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Members of the Little River chapter greet the National FFA Officers in Washington, D.C. Little River had presented a review of their farm safety program to representatives of the National FFA Foundation. Above L. to R. are: Eldon Frye, Advisor Milton Kohrs, and George Rhodes of Little River; and National Officers - Howard Downing, Leon Smith, Nathan Reese, Jerry Cullison, Jerry Rulen and Royce Bodiford in rear.



As a part of studying the business of farming and of developing credit, members of the Hoxie chapter visited their local bank. L. to R. above are: Bill Bainter, Albert Lee Bar, Jr., Advisor Donald Rymer, Mr. Clarence Baelman, Douglas Cass and Ronnie Roberson seated.

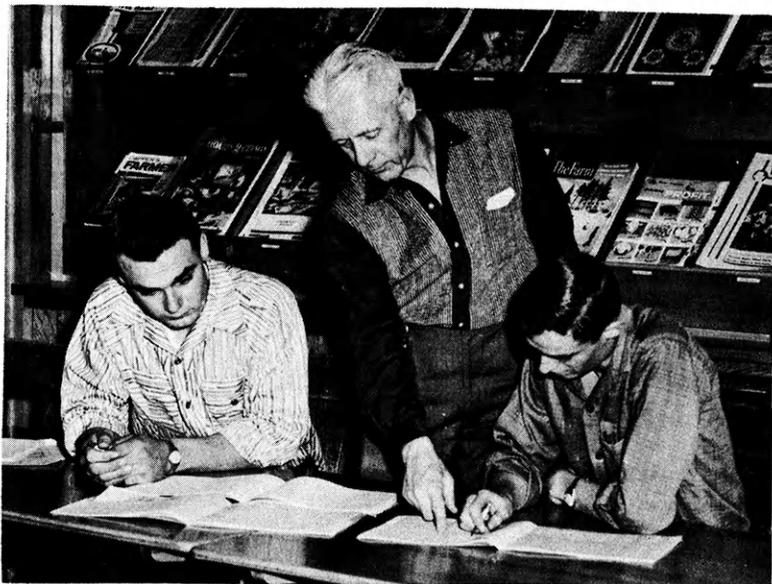


Repair of farm machinery is a major part of our vocational agriculture shop programs. Pictured above is Mr. Cecil Linthacom, his son Walt and Advisor Maurice Little overhauling Linthacom's tractor.



This year the Concordia Chapter is again raising their own meat for their Parent-Son Banquet. In addition to saving money, the members gain practical experience with broilers. Shown here is Harry Brownell observing Gary Johnson refill the feeders.

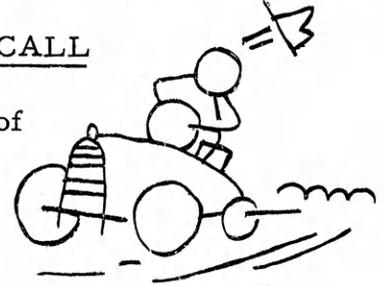
Shown at the right are Jim Hildebrand, Hill City; Bob Talley, Oberlin; and Gale Griffin, Natoma, as they judge a class of production hens at the N.W. district poultry school at Stockton on Feb. 22, 1958.



Results of efficient practices are apparent when good records are kept and summarized. At right, Advisor Don Hall, St. Francis Chapter, assists Gerald Bier and Bill Stull evaluate enterprises.

PRESIDENT KREHBIEL ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The thirtieth annual State Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will be held April 28 and 29, 1958, at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. In order to make this year's convention successful as well as inspiring we need the wholehearted support of each of our chapters.



The House of Delegates must take action upon many business matters this year. Chapters who have paid their state and national dues and who have filed a program of work by October 31 are encouraged to send delegates.

We are most fortunate in obtaining Howard Downing, national FFA president, from Nicholasville, Kentucky, to work with us throughout the convention.

I feel that it will be an honor to meet and work with our national president and I am sure you will enjoy meeting him also. Everyone attending the House of Delegates meeting, Monday evening, April 28, will have the privilege of hearing Howard speak.

Help us to uphold our FFA motto: Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve, by attending and taking part in this, our thirtieth annual State Convention.

Bob Krehbiel, president
Kansas Association of FFA

I BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE OF FARMING

The launching of Sputniks I and II, set off a hysterical wave of criticism of our American school system. Changes were recommended in the lower grades and on through college. Along with the emphasis that is presently being placed on mathematics and science, has come an effort from some quarters to de-emphasize the value of vocational training in the very basic subject of agriculture.

Agricultural production practices have changed more in the past 50 years than in the preceding 2,000. We think the changes have been good. We can be sure that changes will continue. We can expect to see greater specialization in production, along with greater efficiency in the use of mechanical and human resources in the future.

We are inclined to judge the future from the immediate past. Kansas farmers have gone through a very depressing period of dry years and low income. Agriculture has passed through many such cycles and survived. Moisture conditions and livestock prices make a more cheerful picture for the immediate future. Because of the many scientific advancements in agriculture, which increase the ability of a man to produce food, the long-time outlook is even brighter.

Because of the rapid changes occurring in agriculture, the training of future farmers is becoming more important than ever before. Can you visualize a Kansas without farming? Do you want to be a Kansas farmer?

The man who survives in the business of farming will be the well-trained man.

C. C. Eustace
State Advisor

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FFA WEEK WELL WAGED

As evidenced by the news stories and pictures which were carried in local papers over the State, Kansas Chapters did an outstanding job of placing the story of vocational agriculture and FFA before the public during National FFA Week.

