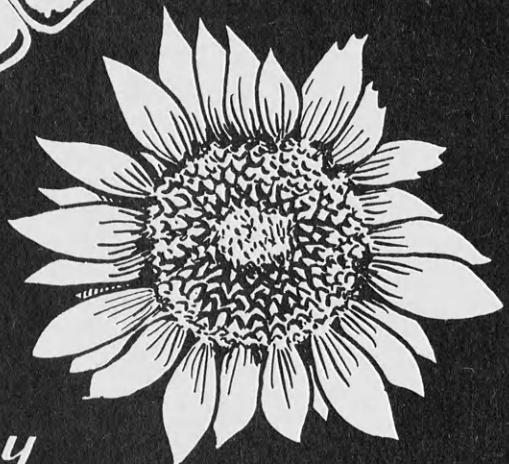


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GOODWILL TOUR



Governor William H. Avery's signing of the FFA Week Proclamation was the beginning of a three-day Goodwill Tour. On February 2, the State officers had opportunity to visit and have lunch with Santa Fe Railway executives. Mr. Bill Cox, Special Representative, Santa Fe Railway, was host to the officers. The Kansas Co-op Council and WIBW-TV were scheduled stops in the afternoon.

On February 3, the officers had the privilege of meeting with President Lyle Yost, Hesston Manufacturing Company, and touring their outstanding plant. The officers were guests of President Yost for lunch. In the afternoon of February 3, the officers visited with Mr. William G. Plested, Jr., President of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, and other high ranking officials of the bank.

On Wednesday morning, the Goodwill Tour was climaxed by a visit to the Kansas Farm Bureau in Manhattan. Mr. Joe Smerchek discussed problems affecting farmers and future solutions.

The FFA Goodwill Tour gave opportunity to visit with leading organizations in the State who share an interest in agriculture and in our Kansas Association of FFA.

FFA CALENDAR
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 5 - Annual FFA report and reports of delegates to State FFA Convention are due in State Office, Topeka.
- April 5 - National Chapter Award report forms due in State Office, Topeka.
- April 13 - Entries in Agriculture and Farm Mechanics Contest due.
Send to Howard Bradley, Kansas State University.
- April 13 - Request for hot lunches during State Contest and Convention checks due -- Howard Bradley, Kansas State University.
- April 13 - Reservations for University housing due -- P. N. Stevenson, Kansas State University.
- April 15 - Safety Award reports due in State Office, Topeka.
- April 23 - National FFA Band applications due in State Office, Topeka.
- Aug. 14 - 17 - FFA Leadership Training Camp, Rock Springs.

Coaches of Agriculture and Farm Mechanics teams and individuals who do not have their entries delivered to Howard Bradley will not be permitted to have their teams compete in any part of the contest.

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ANNUAL FFA REPORT DUE

The annual FFA Report form was mailed to advisors on March 17 and is due back in the State FFA Office on or before April 5. Your State Association must receive a report from each active FFA chapter. The report will be summarized and a complete report made to the National office. The report form is the same as last years and requests only information as desirable and basic to a good FFA program.

Please save unnecessary correspondence by filing your FFA report promptly!

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REPORT OF OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Included in the Annual FFA Report at the top of page one is space for listing the names of your chapter's official delegates to the 1965 State Convention. If a decision has not been made by April 5, please indicate that two delegates will represent the chapter. They can give their names during the seating of delegates. We need the names in advance if possible, in order to assign each delegate to a committee. If a delegate has a preference as to which committee he would like to work on, he may so indicate and every effort will be made to make assignments according to the wishes of the delegates.

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ANNUAL STATE FFA CONVENTION

April 25-27, 1965

"CALL TO STATE CONVENTION"

Terry Odle, President

On behalf of the State Officers, I extend a request for all 184 chapters of the Kansas Association to be represented at the Thirty-Seventh Annual State Convention April 25-27, in the Municipal Auditorium, Manhattan, Kansas.

Your Convention has been planned to be an inspirational and informative experience for all in attendance. A vespers program will provide a fitting introduction on Sunday evening. The Convention sessions are planned to execute business, recognize outstanding achievements and promote leadership training.

We have the opportunity in the FFA that can become our promise of success. Time is not the answer, but rather, dedication. Our "part in that inspiring task" awaits us. Our future is in our own hands.

I challenge each of you to wear your blue and gold jacket proudly, for it is the trademark of farm youth noted for having high ideals and always holding true to the best tradition of rural America.

