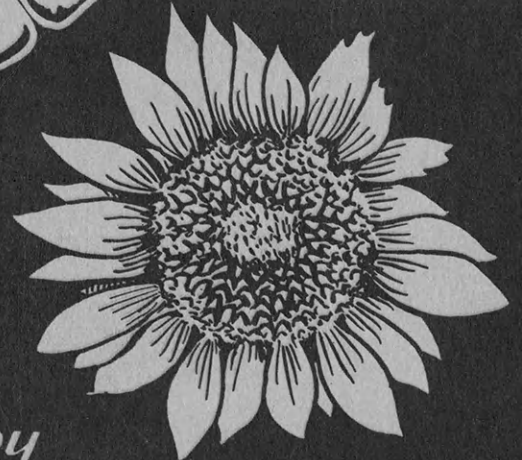
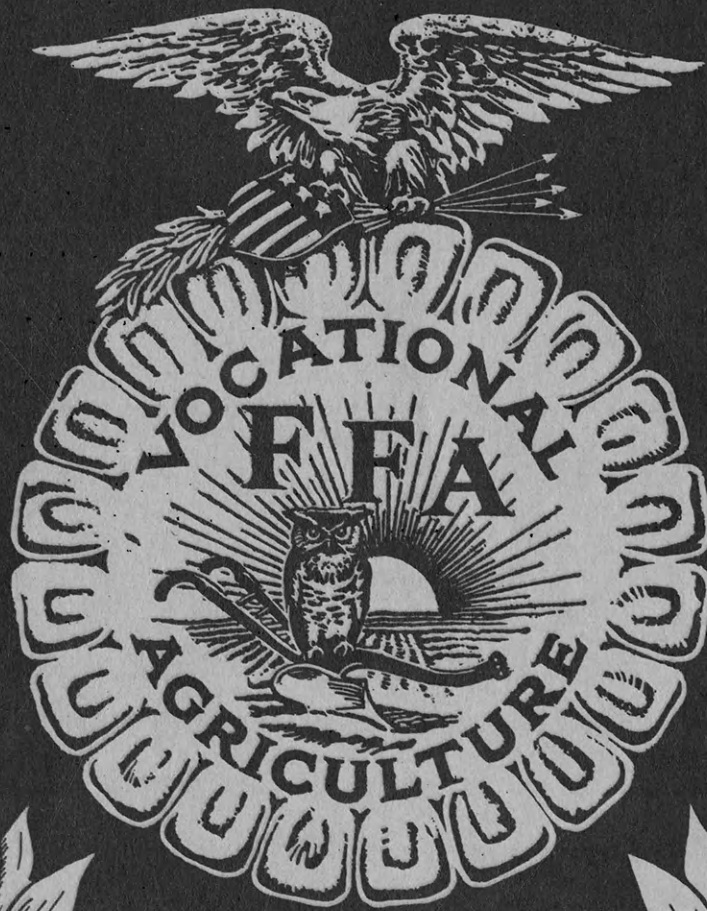


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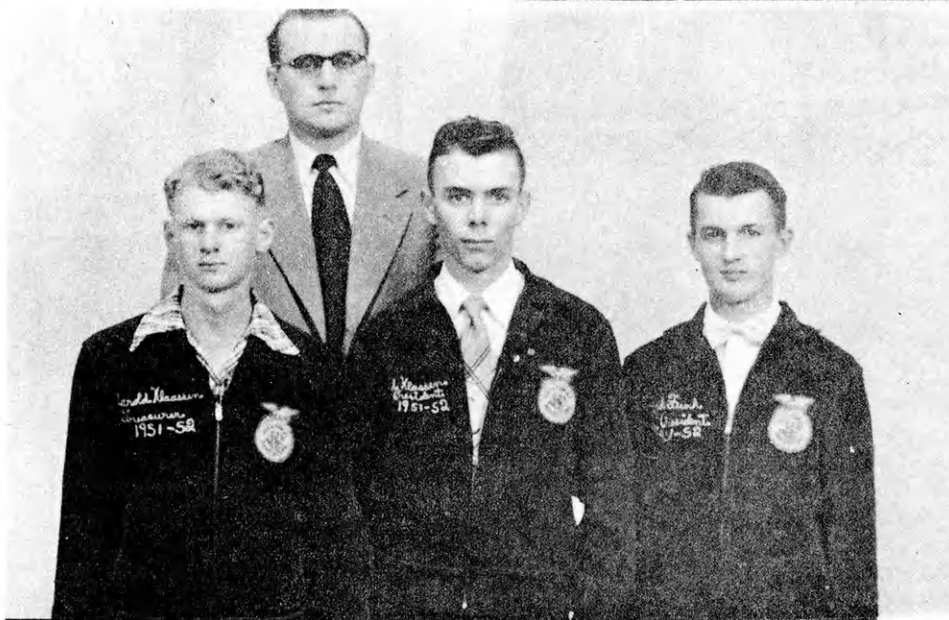


Kansas Will Be Represented In The National FFA Judging  
Contest By The Following Chapters

Moundridge Chapter winning  
FFA State Livestock Judg-  
ing Team. F. L-R Gilbert  
Kaufman, Nelson Galle,  
James Preheim. B. L-R  
Richard Ramsdale, Chapter  
Adviser, Glen Waltner.



Hillsboro Chapter winning  
FFA State Dairy Judging  
Team. F. L-R Harold  
Klassen, Lloyd Klassen,  
Lloyd Funk. B. L-R  
W. D. Smith, Chapter  
Adviser

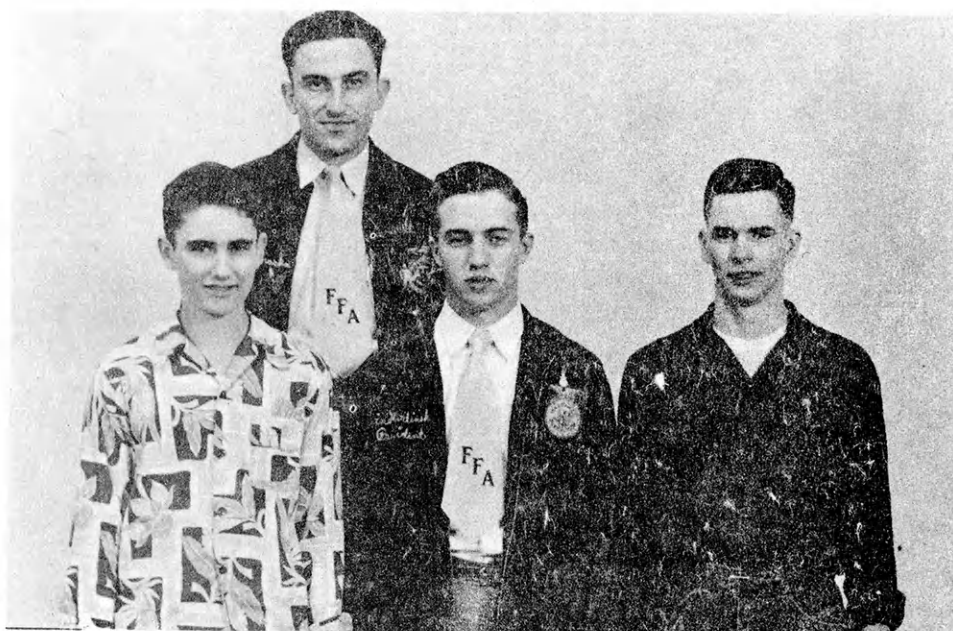


Chanute Chapter winning  
FFA State Poultry Judging  
Team. F. L-R Hal Sinclair,  
Delmar Hanson, Jack Mc-  
Vaugh. B. L-R C. O.  
Carter, Chapter Adviser.



