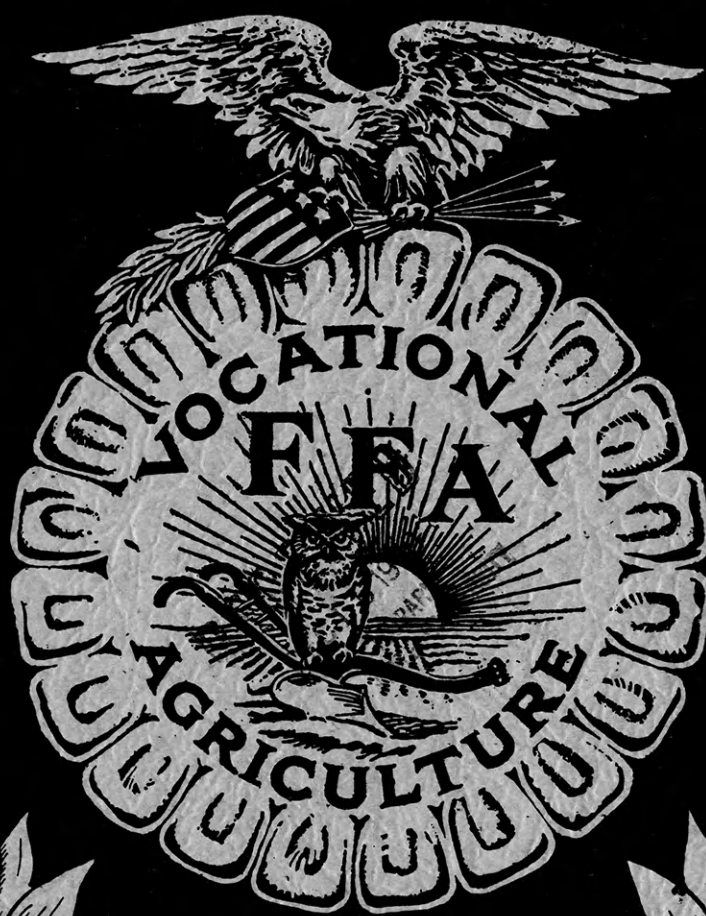


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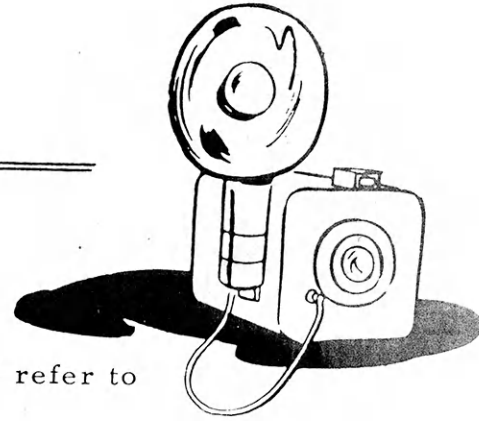
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NAME THE BEAVER



The beaver is symbolic of community spirit and teamwork. He is a hard worker and his achievements in conservation are known throughout the land. For these reasons he has been selected as the symbol of FFA youth involvement in "Building Our American Communities."

We need your help in naming the beaver. Your chapter can earn National recognition by naming the FFA beaver. Just fill out the attached card and mail it today. Entries must be post marked no later than Dec. 31, 1970. In case of a tie the winner will be selected by the earliest post mark. The winner will be announced during National FFA Week in 1971.

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Chapter _____

High School _____

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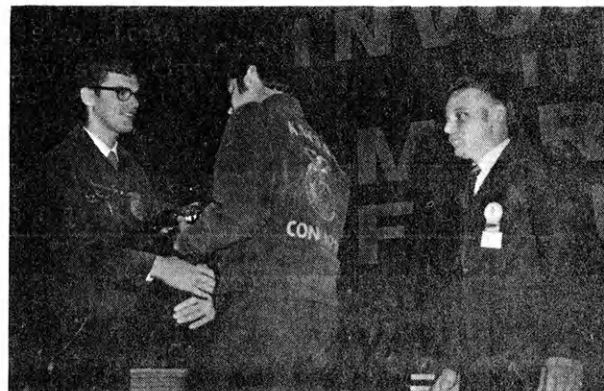


State FHA and FFA staff confer on Building Our American Communities program. Left to right: Lenoll Parks, Henry Gile, C. C. Eustace, Morgan Williams, Earl Wineinger, Dean Prochaska, and Harold Shoaf.



Farm Electrification Council Luncheon--

Left to right: Charles Ross, C. C. Eustace, Earl Palmberg, Steve Reedy, Charles Ellis, Dennis Cooper, and John Morgan.



Concordia Ranks National Gold--

Left to right: National Officer Charles Postles, Mike Cleveland, and Steve Reedy.



National Poultry Winner-- Left to right: Craig Good; Coach Stan Claassen; John Lacey, National Contest Supervisor; Carl Griffie; and Dave Nelson.



McPherson Ranks Fifth in Dairy Judging Contest--

Left to right: John Peterson, Mark Larson, Clyde Ribordy, Winston Moors, and Principal Ted R. Washburn.



Moundridge Ranks Third in Dairy Cattle Judging--

Left to right: Neal Galle, Dennis Gehring, James Schmidt, Bennie Gehring, and Instructor Wayne Powell.



State FFA Sweetheart Candidate for American Royal Queen--Left to right: State FFA Sweetheart Veldean Scott and Doug Deets, State FFA president.



Kansas Second in Nation in Livestock Proficiency--At center Ron Roth receives second place national proficiency award plaque.



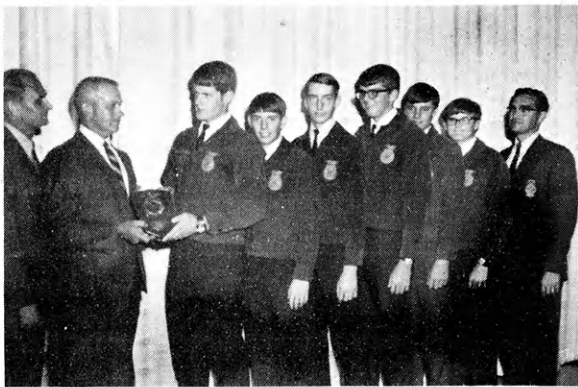
Kansas Ranks Gold in Safety--Left to right: Steve Zumbach, national vice president; Jack Karleskint; and Milton Kohrs, advisor.



Kansas American Farmers--Left to right: Myron Schmidt, Gary Ritter, Lester Priest, James Hess, William Blanton, and John Bastin.



National FFA Pianist--Dennis Good, Paola FFA Chapter, served as pianist for the National FFA Chorus.



Eskridge First at EC Leadership School--From left to right: Bill Snyder, Marvin Smith, Dale Bohn, Byron Fry, Steve Bohn, Ed Van Petten, Robert Warren, Clayton Fry, and Terry Fanning.

Caney FFA Wins SE Kansas Leadership School--President Mark Mayfield receives first place plaque from Larry L. Rose, manager, Federal Land Bank, Parsons, Kansas.



East Central District Officers--From left to right: Bill Poovey, Garnett, president; Dale Bohn, Eskridge, vice president; Brent Miller, Alma, secretary; John Cubit, Garnett, treasurer; Ed Van Petten, Eskridge, reporter; and Byron Fry, Eskridge, sentinel.

Southeast District Officers--From left to right: Mark Mayfield, Caney, vice president; Jay Merrill, Erie, president; Dean Jessee, reporter, Southeast; Gordon Hibbard, secretary, Eureka; Lonnie Nichols, treasurer, Eureka; and Dwayne Messner, Caney, sentinel.





Vernon Newby Scores 100 in Information Contest--Two FFA members in Kansas scored 100 percent in the FFA contest. They were Vernon Newby, Caney, and Dwight Meyer, Powhattan.