Many chapters received full-page coverages, which included farming program pictures, scenes of repairing farm machinery and illustrations showing activities of community service. News stories which accompanied these pictures gave the history of FFA, both on the National and local level, and the purposes and objectives of the organization.

News from the chapters to the State office indicated that many radio, TV, high school assembly, and civic club programs were presented by FFA members. Also window displays were popular in showing chapter programs.

ATTENTION REPORTERS

Dr. Harold E. Jones, Director of Extension Service, Kansas State College, had the following to say regarding the reporting of FFA news in the Kansas Future Farmer: "I particularly enjoyed the February 1, 1958, issue of the Future Farmer. There was some excellent reporting by the chapters."

Dr. Jones is a former FFA member and is now one of our Honorary State Farmers.



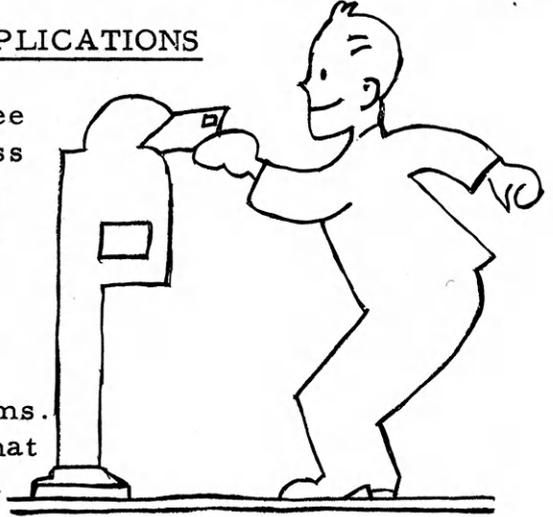
REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA public speaking manuscript are required.
3. Annual FFA report is needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
4. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all agricultural judging and farm mechanics contests, will be rigidly enforced.
5. Deadline mailing dates:
 - a. State FFA Speech Contest, April 4, 1958.
 - b. Annual FFA report, April 4, 1958.
 - c. National chapter award entry, April 4, 1958.
 - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 12, 1958.
 - e. Entries in the Farm Mechanics Contest, April 12, 1958.
 - f. Entries in the Dairy Products Contest, April 12, 1958.
 - g. Payments for cots and box lunches, April 12, 1958.
6. Box Lunch - 95¢ each - contestants only. Money due in mails April 12, 1958.
7. State FFA Speech Contest:
 - a. Order of appearance may be obtained from the secretary, Room 103, Holton Hall, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 1958.
 - b. Deductions for overtime and undertime:
 - (1) Twenty points for each minute or major fraction thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.
 - (2) Twenty points for each minute or major fraction thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length.
8. The annual meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee will be held in Holton Hall, Room 103, April 3, 10:00 a.m.
9. Teacher application forms for the Honorary American Farmer Degree are available at the State FFA office in Topeka. Completed forms are due in the State office, July 1, 1958.



AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

Kansas applications for the American Farmer Degree are due in the Topeka office, May 15, 1958. Address application materials to assistant supervisor, L. E. Whipps, State Board for Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka.

PICTURE RELEASE

We need black and white pictures of farming programs. They should be about 3"x4", but if you do not have that size, send them in as they are. We can use them in newspapers, magazines, in TV shows, and for various displays.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL MEET IN COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

The House of Delegates will hold its annual meeting in the college auditorium, Monday, April 28, 1958, 7:30 p.m. Since we will have ample room for visitors, it is recommended that teachers invite parents of State Farmer candidates, school administrators, board members and others who may be interested to attend the Monday evening meeting of the House of Delegates.

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

Kansas ranks 8th out of the thirteen states in the central region in the percentage of FFA members subscribing to the national FFA magazine. As of December 1, 1957, 74% of our members were subscribers. Since that date, 405 of our members have sent in subscriptions. Iowa ranked first in our region this year with subscriptions of 127% of their 10,542 members.

Subscribers receive six issues of the magazine each year for a total of twenty-five cents. This amount of money will put six magazines of very high caliber in each member's home. Our goal is to have each FFA family, plus many other people who should know more about our program, receive the National Future Farmer.

OFFICIAL FFA CALENDAR SALES - 1958

Kansas ranked fourth among the 13 states in the central region in the sale of official FFA calendars. Orders had been received by 22 Kansas chapters.

Our State ranked second in our region in the amount of money received from calendar sales.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD GRANTED
to Professor A. P. Davidson

Professor A. P. Davidson, who served the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America as Deputy Advisor for 28 years, was granted a distinguished service award at the Central Regional Conference of agricultural education workers in Chicago in March, 1958.

In presenting the award, Dr. A. W. Tenney pointed out that Professor Davidson has completed thirty-eight years in the Vocational Agriculture teacher-training program, that he planned and organized the first Kansas FFA Leadership School, and edited the Kansas Future Farmer for 28 years.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE FFA ARE SOUND

by A. P. Davidson, KSC*

It was my privilege to assist with the National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students' program in Kansas City, beginning in 1925, and was present at the organization of the FFA in 1928. The late Lester B. Pollom, supervisor of vocational agriculture in Kansas, shortly after the organization of the FFA simply stated - "Davy, you take charge of the FFA work." The job did not appear too formidable - we had 13 chapters and 239 members at the time. However, like Topsy, the FFA work grew to the point where it took more time and energy than I had to give. Remained in the role of Executive State Adviser for 28 years - and I shall ever remain grateful for the opportunity afforded me through the FFA to work with the rural youth of Kansas and with rural youth on a National scale.

