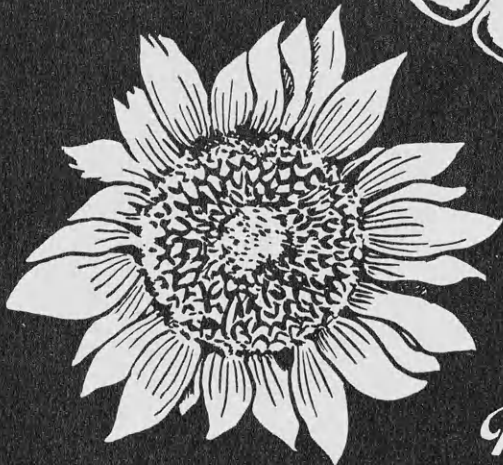


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FFA CALENDAR

AMERICAN FARMER &
STATE FARMER:

Declaration of intent to submit candidates
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MEMBERSHIP DUES:

FFA membership dues final date Jan 1, 1961.
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40¢ state and 25¢ National FFA Magazine.

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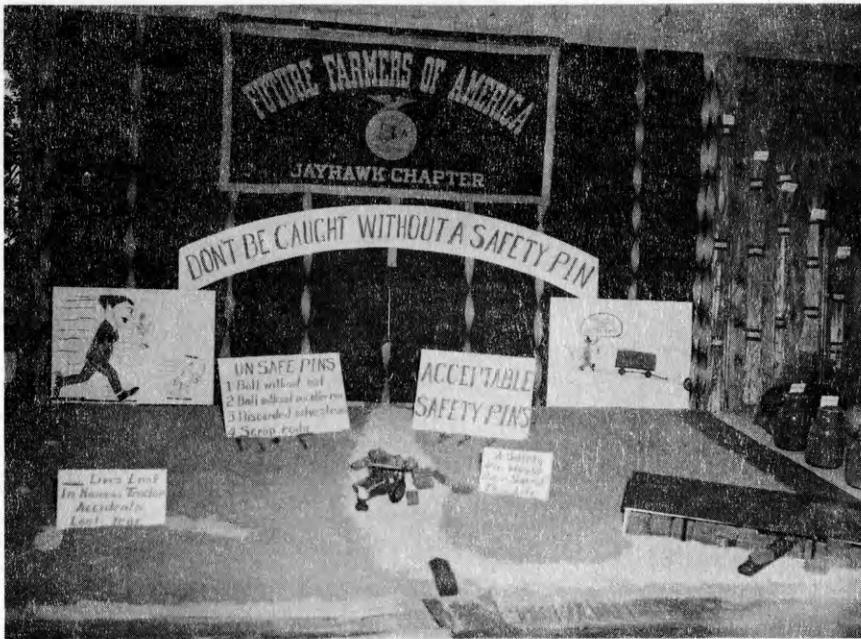
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The 1960 Kansas American Farmers are shown above. Left to right they are: Karl Bates, Clearwater Chapter; Don Sheppard, Burlingame Chapter; George Sander, Stockton Chapter; Leo Schwartz, Hanover Chapter; Charles Ludlum, Erie Chapter; and John Baird, Arkansas City Chapter.

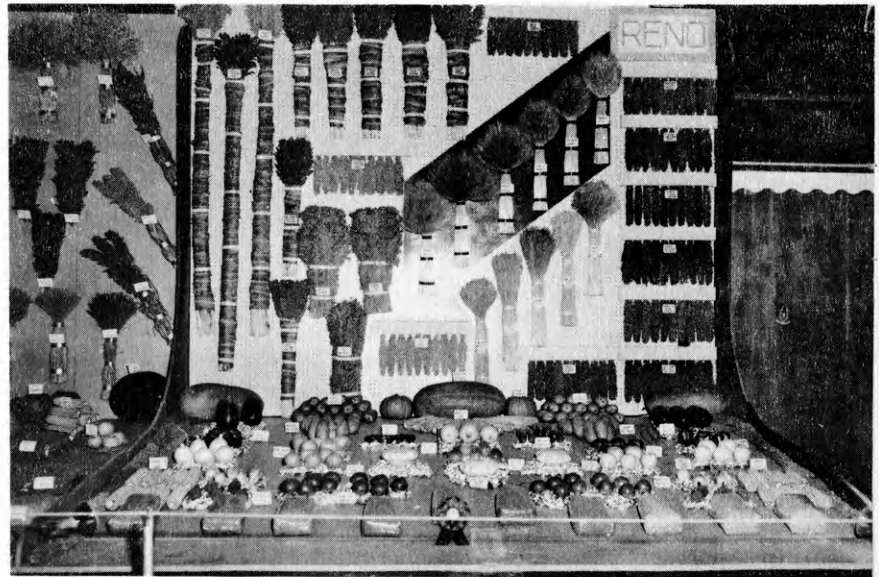


The Thirty-third National FFA Convention Band members from Kansas were, left to right: David Cromwell, Salina Chapter; Lane Sunderland, Powhattan Chapter; Lester Norberg, Lindsborg Chapter; Tommy Riffe, Stockton Chapter; Kenneth Michaelis, Hoisington Chapter; and Wayne Dyck, Buhler Chapter.



First place educational booth at the Mid-America Fair at Topeka this year was built by the Lawrence FFA Chapter. The charts and other display material pointed out the importance of having a safety hitch pin between the tractor and the wagon or trailer.

Grand Champion County booth at the State Fair was displayed by the Buhler FFA Chapter. Materials from this booth have been selected to be entered in the World's Food Fair in Cairo, Egypt next spring.



Top individual entry in the FFA Farm Mechanics display at the State Fair in Hutchinson this year was the manure loader shown at the left which was built by Gale Heinz of the Ellinwood Chapter.



THIRTY - THIRD
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
FUTURE FARMERS OF
AMERICA ORGANIZATION

Kansas City, Missouri, October 12 - 14, 1960

Approximately 9,000 FFA members representing the 50 states and Puerto Rico attended the Thirty-third National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Prior to the opening session on Wednesday morning, the National FFA Band had practiced, the National Boards of Student officers and Directors had completed their meetings and various program numbers had practiced their presentations. On Tuesday afternoon all delegates met in committees to work out the National FFA program for the 1960-61 year.

In welcoming the Future Farmers to Kansas City, Mayor H. Roe Bartle said that the FFA was the finest and best organization for young men in the whole wide world, and that the FFA convention is the best convention that comes to Kansas City each year.

The delegates and National officers carried out their four-day meeting in a very impressive manner. Each visiting speaker praised the FFA for its effectiveness in developing leaders.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Melvin Hunt, Tribune Chapter, President of the Kansas Association, and Larry Richardson, Altamont Chapter, Vice-President. Alternate delegates, who were present for the Thursday and Friday sessions, were Gene Raymond, Garnett, Secretary; and Roger Aberle, Sabetha, Treasurer.

