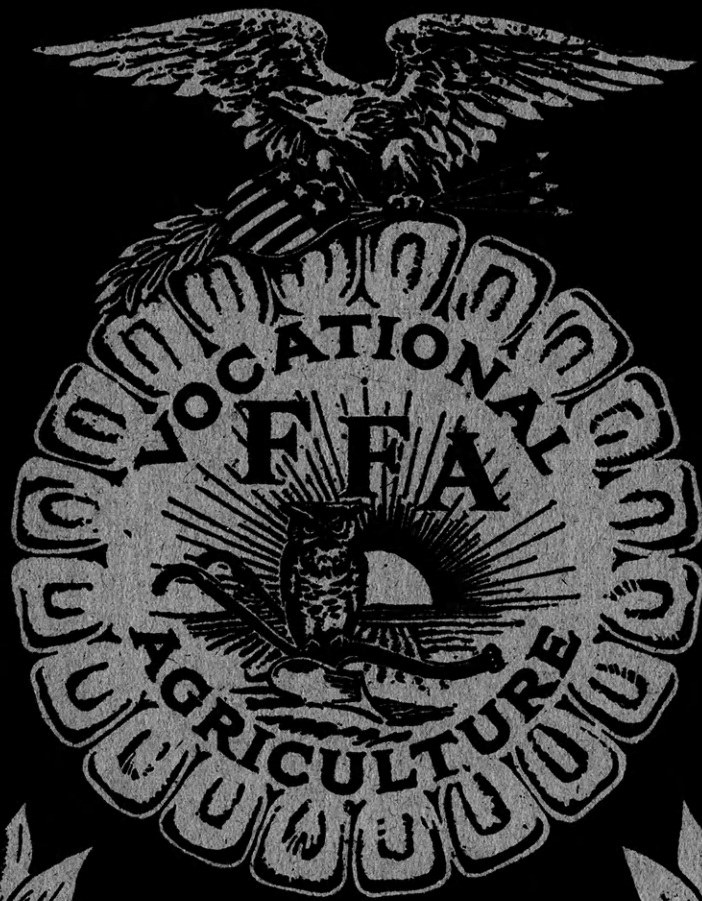


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FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1954. Dues are 30¢ per member, 10¢ national and 20¢ state.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES: State Farmer applications should be expressed to Professor L. F. Hall, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, not later than January 15, 1954.

AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES: Declaration of intention to submit a candidate or candidates for the American Farmer Degree should be mailed immediately to Professor L. E. Whipps, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas

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HIGH SCORE INDIVIDUALS IN THE 1953 TEN DISTRICT FFA INFORMATION CONTESTS



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Fredonia



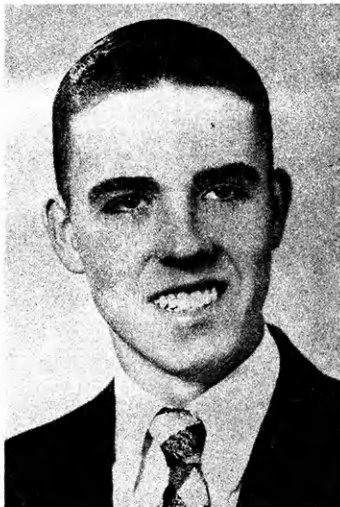
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Clay Center



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Moundridge



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Moundridge



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Edson



Norvin Schrag  
Moundridge



Carlyle Thompson  
Shawnee-Mission



Larry Riat  
Wamego



Wesley Salmans  
Jetmore



Larry Van Pelt  
Beloit



HIGH SCORE INDIVIDUALS IN THE 1953 TEN DISTRICT FFA INFORMATION CONTESTS (CON'T)



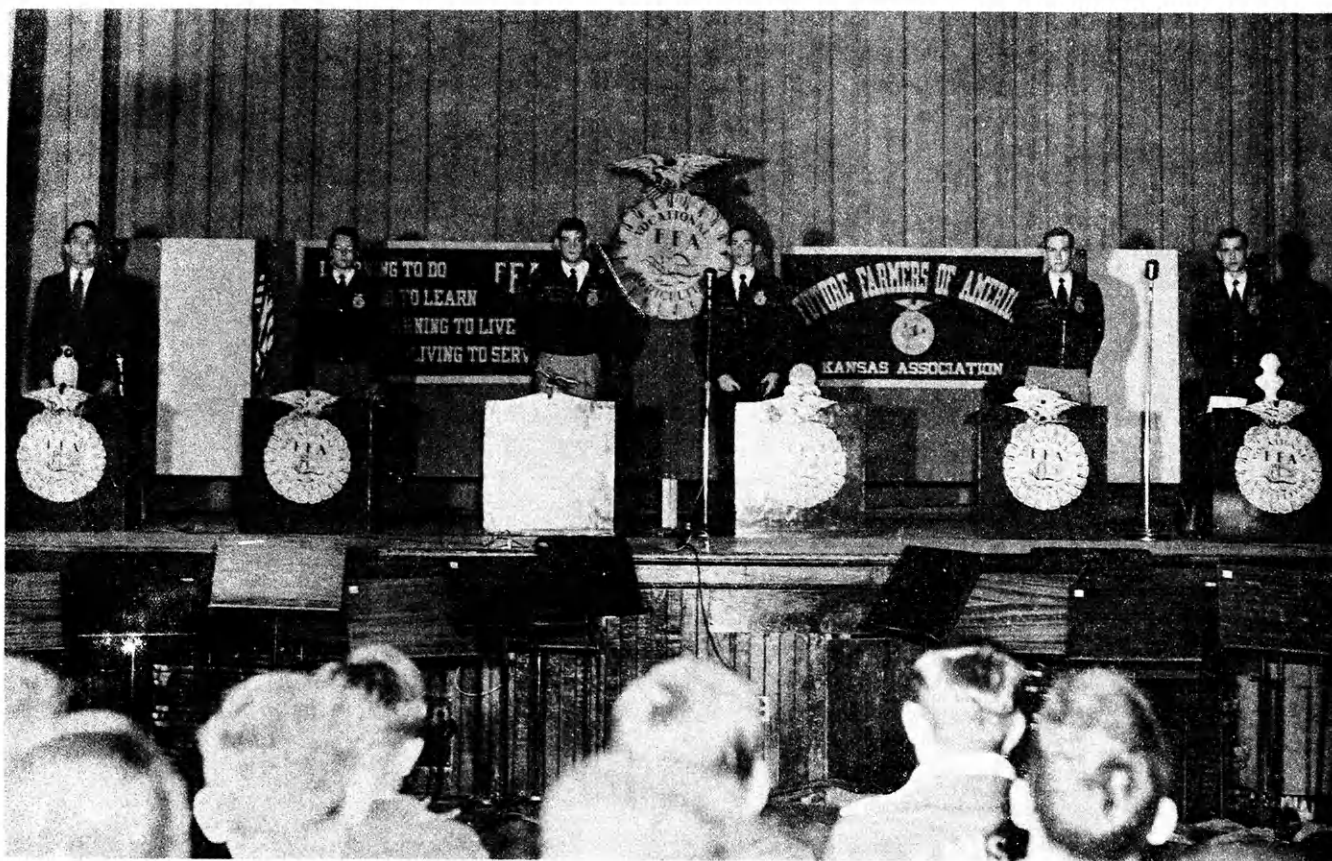
Eldon Harden  
Longford



Dick Frank  
Frankfort



Mike White  
Pretty Prairie



District Leadership Schools develop strong officers for the Kansas Association of FFA, L.R. Loren Whipps, Acting Advisor; Kermit Case, Little River, Reporter; Harrell Guard, Beloit, Vice-President; Billy Ray James, Clay Center, President; Ralph Braun, Council Grove, Secretary; Gary Neilan, St. Francis, Treasurer.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

In Kansas the general plan followed in determining entries in the National Chapter Contest is to restrict the entries to local chapters that were ranked in the Gold Emblem Classification in the state chapter contest of the preceding year.

The responsibility of designating the Kansas entries in the National Chapter Contest rests with the local advisors of the 1953 Gold Emblem winners cooperating with the state office. This chapter designation should be effected as early as possible in order to facilitate the building and reporting upon local chapter programs. All chapter contest entries in the National Chapter Contest must be in the Washington FFA Office by midnight September 1, 1954.

The Kansas Association of FFA is eligible to submit two entries in the National Chapter Contest. Should our membership exceed 7,500 the state association will be eligible to submit an additional entry.

Participation is limited to active members of local FFA chapters.

Previous winners in the National FFA Chapter Contest are eligible to compete in 1954.

NO SCRAP BOOKS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FINAL REPORT ON CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

The selection of winners will be based partly on the quality of the program of work and partly on the actual accomplishments of the chapter in terms of its program. Attention will always be focused on activities organized and carried out by the chapter as a group.

A committee selected by the National Board of Student Officers will judge the chapter entries.

In scoring a chapter's program of work, consideration will be given to: (1) the importance and appropriateness of the items included; (2) the goals of accomplishment set; and (3) the methods and devices selected to attain the goals. This applies to each item on the score card.

In scoring accomplishments, consideration will be given to: (1) total accomplishment of the chapter on each item of its program; (2) percentage of membership participation; (3) average accomplishment per member where such statement is feasible; and (4) the general accomplishment and progress of the chapter group.

