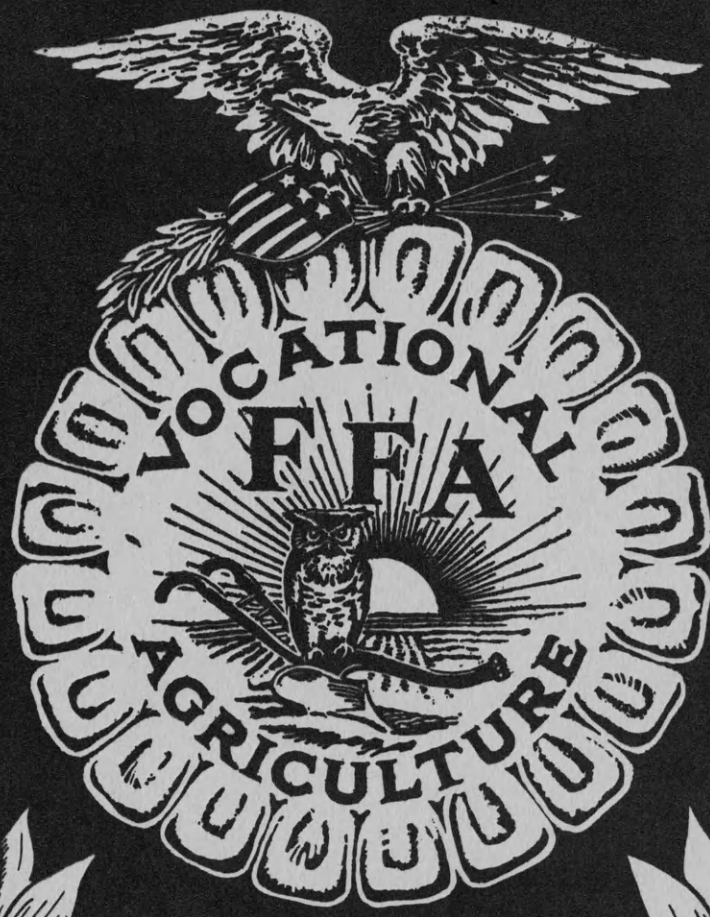


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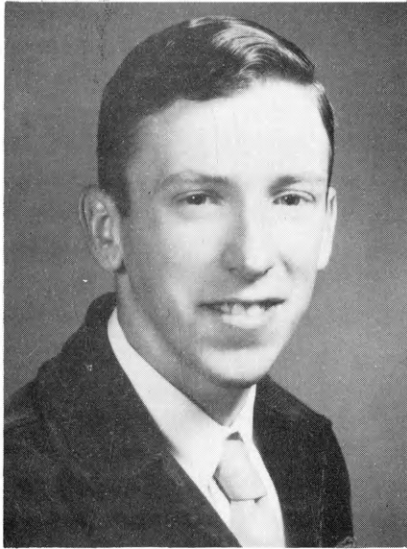
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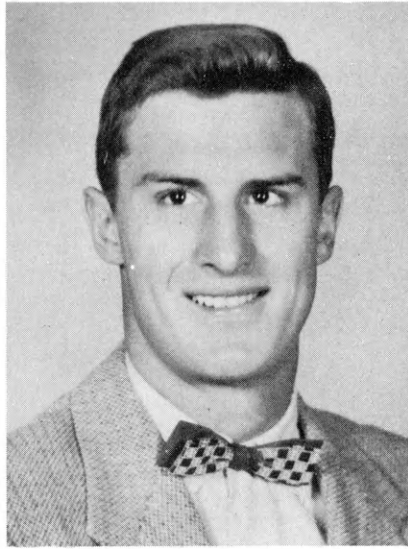
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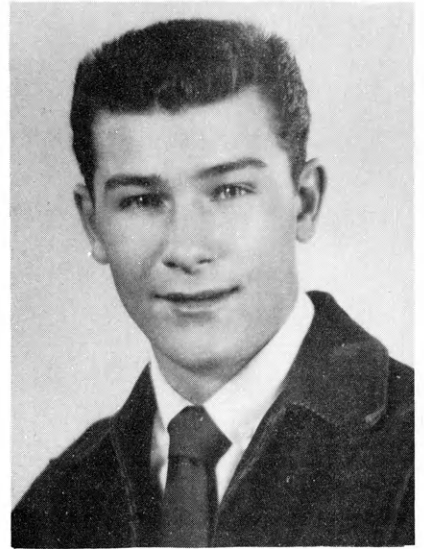
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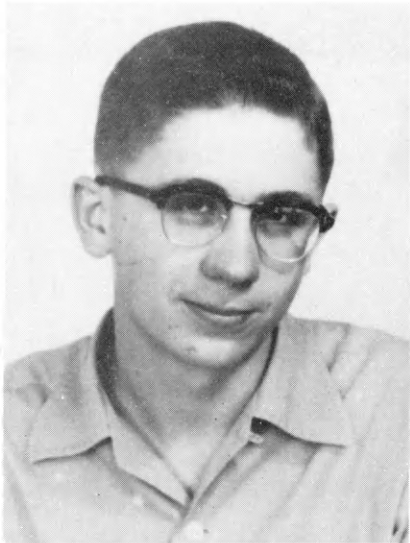
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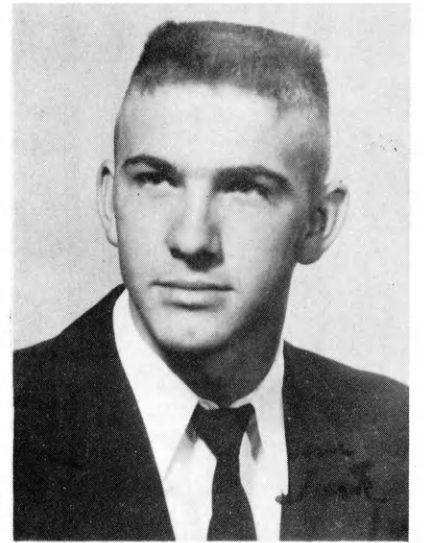
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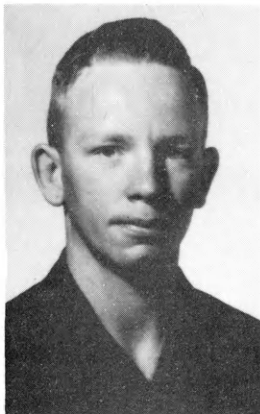
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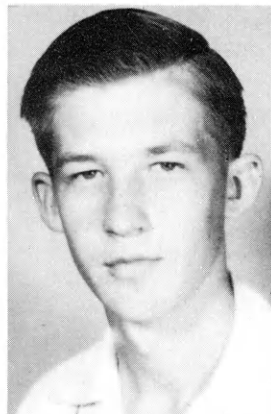
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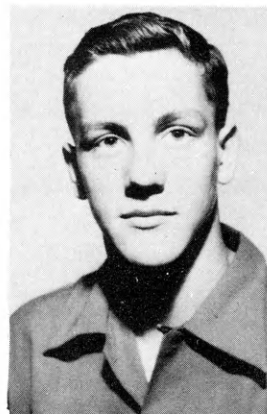
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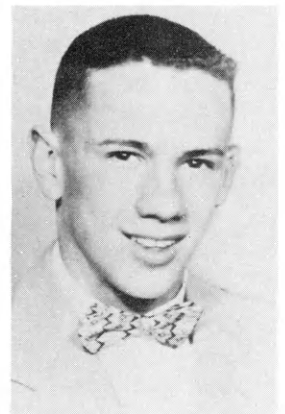
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All Star Ritual Team Oberlin Leadership School 1956, L to R - Charles Kelley, Oberlin; Advisor, Lloyd Moody, Oberlin; Darryl Pauman, Goodland; Ernest Winger, St. Francis; Dave Ashley, Almema; Jay Mann, Quinter; Robert Wurm, Oberlin.



These 6 Almema FFA officers had the 6 highest scores in the FFA Information Contest at Oberlin. L to R they are: Dave Ashley, Jared Combs, Gilbert Graham, Jim Malcolm, Jim Johnson, and Philip Altman.