AMERICAN FARMERS: There were 360 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. The six Kansas American Farmers were: George Sander, Stockton; John Baird, Arkansas City; Karl Bates, Clearwater; Charles Ludlum, Erie Chapter; Leo Schwartz, Hanover Chapter; and Don Shepperd, Burlingame.

STAR AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS: The Star Farmer of America and the Star Farmer of the Central region is Arden Uhlir, 21 years old, of Verdigre, Nebraska. Arden is a member of the Verdigre High School FFA Chapter. With this top honor went an award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated of \$1,000. Star Farmer of the Pacific Region - Jerrald Truax, Steamboat Springs, Colorado - \$500.

Star American Farmer Awards (cont.)
 Southern Region - Sam McDonald,
 Riddleton Chapter, Tennessee - \$500.
 North Atlantic region - Charles Sargent,
 Marshfield Chapter, Vermont - \$500.

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

First: Dennis Wood, Molalla, Oregon -
 "Your Future in a Growing America"
 Second: Jack Peoples, Coffeyville,
 Mississippi--"Credit-A Farm Tool"
 Third: Daniel MacMillan, Hawaii--
 "Fight to Preserve our Forests"
 Fourth: James Felt, Brookings, South
 Dakota--"Our Greatest Natural Resource"
 Fifth: Carl Joslin, Boonville, New York
 --"Bovine Mastitis"

CHAPTER AWARDS - NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST:

Gold Emblem rating was awarded 67
 chapters; Silver Emblem awards went
 to 44 chapters; and Bronze Emblem to
 18 chapters. The two Kansas chapters
 placed as follows:

Gold Emblem - - - Effingham

Silver Emblem - - - Lawrence

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REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO THE 1960 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Melvin Hunt - State President

On October 11 - 12 your state vice-
 president, Larry Richardson and I
 attended the Thirty-third National FFA
 Convention at Kansas City, Missouri.

We arrived in Kansas City in time to
 attend the Officer-Delegate Luncheon at
 noon on Tuesday, October 11. It was at
 this time that we were first introduced
 to the National President, Jim Thomas,
 and his fellow officers. The delegates'
 committee work followed the luncheon.

The first session of the convention was
 called to order by President Thomas,
 Wednesday morning. Delegates from
 all the states and the Commonwealth of
 Puerto Rico were seated. A very
 entertaining welcome was presented by
 the Mayor of Kansas City, H. Roe Bartle.

The highlight of the afternoon session
 was the American Farmer Degree
 Ceremony and the conferring of the
 Honorary American Farmer Degrees.
 Larry and I then attended the reception
 for donors to the FFA Foundation.

To me, Wednesday evening was the
 outstanding feature of the National Con-
 vention. It was the inspirational pre-
 sentation of the Star Farmer of America
 Awards. The Star Farmer of America,
 Arden Uhlir of Verdigre, Nebraska,
 received a check for \$1,000.

Attending the National Convention is one
 of the duties that a state officer looks
 forward to, and I sincerely hope that
 every member of the Kansas Association
 can attend a National Convention of the
 Future Farmers of America.

Gene Raymond - State Secretary

One of the highlights of any FFA members
 experiences is being able to attend the
 National FFA Convention. It was my
 good fortune to be able to attend the 1960
 convention representing the Kansas Assoc-
 iation. The work and effort put forth by

Delegates Reports (cont.)

the firms, businessmen, and other supporters in Kansas City is simply outstanding. It is a truly wonderful feeling to know your work is being supported by some of the most successful firms in America. The banquets and tours which they arrange for, are of the highest quality. I am sure, however, that it is a rewarding feeling for representatives of these firms to be able to sit in on some of the proceedings of the National Convention and view the order, style, and the smoothness with which it is handled.

I am sure that their opinions and feelings cannot compare with that which is experienced by the FFA boys themselves. You receive a feeling of success and usefulness in the world of today as you realize you are a true part of this great national organization. As outstanding members are announced and rewarded for their efforts, you realize yourself setting your own goals higher in order to achieve a higher goal in the organization. This inspiration helps to make the competition, and the organization's leaders and award winners of the highest quality.

Two of the highlights of the 1960 convention for me were: The evening program at which the 1960 Star Farmer of America was named, and we saw the movie "Four Star Farmers for 1960" and the session at which the national officer reports were given, the foreign guests were introduced, and the past national officer, Norman Brown, gave a talk on his good will tour of foreign countries. I was also very happy to be able to sit in on all of the regular sessions on Thursday and Friday as an official delegate from Kansas.

I sincerely hope that every member who has the chance to attend the National

Convention will accept the opportunity. It is an experience that can never be forgotten. It is a wonderful feeling to be a part of that blue cast that Kansas City obtains each fall.

The conduct of the FFA boys in Kansas City this year was very good. I hope that this record can be obtained each and every year in the future at our National Convention. I feel that the boys from Kansas can feel real proud of their representation at the Convention Hall, on the program, and in Kansas City.

Roger Aberle - State Treasurer

It was certainly an honor and privilege to serve as an alternate delegate to the National FFA Convention. It was indeed an inspiration to me and I'm sure to everyone who attended. The fine cooperation on the part of all who attended and the terrific leadership from an excellent team of National Officers made it one of the best conventions ever.

I would like to write about the whole convention, however, space does not permit it, so I will tell of a few events that were of special significance to me.

At the Friday morning session a part of the program was "Greetings from Future Farmers of the Phillipines." The President of the FFP addressed the assembly and as he completed his talk and walked with his fellow officers off the stage, they received a standing ovation. The friendship and fellowship that was shown that morning to the FFP cannot help but promote better relations abroad for the United States of America. It was an honor to be a part of an organization that was doing such a service to its country.

That same afternoon, we attended FFA Day at the American Royal at which

Delegates Reports (cont.)

a special program of the Horse Show had been arranged for all FFA boys.

The closing session that night featured the installation of the new National Officers which was a very impressive ceremony. After the session the annual Firestone Show was presented.

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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 1961. If you have a Freshman or Sophomore boy whom you feel would make a good candidate, please send his name to: Marvin Castle, State Board for Vocational Education, State Office Building, not later than December 31, 1960.

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CONVENTION NOTESPRESIDENT SPOKE TO C OF C

Jim Thomas, National FFA President, told the members of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce that, "the great thing about the FFA is that it comes into a boy's life during the most critical years. It gives him priceless training in leadership, cooperation, stimulation in his classroom work, inspiration, and the ability to get along with other boys."

PAST PRESIDENT OF SPONSORING COMMITTEE SPEAKS FROM EXPERIENCE

The 1960 chairman of the FFA Foundation sponsoring committee, Mr. Russell DeYoung of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., told 350 businessmen and FFA officers that, "These young men in the Future Farmers can teach anyone a lot. . . . Not only are they good farmers, they are even better citizens. They are terrific managers. Growing something is one thing - turning a profit on it is another. These young men know how to do both. . . . If we get more young people like these, this country will be sounder than it ever has been."

