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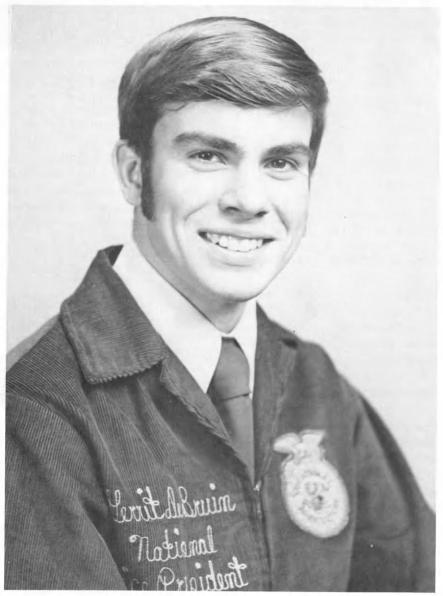
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DeBruin to State Convention



Gerrit DeBruin, National FFA Vice President.

Gerrit DeBruin, a 20 year old dairyman from Monroe, Wisconsin, the Central Region Vice President, will attend the Kansas 47th Annual FFA Convention. Gerrit, who lives on a 300 acre dairy farm, began his supervised occupational experience program as a freshman in vocational agriculture with three Brown Swiss cows, a sow and litter. Although he discontinued the swine operation, Gerrit has continued to build his dairy herd to 12 animals at the present time. He maintains his herd with the family dairy herd and works closely with his father and other family members in the total farming operation.

An immediate past president of the Wisconsin FFA Association, Gerrit has been an active FFA member throughout his four years in Vocational Agriculture. He served the Juda FFA chapter as secretary and president. He participated in numerous judging contests and represented Wisconsin in the National FFA Dairy Judging Contest, his team placing fourth.

Currently a student at the University of Wisconsin, Gerrit is majoring in Dairy Science and recently completed a term on the Agricultural Student Council. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Zeta fraternities at the University of Wisconsin. He plans to return to the farm on completion of his college education.

47th State Convention

The 47th State FFA Convention is in final preparation and looks to be the best ever. The Convention will be on the Kansas State University Campus May 28-30, 1975.

Wednesday, May 28, highlights include Parliamentary Procedure Semifinals, public speaking, state officer interviews, and convention committee meetings. A major highlight will be the Vesper's Program at which former Miss America, Debbie Barnes Miles, will be the main speaker.

A delegate breakfast will kick off Thursday's activities followed by the opening session of the convention. Parliamentary Procedure finals will be during this session.

Some new portions of the convention will include a luncheon for the FFA sponsors in Kansas, an Alumni Luncheon, and a past state officers banquet. American Farmers will also be recognized during special ceremonies, honoring these select members of our organization.

Star Farmer/Agribusinessman ceremonies will be Thursday, May 29, the session starting at 7:00 p.m., Star Farmers will receive their degrees on Friday night, May 30.

The State FFA officers have put in a great deal of time in preparation for the convention; it is hoped that every FFA member in Kansas will have an opportunity to view all or a part of the festivities.

1975-76 State Officer Candidates

Each FFA district is alloted a certain number of candidates for the leadership of the Kansas Association. These candidates will be interviewed at the State Convention and nominated followed by election by the convention delegates.

The 1975 hopefuls for State FFA office are: Alan Nickelson, Sabetha; Ron Sinn, North Central; Mark Scanlan, Abilene; Richard Arpin, Salina; Jay Mayfield, Caney; Robert Danler, Holcomb; Lonnie Ruff, Hanston; Phillip Fishburn, Haven; Susan Gatz, Newton; Ronda Wilson, Arkansas City; Kerry Zillinger,

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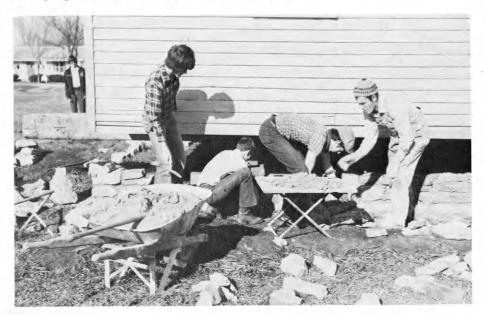
Hesston Corporation and Shell Chemical Company to Co-Sponsor FFA Placement in Agricultural Production