The score card used in scoring entries in the National Chapter Contest allows 250 points for the program submitted and 750 points for accomplishments. Up to a total of 25 additional points are allowed for general effect including neatness and organization. The score card with points allowed follows:

## National Chapter Contest (continued)

	<u>Program of Work Planned</u>	<u>Report on Accomplishments</u>
I. Supervised Practice	50	150
II. Cooperation	40	120
III. Community Service	40	120
IV. Leadership	30	90
V. Earnings and Savings	30	90
VI. Conduct of Meetings	20	60
VII. Scholarship	20	60
VIII. Recreation	<u>20</u>	<u>60</u>
Total Perfect Score	250	750

Explanation of Score Card Items

- I. In scoring Supervised Practice activities, major consideration will be given to the work of the chapter as a group in aiding and stimulating the development of more effective individual farming programs among its members.
  - \*II. In scoring Cooperative activities, major consideration will be given to the degree of participation of the chapter members in: (a) business activities such as financing and insuring projects; (b) buying and selling activities; (c) productive activities; and (d) chapter subsidiaries including crop or animal improvement association, spray ring and the like - all of which are sponsored by the chapter.
  - \*III. In scoring Community Service activities, major consideration will be given to chapter undertakings relating to: (a) improvement of farm practices in the community; (b) conservation of natural resources (soils, trees, wild animal life, etc.); (c) beautification and improvement of homes, grounds and buildings in the community; and (d) other social and general activities for community betterment.
  - IV. In scoring Leadership activities, major consideration will be given to the extent to which the chapter has provided leadership training for all members and the extent to which members have developed and exercised leadership in school, chapter, farm and community activities.
  - V. In scoring Earnings and Savings activities, major consideration will be given to the undertakings of the chapter as a group in earning and wisely using money and in encouraging members with respect to: (a) earnings derived from farming; (b) investments in farming; (c) cash savings; and (d) other investments. Special consideration will be given to records of chapter budgets, financial statements and evidence of the promotion of saving by means of a chapter thrift bank.
- \* Activities included in program of work primarily to provide member experience in cooperation and to secure profit therefrom classify under Item II. Activities aimed primarily at rendering community service although they may involve cooperation ordinarily classify under Item III.



## National Chapter Contest (continued)

- VI. In scoring Conduct of Meetings, major consideration will be given to: (a) the type of programs planned for meetings; (b) time of day chapter meetings are scheduled; (c) frequency of meetings; (d) length of meeting period; (e) average attendance at meetings; (f) chapter equipment; and (g) business conducted as revealed in the minutes of meeting.
- VII. In scoring Scholarship, major consideration will be given to the activities of the chapter as a group in attempting to improve the scholarship average of all members, including both academic as well as vocational subjects for the school year ending in June. Include also a key to school grading system.
- VIII. In scoring Recreation, major consideration will be given to the kind and number of the organized recreational activities successfully sponsored or directed by the chapter and participated in by members as well as others. This will include summer camps, athletic contests, tours, parent-and-son banquets, and various social or educational events contributing to the improvement of community-wide recreation.

General. The above statements are intended as suggestions to help competing chapters in connection with organizing the possibilities in various lines of endeavor. No attempt has been made to cover all possible situations. Items that do not classify under the eight headings listed should be included under a heading marked "General." Emphasis throughout should be given to evidence indicating chapter consciousness and group action.

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

Local Foundation Awards:

Local FFA Foundation Award Medals were distributed to local chapter advisers at the 1953 FFA District Leadership Schools. If your chapter did not receive the local Foundation Award Medals, you may receive a set by writing A. P. Davidson, c/o KSC, Manhattan, Kansas. Sets will be mailed upon request as long as the supply lasts.

Local Foundation Award Medals are available in the following categories: Farm Electrification; Chapter Star Farmer; Farm Mechanics; Farm Safety; Public Speaking; Soil and Water Conservation; and Dairy Farming. The size and shape of the Award Medals have been changed.

The Kansas Association of FFA does not consider it to be the responsibility of the state association to establish rules and regulations governing local chapter awards. However, the state association does wish to urge local chapter advisers to give careful study to the plan initiated in determining award winners on the local level. Certainly scholarship and ability to work with others should be given consideration along with special ability in a given area. Bear in mind the fact that it is much easier to initiate an award program than it is to guide such a program along sound educational lines.

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1953 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1953 District FFA Leadership Schools were held in ten centers, the centers being selected with a view to equalizing the travel distance.

The purpose of the FFA Leadership Schools might be classified in three categories, namely: (1) ritualistic improvement; (2) broaden knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange of ideas on building and executing a worthwhile program of work.

As a result of a high percentage of attendance and participation on the part of local FFA officers in the ten District FFA Leadership Schools, the Kansas Association is proud to report that approximately 100% of the local chapters can "Open and Close" an FFA meeting in a highly creditable manner.

The first district FFA "Officer Training School" was sponsored by the Shawnee-Mission Chapter in 1931. Each year since, with the exception of 1942, District FFA Leadership Schools have been conducted in Kansas.

The 1953 FFA Leadership Schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1953 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted, local FFA Advisers, and the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

With one exception, the District FFA Leadership Schools were planned to begin at 3:30 p.m. and to close promptly at 9:00 p.m. All assignments were made early in the school year. Chapters were given an opportunity to indicate preferences in building the program, chapter wishes were followed insofar as it was found feasible. The following program for the Fredonia District FFA Leadership School is typical.

Assignments 1953 FFA Leadership School

Host Chapter - Fredonia; Place - High School

Date and Time: September 29, 1953; 3:30 p.m.

Order of Business:

1. Host chapter opens meeting with official opening ceremony.
2. Host chapter conducts Roll Call of Chapters.
3. Welcome by Superintendent or Principal of Host Chapter.
4. Opening and Closing Ritual Contest - All chapters urged to participate.
5. FFA Information Contest - All chapters urged to participate. Officers only eligible to compete.

SUPPER

6. Talk by State FFA Officer, Francis Grillot, Jr., Sentinel
7. Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration - Humboldt Chapter.
8. Recital of the FFA Creed - Richard Rees - Coffeyville Chapter.
9. Demonstration of the Proper Use of the Gavel - Howard Chapter.

## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

10. Roll Call of Chapters: Special 3 minute reports on the following assignments:

President or Vice President - Program of Work - How Build? Committee Responsibilities and Check Up on Performance? Calendar?  
School Time: Outstanding Activity Executed Past Year - Planned for Current Year. By the following chapters: Altamont, Cherryvale, Fredonia, Iola, McCune, Yates Center.

Treasurer - Plans for raising chapter funds; Financing FFA Parent-Son Banquet. By the following chapters: Chanute, Coffeyville, Humboldt, Howard, Neodesha, Riverton.

Reporter - How get FFA recognition in school, community, and state? How bring news of activities of other chapters before local group? By the following chapters: Cedar Vale, Columbus, Girard, Independence, Sedan, Severy.

Secretary - Chapter records; Plan for acquainting members with State and National FFA activities? Planning and executing chapter meetings. By the following chapters: Altoona, Erie, Fort Scott, Howard, Leon, Parsons, Piedmont.

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: Methods used in acquainting members with the Future Farmers of America Organization; How to improve ritualistic proficiency in Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degree work; How you train your officer group; Plan of teaching members parliamentary procedure; How to improve FFA Leadership Schools.

11. Awards  
 12. Close

Host chapter will look after local arrangements such as: Welcome from Superintendent or Principal, Meeting Place, Arrangements for Eats, FFA Paraphernalia, etc.

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The following rankings will be of interest to all FFA members and advisers who attended a Leadership School, and should prove of interest to all Future Farmer members.

The high 32 individuals in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st. Ben Compton, Fredonia Chapter	98 points
1st. Paul Hansen, Chanute Chapter	98 points
1st. Dick Frank, Frankfort Chapter	98 points
4th. Richard Streets, Altoona Chapter	97 points
4th. Loy Reinhardt, Chanute Chapter	97 points
4th. Gary Berthot, Chanute Chapter	97 points
4th. Mervin Snowden, Chanute Chapter	97 points
4th. Bob Krehbiel, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
4th. Lowell Goering, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
4th. Clyde Goering, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
4th. Norvin Schrag, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
4th. Dean Peter, Edson Chapter	97 points



## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

13th.	Wesley Salmans, Jetmore Chapter	96 points
13th.	Loran Henry, Colby Chapter	96 points
13th.	John Thompson, Stockton Chapter	96 points
13th.	Gary Mullenbruch, Frankfort Chapter	96 points
13th.	Harold Haskin, Frankfort Chapter	96 points
13th.	Clem Linnebur, Cherryvale Chapter	96 points
13th.	Archie Slaybaugh, Cherryvale Chapter	96 points
13th.	Bill Reinhardt, Chanute Chapter	96 points
20th.	Carlyle Thompson, Shawnee-Mission Chapter	95 points
20th.	Tom Kahl, Frankfort Chapter	95 points
20th.	Lloyd Schulkagel, Frankfort Chapter	95 points
20th.	Bobbie Miller, Altoona Chapter	95 points
20th.	Garold Burghart, Chanute Chapter	95 points
20th.	Tom Gentry, Neodesha Chapter	95 points
20th.	Dan Compton, Fredonia Chapter	95 points
20th.	Bill Borcourt, Fredonia Chapter	95 points
20th.	Kenneth Preheim, Moundridge Chapter	95 points
20th.	Larry Van Pelt, Beloit Chapter	95 points
20th.	William Johnson, Trousdale Chapter	95 points
20th.	Jim Jarnagin, Jetmore Chapter	95 points

Total possible points in the 1953 FFA Information Contest equalled 100. From the individual scores listed, it is evident that the FFA Leadership School is attaining the second purpose listed.

