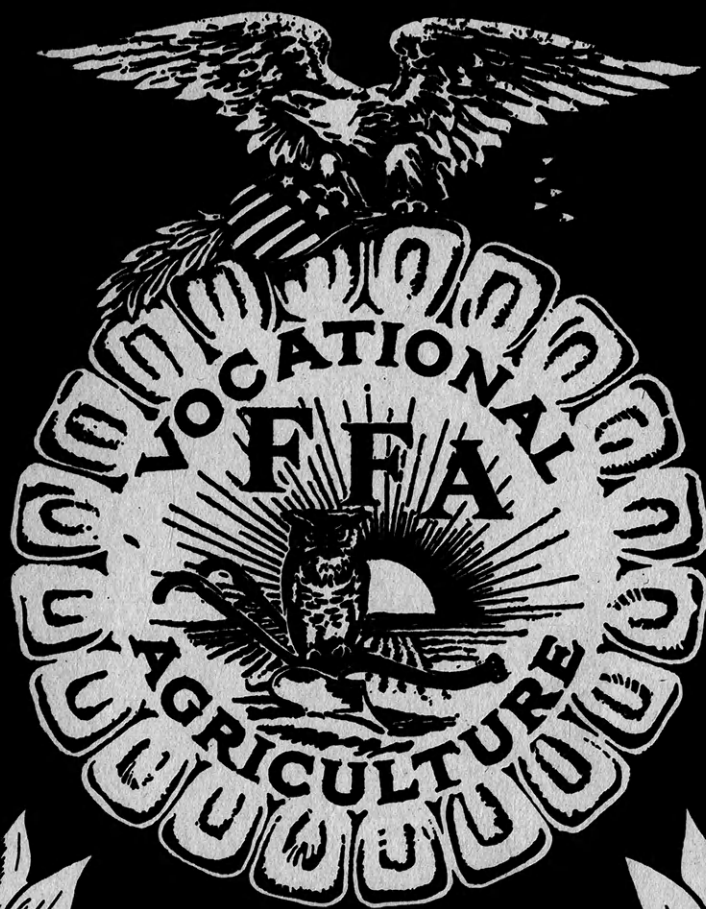


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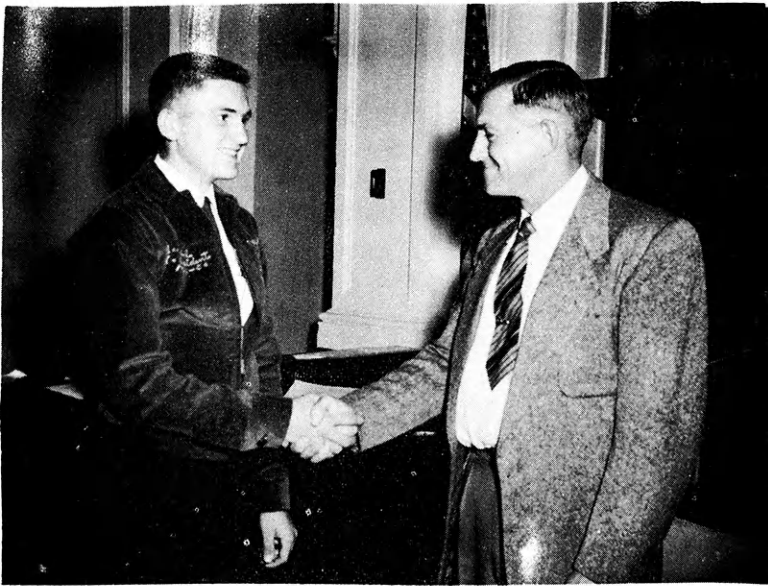
Declaration of intent to submit candidates  
due in State Office December 1, 1957.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1958.  
Dues are 30¢ per member, 10¢ national and 20¢  
state.

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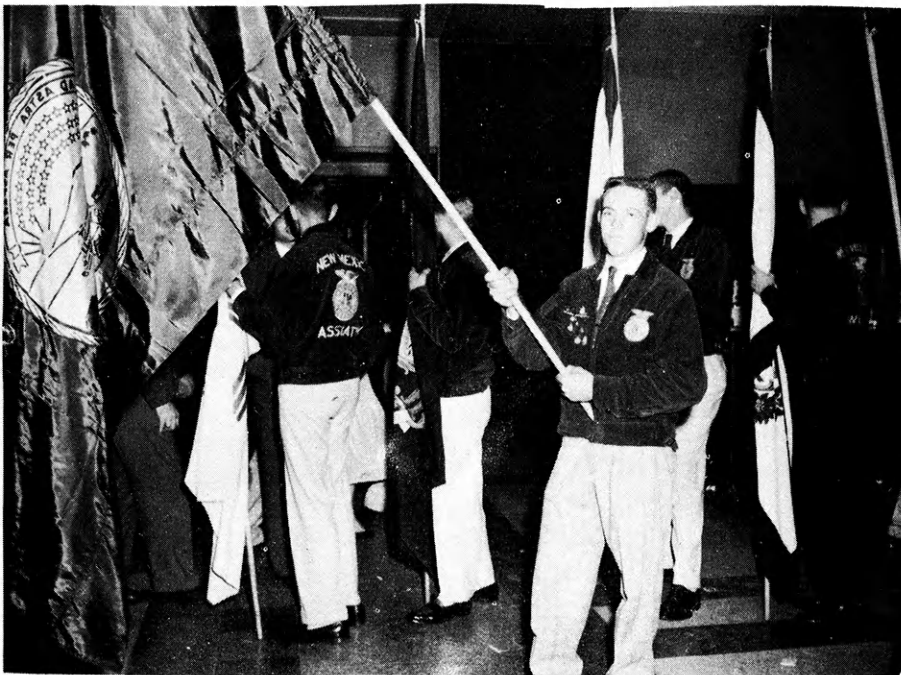
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State FFA Advisor, C. C. Eustace congratulates Dean Ebel who was Kansas' strong candidate for a National FFA Office in 1957.



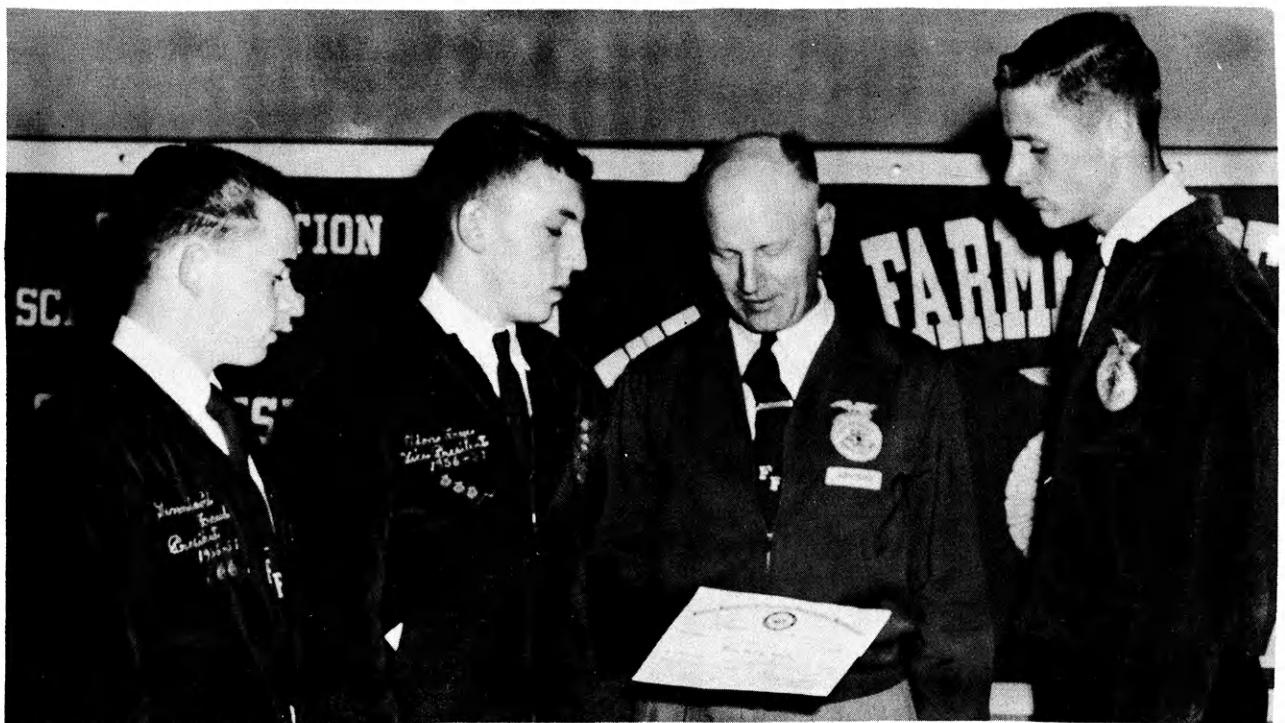
Boyd Waite of Winfield congratulates his son, Dwaine, upon his receiving the American Farmer Degree. Boyd was awarded the American Farmer Degree in 1929. Kenneth, a brother of Boyd was awarded the degree in 1931.



