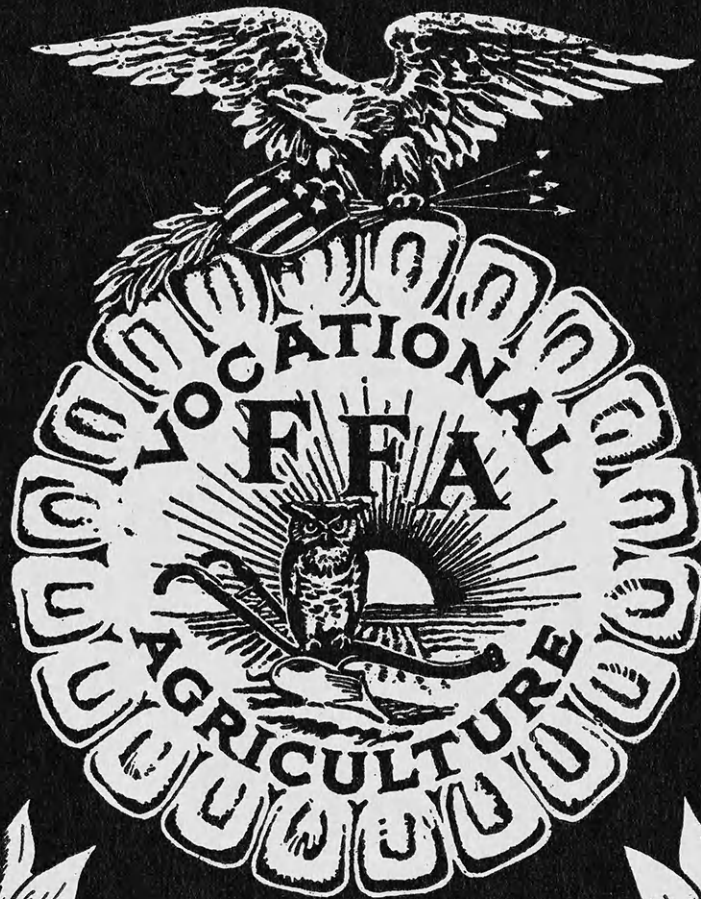


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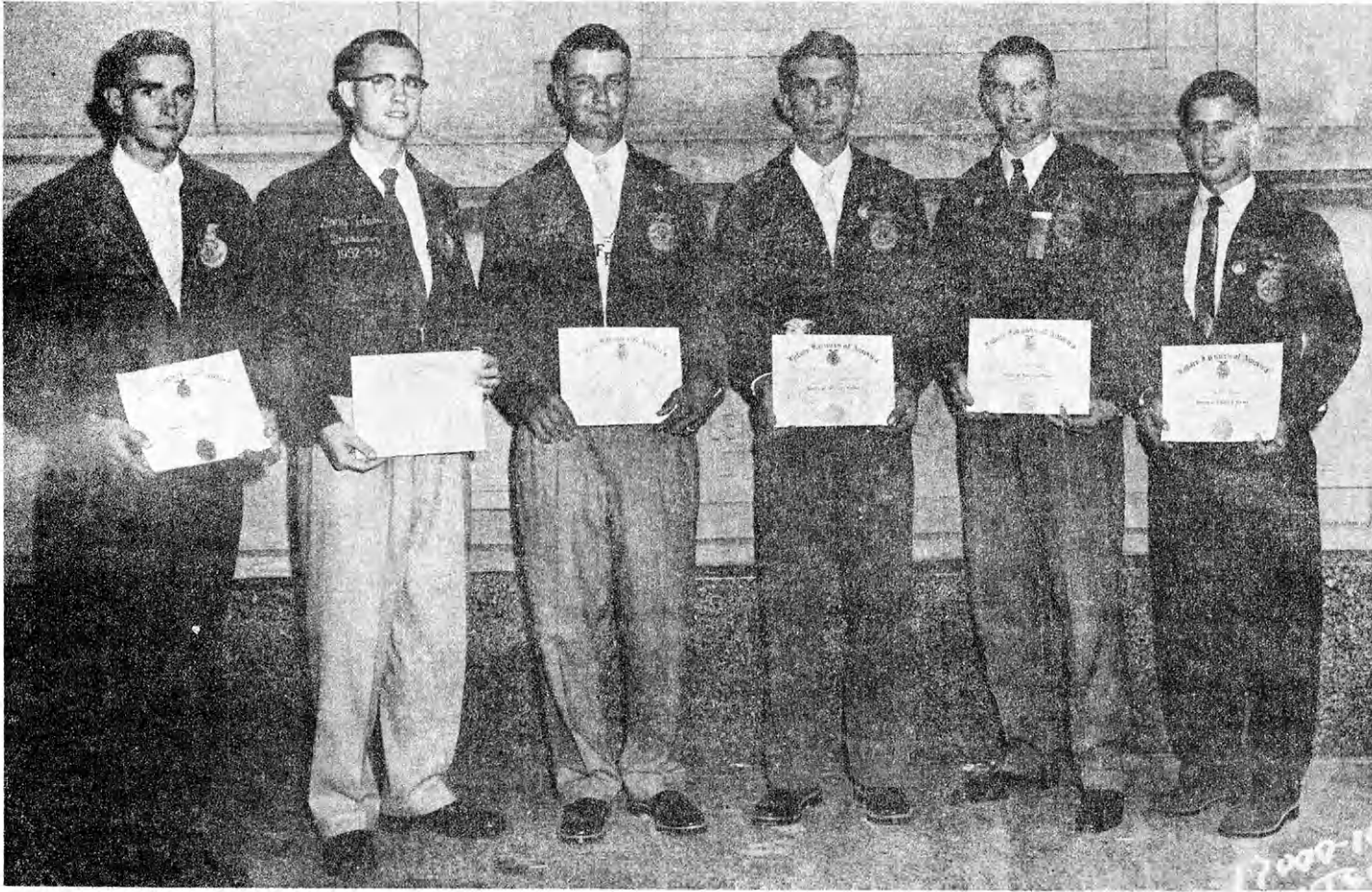
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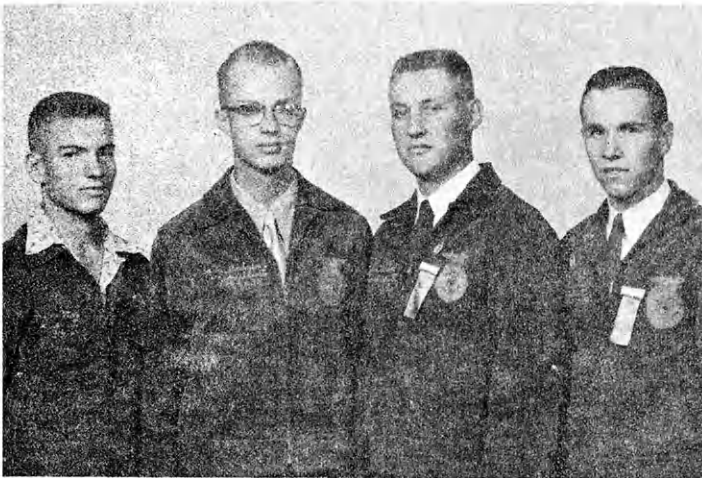
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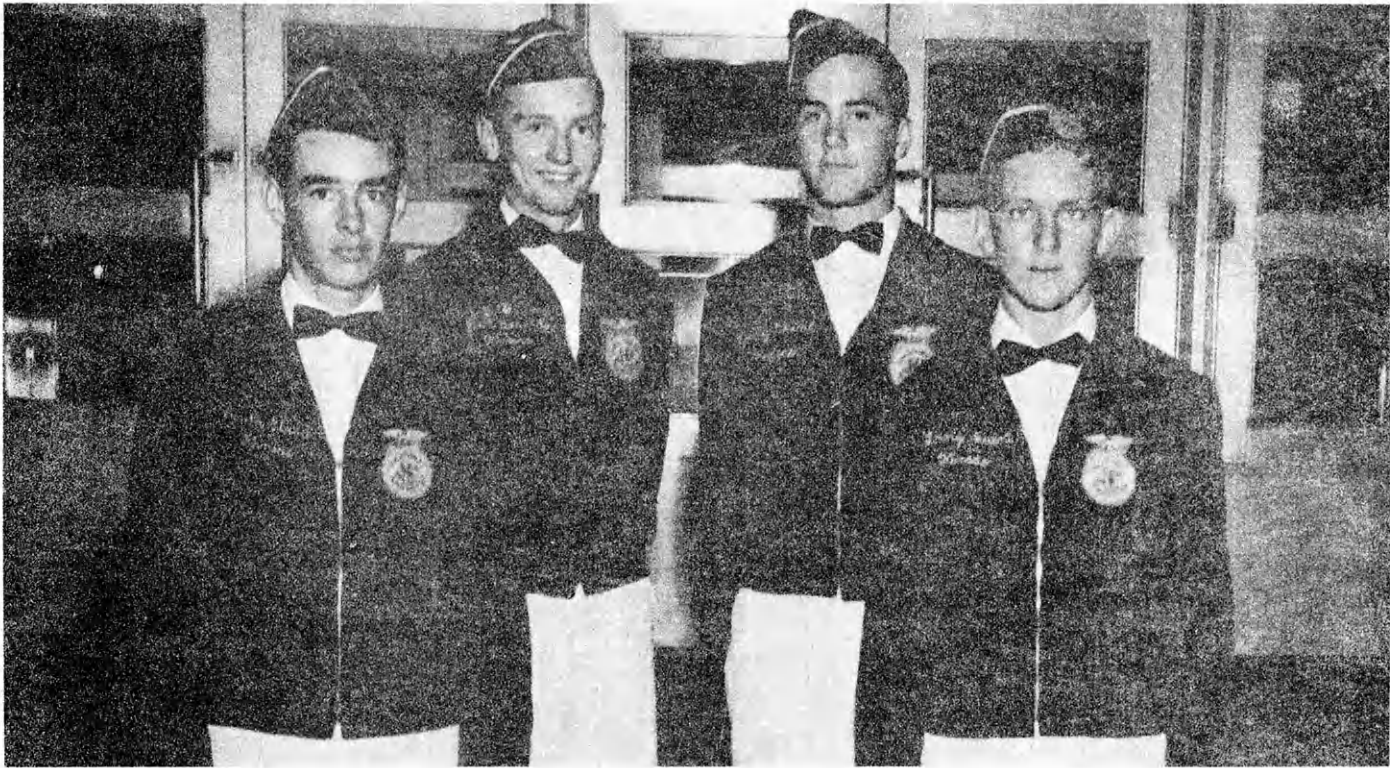
Kansas American Farmer candidates: LR Billy Ray James, Clay Center; Gary Neilan, St. Francis; Leo J. Hall, Great Bend; Leonard Chamberlain, Emporia; Nelson Galle, Moundridge; Mark Drake, Winfield. Harold Heymann, Burns, a member of the National FFA Chorus, was unable to be present when the picture was taken.



Official Kansas delegates to the 27th National FFA Convention. LR President Dean Peter, Edson; Vice-President Waldo Anderson, Oberlin; American Farmers, Gilmore Dahl, Effingham and Nelson D. Galle, Moundridge.



Raymond Mabry, Little River Chapter, at the console of the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. The FFA Chorus sang at the regular Sunday morning service. This is Mabry's third year as pianist for the FFA Chorus.



Kansas members of the National FFA Band - L.R. Kenneth Glasgow, Winfield; Robert Berends, Garden City; Jerry Akens, Downs; Lanny Brent, Alton. Dr. Henry S. Brunner was the director of the 120 piece National FFA Band.



Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus - BR-L.R. Harold Heymann, Burns; Johnnie Gaither, Columbus; 2nd R-L.R. Paul Kurtz, Alton; Raymond Mabry, Pianist, Little River; Perry Bemis, Hays; FR-L.R. Robert Johnston, Eldorado; Thomas Kieffer, Belleville. Dr. James Hatch was the director of the 110 member National FFA Chorus.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-14, 1954

Seven thousand five hundred (unofficial) Future Farmers from the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico attended the 1954 convention, along with hundreds of their adult advisers and guests.

The splendid manner in which the official delegates and officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America handled their three day meeting impressed favorably not only their leaders but also the citizens of Kansas City and the representatives of great industrial concerns who were in attendance at the meetings.