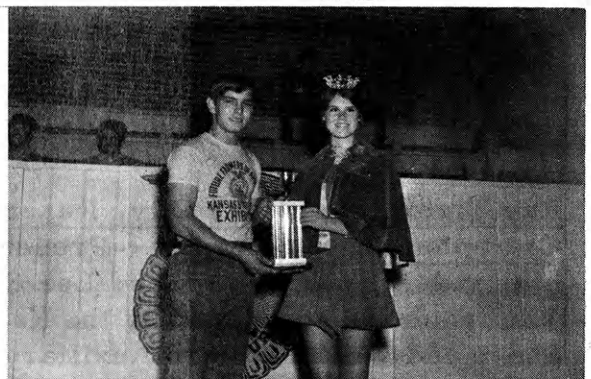
SC District FFA Officers--Left to right: Terry Lawrence, Winfield, president; Galen Waltner, Moundridge, vice president; Ralph Wilson, Arkansas City, secretary; Steve Newby, Haven, treasurer; Craig Meyer, Moundridge, reporter; and Russell Bowers, Marion, sentinel.



Hugoton Places First in SW District Leadership School--Left to right: Federal Land Bank Director from Dodge City Don Cobbs; Steve Hittle, president; Steve Rome, vice president; Jeff Cox, secretary; Jay Williams, treasurer; Ricky Nix, reporter; Jim Quimby, sentinel; and Kenneth Pfaff, advisor.



State Fair Champion Market Hog--Left to right: Wayne Burk, Prairie View FFA Chapter, and advisor Ralph Harvey.

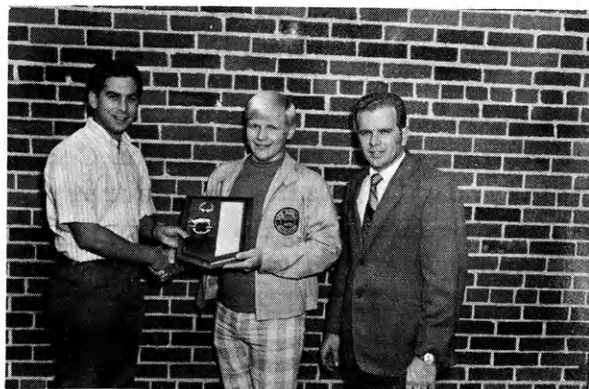


Dwayne Messner, Caney, Grand Champion Livestock Showman of FFA Livestock Show--Mary Lee Kiefer, 1970-71 State FFA Sweetheart, is shown presenting the trophy, sponsored by the Moorman Feed Company of Lebanon.



Reserve Champion Shepherds at the Kansas State Fair FFA Livestock Show-- Making the trophy presentation is Mary Lee Kiefer, State Sweetheart. Receiving the award for the Mulvane FFA Chapter are David Kerley and Mark Hardison. The trophy is provided by the Kansas Sheep and Wool Growers Auxiliary.

Champion Shepherd Honors go to the Lebanon Chapter--Johnnie Fiene is shown receiving the trophy from Mary Lee Kiefer. The trophy is sponsored by the Kansas Sheep and Wool Growers Auxiliary.



Kent Nulik, Arkansas City, has Grand Champion Pig in Carcass Contest--The plaque is sponsored by the Kansas Swine Improvement Association. At the left is Mike Sandberg, Graduate Research Assistant at K-State, judge of the carcass show. At the right, Larry Schmidt, the Arkansas City FFA advisor, looks on. The Maurer-Neuer Packing Company slaughtered the pigs.

Ray Tipton, Arkansas City, Reserve Champion Sheep Showman--Presenting him with his trophy is Mary Lee Kiefer. The trophy is sponsored by the Kansas Sheep and Wool Growers Auxiliary.





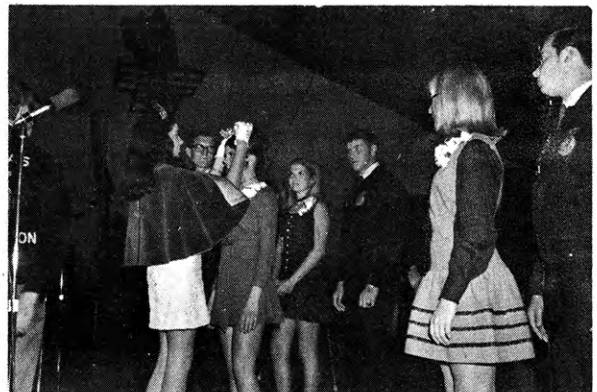
1970-71 State FFA Sweetheart--Mary Lee Kiefer, Leoti, was crowned Kansas FFA Sweetheart at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

District FFA Sweethearts--Seven district FFA sweethearts competed for the title of State FFA Sweetheart at the State Fair in Hutchinson.



A Bond and Roses are Presented to State FFA Sweetheart--President George Schumacher, Great Bend Manufacturing Company, presented a \$100 bond to the FFA Sweetheart. Mr. Ron Morrison on the right, Kansas Farmer-Stockman, presented roses and the crown to the State Sweetheart.

Past State FFA Sweetheart Veldean Scott, Presents Crown to Mary Lee Kiefer--The 1970-71 Sweetheart receives the crown at ceremonies in front of the grandstand at the Kansas State Fair.





Goessel FFA Member Wins Hesston \$500 Scholarship Award--Raymond Adde, vice president, Engineering, at Hesston Corporation presents a plaque and \$500 scholarship to Warren Flaming, Goessel FFA Chapter. Advisor John Morgan observes presentation.

State Fair Tractor Pulling Contest--Chapman Young Farmers were in charge of the tractor pulling contest at the State Fair in Hutchinson.



Fort Scott FFA member Enters Tractor Pulling Contest--Merle Snyder, senior in Fort Scott vocational agriculture, drives an International tractor in the pulling contest.

Clay Center Holds Pork Barbecue--600 people were served at the barbecue Clay Center FFA Chapter held recently.



ACTIVITIES

SECTION



43rd. NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

The following proposed amendments to the National Constitution and Bylaws recommendations by the National FFA Board of Directors and National FFA officers and approved by the 1970 Delegation are as follows:

Article II, Section A -- Amend, by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "More than one chapter may be chartered in a school when appropriate."

Article II, Section C -- Amend, by deleting the present Section C and inserting the following new Section C:

(New Section C) -- Collegiate ----- "Collegiate chapters may be established in two or four year institutions where agriculture courses are taught. Membership shall be opened to students enrolled in agriculture courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture.

"Each collegiate chapter shall be chartered by and maintained under the authority of the respective State Association."

"All activities of the collegiate chapter of FFA shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles and ideals of the FFA organization."

"Activities for FFA collegiate chapter members shall be based upon the needs and interests of its members."

"Collegiate chapter members shall pay State and National FFA dues."

Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2 -- Amend, by striking out June 15 and inserting May 1, and by striking out June 1 and inserting April 15.



Article IV, Section B, Paragraph 2 -- Authorize the editing of this paragraph and all paragraphs in the Constitution and Bylaws by deleting the word "his" and rewording to appropriately refer to "members". For example: "Members may retain their active membership continuously throughout their entire high school career......"

Section B, Paragraph 3, Line 27 -- Amend, by striking out 25th and inserting 23rd.

Article IV, Section D, "Collegiate Membership" -- Amend by deleting present Section D and substituting the following:

Section D -- "Collegiate membership may include students enrolled in agricultural courses and former active members of chartered local chapters who are enrolled in a two or four year institution having a collegiate chapter."

Section D, Paragraph 2 -- Amend by inserting "and" after the word "agriculture" on Line 3 and delete remaining words in this paragraph after the phrase "Occupational Experience Program." This paragraph to read as follows:

"Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture and have in operation an outstanding supervised farming and/or other occupational experience program."

