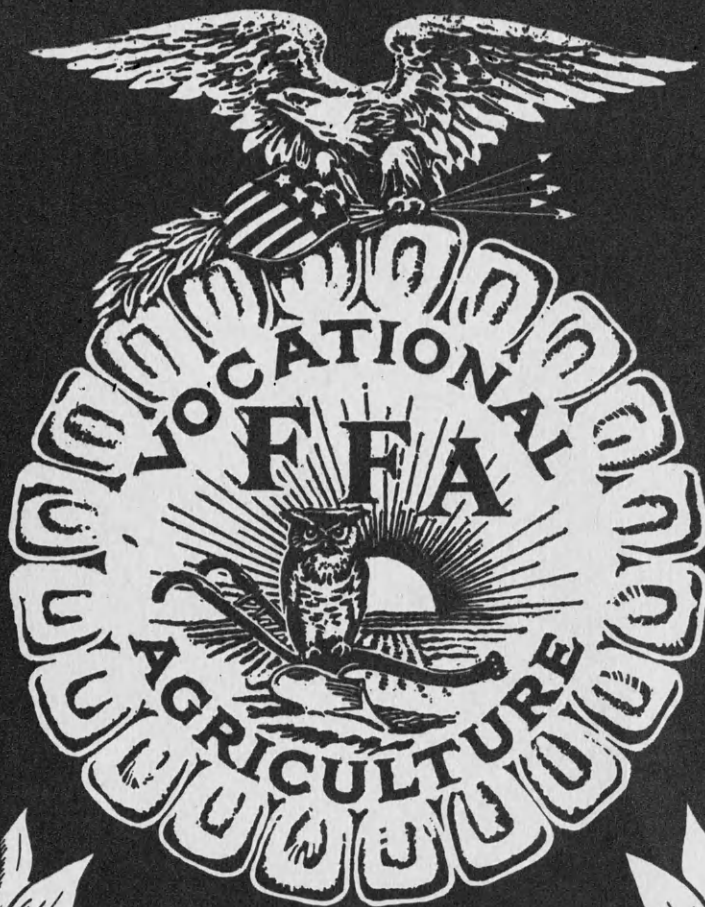


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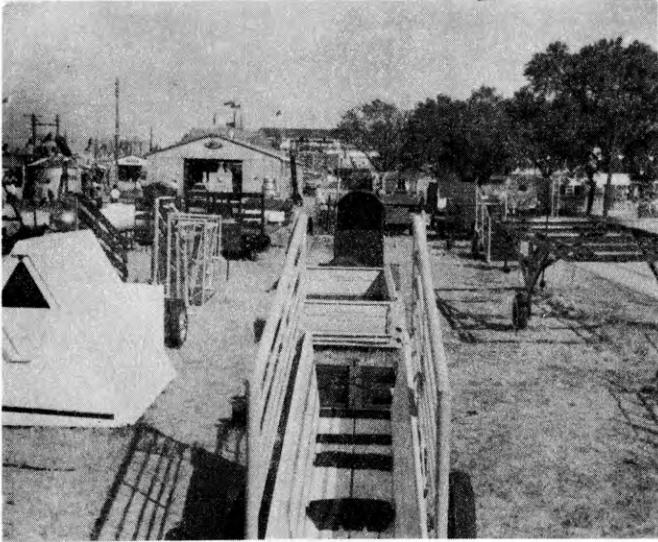
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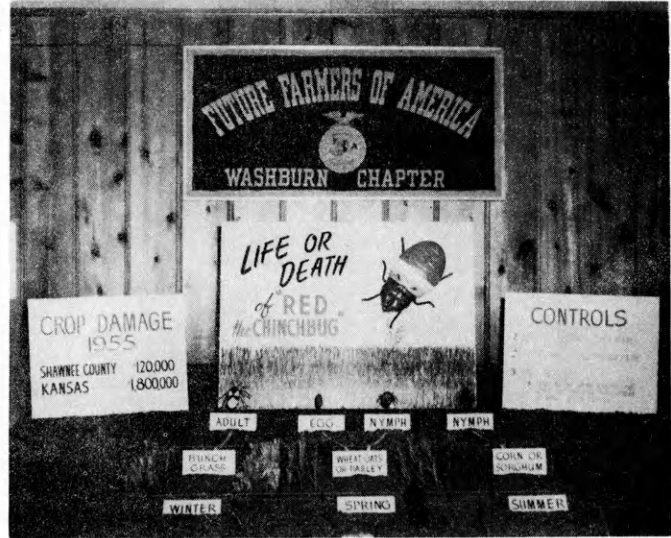
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Farm Mechanics exhibit shown at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, by members of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

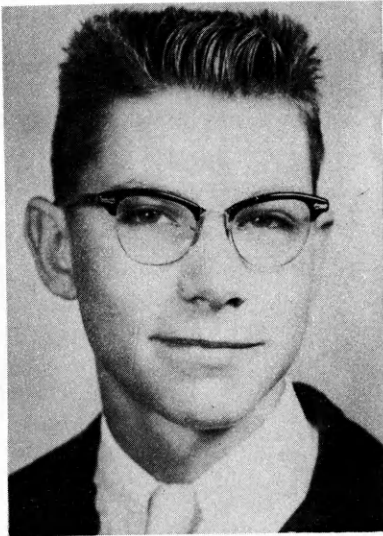


The Washburn FFA Chapter, Charles Ross, Adviser, won first place in the FFA Education Booth Exhibit at the Topeka Free Fair.

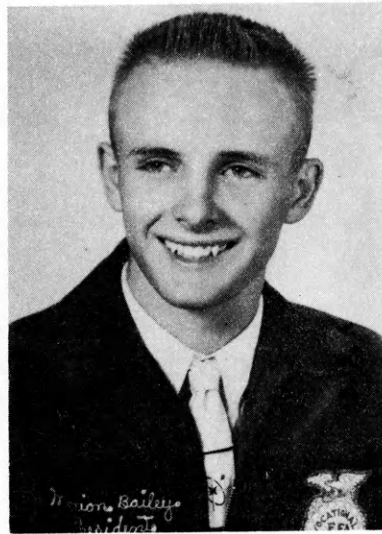


LR: Floyd Blauer, Stockton, and Ralph Karns, Newton, congratulate each other upon receiving the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 28th National FFA Convention. They are the first Vo-Ag Teachers from Kansas to be so honored under the plan established by the National Organization of FFA in 1954.

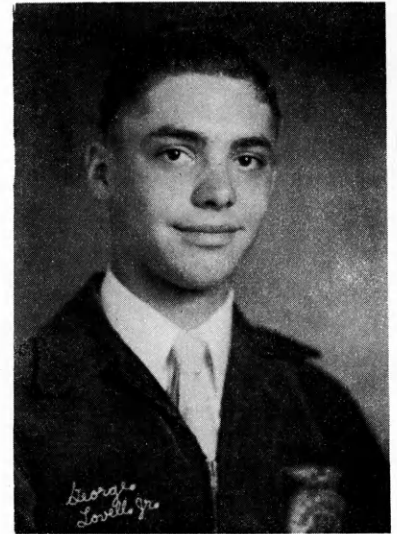
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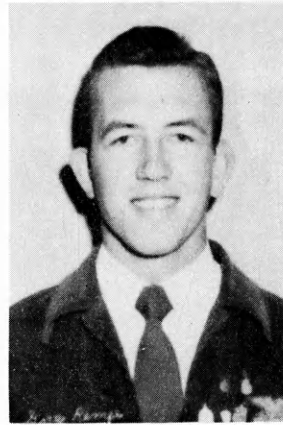
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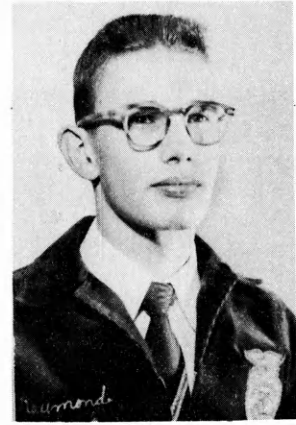
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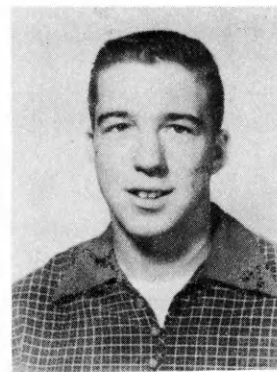
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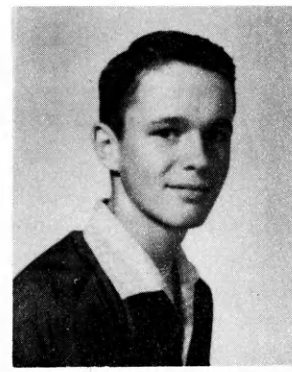
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Lyndon



Dan Bowan
Seaman



Pat Maher
Cherryvale



L.C. Bowser
Holton

1955 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1955 District FFA Leadership Schools were held in eleven centers, the centers being selected with a view to equalizing the travel distance.