HEADQUARTERS: Municipal Auditorium with registration in the Grand Foyer. All the sessions were held in the Main Arena.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All National Officers were present. These boys turned in a superb job of handling the entire convention. The effectiveness of the Fourth Degree Ritual was enhanced by the splendid manner in which the National Officers performed their respective parts.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Nelson D. Galle, Moundridge Chapter, Past President of the Kansas Association of FFA and Harry Dean Peter, Edson Chapter, President of the Kansas Association of FFA. Alternates were Gilmore Dahl, Past State FFA Vice-President, and Waldo Anderson, Vice-President of the Kansas Association of FFA from Effingham and Oberlin respectively.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 359 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. This constituted the largest class of American Farmers in the history of the National Organization of FFA. Kansas FFA members receiving the American Farmer Degree at the Twenty-seventh National Convention were: Leonard Chamberlain, Emporia Chapter; Mark Kline Drake, Winfield Chapter; Nelson D. Galle, Moundridge Chapter; Leo John Hall, Great Bend Chapter; Harold Paul Heymann, Burns Chapter; Billy Ray James, Clay Center Chapter; and Gary J. Neilan, St. Francis Chapter.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE: The following persons were granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the FFA Convention:

Frank Atwood, Farm Program Director, Station WTIC, Hartford, Connecticut
Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida
L. C. Dalton, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State College, New Mexico
J. C. Haynes, Director of Public Relations, Sears, Roebuck & Company, Atlanta, Georgia
A. D. P. Heeney, Ambassador, Canadian Embassy, Washington, D. C.
George H. Hurt, Acting Director, Vocational Agricultural Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas
Robert D. McMillen, Assistant to the Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
Don Moeller, Agricultural Research Department, Swift and Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Illinois

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 Honorary American Farmers (continued)

Alexander Nunn, Executive Editor, "The Progressive Farmer", Birmingham, Alabama
 W. A. Roberts, President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 John A. Snell, State Director of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Augusta, Maine
 George E. Taylor, Director of Agricultural Development, United States Rubber Company, New York, New York
 Morris T. Warner, Staunton Novelty Company, Staunton, Virginia
 F. A. Wirt, Advertising Manager, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin

Honorary American Farmer Degrees were also awarded to the following:

1. Fathers of the National FFA Officers.
2. Fathers of the recipients of the Star Farmer Awards.
3. A new pattern for awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to teachers of vocational agriculture became effective in 1954. A teacher to be eligible for this award must previously have received the Honorary State Farmer Degree or the regular State Farmer Degree. The criteria for evaluating candidates recommended by State Associations will be found in the September 15, 1954, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, pages 13 and 14.

The following teachers of vocational agriculture were awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 27th National FFA Convention:

C. S. Brock, Greenville, Illinois
 Clyde E. Fry, Clinton, Illinois
 J. A. Twardock, 1410 W. Green Street, Champaign, Illinois
 Neil E. Johnston, Box 67, Clarinda, Iowa
 R. H. Hoberg, Ortonville, Minnesota
 J. H. Tschetter, 907 Albion Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota
 L. C. Schank, Fallon, Nevada
 James G. Jones, Granite Quarry, North Carolina
 Isaac H. Kearney, Route 2, Lexington, North Carolina
 Marvin W. Mangum, Route 1, Monroe, North Carolina
 Ralph Foltz, Bremen, Ohio
 George Krill, Ashland, Ohio
 Harold W. Moorhead, Sycamore, Ohio
 Roy A. Fordyce, North East, Pennsylvania
 J. F. Brown, Whitney, Texas
 M. R. Henslee, Luling, Texas
 J. R. Jackson, College Station, Texas
 L. E. Stone, Mt. Pleasant, Texas
 Richmond A. Young, Randolph Center, Vermont
 Harvey D. Seal, Ashland, Virginia
 Ted Britten, 129 Avenue B., Snohomish, Washington
 J. Arthur Johnson, Ellensburg, Washington
 Chester Lybecker, Walla Walla, Washington
 J. O. Beadle, Galesville, Wisconsin
 T. R. Lathrope, Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Twenty-Seventh National Convention of FFA (continued)

STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer for the North Atlantic Region is Burd W. Schantz, 20 year old dairy farmer of Route 1, Alburtis, Pennsylvania. Schantz is a member of the Kutztown, Pennsylvania, FFA chapter. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, of \$1,000.00.

Star Farmer of the Southern Region - Davis Henry, Sidney Lanier Chapter, Alabama. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - Gilbert V. Mattes, Allen Chapter, Nebraska. Award \$500.00.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Jay Wright, Pahrnagat Valley Chapter Nevada. Award \$500.00.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

First: Dennis O'Keefe, Westerville, Ohio	
"What Have We Done?"	Award \$250.00
Second: Frank Alameda, Jr., Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii	
"Mulching a Part of Soil Conservation"	Award \$225.00
Third: Norman Koch, Williamsport, Pennsylvania	
"Milk for the Millions"	Award \$200.00
Fourth: Timothy Ballard, Issaquah, Washington	
"A Challenge in Agriculture"	Award \$175.00
Fifth: Dabney Overton, Jr., Warsaw, Virginia	
"Farmers at the Cross-Roads"	Award \$150.00

Judges of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest were:

Ralph L. Foster, Managing Editor, Capper's Farmer, Topeka, Kansas;
 Frank Jenks, Vice President International Harvester Co., Chicago, Illinois;
 Robert D. McMillen, Assistant to the Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 52 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went to 26 chapters; and Bronze Emblem to 19. Plaques were awarded to the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem groups.

Gold Emblem

Geneva, Alabama	Saddle and Grate Chapter,
Riverton Chapter,	Camden-Wyoming, Delaware
Huntsville, Alabama	Quincy, Florida
Amphitheater Chapter,	Blakely-Union Chapter
Tucson, Arizona	Blakely, Georgia
Phoenix Technical Chapter,	Franklin, Illinois
Phoenix, Arizona	Lexington, Illinois
Conway, Arkansas	Pearl City, Illinois
Lakeside Chapter,	Williamsfield, Illinois
Hot Springs, Arkansas	Delphi, Indiana
Hanford, California	Audubon, Iowa
Bent Chapter,	Scenic City Chapter,
Las Animas, Colorado	Iowa Falls, Iowa

Twenty-Seventh National Convention of FFA (continued)
 Gold Emblem Chapters - National Chapter Contest (continued)

Atchison County Chapter,
Effingham, Kansas
 Athens Chapter,
 Lexington, Kentucky
 Delhi, Louisiana
 Slidell, Louisiana
 Agawam, Massachusetts
 Cassopolis, Michigan
 Williamston, Michigan
 Brainerd, Minnesota
 Inverness, Mississippi
 Jasper, Missouri
 Flathead Chapter,
 Kalispell, Montana
 Huntley Project Chapter,
 Worden, Montana
 Waverly, Nebraska
 Newton, New Jersey
 Woodstown, New Jersey
 Artesia, New Mexico
 Hatch, New Mexico

Bath, North Carolina
 Rugby, North Dakota
 Bremen, Ohio
 Chouteau, Oklahoma
 Fort Cobb, Oklahoma
 Chester County Chapter,
 Henderson, Tennessee
 Clifton, Texas
 Iraan, Texas
 Lamar Chapter,
 Rosenberg, Texas
 Nacogdoches, Texas
 Box Elder Chapter,
 Brigham City, Utah
 Bland, Virginia
 North River Chapter,
 Mt. Solon, Virginia
 Rocky Gap, Virginia
 Martinsburg, West Virginia
 Ripley, West Virginia
 Burlington, Wyoming

Silver Emblem

Guilford-Madison Chapter,
 Guilford, Connecticut
 Stephen Babcock Chapter,
 Middletown, Delaware
 Bartow, Florida
 Trenton, Florida
 Moultrie, Georgia
 Kapaa Chapter,
 Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii
 White Lick Valley Chapter,
 Plainfield, Indiana
 Waverly, Iowa
Holton, Kansas
 Old Kentucky Home Chapter,
 Bardstown, Kentucky
 Gorham, Maine
 Sandusky, Michigan
 Forest Lake, Minnesota

Winona, Minnesota
 Harrison, Nebraska
 Churchill County Chapter,
 Fallon, Nevada
 Virgin Valley Chapter,
 Bunkerville, Nevada
 Linton, North Dakota
 Jeromesville, Ohio
 Spencerville, Ohio
 District No. 5 Chapter,
 Duncan, South Carolina
 Woodruff, South Carolina
 Alvin, Texas
 Livingston, Texas
 Pleasant Grove, Utah
 Mt. Baker Chapter,
 Deming, Washington

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

- National Winner - Raymond S. DeHart, 17, Bland, Virginia. Award \$250.00.
 Regional Winner - Fred V. Kruse, 17, Kilbourne, Illinois, Central Region.
 Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - Homer John Yokum, 18, Harman, West Virginia, North
 Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
 Regional Winner - John Weisz, 17, Gervais, Oregon, Pacific Region.
 Award \$200.00.

Twenty-Seventh National Convention of FFA (continued)

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

- National Winner - Donald Sanford, Jr., Jasper, Alabama. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - Wayne Hughes, 18, Knapp, Wisconsin, Central Region.
Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Donald M. Gehrmann, 19, Wyoming, Delaware, North
Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Rasmus E. Indreland, 17, Harlowton, Montana, Pacific
Region. Award \$200.00.

DAIRY FARMING CONTEST:

- National Winner - William W. Fulver, 17, Millerton, New York. Award
\$250.00.
Regional Winner - Titus Ward Albarado, 17, Carencro, Louisiana, Southern
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Clay Pruett, 17, Winchester, Kentucky, Central Region.
Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Arthur Willardsen, 17, Ephraim, Utah, Pacific Region.
Award \$200.00.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTEST:

- National Winner - Wilbur Lawrence, 17, Ashland, Virginia. Award \$250.00.
Regional Winner - John R. Musgrave, 19, Stilesville, Indiana, Central
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Frank Demarest, 19, Lafayette, New Jersey, North
Atlantic Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Wayne David, 18, Arvin, California, Pacific Region.
Award \$200.00.

FARM SAFETY CONTEST:

- National Winner - Fort Pierce Chapter, Fort Pierce, Florida. Award
\$250.00.
Regional Winner - Phoenix Technical Chapter, Phoenix, Arizona, Pacific
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia, North Atlantic
Region. Award \$200.00.
Regional Winner - Bottineau Chapter, Bottineau, North Dakota, Central
Region. Award \$200.00.

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1954 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS

The following is a brief report on each of the seven successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas. Since scholarship was evaluated in connection with the winning of the State Farmer Degree, most references to scholastic achievement will be omitted.

Leonard Chamberlain - Emporia Chapter

In the spring of 1946 Leonard Chamberlain's father helped him get a start with his farming program by giving him a purebred registered Holstein heifer calf. He also let him have a three acre field to grow a feed crop for his first winter's feed. This field was planted to corn. By trading corn for hay and other feed roughages he had enough feed for the first winter. Leonard helped his father with farm work during the summer to repay him for the pasture and feed. He was eleven years old at the time.

Leonard's program didn't begin to expand until this heifer dropped a calf the following year. The next summer he continued to work on the home farm and grew a sizable feed crop.

The next fall Leonard bought another purebred heifer at the State Holstein Sale at Abilene with money he received from the sale of his wheat crop and part of his corn. He now had a total of one cow and two heifers.

This was also Leonard's first year of high school. He began to make plans for expansion since he definitely knew he wanted to get in the Holstein dairy business.

The next year another purebred heifer was purchased at the state sale in Herington. Leonard's four year old cow dropped another calf and his second heifer had her first calf. He also bought a half interest in a purebred bull.

Leonard continued to expand his crop program by growing wheat, beans, corn and sorgo. In 1951 a new Allis Chalmers tractor and plow were purchased with receipts from the sale of cash crops, sale of milk from his four producing cows and from the sale of a bull calf. He also hauled milk to town on the way to school for the neighbors beginning in 1949 for an average of \$35 a month. This was invested in more machinery and a new pickup.

Since that time Leonard has expanded his cow herd through keeping heifers, until at the end of 1953 he had twenty-two and one-half head including seven cows, five heifers, seven calves, three steers and one-half interest in the herd sire.

In addition to his dairy program in 1951 he bought two purebred Duroc gilts. They farrowed the next year and he has continued to keep two sows for breeding purposes.

