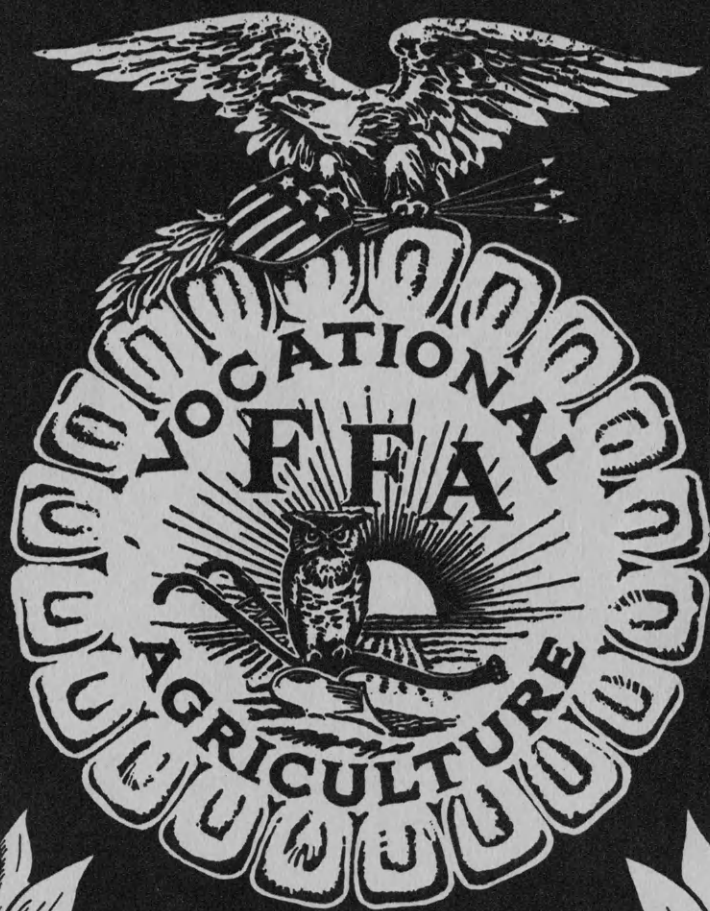


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AMERICAN FARMER &
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Declaration of intent to submit candidates due in State
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MEMBERSHIP DUES:

FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1957. Dues
are 30¢ per member, 10¢ national and 20¢ state.

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29th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



Kansas members of the National FFA Band - F.R. - L.R. John Carlson, Ellinwood; Ronnie Poor, Chanute; Dean Ebel, Wamego; John Baird, Arkansas City; B.R. - L.R. Paul Dozier, Herington; Jerry Post, Smith Center; Donald Ochampaugh, Stockton; Dr. Henry S. Brunner was director of the 122-piece National FFA Band.



Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus - F.R. - L.R. Preston Bassford, Beloit; Kermit Froetschner, Kinsley; Richard Aberle, Kiowa; Bobby Elliott, Columbus; B.R. L.R. Jerry Cundiff, Chapman; Marvin Timmons, Fredonia; Larry Ohlde, Linn; Warren Ochsner, Tribune; Dr. James Hatch was the director of the 132-member National FFA Chorus.

29TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



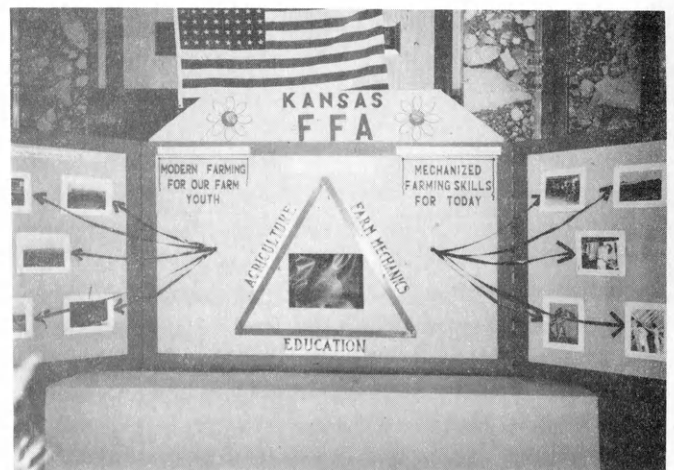
Professor L. F. Hall receives Honorary American Farmer Degree.



Official delegates, William Wachs and John Arford at their stations during business session.



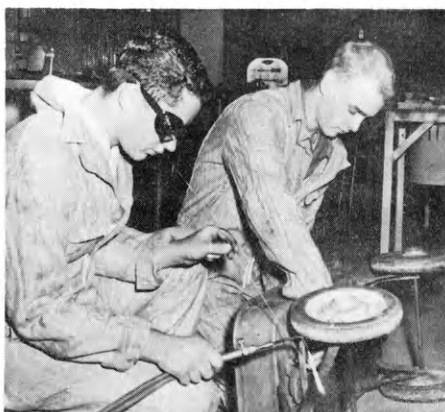
Stockton advisor and officers display Silver Emblem Plaque which they won in the National Better Chapter Contest.



Kansas Association exhibit which was on display in the Little Theater during the convention.



Kansas American Farmers: F.R. - L.R. Assistant Supervisor, Loren E. Whipps; Ambrose Ernzen, Effingham; Silas Foiles, Arkansas City; Gerald Dean Schneider, Ottawa; B.R. - L.R. David L. Essick, Ellsworth; Wilmer Dale Otte, Great Bend; Ralph B. Basel, Williamsburg.



Donald Johnson, left, Chairman Community Service Committee and Gary Miller, last year's FFA President of the Winfield Chapter, repair a wagon for a needy child.



Jerry Stirewalt, left, Erie Chapter and Harold Van Cleave, Advisor, inspect Sudan grass which had been drilled in wheat stubble on June 27. One of Jerry's steers helps to show height of feed crop.

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

Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18, 1956

More than 11,000 Future Farmers of America from the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico attended the 1956 convention, along with hundreds of the adult advisors and several thousand guests.

This great FFA Convention has again renewed our faith in American Agriculture and in the future of America. The outstanding way in which the officers and the official delegates of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America conducted the four day meeting won many expressions of admiration from FFA leaders, the citizens of Kansas City, and from representatives of great industrial concerns who were in attendance at the meetings. Twenty-nine representatives from fifteen foreign countries were among our guests.

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 handled the entire convention in a splendid manner.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were William Wachs, Ellsworth Chapter, President of the Kansas Association of FFA, and John Arford, Almena Chapter, Vice-President of the Kansas Association of FFA. Alternates were Jon Larson, Clay Center Chapter, State FFA Secretary, and John Griebel, Stockton Chapter, State FFA Treasurer.

AMERICAN FARMERS: There were 365 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. Kansas FFA members receiving the American Farmer Degree were: Ralph B. Basel, Williamsburg Chapter; Ambrose D. Ernzen, Effingham Chapter; David L. Essick, Ellsworth Chapter; Silas Foiles, Arkansas City Chapter; Wilmer Dale Otte, Great Bend Chapter; and Gerald Dean Schneider, Ottawa Chapter.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE: Professor L. F. Hall, In-service Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Kansas State College, was granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

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. Twenty-five vocational agriculture teachers. Kansas did not submit a candidate in this area during the past year. Copies of the score sheet for evaluating candidates for this degree are available at the State FFA office in Topeka.

STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and The Star Farmer for the Southern Region is Wesley H. Patrick, 21 years old of, Quitman, Georgia. Patrick is a member of the Quitman High School FFA Chapter. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., of \$1,000.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Robert L. Worley, Mercer Chapter, Pennsylvania. Award \$500.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - Larry Lust, Newton Chapter, Iowa. Award \$500.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Freddy North, Eloy Chapter, Arizona. Award \$500.

