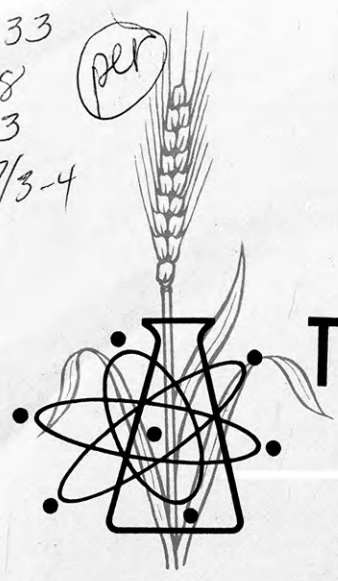


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## State FFA Office Moves

With the reorganization in the Kansas State Department of Education, some changes have occurred in the Kansas Association of FFA. The most obvious is that the State FFA office is no longer in Topeka, but rather is housed in the College of Education at Kansas State University.

Assuming the duties as State FFA Executive Secretary will be Robert Broeckelman, who just completed a very successful five years of teaching vo-

cational agriculture at Norton High School. Bob is a former State FFA Vice-President who later conducted the Washington D.C. FFA Leadership Conferences. His knowledge of vocational agriculture and the FFA makes him highly qualified for his new position. Les Olsen, Education Specialist in Agricultural Education in Topeka, is the new State Advisor, succeeding Dean Prochaska who was named State Director of Vocational Education.

## State FFA Constitution Amended

Minor changes in the State FFA Constitution were made at the 49th Annual Convention to help various areas of the organization run more smoothly.

According to the former constitution, all State officers must receive a majority vote from the delegates in order to be elected. This made the State Vice-President an unofficial officer as he is the runner-up for the presidential race. Article VI, Section A was amended, in part, to read "the runner up for president shall become State Vice-President without necessitating a majority vote."

The second amendment was to include the State FFA Executive Secretary as an official member of the State officer selection committee.

## Membership Shows Gain

Kansas FFA membership was up over 3% for 1976-77 as compared to 1975-76. The final count for 1976-77 showed 7,104 members, up 218 from the 6,886 members in 1975-76. Nationally, membership was also up, totalling 509,735.

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Cover Photo

## New State Officers 1977-78

Six outstanding members from the Kansas Association of FFA were elected to lead the 7,000-plus member organization for 1977-78.

Dee James, Clay Center chapter, was chosen as President while Terry Nelson, Norton, was selected as Vice-President.

C. J. Riemann, Hill City, was elected Secretary; Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge, Sentinel; Ron Ditmars, Washington, Reporter; and Pat Wiederholt, Garnett, Treasurer.

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## Brownback Visits Russia

Ten days in Russia highlighted a two-week trip abroad for National FFA Vice-President Sam Brownback of Parker, Kansas. Brownback left Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C., on a tour of foreign agriculture with stops in Denmark and England prior to the 10-day visit in Russia. Brownback is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Robert Brownback of Parker, Kansas.

Brownback is one of four FFA National Officers representing the organization's half million members on the 15-day trip. He is one of the first FFA members to even travel to the Soviet Union on an official visit. Three of Brownback's fellow officers will accompany him on the excursion which begins in London and ends in Moscow.

The Soviet Union hosted the four officers as part of an exchange agreement between the two countries. Lennie Gamage, FFA International Program Specialist, said talks with Russian officials began a year ago to arrange the tour. He added that the delegation discussed with the Soviets possible ways of establishing a form of exchange allowing living and working on farms within the two countries. Officials of the U.S. State Department said such an arrangement was rare between the two countries but both see the exchange as "a good thing".

The officers' tour marks the first time the Russian Committee of Youth Organizations have cooperated in pro-

gramming a rural reciprocative exchange.

Prior to their arrival in Russia, the delegates met with the British National Farmers' Union in London and Danish Farmers' Organization in Copenhagen and Axelborg, Denmark. These foreign organizations work in cooperation with the FFA's international activities and exchanges.

The four officers, returning May 30, met with officials of the Soviet Embassy and the U.S. State Department prior to their departure. Russian agriculture,

customs, and rural life study were discussed with an emphasis on improving agricultural relations between the two nations via the mutual exchange. A spokesman for the Soviets said the group would see "some of the best agriculture" while in Russia. The officers recorded the event for reports and presentations upon their return.

A group of four delegates from Russia is scheduled to tour U.S. farming operations and sample American agriculture in late June as the final step in the agreement.



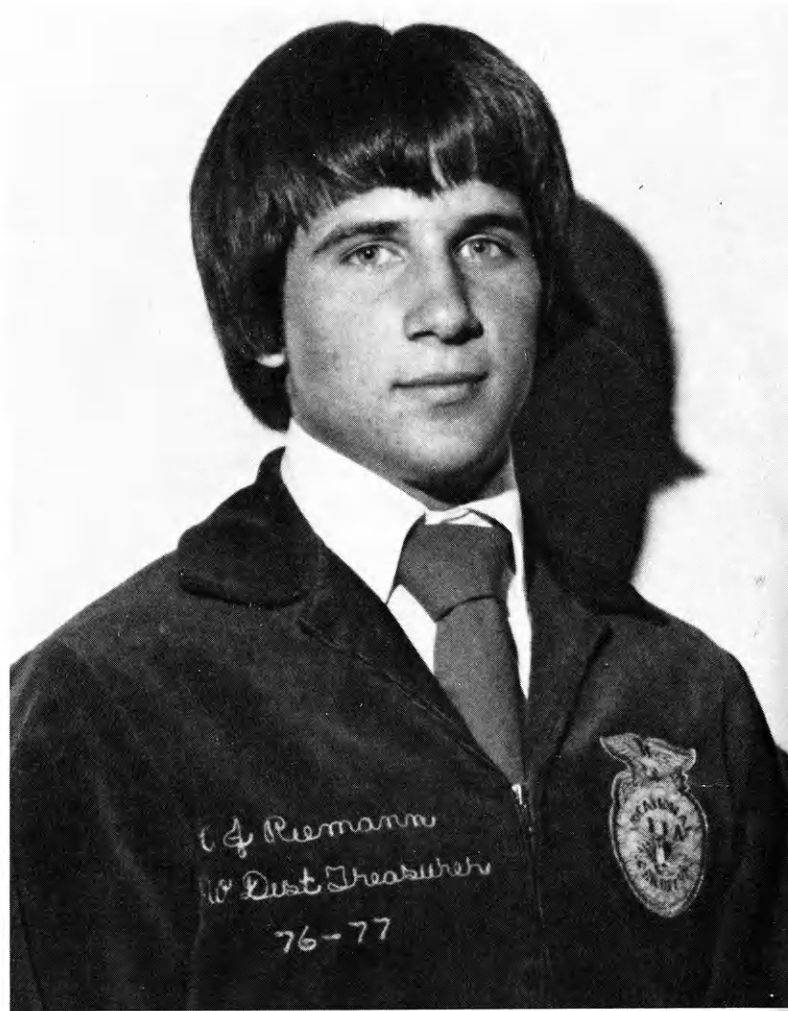
Off to Russia—National FFA Officers Rick McDaniel of Nevada, Ohio; Bruce Maloch of Emerson, Arkansas; Sam Brownback of Parker, Kansas, and Julie Smiley of Mount Vernon, Washington, prepare to board their

flight to London on the first leg of a two-week international tour that includes 10 days in Russia. The four National Officers departed from Dulles International Airport on May 17 and returned May 30.





1977 Star Farmer of Kansas—Lorena Croucher, Garnett



1977 Star Agribusinessman of Kansas—C.J. Reimann, Hill City

## District and State Stars Named

Lorena Croucher and C.J. Reimann each received \$200 checks from the FFA Foundation as they were named Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman, respectively.

Lorena's farming program of beef, swine, and crops added to her outstanding leadership record made her an example for all FFA members to follow. C.J.'s agribusiness activities has earned him numerous awards, with the Star

Agribusinessman of Kansas being his highest thus far.

Both C.J. and Lorena received a plaque and \$40.00 from the Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives (KABAR) as did the other district stars for 1977.

The district stars for 1977 were: East Central Star Farmer—Lorena Croucher, Garnett; East Central Star Agribusinessman—Sandra Hundley, Seaman;

Southeast Star Farmer—Patrick Smith, Southeast; Southeast Star Agribusinessman—David Garrett, Girard; Northwest Star Farmer—Terry Nelson, Norton; Northwest Star Agribusinessman—C.J. Reimann, Hill City; North Central Star Farmer—Rodney Stewart, Washington; Southwest Star Farmer—James Beesley, Hugoton; South Central Star Farmer—Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Northeast Star Farmer—Kevin Kelly, Royal Valley.

## FFA Members Earn Scholarships

Terry Nelson from the Norton Chapter, received the coveted Roy Freeland Agricultural Education Scholarship of \$500. The scholarship, funded by Roy

Freeland, Past Secretary of Agriculture for Kansas, was established to encourage FFA members to enter the profession of teaching vocational agriculture. Terry will be a freshman this fall at K-State in Agricultural Education.