Leo Schwartz of Hanover, Star farmer of Kansas, 1957, carried the Kansas flag in the massing of the flags ceremony at the 30th National FFA Convention.



Kansas American Farmers; from left, Dean Ebel, Wamego; Dewey Smith, Columbus; Darrel McKinney, Syracuse; Raleigh Fenton, Stockton; Duane Unger, Cberlin; Dwaine Waite, Winfield; Walter Rudolph, Manhattan.



National Safety Champions of 1957. Pictured above are representatives of the Little River Chapter. They are, left to right: David Freund, chapter president; Eldon Frye, vice-president and safety chairman; Mr. Milton Kohrs, advisor; George Rhoades, chapter treasurer.



Kansas members of the National FFA Band: FR - from left, James Scheetz, Hanover; J. C. Schlegel, Onaga; Larry Kuntz, Abilene; Dennis Smith, Holcomb. BR - from left, Larry Sunderland, Fairview; Jerold Borders, Eureka; Bill French, Pretty Prairie; Dallas Kibbe, Osage City; Marcian Roth, Spearville. Richard Mikesell, Belleville was absent.



Kansas members of the National FFA Chorus: FR - from left, Gordon Harms, Jetmore; Darel Wendelburg, Stafford; James Berg, Lindsborg; Ronald Schaller, Kingsley; Gary Swarner, Coldwater. BR - from left, Finley Compton, Iola; Maurice Gieber, Belleville; Robert Davis, Peabody; Steven Schumann, Powhattan; Harold Lister, Howard; Dean Koeneke, Hanover.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-17, 1957

Approximately 11,000 FFA members representing our 48 states and Hawaii and Puerto Rico attended the Thirtieth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Mayor H. Roe Bartle, Kansas City, Missouri, welcomed the Future Farmers of America to Kansas City. He expressed his pleasure in welcoming the FFA to Kansas City and stated that in his opinion this meeting of young farmers is one of the most important occurring in Kansas City from one year's end to the other.

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

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

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All National Officers were present. These boys turned in a superb job in handling the entire convention.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Bob Krehbiel, president of the Kansas Association, McPherson Chapter, and John Baird, vice-president of the Kansas Association, Arkansas City Chapter. Gary Cromwell, Salina Chapter, secretary of the Kansas Association, and Don Huntington, Eureka Chapter, treasurer of the Kansas Association, were alternates.

AMERICAN FARMERS: There were 363 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. Dean Ebel, Wamego Chapter; Raleigh Fenton, Stockton Chapter; George McKinney, Syracuse Chapter; Walter Rudolph, Manhattan Chapter; Dewey Smith, Columbus Chapter; Duane Unger, Oberlin Chapter; and Dwaine Waite, Winfield Chapter, were the seven young men from Kansas who received this honor.

STAR FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer for the Southern region, Clarence Chappell, Jr., is a twenty-one year old dairy farmer from Belvidere, North Carolina. Sharing the honor with Clarence were his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Chappell, Sr., and his wife Annie Lou. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, of \$1,000.

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region - Charles F. Cole, 20, Hartford, New York. Award \$500.

Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Bryan Hafen, 19, Mesquite, Nevada. Award \$500.

Star Farmer of the Central Region - Billie D. Parsons, 21, Milesville, South Dakota. Award \$500.

### NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First: Adin Hester, Canby, Oregon - "Atoms for Agriculture".  
 Second: James Turley, Scottsburg, Indiana - "Developing a Concrete Farm Organization".  
 Third: Carl Kozuma, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii - "Our Soil Must Be Saved".  
 Fourth: George F. Guess, Jr., Stevenson, Alabama - "The Purposes of the Future Farmers of America".  
 Fifth: Dale Childs, Kingwood, West Virginia - "Alert Today - Alive Tomorrow".

### CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 68 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went to 43 chapters; and Bronze Emblem to 15. The two Kansas Chapters placed as follows:

- Gold Emblem: Arkansas City  
 Silver Emblem: Ellsworth



### 1957-58 NATIONAL STUDENT OFFICERS:

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 Jerry D. Rulon, Arcadia, Indiana, Central Vice-President  
 Leon C. Smith, Rome, New York, North Atlantic Vice-President  
 Nathan A. Reese, Mooreland, Oklahoma, Student Secretary

### 1957 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS

A report on each of the seven successful American Farmer Candidates from Kansas:

#### Dewey David Smith - Columbus Chapter

Dewey Smith was graduated from the Cherokee County Community High School in 1955. His farming program, as a freshman in Vocational Agriculture, included 4 dairy cattle, 2 hogs, 5 acres of corn, 3 acres of soybeans,



and five acres of wheat. His 1955-56 program consisted of 10 acres of wheat, 110 acres soybeans, 74 acres corn, 15 acres oats, 28 dairy cattle, and 60 hogs. As his farming program increased so did his net worth increase from a beginning of \$199.89 to \$3,206.32 in 1956.

While in high school Dewey won first place on his wheat at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, and received a leadership award in his senior year.

Dewey has served as vice-president and reporter of the Columbus FFA Chapter, and is at present engaged in farming.

#### George Darrel McKinney - Syracuse Chapter

George McKinney was graduated from the Syracuse High School in 1954. His beginning program included 17 beef cattle, 1 horse, 5 hogs, and 10 acres of sorghum feeds. His 1955-56 program included 190 beef cattle, 1 horse, 80 poultry, 160 acres sorghum feeds, 53 acres wheat, 250 acres milo.

George served as vice-president and treasurer of the Syracuse FFA Chapter. He is married and owns his home which he built and furnished in 1955. His farming program increased from a beginning worth of \$973.60 in 1951 to \$23,776.50 in 1956.

#### Dean L. Ebel - Wamego Chapter

Dean Ebel was graduated from Wamego High School in 1955. His farming program, as a freshman in Vocational Agriculture, included half interest in five registered herefords and two grade herefords. A year later in 1952, with borrowed money, he went into partnership with his father and bought one-fourth interest in his dad's entire herd, plus one-fourth interest in all the farm machinery. Their main interest during the past six years has been to increase the quality of their production rather than the quantity. This has been exemplified by EPH Royal Duke, the polled hereford bull they raised and put into the John M. Lewis and Sons show string. The bull is still undefeated after showing at five state shows and the All-American national polled hereford show.

As the quality of Dean's farming program increased, so has his net worth raised from a beginning of \$613, to \$7,574, with a working capital of \$10,833, as of January 1, 1957.

Dean is a junior student at Kansas State College and is preparing to become a vocational agriculture instructor.

#### Dwaine Waite - Winfield Chapter

Dwaine Waite was graduated from the Winfield High School in 1955, completing four years of vocational agriculture. His beginning program in high school was 6 beef cattle and 14 swine; and his 1954-55 program included 18 beef cattle, 20 swine, 2 horses, 10 acres of wheat and 7 acres of alfalfa. Dwaine used his profits each year to purchase more and better breeding stock

and to purchase a tractor and plow. His farming program increased from \$672.88 in 1951 to \$2,954.76 in 1956.

Dwaine has shown his livestock at numerous fairs, and has accumulated many blue and champion ribbons. During the years 1952-56 he received \$376.30 in prize money for beef cattle shown at the state and county fairs.

Dwaine has a life membership in the American Hereford Association, is a junior member of the Kansas Livestock Association, and belongs to numerous other organizations.

#### Walter Frank Rudolph - Manhattan Chapter

Walter Rudolph was graduated from the Manhattan High School in 1956. His farming program, as a freshman in vocational agriculture, included 10 heifers, one-fourth interest in 25 feeder pigs, 2 acres of wheat, 3 acres of oats and wheat, 5 acres of corn, and 3 acres of atlas sorgo. Two years later his father allowed him to invest in one-sixth of the productive livestock and crops, sharing one-sixth of the receipts and expenses.

Walter and his father irrigate 100 acres of creek bottom land from a well with a sprinkler irrigation system. They work together on the crops and livestock and their main interest is to increase production. They have terraced all their rolling crop land and have grass waterways well established.

