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### Front Cover Photo

**The 1975-76 Kansas FFA officers who will be conducting the 48th State FFA Convention on the KSU campus, June 9-11.**

**Pictured, left to right, back row: Randy Schoenthaler, Treasurer; Ronda Wilson, Sentinel; Jay Mayfield, President. front row: Phil Fishburn, Vice President; Mark Scanlan, Secretary; and Richard Arpin, Reporter.**

# Call To Convention

As president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, it is my opportunity and responsibility to extend this call to all Kansas FFA members to attend the 48th Annual State Convention in Manhattan June 9-11. This year's convention promises to be the best and most successful yet.

The state officers will conduct a Vespers program on Wednesday evening, before officially opening the convention Thursday morning. Each session will be filled with sharing of thoughts, official FFA business, ceremonies, recognition of achievements, and showing of sincere appreciation to those who support agricultural education and FFA.

Delegates will consider important constitutional amendments and any new business along with selecting the 1976-77 state officers.

This year's convention will also be very special as we will honor two very outstanding Kansas FFA members. One of the individuals has reached one of the top positions of leadership in the Future Farmers of America. The other person is an example for all of agriculture, having developed the finest FFA farming program in the nation.

I hope you will help make the 48th Annual State Convention the most educational, inspirational and successful yet.

See you in Manhattan!

Sincerely,

Jay Mayfield, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

## Minnesota Presents A Kansas Plaque

At the 47th Kansas FFA Convention, Mr. Kenneth L. Cook was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his efforts on behalf of Burlington Northern Railroad. Burlington Northern is an annual donor to the Kansas Association.

Mr. Cook was unable to attend the State Convention, as he resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, so the Minnesota Association of FFA presented the plaque to Mr. Cook on behalf of the Kansas Association.



Mr. Kenneth L. Cook (center) is presented his Distinguished Service Award from Kansas by two Minnesota State FFA Officers, Rod Hebrink, President and Kathy Kubiczek, Secretary.

## Historical Committee Needs Your Help

"Memory Lane" is scheduled for the 1977 National FFA Convention. Each state will have space allocated to them to tell their story of 50 years of FFA in their state.

We, on the Historical Committee of the Alumni Association, need your help in telling "our story" of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. We have two booklets furnished by the State Office on the history of our state, but we need ideas, memorabilia, and inspiration on our display in "Memory Lane".

June 12th at 9:30 a.m. we will meet in the Holiday Inn, Manhattan, to discuss how much space we will need and what we will have in "our own Memory Lane".

Let's make it the best! Come one and all, young and old. The more ideas we have, the better our display will be.

## Washington Conference Program

Seven week-long conferences have been planned for chapter representatives at the National FFA Center this summer. Deadline for application is June 1.

The program this year will give special emphasis to Bicentennial event

visits in the Washington, D. C. area. Dennis Sargent, Assistant Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, will serve as conference director. Conference counselors are Sammy Peebles, Scott McKain, Tommy Engelke, and Tom Waldinger.



NATIONAL FFA Vice President, Ron Wilson of Manhattan, Kansas, chats with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz during a recent visit by the six National FFA Officers to the Secretary's office.

## Ron Wilson on National Goodwill Tour

Ron Wilson, 1973-74 Kansas FFA President and currently Central Region Vice President, left Washington, D.C. on February 6 for a month long National FFA Officers' Tour. Ron, traveling as part of the six-man National Officer team, toured 25 cities in 15 states where they visited business and government leaders who support FFA activities.

Preparing for the tour, Ron spent the month of January in Washington, D.C., where he participated in several activities to familiarize the officers with the FFA organization, the federal government, and the nation's vocational education system. A highlight of the "pre-tour" activities in Washington was a visit to the office of Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz where discussion centered on U.S. Agricultural policy and the future of agriculture for young people. Other visits in the Washington area were with government officials in the U. S. Office of Education including Dr. Wm. Pierce, Deputy Commissioner of Occupational and Adult Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The officers also met with Environmental Protection Agency

Administrator Russell Train and officials of the National Grange, and the National Agricultural Chemicals Associations.

