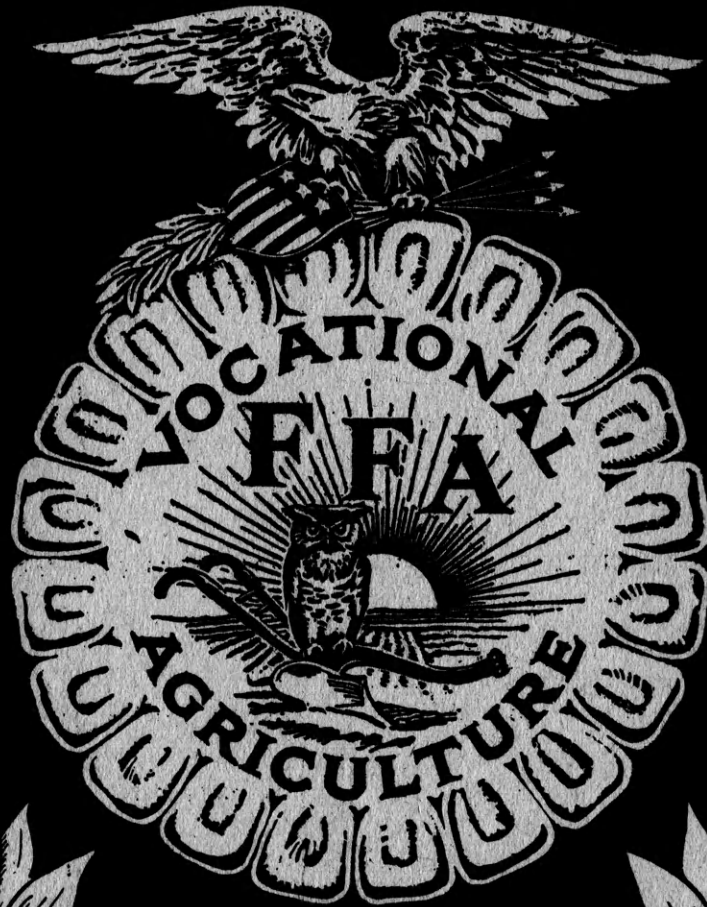


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FFA CALENDAR

- Due in State FFA Office, Topeka
- Feb. 1 State Farmer Candidates applications  
Union Pacific Scholarship applications  
Declaration of intent to submit state officer candidates
- Feb. 20 National FFA President to appear on National Farm and Home Hour  
NBC radio broadcast.
- Feb. 20-27 National Future Farmers of America Week.
- Mar. 1 Applications for National FFA Foundation Awards due.  
Kansas Co-op activities reports due.

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## THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER



Officers of the Kansas State University Collegiate FFA Chapter this year are, from L to R, bottom row: Jerry Gardner, Miltonvale, vice-president; Larry Johnson, Fredonia, president; and Gary Harmon, Ellsworth, secretary. On the top row are Ronald Ibbetson, Yates Center, treasurer; P.N. Stevenson, advisor; Gary Eilrich, Ellsworth, sentinel; and Darrel Kleeman, Lakin, parliamentarian.



First place FFA Public Speaking team at the East Central District contest at Lawrence was the above members from Council Grove: L to R: John White, Dean Huggins, Dick Gillaspie, Kenneth Huggins, and advisor, Gordon Morrison.

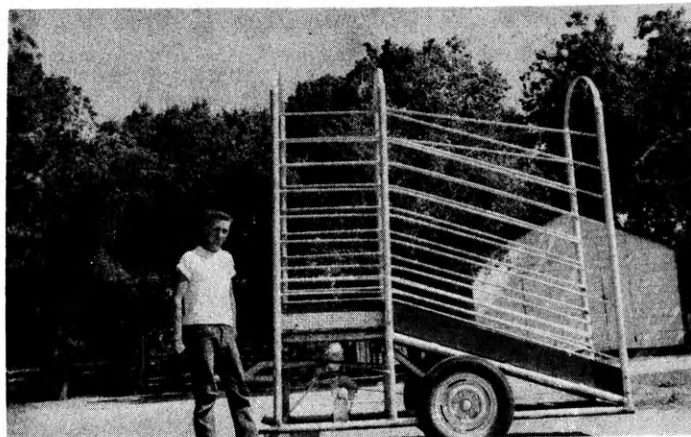


Jim McGuire, Kansas Cooperative Council, received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree from Jim Buttron, president of the Effingham FFA Chapter. Mr. Harry Kreider, off the right, of Effingham, also received the degree.

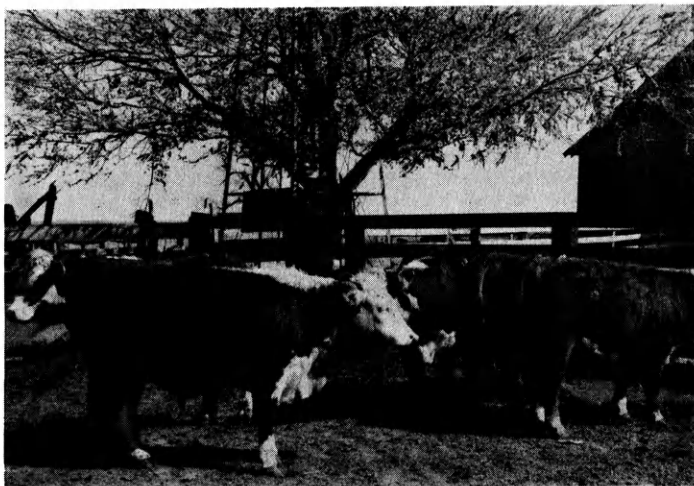
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Bill and Don Howard, Hiawatha Chapter placed 4th and 5th in the St. Joseph Junior Cattleman's project with the above steers. Bill's weighed 1073 lbs. and Don's weighed 1030 lbs. Both groups brought \$24.00 per hundred.



Shown above is Ray Hofmeier, a senior in the Inman FFA Chapter, with his portable loading chute which he constructed in the Vocational Agriculture farm shop.



