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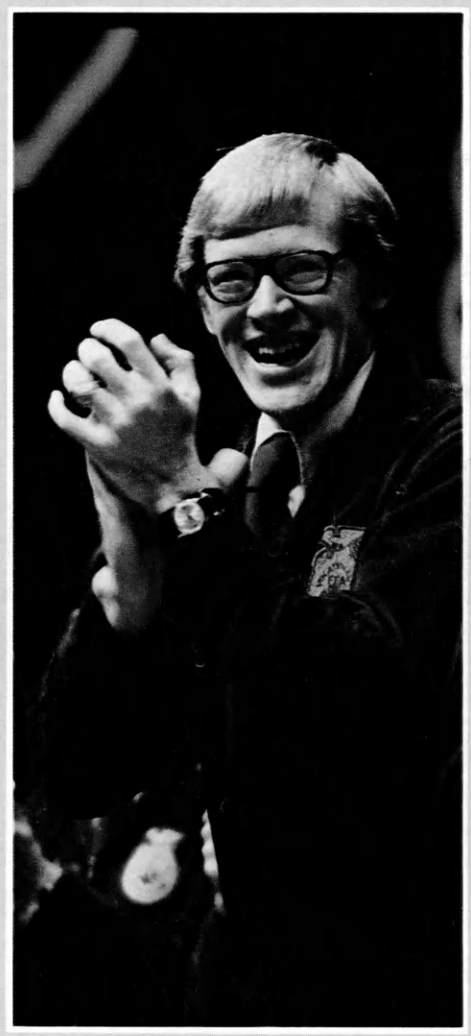
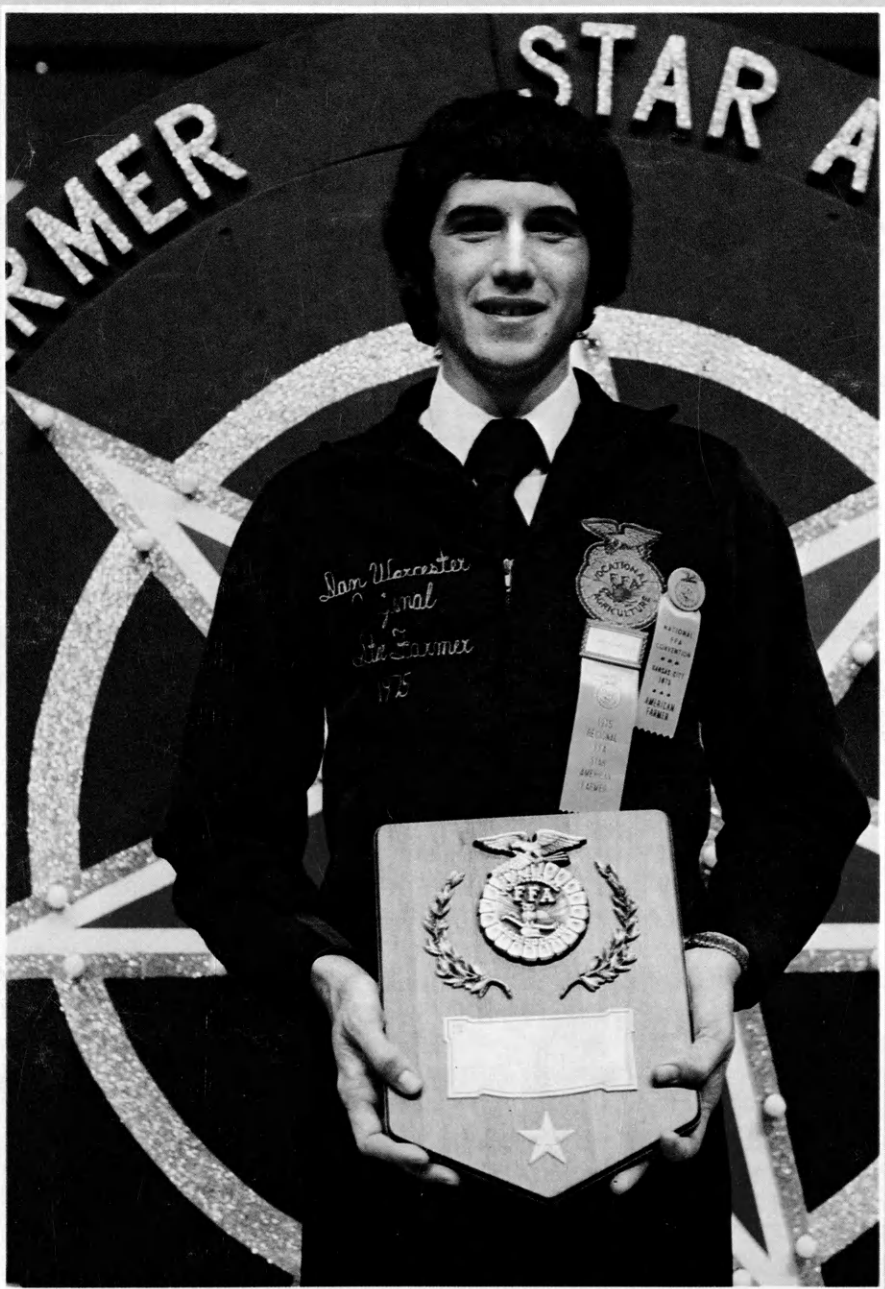
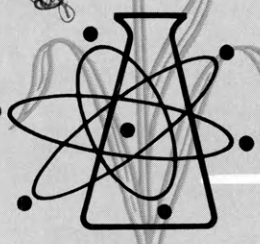
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**Editorial**

After serving three and one-half years as Executive Secretary of the Kansas FFA, I look back and ponder the people, places and events with which I've had the privilege of coming in contact. I've watched the spine tingling sensation in members and parents as the announcement is made of a Star Farmer of America or a National Officer.

I've watched people have these same sensations when a Star Farmer of Kansas or a State Officer is announced, or even a Star Greenhand. Were the Gene Worcester's any more proud of Dan than the parents of a Star Greenhand? I think perhaps not, even though there is a great difference in the magnitude of accomplishment between the two awards. Parents want their children to accomplish. Parents exhibit their enthusiasm for success regardless of the level of completion.

I used the word accomplishment in the previous paragraph and truly believe that is the key in the vocational agriculture program and its integral organization, the FFA. Accomplishment goes hand-in-hand with success and the FFA offers the opportunity of accomplishment to each and every member. Proficiency awards, public speaking, cooperative activities, safety programs, wildlife damage control; the list could go on for pages telling of those activities in which vocational agriculture students can become involved and gain personal and group accomplishment.

The Kansas FFA has been fortunate in the past few years in the major accomplishments of its members and chapters. But these accomplishments didn't happen over night, nor were the members just lucky. Their goals became realities because of the cooperation of parents, instructors, members, public school officials, and communities. These goals became realities because this same cooperative group was proud of all accomplishments of the FFA members, whether they be at the local, district, state, or national levels.

Our goal in the State Office of Agricultural Education is to help develop programs of vocational agriculture which will prepare students for a successful occupation in agriculture and to become a successful part of their community. If the people of Kansas continue their support of these students at all levels of activities as they have heretofore, then Kansas Agriculture and Kansas communities are destined for the experienced.

## 48th Held Honors For Kansans

Star Farmer of America, Central Regional Vice President, and National Winners in Poultry judging were three of the major accomplishments for Kansas FFA at the 48th National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Dan Worcester, Hill City, became the third Kansan to capture the coveted Star Farmer of America Award since Jim Jarnigan, Jetmore, in 1957. Dan's livestock and crop operation won him a total of \$1,000.00 cash awards from the National FFA Foundation, Incorporated.