The National FFA Foundation, Inc., has announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding for co-sponsorship of the Future Farmers of America Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award by Hesston Corporation, Inc., and Shell Chemical Company. The agreement was signed by Lyle E. Yost, President of Hesston Corporation, Inc. and K. R. Fitzsimmons, General Manager of Shell Chemical Company, both of whom expressed the desires of their corporations to encourage youth to enter careers in agriculture.

The Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award is one of 19 FFA proficiency award programs recognizing achievement in activities leading to careers in agriculture. The award is presented at local, state, and national levels to FFA members who have demonstrated significant accomplishment in educational and work experience activities leading to careers in production agriculture. Factors such as application of modern management practices, levels of efficiency, wages earned on the farm, and personal development are used to determine winners in the award program.

The purpose of the Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award is to encourage students to explore career opportunities in production agriculture and translate lessons learned in the vocational agriculture classroom into profitmaking practical applications. As co-sponsors of the FFA Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award, Hesston Corporation, Inc., and Shell Chemical Comapny will provide funds for the 1975-76 awards program of certificates, plaques and cash awards as well as underwriting some of the administrative costs of the program.

All members of the FFA who complete supervised experience programs in which they are placed on a farm as part of their vocational agriculture training are eligible to apply for the award. Awards are presented at the local level in the form of a medal. At the state level, the first place winner receives a plaque and a check for \$100. State winners then compete for recognition in each of the four FFA administrative regions where the regional winners in Placement in Agricultural Production earn a check for \$250 and a plaque plus partially paid travel expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Here his or her experience in agriculture is judged against winners from each of the three other regions. During the National FFA Convention a plaque and a check for \$500 is presented to one of the four regional winners judged to have made the most progress toward a career in production agriculture.



(State Officer Candidates, continued)

Phillipsburg; Randy Schoenthaler, WaKeeney; Deborah Williams, Mission Valley; Mickey Morrell, Jayhawk-Linn; and Deanna Raab, Seaman.

Thrust '75

Utilizing the resources within the FFA to a greater advantage in Vocational Agriculture was the emphasis of "Thrust '75", held in Manhattan, April 7 and 8. Ted Amick of the National FFA office conducted the workshop which was attended by vocational agriculture instructors, agricultural education majors at KSU, teacher education staff members, and the staff in the State agricultural education office.

More effective use of proficiency awards, chapter awards, and the FFA Alumni were major headings. A new program "Food for America" was introduced and contains great promise for chapter members to work with elementary students, enlightening them about agriculture.

Each of the seven districts in Kansas will hold "Thrust '75" workshops, the meetings to be conducted by the instructors who attended the Manhattan "Thrust" and the staff members in agricultural education at KSU and the State Department of Education.

Ft. Scott and Community Service

The Ft. Scott chapter has been active in BOAC (Building Our American Communities) program, as well as the FFA safety program. Their efforts have been rewarded over the years and last year they received a national award of merit at the National Safety Congress.

The Ft. Scott members have landscaped several areas in the community, traveled many miles in promoting safety and helping to move an abandoned school house to a new site as a Bi-Centennial Project.

Ft. Scott FFA members, Greg Houston, Terry Tucker and Stephen Fischer, laying rocks for the foundation at the new site of the Fort Lincoln school house at the Ft. Scott Community Junior College campus. Mr. Dick Graham of Bronson is supervising the job.

District Proficiency Award Winners

As an incentive for FFA members to strive for excellence in their supervised occupational experience programs, the Future Farmers of America Foundation has set up a system of awards for those students who demonstrate proficiency in specific areas. Winners are chosen first at the local chapter level, who then compete on the district level. The district winners who are successful on the State, Regional and National levels can win as much as \$850.

