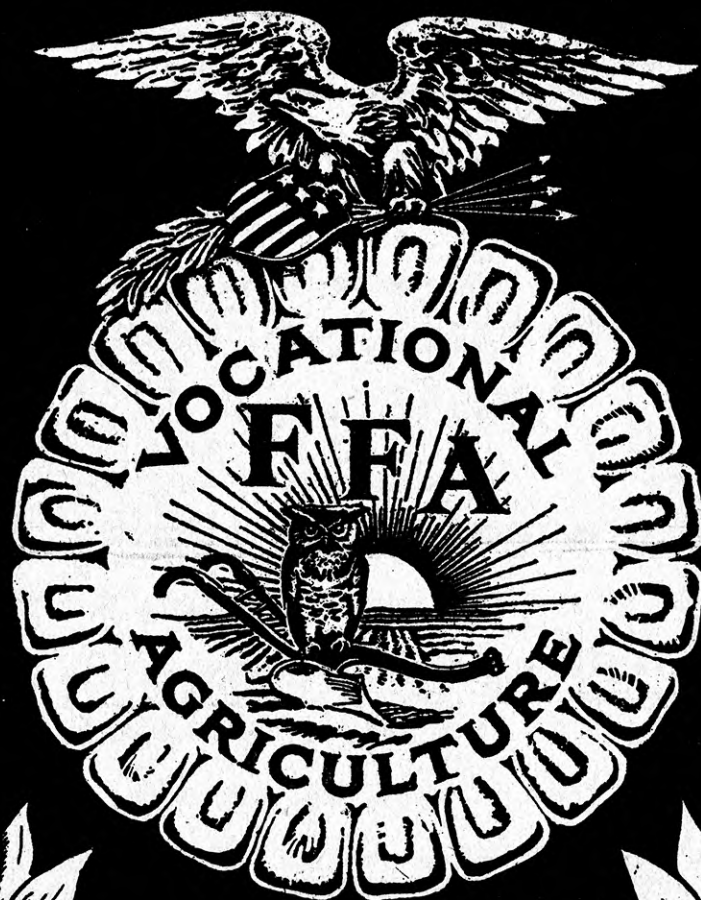


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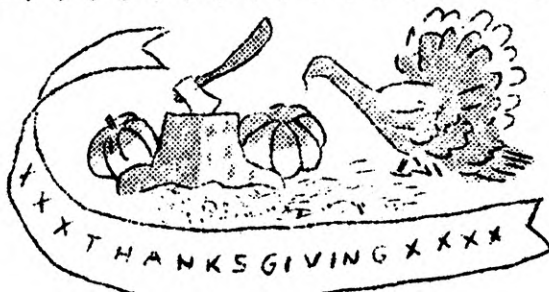
FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1950. Dues are 30¢ per member, 10¢ national and 20¢ state.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter Contest entries--consisting of the chapter program of work in each case--must be in the U. S. Office of Education not later than January 31, 1950. The chapters designated as "Gold Emblem Chapters" in the Kansas Association Chapter Contest of 1949 are eligible to enter. All Kansas entries in the National Chapter Contest should be mailed to Professor A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in time to reach his office not later than January 14, 1950.

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TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FFA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 10-13, 1949

Approximately 7,000 FFA members representing 48 states and 2 territories spent three days mixing business and pleasure in attendance at the Twenty-Second National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

Mayor William E. Kemp, Kansas City, Missouri, welcomed the Future Farmers of America to Kansas City. He expressed his pleasure in welcoming the FFA to Kansas City and stated that in his opinion this meeting of young farmers is one of the most important occurring in Kansas City from one year's end to another.

The splendid manner in which the official delegates and officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America handled their three day meeting impressed favorably not only their leaders but also the citizens of Kansas City and the representatives of great industrial concerns who were in attendance at the meetings. As evidence of this fact, we present an excerpt from an editorial from the Kansas City Star on October 12, 1949. The editorial concerned Kenneth England of Arizona, the 1949 Star Farmer of America. We quote, "These youths as well as the many thousands of other members of the Future Farmers of America are the best possible assurance that the countries food production will be in diligent and expert hands during the years ahead."

Some disappointment resulted from the fact that vice-president Alben W. Barkley and congressman Clifford R. Hope, Kansas, together with Albert S. Goss, master of National Grange, found it impossible to speak to the Convention. While we were sorry not to have these National leaders present, the Convention was so crowded with business and other planned activities that the House of Delegates scarcely had time to adequately handle the important business coming before the Convention.

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

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

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were John Gigstad, immediate past president of the Kansas Association of FFA, Effingham Chapter, delegate number one; and Paul Mugler, president of the Kansas Association of FFA, Clay Center Chapter, delegate number two. J. E. Zimmerman, Olathe Chapter, vice-president of the Kansas Association of FFA; and Lon Dean Crosson, immediate past treasurer of the Kansas Association of FFA, were alternates.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 237 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. Lon Dean Crosson, Minneapolis Chapter; John Gigstad, Effingham Chapter; Tim Hale, Alton Chapter; and Robert Knott, Newton Chapter, were the four boys from Kansas to receive this honor.

Twenty-four American Farmer Degrees were awarded members of the Texas Association giving this state first rank in number of American Farmer Degrees received at the 1949 Convention. Illinois and Tennessee each with



## Twenty-Second Nat'l Conv. of FFA Organization (continued)

twelve American Farmers, ranked second and third. Georgia, with eleven American Farmers, ranked fourth; while Alabama, California and Oklahoma with ten American Farmers each tied for fifth place.

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

Alben W. Barkley, Vice President of the United States, Washington D.C.  
 Clifford R. Hope, United States Congressman from Kansas, Washington D.C.  
 James T. Bingham, Associate Editor, "Country Gentleman Magazine", Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 H. E. Boning, Jr., Manager, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri  
 M. E. Coleman, Educational Director, American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Georgia  
 Harry Darby, President, Darty Corporation, Kansas City, Kansas  
 Milton R. Dunk, Editor, "Better Farming Methods" Mount Morris, Illinois  
 E. S. Estel, Secretary-Manager, The Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa  
 Kenneth W. Hinshaw, Information Service, Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Inc. West Springfield, Massachusetts  
 Frank W. Jenks, Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois  
 C. L. Mast, Jr., Editor, "Agricultural Leaders' Digest," Chicago, Illinois  
 Horace Millhone, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio  
 John McDonald, Farm Director, Radio Station WSM, Nashville, Tennessee  
 E. P. Hilton, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Frankfort, Kentucky  
 A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist in Agricultural Education, Office of Education, Washington, D.C.  
 Byron J. McMahon, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, San Luis Obispo, California  
 R. E. Naugher, Specialist in Agricultural Education, Office of Education, Washington D.C.  
 James W. Hatch, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Albany, New York

In addition to the above list, the Honorary American Farmer Degree was granted to the fathers of the National FFA Officers for 1948-49; to the fathers of the Star Farmers for 1948-49 and to the advisers of the Gold Emblem Chapters for 1948-49.

STAR FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer for the Pacific Region, Kenneth England, is a nineteen year old dairy farmer from Chandler, Arizona. The Star Farmer ceremony held in the Municipal Auditorium was televised by WDAF-TV. This is the first time that any National event concerning the Future Farmers of America has been televised. Sharing the honor with Kenneth was his mother, Mrs. Willis B. England, of Chandler, Arizona. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, of \$1,000.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - John Castronginni, 22, Montrose, Pennsylvania. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Southern Region - Robert Samuel Stevens, Jr., 19, Route 2, Lynchburg, Virginia. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - Jack Hailey King, 20, Dadeville, Missouri. Award \$500.00.

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NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

- First: Burton Bosch, Chinook, Montana - "Foul, But You Can Eat and Drink It".  
Second: Larry Siddall, Laurens, Iowa, - "A Hook Or a Hand".  
Third: Bob Blalock, Rabun Gap, Georgia - Discussed farm price support. (Subject of speech not known)  
Fourth: Marvin Kapaku, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, - "Future Farmers Why Are We Here?"  
Fifth: John Banas, Whitesboro, New York - "The World Food Crisis".

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:Gold Emblem

Montgomery, Alabama  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Conway, Arkansas  
Hot Springs, Arkansas  
Camden-Wyoming, Delaware  
Floral, Alabama  
Deland, Florida  
Blakely, Georgia  
Glenwood, Georgia  
Fairbury, Illinois  
Lanark, Illinois  
Delphi, Indiana  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
Nicholasville, Kentucky  
Duck Hill, Mississippi  
Inverness, Mississippi  
Kalispell, Montana

Worden, Montana  
Tucumcari, New Mexico  
Rugby, North Dakota  
Velva, North Dakota  
Van Wert, Ohio  
Xenia, Ohio  
Guthrie, Oklahoma  
Henderson, Tennessee  
Carthage, Tennessee  
Alpine, Texas  
Clifton, Texas  
Delta, Utah  
Christiansburg, Virginia  
Eagle Rock, Virginia  
Ridgefield, Washington  
Circleville, West Virginia  
Weston, West Virginia

Silver Emblem

Mesa, Arizona  
Yuma, Arizona  
Madera, California  
Modesto, California  
Eaton, Colorado  
Falls Village, Conn.  
Olathe, Kansas  
Evergreen, Louisiana  
Limestone, Maine  
Clarksville, Maryland

Alma, Michigan  
Midland, Michigan  
Brainerd, Minnesota  
Mountain Lake, Minnesota  
California, Missouri  
Fairbury, Nebraska  
Kearney, Nebraska  
Deming, New Mexico  
Greenville, New York  
Mansfield, Pennsylvania

Bronze Emblem

Bent, Colorado  
Willimantic, Conn.  
Pahoa, Hawaii  
Rigby, Idaho  
Mt. Ayr, Iowa  
Slidell, Louisiana  
Gorham, Maine

Boonsboro, Maryland  
Newton, New Jersey  
Sussex, New Jersey  
Camden, South Carolina  
Westville, South Carolina  
Madison, South Dakota  
Lovell, Wyoming

Twenty-Second Nat'l Conv. of FFA Organization (continued)FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

- National Winner - William Kirkpatrick, 18, Worthington, Ohio. Award \$250.  
Regional Winner - Robert H. Wood, 18, Brandon, Vt., North Atlantic Region.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Odell Hatch, 18, Brigham, Utah, Pacific Region. Award  
\$200.  
Regional Winner - Wayne Wigley, 20, Jasper, Texas. Award \$200. Southern  
Region.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

- National Winner - Billy Watson, 17, Forest, Virginia. Award \$250.  
Southern Region.  
Regional Winner - Kenneth Walter Marron, 17, Newton, New Jersey, North  
Atlantic Region. Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Irvin Soiland, 16, Big Timber, Montana. Pacific  
Region. Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Marvin R. Eckhoff, 18, Benson, Illinois. Central  
Region. Award \$200.