Ron Wilson, Manhattan, was named to the National Office of Central Region Vice President. Ron is the seventh Kansas FFA member to be named to a national officer position.

The Hillsboro Chapter captured top honors in the National Poultry Judging Contest, with Lynn Bartel placing second high and Joel Suderman placing fourth high in individual honors.

Jay Mayfield, State President from Caney, and Mark Scanlon, State Secretary from Abilene, served as official delegates to the convention. The 48th National Convention set a record of over 20,000 FFA members and guests



Jeff Stroup of the Prairie View Chapter is congratulated by Mr. Don McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Sponsoring Committee, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Jeff was the Central Region winner in the FFA Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award, sponsored by the National FFA Foundation Incorporated. Jeff's livestock program included 323 hogs and 36 head of cattle. Jeff was the 1975 Star Farmer of Kansas.

attending.

Other awards won by Kansans included twelve American Farmer Degree recipients, two Honorary American Farmers, seven chapters won National Chapter Award Programs, two chapters in National FFA Safety, and three in the National BOAC program.

Kansas had three members in the National FFA Band and four in the National FFA Chorus.

Jeff Stroup from the Prairie View chapter represented the Central Region in the National Livestock Proficiency Award. The National award was won by the Southern Region.

Highlight speakers at the National Convention included Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, Cincinnati Reds Catcher, Johnny Bench, Colonel Sanders, former Texas Governor John Connelly, and Presidential Candidate, Jimmy Carter from Georgia.

## Kansans In National Band And Chorus

Seven FFA members from across Kansas participated in the mail order chorus or band at the 48th National FFA convention in Kansas City.

Three members participated in the 114 piece National Band, directed by Roger Heath of VPI in Blacksburg, Virginia. Cindy Bailey, Sabetha, played the alto sax; Brenda Hundley, Seaman, clarinet and Joleen Raab, Seaman, the flute.

Roger Barragar, Labette County; John Greathouse, Paola; Rebecca Taylor, Paola; and Johnny Zeltwanger, Troy participated in the 99 voice National FFA chorus. The chorus was directed by Marvin Myers, a retired member of the Purdue University Musical Organization.

## National Chapter Awards

Norton, Arkansas City and Atchison County each were awarded Gold Emblem ratings for their activities in the National Chapter Award program.

Sabetha and Mission Valley both received Silver Emblem ratings while Smith Center and Paola each received Bronze Emblems. These chapters were the top seven in Kansas for 1975.

The National Chapter Award program recognizes chapters which carry out activities in an organized fashion and which help the chapter members to accomplish the goal of preparation for an occupation in agriculture.

All chapters in Kansas may receive the Superior Chapter Award, but only 10% of those superior chapters may compete on the National Level.

## Preparing For 50th National Convention

The National FFA Alumni are preparing to participate in the 50th Annual National FFA Convention through a unique and interesting manner. They title their project "Down Memory Lane".

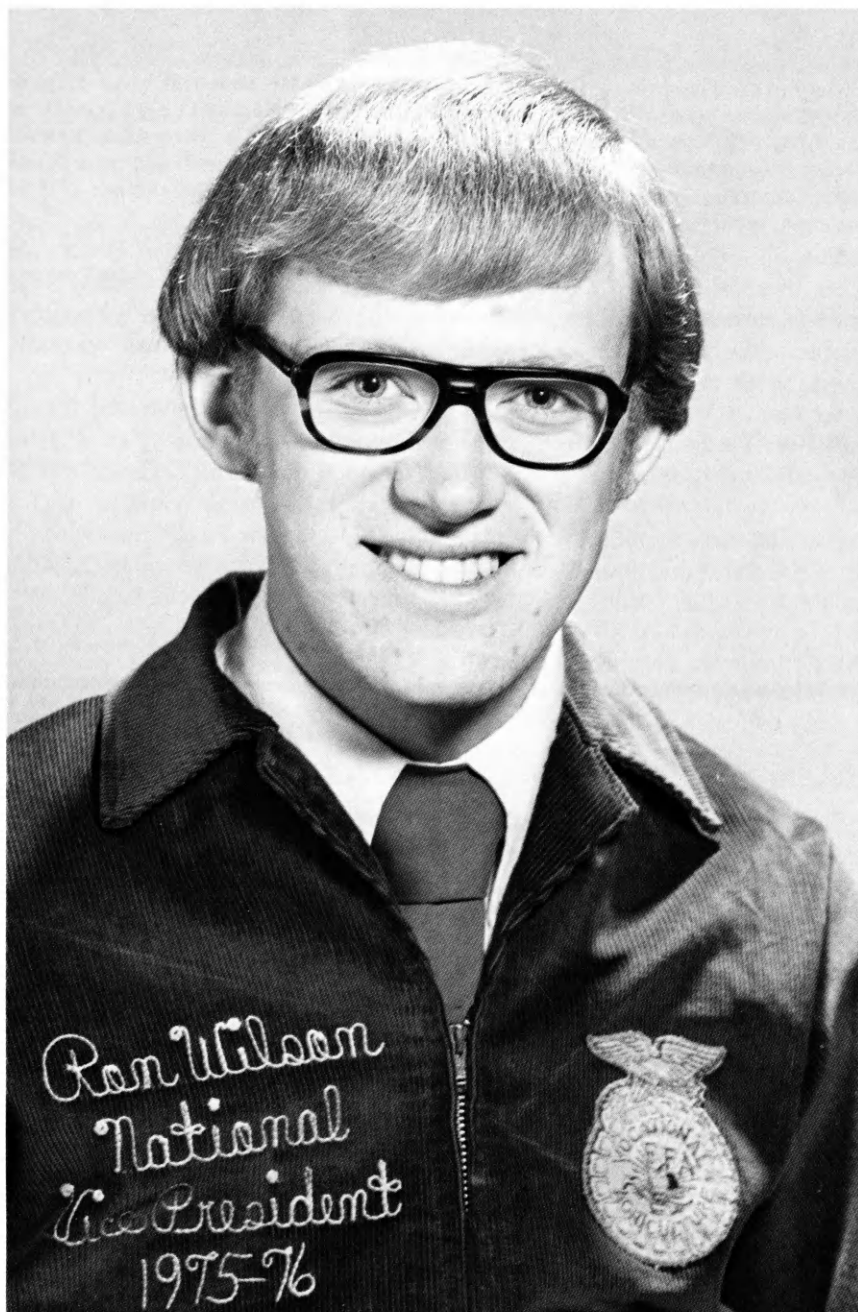
Each State FFA association will have and we in Kansas feel we have much to offer.

Anyone who has either an item which is part of the history of the Kansas FFA or an interesting historical episode is asked to bring it to the attention of the State Association. Initial plans will be made during the 1976 (48th) Kansas FFA Convention.

Persons to contact with information are Professor Howard Bradley, KSU; Cliff Eustace, Manhattan; Mrs. Garold Mayfield, Caney; or Dan Marrs, Topeka.



# Wilson National Vice President



National Vice President for the Central Region, Ron Wilson from the Manhattan chapter.

Ron Wilson from the Manhattan Chapter, 1973-74 Kansas FFA President, became the seventh Kansan to be elected to the coveted title of National Officer in the FFA. Ron's office is that of Vice President from the Central Region and he will serve through the 49th National Convention, along with his five fellow officers.

Ron's farming program included beef, pork, and crops; the program being operated on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. John Wilson. Ron's vocational agriculture instructor in high school was Stan Bartel.