Leonard plans to continue to expand his dairy program, swine program, and increase his feed and cash crop programs until he has a balanced farm unit.

During the period while he was in high school and later he showed his cattle at breed shows, county fairs, state fairs and other places of interest. He has won nine grand champion and three reserve champions plus thirty-seven blue ribbons at the county and state fairs.

1954 American Farmer Class (continued)
Leonard Chamberlain, Emporia (continued)

Leonard was on the state high school farm mechanics judging team in 1952 and the state agricultural judging team in 1953. He was chapter president in 1952 and 1953 and has taken an active part in community leadership since that time.

Mark Drake - Winfield Chapter

Mark Drake's maternal grandfather was so anxious for him to like farming and livestock that he gave him a registered Angus heifer when Mark was eight years old. By the time Mark enrolled in vocational agriculture in Winfield High School in 1948 he had 8 head of cattle. Four years later he had 32 head of hogs and 37 head of cattle all clear and free of debt. During this time he had borrowed over \$5,000.

During Mark's sophomore year his net worth increased to \$6,000. This was due to rising cattle prices and good crop production. But during 1952 cattle prices dropped \$10 to \$15 a hundred and his net worth increased only \$92. His hogs helped him weather this bad market and his cattle are again on firm footing.

During his freshman year in school the FFA chapter started a hybrid hog project, getting bred gilts from Oklahoma A&M College. Mark was one of four boys to get a bred Hybrid Duroc for \$71.50. This sow farrowed 35 pigs in three litters and saved 30. She was shown at the county fair with her first litter and was grand champion sow and litter. Her descendants were shown for the next three years and won grand champion and champion in the barrow and gilt class respectively. In 1952 Mark marketed \$4,300 worth of hogs and still had on hand 51 hogs. Mark disposed of his hogs when he entered Kansas State College in 1952 but still has 7 registered Angus cows and calves, 4 heifers, and 26 head of feeder steers, and, even though most of the crops burned up, his wheat averaged over 40 bushels an acre. His net worth is now approximately \$8,000.

Vocational agriculture teachers who helped Mark a great deal are Ira Plank and John Lowe. They were also his father's teachers when he attended the Winfield High School.

Mark was FFA president of the Winfield Chapter during his senior year, an office which his older brother had held two years before.

Since entering college Mark has been very active in student activities. After he finishes college and serves in the armed forces Mark hopes to make farming his career, specializing in cattle and hogs.

Mark says his FFA experiences have given him good business training as well as practical experience. He has had two very valuable cows die as well as other livestock, and cattle prices have dropped considerably, but he still likes to farm and plans to make farming his life work.

Nelson Dale Galle - Moundridge Chapter

Nelson Dale Galle was born and raised on a farm near Moundridge, Kansas, in McPherson County. His grandfather came to Kansas in 1879 and started farming in the same community in which Nelson now lives.

1954 American Farmer Class (continued)
Nelson Dale Galle (continued)

In 1946 Nelson bought a registered Duroc gilt from his father and from this gilt he expanded his farming program so by the time he entered high school he had an up and coming farming program under way.

He enrolled in vocational agriculture at Moundridge High School in the fall of 1949. His first year farming program included nine registered Short-horn heifers, one sow with litter and two acres of corn. Nelson had some tough luck his first year and lost two heifers.

During Nelson's second year in high school his farming program consisted of seven heifers, two sows and litters, two steers and two acres of corn. In the spring of this year he won first in an FFA judging contest at the McPherson County Beef Day. Also, he was elected vice-president of the Moundridge Chapter for the next year. One of Nelson's steers was picked as the Champion Shorthorn Fat Steer at the McPherson County Fair.

In his junior year Nelson served as vice-president of the FFA chapter and was a member of the livestock judging team which won the state contest and participated in the National FFA Judging Contest held at Kansas City. This also gave him some time to attend the National Convention of FFA. Nelson increased his swine herd to 4 sows and bought two steer calves for baby beef projects. He also had six calves born during his junior year. His crop projects were increased to 6 acres of corn and 8 acres of wide spaced oats with 8 acres of clover. He harvested the oats and had the clover for pasture. Nelson received the State Farmer degree at the State FFA Convention.

In Nelson's senior year in high school he participated in various activities such as football, basketball, plays and music contests. He was on the farm mechanics judging team and was high individual at the district contest. The summer before his senior year in high school his family had the privilege of being host to an International Farm Youth Exchange Delegate from New Zealand. Nelson served his chapter as reporter and vice-president and in the spring of his senior year was elected president of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Nelson enrolled at Kansas State College in the fall of 1953 in the curriculum of Agricultural Education. He was a delegate from Kansas to the 26th National FFA Convention, assisted with district FFA leadership schools, and was the delegate from Kansas to the First Annual Young Outdoor American's Conference held in Chicago, Illinois.

Nelson's present farming program includes a large acreage of crops. His primary reason for increasing his crop projects was that while he is in college he couldn't do too much work on his livestock but he can help with his projects during the summer. His father cares for his farming program while Nelson is in school but Nelson has personal responsibility for operating and managing his farming program. It will be a slow process while he is in college but he plans to build up his Shorthorn and Duroc breeding herds. During the past year he handled 22 head of cattle and 44 head of hogs. His crops included 10 acres of wheat, 5 acres of corn, 5 acres of grain sorghum, 18 acres of atlas, 11 acres of clover and 2 acres of sudan.

Nelson received a Carl Raymond Gray Scholarship to attend college, and won a Santa Fe Trip Award to attend the National FFA Convention last year.

1954 American Farmer Class (continued)

Leo J. Hall - Great Bend Chapter

In his second year in high school Leo Hall enrolled in vocational agriculture. He wasn't in the course too many weeks until his teacher, Carl Heinrich, gave the class instruction in welding and machine work in which Leo was very much interested. His teacher also taught that shop jobs of the farm had more value than all the small practice jobs. Leo's father also worked in very close cooperation, hauling scrap iron and worn farm implements into the ag shop from the farm for Leo to repair. With plenty of courage and ambition the first year Leo rebuilt a tandem disc, manufactured a power hack saw from a windmill head, and built several corral gates besides doing several jobs after school on the farm.

Another big and important item the class learned in vocational agriculture was the keeping of record books which at first they did not like. However, they were soon taught that no farm can stand without record keeping. Leo also joined the Future Farmers of America and became a Green Hand. During his first year in vocational agriculture he was assigned to recite the FFA Creed at the Parent and Son Banquet, and also worked with the other boys on several FFA projects.

During his third year in high school Leo had more time to gain supervised farm experience through farming programs, tours of interest, and more time for larger shop projects. By this time he had a farming program well under way, and could get first hand information in record keeping of farm projects and also had the responsibility of operating his livestock projects and the land he was farming. He organized a shop exhibit at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson in which he had about 20 pieces of his own equipment he had built in the vocational agriculture shop. This was the first year his chapter had exhibited at the Kansas State Fair. They won sixth place.

Leo continued in vocational agriculture in his fourth year in high school. During this year he was elected to the office of president of his chapter. The chapter again exhibited at the fair in the shops contest and again won a prize. Leo was able to rent more land upon which to raise crops. He now had more land to farm, also working in partnership with his father helping him on his land and giving him 1/3 rent for the use of his machinery and 1/3 rent to the landlord and Leo received 1/3 rent for his labor and the management. During his senior year he was elected to the State Farmer Degree.

Since graduating from high school Leo has been farming with his father in northern Stafford County. He helped his father and family build and make many improvements such as a new feed house, new steel fences and corrals, besides raising cattle and hogs and helping his father with his cattle in the winter. Leo has kept his record books up to date and attends the FFA meetings.

Leo believes his vocational agriculture and FFA training definitely will help him in the tough competition of farm business today.

Harold Paul Heymann - Burns Chapter

Harold Heymann enrolled in vocational agriculture as a freshman in the Burns Consolidated High School. That year his projects were: 7 head of registered Hampshire ewes and 1 ram, a laying flock of 50 birds, 6 hives of Italian bees and 20 acres of wheat. He continued expanding his farming

1954 American Farmer Class (continued)
 Harold Paul Heymann, Burns (continued)

program throughout his four years of FFA work in high school. Upon graduation from high school he went into a partnership with his father with all livestock and crops, and is at the present time managing and operating a 400 acre general farm in the Burns community. With the cooperation of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heymann, and the helpful counsel of his vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. A. W. Miller, he has developed his farming operations to include the following:

CATTLE

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 28 Hereford cows and calves
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 Holstein dairy cows
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9 Holstein heifers
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 22 feeder steers

SWINE:

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 108 Hampshire fattening shoats

POULTRY:

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 350 DeKalb laying hens
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 400 DeKalb pullets

BEEES:

All of 14 hives.

CROPS:

Alfalfa $\frac{1}{2}$ of 20 acres
 Clover $\frac{1}{2}$ of 28 acres
 Corn $\frac{1}{2}$ of 25 acres
 Meadow $\frac{1}{2}$ of 35 acres
 Wheat $\frac{1}{2}$ of 23 acres
 Kafir $\frac{1}{2}$ of 93 acres
 Pasture $\frac{1}{2}$ of 176 acres

Harold served as reporter, vice-president and president of the local FFA chapter, class officer four years, member of band and glee club four years, president of Hi-Y, class play two years, annual staff president, valedictorian of class, teacher of Sunday School class, secretary and treasurer of Sunday School, won the DeKalb award, delegate to State Convention of FFA three years, delegate to the State Hi-Y Legislature three years, member of FFA shop team which won 12th out of 108 participating teams, State Farmer, member of credit union, member of Farm Bureau, member of the board of directors of the local co-op and member of the National FFA Chorus two years.

Harold owns a half interest in most of the machinery and equipment on the farm. His net worth now exceeds \$15,000. He plans to keep on farming in partnership with his father and hopes some day to be able to purchase the home farm.

Billy Ray James - Clay Center Chapter

Billy Ray James joined the Future Farmers of America when he entered high school. In his freshman year he had a baby beef project and a gilt project. He was able to purchase two more gilts with money he had saved from his beef project so his program was broadened to include three breeding gilts, a boar and three baby beeves. When he sold the baby beeves and

1954 American Farmer Class (continued)
Billy Ray James, Clay Center (continued)

litters of pigs he purchased three registered Hereford heifers. Then, in partnership with his father he rented twenty-two acres of wheat and another project was born.

The next two years Billy rented sixty-three acres of wheat ground in partnership with his cousin and added three more baby beeves along with twenty-five acres of alfalfa rented from his father. He was selling the bull calves from his cows and saving the heifer calves. He purchased five more heifers to add to his herd and he and his father purchased a good herd bull. Billy also increased his baby beeves from three to eight and the next year to nine.

With the advice of his vocational adviser and father, Billy rented six acres of ground for sorgo for silage feed for his "hay burners", as his father called his increasing livestock herd. In Billy's own words, "You don't stop with one project. One thing seems to call for another and I began to work toward the State Farmer degree. I was serving my FFA chapter as vice-president and then president and when at last I received the State Farmer award I found that I was also elected to be the State President of the Kansas Association of the Future Farmers of America. What a great thrill that was! I felt that the old saying of 'Hitch your wagon to a star, crack your whip and there you are' was literally true. It really isn't that easy. You have to work hard and diligently and all of your efforts are not always crowned with success."

The calves Billy raised weren't always good enough to be used as breeders. These had to find their way into the feed lot so he began deferred feeding. During the past two years he has had ten head of deferred steers to feed out besides continuing with his registered beef herd. He now has thirty head of registered Herefords and is renting in cooperation with his father 320 acres of land on which he has 143 acres of wheat, 15 acres of oats, 45 acres of corn which the hail completely destroyed August 1, 25 acres of sorgo, 25 acres of alfalfa, and 20 acres of milo. They have built terraces, seeded waterways, built ponds and Billy has given many talks on soil conservation to various groups in the county and state. He is learning farming the practical way and appreciates the advice of his father and his vocational agriculture instructor.

"My one lonely little baby beef has grown up! Yes, he's grown up to be quite a good sized herd of 30 registered Herefords with wheat, oats, sorghums, corn and alfalfa to feed upon. I'm proud that I've grown, also. Grown from the little 'Green Hand' to Star Chapter Farmer, to State Farmer, and now----
AMERICAN FARMER!"

