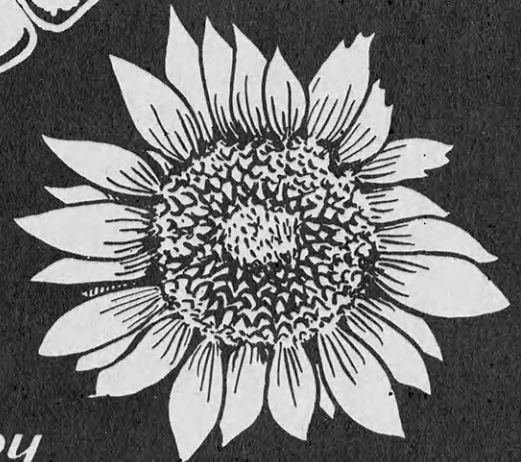
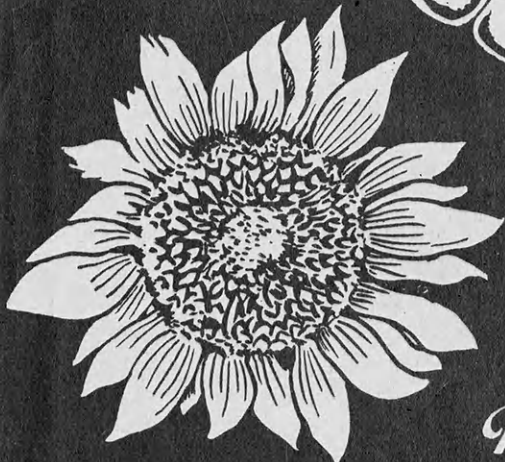
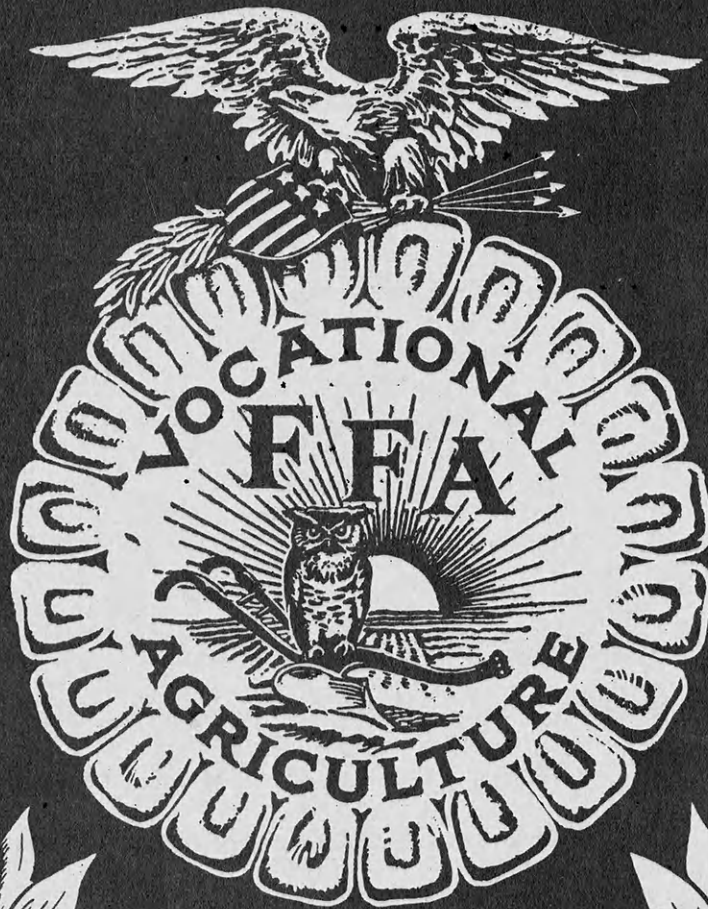


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LESTER B. POLLOM

Lester B. Pollom, 63, Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in Kansas for 32 years, died at a hospital in Seattle, Washington, July 26, 1954. He had gone to Seattle to visit his son, Winner, and family. Kansas has lost a valiant leader in the field of agricultural education.

The following citation presented to Mr. Pollom at a recognition luncheon at the time of his retirement is entirely fitting to his memory:

"Lester B. Pollom, scholar, counselor and educator, has served for 41 years the cause of education. He graduated from Kansas State College, Manhattan, in 1913 and obtained his M.S. degree in 1928.

For 32 years he has served as supervisor of vocational agriculture education in Kansas. He has held this post since August 1, 1922. At the time of his appointment he was teaching vocational agriculture in the Arkansas City High School.

Kansas then had 17 approved departments in vocational agriculture, offering the course to 500 boys. Under his leadership, the program has developed to include 203 approved departments, with 6,632 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. He has used the best years of his life in an attempt to organize and promote a program of vocational education in agriculture that would meet the needs of men engaged in the basic industry of Kansas - farming. In this he has succeeded.

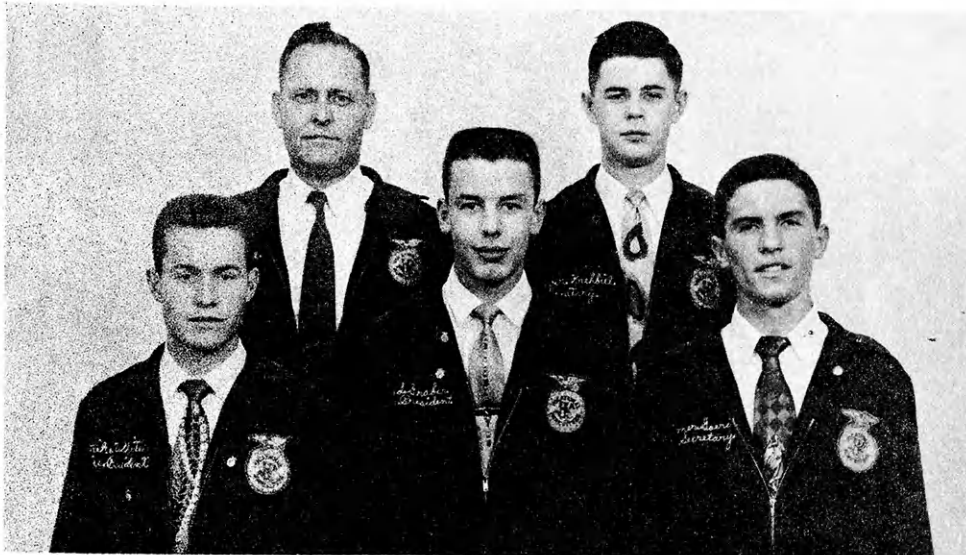
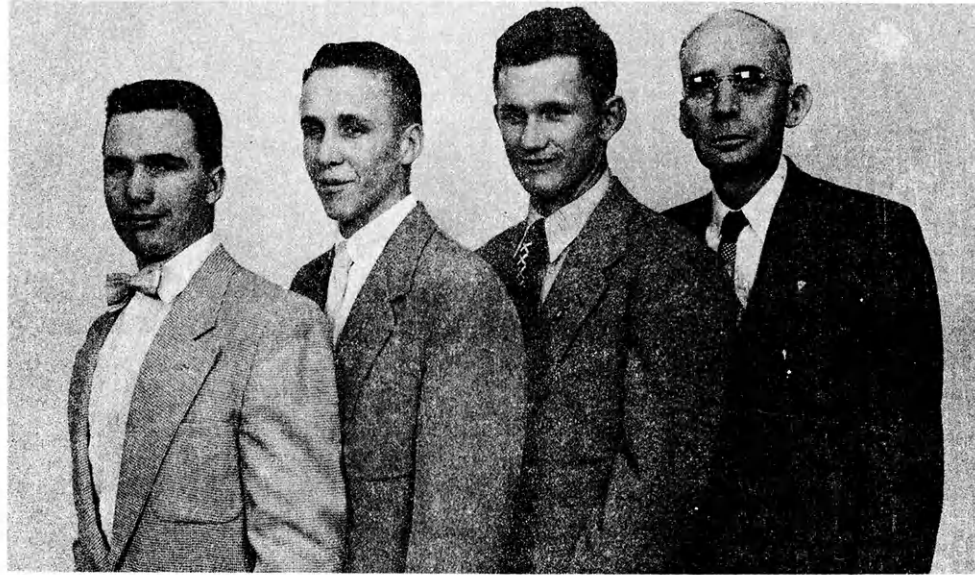
His contributions to and interest in the Future Farmers of America organization have been many and varied. He has served as adviser of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America during its 25 years of history and has watched this organization grow from 239 members to 7500; from 12 chapters in 1929 to 203 today.