Before becoming President of the Kansas FFA, Ron served as the Manhattan Chapter Reporter and President and was North Central District Vice President. He won the State Agricultural Newswriting Contest and placed second in state Public Speaking competition. Ron was also active in judging contests on the district, state and national level.

Now a junior in Agricultural Education at Kansas State University, Ron is active in campus activities. He is an Ag. Ambassador and a member of the Student Senate and Ag. Student Council. Ron is also an active member of Farmhouse Fraternity and Alpha Tau Alpha.

# Worcester Star Farmer of America



1975 Star Farmer of America Dan Worcester and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Worcester and his wife, Sue.

Star Farmer of America was a goal in Dan Worcester's mind for many years and his goal was achieved at the 48th National Convention. Dan became the third Kansan to receive this award, being preceded by Paul Leck from Washington Chapter in 1935 and Jim Jarnigan from the Jetmore Chapter in 1957.

Dan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Worcester, graduated from Hill City High School in 1972. He operates his own farm having recently purchased 320 acres on which he raises dryland and irrigated wheat and corn. His beef herd includes 70 brood cows and he feeds out several hundred hogs each year.

"I have expanded my cattle operation each year," says Dan, explaining that the cows run on 160 acres of rented pasture and 155 acres of his own pasture land. In addition they get stover from his 260 acres of irrigated corn. He is particularly pleased with his breeding program which last year combined heat synchronization with artificial insemination for a 98 percent live calf crop in a 30-day period.

Dan started his crop program by renting five acres of land from his father. That first five acre crop was milo but since then he has expanded his crops to include 65 acres of dryland wheat, 130 acres of irrigated corn and 150 acres of irrigated wheat. Dan owns 320 acres and rents 480 acres. He and his wife, Sue, plan to build a home on the 320 acres owned.

All innovative farmer, Dan is always the first in the



Star Farmer of America, Dan Worcester, Hill City (left) and Star Agribusinessman of America, Bryce Westlake (right) from Kinnear, Wyoming.

community to try new ideas. "He was the first in the community to use low pressure sprinkler nozzles on his irrigation system to cut power needed for pumping," says Joe Farrell, Dan's vocational agriculture instructor. "He was also the first to seed wheat by plane in irrigated corn in order to eliminate the shatter cane problem in corn without the loss of a crop.

One of a family of farmers, Dan often finds himself involved in the family farming operation. On his own farm, Dan will have four center pivot sprinkler systems in operation, while his father and brother are operating eight center pivot systems this year. Dan's father is also a dealer for a center pivot irrigation company and since Dan has a pilot's license, he is often called on to fly to the factory 300 miles away for emergency parts or to show prospective customers the systems being manufactured.

"I've always enjoyed farming and I particularly enjoyed my experiences in vocational agriculture and the FFA," says Dan. During the four years he was in high school, Dan served as president of the junior FFA Chapter and was vice president and reporter of the senior chapter. He was State Parliamentarian and his team placed first and second in the two years of competition at the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest. He earned FFA Foundation Proficiency Awards at the state level in Livestock Production and in Crop Production.

Dan is also involved in many other activities outside the FFA including the church, farm organizations, and the 4-H club. He was also captain of the school basketball team.



**NATIONAL GOLD EMBLEM BOAC CHAPTER—COLUMBUS**  
 Marvin Boe, Chairman of the Columbus Chapter Community Development Committee, and Mike Cooseman, Chapter President

are congratulated by Frank B. Elliot, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA, for their BOAC program. Jim Housman, far right, is the Columbus Chapter Advisor.



**NATIONAL SILVER EMBLEM BOAC CHAPTER—FORT SCOTT**  
 Chairman of the Fort Scott Chapter Community Development Committee, Greg Houston; Dallas Hayden, Chapter President; and Ken Taylor, Chapter Advisor are congratulated by Frank B. Elliot, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA, for their BOAC program.



**NATIONAL BRONZE EMBLEM BOAC CHAPTER—HILL CITY**  
 For their BOAC program, Terry Worcester, Hill City Chapter Community Development Committee Chairman; Steve Coker, Chapter President; and Joe Farrell, Chapter Advisor are congratulated by Frank B. Elliot, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA.

# National BOAC Awards

Building Our American Communities, (BOAC) Awards were presented to three Kansas FFA chapters for their outstanding accomplishments in community development.

The Columbus chapter, 1975 winner of the Governor's Citation in Kansas for BOAC activities, received a National Gold rating, while the Fort Scott chap-

ter received a Silver Emblem and Hill City received a Bronze rating.

All chapters in Kansas are eligible for an Area BOAC Award and 50% of the Area Award winners can compete for State awards. Ten percent of the area award winners are then submitted for National competition.





**NATIONAL GOLD EMBLEM SAFETY CHAPTER—ATCHISON COUNTY**  
 The Atchison County Chapter is congratulated by Charles Furr, District Sales Manager for Agricultural Products, Dow Chemical USA, and Robert H. Rawson, President, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute. Chapter representatives, left to right are: Dan Schletzbaum, Kevin Kiehl, and Roy F. Eck, Chapter Advisor.

## National Safety Awards

Atchison County FFA Chapter received a National Gold Emblem award for their outstanding safety program they conducted in their community.

The Norton Chapter was awarded the National Silver Emblem for their com-

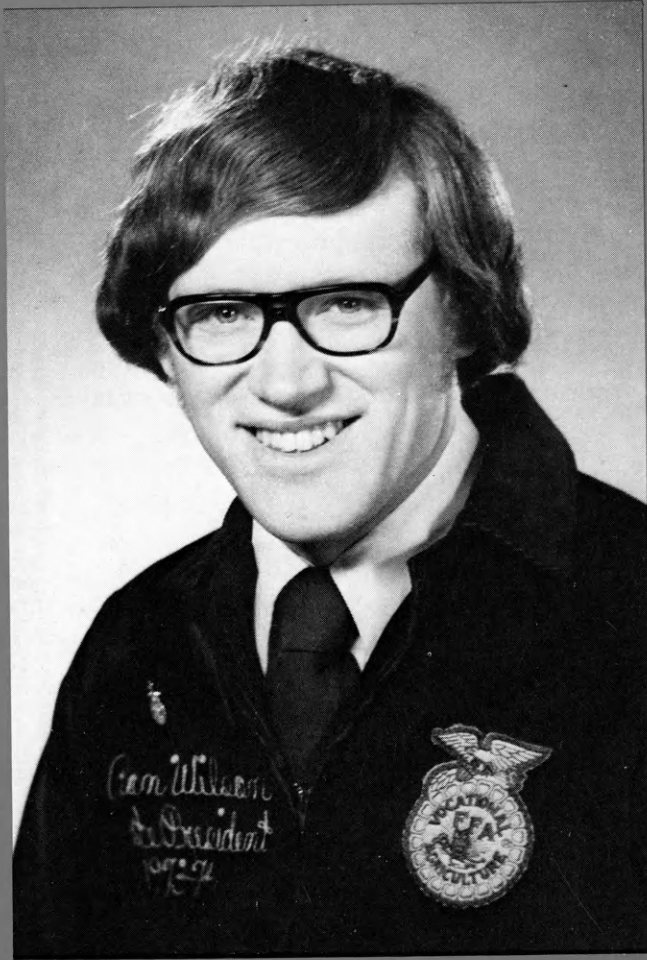
munity safety activities.

All chapters in Kansas are eligible for the Superior Safety Chapter Award, but only 10% of the Superior Safety Chapters can compete on the National level.

