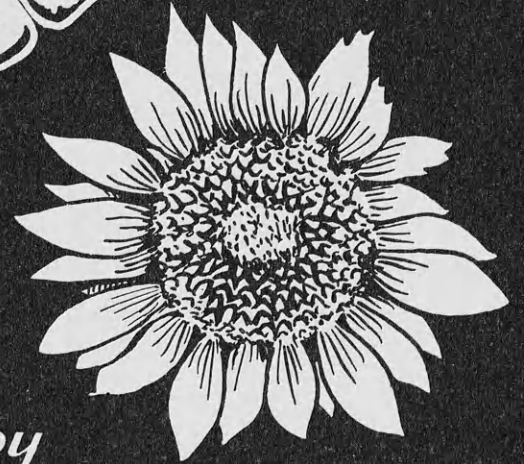
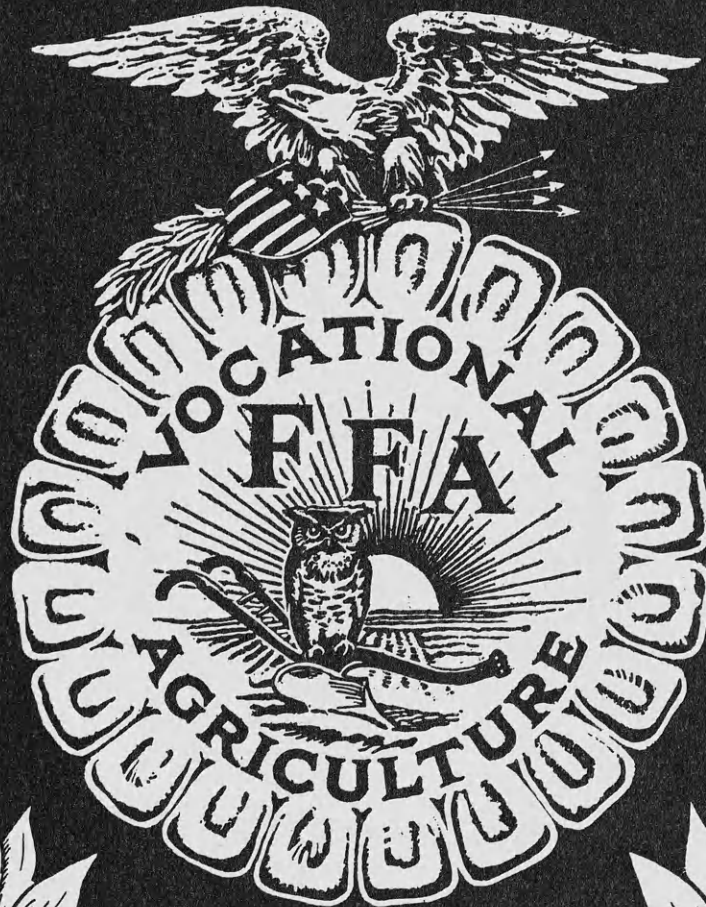


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Winning the State Animal Husbandry contest qualifies the McPherson team for the National FFA Livestock Judging contest on October 12, 1961. L. to R. are: Ronald Flickinger, Neill Walker, Armin Nelson, and Coach Richard Ramsdale.

State winner in the Dairy Products contest, the Clay Center chapter will represent Kansas in the National Dairy Products contest at Waterloo, Iowa, on October 3, 1961. L. to R. are: Mr. Dale Brooks, advisor, Kenneth Savener, Gail Hauserman, Jerry Siebold, and Ronald Taddiken.



First place chapter in the State Entomology contest, 1961, was the Lawrence chapter. L. to R. are: Larry Kampschroeder, Stanley Husted, and advisor Walter Gehlbach.



The Riverton chapter placed first in the State Crops contest last May. L. to R. are: Gilber Arnold, advisor, Danny Anderson, Bud Booth, and Dennis Cates.

The Hillsboro chapter's Dairy Cattle Judging team will represent Kansas at the National FFA contest in Waterloo, Iowa, on October 2, 1961. L. to R. are Mr. Truman Diener, advisor, Gary Suderman, Jerry Suderman, and Ray Penner. The Hillsboro team placed first in the State Dairy Judging contest.

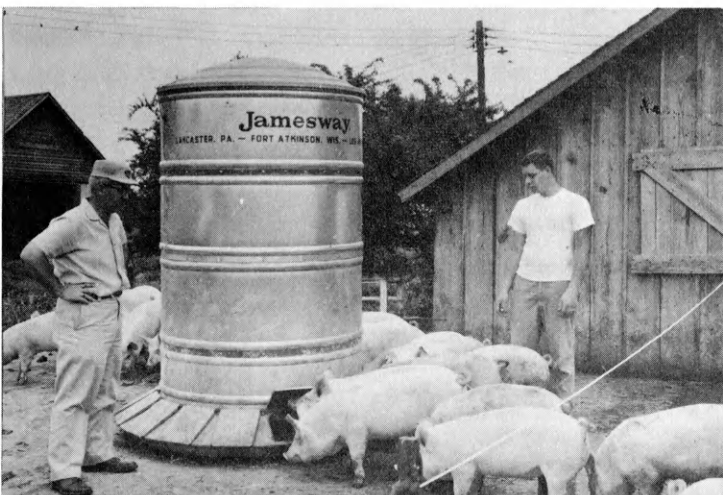


Representing Kansas in the National FFA Poultry Judging contest at Kansas City, on October 11, 1961, will be the Altamont team. L. to R. are: Gary Cromwell, advisor, Jim Apperson, Robert Baker, and Oliver Becker. This team placed first in the State Poultry contest.



The Simpson FFA chapter won the state safety award, 1961. This picture shows a Simpson FFA member pointing out a power take-off shield to a farmer. The Simpson chapter members inspected 104 farms for hazards.

Vocational Agriculture students at Abilene conducted a farm machinery repair clinic during the last school year. This photo shows, L. to R. : Pat Murphy and Jerry Lahr putting in some extra time. This activity was very popular with boys and dads.



Neill Walker, of McPherson chapter, was the winner of the state Swine Award in the FFA Foundation program. Neill is the owner of a herd of registered Yorkshire, and sells breeding stock throughout the area.

Future Farmer - Shoot for the Moon

Many serious-minded people who are looking for young employees today are urging every young American to at least complete a high school education. This is because of the employment advantage that it will give them, and because they will make better employees. It is a matter of record that only about 60% of the young American people takes advantage of a high school education. I thoroughly agree with this go-to-high-school philosophy, but in addition, urge every boy who takes the advice to do it with a purpose and to give high school everything he's got.