The purpose of the FFA Leadership Schools might be classified in three categories, namely: (1) ritualistic improvement; (2) broaden knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange of ideas on building and executing a worthwhile program of work.

As a result of a high percentage of attendance and participation on the part of local FFA officers in the eleven District FFA Leadership Schools, the Kansas Association is proud to report that approximately 100% of the local chapters can "Open and Close" an FFA meeting in a highly creditable manner.

The first district FFA "Officer Training School" was sponsored by the Shawnee-Mission Chapter in 1931. Each year since, with the exception of 1942, District FFA Leadership Schools have been conducted in Kansas.

The 1955 FFA Leadership Schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1955 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted, local FFA advisers, and the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

With one exception, the District FFA Leadership Schools were planned to begin at 3:30 p.m. and to close promptly at 9:00 p.m. All assignments were made early in the school year. Chapters were given an opportunity to indicate preferences in building the program, chapter wishes were followed insofar as it was found feasible. The following program for the Holton District FFA Leadership School is typical.

Assignments 1955 FFA Leadership School

Host Chapter: Holton; Place - High School

Date and Time: October 3, 1955; 3:30 p.m.

Order of Business:

1. Host chapter opens meeting with official opening ceremony.
2. Host chapter conducts Roll Call of chapters.
3. Welcome by Superintendent or Principal of Host Chapter.
4. Opening and Closing Ritual Contest - All chapters urged to participate.
5. FFA Information Contest - all chapters urged to participate. Officers only eligible to compete.

SUPPER

6. Talk by State FFA Officer.
7. Green Hand Degree Demonstration - Holton Chapter.
8. Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration - Troy Chapter.
9. Recital of the FFA Creed - Jerry Hundley - Effingham Chapter.

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

10. Roll Call of Chapters: Special 3 minute reports on the following assignments:

President or Vice President - Program of Work - How Build? Committee Responsibilities and Check up on Performance? Calendar? School Time: Outstanding Activity Executed Past Year - Planned for Current Year. By the following chapters: Fairview, Frankfort, Highland, Holton, Meriden, Onaga, Powhattan, Sabetha, Troy, Wamego.

Treasurer - Plans for raising chapter funds: Financing FFA Parent-Son Banquet. By the following chapters: Centralia, Frankfort, Hiawatha, Highland, Meriden, Soldier, Valley Falls, Westmoreland.

Reporter - How to get FFA recognition in school, community, and state? How to bring news of activities of other chapters before local group? By the following chapters: Centralia, Effingham, Fairview, Frankfort, Hiawatha, Holton, Marysville, Onaga, Sabetha, Westmoreland.

Secretary - Chapter records; Plan for acquainting members with State and National FFA Activities? Planning and executing chapter meetings. By the following chapters: Effingham, Fairview, Holton, Hoyt, Marysville, Powhattan, Seneca, Troy, Wetmore.

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: Methods used in acquainting members with the Future Farmers of America Organization; How to improve ritualistic proficiency in Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degree work; How you train your officer group; Plan of Teaching members parliamentary procedure; How to improve FFA Leadership Schools.

11. Awards
12. Close

Host chapter will look after local arrangements such as: Welcome from Superintendent or Principal, Meeting Place, Arrangements for Eats, FFA Paraphernalia, etc.

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The following rankings will be of interest to all FFA members and advisers who attended a leadership school, and should prove of interest to all Future Farmer members.

The high 33 individuals in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

| | | |
|------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1st. | George Lovell, Arkansas City Chapter | 100 points |
| 2nd. | L. C. Bowser, Holton Chapter | 99 points |
| 3rd. | Jerry Young, Cherryvale Chapter | 98 points |
| 3rd. | Marion Bailey, Chanute Chapter | 98 points |
| 3rd. | Pat Maher, Cherryvale Chapter | 98 points |
| 3rd. | Bob Bowman, Seaman Chapter | 98 points |
| 7th. | Bob Hogbin, Seaman Chapter | 97 points |
| 7th. | Raymond Dyck, Moundridge Chapter | 97 points |
| 7th. | Maurice Schrap, Kingman Chapter | 97 points |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

| | | |
|-------|---|-----------|
| 10th. | Kenny Dunbar, Arkansas City Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Gary Rempe, Plainville Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Duane Unger, Oberlin Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | William Wacks, Ellsworth Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Jon Guthrie, Cherryvale Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Howard Stroup, Shawnee-Mission Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Dale Eckerberg, Shawnee-Mission Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Tom Knappenberger, Olathe Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Harlan Bauck, Lyndon Chapter | 96 points |
| 10th. | Jack Weaver, Cherryvale Chapter | 96 points |
| 20th. | Raymond Steenback, Longford Chapter | 95 points |
| 20th. | Frank Meyer, Herington Chapter | 95 points |
| 20th. | Wayne Stalnaker, Arkansas City Chapter | 95 points |
| 20th. | James Rempe, Plainville Chapter | 95 points |
| 20th. | Curtis Brown, Ashland Chapter | 95 points |
| 20th. | John Arford, Almena Chapter | 95 points |
| 26th. | Jerry McFee, Oberlin Chapter | 94 points |
| 26th. | Dennis Duell, Goodland Chapter | 94 points |
| 26th. | Jim Johnson, Almena Chapter | 94 points |
| 26th. | Norman Nelson, Almena Chapter | 94 points |
| 26th. | Lloyd Oswald, Natoma Chapter | 94 points |
| 26th. | Howard Wallace, Kingman Chapter | 94 points |
| 26th. | Richard Moser, Frankfort Chapter | 94 points |
| 26th. | Matryn Apley, Washington Chapter | 94 points |

Total possible points in the 1955 FFA Information Contest equalled 100. From the individual scores listed it is evident that the FFA Leadership School is attaining the second purpose listed.

The high 16 chapters in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

| | | |
|-------|--|------------|
| 1st. | Cherryvale, C. H. Young, Adviser | 561 points |
| 1st. | Arkansas City, Harold Walker, Adviser | 561 points |
| 3rd. | Seaman, Marvin Smith, Adviser | 553 points |
| 4th. | Plainville, Arlie V. Jackson, Adviser | 551 points |
| 5th. | Jetmore, George Turnbull, Jr., Adviser | 550 points |
| 6th. | Chanute, Charles O. Carter, Jr., Adviser | 544 points |
| 7th. | Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain, Adviser | 540 points |
| 8th. | Olathe, A. C. Jensen, Adviser | 537 points |
| 9th. | Clay Center, Dale Brooks, Adviser | 536 points |
| 10th. | Ellsworth, Lester L. Grandall, Adviser | 535 points |
| 11th. | Almena, Sam Stenzel, Adviser | 528 points |
| 12th. | Fredonia, Norman Haigh, Adviser | 527 points |
| 13th. | Washington, Otis Dewey, Adviser | 526 points |
| 14th. | Ottawa, S. S. Bergsma, Adviser | 524 points |
| 15th. | Buhler, J. A. Johnson, Adviser | 522 points |
| 15th. | Natoma, R. B. Feldkamp, Adviser | 522 points |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

RANKINGS BY DISTRICTS

The following rankings give the high five individuals, the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest, the Gold Emblem Chapters in the FFA Ritual Contest and the Master Ritual Team for each of the eleven District FFA Leadership Schools:

CLAY CENTERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st. | Raymond Steenback, Longford Chapter | 95 points |
| 2nd. | Matryn Apley, Washington Chapter | 94 points |
| 3rd. | Wayne Terpening, Washington Chapter | 92 points |
| 3rd. | Dale Keesecker, Washington Chapter | 92 points |
| 3rd. | Ronnie Barkely, Longford Chapter | 92 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | | |
|------|---------------------|------------|
| 1st. | Clay Center Chapter | 536 points |
| 2nd. | Washington Chapter | 526 points |
| 3rd. | Longford Chapter | 518 points |
| 4th. | Riley Chapter | 470 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Clay Center Chapter
 Washington Chapter
 Longford Chapter
 Hope Chapter
 Miltonvale Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| President | Loren Mall | Clay Center Chapter |
| Vice President | Max Fuller | Miltonvale Chapter |
| Secretary | Jon Larson | Clay Center Chapter |
| Treasurer | Lowell Fasholtz | Linn Chapter |
| Reporter | Bill Fuller | Miltonvale Chapter |
| Sentinel | Lester Luthi | Clay Center Chapter |

EMPORIAHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | | |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st. | Harlan Bauck, Lyndon Chapter | 96 points |
| 2nd. | Frank Meyer, Herington Chapter | 95 points |
| 3rd. | Dean Gladow, Alma Chapter | 93 points |
| 3rd. | Jon Thale, Marion Chapter | 93 points |
| 3rd. | Keith Hyde, Herington Chapter | 93 points |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Herington Chapter | 520 points |
| 2nd. Alma Chapter | 517 points |
| 3rd. Harveyville Chapter | 496 points |
| 3rd. Lyndon Chapter | 496 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Emporia Chapter
 Herington Chapter
 Alma Chapter
 Lyndon Chapter
 Cottonwood Falls Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| President | Keith Hyde | Herington Chapter |
| Vice President | Paul Beyer | Emporia Chapter |
| Secretary | James David | Herington Chapter |
| Treasurer | Paul Dozier | Herington Chapter |
| Reporter | Bill Underkofler | Burns Chapter |
| Sentinel | Clayton Anderson | Alma Chapter |

LAWRENCEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 1st. Don Bowman, Seaman Chapter | 98 points |
| 2nd. Bob Hogbin, Seaman Chapter | 97 points |
| 3rd. Tom Knappenberger, Olathe Chapter | 96 points |
| 3rd. Dale Eckerberg, Shawnee-Mission Chapter | 96 points |
| 3rd. Howard Stroup, Shawnee-Mission Chapter | 96 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Seaman Chapter | 553 points |
| 2nd. Olathe Chapter | 537 points |
| 3rd. Ottawa Chapter | 524 points |
| 4th. Shawnee-Mission Chapter | 519 points |
| 5th. Washburn Chapter | 518 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Washburn Chapter
 Lawrence Chapter
 Olathe Chapter
 Shawnee-Mission Chapter
 Silver Lake Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| President | Dale Eckerberg | Shawnee-Mission Chapter |
| Vice President | Tom Knappenberger | Olathe Chapter |
| Secretary | Jim Lovell | Washburn Chapter |
| Treasurer | Jim Harrison | Washburn Chapter |
| Reporter | Mike Carter | Shawnee-Mission Chapter |
| Sentinel | Philip Kovor | Silver Lake Chapter |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

FREDONIAHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st. Pat Maher, Cherryvale Chapter | 98 points |
| 1st. Marion Bailey, Chanute Chapter | 98 points |
| 1st. Jerry Young, Cherryvale Chapter | 98 points |
| 4th. Jon Guthrie, Cherryvale Chapter | 96 points |
| 4th. Jack Weaver, Cherryvale Chapter | 96 points |

High Chapter - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Cherryvale Chapter | 561 points |
| 2nd. Chanute Chapter | 544 points |
| 3rd. Neodesha Chapter | 540 points |
| 4th. Fredonia Chapter | 527 points |
| 5th. Yates Center Chapter | 517 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Cherryvale Chapter
 Fredonia Chapter
 Chanute Chapter
 Yates Center Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| President | Dell Allen | Coffeyville Chapter |
| Vice President | Wayne Porter | Fredonia Chapter |
| Secretary | Pat Maher | Cherryvale Chapter |
| Treasurer | Kenneth Bagby | Fredonia Chapter |
| Reporter | George McCune | Chanute Chapter |
| Sentinel | Oren Welch | Cherryvale Chapter |

HOLTONHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|---|-----------|
| 1st. L. C. Bowser, Holton Chapter | 99 points |
| 2nd. Richard Moser, Frankfort Chapter | 94 points |
| 3rd. George Doss, Highland Park Chapter | 93 points |
| 4th. Ronald Ewing, Frankfort Chapter | 92 points |
| 4th. Dwight Burgess, Wamego Chapter | 92 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Frankfort Chapter | 518 points |
| 2nd. Highland Park Chapter | 513 points |
| 3rd. Wamego Chapter | 507 points |
| 4th. Centralia Chapter | 497 points |
| 5th. Holton Chapter | 492 points |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Wamego Chapter
 Effingham Chapter
 Holton Chapter
 Centralia Chapter
 Fairview Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| President | L. C. Bowser | Holton Chapter |
| Vice President | Don Miller | Effingham Chapter |
| Secretary | Bob Sewell | Fairview Chapter |
| Treasurer | Harold King | Westmoreland Chapter |
| Reporter | Jerry Hundley | Effingham Chapter |
| Sentinel | John Polzar | Frankfort Chapter |

BUHLERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | | |
|------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st. | Raymond Dyck, Moundridge Chapter | 97 points |
| 2nd. | William Wacks, Ellsworth Chapter | 96 points |
| 3rd. | Dick Giesel, Buhler Chapter | 93 points |
| 4th. | LeRoy Hays, Little River Chapter | 92 points |
| 4th. | Roger Arnold, Little River Chapter | 92 points |
| 4th. | Ronald Clark, Buhler Chapter | 92 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | | |
|------|----------------------|------------|
| 1st. | Ellsworth Chapter | 535 points |
| 2nd. | Buhler Chapter | 522 points |
| 3rd. | Moundridge Chapter | 499 points |
| 4th. | Little River Chapter | 492 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Ellsworth Chapter
 Newton Chapter
 Buhler Chapter
 Partridge Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| President | William Wachs | Ellsworth Chapter |
| Vice President | Gary Lafferty | McPherson Chapter |
| Secretary | Jerry Just | Salina Chapter |
| Treasurer | John Dalstein | Lindsborg Chapter |
| Reporter | Ken Peirce | Partridge Chapter |
| Sentinel | Bruce Toevs | Newton Chapter |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

BELOITHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 1st. Dean Hyman, Beloit Chapter | 89 points |
| 2nd. Jack McKain, Minneapolis Chapter | 88 points |
| 2nd. Gary Overmiller, Smith Center Chapter | 88 points |
| 4th. Gene Kennedy, Beloit Chapter | 87 points |
| 5th. Darrel Wiles, Beloit Chapter | 86 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Beloit Chapter | 482 points |
| 2nd. Simpson Chapter | 480 points |
| 3rd. Smith Center Chapter | 460 points |
| 4th. Minneapolis Chapter | 411 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Beloit Chapter
 Simpson Chapter
 Osborne Chapter
 Minneapolis Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| President | Don Tolbert | Beloit Chapter |
| Vice President | Ron Underhill | Simpson Chapter |
| Secretary | Darrel Wiles | Beloit Chapter |
| Treasurer | Ernie Melton | Beloit Chapter |
| Reporter | Howard Guyer | Osborne Chapter |
| Sentinel | Gary McClintock | Simpson Chapter |

HARPERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|---|------------|
| 1st. George Lovell, Arkansas City Chapter | 100 points |
| 2nd. Maurice Schrag, Kingman Chapter | 97 points |
| 3rd. Kenny Dunbar, Arkansas City Chapter | 96 points |
| 4th. Wayne Stalnaker, Arkansas City Chapter | 95 points |
| 5th. Howard Wallace, Kingman Chapter | 94 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Arkansas City Chapter | 561 points |
| 2nd. Mulvane Chapter | 501 points |
| 3rd. Pretty Prairie Chapter | 460 points |
| 4th. Kingman Chapter | 448 points |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Arkansas City Chapter
 Winfield Chapter
 Pretty Prairie Chapter
 Harper Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| President | Gary Miller | Winfield Chapter |
| Vice President | Darrell Webber | Winfield Chapter |
| Secretary | John Blactchford Jr. | Arkansas City Chapter |
| Treasurer | David Cleveland | Attica Chapter |
| Reporter | Kenny Albright | Pretty Prairie Chapter |
| Sentinel | Richard Smith | Pratt Chapter |

PLAINVILLEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | | |
|------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st. | Gary Rempe, Plainville Chapter | 96 points |
| 2nd. | James Rempe, Plainville Chapter | 95 points |
| 3rd. | Lloyd Oswald, Natoma Chapter | 94 points |
| 4th. | Norman Roelfs, Stockton Chapter | 93 points |
| 5th. | Bill Mayhew, Plainville Chapter | 91 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | | |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| 1st. | Plainville Chapter | 551 points |
| 2nd. | Natoma Chapter | 522 points |
| 3rd. | Stockton Chapter | 518 points |
| 4th. | Wilson Chapter | 515 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Plainville Chapter
 Stockton Chapter
 Great Bend Chapter
 Wakeeney Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| President | Gary Rempe | Plainville Chapter |
| Vice President | John Griebel | Stockton Chapter |
| Secretary | Jerry O-Reagan | Stockton Chapter |
| Treasurer | James Rempe | Plainville Chapter |
| Reporter | Dennis Calver | Great Bend Chapter |
| Sentinel | Roger Riffle | Stockton Chapter |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

OBERLINHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st. Duane Unger, Oberlin Chapter | 96 points |
| 2nd. John Arford, Almena Chapter | 95 points |
| 3rd. Norman Nelson, Almena Chapter | 94 points |
| 3rd. Jim Johnson, Almena Chapter | 94 points |
| 3rd. Dennis Duell, Goodland Chapter | 94 points |
| 3rd. Jerry McFee, Oberlin Chapter | 94 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Almena Chapter | 528 points |
| 2nd. Goodland Chapter | 513 points |
| 3rd. St. Francis Chapter | 490 points |

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Oberlin Chapter
 Almena Chapter
 Goodland Chapter
 Colby Chapter
 St. Francis Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| President | Ben Leibbrandt | St. Francis Chapter |
| Vice President | Duane Unger | Oberlin Chapter |
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DODGE CITYHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st. Curtis Brown, Ashland Chapter | 95 points |
| 2nd. Richard Rudzik, Jetmore Chapter | 93 points |
| 3rd. Tom Billings, Jetmore Chapter | 92 points |
| 3rd. Claude Rodgers, Jetmore Chapter | 92 points |
| 3rd. Eugene Vieux, Jetmore Chapter | 92 points |

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 1st. Jetmore Chapter | 550 points |
| 2nd. Garden City Chapter | 475 points |
| 3rd. Kinsley Chapter | 464 points |
| 4th. Dodge City Chapter | 434 points |
| 4th. Ford Chapter | 434 points |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Garden City Chapter
 Ford Chapter
 Holcomb Chapter
 Coldwater Chapter
 Hugoton Chapter

Master Ritual Team

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| President | Joe Roth | Holcomb Chapter |
| Vice President | Gary Baker | Holcomb Chapter |
| Secretary | Gary Swarner | Coldwater Chapter |
| Treasurer | LeRoy York | Garden City Chapter |
| Reporter | Richard Tuttle | Garden City Chapter |
| Sentinel | Robert Heiman | Garden City Chapter |

The following is a summarized table of the contest results of the eleven District FFA Leadership Schools:

| | : Highest | : Highest | : Total | : Average | : Total | : Average |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Leadership: | Individual: | Chapter | High 5 | High 5 | High 5 | High 5 |
| | : Score | : Score | : Boys | : Boys | : Chapters | : Chapters |
| Beloit | : 89 | : 482 | : 438 | : 87.6 | : 1833 | : 458.2 |
| Buhler | : 97 | : 535 | : 562 | : 93.6 | : 2048 | : 512.0 |
| Clay Center | : 95 | : 536 | : 465 | : 93.0 | : 2050 | : 512.5 |
| Dodge City | : 95 | : 550 | : 464 | : 92.8 | : 2357 | : 471.4 |
| Emporia | : 96 | : 520 | : 470 | : 94.0 | : 2029 | : 507.2 |
| Fredonia | : 98 | : 561 | : 486 | : 97.2 | : 2689 | : 537.8 |
| Harper | : 100 | : 561 | : 482 | : 96.4 | : 1970 | : 492.5 |
| Holton | : 99 | : 518 | : 470 | : 94.0 | : 2527 | : 505.4 |
| Lawrence | : 98 | : 553 | : 483 | : 96.6 | : 2651 | : 530.2 |
| Oberlin | : 96 | : 528 | : 567 | : 94.5 | : 1531 | : 510.3 |
| Plainville | : 96 | : 551 | : 469 | : 93.8 | : 2106 | : 526.5 |

The following rankings list the Leadership Schools on the basis of the average of the scores made by the high five individuals in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Individuals Per Leadership School

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|------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1st. | Fredonia Leadership School | 97.2 points |
| 2nd. | Lawrence Leadership School | 96.6 points |
| 3rd. | Harper Leadership School | 96.4 points |
| 4th. | Oberlin Leadership School | 94.5 points |
| 5th. | Holton Leadership School | 94.0 points |
| 5th. | Emporia Leadership School | 94.0 points |

The following ranking of District Leadership Schools is on the basis of the average score of the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Chapters Per Leadership School

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|------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st. | Fredonia Leadership School | 537.8 points |
| 2nd. | Lawrence Leadership School | 530.2 points |
| 3rd. | Plainville Leadership School | 526.5 points |
| 4th. | Clay Center Leadership School | 512.5 points |
| 5th. | Buhler Leadership School | 512.0 points |

1955 Leadership Schools (continued)

The following FFA members contributed to the success of the District FFA Leadership Schools by reciting the FFA Creed:

Ralph Unger, Eldorado Chapter
Richard Rosenhagen, Cheney Chapter
Tom Glotzback, Silver Lake Chapter
Glen Atwood, Harveyville Chapter
Jerry Hundley, Effingham Chapter
Aubrey Strawn, Simpson Chapter
Don Paxson, Hill City Chapter
Jim Buchele, Cedar Vale Chapter

The more FFA members know about the Future Farmers of America the greater will be their respect for the organization. FFA officers (and advisers) too often are not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Ritualistic performance, especially the opening and closing ritual, constitute the "Show Window" of the FFA organization. It is important that all ritualistic performance be on a high standard, but especially important that the opening and closing ritual be well handled at all times. Parliamentary procedure should be given more attention by chapter officers.

A practice begun in 1948 with the Stockton FFA Leadership School was continued. This practice consisted of having the local FFA advisers in judging the Ritual Contest rank the different officers on their performance. From these rankings an All Star Ritual Team was chosen. This All Star Team closed the District School. This feature has proved to be very stimulating.

Local FFA advisers for the most part did a fine job in coaching their members who were scheduled for parts in the District Schools. A high standard of performance must be maintained if our District FFA Leadership Schools are to yield hoped-for results. A satisfactory standard can be maintained only by cooperation on the part of the local FFA adviser in selecting assignments, and in preparing individuals and teams for superior presentation of assignments. One of the purposes of the FFA District Leadership School is to stimulate each officer to perform on a high plane the duties and responsibilities of his office.

The state office wishes to express its appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced in each of the eleven districts in which FFA Leadership Schools were held.

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MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FFA

National FFA membership in 1955 reached a new record of 383,219. There are 8,868 local FFA chapters.

A breakdown of the active FFA membership shows 167,079 Green Hands, 203,105 Chapter Farmers, 12,303 State Farmers, and 732 American Farmers.

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF
AMERICA FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1955

A. W. TENNEY

Each year we pause at our National FFA Convention to review briefly the record of accomplishments of our organization. We are all proud of the new records that are being set by our members. There are 8,868 chartered local chapters with a total active membership of 383,219. According to the reports of state associations and local chapters, the interest and accomplishments of members are at an all-time high. Let's not forget that the progress made during the past year is due to the excellent work done by FFA members, teachers of vocational agriculture, State staffs in agricultural education and the members of the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education. We recognize the helpful assistance that has been given to the Future Farmers of America by our many friends in other organizations and from the field of business and industry.

The following report on accomplishments of the Future Farmers of America is for the year ended June 30, 1955.

REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Accomplishment</u> |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| <u>I. SUPERVISED FARMING</u> | | |
| 1. Producing food and other farm products | 100% of members having a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises | 68% |
| 2. Improving livestock and crop production | 100% member participation | 65% livestock 54% crop |
| 3. Preventing livestock losses | 100% chapter participation | 89% |
| <u>II. COOPERATION</u> | | |
| 1. Providing experience in cooperative effort | 100% member participation | 70% |
| 2. Cooperate with other groups | 100% chapter participation | 89% |
| <u>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</u> | | |
| 1. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment | 100% member and chapter participation | 45% member 78% chapter |
| 2. Guarding and protecting life and property | 100% of States and Chapters with safety program | 84% States 56% chapters |
| 3. Conserving resources | 100% member and chapter participation | 46% member 72% chapter |

National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Accomplishment</u> |
|---|---|--|
| 4. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment | 100% member participation | 46% |
| IV. <u>LEADERSHIP</u> | | |
| 1. Advancing members to higher degrees | 100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants | 94% |
| 2. Chapter library | 100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books | 86% |
| 3. Public Speaking | 100% of States and chapters holding Public Speaking Contests | 100% States 51% chapters |
| 4. Parliamentary Procedure | 100% of chapters conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure | 93% |
| 5. Programs of Work | 100% of States and Chapters having a written program of work | 100% States 85% chapters |
| 6. Leadership training | 100% States holding leadership training schools or conferences for chapter officers and members | 90% States 64% chapters participate 12% members participate |
| 7. Public Relations | Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does | 88% States issued State paper, periodical or news sheet 34% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 68% chapters prepared publicity material 54% States sponsored radio series 38% chapters prepared and gave radio broadcasts |