DAIRY FARMING CONTEST:

- National Winner - L. D. Davis, 19, Lumberton, Mississippi, Southern  
Region. Award \$250.  
Regional Winner - Richard Niblett, 18, Bear, Delaware. North Atlantic  
Region. Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Marvin L. Nelson, 18, Brainerd, Minnesota. Central  
Region. Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Leslie J. Christian, 17, Bayside, California. Pacific  
Region. Award \$200.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTEST:

- National Winner - Marvin Gummersheimer, 19, Waterloo, Illinois. Award  
\$250. Central Region.  
Regional Winner - Kenneth Gifford, 18, Medusa, New York. North Atlantic  
Region. Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Anthony R. Ivins, 19, Lund, Nevada, Pacific Region.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - George R. Hamilton, 16, Holston, Virginia. Southern  
Region. Award \$200.

1949-50 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

George J. Lewis, 19, Hersman, Illinois, President  
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Glenn F. Lackey, 19, Delaware, Ohio, Fourth Vice President  
Don Bakehouse, 19, Oawatonna, Minnesota, Student Secretary

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Let the farmer forevermore be honored in his calling; for they who labor  
in the earth are the chosen people of God. --Thomas Jefferson.



PRESIDENT MUGLER REPORTS ON NATIONAL CONVENTION

One of the greatest experiences which a Future Farmer can have is to see and participate in our greatest annual meeting, the National FFA Convention. It is truly something I shall never forget.

I shall try to give you a few highlights of the Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Our first session, Monday, October 10, was merely a welcoming get together. The National FFA Band, directed by Doctor Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania, as well as the National FFA Chorus, conducted by Doctor James W. Hatch, New York, presented numbers at this session and at the majority of other sessions of the Convention. They did an excellent job of performing and should be congratulated.

When the Chorus and Band were not presenting numbers they would practice until they would be all blown out, if they played a wind instrument, and hoarse if they sang. To the boys from Kansas in the Band and Chorus - you did swell!

The second session of the Convention was devoted to the National FFA Public Speaking Contest. Maybe next year Kansas will be fortunate enough to have a contestant in this fine contest.

In the third and fourth sessions the American Farmer Degrees and the Star Farmer Awards were presented. Although Kansas can not have a large class of American Farmers any one year, we can be proud of the quality of our four American Farmers for 1949.

The Star Farmer ceremony was perhaps the most impressive moment of the Convention. The Star State Farmers or the State Presidents of all the states and of Puerto Rico and Hawaii carried their own state flags to the stage immediately behind the section where the Star Farmers stood. Since this scene was televised, it was arranged to be the most colorful scene of the Convention.

As the Star Farmer of America, Kenneth England, was awarded his \$1,000 approximately 75 cameras flashed at one instant. England's mother was called to the platform to share the honor which won him the highest recognition other than National President that any Future Farmer can achieve.

Rhode Island was given her charter in the fifth session of the Convention. This makes every state a member of our National Organization.

In brief talks given by two exchange students from England, they stated that some of the things which impressed them in our country are: Nearly everyone has or drives a car and also drives it on the wrong side of the road. But they stated one similarity in Britain and the United States is that women drive in the middle of the road. They were impressed by the enormous size of our country and most of all the National F.F.A. Convention. The boys suggested that an organization of Future Farmers of the world should be organized to bring about better understanding and lasting friendship.

Your delegates, John Gigstad and I, were placed on committees for the sixth and seventh sessions. John was a member of a committee for revising or improving the FFA Manual. I was a member of the Public Relations committee in which we made three additional recommendations beside the eight points

## President Mugler Reports on Nat'l Conv. (continued)

which had been set down in previous years and were all accepted by the House of Delegates.

Most of the main business of the Convention took place in our eighth and ninth sessions in which we gave the permission to the National Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council the right to dispose of our National FFA Camp at Alexandria, Virginia. Each year the National Treasurer goes into debt by keeping this camp and last year only 460 boys made use of the camp.

We passed a resolution stating that each state would pick two chapters from the Gold Emblem winners to enter the National Better Chapter Contest. From this group of chapters would be picked one Star Chapter for each region and from the regional winners would be picked the Star Chapter of America. Star Chapters cannot succeed themselves for three years.

These notes present a few of the highlights of this Convention. I shall never forget the fellowship which I enjoyed, with boys from other states, and our insular possessions, and particularly the National FFA officers. It makes me wonder how little we do at times when there is so much room for improvement.

I hope all of you who attended the Convention enjoyed it as much as I, and that we may continue to strive toward that superb goal - perfection.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mugler, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

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RHODE ISLAND GRANTED CHARTER NO. 50

The State of Rhode Island was prevented for many years from accepting a charter from the National Organization of FFA because of a strict interpretation of certain school laws in that state pertaining to high school organizations. Recently this problem has been clarified and the National Organization of FFA granted Charter No. 50 to the Rhode Island Association. An impressive ceremony inducting Rhode Island into the National Organization of Future Farmers of America was a part of the program of the Twenty-Second National Convention.

In the ceremony of presenting a charter to the Rhode Island Association, the president of the Rhode Island Association was conducted to the rostrum by the president of the Virginia Association. Virginia was the first state association to be chartered. The roll call of states and the chronological order in which they were chartered was made and the president of each state association took his place upon the platform. The Virginia state president presented the president of the Rhode Island association to National FFA president Doyle Conner. President Conner conducted the Rhode Island president, Thomas Poland, to a large map of the United States in the background where the Rhode Island president placed the FFA seal on the only state on the map which did not bear the emblem of the Future Farmers of America. A special salute to the Rhode Island Association was given by the National FFA Band and Chorus.

NATIONAL FFA CAMP - PERMISSION TO SELL

The House of Delegates voted to grant permission to the National Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council to dispose of the National FFA Camp, in whatever manner that would be to the greatest advantage to the National Organization. The delegates at the 1939 Convention authorized the purchase of land for a National FFA Camp. Since that date approximately 30 acres of land have been purchased near Mount Vernon. The camp was first opened during the summer of 1941. It was closed during the war years.

During the year ending June 30, 1949, there were 465 FFA members from 18 chapters stayed at the camp. A total of \$761.50 was paid for this privilege.

The National Organization of FFA leased the George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjoining the FFA camp. The Mill was kept open during the past year and an admission charge of 25¢ for adults and 10¢ for children was made. During the past year 14,022 people went through the Mill. Income from the camp and mill totaled \$3,625.56 for the year ending June 30, 1949.

The Future Farmer Supply Service is using some of the camp buildings for storage space and for headquarters, thus making it possible to use the camp throughout the year.

The following summary taken from the report of the National FFA Treasurer relative to the total cost and income from the National FFA Camp will be of interest.

Total cost of land (1939) . . . . .	\$12,343.23
Total cost of buildings . . . . .	13,463.88
Total cost of equipment . . . . .	1,924.32
Total cost of operation . . . . .	9,709.49
Total cost of salaries . . . . .	17,175.91
Total expenditures (1939 to June 30, 1949) . . . . .	54,616.83
Total income (1939-1949) . . . . .	7,006.61
Total cost to date . . . . .	47,610.23

It is obvious that the National FFA Camp is not being utilized by FFA members to a degree that will justify the expenditures necessary. The appreciation in land values in and near Washington D.C. since the date of purchasing land for the National FFA Camp should make it possible for the National Organization of FFA to dispose of this property without serious financial loss - with possibility of earning a profit.

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NEW FFA SONG

Doctor Hatch and his National FFA Chorus introduced a new FFA song entitled "FFA Emblem Song", with lyrics by Ruby Corder and music by State Director of Vocational Education, Mark Nichols, Utah. Mark Nichols was a former vocational agriculture teacher and supervisor of vocational agriculture in Utah. The new song was especially well received. We do not have information as to where copies of this song may be obtained. Those interested should write Director Mark Nichols, State Department of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah.



STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS

The presentation of the Star American Farmer awards during the fourth session, Tuesday, October 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. was perhaps the most colorful and inspiring program of the entire convention. The ceremony was opened with music by the National FFA Band in the massing of state flags ceremony. National officers bearing the national emblem and the national FFA flag led State Star Farmers each bearing his state flag, to the rostrum. The flags were massed behind four huge stars in FFA colors, three being labeled "Regional Star Farmer" and the fourth being labeled "Star Farmer of America". The Regional Star Farmers and the Star Farmer of America were invited to the rostrum and each took his position before the Star representing the recognition he was about to receive. Randall Jessee, of the Kansas City Star, acted as narrator, and as each Star Farmer was introduced Mr. Jessee gave a brief review of the achievements that led to the winning of the award.

In order to make available to all FFA chapters and members in Kansas the achievement record of the National winners in the Star American Farmer program, we are publishing herewith brief excerpts of the program of the Star Farmer of America and each of the Regional Star Farmers of America.

Star Farmer of America Kenneth England

Kenneth England, from Chandler, Arizona, the nation's top farm boy, combined an outstanding farming program with leadership and cooperative activities to win FFA's highest award. It was his second trip to a national convention to be honored. Last year he won the organization's national Dairy Farming award of \$250 for the high school boy submitting the best record of achievement in dairying.

His 50-cow dairy herd is valued at more than \$7,000 and he owns other livestock, buildings, farm machinery and other assets to bring his net worth up past the \$20,000 mark. Kenneth owns fifty per cent interest in 20 acres of land that is devoted to alfalfa and barley, and he rents 126 acres of pasture land.

His entire farming program has been built up through his own efforts from a beginning with one Jersey heifer while he was in grade school. Kenneth's financial records show that during his four years of vocational agriculture study in Chandler High School he made a labor income of \$19,021 from his supervised farming projects, with most of the money coming from dairy cattle. In 1948, his last year of complete records and his first year out of high school, his labor income was \$13,870. Actual cash profits during the entire five years totaled \$18,494, with the remaining labor income being accounted for in increased inventory.

Kenneth has been one of Arizona's most active FFA leaders. He held offices as secretary and vice-president of the Chandler Chapter, president of his area FFA federation; was third vice-president of the Arizona state FFA association in 1947-48 and state secretary for 1948-49. He has won many honors in livestock and dairy judging contests, placed second in state Farm Electrification contest, was president of the local federation and state parliamentary procedure teams and for two years was co-captain of the Chandler high school track team.

He is a member of Farm Bureau, the local Dairy Herd Improvement Association and American Jersey Cattle Club. He drives 15 miles to study agriculture at Arizona State College at Tempe and is president of the Aggie Club at that school.

## Star American Farmer Awards (continued)

Star Farmer of America Southern Region - Robert S. Stevens, Jr.

Selected from 99 American Farmer degree candidates from 12 Southern states, Robert S. Stevens is the first Virginian to receive an FFA Star Farmer award since 1938 when Hunter Greenlaw of Fredericksburg was named Star Farmer of America.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stevens, Route 2, Lynchburg, Robert attended Rustburg High School where he completed three years of vocational agriculture study in 1937. He is now farming in 50-50 partnership with his father, is married and has two children, Robert Stevens III, two years old, and Deborah, four months.

Young Stevens has the major responsibility for the 167-acre farming operation. His program includes 60 head of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle with bloodlines ranking among the best in the nation. Crops of hay, grain and pasture provide feed for the livestock and give him a balanced farming program that allows crop rotations. He practices contour and strip-crop farming for conservation and is diversifying his farm through the addition of an orchard enterprise.

His 1948-49 farming program included 23 veal calves, 7 acres of corn, 59 acres of hay, 9 acres of wheat, two and a half acres of orchard and garden, 100 broilers, a brood sow and two beef cattle.

He has a particularly outstanding record in leadership, in the opinion of F. B. Cale, State Supervisor. In the opinion of F. B. Cale, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture for Virginia and State FFA Adviser, Robert is "the most outstanding of any FFA President in the history of the Association." He held the offices of secretary and president of the Rustburg FFA chapter, in 1947-48 was Hub-Federation FFA president, and was elected president of the Virginia State FFA Association for 1948-49.

His schoolmates elected him president of the freshman class, he was vice-president of the Literary Society, editor-in-chief of the High School Annual, and captained his school's baseball, softball and volleyball teams. Young Stevens is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Providence Methodist Church, for two years was president and assistant pianist for the Methodist Youth Fellowship and taught the Intermediate class in Sunday School one year.

His high school transcript shows a grade average for four years of 95.3 points, placing him second in scholarship for the entire school.

Star Farmer of America Northeast Region - John Castroginni

John Castroginni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Castroginni, owns 180 acres of land and rents an additional 140 acres for his farming operations out of Montrose, Pa. He specialized in dairy production and owns 51 Holstein cattle valued at \$9,800.

John was graduated from Montrose high school in 1946 after the completion of four years study of vocational agriculture. He has spent two full years in farming since his graduation, continuing his working relationship with the high school vocational agriculture department and his membership in the Future Farmers of America.

His supervised farming program was begun in 1942 with 200 broilers and five hogs from which he netted \$164.49. In his sophomore year he expanded the farming activities to raise 600 broilers, 82 hens, three dairy cattle, five hogs, 28 acres of small grains and 16 acres of corn, and profits went up to \$756. As a junior he netted \$1,207 from farming, and as a senior \$3,108. In his first year out of school his profits from farming were \$3,564 and last year he netted \$5,031 giving him, in six years, a total income of \$13,833 from supervised farming projects.

John's father is in poor health and the parents have deeded the home farm to him in return for a \$10,000 bond providing that he will provide a home for both of them for as long as they live, pay them \$30 per month for life and at their death pay each of his four sisters \$100 and his one brother \$500. The farm is valued at \$12,000 and he owns other assets, such as livestock, farm machinery, and equipment, worth \$17,000.

John was an outstanding student of vocational agriculture throughout his high school work and has been called on several times to work as a substitute vocational agriculture teacher. He held the offices of reporter, vice-president and president of the Montrose FFA chapter and in 1947 was sentinel of the Pennsylvania State FFA Association.

He is vice-president of the local Young Cooperators organization, member of the National Executive Committee of Young Cooperators, and secretary of the Dairymen's League local. His record of scholarship in high school reveals that he was valedictorian of his senior class in 1946.

#### Star Farmer of America Central Region - Jack King

Jack King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy King, was graduated from Dadeville, Missouri high school in 1937 after four years of vocational agriculture instruction and membership in the Future Farmers of America.

Jack's freshman projects in vocational agriculture consisted of a sow and seven pigs, a beef cow and calf, five sheep, three acres of corn and three acres of oats, from which he netted a \$220 profit, money which he immediately turned back into an expanded farming program. By his senior year of high school he had progressed well enough that he was able to buy most of the equipment on the home farm when his father's health became too poor to allow him the full activities a farmer needs. He now works in cooperation with Mr. King, splitting expenses on crop production, sharing the yields. Their livestock is kept separately with Jack doing the work in return for his home on the farm and use of the land. In addition, Jack operates another 115 acres of good bottom land on a crop rent basis.

Jack owns assets valued at \$19,235, against which he has notes totaling \$5,650, giving him a net worth of \$13,585. Most of his assets are in livestock, equipment and buildings. He owns 28 dairy cattle, 47 hogs, 4 horses and 105 poultry.

He was married in 1947 to Miss Bebe Rea Gibberson. They are making their home on the family farm and have a baby daughter nine months old.

Young King held offices of secretary and president of the Dadeville FFA chapter and in 1947-48 was vice-president of the State FFA Association. He was president of his freshman class, captain of the school's baseball team and a member of the Boy Scouts.



1949 KANSAS AMERICAN FARMER CLASS

The following is a brief report on each of the four successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas.

Robert Knott - Newton Chapter

Robert started his supervised farming program in 1944 with two Hereford steers. In his second year he increased his program to three fat steers, one-half interest in 7 Angus heifers, 100 Black Australorpe chickens, one Short-horn cow and calf, and two registered Duroc gilts.

In his third year, he had 4 steers, one-third interest in 12 Angus heifers, one bull, two Duroc sows, four Duroc gilts, and 10 Duroc barrows, five acres of Atlas, thirty acres wheat, ten acres oats, 40 acres of pasture, and 60 Australorpe hens.

In 1947-48, his senior year, Knott's farming program consisted of four fat steers, 18½ Angus heifers, two-third bull, three registered Duroc gilts, six fall pigs, 200 chicks, 40 acres wheat, and 10 acres Atlas. His total receipts for the four years farming program carried while in high school was \$9,403.50.

Knott was on the Newton high school vocational agriculture judging team, which placed tenth among the 106 teams competing in 1948 at the state judging contests held at Kansas State College. Bob was high individual in livestock judging out of the 318 individuals competing; was third high in crops judging, and seventh high in poultry.

John Gigstad - Effingham Chapter

John started his farming program in 1944 when he had one Hereford cow, one heifer calf, five acres seeded wheat, and six acres corn; and a total net worth of \$214.69.

At the end of his four years farming program, carried while in school, John had one Hereford cow, two heifers, ten steers, nine heifer calves, three other calves, 33 acres seeded wheat, 33 acres harvested wheat, 16 acres corn, five acres alfalfa, nine acres clover, six acres oats; and his total receipts for the four years of farming was \$5,851.58.

John graduated from high school in 1948 and ranked first scholastically in a graduating class of 53.

In the FFA activities he served the Effingham chapter as president, was chairman of many committees, and was state president of the Kansas Association of FFA; was guest speaker at state leadership schools, and served as official delegate from Kansas to the national FFA convention in Kansas City, both in 1948 and 1949.