Walter completed four years of vocational agriculture in high school and served as president and sentinel of the Manhattan FFA Chapter. He was a member of the National Dairy Judging Team in 1956.

Walter had a fourth place hereford in the junior division at the American Royal in 1954. He has had numerous exhibits at the Riley County Fair. Walter's net worth increased from \$173.60 in 1952 to \$9,491.46 in 1956.

Walter is a freshman at Kansas State College and is a member of the Block and Bridle Club, Kansas Junior Livestock Association, Farm Management Association and the Riley County Conservation District.

#### Raleigh Earl Fenton - Stockton Chapter

Raleigh Fenton was graduated from the Stockton Rural High School in 1956. As a freshman in vocational agriculture, Raleigh had two Angus heifers, which he used to start a breeding herd, and one hundred acres of wheat. In June of 1955 he purchased 27 head of high quality Angus cattle, some of which were registered. Raleigh's net worth increased from a beginning of \$800, in 1952, to \$7,635, at the end of 1956.

While in high school Raleigh served as president of the freshman class, treasurer of the sophomore class, student council representative, treasurer of the senior class, and as a member of the football, basketball and track teams. He received honorable mention in the state for football in 1952.

Raleigh completed four years of vocational agriculture in high school and served as president and sentinel of the Stockton FFA Chapter. He is at present engaged in farming on a fifty-fifty basis with his father.

Duane A. Unger - Oberlin Chapter

Duane was graduated from the Decatur Community High School in 1956. As a freshman in vocational agriculture his farming program included 1 steer, 336 poultry, 23 swine, and 6 acres milo. His 1955-56 program included 30 beef cattle, 302 poultry, 120 swine, and 40 acres wheat. Duane's net worth increased from a beginning of \$631.58 to \$7,524.74 in 1956.

In high school Duane was active in debate, band, and glee club. He also served as vice-president, reporter and sentinel of the Oberlin FFA Chapter. He served as sentinel of the Kansas Association of FFA during 1956-57.

At present Duane is a student in agriculture at Kansas State College.

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REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO THE 1957 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Bob Krehbiel:

One of the most inspirational moments of my life was when I walked into the Hotel President on Monday morning and saw all the beautiful blue and gold FFA jackets; there were boys from all over the United States, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and even from across the seas, Great Britain, Australia and Japan. It was very interesting to meet boys from different parts of the country and to learn the kinds of farming programs they carry on.

John Baird and myself went to the delegates' luncheon where each of the delegates was introduced and given an outline of his responsibilities as a delegate to the National Convention.

I wish all of you could have been there on Monday night and heard the speeches the FFA boys gave. They did a very good job of answering the judge's questions. To me it meant that FFA boys have talents, not only in farming, but in every field.

We were privileged to have such outstanding public leaders talk to us as H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri; and Harry S. Truman, past President of the United States.

The delegates had the chance to attend many luncheons and dinners. The hosts of these fine meals really enjoyed having Future Farmers of America as their guests. As long as we have big companies backing us, we know the Future Farmers of America are getting along okay.

Probably the most inspiring part of the Convention was on Tuesday night when the massing of state flags and the Star Farmers of America ceremony was given. When you see all the flags massed together, you realize how nationally known the FFA really is. It is a very tense moment when the Star Farmer of America is named. I think that if all of you would have seen the ceremony, it would have inspired each one of you to try just a little bit harder to reach the top.

The Firestone show is always very good and draws the biggest crowd ever seated in the auditorium. I saw the program in '56 and enjoyed it very much. This year John Baird and I had to leave and catch a train after the program had just begun. I regret that I could not stay at the Convention all week, but we were replaced as delegates by two other state officers, Gary Cromwell and Don Huntington.

The National FFA Convention is an experience no one will ever forget. I think every FFA member should sometime attend the National Convention. We in Kansas are very lucky to live so close to the Convention. It seemed to me that Kansas was rather poorly represented as far as numbers are concerned. I know everyone there enjoyed the Convention very much. It is an experience I shall never forget and I hope everyone will try to attend in future years.

John Baird:

Being a delegate to the 30th National FFA Convention was an experience I shall long remember. Sitting in the delegates' section, and listening to the National FFA officers, public speakers, and the men who are doing outstanding work in FFA, made me realize how important the FFA program is in today's way of life. It was a wonderful feeling to meet and work with the other state delegates at the Convention. Many of these fellows I had met at the leadership training camp last summer.

I arrived in Kansas City, Monday, for the delegates' luncheon in the President Hotel. At the luncheon we met the National officers and had a small business meeting preparing us for the first session Tuesday morning. Monday evening I sat in the delegates' section with our president, Bob Krehbiel, and listened to the public speaking contest. All five of the speakers gave interesting speeches. Tuesday morning I attended the opening session and heard Mayor H. Roe Bartle welcome the Future Farmers to Kansas City. Also on the program was an address by The Honorable Harry S. Truman, a former President of the United States. On the afternoon program we heard the reports of the retiring officers and the awarding of the American Farmer Degrees. It was also very enjoyable to hear the National band and chorus at every session. Tuesday evening we had the massing of the state flags and awarding of The Star Farmers of America. This is a part of the Convention that cannot be put in words. At the close of this session the FFA boys were privileged to see the Firestone show, and as I had to be back in college the next morning, I missed the larger part of this fine entertainment.

I also attended the H. D. Lee Company dinner and the Santa Fe awards' banquet. I shall never forget sitting at the speakers' table with former President Truman, Mayor Bartle, and Mr. Landreth of the Santa Fe Railroad.

This was my second year at the National Convention and I believe every FFA member should try to attend at least one National Convention, because being at the sessions, meeting FFA boys from other states, and seeing the National officers in action, will impress upon your mind that you are a member of the FFA, a truly outstanding organization.

Don Huntington:

As one of your state FFA officers and an alternate delegate to the National FFA Convention, it was an honor to represent the Kansas Association at the thirtieth annual National Convention.

Besides the work involved in such a gathering of a convention of this size there were many momentous and happy occasions. Gary Cromwell and I attended the Santa Fe dinner Tuesday evening, G. M. C. breakfast Wednesday morning, the C. C. A. lunch Wednesday noon, and the International Harvester dinner Wednesday evening. Thursday evening we were guests of the Saddle and Sirloin Club of Kansas City. There were many eventful moments encountered during these dinners. Special guests included former President Harry S. Truman; Erik Boheman, Ambassador from Sweden; Cecil Underwood, Governor of West Virginia; Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Hank Bauer and Tom Gorman of the New York Yankees; and many others. I enjoyed very much meeting and talking with the National FFA officers.

It was certainly a pleasure for me to serve on the "program of work" committee. The committee submitted a proposal for a national parliamentary procedure contest. If considered and approved by the national board it will be brought before the thirty-first National Convention in 1958 for vote by the delegates.

Gary Cromwell and I returned by train Thursday evening, tired and weary from our stay at Kansas City, but never-the-less rich in experiences of our National FFA Convention.

Gary Cromwell:

I count it a real privilege to have had the opportunity of attending the 30th National FFA Convention at Kansas City from October 15 to October 17. I know that my experiences at this Convention will long be remembered. It gave me a thrill to realize I was representing Kansas as a delegate the last two days of the Convention.

Don Huntington, your state treasurer, and I arrived in Kansas City about 3:30 Tuesday afternoon. After checking in at the Hotel President, we walked the short distance to the Municipal Auditorium, where we watched the second session. As Santa Fe award winners, we attended the Santa Fe dinner that evening in the Colonial Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel. That night we watched a very impressive program in which the Star American Farmers received their awards for their outstanding work in agriculture.

Wednesday morning I took Bob Krehbiel's chair in the delegates' section. This was an experience in itself, to realize I was representing the FFA boys of Kansas as a voting delegate.

One of the things I enjoyed most about my trip was the chance to meet and talk with other state officers from all over our nation. I had previously met many of the officers at Camp Miniwanca this past summer. I enjoyed meeting the European exchange students and the representatives of the Future Farmers of Japan. I also enjoyed shaking hands with the National officers as well as many top officials of our government.

I feel that every FFA member should make it a point to attend at least one National Convention sometime during his membership in the FFA. It will make him, as it did me, feel proud that he is a member of one of the outstanding youth organizations in America. I know that those who attended this year will say along with me - that it is an experience that cannot be put into words - you just have to be there to get the full meaning of it.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Chapters that did not pick up their National FFA Foundation medals or their copy of the 29th Convention Proceedings may obtain these items by requesting them from the State Association.

