of wheat, 210 acres of sorghums, 30 acres of alfalfa, 50 acres of rye, and 2,000 acres native range pasture. His livestock included 220 Hereford steers and heifers, 50 Hereford cows, 2 bulls, 37 swine, and 17 sheep. This year his total net worth was \$55,065. He owns two tractors and is in 50-50 partnership with his father on a cattle sprayer, a Noble blade plow, and a grain drill.

In addition to Donald's rented land, he has full ownership of 160 acres. He is able to irrigate much of his land. Donald was secretary of his FFA Chapter during 1954-55. He was awarded the Santa Fe award in 1955. He took part in many co-operative activities that were sponsored by his chapter. He was an outstanding livestock judge and won many ribbons in showing livestock at county fairs and at the Wichita Fat Stock Show. He is a member of the Comanche County Hereford Breeders Association, on the Board of Directors of the Comanche County Farm Bureau, and in 1956-57 was vice-president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Yorkshire Association.

Larry Dutton Gilmore - Highland Chapter

Larry Gilmore was graduated from Highland, Kansas, high school in 1955. He completed 4 years of vocational agriculture while in high school and is a student at Kansas State College at the present time. Larry began his farming program as a freshman with 13 swine, one beef animal, and six acres of corn. During his 1956-57 record year Larry's farming program included 25 beef cattle, 93 swine, 15 acres of corn, 13 acres of wheat, six acres alfalfa, and 3 acres of oats. His labor income for that year was \$3,139. Larry has been using the deferred system

Larry Dutton Gilmore - continued

of raising beef cattle as one of his major livestock production programs. He also has developed and used meat-type swine. Some of his larger items of farm machinery and equipment include an earth scoop, a grain wagon, a hydraulic posthole digger, a farrowing house, and two small hog houses.

Larry has shown livestock in the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City for 3 years. Larry's first two years of college were taken at the Highland Junior College so that he could be at home much of the time to carry out his farming program.. Since he was enrolled at Kansas State, the summers, week ends, and holidays have been spent at home continuing with his farming program work.

Larry was treasurer of his FFA Chapter during his junior year and president during the senior year in high school. He was a delegate to the State FFA Convention for two years. He is an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He has been president of the county 4-H Council.

Calvin L. Massey - Eureka Chapter

Calvin Massey is a "town boy" who, although discouraged from taking vocational agriculture as a freshman high school student, has had the will-power and desire to overcome this disadvantage and build a net worth of nearly \$12,000 in a period of seven years. Calvin is now well on his way to successful establishment as a full-time farmer in Southeast Kansas.

Calvin began his farming program in vocational agriculture with one beef heifer. His farming program growth was rapid and at the time he was a senior, he was operating 28 acres of wheat, 40 acres oats, 16 acres milo, four acres prairie hay, 13 beef cattle, 36 swine, and 350 poultry. His 1958 farming program included 58 acres of wheat, 56 acres barley, 48 acres sorghum, 14 acres milo, 14 acres oats, 36 acres corn, 17 acres soybeans, 25 acres alfalfa hay, 28 acres brome hay and pasture, 30 acres of lespedeza hay, five acres sweet clover, 350 acres bluestem pasture, and 1/4 acre garden. His livestock included 67 yearling heifers, 19 Hereford cows, 14 calves, two dairy cows, one registered bull, six yearling steers, and 50 laying hens. His January 1, 1958, net worth was \$11,862. Major pieces of farm machinery and equipment which he owns includes two tractors, a planter, a plow, disk, a springtooth harrow, equipment trailer, 1/2 ton pickup truck, steel bin, brooder house, and a cultivator. Calvin has been an officer in his FFA Chapter for three years.

Darrell Goss - Garden City Chapter

Darrell Goss began his vocational agriculture work as a freshman in the Garden City High School in 1951. His farming program consisted of two acres of sumac sorgo, 62 swine, and 13 cattle. In 1958 his farming program included 210 acres of wheat and summer fallow, 320 acres milo, 30 acres barley, 50 acres alfalfa, 40 acres sweet clover, 32 Hereford steers, and 18 dairy cattle. His net worth as

Darrell Goss - continued

of January 1, 1958, was \$11,718. Darrell is married and is farming full time on the farm. Darrell farms in partnership with his father, Mr. Dennis Goss. One hundred percent of their farm ground is under irrigation from deep wells. Although the profit from each enterprise is shared, Darrell is charged with the responsibility of the field work while his father handles the dairy herd. Darrell and his wife live a short distance from the home farm. He was chapter sentinel during his senior year in vocational agriculture. He participated in many co-operative activities which were sponsored by his chapter. He won first place in the 1957 100-bushel milo club. He is a member of the Finney County Soil Conservation District.

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Teacher: "Really, Johnny, your handwriting is terrible. You must learn to write better."

Johnny: "Well, if I did, you'd be finding fault with my spelling."

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Norman LeRoy Nelson - Long Island Chapter

Norman Nelson started his farming program in 1953 with one breeding heifer which his father gave him. During the same year he borrowed money to buy and feed four steers and rented 10 acres of land from his father to raise feed for live-stock. Norman continued to expand his beef cattle interests and added 4 purebred sows to his livestock by 1956. At that time he rented 56 acres of irrigated land from his father. In the fall of 1956 Norman enrolled at Kansas State College and sold all his hogs because of labor requirements but was able to keep his beef herd. At the end of one semester of college Norman decided that farming would be his life's work, and he went home and rented an irrigated farm which joined his father's. Soon after that Norman was married to a high school classmate. In the spring of 1957 Norman and his wife purchased a 50% interest in all his father's livestock and machinery, and he and his father farm the land as partners. Norman's net worth, as of January 1, 1958, was over \$14,000, although he is still heavily in debt for livestock and machinery. At present, Norman has a 50% interest in 160 acres of corn, 10 acres of oats, 43 acres of alfalfa, 130 acres of milo, and 50 acres of summer fallow. Norman and his father also own 90 head of good Hereford cows, 340 head of Hampshire hogs, and 80 head of spring calves. In addition, Norman has 9 Holstein cows and 6 calves of his own.

Norman was an outstanding athlete in high school; he served his local chapter as sentinel and vice-president. He was also president of his senior class and active in vocal music. Since high school, Norman's activities have continued and he is now a member of Farm Bureau, an active member of The Kansas Farm Management Association, and his wife and he are sponsors of the church young people's group.

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Teacher: "Johnny, can you define nonsense?"

Johnny: "Yes, teacher - an elephant hanging over a cliff with his tail tied to a daisy."

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Charles Freeman Sander - Stockton Chapter

Freeman Sander's farming program during his freshman year included 10 acres of wheat, 21 Yorkshire hogs, two Guernsey cows, and one-half interest in a Hereford cow. Freeman continued to live on the home farm and drive approximately 10 miles to school. It was during the next three years that Freeman was to lose his mother and his father was to become rather severely crippled.