Until we moved into the Municipal Auditorium at our 10th Annual National FFA Convention, we met in the old Baltimore Hotel. One of the ways we attempted to gain publicity for both the Vocational Agriculture Congress and the FFA was by means of a parade of vocational agriculture students in the arena of the American Royal Livestock Building. The Conventions were held at the same time as the American Royal Livestock show. The usual attendance of vocational agriculture students was about 2,500 - mostly from Missouri and Kansas. The job of getting this unorganized group of boys from downtown Kansas City to the American Royal Building via street cars was one that exercised all the ingenuity and physical prowess of both supervisors and teacher trainers in attendance.

To properly impress the 10,000 persons attending the Horse Show with the national scope of our program - we would prepare a cardboard sign bearing the name of a state - big letters - attach on the end of a common builder's lath - and as the vocational agriculture students were lined up 6-abreast to begin their march around the arena of the American Royal Building - we divided the line of march into approximately 48 segments - and as the thundering herd passed thru the gate we

*Excerpts from a speech given by Professor Davidson at the Central Regional Conference of agricultural education workers held at Chicago, March 4-7, 1958.

would thrust the lath with the state sign attached into the hands of an unsuspecting vocational agriculture student with the admonition to hold the sign up high. I shall always remember the look of consternation on the face of the boys when they saw the sign: A Missouri boy carrying the sign of Arkansas; or, a Kansas boy carrying the banner for Rhode Island - probably had never heard of such a state. Too much credit cannot be given to the late W. A. Cochel and to Ray Cuff for their efforts to light the torch and keep it aflame in the cause of Vocational Agriculture and the Future Farmers of America.

"A Near Miss," occurred in connection with one of our early Star Farmer programs. Until we moved into the Municipal Auditorium - all Star Farmer Awards were made in the arena of the American Royal Livestock building in connection with the Horse Show. The year of which I speak - the Star Farmer of America came from Virginia. He was to be presented at the climax of our arena program. Like all Star Farmers of America this one was busy with many commitments - and it was planned that the late Henry Groseclose would bring the Star Farmer lad to the arena in time for his introduction. After we got the parade lined up and the FFA program in the arena under way - Sherman Dickenson of Missouri and your speaker started down through the exhibition section of the Livestock building. A few minutes later we saw Groseclose and the Star Farmer lad running up first one aisle - then another - both were "blind alleys." They were lost in the labyrinth of alleys, runways, and aisles which comprised the old American Royal Livestock Building - were desperately trying to find the entrance to the arena. Sherman and I grabbed the panic stricken pair - delivered them to the north entrance of the arena - just as Dr. Cochel was in the process of introducing the Star Farmer of America. "All's Well that Ends Well."

Meetings of delegates to the early National FFA Conventions were spent for the most part in establishing policies and handling items of business. This period of development might correctly be termed a "painful growing experience." One of the important questions debated annually by the delegates was "whether or not Massachusetts should be permitted to have girl members in the FFA." This perennial question proved of great interest to and seemed to delight the Press. The National Conventions during the first few years of FFA history were a far cry from the well-planned, smoothly run National FFA Conventions of today.

Working with the FFA has been a highly gratifying experience - an experience I value greatly. The principles of the FFA are sound - and if we use them without exploitation, the organization will continue to serve as a potent tool in the development of rural youth - and at the same time serve vocational agriculture as the finest public relations media extant.

RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

On October 1, there were 6,584 students enrolled in 211 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of March 20 was 7,137. The percentage of membership based upon October 1 enrollment was 109%.

Two hundred and five chapters have paid dues to date. Five chapters are delinquent.

One hundred sixty-three chapters reported a paid-up membership of 100 per cent or more. Forty-two chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

The five chapters having the highest paid-up membership for the year were: Altamont - 110; Effingham - 76; Emporia - 74; Lawrence - 63; and Linn 63.

In case of error in percentage of membership below, we will be glad to have you notify us so that correction can be made in the May issue of The Kansas Future Farmer.

Those chapters having a membership range from 176 per cent plus are:

Centralia	Ellsworth
Hoxie	Smith Center

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 to 175 per cent are:

Linn	Norcatour
Harper	Quinter
Belleville	Effingham
Alta Vista	Hoisington
Goodland	



Those having a membership range from 126 to 150 per cent are:

Almena	Garden City	Marysville
Altoona	Glasco	McDonald
Atwood	Hiawatha	McPherson
Burns	Hoyt	Merriam
Colby	Jetmore	Morrowville
Concordia	Kingman	Parsons
Edson	Lakin	Partridge
Erie	Lebanon	Severy
Fairview	Liberal	Tribune

Those chapters having a membership range from 101 to 125 per cent are:

Abilene	Greenleaf	North Topeka
Alma	Hanover	Norton
Arkansas City	Haven	Osage City
Attica	Herington	Osborne
Bazine	Highland	Palco
Berryton	Hill City	Parker
Beverly	Holton	Phillipsburg
Bird City	Hope	Piedmont
Bonner Springs	Howard	Plainville
Brewster	Humboldt	Pretty Prairie
Burlington	Independence	Riley
Caney	Iola	Salina
Cedar Vale	Jennings	Sedan
Chanute	Junction City	Silver Lake
Chapman	Kincaid	Simpson
Cheney	Kiowa	Spearville
Cherryvale	LaCrosse	Stafford
Clay Center	Lawrence	St. Francis
Columbus	Lebo	Stockton
Delphos	Lindsborg	Syracuse
Dodge City	Little River	Troy
Downs	Lyndon	Udall
Emporia	Long Island	Valley Falls
Ensign	Mankato	Wakeeney
Eureka	Marion	Wakefield
Florence	McCune	Wamego
Fort Scott	Medicine Lodge	Washington
Frankfort	Meriden	Waterville
Fredonia	Minneapolis	Wellsville
Garnett	Morland	Westmoreland
Geneseo	Mulvane	Wetmore
Great Bend	Neodesha	