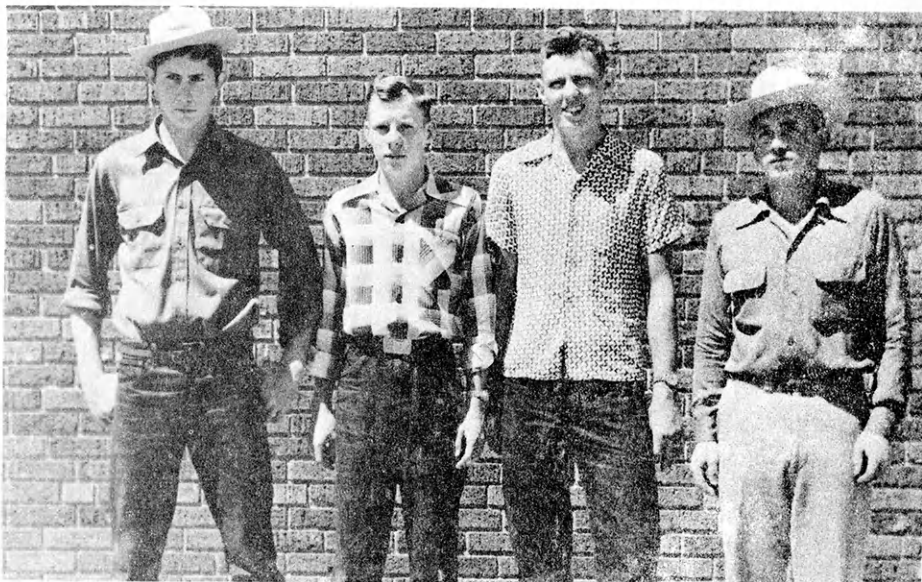


Silver Lake Chapter will represent Kansas in the National FFA Dairy Products Contest held at Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 1. F. L-R Arlin Kippes, Melvin Martinek, Robert Barr. B. L-R Dean Prochaska, Chapter Adviser.



Kenneth Howe, of the Stafford Chapter, represented Kansas at the 13 state regional FFA Speech Contest, held at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, August 11. The four winners announced were FFA boys from the states of Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota and Iowa.

Partridge Chapter will represent Kansas in the National FFA Meat Judging Contest held at Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 15. L-R Jim McAlister, Duane Johnson, Richard Graber, Floyd Nighswonger, Chapter Adviser.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Again, we come to the time of the year when vacation ends and school begins. Perhaps we have seen the mountains in all their majestic grandeur on our vacations and now we see "mountains" which seem unsurmountable as we view the coming year's work. Our success and the success of all FFA chapters will depend upon our surmounting these "mountains." They loom large on the horizon but constant friction will wear away even the largest mountain. Let's all work together, remembering that "no chain is stronger than it's weakest link" so, even the smallest and youngest FFA Chapter is needed to make our Kansas Association a strong organization.

Your success, fellow FFA members, will depend upon how much you participate in the work of your local chapter. Do you help with any of the work or play to make your local chapter outstanding in your school and community? Or are you a sponge, depending on the other fellow? Let's be workers, not drones!

This, in most areas of Kansas, has been a year of parching heat and drouth. Last year we had floods. We watch, perhaps with far seeing discernment, the coming year. No matter what may come, it is up to us as good FFA members and loyal citizens of a grand state and country to keep our faces to the Light and with trust and faith in our God, go forth to remove these "mountains" and find ultimate success and our goals reached or even surpassed.

However, reaching these goals will not depend on one individual alone. Each one of us must do his utmost to help his local chapter and thus his state association. You, as officers of your FFA Chapters, cannot do your work alone. You must have help from each member. It is true you are the leaders, and by so being set the pattern, but others will come after you to follow that pattern. Will your leadership be good or bad? Worthy of following or unworthy? It is up to each one of you to determine which it will be.

At your district FFA leadership schools this fall, make each moment count! Do your utmost for good for your chapter and its success. Last year we had a good year. Shall we try to keep our goals and our standards as good or even better? Here's to 1952. May it be the best year yet.

Billy Ray James, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

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DELEGATES TO THE 25TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Official delegates to the 25th National FFA Convention held at Kansas City on October 13-16 representing Kansas Association of FFA will be:

State President  
State Treasurer  
(Immediate Past)

Billy Ray James, Clay Center Chapter  
Darrell Gartrell, Stockton Chapter

Alternates are:

State Treasurer  
State Reporter

Gary Neilan, St. Francis Chapter  
Kermit Case, Little River Chapter

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MESSAGE FROM ADVISER L. B. POLLUM

It is apparent that the present membership of the Future Farmers of America will live through a period of frequent and marked change, both national and international.

Tremendous pressures, political and economic, are being brought to bear on our people. The wise settlement of these problems will call for a high type of reasoning and ability to think things through. There is no type of reasoning which excels that of getting at the fundamentals of a problem and thinking from that point.

There appear to be many in influential positions whose thinking is in terms of expediency rather than in terms of fundamentals and basic soundness. This, it seems, offers the Future Farmers of America its greatest challenge. There is no ability that equals in value that of being able to distinguish between the expedient and the fundamentally sound, whether one is thinking about making a farming operation succeed or making a public policy succeed.

May the members of the Future Farmers of America always be found thinking in terms of basic principles - fundamentals, rather than in terms of the expedient which is usually the easier way out but seldom provides a permanent solution to a problem. This is your challenge!

Lester B. Pollom, State Advisor  
Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America

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PICTORIALS

Volume 24 of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter will continue the use of a pictorial section. Our present plan calls for major emphasis of the following subjects for the six issues of the Newsletter:

- September - Kansas Representatives in the National FFA Judging Contests  
State Leaders and winners and state fair.
- November - 25th National FFA Convention.
- December - District FFA Leadership Schools
- February - State Fair FFA Exhibit winners.
- April - Area Judging Schools.
- May - 25th Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA

The above plan may be greatly modified if the need arises. In order to keep up interest in the pictorials the state office will need the cooperation of local FFA advisers and members in sending in glossy prints of good pictures of outstanding activities of Future Farmer groups. Good pictures of interesting and outstanding FFA activities will be "sandwiched" in regardless of the major emphasis theme for any special issue. Address all pictures intended for the Newsletter together with descriptive material to A. P. Davidson, c/o KSC, Manhattan, Kansas

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SUMMARY OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA  
REPORT TO NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 1951-1952

Number of vocational agriculture departments.....	187
Number of active FFA chapters.....	187
Number enrolled in vocational agriculture.....	6,260
Number of FFA members.....	6,895
Average net worth per member.....	\$750.00
Total net worth.....	\$5,171,250.00
Number State Farmer degrees granted.....	135
Number Agri. Judging Teams entered State H.S. Contest.....	127
Number Farm Mechanics Teams entered State H.S. Contest.....	96
Number Farm Machines repaired.....	5,602
Number pieces of equipment built.....	6,910
Number entered State FFA Chapter Contest.....	46
Number entered State FFA Speech Contest.....	26

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

November 1 is the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. Address same to State Deputy Adviser A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Official Activity Program Blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of the local chapter activity program for the state office and an extra set to be made and kept in the chapter files were mailed all chapters Sept. 2.

Helpful Suggestions for building the chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual, 1952 edition, pp. 36-40. The Kansas Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem chapter winners in 1952 will be found in the April 1, 1952 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, pp. 11-18.

Committee Appointments for building the chapter activity program should include all members of the chapter. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and adviser.

Calendaring Activities for the year, by months, is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter. The 1952-53 Calendar of Activities for Kansas Association of FFA will be helpful in building local chapter activity calendars.

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1952-53 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
2. A continuous program of repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
3. Prevent waste of all kinds. (Conserve soil and other natural resources; control farm fires; control livestock losses, eradicate pests.)
4. Take every precaution against farm accidents. They result in suffering, loss of manpower, damaged equipment, and sometimes cost lives.
5. So far as practical, produce on the farm all the needs of the farm and farm family.
6. Assist veterans in becoming established in farming.
7. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members.
8. Each chapter to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, 1952. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the state FFA Public Speaking Contest.
9. Six issues of the FFA newsletter to be published, beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisers, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
10. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
11. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the FFA Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
12. Encourage 100 per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
13. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
14. Support the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

## 1952-53 State FFA Program of Work (continued)

15. Publicity - encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worthwhile activities, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of state and national interest.
16. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences to make the farm home more livable.
17. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list of paraphernalia: U. S. Flag, Owl, Ear of Corn, Pictures of Washington and Jefferson framed under glass, Plow, Gavel, Seal, Charter framed under glass, Creed, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, where practical, FFA Manuals - minimum of six, Filing Case, Mounts for Officers Emblems, FFA Song, Purposes framed under glass and picture of Henry Groseclose framed under glass.
18. Encourage scouting.
19. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed.)
  - a. FFA Manual, 1952 edition, for each officer. (1) .15¢
  - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer (2) .20¢ or A Guide to Parliamentary Practices (4) .15¢ Henderson & Rucker.
  - c. History of Kansas FFA 1929-1943, Davidson. State FFA Office, KSC.
  - d. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the past year.
  - e. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Convention.
  - f. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (4)
  - g. Writing FFA News, by C. E. Rogers. (4)
  - h. At least one copy chosen from:
    - Starting to Farm, Beard (4)
    - Living on a Little Land, Deyoe (4)
    - If You Please, Allen & Briggs (3)
  - i. At least one copy chosen from:
    - Peace Valley Warriors (4)
    - Moon Valley, Case (4)
    - Short Stories for Future Farmers (4)
  - j. At least one copy chosen from:
    - Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings, Tenney (4)
    - Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (4)
    - Winning FFA Speeches, Vol. II, Purkey (4)
    - The Fun Encyclopedia, E. O. Harbin (5) \$3.50

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- (1) Future Farmer Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
  - (2) W. F. Stewart, c/o Department Ag. Educ., Ohio State Univ., Columbus, Ohio
  - (3) J. B. Lippincott Company, 220 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois
  - (4) Interstate Printing Company, 19th Jackson, Danville, Illinois
  - (5) Abingdon Cokesbury, New York and Nashville.



