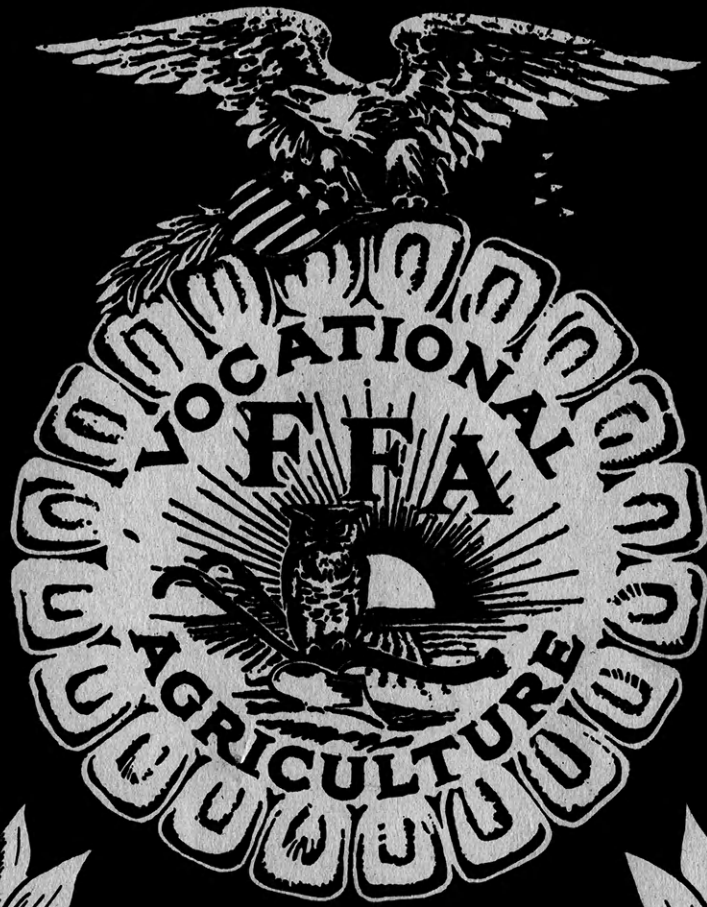


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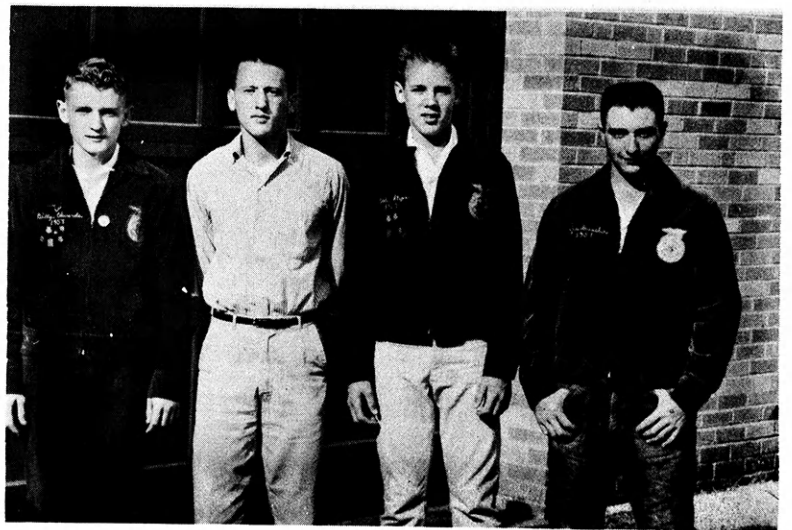
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Kansas will be represented in the National FFA Judging Contest by the following Chapters.

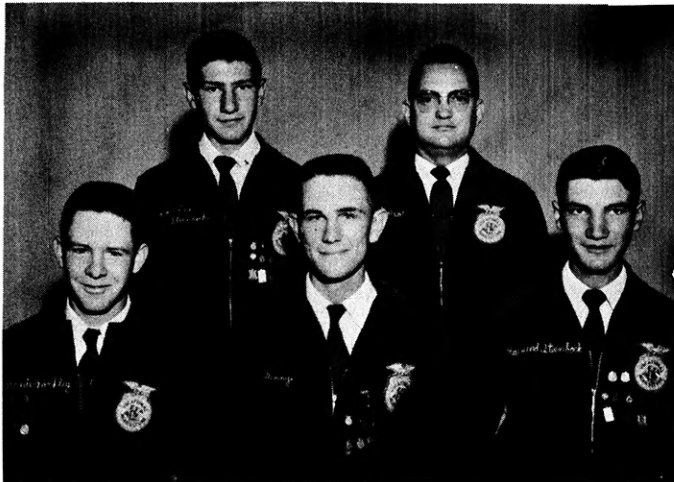


The Stockton Livestock Judging team will compete at Kansas City, October 17. Team members shown here are:
L. to R. - George Sander, Floyd Blauer, Advisor, Glenn Drotts, and Merlyn Desmarteau.

The Highland Park Poultry Judging team will compete at Kansas City, October 16. Team members shown here are: L. to R. - Billy Edwards, John Ives, Bob Steps, and Eugene Dreasher, Alternate.



The Clay Center dairy products judging team will compete at Waterloo, Iowa, October 1. Team members shown here are: Front row, L. to R., Curtis Gardner, Dale Hammonds, and Terry Mitchell. Standing is Dale Brooks, Advisor.



The Longford Dairy Cattle Judging team will compete at Waterloo, Iowa, September 30. Team members shown here are: L. to R., Ronnie Barkley, Marvin Steenbock, Denny McDale, Eugene Walker, Advisor, and Raymond Steenbock.

Kansas was represented in the National Meats Judging contest last year by the Beloit Chapter. Team members shown here are: L. to R., Dean Heiman, Larry McClintock, Eugene Kennedy, Lee Doyen, Advisor, and Merlyn Fobes.



THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the Future Farmers of America organization young men are being trained and molded for their future jobs, regardless what they may be. In this day and age, it is more important than ever that you have a thorough knowledge of whatever you find yourself fitted for, whether you are going to be a farmer, teacher, or leader.

The FFA gives young men just such an opportunity, while they are in high school, and may each one strive to make the most of it. Chapter officers have the responsibility of helping their fellow members achieve this goal. There are so many worthwhile activities in FFA that there is always something for everyone to do. It is the duty of the officers to see that every chapter member is definitely responsible for some part of the total chapter program, and that each project is completed. It takes full co-operation between you members and your advisor at all times in order to achieve your goals.