The 1971 National FFA Convention will require a registration fee of \$3.00 for all FFA members. This does not include advisors, guests, or school officials. It is not yet clear whether a chapter coming in for one day will be charged a \$3.00 registration fee or not. This will be cleared up in the next newsletter.

RECORD ATTENDANCE -- A record attendance of individuals that registered for the National FFA Convention was given as 14,556 future farmers from all of the states and their adult advisors and guests.

KANSAS CHAPTERS RATE HIGH IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

MANHATTAN -- FIRST IN POULTRY

The Manhattan High School FFA team composed of Craig Good, Dave Nelson, Carl Griffie, and coached by Stan Claassen, placed first in the nation in competition with 32 other state teams. Craig Good placed second high. The team and coach was presented a trophy by the Wilson Certified Foods Company, Oscar Mayer and Company, and Jones Dairy Farm.

ARKANSAS CITY -- SIXTH IN LIVESTOCK

For the second consecutive year, Kansas FFA Livestock judging team has placed sixth in the nation in competition with 46 other teams. Doug Deets and Kent Nulik placed in the gold emblem division as individuals. Keith Nulik ranked in the bronze emblem division as an individual. The team

ranked in the gold. The team was coached by Larry Schmidt.

ESKRIDGE -- SIXTEENTH IN MEATS JUDGING

Eskridge FFA Meats Judging Team ranked 16th in competition with 35 state teams. Members of the team were: Ed Van Petten, Byron Fry, Bob Warren, and Coach Terry Fanning.

McPHERSON -- FIFTH IN DAIRY PRODUCTS

The McPherson FFA Dairy Products Team placed fifth in the nation and ranked in the gold emblem group with competition from 32 other teams. Winston Moars ranked in the gold emblem division as an individual. John Patterson and Clyde Ribordy ranked in the silver emblem division. Delbert Schrag was coach of the Dairy Products team.

MOUNDRIDGE -- THIRD IN DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

Moundridge FFA Dairy Judging Team placed third in the nation in competition with 42 other teams. Dennis Gehring was fifth high individual in the nation. James Schmidt ranked in the gold emblem as an individual, with Bennie Gehring ranking in the silver division. The team is coached by Wayne Powell.

GOLD AND SILVER EMBLEM CHAPTERS

Concordia was one of the 15 chapters in the nation honored as a gold emblem chapter, which is the highest in the nation. Arkansas City FFA Chapter was one of 20 chapters in the nation to receive the silver emblem award. There are approximately 8,500 local high school chapters with associations in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Each state association was permitted to enter two or more local chapters, depending on membership in the national award program. Mr. Steve Reedy is advisor of the Concordia Chapter and Mr. Larry Schmidt is the advisor at Arkansas City.

FORT SCOTT -- GOLD IN SAFETY

The Fort Scott FFA Chapter ranked in the gold emblem division with eight other chapters as leaders in the National FFA Safety Program. Twenty six chapters competed for this honor. Mr. Milton Kohrs is advisor at Fort Scott.

RON ROTH OF CLAY CENTER SECOND IN NATION

Ron Roth, Clay Center, placed second in the National Livestock Proficiency area. As a regional award winner, Ron was presented a cash award of \$200 and a national plaque.

A committee of judges selected the winners at the national convention. Each applicant appeared before the panel of judges to explain his program.

An 1800 acre farm in North Central Kansas is the base of operations for Ron, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roth of Green, Kansas.

Roth's primary interest has been development of a swine and beef operation. He began his supervised farming program as a freshman in high school under the direction of vocational agriculture instructor Leslie A. Olsen. In his first year Roth's livestock operation included 285 head of swine and 12 beef cattle. He has expanded his operation over the last four years to 670 head of swine and 28 beef cattle.

Keeping accurate records has enabled Roth to set goals in efficiency of producing pork and beef. In his swine enterprise, Roth has averaged 8.7 pigs weaned per litter. His calf crop has been 100 per cent. Roth figures that it costs him 9.5 cents to produce a pound of pork and his hogs have averaged one inch of backfat with a 5.6 inch loin eye.

Although young Roth has the assistance of his father and younger brother in his farming operation, he is completely responsible for operation and management of his supervised farming program.

Roth has held five offices in the Clay Center FFA Chapter, including Treasurer, Vice President and President. He was the Chapter representative to the Student Council and has been Chapter Scholarship chairman. In his senior year, Roth was selected as a member of the National Honor Society and was salutatorian of his class. He has participated in public speaking contests at the Chapter, District, and State levels. Roth was a member of the Livestock, Land, Dairy, and Dairy Products Judging Teams and his Land Judging and Dairy Products Judging Teams have participated in national competition.

This fall Roth entered Kansas State University, where he plans to major in Animal Husbandry. He plans to return to the farm and continue improving his registered livestock after graduating from college.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX FFA MEMBERS IN NATIONAL FFA BAND

On October 11, 126 outstanding high school bandsmen gathered in Kansas City, Missouri, to play for one of the nation's largest youth organizations. This band is often referred to as the "mail order band", because of the method of recruiting members. The National FFA band was first organized in 1947. Since that time competition for the honor of playing in the band has steadily increased. Under the direction of Roger Heath, assistant director of the Purdue University band, the FFA band has gained fame, even though bandsmen have only two days of practice together prior to their first performance. Those participating in the National FFA Band were: Tim Ehrlich, Russell; Steve Marsh, Miltonvale; Steve Newby, Haven; Scott Tichenor, Russell; and Frank Young, Erie.

NATIONAL CHORUS COMPOSED OF 102 MEMBERS

Kansas had the honor of supplying the national pianist for the chorus. Dennis Good of Paola served as pianist for the 1970 convention and has

been asked to serve for the 1971 FFA Convention. The chorus is under the direction of M. D. Myers of West Lafayette, Indiana. Kansas members participating in the chorus were: Bill Hunter, Parsons; Hank Harr, Caney; Terry Lawrence, Winfield; Ricky Nix, Hugoton; and Eugene Shields, Winfield.

VELDEAN SCOTT REPRESENTS KANSAS AS AMERICAN ROYAL QUEEN CANDIDATE

State FFA Sweethearts competed at the 43rd National FFA Convention for the title of 1970 American Royal Queen. Nine nominees were entered from State FFA Associations. The selection of the 1970 American Royal Queen was the responsibility of the American Royal Queen Committee. The candidate was required to be 16 years of age and to have an understanding of the vocational agriculture program. They were required to have a working knowledge of agriculture and to be a representative of the agricultural industry.

Even though not selected, Veldean Scott represented Kansas in an outstanding manner. Kansas can be proud of this outstanding young lady who has served as a marvelous state FFA Sweetheart.

SEVEN KANSANS RECEIVE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES

Kansans receiving a gold key and certificate with a check for \$75 from the National FFA Foundation and having achieved the highest degree, that of American Farmer, were presented their awards at the National FFA Convention. Kansas members receiving this award were: Gary Ritter, Norcatour; James Hess, Burlington; Lester Priest, Winfield; John Bastin, Oberlin; William Blanton, Highland; Lauren Libby, Smith Center; and Myron Schmidt, Goessel.

ROBERT SCHRAG PLACES FOURTH IN THE CENTRAL REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

For the second straight year, the Kansas Association of FFA representative has placed fourth in the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest. Kansas was represented this year by Robert Schrag, FFA member from Moundridge. Robert spoke on the topic of "A Better Place To Live."