1952 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

HOLTON: September 22, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

LAWRENCE: September 23, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Berryton, Bonner Springs, Garnett, Harveyville, Highland Park, LaCygne, Lawrence, Louisburg, Olathe, Ottawa, Overbrook, Paola, Parker, Ross-ville, Seaman, Shawnee-Mission, Silver Lake, St. Marys, Tonganoxie, Washburn, Wellsville.

CLAY CENTER: September 24, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Abilene, Barnes, Chapman, Clay Center, Clifton, Frankfort, Greenleaf, Haddam, Hanover, Hope, Junction City, Linn, Longford, Manhattan, Miltonvale, Morrowville, Randolph, Riley, Solomon, Wakefield, Water-ville, Washington.

EMPORIA: September 29, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

FREDONIA: September 30, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Altamont, Altoona, Cedar Vale, Chanute, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Columbus, Erie, Fredonia, Fort Scott, Girard, Howard, Humboldt, Independ-ence, Iola, McCune, Neodesha, Parsons, Piedmont, Riverton, Sedan, Severy, Yates Center.

HARPER: October 1, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Arkansas City, Attica, Harper, Kingman, Kiowa, Medicine Lodge, Mulvane, Oxford, Pretty Prairie, Rose Hill, Winfield.

BUHLER: October 2, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Buhler, Claflin, Eldorado, Ellsworth, Great Bend, Haven, Hillsboro, Inman, Leon, Little River, McPherson, Moundridge, Newton, Partridge, Peabody, Stafford.

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

Alton, Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Bunker Hill, Concordia, Downs, Glasco, Jewell, Lebanon, Mankato, Minneapolis, Natoma, Osborne, Simpson, Smith Center, Wilson.

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

Almena, Atwood, Bird City, Colby, Edson, Ellis, Goodland, Hays, Hill City, Hoxie, Jennings, McDonald, Norcatur, Norton, Oberlin, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Quinter, St. Francis, Stockton, Wakeeney.

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

Ashland, Bazine, Coldwater, Dodge City, Ensign, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Holcomb, Hugoton, Jetmore, Kinsley, Lakin, Liberal, Meade, Minneola, Mullinville, Ness City, Pratt, Spearville, Syracuse, Trousdale, Ulysses.

NOTE: If more convenient to attend a District FFA Leadership School held in a center other than the one to which your chapter is assigned, please notify the host adviser of the center you choose to attend several days prior to the date of the meeting.

THE SENTINEL - "Stationed by the door."

The revised ceremonies for opening and closing FFA meetings includes the part for a Sentinel. In the revised ceremonies the Vice-President in calling the roll of officers, starts with the office of Sentinel instead of with the office of Reporter.

The part of the Sentinel in the revised ceremonies is as follows:

Vice-President: (Calling roll of officers)

"The Sentinel."

Sentinel: "Stationed by the door."

Vice-President: "Your duties there?"

Sentinel: "Through this door pass many friends of the FFA. It is my duty to see that the door is open to our friends at all times and that they are welcome. I care for the meeting room, chapter equipment, and paraphernalia. I strive to keep the room comfortable and assist the president in maintaining order."

No changes, other than the insertion of a part for the office of Sentinel, occur in the revised ceremonies for opening and closing FFA chapters.

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THE SENTINEL AND 1952 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Host chapter advisors are being requested to provide a station for the office of Sentinel.

The office of the Sentinel will not be scored in judging performance in the opening and closing ritual contest. The Sentinel may or may not take part in the ritual contest at the discretion of the local group.

The Official FFA Manual, revised 1952 and carrying the revised opening and closing FFA ceremonies, was not available at the time of preparing materials for the 1952 District FFA Leadership Schools. This fact, and the probability that many local FFA chapters would not have the 1952 revised edition of the Manual, caused the state office to rule that the office of Sentinel be not included in judging performance of local officers in the opening and closing ritual contest.

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ESTABLISHING FFA CHAPTERS

The following information will be of interest to local FFA advisers who are faced with the problem of establishing local FFA Chapters.

- I. ESTABLISHING FFA CHAPTERS IN SCHOOLS WHERE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE IS BEING OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME.
  - a. Acquaint the vocational agriculture students with the Future Farmers of America Organization through study lessons, FFA Newsletters, National FFA Proceedings, etc., in an effort to create a desire to organize a local chapter of Future Farmers of America.
  - b. Elect temporary officers from upper class groups. Use a nominating committee if feasible.
  - c. Through committee assignments and study of mimeographed material from the state office, build tentative chapter Program of Work.
  - d. Write state office at Manhattan for Petition blanks to petition the State Association for a local FFA chapter and for Program of Work blanks.
  - e. Collect State and National dues (.10¢ National, .20¢ State - total .30¢); list membership in accordance with directions on Petition blank and forward the Petition blank with State and National dues and tentative local chapter Program of Work to the State Office at Manhattan, Kansas.
  - f. Upon receipt of Petition blank, dues and local Program of Work, the State Office will issue the local FFA charter and will send the local chapter free the following material: George Washington General Order on Profanity; Purposes, Creed, Picture of Henry Groseclose, all to be framed under glass. The State Office will also send letters to be forwarded to Swift and Company and Deere and Company which will enable your chapter to procure a miniature steel plow and framed pictures of Washington and Jefferson.
  - g. In accordance with the National Constitution, all local officers except the Sentinel must hold the Degree of Chapter Farmer. In case of newly chartered chapters, the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America has ruled that all officers in such FFA chapters shall be elected from the Green Hand Degree group. During the second year of the local chapter's history, it will be possible to elect officers from the Chapter Farmer Degree group, which will be in full accord with the Constitutions of both the National Organization and the State Association.
- II. SUGGESTED PATTERNS FOR DEGREE RITUAL WORK
  - a. Take the officer group to a neighboring chapter and have them initiated into the Green Hand Degree. Then the Chapter Green Hand officer members can initiate the other members of the chapter into the Green Hand Degree.
  - b. Have a neighboring chapter bring its officers to a meeting of the local chapter and have them initiate the entire group into the Green Hand Degree.



## Establishing FFA Chapters (continued)

- c. In the case of small groups it might be desirable to take your entire membership to a neighboring chapter and have them initiated into the Green Hand Degree.

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FFA SUPPLY SERVICE

The Kansas Association of FFA, Manhattan Office, has discontinued handling all FFA supplies except State Farmer pins and charms, certificates and plaques on the state level, and local FFA Charters.

Order FFA supplies from the Future Farmer Supply Company, Alexandria, Virginia. Cash must accompany orders.

For the year 1952-53, Green Hand and Chapter Farmer pins will be available through L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Mass.

Whenever a State Association has had unsatisfactory business transactions with the "Supply Service" or receives complaints from its local chapters concerning transactions that have, in their opinion, not received proper consideration, nothing would please Dr. W. T. Spanton more than for each such State Supervisor to write directly to him concerning such matters. In all cases, however, it will be necessary for supervisors to supply Dr. Spanton with specific details of each specific complaint.

Remember that September, October and November are the rush seasons for the Supply Service. Three-fourths of the year's entire business is done during these three months. Order early and avoid the rush season if possible.

No C.O.D. orders are accepted. Many teachers still send in C.O.D. orders in spite of the fact that "No C.O.D. Orders Are Accepted" is printed in bold face type on the first inside page of the Supply Service Catalog. By the time the order is returned to the sender, then sent back to the Supply Service accompanied by a check or postal money order, sometimes as much as three or four weeks of time is lost.

Because of Government priorities on some items of merchandise and shortages of materials in other instances, certain items listed in the catalog may more frequently be "out of stock" than would be true in normal times.