You boys who are reading this article are a part of the boys and girls in America who are taking advantage of a high school education. I ask the question, "Why are you going to high school?" A common answer might be, "Because my folks make me." WOW!! That is a good one. It is costing your parents and the community all that they can afford to "send you" to high school, even with all the State and Federal aid available to the school district. They would provide a better high school building and greater curriculum choice for you if they could afford to do so. High school is not as many people think, free. The fees are high. They cost the same when you make an "F" as when you make an "A". In other words it costs just as much to lose as it does to win and no one likes to be a loser.

How does this line of thought apply to your taking vocational agriculture? It applies in this way. The more you put into the subject, the more you get out. If you, along with the help and advice of your parents and ag. teacher, develop

a strong and challenging farming program, you will get more good experience and more dollars profit than if you just get by with a project that meets minimum requirements. In your farm mechanics work, you will be required to do some productive projects in the school shop. I advise you to make a list of the things you can build or repair to supplement your farming program. Again, your parents and teacher will be glad to help you make this list. Don't be caught with nothing to work on in shop or you will find yourself working for someone else who has a good project. In FFA meetings, participate in discussions. Master the rules of parliamentary procedure, work on committees and accept responsibilities when given the opportunity. You will benefit greatly from the experiences. Everyone has to force himself to get up and speak to a group the first time. With experience, this becomes easier and will be invaluable to you in later years.

This week I had the pleasure of attending a meeting with your state FFA president where he delivered a fine address. He spoke with poise and conviction. We can all justifiably be proud of our president, Larry Erpelding.

By entering into your vocational agriculture and other high school activities enthusiastically and with a purpose, you will graduate from high school with ability and confidence that will help you to succeed no matter what type of job you choose.

C. C. Eustace, State Advisor
Kansas Association of FFA

Call For National Convention

To Members of the Future Farmers of America:

By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, to send delegates to the National Convention which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-13, 1961.

All chartered State Associations in good standing with the national organization are expected to send two official delegates and two alternates from the active membership. It is urged that those members serving as official delegates arrive in Kansas City in time for the Officer-Delegate Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, October 10. State Associations should also have in attendance those candidates recommended for the American Farmer Degree, candidates for national office, those members who are to receive awards, and others who have official business in the convention.

Any local chapter of the FFA is entitled to have a maximum of six or 10% of the total membership, whichever is greatest of carefully selected members and one advisor attend the convention, provided they come to Kansas with properly completed official registration cards bearing the signatures of their chapter advisor, school principal or superintendent, parent, and State Advisor. This number does not include award winners, members on official status, such as band, judging team, Courtesy Corps, etc.

This year your convention program has been carefully planned in order to embrace more of the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. The convention sessions themselves have been

designed to hold the National Public Speaking Contest, recognize outstanding achievements, execute business, demonstrate and promote leadership training, elect new officers for next year, and to serve as an inspirational and informative experience to all in attendance.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual National Convention will be the highlight of our FFA year. We, therefore, urge all Future Farmers who will attend the convention to be present at all sessions from Wednesday morning, October 11 through Friday evening, October 13.

/s/ Lyle Carpenter
National President

Sullivan Route
Yuma, Colorado
August 11, 1961

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS

1961 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
Kansas City, Missouri

Friday and Saturday - October 6-7

Meeting of National Board of
Student Officers.

Sunday and Monday - October 8-9

Joint Meeting - Board of Student
Officers and Board of Directors.

Tuesday, October 10

11:00 a.m. Early registration for
official delegates -
Junior Ballroom - Hotel
President.

Tuesday, October 10 - continued

12:00	Officer-Delegate Luncheon Hotel President. Complimentary for National Officers and Official Delegates.	Awarding of service plaques to members of: 1. Board of Directors 2. Board of Trustees Address - Doyle Conner, National FFA President - 1948-1949 (tentative). American Farmer Degree Ceremony.
1:00 p.m.	Tours to points of interest in Kansas City (for non-delegates).	
1:30 p.m.	Nominating committee and officer candidate meeting.	4:30 p.m. Talent Revue & practice. 4:30 p.m. Donor reception - Hotel Muehlebach. (Officers, delegates, and state advisors)
1:30-5:00 p.m.	Early registration--FFA representatives - Municipal Auditorium.	
2:30 p.m.	Meeting of Courtesy Corps and ushers.	8:00 p.m. THIRD SESSION
2:30 p.m.	Audition for FFA Talent.	Introduction of representatives of donors to National FFA Foundation, Inc. Recognition of 15-year donors to the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Introduction of past Star American Farmers. Massing of Flags. Star American Farmer Awards ceremony. 1961 "Four Star Farmers" movie.
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Meeting of State Advisors.	
9:15 p.m.	Practice for American Farmer Degree Ceremony.	
9:15 p.m.	Practice Massing of Flags for Star Farmer Program.	
(1:30 - 5:30 p.m.)	Committee Meetings.	

Wednesday, October 11

8:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration - FFA representatives, judging teams, donors and guests.
9:00 a.m.	OPENING SESSION Address of Welcome - Mayor H. Roe Bartle. Nomination of Honorary American Farmers - Dr. W. T. Spanton. Reports: Future Farmers Supply Service - E. J. Hawkins. National Future Farmer Magazine - Wilson Carnes. FFA Calendar - Howard Carter. National FFA Annual Report - Ronald Cook. Address - Speaker to be announced.
2:00 p.m.	SECOND SESSION Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees.

Thursday, October 12

9:00 a.m.	FOURTH SESSION Business session. Addresses of retiring officers. Leadership training demonstration. Address - (Speaker to be announced). Presentation of Farm Proficiency Awards.
2:00 p.m.	FIFTH SESSION Business session. Committee reports. Leadership training demonstration. Presentation of National Chapter Awards - bronze and silver.

Thursday, October 12 - continued

7:30 p.m. SIXTH SESSION

National FFA band concert.
Introduction of past national Public Speaking Contest winners.
National Public Speaking Contest.
National Chapter Award Ceremony - Gold Emblem.
FFA Talent Show.



Friday, October 13

9:00 a.m. SEVENTH SESSION

Business session.
We Salute Our Foreign Guests.
Address - (Speaker to be announced.)
1961-1962 Budget.
Dues.
Election of National Officers.

11:30 a.m. RECESS for special session - FFA Day at American Royal and Livestock Show - American Royal Arena. Rehearsal for National Officers' Night.

6:30 p.m. Special talent program - Municipal Auditorium.

7:15 p.m. CLOSING SESSION
National FFA Officers' Night.
Address - Dr. W. T. Spanton.
Recognition of past national officers.
Honor parents of 1960 - 1961 National Officers.
Installation of 1961-1962 National FFA Officers.

9:00 p.m. CLOSING CEREMONY
Firestone Show.