Jon Larson, left, Secretary of the Kansas Association of FFA congratulates Lloyd Oswald of the Natoma Chapter for his high score at the Stockton Leadership School.

## 1956 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1956 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 1956 FFA Leadership Schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1956 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted, local FFA advisors, 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 Fredonia District FFA Leadership School is typical.

### Assignments 1956 FFA Leadership Schools

Host Chapter: Fredonia: Place - High School

Date and Time: October 9, 1956 - 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.

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

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6. Talk by State FFA Officer.
7. Building the FFA emblem demonstration - Altamont chapter.
8. Demonstration on the proper use of the gavel - Howard chapter.
9. Recital of the FFA Creed - Richard Speer - Elk City chapter.
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 Checkup on Performance? Calendar?

School Time: Outstanding activity executed past year - Planned for current year. By the following chapters: Altamont, Chanute, Erie, Eureka, Fredonia, Howard, Neodesha, Yates Center.

Treasurer - Plans for raising chapter funds: Financing FFA Parent-Son Banquet. By the following chapters: Caney, Cedar Vale, Columbus, Elk City, Independence, Sedan, Severy, St. Paul.

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: Altoona, Chetopa, Fort Scott, Girard, Parsons, Piedmont, Riverton.

Secretary - Chapter records; Plan for acquainting members with State and National FFA Activities? Planning and executing chapter meetings. By the following chapters: Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Fort Scott, Humboldt, Howard, Iola, McCune.

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: Methods used in acquainting members with the Future Farmers of America Organization; How to improve ritualistic proficiency in Greenhand 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.



## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

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

The high 19 individuals in the State in the FFA Information Contest

1st	Dell Allen, Cherryvale Chapter	97 Points
2nd	Bernard Owens, Kinsley Chapter	94 Points
3rd	Richard Blankenship, Udall Chapter	93 Points
3rd	John Miller, Cherryvale Chapter	93 Points
3rd	Larry Scheibmeier, Yates Center Chapter	93 Points
3rd	Lloyd Oswald, Natoma Chapter	93 Points
7th	Charles Cathcart, Seaman Chapter	92 Points
7th	Larry Johnson, Fredonia Chapter	92 Points
7th	Raymond Steenbock, Longford Chapter	92 Points
7th	Jack Weaver, Neodesha Chapter	92 Points
7th	Carl Whitcomb, Neodesha Chapter	92 Points
12th	Ronnie Barkley, Longford Chapter	91 Points
12th	Bill Martin, Herington Chapter	91 Points
12th	Ronnie Rasmussen, Frankfort Chapter	91 Points
15th	Barton Bigge, Stockton Chapter	90 Points
15th	Gilbert Graham, Almena Chapter	90 Points
15th	Dennis Kindsuater, Kinsley Chapter	90 Points
15th	Earl Ochampaugh, Stockton Chapter	90 Points
15th	Lynn Wait, Natoma Chapter	90 Points

Total possible points in the 1956 Information Contest equaled 100. From the individual scores listed it is evident that the FFA Leadership School is attaining the second purpose listed.

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The high 12 Chapters in the State in the FFA Information Contest

1st	Neodesha, Wayne Coltrain, Advisor	525 Points
2nd	Yates Center, Don Brock, Advisor	519 Points
3rd	Almena, Sam Stenzel, Advisor	518 Points
3rd	Longford, Eugene Walker, Advisor	518 Points
5th	Kinsley, Harold Blackwell, Advisor	515 Points
6th	Seaman, Marvin Smith, Advisor	508 Points
7th	Frankfort, Harold E. Frank, Advisor	505 Points
8th	Cherryvale, C. H. Young, Advisor	499 Points
9th	Herington, Darrell Mounkes, Advisor	498 Points
9th	Stockton, Floyd A. Blauer, Advisor	498 Points
11th	Arkansas City, Harold Walker, Advisor	496 Points
11th	Fredonia, Norman Haigh, Advisor	496 Points

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

RANKINGS BY DISTRICTS

The following rankings give the high five individuals, the high four 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 Steenbock, Longford Chapter	92 points
2nd	Ronnie Barkley, Longford Chapter	91 points
3rd	Gene Holt, Longford Chapter	88 points
3rd	Dale Keesecker, Washington Chapter	88 points
5th	Gersh Ware, Longford Chapter	85 points
5th	Billy Cowell, Clay Center Chapter	85 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Longford Chapter	518 points
2nd	Washington Chapter	460 points
3rd	Clay Center Chapter	429 points
4th	Chapman Chapter	401 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Clay Center Chapter  
 Longford Chapter  
 Miltonvale Chapter  
 Linn Chapter  
 Riley Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Larry Mosburg	Clay Center Chapter
Vice-President	Max Fuller	Miltonvale Chapter
Secretary	Billy Cowell	Clay Center Chapter
Treasurer	Gersh Ware	Longford Chapter
Reporter	Bill Mallean	Hanover Chapter
Sentinel	Dale Howe	Randolph Chapter

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

EMPORIAHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Bill Martin, Herington Chapter	91 points
2nd	Lloyd Weber, Herington Chapter	88 points
3rd	Lowell Rohlof, Herington Chapter	87 points
4th	Frank Meyer, Herington Chapter	86 points
5th	Keith Tucker, Burlingame Chapter	85 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Herington Chapter	498 points
2nd	Burlingame Chapter	426 points
3rd	Alma Chapter	406 points
4th	Alta Vista Chapter	388 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Herington Chapter  
 Council Grove Chapter  
 Alma Chapter  
 Emporia Chapter  
 Burlingame Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Hall Moxley	Council Grove Chapter
Vice-President	Donald Metzger	Alma Chapter
Secretary	Bill Martin	Herington Chapter
Treasurer	Fred Rule	Herington Chapter
Reporter	Gary Auchard	Council Grove Chapter
Sentinel	Milton Booth	Lebo Chapter

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LAWRENCEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Charles Cathcart, Seaman Chapter	92 points
2nd	Norman Armstrong, Seaman Chapter	88 points
3rd	Frank Peel, Seaman Chapter	85 points
4th	Bob Hogbin, Seaman Chapter	84 points
5th	Larry Justice, Shawnee-Mission Chapter	83 points



1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Seaman Chapter	508 points
2nd	Shawnee-Mission Chapter	453 points
3rd	Williamsburg Chapter	415 points
4th	Lawrence Chapter	405 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Seaman Chapter  
 Washburn Chapter  
 Shawnee-Mission Chapter  
 Bonner Springs Chapter  
 Lawrence Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Bob Hogbin	Seaman Chapter
Vice-President	Dean Edson	Washburn Chapter
Secretary	Gary Bergman	Olathe Chapter
Treasurer	Jim Andrews	Seaman Chapter
Reporter	Norman Armstrong	Seaman Chapter
Sentinel	J. C. Scritchfield	Seaman Chapter

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FREDONIA

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Dell Allen, Cherryvale Chapter	97 points
2nd	John Miller, Cherryvale Chapter	93 points
2nd	Larry Scheibmeier, Yates Center Chapter	93 points
4th	Jack Weaver, Neodesha Chapter	92 points
4th	Carl Whitcomb, Neodesha Chapter	92 points
4th	Larry Johnson, Fredonia Chapter	92 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Neodesha Chapter	525 points
2nd	Yates Center Chapter	519 points
3rd	Cherryvale Chapter	499 points
4th	Fredonia Chapter	496 points

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Yates Center Chapter  
 Fredonia Chapter  
 Neodesha Chapter  
 Chanute Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Gary McNitt	Yates Center Chapter
Vice-President	Larry Scheibmeier	Yates Center Chapter
Secretary	Harold Lister	Howard Chapter
Treasurer	Key Bagby	Fredonia Chapter
Reporter	David Link	Yates Center Chapter
Sentinel	Lowell Sharp	Erie Chapter

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HOLTONHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Ronnie Rasmussen, Frankfort Chapter	91 points
2nd	John Adams, Frankfort Chapter	89 points
2nd	Gary Allen, Silver Lake Chapter	89 points
4th	J. D. Gordon, Frankfort Chapter	88 points
5th	Tommy Glotzback, Silver Lake Chapter	87 points