The high 23 chapters in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st.	Chanute, Chas. O. Carter, Jr., Adviser	580 points
2nd.	Frankfort, Harold Frank, Adviser	573 points
2nd.	Moundridge, Richard Ramsdale, Adviser	573 points
4th.	Fredonia, Harold Shoaf, Adviser	560 points
5th.	Cherryvale, C. H. Young, Adviser	548 points
6th.	Jetmore, George Turnbull, Jr., Adviser	546 points
7th.	Clay Center, Ray Morrison, Adviser	539 points
8th.	Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain, Adviser	532 points
9th.	Buhler, J. A. Johnson, Adviser	531 points
9th.	Edson, Warren G. Harding, Adviser	531 points
9th.	Stockton, Floyd Blauer, Adviser	531 points
9th.	Shawnee-Mission, Harold Garver, Adviser	531 points
13th.	Beloit, Frank Carpenter, Adviser	529 points
14th.	Natoma, R. B. Feldkamp, Adviser	522 points
14th.	Altoona, George Robinson, Adviser	522 points
14th.	Burlingame, Roy Cropp, Adviser	522 points
17th.	Salina, William D. Smith, Adviser	519 points
18th.	Emporia, Emory Groves, Adviser	518 points
19th.	Howard, Wilbur Hart, Adviser	517 points
19th.	Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Adviser	517 points
21st.	Wamego, Chris Langvardt, Adviser	515 points
22nd.	Almena, Sam Stenzel, Adviser	501 points
22nd.	Colby, Gordon Cunningham, Adviser	501 points

## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

RANKINGS BY DISTRICTS

The following rankings give the high five individuals, the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest, the Gold Emblem Chapters in the FFA Ritual Contest and the Master Ritual Team for each of the ten District FFA Leadership Schools:

HOLTONHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	James Lackey, Centralia Chapter	91 points
1st.	Larry Riat, Wamego Chapter	91 points
3rd.	Denny Burgess, Wamego Chapter	90 points
4th.	Richard Folsche, Wamego Chapter	89 points
4th.	Dean Burgess, Wamego Chapter	89 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Wamego Chapter	515 points
2nd.	Troy Chapter	473 points
3rd.	Centralia Chapter	442 points
4th.	Effingham Chapter	430 points
5th.	Wetmore Chapter	424 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Wamego Chapter  
Effingham Chapter  
Holton Chapter  
Marysville Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Denny Burgess	Wamego Chapter
Vice Pres.	Larry Bohner	Wamego Chapter
Sec.	Kenneth Hauf	Effingham Chapter
Treas.	Larry Riat	Wamego Chapter
Rep.	Keith Gilliland	Holton Chapter
Sent.	Mike Pacha	Marysville Chapter

LAWRENCEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Carlyle Thompson, Shawnee-Mission Chapter	95 points
2nd.	Bill Stansbury, Williamsburg Chapter	91 points
3rd.	Gary Williams, Paola Chapter	90 points
3rd.	Everett Goff, Overbrook Chapter	90 points
3rd.	Ralph Russell, Shawnee-Mission Chapter	90 points
3rd.	Darrel Arnold, Shawnee-Mission Chapter	90 points

## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Shawnee-Mission Chapter	531 points
2nd.	Overbrook Chapter	490 points
3rd.	Olathe Chapter	466 points
4th.	Garnett Chapter	455 points
5th.	Seaman Chapter	436 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Lawrence Chapter  
 Shawnee-Mission Chapter  
 Olathe Chapter  
 Bonner Springs Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Carlyle Thompson	Shawnee-Mission Chapter
Vice Pres.	Bob Harrison	Olathe Chapter
Sec.	Richard Darrell	Shawnee-Mission Chapter
Treas.	Chuck Broadwell	Lawrence Chapter
Rep.	Scott Mitchell	Lawrence Chapter
Sent.	Peter Knipp	Bonner Springs Chapter

CLAY CENTERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Eldon Harder, Longford Chapter	93 points
1st.	Dean Faidley, Clay Center Chapter	93 points
3rd.	Paul Faidley, Clay Center Chapter	92 points
3rd.	Jim McChesney, Clay Center Chapter	92 points
5th.	Alvin Hofmann, Clay Center Chapter	90 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Clay Center Chapter	539 points
2nd.	Washington Chapter	433 points
3rd.	Wakefield Chapter	430 points
4th.	Manhattan Chapter	390 points
5th.	Chapman Chapter	384 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Miltonvale Chapter  
 Clay Center Chapter  
 Wakefield Chapter  
 Longford Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Robert Gibson	Miltonvale Chapter
Vice Pres.	Paul Faidley	Clay Center Chapter
Sec.	Lyle Rogers	Washington Chapter
Treas.	Bruce Myers	Wakefield Chapter
Rep.	Earl Oberhelman	Riley Chapter
Sent.	Robert Sanford	Wakefield Chapter



## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

EMPORIAHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Dick Frank, Frankfort Chapter	98 points
2nd.	Gary Mullenbruch, Frankfort Chapter	96 points
2nd.	Harold Haskin, Frankfort Chapter	96 points
4th.	Tom Kahl, Frankfort Chapter	95 points
4th.	Lloyd Schulkagel, Frankfort Chapter	95 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Frankfort Chapter	573 points
2nd.	Burlingame Chapter	522 points
3rd.	Emporia Chapter	518 points
4th.	Lyndon Chapter	491 points
5th.	Highland Park Chapter	490 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Emporia Chapter  
 Washburn Chapter  
 Alma Chapter  
 Herington Chapter  
 Frankfort Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Lester Kusmaul	Emporia Chapter
Vice Pres.	Mike Reilly	Washburn Chapter
Sec.	Gary Mullenbruch	Frankfort Chapter
Treas.	Dick Brown	Emporia Chapter
Rep.	Larry Engler	Washburn Chapter
Sent.	Harris Grunewald	Alma Chapter

FREDONIAHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Ben Compton, Fredonia Chapter	98 points
1st.	Paul Hansen, Chanute Chapter	98 points
3rd.	Richard Streets, Altoona Chapter	97 points
3rd.	Loy Reinhardt, Chanute Chapter	97 points
3rd.	Gary Berthot, Chanute Chapter	97 points
3rd.	Mervin Snowden, Chanute Chapter	97 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Chanute Chapter	580 points
2nd.	Fredonia Chapter	560 points
3rd.	Cherryvale Chapter	548 points
4th.	Neodesha Chapter	532 points
5th.	Altoona Chapter	522 points

## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Chanute Chapter  
 Altoona Chapter  
 Fredonia Chapter  
 Howard Chapter  
 Neodesha Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	J. A. Grubb	Neodesha Chapter
Vice Pres.	King Hyde	Altoona Chapter
Sec.	Richard Streets	Altoona Chapter
Treas.	Gene Hamilton	Columbus Chapter
Rep.	Joe Hurst	Humboldt Chapter
Sent.	Jerry Sperry	Cherryvale Chapter

HARPERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Mike White, Pretty Prairie Chapter	93 points
2nd.	Homer Goering, Pretty Prairie Chapter	91 points
2nd.	Leon Barton, Pretty Prairie Chapter	91 points
4th.	Janver Krehbiel, Pretty Prairie Chapter	89 points
4th.	Ellis McDaniels, Rose Hill Chapter	89 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Pretty Prairie Chapter	517 points
2nd.	Rose Hill Chapter	455 points
3rd.	Arkansas City Chapter	417 points
4th.	Pratt Chapter	375 points
5th.	Medicine Lodge Chapter	360 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Oxford Chapter  
 Pretty Prairie Chapter  
 Rose Hill Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Charles Mueller	Kingman Chapter
Vice Pres.	Reed Graber	Pretty Prairie Chapter
Sec.	Homer Goering	Pretty Prairie Chapter
Treas.	Bob Rice	Oxford Chapter
Rep.	Stanton O'Neil	Winfield Chapter
Sent.	Gerald Goodman	Pratt Chapter

## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

BUHLERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Bob Krehbiel, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
1st.	Lowell Goering, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
1st.	Clyde Goering, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
1st.	Norvin Schrag, Moundridge Chapter	97 points
5th.	Kenneth Preheim, Moundridge Chapter	95 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Moundridge Chapter	573 points
2nd.	Buhler Chapter	531 points
3rd.	Salina Chapter	519 points
4th.	Ellsworth Chapter	493 points
4th.	Newton Chapter	493 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Partridge Chapter  
Haven Chapter  
Salina Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Philip Kinast	Haven Chapter
Vice Pres.	Don Weberg	Salina Chapter
Sec.	Jim Jarvis	Salina Chapter
Treas.	Clinton Pierce	Partridge Chapter
Rep.	Leon Ricksecker	Partridge Chapter
Sent.	Larry Lunsford	Great Bend Chapter

BELOITHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Larry Van Pelt, Beloit Chapter	95 points
2nd.	Ronald Tonne, Beloit Chapter	94 points
2nd.	Franklin Burandt, Belleville Chapter	94 points
4th.	Richard Burandt, Belleville Chapter	93 points
5th.	James Griffin, Natoma Chapter	92 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Beloit Chapter	529 points
2nd.	Natoma Chapter	522 points
3rd.	Minneapolis Chapter	489 points
4th.	Simpson Chapter	488 points
5th.	Belleville Chapter	486 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Simpson Chapter  
Beloit Chapter  
Alton Chapter  
Smith Center Chapter



## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Lowell Blickenstaff	Smith Center Chapter
Vice Pres.	Bud McClintock	Simpson Chapter
Sec.	Phil Hogerty	Minneapolis Chapter
Treas.	Norman Hackerott	Lebanon Chapter
Rep.	Larry Van Pelt	Beloit Chapter
Sent.	Raymond Lumpkin	Smith Center Chapter

OBERLINHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Dean Peter, Edson Chapter	97 points
2nd.	Loran Henry, Colby Chapter	96 points
2nd.	John Thompson, Stockton Chapter	96 points
4th.	Don Peter, Edson Chapter	94 points
4th.	Gary Haller, Colby Chapter	94 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Edson Chapter	531 points
1st.	Stockton Chapter	531 points
3rd.	Almena Chapter	501 points
3rd.	Colby Chapter	501 points
5th.	Phillipsburg Chapter	476 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Edson Chapter  
 Goodland Chapter  
 St. Francis Chapter  
 Almena Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Harry Peter	Edson Chapter
Vice Pres.	Gary Rumsey	Almena Chapter
Sec.	Robert Gramzow	Almena Chapter
Treas.	Paul Sieck	Edson Chapter
Rep.	Vernon Mai	Hill City Chapter
Sent.	Donvan Williams	Plainville Chapter

DODGE CITYHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Wesley Salmans, Jetmore Chapter	96 points
2nd.	William Johnson, Trousdale Chapter	95 points
2nd.	Jim Jarnagin, Jetmore Chapter	95 points
4th.	Bill Billings, Jetmore Chapter	91 points
5th.	Jarrell Nuss, Jetmore Chapter	90 points
5th.	Wayne Shiew, Jetmore Chapter	90 points

## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Jetmore Chapter	546 points
2nd.	Hugoton Chapter	490 points
3rd.	Garden City Chapter	463 points
4th.	Kinsley Chapter	459 points
5th.	Coldwater Chapter	436 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Garden City Chapter  
Kinsley Chapter  
Trousedale Chapter  
Jetmore Chapter

Master Ritual Team

Pres.	Donald Elson	Kinsley Chapter
Vice Pres.	Dee Doebebeling	Ness City Chapter
Sec.	Wesley Salmans	Jetmore Chapter
Treas.	Lyle Boyd	Fowler Chapter
Rep.	Leroy Bieber	Bazine Chapter
Sent.	Dwayne Vaughn	Garden City Chapter

The following is a summarized table of the contest results of the ten district FFA Leadership Schools:

	: Highest	: Highest	: Total	: Average	: Total	: Average
Leadership School:	Individual:	Chapter:	High 5:	High 5	High 5	High 5
	: Score	: Score	: Boys	: Boys	: Chapters	: Chapters
Holton	: 91	: 515	: 450	: 90	: 2284	: 456.8
Lawrence	: 95	: 531	: 456	: 91.2	: 2378	: 475.6
Clay Center	: 93	: 539	: 460	: 92	: 2176	: 435.2
Emporia	: 98	: 573	: 480	: 96	: 2594	: 518.8
Fredonia	: 98	: 580	: 487	: 97.4	: 2742	: 548.4
Harper	: 93	: 517	: 453	: 90.6	: 2124	: 424.8
Buhler	: 97	: 573	: 483	: 96.6	: 2609	: 521.8
Beloit	: 95	: 529	: 468	: 93.6	: 2514	: 502.8
Oberlin	: 97	: 531	: 477	: 95.4	: 2540	: 508
Dodge City	: 96	: 546	: 467	: 93.4	: 2394	: 478.8

The following rankings list the Leadership Schools on the basis of the average of the scores made by the high five individuals in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Individuals Per Leadership School:

1st.	Fredonia Leadership School	97.4 points
2nd.	Buhler Leadership School	96.6 points
3rd.	Emporia Leadership School	96 points
4th.	Oberlin Leadership School	95.4 points
5th.	Beloit Leadership School	93.6 points

## 1953 Leadership Schools (continued)

The following ranking of District Leadership Schools is on the basis of the average score of the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Chapters Per Leadership School:

1st.	Fredonia Leadership School	548.4 points
2nd.	Buhler Leadership School	521.8 points
3rd.	Emporia Leadership School	518.8 points
4th.	Oberlin Leadership School	508 points
5th.	Beloit Leadership School	502.8 points

The following FFA members contributed to the success of the District FFA Leadership Schools by reciting the FFA Creed:

Danny Holt, Hoyt Chapter  
Sharon Jackson, Seaman Chapter  
Fred Applegarth, Morrowville Chapter  
John Jewell, Jr., Burlingame Chapter  
Richard Rees, Coffeyville Chapter  
Ellis McDaniels, Rose Hill Chapter  
Kenneth Preheim, Moundridge Chapter  
Ronald Underhill, Simpson Chapter  
Charles Vernon, Norcatur Chapter  
Jerry Anderson, Kinsley Chapter

The more FFA members know about the Future Farmers of America, the greater will be their respect for the organization. FFA officers (and advisers) too often are not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Ritualistic performance, especially the opening and closing ritual, constitute the "Show Window" of the FFA organization. It is important that all ritualistic performance be on a high standard, but especially important that the opening and closing ritual be well handled at all times. Parliamentary Procedure should be given more attention by chapter officers.

A practice begun in 1948 with the Stockton FFA Leadership School was continued. This practice consisted of having the local FFA advisers in judging the Ritual Contest rank the different officers on their performance. From these rankings an All Star Ritual Team was chosen. This All Star Team closed the District School. This feature has proved to be very stimulating.

Local FFA advisers for the most part did a fine job in coaching their members who were scheduled for parts in the District Schools. A high standard of performance must be maintained if our District FFA Leadership Schools are to yield hoped-for results. A satisfactory standard can be maintained only by cooperation on the part of the local FFA adviser in selecting assignments, and in preparing individuals and teams for superior presentation of assignments. One of the purposes of the FFA District Leadership School is to stimulate each officer to perform on a high plane the duties and responsibilities of his office.

The state office wishes to express its appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced in each of the ten districts in which FFA Leadership Schools were held.

25TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION ROUNDUP

Note: The following taken from a summary furnished by the Office of Education, Agricultural Education Branch, Washington, D. C., will be of special interest to Kansas FFA members.

It is doubtful if any other organization ever had such an eventful session as the FFA during the closing day of the Anniversary convention. Opening on Thursday with a brief business session, the delegates then heard greetings from representatives of the Future Homemakers of America, Boy Scouts, and 4-H Clubs; were addressed by Secretary Benson, then watched the Indian boys of the Browning, Montana, FFA chapter stage a Buffalo Grass Dance, complete with teepees on the stage and all the ceremonial costumes.

Mrs. Hobby's address came early during the afternoon program, followed by election and installation of new national officers. Doors for the evening program opened at 6:45 and the auditorium was soon jam-packed with Future Farmers, many of whom had waited near the doors two hours in order to get a good seat for the president's address. They were entertained by the national FFA band and chorus, FFA string bands, and an appearance by movie stars Duncan Renaldo and Leo Carillo (Cisco Kid and Pancho).

Following the opening ceremony at 7:30, the distinguished platform guests were introduced, including the retiring national FFA officers; Secretaries Benson and Hobby, former U. S. Senator from Kansas Harry Darby, who handled many of the arrangements in connection with the Eisenhower visit; Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas who earlier in the convention had received the Honorary American Farmer degree for his work in obtaining the commemorative stamp; Senator Andrew F. Shoenkel of Kansas, and the governors of fourteen states.

Band and chorus numbers filled the time until President Eisenhower arrived promptly at 8 o'clock for retiring FFA president Jimmy Dillon's simple introduction of: "Fellow Future Farmers, Ladies and Gentlemen -- The President of the United States."

He was greeted by a rising ovation from the audience, the band played "Ruffles and Flourishes", and "Hail, the Chief." As he moved forward to shake hands with Jimmy Dillon and accept the Honorary American Farmer degree from him, the battery of newspaper photographers opened up with their flashes. Television and newsreel cameras already had started recording the event.

And then began the first address ever delivered by a president of the United States before a Future Farmers of America convention.

Mr. Eisenhower's address was a major one delving into national agricultural policies, but many of his remarks were pointed directly at the Future Farmer audience.

"In this developing society in which you are speedily to take a leading part, you must never permit your government to indulge in the fanciful notion that work for the individual is a thing of the past," he said. "If ever this should become true, all fun in living will disappear. Your own property, your own security, your own opportunity, your own liberties, must be earned-- they cannot be bestowed."



## 25th Anniversary National FFA Convention Roundup (continued)

Later, he spoke of the promise of opportunity to get ahead, including the remark that: "I foresee no limits to your future. It is truly boundless. Anyone my age who deeply believes in America sincerely congratulates you as you start the exciting and challenging journey through life, even though he cannot see and experience what you are going to see and experience. But he does know that the whole adventure will be more fascinating, more spectacular, more stimulating and more rewarding than the events my generation has witnessed."

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PERTINENT 1953 FFA CONVENTION BUSINESS ACTIONNational Chapter Contest

The National Chapter Contest Committee Report approved by the delegates at the national convention included the following recommendations and changes:

1. A new criteria for awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to chapter advisors is to be established by the National Board of Student Officers and the National Board of Directors of the FFA. The old policy of awarding the degree to advisors of National Gold Emblem Chapters is to be discontinued.
2. The national office should prepare a report form for use in the Chapter Contest that will:
  - a. Simplify the reporting of chapter accomplishments.
  - b. Facilitate scoring of accomplishments and selection of winners.
  - c. Eliminate scrapbooks and similar materials from the chapter reports.

It was further recommended that a special national committee composed of adults and FFA members study and revise the rules and report their recommendations at the 1954 national convention. It was suggested that the special committee give consideration to:

1. Establishing as Part I of the contest a list of minimum standards for chapter performance.
2. Establishing as Part II a plan for scoring chapter accomplishments in terms of this program of work.
3. Revising the award system that will give recognition to all local chapters, which meet the minimum standards.

It is hoped that a report form can be completed by the January meeting of the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors. Instructions will be sent to the States after those meetings concerning the submitting of entries in the National Chapter Contest for the current year.

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## Pertinent 1953 FFA Convention Business Action (continued)

Changes in Rules of National Public Speaking Contest

The delegates at the convention upon the recommendation of the Public Speaking Contest Committee recommended that the following changes be made in the rules of the National Public Speaking Contest:

1. Article IV is to be amended to read that deductions of 40 points shall be made per minute or part thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length.
2. Add to Article IV that deductions be made of 20 points per minute or part thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.
3. Amend Article V, Rule 6, to read that a timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions should be made.
4. To amend Part III of the Score Card to include less undertime deductions 40 points for each minute or part thereof; and less overtime deductions 20 points per minute or part thereof.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors, and will be included in the printed rules of the National Public Speaking Contest. These changes will not become effective until a date is set by the Boards at the January, 1954 meeting. In all probability, the rules will be declared effective beginning July 1, 1954. Since printed rules have already been distributed for this year, it would be very confusing to declare these changes effective immediately.

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Revision of National Program of Work

The delegates recommended that the National Program of Work be completely revised by a special national committee and that the new program be submitted to the national convention in 1954 for consideration. The following recommendations were made by the delegates:

1. Develop a National Program of Work that deals specifically with activities and objectives to be accomplished by the national FFA organization and its officers.
2. Develop as a separate document a list of activities which the national organization considers an important guide to State associations and local chapters to use in developing their respective programs of work.