The FFA Supply Service and the jewelry manufacturer are the only source of supply that have had approval to sell official FFA supplies and equipment to State Associations and local FFA Chapters. In order to avoid misunderstandings and possible embarrassment later on, it is recommended that only officially designated sources of FFA supplies and equipment be patronized.

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MEETING OF THE STATE FFA OFFICERS

The State FFA Officers held a meeting at Manhattan, September 6. They approved the State Program of Work, set up plans for District FFA Leadership Schools and planned for activities in connection with the National FFA Convention.

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WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Following is a list of FFA supplies and where they can be purchased. See that this list is filed so that when your chapter is in need of supplies your secretary will have the necessary information on where the material can be purchased, thereby eliminating the necessity of writing the state office for this information. ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Adviser's pins (1) bronze .27¢  | Napkins (2)   |
| Adviser's pins (1) gold plated .30¢   | Neckties (2)  |
| Arm bands, felt (2)   | Newspaper mats (2)  |
| Badges and buttons (3)  | Officer Station Drapes (9)  |
| Banners, felt (2)   | Official FFA Owl (9)  |
| Belts and buckles (1)   | Parliamentary Procedure (1) .20¢                                      |
| Blankets, FFA Pure Wool (2)   | Pennants, felt (2)  |
| Caps, convention style (2)  | Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (6) *                              |
| Caps, swagger and military style (2)  | Pins (price includes Fed. and State tax):                             |
| Charters for chapters (4)   | Adviser's pins (1) bronze .27¢  |
| Collegiate chapter pins (1)   | Adviser's pins (1) gold plated .30¢                                   |
| Cups, trophy (1)  | Chapter Farmer (1) .28¢   |
| Cuts, emblem (2)  | Green Hand (1) .25¢   |
| Drapes, official officer (9) \$6.00   | Officer pins (1)  |
| Degree pins and keys (1)  | Place cards (2)   |
| Ear of Corn, Model (9)  | Plaques (1)   |
| Emblem, official Jumbo (9) \$3.95   | Flows, miniature (5)*   |
| Emblem, felt (2)  | Printed Supplies (2)  |
| Emblem stickers (2)   | Ribbons, prize (3)  |
| Envelopes (2)   | Rings, finger (1)   |
| Felt goods (2)  | Rising Sun (9) \$4.50   |
| Flags (9)   | Records:  |
| Gavels (9)  | "FFA March" and "Hail the FFA" (7)                                    |
| Jackets, corduroy (2)   | 4 numbers sung by National FFA  |
| Jefferson, Bust of (9)  | Chorus (8)  |
| Jewelry (1)   | FFA Band at Nat'l. FFA Convention (8)                                 |
| Keys, degree (1)  | Secretary's Book (2) .35¢   |
| Letterheads (2)   | Shirts (2)  |
| Manuals (2)   | Stationery (2)  |
| Medals (1)  | Stickers, baggage, windshield (2)                                     |
| Membership Cards (4) Cards sent only upon payment of dues, .30¢ per member, .20¢ state, 10¢ natl. | Treasurer's Books (2) .35¢  |
| Music:  | Trousers, Uniforms (2)  |
| "Hail the FFA" (2) piano .25¢   | Washington, Bust of (9)   |
| "Hail the FFA" (2) quartette .35¢   | (* - Request must be accompanied by letter from State Deputy Adviser) |

- (1) L. F. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts.
- (2) Future Farmers Supply Service, P. O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia
- (3) St. Louis Button Company, 415 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri
- (4) A. P. Davidson, State Deputy Adviser, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Ks.
- (5) John Deere Company, Moline, Illinois.
- (6) Swift and Company, Chicago, Illinois, Agricultural Research Department.
- (7) U. S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D. C.
- (8) Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, Missouri.
- (9) Chapter Supply Co., Box 594, Danville, Illinois.
- (10) W. T. Stewart, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio

1952-53 KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA BUDGET

	1952-53 Estimated Income	1952-53 Estimated Expenditures	1951-52 Actual Income
1951-52 Actual Income	\$	\$	\$2,508.25
Income in Dues	2,100.00		
Prorated share FFA Supply			
Service Earnings	350.00		
Reimbursement National Judging			
Contests	130.00		
Regional Public Speaking Contest		30.00	
Officers to called State Meetings		75.00	
Officers to State Convention		100.00	
Officers to District Leadership			
Schools		65.00	
Postage for gathering FFA news		50.00	
State Farmer Certificates		25.00	
Public Speaking & Better Chapter			
Certificate		30.00	
Medals, plaques, ribbons, buttons		150.00	
Officer jackets		55.00	
FFA Membership Cards		30.00	
Program of Work Blanks		45.00	
Printing Banquet programs		20.00	
Photographs		60.00	
Auditing FFA Accounts		10.00	
National FFA Dues		700.00	
Delegates to National FFA Convention		100.00	
National FFA Band Uniforms		115.00	
National FFA Chorus Uniforms		115.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
members National FFA Band		300.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
members National FFA Chorus		300.00	
Special Talent - State FFA Convention		25.00	
National Judging Contests		125.00	
Printing State FFA Activity Calendar		40.00	
Supporting the National FUTURE FARMER		200.00 *	
Magazine			
	\$2,580.00	\$2,765.00	

\* Will be drawn from surplus funds

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STATE AND NATIONAL DUES PAID

The Riley Chapter of FFA, with 13 members are first to pay State and National dues for the year 1952-53. Their dues were received in the state office July 29, 1952.

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CENTRAL REGIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

The Central Regional FFA Contest was held at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, August 11, 1952. Thirteen states were represented. Regional winners announced follow:

1. Clarence Teegarden, Illinois  
"Water Management the American Way."
2. Russell Clement, Nebraska  
"It Can Happen Again."
3. Larry Voegele, North Dakota  
"Attorney For The Defense of Agriculture."
4. Jack Warner, Iowa  
"Lets Save Our Most Valuable Crop, Human Lives."

The judges were Mr. C. R. Megee, Assistant Director of the School of Agriculture, Michigan State College; Mr. Marshall Wells, Radio Station WJR; and Mr. Louis F. Bruce, Director, Youth Education, Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, Inc.

Kenneth Howe of the Stafford Chapter represented Kansas and did not place in the winners announced.

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TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR FFA AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

In the April issue of "For Your Information," Mr. Krausz reported that the Treasury Department had adopted a policy of tightening the controls on organizations that were exempt from income and excise taxes. The article stated that a memorandum issued on March 4, 1952, reversed a previous liberal policy of exempting educational organizations from the admissions tax; according to the tax specialist in Springfield, the list of organizations that are no longer exempt includes rural youth groups. Following is a quotation from the Treasury Department memorandum:

"4. Section 1701(a) (1) (A) (ii) of the Code provides for the exemption applicable to educational institutions. An educational institution, under the specific language of the state, is one 'which is exempt under section 101(6) or which is an educational institution of a government or political subdivision thereof, if such organization normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly organized body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on.' Accordingly the exemption is limited to organizations or institutions engaged in the presentation of formal instruction, such as elementary or high schools, colleges, universities, etc. The exemption does not cover institutions which are educational only in a broad sense, such as museums, art galleries and similar places or organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, Young Men's Christian Association, Campfire Girls of America, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America, etc." - M.H.

Illinois Vo-Ag Aids, May 1952

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The Kiowa Chapter was the first in Kansas to send a 100 per cent subscription. 103 chapters responded to the July 28 call for subscriptions. 100 per cent subscriptions were reported from 86 chapters. The July 28 subscription list totaled 2,979 and was sent Editor Lano Barron of the National Future Farmer Magazine under date of August 1, 1952.

The second subscription list designed to enroll freshmen boys in chapters having submitted a subscription list for upper classmen and for all members for chapters not having submitted a subscription list, was mailed the national office September 12, 1952. Owing to the late date of processing the second subscription list for the National Future Farmer Magazine, it will not be possible to run the total Kansas subscriptions in this issue of the Newsletter. This information will be available in the November 1, 1952 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

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POSSIBLE NEW FFA CHAPTERS

Six new vocational agriculture departments were approved for supervision in Kansas for 1952-53. This brings the total of vocational agriculture departments to 192, employing 194 vocational agriculture teachers.

The new departments approved for supervision were: Jennings, Mullinville, Marion, Piedmont, Severy and Wetmore.

The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter is being sent to the above listed departments. The state office is anxious to have these departments apply for local chapter charters. Attention of these chapters is directed to the article dealing with establishing new FFA chapters, page 8 of this newsletter.

