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#### What A Convention!

Ten thousand five hundred and sixty FFA and friends registered at the National Future Farmers of America Convention, October 14-16, 1964, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri. As one FFA member stated, "You have to attend the National Convention to realize the inspiration that cannot be received from local FFA members." The Kansas Association compliments Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Advisor, and Executive Secretary, Wm. Paul Gray, for a job well done.



Terry Fanning, Advisor from Eskridge, and his six FFA officers were one of 81 chapters from Kansas that attended the National Convention. Five hundred sixty-three Kansas FFA members, advisors, and guests registered. Among the distinguished guests attending the convention were Senator Frank Carlson, and Harry Darby, former Senator from Kansas. The value of the National Convention is recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals in that this activity is on our approved list and has been for many years. Kansas administrators have been cooperative in allowing local FFA officers to attend this national event. The Kansas Association of FFA appreciates this support. Kansas was represented in all areas of the convention and received its share of honors.

Congratulations to the Manhattan FFA Chapter for their outstanding booth that represented Kansas at the National Convention. This booth aroused a lot of interest and was a real thought provoking booth that demands considerations in making future decisions.

Left to right: Terry Odle, Robert Parks, and Ray Prestwood.



#### Awarded Honorary American Farmer

The Kansas Association was honored by the selection of Lester Crandall to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. Mr. Crandall was one of twenty-five teachers in the nation receiving this high award. Selection for the honor was based on a scorecard achievement which includes years of service, number of award winning FFA members that developed under his leadership, number of boys established in farming, and records of group achievement by the local FFA chapter that he served as advisor. The Kansas Association salutes Lester Crandall, Honorary American Farmer.



Lester Crandall



Nels Ackerson, National FFA President, presents the FFA Distinguished Service Award to George Stephens, KCMO's Director of Agriculture, during the 37th Annual Convention held in Kansas City.

The Kansas Association salutes George Stephens for the honor of receiving the FFA Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Stephens is well known in Kansas and Missouri for his sincere interest in FFA organizations. Mr. Stephens will attend the State FFA Convention where members may have the opportunity to congratulate him personally.

#### Kansan Ranks First



Left to right: Delbert Schrag, Vo-Ag Instructor, Goessel; Myron Schmidt, FFA Member; and Mr. and Mrs. Ed D. Schmidt, all of Goessel, Kansas.

Kansas has boasted for many years that they had the top farm mechanics program in the nation. It was not until this year that evidence was available to prove this point. For the first time in the history of Kansas, an FFA member was chosen as National Winner in the Farm Mechanics Contest. Myron Schmidt, FFA member from Goessel, received this high honor and a check for \$250 to assist him on his farming program. Nelson Galle, former instructor of Myron's, Delbert Schrag, present instructor, and Myron's parents were on hand to witness the presentation at the National FFA Convention.



#### Etling Represents Kansas

Kansas' applicant for national officer was a former State officer and an outstanding leader, Arlen Etling. Arlen was a strong candidate but was edged out by our neighbor state, Missouri. Arlen was awarded the American Farmer Degree on Wednesday of the Convention. He is a student at Kansas State University preparing to teach vocational agriculture. In the past few years, Kansas has had outstanding FFA leaders apply for a national office. Kansas has not had an elected national officer since 1938. The last elected national officer was E. Albert Coates, Jr., Shawnee Mission, who served as 3rd Vice President of the North Central Region. George Stelter of Abilene was appointed to fill an unexpired term of the 3rd Vice President in the North Central Region in 1943.



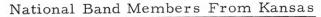
Dudley Quick, President of the Fort Scott FFA Chapter received second place award in the National Safety Contest.

The Fort Scott Chapter also presented the Green Hand Degree Demonstration at the National Convention which received a compliment from the National Executive Secretary, Wm. Paul Gray. The Fort Scott Green Hand members are the first group in Kansas to receive their bronze degree pin before a National FFA Convention audience.



Kansas boasts seven of the top farmers in the nation. All Kansas American Farmer candidates were present to receive this high honor.

Left to right: Joe Befort, Conrad Cox, Archie Dix, Terry Hager, Ronald Mercer, Arlen Etling, and Richard Ibbetson.