National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Accomplishment</u> |
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| | | 28% States sponsored television series |
| | | 16% chapters prepared and gave television programs |
| 9. National FFA Week | 100% chapter participation | 68% |
| V. <u>EARNINGS AND SAVINGS</u> | | |
| 1. Thrift | 100% chapters prepared a budget | 78% |
| 2. Earning money for the local chapter | 100% of chapters earn enough money to finance chapter activities | 78% |
| VI. <u>CONDUCT OF MEETINGS</u> | | |
| 1. Official Manual | 100% members having access to Official Manual | 86% |
| 2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books | 100% chapters using both books | 80% secretary's 77% treasurer's |
| 3. Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment, and supplies | 100% States and chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in Manual | 98% States 82% chapters |
| 4. Official ceremonies | 100% chapters using official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings | 90% |
| 5. State conventions | 100% States hold convention | 100% |
| 6. Meetings | Every member attend 100% chapter meetings | 88% chapters held regular meetings 51% members attended |
| VII. <u>SCHOLARSHIP</u> | | |
| 1. Improving scholarship | 100% of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record | 84% chapters stimulated members to improve scholarship |

National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Accomplishment</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <u>VIII. RECREATION</u> | | |
| 1. Supervised Recreation | 100% Member participation | 84% chapters provided supervised recreation 68% members participated |
| <u>IX. GENERAL</u> | | |
| 1. Membership | Every eligible boy a member | 383,219 members |

STATE CONVENTIONS

Each State Association held a convention during the past year. Forty-six of these State conventions were attended by a National FFA Officer. State FFA Conventions continue to give sound leadership to local FFA chapters and members.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

During the past year 45 State Associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. A total of 5691 chapters took part in these schools.

CAMP AND OLD MILL

The facilities at the National FFA Camp are being used by the staff of the Future Farmers Supply Service and by the staff of The National FUTURE FARMER. Since the Potomac Park Motor Court in Washington, D. C. has facilities to accomodate FFA chapters, the national camp was not open during the past summer.

The George Washington Grist Mill, which is leased from the Virginia Conservation Commission, is still being kept open to the public. A caretaker is kept on duty. The income from the Mill is enough to pay for all of the expenses, maintenance, and the salary of the caretaker.

For many years State Associations have conducted camps for members. During the past year 20 associations operated camps. A few other associations are in the process of developing camps. These camps are used for both instruction and recreation.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

We have just completed a review of the applications submitted by chapters in the National Chapter Award Program. You will recall that the convention a year ago authorized that the old National Chapter Contest be discontinued and that the new National Chapter Award Program be substituted for the old contest. I am pleased to report that we have received 115 applications for national awards. This is the largest number that we have ever received.

National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

Let's not forget that our Chapter Award Program is still in the developmental stage. Let's work together in making this a program that will help to improve FFA work throughout the nation.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

We are pleased it has been possible to continue the award program, which has been financed from funds provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The Foundation is supported annually by grants by many friends of the FFA.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

The Supply Service had another very successful year. A few new items have been added at your request.

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

We are pleased with the progress being made in connection with the publication of THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER Magazine. We are glad that for the first time six issues of the magazine will be printed and distributed this year. We hope eventually each member of the FFA may receive the official magazine.

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ARKANSAS CITY CHAPTER - A GOOD IDEA

Many chapters have excellent patterns for inducting Green Hand members. Progressive advisors are eliminating the "rough stuff" and using the event as a desirable learning experience on the part of members, and one that results in wholesome respect for the FFA on the part of co-workers and the community as a whole.

The following quote from the Arkansas City chapter notes for what it may be worth:

"We held our initiation for the Green Hands last evening. We had approximately one hundred and fifty members, fathers, and guests present for the barbecue supper and initiation program that followed. We think we had one of our most effective initiation programs this year. It consisted of first, having the ninth graders learn the creed. Next the prospective Green Hands were interviewed individually by the officers. In the interview each officer asked one or two questions covering our organization. The dignity and seriousness with which the officers conducted this interview certainly impressed the ninth graders. As a climax the boys were required to wear dress trousers, shirt, tie and coat to school for one week. They also served the barbecue supper cafeteria style."

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NATIONAL AND STATE CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAMS

- I. The Expanded FFA Committee appointed by Supervisor C. C. Eustace which met on the Kansas State College campus May 23, 1955, included the following Vo-Ag teachers:

C. H. Young, Cherryvale
 Robert J. Severance, Jr., Simpson
 Ralph W. Gaier, Parsons
 Harold Walker, Arkansas City
 Charles Mantz, Smith Center
 Roy Eck, Effingham
 J. W. Taylor, Manhattan
 Frank Carpenter, Beloit
 Harold Mast, Ulysses
 Edward F. Brenner, Bazine
 J. A. Johnson, Buhler
 Emory Groves, Emporia
 Charles Ross, Washburn, Topeka

One of the recommendations made by this committee concerned Chapter Ranking. This recommendation was interpreted and set forth in the September 15, 1955, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, pages 8-11.

- II. At a combined State Staff meeting of Supervisors and Teacher Trainers in Agricultural Education held in Holton Hall, Kansas State College, November 7, 1955, the following ruling was made concerning Emblem Awards on the State level:

"Effective in 1955, the Kansas Association of FFA will designate and issue Certificates (State Level) only to Gold Emblem Chapters."

This of course means that there will be no Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, and Honorable Mention classification in the 1955 Kansas Chapter Award Program.

- III. Necessary modifications of "Changes in Chapter Award Programs" as set forth in the September 15, 1955, Newsletter follow:

Page 10: Roman II, 3 - a - Drop classifications Silver and Bronze. Modify last sentence to read "awarded to Gold Emblem chapters only."

Page 10: Roman II, 3 - c - The new plan in chapter ranking will distribute all award funds from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for Agriculture and Leadership equally among the Gold Emblem chapters. It is hoped that the new patterns of chapter ranking will encourage many more chapters to enter the State Chapter Award Program, thereby resulting in an increased number of Gold Emblem awards.

- IV. Announcement, Rules and Application Forms, for chapter award programs, U. S. Office of Education Misc. 1299, Revised 1955, will be distributed at an early date.

NOTE: Requirement No. 4, Form II, for Superior Chapter Award has been changed to read as follows:

National and State Chapter Award Programs (continued)

4. "Chapter officers recited from memory their part in the Official Honorary Degree ceremonies when the ceremony was held."

This means that chapter officers do not have to recite from memory the rituals in the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degrees in order to obtain Superior Chapter Ranking.

V. Chapters applying for Standard Chapter Award will fill out Form I.

Chapters applying for Superior Chapter Award (Kansas) will fill out Forms I, II, and III.

Chapters applying for Emblem Award Ranking in Kansas will fill out Forms I, II, and III - and indicate a desire to be ranked. *(Gold only)*

Applicants for National Chapter Emblem Award ranking will fill out Forms I, II, and III.

VI. Mailing dates:

1. Local chapter programs of work - required if chapter wishes to participate in any FFA activity on state or national level - due October 31, 1955.
2. Applicants for Standard, Superior and Emblem Awards - due State Office Kansas State College, April 4, 1956.
3. National Emblem Awards (three Kansas Chapters) due State Office, Topeka, August 15, 1956: Due in Washington office September 1, 1956.

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1956 KANSAS ENTRIES IN NATIONAL EMBLEM AWARD CONTEST

The three chapters representing Kansas in the 1956 National Emblem Award Contest and their advisers are: Little River, Milton Kohrs; Stockton, Floyd Blauer; and Oberlin, Lloyd Moody.

The September, 1955, issue of the Newsletter was in error in listing Arkansas City chapter and omitting the Little River chapter. The Arkansas City chapter has officially withdrawn in the hopes that they may be permitted to enter the 1957 National Emblem Award Contest.

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CHAPTER NEWS

ST. FRANCIS: Four members accompanied our adviser on the annual camping trip to the Mesa Verde National Park in southwest Colorado...Membership is 35 - - 120 per cent of class enrollment...Our chapter had a float in the County Fair Grand Parade on August 26. The theme was the FFA Motto...Our Green Hand Degree ceremony was held in conjunction with a Dad-Son Chili Supper - October 18. Nine boys received the degree which was given by a special ritual team elected from the Junior-Senior class...Principal fund raising project this year is the food and drink concession at the football games...We will have two gilts to place in our Gilt Ring Project...Principal projects in the shop are a calf chute-table, and a creep feeder.

Ernst Winger, Reporter

CLIFTON: Our annual all school FFA Hayrack ride was on September 20. Trucks were used in the place of tractors and trailers...We presented a square dance demonstration at the District FFA Leadership School at Clay Center...The Clifton FFA sold fifty subscriptions to the Farm Quarterly...We held an Oyster Feed for the FFA members and their Dads, on November 29...Some shop projects started this year: seven loading chutes, three implements trailers, one feed bunk, two hay loaders, one set of steel stockracks for a pick-up truck, post hole digger, manure loader, 4 power hack saws, three 4-wheel trailers with flat bed, one 2-wheel trailer, one implement carrier...The chapter will put on a school assembly in December and present the Sweetheart with her jacket. The qualifying Freshmen will receive Green Hand degrees and the Green Hands will receive their Chapter Farmer Degrees. The chapter awards for the year will be given out at this assembly.