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COLORADO - Montrose chapter is rapidly building their cooperatively owned livestock herds. The swine project has already improved many herds in the Uncompahgre Valley. The Montrose chapter owns over 30 animals in three different purebred breeds. The Durocs are the most numerous while the Berkshires and Minnesota No. 1, have been added more recently. The sheep project seems to be running smoothly, too. The Montadales that were purchased several years ago have reached the stage where they maintain themselves, and by buying additional ewe lambs and raising replacements ourselves each year, we have raised their number to 35. A flock of six Hampshire ewes was purchased by Herman Soderquist, chairman of the livestock committee, at the Greeley sale in December. These ewes won't have to take second to anything as they come from such outstanding breeders as Colorado A&M College. Besides using outstanding sires to improve the chapter livestock we have also let other people use them. By charging a small fee, a continuous program has been set up to bring in some of the very best rams and boars.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM, TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Future Farmers of America  
Kansas City, Missouri - October 13-16, 1952

- October 9 and 10      Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel
- October 11 and 12      Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel
- October 13
- 8:00 a.m. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
  - 12:00 noon - Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Hotel President
  - 1:00 p.m. - Tours to Points of Interest
  - 2:30 p.m. - Meeting of State Advisors, Hotel President
  - 8:00 p.m. - National Public Speaking Contest, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- October 14
- 8:00 a.m. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
  - 9:00 a.m. - Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
    - Band Concert
    - Treasurer's Report
    - Executive Secretary's Report
    - "Liberty For All" - a pageant
    - Address, Honorable Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator
  - 2:00 p.m. - Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
    - Address, Earl J. McGrath, United States Commissioner of Education
    - Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Contest
    - Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
    - American Farmer Degree Ceremony
  - 7:30 p.m. - Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
    - Massing of State Flags - State Star Farmers
    - Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
    - Special Entertainment - Courtesy Firestone Tire and Rubber Company
- October 15
- 9:00 a.m. - Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
    - Introductions and greetings from past National Officers
    - Address, Honorable Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture



## Twenty-Fifth National FFA Convention (continued)

- 1:00 p.m. - Tours to Points of Interest
- 2:00 p.m. - Fifth Session, Main Arena,  
Municipal Auditorium  
Appointment of Committees  
Recess for Committee Work
- 8:00 p.m. - Sixth Session, Main Arena  
Municipal Auditorium  
Introduction of Foundation Donors  
Presentation of Foundation Awards  
Premiere, FFA Movie, Courtesy of  
General Motors Corporation  
Talent Night

October 16

- 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Session, Main Arena,  
Municipal Auditorium  
Committee Reports  
Address, James J. Patton,  
President, The National Farmers Union
- 1:30 p.m. - Eighth Session, Main Arena,  
Municipal Auditorium  
Election of Officers  
Greetings from Incoming Officers  
Installation of New Officers  
Presentation of Past Officers'  
Pins and Certificates
- 2:30 - - Special tour and entertainment
- 8:00 p.m. Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin Club  
Final Session

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DISCIPLINE AT THE 1952 FFA CONVENTION

Many of you have heard the unfavorable report I gave at the 1951 AVA Convention and 1952 Regional Conferences with regard to the poor discipline of FFA members at the 1951 FFA Convention. The matter was discussed at length at some of the regional conferences this year, and it is sincerely hoped that each State Supervisor will insist that all groups of FFA boys from his State who plan to attend the 1952 Convention be carefully selected and adequately chaperoned by teachers or other adults.

Unless the disciplinary problem is corrected at the 1952 FFA Convention, it may be necessary to cancel the 1953 Silver Anniversary Convention or limit attendance to national officers, official delegates, American Farmer candidates and Foundation award winners. The final decision will, of course, be made by the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors.

W. T. Spanton

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION

Under the provisions of Article XV, Section A, of the National FFA Constitution, I am submitting to each State Association of FFA the following amendments to the National FFA Constitution which have been proposed by the Texas Association of FFA.

Please see to it that the two official delegates to the National Convention from your State are properly informed in regard to these amendments, and are prepared to vote intelligently on their adoption or rejection. The amendments are as follows:

Amend Article XI, Section B, by striking out the first sentence, beginning with line one and ending on line six, and substitute the following: Each State Association is entitled to send a minimum of one delegate from its active membership to the National Convention, and the additional fifty delegates to attend the National Convention be allocated to State Associations determined by a formula based upon the proportionate active membership of each state to the total active membership of the National Association as of June 30th prior to the National Convention.

Amend Article V, Section C, paragraph 7, by striking out on the last line ~~\$25.00~~ and substitute \$100.00.

Amend Article V, Section D, paragraph 6, by striking out on line five ~~\$250.00~~ and substitute \$500.00.

Amend Article V, Section E, paragraph 3, by striking out on line six, ~~\$500.00~~ and substitute \$1500.00.

Amend Article VI, Section A, by striking out the first sentence, beginning on line one and ending on line twelve, and substituting the following: A State Association may submit annually, the applications of all candidates for the American Farmer Degree who meet the minimum requirements as set up in Article V, Section E, paragraphs one through four as amended.

HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Kansas Association of FFA at the 25th National FFA Convention will be at the Hotel President.

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1952 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES

The Kansas Association of FFA presented two applications for the degree of American Farmer, as follows:

Deryl F. Carswell, Alton Chapter  
Phillip P. Pratt, Hoxie Chapter

The applicants for the American Farmer degree from Kansas have been recommended by the National Board of Student Officers and the National Board of Directors. The action of the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors must be confirmed by the delegates at the 25th National FFA Convention.

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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Kansas submitted two entries in the 1952 National Chapter Contest. The chapters entering from Kansas were Winfield Chapter, Ira L. Plank and John Lowe, Advisers, and Little River Chapter, Milton Kohrs, Adviser.

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KANSAS TEAMS NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

At Waterloo, Iowa, September 30 - October 1, 1952

Dairy Cattle, Hillsboro, W. D. Smith, Coach  
Dairy Products, Silver Lake, Dean Prochaska, Coach

At Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16, 1952

Livestock, Moundridge, Richard Ramsdale, Coach  
Meats, Partridge, Floyd Nighswonger, Coach  
Poultry, Chanute, Charles O. Carter, Jr., Coach

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TEXAS - In 1951-52 Texas was awarded 33 American Farmer Degrees and during the same year the state association granted 579 Lone Star Farmer Degrees (State Farmer Degrees). For administrative purposes, Texas is divided into ten areas. Texas was the thirty-fourth state association to be chartered by the National Organization of FFA. Since the chartering of the Texas Association, 4,940 boys have received the Lone Star Farmer Degree and 375 boys have been awarded the American Farmer Degree.

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

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

Members of the National FFA Band from Kansas are:

Sam Graham, Kiowa Chapter	Steve Ahrens, Mankato Chapter
Sam Peppiatt, Ellsworth Chapter	Benny Brent, Alton Chapter
David Frey, Riley Chapter	Altis Ferree, Yates Center Chapter
John Bircher, Ellsworth Chapter	

Members of the National FFA Chorus from Kansas are:

J. W. Van Blaricum, Minneola Chapter	Bob Miller, Kiowa Chapter
Gerald Stoker, La Cygne Chapter	Ralph Gerald Silver, Lyndon Chapter
Galen Forgy, Centralia Chapter	Delmar Pfortmiller, Natoma Chapter
Robert Raines, Louisburg Chapter	

Ralph Silver, Lyndon, will be unable to attend the National FFA Convention. Arden Treaster, Beloit Chapter, has been recommended in his stead. There is a possibility that Cecil Mabry of the Little River Chapter will be selected for the job of accompanist for the chorus.

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THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE  
LANO BARRON, EDITOR AND MANAGER

Lano Barron, former State FFA advisor in Texas and more recently a member of the Agricultural Education Department at Texas A. and M. College, has been employed by the Future Farmers of America to edit and manage the new national magazine which the organization expects to publish.

Barron, who began his new job April 17, has established offices for the magazine at the national FFA camp near Alexandria, Va.

Publication of the magazine, to be called "The National Future Farmer," was authorized by FFA's Board of Directors last January, and the first issue is scheduled for publication next October. It will be published on a quarterly basis.

Barron is a native of Arkansas, attended school at Oklahoma A. and M. College where he received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Agricultural Education. He taught vocational agriculture in Texas ten years until he joined that state's vocational agriculture supervisory staff.