It is always a good idea to start your program of work early, and to send a copy to the state office on time. When the local officers meet at the District Leadership Schools, they need to remember that they are representing their local chapter as well as themselves. Start your judging work early and make plans for your district judging contests, because it is here that you will get a lot of experience and knowledge that will be of value in the state contests and in your future work.

The FFA is one of the finest organizations to which any boy could belong. So let us be proud to be FFA members and put forth much effort to accomplish our highest goals. Under the leadership of the officers of past years, the Kansas Association has experienced some very successful accomplishments. Let us all work together to make this year just a little bit better.

Bob Krehbiel, President
Kansas Association of FFA

1957 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The Kansas Association of FFA presented seven applicants for the degree of American Farmer. All seven candidates have been recommended by the National Board of Directors to receive the degree at the National FFA Convention in October, 1957. The action of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors must be confirmed by the delegates at the National Convention. The Kansas candidates recommended are as follows:

Dean Leo Ebel, Wamego Chapter
Raleigh Earl Fenton, Stockton Chapter
George Darrel McKinney, Syracuse Chapter
Walter Frank Rudolph, Manhattan Chapter

Dewey David Smith, Columbus Chapter
Duane A. Unger, Oberlin Chapter
Dwayne Waite, Winfield Chapter

DO YOU WANT A FUTURE IN AGRICULTURE ?

To do a technical job well requires a background of experience and understanding. Understanding is gained through education whether it be in school or on the job. You Future Farmers, with your farm experience and vocational training, are better equipped than other boys of your age to handle the increasingly technical and complex business of agriculture whether it be on the farm or in serving agriculture in some other capacity.

A great many farm boys would like to become farmers but are discouraged because of the many problems confronting a farmer today. These problems which need not be enumerated, are not insurmountable but do present a challenge. A well-trained farm boy is equipped to meet this challenge.

The grocer, the implement dealer, the building contractor, the book publisher all have their problems. Present day competition is keen in all fields of independent business.

The normal yearly farm operator replacement needs for the 120,000 farms in Kansas will make a place for half of the farm boys graduating from high school each year. For every boy who stays on the farm, there is a job for another boy in agricultural work off the farm. College officials in the school of agriculture at Kansas State are alarmed because of the low enrollment in agricultural courses. Demand for agriculturally trained college graduates far exceeds the supply.

If you want a future in agriculture do not be discouraged. It is waiting for the boy who will put forth his best effort, and remember the greater the challenge, the greater is the reward and satisfaction in achieving success in your chosen field.

C. C. Eustace
State Advisor
Kansas Association of FFA

DELEGATES TO THE 30TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Official delegates to the 30th National FFA Convention to be held in Kansas City on October 14-17 representing the Kansas Association of FFA will be:

State President
State Vice-President

Bob Krehbiel, McPherson Chapter
John Baird, Arkansas City Chapter

Alternates:

State Secretary
State Treasurer

Gary Cromwell, Salina Chapter
Don Huntington, Eureka Chapter

SUMMARY OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA
REPORT TO NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 1956-57

Number of vocational agriculture departments	213
Number of active chapters	213
Number enrolled in vocational agriculture	6,485
Number of FFA members	7,260
Average net worth per member	\$463.00
Total net worth	\$3,362,323.00
Number State Farmer degrees granted	136
Number Agriculture Judging Teams entered State H.S. Contest	128
Number Farm Mechanics Teams entered State H.S. Contest	86
Number Chapters winning Chapter Awards in the National Chapter Award program	112
Number entered State FFA Speech Contest	30
Number American Farmer Candidates recommended (1957)	7

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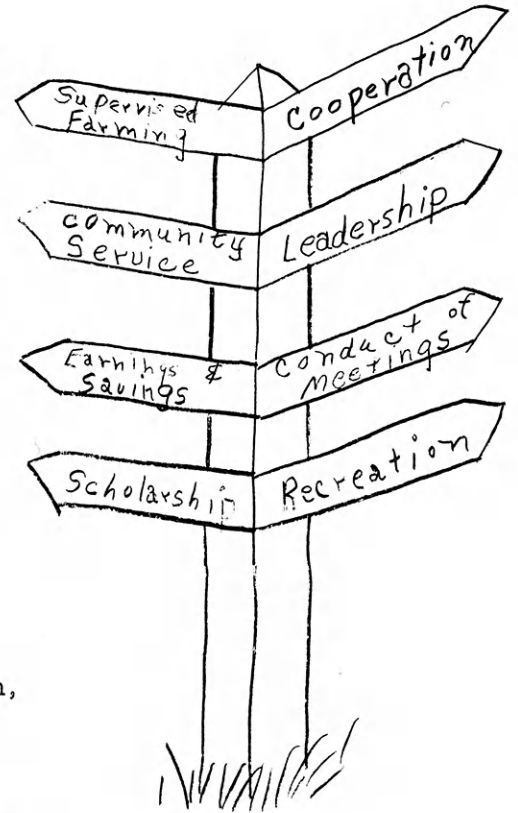
ATTENTION - CONVENTION GOERS

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

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

1957-58 State FFA Program of Work

1. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and increase total state FFA membership 5% over 1956-57.
2. Each chapter have a definite program of activities for the year and submit a copy of its program to the State Office not later than October 31, 1957. Only chapters submitting activity programs by October 31 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.
3. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
4. As a means of promoting sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management and financing of supervised farming programs.
5. A continuous program of maintenance, repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
6. Prevent waste of all kinds (conserve soil and natural resources; control farm fires; control livestock losses, control pests).
7. Each chapter have a definite safety program, including goals and ways and means of attaining same.
8. Six issues of the FFA Newsletter to be published, beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisors; and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
9. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that sufficient copies of the FFA manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
10. One hundred per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Standard Chapter Award, and file a completed copy of Form I in the state office at Topeka by April 4.
11. Fifty per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Superior Chapter Award.