CHEMICAL CO. PRESIDENT TO HEAD SPONSORING COMMITTEE

Mr. John C. Denton, president of the Spencer Chemical Company, Kansas City, Mo. is the chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee for 1961. Mr. Denton will be in charge of accepting contributions from the Foundation donors for the support of the FFA awards program.

BUSINESS IS GOOD IN FARMING - McCORMICK

Mr. Brooks McCormick of the International Harvester Company told the Future Farmers that the solution of the

Convention Notes (cont.)

farm problem rests on the shoulders of farmers, rather than on the Federal Government. He also stated that farming is a profitable business for millions of people and that in the future it will be a still better business.

SCANDIA MEMBER IN PICTURE

Larry Larson, Burlington award winner from Scandia, was one of two FFA members whose picture appeared in the Oct. 12 Kansas City Star. Adults also shown in the picture were Mr. Ray Bradsher, agricultural agent from the Burlington Railroad, and A. H. Hollenberg, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

FIRESTONE SAID BIG YEAR AHEAD

"We have every indication that 1960 is going to be the biggest year in our history and we see no signs of any slackening ahead," was one of the comments made by Raymond C. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. while he attended the National FFA Convention. Mr. Firestone also stated that, "I have the highest admiration for the Future Farmers of America and the vocational agricultural teachers who play such a prominent part in the movement. We find that these farm youths are the ones who are making great strides in agricultural improvements and in farm management."

SELECTED DONORS RECEIVED PLAQUES

Nine plaques were awarded to companies which have contributed for 15 years to the National FFA Foundation, Inc. These companies were: Better Farming Methods Magazine, Deere and Co., Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., General Electric Company, General Mills, Inc., International

Harvester Company, Mid-States Steel and Wire Co., Successful Farming Magazine, and Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

KANSAS DELEGATES ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

President Melvin Hunt served on the National FFA Leadership Training Conference Committee and Vice-President Larry Richardson was a member of the National FFA Magazine Committee at the 33rd National FFA Convention this fall.

LITTLE THEATER EXHIBIT BY NEODESHA

The display on Farm Tractor Maintenance which represented the Kansas Association in the exhibits at the National FFA Convention was prepared by the Neodesha FFA Chapter and had been previously shown at the Mid-America Fair in Topeka.

KANSAS MEMBERS ENTERTAIN AT CONVENTION

The FFA boys quartet from Fort Scott sang in the National FFA Convention Talent Program in Kansas City. The boys were: Dale Niemeir, Mike Dikeman, Earl Carter, and Larry Ruble. Dallas Hensley, Ford Chapter, played his guitar and sang in the National Convention Program.

PRESIDENT OF MASSEY-FERGUSON FORMERLY FROM LAKIN

A. A. Thornbrough, president of Massey-Ferguson, spent his boyhood near Lakin, Kansas. He was later graduated from Kansas State College at Manhattan. While at K-State, he was top student judge at the International Livestock Judging Contest in Chicago.

Convention Notes (cont.)

While addressing FFA members, Mr. Thornbrough stated that his observations of Future Farmers have shown that they are alert, articulate, and progressive, and that the impact made by FFA groups is tremendous.

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CONVENTION QUOTES

"Take advantage of the opportunities you have of breathing deeply from the personalities of each other so that you can return to your homes and do better,"-- Mayor H. Roe Bartle, Kansas City.

"We will not solve our major world problems until we become as ingenious in building character in man as we are in building destructive devices."-- Douglas McArthur (stated by Governor Howard Pyle in his convention address).

"If there is no faith in the future, there is no power in today." "Capital is the number one farm tool."

"In agriculture we have many investigators; we need more interpreters."

"In order to be successful in farming, be ready to change quickly."

"Many of our problems are too complex and difficult to be solved by traditional methods."--Phillip Alampi, Secretary of Agriculture, New Jersey.

"We have a tendency toward a narrow view of things."--

"Working with the National FFA Foundation program gives one a real sense of personal satisfaction"--Mr. Russell DeYoung addressing the donors.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL
EDITORIAL*

The Star Farmer

In these days when so many headlines are dispiriting, the annual story about the Star Farmer award at the National Future Farmers of America Convention calls attention to the fact that so many of the people of the United States remain true to the values and ambitions that are really important.

This year's top farm youth, Arden Uhler of Verdigre, Neb., is typical of other Star Farmers who have preceded him. He is 21 years old, intelligent, and confident of the future. He knows that farming is full of business perils, but he also knows that it is as important to the nation and the world as any other endeavor, and more important than many.

On his 21st birthday, which was Saturday, he became the owner of the 640-acre family farm which his great-grandfather settled in the 1870's. He attended a high school where he could take advantage of vocational agriculture courses, and from a beginning with three Herefords, three sows, and a few acres of corn, he has built until his worth is almost \$25,000--considerably more than that of the majority of his elders.

Arden is singled out because this is the moment of his success, but he is not much different than the thousands of other Future Farmers at the convention in Kansas City, and the thousands more who did not attend.

Their organization helps them to become the good citizens of the future, and there are hundreds of these boys in blue jackets for every one of the black-

The Star Farmer (Cont.)

jacketed delinquents we hear so much more about.

It is people of this kind, whether farmers or not, whom America will have to rely upon in these days when freedom is pitted against slavery.

*The above statement appeared as the first editorial in the October 18, 1960 issue of the Topeka Daily Capital.

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1960 AMERICAN FARMER CLASS - KANSAS:

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

John R. Baird - Arkansas City Chapter

John started his farming program when he enrolled in high school vocational agriculture class as a Sophomore in 1954. His livestock program included 14 beef cattle, 14 swine, 14 sheep, and 152 poultry. At the time he received the

American Farmer Degree, his labor income was \$11,391 and his total net worth was \$8,683. He was farming 351 acres in partnership. John owned a 1/4 interest in 265 ewes, 12 rams, and 331 lambs. He had complete ownership of 27 beef cattle. John had been President of his chapter and Vice-President of the Kansas Association of FFA. While in high school, he gave a report at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation.

Karl D. Bates - Clearwater Chapter

Karl began his farming program as a freshman with 8 beef cattle and 9 swine. Three years after he graduated from high school, he had made \$11,659 in labor income from his farming program. His net worth was \$15,506. Karl was farming 350 acres of crops on a rented basis. He owned 34 beef cattle, 29 hogs, and 30 sheep. While in high school, he was Vice-President and President of his FFA Chapter. He won many ribbons in showing swine, beef, and sheep in the local and state fairs. He won the National 4-H Field Crops competition in 1959 and attended the Chicago meeting.

Charles Ludlum - Erie Chapter

Charles began his farming program with 2 dairy cattle, 3 beef, 11 acres of oats and 7 acres of corn. Three years after he was graduated from high school, his labor income had totaled \$12,775 on his farming program. His net worth was \$9,122. He was farming 523 acres of rented land and 160 additional acres in a 50/50 partnership. He owned 10 beef cattle and 45 hogs. He had been Sentinel and President of his local chapter and had participated in District Public Speaking Contests and was a delegate to the State FFA Convention for two years.