Two \$600 scholarships were given to Becky Vining, Central Heights, and Mike Smith, Norton, from the Santa Fe

Railway Company. These scholarships are intended to help FFA members continue their education in preparing for a career in agriculture.

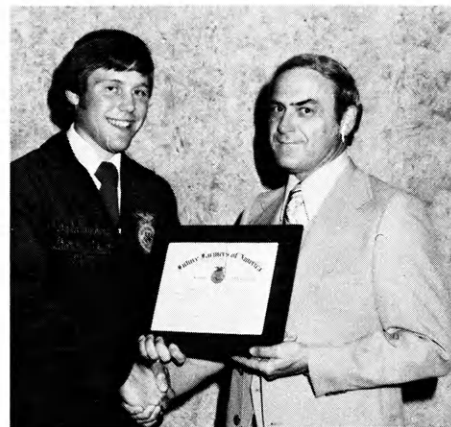
\$400 scholarships from the Union Pacific Railway company were presented to Charles Hatch, Salina, Dee James, Clay Center; Mike Jensen, Holton; and Joseph Keehn, Seaman.



**Governor Bennett**



**Bill Riley, Manhattan**



**Robert Gottschalk**



**Jerry M. Gee, Stafford**



**Robert Ensminger, Kansas City**



**Richard Hull, Topeka**



**Lloyd Barrett, Troy**



**Robert Broeckelman, Norton**



**Earl "Andy" Anderson, Williamsburg**

## 1977 Honorary State Farmers

Twelve outstanding supporters of FHA and Agriculture were awarded the highest honor the Kansas FFA can bestow—the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

Those receiving the degree were: Robert F. Bennett, Governor of Kansas; Leo Ediger, Hesston Corporation, Dr. Harry Manges, Agricultural Engineer-

ing, Kansas State University; Bob Ensminger, Farmland Industries; Richard Hull, WIBW TV and Radio, Topeka; Jerry M. Gee, President, KVATA, Stafford; Bill Riley, Kansas 4-H Foundation, Manhattan; Robert Gottschalk, Secretary, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson.

Four instructors of vocational agri-

culture were selected for the Honorary Degree based on their accomplishments in vocational agriculture and FFA. They were: Lloyd Barnett, Troy; Earl (Andy) Anderson, Williamsburg; Marvin Hachmeister, Plainville; and Robert Broeckelman, Norton. (Editor's apology—the pictures of Ediger, Manges, and Hachmeister did not survive development.)

# 1977 State Farmers

One hundred forty-two Kansas FFA members were raised to the Degree of State Farmer at the 49th Annual FFA Convention.

Northwest District: Kevin Pochup, Atwood; Larry Wagner, Downs; C.J. Reimann, Hill City; Ed Hein, Jon Karnes, and Charles Schippers, Hoxie; Randy Mader, Jennings; Brian Beisner and Daryl Pruter, Natoma; Terry Nelson, Norton; Lorna Sutor, Palco; Vance Westhusin, Plainville; Brad Stoppel, Russell; Frank Dix and Wayne Sander, Stockton; and Brian Newcomer, Wakeney.

South Central District: Douglas Carlson, Buhler; Richard Donley and Clint Trobaugh, Central of Burden; Steven Ramer and Verl Zimmerman, Chaparral; Thomas Burns, John Rose, and Larry Stoss, Great Bend, Ron Ediger and Mark Tonn, Haven; Michael Kaufman, Len Messenger, Dewey Simons, and Gordon Stuckey, Kingman; Brian Fuller, Jeff Johnson, Brian Stuckey and Curtis Woker, McPherson; Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge; John Toews, Moundridge; Dan Lawless, Mulvane; Robert Kurr, Newton; Bruce Burke and Harlin Unruh, Peabody; and Alden Linnebur, Winfield.

Southwest District: David Robinson and Donie Shumand, Ensign; Jeff Klein and Brad Padgett, Fowler; Mark Lobmeyer and Pat Van John, Garden City; Stan Linville, Holcomb; and James Beesley, Hugoton; Marvin Elder and Clint Pearson, Tribune.

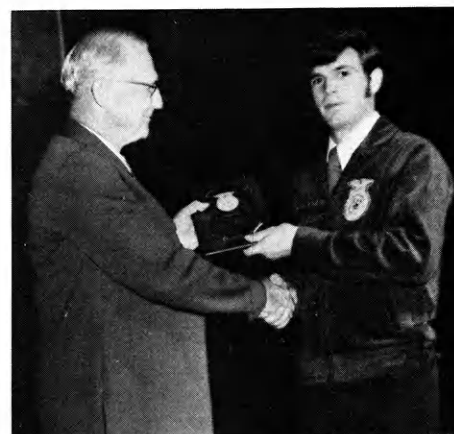
North Central District: Joe Neubauer, Chapman; Cindy Ricketts, Clay Center; Charles Hansen, Randy Johnson, and Robert Ramsey, Concordia; Duane Meier and Steven Ohlde, Linn; Bryan Clark and Jerry Marr, Mankato; Kent Crosson, Minneapolis; Keven Jensen, Kay Mikesell, Bruce Runft, and Rodney Sothers, Pike Valey; Dallas

Peterson, David Shart, and Daniel Strauss, Riley County; Ronald Ditmars and Rodney Stewart, Washington; and James Diabal, Mark Sebesta, and Charles Vopat, Wilson.

Northeast District: Neill Reichart and Russell Reichart, Atchison County; Robin Friedrichs, Joe Lienemann, Terry Ringer, and Eddie Schmitz, Marysville; Steve Goodman and Kevin Kelly, Royal Valley; David Hartler and Brent Meyer, Sabetha; Jim Neumann, Troy; Lee Bigham, Robert Green, and Randy Niemeier, Valley Heights; Chuch Banks, Michael Raine, and Joh Umscheid, Wamego; Don Ebert, Gary Ebert, and Ron Ebert, Westmoreland.

East Central District: Greg Savage, Alma; Steve Euler and Jon Picolet, Council Grove; David Allen and Rodney Warren, Crest; Lorena Croucher, James Dieker, Rex Lizer and Pat Wiednerholt, Garnett; Phil Fanning and Alan Sage, Mission Valley; Steve Loschke, Osage City; Lana Fagg, Eric Guenther, Robert Harris, Chris Kettler, Mike Stiles, John Waln, and Delbert Walter, Paola; Terry Ala, Prairie View; Sandra Hundley, Joey Keehn and Schritchfield, Seaman.

Southeast District: Henry B. Bell, Jr., Ralph M. Cooseman, and Gerald W. York, Columbus; Kelly D. Coover, Michael E. Coover, Mica S. Doane, Mark D. Forsyth, Ray G. Hizay, Rodney D. Hughes, Barbara K. Stick, and Myron D. Stover, Erie; Michael Mix and Brady Simpson, Ft. Scott; Dave Garrett, Brian Harris, Chuch Kunshek, and Richard Murphy, Girard; Mark E. Muller, Labette County; Jay Evans, Riverton; Patrick D. Smith and David Waugh, Southeast; Joe Comac, Brent Holt, and Tim Rogers, Uniontown; and Terry LeRoy Hart, and Mark Samuels, West Elk.



Dr. Ernest Mader, KSU

## Mader Receives Belated Honorary Degree

Dr. Ernest Mader, Professor of Agronomy at Kansas State University, was elected to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree in 1975; but was on a foreign assignment during the 1975 State FFA Convention and was unable to accept the award at that time.

Since Dr. Mader has given of so much of his time in organizing the district and state crops judging contests; it was very fitting he be presented his award in a special ceremony. Dr. Mader is greatly appreciated by all vocational agriculture instructors and FFA members, and is very deserving of this, the highest honor the Kansas Association can bestow.

## Coop Council AIC Scholarships

The seven district FFA presidents were presented scholarships to the American Institute of Cooperation which will be held at College Station, Texas this summer. The scholarships were sponsored by the Kansas Cooperative Council.

The scholarship recipients are: Chuck Banks, Wamego; Joe Rickabaugh, Garnett; Bill Kunshek, Girard; Jeff Bryant, Arkansas City; Sherri Higgins, Southwestern Heights; J.P. Worcester, Hill City; Jeff Yarrow, Clay Center.



# Kansas Members to National Leadership Conference

Mark Worcester and J.P. Worcester, Hill City, are greeted by National FFA Vice-President Rick McDaniel, to the National Leadership Conference.



Barb Priest and Steven Brownlee, Sabetha, are welcomed to the Washington Leadership Conference by National FFA Vice-President Rick McDaniel



Kenneth Johnson and Ronnie Lagasse, Concordia, as they are welcomed by Rick McDaniel to the National Conference



Lisa Auen, Manhattan, arrives at the National Leadership Conference and is greeted by Rick McDaniel, National FFA Vice-President

Several Kansas FFA members traveled to the Nation's capitol this summer to attend the National FFA Leadership Conference.