12. Encourage one hundred per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
13. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
14. Support the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
15. Publicity - 100 per cent of chapters participate in National FFA Week, February 16-22. 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, Plow, Gavel and Block, FFA Felt Banner (3'x6'); framed under glass - Charter, Pictures of Washington, Jefferson, and Groseclose, Washington's General Order on Profanity, Creed and Purposes; Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, FFA Manuals (minimum of seven), Shield for Sentinel Station, FFA Song, and filing case.
18. Encourage scouting and other organizations with similar objectives.
19. Encourage participation in the National FFA Foundation Awards program.
20. Encourage the awarding of chapter honorary farmer degrees.
21. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be (figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed):
 - a. FFA Manual, 1956 edition, for each officer (1) 20¢
 - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer, (2) 10 or more - 15¢, smaller quantities - 20¢
 - c. Fifteen and Twenty-Five Year Histories of Kansas FFA, F. R. Carpenter, State FFA Office, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas.
 - d. "FFA at 25" (1)
 - e. Complete file of the National Future Farmer Magazine for the past year.
 - f. Complete file of Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter for the past year.
 - g. Most recent issue of Proceedings of the National FFA Convention.
 - h. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (6) \$1.00.
 - i. Reporting FFA News, C. E. Rogers (4) \$3.00
 - j. More Effective FFA, Wall, (4) \$2.95
 - k. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Short stories for future farmers, Nolan (4) \$2.10
 - Living on a little land, Deyoe (4) \$3.95
 - If you please, Allen & Briggs (3) \$2.60
 - l. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Programs for Future Farmer Chapter Meetings, Tenney (4) \$2.85
 - Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (4)
 - Winning FFA Speeches, Vol. II, Purkey (4) \$3.50

The Fun Encyclopedia, E. O. Harbin (5) \$3.95

1. Future Farmers Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.
2. W. F. Stewart, Rehearsal Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.
3. J. B. Lippincott Company, 333 West Lake Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.
4. Interstate Printing Company, 19-27 North Jackson, Danville, Illinois.
5. Abingdon Cokesbury, Nashville, Tennessee.
6. French-Bray Printing Co., Candler Bldg., Baltimore 2, Maryland.

Is The National Future Farmer in Your Home?

Kansas Members subscribed 76.8% to the National Future Farmer last year. That was a large increase over the year previous.

Nationally, 21 states subscribed 100% last year. Lano Barron, editor, stated that in the past each state that has attained the 100% mark, has continued to hold to that figure or to go beyond.

Has your chapter considered awarding subscriptions to individuals who have helped your chapter's program in various ways? Six very good issues will come to your home each year for a total of 25¢. A four years' subscription is \$1.00.

Civil Defense Ideas

Has your program of work committee on community service considered a goal in the area of Civil Defense? The following is taken from a publication presented by the American Vocational Association:

"The facilities, equipment, and curricula in many rural schools are excellent. Agricultural education can make outstanding contributions to civil defense activities related to foods, farm animals, machinery and other important areas.

Contributions of Agricultural Education

Now being carried on

Training high school youth, young farmers and adults in approved methods of food and fiber production. Teaching construction, repair and servicing farm machinery, equipment and buildings. Instruction in care of animals and fowls. Teaching food conservation-storage and processing.

Additional Contributions

Teach alternative ways to preserve and use food supply. Train rural people to make surveys of available foods. Prepare farm people to provide for evacuated people. Place greater emphasis on farm machinery repair. Teach care of pets in evacuation. Show how to detect evidence and effect of biological warfare. Teach farm people how to do jobs with minimum of equipment and without power. Teach fall-out protection of personnel, food and livestock. Prepare to take over shop training if city schools are destroyed. Include unit on what to do for civil defense in high school, young farmer, and adult classes, helping rural people to understand their role in civil defense.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

October 31 is the deadline date for mailing the chapter activity programs of work to F. R. Carpenter, Kansas Association of FFA, State Office Building, Topeka, 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 August 30.

Forms I, II & III of the National Chapter Award program contain ideas which may be helpful in building programs of work. More specific information concerning the Chapter Award Program will be found on page 9-10 of the September 15, 1956 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

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 whole chapter.

Early scheduling of Activities throughout the year is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter. The 1957-58 Calendar of Activities for the Kansas Association of FFA will be helpful in building local chapter activity calendars.

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BAND AND CHORUS RECORDS FOR LOAN

The State FFA Office has one copy of each of the band and the chorus numbers which were recorded at the 29th National FFA Convention. Each is the long playing record which runs at 33 1/2 speed. The chorus plate has 14 songs recorded and the band record has 13. If you have some special chapter event in which you could make good use of one of these records, write the state office and it will be scheduled for your use if possible. There will be no charge for the use of the records.

Little River on Radio Program in Chicago

On Wednesday October 23, at 10:00 AM, the Little River FFA Chapter will appear on the program of the National Safety Congress in Chicago.

1957-58 KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA BUDGET

	1957-58 Estimated Income	1957-58 Estimated Expenditure	1956-57 Actual Income
1956-57	\$	\$	\$2,320.95
Income in Dues	2,230.00		
Reimbursement National Judging Contests	140.00		
Regional Public Speaking Contest		25.00	
Officers to called State Meetings		75.00	
Officers to State Convention		100.00	
Officers to District Leadership Schools		50.00	
State Farmer Certificates		10.00	
Public Speaking and State Chapter Contest Certificates		15.00	
Medals, plaques, ribbons, buttons		230.00	
Officer Jackets		30.00	
FFA Membership Cards		20.00	
Program of Work Blanks		50.00	
Annual Convention - Programs, name cards, etc.		50.00	
Photographs		50.00	
Auditing FFA Accounts		10.00	
National FFA Dues		750.00	
Delegates to National Convention		75.00	
National FFA Band Uniforms		75.00	
National FFA Chorus Uniforms		82.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence, members National FFA Band		425.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence, members National FFA Chorus		450.00	
Special talent, State FFA Convention		30.00	
National Judging Contest		150.00	
Printing State FFA Activity Calendar		50.00	
FFA Insurance - Band, Chorus, American Farmers, Delegates		50.00	
Binding FFA Volumes		10.00	
	\$2,370.00	\$2,862.50	\$2,320.95

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CAMP MINIWANCA, MICHIGAN

Two State Officers from Kansas attended a two-week American Youth Foundation Camp at Stony Lake, Michigan during August. Notes from these officers follow:

My Two Weeks at Camp Miniwanca

Soon after being elected Vice-President of the Kansas F.F.A. Association I was notified that a scholarship was available for me to attend a leadership training camp at Camp Miniwanca in Michigan. After filling out the necessary application papers and passing the physical examination I was ready to start the trip to Michigan. On Saturday morning August 10, I left my home at Arkansas City and went by way of Salina to pick up our State F.F.A. Secretary, Gary Cromwell and we spent that night in Topeka. Early Sunday morning we picked up the State F.F.A. Executive Secretary, Mr. Frank Carpenter and started the long drive to Camp Miniwanca arriving there early Monday afternoon.

After being assigned to separate cabins, getting unpacked and meeting the other six fellows in the cabin I was soon to realize that this camp was not set up to be just a social gathering.