Besides his professional activities, Mr. Pollom has many interests outside his field. Chief among these interests are athletics and people. He is an ardent sports fan, and as a young man competed in athletics. He lettered in both football and baseball in his undergraduate days. He played half back on the KSC football team, and was an outstanding pitcher in baseball.

Because he liked people, people liked Lester Pollom. He has friends throughout the nation, friends who respect and admire him both for his work and as a man."

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

Winfield Chapter,
winning FFA State
Livestock Judging
Team, will represent
Kansas in the National
FFA Livestock Judging
Contest held at Kansas
City, Mo. October 14.
L-R Rex Bolack, Jim
Clark, Jim Barnhart,
Chapter Adviser, Ira
L. Plank.



Pretty Prairie Chapter,
winning FFA Dairy Judg-
ing Team, will represent
Kansas in the National
FFA Dairy Judging Contest
held at Waterloo, Iowa,
October 4. F. L-R Mike
White, Reed Graber,
Homer Goering. B. L-R
Chapter Adviser, Powell
Heide, Janver Krehbiel.

Belleville Chapter,
winning FFA State
Poultry Judging Team,
will represent Kansas
in the National FFA
Poultry Judging Con-
test held at Kansas
City, Mo., Oct. 13.
F. L-R Gerald Blazek,
Gerald Holmberg, Lynn
Reed. B. L-R Chapter
Adviser, Carl Beyer,
Franklin Burandt.



Yates Center Chapter will represent Kansas in the National FFA Meats Contest held at Kansas City, Mo., October 13. F. L-R Bill Ireland, Arthur Tannahill. B. L-R Chapter Adviser Don Brock, Gary Sullivan.



Philip Kinast of the Haven Chapter will represent Kansas at the 13-state Regional FFA Speech Contest held at Olney, Illinois, September 16. Philip won the 25th annual State FFA Speech Contest and will represent Kansas in the Regional Contest.

Clay Center Chapter will represent Kansas in the National FFA Dairy Products Contest held at Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 5. F. L-R Dean Faidley, Arthur Benson, Taylor Meek. B. I-R Chapter Adviser Ray Morrison, Jim McChesney.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We of the Future Farmers of America have a duty and a responsibility to the people of the world in which we live. Not only must we provide them with a sufficient and well-balanced diet in the years to come and at the same time conserve our natural resources, but we must also provide leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and understanding so that the world may come to know universal unity and good will.

The past twenty-five years of Kansas FFA have been filled with enviable records of achievement and progress. I wish to challenge you, the individual member, to exert yourself in the direction of further progress and achievement as we start the second twenty-five years of FFA in Kansas.

Our State Association under capable leadership experienced a year of many achievements the past year. I urge you to help make this year a great one for Kansas FFA also. I believe you can best do this by participating to the fullest of your ability in the various activities of your local chapter and the State Association.

Those of you who are the local chapter officers should attempt to fulfill the duties of your office well and to make an excellent showing at the district leadership schools this fall.

In planning and carrying out your program of work be sure that it fits your chapter and community and that all members participate. By doing this your goals will be more easily attained, and the members will benefit more from the experience.

Fellow Future Farmers, in the year ahead let us continue to be "diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone, and above all, honest and fair in the game of life".

Dean Peter, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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DELEGATES TO THE 27TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Official delegates to the 27th National FFA Convention to be held at Kansas City on October 11-14 representing Kansas Association of FFA will be:

Past State President
State President

Nelson D. Galle, Moundridge Chapter
Harry Dean Peter, Edson Chapter

Alternates are:

Past State Vice President
State Vice President

Gillmore Dahl, Effingham Chapter
Waldo Anderson, Oberlin Chapter

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A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY

I believe the Future Farmers of Kansas are capable of doing a great job of leadership in promoting with others and in developing on their own farms a strong and complete conservation program in addition to using the best and most modern production practices.

A greatly reduced population of farmers will be charged with doing a bigger job of conservation and production than your father or grandfather faced. It will be a greater job partly because some of our soil resources have been used up through bumper crops which have been harvested. It will be a greater job because Kansas, even though it is relatively a virgin state under the plow, has lost a lot of top soil from erosion.

You have shown that you are aware of these facts as is evidenced in the large number of FFA speech contest entries devoted to soil and water conservation. Often in the text of the speeches big dams were a controversial issue, but there was never any argument as to the value of farm ponds, terraces, waterways, diversion ditches, returning of some soils to grass and other practices of recognized worth that may be applied to the individual farms making up the watershed. These practices make farming more profitable, the fertility of the land more permanent and the farm a pleasanter place to live.

As Future Farmers you are trusted with the shaping of the future of a great agricultural state. Some day you may be passing a farm on to a member of the next generation of Future Farmers. You are in a position of great responsibility.

C. C. Eustace, State Adviser
Kansas Association of FFA

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PICTORIALS

Volume 26 of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter will continue the use of a pictorial section. Our present plan calls for major emphasis on the following subjects for the six issues of the Newsletter:

- September - Kansas Representatives in the National FFA Judging Contests,
Kansas Representative in the Regional FFA Speech Contest.
- November - 27th National FFA Convention.
- December - District FFA Leadership Schools.
- February - State Fair FFA Exhibit winners.
- April - Farming Programs of Kansas FFA Boys.
- May - 27th 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 1953-1954

Number of vocational agriculture departments.....	203
Number of active FFA chapters.....	203
Number enrolled in vocational agriculture.....	6,632
Number of FFA members.....	7,424
Average net worth per member.....	\$525.31
Total net worth.....	\$3,899,901.44
Number State Farmer degrees granted.....	148
Number Agric. Judging Teams entered State H. S. Contest.....	137
Number Farm Mechanics Teams entered State H. S. Contest.....	106
Number farm machines repaired.....	5,935
Number pieces of equipment built.....	7,427
Number entered State FFA Chapter Contest.....	43
Number entered State FFA Speech Contest.....	29
Number American Farmer Candidates recommended (1954).....	7

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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. 1.

