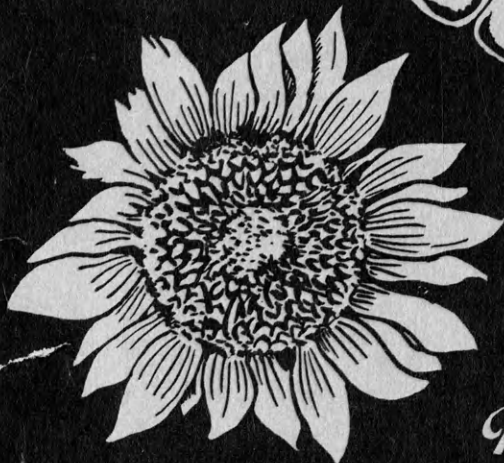
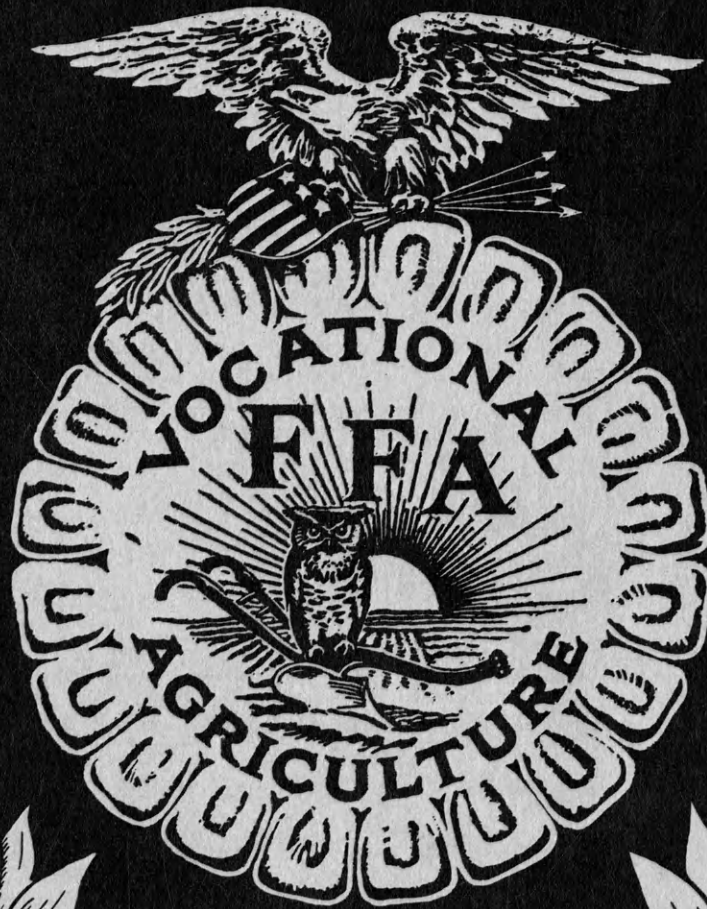


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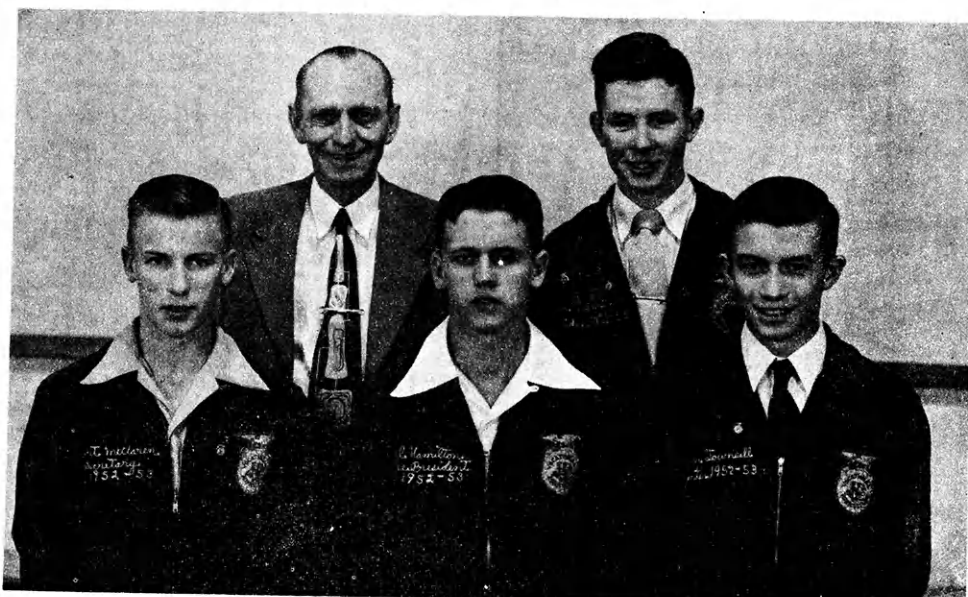
Kansas Will Be Represented In The National FFA Judging
Contest By The Following Chapters

Hill City Chapter, winning FFA State Livestock Judging Team, will represent Kansas in the National FFA Livestock Judging Contest held at Kansas City, Mo. Oct. 15. F. L-R Leonne Worcester, Allen Worcester. B. L-R John Lacey, Chapter Adviser, Curtis Harvey.



Chanute Chapter, winning FFA Dairy Judging Team, will represent Kansas in the National FFA Dairy Judging Contest held at Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 6. F. L-R Dean Strack, Duane Moyer, Mervin Snowden. B. L-R Garold Burghart, Chas. Carter, Jr., Chapter Adviser.

Cherryvale Chapter, winning FFA State Poultry Judging Team, will represent Kansas in the National FFA Poultry Judging Contest held at Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 14. F. L-R Robert McClaren, Carl Hamilton, John Townsell. B. L-R Clem Young, Chapter Adviser, Roger Adamson.