I hope each of you will return home from this Convention inspired to share ideas you will gain; remember, somebody has had faith in you to select you to attend this Convention.

This 37th Annual State FFA Convention will be the highlight of our FFA year. With the help and cooperation of all present, our Convention can be a great success. I hope that this FFA Convention will leave every Future Farmer and adult present with a renewed dedication to the aims and purposes of the FFA.

I will look forward to seeing you in Manhattan.

Sincerely yours,
Terry Odle, State President
Kansas Association of FFA

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Terry Odle, Pres.

Jerry Litton Speaks

The Kansas Association of FFA will have opportunity to hear Jerry Litton, one of the outstanding speakers in the nation. Jerry operates the Litton Ranch which has nationally recognized Charolais cattle.

Jerry served as chapter president, state president, and national student secretary of the FFA.

Jerry started giving speeches as an FFA officer for the FFA and never quit. He has since been called upon to deliver main addresses on various topics throughout the United States. He started making high school commencement addresses at the age of 19. At the age of 21, he replaced the Secretary of Agriculture as speaker at a beef conference in Virginia. When he was 25, he had made over 600 addresses in 43 States. He has talked at bank conventions, sales meetings, agricultural meetings, and all types of public gatherings. Jerry will appear on the Kansas FFA Association Convention program at 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 26, in the Municipal Auditorium, downtown Manhattan, Kansas.

The Kansas Association is honored to have one of the nation's successful FFA members address the Convention. Advisors and friends of the FFA should not miss the opportunity to hear Jerry's address.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Litton are shown checking the IBM performance and production records of their Charolais herd.

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FFA FOUNDATION AWARD BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Each student who receives a Future Farmer of America Foundation Medal Award in any of the nine areas in which awards are provided, should also receive an award booklet and certificate. Six single booklets and certificates have been sent to each chapter. Every individual who received a medal award is urged to write a letter of thanks to the chairman of the sponsoring committee whose name and address is as follows: Mr. L. W. Moore, President, American Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois.

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Sherri and Jerry Litton

National FFA Vice President

Larry Prewitt, National FFA Vice President, will be a featured speaker at the 4th session of the State FFA Convention.

Larry, 19, from Thayer, Missouri, was elected to his position in Kansas City, Missouri, last October. One of the organization's most capable young leaders, he recently served as Missouri's State FFA President. Prior to his election to National FFA office last fall, he was a student of Agricultural Education at the University of Missouri, where he was named to the Dean's list and selected the outstanding freshman in the College of Agriculture his first year at college.



Larry's farming program includes a one-third partnership in 82 dairy cows, 97 acres of crops and pasture, and 85 acres of managed forest. The dairy operation is Grade A with pipeline milker and bulk tank. Larry has set out over 2,800 pine seedlings to improve the farm woodland.

Larry Prewitt

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Roger Buller of the Inman High School won first place in the carcass division at the Junior Livestock Show in Wichita. Roger is a State Farmer and President of his local FFA chapter. The live steer's weight was 1,000 pounds with a dressing percentage of 61.5.

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An Overhauling Job

She: "My dad likes to take things apart to see why they don't go."

He: "So what?"

She: "So you better go."

Roger Buller

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37th State FFA Convention

April 25-27, 1965

Municipal Auditorium, Downtown, Manhattan

Sunday, April 25, Municipal Auditorium

- 1:30 p.m. - Meeting of Nominating Committee, Conference Room, Basement of Municipal Auditorium
- 2:00 p.m. - Meeting of all State FFA officer candidates, Conference Room, Basement of Municipal Auditorium
- 3:00 p.m. - Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Municipal Auditorium
- 7:30 p.m. - Vespers Service - Municipal Auditorium
 - Invocation - David Lightner, State Treasurer
 - FFA ensemble, Chapman, Director -- Don Miller
 - Scripture Reading, David Martin, State Secretary
 - Group Singing, led by Larry Ehrlich, State Reporter
 - Vespers Message - James Jeffrey, Executive Secretary, Fellowship Christian Athletes
 - FFA quartet, Goessel, Jerry Schmidt, Myron Schmidt, Nelson Schmidt, and Larry Goertzen
 - Announcements and Introductions - Terry Odle, State President
- 8:30 p.m. - Adjournment
 - (The Vespers Service is not an official business session of the Convention)