The Conference program was designed to improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of the national heritage, and prepare FFA members for more effective leadership roles in their

chapter and community. The conference was also a forum for the exchange of FFA chapter activity ideas among members from across the nation.

Besides the training sessions, the 1977 program included visits to Mt. Vernon Plantation, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, and several other his-

toric monuments and memorials in and around the capitol.

A major highlight of each participant was the visits to their Senators' and Congressmen's offices as well as a Capitol Hill luncheon featuring a question and answer period with Congressmen and Washington leaders in business and industry.

# National Leadership Seminar

There were probably more FFA officers at Central Heights High School near Richmond recently than there will be any other place this year with the exception of national convention at Kansas City next fall.

Present at the East Central District National Officers Leadership Seminar on March 1 were the six national officers, four state and six district officers and about 175 chapter, Greenhand and alumni officers from 12 schools in the district.

The national officers—President James Bode, Oklahoma; Secretary

Bruce Maloch, Arkansas; Central Region Vice-President Sam Brownback, Parker, KS; Southern Region Vice-President Danny Schiffer, Florida; Western Region Vice-President Julie Smiley, Washington; and Eastern Region Vice-President Rick McDaniel, Ohio—were all present to stress leadership and opportunities in FFA to members.

Also attending the seminar were the following state officers: Jay Selanders, president; Jeff Zillinger, secretary; Larry Lankard, treasurer; and Steven

Handke, reporter. Lynn Markle, Kansas FFA Sweetheart from Cherryvale, also attended the event.

After a short introduction by East Central District President Sheryl Neblock, the national officers each encouraged the FFA members to participate and get the most possible out of the evening's events. The officers then led small groups to discuss what it takes to be a leader, how to get chapter members involved in activities and some of the problems chapters have. They also promoted the Guiding Our American Communities, safety, Food for America, proficiency award, public relations and superior chapter programs.

Brownback, a graduate of Prairie View High School, said how great it was to come back to his home district. He served the East Central District and Kansas Association as president before being elected to represent the 12-state area as Central Region Vice-President.

Brownback and his fellow officers had been on a two-month goodwill tour visiting business and government leaders who support the FFA. After a few days at home, they hit the road again to speak at chapter functions and visit all 51 state conventions.

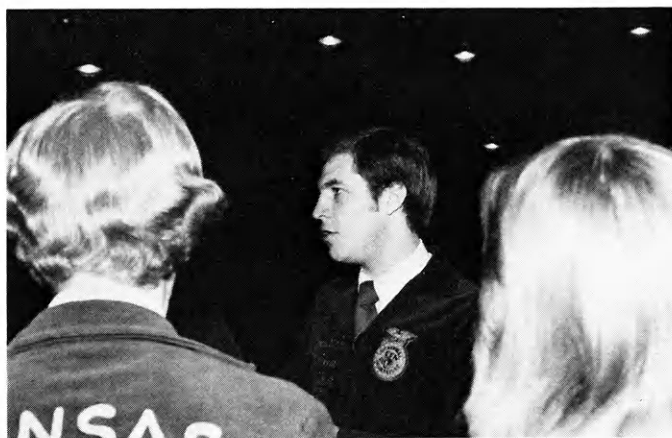
In his closing comments, Brownback said, "There truly is a key to success. You have to set your goals; then you have to work toward those goals."

In other closing remarks the national officers spelled out their thoughts of a leader.

L is for love;  
E is for enthusiasm;  
A is for appreciation;  
D is for determination;  
E is for effort;  
R is for responsibility

The East Central District FFA'ers were then able to meet and talk with the national officers personally at a mixer.

East Central District officers who planned the evening's activities were: Sheryl Neblock, president from Central Heights; Pat Wiederholt, vice-president from Garnett; Phil Fanning, secretary from Mission Valley, Steve Loschke, treasurer from Osage City; Kevin Brown, reporter from Mission Valley; Brenda Hundley, sentinel from Seaman; and Don Benjamin, adviser from Central Heights.



National FFA President James Bode visited with members after the East Central District National Officers Leadership Seminar. All six national officers led the seminar at Central Heights High School. (Photo by Becky Vining)



Central Region Vice President Sam Brownback promoted use of the FFA Activity Handbook and led group discussions at the recent National Officers Leadership Seminar. About 175 East Central District FFA'ers attended the event at Central Heights. (Photo by Becky Vining)



Bruce Maloch, national secretary, talked with East Central District FFA'ers at the recent National Officers Leadership Seminar at Central Heights. (Photo by Becky Vining)



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Troy FFA

### Letter to the Editor

The following letter was sent to the editor of the Kansas Chief, our local weekly paper, by a St. Joseph, Mo. businessman, Mr. Wallace Bacon.

During National FFA Week, the officers were interviewed at KFEQ radio station. The radio station is in the same building as the Provident Savings Association of which Mr. Bacon is Assistant Vice-President. We had met Mr. Bacon in the lobby and had a very interesting visit with him.

After seeing the following letter to the editor of our paper, Mr. Richard Stahl, our pride in belonging to such an organization was increased. We felt it might be worthwhile for other chapters to read the letter. Thank you.

"Dear Mr. Stahl:

A group of young men visited our new office building today. They were members of the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Stahl, these young men accompanied by their instructors, were immaculate in appearance. Their courteous mannerisms and behavior was highly commendable and reflects great credit on themselves, their parents, and to their community.

Is it any wonder I was so warmed with deep pride to learn this outstanding group was from Troy! Unfortunately I did not know any of the young men personally. Perhaps I do know their parents. And to these parents I extend my congratulations for rearing such fine sons. With such fine young

men to assume community responsibility, who's afraid of the future.

Respectfully yours,  
Wallace L. Bacon  
Assistant Vice-President  
Provident Savings Association  
St. Joseph, Mo."

### Elementary Children Learn About Agriculture

Children at the Troy elementary school learned about agriculture the week of February 21-25 from Troy High School vocational agriculture students (Mark Stock, Mike Masters, Steve Franken, and Bill Callahan) who know from firsthand experience and study what agriculture is all about. The instructors for the elementary students are all members of the Troy FFA Chapter, who conducted the class in agriculture for elementary school children as part of the FFA's "Food For America" program.

"Food For America" is an effort by FFA chapters across the nation to tell the story of modern agriculture to elementary school children. Chapter members are being aided in their effort by a set of instructional resource materials that include a *Farm Art Book* and a film provided through the National FFA Organization. The *Farm Art Book* contains interesting illustrations of agricultural facts that students can color or illustrate themselves while the film, *Food From Farm to You*, explains in elementary terms how food is produced and ends up on supermarket shelves.

The entire "Food For America" project is co-sponsored through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., by four agricultural businesses: American Breeders Service, Division of W.R. Grace & Company; J.I. Case, A Tenneco Company; Chemagro Agricultural Division of Mobay Chemical Corporation, and DEKALB Ag. Research Inc. Funds from the sponsoring companies and from the FFA Foundation General Fund have been used to develop and distribute resource materials and to offset



Bob Garlow Memorial Trophy winner and first place chapter in Kansas in overall activities, Hill City

### Garlow Trophy to Hill City

The Hill City chapter was named top chapter in the Kansas Chapter Award Program. Each year the top 10% of all Kansas FFA chapters are selected on the basis of overall activities, with the top seven being ranked and submitted for National recognition.

Second place went to Norton, 3rd to Washington, 4th to Atchison County, 5th to Plainville, 6th to Arkansas City,

and 7th to Seaman. Hill City was awarded a \$50.00 check, a plaque sponsored by Sunland Plan, and the Bob Garlow Memorial Traveling Trophy.

Sixteen chapters were selected as Gold Emblem chapters. Besides the top seven, the other chapters were: Central of Burden, Cherryvale, Columbus, Erie, Labette County, Marysville, Mission Valley, Osage City, and Troy.

the costs of distributing the film.

"We are concerned that so few young people understand where their food comes from," says Troy Chapter President Mack Jarrett. "Our members are well qualified to help elementary school children learn about agriculture because of the knowledge and experience we've gained in the vocational agriculture course and by actual experience on the farm and in local agricultural businesses."

#### **Livestock Judging**

The Troy FFA Chapter attended the Northeast District FFA Livestock Judging Contest at Manhattan, KS., March 16. Troy placed 10th out of 16 teams.

The Contest consisted of judging, giving reasons, and grading of market and breeding cattle, swine, and sheep. The "A" team from Troy was Roger Ross (411) pts., Mark Stock (420), Mike Masters (362), Steve Franken (396), and John Zeltwanger (327). The "B" team was Donald Stock, who was 12th high in the Junior Division with 413 pts., Bob Etherton (387), Dave Owens (334), Tina Robinson (371) and Pam Johnson (359).

Others going from Troy were Doug Snead, Eddie Stahl, Marvin Ross, Mark Adkins, and Rex Dittmore.

Mark Stock  
Troy Reporter

#### **Hill City FFA**

##### **Boat Safety Check**

The Hill City FFA chapter is using boating safety as part of their safety project. We are promoting boating safety and recreational safety to maybe prevent many of the accidents in our lake resorts around our community.