Larry Iverson, Reporter

HADDAM: Our fall party was held at the High School and a weiner roast was held in shop following games in the high school gym...The chapter gilt ring has increased from four to twelve this year. We purchased a registered Hampshire boar for the chapter and are breeding about 25 gilts and sows this year. As a chapter project we have seven sows that farrowed this fall and will farrow again in the spring. They are registered Spotted Poland China and registered Duroc...The chapter sponsored the giving away of a Fat Barrow the 31st of October...Projects in shop are hog troughs, post hole digger, honey drippers, gates and tool conditioning...The chapter is operating the concession stand in cooperation with the Kays, Kayettes, and Pep Club.

Jesse Hynek, Reporter

KINGMAN: Thirteen Green Hands were initiated November 8. Refreshments of doughnuts and pop were served...Our Program of Work includes many new activities. The meetings are all planned and dated ahead. Six out-side speakers, five movies, three business meetings, and two general meetings are planned...This year there will be an FFA honor roll. Ag. grades, grades in other courses, and pest eradication points will determine who makes the honor roll...A local Star Chapter Farmer contest is being planned. Three senior boys are planning to apply for the State Farmer Degrees...Farming program tours are being made to all Chapter Farmer's farms...A pest eradication contest is in operation. There are four teams and every FFA member is on one of these teams. A prize will be given to the boy who gets the most points...Last year the chapter made \$25.00 from a scrap iron drive and plans are being made to double this amount this year...Metal self hog feeder, calf self feeder, two gates and calf troughs are being made in shop.

Don Brown, Reporter

DODGE CITY: Our chapter has ten Chapter Farmers and six Green Hands this year for a total of sixteen members. The Green Hands were initiated at a night meeting, November 18...We have a day meeting every other Tuesday...We were happy to be the host of the Southwest Kansas District FFA Leadership School, in which 22 chapters attended. The local FHA chapter served chicken-fried steaks for our noon luncheon...We are working on the following activities for our money making projects: selling magazines, selling concessions at a football game, selling feed bunks, collecting scrap iron, booth at the school carnival, selling FFA calendars...We have been on several field trips for the purpose of branding cattle, castrating hogs, and butchering hogs and beef... Our shop projects consist of three feed bunks, rebuilding a two-wheel trailer, four oxyacetylene carts, a steel fencepost rack, assembly of a car motor, automatic hog watering trough, and other small projects. We are also rebuilding tool panels in our tool room...We purchased a new set of officers emblems for our meeting room...One hundred per-cent of our members own their FFA jackets.

Wesley Underwood, Reporter

CHENEY: We have 38 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year, thirteen of the members holding the Green Hand Degree...A Swine Improvement program was started this fall with the placing of eleven registered Yorkshire gilts to chapter members. Two of these gilts were purchased by the five local implement dealers as a gilt ring...Chapter activities this fall have been the Meats Judging team and the Leadership School for the officers at Harper... School and Community Improvement include placement of a wire fence around the football field, planting 115 Evergreen trees, painting football bleachers and building a backstop for Junior League baseball in cooperation with the Lions Club...New shop equipment include 4 new arc welders, a new Delta heavy duty press drill and a portable grinder...Shop projects started this fall have been one drill carrier, one spring tooth carrier, one four-wheel trailer, three hog self-feeders, four "A" type hog houses, one loading chute, one brooder house, two "roll-away" hen nests, two barrel tipping frames and three ensilage bunks.

Roger Krase, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: We held our annual watermelon feed for prospective Green Hands September 16th...During the past season members of our chapter cooperated with a local farmer and Kansas State College in conducting a Corn Variety Performance Test...Ten members exhibited at our fall corn show promoted by a hybrid seed company...As a project in community service we are constructing "No Hunting" signs in our school shop...Some of our shop projects completed this fall are three large feed bunks, one large farm shop tool case, four hog troughs, six concrete hog troughs, six benches, two rural mail boxes and mountings, one welding cart, land measuring wheel and two lawn chairs.

Merlin Frerking, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: We moved in the new vocational building this fall...Shop projects under construction are three feed bunks, three gates, three panels, two milk can racks, three chicken feeders, two hog troughs, self feeder, two-wheel trailer, tractor blade, work bench, oxy-actylene cart, and trash barrel... The chapter has decided to have a barnwarmer, donkey basketball game and a pest eradication contest.

Allen Stewart, Reporter

LEOTI: Our new vocational agriculture department is now complete and instruction in vocational agriculture is under way. The Leoti FFA Chapter has 30 members...Our first FFA meeting was held in September. A local FFA Chapter gave the Green Hands degree ceremony to our group...So far this year our ways of raising money are as follows: a food sale, car wash, and selling farm magazines. Our activities have been: an ice cream party, a hayrack ride, and presentation of orchids to the football mothers at our homecoming football game. We have purchased new FFA paraphernalia. We are now working on our program for dad's night which will be held in November...In the shop the boys are building rool cabinets, work benches, a trailer, cattle feeders, and several other projects.

Curt Walk, Reporter

SEVERY: The Severy FFA held an ice cream supper at the beginning of October. After consuming six gallons of ice cream the FFA boys were entained by the showing of pictures of Alaska and interesting sights of the Black Hills and the Badlands of South Dakota...The Severy Chapter built about 150 feet of picket fence to enclose our shop supply year...Our chapter is earning money to buy a grain drill and post hole digger to rent to chapter members and farmers. We now own a dehorning chute.

Teddie Coble, Reporter

BUHLER: The Buhler Chapter prepared its 19th county collective exhibit at the Kansas State Fair...We are also enjoying a new 1955 Cheverolet pickup courtesy of Davis-Child Motor Company...The FFA Chapter has started its annual pest eradication contest. Prizes will be given to the two members having the most points. The contest started November 1 and will end February 1. The losing half of the members will be hosts to the winning half at a party...Sixteen ag. I boys have met the requirements for the Green Hand Degree - one half of them were initiated at leadership school. The other half will be initiated on Nov. 21....Some of the shop projects almost finished are: four picnic tables, two sets of clothes line poles, three barn yard gates, a sub soil plow and 20 hog troughs from old hot water tanks. Three members are building pickup stock racks, one member is building a combination hay and grain cattle feeder from used pipe and sucker rod, another is building a portable loading chute.

Jerald Robinson, Reporter

MARION: The Marion Chapter was given first place in the farm mechanics exhibit at the Kansas Free Fair. The exhibits were as follows: a portable holding or squeezing chute by Dwight Kruse, a steel stock rach by Don Longhofer, a sprayer by Darrell Riffel, a bale loader by Howard Stenzel, and a portable loading chute by Charles Meisinger. Marion also received eighth place in FFA booths...At the next regular meeting eighteen Green Hands will receive the Green Hand pins...The chapter is planning on having a basketball team which will play the surrounding chapters...All vocational agriculture students are helping make Christmas decorations for the city of Marion. There are forty-one boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year...Projects that are being made in the shop are: implement carrier by Larry Olsen, two feed bunks by Larry Hamm, a grain elevator by Willard Hett, a trailer by Howard Williams, and a truck bed by Darrell Riffel.

Gail Dody, Reporter

JETMORE: We have 36 active members in our chapter. Shop projects under way are: a bale loader, a welding jig, two cattle squeeze chutes, a cattle oiler, two cattle feeders, a branding iron heater, two sets of clothes line poles, a calf cradle, 8 gates, an electric hack saw, a loading chute, and a motor over-haul cart...During the summer all the streets around the school and Vo-Ag building were curbed and paved. Now we can reach the shop with materials rain or snow. Our chapter has the concession at all our athletic games as a means of raising money for our Parent-Son Banquet.

Ronnie Crouse, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: The Council Grove chapter elected junior officers during our last meeting. This fall we contracted to fill a silo for \$2.00 a ton. Practically all of the income was net because our fathers furnished almost all of the equipment and the chapter the labor. After filling the silo, we had a weiner roast...In one of our meetings, we voted to collect money for C.R.O.P. We are working in teams of two and are covering 5 townships...We are planning to give the Green Hands and Chapter Farmer Degrees to eligible members at our night meeting in which the parents will be invited. We have a total enrollment of 22 members.