The 1975 district winners are:

Crop Production — Curtis Goodman, Sabetha; Ron Sinn, North Central; Rodger Smith, Southeast; Ken Bryant, Arkansas City; Roger Quint, Hill City; and Larry Stroup, Prairie View.

Livestock Production — Robert Meyer, Sabetha; Ron Sinn, North Central; Steve McKinzie, Labette County; Lonnie Ruff, Hanston; and Rick Knight, Seaman.

Home Improvement — Steven James Handke, Atchison County; Richard Arpin, Salina; Ruth Ellen Bartholomew, Erie; and Robert Adam, Holcomb.

Placement in Sales and/or Service — Marty Smith, Troy; John Bennett, Erie; Ronald Martin, Moundridge; Stanley Paul Horning, Smith Center; and Deborah Williams, Mission Valley.

Agricultural Electrification — Mike Bogner, Labette County; Randel Harder, Peabody; Norman Nelson, Norton; and Larry Stainbrook, Prairie View.

Swine Production — Jerry P. Johnson, Troy; Craig Robinett, Jewell; Bryan Cherry, Girard; Greg Thompson, Haven; Jeff Bell, Smith Center; and Bill Pracht, Garnett.

Beef Production — Ross Montgomery, Sabetha; Norman Fuller, Miltonvale; Norman Jordan, Erie; Pat Ven-John, Garden City; Floyd Clarkson, Winfield; Tim Schulze, Norton; and Delbert Adams, Garnett.

Sheep Production — Robert Meyer, Sabetha; Robert Adam, Holcomb; Susan Gatz, Newton; Kerry Zillinger, Phillipsburg; and Mike Pennington, Flint Hills,

Agricultural Mechanics — Michael Parker, Valley Heights; Mike Mattas, Wilson; John Bennett, Erie; Lonnie Ruff, Hanston; David Govert, Kingman; Roger Quint, Hill City; and Mark Haupt, Prairie View.

Placement in Agricultural Production — Richard Wayne Arpin, Salina; Kenneth Powell, Southeast; Allen Sents, McPherson; Victor Goeken, Norton; and John Greathouse, Paola.

Soil, Water and Air Management — Steve Cranor, Labette County; Ken Bryant, Arkansas City; and Larry Lankard, Garnett.

Superior Chapters for 1975

The award program which recognizes chapters for their total activities each year is the National Chapter Award Program. Each chapter in Kansas, by meeting certain minimum requirements, is eligible to receive the Superior chapter award.

These outstanding chapters for 1975 are:

Northeast District — Sabetha, Marysville, Royal Valley, Atchison County, Westmoreland, Troy, Valley Heights, Frankfort, and Wamego.

North Central District — North Central, Pike Valley, Wilson, Jewell, Clay Center, Abilene, Mankato, Riley County, Manhattan, Miltonvale, and Washington.

Southeast District — Columbus, Caney, Ft. Scott, Uniontown, Labette County, Cherryvale, Southeast, Erie, Fredonia, Girard, and Iola

Southwest District — Ensign, Fowler, Garden City, Holcomb and Jetmore.

South Central District — Arkansas City, Buhler, Central of Burden, Great Bend, Haven, Inman, Kingman, McPherson, Moundridge, Peabody, Winfield, South Barber, Claflin, and Chaparral.

Northwest District — Smith Center, Northern Valley, Lebanon, Hill City, Natoma, Hoxie, Oberlin, Oakley, Norton, Phillipsburg, and WaKeeney.

East Central District — Paola, Mission Valley, Seaman, Osage City, Garnett, Alma, Prairie View, Jayhawk-Linn, and Council Grove.

1975 District Stars

The outstanding Kansas FFA Star Farmers have been ranked and the Star District Star Farmers and Agribusinessmen have been selected to compete for the coveted titles of Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of Kansas for 1975. The district "stars" were selected on their outstanding supervised occupational experience programs, as well as FFA leadership, activities, scholarship and record keeping.