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American Royal Special Show
for FFA Members

Friday P.M., October 13, 1961

Last year for the first time, the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show opened the show one day early (on Friday) and designated it as FFA Day. The FFA Convention recessed at noon to permit all FFA boys to go to the American Royal, see the livestock, and attend the Special Matinee Horse Show. As a result, the American Royal Building was completely filled with FFA boys, and everyone, including American Royal officials, was happy and seemed to feel that the event was a huge success.

However, because of the additional work and increased expense involved in putting on this extra show exclusively for those in attendance at the FFA Convention, it has been mutually agreed that a small token admission charge of 50¢ per person (including tax) will be made to partially cover the additional cost of this special show. The regular general admission charge to the American Royal, I understand, is approximately \$1.50 per person, plus tax. Special tickets will be printed, bearing the FFA emblem, which will be good for admission to the American Royal on Friday, October 13, only. They will be on sale at the registration desk in the Auditorium to all who are registered. These special tickets will

American Royal Special Show for FFA Members - continued

be taken up at the main entrance gate to the American Royal Building, and no others will be admitted. Nearby states should advise all local FFA chapters of this regulation. None of these special FFA tickets will be sold to FFA boys or others who are not registered and in attendance at the Convention during the week. Such groups, if they are only interested in attending the Royal, should plan to attend the week following the Convention (October 15-21) when they will be expected to pay the regular general admission charge.

The Kansas City Transit Company will provide special buses at the regular fare of 25¢ each way between the Auditorium and the American Royal.

This year, two special features at the American Royal should prove especially interesting and entertaining to all FFA boys in attendance. They are as follows:

- (1) "The Westernaires" - a spectacular act which has drawn capacity crowds wherever they have appeared throughout the United States. The group is composed of accomplished young horsemen and horsewomen dressed in lavish and colorful costumes who have been training for many years. They perform under Strobe and fluorescent lighting. Special acts include "A Night in Spain" and the "7th Cavalry."
- (2) "The Wild Horse Stampede" will make its first appearance at the American Royal on Friday (FFA Day). A group of 60 wild horses that have been roaming the prairie ranges of Southwest Texas, none of which has ever been restrained or ridden, will appear in the American Royal in groups of thirty. Cowboys

will attempt to catch, mount, and ride them without the use of ropes or other equipment, using only their skill and bare hands. The "Wild Horse Stampede" has been a major event at rodeos and horse shows in the Southwest, and is expected to be the most thrilling event of the show.

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Proposed Amendment to the National FFA Constitution

The following amendment to the National FFA Constitution has been submitted by the Texas FFA Association for consideration of the FFA delegates at the 34th Convention. We should very much like to have the comments of any member or advisor concerning the proposed amendment.

The State Association's two official delegates will need to be instructed on the feeling of the Kansas Association when they vote on this amendment in Kansas City. The amendment is as follows:

"Each state with 5,000 members or less shall be entitled to submit the application of the alternate candidate for the American Farmer degree. For each 5,000 additional members, or major fraction thereof, the state shall be entitled to submit one additional alternate candidate. In the event that a states' quota for the American Farmer degree is not filled from the candidates recommended the alternate or alternates of that state along with alternate candidates from other states in that region shall be considered."

Please send your comments or suggestions to the State Office.

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National FFA Convention Attendance Restricted

The National FFA Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors have ruled that:

Attendance at the national convention be limited to not more than six carefully selected members and one advisor from any given chapter, or 10% of the chapter membership, whichever is greater.

The following members will not be counted in the local chapter quota: official state delegate, American Farmer degree candidate, official state judging team member, National FFA Band member, contestant in the National FFA Public Speaking Contest, and regional or national winner of an FFA Foundation award. Parents and wives of FFA members and other adult guests will not be counted in the chapter quota.

The following procedures have been adopted:

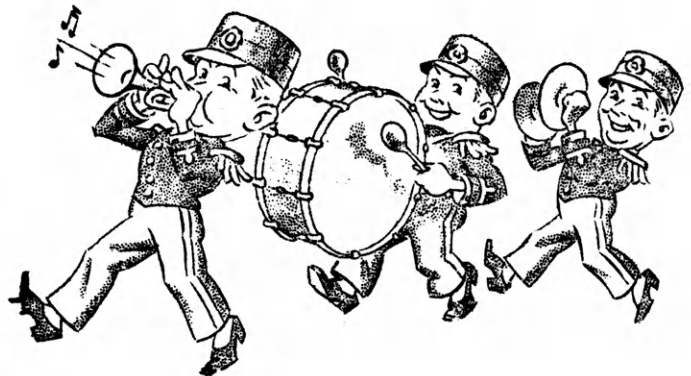
1. Each FFA member attending the convention must have a registration card filled out before leaving home, complete with signatures of the member, teacher, parent, and high school superintendent or principal. (Two official delegates from each state and American Farmer degree candidates are not required to have their cards signed.)
2. The pre-registration cards may be obtained from the State FFA Advisor upon request by local teachers.
3. Upon arrival in Kansas City, the advisor or chaperon of a group of members will present the completed registration cards of all members in his group at the FFA

convention registration desk. He will be issued an identification card for each of his members which must be signed by the advisor and the member.

4. No member will be admitted to the convention sessions or entertainment programs without the official identification card. Door checks will be made.
5. No registration cards for members will be available in Kansas City. They must be obtained and completed before the member leaves home. Teachers and state staff members also should have cards for their own registration.

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National FFA Band

The National FFA Band under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Office of Education, Washington, D.C., will again furnish music for the National FFA Convention.

Kansas FFA members who have been honored by being chosen to perform with

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President's Message

As president of the Kansas Association of FFA, it is my pleasure to welcome each of you back to another year of activities in the Kansas Association. I sincerely hope that you will have a very successful year in FFA work.

I am sure you have heard the old saying "you get out of it about as much as you put into it." This statement is certainly true with our organization. Each member must actively participate in the activities if he is to receive any personal benefit from it. The Future Farmers of America is an organization "of, by, and for boys who study vocational agriculture." FFA is designed to benefit all those who are interested in agriculture. There are unlimited opportunities in a program of vocational agriculture and Future Farmers of America for a farm boy to receive recognition and attain accomplishment. I hope each Kansas FFA member will work to the limit of his ability, and opportunity to get the most from the organization this year. I especially want to invite each chapter officer to the 1961 FFA Leadership Schools, September 25-27. Officers will receive help in managing local FFA activities throughout the year.

If you haven't already started your program of work, now is the time to do so. Set your goals high and make them a challenge to every member. Strive to accomplish those goals and obtain for your chapter a Superior Chapter Award.

As we approach a new year, let us, as you have heard many times, be diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone and above all honest and fair in this game of life. I hope you will think about these words often during the

year and carry them out in every days work and play. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible throughout the year. If at any time you have a question concerning the State Association, feel free to contact me about it.

Again, I wish you the best of luck in 1961.