Those chapters having a membership range of 100 per cent are:

Alton	Kismet	Oxford
Beloit	LaCygne	Plains
Blue Mound	Leon	Riverton
Burlingame	Longford	Sabetha
Coldwater	Meade	Scandia
Cottonwood Falls	Miltonvale	Solomon
Ellinwood	Moundridge	Topeka (Washburn)
Goessel	Natoma	Trousdale
Harveyville	Oakley	Wilson
Inman	Ottawa	

Those chapters having a membership range from 90 to 99 per cent are:

Altamont	Girard	Newton
Buhler	Haddam	Paola
Chetopa	Hays	Powhattan
Claflin	Hugoton	Rossville
Clifton	Leoti	Topeka (Highland Park)
Coffeyville	Louisburg	Williamsburg
Council Grove	Ness City	Yates Center
Courtland		

Those chapters having a membership range from 80 to 89 per cent are:

Elk City	Mullinville	St. Paul
Hillsboro	Overbrook	Tonganoxie
Holcomb	Randolph	Winfield
Jewell		

Those chapters having a membership range from 44 to 79 per cent are:

Clearwater	Manhattan	Pratt
Ford	Onaga	Preston
Fowler	Peabody	Uniontown
Kinsley		

KANSAS COOPERATIVE COUNCIL AWARDS TO THREE CHAPTERS

The three high chapters in Kansas in cooperative activities in 1958, according to the reports submitted to the Kansas Cooperative Council, were: First, Effingham; second, Beloit; and third, Williamsburg. These chapters were awarded plaques at the annual meeting of the Kansas Cooperative Council in Hutchinson on March 28. State Advisor, C. C. Eustace, presented the plaques.

The advisor and one chapter member from each of the three above chapters will be awarded an expense-paid trip to the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation which is to be held at the Pennsylvania State College this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STOCKTON CHAPTER

The following appeared in the February issue of the Wyoming FFA Newsletter and concerns the return trip of their judging teams from the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last fall: "We came home by way of Kansas and Colorado in order to see some new country. In Kansas we saw field after field of milo. This was a beautiful sight as the heads of milo were well filled out and were in many colors. On our first night heading home we stayed at Stockton, Kansas, which was the most friendly town in which we stayed. Their hospitality was unbeatable, and we made many friends."

NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT
TO
KANSAS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Howard Downing, national FFA president, Nicholasville, Kentucky, will be a feature speaker at the Kansas State FFA Convention to be held April 28 and 29 at Manhattan. Howard was elected to this position at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last October.

BAND AND CHORUS STATEMENT - 1957

For several years the Kansas Association of FFA has been providing the National FFA Band and Chorus with some of our state's top FFA musicians. Dr. Brunner and Dr. Hatch are very appreciative of our contributions to the success of those two organizations in Kansas City each year.

Kansas members have each had a part in supporting this venture, since 10¢ of their state dues has been used to help defray expenses of the boys who spend a full week working with our national organization. The Kansas Association pays one-half the cost of the uniforms and all the travel insurance and subsistence (maximum \$3.00 a day for meals). A statement of income and expenses follows:

Income: (Dues 1956-57)

7,260 members @ 10¢ per member.....	\$	726.00
Chapter contribution - each member's chapter @ \$20. each		<u>420.00</u>
Total income for support of band and chorus		\$1,146.00

Expense: (National Band and Chorus 1957)

21 uniforms (11 chorus - 10 band).....	\$	157.50	
Total paid for band travel and subsistence....		610.72	
Total paid for chorus travel and subsistence....		674.14	
Insurance		<u>46.20</u>	
Total expense		\$1,488.56	1,488.56
		Minus	342.56
Balance for 1956 -		Minus	<u>260.40</u>
Total balance for 1956 and 1957 -		Minus	\$ 602.96

FARMING PROGRAM STORY - DOWNS CHAPTER

Two brothers, Gayle and Robert Senti, started their farming two years ago with a registered Yorkshire sow. They rent from their dad, housing, lots and two acres of sudan pasture for summer grazing. At the present time, the boys are farrowing 13 sows. The boys inventory at the present time is approximately \$900. They have been using a purebred Yorkshire boar, but they recently purchased a Spotted Poland China boar, hoping to get more rapid rate of gain on the fall litters by cross breeding. They are planning on a 20 sow and litter, swine program.

CHAPTER NEWS

BIRD CITY: We held our Parent-Son Banquet on Feb. 18. Evans Banbury, of the Colby Experiment Station, was our guest speaker. . . Some of our shop projects are: two power hack saws, a feed bunk, reconditioning a trailer, building a metal storage rack, a revolving tool rack, a portable nail rack, a large bolt storage rack, painting a tractor, and overhauling a truck engine.

