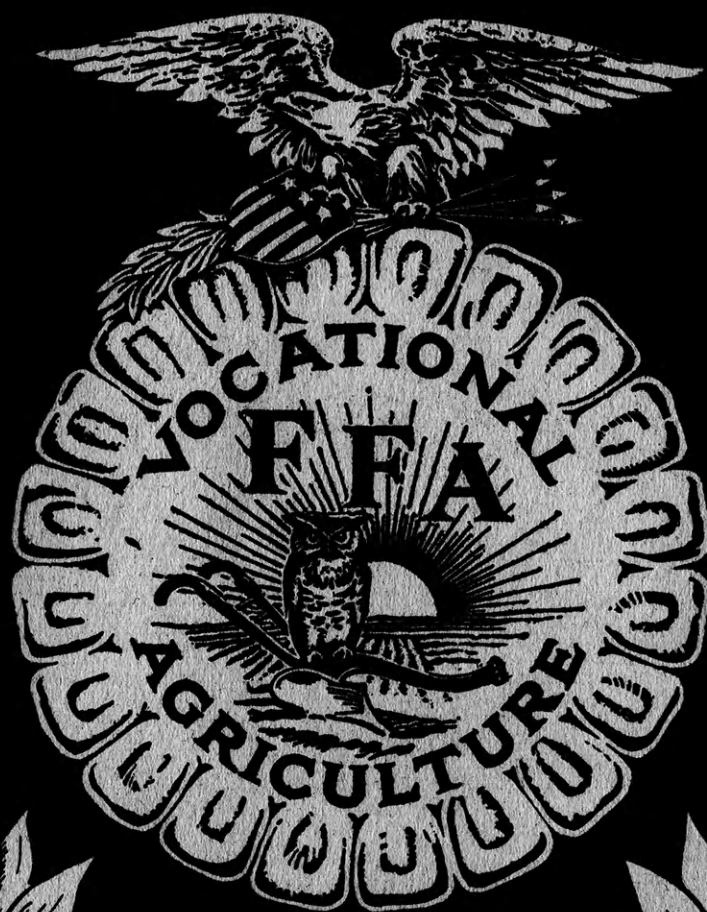


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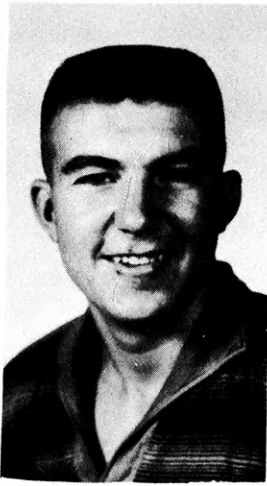
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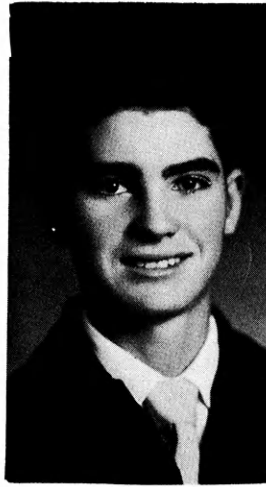
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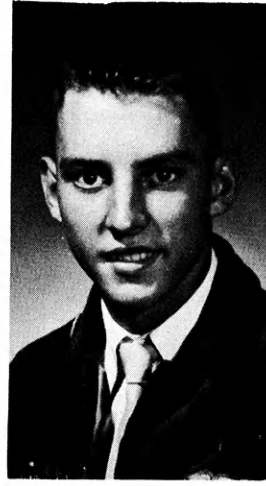
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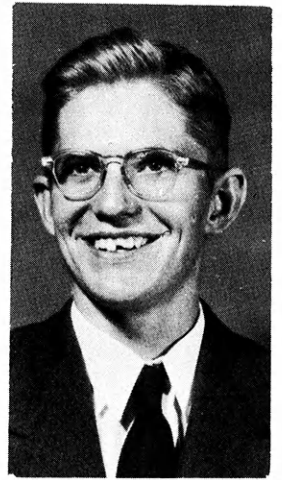
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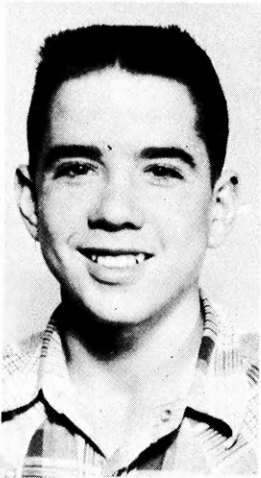
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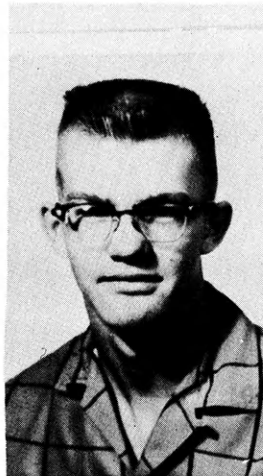
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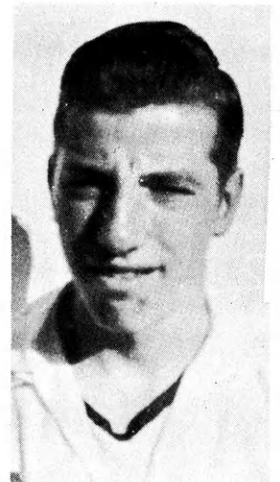
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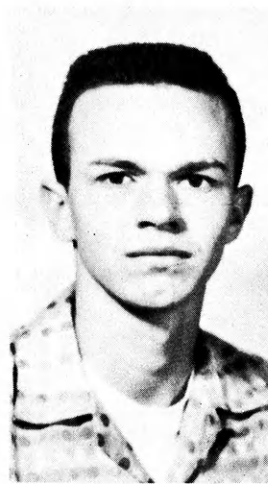
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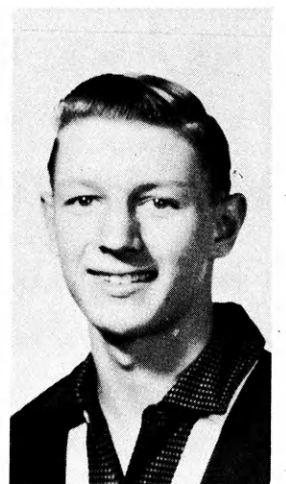
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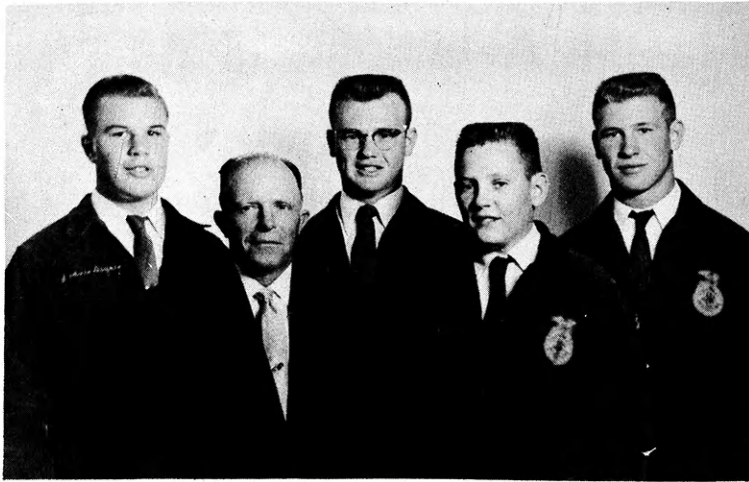
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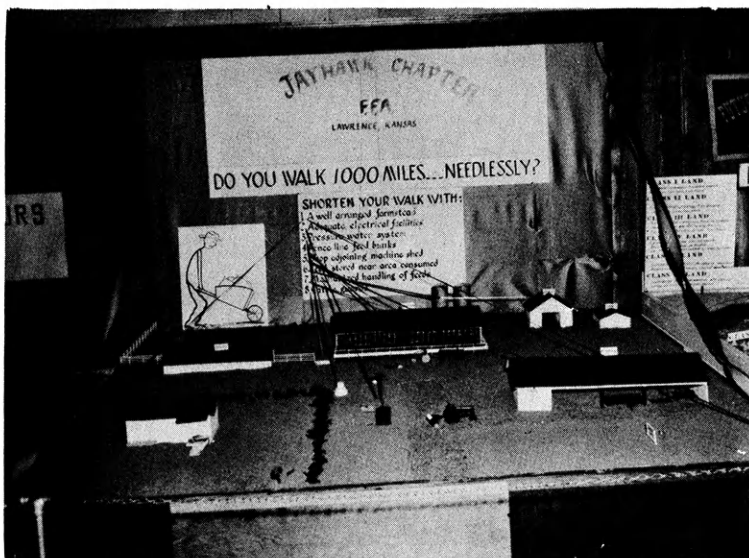
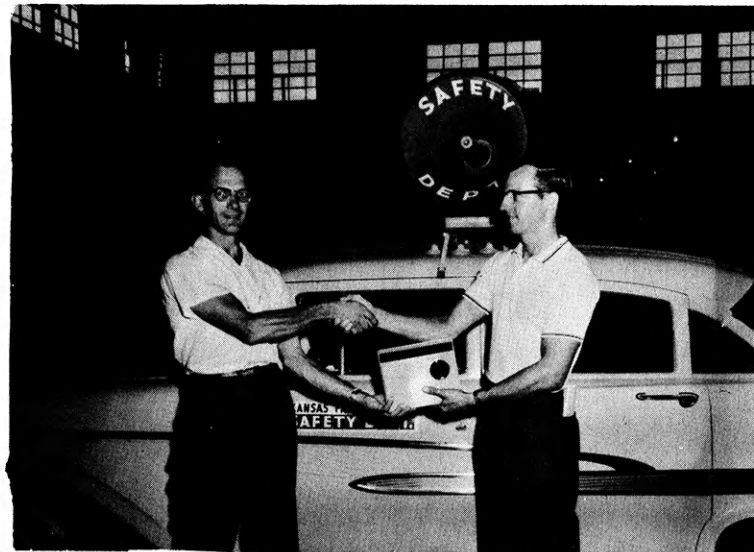