This was the 29th Tour of National FFA Officers. This year's Tour included stops in: Ohio, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Minnesota, Illinois, North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Iowa. Its purpose was to help bring about a better understanding of vocational agriculture/FFA, as well as an opportunity for the FFA officers to meet and exchange ideas with leaders of business, industry and national organizations and interested in agriculture. Many of those visited were sponsors to the National FFA Foundation. This year's FFA WEEK theme "A Future For America—FFA" was the subject of discussion when they are called on to speak before large audiences.

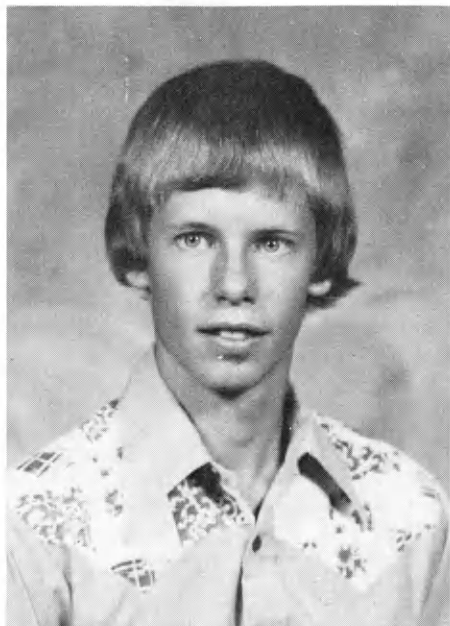
Last year more than 1,560 businesses, industries, organizations, and individuals contributed more than \$680,000 to the FFA Foundation, Inc. These funds make possible the FFA incentive awards program which recog-

nizes achievements of FFA members throughout the U.S. During the tour, the National Officers have an opportunity, on behalf of all FFA members, to thank those who contribute to the FFA Foundation, Inc.

As an integral part of high school vocational agriculture, the FFA complements classroom instruction with programs that develop knowledge and skills essential to success in farming and agribusiness. This year over 485,000 young people in 7,838 FFA chapters will participate in programs of leadership, and community service which will help prepare them for careers in agriculture and will help them become responsible community leaders.

National Officers who will be on the tour include: Bobby Tucker, 21, of Mineola, Texas, National President; Mike Jackson, 21, of Tipton, Indiana, National Secretary; Doug Loudenslager, 21, of Morral, Ohio, Eastern Region Vice President; Ron Wilson, 20 of Manhattan, Kansas, Central Region Vice President; Elton Bouldin, 20, of Boaz, Alabama, Southern Region Vice President, and Leo Anderson, 21, of Albin, Wyo-ming, Western Region Vice President.

## Norton FFA Member To Travel Abroad



Work Experience Abroad participant to Switzerland, Brian Landis, from the Norton Chapter.

Brian Landis, Norton, Kansas has been accepted to participate in the FFA Work Experience Abroad program this summer.

The program is an international educational exchange activity of the Future Farmers of America and rural youth organizations in other countries.

A recent announcement from the National FFA Center, Alexandria, Virginia, noted that Brian will be placed for agricultural work experience for six months next summer in Switzerland, one of the 20 different countries participating in the exchange program.

By living and working with a family, Brian says that he will have the opportunity to learn about their way of life, to exchange ideas in agriculture, and contribute to international understanding.

Brian has been actively participating in various FFA sponsored contests this year. He was on second place team at the

District Entomology contest and was second high individual. In the District Land Judging contest he placed fourth and brought home a second place medal in Homesite Evaluation. In the Public Speaking contest he placed first in his division. He was on the first place team and ranked fourth high individually in the Crops contest. In the recent Poultry Judging contest, he placed third high in individual ranking.

Brian is the son of Rev. and Mrs. William Landis, Norton. His vocational agriculture teacher is Mr. Robert Broeckelman.

## National FFA Essay Contest

To recognize the Bicentennial, the National Future Farmer Magazine is sponsoring an essay contest. The goal is to define the National FFA theme "A Future for America—FFA" in the students' own words. The prize is a sponsored trip to one of the week-long Washington Conference Programs.

For further information on this contest, see the "Bicentennial Briefs" section of the February-March issue (page 56) of the National Future Farmer Magazine.