Larry Erpelding, State President
Kansas Association of FFA

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Training Future Farmers Got Started 44 Years Ago

Special attention is called to the August 19 issue of the Kansas Farmer magazine. In this issue a story of the history and development of vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America organization appears as a centennial special feature. Mr. Frank R. Carpenter, former executive secretary of the Kansas Association of FFA is the author of the story. The information contained in this article should be of special interest to all Kansas Future Farmers of America.

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Correction!

The 1961-62 Calendar of Activities lists the Junior Cattleman's Marketing Day at St. Joseph, Missouri as November 30. This date should be changed to December 7.

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1961 Kansas Applicants for American Farmer Degree

This year the Kansas Association of FFA presented seven outstanding applicants to the National Office for the degree of American Farmer.

Word has been received that all seven of the applicants have been recommended by the National Board of Student Officers and approved by the National Board of Directors to receive the degree at the National FFA Convention on October 11, 1961. The action of the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors must be confirmed by the delegates to the National Convention. The American Farmer candidates who have been recommended from Kansas are:

Eldon Eastman - Arkansas City Chapter
Steven Robb - Lawrence Chapter
Donald Rudicel - Kingman Chapter
Larry Schaake - Lawrence Chapter
Ernest Schlatter - Lebanon Chapter
Galen Schrag - Pretty Prairie Chapter
Ralph W. Young - Greeley Co. Chapter

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Summary of Kansas Association of FFA Report to the National FFA Organization 1960-61

No. of Vo-Ag Departments----- 195
No. of Active FFA Chapters-----195
No. of Day School Students
Enrolled in Vo-Ag Classes---- 6,296
No. of FFA Members-----6,737
Avg. Net Worth per FFA
Member----- \$1,064.31
No. of State Farmer Degrees
Granted----- 132
No. of Chapters Sending
Delegates to State Con-
vention----- 160

No. of Honorary State Farmer
Degrees Awarded ----- 9
No. of American Farmer Candi-
dates Recommended ----- 7
No. of Chapters Nominating
Candidates for State Farmer
Degree ----- 108
No. of Chapters Participating
in District Leadership
Schools----- 177
No. of Chapters Operating
School Farms-----15

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F. R. Carpenter Accepts Position at Kansas State University

Mr. Frank R. Carpenter, former Executive Secretary of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, became Assistant Dean of Resident Instruction in the School of Agriculture at Kansas State University on July 1, 1961. Mr. Carpenter succeeds C. W. Mullen who had held this position since 1937.

Mr. Carpenter served the State Association of FFA as Executive Secretary for five years. During this period, FFA in Kansas has enjoyed increased prestige and recognition by the public. Listed among the many accomplishments of FFA in the past five years are:

1. A full State Convention program with five regular sessions in which many members have an active part.
2. Installation of a complete FFA Foundation Award program.
3. Installation of a State FFA camping program.

4. The State Star Farmer of Kansas program.

Mr. Carpenter served Kansas FFA well and the best wishes of the Kansas Association go with him in his new work. Mr. Carpenter also served as Assistant Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in North Central and Northeast Kansas from 1956-1961.

John W. Lacey became Executive Secretary of the Kansas Association of FFA on July 1, 1961.

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Chapter Program of Work

October 31 is the deadline date for mailing your chapter program of work to John W. Lacey, Executive Secretary, Kansas Association of FFA, State Board for Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas.

Official program of work blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of your program of work to the State Office and a carbon copy for your chapter files will be mailed no later than October 1. If additional material is needed, let your needs be known.

Forms I, II and III of the National Chapter Award program will be used again this year. These forms contain many ideas which should be used when making program of work plans. A minimum goal for each chapter would be to qualify for the Standard Chapter award.

The following outline may be helpful in formulating the program of work:

1. Assign every member of the chapter to a committee. (Officers should

head major committees, executive committee should meet to appoint committees)

2. Hold special meeting of one hour or more in length for committees to meet and formulate preliminary plans.
3. Committee chairman discuss preliminary plans with Executive Committee.
4. Each committee report plans at regular meeting and chapter accept, revise, and adopt the plan. (Emphasis on adopting a workable program rather than a long program.)
5. Calendar activities. (Duty of assigned committee.)
6. Report progress on accomplishment at regular intervals.

Early calendaring of activities is important. Too many activities scheduled in a short time will result in a lower standard of performance. An extended period with no activity will result in a loss of interest on the part of active members. Be sure to consult the school calendar and administrator in setting dates. The Kansas Association calendar of activities for 1961-62 may be helpful in building your local chapter calendar.

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"Is the water here on the farm healthy?"

"Oh, sure, we use only well water."

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1961-62 Kansas Association of FFA Budget

	<u>1961-62 Estimated Income</u>	<u>1961-62 Estimated Expenses</u>
Income in dues (6,500 @ 75¢)	\$4,875.00	\$
Reimbursement - National Judging Contests	140.00	
National FFA dues (10¢ @)		650.00
National FFA Band Uniforms		75.00
National FFA Band expenses (travel, subsistence)		700.00
Delegates to National Convention (expense)		80.00
National Judging Contest (expense of teams)		290.00
National Public Speaking Contest (expense)		40.00
Officers (expense)		
Called State Meetings		125.00
State Convention		180.00
District Leadership Schools		100.00
Transportation to Chapter Meetings		120.00
Jackets (7 @ \$5.00)		35.00
Medals, Awards, etc.-		200.00
Membership Cards		20.00
Auditing Accounts		20.00
Annual Convention (programs, name cards, public address system, National Officer expenses, etc.)		200.00
Special Talent to State Convention		30.00
Printing of FFA Calendar		100.00
FFA Insurance (band, American Farmers, delegates)		40.00
Binding FFA Volumes		20.00
Camp Miniwanca		30.00
State FFA Camp		100.00
National FFA Magazine		1,625.00
Pictures (convention, band, etc.)		50.00
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TOTALS	\$5,015.00	\$4,830.00

1961-62 State FFA Program of Work

1. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and each vocational agriculture student to be a member of the FFA.
2. Each chapter have a definite program of activities for the year and submit a copy of its program to the State Office not later than October 31, 1961. Only chapters submitting activity programs by October 31 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates and to participate in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.
3. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
4. As a means of promoting sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
5. A continuous program of maintenance, repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment with more emphasis on maintenance and repair.
6. Prevent waste of all kinds - e.g., conserve soil and natural resources; control farm fires, livestock losses. Each chapter adopt at least one as a major activity and actively participate in other fields.
7. Each chapter have a definite safety program including goals, and ways and means of attaining same.
8. Six issues of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter to be published beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all State Advisors, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders. Two copies will be mailed to each chapter submitting a program of work.
9. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that sufficient copies of the FFA Manual be owned by the chapter in order that a copy will be readily available to each member and that Parliamentary Procedure Manuals and films be used.
10. One hundred per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Standard Chapter Award and file a completed copy of Form I (Standard Chapter) in the State Office at Topeka, by April 7, 1962.
11. Seventy-five per cent of chapters meet the minimum requirements for the Superior Chapter Award.
12. Encourage one hundred per cent of the chapters to use the official FFA secretary's book and the official FFA treasurer's book.
13. Participate in FFA contests of State and National scope.
14. One hundred per cent of the members subscribe to the National Future Farmer Magazine.