#### Grand Champion and many other prizes go to Altamont barrows:

Twelve members of the Altamont FFA chapter showed barrows in the following breeds at Wichita: Yorkshire, Poland China, Spotted Poland China, Berkshire, and Hampshire. They also showed in the crossbreed class. Lloyd Jones won Grand Champion over all breeds with his Yorkshire barrow. It sold for \$1.00 per pound. Other Altamont winnings in the top five were: 2nd in the Yorkshires; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the Poland Chinas; 1st in spotted Poland Chinas; 3rd in Berkshires; 2nd and 4th in Hampshires; 3rd in cross-breeds; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th in pens of 3 and 1st and 3rd in pens of 5.

REPORT OF R. E. BASS  
NATIONAL FFA TREASURER

FFA Accounts audited by Leach, Calkins, & Scott, as of June 30, 1957

Summary of Audit

ASSETS:

Cash in bank ..... \$ 6,218.95

OTHER ASSETS:

Loan receivable:

"The National Future Farmer"

Cash advances.....\$ 36,786.20

Expenses paid in prior periods... 7,713.80 \$ 44,500.00

Prepaid expense (fuel oil) 341.05

Total Other Assets..... \$ 44,841.05

FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:

Land.....\$ 12,343.23

Buildings..... 15,317.16

Equipment.....\$ 3,288.28 \$ 30,948.67

National Office:

Furniture and Fixtures.....\$ 1,031.46

Building Site..... 11,582.35

Construction in Process.....\$ 202,075.69 \$214,689.50 \$ 245,638.17

\$ 296,698.17

FFA FOUNDATION ACCOUNT

The fiscal year of this account closes on December 31, 1957. Following is a brief summary of the status of account for the period January 1, 1957 through September 30, 1957.

Surplus in FFA Foundation Account, December 31, 1957..... \$ 341,919.67  
Amount of 1957 Budget..... \$ 193,690.00  
Expenditures to date..... 83,432.21  
\$ 110,257.79

Facts concerning contributions and contributors:

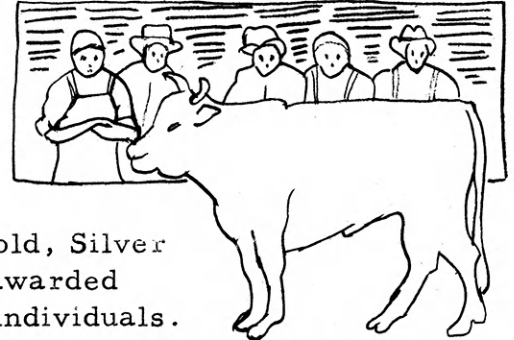
1951 - No. of contributors	99	Amount	\$ 120,771.50
FFA & NFA Associations	14	"	746.50
Individuals	3	"	450.00
Business Organizations	82	"	119,575.00

1957 - (As of September 30, 1957)

No. of contributors	315	Amount	\$ 183,503.00
FFA & NFA Association	1	"	23.00
Individuals	21	"	2,455.00
Business Organizations	293	"	181,025.00

### NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

In all 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 prorated on the distance teams must travel to reach the contest. Plaques were awarded the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem teams. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participation teams and individuals. Appropriate medals were awarded the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem individuals.



### KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 18, 1957

#### Poultry Judging: (38 teams competing)

Highland Park won Gold Emblem Classification.

Don Brock, Advisor

Individual placings: Robert Steps, John Ives, and William Edwards were each in the Gold Emblem division.

#### Livestock Judging: (41 teams competing)

Stockton won Gold Emblem Classification.

Floyd Blauer, Advisor

Individual placings: Glenn Drotts and Merlyn Desmarteau were in the Gold Emblem division. George Sander won a Silver Emblem Classification.

#### Meats Identification: (30 teams competing)

Beloit won Silver Emblem Classification.

Lee Doyen, Advisor

Individual placings: Keith Kresin won Gold, Richard Heiman won Silver, and Jim Kadel won Bronze Emblem Classifications.



WATERLOO, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 30, 1957Dairy Cattle Judging: (42 teams competing)

Longford won Bronze Emblem Classification.  
Eugene Walker, Advisor

Individual placings: Raymond Steenbock won Silver, Denny McKale won Bronze, and Ronnie Barkley won Honorable Mention Classifications.

Dairy Products: (32 teams competing)

Clay Center won Silver Emblem Classification.  
Dale Brooks, Advisor

Individual placings: Dale Hammond won Gold and Curtis Gardner and Terry Mitchell each won Silver Emblem Classifications.

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARDSFARM SAFETY:

National Winner - Little River Chapter, Little River, Kansas.  
Award \$250.  
Regional Winner - Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, Arizona.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Delmar Chapter, Delmar, Delaware.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Camilla Chapter, Camilla, Georgia.  
Award \$200.

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

National Winner - Ralph Thomas Morgan, 17, Ninnekah, Oklahoma.  
Award \$250.  
Regional Winner - Jimmy Curt Duncan, 18, Edmonton, Kentucky.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Michael W. Rinkes, 17, West Linn, Oregon.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Russel Linger, jr., 18, Huttonsville, West Virginia.  
Award \$200.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

National Winner - Earl S. Stinson, 19, Rocky Gap, Virginia.  
Award \$250.  
Regional Winner - Robert A. Yetter, 18, Newton, New Jersey.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Bobby Castle, 19, Oil Springs, Kentucky.  
Award \$200.

Regional Winner - Brad Frank, 18, Tremonton, Utah.  
Award \$200.

### SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT:

National Winner - Don Allen Pedersen, 18, Lake City, Iowa.  
Award \$250.  
Regional Winner - Gene Pachal, 17, Kaufman, Texas.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Arden Ell Allma, 18, Cox's Mill, West Virginia.  
Regional Winner - Charles Thronson, 18, Dayton, Washington.  
Award \$200.

### DAIRY FARMING: (Announced at Waterloo, Iowa, on September 30, 1957)

National Winner - Charles A. Sargent, 18, Danville, Vermont.  
Award \$250.  
Regional Winner - Randolph A. Smith, jr., 18, Canby, Oregon.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Louis H. Keith, jr., 17, Collinsville, Oklahoma.  
Award \$200.  
Regional Winner - Hank Stark, 18, Adrian, Missouri.  
Award \$200.

MEMBERSHIP: The  
Farmers of America

REGISTERED ATTEND-  
- FROM KANSAS:

Seven hundred  
sented official  
Municipal Auditorium.  
attend by presenting late  
811 Kansas boys registered  
ance were advisors, school  
members, parents, state  
other interested Kansas people.



active membership in the Future  
as of June 30, 1957, was 379,396.

### ANCE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

fifty-nine Kansas FFA members pre-  
registration cards at the desk in the  
Fifty-two members were able to  
registration slips, making a total of  
at the Convention. Others in attend-  
superintendents, school board  
vocational agriculture leaders, and

### IDEAS FROM HARRY S. TRUMAN, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Mr. Harry S. Truman addressed the Convention session on Tuesday morning and later talked to the winners of the Santa Fe awards. He spoke with much vigor in addition to using clear examples in his remarks. The following are some of the ideas which he presented to FFA members:

1. The U.S. has derived much of its government and military leadership from its farms.
2. Each of us should be more informed regarding our U.S. Constitution and government.
3. FFA members have a large stake in keeping America the world's greatest power by increasing and improving crop and livestock production.
4. There are many opportunities for advancement for the person who is willing to work.

#### A BRIGHT FUTURE - Raymond C. Firestone

This was Mr. Firestone's 11th trip to the National FFA Convention, but his first as head of the Firestone Company. He stated that our population growth and a greater demand for more nutritious farm products will strengthen agricultural economy in the future. Also the opportunities for the shrewd farmer are indicated by the fact that 44% of the farms account for 88% of our total cash farm sales.

In regard to FFA, he pointed out that this organization creates interest in other activities as well as giving a practical application of what youngsters learn in vocational agriculture.

The Firestone Show which was presented Tuesday evening was enjoyed immensely by a capacity crowd of FFA members and guests.

#### LIFE IS KEYED TO INSPIRATION AND WORK - Dr. William Alexander

Dr. Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church, Oklahoma City, told the delegates that although we are living in the most perilous age in history, there is no reason to be discouraged about the future of mankind. If we tie ourselves to fundamental principles which are eternal, we can be a part of the answer, not the problem. His four "secrets" for an individual to become a part of the answer are; prepare, specialize, perspire and be inspired.