Rog Applegate, Reporter

LIBERAL: We made a profit of \$250 on the sale of Christmas trees during the holiday season. Most of the parents of members, attended the initiation of the Green Hands and Chapter Farmers. On Jan. 24 to 27, our officers attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. . . During National FFA Week, we put on a radio program over station KSCB; had a news story in the local newspaper; and had two show window displays in windows downtown. . . We held our Parent-Son Banquet March 27. Two features of the program were the showing of the film, "How to Raise a Boy," and the announcing of an FFA Sweetheart.

Edward Scott, Reporter

GARNETT: Our Parent-Son Banquet was held March 25. . . We are also making plans for our annual FFA-FHA Dance, which will be held on April 18. . . During FFA week we gave a radio program over KOFO, in Ottawa. . . For fund raising, we have had a scrap iron drive, a burlap sack drive and plan on selling all-occasion cards.

Bill Campbell, Reporter

KIOWA: On Feb. 15, the Kiowa pest contest ended. The next morning all the FFA members attended a local church. Immediately following church, the losing team fed the winners a meal at a local restaurant. . . On Monday, April 14, we are planning to hold our annual FFA banquet. . . Some of the projects in our shop include; building tables, desks, chairs, repairing engines, building stock racks, and rebuilding a springtooth. Also, at present, we are conducting a welding school for farmers in this community. We have 29 enrolled.

Jim Talbott, Reporter

DOWNS: Some of the larger projects under construction in our shop are: two squeeze chutes, rod weeder, four post hole diggers, feed bunk, and a bale elevator. . . Our annual Parent-Son Banquet was held March 31.

Ronald Bozum, Reporter

HOISINGTON: We have given a TV program and a program to the Kiwanis Club, on safety. We also gave safety demonstrations at two different county extension meetings. . . We have secured an eye-testing machine from the Kansas Farm Bureau, and are giving eye tests to all health and driver's education classes. We also have the use of the Farm Bureau projectograph machine. We plan to sell Farm Bureau fire extinguishers and the courtesy tags for automobiles. . . We have overhauled the motor and transmission of our school pickup. Other shop projects include overhauling 6 grain auger motors, 1 John Deere tractor, and repairing and painting an International tractor. Other boys are building 4 gates, 1 set of pickup side boards, 2 stock racks, 1 creep feeder, 1 overhead machine carrier, 1 pickup bumper and trailer hitch. . . Our chapter has recently completed its new constitution and a point system to earn letters.

Jim Miller, Reporter

BELOIT: We held our hamburger fry for our mothers at the high school on Jan. 6. At this meeting we awarded 7 Chapter Farmer degrees. . . We had a pest eradication contest with the Simpson FFA Chapter. We won and they treated us to a chili supper. Our members have a total net worth of \$60,142. The average net worth per member, Jan. 1, 1958, was \$1,582.69. . . At Christmas time each boy in our chapter brought \$.50 worth of food and we prepared three baskets of food and gave them to three needy families. . . We overhauled our Surplus pickup, put in a complete new bed and made a set of seat covers from canvas. We also painted the pickup, and put on FFA decals.

Ronald Albert, Reporter

OSBORNE: We granted Green Hand degrees to 7 members on Nov. 19. Nine Green Hands were promoted to the Chapter Farmer degree on Jan. 21. Our officers helped advance 12 Downs FFA Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer degree on Jan. 27. At that meeting, Mr. Stearns, our advisor, showed slides of the two FFA summer trips conducted in past years. . . Twelve of our members attended the Kansas Reclamation Association meeting in Russell, which was dedicated to the Stabilization of Agriculture by Irrigation, Flood Control and Soil Conservation. . . Our window display during FFA week carried pictures of our activities, shop jobs, and farming programs. We used our FFA banner for a background, displayed a few small shop items, record books, chapter awards won and also displayed the National FFA Week poster. The pictures seemed to draw the most attention. . . Our Parent-Son Banquet was held March 20. . . In shop we are now either repairing or building a plow, tractor, car, dehorning chute, two feed bunks, stack buster, bale loader, creep feeder, farrowing crate, hog trough, 2 steel gates, and a TV tower. We have completed a livestock oiler, 2 portable footscrapers, repaired an air compressor, pipe vise stand, farrowing crate, 20 concrete hog troughs, and 2 saw horses. . . . Our average net worth is \$891.51.

Charles Simpson, Reporter

INMAN: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet on Feb. 4. The banquet theme was "Truth through Youth," which centered around George Washington's birthday. Dick Nichols, from Hutchinson, was the guest speaker. About 148 members and guests attended the banquet. . . Some of the projects that are being made in the agriculture shop are: a boat trailer, loading chutes, squeeze chute, stock racks for trucks and pickups, a large number of feed bunks made from 50 gallon barrels, and a tank heater.

Warren Ediger, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Our chapter held its annual Parent-Son Banquet on March 18. One hundred thirty parents, guests and members attended. Mr. Kenneth Hill, local school superintendent, and Mr. Larry Greene, local county agent, were presented with Honorary Chapter Farmer plaques. The program was presented by the members and included a talk on chapter accomplishments, a talk on the history of the FFA, musical numbers by two members, the building of the emblem, and a one act play. The fried chicken for our banquet was the product of a project carried out in shop. We purchased 100 broilers in Jan., and fed them out as a class project. The birds were 9 weeks old when killed and weighed 2 1/2 lbs. Feed for the chickens was donated by the local Co-op Oil Company. . . Mr. George Halazon, wildlife specialist from KSC, presented a program at our annual chili supper for our Dads in Jan. . . This was the end of our pest eradication contest. We killed 3,200 sparrows, 412 gophers, 94 rats, and 329 mice and many other pests. . . We have been packaging and selling garden seeds. . . We have 100 tomato plants in the classroom. Some have been treated with gibberilic acid as an experiment. . . In shop we have 3 squeeze chutes, 2 loading chutes, a bale elevator, stock racks, turkey shelter, and a feed mixer.