LAUREN LIBBY COMPETES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

One of Kansas' most distinguished FFA presidents competed for a national FFA office. Lauren Libby represented the state in an outstanding manner, but was not chosen as one of the six candidates. Kansans are still asking why. When it is considered that there are 430,044 members on the national FFA membership list and only six individuals can be chosen, then the competition is readily explainable. Kansas FFA members can justly be proud of their nominee. National officers that were chosen are as follows: President -- J. Dan Lehmann, Pleasant Plains, Illinois; Secretary -- John H. McCulley, Malin, Oregon; Vice. Pres. -- George E. Allen, Schaghticoke, New York; Vice. Pres. -- Daniel M. Dooley, Hanford, California; Vice-Pres. -- Jim Beard, Mounds, Oklahoma; Vice-Pres. -- Wayne L. Humphreys, Crawfordsville, Iowa. George represents the North

Atlantic Region, Daniel represents the Pacific Region, Jim represents the Southern Region, and Wayne represents the Central Region.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP BY STATES

July 1970

<u>State Association</u>	<u>FFA Membership</u>	<u>Number of Chapters</u>
Alabama	24,874	386
Alaska*	-----	---
Arizona	2,238	40
Arkansas	14,763	274
California	15,071	257
Colorado	2,713	66
Connecticut	805	17
Delaware	322	9
Florida	12,016	231
Georgia	21,114	280
Guam*	-----	---
Hawaii	935	21
Idaho	3,424	67
Illinois	16,517	427
Indiana	9,649	209
Iowa	10,600	231
Kansas	5,947	164
Kentucky	13,795	162
Louisiana	10,521	220
Maine	456	13
Maryland	1,953	42
Massachusetts	753	11
Michigan	9,838	174
Minnesota	13,467	273
Mississippi	10,270	244
Missouri	12,407	232
Montana	2,204	61
Nebraska	5,315	120
Nevada	503	13
New Hampshire	402	9
New Jersey	833	21
New Mexico	2,662	61
New York	4,809	164
North Carolina	26,063	357
North Dakota	3,251	67
Ohio	13,079	304
Oklahoma	16,716	349
Oregon	4,550	96
Pennsylvania	9,009	216
Puerto Rico	1,075	31
Rhode Island	292	8
South Carolina	10,940	242
South Dakota	2,984	64

Tennessee	17,378	236
Texas	48,648	930
Utah	3,344	45
Vermont	600	21
Virgin Islands*	56	1
Virginia	13,987	197
Washington	5,684	132
West Virginia	4,251	72
Wisconsin	15,399	263
Wyoming	1,562	46
TOTALS	430,044	8,176

*Affiliated Chapters

FEDERAL LAND BANK OF WICHITA SPONSORS PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CONTEST

The seven district winners of the parliamentary procedure contest will participate in a state contest which will be held at Kansas State University in Manhattan during the State FFA Convention July 12-14. The Federal Land Bank of Wichita recognizes outstanding achievement of chapters by presenting a \$40 check to each of the seven district winners who compete in the state contest. First place state parliamentary procedure team will receive a plaque and a check for \$50, with medals given to each of the six team members. Second, third, and fourth place teams will receive a plaque.

The Kansas Association of FFA appreciates the cooperative effort of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita in assisting in the promotion of parliamentary procedure on a state-wide basis. A member of the first place state parliamentary procedure team will serve as chairman to the State FFA Convention.

The district FFA team winners who are participating in the State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest are as follows: Moundridge -- Wayne Powell, Advisor; Caney -- Virgil Roper, Advisor; Jetmore -- Wayne King, Advisor; Riley County -- Don Coltrane, Advisor; Hill City -- Joe Farrell, Advisor; Eskridge -- Terry Fanning, Advisor; Powhattan -- Jim Zwonitzer, Advisor.

1970 LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The Fall Leadership Schools for chapter officers proved valuable to all of those who participated. The cooperation of host chapters and teachers is to be commended. FFA members were rated as one of the outstanding groups in the history of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Chapters who missed this also should make plans to participate next year. The fact that you participate is the important part, and not necessarily the placing.

Leadership School Participation

	<u>Chapters Attended</u>	<u>Total Chapters. in State</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Information	109	156	70%
Ritual	108	156	69%
Parliamentary Procedure	88	156	56%

KANSAS STATE FAIRMARY LEE KIEFER CHOSEN STATE FFA SWEETHEART

Mary Lee Kiefer, Leoti, was crowned Kansas FFA Sweetheart of 1970 at the Kansas State Fair. The new FFA Sweetheart, daughter of Mrs. Lester Kiefer, was the Southwest District FFA Sweetheart. She is a senior at Wichita County High School, a leader in several youth activities, a cheerleader, band and choir member, and a participant in plays and speech clinics.

A participant in girl's track and pep club, she was Junior football homecoming queen attendant and an officer in her 4-H club.

Jeannie Deeds, Northwest District representative from Edson, was selected first runner-up. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Deeds.

Note to advisors of 1971 District FFA Sweethearts:

The 1971 District FFA Sweethearts will be invited to attend the State FFA Convention in Manhattan in July. At this time the Kansas Farmer-Stockman will be preparing special publicity on the district sweethearts.

WARREN FLAMING WINS HESSTON SCHOLARSHIP

Warren Flaming, a senior at Goessel High School, was awarded a \$500 Agri-Engineering Scholarship at the Kansas State Fair. The award is given annually by Hesston Corporation, Kansas' largest farm equipment manufacturer. Warren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Flaming, who live near Goessel. He placed second in the individual judging for vocational agriculture students at the Kansas State Fair with a 24-foot spring tooth field conditioner.

The \$500 scholarship will be available through any college or university in Kansas. Presenting the plaque to Warren at the state fair was Raymond Adey, Vice President of Engineering at Hesston Corporation. Mr. John Morgan is advisor of the Goessel FFA Chapter.



MILTONVALE FFA CHAPTER WINS
FIRST PLACE ON MACHINERY EXHIBIT

The FFA Chapter from Miltonvale high school received the first place award and a \$100 prize for a collection of labor-saving machines exhibited at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. The machinery items, all made by the FFA members in the high school vocational agriculture shop, were an implement trailer, a bale trailer, a feed wagon, and a livestock loading chute. FFA chapter-made exhibits were entered by 17 high schools in this year's contest.

Second place in the chapter contest was won by Goessell high school. The award carried a cash prize of \$90. Third place and \$80 went to the Ellinwood chapter; fourth place and \$70 was won by the Concordia chapter; and fifth place and \$65 was won by the Winfield chapter. Remainder of the first 10 chapter winners, in order of placing, were Winfield, Hillsboro, Atwood, Mankato, and Claflin.

In individual competition, with machines made or re-conditioned by the vocational agriculture student, David Pacey of the Miltonvale chapter took the grand championship and a \$20 prize with an implement trailer. David's trailer was also a part of the chapter exhibit.

Brant Halepeska of Miltonvale placed seventh with a crust buster. Don Garlow of the Concordia chapter won third place on a repaired manure spreader, in another classification that demonstrates the mechanical skill of the students in reconditioning farm tractors or other machinery.

Dewayne Walls is the Miltonvale FFA instructor and Steve Reedy is the instructor at Concordia.

1970-71 DISTRICT FFA OFFICERS

East Central

President	Dale Bohn	Eskridge
Vice President	Robert Dehn	Williamsburg
Sentinel	Gregg Williams	Seaman
Reporter	Dallas Picolet	Council Grove
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North Central

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Secretary	Curtis Stoffer	Abilene
Treasurer	Steven Marsh	Miltonvale
Reporter	Don Harlow	Concordia
Sentinel	Jerry Jageman	Riley Co.