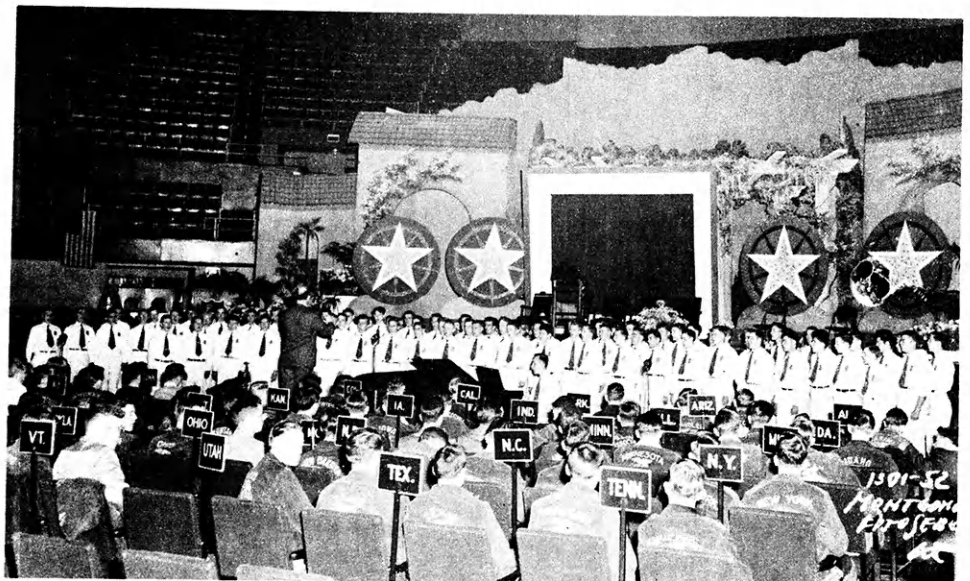


Quinter Chapter will represent Kansas in the National FFA Meats Contest held at Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 14. F. L-R Boyd Tuttle, Jack Sutcliffe. B. L-R Ormond Breeden, Chapter Adviser, Dwight Jamison.



Roger Adamson, of the Cherryvale Chapter, represented Kansas at the 13 state regional FFA Speech Contest held at Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri, August 10. Roger won first place followed by entries from Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. By winning first place, the Kansas entry will represent the north central region in the National Public Speaking Contest held Monday evening, October 12, 8:00 p.m., Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri. Clem Young is Roger's chapter adviser.

Delegates to the National FFA Convention are enjoying a number by the National FFA Chorus, directed by Dr. James Hatch. The chorus represented 110 FFA members from 36 states.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. The activities of the entire FFA organization are directed toward the development of citizens who are willing to cooperate with each other and to unite behind competent leaders. The FFA offers many opportunities for us to develop ourselves for our future in farming.

To the individual member, I would suggest that you participate in the activities of the local chapter and the State Association to the fullest possible extent. There are many rewards to be gained by your participation in these activities. Take an active part in the various state contests such as the Public Speaking, Farm Mechanics, Agriculture and the Chapter Contest. In my judgement, the knowledge and skill gained through these activities will better fit you for your future than any other extra-curricular activity which your local school offers.

You, the officers of the local chapters, having accepted the responsibilities of your office should feel obligated to perform the duties of the office to the best of your ability. A good leader delegates authority to others, but he is responsible for the finished product. At the district leadership schools this fall, you will be representing your chapter and your school. Prepare yourselves well so that you can be proud of your performance. If you are attentive to your duties and diligent in your labors, your chapter will make progress during the coming year.

As you develop your chapter program of work, solicit the aid of all the members. Make the program of work a workable one; one which is adapted to the local chapter and community. If all of the members have a hand in its development, cooperation toward attaining the goals will be more easily acquired.

The FFA is developing a trained leadership and a farm citizenry which serves and exerts an influence for good wherever found. We, the members of the Kansas Association of FFA will enjoy many experiences during the coming year which will prepare us to be better leaders and citizens. "Opportunity knocks but once", and "He who hesitates is lost".

Nelson D. Galle, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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DELEGATES TO THE 26TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Official delegates to the 26th National FFA Convention held at Kansas City on October 12-15 representing Kansas Association of FFA will be:

Past State President
State President

Billy Ray James, Clay Center Chapter
Nelson Galle, Moundridge Chapter

Alternates are:

Past State Treasurer
State Vice President

Gary Neilan, St. Francis Chapter
Gilmore Dahl, Effingham, Chapter

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MESSAGE FROM ADVISER L. B. POLLUM

In perhaps no other industry has there been more change than in farming. Comparatively these changes have come most rapidly. The past two or three decades farms have come from a business requiring little equipment to one in which a high degree of mechanization obtains.

It is not unusual to find from one to three tractors on a single farm. There is power drawn and power driven equipment for almost every phase of farming activity. Many thousands of dollars are invested in tractors, combines, ensilage cutters, pick up balers, etc. The farm that is not so equipped is often considered backward and nonprogressive.

This mechanization has created a tendency to exploitive farming. It has added much to the cost of equipping for farming.

The Future Farmer who contemplates becoming established in farming would do well to ask himself a few pertinent questions. "If I make the necessary investment will it make a profit for me?" "What will be my sources of income and approximately what income can I reasonably expect?" "Will it pay for the investment in machinery and its maintenance?"

Since the key to success in farming is low cost production, "What can I do to keep production costs low?"

To many of these problems the Future Farmer gains an insight through his farming program.