Part of Clint Birkenbaugh's farming program this past year included the above deferred-fed steer calves. Clint, a member of the Kingman Chapter, was Star Farmer of Kansas in 1959.



Part of Eldon Eastman's farming program was this group of feeder pigs. Eldon was Star Farmer of Kansas in 1958 and is now vice-president of the Kansas Association of FFA.



## A T T E N T I O N

### 1960 STATE FFA CONVENTION PLANS

Five business sessions are being planned for the state FFA convention this year. In these meetings the chapter delegates to the State Convention will be attending to the business of the State FFA

Association. It will be necessary for chapters to select delegates who are not members of any contest teams. Each delegate will be assigned to a committee.

Chapters are being asked to name their team alternates as delegates, if

alternates are taken to the State Contests. No plans are being made to entertain the alternates and others who are not delegates. However, all FFA members

who are not in contests will want to attend the delegates' meetings. Delegates sessions, except the one on Monday night and the one on Tuesday afternoon, will be held in Williams Auditorium, at the north side of the Campus. Advisors who do not have special assignments will want to observe their chapter delegates in action and hear the special events that are being planned.

#### Advanced enrollment of delegates

Annual FFA report blanks will be mailed to the chapters about March 1. These are due back in the State Office April 8. Place your delegates' names on the designated blanks, if your chapter plans to seat delegates at the convention. This is important, because we will need to construct the standards

for your chapter's name and make other plans. If you send a substitute delegate, inform the State FFA Officers at the time the delegates are being seated. Each chapter in good standing with the State Association and the National Organization may seat two delegates at the State Convention.

#### Music or other talent needed

Send in members' names and type of entertainment that could be provided for the delegates sessions. Vocal or instrumental numbers, stunts or readings are welcome. Entertainment from our own delegate group will be well accepted by the members.

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A farmer was explaining to a townsman how it happened that all the costs of food had gone up. "When a farmer has to know the botanical name of what he grows, the entomological name of insects which try to destroy it, and the pharmaceutical name of the stuff used to spray it, somebody's got to pay for it."

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1960

KANSAS FFA CONVENTION  
Manhattan, Kansas

Sunday, May 1, 1960

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Vespers  
Program (all members)  
Williams auditorium

Monday, May 2, 1960

8:30 a.m. - First Delegate Session  
Williams Auditorium

9:00 - Greetings - National  
FFA Officer

10:00 - Delegates Adjourn for  
Committee work

11:45 - Adjourn for lunch

1:30 p.m. - Second session-Will-  
iams Auditorium  
- Finals in Speech contest  
- Old and New business  
- **Film**

4:00 - Talent  
- Committee Reports  
- Adjourn

7:00 p.m. - Third Session-College  
Auditorium

- Granting of State Far-  
mer Degrees

- Music

- Honorary State Far-  
mer Degrees

- Talent

- Speaker

- National FFA Founda-  
tion Awards

9:30 - Adjourn

- Greetings from  
FHA Officer  
- Officer Reports  
- Adjourn for lunch

12:00

2:00 p.m. - Officer reports -  
College Auditorium  
Fifth and Final  
Session

- Music

- Committee Reports

- Election of officers

3:00

4:00

- Announcement of  
Contests winners.

4:30

- Adjourn Convention

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TWENTY-TWO KANSAS FFA MEMBERS  
WIN WELDING AWARDS

Twenty-two Kansas FFA members won a total of \$1,000 for their outstanding work in arc welding in 1959. The awards were made by the James F. Lincoln, Arc Welding Foundation. School awards of \$200 and \$100 were presented to the McPherson Senior High School and the Hope High School for the improvement of the shop mechanics courses. The McPherson Chapter won a third award and the Hope Chapter won a fourth award.

James Horn, McPherson Chapter, won a third award and \$200, on "adjustable and portable loading chute".

Larry Schimming, Hope Chapter, won a fourth award and \$100 on a "Rear Mounted Tractor Blade".

Fifth-place award winners who received \$50 each were Eugene Burmeister and Kenneth Kohls, Ellsworth Chapter on a "Kohls-master cattle squeeze and trailer"; Dennis Borland, Clay Center Chapter on a "Cattle Guard"; Glen Steffen,

Tuesday, May 3, 1960

8:30 a.m. - Committee Reports  
(Fourth Session -  
Williams Auditorium)  
- Music



## STATE FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The 31st State FFA Speech Contest will be held at Kansas State University on Monday, May 2, 1960, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Only contestants that placed in the upper 1/3 of the junior-senior division (8 to 10 minute speech) in the 1960

district FFA speech contests shall be eligible to compete in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest, except that each district may enter at least one contestant and that no district may enter more than five contestants. Only one member from a chapter shall be eligible to compete in the state contest.

THREE TYPEWRITTEN COPIES of the speech entered in the State FFA Speech Contest will be required. One original and two carbon copies will be acceptable. Please be certain that good carbon paper is used in order that the carbon copies can be read easily.

The 1960 State FFA Speech Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the National Speech Contest. The speech will be scored, allowing 300 points on content and composition, and 700 points on delivery of the production. This is in agreement with the national score card.

### Eligibility

When selected to compete in the State FFA Speech Contest contestants must be active members of chartered FFA chapters that have filed a Program of Work with the State Association on or before October 31, 1959, and that are in good

Clay Center Chapter on a "Portable Loading Chute"; Lawrence Penner, Hillsboro Chapter on a "Harrow Carrier"; Ron Brink, Lawrence Chapter, on a "Four-section Harrow Carrier"; Lanny Siebold, Clay Center Chapter, on a Four-wheel Trailer; Lennis Holle, Marysville Chapter, on a "Loading Chute"; Charles Munson, Chapman Chapter "Adjustable Loading Chute"; and Bob Cluck, Highland Chapter, "Twelve-foot Tandem Disc Harrow on Wheels".