Freeman and his younger brother, along with a cousin, took over the management of the entire farmstead. The land is rented from his father and uncle and each crop is shared among the five parties. Freeman and his younger brother operate the livestock enterprises on the home farm separate from their cousin. Freeman and his brother are in the process of making plans to purchase land of their own at the present time.

In 1958 he had one-fifth interest in 400 acres of wheat, 25 acres of alfalfa, 80 acres of Ellis sorgo, 70 acres of milo, and 30 acres of corn. He had one-half interest in 45 Yorkshire hogs and had full ownership of 13 Angus cattle and two Guernsey cows. His farming program's net worth was \$12,985. He was a member of the Stockton Chapter which won silver emblem classification in the National Better Chapter Contest in 1956. He is a member of the young farmers' class at the Stockton High School, and a member of the Farm Bureau.

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REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO THE 1958 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION:Ronnie Poor - State Reporter

I cannot express all of the inspirational experiences which I gained in attending the 31st National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. I will always be grateful for the privilege of being the alternate delegate representing the Kansas Association.

As the alternate delegate, I had the opportunity of personally meeting many of the delegates from other states and talking with them about the work of our organization on a national level. One of the highlights of the convention, particularly for those from Kansas, was the honoring of a fellow Kansan as Star American Farmer, the highest award given to any Future Farmer. Another highlight was the principle address given by Ezra Taft Benson, the United States Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

I replaced Ralph Young as committee member to make plans for the 32nd National Convention. It was here that I realized that even on the national level, much of the planning is left to the delegates on the committees.

The last night of the convention, we were the guests at a reception and dinner given by the donors of the Future Farmers Foundation, Inc.

Ronnie Poor - continued

All in all, it has gone to make up the most valuable and rewarding three days of my life. It is my sincere hope that every member of the Kansas Association will sometime have the privilege of attending the National Convention. I feel that it will prove as inspirational to them as it has to me and will increase their interest in their work for vocational agriculture.

Elton Aberle - State Secretary

It was my privilege and truly a great pleasure to serve as an alternate delegate at the Thirty-First National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. This was the first National Convention which I had ever attended and I was greatly impressed with everything which took place.

One of the first things which aroused my admiration and pride was the excellent parliamentary procedure practiced by the national officers and official delegates. Also, I was impressed by the way in which delegates took an active part in discussion of proposed amendments to the Constitution and official business.

There were many former national officers and star farmers present at the convention and one of those present was Jerry Ringo of Kentucky, a former national vice-president. I had the pleasure of hearing Jerry address the Rotary Club of Kansas City on Thursday noon. After listening to him, I am even more convinced that the FFA is one of the outstanding builders of rural leadership.

As the 1958 convention adjourned, I fully realized that the Future Farmers of America is a national organization whose members are fulfilling our FFA motto to the very letter. We are Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and above all Living to Serve.

Richard Heiman - State Vice-President

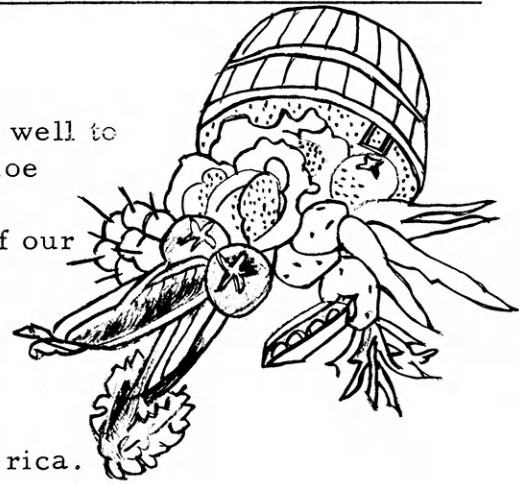
On Monday morning, October 13, Professor L. F. Hall, State President Ralph Young, and myself, left for Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the 31st National FFA Convention. The days which I spent at the convention were probably the most inspirational days of my life. To describe the sensation one feels while sitting in the official delegates' section at the convention is impossible, so I shall only try to pass on a small part of my experiences.

The convention activities began Monday noon, with the official delegates' and officers' luncheon, with National President Howard Downing, presiding. Monday evening the top five FFA public speakers gave their speeches in the National Public Speaking Contest.

On Tuesday morning the convention really got under way with the seating of the delegates and the carrying out of the various events of the program. The speeches of the retiring national officers gave an excellent account of the leadership which our organization has, and the address by Mr. Ivan Kindschi, National FFA President of 1939-40, illustrated the outstanding citizenship which the Future

Richard Heiman - continued

Farmers of America organization builds. It might be well to mention the address given by Kansas City Mayor, H. Roe Bartle at this time. Mayor Bartle made all Future Farmers proud of the example set by the young men of our organization in Kansas City for the past thirty years.



The events on Tuesday drew to a tremendous climax for Kansas Future Farmers and for Future Farmers everywhere when Jimmie John Jarnagin, Jr., of the Jetmore Chapter, was named the Star Farmer of America.

Upon completion of the events on Tuesday, I turned by duties over to Ronnie Poor, State Reporter, for the remainder of the convention but the memories of the convention will be cherished by me always.

Ralph Young - State President

After seeing our organization on a national scope, I feel even more privileged to be a part of the Future Farmers of America. I cannot begin to express the feeling and wonderful inspiration I received while I was there seated as your delegate. I would like to encourage each and everyone of you sometime in your FFA career to take in every day of the National Convention, and do not forget to bring your parents.

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FOURTH ANNUAL FARM-CITY WEEK - November 21-27, 1958:

Each FFA chapter will want to take part in promoting and carrying out a part of the local program of Farm-City Week this year. What should a Farm-City program lead to?--

- . . .An understanding of our farm and ranch economy by urban people.
- . . .An understanding of town and city problems by rural people.
- . . .A demonstration that no one is really self-sufficient, but rather that all are interdependent.
- . . .A realization by farm and city people of their individual citizenship responsibilities.
- . . .A realization of the dependence of all people on the fruitfulness of the good earth.

Aids for the Farm-City Week program may be obtained from Kiwanis International which is the Coordinating Agency.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Chapters which did not receive their National FFA Foundation medals or their copies of the 30th Convention proceedings may obtain these items by requesting them from the State Association. The above items were available at the District Leadership Schools.

A Beginner

Farmer: "Come on, I'll show you how to milk a cow."
Novice: "Perhaps I'd better start on a calf."

NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS:

In all five contests, state teams were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention, or Participation, in that order. The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$12,500 for plaques, certificates, and travel awards to state teams. The travel awards are to be prorated on the distance teams traveled to reach the contest. Plaques were awarded the Gold, Silver, and Bronze emblem teams. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participation teams and individuals. Appropriate medals were awarded the Gold, Silver, and Bronze emblem individuals.

The five national judging teams from Kansas won three Gold, one Silver and one Bronze emblem classifications.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 17, 1958:Poultry Judging - (37 teams competing)

Altoona won Gold emblem classification - John Davis, Advisor.
Individual placings: Richard McMillen and Joe Latta were in the Gold emblem division, and Jim Callarman won a Silver emblem classification.