The 1975 Stars are:

District Star Farmers:

Ross Montgomery, Sabetha; Ron Sinn, North Central; Rodger Smith, Southeast; Robert Adam, Holcomb; Jim Ireland, Chaparral; Dan Devlin, Smith Center; and Jeff Stroup, Prairie View.

District Star Agribusinessman:

Deborah Williams, Mission Valley; Victor Goeken, Norton, John Bennett, Erie; Richard Arpin, Salina; and Mick Perry, Frankfort.

Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives (KABAR) again sponsored the plaques and the \$50 cash awards for each of the district stars.

East Central has Star Greenhand

This year the East Central District of FFA started a District Star Greenhand Award. The award was for the most outstanding FFA member who has completed one year of instruction in vocational agriculture. The award was based on leadership and supervised agricultural experience program.

The East Central District was the first district in Kansas to have such an award. The first winner in the production area was Rena Croucher of the Garnett chapter. The agribusiness winner was Sandra Hundley of the Seaman chapter.

The East Central District is very proud of these first two winners and hope that this will continue into the future.

Russell Bunnell District Reporter

STATE CONTEST WINNERS



AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SKILLS and OVERALL AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS — Labette County team members left to right, Dean Fouts, Cliff Fouts, and Ken Roberts, Jack Shell, advisor (not pictured).



AGRICULTURAL ELECTRICITY — McPherson team members, front row left to right: Jeff Johnson, Roger Adwell. Back row, Allen Baldwin (advisor) and Brian Fuller.



AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES AND ENVIRONMENT — Norton team members left to right: Mike Smith, Terry Nelson, Bob Broeckelman (advisor) and Brian Landis.



AGRICULTURAL NEWSWRITING — Mission Valley: Deborah Williams and T. D. Fanning, advisor.



POULTRY — Hillsboro team members left to right, Lynn Bartell, Clyde Jost, Joe Suderman, and Truman Diener, advisor.



FARM POWER AND MACHINERY — Minneapolis team members left to right, John Marrs, Al Geisen, Rob Carlson, and Steve Meirer, Student Teacher. Jim Macy, advisor (not pictured).



ENTOMOLOGY — Ness City team members left to right: Nathan McDonald, Ed Brenner (advisor) and Gary Fehrenbach.



MEATS — Central High of Burden team members, left to right, Richard Donley, Terri Tatum, Terri Pierce, and Steve Lefever, advisor.



DAIRY JUDGING — Left to right: Roy F. Eck, (Advisor), Gary Rodvelt, Ty Compton, and David Nieman.



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m CROPS-Ness\ City\ team\ members\ left\ to\ right:\ Marc\ Strum,\ Ed\ Brenner\ (advisor)}$, Jerry Roane and Keven Stout.



DAIRY PRODUCTS — Sabetha team members left to right, Brent Meyer, Greg Renyer, David Hartter, and Gary Brownlee, advisor.



LIVESTOCK — Labette County team members left to right, front row: Steve Cranor, Harold Helton (advisory). Back row, Brian Kinzie, and Mike Bogner.



HORTICULTURE — Labette County team members left to right: Carl Chapman, Oscar Ingram (advisor) and Ted Blevins.



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — Winfield team members from left to right, David Drake, Russell Bradbury, back row, Mike Grogan, Larry Schwintz, advisor. Not pictured, David Brown, advisor.

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BOAC Area Winners

Building Our American Communities (BOAC) is a community service program developed for chapters to become involved in the beautification and development of their communities. Outstanding chapters are recognized through BOAC Area awards. The 1975 area award winners are:

Northeast District — Sabetha, Westmoreland, and St. George.

North Central District — Miltonvale, North Central, Wilson, Clay Center, and Abilene.

Southeast District — Ft. Scott, Girard, Labette County, Erie, and Columbus.

Southwest District — Fowler, Garden City, Hanston, Holcomb, and Jetmore.

South Central District — Central of Burden, Peabody, Moundridge, and Inman.

Northwest District — Hill City, Wakeeney, Norton, Lebanon, Phillipsburg, Oberlin, and Smith Center.