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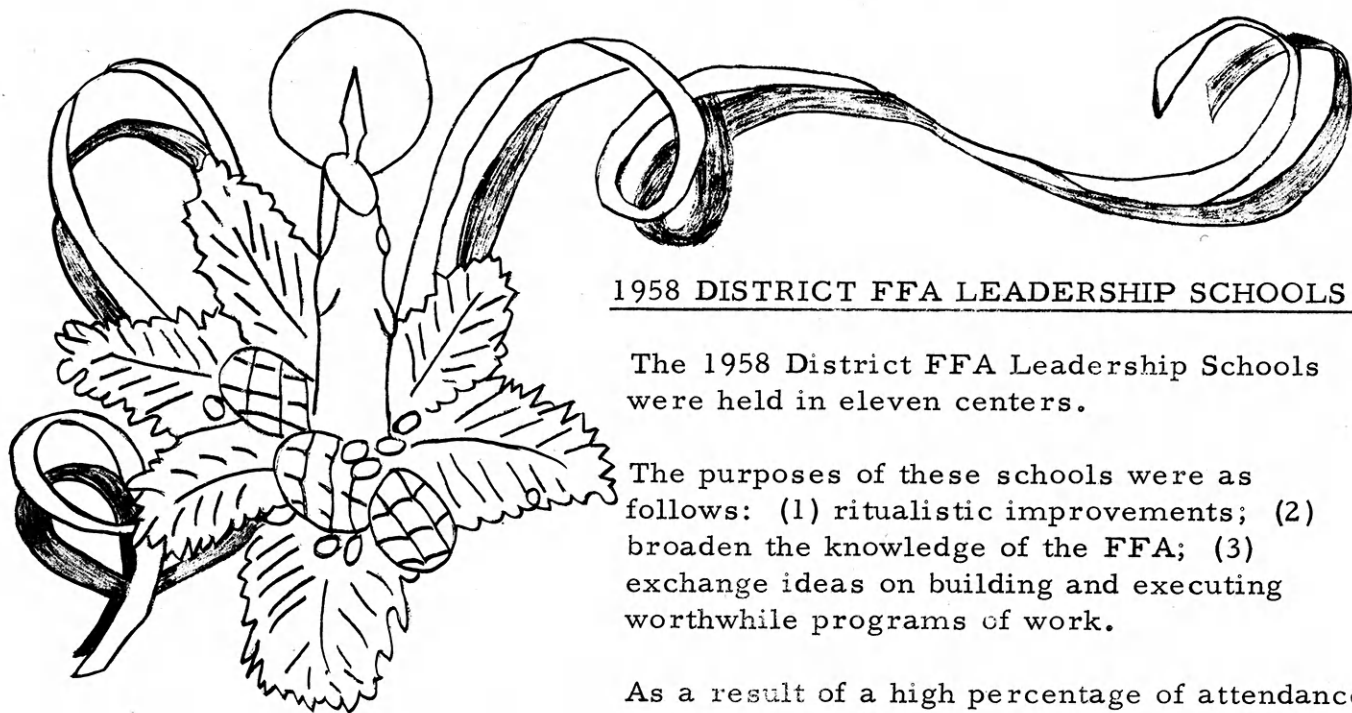


The Coldwater Chapter represented Kansas in the National FFA Livestock Judging Contests this year. Team members shown here are: Back row left to right; Duane Deyoe, Larry Hack, and Dennis Hack. Front row left to right; advisor I. E. Melia and Arlie Lohrding, alternate.

Chapter advisor Richard Weiser of Burlingame receives a radio from Kenneth Lawrence of the Kansas Farm Bureau. The radio was presented to the Burlingame Chapter for their winning the livestock judging contest at the Kansas Free Fair in 1958.



The Jayhawk Chapter from Lawrence High School won first in the FFA educational booths at the Kansas Free Fair in 1958. "Farmstead arrangement" was the theme of the booth. Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach are the advisors at Lawrence.



### 1958 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1958 District FFA Leadership Schools were held in eleven centers.

The purposes of these schools were as follows: (1) ritualistic improvements; (2) broaden the knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange ideas on building and executing worthwhile programs of work.

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

The schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1958 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted local FFA advisors, and to the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

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

#### Assignments 1958 FFA Leadership Schools

Host Chapter: Palco - Place - High School.

Date and Time: October 6, 1958 - 3:30 p.m.

#### Order of Business:

1. Host chapter opens meeting with official opening ceremony.
2. Host chapter conducts roll call of chapters.
3. Welcome by superintendent or principal of host chapter.
4. Opening and closing ritual contest - all chapters urged to participate.

5. FFA Information Contest - all chapters urged to participate. Officers only eligible to compete.

Supper

6. Talk by Larry Justice treasurer Kansas Association of FFA.
7. Demonstration - Building the FFA Emblem, Stockton chapter.
8. Demonstration - Proper Use of the Gavel, Wakeeney chapter.
9. Recital of the FFA Creed - Paul Freeman, Phillipsburg chapter.
10. Members of each office meet as a group. Each officer be prepared to present ideas from his chapter. An advisor will meet with each group. Officer groups and suggested discussion topics follow:

Presidents: Duties of presidents - Program of Work (how it is built); Committee responsibilities and check on performance.

Vice-Presidents: Duties of vice-presidents - Calendar of Activities; Outstanding activity last year - planned for current year.

Secretaries: Duties of secretaries - Chapter records; plan for acquainting members with state and national FFA activities; planning and holding chapter meetings.

Treasurers: Duties of treasurers - Plans for raising chapter funds; financing parent-son banquets.

Reporters: Duties of reporters. How to let the school, community and State know what the FFA is doing. How to bring news of other chapters before our members.

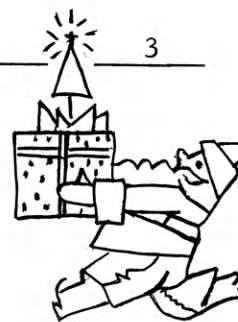
Sentinels: Duties of sentinels. Proper set up of equipment in meeting room. How to welcome visitors.

11. Awards
12. Close

Host chapter will look after local arrangements such as: Welcome from superintendent or principal, meeting place, arrangements for eats, FFA paraphernalia, etc.

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



The high 28 individuals in the State in the FFA Information Contest

1st	Darryl Blaker, Altoona Chapter	98 points
1st	Wallace Wolf, Jr., Arkansas City Chapter	98 points
3rd	Harold Miller, Neodesha Chapter	97 points
3rd	Ronnie Svaty, Ellsworth Chapter	97 points
5th	Charles Langford, Manhattan Chapter	96 points
5th	Dan Murrs, Arkansas City Chapter	96 points
7th	Gary Reynolds, Neodesha Chapter	95 points
7th	Gaylord Shurtz, Arkansas City Chapter	95 points
9th	Jack Coltrain, Neodesha Chapter	94 points
9th	Claude Crawshaw, Altoona Chapter	94 points
9th	Marian Steinbock, Longford Chapter	94 points
9th	Frank Wood, Tribune Chapter	94 points
13th	Herb Bath, Neodesha Chapter	93 points
13th	Lue Buster, Caney Chapter	93 points
13th	Gary Harp, Arkansas City Chapter	93 points
13th	Orval Hines, Caney Chapter	93 points
13th	Melvin Hunt, Tribune Chapter	93 points
13th	Sherlyn Kats, Long Island Chapter	93 points
13th	Donald Will, Herington Chapter	93 points
13th	Melvin Wiltz, Sabetha Chapter	93 points
21st	Roger Aberle, Sabetha Chapter	92 points
21st	Robert Browning, Seaman Chapter	92 points
21st	Kenneth Lambert, Fredonia Chapter	92 points
21st	Dick Lock, Erie Chapter	92 points
21st	Marvin Prochaska, Simpson Chapter	92 points
21st	Dean Schultz, Tribune Chapter	92 points
21st	Jerry Short, Caney Chapter	92 points
21st	Robert Strebey, Norcatur Chapter	92 points

Total possible points in the 1958 Information Contest equalled 100. From the individual scores listed, it is evident that the FFA Leadership School is attaining the second purpose listed.