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| <p>15. Publicity - One hundred per cent of chapters participate in National FFA Week, February 17-24, 1962. Encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worthwhile activities at all times, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of State and National interest.</p> <p>16. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and convenience to make the farm home more livable.</p> <p>17. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list of paraphernalia: U.S. flag, owl, ear of corn, plow, gavel and block, FFA felt banner (3' x 6'), Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, FFA Manuals, shield for Sentinel station, FFA song, and filing case. Framed under glass: charter, pictures of Washington, Jefferson, and Groseclose, Washington's General Order on Profanity, Creed and Purposes.</p> <p>18. Encourage members to wear FFA jackets or other means of identification to all FFA functions.</p> <p>19. Encourage scouting and other organizations with similar objectives.</p> <p>20. Encourage participation in the National FFA Foundation Awards program.</p> <p>21. Encourage the awarding of Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees.</p> <p>22. Encourage all FFA officers to attend the State FFA Leadership Training Camp.</p> | <p>23. Encourage one hundred per cent of chapters to participate in District Public Speaking Contest.</p> <p>24. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FFA Manual, 1958 Edition, for each officer (1)* 20¢. b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer, (2) 10 or more - 15¢, smaller quantities - 20¢. c. Fifteen and Twenty-Five Year Histories of Kansas FFA (5). d. "FFA at 25" (1). e. Complete file of Kansas Future Farmer Newsletters for the past year. f. Complete file of National Future Farmer magazines for past year. g. A copy of the Proceedings of the 33rd National FFA Convention. h. Reporting FFA News, C. E. Rogers (4) \$3.00. i. A More Effective FFA, Wall (4) \$2.65. j. If you Please, Allen & Briggs (3) \$2.60. k. Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (4) \$2.70. l. Handbook on Speech for Future Farmers, Purkey (4) \$3.60. m. I Dare You, Ralston-Purina Co., St. Louis, Missouri (Free). |
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*Figures in parentheses indicates publishers listed.

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Dues and Subscriptions

State and National FFA dues will remain the same this year as they were last year. The total amount per member is 75¢. Of this amount, the State Office will send 10¢ to the National FFA Office, 25¢ to the National FFA Magazine office and deposit 40¢ in the State Association treasury. A review of the 1961-62 budget, which is published in this newsletter, will indicate the items of expenditure which will need to be paid from your State Association funds.

Collect dues early. Include with them the list of chapter members and their home addresses on the National Future Farmer Magazine subscription blanks and mail them to the State FFA Office. Many of last year's subscriptions will soon be expiring. Since most boys do not want to miss any copies of the magazine, we suggest that this year's subscriptions be forwarded as soon as possible.

In the event that the new subscription is received before the old one runs out, the new subscription will be extended the number of copies that were due on

the old one. The boys will receive all copies due them. Each subscriber receives six issues of the National Future Farmer each year.

A few isolated cases have been reported where boys have not received their magazine. If this occurs in your chapter, please report it immediately.

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Materials for Loan from State Office

The State FFA Office in Topeka has the following 16mm, sound films available for loan to FFA chapters:

1. Silver Anniversary of the FFA - 5 copies (black and white)
2. That Inspiring Task - 2 copies
3. Farmer of Tomorrow - 1 copy
4. How To Raise a Boy - 1 copy (black and white)

Two other films which are entertaining and educational but not devoted primarily to FFA are: "Growth of a Nation" and "Old MacDonald." They are placed in the State FFA Office by the American Feed and Manufacturing Association.

When returning films to this office, send them by parcel post, film rate, and insured. Total cost will be approximately 30¢. Mail them back to the State Office the day after showing.

Other materials available:

1. Colored slides illustrating the FFA Creed - 2 sets
2. Colored slides of weeds and crops (seeds and pictures of mounts) - 2 sets

Materials for Loan from State Office -
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3. Strip films on meat identification - 1 set
4. A set of 6 strip films - arc welding - 1 set
5. Livestock judging placing cards (available for all district contests in three colors)
6. FFA Building the Emblem paraphernalia - 1 set

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FFA Foundation Awards Program
1961-62

The 1961-62 National FFA Foundation "State awards for improving agriculture and leadership" for Kansas will total \$545.51. This award money is approximately \$200 less than was awarded last year. The money will be used to provide awards on a district and state basis in the areas of Star Farmer, Farm Safety, Soil and Water Management, Dairy Farming, Beef Production, Swine Production, Sheep Production, Crops Farming, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, and Public Speaking. FFA members who are doing a good job in any of the above areas should plan now to make an entry for one of these awards.

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Second Annual State FFA Camp

The second Kansas State FFA Camp was held at Camp Fellowship on the shores of Lake Afton near Goddard, Kansas, August 4-7, 1961. There were a total of 217 FFA members, advisors, state officers, and staff present for the three

day camp. Thirty-six chapters sent delegates to the camp.

Activities at the camp included training in leadership activities and a great deal of recreation, swimming, etc. Leadership activities included competition in performances of the ritual, a parliamentary procedure contest, extemporaneous speaking, group singing, individual officer training sessions, FFA spelldown, and an FFA Manual contest.

Individual tournaments were completed in horseshoes, ping-pong, shuffleboard, darts, and badminton. The entire group of campers were organized into herds and competed against each other in softball, volleyball, track, and steer wrestling.

Every camper present had one or more opportunities to practice leadership before the group.

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1961 FFA Information Contest

District FFA leadership schools are scheduled for September 25, 26, and 27. Officers will want to review the following publications in preparation for the FFA information contest.

- (1) The Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, six issues, beginning with November 1, 1960 and including September 15, 1961.
- (2) The Fifteen and Twenty-Five Year Histories of the Kansas Association of FFA, edited by Prof. A. P. Davidson.
- (3) The latest edition of the official FFA Manual.

1961 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

LAWRENCE September 25, Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Berryton, Blue Mound, Garnett, Highland Park, LaCygne, Lawrence, Louisburg, Ottawa, Paola, Parker, Rossville, Seaman, Williamsburg, Silver Lake, Tonganoxie, Wellsville.

BELOIT September 26, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Concordia, Courtland, Delphos, Downs, Jewell, Lebanon, Mankato, Minneapolis, Osborne, Scandia, Simpson, Smith Center.