American Farmers (cont.)George Sander - Stockton Chapter

During his freshman year George's farming program consisted of 10 acres of wheat, 1 1/3 cattle and 36 1/3 swine. Three years after graduating from high school his labor income had totaled \$15,691. His net worth was \$39,599. He was farming 840 acres of land in which he owned a 1/3 share. He was also farming on a 1/4 share, 1,600 additional acres. He owns in partnership, 26 cattle and 129 hogs. George had been Vice-President of the Stockton Chapter, a delegate to the State Convention and in 1959-60 was President of the Young Farmer Class. He has been active as a leader in 4-H and is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union Co-op and the Artificial Breeding Association.

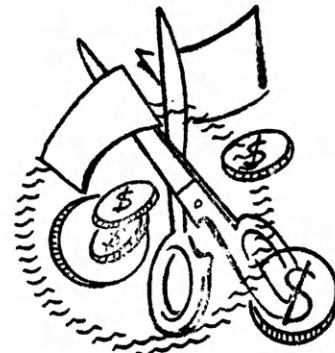
Leo Schwartz - Hanover Chapter

Leo began his farming program as a freshman in high school with 12 Holstein cattle, 21 Registered Hampshire hogs and 6 acres of corn. After being out of high school three years, his total accumulated labor income from his farming program was \$16,739. His net worth was \$11,893. He was farming 466 acres of rented land. He owned 26 dairy cattle and 6 gilts. He owned a complete set of farm machinery and equipment. Some of the larger implements were owned on a 50/50 basis with his father. Leo was Star Farmer of Kansas in 1957. He was Secretary of his chapter while in high school. He was president of the freshman class, a member of the junior and senior class plays and since 1954 has been a member of the Artificial Breeding Association, and since graduating from high school has been in various community activities.

Donald J. Shepherd - Burlingame Chapter

Donald's farming program as a freshman consisted of 12 beef cattle, 5 acres of corn, 5 acres of soybeans, and 5 acres of oats. At the time he applied for the American Farmer Degree, his accumulated labor income totaled \$15,164. After being out of school three years he was farming 320 acres of rented land. He owned 56 beef cattle, 30 hogs, and one riding horse. He had full ownership of a full set of farm machinery except a few items which were on a 50/50 partnership with his father. He showed his beef cattle at the County Fair each year since 1954 and won \$101 in premiums. Donald's net worth at the time he received his American Farmer Degree was \$21,800. He had been Vice-President and President of his FFA Chapter.

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NATIONAL FFA TREASURER'S
REPORT

It is a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer and report to you on the financial status of your organization. Proceedings of the Convention

National FFA Treasurer's Report (cont.)
will carry a detailed audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960.

At this time it would seem appropriate, therefore, to give you a brief explanation of the financial set-up of your organization - where the money comes from and where it goes - and to summarize the financial status of the national association.

There are four major areas of financial accounting:

1. The FFA
2. The FFA Foundation
3. The Future Farmers Supply Service
4. The National Future Farmer Magazine

I should like to explain that my job is Director of Vocational Education with the State Board of Education in Richmond, Virginia. The FFA Treasurer's office, however, is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where Mrs. Pauline Coiner, Secretary to the National Treasurer, keeps the books and records of the Future Farmers of America and the FFA Foundation.

Funds of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. A separate set of books is kept for each organization - the FFA and the Foundation, with separate bank accounts. The fiscal year of the FFA Foundation corresponds to the calendar year, whereas the fiscal year of the Future Farmers of America extends from July 1 to the following June 30. Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded in an amount sufficient to protect the funds in our care; the accounts of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are audited annually by Certified Public Accountants; a copy of

the audit is reported to the Boards of FFA and the Foundation, and every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your organization.

The Future Farmers of America receives its income from dues of members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building and royalties and grants from the Future Farmers Supply Service. Expenses consist primarily of travel of the national officers and Board of Directors, national office expense, and national convention.

The FFA Foundation receives its income from the contributions of more than 300 donors to the Foundation. So far since January 1 of this year, more than \$158,000.00 has been received in contributions. You may be interested to know that since the Foundation was set up in 1944, \$2,206,294.11 has been contributed by business organizations and individuals. Expenses of the Foundation consist of achievement awards paid to Vo-Ag student members of the FFA Association, plus a small amount, approximately 6% for administration.

The Future Farmers Supply Service gets its income from merchandise sold to FFA members and its expenses consist of the cost of merchandise, operation of the Supply Service and rent of the FFA Building.

Receipts for the Magazine come from subscriptions and advertising and expenses go for editing, printing, mailing and rent of office space in the FFA Building.

In total, the Organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the

National FFA Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Future Farmers Supply Service, and the Future Farmer Magazine, have total assets of \$1,491,891.69; Liabilities of \$147,456.09, and a net worth of \$1,344,435.60.

The foregoing figures represent the status of the Organization at the end of the last fiscal year. Since July 1, the following represents the financial status of the FFA account:

Balance on hand - July 1, 1960	- - - - -	\$ 48,737.45
Receipts - July 1 through Sept. 30, 1960	- - - -	7,070.03
		<u>55,807.48</u>

Expenditures - July 1 through Sept. 30, 1960	- - -	23,092.91
Balance on hand - Sept. 30, 1960	- - - - -	\$ 32,714.57

In summary, your Organization is in sound financial condition which I believe is a tribute to the policy directed by the National Board of Student Officers and Directors, and the management by Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor, and Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, your Executive Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted:
R. E. Bass
National Treasurer

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Sergeant -- Jones, why didn't you stop when I yelled "Company halt?"

Rookie Jones --But, Sarge, I've been here in camp now for two weeks so I didn't think that you still considered me company.



AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME
Bonner Springs, Kansas

Kansas FFA members will be happy to know that Wes Seyler, formerly of radio station WIBW in Topeka, is assistant executive director of the Agricultural Hall of Fame. Wilber Levering, farm director WIBW, is the chairman of the Kansas Fund-raising campaign for the Hall.

The above men along with Charles Ross have been real boosters of the FFA program in Kansas.

Between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15 of this year is the time for the "all-out" drive in Kansas to raise funds for the Agricultural Hall of Fame. In order that the Kansas Association might have a fine record in helping to build this great project, which will tell the story of agriculture, each chapter will want to send in its contribution between the above dates.

The Agricultural Hall of Fame (cont.)

Let's be able to show all chapters in other states that 100% of the Kansas Chapters made a contribution. A number of chapters have sent in \$1.00 per member. While this amount is not high, the total sum will help tremendously if each chapter will meet a similar goal.

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DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND PROGRAM OF WORK

Each chapter's dues to the State Association and the National Organization (total - 50¢) was due in State FFA Office on October 31. However, chapters that were unable to get magazine subscription lists and dues in by that date need to send in these items as soon as possible. Also, each chapter will want to send in a copy of its program of work at the earliest possible date if it has not met the due date of October 31.