Gary Huchard, Reporter

UDALL: The Udall chapter has seventeen members and a new advisor this year. To improve parliamentary procedure each class has been holding practice meetings. The various classes have been having farming program tours. The chapter is making clothes line poles to sell in the community. The W.W. Cattle Chute Co. replaced our squeeze chute which we lost in a tornado. The FFA held a hay rack ride and invited the FHA girls.

Gary Ross, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: Ten of our members were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree on October 10. We held Green Hand degree ceremony on November 14 for twelve members...Robert Murphy, Sam Auld and Glen Sanford represented our chapter at the Land Judging School at Riley October 22...The freshman and junior members are competing against the sophomore and senior members in a Pest Eradication Contest which ends January 31. The winning side will be given a chili supper by the losers...Our members plan to distribute the official FFA calendar in this community. It is being sponsored by the local Farmers Cooperative Association.

Merlin Luthi, Reporter

JEWELL: The chapter built booths for the Corn Show held by the Jewell Chamber of Commerce, October 21 and 22. We entered a float in the parade; our float was a large stalk of corn...Plans are being made for building a squeeze chute in shop for our department...We are arranging for a test plot using hybrid sorghum...A 10-inch power saw has been added to our shop recently.

Dick Foulke, Reporter

FREDONIA: The Fredonia Chapter cooperatively purchased eight ton of two inch pipe, which cost the chapter less than three cents a foot. One of the chapter member's father took his semi-truck and hauled the pipe for the chapter. This pipe is being sold to the chapter members for their projects in shop. The chapter plans in the future to purchase four thousand more feet of two inch and three thousand feet of three-fourths and one and one half inch pipe...At the beginning of school, the sixty members that are enrolled in vo-ag cleaned the vo-ag building from top to bottom...Several new tools have been purchased for the shop...Eight different committees were set up for the building of the chapter's Program of Work...Our pest eradication contest starts this month...The annual box supper is to be held December 7th. A chapter sweetheart from the FHA will be presented with a sweetheart jacket that evening...The Fire Chief of Fredonia visited the Fredonia organization and gave an interesting talk on what one should do in case of fire. He also demonstrated the proper use of the fire truck...Freshman members of the Future Farmers of America have elected officers for the purpose of developing future leaders of the organization. All freshmen are studying parliamentary procedure and are striving to develop leadership abilities in their work.

Merle Reinhart, Reporter

NORTON: Among the money making activities carried out by our chapter thus far this year have been; shocking feed for local farmers, operating a pop concession stand at all home football games and constructing and selling torches for the annual football torch parade...On October 25, the chapter members participated in a joint FFA-FHA square dance in the high school gym... Our chapter has received a new 1956 model pick-up for use by the chapter during the year...One of the improvement projects being carried out by the chapter is repairing and replacing the FFA paraphernalia that is in bad repair or outdated...On October 24, eleven Green Hands received their Green Hand degrees... Among the projects under construction in the shop are: a brooder house, one creep feeder for calves, one bale loader, three cattle feed bunks, two cattle head gates, two chicken feeders, one salt and mineral house, two farm gates, two 4-wheel trailers, one rigid tractor hitch, eight hog troughs, two picnic tables, four livestock panels, and goal posts for the football field.

Junior Shewey, Reporter

MULVANE: The Mulvane FFA Chapter has planted nine acres of Concho wheat. When it is harvested each FFA member will get a chance to buy five to ten bushels...The chapter bought a pull down movie screen and a slide projector to aid in class room instruction...The chapter has two candy machines in operation which net \$2.00 per day...The chapter is bringing the FFA library up-to-date...We have 67 enrolled in vo-ag and 75 FFA members this year...Plans are being made to hold a pot-luck supper at the next regular meeting, November 30, with mothers and women faculty members as guests...The FHA girls are holding a box supper with the FFA in the very near future...The chapter harvested 510 bushels of Cherokee oats which were cleaned by the Rose Hill chapter and will be sold for seed this spring...The ag boys are building 2 4-wheel trailers, 2 creep feeders, one hay manger, one cattle squeeze, 3 cars are being readied to paint. The boys built the speakers tower and concession stand rafters for the football field...The FFA pest contest started Thanksgiving vacation and will be ended with the Green Hand Degree ceremony.

Don Coleman, Reporter

LOUISBURG: We have 35 members enrolled in vocational agriculture. This chapter is collecting paper, scrap iron and picking up corn after the picker to finance our banquet this year and start a gilt ring. New shop equipment this year is a power hack saw and over head "I" beam type hoist and trolley...The FFA Labor Day parade float won \$25.00 first place this year. The float was sponsored by two local business houses.

Ronald Roberts, Reporter

FLORENCE: A chapter of the FFA was organized for the first time at Florence with 28 members. A float was made by the members and entered in the Labor Day parade.. The float, showing some of the new equipment purchased for the shop, won \$15.00 for second prize in the educational division...The chapter has decided to have a scrap drive to raise money for the chapter activities.

Jerald Skibbe, Reporter

HUMBOLDT: The Humboldt FFA chapter has charge of two concessions for chapter income this year...We were host to Southeast Kansas land judging school held October 8, in which ten schools participated. The chapter is planning a tour to all the home farms to see their farming programs. We will make another tour in the spring to see how much progress has been made. Shop projects are: bale elevator, four-sheeled trailer, 6 feed bunks, 2 squeeze chutes, 3 gates, 1 stock rack, 1 swing set, 2 bicycle racks to support 15 bicycles each, 2 tally-ball supports, 2 picnic tables, overhauling 2 motors.

Phil Wolford, Reporter

BEVERLY: We held our freshman and sophomore parents meeting on Nov. 7. Four boys from the chapter told the parents about their farming programs. Three freshman have received the Green Hand degree. On Friday, Nov. 11, the FFA and the FHA jointly sponsored a barnwarmer. The FFA elected a queen and provided the decorations...We are starting our pest eradication contest...One of the boys is making a cattle squeeze chute for FFA to sell and another is making a set of bleachers for Westfall baseball field...We received a new pickup from a Lincoln, Kansas, auto dealer.

Byron D. Bell, Reporter

HERINGTON: The chapter has a watermelon feed in honor of the Vo-Ag I boys on Thursday, Sept. 9. Vo-Ag II boys and advisor attended the Kansas Free Fair or FFA day. Herington FFA officers, at the Emporia Leadership School, put on the Green Hand degree ceremony to the following boys from our chapter: Roger Evans, Larry Kern, Donald Kohls, Lyle Wade, Allen Weber, and Buddy Welch...Our money-making projects this year are: concessions at football games and the selling of Christmas cards. The chapter contributed \$5.00 to the Community Chest...We have divided our chapter into two teams and started a pest eradication contest. The losers will have a party for the chapter on January 26... On October 27, we held a welding school, demonstrating the use of low temperature eutectic welding alloys. Fifty boys and farmers attended...The FFA officers gave a program for the Lions Club of Herington on November 7...We are planning a Christmas dinner for all the members of the chapter on December 22.

Fred Rule, Reporter

HOLTON: The Holton Chapter has 30 members this year...A picnic was held in August and all eligible freshmen were invited...The freshmen were raised to Green Hands at the District FFA Leadership School held at Holton...We have a grade improvement contest this year. Each boy is given a certain amount of numbers for the letter grade he receives. The person with the greatest raise in points during the year wins an award at the close of the school year... Our annual pest contest began November 1, and ends on January 3, 1956...This year we are permitted to use school time once a month for FFA meetings...Our money raising activities are: selling popcorn at all home football games and basketball games, our booth at the Kansas Free Fair netted \$93.20, farm magazine subscriptions netted \$86.00, and we are now selling Christmas cards...The following are shop jobs we have completed and are working on: 3 wood feed bunks, 10 feed bunks made from used barrels, 3 farm gates, 1 chicken feeder, 1 four-wheel trailer, 1 hog trough, and new side boards for a trailer and several other small items...We have added one new welder to our shop... We are working on a TV program to be given on the WIBW, December 1...We have established a goal of five supplementary farm practices per student each six weeks.

James McGrath, Reporter

ALTON: The chapter purchased a gilt as a project for the sophomore class. Four freshmen boys are to obtain gilts from the gilt ring that was started three years ago...Plans are being made in cooperation with the FHA for the carnival to be held the first of the year. Degree ceremony was held by the chapter for five Chapter Farmers and ten Green Hands...The junior class installed a water line from the main school building to the shop, and a sewer line from the shop to the disposal field. The plumbing inside the building and tile floor in the classroom are soon to be installed...Shop projects that are under construction include: picnic table, fresno, garden tractor, book-case, chicken mash feeder and medicine cabinet...The freshmen have made rope halters and are working on farm carpentry projects.