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ILLINOIS: Ronnie Fink, Emden Chapter (special snare drum numbers at Silver Anniversary Convention) speaking of his experiences at the FFA Convention states: "It was the most wonderful experience I have ever had." He also appreciated receiving a copy of the November, 1953, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE  
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF  
AMERICA FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1953

A. W. TENNEY

We are celebrating the Silver Anniversary of the Future Farmers of America. Our convention featured some outstanding achievements made by the organization since it was founded in 1928. It is appropriate for us to pause at this quarter century milestone and look back over the past twenty-five years. We recognize that the progress made has been due to the work done by members of the FFA, teachers of vocational agriculture, State staffs in agricultural education and members of the staff of the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education. We are likewise indebted for the assistance that has been given to the FFA by individuals, our many friends in other organizations, and from the field of business and industry.

We have a just right to take pride in the outstanding achievements of the past, but let us not forget to look forward. The organization continues to grow in membership and achievements. We are all expecting greater things of the Future Farmers of America in the next twenty-five years.

We now have the largest membership in the history of our organization. The following report on accomplishments of the Future Farmers of America is for the year ending June 30, 1953.

REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
<b>I. <u>SUPERVISED FARMING</u></b>		
1. Producing food for world demands	100 % member participation	91%
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100 % member participation	55%
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100 % member participation	60% 50%
4. Preventing livestock losses	100 % chapter participation	71%
<b>II. <u>COOPERATION</u></b>		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100 % member participation	72%
<b>III. <u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u></b>		
1. Stress repairing and reconditioning of machinery	100 % member and chapter participation	43% members 80% chapters
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100 % of State Associations with safety program	86%

## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
3. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	50% members 72% chapters
4. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	47%
IV. <u>LEADERSHIP</u>		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	80%
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books.	84%
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of Chapters and States hold public speaking contests	100% States 50% chapters
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	93%
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing program of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	100% States 87% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	86%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	90%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	34% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 67% chapters prepared publicity material regularly 58% States sponsored radio series 37% chapters prepared & gave broadcasts
V. <u>EARNINGS AND SAVINGS</u>		
1. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	37% members 62% chapters



## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
<b>VI. <u>CONDUCT OF MEETINGS</u></b>		
1. Using Official Manual	100% of members having access to Official Manual	88%
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% of members using both books	84% secretary's 79% treasurer's
3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	94% States 83% chapters
4. Using official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	92%
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold conventions	100%
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	90% chapters held regular meetings 52% members attended
<b>VII. <u>SCHOLARSHIP</u></b>		
1. Improving scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	83% chapters helped members improve their scholarship
<b>VIII. <u>RECREATION</u></b>		
1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	67%
2. Continuing National FFA Week	100% of State associations participating	98%
<b>IX. <u>GENERAL</u></b>		
1. Maintaining membership	370,000 active members	363,369 members

STATE CONVENTIONS - All associations held State conventions. National FFA Officers attended 47 of these conventions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING - Forty-five State associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More than 40,890 members attended the leadership schools.

## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

CAMP AND OLD MILL - The facilities at the National FFA Camp are being used by the staff of the Future Farmers Supply Service and by the staff of The National FUTURE FARMER. Since the Potomac Park Motor Court in Washington, D. C., has facilities to accommodate FFA chapters, the national camp was not open during the past summer.

The George Washington Grist Mill, which is leased from the Virginia Conservation Commission, is still being kept open to the public. A caretaker is kept on duty. The income from the mill is enough to pay for all of the expenses, maintenance, and the salary of the caretaker.

Sixteen Associations operated camps for members during the summer.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST - We received 97 reports on accomplishments in the National Chapter Contest for the past year. We are pleased with the continual improvement in the quality of work being done by FFA chapters.

PRIZES AND AWARDS - Members of the FFA are indebted to the Future Farmers of America Foundation and to its donors for the awards which have been given by the Foundation.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE - The Future Farmers Supply Service has continued to grow during the past year. A number of new items have been added at the request of State Associations and by authorization of the Board of Student Officers.

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER - We are pleased that, at last, the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER, the official magazine for the Future Farmers of America, has become a reality. Members have requested a magazine since our organization was started in 1928, and this goal has been attained.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State Associations for the year ended June 30, 1953, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

## A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered local chapters.....	8,569
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture	
without FFA chapters.....	125
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	363,369

## B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree..	106,577
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer	
Degree.....	190,856
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer	
Degree.....	9,180
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer	
Degree.....	578
Total active membership.....	363,369

## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

Total number of associate members (local).....	249,809
Total number of honorary members (local).....	43,742
Total number of honorary members (State).....	4,859
Grand Total Membership.....	661,779
 I. SUPERVISED FARMING	
Number of members who participated in production of food.....	294,312
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs.....	199,886
Number of members who used improved livestock practices.....	217,195
Number of members who used improved crop production practices.....	186,352
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work.....	6,053
 II. COOPERATION	
Number of chapters cooperating with other groups.....	7,680
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort...	262,517
 III. COMMUNITY SERVICE	
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	156,787
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	7,257
Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation.....	43
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work.....	183,122
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work....	6,378
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment.....	172,335
 IV. LEADERSHIP	
Number of State Associations that nominated full quota of American Farmers.....	40
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books..	7,205
Number of State Associations that held a public speaking contest.....	50
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest.....	4,356
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings.....	7,962
Number of State Associations having a written continuing program of work.....	50
Number of chapters having a definite continuing written program of work.....	7,493
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheet regularly.....	43
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters.....	2,940
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly.....	5,721
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.....	45

## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	5,413
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series.....	29
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	3,238
Number of Association members attending last National FFA Convention.....	11,111

## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices.....	132,615
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices.....	5,351

## VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual.....	356,556
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book....	7,191
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book....	6,789
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	7,120
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	47
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings.....	7,902
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	7,815
Number of State Associations holding a convention.....	50
Number of members who have attended 100% of chapter meetings..	188,383

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship.....	7,091
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## VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation.....	7,258
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities.....	243,489
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	16
Number of members attending State camps.....	20,392
Number of chapters represented.....	1,794
Number of State Associations participating in National FFA Week.....	49

## C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members as of January 1 of this year.....	\$91,606,485.98
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## D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher training departments operating Collegiate FFA chapters.....	31
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters.....	1,963



AGRICULTURAL SUBJECTS A MUST FOR FFA SPEECH CONTEST

Undoubtedly many FFA members in Kansas are giving thought to a suitable subject to be used in preparing a speech for local chapter and district FFA speech contests. It therefore seems in order to call attention to the ruling made just prior to the 23rd National FFA Convention relative to the nature of the subject to be covered by the speaker. The following quotation taken from a letter on this subject sent to the states by National Adviser Dr. W. T. Spanton is self-explanatory:

"It is not enough that a speech should be built around some topic of general interest such as "The Marshall Plan" or "Socialized Medicine" and contain a few references to agriculture or farm people. The rules are specific in requiring that the speech must be on an "Agricultural Topic". This means, according to the National FFA Advisory Council, that both the title and content of the speech must deal primarily, not incidentally, with some phase of agriculture."

"The National office has called attention to this problem on several occasions during the last two years, but from now on, any contestant who violates this provision of the rules, no matter how well his speech is prepared or delivered, will be doing so at the risk of having his speech disqualified by the judges. Certainly all speeches that may "get by" judges of local or State contests, will most assuredly be disqualified in the Regional or National Contests, if this provision of the rules is violated."

"Judges of all FFA Public Speaking contests should be clearly instructed as to the importance of this requirement, since the decisions of the judges in all contests will be final. It would be very unfortunate for the winner of a State contest to be disqualified in a Regional or National contest because this regulation had not been observed."

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

Kansas FFA members continue to report satisfaction with our national FFA magazine. As of November 19, 1953, 5,431 subscriptions to the National Future Farmer have been forwarded through the state office. Our records show 51 of the 203 chapters in Kansas without a single subscription to this magazine for the current year. There is a possibility that many chapters among this group subscribed late last year and are just getting ready to send renewals. This, however, does not take care of the new students in vocational agriculture. Also, local chapters may have sent subscriptions to the National Future Farmer direct, or they may have subscribed through an agency other than the state office or the Washington office. We sincerely hope that our subscription figures listed above do not represent the total from approximately 7,500 FFA members in Kansas. Certainly, 51 chapters in our state should not be without the benefits available through subscription to the National Future Farmer.

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TENNESSEE: Over \$5,000.00 will be given to individual FFA members and FFA chapters in Tennessee during 1953-54 in District and State Awards.

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK

The 1954 National FFA week will be the week of February 21 to 27 inclusive. The following list of suggestions may help your chapter promote National FFA week -

1. Prepare news features about FFA for local paper, telling about chapter's activities and individual member's accomplishments. Local news reporters or editors probably will be happy to help in writing the stories. The editor may wish to plan a special FFA edition. Have a group picture of the chapter members made and submit it to the editor.
2. Suggest to the advertising manager of the local newspaper that merchants may want to plug FFA in their advertising if they know about FFA Week. Many newspapers plan FFA Week special editions. Start planning at least a month ahead for complimentary ads and special editions.
3. Contact local radio stations to obtain FFA programs. Radio advertisers may also wish to plug FFA during the week. Make arrangements to appear on a television show if there is a station in your community. Arrange for local stations to carry spot announcements on FFA Week.
4. Obtain "FFA Week" proclamation from mayor or governing official of town.
5. Make "National FFA Week" posters and exhibits and contact local business men for window or floor space for displays.
6. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs, and Service Organizations and make arrangements for Future Farmers to appear on their programs.
7. Sponsor joint meetings of local civic and rural clubs.
8. Arrange special school assembly program to be put on by FFA.
9. Hold open house for parents and friends. Tell about the past year's FFA activities and accomplishments.
10. Invite eighth grade farm boys and their parents to a special FFA meeting or open house.
11. Prepare FFA Chapter News Letter to distribute to parents and others in the community.
12. Have all members who own them wear FFA jackets during the week.
13. Hold annual parent-son or other banquet.
14. Conduct a project tour, if weather permits, so your friends in the community can see FFA member accomplishments.
15. Obtain one of the FFA movies and get local theater to present it as a short--or get it used over television.
16. Urge members to listen to the National Farm and Home Hour, NBC, on Saturday, February 20.
17. Report your activities during FFA Week to your State Association, and begin making plans for a better observance of National FFA Week in 1955. It comes during the week of George Washington's birthday every year.