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STATE FARMER AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

In November, your chapter will be asked to submit requests for State Farmer application blanks and for Union Pacific Scholarship application blanks. While sending in these requests, the names of prospective American Farmers will need to be included.

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STATE - AREA LAND JUDGING WINNERS

The top five FFA Chapters in the State - Area Land Judging Contests in Kansas were:

1. Linn - Northeast area
2. Chanute - Southeast area
3. Kiowa - Southwest area
4. Stockton - Northwest area
5. Smith Center - Central area

These chapters won the opportunity to represent Kansas in the National Land Judging competition at Oklahoma City next spring.

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SIXTH ANNUAL FARM-CITY WEEK
November 18 - 24, 1960

Each FFA Chapter will want to take part in promoting and carrying out a part of the program of Farm-City Week this year. This program should lead to

.....An understanding of our farm and ranch economy by urban people.

.....An understanding of town and city problems by rural people.

.....A demonstration that no one is really self-sufficient, but rather that all are interdependent.

.....A realization by farm and city people of their individual citizenship responsibilities.

.....A realization of the dependence of all people on the fruitfulness of the good earth.

Aids for the Farm-City Week program may be obtained from Kiwanis International Building, 101 East Erie Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTEST

In all five contests, state teams were ranked Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem, Honorable Mention, or Participation, in that order. The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$12,500 for plaques, certificates, and travel awards to state teams. The travel awards are to be prorated on the distance teams traveled to reach the contests. Plaques were awarded the

Gold, Silver, and Bronze emblem teams. Certificates were awarded Honorable Mention and Participation teams and individuals. Appropriate medals were awarded the Gold, Silver, and Bronze emblem individuals.

The five national judging teams from Kansas won two Gold, one Silver, one Bronze, and one Honorable Mention classifications.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
October 15, 1960

Poultry Judging - (34 teams competing)

Altoona won Gold emblem classification - John Davis is the advisor. Individual Placings: Claude Crawshaw, Jerry Hon and Curtis Bennett were awarded the Gold emblem classification

Livestock Judging - 42 teams competing

Arkansas City won Bronze emblem classification - Harold Van Cleave is the advisor.

Individual placings: John Rogers, Bill Brewer, and Darrell Gottlob were in the Bronze emblem classification.

Meats Identification - 32 teams competing

Lawrence won the Gold emblem classification - Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach are the advisors.

Individual placings: Buddy Lawrence and Tom Kay were awarded Gold Emblem classifications, and Gerald Ice won Silver.

WATERLOO, IOWA, OCTOBER 5-6, 1960:

Dairy Cattle Judging-41 teams competing

Belleville won Silver emblem classification - Carl Beyer is the advisor. Individual placings: Vincent Pacht won Gold; Norman Brewer, Silver; and Robert Blecha, Honorable Mention classifications.

Dairy Products - 31 teams competing

Mulvane won Honorable Mention classification - Francis Shoup is the advisor. Individual placings: Tom Graber won Bronze and Larry Walker and Jesse Apperson won Honorable Mention classifications.

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARDS

Farm Safety

National winner - Berthoud Chapter, Berthoud, Colorado - Award \$250
Regional winner - Rugby Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota - Award \$200
Regional winner - McEwen Chapter, McEwen, Tennessee - Award \$200
Regional winner - Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia - Award \$200

Farm Mechanics Contest

National winner - Paul H. Uphoff, 17, Graymont, Illinois - Award \$250
Regional winner - Merlin Arnold, 18, Welch, Oklahoma - Award \$200
Regional winner - Glen T. Engelking, Ridgefield, Washington - Award \$200
Regional winner - Roger Galford, 17, Dunmore, West Virginia - Award \$200

Farm Electrification Contest

National winner - Arthur Duckworth, 17, Reform, Alabama - Award \$250
Regional winner - Alfred Chapin, 17, Watertown, Connecticut - Award \$200
Regional winner - Harvey Stockton, 18, Catron, Missouri - Award \$200
Regional winner - Alan Schurman, 17, Ridgefield, Washington - Award \$200

Soil and Water Management

National winner - Jeffrey Anderson, Wellsville, Utah - Award \$250
Regional winner - John Thomas, 16, Marydel, Delaware - Award \$200
Regional winner - Larry Dean Mahr, Indianola, Iowa - Award \$200
Regional winner - James Lee Riley, Evington, Virginia - Award \$200

Dairy Farming

(Announced at Waterloo, Iowa, on October 3, 1960)

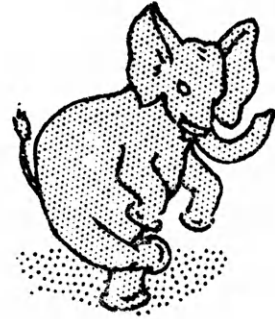
National winner - James S. Huffman, 17, Monroe, Wisconsin - Award \$250
Regional winner - Gordon Lamb, 17, Darien Center, New York - Award \$200
Regional winner - Glenn Holderread, 18, Cushing, Oklahoma - Award \$200
Regional winner - David L. Martin, Quincy, Washington - Award \$200

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CHAPTER NEWS



BREWSTER: The Senior Agriculture boys visited 2 irrigation projects this 6 weeks. Many new improvements of water handling were observed. We rebuilt the benches for the football field in preparation for Homecoming. The following projects have been completed or are under construction; 1 sheep hay and grain feeder, 1 cattle feeder, 6 sawhorses, 1 automatic feed mixer and blender, 4 sixteen feet steel gates, 1 automatic hog waterer, 1 farrowing crate, clothesline posts, and several concrete projects. The chapter sold Farm Journal subscriptions and plan to sell candy between Thanksgiving and Christmas to raise money for chapter activities. The local sponsor of our FFA calendars received his order this month and the senior FFA boys will distribute them in Dec.

Bennie Baird, Jr., Reporter

ELLINWOOD: New parents and prospective members got acquainted with former members and parents at our annual FFA get acquainted picnic on Sept. 13. Each family received a booklet made up by the officers, concerning every phase of FFA, including a list of the chapter's meetings and other events. Several copies of our booklet and some state department booklets, concerning FFA and vocational agriculture were placed in the local Chamber of Commerce office for public use.

Our committees completely revised our program of work this year before approving the program. Each member had received a copy of it for his inspection. We are conducting more of our business through executive and other committee meetings this year. Business taken care of at these meetings is presented to the members in the form of reports for approval or disapproval. This allows more time for films and outside speakers, which tends to build up interest in our day meetings. At a recent executive meeting, we outlined the programs and business for all of our day and night meetings this year. They will consist of outside speakers for every third meeting, with movies and/or business alternated among the remaining meetings. A member of the local fire department presented a demonstration on the proper use of fire extinguishers in the shop at our day meeting on Oct. 5. We are stressing safety in all this fields this year. Shop projects that have been started include the overhauling of 2 tractors, the construction of a wire roller, a bale elevator, and new trailer bed, a pipe gate, and the rebuilding of a four-wheel trailer.