Northeast

President	Jay Armstrong	Effingham
Vice President	Keith Carr	Wamego
Secretary	Gary Oswald	Powhattan
Treasurer	David Neibling	Highland
Reporter	Mark Edelman	Sabetha
Sentinel	Garth Hopper	Marysville

South Central

President	Terry Lawrence	Winfield
Vice President	Galen Waltner	Moundridge
Secretary	Ralph Wilson	Arkansas City
Reporter	Craig Meyer	Moundridge
Treasurer	Steve Newby	Haven
Sentinel	Russell Bowers	Marion

Southwest

President	Steve Hittle	Hugoton
Vice President	Kevin Sterling	Garden City
Secretary	Tom Turnbull	Jetmore
Treasurer	Terry Fehrenbach	Ness City
Reporter	Jim Quimby	Hugoton
Sentinel	Dale Vermillion	Garden City

Northwest

President	Chris Schmidt	Atwood
Vice President	Gary Gano	Hill City
Secretary	Roger Cooper	Norton
Treasurer	Brad Trexler	Hill City
Reporter	Don Hubbard	McDonald
Sentinel	Larry Riffel	Stockton

Southeast

President	Jay Merrill	Erie
Vice President	Mark Mayfield	Caney
Secretary	Gordon Hibbard	Eureka
Treasurer	Lonnie Nichols	Eureka
Reporter	Dean Jessee	Southeast
Sentinel	Dwayne Messner	Caney

INFORMATION CONTEST

High individuals in the State in the FFA Information Contest (100 points possible) were as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st	Vernon Newley	Caney	100
	Dwight Meyer	Powhattan	100
2nd	Steve Hittle	Hugoton	96
	Dale Finger	Powhattan	96
	Richard Munday	Caney	96

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Score</u>
6th	Mike Cassell	Columbus	92
	Herbert Jarrett	Columbus	92
	Frank Young	Erie	92
	Galen Waltner	Moundridge	92
	Dwane Becker	Moundridge	92
	Jim Stucky	Moundridge	92
	Dennis Siemens	Newton	92
	Terry Lawrence	Winfield	92
	Jim McClung	Winfield	92
	Mark Jackson	Arkansas City	92
	Byron Fry	Eskridge	92
	Curtis Stoffer	Abilene	92
	Doug Spellmeier	Powhattan	92
	Ronnie Heiniger	Powhattan	92
	David Taylor	Highland	92
	David Neibling	Highland	92
	Joe Broechelman	Oakley	92
	Gary Gano	Hill City	92
	Gary Leach	Bird City	92
	Greg McCune	Plainville	92

High chapters in the State in the Information Contest (total possible score for six officers was 600 points) were as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st	Powhattan	Jim Zwonitzer	548
2nd	Moundridge	Wayne Powell	520
3rd	Erie	Wilber Buntin	504
4th	Abilene	Len Harzman	500
5th	Sabetha	Lloyd Barnett	496
6th	Winfield	Larry Schwintz	492
7th	Eskridge	Terry Fanning	488
7th	Ellinwood	Howard Wallace	488
8th	Caney	Virgil Roper	484

GOLD EMBLEM RITUAL TEAMS

At Effingham:

Powhattan	Jim Zwonitzer
Valley Heights	Don Weiser
Highland	Lyle Chadwell
Effingham	Roy Eck
Sabetha	Lloyd Barnett

At Belleville:

Riley County	Don Coltrane
Clay Center	Les Olsen
Morrowville	Marvin Mann
Concordia	Steve Reedy
Salina	Wilbur Stites
Belleville	Robert Mainquist

At Dodge City

Ness City	Ed Brenner
Hugoton	Kenneth Pfaff
Garden City	Gale Seibert



At Hill City:

Atwood
Oberlin
Lebanon
Smith Center
Norton
Natoma
Hill City
WaKeeney

Billy Wood
Don Guinn
Robert Dills
Gary Peterson
Carl Wahlmeier
R. B. Feldkamp
Joe Farrell
Les Allison

At Cherokee:

Fredonia
Iola
Girard
Southeast
Altamont

Eureka
Caney

Ernest Callison
Edward Zahn
Jack McClaskey
Larry Coltrane
Oscar Ingram
Bud Arendt
Darrel Hager
Virgil Roper
Gary Parli
Wilber Buntin

At Seaman (Topeka):

Eskridge
Seaman
Garnett
Prairie View
Williamsburg

Terry Fanning
Jim Hundley
Sam Harris
Marvin Creager
Ralph Harvey
Earl Anderson

Erie

At Buhler:

Peabody
Haven
Ark City
Mulvane
Winfield

Moundridge

Gary Jones
Gerald Hildebrand
Larry Schmidt
Francis Shoup
Jim Quillin
Larry Schwintz
Wayne Powell
Dwight Claassen

GOLD EMBLEM PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAMS'At Effingham:

Powhattan
Effingham
Wamego

Jim Zwonitzer
Roy Eck
Ron Hollandsworth

At Belleville:

Riley County
Jewell
North Central
Concordia

Don Coltrane
Allan Elstrom
Marvin Mann
Steve Reedy

At Seaman (Topeka):

Eskridge
Garnett
Lawrence

Terry Fanning
Sam Harris
Earle Simmons
Stan Larson

At Cherokee:

Erie
Southeast
Fort Scott
Altamont

Wilber Buntin
Larry Coltrane
Milton Kohrs
Oscar Ingram
Bud Arendt
Wayne Coltrain
Virgil Roper
Gary Parli
Ernest Callison

At Hill City:

Norton
Atwood
Hill City
Hoxie
Oakley
Oberlin
Phillipsburg
WaKeeney

Carl Wahlmeier
Billy Wood
Joe Farrell
George Lambert
Leo Rathbun
Don Guinn
Dale Twaddell
Les Allison

Neodesha
Caney

Fredonia

At Buhler:

Peabody
Kiowa
Marion
Moundridge

Gary Jones
Herschel Staats
Larry Goering
Dwight Claassen
Wayne Powell

OFFICIAL FFA CALENDAR PROGRAM

The following chapters are participating in the National FFA Calendar Program from Kansas:

Abilene	J. M. Frey, Len Harzman
Altamont	Bud Arendt, Oscar Ingram
Clay Center	Les Olsen
Ellsworth	Lester Crandall
Garden City	Gale Seibert, Thomas Challacombe
Goessel	John Morgan
Kingman	Leon Sowers
Lawrence	Stan Larson, Earle Simmons
Lebo	Dennis Polson
Leoti	Hubert Mai
McPherson	Richard Ramsdale, Delbert Schrag
Oberlin	Don Guinn
Peabody	Gary Jones
Silver Lake	Bobby Andrew
Alma	Ron Schultz
Bird City	Fred Hawk
Clifton	Powell Heide
Concordia	Steve Reely
Council Grove	Robert Broeckelman
Girard	Jack McClaskey
Howard	Lawrence Harmon
Hoxie	George Lambert
Hoyt	Ed Ryan
North Central	Marvin Mann
Smith Center	Gary Peterson
Wakeeney	Les Allison

CRUTCHES DON'T BOTHER 17-YEAR-OLD HOG RAISER

A Parker teenager who gets around on crutches showed the winning entry in the Future Farmers of America market hog contest at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Wayne Burk, 17, who was crippled by a spinal tumor at the age of 2, raised and trained the 235 pound Hampshire gilt which was named grand champion from the field of 52 entires. Burk, the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Wilfred Burk, is president of the 75-member Prairie View High School FFA Chapter.

State FFA leaders say Burk's determination and efforts, despite his handicap, inspires other members to work harder. "Just because I am on crutches, I don't want anybody to pay me any favors for it," said Burk, while tending to his show stock.

Although Burk entered the hog business only a year ago, he has now won two grand championships. He showed a brother of the State Fair Champion at the Linn County Fair and took the top honors. "They're from the first litter of Hampshires I ever raised," Burk said.

He said he and his father now have about 40 head of registered Hampshires in partnership, but he owns the show stock. "I started out with four show pigs last summer and bought some registered stock last fall," he said.