In high school he has served as class president, Hi-Y president, A-Club president, Hi-Y treasurer, served on Student Council, was a member of the Tiger Club, Camera Club, Mixed chorus, boys glee club, boys quartette, participated in class play, lettered in football and track, was on the intra-mural basketball team, and was co-captain in track. In 1948 he established a new discus record for his school at the Ottawa relays.

## 1949 Kansas American Farmer Class (continued)

Lon Dean Crosson - Minneapolis Chapter

Lon Dean started his four year farming program with two registered Duroc sows, one registered Duroc boar, and 13 young pigs. From this group he saved gilts to increase his breeding stock. By selling breeding gilts and boars to other chapter members and breeders in his county, he soon made registered hogs his chief project.

He started on some small grain crops with 14 acres of Atlas Sorgo and 80 acres of wheat. In his third year of vocational agriculture he went into partnership with his mother and brother on a one-third basis on all livestock and machinery. The crops were also divided on the third basis.

At the close of his four years of farming program, Lon Dean had a net worth of \$10,268.65. He now owns in partnership with his mother and brother, 61 head of hogs including breeding stock, 8 dairy cows, 41 head of stock cattle, 350 laying hens, 250 acres of wheat, 8 acres of alfalfa, 15 acres of silage feed, with about 35 acres of oats.

He served as president, sentinel and reporter of his local FFA chapter, and was treasurer of the Kansas FFA Association in 1948. He participated in a number of FFA officers training schools, was official Kansas delegate to the 1948 national FFA convention; and was delegate from his chapter to the state FFA convention in 1948.

He is a member of the Kansas Duroc Breeders Association, junior member of the United Duroc Breeders Association, Kansas Crops Improvement Association; had highest producing sow in the National Duroc Production Registry program in 1946; and broke the state record for Kansas the same year for the heaviest litter. He was a member of Hi-Y for three years and member of the M-Club.

Tim Hale - Alton Chapter

Tim started his farming program in 1944 with ten steers, six Angus heifers, nine feeder cattle, and 65 acres of seeded wheat. At the end of his four years of farming, Tim had one pure bred Angus heifer, seven grade Angus heifers, five Angus cows, eight Angus steers, one purebred Angus bull, 15 calves, two SPC gilts, 12 spring pigs, 13 fall pigs, three ducks, 65 acres harvested wheat, 130 acres Milo, 40 acres Atlas, and a total net worth of \$10,730.30.

While in school Hale was a member of the Alton local and district team and was a member of the Alton state high school judging team in 1947.

He plans to continue his present farming program specializing in expanding his purebred Angus herd to include 100 head and expects to go in partnership with his father within a year or two. Along with his cattle he expects to raise a few hogs, and some wheat. Tim has complete ownership of his farming program and carries full labor and management responsibility for it.

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Make it thy business to know thyself, which is the most difficult lesson in the world. -- Cervantes.

OLATHE CHAPTER WINS SILVER EMBLEM AWARD

The Olathe Chapter of Future Farmers of America, A. G. Jensen, adviser, was awarded a Silver emblem plaque in the National Better Chapter Contest at the annual convention of Future Farmers of America meeting in Kansas City.

The Olathe chapter, which represented the Kansas Association of FFA in the national contest has a membership of 65. Officers of the chapter for the year 1948-49 when the entry was made were: Charles W. Alexander, president; D. Wayne Zimmerman, vice-president; J. Elton Zimmerman, secretary; George Meyer, treasurer; William Brink, reporter. J. Elton Zimmerman is state vice president of the Kansas Association of FFA this year.

Alexander, and D. Wayne and J. Elton Zimmerman are now enrolled at Kansas State College, Manhattan, and made up the Olathe judging team which competed October 4-6 in judging dairy products at the National Judging Contests at Waterloo, Iowa, where they won the silver emblem award. D. Wayne Zimmerman was awarded the gold emblem award as an individual.

The chapter was chartered March 5, 1936. E. L. Raines was the chapter adviser at the time and served in that capacity until last year, when he left to serve as head of the Agricultural Division of Friends University, Wichita. A. G. Jensen, formerly of Effingham, replaced Mr. Raines at Olathe. The chapter has shown a rapid growth in number of members and in program activities since the year of its organization.

The chapter has placed major emphasis on offering all around training for members rather than on a few activities, and has had a high ranking among the 175 chapters in the state.

This spring their judging team placed fourth among the 106 teams competing in all agricultural judging contests at the Annual State High School Vocational Agriculture Judging Contests at Kansas State College, Manhattan. J. E. Zimmerman on the team was high individual in animal husbandry judging, and Alexander placed second high individual in dairy judging. The chapter shop team was among the ten high in the State Farm Mechanics Contest, with 78 teams competing.

The chapter also received a Gold Emblem rating in the State Better Chapter Contest this spring for the fourth consecutive year, and was third high in competition for the Agricultural Education Club award, which was given on the basis of all state contest activities opened to FFA members. In 1947-48, the Olathe chapter won the Agricultural Education Club award.

The 65 members had an average investment in farming of \$572, and average labor income of \$369.27.

As a service to the farmers of the community, the members pruned 99 fruit trees; castrated 99 animals; docked 145 lambs; caponized 92 cockerels; dehorned 81 calves; vaccinated 148 animals; sheared 56 sheep; culled 394 chickens; tested 42 soil samples; tested 29 samples of milk; treated 19 patches of bindweed; and run 40 rods of terrace lines.

As a service to the school they banded 87 trees, cleaned and cut three truck loads of firewood and cleaned the school campus. At home 96 per cent of the members helped improve living conditions by trimming shrubbery, trees,



## Olathe Chapter Wins Silver Emblem Award (continued)

etc., improving drives, setting out trees, painting buildings and making other repairs, with a total of 342 jobs credited to their account, plus a total of 407 home practice jobs or projects which they completed.

The chapter also conducted a safety campaign with the results that there were no serious accidents on the farms of the 65 members during the past year.

Seventy-six per cent of the members used purebred sires; 67 per cent owned purebred females; and 90 per cent used certified seed.

In food production the 65 Olathe Future Farmers produced 14,120 pounds beef; 44,372 pounds pork, 7,898 pounds mutton; 59,486 pounds milk; 1,245 pounds poultry; 1,317 dozen eggs, 575 pounds wool; 3,824 bushels corn; 3,269 bushels wheat; 2,250 bushels oats; 240 bushels soybeans; 48 bushels kafir; and 4,500 pounds lespedeza seed.

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### NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

This year for the third time all state and territorial associations were given an opportunity to have participants in the National FFA Band and for the second time all state and territorial associations were given an opportunity to have participants in the National FFA Chorus. Doctor Henry S. Brunner, Head Teacher Trainer, Pennsylvania State College, directed the Band, and Doctor James W. Hatch of the State Department of Education, Albany, New York directed the Chorus. Both the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus added greatly to the enjoyment of the National FFA Convention, both groups performed over National radio hookups and both groups did much to place the Future Farmers of America Organization in an enviable position.

Both the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus reported for practice at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 6. Members of the Chorus were permitted to return to their homes when the meeting was turned over to the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Thursday evening, October 13. The Band members remained in Kansas City and participated in the American Royal Livestock Parade, Saturday morning, October 15.

Members of both the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus were high in their praises of their leaders and directors. The boys were kept so busy practicing, cutting records, broadcasting, and filling their program schedule that they scarcely had time for their meals. Kansas had five members in the National FFA Band and five members in the National FFA Chorus.

The Band members from Kansas were Jim Anderson, Randolph; Jerry Deaton, Tonganoxie; Jerome Johnson, Concordia; John McKone, Tonganoxie; and Donald Schimpf, Stafford.

Members of the Chorus from Kansas were Clement C. Anderes, Chapman; Ted Hanson, Concordia; Gary Johnson, Highland Park; Merle Schnelle, Medicine Lodge; and Carl Reeder, Wakeeney Chapter.

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

EXCERPTS FROM REPORT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY A. W. TENNEY  
(Twenty-Second National FFA Convention)

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1949, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters . . . . .	7,250
Total number white departments of vocational agri- culture without FFA chapters . . . . .	157
Total active membership in chartered chapters. . . . .	280,111

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree . . . . .	131,357
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree . . . . .	139,853
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree . . . . .	7,141
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree . . . . .	358
Total active membership. . . . .	279,382
Total number of Associate members (local). . . . .	175,678
Total number of Honorary members (local) . . . . .	23,798
Total number of Honorary members (State) . . . . .	3,385
Grand total membership . . . . .	469,670

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food .	227,433
Number of members who increased the size of their farming program. . . . .	148,614
Number of members who used improved livestock practices. .	153,329
Number of members who used improved crop production practices. . . . .	148,495
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work. . . . .	6,968

II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups . . . . .	3,676
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort . . . . .	195,155

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life . . . . .	3,198
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become re- adjusted to farm life. . . . .	49,455
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery. . . . .	120,326
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned machinery. . . . .	4,797

## Excerpts from Report of National Executive Secretary (continued)

Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation . . . . .	35
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work . .	129,935
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work .	5,462
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment . . . . .	128,275

## IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of State Associations that nominated full quota of American Farmers . . . . .	37
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books	6,128
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest. . . . .	48
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest . . . .	6,084
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings . . . . .	6,835
Number of State Associations having a written continuing program of work. . . . .	49
Number of chapters having a definite written continuing program of work. . . . .	5,806
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheets regularly . . . . .	41
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters . . .	2,184
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly. .	4,753
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members. . . . .	45
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences . . . . .	5,902
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series . . . . .	33
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs . . . . .	2,176
Number of Association members attending last National FFA Convention . . . . .	5,705

## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members who purchased U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps . . . . .	26,330
Number of chapters that purchased U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps . . . . .	737
Number of State Associations purchasing U.S. Government Bonds and Stamps . . . . .	10
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices . .	55,336
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices . . . .	4,057

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the official Manual . .	252,133
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book .	6,047
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book .	5,732
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual . . . . .	5,789



## Excerpts from Report of National Executive Secretary (continued)

Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual . . . . .	46
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings . . . . .	6,431
Number of chapters holding regular meetings . . . . .	6,669
Number of State Associations holding a convention . . . . .	49
Number of members who have attended at least 100% of chapter meetings . . . . .	130,738

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship . . . . .	5,928
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## VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation . . .	6,198
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities . . . . .	191,721
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year . . . . .	21
Number of members attending State camp . . . . .	15,852
Number of chapters represented . . . . .	1,390
Number of State Associations participating in National FFA Week . . . . .	41

## C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year . . . . .	\$50,221,977.60
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## D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher-training departments operating Collegiate FFA chapters . . . . .	27
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters . . . . .	2,605

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TRAGEDY

Representatives of the Tucumcari Chapter, New Mexico, on their way to attend the National FFA Convention, were aboard the Rock Island crack train that was derailed near Meade, Kansas, due to a washout, October 9. The Tucumcari Chapter had been declared Gold Emblem Chapter in the National Chapter Contest. Junior Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mitchell, was killed. Adviser Otto Dillon was injured but continued on to Kansas City and received the Honorary American Farmer Degree as local adviser of the Gold Emblem Chapter at Tucumcari. Allen Williams, second vice president of the state association, was seriously injured and hospitalized at Liberal, Kansas. Mac Berry, past president of the chapter, was injured but continued on to the convention and acted as delegate from that state.

Both Adviser Dillon and Mac Berry were high in their praises for the courtesies shown the New Mexico FFA members by Ormond Breeden, vocational

## Tragedy (continued)

agriculture instructor at Fowler, Kansas. Mac Berry stated that Ormond Breeden took him into his home and drove him out to the scene of the wreck as well as over to Liberal to see his injured buddy.

The House of Delegates sent flowers to the Mitchell family at Tucumcari.

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FUTURE FARMER OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED, AWARDS

In addition to the awards made available through the FFA Foundation, Incorporated, in the field of Star Farmer, American Farmer, State Star Farmer, Public Speaking, and FFA Judging Contests, \$24,000 was budgeted for awards in four major fields of activity; namely, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, and Soil and Water Management. A state winner, a national winner and three regional winners are declared in each of these fields. We are pleased to present herewith briefs of the achievements of the national winners in these major fields of activity.

National Award - Farm Mechanics

William Kirkpatrick, 18 year old Ohio farm boy, received a \$250 cash award at the twenty-second annual Future Farmers of America national convention in Kansas City as winner of the organization's national award in farm mechanics.

William is 18 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, lives with them on a five-acre tract and rents 94 acres of cropland for his own farming program. His father is associated in a business that handles appliances and building materials.

Young Kirkpatrick is a senior in Westerville high school this fall, having completed three years study of vocational agriculture and membership in the Future Farmers of America. His farming program last year consisted of 30 acres of corn, 7 acres of oats, 8 acres of hay, 50 acres of soybeans, a sow and litter, and four dairy heifers.

He owns farm machinery and equipment valued at more than \$3,000, all of which was obtained through his own initiative with profits from his supervised farming program and other activities. Several items, such as a \$650 truck, were purchased at low cost and rebuilt into valuable machinery. He built and equipped a farm shop that serves as a center for much of his work, and his farm mechanics activities have included complete overhaul jobs on two tractors and reconditioning many other pieces of machinery. He rebuilt two hog houses, constructed farm gates, hog troughs, trailer racks, and converted an old truck into a servicable farm tractor.

"I have heard many farmers remark that Willian can do as well farming with his rebuilt and reconditioned machinery as most farmers do with the latest models of farm implements," said his vocational agriculture instructor, Willard Wolf.

## Future Farmer of America Foundation, Inc., Awards (continued)

National Award - Farm Electrification

Billy Watson, 17 year old farm boy from Forest, Virginia, was named national winner of the Future Farmers of America 1949 Farm Electrification Award during the twenty-second annual national FFA convention in Kansas City.

Billy Watson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Watson. He was graduated last spring from New London Academy near Forest, Virginia, where he had completed four years of vocational agriculture and membership in the Future Farmers of America. He has held the offices of president, treasurer and reporter in the New London FFA chapter.

Billy lives on a 360-acre farm. While studying vocational agriculture under the instruction of J. O. Gunter he performed a complete electrical wiring job for the new 30-cow dairy barn which was completed on his home farm this year, and did all the wiring for a recently completed milk house.

The electrical work for the farm water system, wiring a four room addition to the dwelling house, and wiring the farm garage were also among his accomplishments in electrification. Billy constructed and did all the electrical work on a power grinder and rip saw, as well as motorizing a seed cleaner, corn sheller and cement mixer. He has a well equipped shop for electrical work and regularly handles all electrical repair problems on the farm and in the home.

Young Watson has been interested in electrical work since his enrollment at the New London Academy where he built a miniature transformer and electric motor in his first year of attendance. He completed his high school course last June 7 and has entered farming on a full time partnership basis with his father. He carried an extensive supervised farming program while studying vocational agriculture, being particularly interested in dairy farming.

National Award - Dairy Farming

L. D. Davis, 19 year old Future Farmer of America member from Route 3, Lumberton, Mississippi, was named winner of the FFA National Dairy Farming Award. He was presented a \$250 check during the twenty-second annual national FFA convention at Kansas City.

L. D. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis, Route 3, Lumberton, Miss., completed the study of vocational agriculture in Savannah high school last spring. He is a past vice-president of the Mississippi state Future Farmers of America association, served the Savannah chapter as president three years and vice-president one year.

Young Davis started his supervised farming program in dairying as a high school freshman with four grade Jersey cows and had, in addition to them, a beef calf, twenty hogs, two acres of corn and five acres of oats. He grossed \$970 from that first year's work and invested most of the profits in more dairy cattle.

Through the profits from his farming program he was able to start a registered herd in his second year of FFA with three animals purchased from Mississippi State College at a cost of \$515. He increased the registered herd in subsequent years, including the addition of a \$1,500 registered bull. His present dairy herd of nineteen registered Jersey cattle and seventeen grade Jerseys is valued at about \$7,000. He also has a herd of hogs and raises much of the feed needed for his livestock.



## Future Farmer of America Foundation, Inc., Awards (continued)

National Award - Soil and Water Management

Marvin Gummersheimer, 17 year old Waterloo, Illinois, farm boy was named winner of the Future Farmers of America first national award for Soil and Water Management at the organization's twenty-second annual national convention in Kansas City. Marvin received a \$250 cash award for first place in the national contest.

Marvin was graduated from the Waterloo, Illinois, high school last spring after completing four years of vocational agriculture study and membership in the Future Farmers of America.

He has adopted many soil conservation and improvement practices on the 114 acre home farm, including terracing 15 acres, placing a grass spillway at the end of the terraces, building a concrete spillway, and building a farm pond.

Marvin reclaimed six acres of wasteland into profitable pasture and woodlot, eradicated five acres of Johnson grass, used 2-4-D to kill weeds in pasture and roadways, and since 1941 has planted 3,000 locust trees, 500 loblolly pines and 500 shortleaf pines. He systematically gathers and tests soil samples on the home farm, and 25 tons of fertilizers have been added as a result of those tests.

Young Gummersheimer's supervised farming program last year included one dairy cow, fifteen swine, eight acres of barley, one acre of garden, eight acres of alfalfa and two acres of corn.

He is a past president of the Waterloo FFA chapter, vice-president of the sectional FFA association, is a member of the Farm Bureau and plays trombone in the Waterloo Municipal Band. He won local chapter and sectional honors in the FFA public speaking contest with a speech on soil conservation in which he stated: "To leave a farm less productive than you found it is a crime against humanity."

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ILLINOIS - FFA CREED - TECHNICOLOR, SOUND MOVIE

The Illinois Association held the preimier showing of a technicolor, sound movie which was based upon the FFA Creed. Each significant statement in the Creed was read and then followed a movie pictorialization of the statement. All pictures were of Future Farmers and their activities. The photographic work was excellent, the script was well done, and the voicing was excellent. This film should be shown at every state FFA convention, and either this film or one patterned after it with local adaptations should be made available to every FFA chapter in the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

While the FFA Creed film has an Illinois setting, it is a movie that can be used advantageously in any state or in any chapter in the United States and its insular possessions.

We have no information as to the availability of the Illinois FFA Creed film. However, if sufficient interest is shown in this film, ways and means may be found to make the film available to FFA members outside the state of Illinois. Request for the use of the film or information concerning same should be addressed to Supr. J. E. Hill, State Dept. for Voc. Educ., Springfield, Ill.

NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

In all of the contests, state teams and individual judges were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention, or Participation, in that order. Emblem winners, team and individual, received plaques, and those placing Honorable Mention or Participation received certificates. In addition, all Gold Emblem winners received cash awards.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$10,000 for plaques, certificates and cash awards for these contests. \$2,000 was budgeted for plaques and certificates, \$3,000 for cash awards to Gold Emblem teams, and \$5,000 for cash awards to Gold Emblem individuals.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 4-6, 1949

Dairy Cattle Judging (31 state teams competing)

Kansas, represented by the Belleville Chapter, won Gold Emblem Classification.