Monday, April 26, Municipal Auditorium

- 8:00 a.m. - Invocation, David Lightner, State Treasurer
- Opening Ceremony -- State FFA Officers
- Announcements and Remarks -- C. C. Eustace, State FFA Advisor
- Seating of Delegates -- David Martin, State Secretary
- Minutes of 36th State Convention -- David Martin
- Greetings and Remarks -- Michael Dikeman, President of Collegiate FFA Chapter
- State FFA Treasurer's Report -- David Lightner
- Greetings and Remarks -- Larry Prewitt, National Vice-President, Central Region
- Welcoming Address -- Richard Rogers, Mayor of Manhattan
- Presentation of Incentive Award check -- Richard Stewart
- Wilbur Skinner-- Future Farmer Supply, Washington, D. C.
- Skit, "My Faith in Agriculture," Kingman FFA Chapter
- Closing Ceremony -- State FFA Officers

- 10:00 a.m. - Appointments to Committees - Terry Odle
- 10:15 a.m. - Advisors pick up State Farmer applications and pay for State Farmer pins -- Lobby Municipal Auditorium
- 10:30 a.m. - Advisors' Meeting -- Municipal Auditorium

Second General Session

Municipal Auditorium

April 26, 1:30 p.m.

- 1:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremony -- State FFA Officers
- Greetings and Remarks - Frank Davis, Emporia, President of Kansas Young Farmers Association
- Report of FFA Reporter, Larry Ehrlich
- Entertainment -- Tribune Chapter
- Address -- Jerry Litton, former National FFA Secretary
- Presentation of Santa Fe Railway Scholarships, Bill Cox, Special Representative
- Presentation of Kansas Cooperative Awards -- J. D. Lynd, Asst. Executive Secretary, Co-op Council
- Film -- "Four Star Farmers of 1964"
- Report of FFA Sentinel, Warren H. Grable

- 3:30 p.m. - Final FFA Public Speaking Contest -- John Holste, State Vice President in charge

- 4:45 p.m. - Closing Ceremony and Adjournment

- 5:15 p.m. - State Farmer picture -- East steps of Willard Hall, Kansas State University

Third General Session

Municipal Auditorium

April 26, 7:30 p.m.

- 7:30 p.m. - State FFA Chorus -- Professor Hershberger, Kansas State University, Director

- 8:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremony -- State FFA Officers
- Election of State Farmers
- Address -- Larry Prewitt, National Student Secretary
- Election of Honorary State Farmers
- Presentation of State FFA Foundation Awards
- Ceremony honoring parents of State FFA officers
- Star Farmer of Kansas Ceremony
- Closing Ceremony -- State FFA Officers

Fourth General Session
Municipal Auditorium
April 27, 8:30 a.m.

- 8:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremony -- State FFA Officers
- Report of FFA Secretary -- David Martin
- Committee Reports
- Greetings and Remarks -- State FHA President,
Connie Bestwick, Sabetha
- Presentation of District FFA Foundation Awards
- Presentation of Gavel to Kansas Association by
Oakley FFA Chapter
- Film -- "The Vanishing Prairie"
- Presentation of Gold Emblem Chapter Awards
- Committee Reports
- 10:30 a.m. - Finals -- State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest
- 11:30 a.m. - Closing Ceremony and adjournment

Fifth General Session
Municipal Auditorium
April 27, 1:00 p.m.

- 1:00 p.m. - Election of 1965-66 State FFA officers
- Committee Reports
- Report of FFA Vice President, John Holste
- Film -- "The Challenge... Leadership; The Answer
...The Future Farmers of America"
- Report of FFA President, Terry Odle
- 2:15 p.m. - Presentation of Union Pacific scholarship awards,
Charles Manke, Agricultural Agent
- 3:00 p.m. - Announcement of State Judging and Farm Mechanics
Contest winners at Williams Auditorium, Kansas State
University, Dr. Charles Norton, Chairman of College
Contest Committee

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"SAFE AND ALIVE IN '65"

Gov. Wm. H. Avery has declared May 2-9 as Kansas Farm Safety Week. President Johnson has proclaimed July 25-31 as National Farm Safety Week. This is an opportunity for our local FFA chapters to direct attention on the rural accident situation and to suggest measures for counteracting this loss of life. Get the facts by checking with Walter M. Whitlow, State Board of Health, 5th Floor, and Claude McCamment, Dir. of Safety, 7th Floor, both in the State Office Bldg., Topeka, and the Safety Department of the Kansas Farm Bureau, Manhattan, local sheriff offices and back issues of newspapers. Interview and discuss with local people to reveal their accident experience and what kind of accidents happen to who. A fact sheet from the National Farm Safety Council will be sent to you by April 25.