He said that the world only owes its people an opportunity to work and that the work must be done voluntarily. "Because there is purpose and significance in life, inspiration is most important to mankind. Jesus knew more about living than any other individual who has walked this earth, and he should be our greatest inspiration," the minister stated.

#### COWDEN CHARTS COURSE

CCA President Howard A. Cowden, speaking to the Vocational Agriculture instructors and FFA members at the Honor Luncheon presented by his organization, stated that farmers have done a fine job with the problem of production but that they have not found how their production can bring them the high standard of living that they should have.

He pointed out that CCA, which operates in 8 states of this central part of the U.S., began in 1929 with assets of \$3000. Now their total assets are \$80,000,000. He pointed out that this business was owned by farmer members.

"Farmers' incomes in this country are 2.5 billion dollars a year less than they would be if farmers were receiving 100% of parity; and why shouldn't farmers receive that percentage of parity," he asked. Mr. Cowden mentioned that in Norway, where he traveled this past year, the farmers own 92% of the meat packing plants and that in so doing they are able to obtain the same price for hogs in October that they received last June.

"Farmers need only to feel that they can do this job of raising their bargaining power and they can do it," he contended. He also told the guests that, contrary to the beliefs of many, farms do not have to be large to be efficient. Farmers can use organizations so that the little man will have the same advantages as the big farmer.

#### SELF-EXPRESSION DEVELOPED IN FFA - Governor Cecil Underwood, West Virginia.

Governor Underwood listed six points on which FFA is based that make the realization of self-expression and leadership possible to the fullest extent: (1) Emphasis on education and knowledge, (2) Premium on excellence of performance, (3) Ability to conduct meetings, (4) Ability to express one's self, (5) Development of financial responsibility, and (6) Teaching young men to solve problems independently.

He stated that self-government demands much from people in all walks of life; and that people of our nation need a greater sense of personal responsibility for solving the problems of our time.

#### E.F. WILSON CHALLENGED BUSINESS LEADERS

Mr. Wilson, former president of Wilson and Co., and now Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, told business men that they must be interested in their government at all times or else the undesirables will take over the government and we will have something that we will not be particularly proud of.

He said that the FFA experience is equipping farm youth to participate in good government and that many future leaders can be expected from this group.

#### COURTESY CORPS ASSISTED FFA MEMBERS

Eighteen squads of FFA members, advisors, and state and national leaders gave assistance to other FFA members while they were attending the National Convention. The corps cooperated with the Kansas City police who were primarily concerned with hoodlums, confidence men and others who might try to prey on youth.

#### SENATOR EDWARD J. THYE, Minnesota, spoke to FFA

Senator Thye stated that leaders should encourage youth to enter the fields of farming, international relations and science. He noted that we have been more successful in raising food than we have been in the fields of international relations and sciences, other than agriculture.

Mr. Thye noted that much of the world looked to the U.S. for military leadership during World War II and that now they are looking to us for leadership in peace. He pointed out that we must bring more young people of other countries here so that they can serve as ambassadors of good will for this country.

Our farm surpluses that have been channeled to needy nations have educated many peoples to freedom and the American way of life. He challenged our members with the responsibility of leadership in the understanding and sharing of resources and knowledge with the peoples of the world, in order that world peace may be realized.

### FLU FETTERS FLUTERS

Although hampered with members being temporarily ill, the National Band and Chorus were able to maintain sufficient numbers to fulfill all of their engagements. By Thursday noon 57 of the Chorus members had been ill for a short time. Dr. Hatch reported that in spite of the illnesses, the Chorus had been singing with from 115 to 120 voices in each of the convention sessions.

### AVIATION - BRIDGE BETWEEN PEOPLES

This theme was developed by Philip W. Geary, Director Air Education, Continental Air Lines. While speaking at the Butler Breakfast for award winners, Mr. Geary made three predictions, namely, (1) There is an airplane in your future; (2) The World Crisis in your day (lack of food) you will help to solve; and (3) You will be a bridge builder as well as a farmer.

In explaining his first point, he referred to the number of flying farmers in the U.S. and mentioned that there were 2,600 crossings of the Atlantic Ocean in one month last year by all the airlines combined. Regarding his point two, he stated that two-thirds of the people of the world do not now have enough to eat.

The very important bridge that we will have a part in building is the one created by air travel. He also pointed out the importance of the bridges of thought and the psychological bridges which we can either help to build with other peoples of the world, or we can tear them down depending upon what we do and say regarding those people. Mr. Geary challenged our FFA members by asking them that if they were flown to any spot in the world and set down would they be able to see a reflection of their own image in these strange people.

### PRESIDENT - FUTURE FARMERS OF JAPAN ADDRESSED CONVENTION

The president of FFJ stated that, with their organization having similar ideals to those of the FFA, better understanding between our two nations will be improved. He also reported that they are wanting to bring more mechanization to their farms and to increase the activities of their members.

The FFJ is now seven years old and has a membership of 120,000.

AMBASSADOR BOHEMAN BRINGS IDEAS FROM SWEDEN

Erik Boheman, ambassador from Sweden, told the FFA delegates that Farmers of Sweden have many problems similar to the farm problems of this country. He stated that the government of his country was also attempting to keep farm income up to a reasonable level. Farmers in Sweden have their own political party totaling about 12 per cent of the nation's legislative representation. However, the party is more influential than the 12 per cent might indicate. This party follows the middle-of-the-road course, swinging either left or right, and therefore is often the deciding factor in elections and legislative proposals.

MEALS GIVEN TO FFA GROUPS

Among the business, industrial and civic organizations that sponsored meals in honor of certain award winners and other groups of FFA members were: Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Santa Fe Railway, Sears-Roebuck and Company, General Motors Corporation, Ford Motor Company, Butler Manufacturing Company, International Harvester Company, Swift and Company, Burlington Railroad, H. D. Lee Company, Spencer Chemical Company, and Massey-Harris.

TO TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE AND TEACHERS OF MUSIC - from Dr. Brunner.

Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Director of the 1957 National FFA Band, sends sincere appreciation to the agriculture and music teachers for their help in selecting and training high caliber gentlemen for the Band this year.

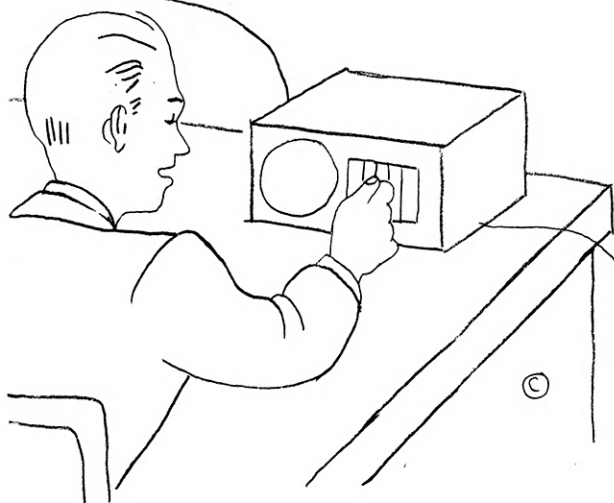


# MEMBER TO MEMBER HOOK-UP

## CHAPTER NEWS

**LYNDON:** Twenty-one Green Hands will be initiated Oct. 28 at our father-son chili supper. . . The junior and senior voc-ag boys attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Our chapter has subscribed 100% to the National Future Farmer Magazine. . . During the summer the Tornquist brothers purchased thirty ewes to add to their Sears Sheep Program.  
Don Masenthin, Reporter

**INMAN:** At the Kansas State Fair, we exhibited a portable bale elevator, a combine bin made into a grain trailer, a steel pickup stockrack and a loading chute. We also showed shop projects and livestock at the Inman Fair. Three of our members also showed livestock at the Wichita Fat Stock Show. . . In shop we are now making a riding power lawnmower, a power garden cultivator, several loading chutes, a stockrack, a bale elevator, pig creep feeder, gates, trash barrels, and chisels. We have started a pest eradication contest.  
Warren Ediger, Reporter



OBERLIN: Four of our members and advisor attended the FFA Convention in Kansas City. They went on conducted tours of various industries and packing plants and attended the Burlington Railroad breakfast. On Sept. 24, the FFA night for freshmen and their parents was held. A model meeting was held followed by a film. . . Our Land Judging teams placed third, fourth, and eleventh at Stockton. Norbert Zander ranked as high individual. . . 7, 500 pounds of mineral have been mixed and sold so far this year. We have been selling it for \$13.75 per 100 pounds. . . In shop we have painted a truck, and built 2 mineral feeders, a calf feeder and several hog feeders. The adult farmers are studying electricity this year. The young farmers are meeting on every Monday night again this year. The officers had a supper October 9, after which they worked on a program of work for the year. . . This summer the officers went to the mountains in Colorado for a fishing trip.