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NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

First:	Jim Borthwick, College Springs, Iowa. "The Challenge of Farming"	Award \$250
Second:	Lloyd Dubroff, Altha, Florida. "What Soil Conservation Districts are Doing to Conserve our Natural Resources"	Award \$225
Third:	Robert Viduya, Lanai, Hawaii. "Leadership, Our Inspiring Task"	Award \$200
Fourth:	Frederick Harrington, Essex Junction, Vermont. "Farm Surpluses - Ambassadors of Good Will"	Award \$175
Fifth:	Roy Chapin, Perrydale, Oregon. "America's Key Man"	Award \$150

JUDGES: Rosemary Dolezal, Assistant to the Director of Junior Activities, National Farmers Union, Denver, Colorado; George J. Lewis, United States Air Force, Topeka Kansas; J. C. Wright, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Des Moines, Iowa.

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CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 58 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went to 38 chapters; and Bronze Emblem to 23. Plaques were awarded to the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Emblem groups. The three Kansas chapters placed as follows:

Gold Emblem: Little River
Oberlin

Silver Emblem: Stockton

1956-57 NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS:

John M. Haide, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, President
Victor Cappucci, Jr., Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic
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James Quincey, Trenton, Florida, Southern Vice-President
Jerry Litton, Chillicothe, Missouri, Student Secretary

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1956 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS

The following is a brief report on each of the six successful American Farmer candidates from Kansas.

Ralph Basel - Williamsburg Chapter

Ralph Basel was graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1953. His farming program as a freshman in Vocational Agriculture included beef cattle, 2 1/2 acres of corn, and 5 1/2 acres of soybeans. His labor income during his first year was \$420.96. His total labor income from 1951 to 1956 was \$9,478.12. His farming program for 1955-56 included 45 head of beef cattle, 114 swine, 35 acres of wheat, 19 acres of oats, 31 acres of corn, 4 acres of barley, 10 acres of soybeans, 30 acres of milo, and 25 acres of alfalfa and prairie hay. His cattle include 5 registered Angus cows which he plans to use as a foundation for his herd.

Ralph completed 4 years of Vocational Agriculture training in high school and served as treasurer and as president of the Williamsburg FFA Chapter.

Ralph was married during the summer of 1956. He and Mrs. Basel have remodeled their home where they have recently moved and are becoming established in a full-time farming program.

Ambrose Ernzen - Effingham, Chapter

Ambrose Ernzen was graduated from Atchison County Community High School in 1954. His beginning farming program in Vocational Agriculture consisted of 5 acres of wheat and 307 chickens. His labor income during his freshman year was \$96.69. His labor income for the year of 1955-56 was \$5,350.34. His farming program during the 1955-56 year included 33 feeder cattle, 57 feeder hogs, and 1/2 interest in 30 acres of wheat, 36 acres of oats, and 30 acres of corn. He has been farming in partnership with his brother and father. He has increased his net worth from \$302.48 to \$12,011.79.

Ambrose has served as president of the Effingham FFA Chapter and as president of the High School Student Council.

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David L. Essick - Ellsworth Chapter

David L. Essick was graduated from the Ellsworth High School in 1954. His beginning farming program included 21 head of beef cattle, 12 hogs, 1 quarter horse, 10 acres of wheat, and 4 acres of sorghum. His 1955-56 program included 66 head of beef cattle, 4 quarter horses, 18 acres of wheat, and 20 acres of sorghum. His net worth was \$8,504.55.

David was an officer in his local FFA Chapter. He was a member of the National FFA Chorus in 1953. He belongs to the Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas Hereford Association. He has shown his livestock at numerous fairs and has accumulated many blue and champion ribbons.

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Silas Foiles - Arkansas City Chapter

Silas Foiles was graduated from the Arkansas City High School in 1955. When he enrolled as a freshman in Vocational Agriculture, his farming program consisted of 2 dairy heifers. His records show that his farming program increased to 22 dairy cattle, 14 acres of atlas sorghum, 9 acres of alfalfa, 14 acres of milo, 15 acres of rye pasture, and 15 acres of Sudan grass. At the end of last year, he had a net worth of \$5,926.16.

Silas has been developing a herd of Ayrshire dairy cows. He served as president of the Arkansas City FFA Chapter in 1954-55. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Ayrshire Breeders Association, and of the Cowley County Farm Bureau.

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Wilmer Otte - Great Bend Chapter

Wilmer Otte was graduated from the Great Bend High School in 1955. As a freshman in Vocational Agriculture, his farming program included 12 beef cattle, 1 hog, 5 sheep, 10 acres of milo, 5 acres of wheat, and 5 acres of atlas. For the year 1955-56, his records showed 22 beef cattle, 10 sheep, 12 acres of milo, 5 acres of atlas, 12 acres of alfalfa, 12 acres of Sudan grass, and 1/2 interest in 11 hogs. His labor income for his last year was \$1,424.98.

Wilmer has rented 25 acres from his father and 98 acres from a neighbor. With his neighbor, he has developed a partnership arrangement in order to develop a sheep enterprise.

In high school, Wilmer served as an FFA officer.

Wilmer's parents own an attractive country home. A satisfying home life goes hand in hand with their work of farming. Good farm management is quite apparent in the farmstead and in the operational activities of caring for livestock and crops. Wilmer has engaged in many activities in addition to his studies while in high school. He is active in church work.

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Gerald D. Schneider - Ottawa Chapter

Gerald D. Schneider was graduated from the Ottawa High School in 1955. His beginning farming program included 13 hogs, 1 beef heifer, and 2 acres of corn. His 1955-56 farming program included 45 hogs, 12 beef cattle, 30 acres of milo, 32 acres of wheat, 16 acres of corn, and 28 acres of soybeans.

Gerald was a member of the State Agricultural judging team and of the State Farm Mechanics team from his chapter.

Gerald has helped his father remodel the family home. He also has rented additional land which will enlarge his farming program.

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REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO THE 1956 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTIONWilliam Wachs:

From the starting luncheon in the President Hotel to the time I left Kansas City, I was continually meeting more FFA boys. I had the privilege of personally meeting and talking to each of the National Officers. I also talked with Future Farmers from Great Britain, Australia and with the National President of the Future Farmers of Japan.

I wish that every member could have heard the speeches and the way the speakers answered the questions in the National Speech Contest. As most of you know the winner came from our region. During the convention, we heard from many outstanding public leaders. Among these were Charles Shuman and Dr. Kenneth McFarland.

It was my privilege to participate in the massing of the State Flags. After which they presented the Star Farmer of America, Wesley Patrick.

The delegates attended many luncheons and dinners. The hosts of these fine meals included: The Butler Manufacturing Co., CCA, Massey Harris, Sears, Roebuck, Du Pont, General Motors, and Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Also as a Santa Fe Award winner I attended the Santa Fe dinner.

You may think a convention is all business but the FFA members had a very enjoyable time with the National Band and National Chorus to sing and play for them. The Firestone Show presented Tuesday evening was enjoyed by many thousand FFA boys and guests. But in my opinion the FFA Amateur Hour with FFA boys from all over the United States participating was the best. It showed that FFA boys are leaders in all fields.

I would like to thank Jon Larson, our State Secretary, who stepped in and talked to the Kiwanis Club for me. I was unable to attend because at that time Wes Seyler, from WIBW, Harold Shoaf, Assistant State Supervisor, Ambrose Ernzen, American Farmer, and I were putting some news of the National Convention on television.

To describe how I actually felt during the convention would be impossible - It was an experience I shall never forget. I only wish that every member of the Kansas Association of FFA could attend at least one National Convention during his FFA career.

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John Arford:

My trip to the National FFA Convention was one of the greatest experiences I have ever had. It was a great opportunity to learn about the different states, and to meet people from all over the nation.

The Monday night session was opened with the official ceremony and followed by the wonderful music of the National FFA Band. After the band played there followed one of the highlights of the convention; the National Public Speaking Contest. I sincerely enjoyed listening to these speeches and I believe they were as good as you could hear anywhere in the world. The speaking contest was followed by music from the National FFA Chorus. I thought it was remarkable, the excellence in which the band and the chorus performed considering the the very short time they had to practice together.

The Honorary American Farmer and the American Farmer Awards were very impressive and the very capable way the National Officers conducted the convention showed in every way the wonderful selections made in their elections.

The Tuesday night session was what I considered the biggest highlight in the convention. This was the awarding of the Star Farmer of America Degrees and the very impressive ceremony that went with it. This evening was climaxed by the Firestone Show featuring stars such as "Peg Leg" Bates and many others.