The high 14 chapters in the State in the FFA Information Contest

1st	Neodesha Chapter, Wayne O. Coltrain, advisor	554 points
2nd	Arkansas City Chapter, Harold Walker, advisor	544 points
3rd	Altoona Chapter, John Davis, advisor	541 points
4th	Topeka Seaman Chapter, Marvin Smith, advisor	539 points
5th	Ellsworth Chapter, Lester L. Crandall, advisor	529 points
6th	Sabetha Chapter, F. Raymond Hackler, advisor	521 points
7th	Longford Chapter, Eugene Walker, advisor	513 points
8th	Tribune Chapter, James T. Grider, advisor	508 points
9th	Caney Chapter, Ralph Field, advisor	504 points
10th	Erie Chapter, Harold Van Cleave, advisor	498 points
11th	Clay Center Chapter, Dale Brooks, advisor	492 points
12th	Fredonia Chapter, Norman Haigh, advisor	489 points
13th	Alma Chapter, James J. Marstall, advisor	483 points
14th	Herington Chapter, Darrel Mounkes, advisor	480 points

RANKINGS BY DISTRICTS

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

BELOITHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Marvin Prochaska, Simpson Chapter	92 points
Bud Motes, Simpson Chapter	91 points
Jerry Gentry, Simpson Chapter	85 points
Eugene Hughes, Simpson Chapter	83 points
Wendell Kellogg, Lebanon Chapter	82 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Simpson Chapter	460 points
Lebanon Chapter	433 points
Beloit Chapter	431 points
Smith Center Chapter	399 points
Osborne Chapter	384 points

Ritual Contest

Beloit Chapter  
Lebanon Chapter  
Delphos Chapter  
Simpson Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Rhett Weiser, Smith Center Chapter  
Vice-president - Ronnie Arneson, Lebanon Chapter  
Secretary - Stan Mammoth, Delphos Chapter  
Treasurer - Larry Fobes, Beloit Chapter  
Reporter - Ronnie Stanley, Lebanon Chapter  
Sentinel - Bill Emmot, Beloit Chapter

BUHLERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Ronnie Svaty, Ellsworth Chapter	97 points
Jim Warta, Ellsworth Chapter	90 points
Monte Zerger, McPherson Chapter	89 points
Kenneth Kohls, Ellsworth Chapter	89 points
Delvin Haase, Ellsworth Chapter	89 points



High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

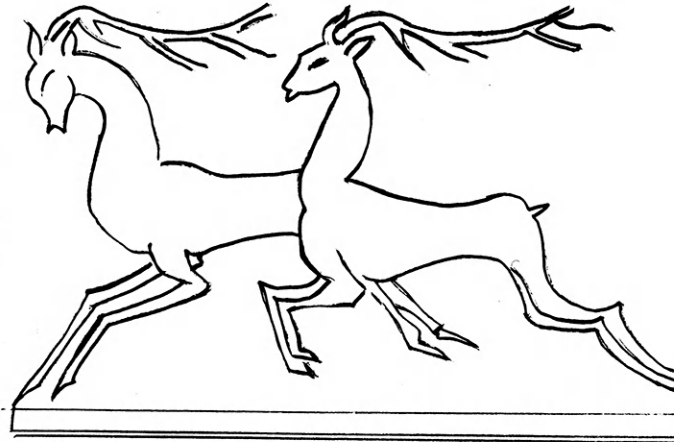
Ellsworth Chapter	529 points
McPherson Chapter	467 points
Hillsboro Chapter	433 points
Inman Chapter	388 points
Buhler Chapter	379 points

Ritual Contest

Ellsworth Chapter  
 Buhler Chapter  
 Newton Chapter  
 Claflin Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Monte Zerger, McPherson Chapter  
 Vice-president - Delvin Haase, Ellsworth Chapter  
 Secretary - Rance Headley, Ellsworth Chapter  
 Treasurer - Ronnie Svaty, Ellsworth Chapter  
 Reporter - Don Enns, Inman Chapter  
 Sentinel - Jim Warta, Ellsworth Chapter

CHANUTEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Darryl Blaker, Altoona Chapter	98 points
Harold Miller, Neodesha Chapter	97 points
Gary Reynolds, Neodesha Chapter	95 points
Jack Coltrain, Neodesha Chapter	94 points
Claude Crawshaw, Altoona Chapter	94 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Neodesha Chapter	554 points
Altoona Chapter	541 points
Caney Chapter	504 points
Erie Chapter	498 points
Fredonia Chapter	489 points

Ritual Contest

Fredonia Chapter  
 Erie Chapter  
 Neodesha Chapter  
 Humboldt Chapter  
 Altoona Chapter  
 Altamont Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Wilbur Smith, Cherryvale Chapter  
 Vice-president - Dean Hummer, Altamont Chapter  
 Secretary - John Snavelly, Humboldt Chapter  
 Treasurer - David Swiler, Chanute Chapter  
 Reporter - Ronnie Schmidt, Fredonia Chapter  
 Sentinel - Charles Loomis, Fredonia Chapter

Clay CenterHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Charles Langford, Manhattan Chapter	96 points
Marvin Steenbock, Longford Chapter	94 points
Freddie Heigle, Longford Chapter	90 points
Dennis Borland, Clay Center Chapter	85 points
Jack Hamme, Longford Chapter	84 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

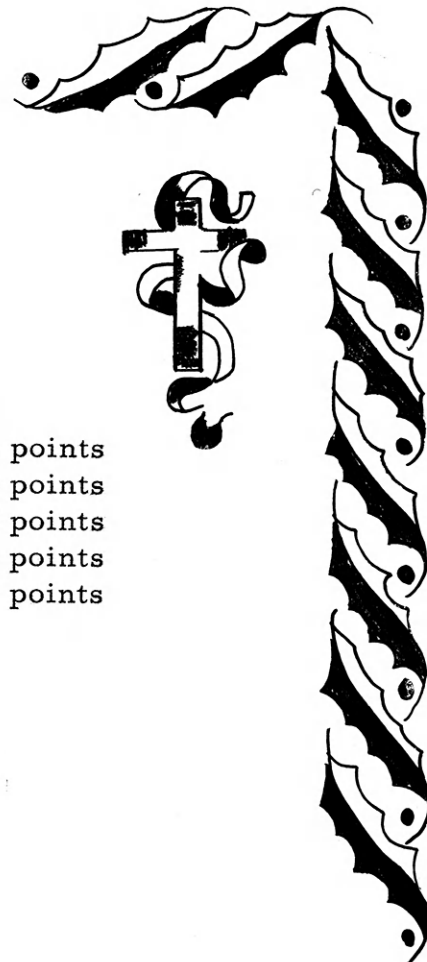
Longford Chapter	513 points
Clay Center Chapter	492 points
Manhattan Chapter	407 points
Chapman Chapter	405 points
Waterville Chapter	403 points

Ritual Contest

Clay Center Chapter  
 Waterville Chapter  
 Morrowville Chapter  
 Manhattan Chapter  
 Miltonvale Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Dale Bathurst, Chapman Chapter  
 Vice-president - Larry Schimmings, Hope Chapter  
 Secretary - Dwight Koch, Clay Center Chapter  
 Treasurer - Lee Elliott, Waterville Chapter  
 Reporter - Eldon Sedlacek, Waterville Chapter  
 Sentinel - Raymond Jenkins, Clay Center Chapter



"Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people."

DODGE CITYHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Frank Wood, Tribune Chapter	94 points
Melvin Hunt, Tribune Chapter	93 points
Dean Schultz, Tribune Chapter	92 points
Duane Schneider, Bazine Chapter	88 points
Joe Mallory, Tribune Chapter	87 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Tribune Chapter	508 points
Kinsley Chapter	421 points
Bazine Chapter	412 points
Garden City Chapter	404 points
Liberal Chapter	370 points

Ritual Contest

Tribune Chapter
Garden City Chapter
Mullinville Chapter
Bazine Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Douglas Wolfe, Garden City Chapter
Vice-president - Roy Johnson, Tribune Chapter
Secretary - Frank Hayse, Mullinville Chapter
Treasurer - Glenn Keller, Ford Chapter
Reporter - Harry Lightner, Garden City Chapter
Sentinel - Pat Grubb, Tribune Chapter

EMPORIAHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Don Will, Herington Chapter	93 points
Bob Martin, Herington Chapter	87 points
Don Richard, Emporia Chapter	87 points
Ray Drepbrock, Alma Chapter	86 points
Gerald Grogersen, Peabody Chapter	86 points
Francis Feyh, Alma Chapter	85 points
Gene Gultine, Peabody Chapter	85 points
Jim Dillingham, Alma Chapter	84 points



High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Alma Chapter	483 points
Herington Chapter	480 points
Emporia Chapter	442 points
Council Grove Chapter	428 points
Lebo Chapter	423 points



Ritual Contest

- Council Grove Chapter
- Herington Chapter
- Cottonwood Falls Chapter
- Alma Chapter



Master Ritual Team

- President - Don Richard, Emporia Chapter
- Vice-president - Verle Swenson, Alta Vista Chapter
- Secretary - Larry Koegeboehn, Cottonwood Falls Chapter
- Treasurer - Calvin Halenstine, Alma Chapter
- Reporter - Dick Gillespie, Council Grove Chapter
- Sentinel - Joe O'Rourke, Kincaid Chapter



HARPER

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Wallace Wolf, Arkansas City Chapter	98 points
Dan Murrs, Arkansas City Chapter	96 points
Gaylord Shurtz, Arkansas City Chapter	95 points
Gary Harp, Arkansas City Chapter	93 points
Jerry Zimmerman, Udall Chapter	84 points



High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Arkansas City Chapter	544 points
Kingman Chapter	406 points
Winfield Chapter	398 points
Udall Chapter	366 points
Oxford Chapter	340 points



Ritual Contest

- Winfield Chapter
- Oxford Chapter
- Arkansas City Chapter



Master Ritual Team

President - Elbert Flickner, Kingman Chapter  
 Vice-president - John Dicken, Winfield Chapter  
 Secretary - Kenneth Thomas, Oxford Chapter  
 Treasurer - Gaylord Shurtz, Arkansas City Chapter  
 Reporter - Larry Schwintz, Winfield Chapter  
 Sentinel - Charles Craig, Winfield Chapter

HOLTONHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Melvin Wiltz, Sabetha Chapter	93 points
Roger Aberle, Sabetha Chapter	92 points
Gale Epple, Sabetha Chapter	89 points
Robert Kalterman, Wamego Chapter	87 points
Lawrence Schraeder, Effingham Chapter	87 points
Dale Westerman, Effingham Chapter	87 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Sabetha Chapter	521 points
Frankfort Chapter	452 points
Effingham Chapter	422 points
Wamego Chapter	417 points
Highland Chapter	403 points

Ritual Contest

Marysville Chapter  
 Wamego Chapter  
 Holton Chapter  
 Effingham Chapter  
 Hoyt Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Tom Talbot, Marysville Chapter  
 Vice-president - Kenneth Smith, Holton Chapter  
 Secretary - Allen Naaf, Marysville Chapter  
 Treasurer - Larry Lintz, Wamego Chapter  
 Reporter - Bob Tummons, Fairview Chapter  
 Sentinel - Tom Wilson, Effingham Chapter

Wasted Effort

Professor (finishing long algebra problem): "And so we find X equals zero."  
 Sophomore: "All that work for nothing."

LAWRENCEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Robert Browning, Seaman Chapter	92 points
Darrell Priddy, Seaman Chapter	91 points
Gary Fleener, Seaman Chapter	91 points
Frank Ruff, Rossville Chapter	90 points
Joe Maxwell, Seaman Chapter	90 points
Larry Marken, Seaman Chapter	90 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Seaman Chapter	539 points
Ottawa Chapter	436 points
Louisburg Chapter	428 points
Rossville Chapter	420 points
LaCygne Chapter	411 points

Ritual Contest

Shawnee-Mission Chapter
Seaman Chapter
Washburn Chapter
Highland Park Chapter
Lawrence Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Steve Robb, Lawrence Chapter
Vice-president - Larry Shipman, Highland Park Chapter
Secretary - Larry Schaake, Lawrence Chapter
Treasurer - Dick Hays, Highland Park Chapter
Reporter - Gene Raymond, Garnett Chapter
Sentinel - Randy Collins, Washburn Chapter

OBERLINHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Sherlyn Kats, Long Island Chapter	93 points
Robert Strebey, Norcatgur Chapter	92 points
Lloyd Tubbs, Long Island Chapter	91 points
L. E. Temple, Jr., Norcatgur Chapter	87 points
Stanley Hickman, Long Island Chapter	87 points



High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Long Island Chapter	518 points
Norcatatur Chapter	501 points
Oberlin Chapter	419 points
Bird City Chapter	413 points
Norton Chapter	399 points

Ritual Contest

Oberlin Chapter  
 Goodland Chapter  
 St. Francis Chapter  
 Long Island Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Ronnie Trachell, Goodland Chapter  
 Vice-president - Gary Seymour, Bird City Chapter  
 Secretary - Norman Richards, Oberlin Chapter  
 Treasurer - Charles Kelley, Oberlin Chapter  
 Reporter - Bob Novtloup, St. Francis Chapter  
 Sentinel - Larry Smull, St. Francis Chapter

PALCOHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Delwin Locke, Natoma Chapter	91 points
Frank Vopat, Wilson Chapter	91 points
Dennie Kepka, Wilson Chapter	90 points
Bob Boller, Natoma Chapter	89 points
Jack Blauer, Stockton Chapter	87 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Natoma Chapter	472 points
Wilson Chapter	471 points
Stockton Chapter	444 points
Plainville Chapter	424 points
Paradise Chapter	412 points

Ritual Contest

Quinter Chapter  
 Wakeeney Chapter  
 Natoma Chapter  
 Stockton Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Jay Mann, Quinter Chapter  
 Vice-president - Jan Flora, Quinter Chapter  
 Secretary - Carl Evans, Quinter Chapter  
 Treasurer - Jan Stephson, Alton Chapter  
 Reporter - Delvin Locke, Natoma Chapter  
 Sentinel - John Russ, Jr., Stockton Chapter

Leadership Schools	Total High 5 Chapters	Average High 5 Chapters	Highest Chapter Score	Total High 5 Boys	Average High 5 Boys	Highest Individual Score
Chanute	2,586	517	554	478	96	98
Emporia	2,256	451	483	439	88	93
Oberlin	2,250	450	518	450	90	93
Lawrence	2,234	447	539	454	91	92
Palco	2,223	445	472	448	90	91
Clay Center	2,220	444	513	449	90	96
Holton	2,215	443	521	448	90	93
Buhler	2,196	439	529	454	91	97
Dodge City	2,115	423	508	454	91	94
Beloit	2,107	421	460	433	87	92
Harper	2,054	411	544	466	93	98

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

Monte Zerger, McPherson Chapter  
 Keith Lewis, Lebo Chapter  
 Ernest Nicholas, Erie Chapter  
 George Teagarden, LaCygne Chapter  
 Bob Buser, Fairview Chapter  
 Paul Freeman, Phillipsburg Chapter  
 Robert Strevey, Norcatur Chapter  
 Wallace Wolf, Jr., Arkansas City Chapter  
 Joel Bieber, Bazine Chapter  
 Edward Oplinger, Jewell Chapter



As a person's knowledge of the Future Farmers of America increases, his respect for the organization also grows. FFA officers and advisors are often not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Performance of the opening and closing ritual, constitute a "show window" of the FFA organization. It is important that all performances be on a high standard.

At the 1958 Leadership Schools, a part of the program consisted of the respective officer groups, meeting separately and discussing their problems under the direction of advisors who had prepared materials for these meetings.

Most of the FFA advisors did a fine job in coaching their members who were scheduled for parts in the District Schools. A satisfactory standard can be maintained only by cooperation on the part of the local FFA advisor in selecting assignments, and in preparing individuals and teams for superior presentation of assignments. One of the purposes of the Leadership School is to stimulate each officer to perform on a high plane the duties and responsibilities of his office.

The State Office staff wish to express their appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced in each of the eleven districts in which FFA Leadership Schools were held.

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#### Unnatural History

Teacher: "Can anyone tell me what causes trees to become petrified?"  
Bright Student: "The wind makes them rock."

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#### FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1958 FAIRS

FFA exhibits at both the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka and the State Fair at Hutchinson attracted wide and favorable attention. The following rankings were given the competing chapters:

#### At the Kansas Free Fair, Topeka

#### Chapter Booth Exhibits - Placings Follow:

- 1st - Lawrence, Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach, advisors  
Theme: "Farmstead Arrangement"
- 2nd - Alma, James J. Marstall, advisor  
Theme: "Grub Worm Control"
- 3rd - Berryton, Thomas Morris, advisor  
Theme: "Steps in Wheat Production"



- 4th - Wetmore, Harry Longberg, advisor  
Theme: "Soil Conservation Service"
- 5th - Burlingame, Richard Weiser, advisor  
Theme: "Conserve Grass and Forbes"
- 6th - Neodesha, Wayne O. Coltrain, advisor  
Theme: "Balanced Ration for Hogs"
- 7th - Effingham, Roy F. Eck, advisor  
Theme: "Costs of Electricity"
- 8th - Silver Lake, Dean M. Prochaska, advisor  
Theme: "Pig Parlors"
- 9th - Rossville, Ira M. Williams, advisor  
Theme: "Seed Treatment"
- 10th - Blue Valley, Randolph, Robert Stephens, advisor  
Theme: "School Consolidations"

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st - Lawrence, Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach, advisors
- 2nd - Blue Valley, Randolph, Robert Stephens, advisor
- 3rd - Erie, Harold Van Cleave, advisor
- 4th - Burlingame, Richard Weiser, advisor
- 5th - Powhattan, Melvin L. Casey, advisor
- 6th - Highland, Lowell Burchett, advisor
- 7th - Berryton, Thomas Morris, advisor
- 8th - Rossville, Ira M. Williams, advisor
- 9th - Osage City, Kenneth F. Kern, advisor
- 10th - Alma, James J. Marstall, advisor

At the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st - Buhler, J. A. Johnson, advisor
- 2nd - Wilson, Earl Simmons, advisor
- 3rd - Hillsboro, Truman Diener, advisor
- 4th - McCune, Ira Johnston, advisor
- 5th - Kingman, Virgil Lake, advisor
- 6th - Bazine, Ed Brenner, advisor
- 7th - Ellinwood, John Cragun, advisor
- 8th - Pretty Prairie, Powell Heide, advisor
- 9th - Ellsworth, Lester Crandall, advisor
- 10th - Clay Center, Dale Brooks, advisor

Individuals:

- 1st - Creep feeder by John Willison of Buhler
- 2nd - Chisel plow by Loren Hiebert of Hillsboro
- 3rd - Grain and hay feeder by Richard Mattas of Wilson
- 4th - Grain wagon by Charles Parson of McCune

- 5th - Cattle squeeze by Kenny Kohls of Ellsworth
- 6th - Portable roughage wagon by Jim Krehbiel of Pretty Prairie
- 7th - Rotary brush cutter by Gary Teeter of Buhler
- 8th - Power grain wagon by Richard Webber of Pretty Prairie
- 9th - Hydraulic press by Ronnie Bieberle of Ellinwood
- 10th - Loading chute by Kenny Branda of Wilson

### STATE FFA MEATS CONTEST - WICHITA

<u>Top 10 Teams:</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st - Beloit, Earl Baugher, advisor	1,167
2nd - Lawrence, Roy Cropp & Walter Gehlbach, advisors	1,106
3rd - Cherryvale, C. H. Young, advisor	1,094
4th - Kinsley, Donald Elson, advisor	1,051
5th - Winfield, John Lowe & Lewis Eggenberger, advisors	1,016
6th - Herington, Darrel Mounkes, advisor	963
7th - Eskridge, Terry Fanning, advisor	930
8th - Mulvane, Francis Shoup, advisor	888
9th - Salina, William D. Smith, advisor	835
10th - Cheney, James J. Stanley, advisor	760

### FFA WEEK MATERIALS

Word received from national advisor W. T. Spanton indicates that we shall be mailing two booklets on National FFA Week to each chapter in December.

One of the booklets will contain suggestions for FFA Week activities, including sample newspaper story, radio and TV scripts, spot announcements and newspaper fillers. The second booklet is similar to the mimeographed "Fact Sheet" on FFA Week that has been provided in previous years.

This "Fact Sheet" contains an introduction explaining the purpose of FFA Week, then describes the national program of vocational education in agriculture and the FFA. Each chapter will receive one copy and additional copies may be purchased.

Immediately after Christmas, chapters will be receiving a 4-page brochure listing and illustrating the FFA Week materials that will be available to purchase from the Future Farmers Supply Service. This brochure will list two kinds of posters, seals, window-stickers, the booklet mentioned above, newspaper filler mats, three editorial cartoon mats and two advertising mats.