To give you some idea of what each day was like we arose at 6:30 for flag raising ceremony, then a fifteen minute exercise period followed by a quick dip in Lake Michigan and then back to our cabin to get it in shape for inspection. Following this we had a fifteen minute quiet period which each camper used for morning worship and meditation. We then had breakfast followed by four different forty-five minute classes on the subjects: Balanced Four-Fold Living, Life and Teachings of Jesus, Art of Creative Living, and College Adjustment and Campus Leadership. After dinner we attended another forty-five minute class. The balance of the afternoon was spent in recreational and tribal competition. After supper the evening's vespers were held with a member of the faculty giving an inspirational talk. The rest of the evening was spent in different activities including square dancing, rodeo, Indian games, low council and Grand Council. Our day ended at 9:30 at which time we were in our beds.

After two weeks of this routine I believe that all 450 campers would agree with me that it was a wonderful experience that will be long remembered and I feel sure that any boy who has the opportunity to attend this leadership camp will find it well worth his time and effort, as it covers the four-fold program of living Physically, Mentally, Socially, and Religiously at all times.

John Baird
Vice-President
Kansas Association of FFA

Camp Miniwanca, Michigan - Continued

"Camp Miniwanca, will always be an unforgettable experience in every sense of the word. Before camp started this year, Miniwanca was just a name of a camp. Now that camp is over, the word "Miniwanca" means much more to me than can be described in words.

The main goal of the American Youth Foundation is to develop leaders. At Camp Miniwanca, leadership development is observed in each of the four phases of camp life; physical, mental, social, and religious.

The physical part of camp starts at 6:30 each morning with the eye-opening dip in the cold waters of Lake Michigan. As the week wears on, muscles begin to ache from climbing the sand dunes and participating in the many recreational events such as track meets, swimming meets, boating, softball, volley ball, and many others. A large part of mental development is obtained in the four morning classes. Talking with foreign students increases ones knowledge a great deal also. Social development is exercised throughout the day as 400 boys learn to live together like one big family. Last but not least, religious development makes up a large part of the camp program. A quiet time starts each day as campers take fifteen minutes to be alone with God. Christian principals are taught and exercised throughout the two weeks.

I feel that Camp Miniwanca is not only a beautiful camp with its rolling sand dunes and lakes, but it is also a stepping stone in developing America's youth into the leaders of tomorrow. I count it a real privilege to have had the opportunity of attending this very worth-while Camp."

Gary Cromwell
Secretary
Kansas Association of FFA

FFA INFORMATION CONTEST - 1957

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

1. The Kansas Future Farmer - 6 issues covering 1956-57 and this issue.
2. The 15 and 25 year Histories of the Kansas Association
3. The Official FFA Manual
4. FFA at 25 - The History of the National Organization

FOUNDATION AWARD MONEY

The 1957-58 National FFA Foundation "State Award for Improving Agriculture and Leadership" for Kansas will total \$963.27. This award money will be used to help provide awards in the following areas: Star Farmer, Farm Safety, Soil & Water Management, Dairy Farming, Beef Production, Swine Production, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification and Public Speaking. Awards in each of the above areas will be made on the district and state levels.



WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

A list of official sources of FFA supplies and equipment may be found on page 14 of the September 15, 1956 Kansas Future Farmer. Also listed are the supplies available through the Kansas Association of FFA.

Many items of FFA equipment are illustrated in the Future Farmers Supply Services catalog for 1957-58. The address of the Supply Service is P. O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.

STATE JUNIOR MEATS JUDGING CONTEST - WICHITA

Entries close September 23, 1957. Mail entries to:

Conlee Smith, Manager
Kansas National Livestock Show
Union Stockyards
Wichita, Kansas

KANSAS TEAMS IN NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTEST

At Waterloo, Iowa, September 30-October 1, 1957

Dairy Cattle, Longford, Eugene Walker, Advisor
Dairy Products, Clay Center, Dale Brooks, Advisor

At Kansas City, Missouri, October 16-17, 1957

Livestock, Stockton, Floyd Blauer, Advisor
Poultry, Highland Park, Don Brock, Advisor

1957 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

LAWRENCE: October 7, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

BELOIT: October 8, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

BUHLER: October 7, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

EMPORIA: October 7, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

PLAINVILLE: October 7, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Alton, Bunker Hill, Ellis, Gorham, Great Bend, Hays, Hill City, Hoisington, LaCrosse, Natoma, Morland, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Stockton, Wakeeney, Wilson.

HARPER: October 8, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

CLAY CENTER: October 7, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

OBERLIN October 8, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

1957 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

HOLTON: October 8, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

FREDONIA: October 8, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FFA CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED BY THE
TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION, Sent by National Advisor W. T. Spanton

Under the provisions of the national FFA Constitution as contained in Article XV (Amendments), Section A. "A proposed amendment to the national constitution must be submitted in writing by the governing body of a State association to the National Office at least 60 days prior to any national convention of the Future Farmers of America. A proposed amendment must be submitted by the National Advisor to the several State associations at least 30 days prior to the next succeeding national convention....."

I am, therefore, sending to you a proposed amendment submitted by the Tennessee association which provides that: "Article V, Section D., No. 9 be changed to read: '.....where State membership exceeds 500, a number in excess of ten, but not more than 3% of the total State membership, may be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number)'."

This proposed amendment should be discussed with your Official Delegates so that they will be prepared to act in accordance with the wishes of your State association at the time of the national convention. Any amendment requires a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

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RADIO AND TELEVISION

AT WICHITA: "IT'S NEW! IT'S DIFFERENT! IT'S IN COLOR!"

Those are the words of Dale Watson, Farm Director of KARD-TV, Wichita concerning the new weekly vocational agriculture TV program appearing in color. The vocational agriculture TV program will appear on KARD-TV 12:15 noon each Tuesday beginning October 1. Dale is a former FFA member and county agent with a real interest in farm people. All important state FFA news will be televised over Dale's programs.