Helpful Suggestions for building the chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual, 1954 edition, pp. 36-40. The Kansas Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem chapter winners in 1953 will be found in the April 1, 1953 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, pp. 13-18.

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 1954-55 Calendar of Activities for Kansas Association of FFA will be helpful in building local chapter activity calendars.

1954-55 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. 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.
2. 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, 1954. 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.
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 inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
5. A continuous program of repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
6. Prevent waste of all kinds. (Conserve soil and other natural resources; control farm fires; control livestock losses, eradicate 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 advisers, 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 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.
10. Encourage one hundred per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
11. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
12. Support the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
13. 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.

1954-55 State FFA Program of Work (continued)

14. 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.
 15. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list of paraphernalia: U. S. Flag, Owl, Ear of Corn, Plow, Gavel, Seal; 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, Filing Case, Officer Stations, and FFA Song.
 16. Encourage scouting.
 17. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed.)
 - a. FFA Manual, 1954 edition, for each officer. (1) 15¢
 - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer. (2) 15¢ (20¢, single copy) or
A Guide to Parliamentary Practices, Henderson & Rucker. (4) 15¢
 - c. Fifteen and Twenty-Five Year Histories of Kansas FFA, Davidson. State FFA Office, KSC.
 - d. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter for the past year.
 - e. Complete file of the National Future Farmer Magazine for the past year.
 - f. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National FFA Convention.
 - g. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (4) \$1.00
 - h. Reporting Agriculture Through Newspaper, Magazines, Radio, Television, W. B. Ward. (7) \$4.00
 - i. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Starting to Farm, Beard (4) \$2.50
 - Living on a Little Land, Deyoe (4) \$3.95
 - What Our Farmers Can Learn From Other Lands, Yohe (6) \$3.00
 - j. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Short Stories for Future Farmers, Nolan (4) \$2.10
 - Tony Sees It Through, Bailey (8) \$2.75
 - If You Please, Allen & Briggs (3) \$2.60
 - k. 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 Co., 333 West Lake St., Chicago 6, Illinois
 - (4) Interstate Printing Company, 19-27 N. Jackson, Danville, Illinois
 - (5) Abingdon Cokesbury, Nashville, Tennessee
 - (6) Iowa State Collegiate Press, Press Building, Ames, Iowa
 - (7) Cornell University Press, Ithaca, New York
 - (8) E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., New York, New York

1954-55 KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA BUDGET

	<u>1954-55</u> <u>Estimated</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>1954-55</u> <u>Estimated</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1953-54</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>Income</u>
1953-54 Actual Income			\$3,004.67
Income in Dues	\$2,250.00		
Prorated share FFA Supply Service			
Earnings	500.00		
Reimbursement National Judging			
Contests	140.00		
Regional Public Speaking Contest		25.00	
Officers to called State Meetings		50.00	
Officers to State Convention		100.00	
Officers to District Leadership			
Schools		50.00	
Postage for gathering FFA news		50.00	
State Farmer Certificates		25.00	
Public Speaking & State Chapter			
Contest Certificates		30.00	
Medals, plaques, ribbons, buttons		175.00	
Officer Jackets		25.00	
FFA Membership Cards		40.00	
Program of Work Blanks		50.00	
Printing Banquet Programs		20.00	
Photographs		60.00	
Auditing FFA Accounts		10.00	
National FFA Dues		750.00	
Delegates to National Convention		75.00	
National FFA Band Uniforms		100.00	
National FFA Chorus Uniforms		100.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
members National FFA Band		350.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
members National FFA Chorus		375.00	
Special talent, State FFA Convention		20.00	
National Judging Contest		140.00	
Printing State FFA Activity Calendar		45.00	
	<u>\$2,890.00</u>	<u>\$2,665.00</u>	<u>\$3,004.67</u>

SPECIAL BUDGET - Silver Anniversary Celebration, 1954:

25-Year History of the Kansas Association of FFA	\$ 375.00
Photographs	125.00
Guests and incidental expense - Silver Anniversary	
Luncheon and Chamber of Commerce Banquet	100.00
	<u>\$ 600.00</u>

1954 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

CLAY CENTER: September 27, 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.

EMPORIA: September 27, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Alma, Alta Vista, Burlingame, Burlington, Burns, Cottonwood Falls, Emporia, Eskridge, Harveyville, Herington, Kincaid, Lyndon, Marion, Osage City, St. Marys.

LAWRENCE: September 28, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

FREDONIA: September 28, 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, Sedan, Severy, Toronto, Yates Center.

EFFINGHAM: September 29, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

BUHLER: October 4, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

BELOIT: October 4, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

HARPER: October 5, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

PLAINVILLE: October 5, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Alton, Bunker Hill, Ellis, Hays, Hill City, Hoisington, Natoma, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Stockton, Wakeeney, Wilson.

OBERLIN: October 6, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

DODGE CITY: October 6, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Ashland, Bazine, Coldwater, Dodge City, Ensign, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Holcomb, Hugoton, Jetmore, Kinsley, Lakin, Liberal, Meade, Mullinville, Ness City, Plains, Spearville, Sublette, 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.

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 Official Manual, 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, Kans.
- 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's 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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AUTHORIZED SUPPLIERS OF THE FFA TRADE-MARKED EMBLEM
OFFICIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The following are the official suppliers which have been authorized by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America to use the trade-marked emblem of the FFA on official supplies and equipment:

The L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts
The Fair Publishing House, New London, Ohio
The Future Farmers Supply Service, P.O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia
St. Louis Button Company, 413 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

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.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia - Cash must accompany all orders. No C.O.D. orders are accepted.

September, October and November constitute the rush seasons for the Supply Service. Order early.

L. G. BALFOUR COMPANY, Attleboro, Massachusetts - All FFA jewelry supplied by this firm.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA - The following supplies are available through the state FFA office at Manhattan: State Farmer Pins and Charms, Certificates and Plaques on the state level, local FFA charters, and official FFA membership cards.

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MEETING OF THE STATE FFA OFFICERS

The State FFA Officers held a meeting at Manhattan, September 11. 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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PLANS AVAILABLE FOR MOTORIZING PLASTIC MODEL TRACTOR

The Hope, Kansas FFA Chapter Model Tractor Safety Demonstration has proved popular when appearing before Kansas audiences. There have been numerous requests for information concerning the construction of the plastic model tractor used in the demonstration.

W. A. Reynolds, Hope, Kansas FFA Chapter Adviser, has prepared a step-by-step procedure explaining how the tractor was constructed. These plans, together with the script which was used on TV, are being reproduced by the Safety Division of the Kansas Farm Bureau and should be available by October 1.