If, after receiving the brochure, your chapter orders promptly from the Supply Service, you will have your supplies in time for use with your FFA Week activities.

To give you some idea of the cost of the materials, there will be offered for \$2.50 a "Standard Package" containing 10 posters (5 of each kind), 24 window stickers, 400 seals, 10 FFA Week booklets, and an assortment of 5 mats. Purchased separately, the same items would cost \$3.00.

If this program works satisfactorily, it is quite likely that in future years the amount of supplies contained in the "Standard Packages" can be increased substantially.

### FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA PHOTOGRAPHS

The National FFA Office has a list of 66 photographs which were taken at the 1958 National FFA Convention and at the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. The following might be of special interest to Kansas FFA members:

1. 1958-59 National Officers - Group photo at table.
2. Honorary American Farmers - Voc. ag. teachers in line on stage.
3. Individual bust photos of 1958-59 national officers  
(specify name of officer whose picture you desire).
4. Honorary American Farmers - Voc. ag. teachers group photo.
5. American Farmer Ceremony - showing candidates grouped in front of stage.
6. Star Farmer Ceremony - showing Jarnagin being congratulated by Downing, other officers and star farmers in their positions.
7. Star Farmer Ceremony - showing officers and star farmers in their positions.
8. Jimmie Jarnagin, wife, and son posed in front of Star.
9. Star American Farmers - all four grouped in front of one star.  
Left to right: Jim Speer, Malcolm Niles, Jimmie Jarnagin, and Ethan Labrier.
10. National FFA Band on stage.
11. National Band and Chorus performing together.
12. National FFA Chorus performing in front of stage.
13. Past National Officers and Star Farmers on stage.
14. Shawnee Mission boy with hoe. (Pageant photo)

If you are interested in obtaining one or more of the above pictures or pictures of other happenings at the National Convention, write to Dr. W. T. Spanton, Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, 25, D. C.

AVAILABLE AND VALUABLE  
FFA AWARDS

Many awards are available to Kansas FFA members for accomplishments during 1958-59. FFA members should examine the requirements for each of these awards and plan now to submit applications for these awards.

The National FFA Foundation, Inc. and the Kansas Association of FFA will have available approximately \$2,500 to be used for the following awards in 1959: (All applications, except Star Farmer, due in State Office Mar. 1)

State Star Farmer Award:

The State Star Farmer in 1959 will win a \$200. cash award. In addition to the State Star Farmer award, District Star Farmers will be selected and will win \$50. each. These awards are open to members who file their applications for the State Farmer Degree. The candidate does not need to indicate that he is an applicant for the Star Farmer awards. State Farmer applications are due in the State FFA Office on February 1.

Farm Mechanics Award:

The state winner in Farm Mechanics will receive \$100. The six receiving district winners will each receive \$50. These awards will be granted on the basis of the most practical and economic use of farm mechanics in connection with supervised farming programs and in the farm shop.

Farm Electrification Award:

\$100. award to the FFA member who has achieved the most in making practical and economic use of electricity in connection with productive supervised farming activities on his home farm or in his farmhouse. Six district winners will each receive \$25.

Dairy Farming Award:

First-place winner in the state in Dairy Farming will receive \$100. The award will be based on efficiency of production, state of development of the dairy operation and on evidence of practical operation and use of improved practices. Six district winners will each receive \$25.

Soil and Water Management Award:

The state winner in Soil and Water Management will receive \$100. Each of the six district winners will receive \$25. This award takes into consideration, practices performed by the student, equipment he has constructed and his inventory of equipment.

Farm Safety Award:

The top chapter in safety activities will receive \$100. Each of the six district winners will receive \$25. In addition to these awards the Kansas Farm Bureau will be granting some outstanding awards.

Public Speaking Contest:

First-place speaker in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest will receive \$100. Second-Place \$50. and third \$25. In addition cash awards will be awarded to the top speakers in the senior division of each of the district FFA speech contests.

Swine Production Award:

The top voc. ag. student in Kansas in swine production as indicated by his application will receive \$100. Each of the six district winners will receive \$25.

Beef Production Award:

\$100. will be awarded to the top vocational agriculture student in beef production and \$25. will be awarded to each of the six district winners.

American Farmer Award:

Each Kansas FFA member who is approved for the American Farmer Degree will receive a \$75. award provided he attends the National FFA Convention to receive the degree in person. This award is available only to members who hold the State Farmer degree and have been out of school at least one year. Based on the present FFA membership in Kansas, the state is allowed seven American Farmer degrees each year. Applications are due in the State FFA Office by May 1.

National FFA Foundation Medals:

Medals are available for each chapter winner in Public Speaking, Star Farmer, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management and Farm Safety.

Check eligibilities on application outlines. Most of the above awards require that an applicant be enrolled in voc. ag. Application outlines for each of the above awards were mailed to each chapter in 1957. If your chapter needs an additional outline for anyone of the above areas or for all of them, send request to the State FFA Office in Topeka.

Each state winner in Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management and Farm Safety shall submit his application to the National Office to be considered for regional awards.

DISTRICT ELIMINATIONS FOR THE STATE FFA  
SPEECH CONTEST

The contestants who will be eligible to compete in the State FFA Speech contest in 1959 will be determined at the district FFA speech contests which are scheduled for early 1959. In each district 2 contestants from the senior division representing 500 FFA members in the district shall be eligible to compete in the State FFA public speaking contest. In districts which have a membership in excess of 500, one additional contestant for each additional 500 members or major fraction thereof shall be eligible to compete in the state contest. Small cash awards shall be awarded all contestants who win eligibility to the state contest.

Membership to date, indicates that the following number of contestants shall be eligible to compete in the state FFA speech contest; Northwest District - 3; East Central - 3; Southeast - 3; North Central - 3; South Central - 4; Northwest - 3; Southwest - 2.

SEARS RANGE EWE PROGRAM

It will soon be time to make the selection for the seven FFA boys to participate in the Sears Foundation Sheep Program for 1959. If you have a freshman or sophomore boy whom you feel would make a good candidate, please send his name to: Loren Whipps, State Board for Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka, not later than January 1, 1959.

Excerpts from  
THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
Wm. Paul Gray

We take pride in the number of former FFA members who have made a beginning and an advancement in farming through vocational agriculture. The knowledge and abilities used by today's successful farmer have been obtained through a well-planned educational program based upon the needs of the individual. The fact that farm production has increased over 30 per cent since the FFA was organized offers ample proof that our FFA members are not only learning to produce farm commodities efficiently, but they are becoming proficient in organizing and coordinating their entire farm into a well organized and skillfully managed farm business. Our members are meeting the complexity of farm marketing by studying and applying sound financing and marketing programs and practices. Interwoven with the above is the proper use of soil and water management to conserve our natural resources. Because FFA members live and work on the land they are aware of the importance of improving and maintaining the farm home and farm for desirable social and economic environment and better living. The rural leadership that has been learned through the FFA training has prepared our members for both living and competing in a society and agriculture that has grown exceedingly complex the last 30 years.

Report of the National Executive Secretary continued:

This leadership has influenced many of the trends and policies that affect agriculture. May we continue to grow in achievements and expect greater things of the Future Farmers in the years to come.

#### Officer travel

Your national officers have worked hard for you this past year. They have won many friends to the FFA because they are friendly, very capable, sincere, and possess excellent qualities of leadership. I'm sure you will be pleased with their reports and surprised to see the scope of their achievements. It has been a privilege to work with these national officers this past year.

#### State Conventions

Our records indicate that each State Association held a convention during the last year. National officers attended 47 of these conventions. They report many State conventions are providing excellent leadership training and opportunities for member planning and participation. The emphasis the majority of these conventions have placed upon individual and chapter accomplishment is noteworthy. Many gave special recognition to friends interested in FFA, parents, teachers, and school administrators.

#### Leadership Training

Forty-five State associations held special leadership schools to provide leadership training to over 5,917 chapters. From the reports of our national officers, State and chapter reports...there is every reason to believe we are providing sound training in leadership for chapter officers and members.

#### State Camps

For many years State associations have conducted camps for FFA members. During the past year 19 associations operated camps. It is encouraging to note the trend is for more States to continue to develop State camps.

#### National Chapter Award Program

One hundred twenty-nine reports on chapter accomplishments were received in the National Chapter Award Program this past year...We are pleased with the increased interest and also continued improvement in the quality of work these chapters are doing in FFA work. Let us continue to build challenging programs of activities that will help improve FFA throughout the nation.

#### National FFA Building

Because of adverse conditions it has been impossible to complete the landscaping of our new FFA building. However the land has been cleared, leveled and seeded



to rye grass. Final lawn seeding will be done in the summer of 1959. A new road has been built and the parking lot area increased. New concrete walks and curbing have been constructed.

A special committee has been appointed to present definite recommendations at this convention for dedication of the FFA building in the summer of 1959.

The staffs of both the Future Farmers Supply Service and the Future Farmer Magazine moved into the building late last fall. We are all very proud of the fine service both of these groups are now giving through the improved facilities and working conditions found in our building.

#### The Future Farmers Supply Service

We are pleased that the Future Farmers Supply Service has continued to show growth and at the same time not lose sight of the importance of quality and price in providing service to you. A number of new items have been added at the request of State associations and by authorization of the Board of Student Officers...If you have any problems or questions regarding this important part of your organization, Mr. Hawkins and his staff will be happy to correspond with you.

#### The National Future Farmer Magazine

You have indicated a fine growing interest in your National Future Farmer Magazine through the increased number of subscribers. May we congratulate the States who now have 100 per cent of their membership supporting the magazine through subscriptions. From the progress that is now being made we can look forward to the very near future when every FFA member may be receiving the magazine. We are pleased with the effective manner Mr. Carnes and his staff are selling the FFA through The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

#### The Official FFA Calendar

Mr. Lafley has done a commendable job of developing the Official FFA Calendar. Many chapters are taking advantage of using it as an excellent FFA promotional activity and also a means of fund raising. We look to the future with confidence for increased chapter participation in this excellent means of selling FFA.