Livestock Judging - (41 teams competing)

Coldwater won Gold emblem classification - L. E. Melia, Advisor.
Individual placings: Larry Huck and Duane Deyoe were in the Gold emblem division, and Dennis Huck won a Silver emblem classification.

Livestock Showmanship

Approximately 20% of the contestants received Gold emblem classification.
Arlie Lohrding, Coldwater, received Gold emblem.

Meats Identification - (26 teams competing)

Beloit won Gold emblem classification - Earl Baugher, Advisor.

Individual placings: Larry Fohes, Richard Fobes, and Gary Scoggan were each awarded Gold emblem classification.

WATERLOO, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 29-30, 1958:Dairy Cattle Judging - (40 teams competing)

Newton won Silver emblem classification - R. M. Karns, Advisor.

Individual placings: Donnie Gronau won Gold, and Bruce Sadowsky and James Gronau won Honorable Mention classification.

Dairy Products - (29 teams competing)

Erie won Bronze emblem classification - Harold Van Cleave, Advisor.

Individual placings: Russell Aikins won Gold, and A. J. Depee and Jim LaRue each won Honorable Mention classification.

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARDS:Farm Safety

National winner - Bottineau Chapter, Bottineau, North Dakota - Award \$250.

Regional winner - Berthoud Chapter, Berthoud, Colorado - Award \$200.

Regional winner - Lord Baltimore Chapter, Ocean View, Delaware - Award \$200.

Regional winner - McEwen Chapter, McEwen, Tennessee - Award \$200.

Farm Mechanics Contest

National winner - Tom Graham, 18, Santa Rosa, California - Award \$250.

Regional winner - James Edward Davis, 19, Lakeland, Florida - Award \$200.

Regional winner - Eugene James Jedlicka, 17, Schuyler, Nebraska - Award \$200.

Regional winner - James Ellis Shaw, 18, Hamden, New York - Award \$200.

Farm Electrification Contest

National winner - Edward Bornholt, 17, Elberta, Alabama - Award \$250.

Regional winner - Edward R. Moore, 17, Wyoming, Delaware - Award \$200.

Regional winner - Robert H. Franklin, 18, Lewisburg, Kentucky - Award \$200.

Regional winner - LeRoy V. Lim, 18, Canby, Oregon - Award \$200.

Soil and Water Management

National winner - Boyd S. McLocklin, 17, Statham, Georgia - Award \$250.

Regional winner - Michael W. Rinkes, 18, West Linn, Oregon - Award \$200.

Regional winner - Danny Hutchinson, 17, Ripley, West Virginia - Award \$200.

Regional winner - Emil B. Haney, Jr., 17, Baltimore, Ohio - Award \$200.

Dairy Farming

(Announced at Waterloo, Iowa, on September 30, 1958)

National winner - Wallace Caulk, Jr., 17, Felton, Delaware - Award \$250.
Regional winner - Nathan Earl Hartwig, 16, Monroe, Wisconsin - Award \$200.
Regional winner - Richard Trice, 19, Mineral, Virginia - Award \$200.
Regional winner - Paul Luellig, 18, Coolidge, Arizona - Award \$200.

CONVENTION NOTES

Membership: The active membership in the Future Farmers of America as of June 30, 1958, was 377,922.

Registered attendance at National Convention from Kansas: Approximately 1,000 Kansas FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. Others in attendance were advisors, school superintendents, school board members, parents, state vocational agriculture leaders, and other interested Kansas people.

A few lines from the
REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

One year ago the goals and dreams of a Future Farmer were fulfilled when I received the gavel from your retiring president, John Haid. Little did I realize then the magnitude of the duties and responsibilities that awaited me as your national president. It has been a wonderful year representing you on many occasions. I have developed a "third dimension vision" of the length and breadth of our organization, through the wonderful opportunities and experiences you made possible for me. It has been a privilege and a pleasure meeting and visiting with important people of business, industry, Government, education, and representatives of foreign countries. I have had many memorable experiences working with you fellows, your advisors and other State people in various FFA activities. The work you are doing on the local and State level makes me proud to be a member of our organization. To serve more than 380,000 of you is an honor that will live with me always. April 27, found me in Kansas for the 30th annual State FFA Convention. Bob Krehbiel presided over the convention. An excellent judging contest and farm mechanics contest were held at the same time. This, Future Farmers, is a report of a year of many challenges and enjoyable experiences for your national president. I am humbly thankful for the opportunity to have served 380,000 of the best boys in America today. This richly rewarding experience, however, has pointed out to me that there are many plateaus to attain both for the FFA organization and for you as members of the FFA. We're counting on you fellows to continue the work that has gone before and set high goals for yourselves and the FFA. Only you Future Farmers can make the FFA worthy of your highest ambitions and I am confident that you can and will continue to make it the finest farm boy organization in the world. May God's richest blessing guide our organization as we work toward these goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Downing

REPORT OF R. E. BASS
NATIONAL FFA TREASURER

FFA accounts audited by Leach, Calkins, & Scott, as of June 30, 1958.

Summary of Audit

ASSETS:

Cash in bank. \$ 43,275.4

OTHER ASSETS:

Loan receivable:

"The National Future Farmer"

Cash advances. \$ 36,786.20

Expenses paid in prior periods. 7,713.80

Total Other Assets. \$ 44,500.0

FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:

Land. \$ 12,343.23

Buildings. 15,317.16

Equipment. 3,288.28 \$ 30,948.67

National Office:

Furniture and Fixtures. \$ 1,031.46

Building Site. 11,582.35

Building. 302,997.41 \$315,611.22 \$346,559.8

\$434,335.3

TOTAL ASSETS:

FFA - June 30, 1958. \$434,335.3

FFA Supply Service - June 30, 1958. 225,748.5

NFFA Magazine.- June. 30, 1958... 30,839.6

\$690,923.5

In order to bring the report up-to-date, I am submitting some information indicating the status of the account as of September 30, 1958.

Cash in Bank (June 30, 1958). \$ 43,275.4

RECEIPTS

July. \$ 2,241.84

August. 2,493.53

September. 2,666.66

7,402.0

\$ 50,677.5

Report of R. E. Bass - continued

EXPENDITURES

July.	\$ 5,077.79	
August.	4,888.93	
September.	<u>12,431.74</u>	<u>\$ 22,398.4</u>
Balance in cash account - September 30, 1958.		<u>\$ 28,279.0</u>

FFA FOUNDATION:

While a report of the FFA Foundation is not required at this time, I am submitting a few facts for your information.

The fiscal year of this account on December 31. The audit by Leach, Calkins and Scott, for 1957, is in the hands of Dr. Spanton and available for your observation.