Gordon F. Bieberle, Reporter

SIMPSON: Our annual Barnwarmer Dance was held in the high school gym. Approximately 30 FFA members and guests enjoyed group games and dancing. Refreshments of cider and donuts were served.

ATWOOD: We are having a pest eradication contest. The losing side will have a fry for the winning side. We are planning a hay ride and weiner roast for the near future. A new radial arm saw and a new paint sprayer have been added to our shop equipment. In the Vo-Ag classes the students are building the following: 3 pick-up stock racks, a portable storage shed for the school, 6 hog feeders, 2 calf feeders, 2 loading chutes, and 2 of the students are painting tractors.

Lyle Fikan, Reporter

PARADISE: In August our chapter had its annual watermelon feed for the prospective freshmen. The livestock judging team placed first at the Rooks County Fair. We held our annual hayrack ride on September 30 with 32 members and guests present. A profit of \$45 was made this year from shocking feed. The entire chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. Some of our shop jobs include: 2 trailers, 2 feed bunks, a pick-up stock rack, a picnic table, and pipe gates.

Albert Strecker, Reporter

MANHATTAN: We held an over-night fishing party in June. In August, a watermelon feed was held for prospective new members and their parents. The program for the evening included the opening ceremony, a welcome by our President, short talks from three members explaining their Vocational Agriculture experiences and farming program operations. Our advisor presented slides of Farming Programs of members of the entire chapter. Fourteen of our FFA members attended the Mid-America Fair in Topeka. A

freshman parents night meeting was held on Sept. 29. One of the guests for the evening was Dale Lind, American Farmer, who explained his farming program progress from the time he entered Vo-Ag until the present. Our advisor explained the values of a good farming program. The Collegiate FFA Chapter and local chapter officers met at the KSU student union and made arrangements to sell cooperatively cans of nuts to the public for money-earning activities. Our pest control committee is now working on rules for our contest this fall. The local Farmers Union Cooperative is again sponsoring the official FFA calendar.

Robert Dobson, Reporter

HOWARD: Our officers held meetings during July and August at our advisor's home to discuss plans for the coming year. Our annual watermelon feed was held August 3, in honor of the future Freshmen. We held our annual fall livestock and crops tour Oct. 10-11, in which we saw each FFA member's farming programs. Pictures were taken and they will be shown at the Parent - Son Banquet. We are holding our FFA - FHA barnwarmer on Oct. 28. The annual pest hunt will begin Nov. 1. Classroom work and shop projects will be exhibited at our Open House on Nov. 14. This year we are planning to develop a Chapter scrapbook.

Kenneth Vaughn, Reporter

SEAMAN: In July our chapter had a picnic dinner and farming program tour for the members and their families. Since school has started we have had about 10 boys working for the Green Hand Degree. Our chapter helped harvest

Seaman (cont.) the KSU corn test plots which we helped plant last spring in Shawnee County. While visiting farming programs, the sophomores have been taking pictures to show as a part of the program at our annual Parent - Son Banquet next spring. We sent 3 officers and 2 members to the National FFA Convention. Three of the shop projects being built include a pig creep feeder, pick-up grain sides, and feed bunks. Projects planning to be built include 2 three-point hitch carriers for tractors, gates, feed bunks, and a four-wheeled trailer. We plan to challenge another chapter in a pest control contest.

Ray White, Reporter

ATTICA: At the Harper Country Fair this year, 5 boys from our chapter participated in the Tractor Driving Contest. We entered some feeders in the Farm Mechanics Contest. We also attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. On Sept. 27, the FFA Officers went to Harper for the Officers Leadership School. We are enjoying our new vo. ag. building.

Doyle Yoder, Reporter

OAKLEY: Our freshmen have elected their own officers. Our sophomores have done field work two half days to help with our budget. The milk machine that our chapter has in the high school is doing well and one of our goals is to pay the debt on the machine this year. Shop projects this year include: 3 feed bunks, 2 picnic tables, 2 gates, clothesline posts, metal rack, 4 loading chutes, 2 squeeze chutes, yard gate, creep feeder for steers, metal pick-up stock racks, combination feed and grain hay rack, and an overhaul on 5 small motors. During August, our

chapter held a watermelon feed followed by a short meeting in the vocational agriculture building. Our county agent was the guest speaker for our Sept. meeting. He spoke on the bangs disease program. Official FFA calendars will be hung in our community this year for the first time. The local bank sponsored our calendars. A large feed lot is under construction near Oakley of which our chapter is very interested. We feel that it will boost the farming interest in this community. Already we can see where we can make improvements in our farming programs by careful observation and evaluation of the feeding yards. Sheepmen are also grazing a lot of sheep near Oakley this year.

Dick Munk, Reporter

LONGFORD: Five delegates from our chapter attended the National FFA Convention. We initiated the Green Hands on Oct. 6, and had a watermelon feed after the initiation. We are planning to have a pest eradication contest from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1. Some of the major projects in our shop include: 2 cattle feed bunks, 3 iron gates, 2 power hack saws, and a trailer hoist. Our sophomore boys went to the State Fair during Sept. Some of our officers went to Goddard, Kansas, during Aug. to attend the first State FFA Camp.

Philip Benfer, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: This summer we held our annual swimming party and watermelon feed honoring prospective FFA members. Our farm mechanics and freshman skill display at the Topeka Fair earned enough money to finance our annual banquet. The chapter officers attended one day of

Osage City (cont.) the American Royal. We are planning to have Ag. I Parents Night during the second six weeks of school, and open house during Farm-City Week. Our 4th annual Barnwarmer is planned for Nov. 10 in the Ag. shop with Prof. Paul Stevenson doing the Square Dance calling. Several of the projects being constructed or repaired in the shop are: 2 feed bunks, repairing a drawbar, reconditioning 2 mowers, building a sheep blocking stand, loader for a tractor, metal sawhorses, calf waterer, 4 squeeze chutes, 6 pipe gates, clothesline poles, loading chute, reconditioning side delivery rake and corn planter, repair wheel disc, build feed bunk stands, and 2 picnic tables.

Barry Romine, Reporter

WINFIELD: We have 57 chapter members this year. Our first meeting was in honor of the Green Hands and our parents. We served watermelon. The chapter officers and our advisor, Mr. Tredway, attended the first FFA Leadership Training Camp at Goddard, Kansas, during Aug. Our chapter's summer project was custom spraying for farmers. Our officers and advisor attended the National FFA Convention and American Royal. Our annual FFA - FHA Western Hoedown Party was held on Oct. 15.

Devere Brothers, Reporter

LAWRENCE: This year we have 69 members in our chapter. Our meats judging team won the state contest and a gold emblem award in the National Meats Judging Contest in Kansas City. Again this year we were host to the East Central Kansas Leadership School and Contest. Our officers attended the National FFA Convention October 12.

Our Parent - Son banquet will be held Nov. 22. Most of our members enjoyed at least several hours at the Mid-America Fair this year. At the fair we exhibited a freshmen Farm Mechanics display, a chapter farm mechanics exhibit, and an FFA educational booth. In shop we are working on farm machinery repair and welding skills.