Burk said he also has three polled Hereford cows, a bull and three calves. He got his first cow when he was eight years old. "I'm planning on staying in the hog business the rest of my life. I like hogs better than I do anything," he said.

TRACTOR PULLING CONTESTS

A new activity which is becoming popular among the Young Farmers of Kansas is tractor pulling. A number of local Young Farmer Chapters have been sponsoring tractor pulls at their local county fairs. This is an activity which has stimulated a lot of interest among the young farmers.

The Chapman Chapter conducted the first tractor pulling contest to ever be held at the Kansas State Fair this year. They are to be congratulated on a job well done. A total of thirty-four tractors from Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri entered into the competition at this event held September 25. Each contestant was assigned to a weight division, which was determined by the weight of the tractor and its driver at weigh-in time. The basic principle back of the event is to see which of the tractors within each weight division can pull the largest load.

A meeting is being planned to be held later this year in an attempt to standardize the rules of the contest for the state. We hear some talk among the young farmers to organize and affiliate with the National Tractor Pulling Association.

We should be seeing more of these contests in the future.

FFA TRACTOR PULLER

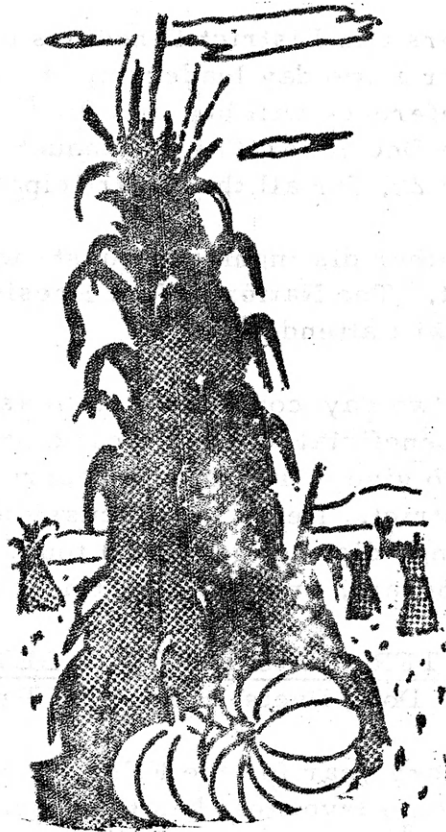
(By Merle Snyder, Ft. Scott FFA)

Tractors and farm machinery have always intrigued me since I was four years old. I have always had a desire to be around machinery. I purchased my first tractor when I was 15, and participated in my first pulling match when I was 16. After attending a few pulling matches, my competitive spirit was aroused. In preparing for a pulling match, I change my 18" tires to 20" tires. Next year, I am planning to use 24" tires because of better traction. By adding a turbo charger, I am able to increase my horsepower.

I have several trophies and it takes a lot of help from Dad, but it is really interesting to get more horsepower out of tractors, and to see what a tractor will do.

There are different classes of weights for tractors, and the rules vary according to the different tractors. In pulling matches, you usually start out by pulling your weight (weight of the tractor), and every ten

feet two men step on the sled (each weighs at least 150 pounds). The tractor pulls a distance of at least 200 feet. The idea is to pull more weight at a greater distance. I am enrolled in Ag. IV and in FFA, holding the office of Vice President. Mr. Milton Kohrs is my instructor and advisor in Vo. Ag. and FFA. If you need further information, please call me at the high school. The number is 316-223-0600.



ANNOUNCEMENT

SECTION



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN TOPEKA

District FFA Officers and District Directors or other advisors will be invited to Topeka for a two day leadership training conference December 29 and 30. The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m., December 29, and end at 3:00 p.m. on December 30. A banquet will be held Tuesday evening, December 29, for all those participating.

The Governor and other distinguished guests will be invited to the Tuesday evening banquet. The National Vice President of the Central Region, Wayne Humphrey, will attend.

The purpose of the two day conference is to assist districts in developing activities that are beneficial to their local district. Each district president will be asked to give a five minute report on the most outstanding activity in their district. Items for discussion will involve district FFA banquet and financing, district good-will tour, TV programs by district officers, BOAC program, and other pertinent topics.

BETTER IDEAS THROUGH BETTER WAYS

Doug Deets, State FFA President

1970 is a revolutionary year for the FFA. A new program has been organized on a national level that has the potential of revitalizing rural America. It involves American youth who are tired of hearing about all the problems youth are causing and who are starting to ACT on these problems. The program is called "Building Our American Communities", and it concerns those FFA members across the nation who want to become constructively involved in America's future.

It's important that one understands the purpose of the BOAC program. It hopefully will provide solutions to national problems concerning youth and also FFA problems of decreasing membership and an FFA program that has become somewhat stagnant. It can provide for the FFA an

exciting image of involvement, not only in the area of agriculture, but also in the future of America. By placing emphasis on improving the present FFA program in Kansas and also expanding it to include the BOAC program, FFA membership should begin to increase. We'll have something to offer to youth that should really "tune them in" on FFA. I think that by working on the quality of the FFA program, we'll naturally attract the quantity. This program really has potential to improve the FFA and, at the same time, improve America.

However, the major obstacle to the success of the BOAC program is how the potential of this program is utilized. The framework has been set up. The organization and the planning has been completed. Now it's up to the initiative of the local members to ACT on this program. They must make the public aware of not only the existence of BOAC, but also of the ACTIONS that have taken place in the community because of the program. To help get the program off on the right foot, it's going to need an enthusiasm and a push for the program on the part of local chapter advisors and all who are associated with the FFA. The name of the game is "involvement", and here's the opportunity.

BUILD OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

PURPOSE:

The "Build Our American Communities" (BOAC) program is designed to help young people become knowledgeable community leaders. It will help them understand the interrelationship of local, state, national, and world development problems, and private and government agencies concerned with these problems. Through the BOAC program, young people will plan, develop, and carry out action projects compatible with their community's needs.

THE PROBLEM:

Experts project a U. S. population increase of 100 million people by the turn of the century, and 250 million in 67 years or by the year 2037. This is within the lifetime of today's young people. It will require a community development effort unprecedented in the history of mankind. Intelligent answers and solutions will be needed for many questions and problems.

HOW BOAC WORKS:

BOAC is a study-action program involving discussions and research in the classroom and laboratory work in the community. It is based on two ideas: (1) That constructive community development starts with local people, and must be concerned with their needs and (2) Young people have the greatest stake in the future of our communities, nation and the world as they are our future leaders. BOAC will help them to:

-----understand local, state, national, and world development problems, and establish community goals, values, and objectives.

-----determine the kind of rural and urban America we want and how to get it.

-----face difficult decisions on population growth, depletion of natural resources, economic stability and environmental controls.

-----develop interests, concepts, attitudes and motivate them to help solve our Nation's growth and development problems.

-----learn how to analyze resources, plan projects, and obtain necessary technical and financial assistance from private and government sources.

-----initiate constructive projects in which they can apply the things they learned about community development, and

-----inform and obtain the support of their own community in carrying out development work.

IMPLEMENTING THE BOAC PROGRAM:

Group leaders should actively seek technical and financial help from private enterprise, local, state and federal agencies.

HOW CAN THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION ASSIST GROUP LEADERS:

State Directors, and District and County Supervisors should cooperate fully with FFA advisors and officers to implement the FFA--BOAC program. They can initiate and participate in steps to:

1. Inform group leaders on the purposes and objectives of USDA and other federal programs.
2. Provide pamphlets and other information material on FHA programs.
3. Discuss the agency programs at least once annually with one or more classes or with the FFA members during one of their meetings.

FINANCING INDIVIDUAL YOUTH PROJECTS:

The Farmers Home Administration can assist young people in the following ways:

1. Make loans to parents for farm ownership and operating purposes and include funds for youth projects.
2. Encourage states that have taken over Rural Rehabilitation Corporation funds to include, as a use of their assets, the making or insuring of loans to FFA, 4-H, and other youth.