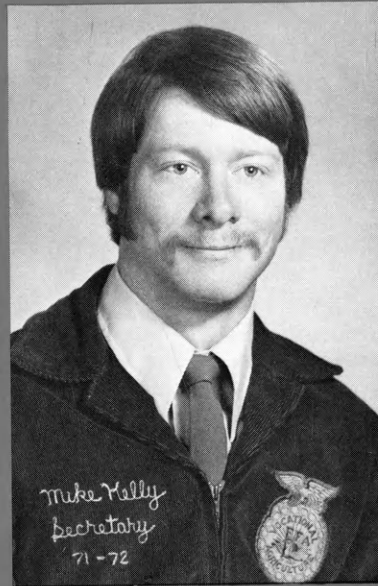


**NATIONAL SILVER EMBLEM SAFETY CHAPTER—NORTON.**  
 Representatives of the Norton Chapter are congratulated for their award by Charles Furr, District Sales Manager for Agricultural Products, Dow Chemical USA, and Robert H. Rawson, President, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute. Chapter representatives pictured left to right are: Robert Wyatt, Vic Goeken, and Robert J. Broeckelman, Chapter Advisor.

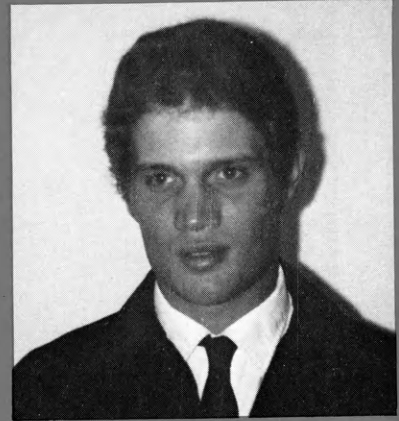
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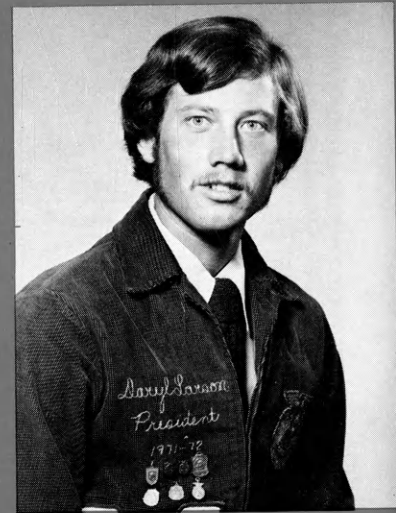
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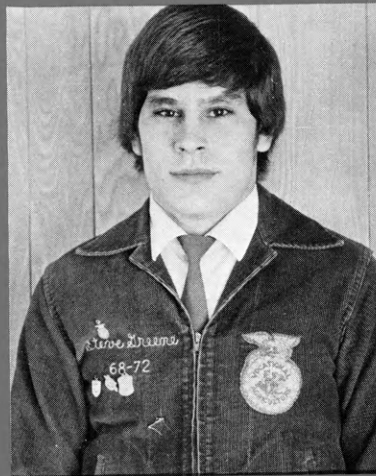
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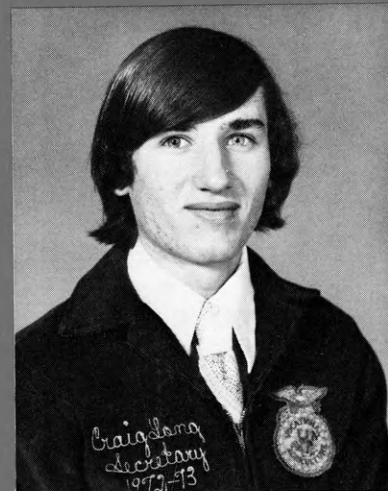
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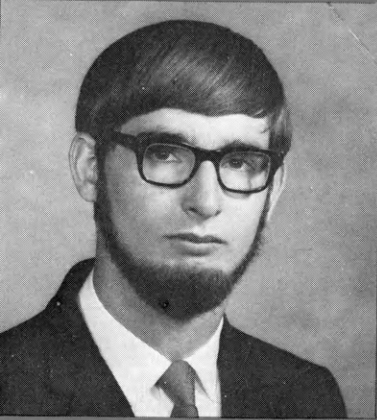
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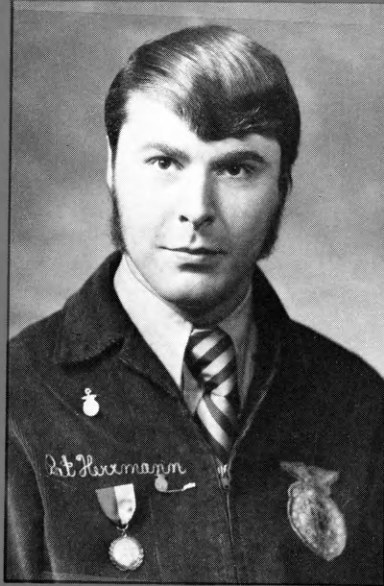
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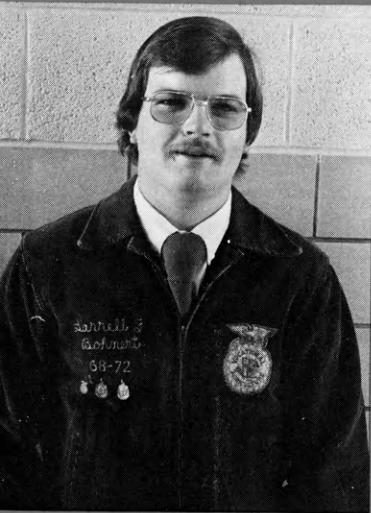
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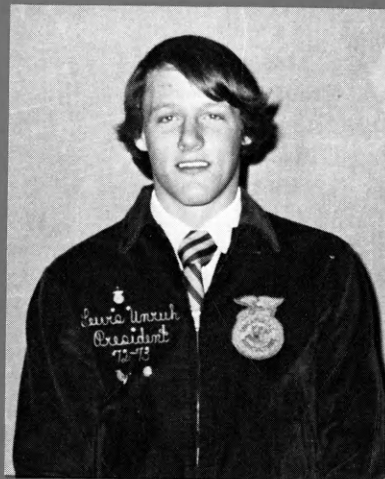
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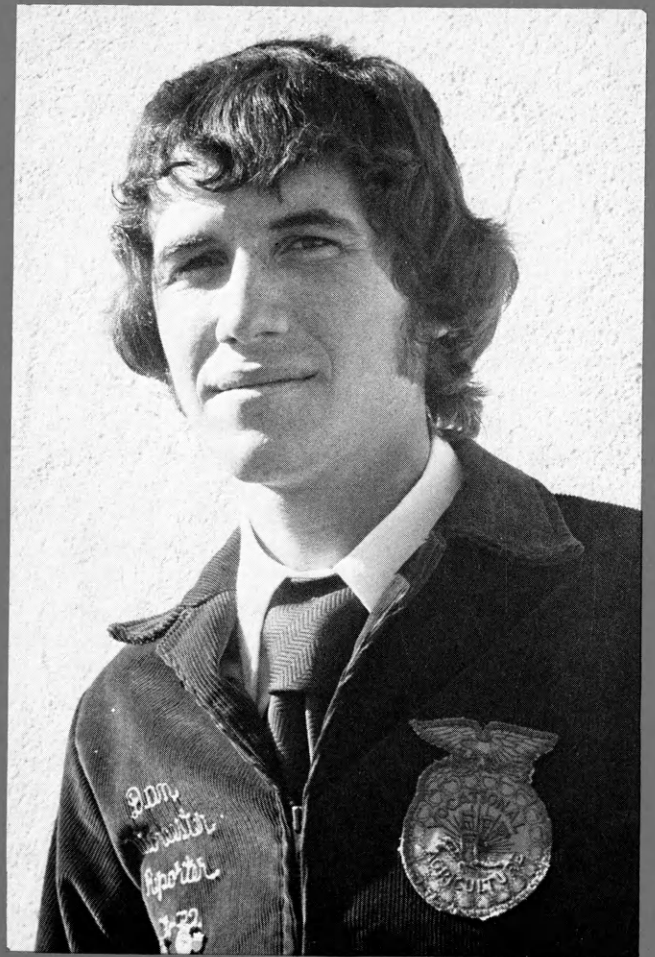
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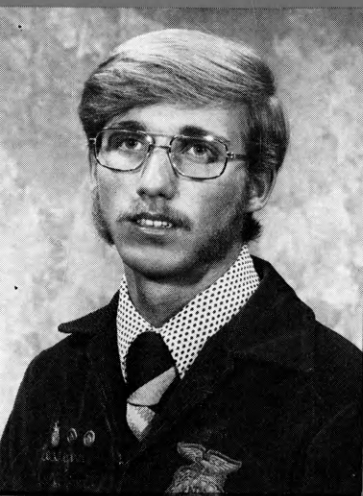
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Hill City