Team: Galen Morley, George Brzon, and Charles Hanzlick. Carl Beyer. Coach. George Brzon and Charles Hanzlick placed Gold Emblem and Galen Morley placed Silver Emblem classification in individual competition.

Dairy Products Judging (27 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by the Olathe team, won Silver Emblem Classification .

Team: Charles Alexander, J. Elton Zimmerman, and D. Wayne Zimmerman. A. G. Jensen, Adviser. D. Wayne Zimmerman placed Gold Emblem and Charles Alexander and J. Elton Zimmerman placed Bronze Emblem Classification in individual competition.

Poultry Judging and Egg Grading: (30 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by the Cherryvale team, won Gold Emblem Classification.

Team: Don Alexander, Harry Hamilton, and Bill Froebe. Clem Young Adviser.

Adviser Clem Young and his boys are to be congratulated in that they not only placed the team in Gold Emblem Classification but each individual also received Gold Emblem Classification.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 13, 1949

Livestock Judging Contest: (34 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by the Belleville team, won Honorable Mention Classification.

Team: Galen Morley, George Brzon, and Charles Hanzlick. Carl Beyer, Coach Bud Hanzlick and Galen Morley rated Bronze emblem, and George Brzon rated Participation in individual competition.

Meats Identification Contest (25 state teams competing)

Kansas, represented by the Concordia team, won Bronze Emblem Classification.

### National FFA Judging Contests (continued)

Team: Ted Hanson, Don Hudsonpillar, and Lyle Lagasse. W. A. Rawson, Coach. Lyle Lagasse ranked in the Silver Emblem Classification, Don Hudsonpillar ranked in the Bronze Emblem Classification and Ted Hanson ranked in the Honorable Mention Classification in individual competition.

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### FFA CALENDAR - OSBORNE COMPANY

As stated in a previous issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, the National Organization has made arrangements with the Osborne Company, Clifton, New Jersey, to publish official FFA calendars. The plan for placing calendars in communities was presented to the vocational agriculture teachers during their 1949 annual conference.

The Osborne Company had the original painting "Young America" by Harold C. Anderson on display at the convention. Copies of this painting will adorn each FFA calendar distributed. The 1950 calendars will have in addition to the "Young America" picture, an excellent selection of pictures taken from the files of the Osborne Company. However, the 1951 FFA calendars will use kodachrome reproductions of FFA activities.

Companies purchasing these calendars will be permitted to stamp their name on the calendar so that the calendar will read "Presented by the First National Bank." In accepting an order from a company in any community, the Osborne Company agrees (1) not to sell the calendar to any other advertiser in that community for use during 1950, (2) next year that same company will be given first opportunity to continue the franchise in force by buying the official Future Farmers of America calendar for 1951.

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### FFA CHAPTER OFFICER EMBLEMS

The State Office now has available the new Chapter Officers' Emblems. The emblem consists of the FFA pin with guard and chain attached designating the office held. For example, the office of the president will have a gavel attached to the chain, the office of vice president will have a small plow attached to the chain, with the ear of corn, the head of Washington, the United States Shield, and a Sabor designating the respective offices.

The price of the pin and officers' guard, silver plate, is 95¢. This includes government and state tax.

Officer emblems must be ordered through the usual procedure, and cash must accompany the order.

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If Columbus had turned back after sixty-five days of sailing uncharted seas, no one could have blamed him, but no one would have remembered him.

Even if you have a good excuse for giving up, remember that all the rewards go to those who stick till they get what they are after. -- "Giving Up," from Boys' World.



CHAPTER NEWS

SOLOMON: The officers for the Solomon Chapter this year are as follows: Loren Samuelson, president; Robert Higgins, vice-president; Ray Eisenhauer, secretary; Donald Warner, treasurer, Donald Janssen, reporter and Jack Park, sentinel....The third annual FFA Fair was held on September 17. The fair proved very successful with each member exhibiting at least one enterprise from his farming program. Seventy dollars was voted from the FFA treasury for prize money....Plans are now under way for our 3rd annual FFA-Senior carnival which is to be held in the High School Gym on October 28, 1949....The Solomon American Legion presented the Chapter with two purebred Duroc gilts this past week to help encourage better livestock in our farming programs. The two gilts in turn were given to two sophomores, Dick Harrington and Jim Sexton. Each boy will give back to the Chapter two one-hundred pound gilts from the first litters. We now have one sow owned by the chapter, loaned out on this basis.

Don Janssen, Reporter

HOYT: Our officers for the year are: Clarence Plants, president; Gerald Damme, vice-president; Ray McGrew, reporter; Junior Plants, secretary; Marvin Willis, treasurer; Charles Hainline, sentinel....Five boys were initiated as Green Hands, October 10. We have 17 members in the chapter.... A pest eradication contest started October 11 and will end November 14. The losing side will treat the winners to a chili supper.

Ray McGrew, Reporter

NORTON: Our chapter held regular night meetings each month during the summer with a watermelon feed in August. Colored slide films of local interest were also shown at the August meeting....The Norton County Fair was well attended by members with many entries being made by them. The float that we entered in the parade depicted an FFA ladder with the steps representing the degrees of membership and the levels of attainment for each. We received \$15.00 cash award for this entry. Our booth illustrated the importance of farm records and was awarded a blue ribbon and a cash award of \$5.00....Four new official jackets were received by the officers ordering them.

Jack Sheley, Reporter

CENTRALIA: We have twenty-six boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year....The following boys were elected of the Centralia Chapter. Melvin Gustin, president; Keith Irwin, vice-president; Carl Simmons, secretary; John Woolsoncroft, treasurer; Don Roberts, reporter; and Mr. Balzer, advisor....On September 24 we held a dance which netted us \$48.00.

Don Roberts, Reporter

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Mother - "I sent my little boy for two pounds of plums and you only sent a pound and a half."

Grocer - "If scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little boy?"

## Chapter News (Continued)

WAMEGO: Our officers for the coming year of 1949-50 are: Don Weikelman, president; Leonard Rowe, vice-president; Harold Raine, secretary; Don Schumacher, treasurer; Vernon Prockish, reporter....Five boys from the Wamego Chapter attended the Judging School held at Topeka....We have thirty-six students enrolled in vocational agriculture and thirty-five members in the FFA....We put out a wheat fertility plot....On October 18 we held a meeting with the Wamego FFA....The parents of Green Hand members attended the Green Hand initiation October 25....Some of the projects we are repairing or building in shop are a trailer, a colonial hen's nest, a shelf hog feeder, a feed bunk, a mower, and a grain drill.

Vernon Prockish, Reporter

HANKATO: Officers for the year are: Don Freeman, president; Dale Thronson, vice-president; Lynn Volker, reporter; Phil Shackelton, treasurer; Wayne Hanson, secretary; and James Matousek, sentinel....On October 13 the Hankato FFA had a Parent Night program, for the parents, faculty, and the Board of Education. The purpose of the program was to explain the purpose of vocational agriculture, and the FFA to the community. Norris Maydew of Lebanon was our guest speaker and the FFA members all had a part in the program explaining some phase of vocational agriculture work....New equipment for the shop includes a new arc welder and a new paint spray gun.

Lynn Volker, Reporter

HOLTON: Officers for 1949-50 are: John Bowser, president; Otis Bowser, vice-president; Charles King, secretary; Marvin Decker, treasurer; Lyman Bowser, reporter; Robert Askren, sentinel....We have a brand-new theater model Manley popcorn machine which will be used to earn chapter funds through sale of popcorn at athletic events at Holton High School. Our school paper, which comes out every three weeks, is to carry a column of FFA and vocational agriculture news. The reporter is to write the column and will receive a by-line on the column....We have 37 students in agriculture....Plans are being made for our pest eradication contest which will begin about November 1....Our shop work has included a scoop gate for a wagon, a pair of extension side boards for a truck, a feed bunk, 3 wagon boxes under construction, a rabbit hutch, some barn doors, 2 chicken feeders and other small jobs.

Lyman Bowser, Reporter

WASHBURN: Officers for 1949-50 are: Jim Perry, president; Merlin Ice, vice-president; Scott Sheets, secretary; Wendell Cazier, treasurer; David Palmer, reporter; and Galen Neill, sentinel....The following were initiated as Green Hands of the Washburn Chapter: Bob McElroy, Bill McElroy, Dick Palmer, Max Young, LeRoy Flickinger, Glenn Nicely, Ray Cos, Gary Brown, Bob Engler, Don Humphries, Albert Crane, Don Latter, Kimmy Zinn, and Don Grantier.

David Palmer, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

WESTMORELAND: Officers for the year are: Eldon Zabel, president; Norman Kastner, vice-president; Bernard Mayer, secretary; Robert Sargent, treasurer; Dale Bradshaw, reporter; Oscar Krouse, sentinel....We held our annual over-night picnic at Lake Eskridge on July 23....Our pest eradication contest is under way. Lawrence Heath and Frank Reves are the two teams captains....A fire prevention program, in connection with fire prevention week, was presented at our Activity Period Meeting on October 7....All officers of the chapter are now proudly wearing their officers pins.

Dale Bradshaw, Reporter

EUREKA: Officers we elected for 1949 are: Clinton Huntington, president; Merle Braden, vice-president; Ben Omes, Secretary; Roy Russel, treasurer; Frank Gaines, Reporter; Hurley Breech, Sentinel....Twenty-seven boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture....Major activities planned are: Father and Son Banquet, Square Dance, Christmas Party, Green Hand Initiation, Soil Testing Day, Trips to American Royal, Attend Officers Training School, Experiment Fertilizer Plots, Judging Contest and Basketball team....We have purchased a new soil testing kit and have tested 2,700 acres with it including veterans land.