Sixth-place award winners who received \$25 each were: Stanley A. Wahrman, Bird City Chapter, on a "Flat Bed Implement Trailer"; Elden Tillberg and John Ryding, Salina Chapter on a "Power Grain Feeding Wagon" and an "Air Compressor"; respectively; Kenny Ruda, Atwood Chapter, "Machine Carrier"; Two-wheel Carrier"; Robert Vodraska, Ellsworth Chapter, "Electric Power Hacksaw"; Rance Headley, Ellsworth, "20-foot Self Hay Feeder"; Mike McKown, Phillipsburg Chapter, "Double Tandem Horse Trailer"; Kenny Breithaupt Lawrence Chapter, "Combination Weighing Scales and Sorting Chute"; David Meyer, Columbus Chapter, "Portable Loading Chute"; and Larry Henry, Clay Center Chapter, a "Power Hacksaw".



State FFA Speech Contest (continued)

standing with both the State Association and National FFA Organization.

The State Contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled in all-day high school classes in vocational agriculture during the current calendar year, or who are still in high school, but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered. Each contestant's written production is to be the result of his own efforts. It is expected that he will take advantage of all available training facilities in his local school in developing his speaking ability, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

A contestant shall wear the official FFA jacket when competing in the contest.

Any boy who has participated in a State FFA Speech Contest is ineligible for participation in the 1960 Kansas FFA Speech Contest.

Note: Speech contestants who plan to participate in either the Agricultural Judging or Farm Mechanics Contest on Monday, May 2 must obtain permission to compete in the Speech Contest from Professor H. R. Bradley, Kansas State University, at the time copies of the speech are submitted for judging.

Time Limit and Deductions

Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes. Five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges. Deductions of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof will be made

for speeches under eight minutes in length or over ten minutes in length.

Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an Agricultural Character, which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable. Official judges of any FFA public speaking contest should disqualify a participant who speaks on a non-agricultural subject.

Pages three and four of the February, 1958, KANSAS FUTURE FARMER give a suggested list of speech topics and the names of publications which might be useful in preparing an FFA speech.

Order of Appearance

Drawings will be made for Order of Appearance by a disinterested party 15 days prior to the date of the Speech Contest, and information relative to Place and Order of Appearance will be mailed to local chapter advisors having entries in the Speech Contest. A schedule of Place and Order of Appearance will be posted on the wall south of the door to the Agricultural Education Office in Holton Hall and in Williams Auditorium, Monday, May 2, 1960.

Full Credit

Upon due reflection, a rural school teacher decided to give full credit to a pupil for his answer to an arithmetic problem.

The question: "If your father sold fifteen hundred bushels of grain for \$2 per bushel, what would he get?"

The Answer: "A new Car".

JUDGES SCORE SHEET 1960 STATE FFA SPEECH CONTEST

Part I. For Scoring Content and Composition:

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Content of the manuscript	200												
2. Composition of manuscript	100												
Score on written production	300												

Part II. For Scoring Delivery of the Production:

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Voice	100												
2. Stage presence	100												
3. Power of expression	200												
4. Response to questions	200												
5. General effect	100												
Score on Delivery	700												

Part III. For Computing the Results of the Contest:

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Score on written production	300												
2. Score on delivery	700												
TOTALS	1000												
*Less overtime deductions, for each minute or major fraction thereof	20												
*Less undertime deduction, for each minute or major fraction thereof.	20												
GRAND TOTALS													
Numerical--or Final placing of contestants													

\* From the timekeeper's record.

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET  
POINTS

Part I--For Scoring Contents and Com-  
position

1. Content of the manuscript includes:
  - Importance and appropriateness of the subject
  - Accuracy of the statements included
  - Evidence of purpose
2. Composition of the manuscript includes:
  - Organization of the content
  - Unity of thought
  - Logical development
  - Language used
  - Sentence structure
  - Accomplishment of purpose--conclusions

Part II-- For Scoring Delivery of  
Production

1. Voice includes:
  - Quality
  - Pitch
  - Articulation
  - Pronunciation
  - Force
2. Stage presence includes:
  - Personal appearance
  - Poise and body posture
  - Attitude
  - Confidence
  - Personality
  - Ease before audience
3. Power of expression includes:
  - Fluency
  - Emphasis
  - Directness
  - Sincerity
  - Communicative ability
  - Conveyance of thought and meaning

4. Response to questions includes:
  - \*Ability to satisfactorily answer the questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject, and ability to think quickly.

5. General effect includes:
  - Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention.

\* Judges should meet prior to the contest to prepare and clarify the questions to be asked.

WHOSE HAND IS OUT ?

Winning Speech

1959 State FFA Speech Contest

By Steven Robb, Lawrence Chapter

You are a victim of a new game of national popularity in this great land of ours. This game is not recreational in nature; but is rather a business venture representing the 20,400,000 farm population. This new game is called "Slapping farm subsidies." This game is rough for all team members, and has as its major objective to slap only the farm "giveaways." It appears that other subsidies, direct or indirect, are taken to be just, proper, and in the public interest.

It would be disastrous enough if the folks who made the rules were merely misinformed. But it's reprehensible when they represent responsible segments of the American economy, including agriculture itself.

Almost everyone is slapping farm subsidies, including some agricultural spokesmen and farm organization leaders. No wonder the American consumer, whose knowledge of farming begins and ends at well-stocked supermarkets, is confused. No wonder he looks upon farmers as public charges with a master key to the U.S. Treasury.

Why don't the American people take it upon themselves to find out the truth about the farmers' problems? The main reason the American public has never been hungry. We don't think of food production as being essential and important because we have never known the gnawing pains of hunger that force many other nations to extreme methods of obtaining anything for the nourishment of their people.

The leaders of our most formidable opponent in the race for world supremacy do realize this fact and something must be done to awaken the free world unless we want to come in second in the most important race. Yes, it's high time the facts were sorted out of the clouds of half-truths.

The second act of the First United States Congress was to enact legislation to protect and promote the industrial development of America. Since that time, the economic impact of legislation has been felt by agriculture, labor, and every other segment of the American economy. Make no mistake, there is nothing to indicate that we are moving away from this type of economy.

The pattern of such an economy is determined by all the people, not merely by those most directly affected.



Already, the U.S. farm population has dwindled to less than twelve percent of the total and is still dropping. All this means that more and more the economic position of agriculture and the welfare of farmers themselves are being influenced by off-the-farm decisions made by non-farm people.