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Dodge City

# 1975 District Leadership Schools

## East Central District

Information Teams: 1st, Garnett (497); 2nd, Paola (493); 3rd, Seaman (490); 4th, Prairie View (476); 5th Lawrence (464); 6th, Alma (457); 7th, Mission Valley, (456); 8th Williamsburg (454); 9th, Osage City (443); and 10th Flint Hills, (442).

Information High Individuals: Larry Lankard, Garnett (95); John Waln, Paola (93); John Greathouse, Paola and Sandra Hundley, Seaman (91); Joe Keehn, Seaman (89); Robin Wiley, Lawrence (88); Brenda Hundley, Seaman and Dennis Hastert, Garnett (86); Dave Butel, Paola and Mark Stueve, Flint Hills (85).

Parliamentary Procedure Teams: 1st, Seaman; 2nd, Garnett; 3rd, Prairie View; 4th, Williamsburg; 5th Paola; 6th, Lawrence; 7th, Alma; 8th, Osage City; 9th, Flint Hills; and 10th, Central Heights.

Ritual Contest: 1st, Garnett; 2nd, Seaman; 3rd, Lebo; 4th, Mission Valley; 5th, Prairie View; 6th, Paola and Alma; 8th, Flint Hills; 9th Osage City; and 9th, Lawrence.

Overall: 1st, Garnett; 2nd, Seaman; 3rd, Prairie View; 4th, Paola; 5th, Alma; 6th, Lawrence; 7th, Mission Valley; 8th, Williamsburg; 9th, Osage City; and 10th Flint Hills.

Master Ritual Team: President, Jay Selanders, Garnett; Vice President, John Greathouse, Paola; Secretary, Jolene Raab, Seaman; Treasurer, Dennis Hastert, Garnett; Reporter, Carolyn Kelly, Seaman; and Sentinel, Lorena Croucher, Garnett.

## Southeast District

Information Teams: 1st, Uniontown (472); 2nd, Caney (456); 3rd, Cherryvale (453); 4th, Girard (425); 5th Fredonia (413); 6th, Erie (412); 7th, Neodesha (108); 8th, Labette County (407); 9th, Altoona-Midway (393); and 10th, Coffeyville (386).

Information High Individuals: Dave

Garrett, Girard (88); Steve Otool, Girard and Mark Fink, Uniontown (83); Richard Murphey, Girard (82); Earl Porter, Fredonia, Joe Smith, Neodesha, Debbie Clubine, Caney, Joe Camac, Uniontown and Brent Tucker, Union (81); Marvin Blues, Cherryvale (80).

Parliamentary Procedure Teams: 1st, Erie; 2nd, Southeast; 3rd, Caney; 4th, Neodesha; 5th, Girard; 6th, Yates Center; 7th, Uniontown; 8th, Labette Co.; 9th, Riverton; and 10th, Eureka.

Ritual Contest: 1st Erie; 2nd, Girard; 3rd, Fredonia; 4th, Uniontown; 5th, Labette County; 6th, Cherryvale; 7th, Southeast; 8th, Yates Center; 9th, Caney; and 10th, West Elk.

Overall: 1st, Erie; 2nd, Girard; 3rd, Uniontown; 4th, Caney; 5th, Southeast; 6th, Labette Co; 7th, Neodesha; 8th, Yates Center; 9th, Riverton; and 10th, Eureka.

Master Ritual Team: President, Mike Coosman, Columbus; Vice President, Tom Sailors, Erie; Secretary, Mark Forsythe, Erie; Treasurer, Fred Stephens, Fredonia; Reporter, Randy Hughes, Erie; and Sentinel, Scott Vandervort, Erie.

## Southwest District

Information Teams: 1st, Holcomb (483); 2nd, Garden City (475); 3rd, Ness City (437); 4th, Hanston (422); 5th, Jetmore (417); 6th, Southwestern Heights (416); 7th, Fowler (414); 8th, Scott City (393); 9th, Ensign (389); and 10th, Dodge City (379).

Information High Individuals: Stan Linville, Holcomb (88); Susan Hastings, Hanston and Margret Lobmeyer, Garden City (86); Mike Hastings, Hanston and Kent Sinclair, Garden City (85); Mark Roth, Holcomb (82); Tim Miller, Holcomb (80); Shawn Runkle, Holcomb and David Brown, Southwestern Heights (79); Jim Hoss, Ness City and Paul Hill, Holcomb (78).

Parliamentary Procedure Teams: 1st,

Garden City; 2nd, Holcomb; 3rd, Southwestern Heights; 4th, Jetmore; 5th, Hanston; 6th, Ness City; 7th, Ensign; 8th, LaCrosse; 9th, Mullinville; and 10th, Scott City.

Ritual Contest: 1st, Holcomb; 2nd, Garden City; 3rd, Jetmore; 4th, Ness City; 5th Mullinville; 6th, Fowler; 7th, Southwestern Heights; 8th, Scott City; 9th, Hanston; and 10th, Ensign.

Overall: 1st, Holcomb; 2nd, Garden City; 3rd, Jetmore; 4th, Ness City; 5th, Southwestern Heights; 6th, Hanston; 7th Fowler; 8th, Mullinville, Scott City and Ensign.

Master Ritual Team: President, Mark Roth, Holcomb; Vice President, Mark Brown, Mullinville; Secretary, David Dailing, Southwestern Heights; Treasurer, Marc Charles, Jetmore; Reporter, Mark Lohmeyer, Garden City; and Seninel, Kyle Antenen, Ness City.

## South Central Distric

Information Teams: 1st, Arkansas City (508); 2nd, Peabody (472); 2nd, Winfield (472); 4th, Hillsboro (457); 5th, Inman (448); 6th, Newton (447); 7th, Moundridge (441); 8th, Kingman; 9th, Chaparral (428); 9th, Medicine Lodge (428); and 9th, Great Bend (428).

Information High Individuals: Mike Robinson, Arkansas City (91); Ken Bryant, Arkansas City (90); David Drake, Winfield (88); Leland Pankratz, Inman and Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge (87); Russell Bradbury, Winfield (86); Janice Bruce, Arkansas City and Douglas Gray, Peabody (85); Leland Jantzen, Peabody, Leta Balzer, Arkansas City and Bob Kurr, Newton (84).