High Chapter - FFA Information Contest

1st	Frankfort Chapter	505 points
2nd	Silver Lake Chapter	451 points
3rd	Effingham Chapter	439 points
4th	Wamego Chapter	413 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Wamego Chapter  
 Marysville Chapter  
 Wetmore Chapter  
 Effingham Chapter  
 Hiawatha Chapter

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

Master Ritual Team

President	Tom Weixelman	Wamego Chapter
Vice-President	Larry Larson	Effingham Chapter
Secretary	Eugene Swearingen	Hiawatha Chapter
Treasurer	Rex Stucker	Effingham Chapter
Reporter	Theron Talley	Wetmore Chapter
Sentinel	Paul Seemalter	Marysville Chapter

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BUHLERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Frank Toman, Ellsworth Chapter	86 points
2nd	Bill Storey, Salina Chapter	83 points
3rd	Murle Dossett, McPherson Chapter	82 points
4th	Allen Dick, Buhler Chapter	81 points
4th	Klinton Thelander, Salina Chapter	81 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Salina Chapter	466 points
2nd	Ellsworth	461 points
3rd	Hillsboro Chapter	430 points
4th	McPherson Chapter	422 points
4th	Inman Chapter	422 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Ellsworth Chapter  
 Partridge Chapter  
 Claflin Chapter  
 Buhler Chapter  
 Haven Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Richard Denno	Newton Chapter
Vice-President	Gordon Bunker	Partridge Chapter
Secretary	Jim Warta	Ellsworth Chapter
Treasurer	George Rhodes	Little River Chapter
Reporter	Gary Harmon	Ellsworth Chapter
Sentinel	Dennis Marker	Claflin Chapter



## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

BELOITHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Richard Heiman, Beloit Chapter	84 points
2nd	Jim Kadel, Beloit Chapter	80 points
3rd	Bill Bunger, Beloit Chapter	79 points
4th	Jerry Post, Smith Center Chapter	77 points
5th	Jerry Burnette, Simpson Chapter	76 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Beloit Chapter	444 points
2nd	Simpson Chapter	403 points
3rd	Smith Center Chapter	385 points
4th	Minneapolis Chapter	364 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Beloit Chapter  
Osborne Chapter  
Mankato Chapter  
Simpson Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Doyle Waggle	Osborne Chapter
Vice-President	Richard Heiman	Beloit Chapter
Secretary	Jewell T. Murray	Mankato Chapter
Treasurer	Larry Limsey	Simpson Chapter
Reporter	Gerald Wonderlich	Osborne Chapter
Sentinel	Larry McCune	Beloit Chapter

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HARPERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Richard Blankenship, Udall Chapter	93 points
2nd	Eldon Eastman, Arkansas City Chapter	84 points
2nd	Gary Patter, Arkansas City Chapter	84 points
2nd	Bob Hunt, Arkansas City Chapter	84 points
5th	John Baird, Arkansas City Chapter	83 points

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Arkansas City Chapter	496 points
2nd	Winfield Chapter	397 points
3rd	Pretty Prairie Chapter	370 points
4th	Kingman Chapter	353 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Arkansas City Chapter  
 Harper Chapter  
 Udall Chapter  
 Oxford Chapter  
 Kiowa Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	John Baird	Arkansas City Chapter
Vice-President	Charles Winter	Udall Chapter
Secretary	Bob Hunt	Arkansas City Chapter
Treasurer	Roger Evers	Oxford Chapter
Reporter	Richard Blankenship	Udall Chapter
Sentinel	John Dicken	Winfield Chapter

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PLAINVILLEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Lloyd Oswald, Natoma Chapter	93 points
2nd	Earl Ochampaugh, Stockton Chapter	90 points
2nd	Lynn Wait, Natoma Chapter	90 points
2nd	Barton Bigge, Stockton Chapter	90 points
5th	Richard Mattos, Wilson Chapter	89 points
5th	Harold Nagele, Natoma Chapter	89 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Stockton Chapter	498 points
2nd	Natoma Chapter	489 points
3rd	Wakeeney Chapter	441 points
4th	Wilson Chapter	439 points

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

- 1st Stockton Chapter
- 2nd Plainville Chapter
- 3rd Natoma Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Merlyn Desmarteau	Stockton Chapter
Vice-President	Tracy Thompson	Plainville Chapter
Secretary	Davin Schawe	Great Bend Chapter
Treasurer	Maurice Rohr	Hays Chapter
Reporter	Earl Ochampaugh	Stockton Chapter
Sentinel	Duane Cronn	Paradise Chapter

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OBERLINHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Gilbert Graham, Almena Chapter	90 points
2nd	Dave Ashley, Almena Chapter	87 points
2nd	Jim Johnson, Almena Chapter	87 points
2nd	Jim Malcolm, Almena Chapter	87 points
5th	Philip Altman, Almena Chapter	85 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Almena Chapter	518 points
2nd	Norton Chapter	382 points
2nd	Oakley Chapter	382 points
4th	Long Island Chapter	364 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

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



## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

Master Ritual Contest

President	Dave Ashley	Almena Chapter
Vice-President	Ernest Winger	St. Francis Chapter
Secretary	Jay Mann	Quinter Chapter
Treasurer	Robert Wurm	Oberlin Chapter
Reporter	Darryl Pauman	Goodland Chapter
Sentinel	Charles Kelley	Oberlin Chapter

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DODGE CITYHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st	Bernard Owens, Kinsley Chapter	94 points
2nd	Dennis Kindsuater, Kinsley Chapter	90 points
3rd	Mike Lewis, Kinsley Chapter	88 points
4th	Harold Grubb, Tribune Chapter	86 points
5th	Merle Katz, Kinsley Chapter	85 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st	Kinsley Chapter	515 points
2nd	Tribune Chapter	476 points
3rd	Jetmore Chapter	473 points
4th	Ashland Chapter	373 points

Gold Emblem Chapters - Ritual Contest

Tribune Chapter  
 Hugoton Chapter  
 Lakin Chapter  
 Garden City Chapter  
 Ford Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President	Ralph Young	Tribune Chapter
Vice-President	Gary Swarner	Coldwater Chapter
Secretary	Warren Ochsmer	Tribune Chapter
Treasurer	Harold James	Hugoton Chapter
Reporter	Jim Foskuhl	Ford Chapter
Sentinel	Robert Anderson	Hugoton Chapter

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## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

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

Leadership Schools	: Highest Individual Score	: Highest Chapter Score	: Total High 5 Boys	: Average High 5 Boys	: Total High 4 Chapters	: Average High 4 Chapters
Beloit	: 84	: 444	: 396	: 79.2	: 1596	: 399.0
Buhler	: 86	: 466	: 413	: 82.6	: 1779	: 444.8
Clay Center	: 92	: 518	: 444	: 88.8	: 1808	: 452.0
Dodge City	: 94	: 515	: 443	: 88.6	: 1837	: 459.3
Emporia	: 91	: 498	: 437	: 87.4	: 1718	: 429.5
Fredonia	: 97	: 525	: 467	: 93.4	: 2039	: 509.8
Harper	: 93	: 397	: 428	: 85.6	: 1460	: 365.0
Holton	: 91	: 505	: 444	: 88.8	: 1808	: 452.0
Lawrence	: 92	: 508	: 432	: 86.4	: 1781	: 445.3
Oberlin	: 90	: 518	: 436	: 87.2	: 1646	: 411.5
Plainville	: 93	: 498	: 452	: 90.4	: 1867	: 466.8

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

1st	Fredonia Leadership School	93.4 points
2nd	Plainville Leadership School	90.4 points
3rd	Holton Leadership School	88.8 points
3rd	Clay Center Leadership School	88.8 points
5th	Dodge City Leadership School	88.6 points

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

Average High Four Chapters Per Leadership School

1st	Fredonia Leadership School	509.8 points
2nd	Plainville Leadership School	466.8 points
3rd	Dodge City Leadership School	459.3 points
4th	Holton Leadership School	452.0 points

## 1956 Leadership Schools (continued)

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

Donald Buchanan, Washburn Chapter  
Neil Hackerott, Lebanon Chapter  
Bob Krehbiel, McPherson Chapter  
Larry Ringel, Alma Chapter  
Allen Stamper, Plainville Chapter  
John Baird, Arkansas City Chapter  
Larry Scriptor, Longford Chapter  
Jan Flora, Quinter Chapter  
Larry Huck, Coldwater Chapter  
Douglas Dechairo, Westmoreland Chapter  
Richard Speer, Elk City Chapter

The more FFA members know about the Future Farmers of America the greater will be their respect for the organization. FFA officers and advisors too often are not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Ritualistic performance, especially the opening and closing ritual, constitute a "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 sufficient 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 advisors 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 advisors 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 advisors 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 staff 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.

MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FFA

National FFA membership in 1956 reached a new record of 382,342. There are 8,990 local FFA chapters.

A breakdown of the active FFA membership shows 167,615 Greenhands, 198,691 Chapter Farmers, 15,457 State Farmers, and 579 American Farmers.

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
Future Farmers of America

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It is thrilling and challenging to look to the future. It is likewise constructive and helpful to review our past achievements. Our accomplishments continue to be very satisfactory. We must recognize that the progress made during the past year is due to the work done by FFA members, teachers of vocational agriculture, State staffs of agricultural education, and the members of the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education. We appreciate and recognize the helpful assistance that has been given to the FFA by 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, 1956.

REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
<b>I. SUPERVISED FARMING</b>		
1. Producing food and other farm products	100% of members having a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises	70%
2. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	63% livestock 52% crop
3. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	90%

## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
<b>II. COOPERATION</b>		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	72%
2. Cooperate with other groups	100% chapter participation	87%
<b>III. COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		
1. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment	100% member and chapter participation	45% member 76% chapter
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of States and Chapters with a safety program	86% States 51% Chapters
3. Conserving resources	100% member and chapter participation	47% member 72% chapter
4. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	46%
<b>IV. LEADERSHIP</b>		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	92%
2. Chapter library	100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books	88%
3. Public Speaking	100% of States and chapters holding Public Speaking Contests	100% States 59% 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 87% Chapters



## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
6. Leadership training	100% States holding leadership training schools or conferences for chapter officers and members	98% States 67% Chapters parti. 10% members "
7. Public Relations	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	90% States issued State paper, periodical or news sheet 34% chapters issued news sheets or news letters 70% chapters prepared publicity material 52% States sponsored radio series 35% chapters prepared and gave radio broadcasts 48% States sponsored television series 21% chapters prepared and gave television programs
8. National FFA Week	100% State and Chapter participation	96% States 84% Chapters
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Thrift	100% chapters prepared a budget	76%
2. Earning money for the local chapter	100% of chapters earned enough money to finance chapter activities	83%
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Official Manual	100% members having access to Official Manual	91%

## National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	100% chapters using both books	87% secretary's 83% treasurer's
3. Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment, and supplies	100% States and Chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in Manual	96% States 83% Chapters
4. Official ceremonies	100% chapters using official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	93%
5. State conventions	100% States hold convention	100%
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% chapter meetings	91% chapters held regular meetings 50% members attended

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improving scholarship	100% of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record	81% chapters stimulated members to improve their scholarship
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## VIII. RECREATION

1. Supervised Recreation	100% member participation	85% chapters provided supervised recreation 70% members participated
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## IX. GENERAL

1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	382,342 members
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OFFICER TRAVEL

Your national student officers have served you faithfully and well during the current year. They have served effectively without pay. The only reimbursement they have received from the national organization is for their travel expenses.

National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

### STATE CONVENTIONS

Each State association held a convention during the past year. National FFA officers attended 44 of these conventions. We recognize the significant contributions being made by these annual meetings.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Forty-nine of the State associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More than 6,000 chapters took part in these schools.

### CAMP AND OLD MILL

The FFA owns 30 acres of land near Washington, D. C. This land is being used as headquarters for the Future Farmers Supply Service and The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. Since the Potomac Park Motor Court in Washington, D. C. has facilities to accommodate FFA chapters, the camp is used only by the Supply Service and Magazine staffs.

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

We are pleased that a new building is being constructed at the camp to house the Future Farmers Supply Service and The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. This building is being built of brick. It is 176 feet long, has two floors and a basement. The contractors have promised to have this building completed next summer. We are looking forward to holding a dedication of this new building next summer or later. We hope many of you will be able to attend this dedication.

During the past year 20 State associations operated camps. These camps are used for training in leadership 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 two years ago authorized that the old National Chapter Contest be discontinued and the new National Chapter Award Program be substituted for the old contest. I am pleased to report we have received 123 applications for national awards. This is the largest number we have ever received.

National Executive Secretary Report (continued)

### PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America Foundation has continued to make available many outstanding awards to FFA members. The Foundation is supported by grants by many friends of the FFA.

### THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

We are pleased with the services being rendered by the Magazine. This year for the first time, six issues have been printed and distributed. You have indicated by the way you have subscribed to the Magazine that you are very much interested in this publication. We hope eventually each member may receive the official Magazine.

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### Winfield Christmas Toy Drive

Last year, the Winfield FFA Chapter cooperated with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Salvation Army in repairing and painting over 200 Christmas toys for needy children. The cost of material, such as welding rod, metal, and paint, was financed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Salvation Army distributed the toys to needy children.

The majority of the toys were repaired by the chapter in the evenings and the others were repaired by students who did not have shop jobs during class time. Toys that have a good coating of paint can be made to look like new by spraying a clear lacquer on them.

The local newspaper took pictures of toys being repaired and explained where the toys may be placed. A two-wheel trailer covered with a canvas and a sign stating "Christmas Toys Here," makes a good place for people to leave toys during any time of the day. To further publicize the toy drive, the chapter placed the repaired and painted toys on display in a store window.

The chapter is planning another toy drive this year which we hope will be bigger and better than last year's.

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Consider Care

Has your program of work included sufficient opportunity for members and the chapter to help other people?

The United States Government has allocated to CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere, Inc.) 120,000,000 pounds of U. S. Government surplus products - wheat, corn, beans, milk, cheese, and rice, for distribution in 19 critical areas of the world. These products are to be sent in 5,000,000 units selling at \$1 each. Each \$1 package will contain 22 pounds of government surplus food -- enough to sustain a family of four for a month. The name and address of the American donor will go on the package showing that an American has thought of their desperate need, as well as sharing in person-to-person democracy.

The FFA has endorsed the CARE program. An article explaining the CARE program will appear in the February-March issue of the Future Farmers of America Magazine. A flyer and a fact sheet about the 1956 Food Crusade program have been prepared and may be obtained from: CARE Committee, Macy's, 1034 Main Street, Kansas City 6, Missouri

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Congratulations to Ushers

Larry Justice of the Shawnee-Mission Chapter represented Kansas as an Usher of the National FFA Convention. He helped to win for our organization comments such as the following editorial which appeared in the Osawatomie Graphic News: .."I heard nothing but praise for the way the Future Farmers of America conducted themselves... Their courteous manner and gentlemanly attitude brought them nothing but praise from every person who spoke of them. It was brought out by several persons that the manner of these young Americans could well be copied by adults when they gather in that city, or any other city, for conventions. There was no rowdiness or mass demonstrations of "showing off" as is done too many times by adults when they get together for conventions. This again bears out my convictions that the future of the nation will be in good hands when these young men will be handed the reins of government and business. "

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CHAPTER NEWS

UDALL: Our chapter has 26 members this year. . . Several members showed livestock at the Cowley County Fairs and the Fat Stock Show in Wichita. . . Eight members of the chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City during October. . . We initiated our Greenhands at our November meeting. Also we put on Greenhand initiation ceremonies for Winfield and Oxford. The Winfield officers are to raise our Greenhands to the Degree of Chapter Farmer at the December meeting. . . We held our hayrack ride and weiner roast with the FHA the evening of November 20. . . For fund raising we are doing butchering, putting out an "Official Calendar," and renting a squeeze chute to farmers of the community. Most of our members have purchased FFA signs to put on their farms.

Richard Blankenship, Reporter

RILEY: We had our first money-raising campaign of the school year through a work-day auction. Boys were auctioned off for a day of work to help raise money for the chapter treasury. It was hard work, but the boys enjoyed it. Jobs ranged from picking corn to running a filling station. . . A grain show was held in October at which many fine exhibits of sorghums, wheat, oats, barley, and corn were shown. Also grasses, legumes, and flowers were exhibited. . . The Riley FFA Chapter is testing soil and castrating hogs as a part of its community service duties this year. Other services have been printing helpful articles for farmers in our local paper. . . A chapter honor roll is being made each 6 weeks as a part of our scholarship.