His journalistic career began as a "stringer" correspondent for small daily newspapers, then expanded to include authorship of many articles that have been used in State newspapers, regional and national magazines. He was largely responsible for the development of "The Future Farmer," a Texas FFA publication which now ranks as one of the best of its kind in the country.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

VIRGINIA - In order to enable Rappahannock FFA members to carry out some excellent beef heifer projects the chapter has started a heifer club. The purpose of the club is to encourage the use of good breeding stock and to stimulate interest in expanding the beef cattle enterprise in the county. This is the way the club works. In the fall months members interested pick out the top heifer calf of some leading cattle farmers in the county. These farmers, in turn, agree to give the FFA boy a period of one year to pay for the heifer without interest on the money.

WASHINGTON - A point system for making awards to chapter members based upon their activities is used by the Pe Ell Chapter. The system used sets a requirement of 600 points for the award. The point system is broken down from the eight major divisions in the state program of work. We in our chapter feel that this point system does much to encourage work in the different phases of our FFA program of work.

TENNESSEE - Howard A. Norton, of the Woodland Mills Chapter, was declared the top junior Poland China breeder in the nation for 1951. In addition to his outstanding farming program, young Norton is active in school and civic affairs. He has served his local FFA chapter as president for the past two years and is also president of his sub-district FFA chapter.

NORTH DAKOTA - The Rugby FFA chapter, 5 times national Gold Emblem winner, was declared 1951 winner in the National Farm Safety Award. They have published a "Farm Safety Handbook" that has many interesting activities included. Numerous check lists are also included. They are for sale at 25 cents each.

OHIO - The boys in the Pettisville Chapter are using a new technique for de-horning young cattle. A new idea for using the elastrator as a means of de-horning was tried and has worked out well so far. In the case of de-horning the special rubber band actually cuts off the horn bone and all.

CALIFORNIA - Future Farmers in Kern County have a large group of "little brothers" who are taking agriculture in elementary schools. They are known as "Junior Farmers" and have been organized on a countywide basis since 1944. They now have more than 600 members. A brochure on the Junior Farmers may be obtained from Donald C. Edinger, Coordinator of Agriculture Instruction in the office of the county superintendent of schools at Bakersfield.

NEW MEXICO - The Anthony Chapter of Future Farmers has purchased another load of whole milo cooperatively. This makes a total of 20 tons bought cooperatively this year. Another load will be ordered soon to take care of the boys who didn't get in on this load.

MISSISSIPPI - Two years ago the Ecu FFA Chapter members became interested in securing beef calves and dairy cattle for their project work. The group has had wonderful backing from home and the banks in our locality. The majority of the beef calves has been polled Herefords with several Aberdeen-Angus calves for the breeds used. The Polled Herefords were purchased in the Panola-Tate county area, from several producers, while Angus calves came from local producers in the school area. The students have purchased 24 head of registered beef calves with only one cow in the group having a calf at the time of purchase. From this group we have 23 head inventory now with 8 calves being sold and 2 head dead.

### Across the Border (continued)

NEBRASKA - The Pawnee City Chapter's first undertaking under the guidance of their new adviser, Mr. Ganzel, was landscaping the grounds of the new county memorial hospital. A work day was planned and prepared for, and on this day the grounds were leveled, prepared, and seeded. Several businessmen in this vicinity made sizeable contributions to the project, but the project has been operated mostly so far on Chapter funds. Plans for shrubs and trees have been made but will not be carried out until spring. The project will be completed in an estimated two years.

IOWA - The Cresco Chapter has a total of \$898 loaned out in FFA loans to nine members. These loans are made without interest to FFA members so they can get a better farming program started. In order to get a loan the boy applies for his loan at a Chapter meeting. The Chapter then votes whether or not to grant the loan. These loans are secured by a promissory note signed by the boy and his parents. The loans are paid back as soon as possible so the money can be used by other boys.

ILLINOIS - The Fairbury FFA chapter will provide experimental plots of educational nature this coming season. Plots adjacent to the school ground will be divided into equal size to compare different types of fertilizers as well as rates of applications. Corn will be the crop used for observation this year. Proceeds from this activity will benefit the chapter treasury.

LOUISIANA - The Ruston Chapter has a \$180,000 Poultry Industry. A chapter poultry brooding project was begun in 1938 when members utilized home lamp brooders with a capacity of 50 to 100 chicks. Wooden structures capable of holding 400 chicks were constructed in 1939. This venture didn't meet with much success, and enthusiasm dropped sharply, finally dying completely for about three years. Interest in poultry raising was renewed somewhat in 1942. In 1948 some of the more ambitious boys constructed wooden buildings capable of housing 800 birds. These small houses were used until 1951, in which year the construction of present all-metal houses with facilities for handling 3,000 to 6,000 chicks was begun. The houses now in use are constructed entirely of metal, and all are equipped with automatic waterers, many have automatic feeders, the capacities of the houses range from a 3,000 bird house to a 6,000 bird house. The broilers are produced on a mass production basis. All the chicks are started at the same age and sold at the same time. The present capacity for production in the chapter is 13,000 birds every nine weeks. The project involves the handling of about \$160,000, plus \$20,000 for permanent housing and equipment. (Excerpts from article in Louisiana Future Farmer, June 1952).

OKLAHOMA - Members of the Glenwood chapter have undertaken a somewhat different type project -- the production of dry peas for the seed market. The boys grow the peas then treat them for weevils before selling them to the seed stores. Thus far, they report that the project has been quite profitable.



CHAPTER NEWS

LEBANON: Balanced Farming Day was held at Lebanon, Kansas August 7, 1952. It featured the complete renovation of the Hobbs farm one mile west and one mile north of Lebanon, Kansas. As a public service the Lebanon FFA constructed 15 concession stands and operated a watermelon stand. Approximately \$60 was cleared on the concession....The Lebanon FFA exhibit on safety placed first at the Smith County Fair. One of the features of the Smith County Free Fair was the calf catching contest. Six boys from Lebanon FFA caught calves.

Marion Hackerott, Reporter

KIOWA: We have 27 active members in the chapter this year. The chapter voted to have 100 per cent subscription to the National FFA Magazine and the amount of the subscription be included in the dues....Much interest has been built up as a result of our cooperative activity of pure-bred Duroc hog program. The chapter now owns five sows, one boar and one gilt, all registered pure-bred Durocs, which are kept by the members of our chapter. Last July we purchased a bred gilt from the Waymore Farm at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She farrowed 12 pigs August 24...We are glad to report that Bert Gillig, our last year's president, has recovered from polio with very little effect.

Willis Colson, Reporter

BELOIT: The five Beloit Future Farmers who received an expense paid trip to the American Institute of Cooperation at East Lansing, Michigan, August 11 to 14 were chosen by a five man committee. Boys who made the trip were Stanley Creitz, Larry Hewitt, Ron McKinnie, Don Smyth and Arden Treaster. They were chosen on a basis of accomplishments in vocational agriculture and were guests of the Kansas Cooperative Council. This is the second consecutive year the Beloit FFA Chapter has won this award. The boys were accompanied by their vocational agriculture instructor, Mr. Frank R. Carpenter....At the balanced Farming Day near Lebanon, Kansas 13 of our FFA boys helped put tar paper on the sides, and shingles on the roof of the house on the farm that was rebuilt in a day....The Mitchell County Fair Association has made the chapter's wheat test plot into a one half mile dirt race track. Fifteen members of the chapter met with the same number of businessmen and solicited the city to sell shares of stock in the Fair Association. Other members helped sell shares in various sections of the county. This was done so that the 2,000 seat stadium and race track could be built. The chapter has put 16 gallons of paint on the stadium and will finish it later by putting approximately 14 more gallons on it....The Beloit FFA Chapter donated \$85.00 towards the lighting system in the new Junior cattle barn at the fair grounds. We also donated a day's labor putting shingles on the roof....On August 24, we held our annual summer picnic at the city park, with the new prospective FFA members and men faculty members as our guests.

Donald Hauptli, Reporter

KINSLEY: We have 32 members enrolled in FFA. Several of the members showed exhibits at the County Fair. Among them, Donald Elson showed a Grand Champion sheep and Marvin Arensman received Reserve Grand Champion on wheat. Ronald Jones showed a Herford Breeding heifer and received Grand Champion. Harold Schinstock showed a Milking Shorthorn cow and received a blue ribbon. Jerry Anderson showed Grand Champion wheat.