Much of the information now flowing to the public gives a completely distorted picture of the farmer, his economic position, and his contribution to the general welfare of the country.

For example, the editor of a newspaper with a circulation of almost 300,000 recently reported last year's cost of operating the United States Department of Agriculture at about five billion dollars. He then told his readers that the entire five billion was a taxpayer subsidy to farmers.

Thus, he implied, and no doubt led many of his readers to infer that farmers actually pocketed five billion dollars from the U.S. Treasury last year. He told them nothing about how non-farm people had shared the benefits of such USDA activities as research, extension, school lunch program, school milk program, brucellosis eradication, meat inspection, or the many others which serve our total population.

As a result of such editorials and misleading reports, far too many people picture the farmer as one who is sitting on top of the world. An example of this misinformed public occurred at a recent national conference attended by many of the nation's leaders of agriculture and industry and also by many of the country's better known editors, columnists, and commentators. One of the discussion topics was farm income. At the close of this discussion, a feature writer with hundreds of thousands of metropolitan readers arose and asked, with complete sincerity, "If farm income is so low, how is it that all these farmers are driving Cadillacs and spending their winters in Florida?"

An agricultural leader quickly jumped to his feet and replied, "Brother you had better come home with me, follow me around awhile, and see what farming is all about."

Had the writer accepted the invitation, he would have learned that few farmers drive Cadillacs and that even fewer spend their winters in Florida. He would have become better qualified to report and interpret agricultural conditions. But, the writer didn't accept; so he learned

nothing new, first hand, about agriculture. Most important and more unfortunate he will not be able to provide his readers with an opportunity to see the true agricultural situation as it exists.

There are other well meaning editors, columnists, and commentators in a position of great public influence who are simply too far removed from the farm scene. Their readers and listeners should be properly informed regarding subsidized programs. Non-agricultural enterprises are subsidized to the extent that farm subsidies are merely a "mole-hill" compared to the mountain of government subsidized programs. During 1953 the total farm subsidies amounted to only five per cent of the government's total subsidized programs.

A good example of a subsidized program exists in our postal department. Subsidies in this department are in the form of reduced rates on boxholder mail. Subsidation to agriculture during the last twenty-five years has amounted to less than the postal deficit has been in the last ten. Certainly agriculture has not benefited to any great extent by this subsidation.

For another example, let's look at maritime industry and airline companies, which take the biggest chunks out of the government's subsidation block. Subsidies go a long way toward keeping our passenger ships afloat and our planes aloft. The superliner "United States" cost 76,800,000 dollars to build. Of this total, forty million was in the form of a government subsidy.

Labor comes in for its share too. Such items as unemployment insurance, social security, and public employment offices are examples of government help that benefit labor.

As a final stunning example, during 1954, war veterans received a staggering total which amounted to over five and one-half times as much help financially from the government as did the American farmers.

These are only a few examples, but I think they are enough to illustrate that if farmers are riding a "gravy train", as many people think, they share a pretty crowded seat.

A sound, healthy agriculture is indispensable to our economy, present and future. It is vital to our national existence. Petty squabbling and name calling only confuse and divide. We have never needed clearer thinking and unity more than we do today for a true evaluation of the agricultural position.

We, as Future Farmers of America, are not only producers of agricultural products, we are also salesmen representing agriculture. Salesmen know their product well and represent it highly.

So let's change some rules in this game. Let's be fair to all on our great American team and stop playing agriculture exclusively. Yes, let's play fair and see that agriculture is properly subsidized and farm subsidies be publicized only to the extent that they are used in relation to the other subsidized governmental programs. It is up to you and me to stand up for, defend, and improve



this great American heritage --  
"Agriculture."

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#### STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 7, 1960, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of Dr. R. J. Agan, Holton Hall, Room 103. The principal business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members of the FFA Executive Committee are:

C.C. Eustace, State FFA Advisor  
C. Peairs Wilson, Director School  
of Agriculture  
Dr. R. J. Agan, Head Teacher Trainer  
F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary  
of FFA  
Lester Crandall, Ellsworth, Presi-  
dent of K. V. A. A.

Executive Committee members (cont)

Steven Robb, Lawrence, President

of the Kansas Association of FFA

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GOODWILL TOUR

During February the National FFA Officers' Goodwill Tour will include visits to the following cities: Baltimore, Wilmington, New York, New Britain, Storrs, Hartford, Providence, Boston, Pittsburg, Akron, Detroit, Toronto, Chicago, Peoria, Quincy, and St. Louis.

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KANSAS WRITER BOOSTS KANSAS FFA

Mr. Gordon West, associate editor of the Kansas Farmer and Missouri Ruralist, has written a free-lance article on farm books for FFA youth which was published in the National Future Farmer. The Furrow also published an article, written by Mr. West, on the activities of the Clay Center FFA Chapter.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP BEING PLANNED

Plans are being developed for one or more FFA leadership training camps in Kansas during the summer of 1960. A two or three day camp of this type would be of tremendous value in get-

ting your newly elected officers off to a good start with their new responsibilities.

In selecting chapter officers this spring, candidates should be looking forward to attending leadership training programs.

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK  
February 20-27, 1960

Each chapter has received a booklet entitled "National FFA Week," which includes suggestions for local chapter activities. Chapters have also received a brochure, explaining the materials available from the Future Farmers Supply Service which can help make National FFA Week more meaningful in local communities. If you have not ordered your supplies from the Supply Service, please do so at once so that you might have them when needed during FFA Week.

The State FFA Office has a supply of the following materials on hand for chapter use:

1. Program for presentation before civic club, other organizations or school assembly.
2. "George Washington and the FFA" - a radio script.
3. "20th Century Visitor" - radio play.
4. Suggested television script.

Each of the above program suggestions can be adapted to fit a chapter's needs for materials for various occasions.