On the 11th of May, the FFA sponsored a safety assembly concerning water safety as a means of recreation. Raymond Beisel, with the Fish and Game Commission, talked to students of Hill City High School about some of the accidents involved with boating safety. Three films were presented to the student body in connection with boating safety.

The Hill City FFA chapter is continuing their safety project with a boat safety check at Webster Lake on the 15th of

May. The Fish and Game personnel will be present to assist with the safety inspection and to issue 1977 Fish and Game Vessel Inspection Stickers for those vessels that pass inspection. The safety inspections will take place at the Boat Ramp Parking Lot at Webster Lake. Boating is a major form of water recreation enjoyed by many in our community. It is the hope of the Hill City FFA chapter that boating accidents can be eliminated on our lakes this boating season.

J.P. Worcester  
Hill City Reporter

#### **Uniontown FFA**

##### **Chapter to Field Day**

Recently the Uniontown Future Farmers of American traveled to McGrews Polled Herford Ranch near Mound City to participate in the annual McGrew's Field Day and Livestock judging school and contest.

Following registration of the ten Uniontown FFA members present, a type demonstration given by Myron Strope was presented to help show the correct procedure in taking notes and preparing oral reasons. Frank Brazel, John Teegarden, and a representative from the Polled Hereford Association gave type demonstrations on cattle and sheep.

The actual judging contest was next on the busy agenda which consisted of six classes of cattle and sheep. A lunch break was taken before giving oral reasons to Glen Newcomer and Don Martin. Despite the blowing rain each member expressed his reasons for placing the animals the way they did. Following the reasons the classes were each discussed by the committee of officials and the results of the day were given. They were as follows:

4-H individuals: Chuck Petijohn, Linn Co. 3rd—Mary Beth Rickabaugh, Anderson Co. 2nd—John Reicson, Bourton Co. 1st.

4-H teams; Anderson Co. 3rd—Bourbon Co. 2nd—Linn Co. 1st

FFA individuals; Steven George, Uniontown 3rd—Tim Rogers, Uniontown 2nd—Mark Rickabaugh, Garnett 1st.

FFA teams; Garnett 2nd—Uniontown 1st.

Adults: Dale Lanham, Woodson Co. 3rd—Mary Lou Kinder, Linn Co. 2nd—Don Martin, Uniontown 1st.

Russell and Betty McGrew sponsor the field day each year to better the livestock selection abilities of young persons living throughout Southeast Kansas.

Steve George  
Uniontown Reporter

#### **Erie FFA**

##### **BOAC Activity**

The home farms of the Erie FFA members will have a new look because of the BOAC (Building Our American Community) activities that the Erie FFA Chapter has undergone this past week. The BOAC program is et up in effort to help beautify the farm homesteads.

The committee obtained and distributed 30 Australian Pine trees among the Erie FFA members.

This is only one of the many beautification projects planned by the Erie FFA Chapter.

Erie FFA Chapter  
Jeff Kephart, Reporter

#### **Medicine Lodge FFA**

##### **Past Member Receives Honor**

The Medicine Lodge FFA Chapter is extremely proud of Clint Rusk, who is a past chapter member and is currently serving as State Sentinel. He is attending Colby Community College, where he has been an active member of the livestock judging team.

During the past year, the CCC livestock judging team placed first at the National Western Livestock Show, Denver, Colorado; the Grand National, San Francisco, California; and the Houston (Texas) Livestock Show. They placed second at the North American Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. In addition to the contests already mentioned, the team also won first at numerous other contests.

Clint won high individual overall honors at San Francisco, second at Houston, and third at the NACTA contest held recently in Marysville, Missouri.

These honors have cinched the National Championship title for CCC.

While he was a member of the Medicine Lodge Chapter, Clint was very active in the livestock judging circles. Just last spring, he was high individual at the State FFA contest in Manhattan.

### Judgers on the Go

The Medicine Lodge FFA Chapter has been actively competing in numerous judging contests during the past few months.

Back in February, the action started with the area livestock judging contest held in Kiowa where the team placed fifth. After many long practices, the team went on to win first in the county contest, first B-team and 4th A-team honors at the district judging at Haven. To top it off, they ranked second in the state livestock judging held at Alfalfa Lawn Farms. The chapter also had numerous individual honors.

When it comes to dairy judging, the chapter members really get excited. There were twelve members competing on three teams at the district contest and the A-team placed sixth. A week later, they traveled to the annual DeWorth State Dairy Contest held at Ellinwood. Medicine Lodge captured second place team honors and also first and sixty individual awards.

Both teams' success makes it look very hopeful for the Medicine Lodge chapter at the State FFA Contests.

### Chapter Activities

Fun, action, and laughter were all a part of the donkey basketball game the Medicine Lodge chapter had. The program included relay races and a basketball game. The night's activities helped the chapter earn \$350.00. During the halftime of the game, Robin Rusk was crowned as chapter FFA Sweetheart. The crowning was held in conjunction with the annual FFA beau selection.

Recently the chapter held a slave sale which helped bring in a \$675.00 income to the club's treasury. Mona Rusk was the high seller, who sold for \$54.00. Mr. Richard Poland, advisor, added some suspense when he decided to be sold by the pound. He brought \$19.00 per hundred lbs. of his weight, which was 240 lbs.. The slaves averaged \$24.00 and are in for an eight-hour day of hard labor. Refreshments were served afterwards by the members to the buyers.

## Chapter Reporter Award

Many excellent and informative articles were submitted to *The Kansas Future Farmer* for publishing which made the competition very keen. Shawn Runkle, from the Holcomb chapter was selected as the 1977 winner. Shawn had articles in each issue of the magazine and had done an excellent job in preparation.

Very close to Shawn, in second place, was Robin Rusk, who likewise did an outstanding job. Of very equal quality were entries from J. P. Worcester, Hill City, who placed third, and Mark Stock, Troy, placing fourth.

Thanks to the articles submitted not only by these chapter reporters, but many others, *The Kansas Future Farmer* has become a magazine of informative ideas for all members.

### District Livestock Show—A Success!

The first annual South Central District FFA Show was hosted by the South Haven Chapter. The show was held Tuesday, May 10th and was also open to 4-H exhibitors.

There were 40 steers, 17 heifers, 12 sheep, and 8 hogs exhibited. The hog show was held first, which started at 2:30. Following the hogs, which were kept in a different area of the town because of pseudorabies, was the sheep show, heifers, and steer competitions in the evening. After the shows were completed, a showmanship contest was held. The judges for the show were the two

FFA instructors from Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Medicine Lodge was just one of many chapters competing. Attending from Medicine Lodge FFA were Mona and Robin Rusk. Mona exhibited the first place spring hereford heifer and Robin was selected as the champion showman and exhibited the Champion Light Weight Steer, which was a hereford also.

The South Haven FFA chapter is to be commended on a job very well done.

Robin Rusk  
Medicine Lodge Reporter



# Membership Achievement Awards

The Membership Achievement Award was developed to recognize those FFA chapters who have 100% membership when compared to the vocational agriculture enrollment. Fifty-two chapters attained the 100% mark.

The Gold Emblem chapters, their percentages ranging from 111% to 177% were: Hill City, Westmoreland, LaCrosse, Fredonia, Atchison County, Norton, Royal Valley, Hugoton, Chaparral, Plainville, Meriden, Troy, WaKeeney, Miltonvale, and South Haven.

The Silver Emblem chapters, their percentages ranging from 105% to 110% were: Seaman, Highland, Coffeyville, Pike Valley, Williamsburg, Haven, Erie, Marion, Girard, Kensington, Caney, Bird City, McPherson, Claflin, Mankato, Marysville, Rossville, Clay Center, Minneapolis, Natoma, and Alma.

Ranging from 100% to 104% were the Bronze Emblem chapters: Garnett, Uniontown, Stockton, Washington, Eureka, Lebo, Garden City, Tribune, Ness City, Atwood, Chapman, Centralia, Hiawatha, Flint Hills, Osage City, Riverton, and South Barber.



C. J. Riemann accepts the "Gold" membership achievement award on behalf of the Hill City Chapter.

## South Central District Reports

The Future Farmers of America of the South Central District held their annual banquet recently at Moundridge, Kansas. Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge, President of the South Central District, presided over the meeting.

A slide presentation recognizing the 24 candidates for the State Farmer Degree was given by Doug Carlson, Buhler. The address was given by Steven Handke, Reporter of the Kansas FFA.

Chapter awards were presented by Alen Linnebur, Winfield. BOAC certificates were awarded to Central of Burden, Kingman, Buhler, Chaparral, South Barber, Moundridge and Marion-Florence. The winners in the district events to be recognized were: Poultry—Chaparral; Crops and Soils—Moundridge; Leadership School and Par./Law—Arkansas City; Horticulture—Ellinwood; Entomology—Moundridge; Speech—Haven; Dairy Products—Chaparral; Ag Mechanic Skills—Buhler; and Electric Power—Hillsboro.