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 jackets (1)	Metal markers (7)
Adviser pins (3)	Music:
Arm bands, felt (1)	"Hail the FFA" (1)
Badges and buttons (7)	"Hail the FFA" (quartet) (1)
Banners, felt (1)	"FFA March" (2)
Basketball Uniforms (1)	Napkins (1)
Belts and buckles (3)	Neckties (1)
Billfolds (1)	Necktie chain clasps (3)
Blankets (1)	Newspaper mats (1)
Bookends (1)	Notebooks (1)
Bracelets, identification (1)	Officer Station Drapes (9)
Caps (1)	Official FFA Owl (9)
Certificates, State Farmer (6)	Paperweights (1)
Charters for Chapters (6)	Parliamentary Procedure (10) 10 or more
Collegiate Chapter pins (3)	12½¢; less than 10, 15¢
Coveralls (1)	Pennants, felt (1)
Creed (6)	Pictures, Washington & Jefferson (8)*
Cups, paper (1)	Pins and badges, degree (3)
Cups, trophy (3)	Place cards (1)
Cuts and mats of emblem (1)	Pencils, wood and mechanical (1)
Decals of emblem (1)	Pencil clips (7)
Decals, letters (1)	Pen and pencil sets (1)
Degree pins and keys (3)	Pens (1)
Ear of corn, model (9)	Plaques (3) (1)
Electric emblem (1)	Plates, paper (1)
Electrotypes, emblem (1)	Plows, miniature (4)*
Emblems, cut out (for Building of	Printed supplies (1)
the Emblem Ceremony) (1)	Prize ribbons (5) (7)
Emblem stickers (1)	Project markers (7)
Envelopes (1)	Purposes (6)
Fair supplies (5)	Recordings:
Favors (1) (3)	"FFA March"
Felt goods (1)	"Hail the FFA"
Flags (7)	"I'm in Love with a Boy from the
Gavels (7)	FFA" (1)
Jackets (1)	Rings, finger (3)
Jefferson, bust of (9)	Rising Sun (9)
Jewelry (3)	Scrapbooks (1)
Keys, degree (3)	Sentinel Plaques (1)
Knife (1)	Secretary books (1)
Lapel buttons, celluloid (7) (1)	Secretary, pocket (1)
Lapel buttons, felt (1)	Shirts, sport, dress & dark blue (1)
Letters, felt (1)	Shop coats (1)
Letterheads (1)	Signs, metal (1)
Livestock blankets (1)	Softball uniforms (1)
Manuals (1)	Song "Hail the FFA" (1)
March of the FFA (band) (2)	Song cards (1)
Medals (3)	Stamps, rubber - emblem (1)
Membership cards (6) Cards sent	Stencils with FFA emblem (1)
only upon payment of dues, 30¢	Stickers, baggage (1)
per member (20¢ state, 10¢ natl.)	Stickers, windshield (1)

Where to Get FFA Supplies (continued)

T-Shirts (1)	Trophies (4)
Treasurer books (1)	Uniforms (1)
Ties (1)	Washington's General Order on Profanity (6)
Washington, bust of (9)	"What it is - What it does" (1)
Watchfobs (3)	Work jacket and pants, denim (1)
Sweetheart Compact (1)	
Sweetheart bracelet (1)	
Sweetheart Pearl Pendant (1)	(* Request must be accompanied by letter from State Deputy Adviser)
Sweetheart jacket (1)	

- (1) Future Farmers Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia
- (2) Cundy Bettoney Company, Hyde Park, Boston, Massachusetts
- (3) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts
- (4) Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois
- (5) The Fair Publishing House, New London, Ohio
- (6) A. P. Davidson, State Deputy Adviser, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
- (7) St. Louis Button Company, 415 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis 2, Missouri
- (8) Swift and Company, Chicago 9, Illinois, Agricultural Research Department
- (9) Chapter Supply Company, Box 594, Danville, Illinois
- (10) W. F. Stewart, Rehearsal Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio

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MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

Membership in the Future Farmers of America has reached a new record total of 371,592 during the organization's 26th year, according to records compiled in the national FFA office at Washington, D. C.

The 1954 membership topped 1953 by 8,223 or approximately 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Figures are based on the amount of dues (10 cents per member) paid by the State FFA Associations to the national organization.

Thirty-seven states increased their FFA membership during the year. The organization is active in all the 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Texas leads the nation with 37,746 members, followed by North Carolina with 22,096 and Illinois with 17,373.

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KANSAS TEAMS NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

At Waterloo, Iowa, October 4-5, 1954

Dairy Cattle, Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Coach
Dairy Products, Clay Center, Ray W. Morrison, Coach

At Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-14, 1954

Livestock, Winfield, Ira L. Plank and John Lowe, Coaches
Meats, Yates Center, Don W. Brock, Coach
Poultry, Belleville, Carl Beyer, Coach

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EXPLANATION OF THE POLICY OF
THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
GOVERNING THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION INC. AWARDS

- I. The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., has approved the plan proposed by the Kansas Association of FFA for using the 1954 award money for "Improving Agriculture and Leadership". The amount allotted to Kansas for this purpose is \$973.99. The plan for allocating this money for 1954 will be the same as the plan used in 1953. Under this procedure sixty per cent of the award money will be divided equally between the Gold Emblem Award winners, and forty per cent of the award money will be divided equally between the Silver Emblem Award winners in the 1954 State Chapter Contest. The award money will be paid the chapters out of the state FFA treasury, and a short statement of accomplishments of the award winners together with a reimbursement voucher will be sent the National FFA Office. The State Association will then be reimbursed for the maximum amount allocated for this purpose. All award money distributed for this project in Kansas is to be used for the betterment of the local FFA chapter.
- II. The Kansas Association will make an application to participate in the 1955 Farm Safety (Chapter Award) Program of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Chapters should keep in mind the fact that the Kansas Association will participate in the chapter safety program for 1955 and should include increased emphasis on chapter safety activities for the current chapter program year. The chapter award on the state level will be \$100, which must be spent for chapter improvement.
- III. The American Farmer award of \$50 for each successful American Farmer candidate is given to help defray expenses to the National Future Farmers of America Convention and is made direct to the individuals concerned - all of whom have been out of high school for at least one year.
- IV. The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America acts as an intermediary for distributing the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. award money to assist in paying travel expenses for the National Future Farmers of America Judging Contests.
- V. The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America does not accept Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. cash awards on the state level for individual FFA members enrolled in high school.

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ATTENTION - 1954 GOLD EMBLEM AND SILVER EMBLEM CHAPTER WINNERS

Summaries of Chapter Accomplishments for all chapters placing in the Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem classifications are due in the State Office October 1, 1954. Summaries must be submitted to the State Office before distribution of award money under the "Improving Agriculture and Leadership" project can be made.

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HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE
FOR TEACHERS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

The National Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America in their joint meeting last January 29, 1954, adopted new criteria for selecting teachers of vocational agriculture to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Vocational Agriculture teachers who are candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree must previously have received the Honorary State Farmer Degree or the regular State Farmer Degree.

Attention is directed to Items 5 and 6 in the criteria which offers points for each winner of a regional Star American Farmer or other FFA Foundation Award. The Star Farmer of America and the national winners of the other Foundation awards are included in these items, since each of them must have won a regional place before they were judged for the national awards.

Application forms must clear through the state office by July 1, and be in the National FFA Office on or before July 15.