Total assets of FFA Foundation as of December 31, 1957. . . . \$359,446.1

Amount of 1958 budget.	\$193,606.74
Expenditures to date (Sept. 30)	<u>69,791.42</u>
Balance.	<u>\$123,815.32</u>

Facts concerning contributions and contributions:

1951 - No. of contributors - 99 - amount	\$120,771.50
FFA & NFA Associations - 14 - amount	746.50
Individuals - 3 - amount	450.00
Business Organizations - 82 - amount	119,575.00

1958 - (As of September 30, 1958)

No. of Contributors - 243 - amount	\$161,897.89
Individuals - 23 - amount	2,170.00
Business Organizations - 220 - amount	159,727.89

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PAGEANT - THE FFA AT 30:

Copies of the pageant - "The FFA at 30," which was presented at the National FFA Convention, are available in the State FFA Office and could be adapted to serve as very good program material for a local chapter. Next year sixteen Kansas chapters that are presently active will be completing 30 years of FFA work.

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION OBSERVATIONS

KANSAN SINGS LORD'S PRAYER

Dean Koeneke's contribution to the convention included singing with the National FFA Chorus and singing the Lord's Prayer at one of the evening sessions in the Auditorium, at the Butler Breakfast and at the Rotary luncheon. Dean is a member of the Hanover Chapter.

DR. MORGAN COMMENTS ON CONDUCT

"In my 30 years of experience of working with young people, I have never seen a more impressive display of good behavior and conduct than I have witnessed here at the National FFA Convention. In the living quarters, in the lobbies and on the streets FFA members are demonstrating outstanding discipline without being ordered around," stated Dr. William Morgan, president of Colorado State University, while speaking at the Burlington Breakfast.

CLIPPED FROM STAR

An editorial in the Kansas City Star stated, . . . "In an American age marked by increasing urbanization, the role of modern scientific agriculture becomes increasingly important. . . . Those of us who live in cities are more dependent than we realize on the ability of Future Farmers."

INSPIRING SPEECH BY MAYOR BARTLE

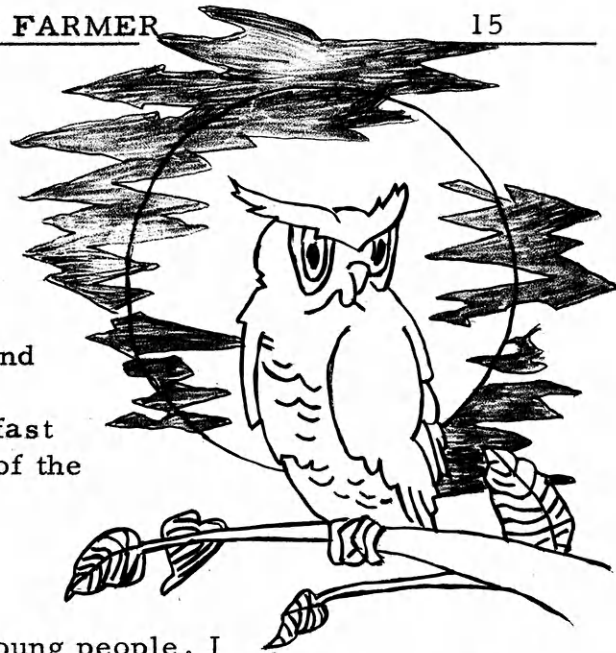
In his welcoming speech, Kansas City's mayor H. Roe Bartle stated, "The atomic age, the missile age and the jet age are each important, but what a joy it would bring to the world, if all the hungry children could be fed." Mr. Bartle urged farm youth to become interested in areas beyond their individual farms and home towns, especially in politics of the kind that have world-reaching beneficial effects.

COLLEGE OFFICIAL DISCUSSED VALUE OF RELIGION

Dr. Ganus of Harding college, Searcy, Arkansas, while speaking at the Swift and Company breakfast stated that the fundamental basis of American achievement is the belief in God. "Without Christ and God," he said, "life would become a political and economic dogfight."

NORMAN HUSA REPORTED ON FARMING IN ENGLAND

Norman Husa of Farnston, Nebraska, lived on 10 different farms in England last summer. He stated that the 51 million people in England, a country similar in size to our state of Wyoming, are very food conscious. Their only food surplus at the present time is milk. English farmers fertilize their land heavily. Wheat yields run 80 bushel or more to the acre. On some land three crops are grown in one year. Norman spoke highly of the hospitality that was shown to him by the English people.



National FFA Convention Observations - continuedREPORT ON TOUR OF RUSSIA

Chuck Bill, farm director of a TV station in Chicago who led a group of 30 men on a tour of Russia last summer, stated that Russia is trying to push ahead of the U.S. at all costs. As an example he mentioned that Russia is graduating four times as many doctors each year as is the U.S. Mr. Bill stated that the Russians have no way of knowing what we have. They can't travel, listen to our broadcasts or read most of our publications. He said that we should read and study what is going on in Russia and to visit the country if at all possible.

FFA FOUNDATION FUND LEADER

Mr. M. D. Hill was elected by the donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc., to be chairman of the sponsoring committee for the coming year. Mr. Hill is president of the tractor division of the Ford Motor Company. He stated in his acceptance speech that the product which he had to sell (FFA) to other business and industry leaders was "tops."

HOW THEY VOTED

Action by the Delegates on the proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution, as printed in the September issue of the KANSAS FUTURE FARMER was as follows: Amendment presented by the Va. Association - passed; by the Conn. Assoc. - rejected; by the West Va. Assoc. - rejected; both amendments by the Texas Assoc. - rejected; by the Oregon Assoc. - rejected.

QUOTES FROM DR. WINTERS

Dr. Carl S. Winters, minister of the First Baptist Church, Oak Park, Illinois, while speaking at the GMC breakfast in Kansas City, included in his remarks the following: I don't want anyone talking against the future, I'm going to spend my life there. (By Boss Kettering) - - - Don't mess the joint up - it's a lovely place here. - - - We may go fast, but we are still humans. - - - Look out at our world and keep it lovely, look in at yourself and keep straight. - - - No man ever stands so tall as when he stoops to pick up a child. - - - Three-fourths of the people of the world are hungry. - - - The dope is the man that's lost hope. - - - Babe Ruth's formula for success; Come up to bat and keep swinging. - - - Words found on a tombstone; He fought a good fight but his razor was dull. - - - A man who had been away from America and who was passing the Statue of Liberty: Old Girl, if you ever see me again you will have to turn around.

NOTE TO ADVISORS AND BAND TEACHERS

To the State Supervisors of Vocational Education in Agriculture in the States
that sent Boys to the 1958 National FFA Band:

The purpose of this letter, which will probably be the final one in connection with the 1958 National FFA Band project, is to assure you that we sincerely appreciated the help of teachers of agriculture as well as the teachers of music in the schools from which the band boys came. If the boys had not been prepared for the work, or had not been of the right caliber as gentlemen, we could have done nothing.