I had to return to school after the Firestone Show and I greatly regret that I could not have stayed for the remainder of the convention.

I would like to urge all you FFA boys to attend the National Convention if at any way possible. It is a very educational and worthwhile trip and I was very proud to have taken a small part in this 1956 convention and to be a member of an organization of a swell bunch of guys, the Future Farmers of America.

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Jon Larson:

As your State Secretary, I had the privilege of attending the 29th National FFA Convention at Kansas City from October 16 to October 18. I arrived in Kansas City in time for the afternoon session on October 16. It was at this session that the American Farmer Degrees and the National Chapter Awards were presented. At the evening session, the Regional Star Farmer and the Star Farmer of America Awards were presented. To me, this was the most inspirational part of the entire convention. What a wonderful sight it is to see the flags for every state massed on the platform behind the Star Farmers! I then fully realized that I was associating with boys from everywhere in the United States plus Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

Tuesday evening after the session, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. sponsored a Broadway Show featuring many famous actors and actresses. I think we as FFA members should all feel very indebted to Mr. Raymond Firestone for that wonderful show.

Wednesday morning I had the privilege of taking your vice-president's place as a voting delegate. The highlight of the morning session was an address by Dr. Kenneth McFarland of the General Motors Corporation, and a pageant depicting the Westward movement in the history of the United States. Wednesday afternoon, the convention was recessed and the delegates worked on various committees. I had the privilege of helping make the rules for next year's National Speech Contest. The last day of the convention was spent on routine business such as approving the committee reports and the election of officers.

Of course, there are many other activities in connection with the convention such as award banquets, breakfasts, etc. I certainly enjoyed them all.

At this time, I would like to congratulate the Kansas judging teams, the American Farmers, Band and Chorus members, and the Chapter Award winners for a job well done.

In closing one thing I would like to stress is that every FFA member try to attend the National Convention sometime during his membership in FFA. As Kansans we do not realize how fortunate we are to be so close to the convention. I was a little disappointed this year in the number from Kansas who attended, but I am hopeful we will make it better next year. I feel any FFA member is missing one of the richest experiences of FFA if he does not attend. The inspiration of seeing the eleven thousand boys dressed in their blue and gold jackets makes me proud I am a member of the Future Farmers of America.

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John Griebel:

I arrived at Kansas City late Wednesday evening and went to the Hotel President, where I spend the remainder of the night with William Wachs and Jon Larson, fellow FFA officers.

Thursday morning I attended the 8th annual National Awards Breakfast held at the Muehlebach Hotel and sponsored by the Butler Manufacturing Company. A very informative speech was given by Mr. Oliver S. Willham, President of Oklahoma A & M.

After the breakfast Jon and I went to the Municipal Auditorium to take our seats in the House of Delegates. The morning was spent in the reading and approving of the various reports. We adjourned at noon for lunch.

The afternoon sessions began at 1:30. In this session we heard the very interesting reports of the retiring officers. The last report was from the nomination committee. This last report consisted of the names of the boys who had been chosen to run for the national offices. I felt that it was a privilege to cast one of the Kansas votes for the new National Officers. After the installation of the new officers the 29th National Convention was adjourned.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent at the Saddle and Sirloin Ranch where we were privileged to witness a fine horse show and also were served a fine dinner.

I considered it a real privilege and an honor to have represented Kansas at the National Convention. This convention will be an experience not soon forgotten. I feel that it was one of the highlights of my FFA experiences.

REPORT OF DOWELL J. HOWARD, TREASURER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1956

(FFA Accounts audited by Leach, Calkins, & Scott)

Summary of Audit

ASSETS:

Cash in bank		\$ 52,945.61
U. S. Savings Bonds	\$ 58,575.00	
Less: Reserve for unearned interest	<u>13,634.08</u>	<u>44,940.92</u>
 Total Current Assets		 \$ 97,886.53

OTHER ASSETS:

Loan Receivable:		
"The National Future Farmers":		
Cash advances	\$ 36,786.20	
Expenses paid in prior periods	<u>7,713.80</u>	\$ 44,500.00
Trademark		<u>500.00</u>
 Total Other Assets		 \$ 45,000.00

BUILDING FUND:

Cash in bank		18,417.65
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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 and fixtures	\$ 1,031.46		
Building site	<u>11,582.35</u>	<u>\$ 12,613.81</u>	\$ 43,562.48
			<u>\$ 204,866.66</u>

FFA FOUNDATION ACCOUNTFacts concerning contributors and contributions:

1951 -	No. of contributors	99	Amount -	\$ 120,771.50
	FFA & NFA Associations	14	"	746.50
	Individuals	3	"	450.00
	Business Organizations	82	"	119,575.00
1956 -	(As of September 30, 1956)			
	No. of contributors	249	Amount -	\$ 162,704.00
	FFA & NFA Associations	3	"	64.00
	Individuals	20	"	1,385.00
	Business Organizations	226	"	161,255.00

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NATIONAL FFA BAND AND NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

All friends, leaders, and members throughout the United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico who have had the privilege of attending a National FFA Convention in recent years realize the tremendous contribution made by the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus. Special thanks is due the directors - Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Head Teacher Trainer in Agricultural Education, Pennsylvania State University, and Dr. James W. Hatch of Albany, New York, for their inspiring leadership of the two splendid farm boy musical organizations. The high quality performances of these two organizations delighted thousands of people throughout America as well as hundreds of visitors from foreign countries. In addition to the regular performances scheduled in connection with the convention program, both the band and the chorus made many appearances before church congregations and radio and TV audiences.

The band members from Kansas were: Donald Ochampaugh, Stockton; Paul Dozier, Herington; Ronnie Poor, Chanute; John Carlson, Ellinwood; Jerry Post, Smith Center; Dean Ebel, Wamego; John Baird, Arkansas City.

The members of the chorus from Kansas were: Richard Aberle, Kiowa; Preston Bassford, Beloit; Jerry Cundiff, Chapman; Bobby Elliott, Columbus; Kermit Froetschner, Kinsley; Warren Ochsner, Tribune; Larry Ohlde, Linn; Marvin Timmons, Fredonia.

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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 \$12,500 for plaques, certificates, and travel awards to state teams, the travel 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 17-18, 1956Poultry Judging Contest: (38 teams competing)

Kansas represented by Chanute team won Gold Emblem Classification.
C. O. Carter, Advisor

Individual Placings: Lester Hole, Charles Reeves, Merle Greve,
Gold Emblem.

Livestock Judging Contest: (41 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by McPherson team won Gold Emblem Classification.
Richard Ramsdale, Advisor

Individual Placings: Bob Krehbiel, Tommy Schrag, Gary Schrag,
Gold Emblem.

Meats Identification Contest: (29 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Beloit team won Silver Emblem Classification.
Lee Doyen, Advisor

Individual Placings: Eugene Kennedy and Dean Heiman, Silver Emblem;
Merlin Fobes, Bronze Emblem.

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WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 2, 1956Dairy Cattle Judging: (39 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Manhattan team won Bronze Emblem Classification.
J. W. Taylor, Advisor

Individual Placings: Gerald Havenstein, Walter Rudolph, Bronze Emblem.
Harold Bailey, Honorable Mention.

Judging Dairy Products: (33 state teams competing)

Kansas represented by Clay Center team won Gold Emblem Classification.
Dale Brooks, Advisor

Individual Placings: Ernest Stalver, Loren Mall, Gold Emblem; Billie
Cowell, Silver Emblem.