The following schedule has been set up by the KARD-TV teacher committee composed of Harold Walker, Arkansas City, Chairman; Lewis Eggenberger, Winfield; James Stanley, Cheney; and Harold Shoaf, State Board for Vocational Education:

October	1	Mulvane	March	4	Kingman
	8	Winfield		11	Marion
	15	Harper		18	Little River
	22	Cheney		25	Medicine Lodge
	29	McPherson			
November	5	Attica	April	1	Oxford
	12	Udall		8	Piedmont
	19	Leon		15	Preston
	26	Arkansas City		22	Pretty Prairie
				29	Star Farmer Award (State Convention)
December	3	Burns	May	6	Severy
	10	Cottonwood Falls		13	Arkansas City
	17	Ellsworth		20	Kiowa
January	7	Eureka		27	Cedar Vale
	14	Florence			
	21	Clearwater	June	3	Winfield
	28	Haven			
February	4	Peabody			
	11	Newton			
	18	Herington			
	25	Howard			

AT HUTCHINSON:

The State Board for Vocational Education in cooperation with Don Weage, Farm Director, KTVH, Hutchinson, and Ken Thomas, Director of Radio and TV Kansas State College, have made plans for vocational agriculture programs on the RFD noon program on the first and third Fridays of each month. The teacher committee composed of Glen Schulthess, Haven, Chairman; J. A. Johnson, Buhler; Powell Heide, Pretty Prairie; and Harold Shoaf, State Board for Vocational Education, have set up the following schedule:

September	6	Partridge	January	17	Buhler
	20	Haven	February	7	
October	4	Pretty Prairie		21	Lindsborg
	18	Salina	March	7	Hillsboro
November	1	McPherson		21	Goessel
	15	Inman	April	4	Moundridge
December	6	Marion		18	District Public Speaker
	20	Stafford	May	2	Geneseo
January	3	Little River		16	Beverly

Mr. Joe MacConkey, News Director, KTVH Wichita, has been very cooperative with the State Board for Vocational Education and news of important happenings in his area will be used on the 6:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. newscast. Special farm features over KTVH have proven very interesting.

AT GREAT BEND:

The State Board for Vocational Education in cooperation with Mr. Barry Russel, Farm Director KCKT-TV and Ken Thomas, Radio-TV Director, KSC, have made plans for one Vocational Agriculture TV program per month. Important FFA events will be furnished to Mr. Russel which will be used on his news programs. Don Latter, Program Director and former FFA student at Washburn RHS, Topeka, has given valuable assistance in regard to visuals for good TV programs. The teacher committee composed of John Cragun, Ellinwood, Chairman; Marcus Oliphant, Hoisington; Floyd Nighswonger, Claflin; and John Lacey, State Board for Vocational Education have set up the following schedule:

September	11	Jetmore	February	12	Hoisington
October	9	Wilson	March	12	Great Bend
November	13	Bazine	April	9	La Crosse
December	11	Ellinwood	May	14	Paradise
January	8	Claflin	June	11	Plainville

Attention FFA Reporters and Advisors! If you have a good news story that is unusual or outstanding, please contact the Vocational Agriculture supervisor in your area as he is anxious to work with you on good publicity.

CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

TO MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territory of Hawaii to send delegates to the National Convention, which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 14 through 17, 1957.



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

As a national organization, we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our Thirtieth National Convention, plans will be made for the important

year ahead. Regular business will be transacted, the National Public Speaking Contest will be held, and awards will be made.

Route 5
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
July 22, 1957

John M. Haird, Jr.
National President

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Thirtieth TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION



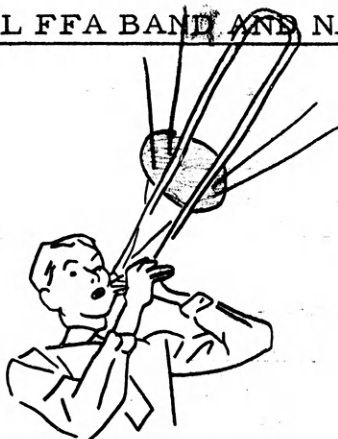
Future Farmers of America
Kansas City, Missouri - October 14-17, 1957

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| October 10-11 | Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel |
| 12-13 | Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel |
| 14 | <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
<u>12:00 noon</u> - Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, President Hotel
<u>1:00 p.m.</u> - Tours to Points of Interest
<u>1:30 p.m.</u> - Meeting of State Advisors, President Hotel
<u>8:00 p.m.</u> - National Public Speaking Contest, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium |
| 15 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
<u>9:00 a.m.</u> - Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium, Band Concert
Address of Welcome - Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri
Treasurer's Report
Executive Secretary's Report
Address - The Honorable Harry S. Truman
<u>2:00 p.m.</u> - Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Award Program
Address - Edward J. Thye, U.S. Senator from Minnesota
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
American Farmer Degree Ceremony
<u>7:30 p.m.</u> - 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 Co. |
| 16 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> - Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Introductions - Past National FFA Officers
Old and New Business
Address - Erik Boheman, Ambassador from Sweden
Business Session
Address - Cecil H. Underwood, Governor of West Virginia |

October 17

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
 Greetings - John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board,
 International Harvester Company
 Presentation of Foundation Awards
 Greetings - Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, U.S.
 Department of Health, Education and Welfare
 Entertainment - Women's Air Force Band
9:00 a.m. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Committee Reports
 Report on Future Farmers' Supply Service
 Report on The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine
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
 Closing Ceremony by new Officers
2:30 p.m. - Special entertainment - Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin
 Club
7:00 p.m. - (By invitation only)

NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS



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

Members of the National FFA Band from Kansas are:

Dennis Smith - Holcomb
 Larry Kuntz - Abilene
 Jerold Border - Eureka
 Jay C. Schlegel - Onaga
 Marcian Roth - Spearville

Bill French - Pretty Prairie
 Dallas L. Kibbe - Osage City
 James Scheets - Hanover
 Larry C. Sunderland - Fairview
 Richard Mikesell - Republic

Members of the National FFA Chorus from Kansas are:

James L. Berg - Lindsborg
Bob Davis - Peabody
Maurice Gieber - Belleville
Harold Lister - Howard
Gordon Harms - Jetmore

Steven A. Schumann - Powhattan
Gary Ray Swarner - Coldwater
Finley Compton - Neosho Falls
Dean Koenekke - Hanover
Darel Wendelburg - Stafford
Ronald Schaller - Kinsley