PROF. JAMES HERSHBERGER LEADS STATE FFA CHORUS

The Fourth State FFA Chorus has been selected and plans are in progress for the chorus to present a 25-minute program to open the third general session of the 37th State FFA Convention in the Manhattan Municipal Auditorium, Monday evening, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. Prof. James Hershberger of the Kansas State University Music Department, will conduct the chorus. Prof. Hershberger is the University Men's Glee Club conductor and has presented programs throughout Kansas and many other States. He is one of the outstanding conductors of college groups in the country. FFA members who have been selected will have a rare opportunity in rehearsing and working with Prof. Hershberger on Monday of the convention. Congratulations to each FFA member who applied. All those who applied could not be used this year. If you are less than a senior this year, may we encourage you to resubmit your application for the chorus next. Fifty-seven members will make up the State FFA Chorus this year.

First Tenors

Mike Engle, Abilene
 Jim Hilty, Bird City
 Dennis Mussemann, WaKeeney
 Larry Hillman, WaKeeney
 Jerry Schmidt, Newton
 Doug Schmidt, Leoti
 Kenneth Kruse, Hanover
 Bill Kocinek, Ellsworth
 Gary Holle, Marysville
 Earl Allen, Preston
 Alton Hazen, Stockton
 P. J. Stucky, Pretty Prairie

Second Tenors

Jack Huey, Topeka (Seaman)
 Bob Renner, Oakley
 Leland Ziegler, Hoxie
 Mark Chapin, Washington
 Larry Stensaas, Scandia
 Alan Varney, Jewell
 Richard Jackson, Osage City
 Vaughn Lambert, Smith Center
 David Peterson, Oakley
 Walter Eades, Stockton
 Alan Vopat, Wilson
 Dennis McWilliams, Atwood
 David Stucky, Kingman

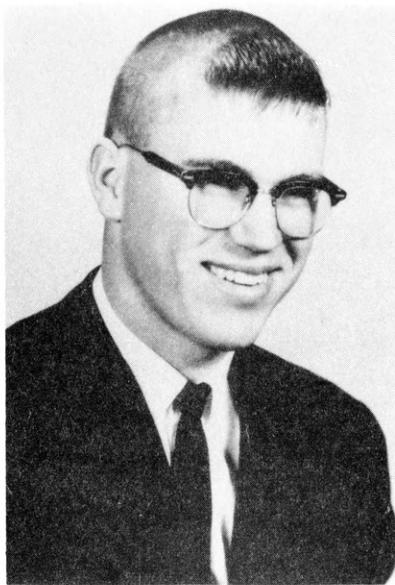
First Basses

Randy Grader, Pretty Prairie
 Dale Elliott, Columbus
 Steve Sayre, Ensign
 Bruce Hartnett, Ensign
 Larry D. Goerzen, Newton
 Jon Sims, Smith Center
 David H. Leebrick, Atwood
 Wayne Scott, Preston
 Kenny Studer, Preston
 David Grilliot, Syracuse
 Robert Harsh, Holcomb
 Dale Carter, Ft. Scott
 Charles D. Lambert, Palco
 Herschel George, Uniontown
 James Regier, Buhler
 Victor Olmstead, Winfield

Second Basses

Virgil Peters, Hillsboro
 Steve Heiman, Jewell
 Fred L. Buster, Eureka
 Danny Smith, Kinsley
 Lynn Lightner, Garden City
 Larry Jost, Peabody
 Duane Woods, Leoti
 Erik Wieland, Morrowville
 Bob Tice, Morrowville
 Steven R. Tichenor, Russell
 Jary Boehme, Kinsley
 Neal Kindall, Minneapolis
 Richard Thompson, Harveyville
 Ronald Barnhart, Buhler
 Steve Hoover, Abilene
 Ralph Carlton, Jennings

IN MEMORIAM



Royal Hettenback
Kingman FFA Chapter

Royal was killed on December 27 in a traffic accident near Florence. He was the secretary of the Florence FFA. He had been awarded the Star Greenhand award when he was a freshman and last year won the Star Chapter Farmer Award.

Royal had also won other FFA honors and awards. He had participated in many District FFA schools and contests and several State activities.

Royal had a large farming program which consisted mainly of Angus cows producing feeder calves. He also was engaged in the swine enterprise. Royal and his dad had undertaken a soil and water management project second to none by any single farmer in this area. They had cleared trees and brush from the banks of the Cottonwood River to help prevent any future flooding in the Cottonwood Valley.