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FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1956 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 - Berryton Chapter, Thomas Morris, Advisor
Theme: Soil Testing
- 2nd place - Seaman Chapter, Marvin Smith, Advisor
Theme: Livestock Loss Prevention
- 3rd place - Rossville Chapter, Ira Williams, Advisor
Theme: Fertilizer Applications
- 4th place - Effingham Chapter, Roy Eck, Advisor
Theme: Farrowing Crate Conserves Livestock
- 5th place - Ottawa Chapter, S. S. Bergsma, Advisor
Theme: Three Hits to Farm Success
- 6th place - Hiawatha Chapter, Ralph Arnold, Advisor
Theme: Dairy Production Testing
- 7th place - Fairview Chapter, Clifford Elliott, Advisor
Theme: Bruises are Costly
- 8th place - Holton Chapter, Harold Gentry, Advisor
Theme: Safety
- 9th place - Marion Chapter, Robert C. Stephens, Advisor
Theme: Meat Type Hog
- 10th place - Powhattan Chapter, Melvin Casey, Advisor
Theme: Saving Fuel

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Marion, Robert C. Stephens, Advisor
- 2nd place - Erie, Harold Van Cleave, Advisor

- 3rd place - Seaman, Marvin Smith, Advisor
 4th place - Powhattan, Melvin L. Casey, Advisor
 5th place - Washburn, Garth Renken, Advisor
 6th place - Berryton, Thomas Morris, Advisor
 7th place - Highland, F. E. Carpenter, Advisor
 8th place - Lawrence, Roy Cropp, and Walter Gehlbach, Advisors
 9th place - Burlingame, Richard E. Weiser, Advisor
 10th place - Altamont, Courtney Bennett, and Dale Perkins, Advisors

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AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSON

Booth Exhibits:

Central Area:

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

Western Area:

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

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STATE FFA MEATS CONTEST - WICHITA

- 1st place - Beloit Chapter, Lee Doyen, Advisor, Total Points 1028
 Individual Placings: Merlin Fobes, 353; Eugene Kennedy, 351;
 Dean Heiman, 324.
- 2nd place - Lawrence Chapter, Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach, Advisors
 Total Points 966 (tie)
 Individual Placings: Chuck Shelly, 335; Bob Alenbernd, 318;
 Roger Pine, 313.
- 2nd place - Kinsley Chapter, Harold Blackwell, Advisor, Total Points 966 (tie)
 Individual Placings: Don Hainer, 331; Merlyn Goodson, 322;
 Charles Schaller, 313.
- 4th place - Winfield Chapter, John Lowe and Lewis Eggenberger, Advisors
 Total Points 943
 Individual Placings: Jim Dicken, 353; Alan Lewis, 337; Gary
 Cranston, 253.
- 5th place - Pretty Prairie Chapter, Powell Heide, Advisor, Total Points 912
 Individual Placings: Larry Krehbiel, 308; Larry Giefer, 302;
 Leland Albrecht, 302.

- 6th place - Parsons Chapter, Ralph Gaier, Advisor, Total Points 907
Individual Placings: Cecil Janssen, 328; Ronald Mayden, 297;
Richard Hornback, 282.
- 7th place - Ellinwood Chapter, John Cragun, Advisor, Total Points 899
Individual Placings: Norman Werner, 316; Donald Roble, 295;
Darrell Pohlman, 288.
- 8th place - Mulvane Chapter, Francis Shoup, Advisor, Total Points 886
Individual Placings: Wally Cook, 319; Don Backman, 284;
Floyd Shoup, 283.
- 9th place - Sedan Chapter, Albert Maddux, Advisor, Total Points 857
Individual Placings: Don Jackson, 296; Albert Woods, 283;
Ernest Malone, 278.
- 10th place - Phillipsburg Chapter, Frank Freeman, Advisor, Total Points 790
Individual Placings: Robert Jerby, 288; Merlyn Patterson, 262;
Loren Eltiste, 240.

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Convention Notes

MEMBERSHIP: The official membership of the Future Farmers of America as of June 30, 1956, was 382, 342.

ATTENDANCE: Dr. Spanton reported that as of Wednesday the third day of the convention the registrations at the convention ran well over 11,000. He also stated that many groups came into the sessions in such a hurry that they did not take time to register.

PAGEANT: Dr. A. W. Tenney has again written and presented an outstanding pageant. "Frontiers" was presented by members of the following frontier states: New Mexico, Wyoming, Washington, South Dakota, California, Oregon, Utah, Texas, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Arizona. The pageant portrayed some of the people and the great events that helped build our nation. The following scenes were shown as Terrell Benton read the script: Spanish scene; Mountain Men at Rendezvous; Lewis and Clark Expedition; Sod House; Discovery of Gold; Covered Wagon; Morman Handcart Pioneers; The Chisholm Trail; The Driving of the Gold Spike; Oklahoma Land Rush; FFA boys view large map of U. S. In the covered wagon scene, Dan Dunham, national president and members of his family appeared. Dan's grandfather was one of the pioneers who traveled across the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon. In the scene, Dan's sister Joyce sang "The Oregon Trail".

AMATEUR HOUR: Sixteen appearances were presented in about one hour in the FFA amateur hour. Among the fine vocal and instrumental numbers were the FFA Rhythmaires, and the Oregon Quartette, who called themselves, 1 quart, 2 fifths, and a pint. Their number was called a "smedley" since they had previously

been informed that it smelled. It was enjoyed very much by the members present. The Alabama String Band played the "Orange Blossom Special". Ivan Horne and his sheep dog "Tippy" performed well.

PRESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA A & M COLLEGE: At the Butler breakfast, Dr. Willham stated that, "agriculture has experienced a great change in the last 25 years and that not enough city people realize the advancements that have taken place". (Editors note - Chapter activities planned and carried out during the Farm-City Week of November 16-22 can help fulfill this need).

Dr. Willham also pointed out that now an average of 80% of the gross income to the farmer must go out for cash expenses each year. Twenty-five years ago that percentage was about 12. He said that we will soon have a problem of producing enough food and that universal peace can come only when people are well fed in all parts of the world.

REPORT OF NORTH CENTRAL NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT - Dale E. Ring

Continued at Ohio State University until end of quarter. Attended National Grange Convention at Cleveland, 3 days in mid-November. Dropped college on December 16 to give full time to FFA. On January 4 attended a Civil Defense meeting at Battle Creek, Michigan. On January 18 to Washington D.C. for a Board meeting and to start on a good-will tour, returned February, 18. Then spoke at many banquets and meetings in Ohio. March 22 to Ohio Public Speaking Contest and to State Young Farmers Meeting. March 25 to East Lansing, Michigan for State Convention. April 9 to Cincinnati, Ohio for radio program with Mr. Weiler, et. al. April 18 to Columbus, Missouri to State Convention. On to Stillwater, Oklahoma to convention and then on to Manhattan, Kansas for convention. "Here I watched an impressive program for awarding the Star Farmer Degree and also a unique banquet." May 7 to Minnesota Convention, then to Ohio Convention and on to Green Lake, Wisconsin June 3 for their convention. To Springfield, Illinois to convention then to a radio program at Marion, Ohio. To Battle Creek, Michigan for Civil Defense meeting, "You may note that we are recommending that this year's program of activities include the suggestions that local chapters participate in Civil Defense work!" July 23 to Washington, D. C. for Board meeting. September 5 flew to St. Louis, Missouri to Regional Speech Contest. October 10 to Kansas City to National FFA Convention.

Days spent in the interest of FFA	111
Speeches made	77
State conventions attended	8
Radio and TV programs	17
Expenses incurred	\$1200

"Exactly what the future holds for me no one knows, but I do know that whatever it may be, the experiences I have had with the FFA will help me face it with confidence." Signed: Dale Ring

SUMMARY OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Days spent in interest of FFA.....	233
Speeches made	224
State convention held.....	9
Radio and TV broadcasts.....	55
Expenses.....	\$3600

To FFA members -- "Yours is a rich and precious heritage, spend your life wisely and carefully, think often of the principles of the FFA and let them guide you toward right decisions for successful, rich, and full lives". Signed: Dan Dunham

COMMITTEE REPORTS: National Convention Committee recommended that the problems of amateur photography and of the use of flash bulbs during the National Public Speaking Contest be studied.

Official Manual Committee's recommendations included that the manual include these items: The pin of the highest degree, the pin of the highest office, and one foundation medal be all that is worn on the FFA jacket, and that these pins be worn on the right side of the jacket; that the jacket be worn with the zipper completely closed at the top; that there be no smoking by an individual while wearing the jacket; that the author of the Creed be printed following the Creed; that a picture of the National FFA Convention be included in the manual; that the slogan, "The Successful Farmer of Tomorrow is the Future Farmer of today" be adopted.

DR. McFARLANDS SPEECH ENJOYED: One of our great needs, stated Dr. McFarland, "is that of distinguishing between fun and lasting happiness." Also he reminded the FFA members and guests that "If you lose the right to fail, you also lose the right to win".