BUHLER September 25, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Buhler, Claflin, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Florence, Goessel, Great Bend, Haven, Hillsboro, Inman, Lindsborg, McPherson, Moundridge, Newton, Partridge, Peabody, Salina, Stafford.

EMPORIA September 25, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Alma, Alta Vista, Burlingame, Burlington, Cottonwood Falls, Council Grove, Emporia, Eskridge, Harveyville, Herington, Kincaid, Lebo, Lyndon, Marion, Osage City.

PALCO September 25, Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Alton, Ellis, Hays, Hill City, Hoisington, Kensington, LaCrosse, Morland, Natoma, Palco, Paradise, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Quinter, Russell, Stockton, Wakeeney, Wilson.

HARPER September 26, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Arkansas City, Attica, Cheney, Harper, Kingman, Udall, Medicine Lodge, Mulvane, Oxford, Pratt, Preston, Pretty Prairie, Winfield.

CLAY CENTER September 25, Monday, 4:00 p.m.

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

OBERLIN September 26, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Almena, Atwood, Bird City, Brewster, Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Jennings, Long Island, McDonald, Norcatur, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, St. Francis.

DODGE CITY September 27, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Bazine, Dodge City, Ensign, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Hanston, Holcomb, Hugoton, Jetmore, Kinsley, Lakin, Leoti, Liberal, Meade, Mullinville, Ness City, Plains, Spearville, Syracuse, Tribune.

HOLTON September 26, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Centralia, Effingham, Frankfort, Highland, Holton, Hoyt, Meriden, Onaga, Powhattan, Sabetha, St. Marys, Troy, Valley Falls, Wamego.

CHANUTE September 26, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Altamont, Altoona, Caney, Chanute, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Columbus, Elk City, Erie, Eureka, Fort Scott, Fredonia, Girard, Howard, Humboldt, Independence, Iola, McCune, Neodesha, Riverton, St. Paul, Severy, Uniontown, Yates Center.

NOTICE

The Kansas Association of FFA 1961-62 Calendar of Activities lists September 19 as official FFA Day at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. This date should be corrected to read September 18.

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An Unusual Farming Program Kenny and Jerry Scholz

Our crops program consists of 246 acres of tobacco. Our program begins in February or March, depending on the weather, when we sow our tobacco beds. The small tobacco plants are transplanted to the field in May and June. This is all by hand. The plants are cultivated three or four times during the summer with a Ford tractor and cultivator and are finally kept free of weeds with the hand hoe. The crop must be sprayed three or four times for worms and grasshoppers; we use a mixture of Rothane and Aldine.

In late August or early September, the crop is harvested. Each stalk is cut by hand with a small hatchet and placed on a five foot long stick. The sticks, holding six stalks of tobacco each, are then placed in the barn to cure for three months. After the curing process, the tobacco must be stripped from the stalks by hand. Last year our crop yielded 3,000 pounds and we sold it for 55¢ per pound.

The main item of expense is the labor and the tobacco crop becomes a family project with everyone helping in preparing the crop for sale particularly

during the stripping process. We rent the land from our grandfather, paying him a one-third share. We must furnish all labor and materials.

Kenny and Jerry Scholz are vocational agriculture students and FFA members of the Troy, Kansas Chapter. Mr. Jim Hundley is the advisor at Troy.

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Farming Program of Bill Hilbert

When I entered the Berryton Chapter of Future Farmers of America in the fall of 1959, I owned one registered Hereford heifer and a quarter horse mare.

That fall I bought two feeder steers and two Poland China breeding gilts. The gilts were purchased from my father. My gilts had 15 pigs of which five died at farrowing time. I paid my father two gilts, kept two for myself and sold the remaining six at an average of 225 lbs. Out of my next litter I raised 17 of the 19 pigs farrowed, which I sold at an average weight of 220 pounds.

My mare had a Palamino horse colt and she was rebred to have another colt in April 1961.

I planted five acres of milo and it yielded 93 bushels per acre.

For my second year program I have two sows, two gilts, four deferred steers, a mare and two colts, a cow and calf, five acres of milo and 12 acres of corn.

My sow farrowed 17 pigs and my gilt farrowed 15 pigs this spring. I have them on feed at the present time.

Bill is a sophomore member of the Berryton Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

FFA CHAPTER NEWS

ELLSWORTH: FFA boys, parents and guests, totaling over a hundred, spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening at Kanopolis Lake on August 17, 1961. Four-thirty to six-thirty was spent swimming, with a covered dish supper at seven-thirty. The president introduced the guests, which consisted of the freshmen, parents, principal, and the student teacher, Richard Mattas, of Wilson. The meal was completed with ice cold watermelon supplied by the chapter. During the summer, the chapter held three officer meetings. One was for the purpose of assigning responsibilities on the program of work for 1961-62. The second meeting was for organizing officers for State Leadership Camp, which was held at Camp Fellowship. The chapter officers felt this camp was a worthwhile experience. The purpose of the third summer meeting was to help get the county on an organized Civil Defense program. The five projects selected over the summer months to go to the State Fair at Hutchinson were as follows: Sidney Wacker, loading chute; Virgil Huseman, calf cradle; Lloyd Prochaska, weed sprayer; and Albert Vanek, four-wheel hay trailer. Our advisor, Mr. Crandall, together with the student teachers, Richard Mattas and Gary Eilrich, placed farm machinery at the Russell County Fair, and they also placed beef cattle at the Lyons County Fair.

Delvin D. Peterman, Reporter

NORCATUR: At the July meeting the new officers were installed and a going away present was presented to the advisor, Mr. Fisher. The prospective members and their parents were invited

to the August meeting and watermelon feed. The school board members were also invited. In the meeting we set this year's dues, discussed the selling and distribution of the FFA calendars, appointed the program of work committees, and decided to try for the National Standard Award.

Kenneth Jackson, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Our chapter has over 100 members again this year. At the Labette County Fair, our FFA boys did well. Bob Dyke had the grand champion Yorkshire barrow. His brother, Gene Dyke, had the reserve champion with a Chester White barrow, Jim Peoples won the dairy fitting and showing contest. Tim Maxson won beef fitting and showing, and he also had the grand champion slaughter steer. Starting this school year, we have a new slaughter house with all the latest slaughtering facilities. We also have a new classroom in the vocational agriculture shop.

Eddie Meeks, Reporter

BERRYTON: The Berryton FFA Chapter had a fishing trip, July 15 and 16 at Lake Wabaunsee. The boys left home on Saturday noon and returned on Sunday evening. Our advisor and five of our FFA officers attended the State FFA Leadership Camp at Goddard, Kansas from August 4 through 7, coming home with lots of ideas and enthusiasm for the coming year's work.