Winners in the district speech contest in the Senior Division were Alden

Linnebur, Winfield, and James Long, Chaparral, in the Extemporaneous Speaking division.

Proficiency awards were won by: Crop Production—Curtis Woker, McPherson; Livestock Production—Mark Tonn, Haven; Dairy Production—Kevin Pankratz, Hillsboro; Ornamental Horticulture—Robert Pohl, Buhler; Home Improvement—Tom Loganbill, Moundridge; Placement in Sales and Service—Clint Trobaugh, Central of Burden; Ag. Electrification—David Harder, Peabody; Swine Production—Ron Ediger, Haven; Beef Production—Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Sheep Production—Verl Zimmerman, Chaparral; Ag. Mechanics—Curtis Woker, McPherson; Placement in Ag. Production—Larry Loganbill, Moundridge; Poultry—Tom Richmond, Marion-Florence; Outdoor Recreation—Daniel Snellian, Marion-Florence; Soil and Water Management—Robert Tatum, Central of Burden; Horse Production—Darla Patrick, McPherson; Forest Management—Ronda Schmidt, Pea-

body.

The District Star Farmer and Agribusinessmen were recognized by Ron Ediger, Haven. Robert Sterling, Kiowa, received the Honorary District Farmer and Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge, was named District Star Farmer.

The meeting closed with the retiring officers installing the new officers. New officers of the South Central District for 1977-78 are: President—Jeff Bryant, Arkansas City; Vice President—Robin Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Secretary—John Toews, Moundridge; Treasurer—Robert Tatum, Central High; Reporter—Justin Waite, Winfield; and Sentinel—Phil Huston, Haven. Retiring officers were President—Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Vice-President—Ron Ediger, Haven; Secretary—Doug Carlson, Buhler; Treasurer—Alden Linnebur, Winfield; Reporter—John Toews, Moundridge; Sentinel—Greg Krenke, Haven.

Justin Waite, Reporter  
South Central District

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# 1977 State FFA Judging Contests

The Poultry Judging was won by the McPherson FFA chapter, with team members Becky Parks, Lori Rump, and Shelly Chilson. The team was coached by vocational agriculture instructors Glen Stucky and Allan Baldwin. High individual for the contest was Charles Vopat, from the Wilson FFA chapter.

Holcomb FFA chapter team members Tim Miller, Johnny Rupp, and Jeff Adam won top honors in the crops competition. Tim Miller was high individual, with the team being coached by Alna Burch.

Dairy Cattle Judging was won by the Garnett chapter coached by advisor San Harris. Team members included Joe Rickabaugh, Dan Roberts, and Lorena Croucher. David Hartler from the Sabetha chapter was high individual for the contest.

Dee James from the Clay Center chapter was high individual in the livestock judging contest, but the team competition was won by the Coffeyville chapter, coached by Eldred Harris. Team members were: Tom Motley, Chuck Johnston, and Alysia Allen.

Central of Burden captured top honors in the Dairy Products judging contest. Team members included Mary Donley, Bob Tatum, and Clint Trobaugh. The team was coached by David Brothers and Dwight Haddock. Markus Fresc from the Marysville chapter was high individual in the contest.

Farm Management, the newest contest in the State competition, was won by the Marysville chapter coached by Gary Brownlee. Team members were Craig Spellmeier, Ron Milner, and David Roguet. Mike Smith from the Norton chapter was high individual in the contest.

The Power and Machinery Division of the Agricultural Mechanics contest was won by the Moundridge chapter. Team members being Tim Stucky, who was also high individual, Bruck Dyck, and Donovan Stucky. Team coaches were Larry Goering and Gary Jantz.

Agricultural Structure and Environment competition was won by the Hillsboro chapter coached by Truman

Diener. Team members included Dwight Peters, Lynwood Hiebert, and Glen Prieb. Dwight was also high individual.

Charles Hatch from the Salina chapter was high individual in the Soil and Water contest, while the contest was won by the Hillsboro team of Dwight Peters, Lynwood Hiebert, and David Rodger. The Hillsboro team was coached by Truman Diener.

The Mission Valley chapter captured top honors in the Agricultural Electric Power and Processing competition, but Tim Miller from the Holcomb chapter was high individual. The Mission Valley team consisted of Joe Bowers, Kevin Brown, Paul Hanson, and was coached by T.D. Fanning.

Agricultural Mechanics Skills was won by the Crest chapter team made up of Dan Damron, Robert Clark, and Rod Warren, with Damron winning high individual honors. The team was coached by Butch Meyers. Crest was also the high team in overall competition and will represent Kansas in the National contest in November.

The Ornamental Horticulture contest was won by the Manhattan chapter

coached by Stan Bartel and Mark Mayfield. Team members were: Melissa Woodward, Vicky Moody, Janet Sweeney, and Larry Wood.

Team members Bruce Fiene, Tim Brown, and Sharon George, from the Lebanon chapter won the Meats Judging contest with Bruce capturing high individual honors. Merle Hadachek was the team coach.

The top Entomology team was from Ness City. Team members included Eldon Stoeckline and Gary Stoeckline. Team coach was Loren Lilley.

Kevin Panfratz from Hillsboro was the top Agricultural newswriter. Kevin's coach was Truman Diener.

National contests held during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City will be the final step for many of the prementioned teams after months and even years of preparation. National competition is open only to state winners and is held in the areas of: Poultry, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, Livestock, Farm Management, Agricultural Mechanics, Ornamental Horticulture, and Meats.

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## International Land Judging

The 24th Annual International Land, Homesite, and Range Judging, held in Oklahoma City in May, had an excellent showing of Kansas teams in a field of 74 teams competing.

The Royal Valley chapter team placed third in Land Judging, with Prairie View, Ness City, and Holcomb

each typing for 10th, along with Mansington, West Virginia.

In Homesite Judging, Royal Valley was again 3rd, with Prairie View, Holcomb, and Ness City tying for 4th. Ness City also placed in the top five in Range Judging.

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## Livestock Conservation Awards

"How Right You Are In Liking Meat," was the title of the Livestock Conservation paper Sandra Hundley wrote which won her a Bulova Accutron watch as first place winner in Kansas.

Mr. Gerald Nevins, representing the Competitive Livestock Marketing Association who sponsors the awards, also presented an accutron watch to Joseph

Bowers, Mission Valley, who placed second. Joseph's research paper was titled "Nutritional Research Trails."

Competition for this award is based on original research papers turned in by FFA members, the papers dealing with some phase of livestock handling, marketing, or disease control.

## State Proficiency Award Winners

\$100 and a certificate from the FFA Foundation Incorporated were presented to the fifteen state winners in the Agricultural Proficiency Award competition. These winners will next go into Regional competition for recognition at the National Convention this fall. The Regional winners each receive \$250 and the National winner \$500 from the FFA Foundation.

The Kansas winners were: Agricultural Mechanics—Mark Sebesta, Wilson; Agricultural Sales and/or Serv-

ice—Pat Wiederholt, Garnett; Beef Production—Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Crop Production—Kevin Kelly, Royal Valley; Dairy Production—Duane Meier, Linn; Diversified Livestock Production—Tim Rogers, Uniontown; Fish and Wildlife Management—James Wester, Erie; Home and Farmstead Improvement—Phil Fanning, Mission Valley; Horse Proficiency—Susan Van Cleave, Cherryvale; Ornamental Horticulture—Robert Pohl, Buhler; Placement in Agricultural Pro-

duction—Robert Wyatt, Norton; Sheep Production—Brent Meyer, Sabetha; Soil and Water Management—Robert Lee Tatum, Central of Burden; and Swine Production—Terry Nelson, Norton.

The State Agricultural Electrification Proficiency Award was won by Mike Smith from the Norton chapter. Mike will likewise be competing in Regional competition, but his \$100 cash award came from the Kansas Farm Electrification Council.

## District Proficiency Awards Made

Outstanding supervised occupational experience programs were recognized at various district banquets this past spring. The winners were members who were applying to win the ultimate goal of \$500 at the National level for proficiency in one phase or another of their supervised experience program. District winners received a plaque and a check for \$15 from the Kansas Association of FFA. The 1977 District winners were:

Northeast District: Crop Production—1st, Kevin Kelly, Royal Valley; 2nd, Terry Ringer, Marysville; Dairy Production—1st, Frank Berg, Westmoreland; Home Improvement—1st, Russell Reichart, Atchison County; 2nd, Joe Lienemann, Marysville; Placement in Sales and/or Service—1st, Steve Franken, Troy; 2nd, David Hartler, Sabetha; Swine Production—1st, Jerry P. Johnson, Troy; 2nd, Russell G. Reichart, Atchison County; Beef Production—1st, Joni Snapp, Westmoreland; Sheep Production—1st, Brent Meyer, Sabetha; 2nd, Jeff Ebert, Westmoreland; Agricultural Mechanics—1st, Gail Anderson, Valley Heights; 2nd, Robert Friedrichs, Marysville; Horse Proficiency—1st, Joni Snapp, Westmoreland; Soil and Water Management—1st, Michael Masters, Troy; 2nd, Jon Lienemann, Marysville.