Norbert Zander, Reporter

MERIDEN: Twenty-three members attended our summer meeting which was an overnight fishing party on the Delaware River. . . This year the chapter is going to pay half on the officers' jackets. . . Five members have gilts from the chapter gilt ring. We held a scrap metal drive to raise funds to start a registered gilt ring. We sold 3,240 lbs. of tin, 1,600 lbs. of cast iron and 8,600 lbs. of iron as a result of our scrap metal drive. We adopted a written agreement for the members who have FFA gilts. . . We also made plans at our first meeting to attend the Kansas Free Fair and the American Royal. . . The Voc. Ag. classes are repainting the shop. The chapter is selling popcorn at the home athletic games this year to make money.

Cloyce Smythe, Reporter

FLORENCE: Fifteen Green Hands and eight Chapter Farmers will be initiated this year. We were given a tract of land to be used by the town boys for their farming program projects. We are in the process of clearing out some dead trees and stumps at the present time in preparation for some pig and feeder lamb projects. Plans are also under way for a parent-son chicken fry to be held November 16 and for our annual all-school barn-warmer.

Sidney Allison, Reporter

OSBORNE: We held a watermelon feed for prospective new members on Aug. 16 at which time our Reporter gave a short summary of FFA activities. . . . Mr. Abel, our superintendent, gave his impressions of the local chapter's work. . . Six members exhibited livestock at the County Fair. . . Our advisor showed colored slides of our farming programs at our second meeting. At our third meeting Dr. George Roberts spoke on "Veterinary Preparation and its Opportunities after Graduation". Our fourth meeting was devoted to business and appointing program of work chairmen and their committees. Each class has a representative on each committee. . . Our chapter has shocked feed for several farmers, castrated pigs, and built silo doors for one farmer. We have received two used lockers which we are making into bolt and nail cabinets. We sold our loading chute. Other shop projects include: A cattle feed bunk from used barrels, a loading chute, and a foot scraper. . . Each freshman is assigned to a senior member when the creed is to be recited. Eight members attended the National Convention at Kansas City.

Charles Simpson, Reporter



**DELPHOS:** Twenty-five of our members and their dates enjoyed our annual hayrack ride and weiner roast held on Sept. 30. . . . As a community service, our chapter picked up 14 loads of trash and mowed the weeds on the old school ground. We built bleachers for the athletic field. . . . We have purchased a registered Berkshire boar to use in our gilt ring. . . . Shop projects now under construction are: 1 four wheeled trailer, 1 bale loader, 1 shop workbench, 1 gas barrel stand, and 1 TV tower. . . . In the farm mechanics' display at the County Fair, we had three blue ribbon winners, 4 red ribbon winners and 1 in the white group.

Robert Klein, Reporter

**BIRD CITY:** In Aug., 8 of our members took a fishing trip to the Cedar Bluffs dam at Wakeeney. In addition to one rattlesnake, they caught about 170 white bass. Camping out and cooking our own meals added to the enjoyment. . . . Early in the fall we assisted some of the farmers by shocking feed and we are at the present in a Christmas card selling campaign. . . . Plans are under way to start awarding FFA letters to outstanding members. These awards will be based upon scholarship and chapter leadership ability. . . . Some of the projects that are being made in shop this year are: A portable air compressor, a case for a fire blanket, a bolt rack, and 2 ladders. . . . Six members will receive the Green Hand degree on Nov. 4.

Roger Applegate, Reporter

**LAKIN:** At our Oct. 14 meeting, the program of work committees were assigned by the president. He also appointed the captains for our pest control teams. . . . The school purchased an army surplus pickup for voc-ag use this year. . . . The scholarship committee started an honor roll. The students with the five highest grades are on it. . . . We had five entries at the Hutchinson State Fair and placed tenth in the farm mechanics' division. . . . Our Ag. 2 class started butchering on Oct. 24. . . . The school bought some army surplus power hydraulic cylinders. From these our Ag 3 boys are making hydraulic presses for shop and farm use. We are also making bleachers for the ball park and rodeo arena. Our sophomores are learning to make concrete by running driveways, floors, and sidewalks for local people.

Tommy Vincent, Reporter

**LIBERAL:** Several members of our chapter attended an over-night camping trip to Meade Lake in Aug. We spent our time on the trip by playing horse-shoe, soft ball, and in fishing and swimming. . . . During the fourth of July season, we sold fireworks and cleared around \$110: Last spring we took the job of restringing Christmas lights for the city. We had 60 strings to make and have them about finished. . . . The Pittmans Grain Company is sponsoring the FFA calendars this year. . . . Our first activity of the school year was a hamburger fry and watermelon feed. We had 35 members out to this event. We had a hayrack ride on Oct. 5. At our last meeting, a member of the City Fire Department talked to us about fire prevention. We are planning to sell Christmas trees again this year as a money making project. One of our larger shop projects at present is an economy-type hay feeding rack for one of the farmers of our community.

Edward Scott, Reporter

NEODESHA: We have a new shop and Vocational Building that was built this past summer. We have been building welding tables, pipe racks, work benches and painting lockers in the shop. . . . On Oct. 15 our officers attended the National FFA Convention. . . . At our wiener roast we invited girls and the freshmen. We plan to hold our regular parent-son banquet Nov. 25.

Gary Reynolds, Reporter

KIOWA: We held a swimming party and a watermelon feed last summer. . . . Some of the projects in our shop this year are: Making tables and desks, repairing farm machinery, and overhauling motors. . . . We are planning to sponsor a donkey basketball game sometime between our football and basketball seasons. . . . Our first-semester party was a hayrack ride on Oct. 16.

Jim Talbott, Reporter

KINSLEY: On Aug. 14, our chapter presented a program on identifying and cooking various cuts of meat over Channel 2 KCKT, Great Bend. . . . This year was the first time that our boys showed hogs and sheep at Wichita. Gerald Behnke won champion in crossbreeds. Robert Levin placed reserve champion with his Chesterwhite. Eight of our members showed a total of twenty head of livestock. . . . On Oct. 12 we placed first in the State District Land Judging Contest at Coldwater. This makes Kinsley eligible for the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City next May.

Charles Schaller, Reporter

WETMORE: As part of the reward for our chapter's winning the N. E. District farm safety award, Delbert Safarik, our FFA president, attended the National Safety Congress at Chicago, October 21-25. . . . We netted \$70.00 selling magazines. . . . We initiated eight Green Hands on Oct. 30. Our dad's attended this meeting. . . . The Kiwanis Club gave us two duroc gilts to start a gilt ring.

Robert McDaniel, Reporter

CEDAR VALE: The school purchased for us a Chevrolet pick-up truck at a military surplus and payed \$35. for it. The members sanded it and painted it. We use the pick-up for field trips and to haul shop projects. The boys built a set of pipe stockracks for it, and we use them for hauling livestock. Last week we bought a pair of decals for the doors of our pick-up. The decals have about a ten inch emblem and the words "Future Farmers of America" appear on a banner across the top of the doors.

Joe Smock, Reporter

FOWLER: We held the initiation for Green Hands Oct. 15. We are planning to give a parlimentary procedure demonstration for the school at our next assembly. Fowler is planning a joint night meeting with Meade Chapter this year as one of our recreational activities.

Tommy Koppers, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Two meetings were held during the summer. Eighteen of us also took an overnight trip to the Ottawa County Lake. Most of our time was spent swimming and boat riding. Seven boys are working for the Green Hand degree, and nine for the Chapter Farmer degree. . . . We are making plans for our pest eradication contest. Our farming program tour is underway. Each

class visits the homes of members in the class. . . . A large three horse-power WF grinder was added to our shop equipment last summer.

Richard Bull, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Our subscriptions to the National Future Farmer exceed 100 per cent of our enrollment. Free subscriptions were sent to board members and the local hospital. . . . The advisor and three members attended the National Convention and a part of the American Royal in Kansas City. . . . Green Hand initiation ceremonies were held for ten new members and nine Chapter Farmer degrees were awarded.