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

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PICTORIALS

Volume 25 of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter will continue the use of a pictorial section. Our present plan calls for major emphasis of the following subjects for the six issues of the Newsletter:

- September - Kansas Representatives in the National FFA Judging Contests
State Leaders and winners and state fair.
- November - 26th National FFA Convention
- December - District FFA Leadership Schools
- February - State Fair FFA Exhibit winners.
- April - Area Judging Schools.
- May - 26th 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 1952-1953

Number of vocational agriculture departments.....	192
Number of active FFA chapters.....	190
Number enrolled in vocational agriculture.....	6,410
Number of FFA members.....	7,045
Average net worth per member.....	\$510.00
Total net worth.....	\$3,264,100.00
Number State Farmer degrees granted.....	141
Number Agri. Judging Teams entered State H. S. Contest.....	129
Number Farm Mechanics Teams entered State H.S. Contest.....	105
Number Farm Machines repaired.....	5,803
Number pieces of equipment built.....	7,025
Number entered State FFA Chapter Contest.....	41
Number entered State FFA Speech Contest.....	25
Number American Farmer Candidates recommended (1953).....	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, 1952 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 1953-54 Calendar of Activities for Kansas Association of FFA will be helpful in building local chapter activity calendars.

1953-54 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
2. A continuous program of repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
3. Prevent waste of all kinds. (Conserve soil and other natural resources; control farm fires; control livestock losses, eradicate pests.)
4. Take every precaution against farm accidents. They result in suffering, loss of manpower, damaged equipment, and sometimes cost lives.
5. So far as practical, produce on the farm all the needs of the farm and farm family.
6. Assist veterans in becoming established in farming.
7. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members.
8. Each chapter to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, 1953. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the state FFA Public Speaking Contest.
9. Six issues of the FFA newsletter to be published, beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisers, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
10. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
11. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the FFA Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
12. Encourage 100 per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
13. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
14. Support the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
15. Support special U. S. Postage Stamp Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the FFA.

1953-54 State FFA Program of Work (continued)

16. 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.
 17. 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.
 18. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list of paraphernalia: U. S. Flag, Owl, Ear of Corn, Pictures of Washington and Jefferson framed under glass, Plow, Gavel, Seal, Charter framed under glass, Creed, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, where practical, FFA Manuals - minimum of six, Filing Case, Mounts for Officers Emblems, FFA Song, Purposes framed under glass and picture of Henry Groseclose framed under glass.
 19. Encourage scouting.
 20. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed.)
 - a. FFA Manual, 1952 edition, for each officer. (1) 15¢
 - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer (2) 20¢ or A Guide to Parliamentary Practices (4) 15¢ Henderson & Rucker.
 - c. History of Kansas FFA 1929-1943, Davidson. State FFA Office, KSC.
 - d. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the past year.
 - e. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Convention.
 - f. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (4)
 - g. Reporting Agriculture Through Newspaper, Magazines, Radio, Television (7) \$4.00.
 - h. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Starting to Farm, Beard (4)
 - Living on a Little Land, Deyoe (4)
 - What Our Farmers Can Learn From Other Lands (6) \$3.00.
 - i. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Short Stories for Future Farmers (4)
 - Tony Sees It Through, Bailey (8) \$2.75.
 - If You Please, Allen & Briggs (3)
 - j. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings, Tenney (4)
 - Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (4)
 - Winning FFA Speeches, Vol. II, Purkey (4)
 - The Fun Encyclopedia, E. O. Harbin (5) \$3.50
 - The Farmer and the American Way, Dunbar (Paper cover) (9) \$.50
- (1) Future Farmer Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
 - (2) W. F. Stewart, c/o Department Ag. Educ., Ohio State Univ., Columbus, Ohio
 - (3) J. B. Lippincott Company, 220 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois
 - (4) Interstate Printing Company, 19th Jackson, Danville, Illinois
 - (5) Abingdon Cokesbury, New York and Nashville.
 - (6) The Iowa State College Press, Press Building, Ames, Iowa
 - (7) Cornell University Press, 124 Roberts Place, Ithaca, New York
 - (8) E. P. Dutton & Co. Inc., New York, New York
 - (9) Oxford Book Company, New York, New York

1953 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

HOLTON: September 21, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

LAWRENCE: September 22, 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.

CLAY CENTER: September 23, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

EMPORIA: September 28, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

FREDONIA: September 29, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

HARPER: September 30, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

BUHLER: October 1, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

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

BELOIT: October 5, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

DODGE CITY: October 7, 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, Pratt, 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 Newsletters, National FFA Proceedings, etc., in an effort to create a desire to organize a local chapter of Future Farmers of America.
- b. Elect temporary officers from upper class groups. Use a nominating committee if feasible.
- c. Through committee assignments and study of mimeographed material from the state office, build tentative chapter Program of Work.
- d. Write state office at Manhattan for Petition blanks to petition the State Association for a local FFA chapter and for Program of Work blanks.
- e. Collect State and National dues (.10¢ National, .20¢ State - total .30¢); list membership in accordance with directions on Petition blank and forward the Petition blank with State and National dues and tentative local chapter Program of Work to the State Office at Manhattan, Kansas.
- f. Upon receipt of Petition blank, dues and local Program of Work, the State Office will issue the local FFA charter and will send the local chapter free the following material: George Washington'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.

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- 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.

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The Future Farmer 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 FARMER 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, Mass. - All FFA jewelry supplied by this firm.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA - This office has discontinued handling general FFA supplies. 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 5. 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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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD CORRECTION

In the ranking of chapters under the Agricultural Education Club Award, May 15, 1953 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, an error was made in omitting the Hill City Chapter, John Lacey, Advisor. The Hill City Chapter scored a total of 111 points and should have been ranked fourth among the high ten chapters.