CELEBRITIES IN ATTENDANCE: FFA boys met and heard Hopalong Cassidy of Hollywood, baseball players Hank Bauer, Enos Slaughter, and others.

DR. HUNT: Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare - Dr. Hunt praised the business and industrial concerns for their public and social mindedness in supporting activities such as those of the FFA. He also reminded his audience that people are the real important things in the world.

EAGLE SCOUT, EDWARD ROW, KANSAS CITY: Row reported that there were 4 million scouts in the U. S. this past year between the ages of 8 and 18. From ages 8 to 11 is the cub scout group, from 11 to 14 is the boy scout division and from 14 to 18 are the explorer scouts.

FFA BAND: The National FFA Band greeted Latin American Ambassadors as they arrived at the Kansas City airport Friday afternoon October 19.

FIRESTONE COMPLIMENTS FFA: Mr. Raymond Firestone said that he considered the FFA members the greatest natural resource that the nation has. "Out there in that hall sit youth who are Christian, hard working, serious, and patriotic", he said.

FUTURE FARMERS OF JAPAN: Kansas delegation members visited with the president and the assistant secretary general of the FFJ. An interpreter helped to make the conversations more meaningful. The Japanese group also sang the FFJ song for our members.

FARM-CITY WEEK (November 16-22)

What can our chapters do?

1. Put on a program at the school, farm bureau, grange, or at a service club.
2. Dramatize the importance of good basic understanding between rural and city folks.
3. Cooperate with other agencies in a district or county wide activity.
4. Develop news articles for your local papers.
5. See that Farm-City Week is an outstanding week in our community. See that vo-ag plays a prominent role in the activity.

PAGEANT

The State office in Topeka has a copy of Dr. Tenney's pageant, "Frontiers" which was presented at the 29th National FFA Convention. In case the supply at the Washington office is exhausted or limited, additional copies can be printed by the Topeka staff if you have a need for them.

LIVESTOCK LOSS PREVENTION

The Inman Chapter placed first and the Harper Chapter placed second in the State FFA Programs of livestock loss prevention.

Each chapter received a plaque for having completed outstanding activities in livestock conservation. Mr. Ray Cuff, Regional Manager of Livestock Conservation, Inc., and the Butler Manufacturing Co. made the awards.

FARM SAFETY CONTEST

The Ellsworth Chapter's program of safety during the 1955-56 school year won for them the State Farm Safety Contest and the \$100 award which was presented by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

FFA BRINGS ENTHUSIASM TO KANSAS CITY: In the October 21 issue of the Kansas City Star, an editorial regarding FFA began as follows: "Could anything create more optimism for the future of farming than the unbounded enthusiasm in the Future Farmers of America? We don't know what it could be.

"Certainly Kansas City always gets a lift from the annual visit that thousands of these farm boys pay to our city. It is like a tonic. And the boys themselves have a lot of fun. They see our meat packing industry, our stockyards, motor car assembly plants and factories. Young men from the East buy big cowboy hats and go home looking like Texans. The FFA band plays, the chorus sings. It is one big week of entertainment with some serious business mixed in.

"But there is something more basic in this enthusiasm. These are the Future Farmers of America and they are preparing for a career on the land. They are our assurance that agriculture will be in good hands in the years to come. Farming is big business and these boys are better trained than those of any other generation to compete in it."

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ALTAMONT ENTERS SWINE: Swine entries in the Wichita National Junior Fat Scock Show brought \$288 in prizes to the Altamont FFA Chapter members. The hogs also sold well at the special sale held in the Forum at Wichita.

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WINDOW DISPLAY OR BOOTH SUGGESTIONS

State Exhibits at the 29th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION included:

1. Patriotism through conservation - Aerial photos, class study from the air, also scenes of school buildings, airport, etc.
2. Original pictures of past officers (or chapter members) and streamers leading to other pictures showing present farming status of each officer or member.
3. Concrete mailbox stand - round base, 4 x 4 concrete post in center of base, mailbox mounted on 1 x 4 boards which were bolted to the concrete post.
4. Selectroscope (automatic picture showing machine), showing slides of chapter members' programs.
5. Fertilizer is profitable - With fertilizer and without fertilizer contrast.
6. Safety display - Hazards demonstrated.
7. From Bossie to baby - Milk pipeline from udder to bottle.
8. FFA and Vocational Agriculture rings the bell - Strong man used sledge to ring the bell in establishing a young man in farming.

9. Pictures of FFA Leadership Camp.
10. Safety - use reflectors on machinery. Cat says, "I can see at night, can you?"
11. Large clock and history of the FFA shown with pictures.
12. Push buttons and electric lights arrangement showing FFA statistics, locations of chapters, farming program dates, etc.
13. Products and by-products of principal agriculture commodities shown by samples or with pictures.
14. World's largest FFA livestock show - - Growth of entries and premiums paid.
15. Large livestock and crop production pictures in color.
16. Soil conservation through FFA program - demonstrated by pictures and statistics.

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Missouri FFA Camp*

Another state leadership training camping season has come and gone with 1,025 members and advisors from 130 chapters participating in one of Missouri's major summer FFA group activities. This number corresponds very closely to the number who have attended the camp during other recent seasons. Beginning with the 1953 season more than 1,000 members and advisors have made use of the State Camp each year.

John Griffith, Camp Director, and others who were at the camp this season state that the campers apparently enjoyed each week's program and exchanged many ideas which can be used in local chapter activities during the coming school year.

Although every camper had a lot of fun taking part in the various tournaments and in fishing and boating, most would agree that the one most valuable activity was the FFA leadership training phase of the program. All eleven of our state officers were at camp during the summer and helped in a very fine way to cause each camper to have an enjoyable and worthwhile camping experience.

It appears quite certain that the Missouri Association of FFA will be permitted to use "Camp Rising Sun" again next year. Chapter groups may want to begin to make plans to attend the camp in 1957.

* The Missouri FFA Camp report was taken from an article published in the September issue of the Missouri Future Farmer.

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National FFA Magazine Subscriptions Scoreboard (November 1)

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SUBSCRIPTION</u>
Almena	43	LaCygne	19
Alton	20	Leoti	35
Atwood	14	Linn	49
Barnes	20	Long Island	19
Beloit	42	Louisburg	30
Berryton	29	Manhattan	46
Bonner Springs	43	Marysville	44
Cedar Vale	17	Meade	23
Centralia	29	Meriden	5
Clay Center	33	Morland	25
Coffeyville	47	Norton	27
Concordia	25	Oberlin	55
Dodge City	19	Osborne	37
Downs	28	Oxford	27
Ellsworth	23	Palco	26
Eskridge	28	Paradise	11
Fairview	25	Plainville	24
Frankfort	32	Pretty Prairie	50
Garden City	59	Riley	11
Garnett	44	Simpson	18
Geneseo	35	Smith Center	18
Goessel	2	St. Francis	41
Goodland	37	Stockton	31
Herington	32	Tribune	58
Hill City	25	Washington	26
Iola	37	Wetmore	25
Kincaid	22	Wilson	14
Kinsley	27		

Because of the value derived from having our FFA magazine in each home, chapter officers will want to consider ways for their members to subscribe 100%. Some chapters are providing all or part of the subscriptions from chapter funds.

Additional subscription blanks are available at the FFA office in Topeka, if needed. However, additional blank paper can be used to continue your lists. Our calendar shows that, if possible, all subscriptions are to be in by December 1.

AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR - HUTCHINSONFarm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st place - Winfield, L. Eggenberger, Advisor
- 2nd place - Hillsboro, Truman Diener, Advisor
- 3rd place - Little River, Milton Kohrs, Advisor
- 4th place - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, Advisor
- 5th place - Ellinwood, John Cragun, Advisor
- 6th place - Buhler, J. A. Johnson, Advisor
- 7th place - Bazine, Ed Brenner, Advisor
- 8th place - Meade, Howard Thomas, Advisor
- 9th place - Salina, Wm. Smith, Advisor
- 10th place - Wilson, Fred Simmons, Advisor

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THE BEST MEDICINE

In addition to the fact that laughter is frequently the best medicine, it has these notable advantages:

1. It is by far more pleasant to take than most medicine.
2. You don't have to worry about getting an overdose.
3. It doesn't cost anything.
4. You don't have to see a specialist to get a prescription.