Verl Shean, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: Our chapter elected officers for the coming year the first meeting in May. A parliamentarian was elected and given a part in our ritual. Before school was out last spring we had a roundup of incoming Green Hands from surrounding schools. They were given a guided tour of our shop and classroom. Our advisor visited local grade schools during the middle of May to enroll incoming high school freshman students. Our regular summer meeting and watermelon feed was held during Aug. for incoming Green Hands. Our local chapter was host during the 12th and 13th of June to the Graettinger and Esterville FFA chapters of Iowa. They visited local industries and made our farm shop their headquarters. It was near the completion of a 4,000 mile trip. They did their own cooking, etc. The cost per member for their trip was approximately \$21. . . . Our local chapter exhibited a booth on fertilizer at the Wyandotte County Fair. Our entire chapter attended the Topeka Free Fair. . . . The FFA was host to the FHA at our annual hayrack ride on Sept. 30. A total of 70 were in attendance. . . . Nine members of the chapter attended the National Public Speaking Contest. The entire chapter attended one day of the National Convention. Chapter officers were dinner guests of H. D. Lee and Co. Our chapter is subscribing 100 per cent to the National Future Farmer.

Gary Barney, Reporter

RILEY: We began the year with a watermelon feed, inviting the freshmen as our guests. The freshmen and sophomores attended the Kansas Free Fair on FFA Day. Our Oct. meeting was designated as "dad's night". At this meeting 12 members received the Green Hand degree. We have four gilts in our gilt ring this fall that were given to members to start or increase their farming programs. The chapter is sponsoring a Fall Grain Show, Oct. 29, to which all FFA members and the community are invited to participate. The chapter "sweetheart" will be crowned queen of the Fall Grain Show. Our chapter is also having a pest control contest this fall.

Thaine Hoffman, Chapter Reporter

DOWNS: On Aug. 23 our chapter entertained our new members with a watermelon feed and overnight fishing trip. Twelve of our members attended the State Fair. In Sept. our freshmen boys sold subscriptions for the Farm Journal. They were working for FFA merchandise. Our annual father-son chili feed was held Oct. 21. We earned \$70 for our chapter by

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shocking feed this fall. . . Several class visits have been made to observe farming programs. Our larger shop projects include a squeeze chute, sheep feeder, and drill press stand. Projects being planned are two power post-hole diggers and a sickle grinder.

Ronald Boxum, Reporter

**GARNETT:** Nineteen of our members attended a part of the National Convention. Our sophomores have just completed harvesting the Kansas State College corn test plots. We have planted and harvested this test for the past eight years. . . We are making plans with the FHA girls to have an all-school dance in February. . . We have fourth year agriculture this year for the first time with six enrolled. . . we plan to hold a parent meeting in February. Our chapter plans to raise funds by a concession stand at games and by selling shop projects.

Billy Campbell, Reporter

**ROSSVILLE:** We have been shucking corn for Kansas State College. The College has several acres of yield test-plots west of Rossville. . . The upper-class members attended the third session of the National FFA Convention. All Green Hands will be initiated at our parent-son banquet Nov. 12. In preparing for this banquet we are taking pictures of all the member's farming programs. The slides will be shown and a description of each member's home-farm work will be given.

Frank Ruff, Reporter

**LEON:** We are preparing to initiate 21 Green Hands. This summer 19 members and our advisor went on a camping-fishing trip for five days on a river near Independence. Our farm mechanic's exhibit at the county fair earned \$28. prize money for chapter members. Shop jobs started this fall include gates, clothesline poles, a picnic table, welding table, power hacksaw, hay feeder, hog trough, pony trailer, motor overhaul, cattle guard, and rebuilding a lawnmower.

Clare Dunn, Reporter

**HOISINGTON:** We had a very successful parent night in which we discussed farming programs and shop projects. We now have four arc welders and four acetylene welding units. We repaired and painted our government surplus pickup the first few days of school. We are putting a canvas top on the back of this truck. . . They are going to overhaul grain auger motors and then two John Deere tractors and put a clutch in a farm pickup.

Jim Miller, Reporter

**HIGHLAND:** Our chapter had a watermelon feed for the freshmen and their parents. Our chapter purchased six Yorkshire sows and their litters of 61 pigs and a Minnesota No. 2 boar. . . We entered a farm mechanics' exhibit in the Topeka Free Fair. We took first place there with the following projects: A bale loader, a power takeoff D. C. arc welder, a set of aluminum stock-racks, some aluminum gates, and a power hacksaw. . . We have divided our chapter into four groups and we have been having each group work on a work-day. We built fence, farrowing crates, hog houses and other projects. On

Tuesday, October 15, we attended the FFA Convention at Kansas City. Some of our larger projects in shop this year include: A power hacksaw, a sprayer on a trailer, a cattle chute, and a bale loader.

Charles Sesna, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: During the summer the chapter held its annual FFA fishing trip which included staying overnight. At our September 9 meeting the chapter help its watermelon feed and served 900 lbs. of cold watermelon to 120 friends, parents, and faculty. The chapter attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City. George Rhodes and Eldon Frye attended the National Safety Congress October 21-25 at Chicago.

Don Cain, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Our officers met in August and outlined the following programs for the meetings this year. Programs include: October, initiation; November, crop show and pot-luck supper; December, wildlife program; January, annual sweetheart part; February, recreation; March, annual parent-son banquet; April, hayrack ride; May, election of officers. Initiation was held October 15 for six Green Hand members. Eighteen of our members attended the fair in Hutchinson. Our fifth annual crop show and pot-luck supper will be held on November 14. Senator Frank Carlson has been invited to speak as part of the program. Prizes for the best sample of milo, corn, wheat, alfalfa hay, and silage have been made possible through local seed, fertilizer and machinery dealers. We plan to purchase six feeder pigs to experiment with grain and prepared feed rations. Five senior FFA boys attended the American Royal with our advisor. Plans to buy one hundred broilers to be raised in the shop this winter have been completed. The broilers will be eaten at our banquet next spring. . . In our shop we are building two squeeze chutes, one loading chute, six gates, a turkey shelter, one box for a Ford tractor, one rotary hoe, one post hole digger, a garden tractor, and several smaller jobs. An old combine has been purchased to dismantle for iron. We are selling subscriptions to The Farm magazine.

Larry Palmquist, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: This year our chapter is carrying out a new professional multiple farrowing hog program. For this program our chapter received \$25,000 from Mr. A. B. Maurer, president of the Maurer-Neuer Packing Co. and Mr. Bob Brown, president of the Home National Bank. We have set up our operation just south of Arkansas City. For this project the chapter erected 13 quonset type buildings and poured 300 cu. yds. of concrete. This project is divided into four definite phases: The sow and boar colony, the farrowing house, pig lot (where the pigs stay from the time they are weaned until they weigh about 75 pounds), and the finishing area. When we get in full operation we plan to handle 450 head of hogs per year. Raymond Atkins, a former officer of the chapter has been hired as chapter herdsman. Since August 15, we have had 900 visitors from 15 different states visit our farm. We plan to confer the Green Hand degree to 11 boys at the time of our father-son barbecue, November 21.

Neil Brown, Reporter

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**COLBY:** Our annual watermelon feed was held Sept. 14. We made plans for the year and saw the film "Farmer of Tomorrow." We had our hayrack ride and weiner roast on Sept. 30. Many of our members exhibited at the Thomas County Fair. Our members showed the grand champion fat steer, champion Yorkshire gilt, champion Shorthorn steer, champion fat lamb, champion Tamworth gilt and barrow, and was champion in the fitting and showing contest. The chapter sponsored the livestock judging contest and school at the county fair again this year. Seven chapters participated. Don Woofter of our chapter was high individual.

Richard Calliham, Reporter

**NEWTON:** Our chapter members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. Richard Deno, State Farmer and president of our chapter last year, exhibited the reserve champion barrow in the junior division at the State Fair, and the reserve champion at the Wichita Fat Stock Show. A group of about ten boys went to Wichita one afternoon to see the Fat Stock Show, which they enjoyed very much. Our department intends to hold an FFA hayrack ride in the near future.

Jim Hamilton, Reporter

**EFFINGHAM:** In our shop activities this year members have built one trailer, rebuilt two self feeders for hogs, made eight hog troughs, built three iron gates from rake wheels, one show box, two picnic tables, two feedbunks, and repaired 51 items of farm machinery. Our annual parent-son banquet is planned for November 26. The FHA girls and the FFA are serving each other's banquets. The sophomore class is making concrete hog troughs and selling them to farmers for \$1 each. They elected a five-man board of directors, that met and organized a co-op. They are paying members for making the hog troughs and selling them. Members are buying shares at 25 cents each with a limit of three shares in order to finance the program. Dividends will be paid to the shareholders. To date, they have made 16 hog troughs. Our chapter sponsored an American Royal trip October 19 with 16 members making the trip. The freshman class attended the St. Joseph market day Sept. 6 and saw the grading, selling and weighing of hogs, cattle and sheep. Two of our members each sold six hogs that day. Our chapter pest eradication contest began Oct. 1.