By this time you undoubtedly have had reports on the work and activities of the band at Kansas City. It is not in my place to say the band was successful, except as my judgment may be based upon the expressions and the reactions of the boys themselves. I am happy to say that those reactions indicated satisfying accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

Henry S. Brunner, Director
National FFA Band

CHAPTER NEWS

HAVEN: Our FFA membership and voc. ag. enrollment are larger this year than they have been in the 20 year history of our chapter. We have 53 in FFA and 44 in voc. ag... During the past summer we dipped 6,200 head of sheep with our portable dipping vat... The annual FFA harvester, all-school party and dance sponsored by the FFA, was held on Sept. 27. More than 140 students and teachers were in attendance... Three members showed sheep at the Kansas National Fat Stock Show in Wichita. John Scheele had reserve champion lamb... Projects under construction in shop include: A two-sow farrowing house, cattle squeeze, loading chutes, power feed wagon, two-wheel trailer, garden tractors, feed bunk, spray rig, cattle roughage feeder, playground equipment, sheep hay feeder, hog self-feeders, and a cattle guard... We held a meeting for freshmen parents on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

John Scheele, Reporter

EDSON: Two of our members and our advisor attended a land judging school at Colby, Oct. 11... We shocked feed and earned \$45 for the chapter's treasury... At our barnwarmer we will have a queen and two attendants... The freshmen and sophomores attended the State Fair.

Donnie Weis, Reporter

SIMPSON: Six of our members attended the Kansas State Fair. This group spent one day viewing the exhibits of livestock, machinery and enjoying other highlights of the fair... For the seventh consecutive year, our chapter is being furnished with a pickup truck, courtesy of the E. C. Riley Chevrolet Co. of Cawker City. This 1958 one-half ton truck is being loaned to the FFA boys free of charge for the entire school year for use in their chapter work. This truck will be used for light hauling and other jobs connected with the voc. ag. program. The chapter will return it to Mr. Riley at the end of school.

Reporter

LIBERAL: So far we have 31 paid members this year. We plan to have the pest contest starting Oct. 27 and ending Dec. 8. We will have initiation on Nov. 12. During the summer we held three meetings. At our August meeting we had a parents' night. During the 4th of July season we made \$150 on the sale of fireworks. Two members are building stock-racks for pickups as shop projects.

Delbert Long, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Our chapter has declared war on rats. Members are buying and using baits containing warfarin... The chapter has been emphasizing safety during the coming hunting season... Four members and the advisor attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City... Our subscriptions to the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER exceed 125%.

Melvin Habiger, Reporter

BAZINE: Our chapter again displayed shop projects at the Ness County Fair. We received \$40 in prize money from the display. Some of the articles displayed were: 3 undercutters, 2 feed bunks, portable livestock loading chute, portable corrals, lawnmower, barrel bunk feeder, barrel stand and cattle-rack, cattle oiler, depth guage wheels for tool bar, and an oxyacetylene welding cart... We have 23 boys enrolled in voc. ag.

Lynn McFadden, Reporter

RILEY: Our Green Hand initiation meeting was held Oct. 9. All the dads were invited to attend this meeting... Our four chapter gilts were given to FFA members to increase or to start their farming programs. The members will return 2 gilts for next year's gilt ring.

Earl Llewelyn, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our farming program tour is underway. Each class visits the farms of members in the class. This is accomplished as field trips... Plans are being made for our pest eradication contest... Some of our shop jobs under construction are: Repair of springtooth harrow, A-type hog house, loading chute, clothesline posts, garden tractor, rake-wheel gate, welding table, hog troughs, and window and door screens.

Richard Bull, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: Our chapter has 51 members this year... At the county fair our chapter had a float which won a blue ribbon... Dale Westermann and Malcolm Gigstad attended Co-op Camp, Liberty, Missouri, at which Dale was chosen camper of the week. His reward was a trip to the Co-op Camp in Estes Park, Colorado for a week in Aug... On Sept. 5, seventeen freshmen voc. ag. students attended the FFA Livestock Marketing Day at St. Joseph... During the Topeka Free Fair, the chapter had a booth which demonstrated the saving of electricity by the use of correct size wire... Our pest eradication contest began Oct. 1, and will end Mar. 1, with the losers entertaining the winners at a party... As a result of the chapter's safety project, Dale Westermann, president, attended the National Safety Congress in Chicago... Four members attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City... On Oct. 18, a busload of voc. ag. students attended the American Royal at Kansas City... Our parents-son banquet will be held Dec. 2.

Malcolm E. Gigstad, Reporter

DOWNS: We started the new school year with 34 chapter members. We painted the army surplus truck and placed the FFA decal on it... In Aug. the chapter was represented by a judging team which placed second at the Osborne County Fair... We have planned a chili supper for Nov. 3, at which time we will initiate the Green Hands.

Garry Thaete, Reporter

INMAN: We have 35 boys taking voc. ag. this year and 46 that belong to the FFA. The 35 boys all took part in the Inman Community Fair. They either showed livestock, crops, or farm mechanics projects. The judge for our farm mechanics exhibit was Richard Ramsdale, voc. ag. instructor, from McPherson. Our 25 projects that were exhibited received 19 blue and 6 red ribbons. We also won 2nd place with our exhibit for the parade. We pulled 2 flat trailers behind our FFA truck which had a stock-rack made in shop and we had a combination feeder on one trailer and a loading chute on the other trailer. Our theme was, "Feed-em, load-em and haul-em." We made over \$60 from our prizes won at the fair... Shop projects being constructed include: 3 loading chutes, stock-rack for a pickup truck, V-type sheep feeder made of dumpake springs, lo-boy hayrack, 2 stock trailers, feed bunk, 2 bale elevators, 3 tractor lifts, and a cattle squeeze and lifter.

Don Enns, Reporter

ALMENA: Our chapter held regular monthly meetings this past summer. Norton and Almena exhibited a booth at the Norton County Fair and also, a farm mechanics display. Boys in the Almena chapter exhibited livestock, crops, and farm mechanic projects at the fair...At the beginning of school, the voc. ag. classes took tours to each others farming programs. In the spring we will make another tour to see the improvement which has been made. The second week of school our chapter sponsored an FFA carnival in our high school. We netted approximately \$200...All of the voc. ag. II boys spent two days at the State Fair this year. Two teams from our voc. ag. classes participated in the N.W. Land Judging School at Colby on Oct. 11. We received 4th and 6th places. Our advisor and 3 members attended the National FFA Convention. We are planning an Ag. I parents' meeting for the first week in Nov.

Gilbert Brown, Reporter

CLAFLIN: During the past year we started a very successful gilt ring as a money-making project. Other money-making projects have been the selling of school emblem stickers, and the testing of grain sorghum plots for DeKalb... There are 28 FFA members in our chapter this year.

Merle Soeken, Reporter

NEWTON: Our chapter attended the State Fair, where a past member Richard Denno had reserve champion barrow. At the Wichita Fat Stock Show he had champion Hampshire barrow. We also had an FFA member Galen Peters, who showed fat lambs that placed high in cross-bred and Hampshire classes...Several members are inspecting and purchasing show calves for next year's shows...Hats off to the Buhler chapter for the manner in which they conducted the District Officers Training School...Members of the chapter are cooperating in a safety program by selling fire extinguishers...Stanley Classen has 6 cross-bred Yorkshire sows that have farrowed 77 pigs.