Larry Green, Reporter

NESS CITY: At our first chapter meeting we had a watermelon feed for the freshmen and their parents. About 20 members of our chapter attended the State Fair. On Oct. 1, four chapter members and our advisor attended a Land Judging Contest at Stockton. During the second week of Nov. we will have our Green Hand initiation. There are 35 members in our chapter. Our chapter has sold the FFA Calendar to a local sponsor.

Larry Mauch, Reporter

PEABODY: Our chapter has initiated the new Green Hands, elected our new Chapter Sweetheart, conducted judging contests and participated in the county fair. Twelve new members have recently received the Green Hand degree in our Chapter. Three of our members attended the State Meats Judging contest in Wichita and returned with some very good scores. Our chapter recently sponsored a religious assembly for the whole high school. A local minister was invited and after scripture reading and a religious song, the pastor spoke about twenty minutes.

Keith Guthrie, Reporter

CHAPMAN: Our chapter has a total of 68 members, with 26 being Green Hands. We operate a concession stand at football games to raise money for the chapter. The juniors and seniors are building feed bunks to sell. The steel and lumber were obtained from our old school building which is being razed. In our chapter gilt ring, we have 4 gilts to be given to 4 boys this year. The 2 best gilts from the litters will be returned to the chapter. Several boys from our chapter attended a meats judging school held at Concordia. The officers attended the district leadership school, and the National FFA Convention. The annual Crops Show and Green Hand initiation was held in Oct. In the Crops Show, each member was limited to 2 entries. An open-house of our Vo-Ag department was held in connection with the Crops Show.

Rodney Lauer, Reporter

GOODLAND: Perhaps the outstanding summer activity of our chapter was the officer's trip to Colorado. Places visited included Monfort's feed lots near Greeley, the Colorado State University campus at Fort Collins, and our advisor's cabin at Red Feather Lake, Colorado. Fishing and mountain climbing were the order of the day. We displayed a Farm Machinery exhibit at the N. W. Kansas Free Fair. We also sponsored the judging contest at the fair. Present plans call for the annual fall parents night to be held on Nov. 8. At this time 13 Green Hands will be initiated and plans for the year will be explained to the parents.

Jack Armstrong, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: On Sept. 12, a special meeting was held with the parents of all boys enrolled in vocational

agriculture. The officers opened the meeting with the opening ceremony. President Charles Hartley welcomed the parents and explained the work of the FFA organization. Our superintendent also welcomed the parents, then Mr. Lawrence, our advisor, explained the vo-ag program, outlining what was expected of boys in vocational agriculture and the part the parents should play in promoting the farming program. After the closing ceremony refreshments of coffee and donuts were served. Our chapter has made plans to purchase 10 heifers to feed out this winter to help finance our activities. Some of the projects started in shop include stock racks, feed bunks, air compressors, A-type hoghouse, gas barrel stand, branding iron heater, tank heater, and a pipe-vise stand. Our chapter will put up a window display downtown during National Education Week.

Lawrence Bell, Reporter

GOESSEL: Our FFA officers and advisor went to the first FFA Leadership Camp held during the month of Aug. We also had a watermelon feed with the freshmen boys as our guests. At the meeting, some of the games played were: Indian wrestling and Tug-of-war. After recreation we ate watermelon and had our meeting. We had an FFA Spell-down during this meeting. The chapter divided into groups and each group elected a person to take part in the spell-down. The questions pertained to FFA information. Among the projects that we exhibited at the State and local fairs were: a manure loader, sickle grinder, portable bale elevator, auger trailer, and power hacksaw. We are planning a Pest Control Contest beginning Nov. 1. We collected soil samples for the farmers in this vicinity.

Dennis Schmidt, Reporter

STOCKTON: The chapter held 2 regular meetings and an officer's meeting during the summer. Thirty members entered 120 exhibits at the Rooks County Fair Aug. 22-26. The chapter received a blue ribbon on its booth exhibit. We were hosts to a livestock judging contest for northwest Kansas, in connection with our fair. Our chapter and the Rooks County 4-H Council were hosts to the northwest district Land Judging school and contest on Oct. 1. A National FFA band member, an American Farmer candidate, along with five other members attended the National FFA Convention. We held our annual high school carnival (Goblin's Glory) on Oct. 29.

Leonard Dix, Reporter

LONG ISLAND: Since the close of the '59-60 school year, our chapter has held 4 meetings. In June we stressed Safety on the Farm. In July the members enjoyed a swimming party. In Sept. we sponsored our annual FFA hayride with approximately 45 members and guests attending. In Oct., 3 members participated in the District Land Judging Contest. Three members along with the advisor attended the National FFA Convention. In farm shop, a mower is being re-conditioned, a feed bunk has been built, picnic tables, several hog troughs, and a fuel barrel stand are under construction. The local radio station has agreed to let us have some time each month for talks on farm safety or other farm-related subjects. Chapter money-making projects include, shocking feed, building and repairing farm machinery and equipment, and sponsoring a Trap Shoot.

Don Covington, Reporter

FORD: At our last monthly meeting, Mr. Hubert Snook, Ford High School speech instructor, gave a speech on "The Importance of Speech in Your Life." At our Oct. 27 chapter meeting, the member's parents attended, got acquainted, and learned how we carry out our meetings. At the Nov. meeting, we will hold the Green Hand initiation. The Fowler FFA Chapter is to be our guests during the Dec. meeting. Our advisor and 6 members went to Hutchinson and prepared the Ford County Booth at the State Fair. This booth received a blue ribbon. Five members attended the National FFA Convention. Dallas Hensley was selected to sing and play at the Convention before an audience of 9,000 and was well received by the listeners. After the National Convention, the 5 boys and 2 sponsors, Mr. Jones and E. M. Pyle went to the KU-OU Football game in Lawrence. The chapter sent a judging team to the State-Area Land Judging Contest held in Dodge City, Oct. 22. Our chapter and the Pep Club will sponsor a box supper. The profit will be divided between the two organizations.

Roger Jones, Reporter

HOLCOMB: We took a camping trip to Lake City, Colorado. There were approximately 20 members present. We held our regular monthly meeting on Sept. 21. The district game-warden was the speaker. We had a watermelon feed after the meeting. Our annual parent-son banquet will be held on Nov. 22. Some of the Vo-Ag boys went to the State Fair with Mr. Vaughn, our advisor.

Harold Webb, Reporter

NORCATUR: On Sept. 7, the chapter had a watermelon feed for the Freshman class. Ten Green Hands and eleven Chapter Farmers received degrees at a special meeting Oct. 5. The chapter's annual FFA Carnival was held on Oct. 28. With the income from the carnival, the members hope to raise enough money to start an FFA scholarship fund. We hope to give a scholarship award of \$100 each year to help send an FFA member to any college of his choice. If the member receiving the award does not go to college, he will be able to apply his scholarship award to the purchase of livestock or equipment. The member receiving the award must also have a grade average of C or better. He must have a well-balanced farming program and have a net worth statement of at least \$1500. In shop we are working on 2 hay balers which we received from a local dealer, farrowing crates, several salt and bone meal boxes, a drag harrow, and a tractor is in for a paint job.