## Cindy Hildebrand Best Extemp Speaker

Cindy Hildebrand, from the Seaman FFA chapter, became the first winner in the State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. Jeff Zillinger, from the Phillipsburg chapter was second; Rick Mastel, Leoti, third; and Dianne Johnston, McCune, fourth.

The extemporaneous speakers progressed through local and district competition, prior to becoming eligible for State. The speakers had ten broad topics upon which to prepare, but these ten topics were each broken into five sub-topics. The speakers drew one of the five sub-topics 20 minutes prior to their delivery of their speech on the topic.

The Extemporaneous Contest awards were sponsored by Farmer Stockman of the Midwest and were presented by Mr. Hal Ramsbottom, Editor.

## District Recordbook Awardees

For the third year, Grass and Grain Magazine is sponsoring awards for the best set of recordbooks among the State Farmer applicants. The award is based on neatness, accuracy and completeness.

Each district selected an awardee in production agriculture and one in agribusiness. The records are those of the students' supervised occupational experience program.

The winners in production agriculture are: Jerry Johnson, Troy; Norman Jordan, Erie; Dennis Zumbrunn, Chapman; Jerry Eikelberger, Scott City; Clint Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Monte Jessup, Phillipsburg; and Leon LaGalle, Paola.

The agribusiness winners are: John Greathouse, Paola; Alan Weiser, Phillipsburg; Jesse Schauf, Central of Burden; Jolene Dasenbrock, Dodge City; Charles Hatch, Salina; and David Harris, Erie.

From these district winners will be chosen the State winners, the awards to be presented at the 48th State Convention.



The First Annual State FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest winner, Cindy Hildebrand, from the Seaman Chapter.

# State FFA Judging Contests



**HORTICULTURE—Manhattan**—Left to right: Judy Gress (student teacher at Manhattan); Kevin Gorsch (3rd high individual); and Lynne Warnica. Not pictured, Stan Bartel and Henry Thorne, advisors.



**AGRICULTURAL NEWSWRITING—Central Heights**—Left to right: Becky Vining and advisor, Don Benjamin.



**DAIRY CATTLE—Salina**—Left to right: Craig Meyer, advisor; Duane Flaherty (4th high individual); Jody Garrison; and Sherry Richardson (3rd high individual).



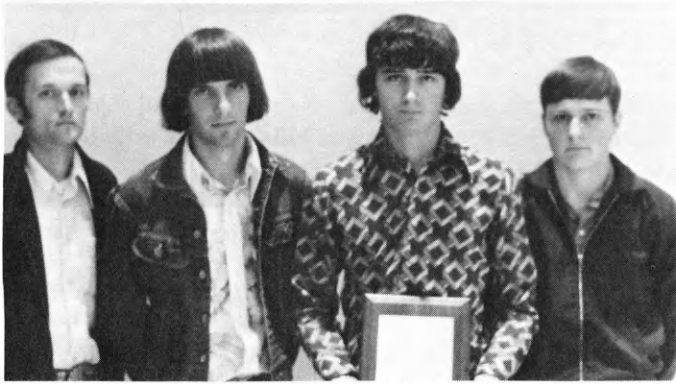
**ENTOMOLOGY—Ness City**—Left to right: Craig Gabrel (3rd high); Myron Filbert (high individual); and Ed Brenner, advisor.



**LIVESTOCK—Plainville**—Left to right: Marvin Hachmeister, advisor; Patrick Burton; Aaron Markley (4th high); and Mark Westhusin (3rd high).



**POULTRY AND CROPS JUDGING—Neodesha**—Left to right: Wayne Coltrain, advisor; Joe Smith (2nd in poultry and high individual in crops); Kim Cheshier (3rd in poultry and 6th high in crops); and Rick Schoonover.



**AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SKILLS—Paola**—Left to right: Ken Nickell, advisor; Russell Barsnett; Kevin Debrick (6th high); and Darrell Rodewald (7th high).



**MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS—Winfield**—Left to right: Tony Cantrell (4th high); Mark Atkinson; and Mark Eastman. Not pictured, Larry Schwintz and Darrell Brown, advisors.



**AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIC POWER—Labette County**—Left to right: Rex Hellwig (9th high); Cliff Peterson (high individual); and Mike Bogner. Not pictured, Jack Shell, advisor.



**MEATS—Mission Valley**—Left to right: Steve Peoples (2nd high); George Mullinix (high individual); and Phil Fanning (6th).



**SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT—Prairie View**—Left to right: Terry Ala (8th high); Phil Windler; Mike Gillespie (9th high); and Marvin Creager, advisor.



**FARM POWER AND MACHINERY—Hillsboro**—Left to right: Truman Deiner, advisor; Dwight Peters (10th high); Glen Prieb (high individual); and Lynwood Hiebert (8th high). The Hillsboro team also won the overall agricultural mechanics contests and will represent Kansas at the National contest.



**AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES AND ENVIRONMENT—Erie**—Left to right: Wilbur Buntin, advisor; Mike Coover; Kelly Coover (high individual); and Mica Doane (4th high).

# District Proficiency Award Winners

Proficiency awards were developed to encourage members to do their best in their supervised occupational experience programs. There are 19 different areas in which members can apply, which range from swine production to home and farmstead improvement.

Medals are given to the local chapter winners, while the district winners receive a plaque and \$15. The State winners receive a certificate and \$100 and they can progress to the National level where a plaque and a \$500 check awaits them.

Districts pick first and second place winners, as a member can compete on the district level for two awards, but only one on the State level.

The district winners for 1976 are:

## East Central District

Crop Production	1st	Burl Peckman—Paola
	2nd	Robin Wiley—Lawrence
Livestock Production	1st	Doug Packer—Lawrence
	2nd	Vern George—Lebo
Ornamental Horticulture	1st	Rick Knight—Seaman
Home & Farmstead Improvement	1st	Joleen Raab—Seaman
	2nd	David Reeves—Williamsburg
Placement in Agricultural Sales and/or Service	1st	J. D. Wyman—Seaman
	2nd	Pat Weiderholt—Garnett
Agricultural Electrification	1st	Alan Sobba—Garnett
	2nd	Alan Charley—Jayhawk-Linn
Swine Production	1st	Lorena Croucher—Garnett
	2nd	Chester Fredricks—Williamsburg
Beef Production	1st	Larry Lankard—Garnett
	2nd	Ron Vohs—Paola
Sheep Production	1st	Vern George—Lebo
Agricultural Mechanics	1st	Jay Selanders—Garnett
	2nd	Mark Haupt—Prairie View
Placement in Agricultural Production	1st	David Reeves—Williamsburg
	2nd	William Stephens—Osage City
Horse Proficiency	1st	Lana Fagg—Paola
	2nd	John Greathouse—Paola
Soil & Water Management	1st	Larry Lankard—Garnett

## Northwest District

Crop Production	1st	Tim Schulze—Norton
	2nd	Mike Smith—Norton
Livestock Production	1st	Terry Nelson—Norton
	2nd	Monte Jessup—Phillipsburg
Dairy Production	1st	Wayne Sander—Stockton
Home & Farmstead Improvement	1st	Robert Wyatt—Norton
	2nd	Brian Beisner—Natoma
Placement in Agricultural Sales and/or Service	1st	Dan Mapes—Norton
	2nd	Gary Peterson—Stockton
Agricultural Electrification	1st	Terry Nelson—Norton
	2nd	Terry Worcester—Hill city
Swine Production	1st	Monte Jessup—Phillipsburg
	2nd	Steve Drommer—Norton
Beef Production	1st	Tim Schulze—Norton
	2nd	Steve Meier—Natoma
Sheep Production	1st	John George—Lebanon
	2nd	Vic Goeken—Norton
Agricultural Mechanics	1st	Mike Smith—Norton
	2nd	Eric Wilds—WaKeeney
Placement in Agricultural Production	1st	Vic Goeken—Norton
	2nd	Robert Wyatt—Norton
Horse Proficiency	1st	Terry Laughlin—Norton
Soil & Water Management	1st	Steve Drommer—Norton