Additional facts regarding the FFA program in Kansas follow:

FFA Program (cont)

The Kansas Association of FFA was chartered September 3, 1929, being the 16th State chartered by the National Organization of FFA. During the first 31 years of its history, the Kansas Association has elected 2,475 members to the State Farmer Degree; 114 members have received the American Farmer Degree; two members were declared the Star Farmer of America; two members won the National FFA Speech Contest; and seven local FFA chapters have had the distinction of winning Gold Emblem Classification in the National Chapter Contest. One Chapter was declared National winner in the National FFA Foundation Farm Safety Award Program. The Kansas Association in 1959 had 206 chapters with an active membership of 6,894. Membership in the National Organization of FFA is 381,621. There are 8,898 FFA chapters. Officers of the Kansas Association are:

Steven Robb, President  
Lawrence  
Eldon Eastman, Vice-President  
Arkansas City  
Kenneth Lambert, Secretary  
Fredonia  
Earl Kellogg, Treasurer  
Stockton  
Lawrence Schrader, Reporter  
Effingham  
L. Dale Bathurst, Sentinel  
Chapman  
C. C. Eustace, Advisor  
Topeka  
F. R. Carpenter, Executive Secretary  
Topeka

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THE FFA CREED

The FFA Creed was officially adopted by the delegates to the Third National FFA Convention, 1930. In 1935 a framed copy of the Creed was presented to Mr. E. M. Tiffany of Wisconsin, the author. Kansas FFA members will be interested to learn that Mr. Tiffany is a native Kansan. He was born and grew to manhood near Lyndon, Kansas. Mr. Tiffany graduated from the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science in 1915, and at the time he wrote the FFA Creed, was Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at the University of Wisconsin.

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KANSAS JUNIOR CATTLEMEN PLACE  
HIGH AT ST. JOE

Six Kansas FFA members placed in the top ten group of the entries in the Junior Cattlemen's Project at St. Joseph, Missouri, last December 3. The members were John Hawkinson, who placed First from the Blue Valley Chapter; Bill Howard, 4th, Don Howard 5th, and Tom Mathewson, 8th of the Hiawatha chapter; Fred Hall, 6th, Powhattan chapter; and Raymond Schrader, 9th, Effingham Chapter.

The Junior Cattlemen's Project is sponsored by the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce and the St. Joseph Market Foundation and emphasizes the producing of beef by the deferred full-feeding program. The ten top winners received a chartered bus trip through Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska during Christmas vacation.



STATE FFA OFFICER CANDIDATES  
NEEDED

Send the name of your state officer candidate to the State FFA Office if he has previously received the State Farmer degree or if you have not clearly marked on his present State Farmer application that he is an officer candidate.

Submit your member who has good leadership ability and personality. Mail by February 15, his name and office desired to the State FFA Office in Topeka.

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FFA WEEK REQUEST FROM  
NATIONAL OFFICE

The National FFA office needs pictures and descriptions of outstanding FFA Week window displays to help prepare materials for next year.

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS-WRITING  
CONTEST

In February FFA chapters will be receiving materials from the Journalism Department of Kansas State University which will help members prepare for the State FFA news-writing contest. This contest will be held again this year in connection with the State High School Farm Mechanics and Agricultural Judging contests.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

IOWA - Elk Horn Chapter - Twenty-six of our members have purchased FFA signs. They will be hung on angle iron welded to steel posts and will be placed at the entrance of the driveway on the home farm with a stop sign painted on the back of the FFA sign.

MISSOURI - Salisbury Chapter - This year the chapter has rented 36 acres of corn land. Soil tests have been taken, and an erosion control system is being planned to be put into effect in the spring. Labor and machinery for operating the farm will be furnished by the members of the chapter. The farm will be used for studying field crops, soils, and other areas of vocational agriculture.

NEBRASKA - Minden Chapter - The FFA members thought up slogans on harvest safety ---and distributed safety stickers and cards for the farm wives to put on the table to remind their husbands to put safety first.

OKLAHOMA - Boswell Chapter - Boswell Future Farmers are providing a community service by posting a Farmers Bulletin Board in a local store and keeping items of sale, along with a list of approved farming practices, posted.

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FOUNDATION BROCHURES  
AVAILABLE

The State Office has a supply of the 1960 National FFA Foundation brochures which should be awarded to the winners of the Foundation medals. These brochures were passed out at the last advisors conference, but some of the chapters did not receive enough to provide one for each award winner. Request the number needed from your State Advisor.

Each chapter should also have on hand two copies of the report forms for the National Chapter Awards program. If you do not, please request these.

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Long-winded Lecturer

The long-winded lecturer had been holding forth for over an hour, except for brief pauses from time to time to gulp a hasty drink of water. Finally, during one such intermission, an old man in the audience leaned toward his neighbor and announced in an audible whisper: "First time I ever saw a windmill run by water!"

## CHAPTER NEWS

SMITH CENTER: We completed our pest eradication contest on Jan. 4. The losing side will put on a chili feed for the FFA boys and their fathers. The chapter has two cooperative projects, one in swine and the other in sheep. The projects were financed by selling \$10 shares. In the swine project the chapter is feeding out 19 weanling pigs and are trying to better last year's record of 360 pounds of feed per 100 pounds of gain and an average of 1.57 pounds of gain per day per head. Although this is our first experience with sheep, we are pleased with our accomplishments. The lambs averaged 58 pounds on October 7, and were sold at the Beloit sheep sale on Jan. 16.

Sam McDowell, Reporter

NORTON: Our Chapter Farmer, Green Hand installation ceremonies were held Dec. 7 in the high school auditorium. Parents observed thirteen Green Hands and twenty-four Chapter Farmers receive their degrees. A junior set of officers conducted the Green Hand installation. After the installation ceremonies light refreshments were served and the shop was open so that projects in progress could be viewed. We are planning a waffle supper for later in Feb. We were privileged to have two student vocational agriculture instructors assist in conducting our classes for six weeks. Ernest Wolfe, our chapter secretary, has been invited to give a speech entitled, "A Saga of the Soil", at the annual Soil Conservation District Meeting to be held in Feb. The FFA members of the Voc. Ag. III class held a lamb fry for their fathers.