Northwest District: Crop Production—1st, Tim Schulte, Norton; 2nd, Mike Smith, Norton; Diversified Livestock Production—1st, Terry Nelson, Norton; 2nd, Brian Beisner, Natoma; Dairy Production—1st, Wayne Sander, Stockton; Home Improvement—1st, C.J. Riemann, Hill City; 2nd, Brian Beisner, Natoma; Agricultural Electrification—1st, Mike Smith, Norton; Swine Production—1st, Terry Nelson, Norton; 2nd, Gayle Pletcher, Leganon; Beef Production—1st, Lorna Sutor, Placo; 2nd, Lewis Worcester, Hill City; Sheep Production—1st, Ron Fisher, Norton; 2nd, Vic Goeken, Norton; Placement in Agricultural Production—1st, Robert Wyatt, Norton; Horse Proficiency—1st, Tim Brown, Lebanon; 2nd, David Sprigg, Norton; Soil and Water Management—1st, David Prigg, Norton.

Southwest District: Crop Production—1st, Stan Linville, Holcomb; 2nd, Dave Robinson, Ensign; Diversified Livestock Production—1st, David Brown, Southwestern Heights; Agricultural Electrification—1st, Tim Miller, Holcomb; Beef Production—1st, David Brown, Southwestern Heights; Agricultural Mechanics—1st, Phil Willis, Hugoton; 2nd, Tim Miller, Holcomb; Horse Proficiency—1st, Kent Sinclair, Garden City.

South Central District: Crop Production—1st, Curtis Woker, McPherson; Diversified Livestock Production—1st, Mark Tonn, Haven; 2nd, Brian Fuller, McPherson; Dairy Production—1st, Kevin Pankratz, Hillsboro; Ornamental Horticulture—1st, Robert Pohl, Buhler; 2nd, Preston Goering, Moundridge; Home Improvement—1st, Tom Loganbill, Moundridge; Tom Burns, Great Bend; Placement in Sales and/or Service—1st, Clint Trobaugh, Central of Burden; 2nd, Mike Ehrlich, Marion; Agricultural Electrification—1st, David Harder, Peabody; 2nd, Jeff Johnson, McPherson; Swine Production—1st, Ron Ediger, Haven; 2nd, Bruce Kroeker, Buhler; Sheep Production—1st, Verl Zimmerman, Chaparral; 2nd, Brian Stucky, McPherson; Agricultural Mechanics—1st, Curtis Woker, McPherson; 2nd, Jerry Winkley, Marion; Placement in Agricultural Production—1st, Larry Loganbill, Moundridge; 2nd, Daniel Binder, McPherson; Poultry Production—1st, Joe Richmond, Marion; Outdoor Recreation—1st, Daniel Snelling, Marion; Soil and Water Management—1st, Robert Tatum; 2nd, Darla Patrick, McPherson; 2nd, Robin Rich, Great Bend.

Southeast District: Crop Production—1st, Jerry York, Columbus; 2nd, Leon



Heady, Erie; Diversified Livestock Production—1st, Tim Rogers, Uniontown; 2nd, Tichard Murphy, Girard; Dairy Production—1st, Barbara Stick, Erie; 2nd, Mark Baugher, Labette County; Ornamental Horticulture—1st, Scott Major, Columbus; 2nd, Randy Fogleman, Cherryvale; Home Improvement—1st, Rodney Hughes, Erie; 2nd, Doug Schultz, Columbus; Placement in Sales and/or Service—1st, Dave Garret, Girard; 2nd, Ray Hizey, Erie; Agricultural Electrification—1st, Joe Simmons, Erie; 2nd, Herman Froelich, Columbus; Swine Production—1st, Rodney Hughes, Erie; 2nd, Richard Murphy, Girard; Beef Production—1st, Tim Rogers, Uniontown; 2nd, J. Clifton Hope, Jr., Labette County; 2nd, Joe Harris, Erie; Placement in Agricultural Production—1st, Michael E. Coover, Erie; 2nd, Robert Powell, Southeast; Fish and Wildlife Management—1st, James Wester, Erie; 2nd, Steve Hemphill, Columbus; Horse Proficiency—1st, Susal Van Cleave, Cherryvale; 2nd, John Hedges, Labette County; Soil and Water Management—1st, Keven Davis, Uniontown; 2nd, Mark Forsyth, Erie.

East Central District: Crop Production—1st, Rex Lizer, Garnett; 2nd, Kevin Robinson, Mission Valley; Diversified Livestock Production—1st, Lorena Croucher, Garnett; 2nd, Mark Weigand, Williamsburg; Dairy Production—1st, Dan Rockers, Garnett; 2nd, Ivan Gabberb, Jayhawk-Linn; Ornamental Horticulture—1st, Sandra Hundley, Seaman; 2nd, Connie Sue Rentz, Paola; Home Improvement—1st, Phil Fanning, Mission Valley; 3rd, Carol Sobba, Garnett; Placement in Sales and/or Service—1st, Pat Wiederholt, Garnett; 2nd, Pam Hales, Seaman; Agricultural Electrification—1st, Bernard Scheckel, Garnett; Swine Production—1st, Max Menefee, Paola; 2nd, Brad Cunningham, Williamsburg; Beef Production—1st, Chris Kettler, Paola; 2nd, James Morgan, Garnett; Sheep Production—1st, Sandra Hundley, Seaman; 2nd, Ricky Dehn, Williamsburg; Agricultural Mechanics—1st, Eric Guenther, Paola; 2nd, Darren McGhee, Crest; Placement in Agricultural Production—1st, David Reeves, Williamsburg; 2nd, Martin Mulanax, Seaman; Fish and Wildlife Management—1st, Dan Thyer, Jayhawk-Linn; Horse Proficiency—1st, Lana Fagg, Paola; 2nd, Clinton Ball, Central Heights; Soil and Water Management—1st, Jim Brownback, Prairie View.

North Central District: Crop Production—1st, Ken Welch, North Central; Diversified Livestock Production—1st, Dee James, Clay Center; Dairy Production—1st, Duane Meier, Linn; 2nd, Susan Greene, Jewell; Ornamental Horticulture—1st, Charles Hatch, Salina; Placement in Sales and/or Service—1st, Carell Keller, Washington; Swine Production—1st, Johnny Rothlisberger, Linn; Beef Production—1st, Kevin Jensen, Pike Valley; 2nd, Grant Griffith, Clay Center; Sheep Production—1st, Kent Crosson, Minneapolis; Agricultural Mechanics—1st, Andy Ricketts, Clay Center; Horse Proficiency—1st, Lee DeWayne Singular, Linn.

## Alumni News

Nelson Galle, General Manager, Hesston Division of Hesston Corporation and former Kansas FFA President, was elected President of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association. Galle, who succeeds Richard Hull, Topeka, is very optimistic about the activities of the Alumni for the coming year. Raising funds for the State FFA will be a major emphasis. Outgoing chairman Hull stated, "We're very much alive and moving forward."

Galle was elected at the annual meeting held during the State FFA Convention at which time Don Edson, Wichita, Eleanor Mayfield, Caney, were elected to a two-year term on the Executive Council along with Richard Hull, who was re-elected for a two-year term. Other Executive Committee members include Bob Broeckelman, Manhattan; Les Olsen, Topeka; Dean Libby, Smith Center; Dr. James Albracht, Manhattan; Jerry Gee, Stafford; and Dee James, Clay Center.

The State Alumni have been involved in numerous activities during the past year including sponsoring awards for the outgoing State FFA Officers and sponsoring several Russian students on a tour across Kansas. The Russians were in the state for the week of July 19-25.

## Hill City Wins BOAC

Community involvement and membership cooperation won the BOAC Governor's Citation for the Hill City chapter as they were named first place chapter in Kansas in BOAC activities. Governor Bennett personally congratulated the winners for their outstanding work.

Four other chapters besides Hill City will be competing at the Regional level this fall in Kansas City. These chapters are: Mission Valley, who placed 2nd; Columbus, 3rd; Marysville, 4th; and Cherryvale, 5th.

All chapters which submitted for State awards were grouped according to their accomplishments in to Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories. Other chapters in the Gold division besides the top five were: Central of Burden, Palco, and Smith Center.

The Silver Division included Clay Center, Girard, Hiawatha, Labette County, Linn, Manhattan, Norton, Plainville, and Wilson.

Bronze Emblem winners included Garnett, Paola, Phillipsburg, Seaman, Southeast, and Washington.

## Area BOAC Winners

Forty-six chapters across Kansas fulfilled the requirements for the area Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Award. These 46 chapters were then eligible to compete for a state award.

The chapters were: Hiawatha, Marysville, Hill City, Jennings, Kensington, Lebanon, Norton, Palco, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Smith Center, Wakeney, Hugoton, Central of Burden, Kingman, Buhler, Chaparral, South Barber, Marion, Moundridge, Inman, Cherryvale, Columbus, Erie, Girard, Labette County, Paola, Seaman, Alma, Garnett, Osage City, Williamsburg, Pike Valley, Linn, Solomon, North Central, Washington, Manhattan, Wilson, Miltonvale, and Clay Center.