Frank Gaines, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Officers elected at our May meeting for 1949-50 were: President, Galyn Peterson; vice-president, Eugene Breeding; secretary, Richard Vering; treasurer, Kenneth Koch; reporter, Gerald Griffie; sentinel, Richard Pacha ....A watermelon feed was held by the chapter for prospective new members in the vocational agriculture I class....A fire of undetermined origin was discovered in our shop and extinguished before much damage was done....An addition to our present shop was constructed during the summer adding some much needed space. The Agriculture II and Agriculture III classes are helping install new equipment and tool storage....Members of Vocational Agriculture classes will assist in husking and weighing yields of cooperative corn test plots.

Gerald Griffie, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Officers for the coming year are: Wayne Elliott, president; Willis Heck, vice-president; Fred Ayers, treasurer; Marvin Heck, secretary; Willis Shaw, reporter....We were well represented at the County Fair. Our booth won first place for \$10.00 and we also won first place in the Livestock Judging Contest. Willis Heck and Wayne Elliott tied for high individual in the entire judging contest with 243.3 points out of a possible of 250. Collin Ovenston won 2nd place in the junior division....At the present time we have 2 steers and 3 hogs on full feed. We are completing the last phase of the deferred feeding system. Our 2 steers weighted 850 when they came off pasture....We plan to replace these two steers with three more in the near future. We also plan to buy 10 feeder pigs in the near future.

Willis Shaw, Reporter



## Chapter News (Continued)

MCDONALD: The officers of the chapter are: Vernon David, president; Glenn Rummel, secretary; Gail Miller, treasurer; Ronald Moreland, reporter; and advisor Mr. Feldkamp....We have 25 members in our chapter this year.... We shocked about 150 acres of feed....Just after school started the FFA boys bought and sold 115 bushels of apples.

Ronald Moreland, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: Officers elected at our May meeting for 1949-50 are: Ed Gillette, president; Robert Morehant, vice-president; Richard Gartner, secretary; Dale Hawkins, treasurer; Don Wisely, reporter; and Clifford Erne, sentinel....Two summer meetings were held and at the last meeting we had a watermelon feed....We have 30 boys in vocational agriculture....Seven senior boys entered the Crain Judging Contest at the Fall Festival in Chanute, September 29 and won second place....The Santa Fe Railroad awarded Jack Johnson and Allan Heath a trip with all expenses paid to the FFA Convention at Kansas City.

Don Wisely, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Officers elected for 1949-50 are: President, Gary Coleman; vice-president, Harold Shetterly; treasurer, Gene Lindsey; secretary, Jack Rogers; reporter, Lyle Baker; sentinel, Dallas McHitt....The FFA chapter entered a booth in the Hamilton County Fair. The theme of our booth was noxious weeds....In shop Lary Dikeman has started the job of repairing six wheat drills....Our FFA has planned a scrap drive to raise funds for our treasury....We are now planning for our Father and Son Banquet which will be held on November 16. We will have a joint meeting and a Halloween party with the FHA on October 26....In our shop we have a new electric saw and new electric grinder.

Lyle Baker, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Jerry Schweitzer; vice-president, Clifford Stansbury; secretary, George Steward; treasurer, Wayne Hew; reporter, James Barnes....Initiation ceremonies for the Green Hands will be held the 1st week in November....We plan to hold our annual Ag. Barnwarmer October 28....We have purchased two Spotted Poland gilts as class projects. Reporter, James Barnes will take care of the gilts, the chapter will furnish the feed, and will build a modified "A" hog house. Eleven members have purchased FFA jackets this year; all officers have official FFA jackets....We have 33 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture....We have had two farming program tours since the beginning of the school year. Transportation was furnished by the school....Members of our chapter have purchased 50 breeding ewes, and 10 steer calves this year for their individual farming programs....Considerable shop time has been spent by members repairing cabinets, building new cabinets, repairing old equipment and building concrete slabs and walks around the building....We received \$74.20 as prize money from our booth exhibit at the Topeka Fair, and \$20.00 from local farmers for shop jobs completed. Shop jobs completed are: 4 hog troughs, 3 combination roughage and grain feeders, repaired 150 bu. metal hog feeder, built 1 hay rack, built two beds for new pickup trucks, repaired 1 hay rack, overhauled pump for school, built 3 feed bunks, one 2-wheel trailer, and 2 hog houses.

James Barnes, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

OVERBROOK: Officers of our chapter are: President, Robert Gloss; vice-president, Russel Harrop; treasurer, Charles Fawl; reporter, Dean Israel; secretary, Jack Gilmore. The officers of our chapter are the proud owners of official FFA jackets....Our chapter has a cooperative gilt project. A weaning gilt is given to a boy and in return he gives one of the same when she farrows....We had a watermelon feed for the freshmen on August 23.... We purchased 200 boxes of Christmas cards to sell to help finance our chapter. The chapter plans to sponsor a turkey raffle at our last football game.

Dean Israel, Reporter

SHAWNEE MISSION: The following Shawnee Mission boys assisted at National FFA headquarters during convention week; Stanley Hurt, Richard McCoy, Clarence Pflumm, Vernon Scoville, Wayne Thies, Joe Kniffin, Clyde Ellis, Charles Pettijohn, Jerry Shadowen, Glen Jackson, Jerry Callaghan, Dale Grosshart, John Hart, Bob Robbins, Carl Ryckert, Bill Whin, Gene Barker, Phil Henry, Fred Irwig, Charles Larson, Jack Meyers, Joe White, Gene New, Ron Cox, Richard Nichols. Stanley Hurt and Wayne Thies were interviewed on stations WDAF and WIBW on special programs. Nelson Jennett was in charge of chapter photographers and was assisted by Harry Hedges and Ron Cox.... The following FFA members assisted Mr. Cliff Henry, manager of the Glenwood Farms, during the annual Wellesley Club tour of farms, last Saturday: Joe White, Richard Nichols, Glen Jackson, Phil Henry, Fred Irwig....The first out-of-state visitors during National FFA Convention week were the two delegates from Pennsylvania. Fifty University of Illinois students and their instructors visited the Shawnee Mission vocational agriculture department Wednesday, October 12. This was the tenth annual visit for students from the University of Illinois....Several Shawnee Mission FFA boys were included in pictures taken for National Geographic Magazine, during the National FFA Convention....Green Ag officers are: Joe White, president; Ed Humphrey, vice-president; Glen Jackson, secretary; Gene New, treasurer; Bill Beatty, reporter; Phil Henry, sentinel. The Green Ags are candidates for the Green Hand degree which is the first degree in active FFA membership. Those who qualify by the end of the semester will be admitted as full fledged FFA members.

Richard McCoy, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: The officers elected last May were: Bill Overmiller, president; Lyle Stroup, vice-president; Derald Sears, treasurer; Bob Overmiller, secretary; Bill Bolton, reporter; ElDean Holthus, program chairman; and George Daniels, sentinel....Our annual father and son watermelon feed was held August 30, with about 80 present....The FFA-FHA hayrack ride was taken September 20 which consisted of about 93 girls, boys, and faculty members with 3 tractors and hay racks. Apples and cookies were served.

Bill Bolton, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

JEWELL: Officers elected for the coming year are: Richard Willmeth, president; Junior McCracken, vice-president; Edwin Seamans, secretary; Fred Baldwin, treasurer; Waldo Pierson, reporter; Melvin Hutchison, sentinel.... The FFA boys sponsored the corn and poultry exhibits at the "Jewell Corn Show" held October 16 and 17. The chapter also entered a float in the parade....We are planning to have a hayrack ride and weiner roast this month.

Waldo Pierson, Reporter

DEVERLY: Officers for this year are: Harold Fischer, president; Ardell Smith, vice-president; Duane Trapp, secretary; Bill Judd, treasurer; Jack Meili, reporter; and Larry Webb, sentinel....The chapter plans to buy some Hereford calves with the money we have in the treasury. These calves will be deferred fed, according to the Kansas plan....This year our chapter has 27 members, and we are planning to initiate 7 new Green Hands.

Jack Meili, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Eleven FFA boys accompanied by Mr. Crow, advisor, took a seven day vacation this summer shortly after harvest. The boys bought their own supplies and camped out. The mode of transportation was a truck, furnished by one of the local farmers. They spent a day in and around Colorado Springs and a day at the Swift Packing Co. in Denver, where the boys were divided into groups to accompany the various buyers as they made their rounds through the stock pens buying animals for Swift and Co. They then made an extensive tour of the packing house itself....The boys then spent the remainder of time camping out in the mountains. Including all meals, traveling expenses, fishing licenses and so forth, it cost each boy \$22.... The boys spent several days this fall shocking feed to raise chapter funds.