Frank Brooks, Reporter

SABETHA: Five officers and our advisor attended the State FFA camp at Goddard, Kansas. In Aug. our chapter had its annual Father-Son Watermelon Feed. After the feed, a soft-ball game was played between the boys and men. The boys won. We entered a booth at the Mid-America Fair in Topeka, and received 8th place. On Sept. 10 we attended the Topeka Fair. In shop we built a crow's nest for the football field, rebuilt a two-wheeled trailer, built a fence around the football field, and cut down several trees. We are preparing to build a bale loader. On Oct. 12, our advisor and five officers attended the National FFA Convention. Our Green Hand initiation will be Nov. 9. The FFA

has been selling popcorn at all the home football games. We have approximately \$184 in our treasury, and 27 members in our chapter at the present time.

Stephen Herrmann, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: We had a booth at the State Fair. We took third in our division and fifth in the State. We held the North Central district land judging school on Sept. 24. We attended the Central State-Area Land judging contest at Haven. Freshman orientation, an informal meeting with the advisor and parents of freshmen, has been held. This summer the chapter held a picnic at the Kanopolis Lake. It was attended by 100 persons including the FFA members, their families, and prospective freshmen and their parents. It was a covered dish meal with the FFA furnishing the drinks and ice cream. We are making plans for our annual Barnwarmer. The winners of the county's \$400 worth of scholarships will be announced in the near future. These scholarships include \$100 from the Citizen's State Bank, \$100 from the Farmer's Co-op, and \$200 from the Soil Conservation Service.

Wally Weber, Reporter

LEBO: Our September meeting was in honor of the Freshmen and their parents. Green Hand initiation was held in Oct. We had our work week in September. This was our chief function for raising funds for the chapter. Plans are being made for the FFA Barnwarmer.

Bobby Huddleston, Reporter

WAKEENEY: In July the new officers and Mr. and Mrs. Detwiler rented a cabin near Allen's Park, Colorado for five days. The officers worked and

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played together which we feel will help the officers to be able to do a good job this year. We planned our activities and budget for 1960-61. We spent some time sight-seeing in the National Park, hiking, square dancing, and a trip over Trail Bridge Road. On the Tuesday before school started, approximately 40 boys and 60 girls attended the FFA and FHA watermelon feed to get acquainted with the freshman students. Three boys in our chapter earned FFA jackets this year selling Farm Journal subscriptions. The chapter Christmas Card and Stationery sales are to start the first week in Nov. We have 14 freshman boys enrolled in Ag. that will be entertained some night the middle of Nov. at a Green Hand party and receive the Green Hand degree.

Kenneth Schoenthaler, Reporter

ELK CITY: During the Elk City Fair, the local FFA chapter was in charge of 3 main events. The livestock judging contest was divided into a Junior and a Senior group with prizes given in both. The other 2 main attractions were a tractor-driving contest and a slave auction. The tractor-driving contest was set up so the operator had to drive forward and then backward through a course of barrels. In our slave auction we sold 43 boys for a total of \$343. The money will be used for chapter activities.

Donald Stelting, Reporter

CHANUTE: Our chapter held its annual watermelon feed and swimming party on Aug. 10, with the ninth grade boys as guests. This year, members of our chapter have spent 2 days in the Ozarks, 2 days at the State Fair, and an overnight trip to the FFA convention and

American Royal. We had concessions at one football game and made \$40. Our chapter competed in the district land judging school at Yates Center and at the State-Area Contest at Emporia. At Emporia we won the right to compete in the National Contest at Oklahoma City. We also won first in Pasture and Range Management. Parent's night was held at our first night meeting of the year on Oct. 17. Talks were made and the film "The Farmer of Tomorrow" was shown.

Eddie McMillen, Reporter

ERIE: We had 3 meetings during the summer. The program at the June meeting was presented by one of the local implement dealers. He showed movies and had a display in our shop. In July we froze twenty gallons of home-made ice cream and sold it at our FFA booth at the Erie Bean Day and carnival. Many of our members showed crops and livestock at the county fair in Aug. During Aug. we had our annual Father-Son watermelon feed for the prospective freshmen. In Sept. we attended the Mid-America Fair at Topeka. Five of our officers attended the National FFA Convention. We had an American Farmer candidate, Charles Ludlum, who was awarded the Degree at the session we attended.

Bill Lock, Reporter

PRATT: Our new FFA advisor this year is Mr. Jorns, who taught at Udall before coming to Pratt. We had a watermelon feed during Aug. and invited as guests our fathers, incoming freshmen boys and their fathers. There are 35 boys enrolled in the vocational agriculture classes this year. Our officers attended the leadership school

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at Harper during Sept., and 9 members attended the district Land judging contest at Haven on Oct. 8. The chapter is conducting a pest eradication contest. The losing team will be host to a party for the winning team. For a money-raising project this year, we sponsored the concession stand at a football game. Five of the chapter officers attended the FFA Convention and American Royal in Kansas City on Oct. 14-15.

Roger Davis, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Before school opened, we held a recreation night to get acquainted with the new members and their dads. We held a night meeting to raise 18 Green Hands to Chapter Farmers. One-hundred percent of our members own FFA jackets. There are 41 members in the chapter. The following major projects are underway in the shop: blade for a Ford tractor, 3 hay feeders, 4 tractors to overhaul, side boards for a pick-up, and 2 pick-up stock racks. Plans are being made for the 1960 FFA Barnwarmer which will be held in the vocational agriculture shop Nov. 11.

Mike Stahl, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: The highlight of recent activities in our chapter was the trip to the National Safety Congress and Exposition in Chicago, taken by Dale Niemeir, Earl Carter, Mike Dickman, James Thomas, and Mr. Milton Kohrs, our advisor. These members had a part on the Chicago program. They won this trip by having been chosen state champions in safety activities last year. Members of our chapter took part in the talent program and were on the courtesy

corps at the National FFA Convention. At the Mid-America Fair in Topeka, the chapter had five entries in the farm mechanics contest. Chapter officers attended the district leadership school at Chanute. A watermelon feed and a swimming party were the activities at the summer meetings. In shop we have been making a tractor mounted grader blade, gates, feed bunks, and tractor and manure spreader repairs. Again this year the chapter is servicing and renting out the ASC pastureland drill, receiving 15¢ an acre for its rental. We have participated in several radio and television safety programs.

Delbert Crays, Reporter

TROY: Our chapter has planted some wheat variety test plots. We also planted alfalfa and are planning to raise certified alfalfa seed. Our chapter corn plots have been testing varieties of corn and various applications of fertilizer and pre-emergence weed spray. We harvested our corn test plots on Oct. 17.

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