Gary J. Neilan - St. Francis Chapter

Gary Neilan lives on a 480 acre farm four miles north of St. Francis with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neilan. In addition to his farming interests on the home farm he rents an additional 160 acres of farm ground which he plants to wheat and sorghums.

Gary first ventured into the purebred cattle business by purchasing four registered Shorthorn heifers and half interest in a registered Shorthorn bull in 1948. Since that time he has continued to build up his herd until he now maintains a registered herd of around 30 head.

1954 American Farmer Class (continued)
Gary J. Neilan, St. Francis (continued)

During Gary's first year in vocational agriculture he added two choice females purchased at the Western Shorthorn Association sale in Denver, Colorado. One of these cows remains in his herd. The other, which he had the misfortune to lose, produced three fine heifers before her death. Included in the more recent purchases were two heifers, a cow, and a bull from the Cummings herd at Elizabeth, Colorado.

Gary does not raise bulls for sale, but finds a ready market for the type low-set steer calves.

The Duroc hog herd on the farm was converted to a registered purebred herd. Gary keeps five or six gilts each year for March farrowing. Heat lamps in the farrowing house were credited with saving every pig of the six litters farrowed last spring.

In addition to the Shorthorn cattle and Duroc hogs Gary owns six head of dairy stock. The two Brown Swiss now in production are the top producers on the farm.

Throughout his high school career Gary worked closely with his agriculture instructors in an effort to learn what agricultural practices would be best suited to his home farm. When the family began to talk "new barn" during his freshman year plans were secured from the vocational agriculture teacher and he was invited to the farm for his suggestions.

After studying the benefits of ensiling the sorghum crop an upright silo was the next improvement added to the farm and now provides succulent feed during the winter months. Since the acreage of native pasture is inadequate, rye pasture is used in spring and fall with sudan providing additional grazing during the summer.

Gary's FFA work has included being a member of the livestock judging team and serving as secretary and president of the local chapter. He entered the state FFA public speaking contest in 1952, placing second. He received the State Farmer degree at that convention and was elected treasurer of the Kansas Association. He attended the National FFA Convention in 1952 and 1953 as a Kansas delegate. In connection with his duties as a state officer he assisted with FFA leadership schools and was guest speaker at a number of FFA banquets.

Activities other than FFA that Gary has participated in are: church, school, and 4-H Club work. He was an honor student in school and received a highly superior rating in the state music contest his senior year.

Believing that a college education will help him best fill his place in the field of agriculture Gary is enrolled as a sophomore at Kansas State College.

KANSAS CHAPTERS WIN GOLD AND SILVER EMBLEM RATINGS

Kansas was represented in the 1954 National FFA Chapter Contest by the Atchison County Community High Chapter, Roy Eck, Adviser, and the Holton Chapter, Harold Gentry, Adviser. The Atchison County Community High Chapter won Gold Emblem classification, and the Holton Chapter won Silver Emblem classification.

The following is a brief list of activities engaged in by the Kansas Gold Emblem chapter winner.

Atchison County Community High Chapter - Roy Eck, Adviser

The chapter had a total membership of 85 with 67 enrolled in vocational agriculture classes.

A total of 477 home improvement projects were carried out by the chapter members averaging 7.1 per member. One thousand four hundred twenty-seven supplementary farm practices were carried with an average of 21.3 per member.

The chapter production from farming programs was 79,218 lbs. pork, 150,875 lbs. milk, 114,019 lbs. beef, 51,841 lbs. mutton, 523 lbs. wool, 2,262 lbs. poultry, 15,854 bu. corn, 3,260 bu. wheat, 4,451 bu. oats, 64½ tons hay, and 6,185.9 lbs. butterfat. The per cent of members with a feed crop was 95, 100% of members have full ownership of at least one productive project and 89% have two or more. Ninety-five and five-tenths per cent of members had at least one crop project and 100% of all members planned a four year farming program and completed their record books January 1, 1954, with an average of 3.73 productive project per member with an average labor income of \$428.46. The average net worth at the end of the year was \$1,154.02 per member.

Members repaired 461 implements and reconditioned 1,112 farm tools. The average number of machines repaired on the farm or in the vocational agriculture shop was 6.9. Members farmed 1,633 acres on the contour, built 11¼ miles of terrace conservation dams, seeded 1,121 acres to legumes and built 21 farm ponds.

One hundred per cent of the members took part in at least four cooperative activities in the chapter.

Seven tons of mineral was mixed and sold to members, \$137.55 worth of garden seed was purchased in bulk and sold to members. Fifty-five pounds of warfarin rat poison was purchased and mixed in classroom and sold to members. One hundred thirty dollars and twenty-five cents worth of medical supplies for livestock was purchased for members in large quantities. A saving of \$229.10 was realized through cooperative buying.

The chapter collected and sold 11 ton and 50 pounds of scrap iron, sponsored a pest eradication contest killing 6,351 rodents, put on two assembly programs and a fifteen minute radio broadcast on the local radio broadcasting station.

The freshman vocational agriculture class mixed and sold to members 7 tons of minerals as a class cooperative activity. The sophomore vocational agriculture class made 31 hog troughs and sold them as a cooperative activity. A five member body was elected and managed the operations. Dividends were paid to members buying shares.

Kansas Chapters Win Gold and Silver Emblem Ratings (continued)
Atchison County Community High Chapter (continued)

The chapter received the first place award in Kansas on the cooperative activities carried out. This contest was sponsored by the Kansas Cooperative Council. A concession stand was operated by 100% of members at the Atchison County four day fair as one of the money making activities.

As a community service the chapter tested 102 samples of seed for germination and purity, tested 542 samples of soil for lime and phosphate, castrated 524 hogs, 252 lambs and 96 calves for members and local farmers, vaccinated 111 hogs for hog cholera and 62 calves for blackleg, culled 2,670 chickens for local farmers and 5,620 chickens for parents, sponsored a safety campaign, put out a roadside oats and corn fertilizer plot.

The chapter leadership activities were as follows: held a chapter public speaking contest with 42 members giving 2, 5 and 10 minute speeches; was host to the Northeast Kansas District Public Speaking Contest. Gilmore Dahl won second place in the state public speaking contest; entered teams in all the district and state contests; held an annual Parent and Son Banquet, held a Father and Son Chili Supper; sent two delegates to the state FFA convention; paid expenses of six chapter officers to the National FFA Convention; initiated 100% of the freshmen vocational agriculture boys to the Green Hand degree using the official ritual and initiated 100% Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer degree; had five members receive the State Farmer degree.

For chapter publicity the chapter reporter wrote and had published 41 articles in the local paper, three articles published in state magazines and one article in a national magazine. One hundred per cent of members subscribed to the National FFA Magazine.

For recreation the chapter held an FFA basketball tournament, sponsored an all school party, held an over night fishing party, a raccoon hunt, softball game, stag party, tractor derby, two FFA date parties and had group singing at 85% of all regular meetings.

Regular chapter meetings were held every two weeks during the school year and one meeting a month during the summer.

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REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO THE 1954 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Nelson D. Galle:

It was my privilege to be one of the official delegates to the National FFA Convention for the second consecutive year. It was again held in Kansas City from October 11 to 14.

Some of the business that we discussed was to amend the constitution by stating that 3% instead of 2% of the total state membership may be elected to the State Farmer degree. There was a lot of discussion on this amendment. Finally a motion was made that it be put in the hands of the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors for further investigation.

Reports of Delegates to the 1954 National FFA Convention (continued)
Nelson D. Galle (continued)

I would like to thank the Kansas Association for sending me as a delegate. I enjoyed myself immensely and would encourage any boy who has not done so to attend the convention. The convention gives one a broader view of the national organization and gives him a feeling of pride that he is a member of the Future Farmers of America.

Dean Peter:

I am very grateful that it was my privilege to attend the 27th National Convention as a delegate for the Kansas Association of FFA. Because of my studies at Kansas State College I was able to attend the convention for the first two days only, but those two days enabled me to grasp the tremendous scale and scope of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

Attending the speech contest held on Monday evening with 6,000 in attendance, it was my privilege to hear the National FFA Band and Chorus, two groups of boys who are a real credit to our organization.

The sessions on Tuesday with such speakers as Wm. E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mr. W. A. Roberts, President of Allis-Chalmers, made me realize the high degree of interest people of important positions in industry and other walks of life have in our FFA organization. We can well be proud of this interest and should continue to uphold the high ideals of our organization.

Gilmore Dahl:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Kansas Association of FFA for the privilege of attending the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11 to 14, as an official state delegate. I truly believe that David Boyne, National President, and his fellow national officers started the second twenty-five years of FFA progress off in a very commendable manner as witnessed by those attending this 27th convention.

I think Kansas has the right to be proud of the showing it made on a national level, speaking of our seven American Farmers, our two entries in the National Better Chapter Contest and the fine showing made by our state judging teams.

We are fortunate to have the national convention held so near home. I want to encourage every Kansas FFA member to attend if at all possible. I think that by attending this convention you will have a better understanding of the work and scope of the organization and the pride in being a Future Farmer member.

REPORT OF DOWELL J. HOWARD, TREASURER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

(FFA Accounts audited by Leach, Calkins & Scott)

Summary of Audit

ASSETS:

Cash in bank		\$ 24,675.77
U. S. Savings Bonds	\$50,000.00	
Less: Reserve for unearned interest	<u>2,560.00</u>	47,440.00
Loan Receivable:		
"The National Future Farmer"		
Cash Advances	\$36,786.20	
Expenses Paid	<u>7,713.80</u>	<u>44,500.00</u>
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		<u>\$116,615.77</u>

OTHER ASSET:

Trademark		500.00
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FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:			
Land	\$12,343.23		
Buildings	15,317.16		
Equipment	<u>3,288.28</u>	\$30,948.67	
National Office:			
Furniture & Fixtures		<u>1,031.46</u>	<u>31,980.13</u>
			<u>\$149,095.90</u>

BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
JULY 1, 1954, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1955

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</u>
Dues	\$38,000.00
Royalties	20,000.00
Old Mill	2,000.00
Supply Service - Rent	1,500.00
Supply Service - Grant	7,500.00
Appropriate from Surplus	13,325.00
Miscellaneous	<u>125.00</u>
<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$82,450.00</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET APPROPRIATION</u>
Travel	\$20,400.00
Convention Expenses	15,790.00
American Farmer Keys	3,800.00
Printing	4,400.00
National Office Expense	20,860.00
National Camp	2,300.00
Judging Expenses	500.00
The National Future Farmer	10,000.00
Contingent	<u>4,400.00</u>
<u>Grand Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$82,450.00</u>

NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

A distinct honor, much hard work, and many thrills were accorded 122 FFA boys from 41 states and 116 FFA members from 38 states who comprised the 1954 National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus. Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Head Teacher Trainer, Pennsylvania State College, directed the Band, and Dr. James W. Hatch, State Department of Education, Albany, New York, directed the Chorus. This was the eighth year for Dr. Brunner as director of the Band, and the seventh year as director of the Chorus for Dr. Hatch.

Practice for both the Band and Chorus began at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 8, and from then until after the American Royal Ball for the Chorus and until after the opening evening Horse Show at the Royal for the Band, all members were kept extremely busy practicing, broadcasting, cutting records, and filling their program schedule. The high standard of performance on the part of both groups of musicians added greatly to the enjoyment of the National FFA Convention and did much to place the FFA in high esteem in the minds and hearts of the people of America.

The Chorus sang at the Grand Avenue Methodist Church in Kansas City on Sunday preceding the convention. Raymond Mabry, Kansas, for the third year served as pianist for the Chorus.

The Band members from Kansas were: Robert Berends, Garden City; Lanny Ross Brent, Alton; Kenneth Glasgow, Winfield; Jerry Akens, Downs.

Members of the Chorus from Kansas were: Thomas Kieffer, Belleville; Paul Kurtz, Alton; Perry Bemis, Hays; Bob Johnston, Eldorado; Johnnie Gaither, Columbus; Harold P. Heymann, Burns; Raymond Mabry, Little River, pianist.

Recordings of both the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus are available through Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Local chapters will find these FFA recordings of interest and they should prove to be very valuable in connection with the local FFA chapter meetings.

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1954 HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments to the FFA National Constitution and to the FFA Charter were brought before the House of Delegates and the following action was taken:

- I. Amend Article V, Section D, Item 9, by substituting "3%" in place of "2%". (Increase number of State Farmers.)