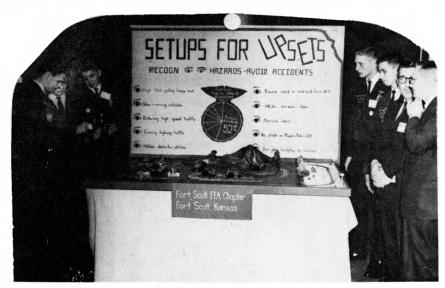




Kansas was represented in the National FFA Band by nine outstanding musicians who performed in their usual outstanding manner. Letters from band members to the State Office expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the National FFA Convention. The Kansas Association congratulates band leader, R. Cedric Anderson, for a top quality performance. (One member of the band was unable to appear for this picture.)

#### National Safety Congress--November, 1964

Nels Ackerson, retiring National FFA President, examines the display with Kent Buford and Ronnie Pfeiffer of Fort Scott. On the extreme right, Mr. Grice Sexton, Safety Director, Kansas Farm Bureau, with National Executive Secretary, Wm. Paul Gray, observe the display "Setups for Upsets." This tractor safety demon-



stration drew attentive
audiences during its display at the National Safety
Congress in Chicago.
Kansas delegates brought
back the latest safety ideas
to assist in this year's
safety program. A special
thanks to the Kansas Farm
Bureau Safety Department
for their interest in providing transportation to
Kansas FFA safety
representatives at the
National Safety Congress.



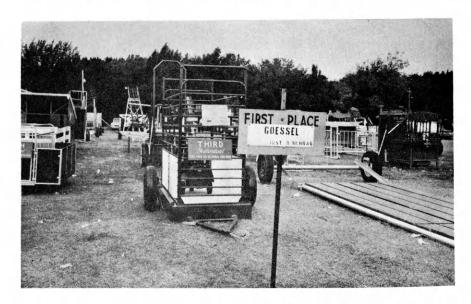
Left to right: Lyle E. Yost, President of Hesston Manufacturing Company; C. C. Eustace, Topeka, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education; Mrs. Fred Duerksen, Duane, Mr. Duerksen; and Delbert Schrag, Vo-Ag Instructor.

Scholarship winner Duane Duerksen of Goessel is pictured receiving the Agri-Engineering Award plaque he received at the Kansas State Fair from Lyle E. Yost, President of Hesston Manufacturing Company of Hesston, Kansas. With the plaque was a \$500 scholarship check included this year by the farm machinery company. The award will be given annually to a vocational agriculture exhibitor of farm mechanics at the State Fair. The scholarship will be offered through any Kansas college selected by the winner. Duane, a senior at Goessel High School, plans to attend Bethel College.

The Beloit FFA Chapter won the State Meats Contest in Kansas City which gave them the right to represent Kansas at the National FFA Meats Contest. They ranked in the Gold Division of the National Contest.

Left to right: Jim Lukens, Francis Gronewoller, Earl Baugher, Instructor, and Homer Davidson.





First place honors in the farm mechanics exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair went to instructor Delbert Schrag and his FFA Chapter at Goessel. The farm mechanics display created a lot of favorable comments from the many thousands of individuals who passed through the exhibit. Congratulations to those chapters who participated!



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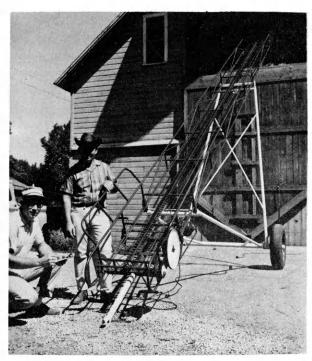
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Burlington

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Chapter

The Burlington FFA Chapter exhibited the Grand Champion individual project as well as receiving top honors in the farm machinery display at Topeka. The high quality workmanship displayed at the Mid America Fair is an honor to every vocational agriculture instructor who displayed an exhibit. First place honors for the four-wheel grain trailer with hoist was the grand champion individual project and went to Ronnie Hess, Burlington Chapter.



#### Fred Wedel Wins \$600

Fred L. Wedel, 17, FFA member of Goessel, was granted second award of \$600 in the vocational agriculture division of the annual awards program sponsored by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio.

Award projects were selected from carefully written reports describing the design and construction of a welded job project completed during the 1963-64 school year. Fred's entry was a portable baling elevator built for use on his father's farm. He made the project at a cost of \$189.04.

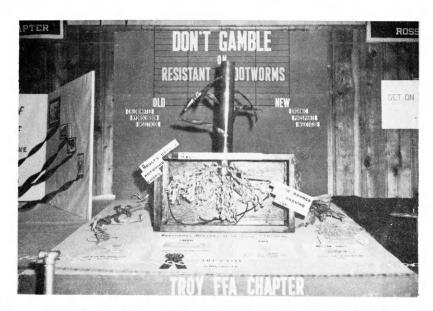
The elevator speeds up the job of unloading the 4,000 bales of hay put up each year on the Wedel farm. Previously the work was done by hand or with the aid of a borrowed elevator.