East Central District — Seaman, Mission Valley, Paola, Osage City, Williamsburg, and Alma.

Superior Safety Chapters

Chapters who meet minimum requirements in safety activities are recognized for their efforts through a Superior Safety Chapter plaque. Those chapters which exhibited outstanding safety activities and received this award in 1975 are:

Northeast District — Sabetha, Atchison County, and Westmoreland.

North Central District — North Central and Jewell.

Southeast District — Ft. Scott and Labette County.

Southwest District — Garden City and Holcomb.

South Central District — Kingman and Arkansas City.

Northwest District — Hill City, WaKeeney, Smith Center, and Norton.

East Central District — Williamsburg, Paola, Osage City, Seaman, and Mission Valley.

District Officers Conference

Niether ice nor snow stopped the enthused district FFA officers from attending the yearly conference to upgrade their leadership skills. The conference, formerly held at the Holiday Inn in Topeka, was held at Rock Springs Ranch December 27-29.

Martha Keys, United States Congresswoman from Manhattan, was a highlight of the conference with her remarks concerning the importance of future leadership in agriculture. Many activities were held, each with the sole intention of helping the officers to better themselves in communications and relationships with the FFA members in their districts.

The 1975 conference will be held in September at Rock Springs. The earlier date will make more relevant the instruction of the officers as they begin their year in office.

Red, White and Blue FFA Patriotism on Parade

The 1976 Official FFA Calender is something special. Colorful from top to bottom and designed especially to help FFA chapters celebrate America's Bicentennial.

FFA Calendars are top quality and are well accepted in communities where they're used. They will build public awareness and respect for FFA and vo-ag. In fact people will ask "where's my new FFA calendar?".

A special oil painting done just for FFA by a famous artist in New York City sets the stage as cover scene on the Home & Office style, large poster style and tent style desk calendar. It shows a chapter putting up a new flag pole at a young farmer's farmstead.

Twelve other action photos from throughout the FFA world are included in the Home & Office style. Scenes like the FFA Pledge at a local meeting, members on tour at the Washington Monument, scenes of members in flag ceremonies at school and camp, a grand entry for a rodeo, leading a parade and the National FFA Center covered with snow.

Every local chapter is eligible to use Official FFA Calcudars to promote the FFA and vo-ag program. These calendars will be constant reminders to the public that chapter members in their area are growing citizens who already believe in America.

Be sure your chapter orders Official FFA Calendars from the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Virginia. Ask your advisor about it.

There are four styles of FFA calendars. A Home & Office style with 12 monthly color pictures, a poster style, a desk style and a vinyl wallet style.

Chapters may choose from three plans of participation. Plan A is for chapters who have a local business firm sponsor FFA calendars. Plan B is for chapters who want their own imprint message. Plan C is for chapters and individuals to use in purchasing a small quantity of calendars with a general FFA message.

Grass and Grain Award

The Grass and Grain Recordkeeping Award was developed to encourage FFA members to strive for completeness, neatness, and accuracy in their records. Any State Farmer applicant is eligible for the award.

The 1975 hopefuls are:

Production — Dale Edwards, Royal Valley; Ron Sinn, North Central; John Gutschenritter, Neodesha; Robert Adam, Holcomb; Ronda Wilson, Arkansas City; Deanna Raab, Seaman; and Dan Devlin, Smith Center.

Agribusiness — Rusty Berry, Manhattan; John Bennett, Erie; Victor Goeken, Norton; and Debbie Hundley, Seaman.

Two winners will be picked, one in production agriculture records and one in agribusiness records.

State FFA Camp

The 16th State FFA Leadership Camp will be July 27-30 at Rock Springs Ranch. Cost of the camp will be \$21 per camper plus \$5 per chapter for a set of Leadership Development Handbooks developed by the National FFA Office and Ohio State University. These handbooks will be used extensively in the camp.

Plans for the camp will be similar to last year's by having as a goal the ut-

most opportunity for all campers to participate. Parliamentary procedure, ritual, FFA information, chapter activities, and methods of involving chapter members will be major thrusts.