ITEMS FROM THE JULY, 1957 MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND THE NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. Mr. Lanno Barron, Editor of the National Future Farmer, stated that the advertising in the magazine for 1956-57 netted \$213,014. Mr. Barron's outlook toward the new FFA calendar was very optimistic.
2. Mr. R. E. Naugher stated that some of the teachers in his region who are using this type calendar think it is probably one of the best promotional activities we could have.
3. Mr. Barron stated that the price of the calendar can probably be reduced sometime in the future, but at present it was selling at the same price rate as that of the previous company that handled the calendar. He also pointed out that a commission of 25% went to the local chapter for selling the calendar, 5% to the State Association, and 5% went to the National Organization. This is 20% more discount than allowed by the previous distributor of the calendar.
4. Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, stated that 500 official FFA Flags are in production at present and that they would sell for about \$30.00 apiece, and would be shipped by railway express.
5. Mr. Hawkins presented the operating statement of the Supply Service for the year ending June 30, 1957. The total net income was \$68,692.99. The Boards voted to put \$30,000 in the FFA building fund this year. The national average of sales was \$2.88 per FFA member.
6. The new bulletin No. 4 "FFA National Contests 1958, '59, '60", will have the same rules and everything else will remain the same as the old bulletin No. 4 except that persons in charge of the contests will be changed in some cases.
7. Mr. E. J. Johnson, U.S. Office of Education, stated that starting in 1958 the Dairy Products contest will not include cream - - it will be a complete milk scoring contest. Also the 1958 veal class in the Meats contest will be replaced with the grading of 10 beef carcasses.
8. A "Courtesy Corps" will be in operation at the time of the National Convention in Kansas City in order to assist FFA members and to promote the principles of FFA. A curfew hour of 12:00 midnight will be maintained for FFA members.
9. The Boards voted to change the last paragraph of the FFA closing ceremony to read: "President: 'I now declare this meeting adjourned.'" (Taps once with gavel)".
10. A member who has participated in the student exchange program with Great Britain will not be considered for a national FFA office. The boards agreed to spread these national honors.

NATIONAL EMBLEM ENTRIES

Arkansas City and Ellsworth are the two chapters from Kansas that are competing for National Emblem Awards in the National Chapter Contest this year.

CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL FFA OFFICE

Dean Ebel of the Wamego Chapter, who is one of our American Farmer Candidates from Kansas, is also a Candidate for National FFA office this year.

FARMING PROGRAM STORIES

Clayton Phelps of the Beverly Chapter began his farming program in 1954 with a steer calf. In the town of Westfall where he lived, it was hard to keep his calf, so he kept it out at his grandmother's farm where he went out each evening to care for it. Clayton kept his steer until he was out of school his sophomore year. In the fall of 1956 he rented two acres of land and bought a registered Hampshire gilt. She farrowed 11 pigs. Clayton sold this litter. That year when school was out his sow farrowed six. Clayton also bought four more gilts and 23 young weanling pigs to be fed out. That gave Clayton a total of one sow, 4 bred gilts and 23 market hogs, and a two acre alfalfa plot for his farming program for his senior year - 1957-58.

Steve McGovney, Reporter
Beverly Chapter

Jerry Hayes, a senior in the Coffeyville Chapter, began his farming program with one grade dairy cow which he had received from his father when he was ten years of age. He reinvested his earnings from this cow and from doing farm work for his neighbors. In his sophomore year he bought three registered Brown Swiss - two cows and one heifer. Jerry showed the Champion Brown Swiss female at the Interstate Fair in 1956. He and his father strive to make maximum use of roughage in producing market milk. They test and cull and use a herd sire of proven inheritance. Jerry learned much about efficient farm operation from his father. At the present time, Jerry owns three registered Brown Swiss cows and three registered Brown Swiss heifer calves and is farming in partnership with his father.

John Wishall, Reporter

John Willison, a sophomore in the Buhler Chapter, started into high school last year with a farming program as follows: 2 grade gilts, 12 shoats, 2 calves and 4 stock cows. His program now includes 2 sows, 24 shoats, 4 calves, 4 stock cows. In addition John has an agreement with his parents, that he is to get a 1/4 share of the wheat, cattle other than his own, and of the hogs other than his own. The share is taken from the net profit. John is to keep the records on all the enterprises.

Larry McMillan, Reporter
Buhler Chapter

CHAPTER NEWS

JETMORE: We had a swimming party in July. In August we gave a watermelon feed for the prospective Vocational Agriculture freshmen. Our chapter presented a television program over KCKT-Great Bend on September 11. A group of our members are going to the Hutchinson Fair for two days.

Donald Demoret, Reporter

NORTON: We took part in a county wide livestock fitting and showing demonstration and crop showing at the county fair. Our members heard experienced livestock raisers demonstrate proper fitting and showing techniques for beef and dairy cattle, sheep and hogs. The demonstrations were given at the Vocational Agriculture shop. We conducted a concession stand at our county fair this year. The Norton and Almena FFA chapters cooperated this year to set up a joint farm mechanics display at the fair. Projects displayed were loading chutes, a creep feeder, lamb feeders, lawn furniture, a tire breaker, hog sheds, head gates and a mineral feeder. Many favorable comments on this display were received and it is planned to expand this display next year. FFA members from our chapter again showed cattle, sheep and hogs at the Norton County Fair.

Dean Esslinger, Reporter

UDALL: A lot of rain early in the summer delayed our harvest about three weeks, and this really kept us busy getting everything done before school started. Richard Smith exhibited a fat steer at the Burden Fair and at the Cowley County Fair, and Jerry Zimmerman exhibited one of his registered Yorkshire Boars at the Cowley County Fair. Our advisor for the last two years, Mr. Stout, left us to take a teaching position in his home state of Oklahoma. Our new advisor, Mr. Jorns, arrived to assume his duties in August.

Bill Nida, Reporter

BUHLER: We are starting the new school year with 56 in Vocational Agriculture. That is an increase of 12 over last year. We are busy getting our exhibits ready for the State Fair. The shop projects we are planning to enter are: a bale elevator, an implement trailer, a loading chute, a land leveler for landscaping lawns, and a large roughage bunk or a work bench. We will participate in land judging this year for the first time. Several of the crop samples we used in our Fair Exhibit last year have been taken to Germany, where they will be entered in the International Fair at Cologne, Germany. They will be a part of the exhibit prepared by Kansas and Nebraska. Several other Chapters in this section also have samples in the exhibit.

Larry McMillan, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: There are 24 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year. Eleven freshmen will soon be eligible for membership as greenhands. We had a watermelon feed for the freshmen in August. The FFA shop exhibits that were shown at the Kansas Free Fair were two loading chutes, a fifth wheel wagon, one gate, and stock racks for a pickup. Most of the FFA boys plan to exhibit livestock at the Grange Fair held in Harveyville in September.

Ronald Shumate, Reporter

WATERVILLE: Our chapter has 39 members. We had a watermelon feed during the summer and invited all the freshmen as special guests. The school recently purchased a pickup to be used by our department. One of our members, Billy McNulty, recently purchased 30 head of ewes and one ram through the Sears Foundation. One half of the ewes were paid for and the remainder will be paid within two years. The ram will be used for two years and then returned to the Sears Foundation.