Douglas Peters, Ellinwood FFA member, was awarded fourth place with Richard Bramlage, FFA member from Frankfort, also tying for fourth place. Instructors Nelson Galle, John Cragun, and Thomas Stitt were recognized for outstanding farm mechanics leadership.

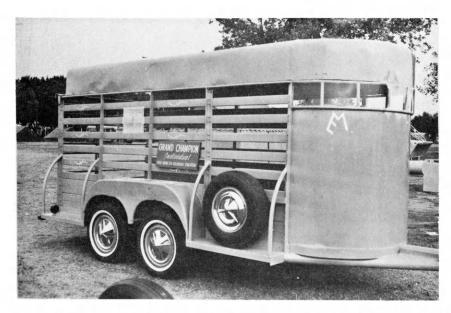
The Grand Champion Baby Beef at the Finney County Fair belonging to Larry Goss, Garden City FFA member, found himself in the Warren Hotel lobby. This unusual experience for such an outstanding beef animal was somewhat confusing and interesting for passers-by in the lobby of this hotel. This fine beef animal was purchased by the Warren Hotel and was placed on display for one day in their lobby. Congratulations to Larry for his Grand Champion Beef!

It is interesting to note that Larry is enrolled in the Garden City Junior College in agriculture with the goal of becoming a vocational agriculture teacher. "How did he get in here?"





The Troy FFA Chapter received first place in the booth display at the Mid America Fair in Topeka. This booth was cleverly displayed and received many fine compliments from viewers at the fair. Congratulations to Jim Hundley and his FFA members!



Individual honors at the State Fair at Hutchinson went to Ernest McDaneld, FFA member from Syracuse. This livestock trailer was the envy of both city and country admirers.

#### "LAND JUDGING"

Winners in the State's four Land Judging contests are as follows:

Beloit
Council Grove
Lawrence
Medicine Lodge

The four chapters will represent Kansas in the National Land Judging contest April 27-29, 1965, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. High individuals in the State were:

Eddie Buchanan, Lawrence (high)
John Lightner, Garden City
Raymond Braman, Altamont
David Reisig, Russell

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### Russell FFA Starts Swine Cooperative

A feeder pig cooperative enterprise has been organized and is being operated by 34 members of the Russell FFA Chapter. Shares were offered to the active members at \$1.00 per share with the maximum limit of 50 shares per member. A one-day drive sold 750 shares with 100% of the membership participating.

From a large herd of pigs, 29 weaning pigs were purchased with the chapter's judging team selecting the animals. Ronnie Deitz, an FFA member, was employed as caretaker for the animals which are being kept on his father's farm. Each class elected one director to the board. Richard Michaelis was elected to serve as chairman of the Board of Directors.

The primary purpose of the project is to teach members about production by employing improved practices and to teach the boys how a business operates when several persons own it through share purchases. When all hogs have been marketed, the profit or losses will be prorated back to each shareholder according to the number of shares he holds.

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#### NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

#### Second Place Winner

After winning the 13th state regional FFA Public Speaking Contest, Glenn Shafer, FFA member from Caney, went on to win second place in the National FFA Public Speaking Contest.

Congratulations to an outstanding FFA member!

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The National FFA membership on July 1, 1963, was 395,812. In July 1964, the membership had increased to 401,463!

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The FFA Camp for 1965 has been set for August 14-17, 1965, at the Rock Springs Ranch.

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WANTED: "Male basset hound desires to meet female basset hound. Object: bassinet."

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#### BUHLER CHAPTER RATES

#### FIRST !

Mr. Julian A. Johnson and his FFA Chapter from Buhler captured top honors in the county collective exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair. The Buhler Chapter has won this honor more than any other FFA Chapter in the State.

Congratulations to Mr. Johnson and his FFA Chapter!

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Thoughts for Thanksgiving (or any other) Day

Thankfulness is a warm and decent feeling. To experience it is a blessing, for to be grateful is to be happy. Rather than wait for some special gift from Providence, let us be thankful for what we already have, remembering that much good may come from heartfelt thanksgiving for simple, little things.

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## "1964 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS"

The 1964 District FFA Leadership Schools were conducted in eleven centers over the State on September 28-29, 1964. One hundred and thirty-nine chapters attended and participated in the Parliamentary Procedure, Information and Ritual contests. The exchange of ideas proved to be successful -- thanks to local advisors and local chapter presidents.