Larry L. Palmquist, Reporter

LYNDON: We held our banquet on March 25. The entertainment was supplied by our chapter. We crowned a Chapter Sweetheart and granted an Honorary Chapter Farmer degree. . . The boys in our chapter who have Sears sheep, report their ewes are lambing late, but prospects look good for a heavy lamb crop. They report that, so far, they have 16 sets of twins and two sets of triplets. . . In order to raise funds, our chapter is considering holding a "slave sale." Our chapter has just received its money from selling the FFA calendars. During FFA week, we put a display in a business firm's window.

Don Masenthin, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Large shop jobs that have been made this year include: two wheel trailers, one two-sow portable hog house, 5 steel pipe gates, and two sickle grinders. . . We raised 10 members to the Green Hand degree and 11 members to the Chapter Farmer degree. On March 3, we granted F. M. Beam, local veterinarian, the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree. . . We have shown several films on safety, farm machinery and some recreational films. . . We passed the blanket at a basketball game for the cancer drive. . . We took a field trip to the Linn creamery and egg packing plant.

Don Leck, Reporter

ALMA: We held our annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet on March 29. Wilbur Levering, of the WIBW-TV Farm Department, was the speaker. Two of the businessmen received the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree. . . We won the annual pest eradication contest, which we held with Eskridge. The Eskridge boys will treat our chapter to a party. . . Our chapter plans to paint and letter the mail boxes in our community. . . Some shop projects this year include: picnic tables, a bale loader, feed bunks, hog houses, a trailer, and a squeeze chute for the chapter members to use.

J. R. Maike, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our pest eradication contest ended Feb. 28, with a total of 2,647 pests destroyed. . . Our Parent-Son Banquet was held March 18, and our Square Dance with the FHA was on March 21. . . A roller skating party with the FHA will be held April 15. . . Some of our larger shop jobs completed or under construction are: a squeeze chute, calf creep feeder, hay feeder, A-type hog house, four-wheel trailer bed with grain sides, eight feed bunks, two sets of clothes-line posts, bag cart, welding table, grain bed for pickup and numerous pipe and rake wheel gates.

Richard Bull, Reporter

LEBANON: We had our annual Father and Son Chili Supper Jan. 30. . . At our last meeting we decided to have our Achievement Day again this year. Each boy brings in some of his livestock included in his farming program for exhibit and to be judged. They also bring in their farm mechanic projects to put on display and be judged. There is a lot of interest in this among boys and visitors. The boy winning the most points gets his name placed on a plaque in the hall. The Hub Club buys the ribbons.

Jim Herndon, Reporter

FRANKFORT: March 1, was the closing date for our pest eradication contest. This contest was held with the Waterville Chapter, which had a meeting with us March 18. . . On March 20, we had a meeting with Marysville. . . We presented an assembly in our school in recognition of National FFA Week. . . Our shop projects are: 1 creep feeder, 1 combination hog house, calf shed, 1 wire distributor, 12 chicken feeders, 1 bale elevator, 1 steel gate, numerous hog troughs, remodeling a squeeze chute, and repairing a corn sheller.

Alvin Vopata, Reporter

FLORENCE: Fifteen degrees were granted at our Feb. 3, meeting. . . Chapter members wore scarves tied around their necks during FFA week.

Sidney Allison, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: Our members had an average net worth of \$402 on Jan. 1, 1958. . . We have mixed two tons of protein supplement for swine. . . Three gilts have been given to boys in our chapter from our chapter gilt ring. . . Our chapter sold \$72 worth of Farm Journal magazines. . . To date, we have castrated over 60 head of hogs and cattle. We have dehorned 20 head of cattle. . . We collected old toys and restored them and gave them out to needy children at Christmas time. . . A letter point system has been set up for members of our chapter. It will take 800 points to get a letter and 600 points for each additional bar added to the letter. The letter will be eight inches high and be clearly marked as an FFA letter. The point system and its requirements are in the hands of each chapter member. . . Our broiler projects are well under way. We have 200 birds that are five weeks old. To date, we have lost only three. Over half of them are sold. . . During National FFA Week, our chapter put on a TV program over KCMO-TV. The topic was "The Meat That We Eat.!". We have purchased seven metal bait stations to poison rats. They are given to farmers with the bait free of charge for one week. Then they are moved to another farm for the next week. . . Four, 150 bushel capacity, grain trailers are being constructed in our farm shop. We have butchered 12 swine and 5 beeves during the year. . . Our chapter attendance at meetings for the year is 90%.

Gary Barney, Reporter

UNIONTOWN: Our six officers were initiated as Green Hands and installed as officers by the Fort Scott Chapter. Then the officers initiated the other Voc. Ag. students. . . The freshman Ag. students took a tour to the O' Bryan Ranch at Hiattville. Portions of the tour were photographed by a newspaper photographer. The students later took a tour of the Ford Dairy Farm. . . A few of the farm mechanics' projects are: feed bunks, squeeze chutes, gates, two-wheeled trailers, gas barrel stands, lawn mowers, portable bleachers for seating 150 people, and a baseball backstop. . . We have a new Voc. Ag. building. We all worked under the supervision of our Voc. Ag. instructor and one carpenter in building the classroom addition.