Parliamentary Procedure Teams: 1st, Winfield; 2nd, Arkansas City; 3rd, Medicine Lodge; 4th, Moundridge; 5th, Great Bend; 6th, Peabody; 7th Udall; 8th, Inman; 9th, Stafford; and 10th, Kingman.

Ritual Contest: 1st, Medicine Lodge; 2nd, Moundridge; 3rd, Arkansas City;

4th, Winfield; 5th, Chaparral; 6th, Mulvane; 7th, Buhler, Newton and Kingman; 10th, South Barber and Peabody.

Overall: 1st, Arkansas City; 2nd, Winfield; 3rd, Medicine Lodge; 4th, Moundridge, 5th, Peabody; 6th, Inman and Kingman; 8th, Great Bend; 9th, Chaparral; and 10th, Buhler.

Master Ritual Team: President, Dwight Wedel, Moundridge; Vice President, Clint Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Secretary, Mona Rusk; Treasurer, Gordon Stucky, Kingman; Reporter, Doug Carlson, Buhler; and Sentinel, James Craig, Chaparral.

### Northwest District

Information Teams: 1st, Plainville (510); 2nd, Lebanon (497); 3rd, Norton (492); 4th, Hill City (488); 5th, WaKeeney (451); 6th, Phillipsburg (448); 7th, Oakley (436); 8th, Goodland (416); 9th, St. Francis (404); and 10th, Natoma (403).

Information High Individuals: John George, Lebanon (91); Terry Worcester, Hill City (90); Natalie Williams, Plainville; Aaron Markley, Plainville and Patrick Burton, Plainville (89) Jeff Zillinger, Phillipsburg; Steve Coker, Hill City; Terry Nelson, Norton; David Schmidt, Smith Center; and Scott Simmelink, Lebanon (86).

Parliamentary Procedure Teams: 1st, Hill City; 2nd, Plainville; 3rd, Norton; 4th, WaKeeney; 5th, Kensington and Natoma; 7th, Lebanon and Downs; 9th, Palco and Phillipsburg.

Ritual Teams: 1st, Norton; 2nd Plainville; 3rd, Phillipsburg; 4th, Downs; 5th, Hill City and WaKeeney; 7th Hoxie and Lebanon; 9th Palco and Natoma.

Overall: 1st, Plainville; 2nd Norton; 3rd, Hill City; 4th, WaKeeney; 5th, Lebanon; 6th, Phillipsburg; 7th, Natoma; 8th, Oakley and Kensington; and 10th, Northern Valley.

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### North Central District

Information Teams: 1st, Salina (529); 2nd, Clay Center (476); 3rd, Washington (475); 4th, Jewell (450); 5th, Pike Valley (444) and Manhattan

(443); 6th, Abilene (442); 7th, Miltonvale (434); 8th, Chapman (431); 9th, Solomon (429); and 10th, Riley County (421).

Information High Individuals: Duane Flaherty, Salina (93); Charles Hatch, Salina and Scott Lienberger, Jewell; (90); Vicki Moody, Manhattan (89); Jodi Garrison, Salina (88); Dennis Zumbrunn, Chapman; Ron Ditmers, Washington and Bryan Robinette, Jewell (87); Steve Arpin, Salina and Rodney Stewart, Washington (86).

Parliamentary Procedure Teams: 1st, Salina; 2nd, Mankato; 3rd, Riley County; 4th North Central; 5th, Chapman; 6th, Concordia; 7th, Clay Center; 8th, Abilene; 9th, Jewell; and 10th, Manhattan.

Ritual Teams: 1st, Salina; 2nd, Clay Center; 3rd Mankato; 4th, Jewell; 5th, Chapman; 6th, Washington; and Abilene; 8th, Manhattan; 9th, Concordia; and 10th, North Central.

Overall: 1st, Salina; 2nd, Clay Center; 3rd, Jewell; 4th, Mankato; 5th, Chapman; 6th, Washington and Abilene; 8th, Manhattan; 9th Riley County; and 10th, North Central.

Master Ritual Team: President, Kyle Bauer, Clay Center; Vice President, Dee James, Clay Center; Secretary, Brad Lauer, Chapman; Treasurer, Jodi Garrison, Salina; Reporter, Ron Ditmars, Washington; and Sentinel, Duane Flaherty, Salina.

### Northwest District

Information Contest: 1st, Westmoreland (489); 2nd, Troy (478); 3rd, Sabetha (461); 4th, Valley Heights (438); 5th, Atchison County (435); 6th, Powhattan (423); 7th, Frankfort (416); 8th, Highland (394); 9th, Marysville (378); and 10th, Royal Valley (377).

Information High Individuals: Doug Ebert, Westmoreland (90); Jim Boeh, Troy (88); Jerry Johnson, Troy (87); Brian Vandorn, Frankfort (86); Larry Morris, Westmoreland (85); Richard Nickelson, Sabetha (84); Susan Montgomery, Sabetha (83); Kevin Brockhoff, Powhattan and Brad Taylor, Highland (82); Greg Renzer, Sabetha and Frank Finan, Westmoreland (81).

Parliamentary Procedure Teams: 1st, Sabetha; 2nd, Powhattan; 3rd, Troy; 4th, Atchison County; 5th, Valley Heights; 6th, Frankfort; 7th West-

moreland; 8th, Royal Valley; and 9th, Highland.

Ritual Teams: 1st, Valley Heights; 1st Troy; 3rd, Powhattan; 4th, Sabetha; 5th, Royal Valley; 6th, Westmoreland; 7th, Frankfort; 8th, Atchison County; 9th, Highland; and 10th, Centralia.

Overall: 1st, Troy; 2nd, Sabetha; 3rd, Valley Heights; 4th, Powhattan; 5th, Westmoreland; 6th, Atchison County; 7th, Frankfort; 8th, Royal Valley; and 9th, Highland.

Master Ritual Team: President, Jerry Johnson, Troy; Vice President, Jim Boeh, Troy; Secretary, Cindy Wanklyn, Frankfort; Treasurer, Pat Epple, Sabetha; Reporter, Kevin Brockhoff, Powhattan; Sentinel, Alan Parker, Valley Heights.

### STATE INFORMATION CONTEST

#### High Individuals

1. Larry Lankard	Garnett	95
2. Duane Flaherty	Salina	93
2. John Waln	Paola	93
4. John Greathouse	Paola	91
4. Sandra Hundley	Seaman	91
4. Mike Robinson	Arkansas City	91
4. John George	Lebanon	91
8. Ken Bryant	Arkansas City	90
8. Terry Worcester	Hill City	90
8. Charles Hatch	Salina	90
8. Scott Lienberger	Jewell	90
8. Doug Ebert	Westmoreland	90

#### High Teams

1. Salina	520
2. Plainville	510
3. Arkansas City	508
4. Garnett	497
4. Lebanon	497
6. Paola	493
7. Norton	492
8. Seaman	490
9. Westmoreland	489
10. Hill City	488





# French Firm to Sponsor Travel In France for FFA Award Winners

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—The Future Farmers of America signed an agreement today with the French livestock import/export Corporation CoFRANIMEX, which will provide an expense paid month long tour of French beef and sheep farms for two National FFA award winners. The memorandum of understanding signed by CoFRANIMEX General Manager René Breton and National FFA Executive Secretary Wm. Paul Gray provides for an expense paid tour of French farms and research stations for the National FFA Beef Production Award winner Terry Bullis, 20, of Mariposa, California, and for the National FFA Sheep Production Award winner Brad D. Myers, 19, of Renville, Minnesota.