Projects that could be financed include the purchase or development of real estate, purchase of livestock and equipment, pay operating expense for crop or livestock project, and the establishment of nonfarm enterprises and recreation facilities.

HELPING COMMUNITIES OBTAIN FACILITIES AND SERVICES:

Youth groups can help their communities obtain needed facilities and services through the Farmers Home Administration by making surveys and encouraging, spearheading and sponsoring community development.

FHA can provide communities and groups with:

1. Grants for comprehensive water and sewer planning for rural areas.
2. Loans and grants for water and waste disposal systems including solid waste, which primarily serve farmers, ranchers, and other residents of the countryside and rural towns up to 5,500 population.
3. Loans for swimming pools, Little League parks, fishing and boating ponds, tennis courts, picnic and camping grounds and other community recreation projects.
4. Loans to establish and develop grazing and forest lands.
5. Loans to help finance projects that protect and develop land and water resources in small water sheds.
6. Loans to develop irrigation systems, drain farmland and carry out soil conservation measures.
7. Loans to establish and develop cooperatives serving primarily low income rural families to furnish essential farming, purchasing, processing or marketing services and supplies.

HELPING COMMUNITIES OBTAIN HOUSING:

Youth groups can help their communities obtain housing by: (1) making surveys to ~~determine the need for housing~~, (2) ~~being fully informed on~~ housing financial aids, (3) informing the community about housing needs and financial assistance available, (4) assisting in developing legal corporations to sponsor rental, labor and self-help housing projects, and (5) helping families file applications for housing loans and obtain housing plans.

FHA can provide:

1. Loans to low and moderate income families to buy, build, improve, or repair rural homes and related facilities or farm service buildings or to provide water for farmstead and household use or to buy a minimum adequate site on which to build a house.
2. Loans to public or private nonprofit organizations to buy, develop, and sell home sites on a nonprofit basis to low and moderate income families.
3. Loans to profit and nonprofit groups to provide rental and cooperatively owned housing in rural areas for low to moderate income families and senior citizens.
4. Loans to a farmowner, association of farmers, or nonprofit organization, and loans and grants to a state agency or political subdivision such as a public housing authority to provide adequate farm labor housing and facilities.

STATE FARMER APPLICATIONS

State Farmer applications, as well as foundation applications, are available from the state office on request.

AMERICAN FARMER NOTIFICATION

Please notify the state office of American Farmer applications immediately.

1971 STATE FFA CAMP

The 1970 State FFA Camp Evaluation Committee recommended that the date of the FFA camp be at a later time. The State FFA Secretary inquired into this possibility and found that it was not possible to do so.

The State FFA Camp will be held July 28-31 at Rock Springs Ranch.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR FFA MEMBERS

In an effort to broaden and expand FFA's activities beyond national boundaries, some new and some expanded programs have been arranged by and through the National FFA Office. Many consider international understanding an important role of all persons and groups and hence the expanded programs by the National FFA Organization. Detailed information can be obtained from:

Mr. Lennie H. Gamage, Manager
International Programs
National FFA Center
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Examples of International Programs in 1970

A. Work Experience Abroad -- A program for qualified FFA members who are interested in living in another country to gain work experience and observe different farming methods. Students learn the history, culture, and traditions by living with a farm family for a period of three or six months. Attendance at rural youth meetings, a summer conference, and a two-week study tour are part of the program. Cooperating countries for 1970 include Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, Sweden, and Switzerland. FFA Chapters may also apply to host a foreign student in their community for a six month period.

B. National FFA Study Tours -- Inclusive study tours to several countries in Europe, South America, and the Far East for a three-week period are available to State FFA Associations and individual members. Visits are made to typical farms, agricultural schools and research facilities. Included are tours of agri-business firms and overnight stays with farm families. An experienced FFA staff member accompanies the group.

C. Ag-Classroom International -- A study program abroad of approximately six weeks duration during the summer months. This activity concentrates on a study of international agriculture as it relates to import-export problems, agricultural trade agreements, the Common Market (EEC) and the European Free Trade Association. Three weeks

of classroom and field trips in Denmark are followed by a two-week study tour to Amsterdam, Berlin, Bonn, Paris, and Brussels. Applicants should have a definite career interest in agri-business.

D. Development Projects -- Programs involving FFA members and chapters nationwide in assisting in solving world hunger problems, improving agricultural education, and establishing rural youth organizations in the developing countries. Selected projects may range from raising funds, providing books, tools and seed for a rural youth group to a major development effort involving exchange of members and teachers. Areas of interest include the developing nations in South America, Africa, and Asia. Projects are selected in cooperation with the Young World Development Program, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, and approved by various state and federal agencies.

How to Apply -- Write to Mr. Lennie H. Gamage, at address above. Request information on program details, application forms, and program costs.

1971 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Chapter Impact Conference -- For Chapter Presidents and Advisors, held June 14-19 and June 21-26. Purpose: To build more effective chapter programs.

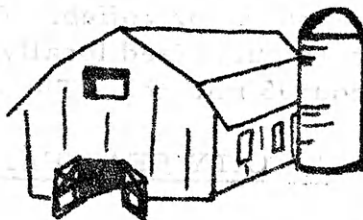
Leadership-Citizenship Conferences -- For Area and Chapter Officers, held July 5-10 and July 12-17. Purpose: To further develop FFA leaders.

Agriculture Public Relations Conference -- For Chapter, Area, and State Reporters, held August 2-7. Purpose: To improve communication skills - Radio, TV and Print.

Agriculture Career Conference -- For Local, Area and State Agricultural Proficiency Award Winners, held August 9-14. Purpose: To extend agricultural, technical and career understanding.

SOUTHEAST KANSAS FIELD DAY

A Field Day will be held at the Farm and Ranch School, Southeast Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School, Coffeyville, Kansas, on April 22. All vocational agriculture instructors and students are invited. All breeds of beef cattle including the newest breeds will be on display.



CHAPTER AND DISTRICT

SECTION



SENATOR CARLSON SPEAKS TO NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS

The North Central District officers planned a district-wide meeting, which was held in the Clay Center High School auditorium on November 28 at 7:30 p.m. Senator Frank Carlson, a long time friend of national, state, and local FFA members, addressed the group. His topics involved leadership, politics, the future of agriculture, and other timely subjects. He has a keen interest in FFA members, having had a part in the forming of the national organization and being trained himself to teach vocational agriculture.

Doug Deets, State FFA President, also addressed the group on the topic "Better Ideas Through Better Ways."

Activities for discussion for the district officers were the good-will tour, district banquet, basketball teams, and other important topics. All FFA members, parents, and advisors were invited. Congratulations to the North Central District FFA officers and their advisor, Steve Reedy, for planning this outstanding program.

HAPPINESS IS ROBOT FARMING

The Clay Center FFA Chapter has had an exciting and interesting three months of activities. The chapter entered a float in the Clay Center "Piotique." The theme of the float was "Happiness is Robot Farming."

The Chapter also served a pork barbecue to 600 people. The menu included an eight ounce pre-cooked loin chop, baked beans, cole slaw, potato chips, ice cream, and tea or coffee. The price for adults was \$1.50. The loin chops were purchased locally from Boogaarts and were heated over a fire for about 15 minutes. The chapter netted about \$300.

HILL CITY FFA CHAPTER

The Hill City FFA Chapter competed in all areas of the October 7 district leadership school, as well as serving as the host chapter for the

Northwest District. Gary Gano was elected district vice-president, and Brad Trexler was elected district treasurer. The Hill City FFA Chapter emerged as the number one leadership chapter in Northwest Kansas.

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT "VO-AG AND FFA IN THE '70's"

Who needs vocational agriculture education?