Action Taken: Referred to National Board of Student Officers and The National FFA Board of Trustees for further study.

- II. Amend Article VI, Section B, the second sentence to read "No additions or corrections will be accepted."

Action Taken: Passed the amendment.

- III. The suggested amendment to the FFA Charter was passed by the House of Delegates.

Noté: Proposed amendments listed in full on pp. 15-17 of the September 15, 1954, issue of The Kansas Future Farmer.

CONVENTION NOTES

The official attendance at the 1954 National FFA Convention was 9,077.

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BET ON AMERICA'S YOUTH - an editorial by Mr. Roy Roberts, president of The Kansas City Star Company, appears elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. Adult FFA leaders throughout the United States and our Insular Possessions appreciate Mr. Roberts' expression of confidence in the Future Farmers of America. We also appreciate the splendid reporting and coverage given our annual FFA conventions by the Kansas City Star. We commend Mr. Roberts' editorial to you, and know that you will be more proud than ever of being associated in a program of education that has the confidence and support of our industrial and agricultural leaders.

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OVERTIME, AND A LOSS OF 40 POINTS, is the reason so many teacher trainers and supervisors missed the boat in placing the FFA speech contestants. The boy who placed 5th was penalized for overtime. The late Senator Arthur Capper, Kansas, furnished the award money, \$1,000, for the first National FFA Speech Contest in 1929.

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MUSIC helped make the convention more enjoyable. Too much credit cannot be given Dr. Brunner and Dr. Hatch for their splendid leadership. These men take off their coats and go to work at 1:00 p.m. Friday before the convention opens on Monday and continue to work "round the clock" until the American Royal Horse Show Matinee, Saturday afternoon. Special numbers that appealed to your editor were: Ronny Fink and his trap drums, Emden Chapter, Illinois; Marimba solo by Donald Stapleton, Dallas Chapter, Oregon; Charles Counts, Ocala Chapter, Florida, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" at the Butler Breakfast; Tommy Sanguinetti, Linden Chapter, California, on his accordian; and the accompanying of the Chorus and special musical numbers by Raymond Mabry, Little River Chapter, Kansas. Dr. Brunner in a letter of October 19, 1954, writes: "Lanny Brent, Alton Chapter, Kansas, carried an important responsibility in the clarinet section this year, and did it very well. I told the band a number of times during rehearsals that this clarinet section was the best one we have ever had - and Lanny's good work was a real help."

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KANSAS CITY went all out in publicizing the FFA convention. The light pole signs advertising the American Royal were backed by FFA signs calling attention to the convention. Two banks, Home Federal & Savings, 10th & Grand, and Grand Avenue Bank, 18th & Grand, had window decorations carrying an FFA theme.

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SANTA FE AWARD - Ten out-of-school FFA members were selected by the state staff to receive the Santa Fe trip award to the National FFA Convention. The boys have to live in territory served by the Santa Fe. Members selected were Lynn Perkins, Howard; John Milton, Ottawa; Ron McKinnie, Beloit; Paul Faidley, Clay Center; Rex Bolack, Winfield; Bob Sears, Eureka; Lynn Reed, Belleville; Neil DeWerff, Ellinwood; Ray Hilts, Cherryvale; and Paul Hansen, Chanute.

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BURLINGTON LINES - Each year the Burlington Railroad Company makes an award to the Kansas Association of FFA for the chapters in the territory served by this company - money to be used for the betterment of the chapter.

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WEBSTER TENNEY wrote the script for the pageant dramatizing the FFA Creed. The pageant was presented Wednesday. The cast was ably assisted by the FFA Band and Chorus. The entire program was well received by the 5,000 audience present. Thanks to a busy man and his cooperators.

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APPROXIMATELY 1,700 FFA members made the tour trips despite some rain and much wind.

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HAWAIIAN ASSOCIATION furnished a beautiful exhibit of native flowers for the Little Theatre. Also the FFA headquarters hotel was favored with a bouquet of flowers native to Hawaii. Much interest was manifest throughout the convention in the flower exhibits from the Hawaiian Association.

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RETURN OF FFA delegate Takumi Kono, Hawaii, was a welcome surprise. Takumi was a delegate to the national convention in 1946. He at present is a field assistant in agricultural education for his government.

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AUSTRALIA is an interesting land and Texas will have to look to its laurels, according to Mr. Julius Barton and Mrs. Barton of Australia. The Bartons are studying agriculture at Ohio State and visited the National FFA Convention to broaden their concepts of agricultural education in America. Mr. Barton reported that Australia is larger than the United States, has a total population of 8,000,000, and that one cattle station (ranch) in the section from which he came consists of two million acres - this is more land area than is found in Belgium. Kangaroo hunting is one of their enjoyable sports. Shooting is a method used by most persons, but the more daring ride alongside on horseback, grab the beast by the tail and spill him on his head. We thought that would be fun UNTIL Mr. Barton told how a full grown kangaroo could with a swipe of his hind leg disembowel a man - then we decided to settle for another round of doughnuts and coffee.

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EXHIBIT - Kansas had an electric slide machine showing colored pictures of the FFA program in the state.

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AMERICAN FARMERS: Texas with 38, North Carolina with 22, and Illinois and Georgia tied with 17 led the list of states in number of successful American Farmer Degree candidates. Kansas was proud to have 7 - our largest American Farmer class to date.

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CHAPTER AWARDS - Of the 8,793 FFA chapters in the National Organization 99 were recognized in the Chapter Contest. We were sorry not to have the Kansas winners present to receive their awards. Their absence resulted from a switch in the convention program, occasioned by the inability of the Secretary of State to be present.

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FIRE RUN - The fire lads made a run to the trash room in the Municipal Auditorium during the closing of the Star Farmer Award program. We were late and arrived with the fire company - and when we saw that crowd of 9,000 people in the auditorium we were mighty thankful no one in the audience was aware of the excitement. The auditorium is 100 per cent fireproof - but no one knows what might happen with a crowd of that size.

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CALENDAR - The Osborne Company presented the original oil painting of last year's FFA calendar to the National Organization of FFA. The National Organization now has all the original oils that have been used for FFA calendars. The 1955 painting "Soil Builders" cost \$1,200 which is about half what the charge would have been to anyone other than the FFA. During the past year 170,000 calendars were sold, grossing \$123,000.

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PRESERVICE TEACHERS meeting was a big success. Fifteen seniors in agricultural education at Kansas State attended and were high in their praise of the meeting.

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FFA FOREIGN EXCHANGE - Don Travis and Billy Gunter went to Europe to become better acquainted with agricultural, social and economic problems, while Hywel Jones and William Wannop of England and Wales came to the United States to learn more about rural America. Beginning in 1955 this program will be stepped up to four FFA boys each year, one from each region.

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FRIENDLY NATIONS having representatives present at the FFA convention who were called to the rostrum for recognition were: Australia, Bolivia, Iran, Formosa, Phillipines, Japan, Germany. Furthering of good will and mutual understanding is the prime purpose of our exchange program.

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INSPIRATION: Many people consider the Massing of the Flags ceremony in connection with the Star Farmer program to be the high inspirational point of the entire convention. In our books the American Farmer Degree ceremony is a very close second. When former Senator Harry Darby introduced Senator Frank Carlson (both of Kansas) on the Tuesday afternoon program, the FFA Band, the FFA Chorus, the House of Delegates, and 359 American Farmer Degree candidates - approximately 700 FFA members - practically filled the "pit" of the auditorium with uniformed FFA members. One will have to travel far to find a more inspirational picture than the one comprised of 700 FFA boys in their official uniforms.

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SPEAKER'S STAND - The Rock Gap Chapter, Virginia, presented the National Organization of FFA with a beautiful speaker's stand to be used at the National FFA Conventions. In building the stand 240 pieces of 38 different kinds of wood were used.

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PLASTIC HEREFORD BULL - During the FFA convention, unnoticed by most persons in attendance, the Hereford Association of America hoisted a plastic Hereford bull atop the 90-foot pylon at the new American Hereford Association Building near Eleventh and Jefferson Streets. The bull is 11-feet 8-inches tall, measures 19 feet 7 inches from nose tip to tail root. The bull was constructed of 4,500 pounds of steel and 1,000 pounds of outdoor plastic resin reinforced with fiberglass mat. It has no external bracing. The stomach opens like bombay doors for servicing. The bull will be illuminated from within and is equipped with a lightning rod and two red aircraft clearance lights mounted on his stern. He has been tested for 110 pounds wind pressure and hail storms. Because Herefords helped to build American agriculture we think this "ghost rider in the sky" is properly located, and we hope the next time FFA boys come to Kansas City they will take time to see the plastic Hereford bull.

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DIRECTOR WALTER ARNOLD and Mrs. Arnold, Kansas, attended the FFA convention. This was their first trip to the FFA convention. Director Arnold states that he hopes next year to have the entire vocational staff at Topeka spend at least one day at the convention.

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FFA FOUNDATION, INC., completed its 10th year in 1954. The Foundation has been of great help to the FFA program throughout the nation. Six men, either former or present chairmen of the sponsoring committee of the FFA Foundation, were given plaques by David Boyne, National FFA President, at the sixth session of the convention. The men present to receive their plaques were: W. A. Roberts, president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, chairman this year; Chester H. Lang, vice-president of the General Electric Company; Roger M. Kyes, vice-president of the General Motors Corporation; Raymond C. Firestone, executive vice-president of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; John Kraft, president of the Kraft Foods Company; and Frank Jenks, vice-president of the International Harvester Company.

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BOB FELLER of the Cleveland Indians spoke to FFA members who were fortunate enough to be at the Butler breakfast. Needless to state he was an instant hit with not only the FFA boys but with the invited adult leaders as well.

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DR. W. T. SPANTON completed his 13th year in the capacity of adviser at our National FFA Conventions. At each of the eight sessions of the convention you would find "Bill" comfortably adjusted in the chair at the Adviser's Station. Dr. Spanton has been a vital and moving force in the development of the total program of vocational agriculture and has contributed excellent

Convention Notes (continued)

leadership to the Future Farmers of America. He and his staff exemplify the highest ideals of the FFA - they cooperate, have boundless enthusiasm and energy, plan their work and get things done.

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DR. S. M. BROWNELL, U. S. Commissioner of Education, admonished the FFA members to assist in meeting the problem of rural educational facilities. He stated that it is essential that educational facilities in America's rural areas must keep pace with improvements in farming itself if the nation's agriculture is to prosper.

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YOUR EDITOR had his first experience in working with rural youth at Kansas City in 1925 when he assisted Ray Cuff, George Catts, et al, with the National Vocational Agricultural Congress. He was present at the organization of the FFA in 1928, and has attended and assisted in a small way with every National Convention except in 1946 when illness prevented his attendance. We never fail to marvel at the splendid development of the Future Farmers of America, and each year thrill to the recital of their accomplishments. We defy anyone to find a better behaved group of young men anywhere than those in attendance at the 1954 FFA Convention - and their accomplishments speak for the worthwhileness of the program they represent. Our hats are off to the workers in the field of agricultural education who took an idea and developed it to the present enviable position occupied by the Future Farmers of America Organization.

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LOUISIANA: The Natchitoches Chapter FFA parliamentary law team won first place in the state in 1954. This team gave a demonstration before the Louisiana House of Representatives.

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NEBRASKA: The Nebraska City Chapter held initiation for Green Hands October 2. The candidates wore the clothes assigned by the chapter officers and were given a mark with lipstick whenever they made a mistake in reciting the Creed. Formal initiation followed the recitation of the FFA Creed.

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VIRGINIA: Future Farmers of America chapters in the Roanoke area have a regular monthly program on Roanoke WSLS-TV. Each chapter in the area will be responsible for a program the first Tuesday of each month.

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MONTANA: The Fergus Chapter decided to buy a rock picker. To finance the purchase the hay baler will be sold. The rock picker has a hydraulic attachment to work from the tractor. Members felt that a rock picker would make the chapter more money as it can be used at least eight months a year while the baler can only be used about three months.

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BET ON AMERICA'S YOUTH

By Roy Roberts *

Somehow we always feel better after the FFA boys have been in town. They give us a lift. We candidly admit it. You are always reading about juvenile delinquency. You hear about the younger generation not being willing to stand on its own, looking for the easy way of government help, about its lack of burning ambition to drive ahead with individual initiative--the way America was built.