This is the first time the FFA has cooperated with CoFRANIMEX to provide international travel for FFA award winners. The four week tour beginning March 1 will include full round trip airfare from Washington, D.C. to Paris and expense paid travel throughout France. During the first week of the program Bullis and Myers will be guests of the Blonde d'Aquitaine Breed Association and will travel to the INRA Zootechnic research stations in Jouy en Josas and Rambouillet. They will also visit several top Blond d'Aquitaine breeders in the vicinity of Paris. During the second week Bullis and Myers will have guest tickets to all exhibits at the Paris International Agricultural Show, one of the largest livestock and agricultural equipment shows in Europe. The final two weeks will be spent touring France and visiting many top French sheep and beef breeders.

FFA members Myers and Bullis were named national winners of the Sheep and Beef Production Proficiency Awards at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, last November. The Beef Production Proficiency Award is co-sponsored through the National FFA Foundation by NASCO of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and Sperry New Holland of New Holland, Pennsylvania. The Sheep

Production Proficiency Award is sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund.

Myers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Myers and his vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at Danube Public High School is Glen S. Christiansen. Bullis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Bullis. His vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at Mariposa County High School is Alton L. McRae.

As part of the agreement with CoFRANIMEX, Myers and Bullis will be accompanied on their travels by National FFA Director of Information, Dan Reuwee, whose expenses are also being paid by CoFRANIMEX. Reuwee will be reporting on their activities during the month tour of French agriculture.

## Kentucky Man Is New FFA Alumni Administrative Secretary

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—Robert W. Cox has been employed as Administrative Secretary of the National FFA Alumni Association. Cox left the positions of Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Kentucky and Executive Secretary of the Kentucky FFA Association. He also served as a vocational agriculture instructor and FFA chapter advisor at Madison Central High School and Bourbon County High School in Kentucky.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Cox holds a B.S. in agriculture and an M.S. Degree in vocational education. He is a member of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, and Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternity.

The FFA Alumni Association's purpose is to unite former FFA members and encourage their support in improving agriculture education and FFA across our nation. Now in its fifth year, the FFA Alumni Association is the fastest growing alumni organization in the country.

Cox and his wife, Betsy, and their two boys will reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

## Troy Chapter Reports. . .

As part of the Troy FFA Chapter Community Service project, the members voted to donate one box of oranges from their chapter sales, their chapter Christmas tree with decorations, and various canned goods brought by members, to the Doniphan County Community Action Center to be given to some needy family in Doniphan County. Also, the chapter voted to donate four additional boxes of fruit from their sales to be distributed to needy families in Doniphan County. The gifts were taken to the center on December 22 for distribution.

By Bob Cummings  
Troy FFA Chapter Reporter

## Paola Chapter Reports. . .

### Paola FFA Wins Trophy

Competing against 29 other schools, the Paola High School chapter of Future Farmers of America won the reserve herdmanship trophy for exhibiting livestock at the State Fair.

Exhibiting beef were: Kevin Debrick, Delbert Walkers, Eric Guenther, John Waln, Ross Hendrickson, Mike Stiles, Laura LeGalle, Chris Kehler, Ronnie Vohs, and Rex Medlin.

In sheep, Chris Kettler showed the reserve champion market lamb, and Randy Reese also showed a lamb.

Max Merefee received \$25.00 savings bond for showing the first place Hampshire gilt from the Hampshire Association, and Mark Saunders and Lana Fagg also showed three swine each.

Charles Kerr, and Gary Thompson accompanied the group to Hutchinson.

### Paola: State Champs

First place in livestock judging was won by members of the Paola High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America at the State Fair in Hutchinson.

Members of the team were David Butel, Lana Fagg, Chris Kettler and Max Merefee. They received the first place trophy and a traveling plaque for their competitive efforts against 59 other schools.

David Butel was high individual with 379 points, Miss Fagg was second with 378, and Chris Kettler was 15th with

# HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS

Joe Farrell, Hill City vocational agriculture instructor, and Gary Jones, vocational agriculture instructor at Peabody, received the coveted Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 48th National Convention. The Honorary American Farmer Degree is the highest award which the FFA can bestow upon a person.

Mr. Farrell has been a vocational agriculture instructor at Hill City for 17 years. During that time, he has had five students earn the American Farmer Degree, including Dan Worcester, 1975 Star Farmer of America. Twenty-six of his students have received the State Farmer Degree, ten have received State Proficiency Awards, four were elected to State Office, and nine have served as District FFA Officers.

Mr. Jones has taught vocational agriculture at Peabody for 15 years. During that time, he had two District Star Farmers, one American Farmer, twenty-four State Farmers, four State Proficiency Award winners, and one State FFA officer.

Each year 50 of the 11,500 instructors



Honorary American Farmers, Joe Farrell (left) from Hill City and Gary Jones (right) from Peabody.

of vocational agriculture in the nation are awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The Degree is awarded on the basis of points scored by a teacher for his accomplishments as a vocational agriculture instructor, FFA Advisor, and as a participant in professional

vocational agriculture teachers' organizations.

Both Farrell and Jones are past presidents of the Kansas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and Jones is also a past president of the Kansas Vocational Association.

362. There were 236 contestants entered in the event.

The Paola FFA team will represent Kansas at the National Livestock Judging contest at Denver, Colorado, in January.

Charles Kerr is their advisor.

## Two Paolans Chosen For National FFA Chorus

Five members from the Kansas Future Farmers of America have been selected to participate in the National FFA Chorus at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Two of the five selected are from Paola. They are John Greathouse and Becky Taylor. They will go to Kansas City during the second week of November to join the Choir of approximately 100 members across the nation. They will also participate in other events such as the American Royal Parade.

Other Kansas members are Bob Wail and Roger Barragan of Labette County and Johnny Zeltwanger from Troy.

## FFA Members Receive \$250.00

Members of the Paola Chapter of the Future Farmers of America placed first at the Mid-America Fair at Topeka in the division of Agriculture Mechanics.

Receiving first place and \$40.00 in construction projects was Jim Kettler with a squeeze chute. Receiving second place and \$35.00 was Max Kice with an implement trailer. Russ Barnett placed third and received \$30.00 with his loading chute for swine and \$20.00 went to Kevin Debrick for placing fifth with his stack racks.

Leon LaGalle received \$45.00 for third place in repair project with his repaired sickle bar mower.

For receiving first place, the Chapter received \$80.00. The Fair was open to all

Chapters across Kansas.

Ken Nickell, advisor, accompanied the group to Topeka.

Eric Guenther  
Paola FFA Chapter Reporter

## Holcomb Chapter Reports. . .

### Southwest District Greenhand Conference

Fifteen Greenhands of the Holcomb FFA attended the Southwest District Greenhand Conference held at Dodge City, November 5th. The conference was held on the campus of the Dodge City Community Junior College and was primarily aimed at getting the younger members aware of and involved in FFA activities.

Jeff Adam was 6th and Chris Roth placed 7th in the Creed Speaking Contest. In the FFA information quiz, Terry

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# NATIONAL JUDGING CONTESTS

**DAIRY**—Atchison County Chapter. The team placed in the Silver Emblem division, with Gary Rodvelt placing in the Gold Emblem division, and David Nieman placing in the Silver Emblem division as individuals. Picture not available.