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"The proper way to train a child into the way he should go, is to go that way yourself."

"Success is brought about not by doing only what is required--but by doing more."

CHAPTER NEWS

MARION: The Marion Chapter exhibited a power hoist, a loading chute, a stock rack, a truck bed, and a gate at the Kansas Free Fair in Topeka and won first place and \$100 in prize money. . . We are busy in our shop with everyone having a project to work on. A few of them are: a loading chute, an implement carrier, a post-hole digger, a dump trailer, a bale elevator and a bale and grain elevator. . . We have had two meetings since school began. We have 36 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and 36 enrolled in FFA. . . Dwight Kruse, an associate member, won \$50 in the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Contest. . . We have gone on a number of field trips. We went to a farm equipped with Grade A dairy facilities. We also went to Harvey Kruse's to see his deferred steer program.

Milford Hett, Reporter

PARTRIDGE: Our shop has been improved by the addition of a new gas forge, a new table saw, a new floor grinder and a new valve grinding machine. . . We are getting quite low on funds so we are planning many money raising programs this year. . . We are planning for all of our meetings to include film strips and things of amusement along with our business.

Dennis Perkins, Reporter

ESKRIDGE: Largest of our jobs include two cattle feed bunks, a limer for the athletic department, laying nests, gates, a 4' x 4' welding table, and a first-aid box for additional safety. . . We are beautifying the area around the school. . . We are planning a Pest Eradication Contest with our neighboring town, Alma.

Robert Shumate, Reporter

CHENEY: Eighteen members participated in the FFA Division of the Sedgwick County Fair held last August. Hogs, beef cattle and dairy cattle were shown. The boys also had an FFA Safety Booth and entered a float in the parade. . . All members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson last September. We have 30 boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture with 36 FFA members. Boys enrolled in Vo-Ag III have completed the overhauling of three tractors. Several field trips have been taken to study wheat production, one trip to a local grain company where the boys watched the liquid method of seed wheat treatment with a fungicide.

David Pipkin, Reporter

CENTRALIA: Our chapter has been working on our athletic field the past few days. We have thirty-three members enrolled in FFA and twenty-eight enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. We plan to go to the American Royal in Kansas City, October 20. Twenty-two members plan to attend.

Larry Williams, Reporter

QUINTER: The Quinter FFA Chapter had an intra-class softball tournament during the summer. The eighth graders were invited to attend and participate in the tournament. . . The Chapter entertained their parents at a meeting September 20th. . . As a way to encourage scouting, the Quinter Chapter has taken on the project of running the foundation for the scout cabin in the city park. . . Our advisor and 15 members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson for two days. . . Lenard Wildeman, Royce Chestnut, Jay Mann, and Sam Coburn have taken the gilts for the registered Hampshire gilt ring operated by our chapter. . . In our shop the following projects are being built: cattle squeeze, two-wheeled trailer, bale trailer, pipe and sucker rod corral fence, egg cooler, pickup grain box, two feed bunks, and many smaller items.

Ray Harvey, Reporter

ALTON: We held a night meeting on August 28th and after the meeting we had a watermelon feed. . . We are planning to put on a TV program and in preparation for this program we are sending an officer to see how and what steps need to be taken to accomplish this program. . . We plan on taking part in the Land Judging school at Osborne. The classes took a field trip to observe hybrid corn and sorghums. . . The classes in Vocational Agriculture cleaned up the ground around the agriculture building and hauled off some old iron. . . Lynn Earl who has sheep on the Sears program is building sheep panels. Other projects being built are: a seed cleaner, a loading chute, and a horse trailer.

Don Pratt, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Our Chapter has had two meetings. The first was on fire prevention, at which time one of the down town firemen gave a talk. The other meeting was on safety. . . The agriculture III class attended a farming program tour sponsored by the County Extension Service. The large laying houses and equipment in the community were observed. . . The FFA and FHA sponsored a Harvest Festival Ball on the evening of October 15. Four adult couples demonstrated square dances and taught them to the FFA and FHA members. . . Jerry Post left Smith Center with his bass susaphone on October 11, for Kansas City to participate in the National FFA Band during the National FFA Convention.

Delbert Grauerholz, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Our FFA chapter gave the Greenhand Degree ceremony during the month of September with a watermelon feed for the fathers and sons after the ceremony. We had a scrap drive which helped us to raise money. Shop projects include: Reconditioning tools, building rope halters, learning welding skills, coal forge project, making a barrel stand, trash barrel for shop, barrel seed treater, safety flags for truckers, metal bench for shop, wall steel rack, bale sled, and a hog trough. The juniors and seniors have been studying the farm level and the juniors staked out a pond for one of our boy's dad. The sophomores and juniors

have several field trips planned in order that we can actually do some of the things we have been studying in class. The FFA chapter has taken charge of lining the football field and supervising the parking cars.

Leo Finkenbinder, Reporter

MORLAND: This is the first year for our Vocational Agriculture department and FFA chapter. We are completing the requirements for our charter and hope to receive it soon. Membership in our new organization is made up of 100% of the boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. The chapter is looking forward to an outstanding year ahead.

Lionel Otta, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: Several of our members made a trip to the Missouri State FFA Camp this past summer. . . Four of our boys attended the judging school at Topeka. . . We also had a project tour in which all the boys gathered and went around to the different boys farms looking at their projects. After all the observing had been done, we had a watermelon feed. . . Our advisor and the advisors from Randolph, Wetmore, and Waterville went to El Dorado and secured a supply of good 2" pipe and sucker rod for use in our shop. . . Since school has started we have held a watermelon feed in honor of the new freshmen. . . Some of the larger shop projects under construction or repair are: overhaul one V-8 truck engine, rebuild one farm trailer, one rake-wheel gate, two feed bunks, repair two large holes in stock water tanks.

Douglas Dechairo, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: In our July meeting members presented safety talks, since this week July 22 to 28 was declared National Safety Week. Two of our officers and our advisor attended the FFA Camp at Kaiser, Missouri, the week of June 21 to 26. All expenses were paid by our FFA Chapter. . . Members of the agriculture 3 and 4 classes cooperated in preparing samples for the two booths exhibited at Topeka, and Hutchinson. It requires considerable time and effort to prepare these materials, as there are about 80 samples that go into each exhibit. Much advanced preparation must be made and it certainly helps a lot to have a group of boys that can help. . . New directors in our Junior P. C. A. Loan committee are, Charles Higdon, Ira Huddleston, and Don Randel. This committee passes on all applications of FFA members who make loans for farming programs. We make out the drafts of the notes and the P. C. A. advances the money. We have approximately \$8000 in loans at the present time. . . We held a day meeting in September to present a program on Civil Defense. Talks were given on home defense, fallout, and many other phases of survival in event of an attack. For our meeting in October during National Fire Prevention Week, members prepared talks and gave demonstrations on fire hazards in the home and around the farm. Slide films on life in Switzerland were presented by our Minister. . . Our summer meeting in July was to plan our program of work for this year, to acquaint officers with their duties,

and to make plans for our theme to be used in our booth... The agriculture II boys are learning the "Building of the FFA Emblem" which will be presented at an FFA assembly. We have a complete emblem made by FFA officers last year, and painted by a former member... The week of October 15 has been set aside for farming program week, during this time we plan deferred feeding programs, financing, facilities, etc. Our first major farming program accomplishment was the purchase by Roger Sowers of Purebred Jerseys, in which there were 8 cows, 2 yearling heifers and 2 calves. This purchase was for \$1075... This year for the first time in the 25 year history of the Williamsburg Chapter we were honored by having an American Farmer. Ralph Basel who has been an idol of many of our recent boys in Vocational Agriculture due to the fact that Ralph has made himself known to the boys and attended our FFA meetings, giving short talks on his farming program which has been a big help to other members. Our officers were present at the convention on October 16, when American Farmer Degrees were granted... Fall activities include a parent meeting and a barnwarmer to be held sometime in November... So far this year we have made \$326. Three-hundred dollars from prize money at the two fairs, and \$26 from shop jobs. Our present balance is \$800.