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WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

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

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

- (1) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts.
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- (7) U. S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D.C.
- (8) Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, Missouri.
- (9) Chapter Supply Co., Box 594, Danville, Illinois
- (10) W. F. Stewart, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio

1953-54 KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA BUDGET

	1953-54 Estimated Income	1953-54 Estimated Expenditures	1952-53 Actual Income
1952-53 Actual Income			\$2,517.10
Income in Dues	\$2,100.00		
Prorated share FFA Supply			
Service Earnings	335.00		
Reimbursement National Judging			
Contests	125.00		
National Public Speaking Contest		\$ 40.00	
Officers to called State Meetings		75.00	
Officers to State Convention		100.00	
Officers to District Leadership			
Schools		65.00	
Postage for gathering FFA news		50.00	
State Farmer Certificates		25.00	
Public Speaking & Better Chapter			
Certificates		30.00	
Metals, plaques, ribbons, buttons		150.00	
Officer Jackets		25.00	
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		700.00	
Delegates to National FFA Convention		75.00	
National FFA Band Uniforms		100.00	
National FFA Chorus Uniforms		100.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
Members National FFA Band		325.00	
Expense, travel and subsistence,			
Members National FFA Chorus		325.00	
Special Talent - State FFA			
Convention		25.00	
National Judging Contests		120.00	
Printing State FFA Activity Calendar		40.00	
	<u>\$2,560.00</u>	<u>\$2,550.00</u>	

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MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

Membership in the Future Farmers of America has reached a new record total of 363,369 during the organization's 25th anniversary year, according to records compiled in the national FFA office at Washington, D. C.

The 1953 membership topped 1952 by 10,453, or nearly three percent. Figures are based on the amount of dues (10 cents per member) paid by the State FFA Associations to the national organization.

Thirty-one 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 36,322 members, followed by North Carolina with 21,914, and Illinois with 17,421.

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ROGER ADAMSON WINS CENTRAL REGIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

The Central Regional FFA Contest was held at University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, August 10, 1953. Thirteen states were represented. Regional Winners announced follow:

1. Roger Adamson, Kansas
"Our Soil and Our Freedom."
2. Don Wood, Indiana
"Down the River."
3. Duane Satterlee, Michigan
"Future Farming and the Future of Farming."
4. Gary Best, Illinois
"Conserve That Soil"

The judges were Dr. Bower Aly, public speaking department, University of Missouri; Mr. Gilbert Terpening, Farm Credit Administration, department of Land Bank cooperatives, Wichita, Kansas; and Mr. Paul Zillman, a representative of the Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas, Chain Store Grocery Association.

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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 only Future Farmers of America Foundation Inc. cash award on the State level accepted by the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America has been the cash award for "State Initiated Projects". This award was divided equally between the State Gold Emblem chapter winners to be used for chapter betterment.

Beginning in 1953 the "State Initiated Project" was designated as the "State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership". The amount of award money for 1953 was greatly increased, and the Kansas Association requested and received permission to include State Silver Emblem Chapter winners in the distribution of the award money. The State Gold Emblem Chapter winners will receive 20 per cent more than will the State Silver Emblem chapter winners. All award moneys distributed for this project in Kansas is to be used for the betterment of the local FFA chapters.
- II. 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.
- III. The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America acts as an intermediary for distributing the Future Farmers of America Foundation Inc. award moneys to assist in paying travel expenses for the National Future Farmers of America Judging Contests.
- IV. 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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SPECIAL U.S. POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

General Information

On October 13, at Kansas City, Missouri, during the first full day of the Future Farmers of America National Convention, the Post Office Department will introduce and begin "First Day Sale" of a special postage stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of the FFA.

In keeping with the usual procedures of the Post Office Department in issuing commemorative stamps, they will be offered for sale only in Kansas City on October 13.

However, on the following day, October 14, the FFA stamps will be placed on sale throughout the country at Post Offices where the local Postmaster has requested a supply.

Local FFA chapters can schedule special promotional activities in connection with the commemorative stamp and receive considerable publicity for the organization in local newspapers and radio stations. Advance planning is required if chapters are to receive the maximum benefit from the stamp.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION - IMPORTANT

THE FIRST STEP to be assured of a local supply of the stamps is to contact the local Postmaster and request that he order a large enough supply to fill the community needs. This should be done several weeks in advance of October 14. Unless requested to order them, many Postmasters will not have the FFA Commemorative Stamp for local sale.

Make plans for WIDE LOCAL USE of the stamps:

1. FFA members visit local business concerns, tell them about the commemorative stamps, and ask them to purchase enough of them to supply their stamp needs for the rest of the year.
2. FFA members and their parents plan to purchase enough stamps to use on their personal correspondence for several months. Urge other students to buy stamps. This activity might be stimulated by holding a contest to see which FFA member, or team of members, can sell the most stamps.
3. Chapter should buy supply of stamps for official correspondence.
4. Urge school superintendent and principal to buy supply of FFA stamps sufficient enough to supply the school's postage needs for remainder of year.

Special U.S. Postage Stamp Commemorating 25th Anniversary (Con't)

5. Prepare poster for downtown display calling attention to the FFA stamps and their availability at the Post Office. (A sheet of 50 stamps enclosed in cellophane might be used to illustrate the poster.)

Arrange SPECIAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY program in connection with stamp issue.

1. Get Postmaster to speak briefly and present sheet of stamps to the chapter.
2. Have members tell about the history of FFA, its activities and accomplishments, and about the work of the local chapter.
3. Present Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to Postmaster.

PLAN PUBLICITY in local newspapers.

1. Talk with editor before stamp goes on sale; give him story about stamp and plan coverage of October 14 activities.
2. Arrange for photograph to be made of Postmaster presenting sheet of stamps to chapter president in school assembly program. (For best results, work with the newspaper photographer and Postmaster to "fake" the picture in advance of the actual presentation. For small newspapers that do not have their own engraving plants this may need to be done several days in advance.)
3. If no special program is scheduled, get picture of FFA members lined up at post office window buying stamps from Postmaster. (The same advance arrangements listed above may be desirable for this picture.)