**South Central District**

Crop Production	1st	Jim Ireland—Chaparral
	2nd	Randy Schwartz—Great Bend
Livestock Production	1st	Brian Fuller—McPherson
	2nd	David Hett—Marion
Dairy Production	1st	Warren Kaufman—Moundridge
	2nd	Fred Heersche—Mulvane
Ornamental Horticulture	1st	Robert Pohl—Buhler
	2nd	Randy Schwartz—Great Bend
Home & Farmstead Improvement	1st	John Rose—Great Bend
	2nd	Doug Stucky—Moundridge
Placement in Agricultural Sales and/or Service	1st	Bart Schooley—Central of Burden
	2nd	Mike Ehrlick—Marion
Agricultural Electrification	1st	Jeff Johnson—McPherson
Swine Production	1st	Dale Unruh—Great Bend
	2nd	Curt Woker—McPherson
Beef Production	1st	Clint Rusk—Medicine Lodge
	2nd	Scott Lawrence—Medicine Lodge
Sheep Production	1st	Dwight Wedel—Moundridge
	2nd	Evan Yoder—Peabody
Agricultural Mechanics	1st	Glen Goering—Moundridge
	2nd	Jerry Winkleg—Marion
Placement in Agricultural Production	1st	Jesse Schauf—Central of Burden
	2nd	Scott Herr—Moundridge
Fish & Wildlife Management	1st	Myron Flickner—Moundridge
Horse Proficiency	1st	Darla Patrick—McPherson
	2nd	Bill Myers—Buhler
Soil & Water Management	1st	John Rose—Great Bend

**Southwest District**

Swine Production	1st	Mark Schweer—Garden City
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**North Central District**

Crop Production	1st	Duane Flaherty—Salina
	2nd	Raymond Larson—Clay Center
Livestock Production	1st	Brad Fuller—Miltonvale
	2nd	Dennis Zumbrunn—Chapman
Dairy Production	1st	Duane Meier—Linn
Ornamental Horticulture	1st	Steven Arpin—Salina
Home & Farmstead Improvement	1st	Steven Arpin—Salina
	2nd	Darrell Carter—North Central
Placement in Agricultural Sales and/or Service	1st	Kyle Bauer—Clay Center
	1st	Lowell Reith—Linn
Agricultural Electrification	1st	Kim Boston—Washington
Swine Production	2nd	Gary Schmitz—Chapman
Beef Production	1st	Elwyn Duey—North Central
	2nd	Dennis Zumbrunn—Chapman
Sheep Production	1st	David Warne—Mankato
	2nd	Doug Goeckel—Washington
Agricultural Mechanics	1st	Scott Crain—North Central
	2nd	Charles Hatch—Salina
Placement in Agricultural Production	1st	Cindy Ricketts—Clay Center
	2nd	Doug Lambert—North Central
Horse Proficiency	1st	Scott Crain—North Central
	2nd	Lee Singular—Linn

**Southeast District**

Crop Production	1st	Norman Jordan—Erie
	2nd	Jerry York—Columbus
Livestock Production	1st	Tom Sailors—Erie
	2nd	Pat Smith—Southeast
Dairy Production	1st	Mike Kennedy—Erie
	2nd	Mark Baugher—Labette County
Ornamental Horticulture	1st	Lance Markley—West Elk
Home & Farmstead Improvement	1st	Rodney Hughes—Erie
Placement in Agricultural		
Sales and/or Service	1st	Danny Dillinger—Erie
Agricultural Electrification	1st	Mike Bogner—Labette County
	2nd	Mark Reinhardt—Erie
Swine Production	1st	Tom Sailors—Erie
	2nd	Bruce Bulick—Labette County
Beef Production	1st	Norman Jordan—Erie
	2nd	Cliff Hope—Labette County
Sheep Production	1st	Dale Peck—Southeast
	2nd	Barbara Stich—Erie
Agricultural Mechanics	1st	David Harris—Erie
	2nd	Ken Roberts—Labette County
Placement in Agricultural		
Production	1st	Steve Rider—Southeast
Fish & Wildlife Management	1st	James Webster—Erie
Horse Proficiency	1st	Susan Van Cleave—Cherryvale
	2nd	John Hedges—Labette County
Soil & Water Management	1st	Mark Fuller—Labette County
	2nd	Mark Forsyth—Erie