Application for Honorary American Farmer Degree

(Due in State FFA Office July 1, 195_, and due in National FFA Office July 15, 195_)

Teacher's Name _____

Home Address _____

School _____

School Address _____

Do you now hold:

a. State Farmer Degree? _____. Year conferred _____.

b. Honorary State Farmer Degree? _____. Year conferred _____.

Points earned toward Honorary American Farmer Degree (From P. 2) _____.

Statement of Candidate

I have prepared this application and certify that the record of points earned toward the Honorary American Farmer Degree, as listed above and enumerated on page 2, is true and accurate.

(Candidate)

Statement of State FFA Adviser

I have checked the application of _____. The application is true and accurate. The _____ State Association of FFA recommends him to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

(State FFA Adviser)

Teacher's Application for Honorary American Farmer Degree (continued)
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The criteria below were approved by the National FFA Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors, January 29, 1954. The Boards authorized that not more than 25 degrees be awarded per year to teachers. Each applicant must have previously received the Honorary State Farmer Degree or the regular State Farmer Degree.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points Allowed</u>	<u>Points Earned by Candidate</u>
1. For each American Farmer.....	90.....	_____
2. For each National Officer.....	90.....	_____
3. For each year as adviser of chapter winning Gold Emblem in National Chapter Contest since January, 1954.....	100.....	_____
4. For each year as winner of Silver Emblem in National Chapter Contest.....	40.....	_____
5. For each Regional Star American Farmer.....	100.....	_____
6. For each winner of Regional FFA Foundation award. (Farm Electrification, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management).....	60.....	_____
7. For each winning team of Gold Emblem Award in National Judging Contest since 1947.....	40.....	_____
8. For each American Farmer established in farming.....	90.....	_____
9. For each Speaker participating in National FFA Public Speaking Contest at Kansas City.....	60.....	_____
10. For each year served as national officer in National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association.....	40.....	_____
11. For each State Farmer.....	10.....	_____
12. For each Star State Farmer.....	20.....	_____
13. For each State Officer in FFA.....	10.....	_____
14. For each 1st place State Winner of National FFA Foundation Award. (Farm Electrification, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management).....	5.....	_____
15. For each State Farmer established in farming.....	10.....	_____
16. For each year as winner of Gold Emblem or similar top award in State Chapter Contest.....	5.....	_____
17. For each State Winner in official National FFA Public Speaking Contest.....	5.....	_____
18. For each team winning Gold Emblem or first place in State Judging Contest.....	5.....	_____
19. For each year on State Advisory Council.....	5.....	_____
20. For each year served as State Officer in State Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Assn.....	5.....	_____
21. For each year of service as Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.....	5.....	_____

(Transfer to Application Form) TOTAL POINTS EARNED _____

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FFA NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Under the provisions of the FFA National Constitution, all proposed amendments to the National Constitution must be submitted by the National Adviser to the several State Associations "at least 30 days prior to the next succeeding national convention, be reviewed by the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors, and submitted by the national officers with recommendations to the delegates in national convention."

A proposed amendment from the State of Michigan is as follows:

Amend Article V, Section D, Item 9, by substituting "3%" in the place of "2%", so the last part of the first sentence in Item 9 would read as follows: "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)."

In other words, the purpose of this amendment is to permit the States to elect 3% of their total membership to the State Farmer Degree, instead of the present restriction of 2%.

A proposed amendment from the State of New Mexico is as follows:

Amend Article VI, Section B, the second sentence, by striking out the words "...after that date, and the application as received will be considered as the final basis for selection." The amended sentence would then read: "No additions or corrections will be accepted."

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE FFA CHARTER

Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chief, Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education, Division of Vocational Education, under date of August 18, 1954, reporting on "Results of Lawsuit Brought by Future Farmers of America vs. Chapter Supply Company of Danville, Illinois" states that:

The Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago affirmed the decision of the Lower Court in the case of the Future Farmers of America vs. the Chapter Supply Company of Danville, Illinois.

The decision of the Lower Court and the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit were included in the materials mailed from the National FFA Office.

Dr. Spanton's correspondence points out the following:

- I. Apparently these decisions mean that any State FFA Association (independently of the National Organization), or any Local FFA Chapter (independently of the State Association), may:
 1. Authorize any manufacturer or vendor to make, or sell, or both, any garments, FFA supplies or equipment, bearing the letters "FFA" or the FFA Emblem, or both, without regard to any uniformity as to standards of quality, design, color or other restrictions.
 2. Authorize the use of the letters "FFA" or the FFA Emblem in commercial advertising.

Suggested Amendments to the FFA Charter (continued)

3. Use the letters "FFA" or the FFA Emblem, or both, on products produced or processed or both, by FFA Chapters or members.
- II. The minutes of the January 29, 1954, meeting of the FFA Board of Directors show that the following action was taken:

"It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Urton and carried, that the Board of Directors adopt the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers, namely, that we proceed with an amendment to the Federal Charter, specifically with reference to a clarification of the word 'use' in Section 16 of Public Law 740.

"It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hurt and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers, namely, that any action taken to protect the use of the FFA Emblem by an amendment to the Federal Charter, be fully explained to the States as representing the wishes of the Board of Student Officers of the FFA."
- III. All amendments to the FFA Charter require action by the Congress of the United States and approval by the President.
- IV. Also, since some questions have been raised concerning the fact that the present charter provides for a Board of Directors of four members from the States (one from each administrative region), and five from the staff of the Agricultural Education Branch of the U. S. Office of Education, it has been suggested that Section 8 of Public Law 740 be amended to provide four additional members from the States, plus the National Treasurer, who would also be a State man. This would give the States a total membership of nine members on the Board of Directors and five from the Office of Education.
- V. The following suggested amendments to Public Law 740 are presented herewith. (Copies of Public Law 740 will be found in the last few pages of the 1952, 1953 and 1954 editions of the Official FFA Manual.) They will not be submitted to the Congress for consideration until and unless they meet with the approval of a large majority of the States.

Suggested Amendments to the FFA Charter
(Public Law 740)

Amend Section 8 (a) by eliminating the word "and" before paragraph number (3); by substituting the word "eight" for the word "four" in paragraph (3); by adding the word "and" before a new paragraph (4); and by adding paragraph (4) to read as follows: "the national treasurer".

Amend Section 16 by striking it out entirely and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"The corporation shall have the sole and exclusive right and power to own, to have and to use, in carrying out its purposes, objectives, and powers, the name 'Future Farmers of America', the initials 'FFA' and all seals, emblems, badges, insignia, registered trademarks and other descriptive or designating marks, which the corporation has lawfully adopted or may lawfully adopt.

Suggested Amendments to the FFA Charter (continued)

"The National Board of Directors shall have the sole and exclusive right and power to control and regulate the employment and authorize the use, in any manner whatsoever, to the exclusion of all others, of the name 'Future Farmers of America', the initials 'FFA', and such seals, emblems, badges, insignia, registered trademarks or other descriptive or designating marks which the corporation has lawfully adopted or may lawfully adopt, including the sole and exclusive right and power to authorize the manufacture, production, distribution, sale, advertising through magazines, catalogues, letters, circulars, bulletins or in any other manner, of supplies, articles of jewelry, garments, equipment, paraphernalia, or any other articles of merchandise whatsoever, bearing the name 'Future Farmers of America', the initials 'FFA', and such seals, emblems, badges, insignia, registered trademarks, or other descriptive or designating marks which the corporation has lawfully adopted or may lawfully adopt."