Rollin Camp, Reporter

LEOTI: At our last meeting we adopted a constitution for the chapter. . . The chapter has a gilt ring started. We have 4 gilts. We draw for the pigs given back. The agreement is that if a boy gets a gilt, he must give back one gilt if the litter is under six, but if it is over six the boy must give back two gilts. . . This year we voted to give the outstanding boys in FFA letters, the points may be earned by being on a well-functioning committee, going on judging trips, and placing in the top 10 at the contest. . . At our last meeting we elected our two delegates for the state convention.

Dave Hudson, Reporter

WETMORE: Our chapter made a hog house and bought a registered Duroc Gilt and are going to raise hogs to give the town boys farming programs. . . We have sold 64 screw-driver sets to raise money. . . Some of the shop projects made in shop are: 2 flat-bed machinery trailers, two-wheel trailer, loading

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chute, combination hay and grain feeder, feed bunk and a picnic table. We have inspected 20 farms for accident hazards... We have mounted a Chevrolet motor in the shop to use in studying principles of gas engines.

Robert McDaniel, Reporter

BURLINGTON: Our chapter put a "want ad" in the local paper on cutting hedge. The chapter kept 2/3 of the total posts cut and sold them at the community sale center. We made a profit of \$50... We have started a "gilt ring." The first gilt was given to a member and he paid back with 2 gilts at weaning age. The two gilts now have pigs. One has 11 and the other 10... We made a combination hay and grain feeder, and sold it for \$60... In our shop we have built four 4-wheel trailers, eight gates, one 30' hay elevator, hay and grain bunks, and chicken feeders... We have visited a local milk and cream plant, a few dairy farms, worked on livestock for the local farmers and pruned grapes... On March 11, we had our annual FFA Banquet. Part of the program was given by Ira Stockebrand, from Independence, Kansas.

Gene Chrisman, Reporter

ALMENA: Our FFA purchased a Polaroid camera for use in the department to take pictures of our activities and farming programs... We were entertained at a chili feed by the Norton FFA Chapter, recently... One of our major FFA week activities was a chili supper for all local businessmen and our fathers. There were 84 persons present. Part of the program was an open-house in the voc. ag. building. We also presented a skit on the meaning of National FFA Week. We also had a window display downtown.

Wilbur Henry, Reporter

HILL CITY: We held our annual Chili Feed, Jan. 21. The losing team of the pest eradication contest provided the program. The fathers were invited and 6 members were elected to the degree of Chapter Farmer... We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet on March 18... Our chapter farm prospects are good. We now have 70 acres of wheat and 30 acres of winter barley and an oil well is now being drilled upon our 160 acres. All look good... We are planning again to hold our annual spring fishing tour to Cedar Bluff in May, if the snow ever leaves!

Marshall Ray, Reporter

LEBO: At our Barn Warmer we had a hay tunnel through which people had to pass in order to get into the "Barn." We had a string band and the high school dance band. There was square dancing and round dancing. Another attraction was a magician, from the Teachers College at Emporia. Guests from the Emporia, Osage City, and the Lyndon Chapters were present... We went to church as a group for FFA week. We also put on a program for our local Lions Club... In shop this year, we have built hay racks, sheep feeders,

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repaired tractors, trucks, mowers, built cabinets, gun racks, and gates.

Ronald Dean Linsey, Secretary

HIGHLAND: Our chapter is preparing for its spring carnival to be held on Sat., April 12. We are having many amusement stands with each being planned by a committee. The FFA Banquet will be held April 18. We have our gilt ring in full operation now. The sows have farrowed and the boys are having good luck with them. In our shop, some of the projects are: power hack saw, bale loader, hay feeder, utility tractor, 400 gallon tank sprayer, picnic table, and an air compressor. We attended the annual crops and soils school at Troy, on March 11. We received a lot of new information and ideas on seeds and seed treatments. Fertilizer was also discussed.

Charles Sesna, Reporter

KINSLEY: We held our annual Barnwarmer on Feb. 22, in the vocational agriculture shop. The Edwards County Soil Conservation District recently presented us with a \$100 check to defray our expenses to the National Land Judging Contest in May. Two members are having excellent luck with their Landrace hog projects. The sows have average 14 pigs per litter for four litters.

Charles Schaller, Reporter

CEDAR VALE: We held our Parent-Son Banquet on March 21. At our banquet, we honored all the ladies with a corsage. Two of our members gave speeches as a part of the banquet program. The County Soil Conservation District has purchased a used native grass drill, which we have in our shop. We are going to calibrate it for the district.

Joe Smock, Reporter

POWHATTAN: Our shop projects include: 6 bale loaders, flatbed trailer, tractor manure loader, blade for Ford tractor, mounted harrow carrier, and a portable adjusting-loading chute. This spring the shop boys are going to work jointly with the Powhattan American Legion, in making a community fire truck. At the NE district speech contest, we placed first and second in the 2-minute division, and second in the 5-minute. We will be host to the northeast district dairy judging school, on April 9. We are planning our Parent-Son Banquet for May 8. The chapter gilt ring, which was started in 1955, when the chapter won a gilt at the Little American Royal, now consists of four gilts which will farrow this spring.

Larry C. Sunderland, Reporter

RILEY: We have placed trash barrels on Main Street and in the park, to help keep our city clean. . . Some of our shop projects are: painting five tractors, building two loading chutes, two gas-barrel stands, two self-unloading wagons, a weed sprayer and rebuilding two mowers and a plow. . . In Feb., the chapter visited Kansas State College and made a tour of the Kansas Artificial Breeding Service Unit. . . We plan to have our annual FFA banquet in April.