Gene Andersen, Reporter

OBERLIN: On July 25 our officers went with two of the Dads to Fort Collins where they met their advisor, Mr. Moody. They then traveled up the Poudre Canyon about 65 miles where they spent the next three days camping, hiking, fishing and making plans for the coming year's chapter activities... On the evening of Aug. 26, we held our annual watermelon feed for the incoming freshmen... We constructed the booths for the Pioneer Celebration that was sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. The boys constructed two floats for the celebration parade, one of which was an old medicine wagon. A show was presented and pills sold from the wagon to raise funds for the museum... One hundred percent of the freshmen and their parents attended the annual freshmen-parents' night on Sept. 23... Four members and our advisor attended the National Convention this year... The Burlington award winners this year from Kansas included three of our chapter members... The officers and Program of Work committee chairmen were treated to a steak supper by their advisor, after which the final plans for the Program of Work were presented and accepted for proposal to the chapter members... We have a pickup truck that was purchased from surplus property which the classes overhauled, repaired, and painted.

Bill DeMay, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Our chapter has gained four more FFA members this year making a total of 25 boys... Some of the shop projects are as follows: A hydraulic press, implement trailer, solvent tank, cabinets for a home farm shop, repair of small machinery, and small skill projects for the freshmen boys... Our Green Hand initiation will be held Nov. 3. We plan to hold a joint meeting with another chapter and perform the degree ceremonies for each other... One summer meeting was held in addition to our Cedar Bluffs Dam fishing trip. Fishing was rather slow but the swimming was excellent... In the past year we have brought our group of presidents' pictures more nearly up-to-date. Now we have the picture of every president with the exception of about four since the chapter was chartered in 1929. We hope to complete these in the near future... During the summer we published a summary of the grasses planted in our FFA grass demonstration plot. Of the fourteen varieties planted nearly all did quite well... Our Denver Stock Show trip is being planned and necessary arrangements are being made by the secretary and advisor.

Wayne Burr, Reporter

CANEY: We have 54 FFA members this year in our organization... Five of our members attended the state Angus Field Day at Ottawa in July. Our livestock judging team attended the Eastern Kansas Livestock School held in Topeka... We had our summer all night fishing trip with 34 boys attending... Our FFA chapter chartered a Greyhound bus which took 40 of our members to the American Royal on Oct. 21... Projects started in our shop include: Building a stock-rack, pheasant house, clothesline poles, rebuilding a two-wheel trailer, building a horse trailer, hog troughs, and building gates... We are selling Christmas cards again this year... Two of our chapter gilts farrowed this fall. One had 10 and the other 11. We will have 6 registered Duroc gilts to place out with members this winter... Our FFA members are furnished anti-freeze through the FFA chapter. We group orders and purchase at wholesale rates.

Johnny Atkinson, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Our chapter members enjoyed a watermelon feed and swimming party in July. At this meeting 13 prospective ninth graders were guests of the chapter...The chapter officers and advisor spent the last week in August at Estes Park, Colorado. The time was spent in preparing our Program of Work and getting ready for the District Leadership School. The officers also found time to go mountain climbing, sight seeing and boating...To raise money for the chapter the members held a work day in Sept. which netted the chapter \$270...Our chapter was honored to have Dr. A. W. Tenney visit our department Oct. 10... The officers attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City...At the present time our chapter is selling fire extinguishers as a fire prevention activity and a community service project.

Alan Holloway, Reporter

KIOWA: Our chapter entered the county range judging contest and won all three belt buckle prizes...Our shop projects include: A butane trailer, horse trailer, repairing a springtooth, and a sheep-dip vat...At the last meeting, plans were made for initiating Green Hands, dues were set, and a party discussed.

Gene Loyd, Reporter

NEODESHA: Our chapter held a wiener roast on Sept. 23...We entered an educational booth in the Topeka Free Fair...Our entire chapter attended the American Royal...Our annual FFA parent-son banquet will be held Nov. 24. We are going to hold our Green Hand degree ceremony at the time of our banquet. Our chapter is going to give an award for the boy with the outstanding scholarship in each of the four grades...A group of our boys attended the Topeka Livestock Judging School last summer...Some of our major shop jobs for this year include: 5 welders, 4 trailers, 4 cattle feeders, 2 loading chutes, repairing spiketooth harrow, mower, drill, tractors, field cutter, and building hoists and gates.

Larry Katzer, Reporter

BURLINGTON: Our shop projects include: 5 four-wheel trailers, 3 steel gates, and 2 farrowing crates. The chapter had 6 experimental milo plots, the best yield being 123-bushels per acre...In 1956, the chapter started a gilt ring. This year 8 boys will receive gilts. Each boy who has received a pig returns two to the chapter to be given other boys.

James Truelove, Reporter

ALTOONA: This year we had two summer meetings and a watermelon feed. Our members held a work day and made \$276 for our chapter's treasury. We held a pie supper Oct. 24. We have a chapter sweetheart contest in operation now. All members are participating in developing the Program of Work. All chairmen are juniors or seniors...We are planning to have our parents-son banquet in Nov.

Joe Latta, Reporter

ROSSVILLE: Our parents-son banquet was held in Oct. At the banquet we showed slide pictures of the members' projects. Our several shop jobs include: Posts for electric fence, trailer hitch, 2 farrowing crates, hen nests, and painting a tractor, loader, and picnic tables. We have made new goal posts of heavy pipe for the football field and are making benches for the hot lunchroom.

Leroy Dick, Reporter

ABILENE: Our chapter entertained the members' fathers at a picnic on Sept. 25. On Oct. 28, we had a hayrack ride and barn dance. During Nov. Green Hand initiation will be held and all parents will be invited...Our chapter attended the Kansas State Fair and many ideas for farm mechanics projects were brought home. Chapter representatives have also attended the Dickinson County Crop Tour, District Land Judging School, and the American Royal.

Lyle Felbush, Reporter

DELPHOS: We held our annual watermelon feed in Sept. with our entire chapter of 36 members present. Eight members displayed projects at the Ottawa and Cloud county fairs and won 5 blue ribbons and 6 red ribbons. In the month of Oct. we had our annual hayrack ride. We have completed three picnic tables for the Riverside Park...Shop projects under way are: A sheep feeder, painting two cars, 4 pipe gates, a boat trailer, truck pickup stock-racks, four-wheel trailer, and a two-wheel trailer.

Gary McKain, Reporter

WILSON: At our Aug. meeting prospective freshmen were our guests at a watermelon feed...Our chapter made a loading chute at the end of the school year and sold it for a profit of \$50...We took shop projects to the State Fair and spent one day visiting the Fair...Our officers attended one day of the National FFA Convention.