PLAN RADIO PUBLICITY

1. Arrange special program.
2. Provide radio news announced story about stamp to be read on the air.

Information For Stamp Collectors

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Fleetwood Cover Service, Pleasantville, New York, has been designated to produce the official "First Day Covers" for the FFA Stamp. Members who are interested in obtaining such covers should write Fleetwood for their prices and handle arrangements directly with that company.

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WILL ADDRESS
THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

President Dwight D. Eisenhower heads the list of distinguished speakers expected to participate in the 25th Anniversary national convention of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15.

The President will address the final convention session on Thursday night, October 15.

Groups of FFA members who plan to attend the convention on October 15 only, should arrive sometime before 2 p.m. so that they can register. Because of the public interest in hearing President Eisenhower, it will be necessary to restrict attendance at the Thursday evening program to those persons who have registered for the convention.

We hope that as many as possible of the Kansas FFA members will remain to hear Eisenhower. It is strongly urged that as many members as possible wear their FFA jackets and, of course, the chapter adviser will be expected to accompany his boys.

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CABINET MEMBERS ON NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION PROGRAM

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, or one of his top assistants, will participate in the program during the morning of October 13 when the first presentation will be made of a special three-cent postage stamp commemorating the FFA's 25th Anniversary.

Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, has accepted an invitation to speak during the morning session of October 15.

A third cabinet member, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will address the convention during the afternoon of October 15.

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ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 1953 FFA CONVENTION

Boys who arrive in Kansas City early will register during the morning of October 12, and embark on specially conducted tours to points of interest in the city during the afternoon. The first convention program will open that night when five Future Farmers will vie for honors in the national finals of the FFA public speaking contest.

Features Tuesday, October 13, in addition to the commemorative stamp presentation, will include presentation of awards in the national chapter contest and conferring of American Farmer Degrees. The evening session will feature the presentation of Star American Farmer awards, followed by special entertainment.

The gigantic silver anniversary pageant will be featured Wednesday morning and during that afternoon most of the boys will go on tours of the city while the official delegates work in committee sessions. Regional and national winners of Future Farmers of America Foundation awards in Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Soil and Water Management, Farm Safety, and Dairy Farming will be presented Wednesday night, followed by another top-notch entertainment program.

Thursday's program, in addition to the addresses by President Eisenhower, Secretary Benson and Secretary Hobby, will include, during the morning, a Buffalo Grass Dance staged by Indian members of the Browning, Montana, FFA chapter. Business matters to be covered during the final day include the election of new national officers.

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Tentative ProgramTWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Silver Anniversary)

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Missouri - October 12-15, 1953

- October 8 and 9 Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel
- October 10 and 11 Executive Sessions, FFA National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers, President Hotel
- October 12
- 8:00 a.m. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
- 12:00 noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Hotel President
- 1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest
- 2:30 p.m. Meeting of State Advisors, President Hotel
- 8:00 p.m. National Public Speaking Contest, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- October 13
- 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, Honorable Arthur Summerfield, Postmaster General
- 2:00 p.m. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Address, Lee Thurston, United States Commissioner of Education
- Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Contest
- Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
- American Farmer Degree Ceremony
- 7:30 p.m. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Massing of State Flags - State Star Farmers
- Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
- Special Entertainment - Courtesy Firestone Tire and Rubber Company
- October 14
- 9:00 a.m. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
- Introductions and greetings from Past National Officers
- Address, Honorable Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
- Silver Anniversary Pageant
- 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-Sixth National FFA Convention (continued)

8:00 p.m. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Introduction of Foundation Donors
Presentation of Foundation Awards
"House of Magic," Courtesy of General Electric Company

October 15 9:00 a.m. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Committee Reports
Address, Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture
Buffalo Grass Dance

2:00 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

8:00 p.m. Final Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Address, The Honorable Dwight David Eisenhower,
The President of the United States

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HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Kansas Association of FFA at the 26th National FFA Convention will be at the Hotel President. All American Farmer candidates from Kansas will be housed at the Ambassador Hotel.

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1953 KANSAS APPLICANTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The Kansas Association of FFA presented seven applications for the degree of American Farmer. Of this number, four candidates have been recommended by the National Board of Directors to receive the degree at the National FFA Convention in October 1953. 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:

Marvin G. Allen, Olathe Chapter
Kermit Case, Little River Chapter
Ronnie Hughes, Emporia Chapter
Donald W. Hunt, Arkansas City Chapter

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KANSAS TEAMS NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

At Waterloo, Iowa, October 6-7, 1953

Dairy Cattle, Chanute, C.O. Carter, Coach
Dairy Products, Claflin, Wallace Terril, Coach

At Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-15, 1953

Livestock, Hill City, Jay Hennegh, Coach
Meats, Quinter, W. O. Breeden, Coach
Poultry, Cherryvale, Clem Young, Coach

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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:

Benny Brent, Alton
Bill Brethour, Clay Center
James H. Fromme, Trousdale

Wayne Wiens, Hillsboro
Jack McVaughn, Chanute

Members of the National FFA Chorus from Kansas are:

Marlin Brown, Williamsburg
Merle Cuthbertson, Girard
Robert Haas, Riley
Harold Paul Heymann, Burns

Hal McClure, Manhattan
Carlyle Thompson, Shawnee-Mission
Norman Wittner, Coffeyville
Arvin Hofmann, Clay Center

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

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STORIES AND PICTURES FOR THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

The National Future Farmer is scouting for write-ups of interesting, unusual, worthwhile FFA chapter activities. Although we hear of some activities through state magazines and other sources, we know we're missing alot of news-worthy items.

Will you help us? We need items -- short accounts, and ones of article length, too. The latter should be accompanied by good, clear action pictures.

But this SOS is mainly for short, lively items which we can scatter throughout the pages of the official magazine, giving national recognition to more chapters, more activities, more often.

Send materials to Lano Barron, Editor, National Future Farmer Magazine, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.