Dale Westermann, Reporter

**SIMPSON:** Our boys were hosts to an all-school party and barn dance on October 18. The Y-Teens and faculty members were guests. After several fast moving group games including a scavenger hunt, the evening was spent dancing. Refreshments of cider and homemade cake were served. Larry Croisant, president of our chapter, attended the National Safety Congress in Chicago during October. As winner of the North Central district farm safety contest last spring, our chapter was entitled to send one boy on this expense-paid trip.

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BELOIT: We held our barnwarmer in a quonset three miles from town. Four trailers were used to transport the eighty home economics girls and FFA boys. Square dancing and folk games were part of the recreation for the group. Cider and doughnuts were served. Our county sheriff and city police ushered the group to and from the farm. A senior home economics girl was crowned queen of the barnwarmer. Several of the chapter members helped the Mitchell County co-op at their annual meeting. Fred Bunker gave a talk on the trip to the A. I. C. Convention held in Colorado this summer. Four officers and our advisor attended this meeting. . . The meats' team attended the National FFA Convention and were dinner guests of C. C. A. in their new building in Kansas City, Missouri. The chapter is entering the co-op contest to send one member on a picture taking tour during Thanksgiving vacation. . . Nelson Galle, president of the Kansas Association of FFA, 1953-54, will give a talk on his summer spent in Turkey to our all-school assembly. He will also talk to the Lions and Rotary clubs in Beloit. . . \$700 worth of scrap pipe was purchased for the agriculture department. . . The chapter will plant six acres of permanent grass composed of western wheat grass and switch grass next spring. The chapter also put six acres in the soil bank and will plant the field to alfalfa next spring. Chapter members are furnishing tractors and equipment to get the ground ready this fall. The chapter now owns two registered Hampshire sows and a registered boar. We also have an interest in two other litters. . . Max McGaughey won a cross-bred gilt at the co-op feed buck judging contest.

Ronald Alberts, Reporter

ALMENA: Our chapter invited all prospective FFA boys to attend our watermelon feed in August. Over 250 pounds of melon were consumed. . . A special freshmen parents' night was sponsored by our junior FFA chapter to help orient the parents in voc-ag and FFA work. We had 100 per cent attendance. . . The no. 10 and no. 11 voc-ag boys took class project tours at the beginning of the school term to see their classmates' farming programs. This proved very educational and interesting. . . All thirteen sophomore voc-ag boys attended two days of the State Fair. All upperclassmen in voc-ag own FFA jackets this year. Six of the freshmen boys also earned FFA jackets by selling Farm Journals. . . We netted over \$200 at our FFA carnival and ice cream social held the second week of school. Our equipment is still making us money as two other schools have borrowed it for 10 per cent of the net proceeds. All voc-ag boys also shocked feed three hours to help fatten the FFA treasury. This has netted us over \$100. We have voc-ag classes, young farmer classes, and adult farmer classes. Our FFA furnishes the coffee for the night classes. Our chapter has subscribed 100 per cent to the National Future Farmer.

Wilbur Henry, Reporter

EMPORIA: Forty-four Emporia FFA members attended the American Royal on Tuesday, Oct. 22. We chartered a car on the Santa Fe, leaving at 4:55 a. m. and returning at 11:15 p. m. Our senior members and FFA officers attended the 30th National FFA Convention on Oct. 15. We have

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ordered 300 boxes of Christmas and greeting cards which we hope to sell for \$150 profit.

Richard Browning, Reporter

GIRARD: On October 15 at 5:00 p. m. our chapter and advisor Mr. Jack McClaskey and our superintendent Mr. Ted Taylor, left on a school bus to attend the 30th National FFA Convention in Kansas City. This was the first time that any of the present members of our FFA chapter had attended a National Convention. We had a most inspiring and entertaining experience. . . Our chapter bought a pasture renovator to be rented out to farmers in the surrounding community. The farmers that have used it find that it does a very satisfactory job.

Wiley Risley, Reporter

HILL CITY: We held our annual watermelon feed Aug. 20 with prospective Green Hands as guests. The program was provided by our local Fish and Game Protector. The chapter is continuing the operation of the chapter farm and has purchased a new 16x10 drill for use on the farm. At present there are 63 acres of wheat, 30 acres of barley and 50 acres of milo on the farm. . . Chapter members attended the local grass and pasture judging school conducted by Reuben Lind of Kansas State College and found it very profitable. . . Members aided the Farm Bureau by cleaning up and arranging the Fair building for their annual meeting. The Green Hand degree was awarded to 19 candidates at our October meeting. Our annual carnival will be put on by the chapter and two other organizations Nov. 26. . . Our pest contest will start November 1 and end January 3. A chili feed will be supplied the losers.

Marshall Ray, Reporter

ALMA: In addition to printing football programs, and entering a booth and a farm machinery display at the Kansas Free Fair, we have undertaken the job of liming and caring for the football field. Another of our projects is the building of two 12x20 hog houses. We will receive \$25 each for these with all the materials furnished. As school projects we have built an outdoor volley ball court and are now starting work on new backdrops and scenery for the high school stage. Coming events on our FFA calendar will be: Freshman initiation, a pest eradication contest, and a coon hunt.

J. R. Maike, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our agriculture booth placed in the blue ribbon group at the Washington County Fair. The junior class and the advisor attended two days at the Hutchinson State Fair. . . We are putting emphasis this year on farm safety, farming programs, and co-operative activities. We are planning a livestock promotional program for the voc-ag boys. The plan is as follows: If a boy buys breeding or feeding livestock, he will receive a certain amount of money from the chapter. We plan to spend \$125 to \$175 on this project. Also if a boy wants to plant feed, we will give him 25 pounds of seed if he will also buy 25 pounds of seed. Larger shop jobs consist of: 1 dehorning chute, 1 portable loading chute, 3 two sheep trailers, 1 swing and several steel gates.

Don Leck, Reporter



HAVEN: Our chapter sponsored our annual all-school "Harvester Dance" Oct. 12. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the FFA queen who was presented a crown of gold flowers trimmed in blue and a pendant which contained the FFA emblem. The two attendants received charm bracelets with FFA emblems. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts were served to the 130 guests. . . We have 48 members in our chapter which is our largest enrollment during the 19 year history of the chapter. Many members are planning to buy deferred steer calves for their farming programs. Clarence Biggs has started raising Beltsville hogs, a hybrid breed developed from the Landrace and Poland China breeds. . . Our chapter presented a TV program over station KTVH on Sept. 20 and is scheduled for one over KARD in Jan. During the summer we dipped 4,500 head of sheep in our portable vat and sprayed over 300 acres of alfalfa for grasshoppers, aphids, and webworm with our chapter owned sprayer.

Phil Hoskinson, Reporter

LEBO: Our officers have attended the Leadership School at Emporia and the National Convention. We held our annual work week which netted the chapter around \$300. The chapter will hold its annual barn warmer November 21. Some of our larger shop projects include: Several gates and feedbunks for cattle and sheep.

Robert Mark, Jr., Reporter

### FARMING PROGRAM STORY

Wilbur Henry, of the Colby Chapter started his freshman year, 1955-56, with a two-year old Ayrshire heifer, a flock of 12 ewes, and 14 acres of wheat. During the year he sold the heifer and bought 5 feeder calves; his sheep flock grew to 17 ewes and 13 lambs. His net worth had increased from \$275 to \$836.54. During his second year in Vocational Agriculture an irrigation well was established on Wilbur's home farm, and he was able to rent 25 acres of irrigated land from his father. He planted 20 acres of milo and 5 acres of Ellis sorgo. In addition he had 8 acres of alfalfa, and 9 acres of wheat. By the end of the year his net worth had increased to \$1870.62. This year, 1957, Wilbur has 16 acres in the Soil Bank, 27 acres of dryland Martin milo, 15 acres of irrigated milo (9 acres hybrid, and 6 acres Martin), 5 acres Ellis sorgo, 8 acres alfalfa, and 4 acres barley. His livestock program consists of a flock of 29 ewes and a ram, 2 feeder calves, a sow and two litters of pigs, and 1 gilt. At the present time his estimated net worth is \$3605.90 Wilbur has quality livestock and has shown several champion steers, sheep, and hogs at the Thomas County Fair. He showed a lamb at the Kansas State Fair his sophomore year.