Ira Huddlestun, Reporter

NORTON: At our November 10 meeting we plan to invite all parents and use the formal Greenhand initiation ceremony and also have a chapter member talk on the development of a farming program... We sent twelve boys to the Hutchinson State Fair this year. The members reported a very educational trip and were very grateful to all who made the facilities at the fair available... Program of work committees are revising and building this year's program of work and an effort is being made to construct a practical, possible program of work... This year at the Norton County Fair we showed a considerable number of livestock and crops and poultry, and made several high placings. Plans in this year's program of work will stress more exhibits by members next year... We are cutting up scrap iron on shares as a source of income for the chapter... Community service projects completed by the chapter this year include: Shocking 30 acres of feed, trimming and removing trees from the practice football field and constructing benches for the football playing field... The Norton FFA Chapter are the proud users of a brand new truck received on a loan basis from one of the local automobile dealers. Plans are in progress for our annual FFA-FHA joint school party. These parties were a great success last year.

Larry Havens, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Our regular night meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month. We have one-day meeting a month and we have an executive meeting before every meeting to plan for the order of business... This year for publicity the FFA furnishes the color guard and raises the flag at all home football games. We are sending a boy's picture and a writeup of his farming program to

the local paper every week. The paper is giving the FFA a lot of publicity by having an article every week about the FFA and its members. . . Our activities thus far have been a watermelon feed for prospective freshmen, a full chapter visit to the Free Fair at Topeka, a freshmen-parent night with our prospective State Farmers, Don Ungerer and Merlin Frerking, giving talks on their farming programs, a local Pfister Corn Show, and National Convention at Kansas City with our officers attending. . . Our cooperative committee is busy with the purchase of deferred calves for members.

Gary Lohse, Reporter

ELLIS: We started the school year with a watermelon feed in August, with about 25 members and freshmen present. . . The chapter was in charge of the concession stand at the Ellis Free Fair. The income was then divided equally between the FFA and the Fair Board. Members of the FFA also took part in the livestock judging contest at the Ellis Fair. On September 17, thirteen members went to the Hutchinson State Fair. We cooperated with Hays in entering the county collective booth at the state fair and received fourth place. . . Members of the chapter have available three gilts, of different breeds which were offered by Ellis Free Fair for project work. The sophomore and junior class attended the pasture management field day conducted by the soil conservation service on October 15. This was a joint project with the veterans class. We are planning a Father-Son Chili feed and will initiate the Greenhands on the same evening, the last of this month.

Gerald Boss, Reporter

KINGMAN: The first meeting of the year was held September 21 with the new officers in charge. Advisor, Virgil Lake was in charge of a short memorial service for Gary Dixon who passed away last summer, a victim of leukemia. Gary would have been a junior this year and was very active in FFA work. The chapter has a membership of 57 this year. We had a Farm Mechanics display at the Kingman County Fair this year and several of our members exhibited livestock and crops. Clint Birkenbaugh and Claude Lecklider exhibited 3 Hereford heifers at the Sedgwick County Fair at Cheney. The following articles were exhibited at the State Fair: Irrigation pipe trailer, livestock tilt table, post-hole digger, steel-feed rack, and metal hog feeder. Individual exhibits at the State Fair were as follows: Claude Lecklider, Hereford heifer, red ribbon; Larry Woodson, wheat, white ribbon; Clint Birkenbaugh, champion Hereford heifer and another heifer which received a blue ribbon. Howard Wallace, last year's president, received a Sears-Roebuck Scholarship and is attending Kansas State College this year. Some new equipment which has been placed in the department this year include a gas forge, 2 P. and H. AC Welders, set of socket and end wrenches, B. and D. vibrator sander, Lincoln DC 250 amp welder.

Clint Birkenbaugh, Reporter

MANKATO: There are 41 active members enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and FFA. We have had one trash clean up. We haul peoples' trash out for approximately 50¢ a house, depending on how much they have. We plan to have one trash clean up every six weeks. We have purchased a new popcorn machine. The annual pest eradication contest began October 11th, and ends in January. The chapter is divided into two teams. The losing team will furnish a chili feed for the winning team. Each member who does not get 250 points on either the winning or losing side has to pay double. We have several large shop projects under way; such as, two-wheel trailer, four-wheel trailer, cattle squeeze, hog trough, and repairing gates. We have made two sets of bleachers for the football field and a pipe rack for the shop.

Forrest Ortman, Reporter

JEWELL: We participated in the annual corn show by building booths and constructing a float for the parade. The theme of the float was "It takes more than hay to make Good Beef". We constructed a cow by using baled hay. We used a set of clearance lights for eyes. The lights were connected to turn indicator lights so that they blinked. Some of our major shop projects are: squeeze chute, subsoiler, self-feeder for feeding hay to pigs, and gates. We are making plans for a parent-son dinner meeting in February.

Walter Sanders, Reporter

HOXIE: The Hoxie Chapter holds a meeting each month. . . This date is set on the school calendar before school starts. The officers of the chapter met twice this summer. The ag boys are running a block long sidewalk north of the high school and a driveway to the building in which buses are stored in the summer. Initiation of Greenhands was held September 19. Nineteen freshmen were initiated. Refreshments of ice cream and pie were served. . . The sophomores and freshmen have been shocking feed at 80¢ an hour to earn money for the chapter.

Murl Weeks, Reporter

LaCROSSE: The LaCrosse Chapter is a re-established chapter this year. The last year being active was about 1942. We started the year by having a watermelon feed in August. We are proud to say that we have an entire new school plant including the Vocational Agriculture department. Our shop is small but well equipped for a first-year shop. We are working on our program of work by committees and also getting ready for a television show for November 8, 1956. One of our community service projects is the landscaping and planting of the large flower box in front of the school office window. Eighteen boys of our 23 FFA members ordered the FFA jackets several weeks ago.

Gary Wilson, Reporter

HERINGTON: The chapter held a watermelon feed in honor of the twelve vocational agriculture I boys on Friday, September 7. The advisor along with the vocational agriculture II boys attended the Kansas Free Fair all day on FFA day. Our money making projects this year are: Concessions at football and basketball games and the selling of Christmas cards. We have divided our chapter into two teams and started a pest eradication contest. The losing team will have to give a party for the chapter. We now have 26 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. For shop projects we are building one two-wheel trailer, two four-wheel trailers, one tandem horse trailer, one barb-wire roller and two stock racks. . . All of our officers attended the National FFA Convention held at Kansas City, Missouri, on October 16. Paul Dozier is in the National FFA Band from our chapter this year.

Lowell Rohloff, Reporter

BUHLER: Our first major activity this fall was the Collective Exhibit at the State Fair. It required more effort than usual, due to the extreme dry conditions in late summer. However, we were gratified with the results. It was our twentieth exhibit. We were fortunate to earn the most points of any Collective Exhibit in the State. . . We entered in the FFA Farm Mechanics Exhibit for the first time. Our entry earned sixth place. Our exhibit included: A loading chute, utility trailer, subsoiler, combination hay and silage feeder, and a self-propelled power mower. . . We are planning an assembly program for December 4. . . Shop projects either planned or under construction include: Several hog troughs, one TV antenna, two two-wheel trailers, one four-wheeled tractor hay frame, two loading chutes, four feed bunks, measuring wheel, tandem bicycle, repair power post-hole digger, two combination picnic tables and benches, refloor 8' x 13' truck bed, water stand, three calf feeders, and sheep feeder, also a large portable rack for feeding dairy cattle from hay frame.

Gary Teter, Reporter

HADDAM: Ten members attended the Narka Fat Barrow Show August 9. . . Chapter members held a watermelon party August 25, with freshmen boys as guests. . . Our chapter placed fourth in the livestock judging contest at the County Fair. Members of the sophomore class spent a day at the Free Fair at Topeka. The junior class prepared the football field for the first game. FFA boys not out for football take turns helping operate the lunch stand during football games. . . Twelve 1956 edition FFA manuals were added to the chapter library. Freshmen boys own their own manuals. . . Five sophomores attended the land judging school at Linn October 6. . . Dennis Kalivoda marketed his fat steer at Omaha October 8 at \$28.50 per hundred. . . Donnie Novak's registered Hampshire sow has 11 nice pigs. Duane Line's registered Hampshire gilt farrowed 12 and has 10 remaining at two weeks old.