Larry Kaump, Reporter

LYNDON: Ten members were elected to the Chapter Farmer Degree, and seventeen Greenhand Degrees were awarded at the annual Father-Son chili supper, held November 13, 1956 at the Lyndon High School. . . The Vocational Agriculture classes prepared the new football field for the football games this season. The following shop jobs have been completed or are now in progress: Overhaul tractor, two pairs of clothesline poles made, repaired a manure spreader and a lawn mower. Also the following are now under construction: 1 horse trailer, gates, milk can cart, waste container made from a 25-gallon barrel for the shop, and a two-wheel trailer. . . A local car dealer loaned us an engine for our use in the study of farm power.

Larry Rose, Reporter

ALMENA: There are 52 FFA members in our chapter this year... We held 3 regular FFA meetings during the summer months and had all the prospective FFA members present for the August meeting. Watermelon was served for refreshment at the rate of 5¢ per person... The City Motors Co. of Norton is furnishing our department and FFA chapter with a new Dodge courtesy pickup for the 4th straight year... Our instructor took all of the 7 sophomore ag boys to the State Fair at Hutchinson for 2 days. Norman Nelson, State Farmer of 1956, planted a DeKalb hybrid sorghum test plot as part of his farming program. After irrigating 4 times, the 5 varieties averaged 116 bushels per acre... Kenneth Campbell purchased a calf at the Co-op calf sale. He paid 125 co-op bucks for the calf... Our members have subscribed 100% to the National Future Farmer Magazine. This was voluntary and every member paid for his own subscription... The freshman FFA boys have organized a junior FFA chapter. The purpose of the chapter is to learn parliamentary procedure, substitute for the FFA officers in the ritual in case one is absent, sponsor a freshman parent night, and have a chapter farmer initiation team. These officers went to Oberlin November 6, to initiate their chapter farmers... The ag boys have built 4 sets of 5 row, 20 foot pipe bleachers for the football field, several hog troughs, and 7 podiums for the FFA officers to use at FFA meetings. Other major projects under construction in the shop include feed bunks, creep feeder, hog house, two-wheel trailer, and a tractor carry-all. The 40' x 40' shop addition has been completed. The space has eased much of the crowded conditions which existed in prior years.

Gilbert Graham, Reporter

HAVEN: The annual FFA Harvester dance was held Saturday, October 13, 1956. The refreshments were cider and doughnuts served by the FFA boys. The projects made during class are as follows: 2 hay and silage bunks for cattle, hog-self feeder, loading chute, irrigation-pipe trailer, carrier cart for Ford tractor, 2 picnic tables, hay feeder for cattle, flower trellis, cattle squeeze, 2 mineral feeders, four-wheel trailer, barrel stand, charcoal broiler, 16 foot steel gate, and 8 x 16 foot hog house. The FFA has added a new office to its organization to be known as the parliamentarian.

Billy Schoepf, Reporter

KINSLEY: Our classroom and shop held open house during National Education Week. Projects under construction were on display. Ten FFA boys were working in the shop on their projects during the two hours of open house. Approximately 325 parents and friends of the school visited the department... Donald Hainer has purchased a Landrace gilt to be used in his farming program. The chapter purchased one to be used in a gilt chain... The sophomore and junior classes attended a Pasture Judging demonstration. Grasses were identified and two pastures were judged on their management needs. Plans are under way for the FFA barnwarmer. Queen candidates

have been chosen. . . Shop projects include: 4 hay feeders, one 50 bushel self-feeder for hogs, 600# capacity dairy feed cart, 3 squeeze chutes, creep feeder for lambs, 6 sheep hay and grain feeders, wall tool box, set of swings for play ground, two ticket booths were finished for football field, and 4 gates.

Merle Katz, Reporter

NEODESHA: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet November 19, 1956. Our high school principal and superintendent were made honorary chapter farmers. We held our Greenhand initiation November 7th. Fifteen boys received their degrees. Eleven Greenhands were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree on November 16 at our regular bi-monthly meeting. A Pest Eradication contest is going on now. It ends January 1. The members are divided into two teams. The losing team has to serve the winners a free meal. Our community service has consisted of painting the Fair barn, castrating, dehorning, and vaccinating. We have made money by picking up corn and running our snow-cone machine which has proved very profitable. The officers made a trip to the National Convention, and the whole chapter spent a day at the American Royal. . . Our large shop jobs include several large feed-bunks, and two trailers. . . During the summer we were guests at the Missouri FFA Camp. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

Lloyd Kebert, Reporter

DOWNS: On July 28-29 twenty of our members and our advisor went to Kansas City to see the baseball games between the A's and the Yankees. . . Our annual watermelon feed was held on August 28 with the Freshmen boys as guests. . . We have 28 FFA members. Twelve of our members have received new FFA jackets. . . In September our Freshmen boys took part in the Farm Journal Magazine selling campaign. They were working for individual FFA merchandise, and the total subscriptions amounted to \$147. . . We attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. . . Our annual Father-Son chili feed was held on October 23 with 60 in attendance. After the Greenhand initiation, we played volley ball. . . Our money-raising activities this fall consisted of a scrap iron drive, a food stand at one of the football games, and a milk program for the grade school. The FFA also receives a share of the profit received from the pop cooler. . . Three of our boys purchased registered Yorkshire sows for part of their farming program. Several of the boys have baby beef calves on full feed. . . Some of the projects being built in the shop are: loading chute, stock racks, hog troughs, wire winders, clothesline poles, and a creep feeder.

Lee Wiersma, Reporter

LACYGNE: Our chapter entertained the new boys in Vocational Agriculture the last week of August. One hundred percent of the boys and their parents attended. Our paper drive netted \$49... The second annual grain show was held in the Vocational Agriculture shop on October 9 and 10. There were 84 entries. Three boys had varieties of corn that averaged more than 100 bushels per acre. Our chapter had 72 varieties of hybrid corn on 18 farms. The seed was furnished by local dealers... Two members sent corn exhibits to the Pfister Growers' corn show... There are seven candidates for Greenhand and four candidates for the Chapter Farmer degrees. The advisor gave a summary of the corn show and projects by tape recording for the radio station in Fort Scott... The boys in farm shop are making a bicycle rack for the grade school.

Bill Rhyneron, Reporter

IOLA: The officers attended the National FFA Convention and the entire FFA membership attended the American Royal. We are selling advertisement space to local business firms again this year to be placed on our FFA calendar. We distribute 500 calendars to the community. We will clear approximately \$110 on this project... The chapter members and advisor made \$96 this fall by picking up corn that had been left by the mechanical pickers... The farmers gave us two-thirds for picking it up. We voted to enter the Chapter Contest this year and are working for the awards. In shop we are making hog troughs, waterers, feeders, repairing a plow, and a 12 x 14 creep feeder for calves... The shop classes have constructed a form for making the concrete posts for the rural mailbox stands... Our advisor will attend the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, December 1-7.

Robert Creason, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Chapter members have constructed and placed signs along the highway, bearing the slogan: "The Successful Farmer of Tomorrow is the Future Farmer of Today" in the same fashion Burma Shave advertisement is displayed... Over 100% membership subscribed to the National Future Farmer Magazine. Complimentary copies are being sent to the local hospital reading room, school board members and city mayor... Chapter members gave the "Building of the FFA Emblem" demonstration at the Southwest District Leadership School in Dodge City... We have reconstructed and repainted the Welcome Sign. Not to separate the FFA from the school, we have added a sign that the Spearville School and FFA welcomes you... Freshman shop projects include: pipe clothesline posts, repair horse trailer, construction of hog feeders, waterers, and Christmas tree stands... Our chapter has weekly articles in the local newspaper. The articles are timely and informative. Subjects vary from shop hints, farming operations, and safety. We have given the articles the title, "I Believe."