Those who worked with Royal knew him as a young man who could assume responsibility and see it through to the completion of the task. This is demonstrated in his perfect attendance record since entering school. Since entering school, he had played football and basketball each season. At the time of Royal's death, he served his fellow students and school as president of the senior class, vice president of the Student Council, secretary of the Letterman's Club, and treasurer of the Hi Y.

NATIONAL FFA BAND - 1965

Application forms for the National FFA Band have been sent to all FFA advisors. Kansas has normally supplied about ten members to this outstanding feature of the National FFA Convention. If a chapter has more than one member who wishes to apply, the chapter may duplicate the application form exactly and submit as many qualified candidates as wish to apply. All applications must be in the State office by April 23 in order that they may be forwarded as a group to the band director by May 1. Mr. R. Cedric Anderson of Grand Rapids, Iowa, who directed the 1964 band, will again be the National Band Director.

Announcements concerning the selection of band members will be made early in the summer as they are received by Mr. Anderson. Strict attention must be paid to nominating only FFA members who will definitely be available for the entire convention beginning on October 10, 1965, at 1:00 p.m. and ending after the American Royal Parade on Saturday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.

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Tentative dates for the 1965 National FFA contests and the Awards Breakfast are as follows:

Dairy Cattle Contest	Monday, October 4	Waterloo, Iowa
Dairy Products Contest	Tuesday, October 5	Waterloo, Iowa
Meats and Poultry Contests	Wednesday, October 13	Kansas City, Mo.
Livestock Contest	Thursday, October 14	Kansas City, Mo.
Awards Breakfast	Friday, October 15	Kansas City, Mo.

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CO-OP QUIZ AWARDS ANNOUNCED

In each KVAA District the chapter whose average score was the highest in the quiz contest will receive a \$50 cash award at the Annual State Convention, Monday afternoon, April 26, in the Municipal Auditorium in Manhattan.

The high chapters in their respective districts are: Oakley, Ellsworth, Seaman, Florence, Ford, Troy and Fort Scott. The high individuals in each district will receive a \$50 scholarship to attend the American Institute of Cooperation at their summer meeting in August.

High individuals in their respective Districts are as follows:

Eddie Peden, Troy	98	Randy Stoecker, Oakley	96
Owen Gaul, Troy	98	Bernard Waner, Florence	94
J. Shrock, Caney	96	Taylor Neuschwander, Tribune	94
Dwayne Neal, Ft. Scott	96	Lloyd Kottman, Ellsworth	92

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**OUTDOOR ADVERTISORS POST FFA WEEK SIGNS ON KANSAS
HIGHWAYS**

Have you seen the large posters promoting the FFA Week slogan "Agriculture--Our American Heritage"? Forty-two of these signs were on display across the State of Kansas during the month of February. The Kansas Association purchased the signs from the National Supply Service at \$4 each. They were displayed as a courtesy of the outdoor advertising agencies throughout the State.

The Kansas Association appreciates the following agencies for donating space in a joint effort that is beneficial to agriculture in the State of Kansas:

Parker-Floyd Inc. 327 South Walnut Hutchinson, Kansas	Knapp Outdoor Advertising Corp. 440 N. Water Wichita 2, Kansas 67202
Martin Outdoor of Kansas 2225 N. Clay St. Topeka, Kansas	Poster Advertising Co. 606 N. Summit St. El Dorado, Kansas
Martin Outdoor of Missouri, Inc. 504 Mitchell Ave. St. Joseph, Missouri	Mr. D. A. Dougherty Dougherty Poster Adv. Co. Downs, Kansas
Mr. Harry Bates, Manager North Kansas Outdoor Adv. Co. Downs, Kansas	

The agencies who posted signs would, no doubt, be pleased to hear from local chapters who have signs posted in their area. We urge you to write the agencies expressing appreciation for their interest.

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CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

A worthwhile goal of every FFA chapter in Kansas would be to meet the main qualifications for a "Standard FFA Chapter Award." In competing for the Standard Chapter Award, Form No. 1 only should be completed. If you are applying for the Superior Chapter Award, then both Form No. 1 and No. 2 must be completed. For the National Emblem Award and the Kansas Gold Emblem Award, Forms No. 1, 2, and 3 must be completed.

The first year in which a chapter applies for and receives the Superior Chapter Award, a special "12-year award" plaque will be presented. In the following years, a special plastic plate with the award won will be presented to the chapter for attachment to the "12-year award" plaque. The name of the chapter and the award won are engraved in the plastic and attached to the plaque.