Bob Blaser, Reporter

KINGMAN: Seven members and our advisor attended the FFA day at the ball park in Kansas City, July 18. The Kansas City Athletics played the Boston Red Sox. Travel was via the turnpike and the trip was made in one long day. Clint Birkenbaugh, Chapter President, exhibited a registered hereford heifer at the Kingman County Fair and received Reserve Champion. He also exhibited a fat steer which weighed 960 pounds and sold for 36 cents per pound. Gary Bruch's angus weighed 1185 and sold for 32 1/2 cents per pound. The Kingman Chapter had a farm mechanics exhibit at the County Fair, and also entered the Sedgwick County Fair and won third place. Plans are underway to make a tour to each of the members homes for a survey of farming programs needs and farm mechanics project ideas. We plan to take a farm mechanics exhibit to the State Fair again this year.

Keith Yeoman, Reporter

WASHBURN: During August we had an officer's meeting and a watermelon feed. At the officer's meeting we planned our budget for this year and made plans for our Farm Mechanics display at the Topeka Fair. The following week we held our annual watermelon feed. All old and new members were present. Dean Edson, winner of the State FFA Public Speaking Contest, spoke at the Central Regional Speech Contest in Columbus, Ohio, August 23. Dean has also been selected as one of the Santa Fe Award winners for this year. The first week of school we were busy in the shop getting our Farm Mechanics Exhibit ready for the Fair. The projects we took included a wagon bed, a truck hoist, a four-wheeled trailer, a farm gate made from two old rake wheels, and a two-wheeled trailer. We have 33 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year.

William D. Faulk, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: We moved into a new classroom that has been built onto our shop. We also now have an office and a locker room. Members of our Chapter attended the Kaw Valley Hereford Tour and Ronnie Schultz was high individual in judging in the junior division. Our Chapter entered a float in the Wabaunsee County Fair and placed third.

John McDiffett, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Twenty-two of our Chapter members went on an overnight camping trip at the Seneca Lake early this summer. In mid August we sponsored a watermelon feed for the freshmen FFA members. We also had our business meetings every third Thursday of each month. Last year our chapter, through local aid, started a gilt ring. We started with five registered duroc gilts. We now have nine gilts available for chapter members. The chapter also owns two boars.

Fred Ellenbecher, Reporter

LINDSBORG: We held a swimming party and watermelon feed as our annual get together. The party was to welcome newcomers to the school. Ten freshmen were present. As a new fund raising project for the coming year, the chapter is planting about 9 acres of wheat on land rented from the school district. We have obtained the use of a D1 Case tractor purchased from government surplus by the district. Soil tests have been taken to determine what fertilizers to use if any..

John Stevenson, Reporter

MORLAND: We held our summer watermelon feed August 26. The members and guests enjoyed playing games before the business meeting and entertainment. LeRoy McClain will represent the Morland chapter at the National Safety Congress at Chicago in October. The Morland FFA conducted a city wide trash cleanup in the spring. The new high school and vocational agriculture buildings are progressing rapidly. New equipment added to our shop this year include a metal cutting band saw, a 10" bench grinder, and a 1/2" heavy duty electric drill. An air compressor and spray gun will be added later.

Fritz Dreiling, Reporter

LOUISBURG: We started a registered Hampshire gilt ring two years ago. This fall we will have 9 gilts to put out to FFA members. The chapter puts the gilts out at 200 pounds. When the gilts have farrowed and the pigs weigh 200 pounds, the chapter receives two gilts in return. Mr. Harris, our new advisor, was instrumental in setting up an FFA division in our County Fair at Paola. Now the FFA members will have a chance to enter their livestock and compete with each other. Our chapter entered 1 boar, 1 sow, 2 barrows, and 3 gilts at the Miami County Fair at Paola. FFA members also had entries in the swine division. The FFA chapter received 3 Grand Champion, 5 blue and 3 red ribbons with a winning of \$29.00. We also entered the chapter herd boar, 2 gilts and 2 barrows at the Johnson County Fair at Gardner, Kansas and won 2 reserve grand champions, 2 blues and 1 red ribbons. The chapter received \$13.00 in awards..... We have 38 members in the FFA chapter this year. We have started our FFA library by purchasing 4 new books. They are: A More Effective FFA; Practical Activities for Future Farmers; Forward FFA; and Public Speaking for Future Farmers.

Lester M. Town, Reporter

LA CROSSE: On July 16, our FFA officers met with our advisor at his home to make plans for this school year. We had a meeting of the entire chapter on July 30. For a money making project, we decided to sell backrests during the Rush County Fair. We also had a tent and several exhibits at the County Fair. Several members gave demonstrations on arc welding, and films on welding procedures were shown after each evenings performance.

Larry Oborny, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Two meetings were held during the summer - on June 15 and August 10 at which time summer activity plans were made. Five members participated in the annual camping trip in Colorado. Places visited included the North Park area, Climax Mine at Leadville, Chalk Creek Canyon, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park and Fort Collins. Our chapter competed in the Colby and Goodland Fair FFA livestock judging schools. We constructed a mechanical 'Bucking Bronc' on a tractor for our 'Float' in the annual Fair Parade on August 30. We have 38 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year. This is the second summer for our grass variety demonstration plot. Most varieties show good development although no supplemental irrigation was used this season.

Larry Wickwar, Reporter

SYRACUSE: We exhibited crops and livestock at the Hamilton County Fair. We plan to have an FFA meeting the second Monday of September and a watermelon feed for the freshmen boys the last week in September. This summer our advisor made a magazine and storage cabinet for the classroom and a power hacksaw for the shop.

Gene Wagner, Reporter

HADDAM: Our chapter placed twelfth in the 1957 National Duroc Picture Judging Contest. There were 8,046 high schools competing. We placed second in the Narka Invitational Barrow Show at Narka, Kansas on Aug. 15. Eight FFA members have established Dekalb Hybrid corn and 2 members have Hybrid milo test plots on their home farms.

Larry Cross, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: Our chapter operated a food stand at the Finney County Free Fair. Our net profit from the stand was \$735.76. We sold 2800 hamburgers and 228 cases of pop. We also exhibited an educational booth on safety and received a blue ribbon. Thirty-five members showed exhibits at the Fair.....We held our annual FFA meeting and watermelon feed August 20th. Thirty-four members and four guests were present. An exchange student from India was present at the meeting.....The FFA boys are planning a trip to the Hutchinson State Fair. We will travel by school bus.

Stanley Jackson, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: We competed in the judging contest at the Osborne County Fair and placed second as a team. On August 22 our team placed third in the judging contest at Stockton. On August 26 the FFA had a watermelon feed for the Freshmen Vocational Ag. students and their Dads.