Louis Zirkle, Reporter

PARADISE: The chapter held two regular meetings and two officer meetings during the summer. We held a

farming program tour the afternoon of August 9 and had our annual watermelon feed for the prospective freshmen that evening. We will have eight freshmen boys this year. Our livestock judging team placed first at the Osborne County Fair. Albert Strecker was high individual in the contest. Our team plans to judge at the Rooks County Fair.

Harold Robbins, Reporter

ELLINWOOD: The new officers and Mr. Cragun, advisor, met to plan events for the school year. On September 7, we held a "Get Acquainted Picnic" for parents and sons at the vocational agriculture building. The advisory council met the first of September to decide what projects will be taken to the State Fair. Some of the projects are as follows: bale elevator, four-wheel trailer, overhauled tractors, tractors painted, and cattle chute. Agriculture III and IV will go to the meats contest at Wichita on October 4. Chapter officers are planning to attend the National FFA Convention. The Parent-Son Banquet will be held some time in May.

Fred Schmidt, Reporter

NATOMA: Our chapter elected new officers in April and installed them in May. At that time we also held 8th grade night. We had a farming program tour before school was out and each class visited their farming program as a group. For community service, we poisoned 2,000 prairie dog holes and also did swine and cattle work. We held an overnight camping trip to Webster Dam for our summer outing.

Warren Koelling, Reporter

OAKLEY: During July our chapter presented a 15-minute television program in cooperation with the Goodland station. The program was devoted to helping the people become better acquainted with the Future Farmers of America. It consisted of explaining how FFA functions and the purposes behind our organization. Our officers for this year and our advisor attended the second annual Leadership Training Camp held at Camp Fellowship. Points of interest that were visited on the way to Leadership Camp were: the Zoo at Garden City, Boot Hill at Dodge City, the Large Wall at Greensburg, and Old Fort Hays located near Hays. We considered the camp a complete success and will encourage our officers to attend next year. Swimming and watermelon were on schedule for our August meeting. Freshmen taking vocational agriculture and the men faculty were our guests.

Roy Marion, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: At our annual Parent-Son Banquet we presented Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees to the dads of our four State Farmers. One hundred meals were served to members, parents, and other guests at the April banquet. The new officers met during the summer to plan our activities for the coming year. We held a summer meeting August 9 at the swimming pool and the vocational agriculture building. Prospective FFA members were invited to the combination watermelon and swimming party. We plan to take a squeeze chute, loading chute, hay feeder, four-wheel wagon and box, and a sheep shearing stand to the Mid America Fair.

David Gilliland, Reporter

HOWARD: Through the summer we have conducted our regular monthly meetings. This summer the FFA chapter organized a softball team to play in the league with other teams in Howard and surrounding towns. All of the boys that wanted to play ball participated on the team. Our advisor, Mr. Robison, managed the team and also played sometimes. At the Howard Fair, some twelve boys from the chapter showed livestock and crops. One of our members won the Showmanship Award. The chapter members made an excellent showing at the fair and have plans to do better next year. Jeff Frieden, our chapter secretary, was selected to represent Elk County and attend the grass land school for three days beginning August 29.

Eldon DeWitt, Reporter

SABETHA: Our banquet was held April 13. Professor Paul Stevenson from Kansas State University was our speaker with the topic, "The Future in Farming for Young Men." On August 17, we had a watermelon feed. Dads joined boys in a baseball game with good attendance. In June, twelve members of the Sabetha FFA Chapter, accompanied by their advisor and Mr. Bill Jodman, Co-op District Supervisor, toured the Co-op facilities at the Lawrence Fertilizer Plant, Muncie, Kansas Co-op Feed Mill, Co-op Headquarters in North Kansas City, and the Co-op Demonstration Farm at Facett, Missouri. In July, twelve members of the Sabetha FFA chapter, accompanied by Mr. Reuben Steiner, father of our Treasurer, went to the Purina Ralston Research Farm near St. Louis. Six members attended the County Fair at Wetmore and judged hogs, sheep, beef cattle, and dairy cows.

Galen Bauman, Reporter

NESS CITY: Our officers for the 1961-62 year were installed at our Achievement Dinner held in mid-May. Three of our members, Clyde Goodman, Duane Pember, and Kenneth Schlegel, attended the Co-operative Camp in Missouri in June. Our President, Kenneth Schlegel, reports many leadership ideas that he hopes to use in our chapter during the coming year. An August planning meeting was held by the officers.

Reporter

PLAINVILLE: We had a very successful Parent-Son Banquet just before school was out. There were approximately 200 parents, businessmen, boys and other guests at the banquet. We had open shop to the public the night of our banquet. Mr. Hachmeister, our advisor, had the eighth grade boys visit our shop displays and demonstrations. The eighth grade boys were divided into groups and a vocational agriculture boy was assigned to lead each group for a period of 25 minutes. The leader explained each phase of vocational agriculture. Our chapter was very active in the Plainville centennial celebration in June. We built and moved bleachers to and from the rodeo grounds. The chapter operated a concession stand during the celebration. We held our annual home-made ice cream and cake social for the beginning students and dads on August 20. Each boy worked out a schedule of classes with his dad at this meeting. We had a fair booth at the Rooks County Fair again this year and also a judging team at the fair. Several of the boys showed cattle, swine, and garden products at the fair. Eleven town boys are working on farms this summer in the farm placement program. Mr. Hachmeister made the arrangements and

supervises them. As a result, each of these boys have increased their interests in agriculture.

Fred Kleinschmidt, Reporter

MANHATTAN: Manhattan FFA elected the 1961-62 officers the last activity period in April and used official FFA installation ceremony in installing new officers the first FFA meeting in June. We held our annual overnight fishing party on June 1, but were rained out during the night. The new officers met three times during the summer months planning August watermelon feed, and other future activities. We held our watermelon feed August 12, which included prospective FFA members and their parents. The official FFA ritual opened the meeting and was followed by "Welcome" by President Lester Adolph. Sentinel David Parker told our parents and the new members about the purpose of the FFA and some of our FFA activities. Treasurer Fred Sowell described our vocational agriculture program and showed slides of some of our activities. After closing the meeting, the officers acted as hosts and served watermelon to those in attendance. Most of our members have been busy during the summer months with their farming experiences as well as helping neighbors and parents with their farm labor problems. We are making plans for a farm mechanics display at the Mid America Fair. We have scheduled FFA officers to attend the National FFA Convention in October. President Lester Adolph and Robert Avery took part in the supervisor farm experience program during the summer months. We have our roadside signs ready to mount and hope to get them up this fall.