Thaine Hoffman, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: In response to the many inquiries from FFA chapters over the state, I would like to say that our Professional Multiple Farrowing Hog Farm, is open to visitors Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a. m. until 12:00 noon and from 3:00 till 5:00 p. m. We invite all FFA chapters to visit our farm, but suggest that they contact us a couple of days in advance of their trip, in order that we may anticipate their groups. To date, we have had over 5, 000 visitors at the farm from 17 different states and three countries. . . Our chapter had three entries in the district Co-op speech contest and placed first and third. . . Our "A" team won the south central district crops judging contest held at Peabody. . . Our chapter observed National FFA Week by presenting a TV program over KARD; we attended church together; held a dinner meeting and had a page spread in the local newspaper.

Neil Brown, Reporter

WILSON: During National FFA Week our chapter put on an all-school assembly; consisting of talks, parliamentary procedure, and the building of the FFA emblem. . . We are getting our shop projects in shape for our open house that takes place during our Parent-Son Banquet on April 8. . . The chapter received \$55 for building pipe railing in front of the grade school.

Gary Hunter, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: We were hosts to the northeast district public speaking contest on Feb. 17. There were 11 schools represented, with 62 speakers. . . During the National FFA Week our chapter gave a 5-minute radio broadcast over our local Atchison station, KARE, every morning. Also, we presented a high school assembly honoring National FFA Week. . . The chapter has mixed and sold to members, 4600 lbs. of mineral; purchased \$61.30 worth of garden seed; mixed and sold 54 lbs. of warfarin rat poison; tested 61 samples of seeds for germination and purity for farmers and members and have been visiting our local cooperatives. . . In the shop, major projects include: 3 flatbeds, 3 mineral feeders, 11 iron gates, 8 hog troughs and 3 stock racks.

Dale Westermann, Reporter

EMPORIA: We held our FFA Parent-Son Banquet on March 25. About 140 members and guests were present. Mr. Norris, our shop instructor, was presented the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree. Mr. Groves, showed about 100 colored slides of farming programs, shop projects and FFA activities. The printing class printed the programs and the girls cooking classes served

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the dinner... The senior FFA intramural team won third in the school tournament. Twelve teams were represented.

Richard Browning, Reporter

IOLA: The winner of our pest contest will be awarded a Registered Poland China gilt and he, in turn, will return a gilt to the winner of the pest eradication contest next year. The original gilt was furnished by the Iola Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1950... During National FFA Week, we had a display in the drug store window... We are planning a covered dish supper for the members and parents this spring... An ice skating party was held Feb. 15, for all members and invited guests... Shop projects include: two loading chutes, several pipe gates, and two-wheel and four-wheel trailers... The officers are making plans to attend the State Convention, April 28-29, at Manhattan... A fishing trip for chapter members is being planned for this spring.

John Applegate, Reporter

COLBY: The FHA and FFA chapters held their all-school formal party on Feb. 8... On Jan. 25, four members attended the Jayhawk Farm Yorkshire sale at Little River. The chapter bought two bred gilts for the gilt ring. Two members each bought a gilt of his own. The four gilts farrowed a total of 36 pigs; 32 have been saved.

Richard Calliham, Reporter

OBERLIN: Our chapter recognized National FFA Week, by attending church as a group. Members were dressed in their FFA jackets... Other activities included a story and picture in the school and local papers, posters in the windows of downtown stores and all FFA members in school wore their FFA jackets that week... Sheep projects have increased in popularity in the boys' farming programs. We now have seven boys with 205 sheep... Some of the major jobs completed in the shop have been: 2 tractor overhauls, one 12 ft. oneway rebuilt, 2 custom made 6 ton-4 wheel wagons constructed, one 4-wheel wagon with an 8 x 14 ft. bed, 1 large hay feeder and a large number of feed bunks, sheep bunks, hog self-feeders, and A-type hog houses... The chapter members net worth this year was \$49,084. Individual net worth averaged \$1,326. The members farming programs produced the following amounts of farm products; 24,333 # of beef, 26,103 # pork, 612 # poultry, 4,532 # mutton, 600 bu. rye, 390 bu. corn, 2040 bu. milo, 2,522 bu. wheat, 105 tons silage, 895 # wool, 1,702 doz. eggs and 783 # butterfat.

Norbert Zander, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: Two highlights in our chapter's history, besides the winning of the National FFA Farm Safety Award, were the invitations to the National Safety Congress in Chicago, in Oct., and to the Future Farmers Donors meeting in Washington, D. C., Jan. 29. George Rhodes and Eldon Frye, presented

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their 15-minute safety demonstration, "First Aids in Fighting Fires," the chapter's 15-minute colored safety film, "Operation Safety," and short talks by George and Eldon. The Donors meeting consisted of representatives of industry who contribute nearly \$200,000 annually to the National FFA Foundation... In our Jan. meeting, 17 freshmen ag. members received their Green Hand degree pins... The chapter is continuing with the "gilt ring," with 4 bred gilts. Each member with a gilt will return to the chapter, two pigs at 6 months of age... In our March meeting, Mr. Harrison, of the Kansas Highway Commission, was our main speaker. He presented an interesting program of magic tricks, interwoven with common sense safety... We have castrated 125 pigs, and docked 110 lambs in between snow storms this winter... We have set our Parent-Son Banquet for May 2.

Donald Cain, Reporter