You wonder, as the entire world slides slowly but surely to the left, whether our nation may be headed for the bow-wows. You ask yourself where the leadership for the future is coming from.

Then this fine army of young men comes to town--more than 8,000 of them. It's just about the finest group of youth that could be assembled, fun-loving but orderly and serious-minded, with the pride in their vocation and a vision and determination for the future. Well, it simply renews your faith in your country and where it is going.

The Future Farmers of America that gathers here once a year is the most valuable convention we have, not in dollars and cents but in its significance. These boys are not average or possibly not even typical. They come from every state and every territory. They are the chosen out of the hundreds of thousands in this fine organization, built around farm youth. But, they represent leadership. You feel it and sense it as you mingle with them.

The American heritage of opportunity and achievement with the main reliance on self-initiative is safe in the hands of such leadership for the future. They are a living, moving testimonial that the United States is still the land of opportunity, even in agriculture which in these past few years has been facing more difficult problems than any other segment of our economic life.

The story of the young man--Burd Schantz--who was named Star Farmer of America for the year is a moving recital. A Pennsylvania Dutch boy, he lives back on a small farm with his mother as his chief backer. He started out in a small way with chickens. But he wanted to grow, so he set his sights on a dairy herd, saved pennies and dollars until he could buy one cow. That was the start.

He kept buying more cows from the profits until he had a fine, paying herd and an investment today of more than \$30,000. How old is he? Just 20. And he has done all this along with going to school and helping his mother since he was 13. What is he going to do for the future--just keep on expanding. That's the way America was built to its greatness of today.

To achieve all this Burd had to have something on the ball, as well as determination. That goes without saying. But he made his own opportunity. He had the benefit of the vocational agriculture training which is the very keystone upon which the Future Farmers organization is built. He worked with the county farm advisers. He picked his heifers carefully, kept only such cows for his herd as were demonstrated by scientific records to be most profitable.

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Bet on America's Youth (continued)

You don't wonder that he made a great success when you read the citation given him which states that his herd averaged 510.9 pounds of butter fat production last year. Average butter fat production of Missouri herds, for example, was only about 185 pounds. You don't have to diagram what happened. The stories of the three Star Regional Farmers are almost a duplicate but in different fields of agriculture.

The great strength of this Future Farmers movement grows from fundamentals. It stirs pride in farming as an occupation. Every year it holds before the farm youth of America by states, regions and nation the fact that this is still the land of opportunity. The young men run their own show with the government's part being advice and sympathetic assistance. That's as it should be--not regimentation.

Sensing the soundness of the approach, the Future Farmers Foundation, which observed its tenth anniversary this last week, puts up the money for all the awards from state to national. They are given in the name of the foundation, not in the names of the individual companies or sponsors. Sitting on the platform this last week at one of the sessions were some of the foundation leaders, one of the strongest groups of industrialists in the aggregate that could be gathered together. Most of them came up the hard way themselves.

They get no financial gain out of it at all. But they do have the satisfaction of helping stimulate by incentive awards the spirit of self-enterprise. That, also, is as it should be, the American way.

Of course, as our civilization gets more complex, along with new notions of parental control in the home, we do have growing problems of juvenile delinquency, especially in the cities. This is no effort to minimize that problem. We are old-fashioned enough to believe a larger dosage of church and home would help.

But, by and large, the young folks of today are O. K. as we see it. They know a lot more about the facts of life than we old folks did at their age, we admit. They have much broader interests. We will bet on them. The future isn't going to the dogs. Certainly such an inspirational group as our fine FFA visitors this last week renews our faith.

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CALIFORNIA: Thirty Holtville FFA boys, dads and friends took an outing on the Colorado River northwest of Yuma, Arizona. Fishing, swimming, water skiing and eating were principal sports. Keith Mets, local rancher and member of the state advisory committee for the high school vocational agriculture program, provided some hundred pounds of T-bones for barbecuing.

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TEXAS: The Lower Pease River Soil Conservation District played host to the first grass judging contest in that area in September and plans to make this event an annual affair.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

In all of the contests, state teams were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention or Participation, in that order. The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$10,000.00 for plaques, certificates and cash awards to state teams, the cash awards to be pro-rated on the distance teams must travel to reach the contest. Plaques were awarded Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem and Bronze Emblem teams. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participating teams and individuals. Appropriate medals were awarded Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem and Bronze Emblem individuals.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 13-14, 1954

Poultry Judging Contest: (36 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Belleville team, Carl Beyer, Adviser, was one of seven states winning Gold Emblem Classification.*

Individual Placings: Lynn Reed, Franklin Burandt, Gerald Holmberg, Gold Emblem.

Livestock Judging Contest: (41 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Winfield team won Bronze Emblem Classification. Ira Plank and John Lowe, Advisers.

Individual Placings: Jim Clark, Gold Emblem; Ronald Shoup, Bronze Emblem, Glen Stevenson, Honorable Mention.

Meats Identification Contest: (28 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Yates Center team won Silver Emblem Classification. Don W. Brock, Adviser.

Individual Placings: Arthur Tannahill, Gary Sullivan, Silver Emblem; Bill Ireland, Bronze Emblem.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 4-5, 1954

Dairy Cattle Judging: (41 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Pretty Prairie team won Bronze Emblem Classification. Powell Heide, Adviser.

Individual Placings: Homer Goering, Silver Emblem; Janver Krehbiel, Reed Graber, Honorable Mention.

Judging Dairy Products: (30 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Clay Center team won Gold Emblem Classification. Ray W. Morrison, Adviser.

Individual Placings: Dean Faidley, Gold Emblem; Jim McChesney, Arthur Benson, Silver Emblem.

*This is the third time the Belleville team has entered the National FFA Judging Contests. Each time the team representing Belleville won Gold Emblem Classification. They competed in Livestock in 1948, Dairy in 1949 and Poultry in 1954.

FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1954 STATE FAIRS

FFA exhibits at both the Topeka and Hutchinson State Fairs attracted wide and favorable attention. The following rankings were given the competing chapters.

AT THE TOPEKA FREE FAIR

Booth Exhibits:

- 1st place - Ottawa Chapter, S. S. Bergsma, Adviser
Theme: This Marvelous Machine Age
- 2nd place - Washburn Chapter, Charles Ross, Adviser
Theme: Wheat Heart of America
- 3rd place - Marion Chapter, Robert C. Stephens, Adviser
Theme: Farm Electrification
- 4th place - Silver Lake Chapter, Dean M. Prochaska, Adviser
Theme: A Century of Progress in Farm Living
- 5th place - Hiawatha Chapter, Ralph M. Arnold, Adviser
Theme: A Century of Progress in Swine Production
- 6th place - Seaman Chapter, Marvin Smith, Adviser
Theme: Farm Management Does Pay
- 7th place - Harveyville Chapter, Duane McCune, Adviser
Theme: One Hundred Years Progress in Weed Control
- 8th place - Rossville Chapter, Ira Williams, Adviser
Theme: One Hundred Years of Soil Use
- 9th place - Sabetha Chapter, H. R. Pollock, Adviser
Theme: A Century of Beef Cattle Feeding
- 10th place - Holton Chapter, Harold Gentry, Adviser
Theme: One Hundred Years Progress in Dairying

AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSON

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Salina, William D. Smith, Adviser
- 2nd place - Jetmore, George Turnbull, Jr., Adviser
- 3rd place - Kingman, Virgil Lake, Adviser
- 4th place - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Adviser
- 5th place - Winfield, Ira L. Plank and John Lowe, Advisers
- 6th place - Marion, Robert C. Stephens, Adviser
- 7th place - Trousdale, James T. Grider, Adviser
- 8th place - Ellsworth, Lester L. Crandall, Adviser
- 9th place - Moundridge, Willard L. Obley, Adviser
- 10th place - Beloit, Frank Carpenter, Adviser

Booth Exhibits:Central Area

- 1st place - Reno County (also Grand Champion Booth)
(prepared by Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser)

Western Area

- 1st place - Comanche County
(prepared by Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser)

EXCERPTS FROM MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
JULY 28-30, 1954

FFA PINS:

Board accepted recommendation of the Board of Student Officers that the Balfour Company be permitted to manufacture officer pins for Chaplain and Parliamentarian

NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE:

Subscriptions for 1953-54 totaled 146,777 with 35 state offices collecting subscriptions...Editor Barron reported that Texas has announced 100 per cent participation in magazine subscriptions for 1954-55. This will mean 37,000 subscriptions. North Carolina expects 100 per cent participation with 20,000 subscriptions ...A problem in the circulation department is that of securing full and correct addresses of subscribers - local advisers can help here - a recent check on a sparsely settled state revealed that 59 addresses had been submitted with post offices that did not exist...On the basis of a recent survey, each issue of The National Future Farmer is being read by three-quarters of a million people...The magazine will continue to be published in October, January, April and July...The magazine headquarters will remain at Alexandria, Virginia.

FFA SUPPLY SERVICE:

Total sales for the year ending June 30, 1954, were \$756,004.28, an 8 per cent increase over previous year...57,429 official FFA jackets were sold...Sweetheart jackets sold total \$2,200.00...Christmas cards numbers 50 and 650 will be made available to state FFA associations, chapters and members - orders to arrive at the Supply Service not later than November 15...A new lightweight jacket for advisers is available, price \$5.95...A year ago the Board recommended the discontinuance of sale of denim jackets and trousers. The denim jacket is a popular item - 630 having been sold during the past year. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers and authorized the Supply Service to stock denim jackets...A permanent type building is needed at the FFA camp to house the Supply Service and the Future Farmer Magazine. It was agreed that a payment of 2 per cent of the gross income of the Supply Service be made to state associations and 1 per cent of the gross income be placed in a reserve fund - several states use this money for expenses in sending boys to the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus...Recommendations of the Board of Student Officers that each state be limited to recommending one, and only one, candidate for a national office was accepted...The degree of Honorary American Farmer will be conferred upon teachers of vocational agriculture, state supervisors of agriculture and teacher trainers regardless of whether or not they can attend the National Convention...The Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers that the FFA increase the number of foreign exchange students from two to four - one coming from each region - beginning in June, 1955.

CHAPTER NEWS

CONCORDIA: The Concordia FFA Chapter had five acres of oats and five acres of corn for a cooperative project. The oats were harvested during July and made 50 bushels to the acre. We sold them for \$135 and the straw for \$15... We cultivated our top planted corn two times and put sodium chloride on the Johnson Grass. This worked very well. The state weed supervisor recommended that we plow early this fall to kill the Johnson Grass...We plan to plant ten acres of oats next year...We have shucked our corn and are going to feed it to four head of feeder pigs. The pigs are going to be a cooperative project of the FFA and a local feed store. Darrel Basnett, a Green Hand, is going to furnish the labor for the project...Seven members were raised to the Green Hand degree and 14 members were raised to Chapter Farmer degree. There are 54 members in our chapter...Our chapter cleared about \$65 this year on printing the school's homecoming programs...Some of the shop jobs this year are one 10' by 12' brooder house, one portable loading chute, two gates, overhauled one car, three carry-alls for Fords, and one 30' elevator.

Jim Walker, Reporter

KIOWA: Two of our registered Duroc gilts farrowed a total of 17 pigs. We weaned 15 pigs October 11 from these two sows. Our intentions are to sell 12 pigs as feeders and fatten out 3 barrows...We held our first night meeting October 11. Our president appointed a committee to select a date for the Green Hand degree and to take care of the details for the ceremony...Community services that we have completed this year are: Cleaned up the park after our Labor Day celebration, moved the bleachers from the softball park to the football field, and constructed two FFA signs which are 4x5 feet and painted national blue and corn gold...We are digging a well at our FFA lots which we intend to use for irrigation. City water furnishes us with stock water, but this dry year indicated that we needed a source of water for keeping our pasture green and growing. We have hit a water vein and expect to go to a depth of 40 to 45 feet to insure adequate water supply...Dues to the chapter were set at two dollars per member. This will pay local, state, national dues and subscription for one year to the national FFA magazine. Our chapter will have twenty-four members this year. Our program of work has been assigned to the various committees and most of the committees have completed their selection of activities and returned them to the secretary.