Paul Schmitt, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

GLASCO: The officers of our Glasco Chapter went to Lebanon, Kansas on August 6 and 7 for the Balanced Farming Day. We helped the first evening by carrying floor joists to the main carpenters. We slept out on the grounds over night and got up early the next morning so we could follow the work that day. We felt it was a very worthwhile day....For money making projects last year we had a paper and scrap iron drive. We also sold the rest of our pencils and shocked feed. The scrap iron drive was the most successful. It brought in more money and we used the scrap iron that was needed in our shop. We do not plan to sell pencils this year, but otherwise we will use the same money making plans....Several of our members took part in the Cloud County Fair FFA Judging Contest held in Glasco on August 27. Of the four teams entered, Simpson took first, Concordia second, Glasco third and Miltonvale fourth.

Charles Butler, Reporter

CONCORDIA: The Concordia FFA Chapter held its annual overnight outing on August 18 at the Bennington state lake, 22 members were present. Several of the members caught fish and everyone had a good time fishing and boating.... The corn crop on the FFA land has suffered from the drought and the plots with different types of fertilizers do not show much variation. We expect to harvest about half a crop from the field. The money from the sale of the corn will be used to carry on the activities of the chapter. The senior members of our chapter will attend the National FFA Convention and the American Royal. The underclassmen will make the trip to the State Fair at Hutchinson. ....Our chapter owns three purebred sows, one Duroc, one Minnesota No. 1, and one Poland China. The sows are loaned to the members and after the pigs are weaned the sow is loaned another boy. A purebred Yorkshire will be loaned to a Greenhand member this fall. We plan to initiate 21 new members into our chapter September 30. There are 68 members in our chapter this year.

Donald Jones, Reporter

HILL CITY: Our school was postponed one week due to seven cases of polio in town. On September 3rd a cabinet meeting was held and plans for the coming year were talked over....Activities that have taken place during the summer include several Cooperative activities. Due to the difficulty in obtaining the services of a professional sheep shearer, Joe Farrell, Curtis Harvey and Wayne Clark purchased a pair of shears and sheared about 120 head of their sheep. On July 7 we shipped a carload of sheep to Kansas City. About 80% of the lambs topped the market....Due to the severe drouth in June and July our feed crops are almost a complete failure. FFA boys have their deferred steers on full feed, plans are being made to ship them together in November. ....Our first fall meeting and watermelon feed was held September 10.

Charles Morris, Reporter

RANDOLPH: J. W. Johnson and Roger Carlson received Carl Raymond Gray Scholarships this year.... Our new advisor, Mr. Alvin House, painted our shop tool boards and equipment this summer and secured for the shop \$200.00 worth of hand tools, a heavy duty floor grinder, a bench grinder, a new oxy-acetylene outfit and new paint spraying equipment....Our entire FFA chapter attended the Topeka Fair September 10....Our chapter will have 34 members this year.

Larry Hohman, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

OSBORNE: Our Chapter purchased a registered Duroc Gilt which was given to Dean Enoch who in turn will replace it at a later date....We held our annual fishing party, May 22, 1952, at the McMillen pond and our get acquainted watermelon feed August 19 at the high school....Some of our members attended the Balanced Farming Day, August 7, at Lebanon and shingled the north roof of the house during the afternoon activities....We took part in the County Fair Livestock and Crops Judging Contest ranking first in both contests. In livestock Alvin Britt placed first; Raymond Schweitzer placed second; and Clifford Noffsinger took third. In crops Clifford Noffsinger was first; Alvin Britt second; and Raymond Schweitzer placed third....We attended the Smith County Fair Judging contest ranking second as a team with Raymond Schweitzer tying for first and Clifford Noffsinger tying for fifth....Three of our members took part in the Rooks County Fair placing fifth as a team....We are planning on attending the "Kansas State Fair" at Hutchinson and cooperating with the Downs FFA Chapter by going in the same bus....Four FFA members and Advisor, Clifford Noffsinger, Farrell Foster, Albert Snyder, Norman Conrad and Mr. Stearns, received an expense paid Co-op tour by our Local Co-operative Association to Topeka, Coffeyville, and Kansas City. They attended the state Co-op Banquet and youth group meeting in Topeka; Co-op refinery and the soybean mill in Coffeyville; Fiber glass, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, and Buick assembly plant, the Air Port and all C. C. A. warehouses and headquarters in Kansas City.

Clifford Hahn, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Fred Jackson, one of the four youths sent to the United States by the International Farm Youth Exchange program from New Zealand, spent September 9 visiting our vocational agriculture classes, and he spoke to the FFA members at their regular meeting....During August, the livestock judging team and Mr. Ramsdale took a trip to Kansas City. On the way they stopped at Kansas State College and judged the college livestock. While in Kansas City they studied the problem of grading live beef cattle....We have started cleaning and treating seed wheat. This is an annual community service and money raising activity. Last year we cleaned and, or, treated 6000 bushels of seed for the farmers of the community.

Nelson Galle, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: The Bonner Springs Chapter sent its Junior class judging team to Moxley Hall ranch for the cattle judging contest during April. The team ranked sixth place....Jon Theden won the Carl Raymond Gray scholarship and is enrolled at Kansas State College at Manhattan....The chapter has fourteen boys entered in the Pfister Corn growing contest....June 20th, our chapter held a summer picnic with sixteen members present....Our annual August meeting was held in our agriculture shop with old and incoming Greenhand members attending. Mr. L. L. Van Petten, our vocational agriculture instructor treated the FFA members and guests to a watermelon feed.

Terry Coleman, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

EFFINGHAM: Our Effingham Chapter held its first summer meeting at the over night fishing party on the Delaware River May 30. Gilmore Dahl, this years president, was designated to attend the Co-op Camp at Park College, Parkville, Missouri. Gilmore was elected President of the Camp Council for the week and later was elected as the outstanding camper of the week having outstanding leadership ability and was presented an an expense paid trip to the National Co-op Convention held at Lansing, Michigan, August 10th - 14th. Gilmore attended the FFA Regional Public Speaking Contest while at Lansing....August 9 our chapter held its annual softball game and meeting to make arrangements for the FFA concession stand during the Atchison County Fair. Members of the Chapter took active part in the Junior Judging Contest held during the fair. They also had a large number of exhibits at the fair. Our Chapter is fortunate in having 31 green hand freshmen this year taking vocational agriculture.

Jim Hundley, Reporter

OBERLIN: Fifteen students enrolled in beginning agriculture this fall. This brings the total for the vocational agriculture department enrollment to 60....There were a large number of exhibits at our local county fair made by FFA members this year....23 FFA members and their advisor went to Scott City on an overnight fishing trip the latter part of June....During the summer the Oberlin chapter sponsored a two week tour. Fifteen boys and their advisor, Mr. Moody, took three cars loaded with camping equipment and traveled East. The first stop was at Lone Star Lake, southwest of Lawrence, Kansas, from there they traveled southeast to the coal strip mining country. Here they saw one of the giant electric shovels in action striping the earth from the seam of coal. That evening camp was made at the Lake of the Ozarks. From here they traveled through Illinois to the Indiana Dunes State Park outside of Chicago. A trip into Chicago to visit the Musium of Arts and Sciences was of much interest to all. From Chicago they traveled up the East coast of Lake Michigan to the Straights where they ferried across to continue their trip up to the copper mining district on Lake Superior, then traveling home through the dairy country of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and sandhills of Nebraska and arrived with the feeling that this was the best trip ever taken by the FFA chapter.

Carl Lafferty, Reporter

RILEY: Summer activities of our chapter included: Overnight fishing trip in June, a swimming party in July and a family picnic in August. The family picnic was a basket supper held in the chapter room and shop, after which the boys played the Wakofield chapter in softball....There are 25 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. The chapter has purchased the National FFA magazine for each member....The chapter made \$89.00 securing adds for the local telephone directory this summer....The chapter observed "Dad's Night" September 4, honoring the new boys enrolled in vocational agriculture and their dads. Three motion pictures were shown. There were 40 persons present. ....The chapter members are busy preparing the County Collective booth for the State Fair.