Bud Miller, Reporter

OTTAWA: Our president, vice-president, and the advisor were guests of the local Co-operative on a bus trip to Kansas City where they visited the Farmers Union Elevator, the CCA Office, and the Co-op Farm in Trimble, Missouri. We have had five officer meetings this summer in which we planned our trip to the State FFA Camp, planned our tentative program of work, and made out the budget and calendar for the coming year. Five of our officers and the advisor attended the State FFA Leadership Camp at Goddard, Kansas. We enjoyed the three days at camp. It was a lot of fun, and we got a lot of good ideas for FFA for the coming year. A boating and swimming party was held at our vice-president's farm on September 3. This was a "Get Acquainted Party" for our new members in the ninth grade class.

Roger Adcock, Reporter

PEABODY: During June, J. D. Gaines and D. H. Paul dipped approximately 1,800 sheep with the Inman Chapter's sheep dipping vat. In July the members gave a combination swimming and farewell party for Mr. Denyer. The entire chapter is looking forward with enthusiasm to the coming county and state fairs. The entire chapter expects to visit both, and we have several pieces of machinery to exhibit in the farm mechanics display. A "Get Acquainted Party" was held for the parents and sons on August 26. All prospective Green Hands and their parents were invited to this meeting.

Keith Buell, Reporter

WINFIELD: During the summer we have had two officer meetings. Plans were made for the fairs, for the freshman watermelon feed, and the chapter

program of work. The chapter officers began preparations for the District Leadership School. Summer activities included operation of the FFA sprayer. A number of herds of cattle and flocks of sheep were sprayed. We also worked on the control of Johnson Grass in the area by spraying a number of farms. A number of chapter members and their advisor have been fitting livestock for the Cowley County Fair and Sale.

Mike Youle, Reporter

HAYS: Our chapter constructed a fall-out shelter at the Fort Hays Experiment Station last spring. The purpose of this shelter is to demonstrate it to the public for six months to encourage more people to build such shelters. The walls are of reinforced poured concrete, 8" thick, with a 10" reinforced roof, and the size is 8' wide, 12' long, and 6' high. The shelter has been open to the public since April 30. There has been over 1,200 visitors through the shelter and the interest is growing everyday. We receive calls and letters from all parts of the state. When school opens, we plan to have several week end demonstrations for the public. The shelter is open at all times during this six month period.

David Schukman, Reporter

TROY: The Troy Chapter held a business meeting August 3 at 8 p.m. to make plans for the trip to Wichita the next day, which lasted until August 7. We attended the State FFA Leadership Camp, August 4-7. The Troy Chapter of the FFA held a meeting August 16 at 8 p.m. in order to get acquainted with the new students.

Jerry Scholz, Reporter

GOODLAND: Fourteen members of the Goodland FFA Chapter left for the annual recreational and educational trip to the mountains at 5 a.m., Monday, July 24. During the morning they visited Monforts feedlots, north of Greeley, Colorado. The afternoon was spent on a conducted tour of the Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Seventy-five dollars worth of groceries was purchased in Fort Collins, and the group traveled to Mr. Little's cabin in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado, for a week of fishing and mountain climbing. One day was spent at the Frontier Days in Cheyenne. Bill Tagtmeyer and Lawrence Musil have received registered bred gilts from the Goodland Lions Club.

Gerald Wegner, Secretary

McPHERSON: The McPherson FFA Chapter officers held a meeting on August 18 at which plans for the coming year were discussed. We are planning a hamburger fry during the second week of school. We will attend the State Fair as a group. We are going to investigate the possibility of holding night meetings this year. Several of our members have shown championship livestock entries at the county fairs this summer. Alan Mitchell showed the grand champion fat barrow, Lonnie Schrag showed the grand champion fat lamb, and Neill Walker showed the reserve grand champion fat lamb at the McPherson County Fair. Lowell Goering showed the champion Holstein female at the same fair. We are making plans to enter a farm mechanics exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair.

Don Herbers, Reporter

GOESSEL: The Goessel FFA Chapter had a very enjoyable summer by attending fairs, participating in the State FFA Leadership Camp held at Lake Afton, and having a watermelon feed for the freshman boys. As one of our community service projects this year, we are taking soil samples for farmers in the Goessel community. Our plan is that a member of our chapter goes to a farmer's place and asks him if he would like to have some soil samples taken. A sample is then taken from each field that the farmer wants tested and a dollar collected for each sample. Our chapter then takes the samples to Marion to the county soil testing lab. The samples are tested and a charge of fifty cents per sample is paid. This leaves fifty cents for our treasury per sample taken. In addition, we have an agreement with the Goessel Co-op in that they will deduct the cost of the soil samples to the farmer if he buys his fertilizer from them and fertilizes according to recommendations. Our chapter is planning to enter five shop projects in the Marion County Fair and at the Kansas State Fair. Two boys from our chapter won grand champion and reserve champion in the farm mechanics display at the Moundridge Fair. We plan to build a squeeze chute in shop this fall and rent it out to the farmers.

Donald Rosfeld, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: Our chapter presented an assembly April 11 which consisted of the finalists in our speech contest. Mike Dikeman was the winner and represented us at the State Contest in Manhattan. We had eleven members attending the State Convention and Judging Contest. Our two delegates were our president, James Emmerson and James Thomas. We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet May 9,

with Gene Raymond, past state secretary, speaking on "FFA and Leadership." Over 250 guests were present, including parents, faculty members, vocational agriculture advisory council members, civic leaders, and FFA members. Honorary degrees were presented to Dr. Hicks, superintendent of schools; Dr. Ralph Evans, dean and principal; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arkle, Junior High Principals; Mrs. Shankel, commerce teacher; Mr. Mosier, speech instructor; and the retiring vocational agriculture council member, Mr. Vern Hixon. New officers were installed for the coming year. Our summer activities were: an overnight fishing trip, and three meetings, including an executive committee meeting. Our officers attended the second State Leadership Training Camp at Goddard, Kansas. Billy Joe Johnson was elected wrangler of the winning herd. Our annual watermelon feed was held August 22 at our shop with parents, faculty members, board members, advisory council members, and eighth grade graduates as our guests. Construction has been started on an addition to our building. This addition will consist of a classroom, office storage room, and locker room.

Danny Ames, Secretary

ERIE: Our June meeting was built around June Dairy Month. A representative from the local Co-op showed a movie on dairy and discussed dairy locally. The chapter also sponsored a local girl in the county dairy princess contest. At the July meeting, members froze twenty-four gallons of home-made ice cream. We set up our booth and sold the ice cream the next night at the 88th annual Erie reunion. The high point that night was serving ice cream to Governor Anderson and the reunion

queen. Several members attended the Range Judging School at Iola. We felt the overnight trip, the swim and the school were very worthwhile. Our farm machinery exhibit at the county fair took first. We had two blue and three red exhibits. We are planning to have an entry at the Mid America Fair in September. The officers have met and planned next year's programs and the program of work. Erie Chapter's annual Father-Son Watermelon Feed was held August 31, after school started.

Steven Gentle, Reporter