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CHAPTER NEWS

HOLCOMB: During the summer we organized an FFA softball team and played 14 games....The Chapter spent five days camping in the mountains of Colorado. While in Colorado we visited the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City and the Boy's Reformatory at Buena Vista. Also, we visited places of Agricultural interest such as the John Martin Dam. All the local boys were interested in the Dam because much of the water used for irrigation in this area is stored in the John Martin Dam.

Clayton Base, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: We started our summer activities with a fishing and camping trip at the Cedar Bluff's Lake the latter part of May....Members of our chapter participated in judging schools held at Smith Center, Colby, and Stockton. Billy O'Brien was high individual in the Smith Center contest.... Two of our members, Earl Lumpkins and Leland Adam, caught calves in the calf catching contest at the Rooks County Fair. These boys will be given Angus steers this fall by local breeders. The steers are to be shown at the county fair next year....Billy O'Brien's two Hereford steers placed first and second in the heavy weight Hereford class at the Rooks County Fair in August....We held our annual watermelon feed September 4 at the Plainville Lake. Twenty-four of our twenty-eight members were present.

Leland Adam, Reporter

LAWRENCE: We had a very successful fair in August in cooperation with the 4-H Clubs of Douglas County. FFA members won many grand championships in livestock and crops, as well as in livestock judging....We had one summer picnic in July with most of the members present....School opened September 8 and the FFA officers will have to hold noon meetings to get ready for the Leadership School held at our school September 22....We plan to move into our new building at the end of this semester. We will have a class room, laboratory, office, store room, and the shop.

Scott Mitchell, Reporter

TROUSDALE: The summer activities started with a FFA Educational Tour and fishing trip. The trip consisted of a tour of the Farmers Cooperative Elevator and the Gold Spot Dairy in Enid, Oklahoma. From there we traveled to Lake Texoma for two days of fishing. We caught enough fish for one good fish fry. We visited the Roy J. Turner Hereford Ranch at Sulphur, Oklahoma, and from there we went to the Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore, Oklahoma. We had a brief visit at Oklahoma A & M College, then back home....The FFA boys met on the first of August to make plans for a pasture fence. We plan to use the pasture for feeder lambs or some fattening hogs. These will be purchased cooperatively by the chapter and fed the grain (milo) that the chapter has planted cooperatively....Classes started on September 7, and we are all busy getting a new pickup, which our adviser acquired, fixed up with a cab over the back, a stock rack, and grain side boards. The pickup is to be used in project work and FFA activities.

Clinton Russell, Reporter

LONGFORD: The chapter now has a popcorn popper and is selling popcorn at the free shows in Longford. We will also sell popcorn at the football and basketball games to raise money for the chapter....We have 28 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year.

Wilbur Schoneweis, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

TROY: We have 29 members, eight of whom are new....During the summer our chapter members planted and cared for 25 acres of corn and three acres of popcorn. The proceeds from this chapter project will be used to finish paying for our chapter tractor and equipment. We also sprayed 250 acres of corn for weeds with our tractor sprayer....Our annual fall watermelon feed for new members was held on September 8....Our shop and classroom have been repainted on the inside.

Alan Johnson, Reporter

HARPER: The chapter is selling car tags having the "Harper Bearcat" insignia on them....Our adviser, Mr. Haltom, sent out a news sheet called "The Future Farmer Tattler" each month during the summer....We took second place on our booth at the County Fair. We entered a float in the parade at the County Fair. Our chapter helped sponsor the Tractor Operator's Contest at the County Fair.

Carroll Pearl, Reporter

SEAMAN: Sixteen FFA members went to the Lake of the Ozarks May 16 for a fishing trip and returned the seventeenth....Our chapter had a softball team this summer and we won half of our games....We held our annual watermelon feed for Freshman boys on August 28th....There are 42 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture; 21 are Freshmen.

Daniel Dister, Reporter

FORD: The Ford FFA Chapter went to Scott County State Park August 24, 1953, on an overnight fishing trip. No luck! We did practice our campfire cooking....New equipment added to our shop includes a power hack saw, a Tilting Abor table saw, and a press drill. The inside of the shop was painted during the summer so that it is a lot lighter and cleaner.

Darr Tracy, Reporter

ELLINWOOD: We held a parent-son meeting August 25, 1953, and 75 parents and boys attended. The film, "That Inspiring Task", was shown, a talk was given by Mr. Cragun, and refreshments were served. This meeting helped to acquaint boys and parents with the vocational agriculture program....We plan to be able to move into our new building about the 15th of October....We have 38 boys enrolled in the vocational agriculture program. Plans have been made for starting an FFA chapter. We have written for petition blanks and have elected temporary officers.

Glen Krueger, Reporter

ERIE: Approximately 35 members and 10 guests attended the annual FFA watermelon feed on Wednesday night, September 2. A softball game followed the feed....The FFA softball team, which participated in the Erie City League, did not have an impressive record but was complimented on several occasions by the audience for displaying good sportsmanship....September 16 has been set as the date for the Pfister Corn Contest. Medals will be given to the winners....Two worn-out combines have been purchased by the FFA Chapter and will be torn down. FFA members will build shop projects from the scrap parts....Purchasing of coveralls for shop use is being handled by the FFA.

George Bartholomew, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HOWARD: We have an enrollment of 39 active members and 15 prospective members this year....Several members showed their projects at the Howard Fair this year....We are buying and selling used books again this year to make money for our chapter. Another earnings and savings activity will be the popcorn concessions at all the home football games....We sponsored a hamburger fry, a softball game, and wiener roast for all of the members this summer....Our chapter cooperated with the Flint Hill Booster 4-H Club this year by building two new picnic tables for their new picnic grounds.