Richard Burghart, Reporter

ALMA: The Alma FFA Chapter held a work day during teachers convention so that we could raise money to start a gilt ring. We had 31 boys on such jobs as hauling hay, picking up corn, washing windows, and other odd jobs around the city and farms. The total earned was \$108. . . At present we are holding a pest eradication contest with our neighboring school Eskridge. The contest started November 15 and will end February 1st. Another event we have coming up is our annual coon hunt. This year we will have six groups divided into two teams with the losers treating the winners with a chili feed. . . Major shop projects so far this year consist of repairing a tractor, building ten aluminum gates, building a twenty foot feed bunk and putting a new floor in the school pickup.

Jim Heder, Reporter

HILL CITY: The Hill City chapter met for their annual watermelon feed August 29th. The program consisted of a talk and film by Clyde Ukele, State Game and Fish protector for this area. On the chapter farm we turned our wheat acreage into soil bank, as we have not had much moisture this year. The chapter went to a Land Judging contest and school at Smith Center the 28th of October. At the last meeting, we had a talk on Civil Defense by Leo Frazey and Ernie Ohman.

James McKim, Reporter

LEBO: This is the first time Vocational Agriculture has been offered at Lebo. We have thirty-three boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. . . We have our FFA chapter organized and are off to a good start in our first year. We held our annual "Work Days" and made \$275. . . Recently our officers presented the program for the local Lions Club. The purpose was to inform the local people about Vocational Agriculture and FFA. We did this by each officer giving a three to five minute talk on Vocational Agriculture or FFA. Our Sentinel recited the FFA Creed.

Gary Busboom, Reporter

KIOWA: We constructed twenty sheep feeding bunks for J. W. McGee a senior FFA member, who recently shipped 300 head of sheep from Texas. . . During one of our previous meetings the members of the Chapter elected an executive council. The council's duty is to curtail any trouble which may arise in the chapter. . . At our Monday, November 12 meeting will be the start of our annual Pest Eradication contest which will last until January 1st. . . Last week our lots committee purchased two Hampshire gilts so two Greenhands could have a project. At the project lots there are 48 head of Livestock being taken care of at the present time.

Gene Logan, Reporter



COLBY: Several of our members showed livestock and crops at the Thomas County Free Fair this fall. Gene Grover showed both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion fat steers. Wilbur Henry showed the Grand Champion fat lamb. Lyle Leak showed his wheat and took the sweepstakes. The chapter sponsored a Judging Contest at the fair again this year. . . At our September meeting we honored the freshmen Vocational Agriculture boys with a watermelon feed. Franz Solar, who spent several weeks in our community as a guest of the Rotary Club, spoke to us on Australian agriculture and his country and customs. Franz is studying agriculture in Vienna. . . We had our annual hay-rack ride and weiner roast late in September. . . We held our Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degree initiation ceremonies at our November meeting. Our chapter membership is 36. . . We have been operating our popcorn machine at the football games this fall. Also, we have the coke machine in the high school and find that they are good sources of income.

Donald Woofter, Reporter

OBERLIN: The complete shop has been redecorated by our advisor and the chapter members. This year we have 60 FFA members. Four officers, our advisor, and our last year's FFA president, attended the National FFA Convention this year. Our president accepted our National Gold Emblem Award at the Convention. . . On September 18, we had our annual freshmen Parent-Son night. We showed the parents the shop and explained to them the FFA. We had 100% attendance. . . On November the 6th, we had our Chapter Farmer ceremonies. The Almena Chapter Farmer Ritual team performed the initiation. Nine Greenhands received their Chapter Farmer pin. . . Our junior FFA officers will go to Almena and initiate their Greenhands on December the fifth. . . We have mixed 8,000 lbs. of mineral and sold it at \$75 per ton. . . We operated the concession stand at all the football games. We made a little over \$200 on this activity. . . Our Pest Control contest will start on the 1st of December.

Norbert Zander, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: Fifteen boys from our chapter made the trip to the Ozarks immediately after school was out last spring. A summer meeting and watermelon feed was held in August for incoming Greenhands. Our chapter culled a 350 bird-laying flock in September. We have mixed a ton of protein supplement for hogs in our chapter feed mixer. The local chapter sold \$91 worth of Farm Journal and Town Journal subscriptions. All chapter officers have the official FFA jacket. The chapter has purchased a new electric FFA sign to add to our chapter paraphernalia. Four large FFA signs have been purchased and will be placed on highways entering our town. . . Ninety-five percent of our chapter members attended the National FFA Convention. Seventy-five percent attended the American Royal. Our Chapter

held a corn and sorghum show in October. Ribbons were given to the three highest ranking samples in each division. We presented a TV show on electrical principles and safety features over WIBW November 15th. A Greenhand parents meeting was held November 19th. . . Two new books have been added to our chapter library, "Now Your Talking" by Karr and "A More Effective FFA" by Wall. . . To date, we have butchered in the Vocational Agriculture shop three hogs and two beeves.

Melvin Dale, Reporter

NEWTON: James Andres, a senior member of our chapter, is making major repairs on his farm equipment as a shop project this year. He has completely overhauled a tractor, plow, and is now working on a farm trailer. We feel that this is note-worthy as he is saving a great deal of money by not having to buy new equipment. . . Our first field trip was to the State Fair at Hutchinson. Three of our members attended the Dairy Artificial Breeding program held recently at Kansas State College. . . Larry Molzen, a chapter member last year, had the misfortune of being trampled by a bull. He sustained a crushed chest and a punctured lung.

Bluford Miller, Reporter

LEOTI: This year we are planning to have as ways of income: a car wash, box supper, scrap-metal drive, trash cleanup, and we have had a food sale and are selling Christmas cards. . . We had a hayrack ride and are planning a chili feed.

Harold Pearson, Reporter

BIRD CITY: On October 22, our chapter held a joint Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degree ceremony. . . For money raising projects our chapter spent two afternoons shocking feed. We also are selling Christmas cards as well as popcorn at all of the home athletic events. . . Our annual Pest Eradication contest is now under way with the freshmen boys standing the rest of the chapter. To date, the freshmen are leading. . . Our chapter sponsored a hybrid sorghum plot this past summer. . . Some of the projects in shop consist of metal lathe work, remodeling feed bunks, and building a power hack saw. . . Plans are under way for our annual trip out to the National Western Stock Show at Denver.

Gary O'Leary, Reporter

MILTONVALE: We have thirty-seven members in the FFA. . . Our annual watermelon feed was held in September. . . Sides have been chosen and team captains elected for our Pest Eradication contest which is to run during Christmas vacation. . . Some of the farm mechanics jobs completed are: Two sheep feeders, four rake-wheel gates, nine pipe gates, two pipe saw horses, loading chute, two gym sets, repaired tractor and cleaned for painting, two ping-pong tables, and several calf troughs.

Noble Hargett, Reporter

MEADE: We held a watermelon feed at our first fall meeting. One of the boys furnished the watermelons and the FFA paid him for them as this was part of his farming program. We entered the Farm Mechanics exhibit at the Kansas State Fair this year. The exhibit took eighth place and the chapter won \$50. We made over \$200 this year selling magazines for the Curtis Publishing Company. Each boy that sells over \$100 worth of magazines receives a free FFA jacket from the chapter. . . This is the first year that the chapter went to the American Royal at Kansas City. We also saw the stockyards, Union Station, and the Ford Motor Company. Fourteen members made the trip. . . We are now planning a rodent killing contest and losers will treat the winners to a hamburger feed.

Melvin Beuthler, Reporter

GORHAM: The second year ag class presented a television program on rope care and knot tying, over station KCKT in Great Bend. A chili supper has been planned for early December to acquaint our dads with our FFA program. Our first big job will be to raise funds to purchase chapter paraphernalia.

Edward Sitz, Reporter

SIMPSON: We held our Greenhand initiation for four freshman boys at the high school auditorium November 19. . . At the conclusion of the regular formal initiation ceremony, the four Greenhands each presented talks concerning their work in Vocational Agriculture, and in FFA. Paul Mann presented, "The Importance of Farming Programs" while Vernice Pruitt gave "A Short History of the Simpson FFA." Vernon Sams, a local farmer and a charter member of the Simpson FFA Chapter, spoke briefly about the chapter when it was formed twenty years ago. The FFA had as their guests for this initiation the parents of the freshmen boys, the high school Board of Education and their wives, as well as the principal.