Duane Langerman, Reporter

LYNDON: The junior and senior members and the advisor attended the American Royal on Oct. 21...The voc. ag. classes are to build two sets of bleachers for use on the athletic field. They also purchased an old car which was broken down so parts could be used in trailers and arc welders...A pest control contest will run from the week of Thanksgiving until the week after Christmas vacation. A prize of \$5 worth of merchandise from the FFA catalog will be awarded to the person with the most points.

Sam Brown, Reporter

ALMA: We started the school year by having a watermelon feed for our 15 freshmen boys. This year we have 34 FFA members. Some money-making projects that we have set up for this year include: Selling advertisements for our football and basketball programs, taking care of the football field and work days...As a home improvement project each boy is going to make a sign with his name, distance from town, and chapter name on it. Other shop projects started or planned for this year consist of hog houses, feed bunks, loading chute, bale elevators, farrowing crates, and trailers...Our chapter sold \$159 worth of Farm Journal subscriptions and earned eight FFA jackets plus other articles.

Jim Dillingham, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Nine Green Hands were initiated into our chapter on Oct. 15. ..Our chapter produced the Homecoming programs for the football game... Chapter members have purchased 7 purebred Landrace gilts as projects... Our annual potluck supper and crop show will be held Nov. 13 this year and will be a part of National Education Week being observed by the school. We expect 200 samples of crops to be exhibited. Chairmen of the three committees for the event have been selected. Awards for the crop show will be provided by merchants. Mr. Larry Green, local county agent, will be the crops' judge. An identification contest for the Dads will be held during the event. A window display of the winning samples will appear in a store window after the event... Our chapter attended the District Soils Contest at Randolph in Sept. The annual trip to Kansas City by the senior boys had to be postponed because of the death of one of the chapter members, Larry Shrader...Large shop projects include: 2 squeeze chutes, 1 trailer, 6 farrowing crates, 2 feed bunks, and 2 posthole diggers.

Larry Williams, Reporter

GIRARD: The juniors and seniors went to St. Louis this summer and visited the Purina feeding company and attended a St. Louis Cardinals ball game and visited the zoo...We are building a cab for the back of the school pickup so that we can take it to judging schools...Last spring the chapter received 70 samples of corn. These were donated by the Pioneer and the DeKalb dealers. There is going to be approximately 2,500-bushels of corn produced. J. D. Holloway, our vice-president, has top yields so far with 107-bushels per acre.

Marvin Murphy, Reporter

LEOTI: We held our annual hayrack ride Sept. 30. The Kayettes were our guests. We are making plans for our chili feed and a calendar drive. Also later in the year we will have a box supper...We had a food sale which netted us \$27.50. We earned approximately \$75 by checking fertilizer on test plots for Kansas State College. We have 7 sows in our gilt ring and are using a cross-breeding program. ..Here are some of the things we are making in shop: 4 picnic tables, 3 cattle feeders, 1 loading chute, 1 bucking chute, 2 sets of stock-racks, 3 trailers, 2 farrowing crates, 1 power hacksaw, 1 irrigation trailer, and 1 squeeze chute.

Jack Rapier, Reporter

FRANKFORT: We have 32 enrolled in voc. ag. this year... We have 4 gilts in our gilt ring... In Sept. we had a watermelon feed for the freshmen... Our senior boys attended the State Fair... We have planned a hayrack ride in which we will invite the Future Homemakers... To make money, we are running a popcorn and snowcone machine at football games.

Gary Pillard, Reporter

MERIDEN: We bought a new FFA banner and new officers stations. Twenty-four members attended the Kansas Free Fair and we attended the American Royal. We mixed rat poison and sold it as a community service project... The voc. ag. classes have painted and refinished the school shop... Our chapter is having our FFA banquet on Nov. 21. We are selling shotgun and rifle shells as a means of making money this year.

Bill Cook, Reporter

POWHATTAN: There are 40 members in FFA this year. The dues for this year are \$1.00... The FFA had its annual watermelon feed on Aug. 22. On Sept. 30, we initiated 14 freshmen... In shop we are making a flatbed, 2 self-unloading wagons, feed bunk, blade for back of tractors, 2 two-wheel trailers, 3 bale loaders, air ducts for grain bin, 2 rear mount carriers, and a mower for a garden tractor... Two of our members are enrolled in the Junior Livestock Association... In our farm mechanics display at the Topeka State Fair we got fifth.

Fred Hall, Reporter

HILL CITY: Our chapter opened its season of activities with a watermelon feed for the prospective Green Hands. Mr. Leo Kobler of Hays was the guest speaker. He was a former Hill City voc. ag. instructor... On our 160-acre chapter farm we produced 2,046 bushels of wheat and 899 bushels of barley. We are now conducting an experiment on a 20-acre plot with the effects of fertilizer under dry land conditions... The chapter plans to have a parents and son banquet, a pest eradication contest, hayrack ride, all-school carnival, and attend all District Judging Contests.

Wesley Radcliffe, Reporter

RANDOLPH: The name of our chapter has been changed to the BLUE VALLEY CHAPTER. The freshmen class consists of 13 Green Hands and there is a total of 26 Chapter Farmers in the upper three classes... Our chapter's farm mechanics exhibit at the Kansas Free Fair included: An implement trailer, a portable sprayer, a portable feed bin, milk stalls, and a picnic table. We took 2nd place... Our chapter held the land judging contest which was held on Sept. 22. There were 15 schools present and the high team was the Linn Chapter... Six boys went to the Meats Judging School at Salina on Sept. 30... The voc. ag. classes have made several tours to the members' farms and have done some veterinary work on several of these tours... Juniors and seniors shop projects include: A two-wheel trailer, a portable dehorning chute, two feed bunks, repairing an old car, a boat, repairing the FFA truck and building a portable dehorning chute.

Charles Harding, Reporter

COLBY: This year there are 30 boys enrolled in voc. ag. and 34 in FFA. This year we have had a hayrack ride, taken part in the land judging held at Colby, and had a watermelon feed for the freshmen... We sell popcorn as a way of making money for our chapter... At the Thomas County Free Fair this year, Bill White received Grand Champion on his baby beef and reserve champion on his Hereford steer. Kenneth Rohn received Reserve Champion on his Shorthorn steer in the Shorthorn division and a State Fair ribbon on his milo. He took it to the State Fair and received a blue ribbon.

Kenneth Rohn, Reporter

IOLA: Our 30 member chapter had a watermelon feed in honor of the new students and their parents the second week of school... The chapter officers attended one day of the National FFA Convention... The chapter has purchased half interest in a registered Poland China Boar. He was top blue ribbon in his class at the State Fair at Hutchinson this last month. We will be glad to offer his breeding services to any of the local chapter members' gilts at a fair breeding fee. Call Mr. Zahn at Iola or Mr. Don Nichols and make arrangements to bring any sows or gilts for service... In shop we have constructed three silage feeding bunks from native burr oak and 2" pipe. Two hay feeders have also been built by chapter members... We purchased 2,000 feet of 2" pipe from Eastern Kansas Gas at a very reasonable price. The Gas Company cleaned the pipe for us at no charge... Our pest eradication drive will run from Dec. 1, to Feb. 1. The winner will receive a registered Polant China gilt. The gilt will come from the gilt chain that was started about 10 years ago by the Iola Junior Chamber of Commerce. They awarded the winner the first original gilt as an award. The winner and second-place winner of the 1957-58 pest eradication contest were awarded registered gilts this fall soon after school started... Green Hand candidates will be awarded the Membership Certificates - the first Membership Certificates to be awarded by our chapter... Our chapter has voted to put out an FFA chapter calendar as in the years past... We sell ads to local banks and machinery companies and clear around \$100 each year. They are printed by a local printer. We distribute 500 in the community each year.