Jerry Waters, Reporter

SEDAN: Officers for this year are: Leland McAfee, president; Mack Foster, vice-president; David Herard, secretary; Bill Leniton, treasurer; Vryl Smith, sentinel; Harold Blackwell, advisor; and Oliver Kocher, reporter.... We have 32 members in our chapter this year....The FFA held a dairy heifer contest last summer. The boys who tried for the heifer had to write a 700 word theme. The Ayrshire heifer was won by Mack Foster. The agreement on the heifer is that he will give the first heifer calf back to the chapter. Thirteen freshman were initiated September 27...The FFA won first on their booth at the Chatauqua County fair. The theme was a dairy cow facing the jury. The jury consisted of a judge, a Babcock tester, milk scales, feed records and milk records....We made \$86.00 at the fair by going in with the industrial arts department on a cedar chest. They made the cedar chest and we sold tickets on it.... The FFA is planning a paper drive again this year....The FFA is going to cooperatively mix 2,000 pounds of trio mixture with the veteran class....Last year the chain pigs that went out have had litters and each boy will return one sow pig from the first litter which in turn will be given to the boys this year. The boys who get the pigs will be determined by a contest. The pigs will be given away November 1.

Oliver Kocher, Reporter



## Chapter News (Continued)

BUHLER: Our 1949-50 officers are: President, Orval Gould; vice-president, Keith Chrisman; secretary, Wilber Redd; treasurer, Charles Beck; reporter, Bill Rumsey; sentinel, Cameron Miller; student council representative, Bill Rumsey....Adviser Johnson, president Gould, treasurer Beck and reporter Rumsey attended a banquet held in Hutchinson, in honor of Garrit Gast, a citizen of Almelo, Holland. He visited our high school in the afternoon and took several pictures of our school. He was here as a "Good Will Ambassador." Reno County is affiliated with the community around Almelo. Since our chapter is a charter member of the Reno county UNESCO, we were honored by getting to see and talk to Mr. Gast. We promised to take several hundred feet of movies and send to him. He seemed quite pleased as it would make it possible for him to show the high school boys and girls of his country more about what the high schools of the United States offer for high school students....He was given a copy of our High School Annual. We received the Purple Ribbon at the Kansas State Fair on our Reno County Collective Exhibit. This exhibit was placed by Robert Archer, Lee Roy Nyberg, Delbert Unruh, Leonard Peters, Alfred Schmidt, Bobbie Borders, Miss Marian Janzen, (she asked if she might help for the experience and was excellent help), Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Credit also goes to the other 49 members who had a part. 100% of the members in school helped prepare the exhibit....Keith Chrisman, sophomore, ranked 14 in the individual placings at the CK Ranch field day in judging Herefords.

Bill Rumsey, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Officers elected for 1949-50 are: Robert York, president; Joe Bruce, vice-president; Warren Wixon, secretary; Jack Hefley, treasurer; Orin Eckhardt, reporter; and Ernest Dunbar, sentinel....We have 60 paid-up members. We are making plans for a donkey basketball game. We hope this will provide the funds for our Parent-Son Banquet....In shop we have under construction four farrowing houses and several small items for farm use, as well as several pieces of farm equipment being repaired.

Orin Eckhardt, Reporter

FREDONIA: Officers for the year are: President, Frank Baker; vice-president, Roy Thomas; secretary, Dale Sharpt; treasurer, Edmond Sanborn; reporter, Marlin Harms; advisor, Mr. Harold Shoaf....During the summer a vocational agriculture building 40' x 80' was constructed. It has a classroom, shop, two offices, a lavatory, and showers. Machinery which has been stored is now being installed....We took a trip to the Hutchinson State Fair on September 20-21....The officers attended the National FFA Convention this year....Our outstanding activity last year was a trip to the Ozarks.

Marlin Harms, Reporter

WATERVILLE: Officers for the year are: Lee Springer, president; Barrie Dean, vice-president; Glen Taplin, secretary; Neal Wiechmann, treasurer; Gail Taplin, reporter, and Keith Jacobson, sentinel....In cooperation with the FHA we purchased a new popcorn machine. We sold advertising and printed football programs for the first time this year. Barrie Dean won 6 blue, 8 red and 5 white ribbons at the county fair with his sheep.

Gail Taplin, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

BAZINE: Officers for the coming year are: President, Larry Ball; vice-president, Dennis O'Brien; secretary, Harrison Washaliski; treasurer, John Holmes; reporter, Malcolm Washaliski; sentinel, Melvin Rahm....The FFA and the FHA had a roller skating party at the Ness City skating rink on the evening of October 11th. Eight Green Hands were initiated on October 17. Our chapter purchased a set of FFA Drapes.

Malcolm Washaliski, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: Officers elected at the end of the 1948-49 year were: Bob Swank, president; Don Huelskamp, vice-president; Clifford Mayo, secretary; Lowell Mulch, treasurer; and Earle Haflich, reporter....Our chapter netted \$370 at our concession stand at the Finney County Free Fair. We husked our hybrid popcorn October 19. This is a co-operative activity. We held a parents meeting for the number nine student's parents, October 19.

Earle Haflich, Reporter

YATES CENTER: Our newly organized vocational agriculture department has 43 members and we have been busy this first six weeks getting our chapter started....Officers elected for the coming year are: Dick Pringle, president; Eddie Englebrecht, vice-president; Maynard Englebrecht, secretary; Marvin Eagle, treasurer; and Nelson Pringle, reporter....Members of the chapter cooperated with the Kansas Crop Improvement Association in harvesting the Woodson county corn testing plots in September. The money that the boys earned was placed in the FFA treasury to help with the purchase of FFA paraphernalia that is needed by the chapter....Several of the members of the chapter are planning to attend the deferred fed steer show in Kansas City, November 9 and some of them have steers to enter in the show. A local show is being planned before the steers are sold.

Nelson Pringle, Reporter

ELLIS: The Ellis FFA Chapter participated in the livestock judging contest at the Ellis County Junior Free Fair, September 29....Ellis placed first in the event....Plans are now under way to establish a veteran's on-the-farm training program to be sponsored by the Ellis vocational agriculture department.

Artie Honas, Reporter

ASHLAND: The newly elected officers are: President, Dean Leslie; vice-president, Bill Davis; secretary, Virgil Fox; treasurer, Darrel Dombaugh; reporter, Kenneth Swanson; program chairman, Glen Pentz; sentinel, Donald Cox; activity chairman, Charles Wise; chaplain, Richard Moore; adviser, Mr. W. J. Braun....The juniors elected a set of junior officers and the sophomores elected a set of sophomore officers. At present all FFA members have paid dues....The Ashland chapter began by winning first place in the panel display at the State Fair at Hutchinson, Kansas....The local chapter plans to develop a project program that is a challenge to the gold emblem chapters.

Kenneth Swanson, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

HOXIE: Officers elected for 1949-50 are: Phil Pratt, president; Darrell Allen, vice president; Richard Mowry, secretary; Bert Reed, treasurer; Archie Moss, reporter; Richard Mosier, sentinel. This year we are trying out something new. We have elected junior officers from the two lower classes. These officers lead class meetings in discussing business that will be passed on in our regular meeting....First place and silver cup went to the FFA Judging team at Colby. Marvin Taylor was high individual and Dick Mosier was second high individual. At Wakeeney the team won second in livestock and in crops. In Stockton, they won sixth in poultry. Jerry Shipley was the high individual and won 25 purebred baby chicks.... A big truckload of our FFA members went to Sheridan Lake on an overnight fishing trip....The chapter has taken on as a chapter cooperative project the farming of the airport and fair ground which we have in wheat at the present time....The chapter met and decided to put heat and water in our FFA buildings located on the fair grounds. We have ordered four 75,000 B.T.U. Chrysler air-tem heaters from army surplus which will be installed in the main building in the near future. Water was piped into all the buildings just before the FFA - 4-H Club County Fair. The chapter had a very beautiful float in the parade, during the fair, depicting balanced farming. Many blue and red ribbons were won by our members....Our chapter raised freshmen to the Green Hand degree on Monday, October 10....Our chapter was host to the Northwest Kansas District Leadership School at Hoxie on October 4....The sophomore and junior class has completed our tentative program of work....The freshman Parent-Son meeting was held Tuesday, September 27, at 8:00 in the gym. Following the meeting there was open house in the agriculture building. Refreshments were served by the Boys Home Ec class supervised by Miss Jean Miller....The winners of the pest contest were Ben Taylor, first, who received fifteen dollars worth of coyote guns; second place winner was Marvin Taylor who received a carton of rifle shells; and third place was won by Larry Cressler who received a hunting knife....Mr. Barry received permission from Mr. Laird, principal, for our chapter to get a half day off from school to make some money for our chapter. We made 378 shocking feed. We plan to use this money in helping pay for our buildings.

Archie Moss, Reporter

KINGMAN: Officers for the year are as follows: President, Bill Messenger; vice-president, Chuck Osner; secretary, Junior Keeling; treasurer, Bill McAdam; reporter, Jim Buchanan; sentinel, Julius Weber; adviser, Virgil Lake....A large group of members attended camp Wentz, Ponca City, Oklahoma in July. We had the largest representation of any school present. Nineteen boys and Mr. Lake attended. We began the school year in our new vocational agriculture building. We have 42 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture and 50 members in FFA....We plan to hold open house in the near future....Forty-eight members attended the State Fair this year. Roy Sloan and Rex Brown exhibited livestock at the Fair....The chapter played a big part in making the Kingman County Fair a success this year. In the vocational agriculture department we had 59 entries in crops, and 11 livestock entries. In the open class we had 48 crops entries and 16 livestock entries. This totals 134 entries in FFA and open classes. In the open class of 48 entries in crops we placed as follows: 10 first; 7 seconds; and 7 thirds....Our farm mechanics exhibit consisting of 12 larger pieces of equipment placed 4th at the State Fair and brought us \$70 prize money. We also had an exhibit at the County Fair....We have recently purchased 1000 FFA and Kingman High School pencils of which we have sold approximately half and which will add \$25 to our treasury when sold.

Jim Buchanan, Reporter