KIND WORDS

Dr. A. W. Tenney, National FFA Executive Secretary

"You have done it again. The review of the Silver Anniversary Convention in the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter was excellent in every respect. I congratulate you and all those who had a part in the preparation of such an interesting report of the convention for the Newsletter."

Charles W. Ritter, National FFA Vice President of Southern Region

"You and your staff are to be congratulated for the wonderful job that you did on the November issue of The Kansas Future Farmer. I enjoyed reading it very much and feel that you are setting an example for other states to follow.

I was particularly impressed by the complete coverage of the recent national convention. This is a very good way to make every member of your state association conscious of what goes on at the national meeting."

Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College

"My compliments on another excellent "Post-Convention" issue of your FFA Magazine."

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RECENTLY CHARTERED FFA CHAPTERS IN KANSAS

Humboldt Chapter	Bill Owens, President, M. B. Tinkler, Adviser November 21, 1952, Charter No. 239.
Ellinwood Chapter	Neil DeWerff, President, John J. Cragun, Adviser November 11, 1953, Charter No. 240.
Salina Chapter	Palmer Price, President, Wm. D. Smith, Adviser November 11, 1953, Charter No. 241.
Goessel Chapter	Verlin Bartel, President, Gerald S. Deckert, Adv. November 11, 1953, Charter No. 242.
Blue Mound Chapter	Leslie Krull, President, G. Edwin Shaffer, Adviser November 11, 1953, Charter No. 243.

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MICHIGAN: Saline Chapter....Thirteen sophomore and junior members of the Saline FFA Chapter, with their adviser, Mr. Marvin Rorick, made a 1,300 mile trip through Northern Michigan in the school bus. Camp was set up in the woods by Big Manistique Lake in the Upper Peninsula and all meals were prepared by the boys. During the week the boys visited the Tahquamenon Falls, Pictured Rocks, and the Big Spring at Manistique. The campers also had time for ball games, swimming, fishing, and other sporting activities. Some of the educational activities included studying various types of farming, forest management, conservation farming, lumbering operations, and forest fire prevention and control.

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CHAPTER NEWS

EFFINGHAM: We have 89 active FFA members in our chapter that paid their state and national dues by November 1. Sixty-seven are enrolled in vocational agriculture. Fifteen freshmen received their Green Hand Degrees at a special meeting....Our chapter officers purchased 10,000 FFA stamps from our local postmaster and sold them to members. All post offices in the county had FFA stamps for sale....Committees have been busy carrying out different activities such as: mixing rat poison and promoting its use by members and farmers; testing seed, milk, and soil; purchasing supply of drugs for livestock; mixing mineral; operating popcorn machine at football games; selling subscriptions to Hoard's Dairyman magazine; printing and distributing programs at football games; collecting money for USO drive; considering applicants to receive the 13 chapter Duroc Jersey gilts; and getting ready for our annual Parent and Son Banquet to be held November 24....We have culled four poultry flocks and determined the yield of a corn fertilizer plot.

Irving Boldridge, Reporter

ABILENE: Twelve new members were added to our FFA chapter this year, bringing the total to 42 members....Our chapter has attended three purebred sales this fall: Hereford, Holstein, and Hampshire....Winners of the chapter's field corn contest were Leroy Van Meter, first; William Boyce, second; and Loren Long, third....The chapter added \$127.40 to the treasury by selling popcorn at the home football games....The speakers for our two FFA meetings were W. A. Flynn of the Flynn Nursery, who spoke on farmstead beautification, and I. D. Williams, an IFYE student from England, who spoke on farming conditions in England....A committee is planning our tenth annual pest eradication contest....The vocational agriculture classes have been busy culling chickens and running a concrete floor in the concession stand at the athletic field....We have tested 40 soil samples....We have purchased 150 boxes of Christmas cards and have taken subscriptions for the Farm Journal and Hoard's Dairyman....Alfred Howie sold seven sows and gilts at the Kansas Yorkshire Sale held this fall in Abilene.

Ralph Ayers, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: We have 45 FFA members this year....The chapter's Green Hand Degree was held November 2. Eleven Green Hands received the degree....Some of the shop projects which we have started are: two baled hay elevators, three combination hay and grain cattle bunks, two combination sheep feeders, one garden tractor, one livestock loading chute, one A-type hog house, one barbed wire roller, and one automatic cattle waterer....Lowell Goering, a junior in high school, will soon start producing broilers in a new 1,000 bird capacity pole type broiler house. He plans to produce 4,000 broilers per year. The Number Eleven vocational agriculture class helped with the construction of the building....The chapter has been earning money by selling concessions at football games and by cleaning and treating seed wheat. We have cleaned and/or treated 3,900 bushels of seed wheat.

Clyde Goering, Reporter

CLAFLIN: Seven freshman boys received the Green Hand Degree....In shop the projects that are being constructed are three trailers, cement mixer, lawn mower, two loading chutes, hoist, three feed bunks and a welding table....The Claflin Chapter sponsors a Lyceum about once every month.

Jimmy Bortz, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

LIBERAL: We are cooperating with the Liberal Chamber of Commerce on a project to get merchants to buy numbers for their places of business so their places of business can be more easily found. The FFA members contacted the merchants and sold decal numbers to them for numbering their places of business. As a result of this project 94 merchants have house numbers on their places of business. The FFA chapter made \$51.00 on this project....We are planning to hold one night meeting each month during the year and two day meetings each month....We plan for our Chapter Farmer and Green Hand Degree on December 8.... We have 20 members in our chapter this year....In our shop we are going to make 24 seed exhibit boxes for the Fair board.

Bob Trimmell, Reporter

BLUE MOUND: The Blue Mound Chapter is a new one. It was started on September 15 of this year. We have 32 members. The officers are: President, Leslie Krull; Vice President, Allen Wright; Secretary, Gerald Hazelbaker; Treasurer, Kenneth Lalman; Reporter, Dean West; Sentinel, Kelly Kehl. The Blue Mound Chapter officers are going to visit the Kincaid Chapter to get some new ideas on how to get the chapter going. We had our first night meeting on November 4....We checked tattoo numbers on ten head of purebred Angus heifers for one farmer and also castrated 14 head of 450-pound calves, vaccinated 18 for blackleg, and castrated seven head of pigs weighing 80 to 90 pounds and one big boar....Our chapter obtained a half-ton pickup truck for use in our department....The shop boys are building racks for the truck bed.

Dean West, Reporter

MILTONVALE: The highlight of the 1953-54 year for the Miltonvale Chapter was the Parent and Son Banquet held on November 13. The theme of the banquet was "The Silver Anniversary"....In September we held a watermelon feed....In our chapter meetings we have had various programs such as a film, a softball game, and a 20-question game....The agriculture classes have castrated hogs, caponized poultry, repaired a four-wheel trailer, repaired a self-feeder for hogs, and built two-wheel trailers as well as various other jobs....The active membership is 45 boys.

Kenneth Trickle, Jr., Reporter

ALMENA: Our chapter has been busy making money to finance our FFA activities for the coming year. We have shocked feed, snapped corn, picked up corn, sold booster license plates, and sold tickets and ushered at the athletic events.... The freshmen have had a Parents Night. The chapter has had a Parents Night on the night the Green Hands received their degrees....We are planning a chili feed for our dads in the near future....We have 15 new Green Hands. Our freshman members have formed a Junior FFA to help them learn to conduct meetings, practice parliamentary procedure, and substitute for the senior officers whenever one is absent.

Merle Altman, Reporter

EMPORIA: We have several money raising projects under way at this time: selling Christmas cards, collecting scrap iron, and taking part in an all-school carnival....Our chapter purchased a purebred boar....We harvested a half-acre plot of pop corn, shelled and cleaned the corn and sold it locally....Nineteen gilts in our purebred gilt ring were selected by chapter members.

Bobbie Davis, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

OSBORNE: Each prospective Green Hand was assigned to a member holding the Chapter Farmer Degree and was assigned to recite the Creed to the Chapter Farmer member....Our Green Hand Degree was held on October 26 at which time the following boys received the Green Hand Degree: Edward Becker, Eugene Berry, Gary Bliss, Edmund Conway, Raymond Conway, James Fisher, Erwin Gengler, Howard Guyer, Merlin Kaser, Bill O'Connor, Larry Robinson, Gary Trexler, Doyle Waggle, Milton Zimmerman, Eddie Miller, and Bernard Henke....Mr. Earl Woolley, the local banker, was guest speaker at our October 22 FFA meeting. He talked on farm credit, telling us about the rate, type of loans, the term of loan, and agencies where credit may be obtained....Our chapter shocked feed for farmers within our community, earning \$80.00 for our treasury....The No. 10 vocational agriculture class widened the driveway entrance to the school grounds....The No. 11 vocational agriculture class built a trailer for the school....Other shop jobs in process are two trailers, a dehorning chute, a chicken feeder, repairing and mounting an engine, hog troughs, three calf feeders, and other basic shop skills such as brazing or soldering funnels, building small foot scrapers, hammer wedges, and tempering and sharpening tools....We plan on four outside speakers at our regular FFA meetings....Program schedule for the year is placed on the bulletin board giving the program chairman for each meeting and the Green Hand in charge of FFA news.