Harry Sinclair, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: Fourteen of our members went on the chapter's annual Ozark trip. A TV program of pictures of chapter activities was presented over KCMO in July. An operational booth on "Know Your Grasses" was put up at the county fair. We have mixed a ton of protein supplement for hogs... We held our annual Green Hand get-acquainted meeting Aug. 25. Forty-two are enrolled in ag. classes with a freshmen class of 22... The chapter attended the Topeka Free Fair. We have tested 14 samples of wheat and 3 samples of brome grass for germination... Five members attended the National Public Speaking Contest. The chapter attended the National Convention on October 15. One chapter member and our advisor worked with the courtesy corps. Twenty members worked with the American Hereford Association during the American Royal.

George Wendt, Chapter Reporter

WETMORE: We sold \$171 worth of magazines of which we received \$59 profit. We have sold 24 cartons of light bulbs. We have ordered 75-pounds of rat poison to distribute to the members. Our adviser received a Pfizer implant gun and some Stimplants. We plan to treat some steers that are being fattened in the community. Our chapter received fourth place on our booth entitled "Protect Our Land" at the Kansas Free Fair.

Howard Saxton, Reporter

LEBANON: On November 4, the FFA and Kayettes are having a carnival. We will sell pop at all activities...On Nov. 25, we are holding our annual Father-Son Chili Supper, including initiation of Green Hands...In Oct., Donald Peterson, went to the Co-op Livestock Judging at Beloit and placed 2nd high individual for which he received a nice meat-type gilt...At the present time we are holding a pest control contest. Some pests consist of jack rabbits, sparrows, starlings, mice, rats, and other pests. The contest will end Dec. 31. The boy with the most points will win a Remington single shot rifle - 2nd, a Weaver K-4X scope - and 3rd, a hunting knife...Seven members attended the National FFA Convention on Oct. 14.

Ronnie Stanley, Reporter

UNIONTOWN: The voc. ag. students attended a grass demonstration school on Sept. 21. They judged plots of grass, and identified soil, grasses and legumes...The senior voc. ag. students went on a field trip to the Bob Kibble farm to see their caged layer project. They have about 2,450 pullets which are beginning to lay...Five of our FFA members attended the National FFA Convention, on Oct. 15...Our FFA chapter is operating a grassland seeder in which we collect 15 cents for each acre it is used...We initiated 14 Green Hands on Oct. 21.

Rollin Camp, Reporter

LEBO: Our chapter held a welcoming party for Green Hands and their parents...Our work week this year started on Sept. 7 and lasted until Sept. 14. Approximately \$275 was earned...Our officers attended the National FFA Convention...Our annual barnwarming is scheduled for Nov. 14. All classes have selected a nominee to be voted on as FFA queen to be elected at the barnwarming. Each vote cast will cost a penny.

Keith Lewis, Reporter

OXFORD: This year we have 28 members enrolled in our chapter as compared with 25 last year...On Sept. 15 we attended the state fair. At the first of the year we had a watermelon feed in the shop and invited the freshmen to attend...We have been making money by selling coffee and donuts at all our home football games. We also have been selling sweatshirts and teeshirts with the school colors and emblem...A few of the jobs in shop include: Hay feeder for cattle, air compressors, overhauling tractor, building hog houses, and over-hauling a mower...We have chosen up sides and started our pest eradication contest.

Kenneth Thomas, Reporter

HIGHLAND: We have 42 FFA members... We started a gilt ring a year ago with 6 Yorkshire gilts. Our agreement states that when the pigs that have been farrowed and weigh about 200 pounds, the chapter receives 2 gilts in return. We also have a chapter boar. Last year we had a Minnesota #2 boar and by charging a \$2 breeding fee, we made some profit. This year we have a registered Hampshire and charge a fee of \$2 per head to the members and \$3.50 to non-members. Lately we rented a 3-acre lot on which we plan to keep our boar and some of the members' livestock. Last year we sold screw drivers, FFA calendars, FFA magazines and had a work day and a carnival for raising money... We hold our FFA activity meetings bi-weekly and have a night meeting monthly.

Roger Schwope, Reporter

HOISINGTON: At our FFA barnwarmer we started at Mr. Oliphant's house with a weiner roast. After supper we took our dates to the shop for a dance and the crowning of the FFA sweetheart... We are adding night meetings once a month this year. We plan to have speakers and recreation at most of these meetings. Our annual parents' meeting will be held on Oct. 30... We have had two good concession stands at football games this year, along with good sales on our milk machine which is in the main part of the school building... The officers gave the opening and closing ceremony at a dinner meeting for the Lions Club before going to leadership school.

Gary Lowery, Reporter

CHAPTER MEMBER'S FARMING PROGRAM

Almena, Kansas

Charles Alexander enrolled as a freshman in agriculture in 1958. His parents had just bought a 160-acre farm 2 miles from Almena. The buildings on the farm were run down and needed much improvement.

During his first year of voc. ag. Charles worked for his father and other farmers, earning enough to purchase a sow and 2 heifers. Charles fed out and marketed 10 pigs from his sow. During the year Charles helped a great deal on improving the farm. During the hours after school he helped remodel the farm house and improve and paint other buildings. In the voc. ag. shop Charles built equipment which could be used with his swine project.

While a sophomore in voc. ag. Charles increased his swine enterprise to 2 sows, feeding and marketing 10 pigs from the litters farrowed. The increase from his beef gave him 2 cows and 2 calves. He bought 4 steer calves and started them on deferred feeding. Charles also included crops in his farming program to supplement his livestock enterprises. The crops raised were 2-acres of corn and 2-acres of milo. In the farm shop he built an A-type hog house, panels, and feeding equipment for his swine enterprise.

Charles is now enrolled in voc. ag. III. He has increased his beef enterprise to include 2 cows and their calves, 2 bred heifers, and 5 steers on full feed. This fall he weaned 18 pigs from his 2 sows. He plans to feed and market all of the pigs. This past summer Charles raised 8-acres of milo to be fed to his livestock enterprises. He worked for his dad to earn enough hay and additional feeds needed for his livestock enterprises. This fall Charles has built a farrowing house for his swine, and a feeding lot for his steer feeding program. Charles' parents have just bought an additional 210-acres which will enable Charles to greatly expand his supervised farming program this year. His farming program at the present time is valued at approximately \$2,615.

Gilbert Brown, Reporter