The Parliamentary Procedure winners who will represent their district in the State Contest, Sunday afternoon, April 25, 1965, are as follows:

Beloit
Caney
Colby
Garnett
Highland
Hugoton
Marion
Marysville
Peabody
Stockton
Winfield

The top four winners in the State Parliamentary Procedure contest on Sunday, April 25, at 3:30 p.m., will then compete at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27, for top honors.

The Federal Land Bank representative will be on hand to make the appropriate award. Cur special thanks to the Federal Land Bank personnel for their interest in developing leadership on the local, district and state level.

#### INFORMATION CONTEST

The top five placings in the Information Contest were as follows:

lst	Caney Chapter, Ralph Field, Advisor	548 p	oints
2nd	Highland Chapter, Raymond L. Studer, Advisor	524	11
3rd	Oakley Chapter, Howard Wallace, Advisor	514	11
4th	Winfield Chapter, Richard E. Tredway, Advisor	498	1.7
4th	Wamego Chapter, Ted Samuelson, Advisor	498	11
4th	Manhattan Chapter, Merwin Stearns, Advisor	498	11
5th	Troy Chapter, James L. Hundley, Advisor	494	11

The high eleven individuals in the Information Contest were as follows:

lst	Robert Conrad, Columbus Chapter	96	points
lst	Bill Foley, Troy Chapter	96	11
lst	Jay Shrock, Caney Chapter	96	11
2nd	Dean Butrick, Highland Chapter	94	11
2nd	Steve McCorgary, Arkansas City Chap.	94	11
2nd	Ronnie Arand, Wamego Chapter	94	11
2nd	Ron Koger, Caney Chapter	94	11
2nd	Russell Bussman, Altamont Chapter	94	11
2nd	Dale Elliott, Columbus Chapter	94	11
2nd	Robert Broeckelman, Oakley Chapter	94	11
2nd	Randy Stoecker, Oakley Chapter	94	11

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#### NATIONAL CONTEST TEAM WINNERS

School	Contest	Rating
Beloit	Meats	Gold
Newton	Livestock	Silver
Labette County	Poultry	Gold
Emporia	Dairy Products	Bronze
Meriden	Dairy Judging	Honorable Mention
Stockton	National Better Chapter	Silver
Effingham	National Better Chapter	Silver

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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO PREPARE FOR IT!!

#### THANK YOU!

The Kansas Association would like to express appreciation to our many friends in industry who sponsored banquets at the National FFA Convention.

Sears-Roebuck Foundation
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.
Massey Ferguson
New Idea Division of AVCC
Consumer Cooperative Assoc.
Rotary Club of Kansas City
Swift and Company
Burlington Railroad Company
Butler Manufacturing Company

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#### SANTA FE SCHOLARSHIPS

Our good friends of the Santa Fe Railway are making available two \$500 scholarships for Kansas Future Farmers enrolled at Kansas State University in the School of Agriculture, Agriculture Education, Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture Engineering, Agriculture Journalism or Forestry. Applications for these scholarships may come from any county in the State. The applicant must enter college in the fall of 1965. A high school scholastic record is necessary.

For further information contact Professor Howard Bradley, Department of Agriculture Education, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, or Mr. Harold Shoaf, Executive Secretary, Kansas Association FFA, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas 66612. \$250 is paid to the scholarship winner after he enrolls in the University.

The second \$250 is paid when the individual enrolls in the second semester.

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Wakeeney: -The FFA officers and the advisor started the 1964-1965 school year by taking a trip to Estes Park, Colorado. Departure date was August 4 with return date of August 9. While in Estes Park hikes in the mountains and an Appaloosa Horse Show was a part of the entertainment. Plans for a Safety Program to be included in the Program of Work was planned.

On the return trip, a stop was made at the Monford Feeding lots in Greeley, Colorado, as well as several other spots of interest.

A watermelon feed was held for incoming freshmen prior to the starting of school. The FHA members were guests.

-Merlin Deines, Reporter

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Goessel:-The collection of 200 soil samples within a two-week period as a community service to farmers has proven both educational and profitable. The chapter exhibited farm mechanics at the Mid America Fair and at the State Fair. Fred Wedel won \$600 for being second in the Lincoln Arc Welding contest. Fred's entry was a portable baling loader. The chapter is also honored by Myron Schmidt winning the Santa Fe Achievement Award as well as placing first in the National Farm Mechanics contest.

-Alan Flaming, Reporter