Applications forms are available from the State office.

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Four FFA members attended the Poultry Fact Finding Conference, Feb. 12-14 in Kansas City, Mo., through the courtesy of Seymour Foods. The Fact Finding Conference pointed out the many opportunities in the poultry business. The display of handling poultry products is unexcelled at this convention.

A special thanks to Seymour Foods for their interest in our Kansas Association of FFA.

Left to right: Mr. Al Williams, Advertising and Public Relations Manager, Seymour Foods Company, Brian Johnson of Louisburg, David Herring of Cheney, Phil Brown of Clay Center. Howard Goff was unable to be in the picture but was a delegate to the Conference. Howard is from Manhattan.



FFA SWEETHEART

Miss Connie Pfeiffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pfeiffer, was crowned sweetheart of the Fort Scott Chapter in ceremonies at the annual Sweetheart Dance held in the high school. Valentine colors featured the decorations. The setting for the crowning ceremonies was a big white heart outlined in red with the letters "Connie" and the FFA emblem in glittered letters.

Dudley Quick crowned Miss Pfeiffer Queen of the Fort Scott FFA Chapter.

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GARDEN CITY RECOGNIZES FFA WEEK

The Garden City Telegram and the high school paper, The Sugar Beet, gave special recognition to Future Farmers in the area. Mr. Bill Brown, Editor of the Garden City Telegram, ran an outstanding news story with pictures of Future Farmers activities.

Several business firms' ads also saluted FFA members. The school offices used FFA stickers on all letters mailed out during the week.

Other FFA Week activities included attendance at church as a group, special FFA dress-up day at the high school with a special FFA meeting following, two television programs, a 14-minute radio program over KIUL, plus several radio spots focused attention on FFA Week.

Congratulations to the news media and to outstanding chapters in the Garden City area for a job well done.

The following editorial appeared in the Garden City Telegram on February 25:

"SALUTE TO FFA"

Future Farmers of America members here and in most of our area high schools are observing National FFA Week.

With the theme, "Agriculture--Our American Heritage," these farm boys are undertaking a campaign to inform the general public about the importance of the agricultural industry to America, and of the wide variety of opportunities that exists for the young men who have a background of farm experience and training.

From first-hand observation, we know that FFA organizations in this area are realizing their objectives. They are developing leadership qualities in their members, and are stimulating these young men to better achievement in their study and work toward successful establishment in farming or other agricultural occupations.

In our area, farming is still, as it always has been, our largest and most vital industry. Most of our businesses are basically dependent upon agriculture for their existence.

Vocational agriculture, the prerequisite course for FFA membership, is a vital part of our educational program. More often than not, we will find those with outstanding farming operations are former vocational agriculture students. And many of our rural leaders are former FFA members and officers.

FFA is doing its part in training today's youth to be tomorrow's good citizens and leaders."



Sausage in the making



"Short stack, please!"

**OAKLEY FFA SPONSORS PANCAKE
AND SAUSAGE FEED**

Two hundred and fifty pounds of sausage from home-fed and butchered hogs was served at the annual Oakley FFA Pancake Feed, January 23, 1965.

Two hogs were ground into sausage and served all day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Over 680 people were served. One hundred pounds of pancake flour, 35 gallons of milk, 35 dozen eggs, and two hogs were used to round out the ingredients. The hogs were butchered and processed in the vocational agriculture classes.

A \$300 profit from the pancake feed will help finance a trip for chapter delegates to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City this fall and the State Convention in Manhattan April 25-27, 1965.

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A new 16 mm sound-color film, titled "The Challenge LEADERSHIP, The Answer.... THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA," is now available for your free use at your meetings. The 27-minute film is sponsored by New Idea.

This non-commercial film was planned specifically for use by teachers. Distribution is being handled by:

The Venard Organization
Peoria, Illinois 61602.

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FFA -FHA Cooperation

The results of a recent survey of the FFA chapters in Kansas indicate that the local FFA and FHA chapters have successfully cooperated in many activities. These activities can be classified into five main areas: social, public service, fund raising, educational, and general.

Many of the social activities have been very successful. It seems that the most popular function is the FFA Barnwarmer Dance where an FFA Sweetheart and an FHA King are chosen to rule for the evening. Other social activities include a variety of dances, both social and square dancing, skating parties, picnics, gym parties, watermelon feeds, hayrack rides, swimming parties, and Valentine, Halloween, and Christmas parties.