Camp registration blanks have been sent to chapters and they should return them at their earliest convenience to insure a place for them.

State Officers Good Will Tour

Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, and Manhattan along with McPherson, Moundridge and Great Bend were major stops for the State FFA officers in their 1975 Annual Good Will Tour. The tour is aimed expressly at visiting and thanking friends and sponsors of FFA.

Visits were highlighted with interesting tours, dinners, and interesting conversation. Approximately 25 businesses were visited on the five day tour. Every stop was an emotional "high" for the officers with the receptions given them.

Kansas FFA members can be extremely proud of their sponsors, for they realize there is a bright future in America as long as there is education in schools as Vocational Agriculture and the FFA.



Lonnie Berger was interviewed by John Nagel, KSU Extension Television, regarding agriculture and the FFA during the Good-Will Tour.



During the 1975 Good-Will Tour, the State Officers had a very enjoyable and informative visit with Governor Robert Bennett. Governor Bennett will be at the State FFA Convention to present the "Governor's Citation" to the top BOAC chapter in Kansas.



The Good-Will Tour included a stop at the Agricultural Hall of Fame at which the officers tried their hand in fire engine operation.



Wey D. Kenny, center, vice president of the Beech Aircraft Foundation was a tremendous host for State FFA Officers Frank Sinker, Jim Nelssen, and Lonnie Berger, on the State Good Will Tour.



Lyle Yost, chairman of the Board of Hesston Corporation, graciously accepted the Distinguished Service Award from Sam Brownback, State FFA President. Mr. Yost was cited for his outstanding service to the FFA both in Kansas and serving as state chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. Allen Perkins and Steve Mayo observe the presentation. (Editor's note: Steve always picks the wrong time to blink).

Food for America

A new local activity for FFA members by going to the elementary schools and telling the story of agriculture to the children. The complete program will be covered at State Camp and chapters will receive materials which will help them get started.

"Food for America" isn't another award program — the only thing your chapter will get is a certificate, the knowledge and good feeling that you've helped increase the understanding of Agriculture in your community. Members will have some interesting and unforgettable experiences with children which is a learning experience in itself as well as promoting agriculture.

Come to State Camp July 27-30 and learn more about this exciting activity.



The steak Frank Sinker is eating seems to be more interesting than the length of fish which Loren Simmons, Traveling Representative for the Santa Fe Railway, is describing. The State officers had an excellent meal and discussion with the Santa Fe people during the Good-Will Tour.



Rich Hull, Farm Director of WIBW Television and Radio (right) interviews Rodger Smith, Southeast FFA Chapter. Rodger was one of the seven young men who will be starring in "Seven Stars Over Kansas," a film produced by WIBW and sponsored for television viewing by Farmland Industries

CALL TO CONVENTION

Dear Kansas FFA Members:

As this school year approaches the end, it is time for you and I to set our sites on the Kansas FFA Convention that nears. The year has been extremely good to us in the FFA. We have seen a healthy growth in both the quality and quantity of our membership, new programs installed and unachievable goals attained. The time is here to recognize these achievements at our State FFA Convention.

Many ideas and projects your chapter can use will come forth at the State Convention. Chapters, members and supporters of the Kansas Association of FFA will be honored for their outstanding service to the FFA and the industry of agriculture.

But State Convention is more than just the sharing of ideas and honoring people. It is a chance for you and I to renew old friendships and make new ones with other students from all across this great state of Kansas. Convention is also a time for younger members to set goals in this organization and a time for seniors to set their goals, hopefully in agriculture and in life. But Convention is even more than even this, it is the last time we as an officer team get to work with you Kansas FFA members. So on behalf of Jim, Steve, Allen, Lonnie, Frank and myself I issue to you an invitation, a call, to come to the 47th Annual Kansas FFA Convention. Come to the Convention and I'll promise you a rewarding experience. Will you be there? We certainly hope so!

Yours for Working With FFA,

Brownback

Sam Brownback, President Kansas Association of FFA

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