John Yantis, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: The new FFA officers had three summer meetings in the Vocational Agriculture Building. The County collective booth and the farm machinery display for the Hutchinson State Fair were discussed at one meeting and the program of work planning for this year's goals was planned at one of the meetings. The responsibility for each division of the program was assigned so that each officer and the boys on his committee know what they have to do. The officers all own new jackets which arrived in time for the meetings. All the boys purchased hand books to help them do a better job of running the chapter....There are thirty-three boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year, and we have thirty-four in the FFA....This summer the new sheet metal machines arrived and we are now getting them ready to use in the shop. A new welder arrived and several hundred dollars worth of hand tools, also new books for the classroom. We are looking forward to a good year.

Bill Zavesky, Reporter

COLDWATER: We held our first meeting of the school year September 1. We elected officers for the year....We are working on the material for our Comanche County Collective Booth that we plan to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson....Members of the chapter who won blue ribbons in the recent Comanche County Fair were: Jerry Heft, Donald Parcel, Donald Alexander, Bill Proctor, Roger Bean, Richard Bean, Ronald White, Clay Morris, Larry Myers, Dayle Heft, Jerry Melia, Larry Ellis, and Roger Lousch....Larry Ellis and Jerry Melia have entered their calves in the Kansas National Junior Livestock Show at Wichita.

Richard Bean, Reporter

NATOMA: Twenty-eight members and five adults went to Kanopolis Dam on a fishing trip for four days after school closed....The chapter had a hay-rack ride in June and a swimming party in August....Shocking feed and collecting scrap iron are the main means of raising money....Building and repairing farm equipment in shop is progressing satisfactorily, and the chapter has dehorned, vaccinated, castrated throughout the community....The chapter has attended both poultry and livestock contests.

Douglas Hole, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: The chapter has 49 members in FFA this year. Thirty eight boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture....Plans have been made for a float in the Wellsville Picnic - Fair parade. The chapter has two teams of four members each to start off the tractor derby at the fair.

Harley Broers, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

CLAY CENTER: Twenty-five Future Farmers from our chapter went on a trip to the West coast, leaving August 2 and returning August 20. Our adviser, Mr. Ray Morrison, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oelschlager accompanied the group. They traveled in the high school bus which Mr. Oelschlager drove. Some of the points of interest included were Salt Lake City, Bingham Copper Mines, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, Stanford Chapel at Palo Alto where the group attended church, Yosemite Park, Hollywood, Knotts Berry Farm, Catalina Beach at Long Beach, Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, and Colorado Springs... Two new gas forges were installed in our shop the past summer.

Darrell Rosenow, Reporter

HAYS: We have 44 enrolled in vocational agriculture....We started off our activities with a watermelon feed the evening of August 20....We have a new farm shop going up which will be completed by January first. The Junior and Senior "ag" boys will build new benches and tool cabinets for our farm shop... The Ellis and Hays chapters will work together to set up a county collective booth at the Hutchinson fair this year.

Marvin Pfannenstiel, Reporter

ALTAMONT: The Altamont Chapter will have about 116 members this year according to the pre-enrollment report....Summer activities included a basket dinner for the boys and their parents at the Oswego Park on August 15. A nice group was present despite a drizzling rain....We put 12 acres of corn in the silo last month and have six acres of sargo we intend to put in later....The ten Hereford and ten Angus steers were started on feed August 17 and were weighed then. They made good gains considering the season....We have worked part of our pasture with the intention of having a pasture improvement program. A grass variety plot will be seeded by the boys after the first good rain....During the summer a feeding slab and catch pens were built....The new cafeteria and homemaking building is about completed and three cold storage or freezing rooms were included. The boys will do meat cutting and wrapping in addition to the slaughter and butchering we do for the cafeteria....The agriculture shop has added much new equipment, which includes a concrete block-making machine, a new gas forge, a working bench, several new vises, gas welding equipment, and a new Smith electric welder.

Virgil Billups, Reporter

BURLINGAME: Our star chapter farmer of last year, Brent Adair, was awarded a Kroger scholarship last July. This was the result of Brent's outstanding Vocational Agriculture work in high school....Our chapter again this year will have the concession stands at all football and basketball games. In addition to our present equipment the FFA has recently purchased a new hot dog maker. This should make our net profit exceed that of last year, which was very favorable....We plan to have our annual turkey raffle again this year....In addition to numerous new hand tools added to our shop this year we have another new arc welder.

Dick Kimball, Reporter

PEABODY: Our FFA chapter has 45 members this year....The chapter had a hayrack ride and watermelon feed for the new FFA members....The agriculture classes will move into a new shop building in two or three weeks.

David Craig, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

WINFIELD: The Winfield Chapter has moved into the new Vocational Building. It is quite a treat to have a fine new office all to ourselves....We have already tried out our new butchering and meats laboratory. Two of the prize winning club calves at the County Fair were slaughtered and appraised.... Our first meeting was held September 9. It was an outdoor meeting with parents of freshmen especially invited.

Stanton O'Neil, Reporter

ATWOOD: Our annual 4-H and FFA fair this summer turned out to be the biggest yet. Along with the regular stock judging, we had a tractor driving contest which was successful....Our chapter is sponsoring a gilt ring this year. We are giving away two gilts, of which two pigs from the first two litters will be returned. The breed is not known as yet, but they will be registered.

Robert Rippe, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our chapter had a project tour in May and visited all but three of the supervised farming programs....A summer meeting was held in August at which special awards were presented to the high individual in livestock judging and our farm machinery school....Plans for this year include buying subscriptions from chapter funds for all members to the National Future Farmer magazine....Tentative plans have been made for exhibiting shop-made equipment at the State Fair in Hutchinson.