#### Foreign Educational Exchange Program

The Future Farmers of America have greatly influenced rural youth organization development in other countries. We are proud of our "good will" ambassadors who have done such an outstanding job representing the FFA abroad. Those of you who have worked with these foreign friends in our country have helped to further the development of a better understanding of agriculture through an exchange of ideas and to establish a strong bond of good will, friendship and mutual understanding between the rural youth of the countries involved.

Report of the National Executive Secretary continued:

### Prizes and Awards

Our members are greatly indebted to more than 300 donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for the awards that have been given by the FFA Foundation. We are pleased with the accomplishments of the members who have been recognized for outstanding work in agriculture and leadership. Through the efforts of the Sponsoring Committee, the Foundation has received many new donors. We will give special recognition to representatives of donors to the Foundation on Wednesday evening.

### Summary

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1958, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

#### A. Organization

Total number chartered active local chapters. . . . .	8,993
Total active membership in chartered chapters. . . . .	377,922

#### B. Membership Distribution and Status

Total number of Honorary Chapter Farmers elected during the year. . . . .	29,885
Total number of Honorary State Farmers elected during the year. . . . .	2,051

#### C. Participation in the National Program of Work - Selected Items

##### 1. Supervised Farming

Number of chapters engaged in organized activities designed to promote livestock loss prevention. . . . .	4,933
Number of chapters that conducted tours of FFA members farming programs. . . . .	4,999

##### 2. Cooperation

Number of members who were provided experience in local chapter:	
a. Livestock cooperative activities. . . . .	171,375
b. Crop cooperative activities. . . . .	164,724
Number of chapters that provided cooperative activities that involved group planning, group financing and group participation. . . . .	7,174

##### 3. Community Service

Number of members completing home beautification or improvement projects. . . . .	155,573
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## Report of the National Executive Secretary continued:

Number of chapters that conducted a safety campaign. . . . .	4,906
Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation	43
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work. . .	5,737
 4. Leadership	
Number of members who participated in a public speaking contest	52,913
Number of chapters that held a public speaking contest. . . . .	4,677
Number of chapters participating in a parliamentary procedure contest, above the chapter level. . . . .	5,227
Number of chapters having revised, written, continuing program of work. . . . .	7,890
Number of State Associations having a revised, written continuing program of work. . . . .	47
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.	45
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences. . . . .	37,586
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences. . . . .	5,917
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year. . . . .	3,438
 5. Earnings and Savings	
Number of chapters that prepared a budget. . . . .	6,516
Number of chapters that earned enough money to finance chapter activities. . . . .	7,621
 6. Conduct of Meetings	
Number of members who have access to the latest revised Official Manual. . . . .	239,326
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book	7,409
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book .	7,181
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual. . . . .	7,431
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual. . . . .	48
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing ceremonies for regular meetings. . . . .	8,175
Number of chapters using official degree ceremonies. . . . .	7,618
Number of chapters holding regular meetings at least once per month during school term. . . . .	7,748
Number of State Associations holding a convention. . . . .	50

Report of the National Executive Secretary continued:

7. Scholarship

Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to stimulate members to improve their scholarship	6,984
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books. . . . .	7,321

8. Recreation

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation for its members. . . . .	7,286
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year. . . . .	19
Number of members attending State camps. . . . .	19,346
Number of chapters represented at State Camps. . . . .	2,214
Number of chapters conducting an educational tour. . . . .	6,195
Number of chapters conducting an organized social activity. . . . .	6,632

9. Public Relations

Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly	6,923
Number of chapters that have participated in one or more radio programs. . . . .	3,136
Number of chapters that participated in one or more TV provrams. . . . .	1,233
Number of chapters preparing educational or promotional exhibits for public display. . . . .	5,120
Number of chapters presenting one or more programs to a civic club or other organizations. . . . .	4,529
Number of chapters presenting high school assembly programs	4,726
Number of chapters conducting a parent-son banquet. . . . .	5,752
Number of State Associations conducting a good-will tour of State officers to promote the FFA program. . . . .	14

D. Participation in State and National Activities

Number of chapters submitting applications for one or more candidates for the State Farmer Degree. . . . .	4,460
Number of chapters nominating candidates for the American Farmer Degree. . . . .	1,021
Number of members participating in judging contests sponsored or supervised by the State Association. . . . .	57,206
Number of chapters that participated in FFA Week. . . . .	7,448
Number of members attending last National FFA Convention	12,142
Number of chapters having members attend last National FFA Convention. . . . .	2,494

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Report of the National Executive Secretary continued:

E. Collegiate Chapters

Number of recognized teacher training departments operating Collegiate FFA Chapters. . . . .	
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters. . . . .	1,819

We Look to the Future

I wish to compliment each of you for the fine record of accomplishments during the past year under the leadership of your officers and the guidance of your teachers of vocational agriculture. May we continue to improve ourselves and our organization through setting high goals and accepting real challenges. One challenge is to increase our membership. Not all students enrolled in vocational agriculture are FFA members. These students should belong to the FFA to help themselves and to strengthen our organization. May we also look to the future with confidence for a continued increase in members and local chapters participating in all FFA activities on a State and national level.

CHAPTER NEWS

BELOIT: We had a Father-Son potluck picnic-watermelon feed this fall. The freshmen and their Dad's were guests...Our meats judging team attended the Meats Judging School at Salina this fall and went on to the State Contest at Wichita. . .Our annual hayrack ride and barnwarmer was held October 25...At the present time several large shop projects are under way including a feed bunk, a three-unit hog shed, loading chutes, and a squeeze chute...Plans are being made for a pest eradication contest with the Simpson Chapter.

Tom Campbell, Reporter

MANHATTAN: We held a watermelon feed for prospective new members and their parents in August. We introduced our new advisor to our parents and presented Mr. Willett Taylor the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree for his services in our community and cooperation with the FFA chapter during the past twelve years. Mr. Stearns, our new advisor, outlined the vocational agriculture program and showed colored slides of vocational agriculture activities...Our chapter attended the Free Fair in Topeka and spent one day at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City...Seven chapter members were initiated in October to the Green Hand degree. At our October night meeting we approved our Program of Work for the coming year and played games in the gymnasium. At our October day meeting Mr. Norman Spurlock from the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance claims' office presented material on different types of insurance available to farmers by various insurance companies... George Stauffer purchased a Duroc meat-type boar for his sows and other chapter members are using him. Three members are building self feeders for their swine programs. Other projects include: A cattle roughage feed bunk, a pipe cattle gate, a four-wheel trailer, an adjustable floor stand for our shop, a stand for a candling light, grindstone guide rests for our shop grinders, and a floor stand for home use... We have a cooperative Duroc gilt program again this year.

Gary Ingalsbe, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: We have 31 students in vocational agriculture and 36 members in FFA...Our pest eradication contest is in operation now and will close the last day of February. The losing side will treat the winners to a chili feed... Stanley Stout showed his Hereford steer to first-place in its class at the Wichita Junior Livestock Show...We bought 42 feeder pigs to be used for our chapter program. In our shop we are making gates from used pipe and selling them to local farmers. We have built a cab for a pickup which we will use in making our field trips.

Dale Starkey, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: The freshmen-parents' night was one of the highlights so far this school year. After the program the shop was opened to those who wanted to look at the shop projects that were shown at the State Fair in Sept...The Ellsworth voc. ag. department has reopened a young farmers' class again this fall for all young men engaged in farming...The Central Kansas Land Judging was held here on Nov. 8. Our chapter had two teams entered. They took first and second place. We also had

the top five boys in individual placing. The first-place team received a plaque which was furnished by the Kansas Farm Bureau and Consumers Cooperative Association... Our annual pest eradication contest began Nov. 20. It is a three chapter contest with Wilson, Geneseo, and Ellsworth competing... Projects under construction in our voc. ag. department are cattle bunks, a power hacksaw, a cattle feeder, nail boxes, gates, halters, weed sprayers, and a loading platform for a Ford tractor... The Ellsworth FFA officers went to Salina on Nov. 15. We went bowling, had a dinner, and saw a show. We try to do something special after Leadership School each fall, providing that we do a good job.

Eugene Burmeister, Reporter

ALTAMONT: We raised 30 freshmen to the Green Hand degree... We received several first-place ribbons on our barrows at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show at Wichita... Our junior and senior class members attended the American Royal at Kansas City... The chapter had its annual barnwarming and the FFA queen was crowned. The chapter has a snow-cone machine to raise extra money. We also sell rat poison... We have purchased 3 registered Yorkshire gilts and a boar, 3 registered Hampshire gilts and a boar to start our swine breeding program at school. We have 25 head of registered Dorset sheep at the school farm and plan to expand further. We also bought 14 heifers to feed out. We have gone to neighboring farms to dehorn cattle.

Larry Smith, Reporter

KINCAID: Our 8 freshmen were raised to the Green Hand degree in our Nov. meeting. Our junior and senior members went to the American Royal on Oct. 21. Fourteen members exhibited crops or livestock in the FFA division of the Kincaid Fair. So far this year we have constructed terrace lines on two farms. We have made \$40 picking up milo and corn... Shop jobs completed or being completed include two pick-up stockracks, a trailer bed, a truck bed, a tractor grader, and several gates.

Virgil Tucker, Reporter

GENESEO: Our workday netted \$116. The money is to be used for our banquet, equipment and other chapter expenses. Six boys from our chapter spent two enjoyable days at the National FFA Convention... A pest eradication contest is being held among the Ellsworth, Geneseo, and Wilson chapters. The two losing chapters will put on a supper and program for the winning chapter... The chapter held a hayrack ride on Nov. 15. The Kayetts were our guests.