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KANSAS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS
ATTEND 1954 A.I.C. CONVENTION AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The State FFA Office cooperated with the Kansas Cooperative Council in selecting eight Kansas FFA chapters, representing eight of the nine Kansas cooperative districts. Selections were made from the Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem chapter winners in the 1954 State Chapter Contest. Special attention was given the emphasis the chapter placed on the Cooperative Activity area of the completed program of work.

The Kansas Cooperative Council invited the vocational agriculture teachers from the eight selected chapters to be their guests at the 26th Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation held on the Cornell University campus, Ithaca, New York, August 15-19, 1954. The following Kansas teachers were invited: Roy Eck, Effingham; Ray Morrison, Clay Center; Floyd Blauer, Stockton; Lloyd Moody, Oberlin; Leroy Melia, Coldwater; Milton Kohrs, Little River; Emory Groves, Emporia; Harry Coffel, Eureka.

The following excerpts are from the Kansas teachers making the trip and finding time to report on same:

Floyd Blauer:

The entire Kansas group of teachers joins me in saying "Thank You" to Leonard Lowe and the Kansas Cooperative Council for a pleasant and informative trip...The convention and trip were inspirational and educational...I attended the programs for rural youth. David Boyne, National FFA President, and Marion Keating, National 4-H representative, were co-chairmen for the youth programs.

Ray Morrison:

There are many strong cooperatives around Ithaca, New York. Perhaps the dairy cooperatives were the strongest and the largest in number. We went on tour and visited a feed cooperative, dairy cooperative, artificial breeding cooperative, food store cooperatives and others...The Kansas group had a picnic near Cayuga Lake on Tuesday evening and all had a good visit.

Kansas Vo-Ag Teachers Attend A.I.C. Convention (continued)Milton Kohrs:

Youth and adult programs ran concurrently, which included FFA members, 4-H, and other youths. At these meetings cooperative directors, agricultural experts from universities and Department of Agriculture authorities spoke on the various problems facing cooperatives. Different sectional meetings were held with many problems such as personnel, management, finances being studied. All in all you certainly gained an impression that this American Institute of Cooperation is trying to get the cooperatives to do a better job in their own home cooperatives. It certainly gave me an insight as to how well the cooperatives are organized in the East...When you consider the places of interest at which we stopped on our way and coming back, it adds up to a wonderful summer vacation.

Leroy Melia:

This interesting trip gave me a much better understanding of agriculture in New York State and the East. Four of us went on a tour in which we visited farms and cooperatives of the Ithaca community. This gave us an inside view of farming and farm organizations in this area...I very much enjoyed the talks the boys and girls gave. They were on cooperatives and so were state winners in Co-op sponsored contests. The winning chapter gave a sketch of their cooperative activities...A chicken barbecue was put on for the entire group at a cost of \$2.00 per plate...Cornell has a beautiful campus and many fine buildings...An important value accruing from this trip was the opportunity of meeting and visiting with people from other states.

Emory Groves:

It is quite evident that the Eastern States are far ahead of the Midwest in cooperative organization and effort. Nearly all farm enterprises are wrapped up in some manner in a cooperative organization that is of real benefit to them...The Eastern States are also further advanced and more conscious of the effect that youth may have in their organizations and are promoting this by working with the schools, FFA, 4-H, and young co-op clubs...Among things that will not soon be forgotten are: the wonderful corn fields of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio; the visit to Greenfield Village, the Ford Rotunda, museum and assembly plant in Detroit; the Willow Run airport; the tobacco fields and peach orchards of Ontario; New York's Niagara Falls, Finger Lakes region and the Allegheny Mountains; the Lincoln Arc Welding plant of Cleveland; and New York Central's steam locomotives that whistle all night right behind all popular motels.

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CHANGE IN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STAFF

As of July 1, 1954, Mr. C. C. Eustace, former vocational agriculture teacher and Veterans-On-Farm Supervisor, assumed the duties of Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in Kansas. Mr. Loren E. Whipps, former vocational agriculture instructor and In-Service Teacher Trainer, was appointed Assistant Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. Both Mr. Eustace and Mr. Whipps office with the State Board for Vocational Education, 1025 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Phone 40563.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMTWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Future Farmers of America
Kansas City, Missouri - October 11-14, 1954

<u>October 7 and 8</u>	Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel
<u>October 9 and 10</u>	Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel
<u>October 11</u>	8:00 a.m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium 12:00 noon Officer Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Presi- dent Hotel 1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest 2:30 p.m. Meeting of State Advisers, President Hotel 8:00 p.m. National Public Speaking Contest, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
<u>October 12</u>	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 Address--His Excellency A.D.P. Heeney, Canadian Ambassador 2:00 p.m. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Contest Address--Mr. Henry Ford, President, Ford Motor Company 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
<u>October 13</u>	9:00 a.m. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium Introductions and greetings from Past National Officers Old and New Business Dramatization of the FFA Creed 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

Twenty-Seventh National FFA Convention (continued)

October 13 (cont'd) 8:00 p.m. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Introduction of Foundation Donors
Presentation of Foundation Awards
FFA Amateur Hour

October 14 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
to Sirloin Club (by invitation only)

7:00 p.m.

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HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Kansas Association of FFA at the 27th National FFA Convention will be at the Hotel President. American Farmer candidates from Kansas will be housed at the Ambassador Hotel.

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1954 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The Kansas Association of FFA presented seven applications 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 1954. 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:

Leonard Chamberlain, Emporia Chapter	Harold Paul Heymann, Burns Chapter
Mark Kline Drake, Winfield Chapter	Billy Ray James, Clay Center Chapter
Nelson D. Galle, Moundridge Chapter	Gary J. Neilan, St. Francis Chapter
Leo John Hall, Great Bend Chapter	

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STATE AND NATIONAL DUES PAID

The LaCygne Chapter of FFA with 20 members is first to pay State and National dues for the year 1954-55. Their dues were received in the state office July 15, 1954.

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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:

Robert Berends, Garden City	Jerry Akens, Downs
Lanny Ross Brent, Alton	Michael King, Beverly
Kenneth Glasgow, Winfield	

Members of the National FFA Chorus from Kansas are:

Thomas Kieffer, Belleville	Bob Johnston, Eldorado
Donald Lonker, Medicine Lodge	Johnnie Gaither, Columbus
Paul Kurtz, Alton	Harold P. Heymann, Burns
Perry Bemis, Hays	

Raymond Mabry of the Little River Chapter has been selected for the job of accompanist for the chorus.

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE

The Kansas Association is again cooperating with the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine in securing subscriptions. Multicolor subscription blanks with full instructions were mailed Kansas chapters on July 1, 1954. May we suggest that you give this matter early and careful attention--deadline date of September 11 was included with instructions.