Gary Highby, Reporter

MANKATO: We held our regular summer meeting August 22 and invited the 11 freshmen to attend. We plan to cooperate with the city in a trash cleanup program during the winter. There are 10 FFA boys in our purebred Hampshire Gilt ring.

David Murray, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Our second summer meeting was held August 30th at which time our freshmen boys were entertained. Refreshments of homemade ice cream and cake were served to twenty-six members and six adult guests. Our classroom was remodeled during the summer vacation. We are making plans for the district Land Judging school which will be conducted here the 28th of September. Plans are also being made to attend the National FFA Convention.

Clifford Daniels, Reporter

BEVERLY: We held our annual swimming party and watermelon feed on August 15. The swimming party was held at the new Salina swimming pool. Our Chapter officers have received their new jackets and have been busy in the past weeks getting ready for the district Leadership School. We also plan to go to the State Fair to learn new ideas for our Farm Mechanics Projects.

Jody Keim, Reporter,

HOLTON: Our chapter reseeded the high school football field last spring. The machinery for the job was furnished without charge by local implement dealers and by fathers of FFA members. Soil tests were made and fertilizer was applied to the field. We finished seeding the grass in the rain and now have a good turf of grass on the field. A mixture of grasses was sown. Our chapter started a gilt ring last year by purchasing a registered duroc gilt. The gilt farrowed last spring and now the first gilt pig from her has been passed on to another member. We held a watermelon feed before school started for the members and freshman Voc. Ag. students. We have 21 enrolled in the freshman class this year.

Don Schuyler, Reporter

SIMPSON: We held our first meeting of the 1957-58 season at our advisor's home on the evening of August 20. A general outline of the program for the coming year was made. We held our annual pre-school picnic at the Beloit Park. Guests included the advisor and the chapter President from the Beloit Chapter, and Principal, Jack Applegate of Simpson High. We won the annual Cloud County Livestock Judging Contest at Glasco.

Kenneth Vernon, Reporter

MARION: Our August meeting was a watermelon feed and swimming party held at the Hillsboro Pool. After the swim we consumed 15 melons. We have 20 freshmen this year. At the County Fair, six chapters had machinery displays. Marion placed first in total points. Hillsboro had the top individual item which was a platform carrier for a tractor. The five items displayed by Marion were an implement carrier, a feed bunk, a farrowing crate, a post-hole digger and a loading chute. We also had a booth at the Fair. Harold Shoaf, Assistant Supervisor, took pictures of the displays and showed them over KARD-TV Wichita, and KTVH Hutchinson. We had a machinery exhibit and a booth display at the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka. September 20 we are planning to have a field day at our Hybrid test plots. Mr. Cleavenger, Extension Crop Specialist from Kansas State College, will be present. Plots will be harvested and yields calculated. We have two test plots with 27 varieties in each plot. We released quite a few quail from our quail project and have about 75 more to release. We are cooperating with John Waner, Marion County Lake Superintendent, and John Sharp, District Game Warden of the Kansas Fish and Game Association. Our first FFA meeting of this school year was held Monday, September 9. We will have meetings the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Merle Leppke's FFA gilt had 12 pigs and saved 10 of them. We are planning a trip to the National FFA convention and the American Royal this year. Shop projects that have been started include a scraper for a Ford tractor, a silage wagon, a boat, and the sophomores are building new sawhorses.

Garry Vogel, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: We plan to attend the National FFA Convention on October 15th. This trip is an annual event with our chapter. A bus is chartered each year and the entire chapter attends. In cooperation with the Sedan, Cedar Vale, Caney, Elk City, and Independence FFA Chapter, Coffeyville FFA Chapter will hold a joint Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degree ceremony in our High School gymnasium. Twelve members of the Coffeyville FFA Chapter prepared livestock for exhibition at the Interstate Fair in Coffeyville, August 27th to September 1st. Twelve lambs, sixteen barrows, nine breeding swine, ten breeding beef cattle, two fat steers, and thirteen dairy cattle were being fitted. On August 21st all livestock exhibits, except the entries in the Chamber of Commerce Baby Beef Contest at the Fair, were cancelled because of the Anthrax outbreak in our area. Two of our members exhibited steers in the Baby Beef show and one member showed the Champion Angus of the show. We have fifty-seven students enrolled in Voc. Ag. this year, including twenty-three new students. We are preparing for the district leadership school at Fredonia and for the district Land Judging School at Columbus. Our chapter plans for raising chapter funds for this year including operating the concessions at a football game, selling advertising space on our FFA calendar, and constructing some farm equipment on contract for farmers in the community.

John Wishall, Reporter

EUREKA: We held our annual parent-son banquet in May. During the summer the chapter has had a skating party, the annual fishing party, and a watermelon feed, to which all the incoming freshmen were invited. Plans for the program of work are being formulated for the coming year. Scheduled for October are our pie and box supper, greenhand night, national convention and leadership school.

Terry E. Parker, Reporter

SHAWNEE MISSION: The chapter's third air trip was taken last June. Seven members made the three day trip to New Orleans. The French Quarter, River Front and many other places of interest were visited. Also, a three hour scenic boat trip was taken one afternoon. Three Cessna planes from the Capitol Air Service were again used. Howard Duer, a members father; Nick Dellere, owner of Capitol Air Service, and son David; and H. D. Garver, Chapter advisor were in the party. The chapter's six feeder calves have been on the J. M. Mills' farm located near Paola, during the summer. They made very satisfactory gains and should return a profit. A 10' by 20' plastic greenhouse for the Vocational Agriculture class use will be built this fall by the chapter members. Valuable training for greenhouse operation is expected as well as a place for laboratory demonstrations. We presented a demonstration on the use of the new Gibberellic acid as a plant growth stimulant on KCMO-TV last spring. A later KCMO-TV program showed pictures of other chapter activities. Last year FFA seniors who are enrolled at K-State are Roger Chalk, Joe Seibert, Jim Richardson, Jim Mills. Two summer night meetings were held. The June meeting was held soon after the air trip to New Orleans and pictures of the trip were shown to those who did not make the trip. The August meeting consisted of a business session and a watermelon feed. A few kernels of Russian seed corn were planted by our members. The resulting corn resembled our sweet corn in both size of stalks and size of ears. The seed was presented by Mr. Robert J. Muntzel of Mission, Kansas. Mr. Muntzel made a trip to Russia a year ago and brought back an interesting account and pictures of his trip. He was our banquet speaker last spring.

Carl Orser, Reporter