Fred Landis, Reporter

BLUE MOUND: The FFA members had a watermelon feed August 16 to get acquainted with the freshmen boys...During the month of August we played softball games with LaCygne and Louisburg...There are thirty members in the chapter this year. Committees and members are working on the annual program of work...Vocational Agriculture III has built sawhorses for the shop and have been laying out contour lines. Vocational Agriculture II and III installed a sink, water fountain, and built a laboratory in the vocational agriculture classroom. We have made new spacing for old tools and places for new tools in the tool cabinet...Several field trips were taken this fall.

Charles Weber, Reporter

ALTOONA: The chapter is now planning its annual pie supper. We will have a cake walk, cider stands, sweetheart contest, and end up the evening with the pie supper. The FFA boys will furnish the program...In our shop we are making two trailers and one land drag. Many of the boys are repairing old machinery.

Kenneth L. Streets, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

EMPORIA: On October 12 forty-five members of the Emporia Chapter boarded a special car on the Santa Fe Railroad and headed for Kansas City to attend the National FFA Convention...This fall the Emporia Chapter initiated seventeen Green Hands, making a total of 72 members...Seventy boys and girls enjoyed a hayrack ride to the Reading State Lake, north of Emporia, on September 21. Hot dogs and pop were served as refreshments...Several years ago the Emporia Chapter started a swine program. The chapter purchases a registered boar which a member keeps. At the end of a year the boar becomes the property of that member and a new registered boar is purchased by the chapter. This year's boar, purchased at the Huston Duroc Sale, is on the farm of Neil Jacobs, an Emporia Green Hand.

Paul Beyer, Reporter

OXFORD: We have 17 members in our chapter of which eight are freshmen...This year we have surveyed about a mile of terrace and built about one-half mile of terrace with a mowboard plow...We remodeled our squeeze chute that we built last year and plan to rent it out to farmers...We are planning a donkey basketball game in late November...We plan to have a joint meeting with Udall in the near future.

Johnnie Martin, Reporter

MEADE: The FFA held its annual Green Hand Degree ceremony for the new members of FFA. One hundred per cent of the vocational agriculture members were present. Cokes and doughnuts were served after the initiation...The FFA donated \$15.00 to the United Fund drive, made \$250.00 selling magazine subscriptions, and made \$31.00 at the concession stand...The 28 members in FFA will start a rodent contest at the next meeting in November...The sophomore class is filling out the program of work...Each class in vocational agriculture will go to each boy's home to observe their farming programs.

Arlen Blattner, Reporter

OSBORNE: On July 26 two carloads of our members left for a trip to Colorado. Each boy contributed \$6.00 for gasoline and oil expense, paid their own meals at restaurants, and camped out at night. The 1400-mile trip cost each boy on an average of \$25.00 and everyone enjoyed himself...Our chapter held a watermelon feed and get-acquainted meeting on August 9 with a free movie for all prospective vocational agriculture students, new students, and teachers...Our chapter attended the state fair at Hutchinson using the school bus for transportation. James Storer entered his Duroc hogs in the open class at the fair, winning one second, two fourths, and two sevenths...On October 14 twelve members were advanced to the Chapter Farmer Degree. They were Eugene Berry, Gary Bliss, Howard Guyer, Edmond Conway, Raymond Conway, Merlin Kaser, Bill O'Connor, Larry Robinson, Doyle Waggle, Milton Zimmerman, Edward Miller, and Bernard Henke...We built a concrete floor in the school lunch building at the football field. A stock rack and grain box for pickup were built for a farmer, and we have shocked feed for community service.

Tom Wristen, Reporter

LIBERAL: We started activities for FFA by having a hamburger fry and watermelon feed for our members...Jerry Brown showed his Angus heifer at the Hutchinson State Fair...Several beef creep feeders are being built in our shop and two of the boys are building trailers.

Charles Freeman, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SUBLETTE: We have 31 members enrolled in the Sublette Chapter of FFA...We plan to make and sell creep feeders, rope halters, and gate tighteners...For the members who do not have a project we plan to set up a cooperative system so these members can have a farm project...During the summer we painted the shop and shop equipment, using a factory color scheme of ivory, green and orange.

Jack Wallace, Reporter

BIRD CITY: The Bird City FFA Chapter held its first regular meeting of the school year on September 1 and elected chapter officers for this year... Among the projects carried out during the first month of school was shocking feed for local farmers. The chapter earned \$81 to help finance a trip to the Denver National Western Livestock Show...We have ordered Christmas cards to sell in the community...Program of work committees have been appointed in preparing our annual program of work and a committee is at work preparing for Green Hand installation.

Christopher Sherer, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our first activity was the county fair. Our fair booth theme was "Utilize Your Roughage with a Beef Cow Herd"...We entered our registered Duroc herd boar in the school parade, several members won blue ribbons in livestock, crops and shop displays...We also helped sponsor the tractor driving rodeo...Our FFA chapter is cooperating with a corn company in holding the district corn show in Washington...We attended the Narka, Kansas, Fat Barrow Show during August and won first place as a team...Fourteen boys have a total of 26 registered Duroc gilts and sows...The FFA chapter gave three freshmen boys a 50 pound registered Duroc gilt with the agreement that they give back a 50 pound gilt from the first litter...Thirty-five boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture with 16 freshmen...We sponsored the football programs by selling advertisements to business men down town...A lunch stand was operated at the county fair and at all football games...A pencil machine has been placed in the study hall.

Martyn Apley, Reporter

McCUNE: We held our chapter fair October 2 in connection with the McCune Fall Festival. We had the following exhibits: 8 dairy cattle, 11 beef cattle, 5 horses, 10 sheep, 9 hogs, 32 farm mechanics items and 61 crop samples...Our Parent-Son Banquet is planned for December 7...A power hack saw and drill press was added to our shop this year.

Wayne Bennett, Reporter

ABILENE: Chapter members have culled 310 hens during the class work and have tested 57 samples of soil...Shop jobs completed or under way are: 3 feed bunks, 1 feed rack, 3 2-wheel trailers, 1 4-wheel trailer, 2 gates, and 1 car painted...At our last regular meeting Mr. Jack Grubb from the Mid-West Mills discussed feed constituents and their use in commercial feeds...We are taking orders for Christmas cards and plans are under way for a barn dance in November.

Duane Neaderhiser, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

POWHATTAN: We are planning our third annual Barn Warmer for November 19 at the school gym...We have ten new Green Hand candidates this year...Some of our farm mechanics projects are: two-wheel trailers, repaired corn picker, repaired combine, flat bed trailer, creep feeders, hog troughs, barrel stands, feed bunks, electric fence posts made from dump rake teeth, etc.

Pete Schuetz, Reporter

WILSON: We held our annual watermelon feed August 18. Seven prospective freshman boys were guests. These same boys will receive their Green Hand Degree on October 25...Our chapter has purchased an FFA banner for the classroom. Our officers have received new official FFA jackets...Several new pieces of shop equipment were installed in our shop this summer, including a floor saw, gas forge and numerous hand tools. All equipment and the classroom were newly painted over the summer...We have 19 FFA members this year.

Robert Peirano, Reporter

HILL CITY: Our chapter held its annual watermelon feed on August 23 to become better acquainted with the freshman boys...At our September meeting we held the Green Hand Degree work with 11 vocational agriculture I boys receiving the degree...For our October meeting the program will be on the FFA organization. Our parents are invited to attend the October meeting. It is hoped that the program will better inform the parents about the FFA...We are planning a carnival in the near future.

Reno Hildebrand, Reporter

CLAFLIN: The Claflin Chapter had its annual fishing trip this summer. It was a two day trip to Kanopolis Lake. About 75 per cent of the members attended...We are planning on starting a gilt ring this year. It was voted at our last meeting to buy a purebred Berkshire gilt, give it to a freshman, and have him return two gilts out of the litter...Our chapter is sponsoring six lyceum programs this year as a money making project...We had our Green Hand Degree ceremony at our October meeting. Ten boys received their degrees. Our guest speaker at this meeting was Tapeswar Kashyap, an International Farm Youth Exchange student from India.

Kenneth C. Seyfert, Reporter

BURLINGTON: We have 18 members enrolled in vocational agriculture and 32 members are in FFA...We worked on our football field goal posts and put them up for this season...Each officer had to work out a certain activity for our program of work, which is due in the state office November 1...The prospective Green Hands will receive their degrees at a school assembly.

Don Sobba, Reporter

DOWNNS: About a week before school started our chapter held its annual watermelon feed at Tanis's Pond...The freshman students received their Green Hand Degree at our third October meeting...Our chapter held the annual FFA Chili Supper for our dads, and it was a big success...Our chapter has several good money making activities. We are shocking feed for farmers and making concrete hog troughs to sell...Our chapter has three gilts available to three FFA students. They must keep an accurate record of feeding, return to the chapter one gilt at weaning age from the first litter and one barrow weighing 150 pounds from the second litter.

LeRoy Hake, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

LAKIN: The boys in first year vocational agriculture are working on the skill chart (square cuts, layout sawblade, sharpening knives, bits, etc.)...Committees have been appointed and are working on the chapter program of work for the coming year...Shop projects started this fall are: Dwane Sauer, horse trailer; Charlie Moore, feed bunk; Jerry Campbell, implement trailer; Tom Claar, two-wheel trailer; Jerry McCoy, teeter-totters for city park; Eddie Kunza, three sousaphone chairs; Maurice Kash, calf feeder; Willis Carter, feed bunk.

Jerry Campbell, Reporter

INMAN: For the Inman Fair the chapter made a home-made merry-go-round. A rear end of an old Hudson mounted on a bull wheel, two 20 ft. 2" pipes, some reducing gear, $\frac{1}{2}$ horse motor, 4 seats made from ply board, and we were in business...Our program of work is progressing very nicely, and we hope to have it in to the state office by November 1.

Bob Schmidt, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: We have 33 active members in vocational agriculture this year, with eight preparing to become Green Hands and nine preparing for the Chapter Farmer Degree...We have a new Fordomatic pickup this year...Some of the projects started in shop so far are: bale elevator, two self feeders for hogs, a harrow for a three point hitch, a fence gate, two dehorning chutes, an "A" type hog house, and a two-wheel trailer...We are enlarging our treasury by running concessions at football and basketball games and cleaning and treating seed wheat.

Jerry Becker, Reporter

NEODESHA: Our chapter has recently bought a Sno-Kone machine. It is proving to be very profitable at the concession stand...Five gilts will be available to the freshman class this year from last year's pig ring. Our chapter is going to buy five more gilts to distribute to the chapter members...Several boys entered their projects at the Twin-Valley Fair and took blue ribbons...Our chapter is planning an FFA Barn Warmer for October 26...Some of the major shop projects we have started are six cattle feeders, one four-wheel trailer, three two-wheel trailers, ten gates, one loading chute, and repairing a disc... We have 26 Chapter Farmers and 13 Green Hands in our chapter this year.

Charles Dixon, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Our chapter won a blue ribbon on our booth at the FFA fair. We displayed different kinds of grasses. The theme of the booth was "Regrass to Save the Plains"...Fred and Loren Robinson, Dell Pomeroy, and Don Keeten displayed sorghums at the fair; Don Keeten, corn; and Elden Odle, corn and Fulton oats...The chapter will hold a scrap iron drive on September 14, 1954.

Dick Miller, Reporter

BAZINE: The Bazine Chapter has 24 members this year...Terry Antenen from our chapter won first at the Ness County Fair with his portable corrals and loading chute.

Merlyn Cox, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ROSE HILL: On September 8 we held our annual watermelon feed. There were 49 present. Prizes were awarded to those boys who had exhibited shop projects at the county fair. Those receiving prizes were Bill Dunnell, Jerry Dunnell, Larry Webster, Marion Futhey, Willard Templin, Leland Cox, and Fred Reschke... New equipment purchased for the shop includes two arc welders and a radial arm saw.

Richard Pearson, Reporter

NORTON: During the Norton County Fair we had a pop stand in the area of the livestock barns which made cold drinks available to the people handling livestock at the fair, and made a \$44 profit for our chapter... Since school started, we have shocked feed and have made about \$29 for the chapter... A watermelon feed this month will welcome our 21 freshmen enrolled in vocational agriculture. With 47 enrolled in vocational agriculture this year, we are looking forward to a large and active FFA chapter.