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine is interested in securing stories and pictures of FFA activities. We hope that Kansas FFA members will make it a point to send stories and pictures of newsworthy FFA activities to Editor Lano Barron, c/o Department of Agricultural Education, College Park, Maryland.

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REGIONAL FFA SPEECH CONTEST

Philip Kinast, Haven Chapter, winner of the Kansas 1954 FFA Speech Contest, will represent Kansas at the Regional Speech Contest which will be held at Olney, Illinois, September 16, 1954. Thirteen state winners will compete in this contest. The FFA Speech Contest is a part of the Youth Day program held in connection with the National Plowing Contest at Olney.

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CANEY CHAPTER WINS DUROC GILT

The Caney Chapter, Ralph Field, Adviser, won first place in judging at the Seventh National Duroc Congress held at Topeka, July 28-29, 1954. A registered Duroc gilt was awarded the chapter by Mr. Vern V. Albrecht, Smith Center, Kansas, Duroc breeder.

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CHAPTER NEWS

BUHLER: The chapter members have had an active summer. Members entering the County Fair were Gale Regier, steer; Wendell Regier, three gilts; and Leon Schmidt, Berkshire gilt. Leon won first honors in the fitting and showing class....Dick Gisel, Marion Heim, Robert Stoughton and Henry Neufeld have succeeded in bringing 25 tons of watermelons through the summer. They were late setting on but are producing a good crop of melons....Gerald Coleman had some real experience in marketing cucumbers, cantaloupes and tomatoes. He has a fine field of sweet potatoes....Alden Lang had the misfortune to tangle with a rattlesnake one evening as he was in the family watermelon patch to put up some lights to frighten away coons. His arm and hand are about back to normal now....Jim Bridgewater suggests it is well to leave poison ivy alone....Charles Redd found plenty to do in caring for 9,000 turkeys for his parents....Marion Heim was successful in getting his corn crop of eight acres through the dry spell. He was fortunate in planting it late so it caught the cool spell for pollination....Two members, Norman Dick and Jerald Robinson, have signs "A Future Farmer Lives Here" up in front of their respective farms....Members having sow and litter projects have had unusual luck with raising large litters. Donnie Isenberg raised 13 pigs from his gilt. Marion Heim raised 12 from one litter....Dick Gisel had the misfortune of having to sell his Jersey heifer. Dick has another heifer now to take her place....The chapter is busy getting exhibits ready for the State Fair....Robert Stoughton had the fun of changing the farm water system this summer.

Robert Stoughton, Reporter

PALCO: The Palco Chapter activities have been rather varied during the summer. Russell Johnson entered his Angus baby beef in the Rooks County Fair and won first place in his division. Max Rudman placed second in his division. Russell placed first and Max second in the fitting and showing contest....We held our annual pre-school watermelon feed in the city park August 29. Sixty men and boys were present. The new freshman boys cut and served 350 pounds of watermelon....We are making plans to shock feed as a community service for some of the local farmers.

Russell Johnson, Reporter

HERINGTON: We have 22 members in the chapter this year; six are new members.. ..The FFA chapter will have a watermelon feed in honor of the new members on September 9. There will be a softball game before the watermelon feed....On September 16 the vocational agriculture boys will spend the day at the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka....One hundred per cent of the boys in vocational agriculture subscribed for the National Future Farmer Magazine this year....New equipment for the vocational agriculture department includes a new gas forge, Stanley power grinder with all the attachments, and several new books for the library.

Keith Hyde, Reporter

MANKATO: The Mankato Chapter members participated in the livestock judging at the Jewell County Fair. Harlow Vader was the high individual for the local chapter....Three gilts will be available to the freshman boys this fall from the chapter gilt ring....Our chapter intends to operate a refreshment stand at home athletic activities and take care of the fences at the football field for the school....A chapter party and a parents' night are planned for fall activities....Several of the members have been taking soil samples from their home farms to the county soil testing laboratory.

Warren Underwood, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Our chapter celebrated its Silver Anniversary with a special program at our annual FFA Parent-Son Dinner last May. Walter Atzenweiler, Agriculture Commissioner of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce was the speaker. He reviewed the history of FFA and particularly the part played by Shawnee-Mission during the national conventions. Near the end of the evening our adviser, H. D. Garver, was presented with a Lord Elgin wrist watch, from alumni and active members. Dr. Floyd Smith, associate member and State Farmer and now on the K-State agronomy faculty, gave a short presentation speech in addition to one by Dick Darnell, chapter secretary. Many alumni were present.. ..Chapter officers and committee chairmen met several times at our adviser's home during the summer. Plans for the coming year were discussed....Our annual watermelon feed was held on the school grounds August 24. New and old members attended. A special event was a turtle race. Dr. Herbertt Bruning, a new member of the school faculty, gave a short talk. He was an FFA member in high school....Over 130 ads have been sold for the 1954 home football games. Our chapter has had this concession since 1937. Over 12,000 programs are distributed each season.

Dale Eckerberg, Reporter

KINGMAN: Work has begun on our annual program of work due in the state office November 1. Committees will be used to work out the various activities so that every member will have a part in making up the program of work....We have 44 boys in vocational agriculture....The chapter plans to enter the Farm Mechanics Exhibit at the State Fair at Hutchinson and has selected the five items to enter. They will be brought to the ag shop for cleaning and painting.

Maurice Schrag, Reporter

HOXIE: On the evening of May 6 a group of FFA boys cleaned the city park at Hoxie. The city furnished one truck and some of the boys brought trucks to haul away tree limbs and other debris....Fourteen junior boys and their adviser, Mr. Severns, enjoyed six days of camping in Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska....The chapter harvested 346 bushels of Comanche wheat from 17 acres. Five acres of sorghum were planted on a variety comparison plot....The FFA chapter presented a booth at the County Fair. The booth illustrated a well-managed farm....On Friday, August 26, the annual watermelon feed was held for the freshmen and the faculty. There are 15 freshmen, seven sophomores, and five juniors enrolled in vocational agriculture.

Robert Davis, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Members of our chapter assisted in building the Marysville Public School float for the recent Centennial Celebration and took part in the historical pageant held during the Centennial. We cleared \$76.00 on our concession stand during the pageant....Galyen Peterson, a past president, has purchased a farm on the contract plan. The farm is near that of his father, and they will use farm equipment in partnership....Donald Ungerer showed at the Marshall County Fair and won Grand Champion bull and Reserve Champion bull awards. He also had Grand Champion cow and Grand Champion heifer. Merlin Frerking had the Grand Champion Holstein cow.

Milton Kelly, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WILLIAMSBURG: Our Annual Father and Son watermelon feed this summer was a success. The chapter financed the purchase of the melons....We are making preparations for the County Collective Booth Exhibit at Topeka and Hutchinson. Our chapter has exhibited the last two years and each year made about \$300.00 in prize money. There are more than 75 samples or varieties making up the exhibit. Each member in the chapter has an opportunity to select samples and to prepare them for the exhibit....Our chapter purchased a boomless sprayer for \$78.00 to be used by members for spraying alfalfa for webworms and chinch bugs and grasshoppers in other crops. We also plan to use it for spraying cattle this winter. So far we have sprayed 293 acres of crops. The sprayer has already paid for itself....We have five chapter members who now are full feeding steers under the deferred plan. We bought 20 steers last year and plan to buy 45 this year for the same program....At our last FFA meeting we selected as our major activity this year the encouragement of home improvement projects. A long list of jobs was introduced to give the members an idea of what could be done on their own farms. Each boy will then make a survey to determine what jobs need to be done.