Charles Hall, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: Our FFA Chapter harvested two acres of Clinton oats on June 29 with a total yield of 58 bushels of good seed. The crop was stored in our Vocational Agriculture shops for seed and feed purposes among the members. We purchased quality seed last spring....Our two acres in Pfister 170 hybrid corn has suffered severely during the drought. We originally planned to sell it to FFA members for feed purposes. Under present conditions we may need to sell it for shock fodder....The first Mondays in June, July, and August are always designated as planning days and practice work for the new incoming FFA officers. Each of these evenings were used for Parliamentary study and practice, opening and closing of meetings, and discussion of plans for the program or work for the coming year....On August 28 our chapter called a special picnic party for all members within the chapter, inviting the new members for a get-acquainted party....We purchased several new Parliamentary Procedure books this summer, and plan to study these books this fall to make ourselves more efficient in our chapter performances....We are scheduling our FFA meeting for the coming year with our Principal, so that he may work our meetings within the regular extra-curricular schedule....Our enrollment indicates to us at this writing that we will have at least 26 members in the chapter for the coming year.

Loren Bryan, Reporter

GOODLAND: Members of the Goodland Chapter held their first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, September 9 with the new officers in charge. President Allan Trachsell was carrying his left arm in a sling because of an encounter with one of his steers....As a chapter project the boys are building new curbs and sidewalks along the south side of our new department. A lawn and shrubs will be planted in the spring.

Gary Mosbarger, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

GREAT BEND: We had our Parent-Son Banquet last May. Our chapter bought a Shorthorn heifer, butchered it, and served roast beef, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, whole corn, bread and butter, cherry pie and ice cream, and coffee. The Foods Committee prepared the food and served it cafeteria style in the high school cafeteria. 188 members, parents, teachers, and guests were served. About 98 per cent of the parents attended....Ten members and our adviser took a trip to Colorado. We left Monday morning July 27 and returned home Saturday evening, August 1. We visited the prison at Canon City, camped two days on Taylor Creek and Taylor Creek Reservoir and one night along the Arkansas River north of Salida and came back by way of Denver....We plan to have our father-son chili feed in October....Sixteen members are planning to attend the Hutchinson State Fair September 21 and 22. We plan to exhibit some farm shop projects at this fair....We are planning to have printed and distribute 500 Future Farmer calendars for the third year....The Security State Bank of Great Bend is sponsoring the Osborne Calendar for the second year.

Dale Otte, Reporter

OLATHE: Members of the Olathe Chapter are planning a concession stand and also a float for the Old Settlers' Picnic here September 11 and 12. The FHA girls will cooperate with our members in operation of the stand....We are making plans to attend the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka on September 16 and expect about 30 members to make the trip....On August 25 the Kansas Farm Bureau sponsored a tractor and automobile driving contest as part of a safety campaign and several of our members took part in the contests held at Gardner....The Cowley Lumber Company of Olathe is sponsoring our chapter in the Osborne Calendar project this year....Our chapter will sponsor the football programs again this fall as a part of our activities in chapter financing.

Henry Caenen, Reporter

NORCATUR: Our chapter is planning a fishing trip to the Scott County Lake the weekend of September 11....We have five green hands this year and plan a watermelon feed in their honor shortly....Among our fund raising activities this year will be a blue rock shoot....We are proud of a new shop addition, which measures 20' by 70'.

Lee Sebaugh, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: We held our watermelon feed August 18 in Swope Park. The feed was held in honor of the boys who will enter high school as freshmen this year. After the feed we discussed plans for the school year. It was decided that we would attend the State Fair at Hutchinson on September 20 and 21. Our regular FFA meetings will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month during the fourth period.

Lee Brewer, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: Our chapter had its annual parent-son banquet on May 8 at the Garfield Shelterhouse in Topeka. Professor Howard Bradley of Kansas State College was our main speaker. Lou Falley, Topeka baker, served the meal to 140 persons....We are going to enter an educational booth in the Kansas Free Fair in Topeka....We sponsored a donkey ball game July 4 and cleared around \$60.00....We have 20 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture Number Nine this year. There are seven boys in both the Vocational Agriculture Number Ten and Number 11 classes.

Gene Allen, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SOLDIER: We have 22 members this year....A watermelon feed was held for the freshmen boys the Friday evening before school started this year....We plan to buy a new popcorn machine to replace our old one.

Bill Stanton, Reporter

EL DORADO: The El Dorado FFA Chapter had a machinery exhibit at the 4-H and FFA fair. Among the exhibits were machinery trailers, livestock feeders, and stockracks. All of these articles were made in the Vocational Agriculture shop....The chapter is planning a machinery exhibit at the State Fair this year....At the 4-H Fair the chapter held a tractor driving contest which proved very successful....The chapter has a field of popcorn this year to raise funds for various needs. This field is farmed with the chapter's tractor and machinery....There are 46 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and 51 members in FFA.

Jack West, Reporter

MULLINVILLE: Our chapter held a watermelon feed for the prospective members at our August meeting....We are carrying out a program of checking home farm milk cows for Mastitis. Each cow will be tested carefully every 60 days. The first round showed one suspect.

Harvey Tedrow, Reporter

OTTAWA: Rural eighth grade graduates were guests of the chapter at our August meeting. Watermelon was served for refreshments....We are entering an educational booth in the Vocational Agriculture department of the Topeka Fair....Twenty-five of our members have entered the Pfister corn contest....Two of our members, Emery Corbett and Duane Anderson, will show Jerseys and Ayrshires at the Topeka and Hutchinson fairs.

Marrel Macy, Reporter

HILLSBORO: Our first meeting of the year was held on August 25 in the evening. The incoming freshman farm boys were special guests. A watermelon feed followed the program....The chapter had a farm mechanics display at the Marion County Fair in cooperation with the Marion, Peabody, and Goessel chapters. The display attracted a lot of attention....On August 31 the chapter accepted delivery on a new 1953 one-half ton GMC pickup to be used by the agriculture department and FFA chapter....The chapter operated a popcorn machine each evening of the Marion County Fair and showed a profit of \$94.15 for the four evenings.

Ronney Ewert, Reporter