Jerry Shringer, Reporter

RUSSELL: The Russell chapter of FFA with a membership of 19 was chartered on Nov. 17, 1958. On Nov. 19, the Ellsworth chapter came to Russell and initiated our members as Green Hands... We are planning a parent-son banquet for April. Also an overnight camping trip, an open house, and an FFA party... On Oct. 31 we put on a TV program over KCKT in Great Bend... Our larger projects being built in the shop include: Motor overhaul, motor tune-up of car, tractor paint jobs, tool box, squeeze chute, and feed bunk.

Ben Benhagen, Reporter

ATTICA: We held our freshmen-parent night on Oct. 6. We are running a pest eradication contest which will end Jan. 5. In shop this year some of the projects we have done include: Gates, clothesline poles, and painted one tractor. The chapter has erected FFA signs on each side of town.

Richard Schmidt, Reporter

HOWARD: Benny Davis showed lambs at the Kansas National Junior Livestock Show and at the American Royal. Three of our members attended the Royal... We will be initiating six Green Hands on Dec. 4... We had our annual project tour Nov. 5. The entire chapter went on this tour... We have been collecting different samples of weeds and grasses... Our money raising project is selling popcorn at the football games. We also sold fire extinguishers and made bleachers for the fairground. We had our barnwarming Oct. 21.

Larry Shelton, Reporter

NATOMA: We held our annual parent-son banquet in Nov. with 111 persons attending. The program included a summary of our chapter's accomplishments for the past year. Earlier this year we held a hayrack ride with the FHA chapter. Sixteen members had dates and the "dateless" members drew names to receive a partner from the FHA ranks... We have been shocking feed to make money for our treasury. Community service jobs so far this year include vaccinating, castrating, butchering and poisoning prairie dogs.

Delwin Locke, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Our FFA barnwarmer program consisted of games, dancing, crowning of the queen and refreshments of cider and donuts. Other activities this year include: parents night and plans for an FFA basketball team. The chapter lined the football field for all home games and we plan to put a pipe fence around the grade school grounds. The large projects being made in the shop are: squeeze chute, pick-up stockracks, steel gates, four-wheel flatbed trailer, two-wheel trailer, jeep cab, garden tractor, hog troughs, repair and painting a plow, feed bunks, and a swing set.

Dan Collins, Reporter

GOODLAND: We held our annual parents night on Monday Nov. 17 with about 100 in attendance. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the voc. ag. program to the parents and to conduct the Green Hand initiation... Members of the junior voc. ag. class helped Mr. Clapp harvest the experimental corn plots this year. They have also taken several field trips to the sale barn.

Larry Sparks, Reporter

STOCKTON: We exhibited a booth at the Rooks County Fair in August and were also hosts to the Northwest District Livestock Judging contest. Twenty-two of the members entered 85 exhibits at the fair. Fifteen of the members attended the National FFA Convention... The chapter sponsored their twenty-first



high school carnival (Goblins' Glory) on Oct. 28. The net profit from this year's party was over \$800. The annual parents' meeting was held Nov. 11.

Earl Kellogg, Reporter

MULLINVILLE: Our chapter is starting a gilt ring. This may be a different type of ring than most chapters have in operation. Mr. Hayse a farmer of the community has a multiple farrowing unit on his farm. He will loan the chapter some gilts. Each boy that receives a gilt will keep her for one year. At the end of that time the boy will return the sow to Mr. Hayse and one gilt to the chapter. From then on the chapter will have a gilt ring. The chapter will insure the sow so there will be no loss to the chapter. We hope this will get more people interested in swine.

Gary Kilgore, Reporter

OTTAWA: At our annual FFA crops' show which was held Oct. 8-10, 175 entries were exhibited by 22 members. We used a point system for determining winners. Ribbons were awarded as prizes. A complete list of winnings was published in the school paper and the local paper. On the night of the 9th our parents were invited to see the crop show and be present for an FFA meeting... For a class shop project we are building a portable loading chute which will either be sold or kept in the department and loaned to members... Our money making activities this year include gleaning corn after the picker, selling Christmas cards and subscriptions to The Farm Quarterly Magazine... We made a class tour to the Harold Johnson farm to see his new dairy barn. It is modern in every way including automatic feeders and the Herring Bone system in the milking parlor.

Douglas McIntosh, Reporter

HARPER: Our chapter furnished straw for bedding at the Harper County Fair... Our FFA officers and committee chairmen had a hamburger fry at our advisor's home after which we met around the table and planned our Program of Work for the year. Each of the committee chairmen then met with his respective committee to make more definite plans... As a part of our fire control campaign we sold 100 fire extinguishers and had a program on fire control at which a demonstration on the use of the fire extinguisher and the fire blanket was given... Plans are developing for our pest control contest... Our shop projects include a two unit hog house, sheep feeder, chicken feeder, pipe gate, stock rack, and a barrel feed bunk... Six members attended the American Royal at Kansas City.

Floyd Ghere, Reporter

TROY: Twenty-two of our members and our advisor attended the Topeka Free Fair. We exhibited a heavy duty trailer and an air compressor at the Fair... Some of the items being built in our shop are sheep feeder, picnic table, power hacksaw, sickle grinder, a road grader, a two-wheeled trailer, farm gate, and a motor overhaul... Our farm has been very profitable this year. For our part we have cleared over \$400. Our principle crops are wheat and milo. We also had 31 acres in the Soil Bank.

Henry Keller, Reporter

CHANUTE: Four of our members attended the Eastern Kansas Judging School at Topeka last summer. In August we held our annual get-acquainted watermelon feed and swimming party for prospective members. Our chapter chartered a bus and attended the Topeka Fair and Judging School. Eleven members attended the National FFA Convention for two days. Our members won over \$50. in prize money at the Fall Festival. Several members cooperated with the Jaycees in helping receive entries. We are making plans to sell ads on our FFA calendars again this year. On Oct. 25 our chapter won the Regional Land Judging contest at Chanute...In our shop the ninth graders are making mail boxes, concrete hog troughs and doing welding exercises. Our senior high boys are getting started on two trailers, several gates, hog trough and feeders.

Glen Swiler, Reporter

LAWRENCE: On Oct. 14 our chapter officers attended the National FFA Convention. On Oct. 15 the California delegation to the Convention visited our school for lunch. In the afternoon fifteen members of the Jayhawk chapter joined Californians on the busses and we visited three farms in the Lawrence area... Oct. 23 all boys who are enrolled in voc. ag. went to the American Royal and spent the day...Projects in our shop this year are: Squeeze chute, two twenty-foot feed bunks, a wooden gate, off-set disk, trailer for welder, hog feeder, trailer bed, flower boxes on rake wheels, two-wheel trailer, and a five barrel combination hay and ensilage feeder...This year, for the first time, we held a parent-son banquet.

Ronnie Brink, Reporter

HIGHLAND PARK: The chapter members picked up approximately 200 bushels of corn as a fund raising activity. At the end of the corn harvest we had a chapter weiner roast...The officers attended Leadership School and the National Convention. The chapter attended the Kansas Free Fair as a group, and also the American Royal using a chartered bus as transportation...We have 49 members in the chapter...We have spent about all fall working on the school project farm which we hope to have ready for livestock projects between Dec. 1 and Jan. 1...We held a Parent-Son project meeting Sunday afternoon Nov. 16, at which time we showed our parents the project area being prepared and discussed project plans with them. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts were served...Shop projects being planned or under way include two trailers, two portable arc welders, one implement trailer, one portable loading chute, and two truck beds.

Roy Allison, Reporter

SEAMAN: During the last days of May, 1958, our chapter took an educational trip to Ames, Iowa; Madison, Wisconsin; and Waterloo, Iowa. Last July 6, fourteen members and their parents enjoyed a covered dish dinner and then took a tour of the members' farms. After the tour the members enjoyed a swim... We held a watermelon feed for our prospective Green Hands during our Sept. night meeting. On Nov. 14 we initiated nine Green Hands...We have bought 100# of Warfarin from Wisconsin and are sacking it in 3 and 5 pound lots to be

sold to the members and others in the community. We also mix and sell hog and cattle mineral. We have castrated 91, dehorned 66, and vaccinated for Black Leg and Leptospirosis 77 head of cattle... Fourteen members attended the National FFA Convention on Oct. 14. Twenty members attended the Kansas Free Fair to study the Educational Booths and Farm Mechanics Exhibits... For money making activities, we are picking up corn and are planning to sell screwdriver sets, have a scrap drive and sell two kinds of magazines. We also had a donkey-basketball game Nov. 24 in our school gym. We started our annual pest control contest Nov. 21.

Robert Browning, Reporter

ERIE: We took part in a donkey basketball game on Nov. 21... The officers and prospective State Farmer candidates attended the National FFA Convention. On Oct. 23, ten Green Hands were initiated. Our chapter is using one of the barns at the county fairgrounds as a pig parlor during the winter months... Our chapter has seeded 100 acres of land on a neighboring farm which is in the conservation reserve. We are being permitted to use the land as a demonstration plot for the community... Two of the boys who attended the National Dairy Congress gave reports at a recent Kiwains Club dinner... The card sales in the chapter was done differently this year in that the freshmen were the only ones who sold cards. Any boy who sold 43 boxes or over received an FFA jacket. The total number of boxes sold was 208... In shop we are building three squeeze chutes, three four-wheel trailers, 3 DC welders, 3 cattle hay feeders, 1 riding lawn mower, 1 farrowing crate, and 2 hay elevators... The chapter gave out 3 gilts this year to new members to help them get a start in the swine business. In past years this has been a successful project in our chapter.