## Seaman Tops In Ritual/ Parliamentary Law

Seaman FFA chapter proved to be the best Ritual/Parliamentary Procedure team in Kansas. Team members were: Joey Keehn, President; Steve Scritchfield, Vice-President; Sandra Hundley, Secretary; Pam Hales, Treasurer; Bud Malanax, Reporter; Mark Ingle, Sentinel; and chapter members Danny Stebbins, Brenda Hundley, Karl Boster, and Gerald Keehn.

The Holcomb chapter placed second in this, the first year for the combined ritual and parliamentary demonstrations. Third place went to Clay Center and fourth to Erie. Other competitors were Plainville, Medicine Lodge, and Sabetha.

Each of the teams received a plaque and \$40.00 from the Federal Land Bank Associations of Kansas for winning their respective districts. The top four teams received an additional \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$50 according to their placing.

## Wamego Member Wins Creed

Jim Pittinger, a freshman at Wamego High School, won the 1977 State Greenhand Creed Speaking Contest. This was the 2nd year for this state contest and the second time it has been won by a Wamego member.

Second place went to Jeff Harresnape from the Lebanon chapter, third to Pam Dicken from the Newton chapter, and fourth to Jim Ramsbottom, from the Belleville chapter.

The fourteen finalists in the State Greenhand Creed Speaking Contest were all in their first year of vocational agriculture and were either 1st or 2nd place winners in their district competition.

The other finalists were: Sharon Masoner, Prairie View; Phil Bryant, Arkansas City; Larr Luck, Hill City; Robin O'Brian, Coffeyville; Tim Ohlde, Linn; Scott Wendind, Mission Valley; John Meyers, Labette County; and Mike Burdett, Ness City.



Dee James, Top Public Speaker for 1977

## James Is Top Public Speaker

Dee James, Clay Center chapter, won the coveted State Public Speaking contest and earned the right to represent Kansas in the Central Region contest in November. Dee's topic was "Agriculture's New Generation."

C. J. Riemann, Hill City was second speaking on "Food—The Other Energy Crisis." Third went to Mark Muller, Labette County, who spoke on "A

Turning Point in the FFA." "The Greatest Challenge" was Cindy Rickett's topic, which earned her fourth place in the competition. Cindy hails from the Clay Center chapter.

Dee received a \$100 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, while C.J., Mark and Cindy received \$50, \$17.50, and \$17.50 respectively. Their checks were from the Kansas Association of FFA.

## State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

BeckyIVING from the Central Heights chapter talked her way to the State Championship in FFA Extemporaneous Speaking. After winning in the

East Central District and earning herself a berth in the state compilation, Becky surpassed thirty other contestants at the state level to earn the first place plaque sponsored by Farmer-Stockman of the Midwest.

Second place went to Alan Weiser, Phillipsburg; 3rd to Chuck Banks, Wamego; 4th to Kevin Lickteig, Garnett; 5th to Mark Forsythe, Erie; and 6th to David Young, Mission Valley. These contestants also received plaques from Farmer-Stockman of the Midwest.

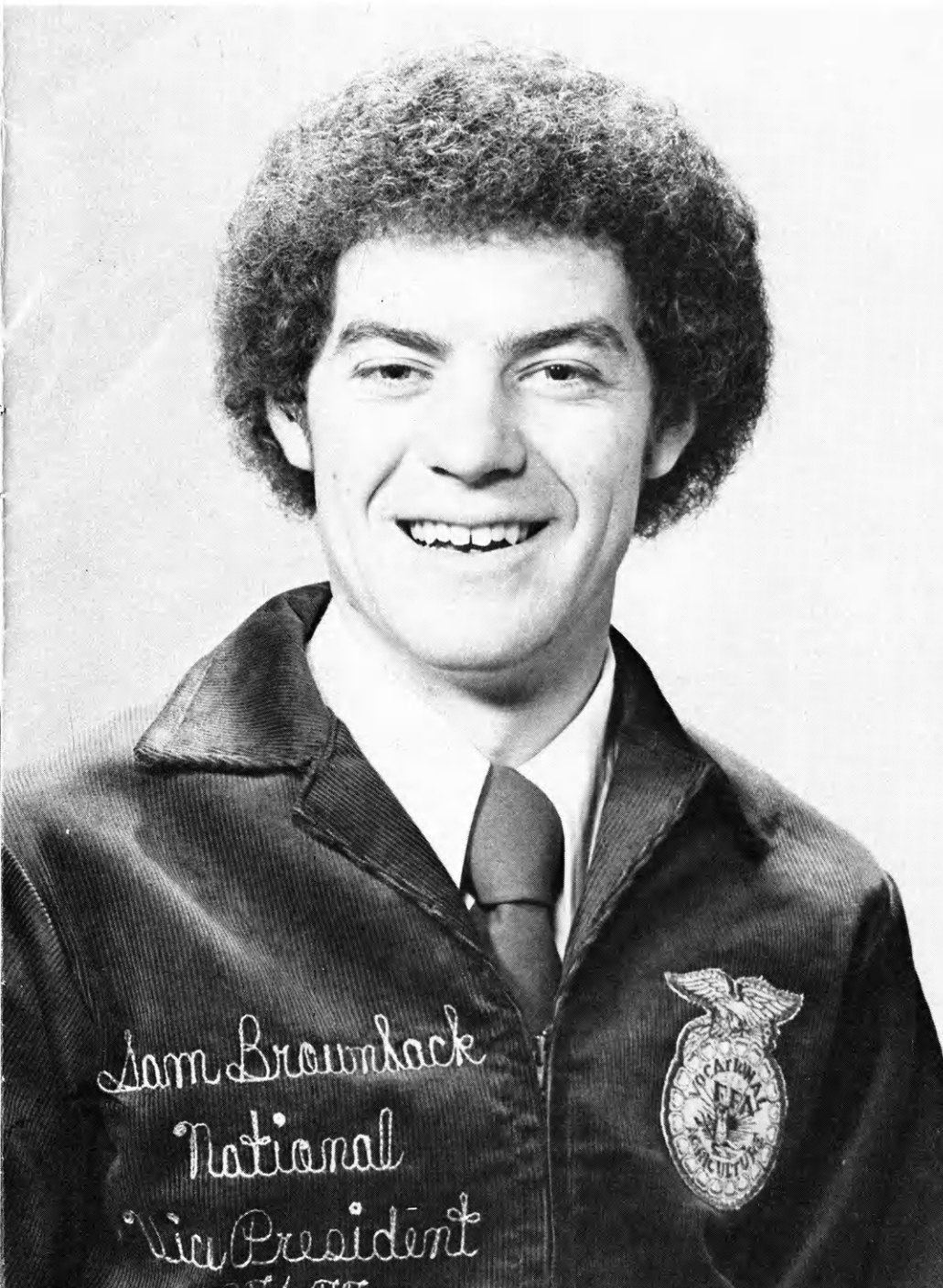
Other state contestants were: Jamie Long, Chaparral; Mike Disberger, Haven; Garth Johnson, Haven; Joe Keehn, Seaman; Dan Riley, Mission Valley; Rod Hofman, Clay Center; Ron Ditmars, Washington; Nathan Larson, Riley County; Joe Camac, Uniontown; Susan Van Cleave, Cherryvale; Mark Johnston, Labette County; Mark Samuels, West Elk; Russell Reichart, Atchison County; Carl Williams, Royal Valley; Larry Kelter, Marysville; Bob Cummings, Troy; Terry Nelson, Norton; Lewis Worcester, Hill City; Vance Wethusin, Plainville; Mike Smith, Norton; Mark Lobmeyer, Garden City; Jim Sobba and Jeff Klein, Fowler; and Chris Roth and Tim Miller, Holcomb.

## Record Keeping Awards

Gordon Stucky, Kingman, had the best set of production record books in the state while Sandra Hundley, Seaman, had the best set of agribusiness books. Both received the State Grass and Grain Record Keeping Award from Frank Buckman, editor of Grass and Grain.

The Grass and Grain Record Keeping Award was established to encourage FFA members to keep accurate, complete, and neat records on their supervised occupational experience programs. Competition begins at the district level in which everyone who applies for a State Farmer Degree is considered for the award.

The district winners for 1977 were: North Central—(Production) Rodney Stewart, Washington; East Central—(Production) Lorena Croucher, Garnett; and (Agribusiness) Sandra Hundley, Seaman; Southeast—(Production) Tim Rogers, Uniontown; and (Agribusiness) Dave Garrett, Girard; South Central—(Production) Gordon Stucky, Kingman; Southwest—(Production) Stan Linville, Holcomb; Northwest—(Production) Terry Nelson, Norton; (Agribusiness) C.J. Riemann, Hill City; and Northeast—(Production) Eddie Schmitz, Marysville.