Jerry Burnette, Reporter

RANDOLPH: In August we had our annual watermelon feed for the members and their dads. . . Among our larger shop projects are three squeeze chutes, a portable loading chute, a trailer bed, show boxes, salt boxes, and saw horses. . . We co-operated with Westmoreland, Wetmore, and Waterville in securing pipe for use in shop. We went together in buying a load of used oil field pipe at El Dorado. . . Several junior and senior boys will visit the St. Joseph market December 6. Ken Ray Hawkinson, a junior, has ten deferred steers entered in the economy contest sponsored by the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce. He will sell them that day. The chapter members are working on an improvement project to make their farm homes more attractive, efficient, and safer. . . Several members are making plans to turn the wasteland on their home farms into a wildlife refuge. Then plan to restore vegetative cover and then stock it with pheasant and quail.

Dale Peter, Reporter

CLAFLIN: We opened the 1956-57 year with 36 members. . . The Pest Eradication contest started November 19 and ends January 21, 1957. The losers will serve a chili supper to the winners and their fathers. . . On November 19, we went on a field trip to Kenny Redetzke's to vaccinate 71 head of cattle for colds and shipping fever. . . Some of the projects that are being constructed in shop are: a four-barrel cattle feed bunk, a portable squeeze chute, a portable adjustable cattle loader, a wood and metal combination hay and grain feed bunk, a power hack saw, an electric grinder, a set of pipe racks, an automatic hog waterer, a weathervane supplement feeder for cattle, an all metal tool box for a pickup truck, a set of pipe carriers for pickup truck, a barb wire fence roller, and two picnic tables. . . We are also overhauling and painting a tractor, overhauling an automobile engine, and changing oil and greasing school vehicles for experience and service.

Larry Larsons, Reporter

LEON: Last spring 23 FFA members went on our annual spring camping and fishing trip. This year we used the Kiwanis Camp at Independence, a very nice camp with excellent facilities that were provided free for our use. As a community service this year we have dressed chickens for the school lunch program and have castrated about 25 pigs. . . One way we have raised money this year is to make clothesline poles in the shop and sell them in the community. . . For National Education Week we had open house. More than 100 persons visited our room and saw our shop projects. Recently we had initiation for 13 freshmen.

Jim Butts, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: We held our Greenhand initiation October 23 in which 12 boys were initiated bringing our total membership to 33. . . Among the projects in the shop we have two portable and adjustable loading chutes, a squeeze chute, a two-wheel trailer, a harrow skid, and several gates and feeders. . . Wendell Kaufman, our member with the Sear's sheep, reports that they are now lambing. . . We will have a Pest Control contest under way from Thanksgiving to the first of the next semester.

Kurt Graber, Reporter

EDSON: Six boys and our advisor attended the State Fair for two days. Also, several plan to attend the Stock Show at Denver. We held a watermelon feed at the start of school in honor of the freshmen boys. . . We held our barnwarmer at a local farmer's quonset this year. We have purchased seventy-five chickens to raise and sell. The Ag I class is to take care of them. . . One of our biggest shop jobs is the building of a large hog house. We also are painting a duckfoot and overhauling a motor. The boys have put up a snow fence on the north side of the school grounds. We have hauled 967 bales of hay and shocked 53 acres of feed in about 13 man hours.

Gary Peters, Reporter

WINFIELD: The chapter is busy organizing their annual Christmas toy drive for needy children. We have set a goal to repair and paint at least 200 toys. . . At our October meeting, the Udall FFA chapter initiated our Greenhands. Eleven freshmen were raised to this degree. We memorized the Chapter Farmer Degree ceremony and raised nine members to this degree at our November meeting. . . We are going to raise the Udall and Arkansas City Greenhands to Chapter Farmers at their December meetings. On December 4, we presented a program at a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting. One of the officers explained the purpose of FFA and some of the activities we accomplished during the school year. Also, one of the members showed slides and explained how he developed his farming program. . . Shop jobs that have been completed are: A cattle guard, barrel rack, sheep waterers, 4 hog troughs, 2 sets of clothesline poles, and numerous shop skill jobs. Shop jobs under construction, are a machinery trailer, an air compressor, a horse trailer, a four-wheel trailer, a two-wheel trailer, several gates, repair of truck sideboards, and several hog troughs.

Larry Thiel, Reporter

CONCORDIA: We held the initiation of Greenhands on October 11. Our annual crop show and pot-luck supper for parents was held November 8. There were 78 samples of crops exhibited. Allan Elstrom won the Grand Champion award for exhibiting the most number of blue ribbon samples from his farm. He had the best sample of grain sorghum, alfalfa seed,



carrots, onions, and pumpkins and also took second on his alfalfa hay. He was awarded a billfold as a prize. Over 175 parents and members attended the pot-luck supper. The program included group singing, recitation of the FFA Creed, and talks on the senior boys trip to the American Royal. Twelve senior FFA boys spent three days in Kansas City attending the American Royal and visiting points of interest. They were accompanied by their advisor and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ball. . . We plan to assemble Christmas tree display stands for a local store to help make money for the FFA. The chapter will buy 100 broilers about January 1 to feed in our shop for our Parent-Son Banquet next March. We are taking a 16mm colored movie depicting every thought in the creed to be shown at the banquet. Jobs in shop include 4 trailers, 2 loading chutes, 1 tractor overhaul, 4 gates, 2 stock racks, ladder and many small projects.

Ricard Ramsey, Reporter

OSBORNE: We held our fall watermelon feed for prospective new members August 23. Charles Reif, associate FFA member, gave a purebred Hampshire gilt to one of our new members who is to return two gilts at weaning time. Eight FFA members showed livestock at the Osborne County Fair. Six members received Grand Champion ribbons on their livestock. Our chapter members won 9 Grand Champion ribbons, 8 Champion ribbons, 38 blue ribbons, 16 red ribbons, and 4 white ribbons. . . On August 20th we broadcasted from Russell Radio Station the results of the FFA division of the County Fair. . . On September 13, our high school Superintendent spoke on "FFA Activities in Winfield When I Attended." On September 27, two men from the PMA Office talked on "Acreage Reserve Program" and "Conservation Reserve Program" . . . October 11th, a past State Farmer reported on the "Army Reserve Program". Our October 25th meeting was devoted to the approval of our Program of Work. In the November 8th meeting, our advisor showed slides of past and present members' farming programs. On November 12th, a formal initiation ceremony was held in our gymnasium. We held a special meeting for the parents of our freshmen members to explain the planning of the farming programs. . . One-hundred percent of our freshmen parents attended this meeting and several upper classmen parents attended. Our superintendent, a past State Farmer, reported on his experience in FFA. Our advisor explained how farming programs are built and gave standards for farming programs. Our shop and classroom were visited by the parents. . . We presented a 15 minute TV program over Great Bend. The subject was on alfalfa hay grades and feeding values. . . Our advisor will attend the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association Convention in St. Louis December 1 to 7.

Gerald Wonderlich, Reporter

EMPORIA: The annual 9th grade initiation meeting was held on Wednesday evening November 14 at 7:30. After the meeting, the boys went to the gym for an hour of boxing, wrestling, and basketball. Cold pop and doughnuts were served before adjourning... The 9th grade class has just completed a tour which visited all the boys home farms. Livestock projects were inspected and farming program possibilities were discussed... The chapter built and displayed a booth in a downtown store window as a welcome to the State Soil Conservation Supervisors Convention on November 12 to 14. The chapter has purchased 300 boxes of greeting cards and are selling them throughout the community. Prizes will be given to the five boys selling the most cards... Last week the junior FFA boys used a field trip for cleaning out the weeds and annual brome from the Chamber of Commerce grass plot... The chapter chartered a car on the Santa Fe and spent the day in Kansas City at the American Royal on October 22. We left at 4:55 a.m. and returned at 11:45 p.m.