**POULTRY—NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**—Hillsboro Chapter. The team placed first out of 34 teams with Lynn Bartel ranking as second high individual, Joel Suderman as fourth high and Clyde Jost as tenth high individual. Pictured left to right: Dennis Sargent, Assistant Executive Director, National FFA Foundation; Clyde Jost; Lynn Bartel; Joel Suderman; and Truman Diener, Team Advisor/Coach.

**HORTICULTURE**—Labette County Chapter. Mike Bolen was recognized as a Bronze Emblem Individual. Pictured left to right: Raymond Brush, Secretary of the American Association of Nurserymen, Incorporated; Carl Chapman; Ted Blevins; Mike Bolen; Mike Stottman; and Oscar Ingram, Team Advisor and Coach.



**AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS**—Labette County Chapter. The team placed seventh (Gold Emblem) out of 40 teams with Cliff Peterson ranking fifth high individual and Ken Roberts and Dean Fouts ranking Silver Emblem as individuals. Pictured left to right: Glen Hamilton, Manager of Farm Tire Sales, The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; Dean Fouts; Ken Roberts; Clifford Peterson; and Oscar Ingram, Team Assistant coach. Not pictured is Jack Shell, the other coach and advisor of the team.

**MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS**—Sabetha Chapter. The team placed 3rd (Gold Emblem) with Brent Meyer, Greg Renyer and David Hartter all ranking Gold Emblem individually. Pictured left to right: William Powell, President of Mid-America Dairymen, Incorporated; Robert E. Booth, Public Relations Representative, Associated Milk Producers, Inc.; David Hartter; Brent Meyer; Greg Renyer; and Miles Perry, the Team Advisor/Coach.



**MEATS**—Central High of Burden Chapter. The team placed in the Bronze Emblem group with Richard Donley placing in the Silver Emblem division and Terri Tatum in the Bronze Emblem division as individuals. Pictured left to right: W. R. Marquart, Vice President Livestock Procurement, Oscar Mayer & Co.; James D. Basham, Manager of Civil Affairs, Wilson & Co.; Terri Peirce Lawrence; Richard Donley; Clint Trabaugh; Terri Tatum; and Dwight Haddock, Team Advisor/Coach.

**LIVESTOCK**—Labette County Chapter. The team placed in the Gold Emblem division (12th) with Brian Kinzie receiving a Gold Emblem and Steve Cranon and Mike Bogner receiving Silver Emblems as individuals. Pictured left to right: Earl D. Beck, Division Sales Manager, Ralston Purina Company; Brian Kinzie; Steve Cranon; Mike Bogner; and Harold Helton, Team Advisor/Coach.



## Area Land Judging

Seventy-six teams from forty-five chapters participated in the State Area Land and Homesite Judging Contest, each hoping to represent Kansas in the National Contest next spring.

Kansas sends five FFA Land and Homesite Judging teams to Oklahoma City each year for National competition. The chapters participating this year are:

Ness City; Plainville; Salina; Linn; and Garnett.

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Over 200 students from 11 schools attended the conference.

Attending from Holcomb were: Jeff Adam, Greg Bribiesca, Rick Crigger, Golay was 6th and Cindy Quint was 9th. Terry Golay, Greg Holsted, Ricky Klaus, Karl Larson, Tony Leiker, Greg Mader, Cindy Quint, Julian Rodriguez, Chris Roth, Jeff Scott, Danny Steinwand, and Randy Wilson. Patty Linenberger, 1975-76 Chapter Sweetheart, Shawn Runkle and Marth Roth also attended and were in charge of the "Food For America" program for the day.

### Leadership School:

Chapter officers of the Holcomb FFA won the overall trophy at the Southwest District FFA Leadership School in Dodge City, October 29th.

The school is divided into three contests; Ritual, FFA information, and Parliamentary Procedure. Holcomb was first in the information test and placed the following five officers in the top ten; Stan Linville—first; Mark Roth—sixth; Tim Miller—seventh; Shawn Runkle—eighth; and Paul Hill—tenth.

In the parliamentary procedure demonstration, Holcomb was ranked second. The ritual demonstration was also won by the Holcomb officers and Mark Roth was selected President of the Master Ritual Team.

Those attending from Holcomb were: Mark Roth—President; Stan Linville—Vice President; Tim Miller—Secretary; Paul Hill—Treasurer; Shawn Runkle—Reporter; Laren Haflinger—Sentinel; and Mr. Alva Burch—Advisor.

Shawn Runkle  
Holcomb FFA Chapter Reporter

## Wilson For Chapter Banquets

Ron Wilson, Central Regional Vice President, has an extremely busy schedule for this spring, but he does have a few days open. A phone call or letter to Ron's home would discover these open dates.

After August, his schedule is fairly light and this could be an excellent time to schedule him for a chapter visit. The only cost to the chapter will be his travel expenses (mileage, meals, etc.) as the National office does not reimburse these activities.

When inviting Ron for a banquet or meeting, it is advisable to also invite a State Officer, as this is protocol when a National Officer visits a local chapter. Many times the State Officer could ride with Ron to your chapter.

Ron's address is: RR 1, Box 180, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. His

telephone number is 913-776-6949. All requests for his visits are confirmed through his home and not the State FFA office, however the State office does have a copy of his schedule.

## Convention Organist Needed

The 48th Kansas FFA Convention is not far away and many plans have already been made for its staging.

A portion of the convention which is very important in keeping things moving is the music of the Convention Organist. Kansas FFA members who are interested in applying for the honor may do so by sending to the State FFA Office a tape recording of his or her organ playing. Types of songs should be varied on the tape.

The convention organist will be reimbursed for meals and lodging while at the convention.



"Happiness is a Future Farmer". The Central Heights FFA Chapter entered this float at the Richmond Free Fair to make the public aware of the local chapter and just a few of its activities. Illustrating different areas of FFA on the float are: (left to right) Becky Vining, chapter reporter; Rod Schaub, chapter vice president; Clint Ball; and Keith Feuerborn. Don Benjamin is chapter advisor.

## Central Heights Chapter Reports . . .

### Happiness Is A Future Farmer

With a fair theme of "Happiness is . . ." and a local FFA chapter that needed some publicity, there couldn't have been a better time for the Central Heights FFA chapter to build a float illustrating some of its activities. "Happiness is a Future Farmer" featured four chapter members showing the crops and

norticulture, livestock, and agricultural mechanics areas of FFA plus a convention sign representing the leadership FFA provides.

Even though the float did not receive a prize, all chapter members agreed it was a great way to let people in the community learn about a few of Central Heights' activities, especially since they have only had a chapter for two years.

Becky Vining  
Central Heights FFA Chapter Reporter

## *From the President's Desk*

While visiting schools in three districts across the state, I have had the opportunity to meet with many different chapters and chapter members. We discussed a variety of topics, ranging from awards to basketball to the problems a local chapter might have.

One of the subjects that was mentioned at many chapters was that of setting some goals. Decide for yourself and your chapter some achievements you would like to reach, whether it be within the next months or year or even some long-range goals, too.

During the time you are working for these goals, I hope that everyone will realize that they won't all come at once. You are going to have to work toward them all the time little by little. It is just like the old saying:

Life by the yard is hard, But by the inch is a cinch.

If you set your long-range goals and then work for them one step at a time, those goals are much more likely to become realities.

Now is the time that many contests are coming. I hope that everyone will try out for some contest. Especially if it is in an area that interests you.

Contests were something that especially interested me. I enjoyed being able to compete against other members across the district and throughout the state. Again, I hope that everyone will take the opportunity to attend them and use them as a valuable learning experience.

Sincerely,



Jay Mayfield, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

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