Dale Kelling, Reporter

HAVEN: Our chapter sponsored the "FFA Harvester", annual all-school party, on Saturday, October 10. Ann Tuttle, a junior, was chosen queen. Chapter President, Phil Kinast, escorted the queen to the throne in a midget size sulky pulled by a Shetland pony. We had taped sponge rubber to the pony's hoofs so they would not mar the gym floor....Elson Sietz and Darrel Lyon exhibited sheep, Jim Hayes a steer, and Jim Rayl a barrow at the local fair. Elson had champion fat lambs in both the heavy and light classes, and Rayl had champion barrow.... We have collected and sold one truck load of scrap iron....Major projects under construction in shop include the following: feed bunks being built by Larry Haines, Jim Hayes, Willis Kauffman, Joe Weve, Jerry Huston, Bill Romig and Gary Zimmerman; loading chutes by Leonard Wallsten, Phil Kinast, Jerry Carmichael, Lynn Meier, Darrel Lyon and Richard Nicklaus; two-wheel trailer, Clifford Collins; stock racks, Howard Lehner; harrow carrier, Mel Schrock; 10 lambing pens, Darrel Lyon; clothes line poles, Don Dow, Dean Zimmerman and Joe Weve. Many other smaller projects are also being made.

Larry Haines, Reporter

RILEY: FFA degree installation ceremonies will be held at the second meeting in November. We have thirteen applications for the Green Hand Degree and eight applications for the Chapter Farmer Degree....We constructed 115 feet of sidewalk as part of our plan for landscaping the vocational agriculture building....On November 13 the chapter, in cooperation with the Riley Lions Club, sponsored the Annual Fall Grain Show. Russell Sylvester made the champion entry with his corn exhibit....Shop projects consist of farm gates, rebuilding a wagon, flat bed trailer, feed bunks, hog house and a rabbit hutch.

Earl Oberhelman, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Seven freshmen received the Green Hand Degree, and nine sophomore Green Hands received the Chapter Farmer Degree....Our chapter has one night meeting and one day meeting per month....Some of the shop jobs in construction are a two-horse trailer, 4 feed bunks, two gates, cattle squeeze, child's swing and teeter-totter and a truck endgate.

Leslie Slattery, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

BONNER SPRINGS: Our chapter held a Green Hand meeting August 22. Twelve Green Hands were present....We have mixed over 1,000 pounds of protein supplement for swine in our chapter feed mixer. The supplement is 43 per cent protein, and we are selling it to the chapter members for \$5.50 per 100 pounds. The chapter has received a half-ton GMC pickup from a local implement company....Fifteen Green Hands enrolled in our chapter this fall....We butchered an 800-pound beef and will do more butchering as winter progresses....The chapter built 150 feet of picket fence to enclose the area back of the school house....We pulled five acres of sweet corn for a local farmer and received \$40.00 for our chapter treasury.

Arden McLaughlin, Reporter

INMAN: On October 27 the FFA and FHA held their first barnwarmer. The entire school was invited, and the committees of the FFA and FHA combined their talent for the planning of the party. Each person was charged 25¢ to cover refreshments. A king and queen were elected to reign over the party. The king and queen were crowned and then threw candy, gum, and a couple of eggs filled with water into the audience. Then those that were present were divided into four groups to play games, such as having two people bite an apple hanging from a string and feeding each other candy blindfolded. Then they all got into a group and played folk games. A local family band was secured to provide music. We plan to have another barnwarmer next year....Our chapter bought an old combine for \$25.00 and cut it up to use as scrap. This made us a little money. The Green Hands are planning a basketball game in which the boys will play their fathers....We have built a cutting table from an old 50-gallon barrel and have installed a fire blanket in our shop....The FFA members have purchased FFA stamps and encouraged others to buy them.

Bob Schmidt, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Our chapter had as a guest, Lazaro Gonozalais from Uruguay. He stayed at the home of David Carlgren for several weeks and was interested in learning more about agricultural education in America....Our chapter had ten acres of corn as a project again this year. It was planted and tended by the members and harvested October 9. Due to the extreme drought it did not yield as much as in other years....We held our annual pot-luck supper and crop show November 2. Over 175 crop samples were exhibited, including samples of grain, hay, silage, fruit and vegetables. Armine Grosse of Jamestown, former member of the Kansas State College grain team, acted as judge. Arthur Carlgren had the grand champion crops exhibit. Jim Lewis was selected for reserve champion in the crops exhibit....We installed two pencil vending machines in school for a money making project. We receive about one dollar a day profit....We are selling magazines and building feed bunks in shop to make money....A football homecoming program was printed by our chapter, and we made \$50.00 on the project....During the summer our shop and classroom were redecorated. Two new electric welders and a sickle grinder were added....At the present time we have three flat bed trailers, three feed bunks, a tractor and five motors in shop. Two weeders have been rebuilt, one truck bed rebuilt and two hog feeders made.

Ivan Walker, Reporter

TONGANOXIE: The chapter members are purchasing FFA jackets....At our last meeting the chapter voted to accept an invitation from the Bonner Springs Chapter to meet with them jointly in the near future.

Doyle Van Dyke, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

BIRD CITY: Our chapter gave a school assembly program during the month of September to inform the school of our various FFA activities....Thirteen boys from our chapter attended the land judging school held in Cheyenne County on September 17....Various money making activities that our chapter is participating in include: shocking feed in the community, popcorn sales at all home football games, boxing matches at the senior carnival, and running concrete sidewalks on the school grounds....The local postmaster has ordered several thousand FFA stamps for distribution....Thirty boys from our chapter plan to attend the National Western Stock Show again this year. While in Denver, we will also tour the United States Mint and the Swift Packing Plant....New equipment purchased for our shop this year includes two bench vises, a pipe vise, a drill press vise, a gear puller, two arc welding helmets, C clamps and various other small tools. Some of the projects under way or completed in the shop include: a horse trailer, a power hack saw, an arc welding table, a shop clean-up cart, a hog house, two cattle feed bunks, two chicken feeders and other small projects.

George Fishel, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: The officers, our adviser and our principal attended all sessions of the Twenty-Fifth National Convention in Kansas City. We flew both to and from this year's convention aboard a TWA airliner....On November 12 twenty-two freshmen received the Green Hand Degree. A barbecue beef dinner was served in the shop in honor of the new Green Hands. One hundred forty-five members and guests attended the dinner and initiation....At present we are selling magazine subscriptions from which we hope to clear \$500.00....We are again conducting our swine feeding experiment. The chapter purchased 18 head of feeder pigs which were divided into two lots with weekly gain and feed consumption records being kept by the junior agriculture class. The objective of this year's experiment is to determine the profitableness of a high fat, high protein supplement versus a low fat, low protein supplement. Both lots are being self fed ground maize with different protein supplements.

Jimmy Webb, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our chapter entered a float in the homecoming parade and placed third....Several of our members are making portable feed bunks and calf feeders from poultry dressing racks. These metal racks were purchased for \$3.00 each from a local company. They are about 5' long, 5' high, 3' wide, and are on small wheels. With a limited amount of work they make good calf feeders....We have fifteen new Green Hand members in our chapter this year....For American Education Week we prepared a display board, which we placed in a store window uptown. It included samples of our shop work and farming program pictures....Our chapter had a picture and an article about the FFA commemorative stamps in our school newspaper and in our local newspaper.

Larry Dike, Reporter

EDSON: Our first meeting of the year was a watermelon feed held for the freshmen boys...We held our annual parent-son meeting on September 28....We have earned money for our treasury by shocking feed....We held a box supper in cooperation with the Home Ec. girls....Some of the jobs now under construction are a hoist, feed bunks, tool cabinets, troughs, garden tractor, seed cleaner, trailer, and overhaul jobs on a tractor and a car....We plan to have our Green Hand Degree this month.

Dale Parker, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

OBERLIN: Sixteen Green Hands from Oberlin were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree at a demonstration given by Stockton at the FFA Leadership School held at Oberlin. Oberlin has 19 Green Hands this year....The junior class has been doing soil testing and taking field tours in airplanes....We have been repairing and building farm equipment. We are now working on and building two trailers, two post-hole diggers, seven self-feeders, feed bunks and other items....We are now working on an FFA band....For money raising we are mixing minerals, selling concessions at football games, selling pencils and sweeping school halls...Our president, Waldo Anderson, attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City this year....Our local chapter had charge of the program for the Rotary meeting recently....The chapter reconstructed an original stagecoach, which was drawn in the parade commemorating the last Indian raid in Kansas 75 years ago.

Norman Tally, Reporter

KINSLEY: Eleven freshmen received their Green Hand Degrees on October 26. Our membership is now 34....Shop projects this year include: overhauling one tractor, building one small trailer, one large two-wheel hay trailer, one set of swings, two metal feed bunks, one pickup side board set, one set of stock-racks made from pipe, one "A" frame for a tractor, one set of clothes line posts, and one 16-foot feed bunk....Concessions at football games netted \$105.75; farm mechanics exhibit at State Fair, \$65.00....December 3 is the date for our Parent-Son Banquet.

Terry Schaller, Reporter

ALTOONA: We started out the year with a watermelon feed honoring the freshmen....The Chapter Farmer Degree was received by eight members on September 23....October 9 was our pie and box supper. Shirley Myers was elected Chapter Sweetheart. We cleared about a hundred dollars on the box supper and Sweetheart contest....At our Parent Meeting October 16 ten boys received the Green Hand Degree....Everett Price and Gene Williams attended the Pfister corn show at Yates Center and won first and second places on their ten ear samples of corn....Seven members were on the school honor roll the first six weeks....Five more weaning age Hampshire gilts have been added to our chapter gilt ring....So far the vocational agriculture classes have castrated 18 pigs and one calf, vaccinated seven calves, put ring in a bull's nose, culled 40 hens and 153 pullets....Farm mechanics projects include: two four-wheel trailers, hay elevator, packers for grain drill, iron gates, feed bunk and water troughs from 55 gallon barrels, sheep feeders, hog troughs, repainting tractor, and miscellaneous small jobs.

Gale Carter, Reporter

OXFORD: At our November 9 night meeting we had our Green Hand Degree....We had a watermelon feed the first week of school for all FFA members and parents....We have started a squeeze chute as an FFA shop project. We are using the plans originated by the Mulvane Chapter. We plan to rent this chute to farmers in the community....Other shop projects under construction are three two-wheel trailers, a loading chute, four feed bunks, two chicken feeders, and two bale elevators.