Marlin Brown, Reporter

CHENEY: Pre-enrollment in the Cheney Public Schools indicates there will be a total of 37 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture with a breakdown as follows: 7, Vo-Ag III; 12, Vo-Ag II; 18, Vo-Ag I. Arrangements have been made with the Kingman FFA Chapter to initiate all members into the Green Hand Degree when the chapter charter is approved....The farm mechanics shop boasts a complete line of farm carpentry, cold metal and mechanics tools; also two new welders have been purchased this summer. A large grinder and metal drill press will also be purchased this year....Projects for improvement and beautification of the school grounds include laying a concrete floor in the football concession stand and laying a crushed rock area with retaining wall behind the Vo-Ag shop.

James J. Stanley, Instructor

HADDAM: Billy Lewis will represent our chapter in the County Tractor Driving Contest September 9....The chapter had its watermelon feed and slide pictures for their summer party. Twenty-seven members were present. Irving Peterson, vocational agriculture teacher at Morrowville, was a guest at this meeting....The chapter plans to visit the Arnold Rose hog farm at Ionia, Kansas, in the near future....We will have a booth at the county fair. Our theme is "Farm Ownership - A Future Farmers Dream"....The chapter laid out the school football field and made preparations for installing electric lights....We have a new teacher, Earl R. Sutton, from Mankato, Kansas....The chapter is helping to remodel the inside of the shop building.

Mike Bobbitt, Reporter

LINDBORG: Fifteen prospective freshman vo-ag students were entertained at the home of our instructor, Delbert Jamison, with a movie and watermelon feed. We plan to organize our chapter of FFA early in September....Our new building will be ready for us about January 1. A total of 35 students have enrolled in vo-ag this year, which seems to be pretty good since this is the first time it has been offered at Lindsborg.

Carl Train, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

FREDONIA: Due to the scarcity of watermelons the annual watermelon feed was changed to an ice cream feed and held at the School Farm on September 1. The feed was held in honor of the boys who will enter high school as freshmen this year. Mr. Rex Bunch of the famous "Flying Cloud" showed pictures of his recent trip down the Mississippi River....School opened with 62 members in vocational agriculture....Two day meetings and one night meeting will be held each month. ...This summer the classroom was repainted, new storage cabinets were built in the classroom, and a new arc welder is to be installed.

Bill Friend, Reporter

COLUMBUS: The first meeting of the Columbus Chapter was held Wednesday, September 8, with over 100% membership present....Robert M. Lay, adviser, with Johnnie Gaither, Fonda Cudney, Lloyd Helwig, Walter Clingenpeel and Bobby Elliott attended the Chamber of Commerce Judging School at Topeka and the National Duroc Congress. A team composed of Bobby Elliott, Walter Clingenpeel, Fonda Cudney and Lloyd Elliott won 2nd place in the FFA division....The department is planning for Open House. The shop has been painted and rearranged with some new equipment added.

Dewey Smith, Reporter

SYRACUSE: We are starting the school year with approximately 40 members enrolled in vo-ag....Melvin and Arlan Huser both entered milo, corn and wheat in the County Fair. Robert Wagner and Leslie Shamburg entered their Duroc sows and litters. Kay Wells entered his milking Shorthorn and Norman Eddy entered a sample of milo heads. Duane Rector entered a white face calf and milo heads....Nine of the FFA members took a trip to the C.K. Ranch this summer. They spent July 23 at Kanopolis State Lake swimming and fishing.... Just before school was out last spring we closed our pest eradication contest. The losing team had to give the winning team a party, so it was decided that we would have a pigeon pie supper. Seven of the mothers baked 84 pigeons into pies. The chapter invited members of the school board, the superintendent and the principal to the supper.

Aubrey Coleman, Reporter

JETMORE: Our chapter held its second Annual Parent-Son Banquet on May 4 with Jim Jarnagin, president, as toastmaster. Darrell Craghead, our chapter's first State Farmer, was the main speaker of the evening. One hundred sixty people were served one-half a barbecued chicken each. Our chapter barbecued the chickens in front of the ag shop and served the complete meal....School started on August 30 and we are preparing our Farm Mechanics Exhibits to take to the State Fair. We are also preparing crop samples and our program of work for the coming year.

John Walter, Reporter

BEVERLY: The Beverly Chapter held a watermelon feed on August 14 to get acquainted with the freshman boys. There was a good turn-out....Work is to be started in a few weeks on our new shop.

Jim Kissick, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MARION: We held a swimming party at Newton on June 17....On July 7 the chapter participated in a television program. The program was on tractor safety. A miniature tractor equipped with clock gears and run by a model airplane motor was used for the demonstration. The tractor was driven up an incline to show at what angle it would rear. Miniature implements were also used in other parts of the demonstration. The Hope FFA Chapter assisted with the demonstration. The program was held at Hutchinson. The members from the Marion Chapter participating were Dwight Kruse and Howard Stenzel....Our chapter entered five pieces of machinery and a booth on farm electrification at the county fair. The booth showed how electricity on the farm saves time and labor. Three blue ribbons were won on the farm machinery entered. These five pieces of machinery will be entered in the State Fair at Hutchinson and the booth on electrification will be entered at the Free Fair at Topeka.

Gail Dody, Reporter

SIMPSON: The Simpson FFA officers held their summer planning meeting on August 10, 1954. Accomplishments for the past year were reviewed and plans for the coming FFA activities were discussed....The annual summer swimming party and watermelon feed was held on August 23 with the incoming freshmen as well as former FFA members attending....The Simpson Chapter has started its germination service for the coming season. This provides free germinating service for chapter members as well as farmers in the local community.

Jerry Heidrick, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: The vo-ag students have been minus a shop this year as the old shop has been demolished. A new building is scheduled for completion by November 25 of this year. The shop will be a 40 x 60 block structure with double walls and a roof with bow truss beams. The classroom will be an additional wing to be added in the future....This year the chapter has a pop and candy concession during the noon hour at the high school.

Earl Bruner, Reporter

EUREKA: Our annual fishing party was held August 3....We are now working on bicycle racks as community projects....Six boys from our chapter attended the National Duroc Congress at Topeka.

Bud Brenton, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: The FFA members participated in the rebuilding of the historic Higley's Cabin, the home of our state song, "Home on the Range"....Four FFA members attended the National Duroc Congress on July 30....For the purpose of welcoming and introducing the freshman FFA members to the chapter, we held our annual watermelon feed on August 23. Sixty-five attended this father and son event.

Bernal Campbell, Reporter

ALTON: We had a watermelon feed at our first FFA meeting August 30....We are planning a carnival for this fall....Last year the chapter awarded Lanny Brent a gilt and in return he will give the chapter two gilts from the litter. His gilt farrowed a litter of eleven and he saved ten of them.

Gary Eller, Reporter