Ted Hadley, Reporter

KINGMAN: Twenty-one Green Hands were formally initiated on Nov. 21. The film, "That Inspiring Task", was shown and refreshments of doughnuts and pop were served. Some of our recent FFA meeting programs have been Operation of Artificial Breeding Association by the Inseminator, leather working demonstration by the Chapter Secretary, and colored slides on trip to Hawaii by a local gasoline bulk agent. We are again sponsoring the annual Pest Control Contest from Dec. 23, 1959 to February 1, 1960. This is a contest for individuals. The 3 with the highest number of points wins. Each year our Green Hands have the opportunity to sell Farm Journal subscriptions to earn FFA jackets. This year 11 Green Hands have sold \$121 worth of subscriptions. Six boys earned jackets.

Eddie Graber, Reporter

MANKATO: Fund raising activities are the main order of business for the Mankato FFA Chapter in an effort to raise money for the Parent-Son FFA Banquet to be held in April. Concession sales at football and basketball games has brought in over \$75. The annual Christmas Hog Donation which has been held at Mankato for the last eight years was a success again this year. A new fund raising idea this year is the making and selling of concrete hog troughs. This has been very successful and meets with the approval of the community. The pest control contest is drawing to a close with a chili feed given by the losing side. Twelve freshman boys have passed the qualifications for a Green Hand Degree.

Harry Elder, Reporter

HOXIE: We have 47 FFA members this year. We held our Green Hand and Chapter Farmers initiation with the Colby FFA chapter. We have one senior boy applying for the Union Pacific Railroad Scholarship. Our chapter helped the Chamber of Commerce with the "maize" day. Our livestock judging team entered two contests this summer and won both of them. For a fund raising project the chapter voted to have a work day during the summer and each boy turned in five dollars. We also sold FFA calendars. We are holding a pest contest with the Colby chapter and will start a safety contest with Colby the first of Feb. During FFA week we plan to put on a program for the Rotary Club, have a window display, and the group will go to church together. Our Parent-Son Banquet will be the 28th of March. Our chapter will be host to the Northwest Kansas Crops Contest in Feb. and the Hoxie Chamber of Commerce will sponsor three plaques for the three high teams.

Gary Channell, Reporter

UDALL: We started the year with 27 members. For our money raising project we used a work sale. Each of the members were auctioned off for an 8 hour work day by a professional auctioner. Free coffee and doughnuts were served. The project was very well received by the members of the community who spent an average of \$9.81 per boy. As a community service project we planted crop and fertilizer test plots. In the test plots are 4 varieties of winter barley, 1 winter oats, 8 wheat varieties, and 8 fertilizer plots. We treated the F.H.A. to a hayrack ride and weiner roast in Nov.

In Dec. we had our degree ceremony. We elected ten Chapter Farmers, 9 Green Hands and 2 Honorary Chapter Farmers. We invited the eighth grade boys and parents as special guests. We conducted a pest eradication contest in Dec. Our shop projects so far have included 1 implement trailer, 1 livestock trailer, 2 squeeze chutes, 2 stock racks, 2 cattle feed bunks, 1 welding table, 1 picnic table, 1 portable barbecue, and 2 farrowing crates.

Lawrence Floyd, Reporter

CHERRYVALE: We have 25 boys enrolled in Voc. Ag. this year. We awarded Green Hand Degrees to 8 members Jan. 13. Our pest control program started Dec. 1 and closed Jan. 15. We spent a few days picking up corn left by the corn picker. We made a little over \$200 from this project. We operated the concession stand at one football and one basketball game. Our profit was a little over \$50. Our land judging teams placed first in the District Contest at Columbus and third and fourth at the Regional Contest at Chanute. Our meats judging team placed fifth in the State Contest at Wichita.

Justin Linnebur, Reporter

LOUISBURG: This year there are 33 enrolled in Voc. Ag. We have raised 9 Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer's Degree, and we granted Green Hand Degrees to 13 members. Our chapter has 9 gilts that were given to FFA members. They will be bred by the chapter's boar which is also available to the community. Each boy is to return two gilts when they weigh 200 lbs. We attended the Angus Futurity Judging Contest at Manhattan. We are

LOUISBURG:(cont.) to present a T. V. show on Feb. 13.

Gary Donahue, Reporter

PALCO: The freshmen have been building small oil cans in shop. The sophomores are building stock racks and calf cradles. The juniors are overhauling motors. The seniors have been operating the engine lathe and doing engine repair work. At the last FFA meeting we had a veterinarian give a lecture on brucellosis. The fathers and friends also attended the meeting. Our annual Father & Son Banquet is being planned for at an early date. The sophomores and juniors have been on several field trips in which they are learning the art of dehorning and vaccinating.

Melvin O. Keller, Reporter

ENSIGN: One of our outstanding events this year was a tour of the Co-op facilities in Hutchinson. The first stop on the tour was the district office of the Consumers Co-op Association, where we talked with the manager of the association. From there we went to the State Grain Testing Lab and observed weight, moisture, and protein tests of wheat. We then visited the Hutchinson Board of Trade. The CCA treated the group to a steak dinner at the Airport Steak House. After lunch the group was conducted through the largest elevator in the world. The entire FFA chapter took part in the tour. Adult sponsors for the tour included H. Clayton Capps, superintendent of schools; our FFA advisor, two other men teachers, our custodian, and the local co-op manager. Plans are now being made

for a radio and television program to be presented during the National FFA Week. Plans are also being made for our Parent-Son Banquet.

Arlen Etling, Reporter

JEWELL: We held our Green Hand Initiation during our Dec. meeting. We are now busy planning our chili supper which is a parent and son event. Several of our members have been making foot scrapers set in concrete flagstones with cut outs of scottie dogs attached. The advanced classes have been doing some gas engine overhaul. We are now enjoying the use of the electrical display board furnished by the REA.

Bill Schumacher, Reporter

ST. MARYS: After four years of being discontinued, the St. Marys Chapter is back in operation. We have 26 boys enrolled. Some of our money raising activities included; a Donkey Basketball Game, which went over well; screw-driver and pen set sales; and the sponsoring of the basketball printed programs. Twenty-two of our members attended the National FFA Convention. The 26 members were raised to the Green Hand Degree by the Wamego Chapter. For the program the film, "This Inspiring Task", was shown. A talk was given on the history of the FFA organization, and the freshmen members presented a farming program skit in the form of a panel. Now we are holding a pest control contest. The losers will treat the winners to a chili supper.