Ernest Fink, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

IOLA: The chapter members are picking up corn for several farmers and get one-half of the corn....We displayed a farm safety booth at the Allen County Fair....We have 43 members this year....Jack Frame had the reserve champion sample of corn exhibited at the Pfister Hybrid Corn Show held at Yates Center. ...The FFA and FHA had a cooperative float in the Iola Homecoming Parade.... The chapter members are selling Christmas greeting cards and Farm Journal magazine subscriptions to swell our chapter treasury....We have an FFA pickup this year to be used for farming program work....We are planning an FFA basketball team for this year and hope to play neighboring chapters....Our chapter will be host to the Southeast Kansas District Public Speaking Contest on January 30, 1954.

Fred Kuestersteffen, Reporter

MERIDEN: Thirteen members were advanced to the Chapter Farmer Degree on November 6....A new tulip bed is a part of our school grounds landscaping sponsored by the chapter....Two safety meetings are planned for the entire student body by our Community Service Committee....Two of our chapter seniors have high scholarship ratings for the past three years....Our chapter sponsored the sale of two thousand FFA stamps.

Larry McClurg, Reporter

CEDAR VALE: The vocational agriculture department of Cedar Vale High School has a new farm shop. The junior-senior vo-ag boys have been working on the extra fixtures for the shop. The boys have made tool cabinets for almost all the shop tools, such as a woodworking cabinet, welding cabinet, pipe and die cabinet, and a cabinet for electric drills and bits, wrenches, etc. Cleanup equipment has been made by putting caster wheels on two barrels and welding handles and holders for brooms on the sides of the barrels. A cement floor was run throughout the shop room. A dressing-rest room was partitioned off in one corner of the building where the boys may change clothes and keep their shop clothing. Two large doors were placed in the front of the shop and one large door is in the rear of the building. Electrical outlets were placed on some of the steel posts down the middle of the room and along the end of the shop for use of arc welders. Two large automatic circulating heaters were installed hanging from the ceiling at either end. A sink and drinking fountain were installed on the outside wall of the dressing room....Shop jobs under construction are: four-wheel trailer, cattle squeeze chutes, hog and cattle troughs and many other articles.

Doyle Littrell, Reporter

RANDOLPH: The Randolph Chapter has 35 boys in FFA and 31 in vocational agriculture this year....The chapter honored the freshman boys this year with a watermelon feed followed by two movies in the high school. All the FFA Dads were present at the meeting....Some of our supervised activities have been working with cattle, repairing machinery for farmers and gathering soil samples for farmers and having them tested....We are placing a pencil machine in the high school and plans are in the making for placing a pop machine in the high school....We are planning a big beef barbecue for sometime next spring.

Erwin Mitchell, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

WETMORE: We have 31 active members in the chapter this year....For our first party of the year we held a watermelon feed with the freshman boys as guests of the chapter....As a means of raising money this year we are selling subscriptions to several magazines. We are also selling one magazine to enable the individual members to obtain credit, which they may apply to articles from the official FFA catalog....On November 10 we held open house in the agriculture department along with the other departments of the high school....We are planning to hold a pest eradication contest.

Raymond Stuke, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our chapter entered a booth at the County Fair and received a white ribbon. The theme was "Self Feeding Versus Hand Feeding Hogs"....Darrel Boston was our tractor rodeo contestant at the fair....We had our lunch stand open at the fair and at four football games and made about \$80.00....We sponsored the football programs this year....We are promoting a Duroc program. The FFA is giving a weaning registered gilt to a boy. He gives back a 50-pound registered gilt....The FFA gives any boy, who buys a breeding female gilt, beef heifer, or dairy heifer, \$5.00 toward the purchase price....We had two boys who entered the corn show at Marysville. Wayne Terpening won reserve champion and received a cup, and LaVern Stigge won third place in the entire corn show.

Darrel Ryser, Reporter

LEBANON: Our chapter held our annual Father-Son Chili Supper November 30. At this time fifteen freshmen received the Green Hand Degree, and the sophomore Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree....We have sold pop at all home football games to raise money for our treasury....Our chapter helped sponsor a school carnival November 20. We received part of the proceeds from the carnival for our treasury....In shop the sophomores and juniors have made new bleachers for the football field and reinforced the old ones. Other shop jobs have been overhauling a Model "A" Ford truck, one four-wheel trailer, three portable air-compressors and several other smaller jobs.

Bill Arneson, Reporter

MEADE: We had a watermelon feed just before school started and invited the boys who were intending to take vocational agriculture....The Meade Chapter started the year with 23 members....This year instead of giving to several different funds the chapter gave \$15.00 to the United Fund....The Meade Chapter made \$123.00 selling magazine subscriptions and \$40.00 selling at football games....We had open house during National Education Week and had a display in a window downtown....November 17 the Vocational Agriculture I boys' parents are invited in for discussion about the boys' future farming programs. ...The chapter is having a rodent killing contest, and the losers treat the winners to hamburgers....We have FFA signs welcoming people to Meade, Kansas, on the two highways running through town and have new vocational agriculture signs on the building.

Jackie Jenkinson, Reporter

ALMA: Our FFA chapter has been making a very good profit from selling advertisements to the local businessmen....One hundred per cent of last year's Green Hands were elected to the Chapter Farmer Degree....We shucked corn in several test fields along the Kansas River....For our annual date party we saw a movie.

Marvin A. Geisler, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

HOISINGTON: The Hoisington Chapter of FFA organized in September. We have 34 charter members....Our organization has had a concession stand at a football game and will have several more at basketball games....We have made out our program of work....Some of the larger shop jobs include six feed bunks, one trailer, one cattle chute, one cattle guard, one work bench, two step ladders, and five feed troughs....We are planning a pest control program. The winning side will be given a chili supper by the losing side....We built a booth to sell tickets at the football games.

C. W. Dietz, Reporter

JETMORE: We have 30 active members in our chapter this year....Our first project was building two sets of bleachers for the football field. These bleachers are for the visitors and will seat approximately 100 people. The bleachers are made of concrete....The Hodgeman County Farm Bureau Banquet was held in our shop this year. The chapter prepared the shop for the banquet and cleaned up afterwards.

Duane Shiew, Reporter

SIMPSON: Our chapter held its third annual Pheasant Feed at the high school lunch room and auditorium November 16. This annual event brings together the boys and their dads as well as other guests to eat the pheasants acquired by the boys during pheasant season. With the freshman boys serving the meal and washing the dishes afterwards, the group had little trouble in putting away twenty-three pheasants and all the trimmings. Then the group adjourned to the gym where the boys stood their dads in volley ball. Much to the boys' surprise the dads were able to hold their own quite easily.

Larry Sams, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: The chapter elected three sets of junior officers. These officers will be in charge of a meeting apiece. This gives us four complete sets of officers....Our chapter has collected and sold 4,905 pounds of cast iron and 6,360 pounds of steel which brought \$109.81. The paper pick-up by the freshman boys yielded 11,300 pounds of paper. The proceeds will be used to purchase FFA shirts for the freshman ag boys....The two FFA sprayers have been busy this summer, having sprayed over 800 acres for weed control and over 1,500 trees for insects. Two junior FFA boys were in charge of the spraying program.

Kermit Peterson, Reporter

NEODESHA: The Neodesha Chapter has 43 boys in FFA....This year for the first time, we are having a gilt ring. We are buying six registered Duroc gilts which are to be given to any boy who has facilities to keep them. When the gilt farrows, the boy is to return two gilts to the chapter. The chapter will also buy a boar. To raise money for this project, we had a pie supper....We are now engaged in a pest contest. Sides were chosen and the losers are to treat the winners to a party. Points are given each pest according to the degree of harm they do....We are getting a basketball team organized. We plan to play neighboring towns and local teams.

Tom Gentry, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

HILL CITY: Eleven freshmen received the Green Hand Degree in our chapter this year....We had charge of and presented the Armistice Day assembly for the school....In the near future we will have a box supper with the FHA....At our October meeting Mr. Gene Ott, our county agent, gave an interesting talk on the work of the extension department....We attended the county beef tour and have had several field trips....A few of our shop projects have been making steel gates, welding tables and repairing machinery....We are making and selling house numbers in town.

Vernon Mai, Reporter

FREDONIA: Our chapter was host September 29 to the Southeast Kansas Leadership School....The Ag I class held their annual parents program on October 8 to better acquaint the parents with FFA....To make money we have our own popcorn machine. We sell popcorn at all athletic events and are allowed a concession stand at one football game and one basketball game....We entered a float in the homecoming parade....We are now selling Christmas and greeting cards.

Rex Schwatken, Reporter

ULYSSES: We have 18 active members and six Green Hands....We are planning to get a popcorn machine and use it exclusively at all athletic games....Our rodent contest started on November 1. Each person has to get 1,000 points by January 31 or he is automatically on the losing side. The losing side will put on a chili supper for the winners.

Ronald LaFever, Reporter

BELOIT: On September 21 the officers put on a parliamentary procedure demonstration for the Business and Professional Women's Organization in Beloit....Our chapter entered a float in the Beloit High School football homecoming parade held October 23 and won first prize....We held our combination hayrack ride and barnwarmer October 28. The home economics girls were our guests....In shop we have made or are making: a large metal rack for outside the shop, two pair of metal clothes line poles, a cattle squeeze chute, an A-type hog house, a loading chute (made of pipe), a self-feeder for hogs, an automatic hog waterer, and a four-wheel trailer....We have 24 head of deferred calves which we plan to market in St. Joseph on the 23rd of November. We plan to send this years officers and last years officers to market with the steers.

Larry Van Pelt, Reporter

CANEY: The Caney Chapter has 46 members....Rules and by-laws are being drawn up by a committee appointed by the president....We held our first weiner roast and hayrack ride in October....We have collected paper and sold refreshments at a football game as methods for making money....The vocational agriculture classes have moved into the new building. The classes are constructing the concrete sidewalks in front of the building, wiring the building, installing the plumbing fixtures, and building the tool cabinets.

Dwight Fields, Reporter