Larry Harman, Reporter

ALMA: We have 26 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture with an active membership of 31 in FFA... Our chapter made \$25.00 from the sale of advertisements on football programs given out at home football games... Our pest eradication contest is to start November 1. The freshmen have challenged the upper-classmen. The losing side will treat the winners... On September 23 the juniors of our FFA chapter presented a TV show on the WIBW-TV Farm Features program, featuring the deferred feeding system of beef cattle production... Some of the FFA members sold magazine subscriptions to aid in the purchase of their own personal FFA jackets, pins, etc... Our Green Hand Degree was held for 12 freshmen on the evening of October 19 in the ag room of the high school... Our program of work has been worked out, voted on, and accepted... Our shop projects include building feed bunks, pickup stock racks, rebuilding plow, building gates, building hog crate, repairing power take-off shafts, building platform for homecoming ceremonies, rebuilding emery wheel stand for tractor power and one for electric motor, repairing numerous hand tools, and repair of other machinery.

Wayne Heder, Reporter

IOLA: A watermelon feed was held at the regular August meeting and the annual fishing trip was planned and attended well by the members at Lake Fegan near Toronto... We won first prize of \$20.00 on our machinery exhibit at the Allen County Fair... We have 18 Green Hands in the chapter this fall... We will sponsor the chapter calendar this year. It is printed locally and the local advertisers buy space on the calendar... The Iola Junior Chamber has provided a registered gilt to the winner of the pest eradication contest held by the chapter members... We had a hay ride for the new Green Hands recently... We will buy a chapter registered gilt, and the members interested will draw for the gilt. The winner will return two gilts to the chapter with which to continue the gilt chain... Several members have run germination tests and tested milk for several farmers of the community.

Gerald L. Beebe, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Seven FFA members and their adviser enjoyed an outing in the Rocky Mountains. They visited the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, museum in Denver and camped out... We have 40 members enrolled in Vo-Ag.

Ben Leibbrandt, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

EFFINGHAM: We have 87 members in our chapter. Twelve freshmen received the Green Hand Degree at the Northeast Kansas District Leadership School held here September 29 by the Wamego Chapter officers and adviser. Our chapter committees are busy carrying out many different activities. They are: mixing rat poison and promoting its use by members and farmers; testing seeds, milk, and soil; purchasing supply of livestock drugs; mixing mineral; operating popcorn machine at home football games; selling magazine subscriptions; printing and distributing programs at football games; considering applications of members to receive the 16 purebred Duroc Jersey chapter gilts; and getting ready for our annual Parent and Son Banquet to be held November 23. We have shucked and determined the yield of our corn fertilized variety plot...Freshman vocational agriculture boys attended the livestock marketing day in St. Joseph, Missouri. Bill Wilson won high individual in the hog grading contest.

Bill Wilson, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: During the summer we mixed two tons of protein supplement for hogs...We raised, dressed, and sold 200 broilers, clearing \$75.00...The chapter is feeding out two pigs received from our gilt ring...We have an all time high in enrollment in our chapter, incoming Green Hands leading the number with 24...We have butchered one beef to date this school year.

Fred Goble, Jr., Reporter

FRANKFORT: This year the Frankfort FFA worked out their program of work by selecting a committee for each of the eight divisions of the program of work. These committees consisted of a junior or a senior, a sophomore, and a freshman. We met at a special meeting and discussed the program of work. Any changes or alterations were voted on by the FFA members...The chapter will give awards to outstanding boys in soil conservation, dairy, farm management, and farm mechanics...The chapter voted to purchase a pencil vending machine and a snow cone machine.

Ronnie Rasmussen, Reporter

RILEY: The Riley Chapter was fortunate to be visited by 17 Turkish veterinarians last summer. The group, touring the United States to get a better understanding of American agriculture, visited Riley to see the vocational agriculture program...The chapter's meeting schedule is set up for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, the latter being a night meeting...In the shop we have completed four feed bunks, three hog troughs, three metal graders, a trailer bed, a brooder coop, and several smaller items.

Glen Nelson, Reporter

MERIDEN: Our annual watermelon feed was held on the ninth of September. There were 26 members and three guests present...We have seven new Green Hands and six members who will receive Chapter Farmer Degrees...Our chapter has been collecting scrap iron in order to help pay for our popcorn machine which we bought last spring. We have the popcorn concession at all the games...Our members have been building feed bunks in the shop to sell...Two purebred Poland gilts have been given to Roy Fritts and Arthur Flanders.

James Lawrence, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

CEDAR VALE: In early August parents and prospective members were treated with a watermelon feed along with local chapter members...When school started this year, 33 vocational agriculture students were impressed by their new classroom. In addition to the new classroom we now have two store rooms. One room is for classroom storage and one for shop storage...At our September FFA meeting 12 candidates received the Green Hand Degree...We sold popcorn at the county fair and took in a total of \$40.00. We were well represented at the fair with our shop project.

Raymond Littrell, Reporter

HAVEN: Members of our chapter are buying 137 steer and heifer calves for deferred feeding projects. Steer buyers are Dean and Gary Zimmerman 20, Larry Haines 10, Jerry and Billy Huston 10, Jim and Jack Hayes 10, Willis and Raymond Kauffman 6, Art Hoskinson 5, Pat Maloney 5, Joe Mac Hoskinson 5, and Gary Koontz 4. Heifer buyers are James Rayl 10, Eugene Heim 10, Billy Romig 5, Howard Lehner 5, Phil Kinast 5, Larry Seitz 4, others 23...We presented a TV program over KTVH Monday, September 27. The program was on the subject of meat type hogs. Those taking part in the program were Philip Kinast, Larry Haines, Herman Popp and our adviser, Mr. Schulthess...We had our Annual FFA Harvester Dance and party Saturday, October 23. The program included ballroom dancing, square dancing and the crowning of the FFA queen. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts were served...Shop projects under construction include 3 feed bunks, 1 sheep feeder, 4 hay feeders for cattle, 2 two-wheel trailers, 1 four-wheel trailer and several smaller projects.

Joe Weve, Reporter

EDSON: Our chapter held its annual watermelon feed August 24 for the Green Hands...The chapter attended the all day county extension tour held in Sherman County September 23. This tour consisted of visiting various farms to observe contour farming, sorghum crops, deferred steer program, making silage and a remodeled farm home...The chapter shocked feed to earn money for our treasury. This money will be used to help with expenses for our trip to the Denver Livestock Show...The vocational agriculture classes have been running sidewalks and building a trash burner for the school.

Arden F. Bennett, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: The sophomore boys of our chapter attended the Land Judging School in Edwards County. This type of judging is relatively new to our group, and we have found it to be very interesting...The freshman boys are building two signs which will be placed along Highway 50-S just outside of town. The signs will read, "Spearville FFA Bids You Welcome"...The junior class is constructing a combination hay and silage feeder in shop.

Gene Durler, Reporter

LA CYGNE: Our chapter sponsored a softball tournament in August for the FFA chapters in the county, Blue Mound, Parker and LaCygne. Louisburg was guest team...Our parents meeting will be November 1 at which time we plan to give the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degrees...At our next day meeting we plan to have the local leadership contest between the freshman and sophomore officers in the ritual ceremony...The two fund raising projects for the chapter are the sales stand with the home ec. girls at football games and a paper drive we plan to have in the fall and spring.

Donald Stainbrook, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HUGOTON: Mr. Van Pelt took the whole chapter on a pasture and grass tour over at the government experiment station at Elkhart. Some interesting talks on reseeding of pastures and the seeding of worn-out land back to grass were heard, and a tour covering 88,000 acres of grass land that has already been reseeded and turned back to grass was made. We were certainly all more grass wise on our return from the tour...It was decided that all boys in FFA planning to go to the National Western Stock Show in Denver this year must maintain a "C" average in all high school subjects, have a shop project underway in agriculture, and have a suitable farming program underway to be eligible. They must be present at all FFA meetings with the privilege of attending an officers' meeting to make up for a regular meeting missed...It was decided to sponsor a day meeting each month on the first Tuesday and one night meeting on the third Thursday of each month...We have several shop projects under construction and appreciate the addition of a steel bandsaw and a drill press to our shop equipment...We are proud of the fact that all but three of our chapter members have new FFA jackets...Mr. Van Pelt and our chapter officers were guests of the Stevens County Farm Bureau at a dinner held at Memorial Hall. Congressman Cliff Hope was the speaker.

Tex Demuth, Reporter

COLBY: Our annual hayrack ride was held October 11. Members and their dates enjoyed roasted weiners and other refreshments...In a student assembly program October 22 the chapter gave a parliamentary procedure program. The program was suggested by our principal who thought our program last year was very helpful to the student body in conducting meetings of other organizations...We earned \$50 by putting up the goal posts and side line fences at the football field. Our popcorn machine and coke machine are also helping finance our chapter program...Two of our members were quite successful in showing at the Thomas County Fair. Loren Henry had the grand champion market hog, and Wilbur Henry showed the grand champion fat lamb...The vocational agriculture classes attended the Fall Field Day at the Colby Experiment Station.

Bob Sowers, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: Before school closed last May we completely cleaned and repainted the entire shop, using the colors of light gray for the ceiling and a two-tone green for the walls. The equipment was painted with colors to reduce eye strain and to decrease the danger of accidents. We really are proud of our nice painted shop and equipment...The chapter, using their own insecticide sprayer, sprayed the school grounds, trees and buildings for the control of flies and other insects that may bother during school time. Mr. Perry, our superintendent, said that this measure certainly did wonders in controlling the flies in the school...At our first regular night meeting we had a watermelon feed for our new students, parents and other visitors. Over 100 guests enjoyed 800 pounds of iced melons...As in the past we have elected three sets of junior officers (freshmen, sophomores and juniors) who will be in charge of one meeting during the school year.

Chuck Neel, Reporter

RANDOLPH: We have 27 members in FFA this year...On August 25 we held a watermelon feed for the freshmen and fathers of the FFA boys...The chapter plans to start a gilt ring this year...We are having the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer ceremonies at our November meeting.

Bob Lutz, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

OBERLIN: Fifteen Green Hands received their degrees in the Northwest District Leadership School demonstration by the St. Francis Chapter...A Freshman-Parent night was held September 24 with 100% of the boys and their parents attending. ..The FFA officers and the program of work committee chairmen held their annual steak supper October 12 to begin the planning of the coming year's activities...Dick Kelly, a senior vocational agriculture student, was elected Halloween Cleanup General for this year. His duties require him to organize the Halloween Cleanup activities for the schools of the town of Oberlin...The local FFA built two floats for the Pioneer Days Parade held September 28...In September the local FFA members helped harvest the Corn Test Plots in the county.

Duane Unger, Reporter

ULYSSES: The chapter held a skating party a few weeks ago. All members were required to bring dates. The party was enjoyed by all...We had a deadline of September 10 set for paying dues, and no one had to be fined for not getting them in on time...Green Hand Degrees were received by eight members in our chapter on October 12...We have improved our meetings by purchasing some new paraphernalia, including an FFA banner, a sentinel plaque and new official manuals which were purchased by all members...The Earnings and Savings Committee has plans for a new method of holding a work day. This year an amount per person has been agreed upon, which each member must turn in to the treasurer before a specified date. It is left up to the member to find his own job...The chapter is planning a Sweetheart Dance for sometime this year.

Leon Young, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Our chapter held a picnic honoring the 20 prospective Green Hands on August 29. Other summer activities included a week-end fishing trip to Grand River, Oklahoma, for members of our senior class and adviser and a two week vacation trip through Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska during the latter part of July for the chapter officers and adviser...The chapter has just completed plans for installation of a milk vending machine in the Senior High School...We plan to start a gilt ring as soon as suitable gilts can be found. These gilts will be distributed to chapter members, based upon need and facilities...The 20 prospective Green Hands will receive their degree on November 17 at our Annual Father and Son Barbecue.

Jim Webb, Reporter

GLASCO: Sixteen Green Hands received the Green Hand Degree, and our total enrollment in FFA is now 39...Our FFA chapter will sponsor the All-School Halloween Party coming up on October 29...This year the freshmen are selling Christmas cards as a money making project for the chapter.

Patrick Pitner, Reporter

NEWTON: The Newton Chapter has a membership of 52, a 100% FFA membership... A number of boys have bought calves for their farming programs this year... Our last year's vice-president, Don Toews, is now a member of the Worden, Washington Chapter. He is president of the chapter, vice-president of the senior class and a member of the football team.

James K. Suderman, Reporter