Many public service activities have also been worthwhile. Some of these activities occur just before Christmas when the FFA and FHA can give Christmas baskets to needy families in the community, conduct Christmas toy drives, decorate the school, and have caroling parties. Other cooperative public service activities include collecting for the March of Dimes, constructing window displays for Farm-City Week, conducting a safety program for the home and farm, presenting school assembly programs, and helping to beautify the school grounds by picking up trash, pulling weeds, and performing other constructive actions.

Many of the local FFA and FHA chapters have cooperative fund raising activities. Some of these activities include serving at banquets in the community such as the Co-op or Farm Bureau Banquets, having concession stands at football and basketball games, and at FFA judging activities, having chicken barbecues or chili feeds, and having box suppers which the girls prepare, the boys buy, and everyone enjoys. Other money making activities include having carnivals or variety shows, slave auctions, and car washes where the boys do the major amount of washing, the girls polish and clean the interior, and everyone gets sopping wet.

Some of the activities which can be called educational include the exchanging of vocational agriculture and home economics classes for one week. The boys are taught correct table manners, how to iron a shirt, how to make a bed, and other useful skills while the girls learn the qualities for which to look when selecting packaged meat cuts, how to repair electrical appliances, how to make simple household repairs, and other worthwhile skills. Some chapters have joint meetings where they have panel discussions on dating, dress, etiquette, and other common interests.

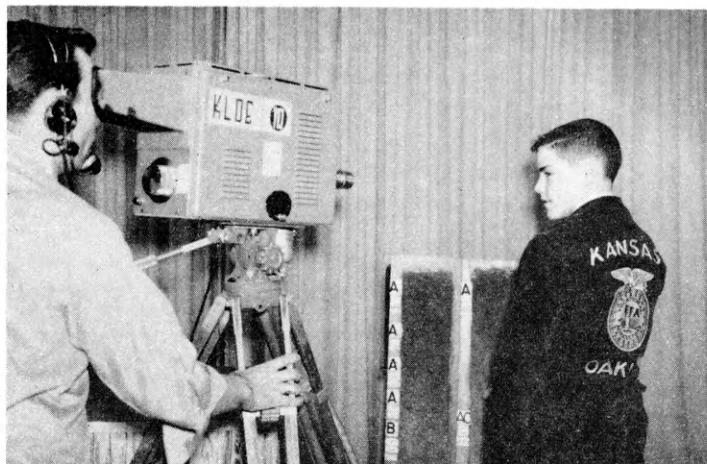
The general cooperative activity which is the most common is when the FHA girls serve at the FFA banquets and, likewise, when the FFA boys serve at the FHA banquets. Other general cooperative activities include having a banquet which honors the senior members of both organizations, having a combined FFA-FHA banquet, and purchasing equipment which is needed by both organizations, such as a camera.

The FFA and FHA can successfully cooperate, benefitting both organizations as they strive to attain high goals of achievement.

Barbeque Ideas

Here's an idea that's simple, unique, and economical for a group of FFA boys. It's a pork barbecue. Suitable for 50 people, this event works well for the senior FFA boys, their dates, and the parents, or would be usable for dad's night. Here's how. Buy a 125-pound pig. A healthy ruptured pig is most economical and sometimes these can be secured for very little or as a gift. Butcher him. This takes 30 minutes with proper equipment. Skinning is best since you don't want the fat anyway. Cool out the carcass for a couple of days. Cut the carcass into six pieces, apply ample barbecue sauce, salt and pepper, wrap in two thicknesses of aluminum foil, then in muslin and tie. Secure a pickup full of hard wood, select a suitable spot for the barbecue, start the fire 14 or 15 hours before serving time and get a large pile of coals. Dig a hole near the fire four feet long and two feet wide and three feet deep. Nine hours before serving, put 12 to 15 inches of red hot coals in the hole, cover with a layer of old galvanized tin, put the wrapped pieces of meat on the tin, sprinkle a 6-inch layer of dry sand over the meat, fill with dirt, and put another piece of sheet metal over that. Nine hours later dig up the most delicious barbecued pork you have ever tasted. Serve it where cooked or take it to the school to serve it. The rest of the menu could consist of a couple of gallons of baked beans, potato chips, pickles, bread and butter (plenty), pop, and some type of dessert. There's a certain amount of mixed anticipation about a barbecue like this but every time we have tried it, it has turned out to be a big success.