Ernest Nicholas, Reporter

SABETHA: On Oct. 29 the FFA chapter was guest of the FHA chapter for a Halloween Party... The chapter has purchased a popcorn machine and is selling popcorn at all football games as a fund-raising project. Selling the magazine, "The Farm," is another fund-raising project we are working on... In shop our projects include a feed bunk, picnic table, sheep feeder, loading chute, chicken feeder, gun rack, rose trellas, show boxes, trailer pins, and a power hacksaw... In the near future, we plan to start a pest contest with a nearby chapter.

Bill Mishler, Reporter

LONGFORD: We have just finished running a concrete floor in our shop. In the Longford third annual rodeo parade our chapter entered an educational float entitled "Scientific Agriculture Pays." For our money making projects our chapter sold 40 gallons of permanent anti-freeze. We also sold 115 Freon-chloride fire extinguishers. We netted more than \$100... The senior boys in ag. made a new gas forge. Eight members attended the National FFA Convention for two days. The sophomore boys attended the State Fair.

Jack Hamme, Reporter

WINFIELD: We began the new year with our annual watermelon feed for the freshmen and their parents. This year we have twenty freshmen. The program consisted of the advisor explaining the purposes of voc. ag. and the FFA. A member showed colored slides of farming programs and farm mechanics jobs. The building of the FFA emblem was presented. . . We held our annual FHA-FFA party on Nov. 21. At our western hoe-down party, we crowned a king and queen, played games and danced. . . Our farm mechanics shop jobs consist of two hay racks, one portable cattle chute, one horse trailer, one implement trailer, a bale loader, trailer side boards, a 4-wheel trailer, electric DC welder, several gates, hog troughs, and chicken nest. The chapter is building 4 welcome signs and is going to build a two-wheel trailer for the sprayer we have purchased. . . To raise money, we sold fire extinguishers and are operating a milk machine and a dairy bar.

Larry Herbers, Reporter

PEABODY: We have started a fire prevention program in our shop and throughout the community. First we sold fire extinguishers in the community. Then we built a fire blanket rack, which is a vertical roller type so that the individual can roll himself up in it easily. We are also building fire extinguisher boards and painting them red so that they can be seen easily. . . We are erecting a Nutrena Pigaloo, which is a new type of individual farrowing house, for a local farmer. . . We have a pest contest every year. The losing team treats the winning team to a skating party. . . We have built rat bait stations for the Co-op Equity Exchange. . . Every year we select a farm girl as a chapter sweetheart. We select a girl from each class then we place jars in the classroom and let everyone vote. The girls are elected by a penny a vote and sometimes we have enough money to pay for the jacket.

Jerry Edmonds, Reporter

McPHERSON: We attended the State Fair as a group. The chapter is selling school emblem stickers as a money making project. Some of the members are selling Farm Journal magazine subscriptions to earn FFA jackets. . . Green Hand initiation was held on Nov. 24 with 12 Green Hands being initiated. The chapter is planning to have an FFA basketball team. . . Some of our shop projects include: one 4-wheel trailer, 2 adjustable loading chutes, a self-propelled lawn mower, 14' combination hay and grain feeder for cattle, silage cart, spring tooth carrier, clothesline poles, sheep feeder, poultry feeder, boat, several cattle feed bunks, and some pipe gates.

Benny Stuckey, Reporter

NESS CITY: The chapter and the FHA girls had a weiner roast and line party to a picture show in Sept. The chapter sponsored a donkey basketball game on Nov. 18. Projects being built in farm shop include 5 whirlwind mowers of the self-propelled type, 2 feed bunks, several hog troughs, a picnic table, a cedar chest, a storage cabinet for the department office, and overhauling two air cooled gas engines. We have constructed a pole garage 22' X 24' from the sheet steel purchased from war surplus last spring.

Clyde Goodman, Reporter

CHESTOPA: We are planning to have two meetings per month, one day and one night meeting...Some of the shop projects that are planned for this year include a loading chute, repair of a member's truck, several farm gates, gasoline tank stands and the building of new equipment for our shop...As a money raising program we have decided to sell sweat shirts which carry the school name and the emblem.

Duane Streckland, Reporter

BREWSTER: This year there are 20 boys in voc. ag. and 30 in our FFA chapter. We sold magazines to help raise chapter funds. We plan to sell candy before Christmas season also. Kenneth Palmgren of our chapter received a 6th place award in the Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Contest. His entry was a 3-point hook-up grader blade. A few of the jobs in our shop are: An implement hitch, 2 road drags, repair of oneway, overhauling and painting tractors, farm gates, and pig feeders.

Larry Dunlap, Reporter

PRATT: We are now holding our pest control contest. Four of the officers attended the American Royal...Some of our money making projects are: Junking a combine, selling fire extinguishers, selling magazine subscriptions to farm papers, running concession stands, and tearing down an old house for the lumber...On field trips this year we have clipped needle teeth on pigs, checked soil for moisture depth, attended the sandy-land experiment field day at St. John, and visited farming programs. Some of our shop projects are: Mounting an engine for demonstration purposes, remodeled the concession stand, made hose reel, feed bunk, lamb feeder, steel gate, reconditioned mowers, and cleaning generators and starters.

Delmer Bishop, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: The chapter organized a softball team during the summer and played several games with other chapters. A watermelon feed and swimming party was held August 14 honoring prospective ag. I students. Freshmen parents' night was held Sept. 22 with the boys and parents present...We challenged the Burlingame FFA chapter in the pest eradication contest. The contest will run from Nov. 26 to Jan. 6. A roller skating party is planned at the closing of the contest. We have 35 enrolled in voc. ag. and all are members of the FFA... As a money raising activity we sponsored a work-week. Each boy worked one day during the week for farmers or businessmen and turned the money in to the chapter treasurer. Approximately \$200 was raised...The FFA officers attended one day of the National FFA Convention. Our annual barnwarmer will be held Dec. 13...Some of our shop projects are: 7 pipe farm gates, loading chute, 5 feed bunks, 5 hog troughs, rebuilding a two-wheel trailer, reconditioning a curler, overhead hoist, picnic table, 3 pair clothesline posts, 3 mail box stands, and a squeeze chute...Several field trips have been taken to study types of swine productions, castrating hogs, pasture management, and soil collecting for soil testing.

David Anderson, Reporter

HOPE: We started our pest control contest on Nov. 15. The prize for the member with the most points collected is a rifle. The members have been divided into two groups, and the group with the most points will be treated to pie and ice cream at a party... The chapter has also been selling screwdrivers, ball point pens and fire extinguishers... Some of the more interesting shop projects turned out so far are: A hay feeder, a grader blade, a gate, several feed bunks and a squeeze chute... Larry Shimming exhibited his steer at the Wichita Fat Stock Show. Dwight Long plans to show his Angus steer at Denver next winter.

Dwight Long, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: We are buying rat and mouse poison and selling it to FFA members and people in the community. Along with this project the freshmen boys are building bait stations for the pests... We also have a chapter gilt ring with seven gilts out with freshmen boys... This fall we helped the Kansas State College agronomists cut milo on the test plots near here... Our chapter also went to the National FFA Convention on Oct. 15. We also attended the State Fair and exhibited machinery at the Fair... Some of the shop projects being worked on are: Five farm gates, four loading chutes, one squeeze chute, one cattle guard, two hacksaws, two sprayers, one two-wheel trailer, one self feeder, and one four-wheel trailer... Our high school just recently purchased a new station wagon for the FFA to use.

Lanny Siebold, Reporter

### FARMING PROGRAM STORIES

My beginning inventory as a freshman on Jan. 1, 1957 was \$496. As part of my farming program in my first year of voc. ag., I had a Jersey heifer calf and a registered Guernsey heifer. My Guernsey freshened with a heifer in Feb. That same month I bought another Guernsey heifer. She brought me a bull calf in the summer of 1957. I sold my Jersey heifer and bought four Angus steers for my deferred feeding project. Last spring one of my cows had a bull calf and then in the summer the other cow also had a bull calf. This fall I sold my first bull, the two cows, and a heifer, leaving me two Guernsey bull calves. With the money from the fair cattle I bought 5 Angus and 5 Hereford steers for deferred feeding. I plan to buy 2 more steers for baby beef this year. This spring I plan to purchase some pigs to fatten and fit them for show... I have showed dairy animals at county fairs and also at the State Fair at Hutchinson... In previous years I have had 6 acres of corn, 4 acres of oats, and 4 acres of soybeans. This fall I have sown 8 acres of barley and plan to sow 8 acres of winter oats. In the spring I will have 9 acres of sorgo for silage and 10 acres of corn... The value of my livestock, crops and feed that I have on hand as of now is worth \$2,300.

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LOUISBURG RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Ronald Jones, a sophomore in Louisburg Rural High School started his farming program with 5 acres of corn, 5 acres of wheat, 7 feeder pigs, 3 Angus cows, 1 heifer and 3 calves, with a total net worth of \$1,164.53. One year later he has increased his farming program to 8 acres of wheat, 7 acres of corn, 4 registered Angus cows, 1 fat Angus steer, 3 small Angus steers, 2 registered Hampshire gilts, and 10 fat hogs. He has increased his net worth to \$2,335... This year Ronald set up an experimental plot of hybrid corn. He had 7 acres of corn, consisting of Pioneer 312, Funk's 706, Pioneer 318, Funk's 144, DeKalb 3x2 and Pfister 401. On this plot 190 lbs. of 25-14-7 fertilizer was applied the same time as the grain. The fertilizer was hand mixed so as to have the right amount of fertilizer for the soil... The sophomore voc. ag. class took a sample from 1-40 of an acre of all the corn samples and determined the yield. The yields are as follows: Pioneer 312, 73.1; Funk's 706, 69.4; Pioneer 318, 66.2; Funk's 144, 65.1; DeKalb 3x2, 64.5; Pfister 401, 64.2... He is doing an outstanding job in leadership, scholarship and in increasing his farming program in FFA.