**Sam Brownback**—Central Region Vice-President from Kansas was a major highlight throughout the 49th Annual State Convention. Sam's sincerity and dedication most surely came through in his address to the Convention, "Wizard of Oz". Sam will be helping conduct the 50th National FFA Convention this November in Kansas City.

## Distinguished Service Awards

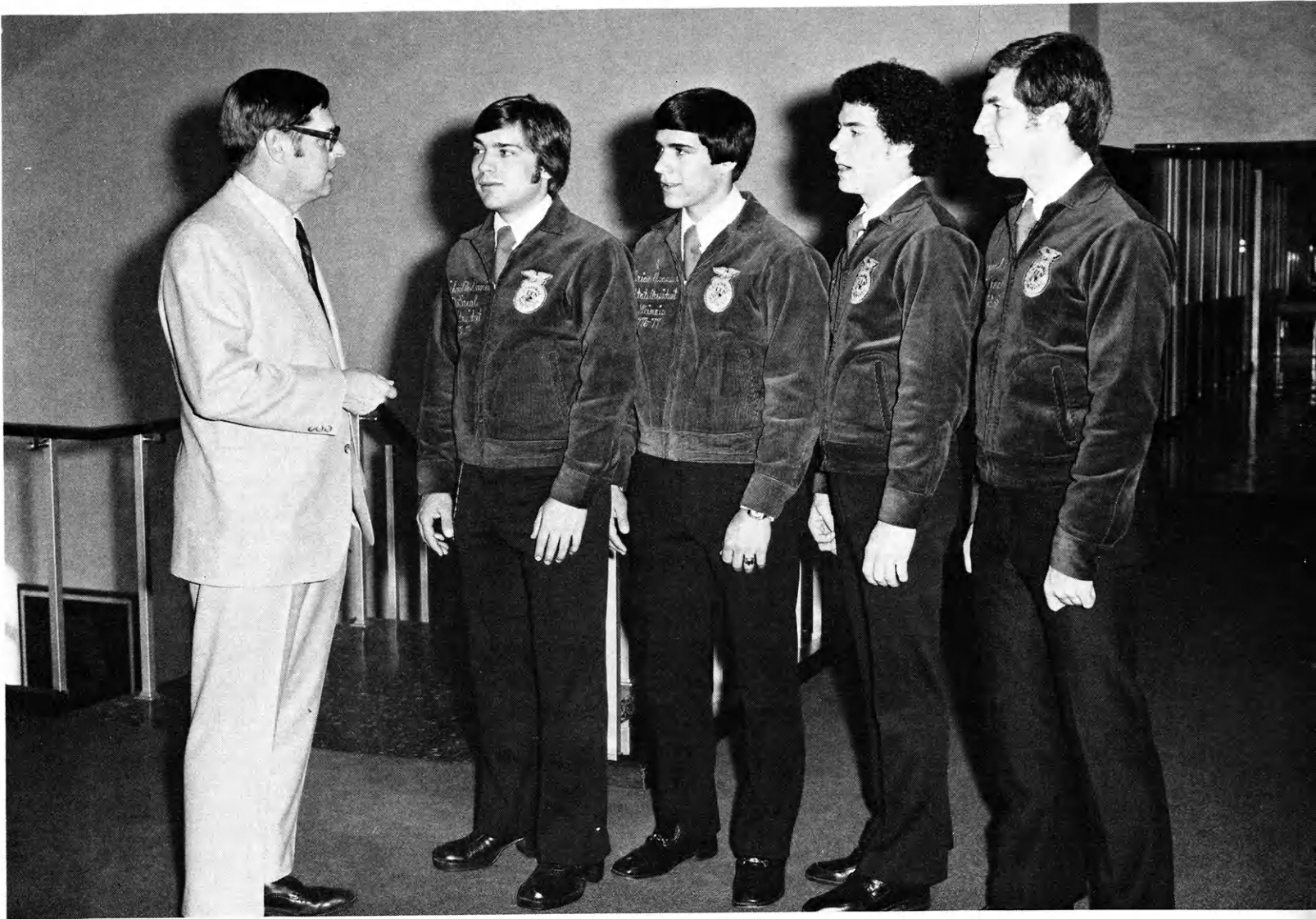
Earl Palmberg, Kansas Power and Light, Topeka, and Delbert Ekart, Kansas Farm Bureau, Manhattan, were presented with Distinguished Service awards at the 49th Annual State FFA Convention.

Both Palmberg and Ekart have received the Honorary State Farmer Degree, but for their continued support and assistance, they were once more recognized.

Mr. Palmberg has worked closely

with the FFA in the Agricultural Electrification Award through the Kansas Farm Electrification Council (KFEC), while Mr. Ekart has spent many hours and miles in promoting safety programs in the vocational agriculture departments across Kansas.





The National FFA Officers' Goodwill Tour recently visited DEKALB AgResearch, Inc., Dekalb, Illinois. Pictured left to right are: Charles Roberts, Company President, Rick McDaniel, Eastern Region Vice President, Nevada, Ohio; Brian Elsasser, Illinois President, Edelstein, Illinois; Sam Brownback, Central Region Vice President, Parker, Kansas; James Bode, National President, Geary, Oklahoma.

DEKALB is a major contributor to the FFA. The company sponsors a National FFA program, "Food For America", and the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, which is given each year to outstanding senior students at more than 4,000 high schools across the nation.

## 1977 SUPERIOR CHAPTERS

Seventy-one Kansas FFA chapters were awarded the Superior Chapter Plaque at district banquets across the state. To earn this award, chapters must meet certain minimum requirements in planning and carrying out chapter activities.

From the Northeast District, the chapters were: Atchison County, Hiawatha, Marysville, Powhattan, Troy, Valley Heights, Wamego, and Westmoreland.

The Northwest District had Hill City,

Hoxie, Jennings, Kensington, Lebanon, Norton, Palco, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, and Wakeeney.

Garden City, Southwestern Heights, Hugoton, Ensign, and Holcomb were the Southwest District winners.

Winners in the South Central District were: Buhler, Central of Burden, Newton, Chaparral, Kingman, Great Bend, Winfield, South Barber, Peabody, Marion, Moundridge, Arkansas City, and Inman.

From the Southeast District was

Cherryvale, Columbus, Erie, Girard, Iola, Labette County, Neodesha, Southeast, Uniontown, and Yates Center.

The East Central District had Paola, Central Heights, Mission Valley, Osage City, Garnett, Williamsburg, Seaman, Prairie View, Alma, Lebo, Council Grove, and Jayhawk-Linn.

From the North Central District came Pike Valley, Linn, Manhattan, Clay Center, Mankato, Miltonvale, Solomon, Wilson, Washington, North Central, Salina, and Concordia.



Sondra Van Cleave receives her leather briefcase from Bob Keating, representing the High Plains Journal.

## State Scrapbook Contest

Sandra Van Cleave, Reporter for the Cherryvale chapter, won the leather briefcase from *High Plains Journal* as the winner of the State Scrapbook contest. In second place was J. P. Worcester, Reporter for the Hill City FFA chapter.

Bob Keating, representing the *High Plains Journal* was on hand to present the briefcase to Sandra, in a contest which had numerous and outstanding entries.

## Mission Valley Has Best Safety Program

The Mission Valley Chapter received the first place trophy and a \$100 check from the Kansas Farm Bureau state winners in the Kansas FFA Safety Program. Their efforts were judged on chapter member and community involvement in their safety program.

Placing second in the State Safety program was Hill City, with Norton placing 3rd; Wilson 4th; Seaman 5th; Central of Burden 6th; Plainville 7th; Marysville 8th; Clay Center 9th; Goessel 10th; and Atchison County 11th.

## 1977 Superior Safety Chapters

Completing the requirements for the Superior Safety chapter award were: Atchison County, Hiawatha, Marysville, Hoxie, Hill City, Lebanon, Norton, Plainville, Holcomb, Central of Burden, Moundridge, Goessel, Cherryvale, Columbus, and Erie.

Other Superior Safety Chapters were: Paola, Central Heights, Mission Valley, Osage City, Garnett, Williamsburg, Seaman, Clay Center, Wilson, North Central, and Washington.

## *From the President's Desk*

We are beginning another new year in the FFA. It has the possibilities of being the best one ever!

We should be preparing for this year much like an athlete would prepare for a big cross county race. We are going to be faced with obstacles along the way that might tend to slow us down and keep us from reaching our goal of finishing the race.

Your State Officer team has been busy "mapping out" the best course to take in this year's race. We won't go around all the hills, deep sand, water traps, and tall grass that get in our way as we are working to achieve our goals. For if we did, many learning experiences would be lost by taking the easier way around. The success of this race will be up to you and your desire to win. With the right attitude, proper training and coaching, we all will see the finish line.

We hear today that young people need to be involved. But I think we need to be more than involved—we have to participate. Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because you cannot quit and rest. Every FFA officer in the State has the opportunity to participate and start this new year off right by attending State Leadership Camp July 26-29.

Let's all participate, and make the Kansas FFA team the strongest ever!

Sincerely,



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