----- Wilbur Rawson, Concordia FFA Chapter



SOIL SURVEY

The Oakley FFA Chapter appeared on television, February 15, Channel 10, KLOE, Goodland. Bob Brockelman, vice president, discussed a Logan County soil survey. The program was designed to encourage farmers to attend three educational meetings where the soil survey would be explained. Over 62 percent of the land owners attended these meetings. Greeley County boasts this as a record attendance to date in the State of Kansas. Dr. O. W. Bidwell, Kansas State University, was the speaker who explained the intent of the soil survey to farmers in this area.

CHAPTER NEWS

Summer Trip

The past summer we started our FFA year by touring the John Deere Plow Works in Des Moines, Iowa. Four sponsors, including our advisor, and eighteen FFA members went. We left on Sunday, July 19, and returned home on Saturday, July 25. On the way we visited Boys' Town, Nebraska. We saw the many different trades the boys learn, such as baking, shoe cobbling, electronics, and a mechanics shop.

Each night we slept on the ground in tents if we could find room. For breakfast and supper, we prepared our own meals. For dinner, we usually were guests of the company or business we were visiting.

At the John Deere Company, we saw the different parts being molded and shaped and also got to see the new \$20,000 cotton pickers which most of us had never seen. From here we went to Moline, Ill., to observe the John Deere Combine assembly line. Here one of the things we will never forget, is going through the foundry where it was very hot because of the hot liquid metal that was being poured and molded. We all decided that we did not care to work in such a place. Here we also toured the John Deere office and display building which cost several million dollars. The framework was made of huge iron beams of a special kind of steel. These beams were never painted because they are expected to turn into a gray color because of oxidation.

On the morning of July 22, we made our way toward St. Louis, Mo. On the way we visited Lincoln's tomb and home in Springfield, Ill. We also visited New Salem where Abe Lincoln grew up.

At the Purina Farms in St. Louis, we saw the different tests of Purina products against other rations. These tests were being used on almost every breed of farm animal there is. Here we learned something that none of us knew. We found that if you feed a chicken green or red feed the yoke of the egg would turn out the same color as the feed. It also has been found that the egg with the green yoke would hatch but the egg with the red yoke would not, for some unknown reason.

On Thursday, we visited the stockyards and packing house in St. Joseph. We also visited the Quaker Oats Company. From here we started our journey home.

---Warren Hanchett, Reporter
FFA Chapter

Practically Unhuman

Joe: "How come your son is doing so well in college?"

Moe: "Well, wine makes him sick, he's afraid of women, he hates to play games, he's allergic to the sun, and he can't sing -- so he just stays home and studies."

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An old timer is one who remembers when pickets were part of a wooden fence.

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PLANNING AN FFA BANQUET?

The season is approaching for a concentrated schedule of FFA parent and son or father and son banquets. From my observation during the past three years, attending about 65 banquets, and my experience in conducting 18 banquets, I would like to pass on some personal opinions, both good and bad.

We should first ask the question, "What are our objectives in conducting a banquet"? Is it to entertain our parents? Is it to acquaint our parents with our program? Is it to demonstrate some abilities in parliamentary procedure and public speaking? Is it to promote good public relations? If we answer all the questions affirmatively, we obligate ourselves to a worth-while project. If one or more is answered negatively, I believe we are overlooking a good objective.

With these objectives as a background, let's explore the situation to see what makes a banquet tick. Following is a list of good points that help make it successful.

1. Attractively decorated banquet room. Flowers always add. One chapter presented each mother with a red rose. Crepe paper helps if an attractive scheme is used.
2. Place cards and programs attractively used.
3. Mint cups designed as favors.
4. Future Farmers conduct their parents to their seats when the banquet is ready. Seat their mothers.
5. Parent and son are more desirable than father and son.
6. Late comers should be seated by the sentinel.
7. Start banquets at the stated time.
8. Soft music while courses are served.
9. Toastmaster have a sense of humor and keep the program 'alive'.
10. Members participate in the program.
11. Speakers should be limited to ten minutes. Main part of the program presented by boys on their accomplishments and program of work.
12. Local color added by including colored slides of FFA activities and projects.
13. Comical stunt included in program.
14. Program not to exceed ninety minutes.

Faculty and wives, school board and wives, American Farmers, and Honorary Farmers and wives to be invited each year.

Try to avoid the following: 1. Dry speakers; 2. Long, drawn-out programs; 3. Poorly-prepared, cold meal; 4. Uncomfortable physical conditions; 5. Slow serving.

A banquet is a show window of your department. Make it good.