Joe Schoemann, Reporter

HERINGTON: We have 23 boys enrolled in Voc. Ag. Last fall we had a water-melon feed at Lake Herington to get the freshman boys better acquainted with the other members. We were invited to the Herington Federal Land Bank's annual dinner. Every member was present at this meeting. We awarded 8 Green Hand Degrees at our regular meeting in Dec. Our annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Ag. Building on Dec. 23. The meeting was brought to a ~~close~~ with a gift exchange. Our Pest Eradication Contest closed Jan. 18. The losing team will donate a dollar per member to the treasury for an FFA feed. Plans are now being made for the annual Parent-Son Banquet, which will be held March 18, 1960, in the Community Building. Our guest speaker will be Steven Robb, State FFA President.

Ken Biehler, Reporter

BEVERLY: We had a dance party for our members and parents. The FHA and their parents were invited also. The FFA chapter paid for the refreshments. Everyone danced to records and ate refreshments afterwards. On Nov. 1 we started our annual pest eradication contest. It ended on Dec. 15. Some of our projects built in the shop include: two self feeders, one hayrack bed, the overhauling of one bailer motor, two lawn mowers, and one two-wheel trailer.

John Kissick, Reporter

SHAWNEE-MISSION: This was the 22nd year we sponsored printing football programs for all home games; 14,000 programs were distributed. We cleared \$150. Our chapter was one of five to

help in the Agricultural Hall of Fame dedication. We attended the Land Judging School held near Olathe. Our chapter built large bulletin boards for the National FFA Convention headquarters. Three of our members were on the FFA Courtesy Corps during the convention. Twenty of our members assisted at the annual Hereford Association show in the American Royal arena. The entire Hawaiian delegation spent a day with us during the convention week. We built a 10 by 40 plastic greenhouse for John E. Tillotson, editor of the Flower and Garden magazine. We presented a show on T.V. on Jan. 23. Our speaking team placed fourth in the District Contest at Lawrence.

Leon Mitchell, Reporter

HOYT: Our chapter representatives attended the Topeka Fair, the FFA Leadership School, and the National FFA Convention. We held our Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degree ceremony Dec. 10. We have 4 gilts in our chapter gilt ring. The shop projects this semester are 5 gates, 1 feed bunk, 1 barrel hog feeder, 1 sacker stand, 3 hog troughs, and 1 two-wheel trailer.

Gary Salts, Reporter

BUHLER: The chapter canvassed the city of Buhler for the Community Chest Fund. By dividing the city into districts, the canvass was made during one regular meeting period. Major shop projects under construction or that have been completed include: a fifty-bushel portable creep feeder for calves, sucker rod gate, three point hitch for tractor plow, cattle mineral feeder, 2 loading chutes, 2 hay feeders, rebuilding a manure spreader box, 2 feed bunks, ensilage unloading and hay frame combination, low-boy trailer, farm gates,

BUHLER:(cont.) sheep feeder, carpenter's tool kit for pick-up truck, harness racks, implement trailer, repair and adjust grain drills, and repairing and rebuilding motors. Our pest eradication contest started on Nov. 1. At the end of the contest the two winning classes will be entertained by the two losing classes. The chapter presented an assembly program on Jan. 12. The program consisted of a production written by the members. The 9 senior members had a rabbit drive during the Christmas vacation, which netted them 39 rabbits and 20 cotton tails.

Curt Pebley, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: On Nov. 1, the officers presented a television program over K. T. V. C. We held our annual Dad's Night Dec. 15. About 120 FFA boys and their dads attended. Eighteen Green Hands received their degrees. The FFA boys provided the entertainment by boxing and wrestling. The annual Parent-Son Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 24. Harold Shoaf is to be the guest speaker. Shop projects include: 2 portable loading chutes, 2 portable stock racks, 1 bunk feeder, 5 lawn mowers, 1 portable feed grinder, 1 creep feeder, 2 welding tables, 1 work bench, 1 flat bed trailer, 1 mailbox stand, and 1 corral gate. We have castrated about 25 pigs so far this year.

Sterling Smith, Chapter Reporter

COLUMBUS: Our membership this year is 37. We are planning a tour of the stockyards and the Swift & Co. packing plant in Kansas City. On Nov. 19 our annual Parent-Son dinner was held. The address was given by Mr. Harold Shoaf. At this time awards were given in Soil and Water

Conservation, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Star Green Hand, Chapter Star Farmer, Dairy Farming, and best record book. Our pest control contest is under way at the present time. New equipment in the shop this year includes a Well's power hack saw, a Johnston gas forge, and a drill press.

Kenneth D. Clark, Reporter

MARION: Our chapter officers were asked to judge Christmas decorations this year. They placed approximately 57 entries. We have been picking up corn as a money making project. We have picked up corn during evenings after school and on one Saturday morning. We expect to work another 4 or 5 evenings after school in order to meet our goal of \$125. We started our annual pest contest Dec. 1.

Keith Hett, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: On Nov. 30 we sponsored a Dad's Night at which chili soup and crackers were served. Following the meal the FFA officers and instructor initiated eleven Green Hands. Later we watched a film on Housing Swine, then two members gave a demonstration on how to determine the per cent of butterfat in milk. Mike McKown gave a speech on shop projects. Terry Brenzikofer gave a speech and small demonstration on his farming program. Mr. Freeman, our advisor, gave a speech on record books and on how the dads could cooperate and help their sons on farming programs. Our shop projects include: overhauling a combine engine and making a D. C. welder from it, overhauling a truck engine and clutch, building 2 large swinging gates, building a portable loading chute, a portable feeder for cattle, repaired brakes on auto, replaced muffler and repacked

PHILLIPSBURG:(cont.)

front wheel bearings on a John Deere Tractor, overhauling a Gehl Field Forage Harvester, overhauling an H-Farmall Tractor, building a feed bunk, and building a sheep feed bunk.