More than 720,000 new agricultural workers will be needed in 1974, according to a summary of data from 36 states. The same states estimate that in the next four years agricultural education will graduate only 120,000 students, less than one fourth of the manpower needed by agriculture in 1974.

What is vocational agriculture education?

Vocational agriculture education is a learning by doing, systematic, instructional program preparing manpower for careers in farming, agricultural supply and service, agricultural mechanics, processing, ornamental horticulture and agricultural resources. Many leaders in agribusiness, education, agricultural research, agricultural engineering, and agricultural communications, start their professional careers in agriculture through high school vocational agriculture and participation in FFA Activities.

Who studies vocational agriculture?

Vocational agriculture education started in rural areas as a means of training young men to farm. Today vocational agriculture is still taught in rural areas, but more urban schools (Cleveland, Boston, Miami, Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles) are offering vocational education in agriculture. As a result of new opportunities in ornamental horticulture, veterinary science and agribusiness, young women as well as adults and students with special needs are taking advantage of vocational agriculture training.

Why vocational agriculture in urban centers?

Urban areas are beginning to offer vocational agriculture because of the growing number of agricultural occupations in towns and cities. Vocational agriculture courses are ideal for preparing students for jobs such as: golf course management, landscaping, greenhouse management, feed and farm supply store management, garden center operation and management, meat cutting, veterinary technician, and many other careers.

How many students are enrolled in vo-ag?

In 1969 more than 536,000 high school students were enrolled in vocational agriculture, an increase of nearly 9,000 over 1968 enrollment.

High school students are not the only ones to benefit from agricultural education. In 1969 more than 314,000 students received instruction at other levels including post secondary, adult, the handicapped and disadvantaged.

Why an increase when many are leaving the farm?

Enrollments in vocational agriculture classes have increased; and so have courses of study. In 1964, 90 percent of the students studied farming and production agriculture. Today 70 percent of the vocational agriculture students prepare for careers in production agriculture. The other 30 percent are studying for careers in agribusiness. There is a great demand for students in agricultural business and industry. In fact, three out of every ten jobs in private employment are related to agriculture.

What do Vo-Ag students study?

Increased interest in agribusiness is evident in enrollment figures for various occupational areas.

<u>Occupational Area</u>	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1968-69</u>
Agricultural Mechanics	39,359	72,837
Agricultural Products (Processing)	8,652	8,498
Ornamental Horticulture	17,659	28,690
Agricultural Resources	6,527	12,284
Agricultural Supplies and Services	18,107	15,138
Forestry	6,517	14,648
Other	8,580	9,657
Total		
Agri-Business Enrollment	105,400	161,788
Production Agriculture	403,600	374,566
Grand Total	509,000	536,354

FFA IN THE 70's

What is the FFA?

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a national organization for vocational agriculture students. FFA Chapters are located in public schools where vocational agriculture is taught under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. By law, the FFA is an integral part of the vocational agriculture instruction program.

FFA was organized nationally in 1928 in Kansas City by vocational agriculture students. In 1950 Congress granted a Charter to the FFA. Today 8,300 chapters are located in all states except Alaska as well as in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Active membership totals 430,000.

What does the FFA do?

The FFA helps develop agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship in its members. Through participation in FFA activities, young people between the ages of 14 and 21 who are enrolled in vocational agriculture learn how to: speak in public; conduct and take part in meetings; handle financial matters; solve their own problems, and assume civic responsibility. Members elect their own officers who lead the organization under guidance of vocational agriculture instructors who serve as advisors.

What are the degrees of membership?

There are four degrees of membership each based on individual achievement in the following areas: leadership and character, improved agriculture, cooperation, service, thrift, scholarship, sportsmanship, citizenship, and patriotism. The degrees are: Greenhand and Chapter Farmer (from local chapter), State Farmer Degree (from State Association), and American Farmer Degree (from National Organization).

What is the motto and colors?

Learning to do, Doing to learn; Earning to live, Living to serve. The colors are National blue and corn gold.

Where are the National Headquarters?

The National FFA staff has offices on a 37 acre tract of land south of Washington, D. C. near Mt. Vernon, Va. At the same location the FFA owns and operates its own Future Farmer Supply Service, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and Official FFA Calendar.

What is the National FFA Foundation?

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., supports the FFA through incentive awards to FFA members. Donations from business, industries, organizations and individuals to the Foundation provide money for the achievement awards.

How is the FFA moving ahead in the 70's?

International exchange programs have been developed to give students an opportunity to live and work in other countries and to give them a better understanding of foreign cultures and agricultural practices.

Leadership training programs have been expanded. In 1970 seven regional leadership conferences were held to help state and local FFA officers become more effective leaders. In addition, six leadership and citizenship conferences were held in the Nation's Capital.

New award programs have been initiated in the areas of agribusiness and conservation to stimulate competition among students in these expanding areas of study.

A new community action program - "Building Our American Communities" has been initiated to get young people involved in making their communities better places in which to live and work.

"FROM FARM BACKGROUND FFA BUILDS FOR THE NATION"

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When the thousands of members of the Future Farmers of America gather here this week for their annual convention, Kansas City will be face-to-face with a youth program that is working. Its success is an important factor in the nation's future.

The Future Farmers of America, made up of students in vocational agriculture, is not without its critics. Much pressure has been brought against the widespread instruction in agriculture. The theory of such opposition is that, with the number of farms continually declining, it is not possible for all the boys in these classes to become farmers. Therefore, some ask, why not direct the efforts and money to other purposes?

We believe that a better understanding of the entire program suggests the dividends to the nation are large. And the returns do not all relate directly to agriculture.

When the vocational agriculture classes were started in rural high schools under the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917, the program was directly concerned with educating boys to become better farmers. It continued with that purpose for many years. However, even then not all farm boys chose farming as a career.

In more recent years, the term "vocational agriculture" or the instruction represented, has been broadened far beyond the original scope. It includes agribusiness courses along with many other vocations. The concept of the instructor working with his students and counseling them both in school and at home 12 months out of the year has been maintained. The vocational teachers not only know their students, but their parents as well, and they see them in homes and businesses. Also maintained has been the policy expressed in the FFA slogan, "Learning to Do; Doing to Learn."

Boys (and girls too, now) are being trained not only to be farmers but for businesses related to farming. Agribusiness, a term covering any kind of business built around supplying farmers or processing farm products, comprises a huge industry. This industry has found that its best employees are those who know the basics of agriculture.

In our view, the basics of agriculture, the practicalities of production, serve a most important function.

For example, anyone fully informed on agriculture knows that not a single loaf of bread can be delivered in the city until after someone has planted

wheat on a farm. The land must be cultivated, the seed sown, the vicissitudes of weather experienced, the grain harvested and stored in a bin. More than that, the grain eventually must be transported to a mill, ground into flour and then baked into bread. Meanwhile, from the time of harvest until it becomes bread, someone has owned the wheat, has insured it against loss and, in most instances, paid interest on his investment in it.

Similarly, those close to agriculture know that a steak isn't created in a plastic carton. A bull is bred to a cow. The calf is born, it is fed and eventually slaughtered. These are simple fundamentals, but too often not fully appreciated.

The vocational students, "learning by doing" have the opportunity to borrow money for projects and then face the hard fact that when notes come due, the holder expects payment. Payments come from profits.

Admittedly Kansas City sees the best of the Future Farmers, those who have been rewarded for outstanding achievements. Over their many years of coming here there has been a parade of exceptional abilities in public speaking and in leadership, all a part of their FFA training for good citizenship.

These are national assets--created from a program that has an agricultural base, but which contributes to the development of practical and informed citizens in any of life's fields.

Kansas City has reason to be proud of its long association with the FFA, which has always called this city its convention home for all of its 43 years. No visitors could be more welcome.

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