Robert Haas, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

LITTLE RIVER: During the summer we sponsored an FFA fishing trip to the Cottonwood River near Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. Thirteen FFA boys and two sponsors, including our advisor, went on this trip. Thirty-five pounds of fish were caught, and everyone had a swell time....Two of our FFA boys attended "Balanced Farming Day" at the Hobbs farm near Lebanon. Their part in this program was to build a 20 X 6 X 6 hay dryer....In our summer officers meeting we decided that the chapter would present each FFA member with a subscription to the National Future Farmer Magazine....A Gold plaque and a silver plaque were presented to our chapter by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation in appreciation of the work our chapter did in their rat eradication program....As a money-making project our chapter sold subscriptions to the Farm Quarterly. We set our goal at 200 subscriptions and managed to pass it by selling 207, for a net profit of \$500....We are reparing and repainting the projects we made in shop last year, getting them ready to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair....This summer we sprayed 21 blocks of alleys in town with DDT for the control of flies. This was a polio control project....Much time was spent this summer in preparing our "Report of Accomplishments" which was sent to the National Office of FFA at Washington. This is our first attempt in competing in the National Better Chapter Contest....Wayne Brayton, and David Babcock were busy spraying bind-weeds and other weeds this summer. Approximately 700 acres were sprayed.

Norman Reed, Reporter

POWHATTAN: The first Sunday after school was out, everyone who had attended ten out of eleven meetings went to Lake Shawnee at Topeka for the day....In June the FFA awards were distributed and shortly after the deserving boys received their letters. After the meeting Mr. Petr showed slides of projects and contestants of the district and state contests....In August we had a watermelon feed for the prospective members. This year we have thirty-three enrolled in vocational agriculture and have many new reference books... We will have our 3rd annual hog sale October 11, 1952....We wish to welcome Mr. Jack Crabtree as our new advisor.

Earl Steinbrink, Reporter

EMPORIA: We held two parties during the summer. One was a swimming party at the city pool; the other was a watermelon feed at the city park....We have 72 enrolled in vocational agriculture this year....We had a hay rack ride for the boys and their girls on September 8. Our attendance was about 85....We had a one acre pop corn plot as a chapter project this year. Because of the dry weather, the yield is not heavy.

Dale Davis, Reporter

WILSON: This year we have a new advisor, Mr. J. O. Brown....Some of the boys plan to raise steers for projects again this year as they made a profit on last year's steers....New tools for our shop include an anvil and blacksmith vice. We hope to have a forge installed later on in the year. We are going to build book racks for our classroom, and we also intend to build a rack for our scrap iron.

Charles Vopat, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

EDSON: Ten of the members and the advisor participated in the Balanced Farming Program Day, held near Lebanon....The judging team entered both the Thomas County Fair and the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair judging contests. ....The chapter held their Annual Watermelon Feed honoring the freshmen boys on August 25....There are five boys who have their Deferred steers on full feed....In vocational agriculture the students are building new sidewalks on the school grounds. We have seven new members in our chapter, making a total of 26 active members.

Marvin Franklin, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our chapter held an overnight camp at Lake Wabauunsee on July 16....Charles Bacon, Dale Disberger, F. J. Revere, Dale Thomas, John Wilson, Jim Robidou and Jay Disberger accompanied Mr. Wilson to the Smith County Balanced Farming Day at Lebanon on August 7. We camped out the night before at the Lull Hereford farm near Smith Center....Our chapter had a watermelon feed on August 21 to which we invited prospective vocational agriculture students and FFA members.

Bill Olson, Reporter

IOLA: In August we held our Ice Cream Social with our parents as guests. There were 100 in attendance....We have 19 freshmen this fall. We have 46 enrolled in vocational agriculture....We held our "Back to School" watermelon feed September 5 with the new class members as guests....The Iola Truck and Tractor Company is furnishing us a new International Pickup for chapter use again this year....Kenneth Kirton, last years' President, has won a Sears Scholarship and will attend Kansas State College this year as a Freshman in the School of Agriculture....The chapter plans to attend one day of the American Royal and the officers will attend the National FFA Convention.

Jack Frame, Reporter

MERIDEN: A scholarship has been awarded to our former President, David Murdie, by the Sears Roebuck Foundation. David will enroll at Kansas State this fall. ....This is the year for our Parents banquet. Every other year we attend the American Royal. We will help finance our banquet with a scrap paper and metal drive....We have several orders for feed bunks....Our oak logs were sawed into lumber this summer....We have an enrollment of 27 in vocational agriculture classes this year.

Fred Wilbur, Reporter

GARNETT: The annual Garnett chapter watermelon feed for the FFA members and the incoming Freshmen who plan to join the organization was held August 18....It was decided to have a booth at the Anderson County Fair, August 27-29. The booth was one to tell what the "Future Farmers of America" organization stands for, its aims and objectives, what the emblems of the officers and advisor stand for, and how any boy enrolled in vocational agriculture can join the organization....The Garnett Chapter will sell Christmas cards as a money raising activity....Fifty boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture.

Joe Bailey, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

MC CUNE: We had a summer meeting and watermelon feed the 28th of July.... In our chapter scholarship contest during last school year, Marvin Johnston was high with a 2.72 grade average. Harold Millard was high individual for the Seniors with 2.7. Dale Shenefelt was high for Juniors with a 2.33 average, Marvin Johnston was high in the Sophomore division with a 2.72 average. Freshman winner was Delbert Sheppard with a 1.9 average....We received some new shop equipment during the summer.

Morris Kernick, Reporter

LEON: We have an enrollment of 42 boys this year....Classes in shop so far this year have worked on cleaning the shop, and building and repairing equipment in the shop....We are planning to attend the Kansas State Fair....To raise funds for the FFA chapter, we plan to have a scrap drive....We have two regular meetings a month, one day meeting and one night meeting.

Junior Cotton, Reporter

TONGANOXIE: We are beginning this school year in a new vocational agriculture building. The class room is 24 feet wide and 40 feet long, while the shop is 40 feet wide and 60 feet long. Besides the new building we have been supplied with a number of new pieces of equipment and tools....We have an enrollment of 30 boys in vocational agriculture.

Jimmy Grinter, Reporter

COLBY: We sponsored a livestock judging contest at the Thomas County Free Fair. Colby placed sixth. We also attended the judging contest at the Northwest District Fair at Goodland and placed second....Ralph Sowers had the grand champion ram and ewe at the Thomas County Fair, and Allan Henry exhibited the grand champion fat lamb....Our class room has been redecorated and the class room and shop have been relighted.

Allan Henry, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: This year our FFA will have sixty members, twenty-four of these members are new members. They are presently preparing for the Green-hand Degree....Recent money making projects were, Box Supper which netted \$60.00, and clipping 450 head of sheep which made us \$50.00....We have a new agriculture shop building-120 feet by 40 feet in size.

Dwight Haddock, Reporter

OXFORD: We have 31 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year. Everyone will be glad when we begin to work in shop as several boys are anxious to begin work on projects they have planned....Twenty-two boys from the Oxford chapter will attend the Hutchinson Fair this year....We will have our first FFA night meeting the 29th of September and make plans for our program of work for the year....Several FFA boys have been helping out the local Lions Club on their tennis court project. We have just finished building forms and laying a tile drainage system which will drain the courts from under the nets.

Max David Potucock, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

BIRD CITY: Our chapter has 33 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture...We started off our activities with a watermelon feed the evening of August 15. ....Three of our boys attended the judging school in connection with the Thomas County fair at Colby during August.

Radcan Wright, Reporter

DOWNS: On August 25 the Downs chapter had their fall watermelon feed. The FFA members were hosts to the freshman boys, the coach and Mr Hewlett, our new vocational agriculture teacher....At the first FFA meeting committees were appointed to work on the program of work for the present school year. ....The group voted to attend the Kansas State Fair on September 15, and to initiate the freshmen the last week in October.

Everett Schoen, Reporter

LIBERAL: We held election of our officers in May before the close of school. ....We held a tractor driving contest for chapter members in April....Marvin Buck was winner of this contest. Seven of our members recently exhibited livestock at the Five-State Fair in Liberal. We plan to attend the State Fair in Hutchinson on September 15.

Booth Brown, Reporter

LYNDON: There are thirty-six boys in FFA this year....The Junior and Senior "ag" boys are putting new benches in the farm shop....A new air compressor was installed in the shop last summer....This summer our instructor took color pictures of every boy and his project. The picture and the boy's FFA record will be placed in a store window downtown....We took a two day camping trip to Camp Wood....All the members of the Lyndon chapter have subscribed to the National FFA magazine.

Jim Bronson, Reporter

ROSSVILLE: Our chapter has subscribed 100 per cent to the National Future Farmer Magazine. At our August meeting the chapter entertained the Freshmen to a watermelon feed.

Gary French, Reporter

FFA CALENDAR

Chapter Activity Programs due in State Office	November 1
Twenty-fifth National FFA Convention, Kansas City	October 13-16
District FFA Leadership Schools	September 22 -October 8
1953 American Farmer nominations due immediately	
(Send names to L. F. Hall)	