Larry Whitsitt, Reporter

JETMORE: Our annual Freshman-Parent Night was held in Nov. Freshmen were raised to the Green Hand Degree. Our annual pest control contest has just ended. The losing side will furnish a chili supper for the winning side. Our chapter is sponsoring five booths in our school carnival to raise money for the chapter. Some of our shop projects include: three hay feeders, one self feeder for swine, one self feeder for cattle, three loading chutes, some branding iron heaters, one drill hitch, power hacksaw, one truck box, some machinery repairs, and gates.

Roland Schmitt, Reporter

ALTON: At our Nov. meeting four freshmen received Green Hand Degrees. Three members received their Chapter Farmer Degrees at our Dec. meeting. On Jan. 2 the chapter went skating and on Jan. 9 the FFA and FHA conducted a school carnival. Some projects completed in shop are: hog self feeder, hog house, repairing a squeeze chute, overhauling a pick-up motor, four barrel pig brooders, and repairing hog troughes.

John Sweat, Reporter

ONAGA: We are engaged in a pest eradication contest that ends Feb. 22. The chapter had a public speaking contest at the Jan. meeting. The chapter has a public park consisting of

2 picnic tables and a swing; and we plan to construct a fire place and install a well. Large shop jobs being constructed or repaired are: 4 A-type hog houses, 4 wagons, 1 trailer, 1 hog feeder, 1 grain drill, and 1 disk.

Dennis Teske, Reporter

FREDONIA: The FFA held a joint party with the FHA, and at this party a King and Queen were crowned. Our annual Pest Contest opened Dec. 1. The chapter was divided into two teams. At the close of the contest the losing team is to give the winners a skating party. At Christmas time we repaired toys for the Jaycees for needy children in our community. We also sold Christmas cards as a money-making project. This money will be used for our Parent-Son Banquet in the spring. A rifle shoot was held in the National Guard Armory on Jan. 6. Our shop projects include: 2 squeeze chutes, 3 trailers, 2 portable loading chutes, 3 hay feeders, and a barn door.

Ronnie Eaton, Reporter

YATES CENTER: Our chapter has 54 members. A partial list of articles made in our shop this year include: 22 gates, 3 stock racks for pick-ups, 5 feed bunks, 4 feeders, 3 sets of clothes-line poles, 3 D.C. welders, mailbox stand, brush cutter, overhauled 2 lawnmowers, 2 portable loading chutes, a buzz saw, a four-wheeled hay wagon, a two-horse trailer, a hay elevator, 2 gas barrel stands, 14 metal hog feeders, and 2 wooden calf feeders. A barn-warming party was held Nov. 20 which included only the FHA and FFA chapter members. An FFA King and FHA Queen was crowned during the party. Refreshments were served. Our chapter



YATES CENTER: (cont.) is having a pest control contest with the Eureka chapter. A party and basketball game will be held at the end of the contest. The losers of the pest contest will furnish refreshments of cookies and ice cream after the ball game.

Gary Brazil, Reporter

GCODLAND: For fund-raising activities we shocked 40 acres of feed and ran a concession stand during the football season. Three members and our advisor were guests of the local Co-op manager and the president of the Board of Directors at an area Co-op conference and dinner held at Colby in Nov. We held our annual Dad-Son chili supper on Dec. 1. Our formal initiation of 12 Green Hands was held before the supper. The initiation ceremony was presented by a team chosen from the sophomore class. The high school faculty men were invited guests. Approximately 75 boys and guests were present. Seventeen members attended the National Western Stock Show in Denver on Jan. 16 and 17. Admission was furnished by the local Citizens' State Bank. In addition to the stock show the boys visited Stapleton Air Field and Denver's Civic Center Christmas light display.

Leonard Hilt, Reporter

WATERVILLE: In Oct. our 9 Green Hands received their degrees. Steven Robb was present and gave us a talk on how he developed his farming program. Our pest contest started Nov. 20 and will last until March 1. As a money-raising activity, we sold advertisements in our football programs. Other projects in shop are: a tank heater, 17' by 14' trailer bed, repairing 2 trailers, self

feeder for hogs, feed troughs, seed treater, feed bunk, loading chute, tool box, and barn doors. Speakers at our meetings have been Kalvine King, a worker with FHA, and Mr. Tippit, a Vocational Rehabilitation worker. We held a chapter speech contest and the winners will represent us at the District Speech Contest.

Dean Moser, Reporter

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### HONEST OLD CCW

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, speaking at the National Press Club, told his audience that he regretted he was not more of an orator. "It reminds me of my boyhood days on a Kansas farm," Ike related. "An old farmer had a cow that we wanted to buy. We went over to visit him and asked about the cow's pedigree. The old farmer didn't know what pedigree meant, so we asked him about the cow's butterfat production. He told us that he hadn't any idea what it was. Finally we asked him if he knew how many pounds of milk the cow produced each year. The farmer shook his head and said, 'I don't know. But she's an honest old cow and she'll give you all the milk she has!'"

FARMING PROGRAM STORIES

MARION: Delton Richmond has been enrolled in Voc. Ag. and has been a member of the Marion Chapter of FFA for the past 4 years. He has made many projects that have helped him in his farming practices. He has increased his farming program until at the present time he is taking care of 20 head of feeder cattle and 45 head of hogs. Since the death of his father, the latter part of 1959, he has taken over the operation of their 360 acres of cropland. It is usually seeded to wheat and row crops. He has 40 acres of pasture land. He is vice-president of the local chapter of FFA this year and has taken an active part in other activities in high school.

Keith Hett, Reporter

WATERVILLE: At the beginning of my freshman year, I had one white face heifer calf which later I sold. In Feb. I bought one bred Duroc gilt. She farrowed an average of 12 1/2 pigs in 4 litters. At the beginning of my' sophomore year I had one Duroc sow and ten fall pigs. I kept two gilts from that litter for breeding. The two gilts farrowed 17 fall pigs. Last year I bought two polled Hereford cows. They dropped a heifer and bull calf last fall. I also bought 14 western ewes last spring. So far, they have lambed 13 lambs. I kept one gilt from my spring litter for breeding. Last spring I bought a registered Hampshire boar. Now I have on hand, one boar, two sows, one bred gilt, 14 ewes, 11 lambs, 2 cows, and 2 calves.

Dean Moser, Reporter