Richard Browning, Reporter

BELOIT: The Beloit FFA chapter held its annual get acquainted picnic in the city park on the Sunday before school started. There were 19 freshmen present at the picnic and all of these freshmen were initiated as Greenhands at the October meeting. The Greenhands came dressed up for two days this year. They wore their dress suits, ties, and polished shoes. The chapter has 42 members this year... The National FFA meats team have been on the programs of the Rotary and Lions Clubs of Beloit and also the Burr Oak Lions Club. The team has been explaining how to select meat for lockers and the different grades that the carcasses are divided into... The chapter held its hayrack ride and barnwarmer. The local sheriff helped usher the 75 boys and girls to and from the party. The FFA officers donated time before school started and helped put in a retaining wall and a concrete slab 40' x 60' beside the Vocational Agriculture shop. New cabinets were built by the members and the shop re-organized... The members voted to run a noon hour concession stand with the members taking turns. The chapter planted six acres of Concho wheat on November 14. The local Co-op donated 1,360 lbs. of fertilizer for the plot... Two boys gave talks on the chapters gilt ring, cooperative activities, and the trip to Kansas City last summer at the annual cooperative meeting... The chapter has started the Pest Control contest and will compete with the Simpson Chapter for a chili feed... Five of the officers attended the National Convention with the meats team.

Bill Bunger, Reporter

POWHATTAN: Our chapter has 30 FFA members. We attended the Topeka Fair this year. We have several boys entered in the Beef Economy Contest this year with the marketing date set for December 6 at St. Joseph. The chapter is going to have a barnwarmer this year.

Gerald Schumann, Reporter

CANEY: We have 51 members enrolled in Vocational Agriculture with 102% FFA membership this year. Our Christmas card sales has just been completed with \$433 worth of cards sold. We have planted six acres of wheat in an experimental plot with the field being divided into four plots to check the response to different amounts of fertilizers. Our cooperative activities committee has furnished permanent type anti-freeze to all FFA members for their home use at wholesale price. Our chapter is divided into three sides for our Pest Eradication contest with the two losing sides furnishing refreshments at one of our spring night meetings. . . We are planning our freshmen-parent night for the first part of December. The chapter had ten members attend the American Royal this fall. We have 6 registered Durocs gilts from our gilt ring to place with beginning students this fall. . . Shop projects being constructed are 1 four-wheel trailer, 1 horse trailer, two two-wheeled trailers, two hog houses, 1 cattle guard, four gates, 1 boat, 3 picnic tables, two tool boxes, and a new rack and cabinet for our FFA supplies.

Jim Lovejoy, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: Our chapter eradicated prairie dogs from 70 acres of pasture land for Wendell and Bill White. We used 40 gallons of carbon bisulphide and carbon tetrachloride in two-gallon sprayers with which we sprayed it down into the holes. We purchased a new jeep for the spraying purposes. . . On August 1, an FFA member, and our advisor were on the R. F. D. Television Program over Channel 12 with the new jeep and sprayer. We held our annual watermelon feed at our first regular meeting in September. There were 100 members and guests present. We served 800 pounds of ice melons. . . We made a top for the back of our 3/4 ton pickup from aluminum. We exhibited the top at the State Fair together with four other projects: a portable grain carrier made from a combine bin, a blacksmith's vise, a farm-hand silage scoop converted from a manure scoop, and a cattle squeeze chute. Our advisor and 5 members attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City. Our president received our Gold Medal for the National Better Chapter Contest. . . We have started our Safety Program for this year.

Byron Hayes, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Our chapter held a watermelon feed and swimming party for our members in July. The highlight of the summer activities was the winning of the North-Central Regional Cooperative Activities award for the outstanding work done in the field of Cooperative Activities for which an all expense paid trip to the American Institute of Cooperations (AIC) annual meeting at Raleigh, North Carolina was received for 12 members and our advisor. At this meeting our chapter received a plaque for winning this award. Our trip

was sponsored by the AIC, Kansas Cooperative Council, and our local Co-ops. We also visited the National Future Farmer Camp at Alexandria, Virginia, the Capitol Building at Washington, D. C., the Library of Congress, and the White House. November 13 we were awarded the State plaque at a meeting of our local Co-op. For the past three years the Arkansas City Chapter of FFA has flown the officers to the National Convention. This year also, four officers and two members flew to the Convention. In Arkansas City each year at Halloween a celebration is held called "Arkalah". People come from many neighboring towns to take part in the celebration. We cleared \$426. Next was the Farm-City Day sponsored by the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce. Our part was to serve the barbecue at noon that day. Forty of our members served approximately 2,000 people in about thirty minutes. Our chapter barbecue and Greenhand initiation will be December 5. The barbecue will be prepared by our chapter members and served by nine newly initiated Greenhands.

Loren Fresh, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our chapter won a blue ribbon at the Washington County Fair on our Agricultural Booth. The theme was "Beef Creep Feeding". We won a blue ribbon on the large shop display, a red ribbon on the small shop display, and 10 blue ribbons and 9 red ribbons on other exhibits. All junior and senior members now have their FFA jackets. We made \$150 at a lunch stand at the County Fair and football games and \$70 on sponsoring the football games. A program of work has been handed out to all FFA members along with committee assignments. Dick Pannbacker's 100 head of ewes are lambing at the present time.

Willis Keesecker, Reporter

INMAN: The Inman Chapter has 45 FFA members. The freshman and Dads meeting was held October 30, 1956. The Farming Program was discussed. A program of an American Farmer was presented to the Dads as an example of what a boy can do with the aid of his Dad. The questions of the Dads on Vocational Agriculture were answered. After the meeting, the freshman boys took their Dad's to town for a 10¢ treat. Ten of our members have started a sheep project this year. They purchased 3 to 6 year old bred ewes from reliable sheep breeders.

James Stephens, Reporter

DELPHOS: The first week of school we had a watermelon feed for the 25 boys in FFA. In October we harvested our sorghum check plot. We have started our gilt ring with two Berkshire gilts. Shop projects this fall are: 5 two-wheel trailers, a calf feeder, a horse trailer, 2 picnic tables, a hog waterer, a set of clothesline poles, an implement trailer, 2 bale elevators, a motor overhaul, and a stadium bleacher.

Billy Paynter, Reporter



COLBY: Several of our members showed livestock and crops at the Thomas County Free Fair this fall. Gene Grover showed both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion fat steers. Wilbur Henry showed the Grand Champion fat lamb. Lyle Leak showed his wheat and took the sweepstakes. The chapter sponsored a Judging Contest at the fair again this year. . . At our September meeting we honored the freshmen Vocational Agriculture boys with a watermelon feed. Franz Solar, who spent several weeks in our community as a guest of the Rotary Club, spoke to us on Australian agriculture and his country and customs. Franz is studying agriculture in Vienna. . . We had our annual hay-rack ride and weiner roast late in September. . . We held our Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degree initiation ceremonies at our November meeting. Our chapter membership is 36. . . We have been operating our popcorn machine at the football games this fall. Also, we have the coke machine in the high school and find that they are good sources of income.

Donald Woofter, Reporter

OBERLIN: The complete shop has been redecorated by our advisor and the chapter members. This year we have 60 FFA members. Four officers, our advisor, and our last year's FFA president, attended the National FFA Convention this year. Our president accepted our National Gold Emblem Award at the Convention. . . On September 18, we had our annual freshmen Parent-Son night. We showed the parents the shop and explained to them the FFA. We had 100% attendance. . . On November the 6th, we had our Chapter Farmer ceremonies. The Almena Chapter Farmer Ritual team performed the initiation. Nine Greenhands received their Chapter Farmer pin. . . Our junior FFA officers will go to Almena and initiate their Greenhands on December the fifth. . . We have mixed 8,000 lbs. of mineral and sold it at \$75 per ton. . . We operated the concession stand at all the football games. We made a little over \$200 on this activity. . . Our Pest Control contest will start on the 1st of December.

Norbert Zander, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: Fifteen boys from our chapter made the trip to the Ozarks immediately after school was out last spring. A summer meeting and watermelon feed was held in August for incoming Greenhands. Our chapter culled a 350 bird-laying flock in September. We have mixed a ton of protein supplement for hogs in our chapter feed mixer. The local chapter sold \$91 worth of Farm Journal and Town Journal subscriptions. All chapter officers have the official FFA jacket. The chapter has purchased a new electric FFA sign to add to our chapter paraphernalia. Four large FFA signs have been purchased and will be placed on highways entering our town. . . Ninety-five percent of our chapter members attended the National FFA Convention. Seventy-five percent attended the American Royal. Our Chapter