Jesse Hynek, Reporter

McDONALD: During the summer our FFA has attended two livestock judging contests, one at Colby on August 14th, in which we ranked 3rd. The other was at Goodland on August 21st. We ranked 4th in this contest. Our chapter had our annual watermelon feed for the freshmen boys on September 15 at our vocational agriculture shop. . . The vocational agriculture classes have been taking advantage of the nice fall weather by taking field trips on livestock work, running concrete, and shingling several places in the community.

Don Hartman, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: The St. Francis Chapter has 17 freshmen enrolled this year. Each of these has purchased an FFA jacket. Our Greenhand initiation is planned for November in connection with our father-son chili supper. Ten members will receive their chapter pins. We have 38 members enrolled in vocational agriculture and 41 in FFA. . . Our chapter has been shocking feed for the chapter treasure. We also operate a concession stand at athletic events. . . Some of the shop projects are cattle chutes, trailers, and overhauling engines. The sophomores are sharpening saws and the freshmen are finishing their rope work. Last spring we started an experimental grass plot that is doing very well. There are 31 strains and varieties.

Terry Jackson, Reporter

JETMORE: There are twenty boys in vocational agriculture this year and thirty boys in FFA. Our first project was our booth display at the Hodgeman County Junior Fair. We also sold popcorn at the rodeo which took place at the same time. . . Our next project was our Farm Mechanics display at the Hutchinson State Fair. We displayed our exhibits at the first home football game.

Daniel Church, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: Our chapter has a pop machine and we sell candy during the noon hour. Not much information was gained from our sorghum plot because of the extreme drouth. Two wagons, a two-wheel trailer, a self-feeder and several gates and other projects are being built in our shop. Two of our members exhibited steers and barrows at the Wichita Fat Stock show.

Clinton McDiffett, Reporter

SIMPSON: Our chapter was host to a gala barn dance party at the high school gym. . . This affair which replaced the usual fall hayrack ride, was an all-school affair with the home economics girls and high school faculty as guests. The theme for the evenings entertainment was centered around a football game. Some of the group activities included pass plays, drop kicks, end runs, line plunges, as well as other maneuvers usually found in a football game. Dancing followed the hour long session of "football". . . We held an officers meeting in early August.

Plans for the coming year were made and new officers became better acquainted with their duties. . . The prospective freshmen and some former alumni were treated to a potluck supper and watermelon feed on August 21 for the first chapter meeting. The freshmen and sophomore classes have spent a little time helping shock feed for farmers in this area in order to bolster the chapter treasury. One of the outstanding farming programs of the chapter is that of Garron Finney. As a sophomore, he has accumulated 14 head of beef cattle in a breeding herd, 2 dairy cows, and 23 head of hogs. . . Nine members of the advanced FFA group left Saturday afternoon for a week end at the American Royal. . . This group observed the livestock exhibits, the horse show, and the million dollar parade of livestock. The boys were guests of the Ford Motor Car Assembly Plant on Monday, October 22 and returned home that afternoon. . . We are sporting a brand new 1956 one-half ton Chevrolet pickup that has been furnished free of charge by Mr. E. C. Riley, Chevrolet Company of Cawker City. . . This pickup is used for class trips, field trips, and other activities carried on by the chapter as well as other activities in the school. The boys will use it for a full school year and return it to Mr. Riley in the spring.

Jerry Burnette, Reporter

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Our vocational agriculture department has moved to new quarters, on property purchased by our Board of Education. The building has been remodeled for classroom, laboratory and library purposes. Also a new shop building was built on the same property. The entire premises are for our vocational agriculture and FFA use. . . Dan Peters showed his registered Hereford in the open classes at the Johnson County and Topeka State Fairs. . . Gerald Schalk placed in the sixth division of the 1956 Lincoln Arc Welding Contest. . . Many of our chapter members are busy after school and on week ends sawing and selling fireplace wood in the community. We are planning another trip next spring and will need all the money we can raise. . . The entire California delegation to the 1956 National FFA Convention visited our department and made a tour of our community one day during the convention. Each visitor was presented with an ear of corn to be taken home for chapter use. . . Howard Stroup received a scholarship award from Santa Fe recently. He is a freshman at K-State. . . Our FFA battery brooder will be used this year by Dick Duer and Jim Richardson. . . We sold 140 ads in our 1956 football programs. This will net us over \$150.

Gary Clark, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: We have forty-seven boys enrolled in three vocational agriculture classes and sixty-six members in the FFA. The officers have placed in the gold emblem award for the past ten years at the Southwest officers training school. . . In the summer we had one cabinet meeting and one regular FFA meeting. We had watermelons for refreshments. . . Our money making projects are: We have a food concession stand at the Finney County Fair. We own our own permanent stand and equipment which are valued at \$800. This last summer we netted over \$700. Every year we lime the football field and track for \$5 each time, this totals about \$70 a year. We also shock feed and we charge \$1 per boy hour. . . Our principal FFA events are: The number nine parents night, dads night, and our annual Parent-Son Banquet. The cost of the banquet comes from our FFA treasury.

Duane Alexander, Reporter

LaCYGNE: The LaCygne FFA Chapter sponsored the second annual grain show October 9-10. There were 83 exhibits made by 20 persons, all of whom were FFA boys except Cloyce Rucker who showed the champion ten ears of corn. There were five classes for vocational agriculture boys projects of wheat, corn, barley, soybeans, and milo. The first place winners in the special hybrid corn classes that were supplied by local dealers were: Funk - Johnny Andrews; DeKalb - Howard Reece; Pioneer - Huey's and U. S. 13 classes were won by John Teagarden; Pfister - Junior Creager. The open classes were wheat, barley, oats, soybeans, alfalfa hay, potatoes, milo, white grain sorghums, and hybrid corn. . . John Teagarden won first place in the FFA activity award for making the most entries and getting the most ribbons. Lonnie Karr also received a blue ribbon. The show was held in the vocational agriculture building and was open to the public on Wednesday evening. Allan Tribby, former FFA member judged the show. . . The LaCygne Vocational Agriculture department harvested 72 varieties of corn on 18 farms. Last spring a bushel of Pioneer 302, U. S. 13 and Huey's Hybrid seed corn was given to 10 boys for a part of their farming programs. Also five varieties of Funk and DeKalb and three of Pfister were also secured from local dealers. The boys had from two to six different varieties on their farms. During the first month of school, these plots were harvested and the yield of No. 2 corn was figured. John Teagarden, sophomore, had the biggest yield of 102 bushels per acre with Pioneer 302. He also had four other varieties and Johnny Andrews and Junior Creager each had a variety that made over 100 bushels per acre. . . Five other boys had varieties that exceeded the 80 bushel mark. Thirteen of the boys made exhibits at the local grain show held on October 10. John Teagarden won three firsts. . . The stalk count, stalks broken below the ear, root lodged, and moisture percentage were all figured in on the final report. The boys observed the variations in soil, date of planting, rate of maturity, and the general appearances of the various kinds of corn. . . The boys also helped plant and harvest 23 varieties on the Alan Tribby farm.

Bill Rhyneron, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Marcus Goodrich, Keith Kelley, Charles Helwig, and Thomas Elliott had entries in the Joplin Junior Beef show October 8-9. Marcus received first place with his Angus steer. Keith received seventh with his Shorthorn steer. Charles received first with his Shorthorn and sixth with his Hereford steer. Twenty-eight members of the local chapter attended the National FFA Convention on Tuesday. . . Thirty members of the local chapter attended the American Royal on Tuesday. Both of the above trips were made in local school bus. Plans are under way for our annual Parent-Son Banquet to be held December 3. . . Our Chapter was represented at the Land Judging School held at Yates Center. . . Bobbie Elliott is a member of the National FFA Chorus again this year. . . We have under construction at the present time: 1 feed bunk, 2 hay feeders, 1 power hack-saw, 1 cattle squeeze, farm gate, 2 push carts, and many small items.

Jim Hale, Reporter