Ralph Williams, Reporter

PRESTON: The Preston Vocational Agriculture Classes have organized a FFA Chapter at our school with the first meeting being held on November 9. This meeting was for the purpose of electing temporary officers. There were a total of eleven Vo-Ag students who expressed a desire to join the FFA. A second meeting was held on November 16; at this meeting committees were set up to organize the "Program of Work", Constitution, and By-Laws. As soon as we have a workable constitution we are going to petition the State Future Farmers of America. This department is new this year along with the building, in fact we didn't get into the building until October 3.

Joe Johnson, Reporter

PARTRIDGE: Plans have been made for a pest eradication contest. The chapter members and their dates crowded onto three hayracks for a trip to a weiner roast. Entertainment was furnished by two members and their guitars...Our next meeting will consist of a Green Hand degree ceremony for the Freshmen vo-ag students. Later in the year one of the Green Hands will be selected to receive a gilt from our gilt ring.

Ken Peirce, Reporter

SIMPSON: The Simpson FFA held the Green Hand degree ceremony for five freshmen on October 28...Our livestock judging team composed of Jerry Heidrick, Gary McClintock, Lanny Robertson, and Lewis Carlin placed first at the Glasco fair. ...For a money raising project the chapter is shocking feed for the farmers in the community...In shop we are building bunks, loading chute, and 4-wheeled trailers...The FFA boys recently held the fifth annual Stag Pheasant Feed in honor of their dads. The meal consisted of plenty of pheasant, mashed potatoes cranberry sauce, gravy and pie for dessert.

Lanny Robertson, Reporter

EUREKA: Our annual pie and box supper netted \$85.00...Last year we purchased a Vendo milk machine as a cooperative activity. The cost of the machine was \$640.00 and in the past year it has more than paid for itself...The Ag III boys have been building tractor-made terraces for two farmers in the community. The shop is loaded with farm equipment to be repaired and materials which will be used for making new pieces of machinery.

Darrel Shaw, Reporter

MANKATO: The Mankato Chapter has 38 members...To raise funds our chapter is dumping trash cans, running concession stands at the football and basketball games and making cattle squeezes...For our party this semester, we had a hay-rack ride and sack lunch picnic with dates and a dance afterwards...We held our Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degree ceremony at a night meeting with parents invited. Hot chocolate and cookies were served. After refreshments we served we held open house in the shop...We have two new arc welders, a new table and some new tools for our vo-ag department this year...The shop work so far has been: one set of bleachers for the football field, two cattle squeezes started, eight trailers started, refinishing a buffet, two picnic tables, two foot scrapers, and the freshmen are reconditioning tools.

Richard Reed, Reporter

HOXIE: The past summer the Hoxie livestock judging team took first place at all three northwest Kansas county fairs they attended...At our October 14 meeting twelve Green Hands received their degrees. Seven of our twelve Green Hands sold enough magazine subscriptions to earn FFA jackets...Our ag classes have been busy this fall with classroom work, a number of shop projects, and helping in the community with livestock practices such as docking, castrating, and dehorning...The gilt ring is being continued for boys interested in a hog program...To make money the chapter planted 15 acres of certified seed to sell after harvest next year. We also shocked feed, sold over three ton of scrap iron, racked shoes at the sock hop, slaughtered, and did several other things to make money...The chapter has two events to look forward to in the future, the father and son bean feed and a stag skating party.

Tom Haffner, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Twenty-one official jackets made their appearance at the high school the first week in October...The annual Parent-Son Dinner will be held December 8...Open house November 8, was quite successful...A skating party with the FHA and FFA was enjoyed November 22 at Miami, Oklahoma...We are building thirty pieces of farm equipment in the shop.

Ted Christianson, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: The junior and senior class went on tours of the boys' farms who had the chapter gilt. This year we took a bus load of boys to the FFA convention at Kansas City...At the last chapter meeting the Green Hands and the Chapter Farmers received their degrees.

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Our chapter again sponsored home football game programs and cleared \$175.00. We are selling fireplace wood to local residents...We rebuilt an old clay tile chicken house on a nearby vacant lot. It will be used for several of our town boys for their beef feeding project. We did a lot of work clearing out brush, building fence in addition to the building...We presented a TV program over station KCMO-TV the day before the nation convention. The program included our "Building the FFA Emblem" skit. Members of the skit were: Dick Duer, Roger Chalf, Mike Carter, Gary Clark, Howard Stroup Larry Justice, and Dale Martin. Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary, was on the program with us...Our judging team placed first in the district corn show. J.W. Martin was first with his corn entry, Larry Justice third, and Gerald Schalk fifth...Four members of our chapter had parts in the pageant presented during the national convention. They were: Pete Lorenz, Dale Eckerberg, Floyd Van Merrhaeghe, and Charles Schwarz.

Mike Carter, Reporter

WASHBURN: We received \$103.00 from our first place educational booth and \$82.50 from our farm mechanics display at the Topeka Free Fair...All of our junior and senior FFA members attended the national convention at Kansas City on October 11. Chapter members are operating a concession stand jointly with the FHA at the football games...Our annual pest eradication contest in our chapter is scheduled to begin November 24. Our chapter is inviting the Seaman chapter to a joint roller skating party in December. Two of our chapter members, Dean Edson and Jim Lovell represented our chapter on television in Oct... The drought during the summer was quite severe on our chapter members' feed crops. Many milo fields in our area were abandoned before combining. Some of the shop projects of our members include one truck bed, one magazine rack, one hog feeder, three metal hog troughs, one metal feedbunk, one four-wheel wagon, and other minor projects.

Jesse Bosworth, Reporter

YATES CENTER: The enrollment in our chapter for the 1955-56 year is 60. Our hayrack ride on November 8 was a success...Some of the shop projects are: garden tractor, power saw, several gates, and other small projects...We operated the concession stand at all home football games. Our pest control program began on Nov. 9 and ends on Dec. 13. The losing side will sponsor a chili supper for the winning side. The chapter sold Christmas cards for a money making activity. We sold 556 boxes. The seven boys who sold the most cards received a trip to the American Royal. The high boy was given an FFA jacket.

Gary McNitt, Reporter

LINDSBORG: The Lindsborg chapter has just started its second year in Vo-Ag and already has shown great progress...Our chapter purchased four brood gilts at the Newton Registered Gilt Sale at Newton. The gilts were immediately turned over to four FFA boys who are making their start in the swine business. In connection with the sale, a judging contest was held. John Oakleaf from our chapter was third high individual...As another money making project, we have bought up old machines and scrap iron. We take the iron we can use for the shop and sell the rest. The FFA in turn sells it to the boys for use on shop projects...This year thirteen Green Hands and twenty-six Chapter Farmers received FFA degrees...This past month we have completely repaired a horse-drawn mower, painted it, and now it can be used as a tractor pull-type mower.. One of the many project being made in shop is a thirty-foot elevator which will handle bales, grain, and silage.

John W. Carlin, Reporter

LONG ISLAND: This is our first year to have a Vo-Ag department, and of course our first year of FFA...Our first meeting was held on Sept. 2, 1955. We outlined our program of work, set a definite date and time for scrap iron collecting and painting mailboxes...Our money raising activities include: building projects in shop for farmers, cleaning up farmsteads for the scrap iron collected and painting mailboxes...At our second monthly meeting held on October 3, we planned a hay ride for all members and their dates. Also at our second meeting we had committee reports and the Green Hand degree ceremony and we discussed the date for our Parent-Son Banquet...For our community service this year in addition to vaccinating and dehorning cattle we are going to re-sod our football field and build a fence around the grade school playground...Some shop projects this year are: repairing and painting rod weeder, installing rings in one car, building feed bunks and building hay racks.

Duane Baker, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: The Smith Center Chapter held a watermelon feed for the freshmen and their Dads at the beginning of school. The chapter held a joint FFA and FHA hayrack ride October 19. There were 115 present...Four boys and the adviser attended the State Meats Contest at Wichita where they learned alot about type and grades of carcasses and meats...Fourteen Green Hands received their degrees on November 10. The Chapter Farmers degree ceremony will be held in December...The Brown Welding Company put on a welding school in the vo-ag shop...Ag classes II and III attended a land judging school sponsored by the County Extension Service...The chapter is having a pest eradication contest in which seniors and freshmen are opposing the juniors and sophomores.

Don Lemon, Reporter

BAZINE: For our money making projects this y ar we are having a magazine selling contest. At our meeting we voted to help get a popcorn machine so we could sell popcorn at the games. Our big money making project is the Donkey Basketball game which is to be held December 2. We will get 50% of the proceeds before the game and the night of the game we will get 40% of the proceeds...Farm shop projects under construction are: feed bunk, two cattle squeeze chutes, two cattle oilers, portable corrals...Our FFA chapter took exhibits at two fairs this year; the Ness County Fair in which we won \$45.00 prize money and the State Fair at Hutchinson in which we won \$40.00.

Gary Jordan, Reporter