**Northeast District**

Crop Production	1st	Kevin Kelley—Royal Valley
	2nd	Mark Fenley—Troy
Livestock Production	1st	Dan Schletzbaum—Atchison County
	2nd	Luin Berger—Valley Heights
Ornamental Horticulture	1st	Denise Lewis—Silver Lake
House & Farmstead Improvement	1st	Richard Wagner—Atchison County
	2nd	Matt Ehrhart—Holton
Agricultural Electrification	1st	Kevin Brockhoff—Powhattan
	2nd	Jim Boeh—Troy
Swine Production	1st	Kurt Larsen—Valley Heights
	2nd	Jerry Johnson—Troy
Beef Production	1st	Steve Handke—Atchison County
	2nd	Mark Fenley—Troy
Sheep Production	1st	Mack Jarrett—Troy
Agricultural Mechanics	1st	Steve Handke—Atchison County
	2nd	Darrell Sallee—Troy
Placement in Agricultural		
Production	1st	Jerry Johnson—Troy
Horse Proficiency	1st	Karen Adams—Troy
Soil & Water Management	1st	Joe Schletzbaum—Atchison County
	2nd	David Rumbaugh—Sabetha

# Vocational Officers Present Certificate

The State officers of the five vocational student organizations, ((FFA, OEA, FHA, DECA, and VICA) presented Governor Bennett with a certificate of appreciation for his support of vocational education.

The certificate was presented to Governor Bennett during National Vocational Education Week, at which time the Governor also signed a proclamation for Vocational Education Week in Kansas.

## 48th Convention Overview

June 9-11 will find many blue jackets on the KSU campus as the 48th Annual Kansas FFA Convention gets under way. Several highlights include the Creed Speaking, Public Speaking, Parliamentary procedure contests. State officer interviews will be in the afternoon as well as delegate registration. Delegate committee meetings and vespers will be Wednesday evening.

The Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness ceremonies will be Thursday night, with the Foundation Proficiency Awards being presented Friday morning. The State Farmer Degree ceremony will be Friday night.

## Galle Promoted

Nelson Galle, Director of International Personnel and Administration at Hesston Corporation, has been promoted to General Manager of the Hesston Division.

Nelson was an FFA member from the Moundridge Chapter and served as Kansas FFA president in 1954-55. He taught vocational agriculture at Goessel from 1959 to 1964, during which time he guided the chapter to several National Gold Emblem ratings.

Even though Mr. Galle has left the vocational agriculture profession, he still remains very active in FFA activities, both personally and through Hesston Corporation.



Vocational organizations' State Officers joke with Governor Bennett during the presentation of his certificate of appreciation. Left to right: Jay Mayfield, FFA; Joan Scarlett, FHA; Dina Neatherlin, OEA; Governor Bennett; and J. D. Pitzer, DECA. Not in the picture was the VICA representative.



President Mayfield visits with Lyle Yost, Chairman of the Board for Hesston Corporation and Kansas Chairman for the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Left to right: Ronda Wilson; Randy Schoenthaler; Lyle Yost; Richard Arpin; Jay Mayfield; Phil Fishburn; Howard Brenneman, President of Hesston Corporation; Dean Prochaska; and Dan Marrs.

# BOAC AREA WINNERS

The Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Program was developed to involve FFA chapters in becoming a realistic part of their local community in making it a more pleasant place to live.

Chapters which meet minimum standards in BOAC earn the BOAC Area Award. The BOAC Area Award Winners for 1976 are:

**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**—Osage City, Williamsburg, Seaman, Alma, Mission Valley, Lebo, and Burlingame.

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT**—Downs, Hill City, Hoxie, Kensington, Lebanon, Natoma, Norton, Phillipsburg, Plainville, and WaKeeney.

**SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**—Inman, Chaparral, and Kingman.

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**—Lakin, Holcomb, Garden City, and Jetmore.

**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**—Solomon, Abilene, North Central, Miltonvale, Chapman, Hope, Washington, Clay Center, Jewell, and Manhattan.

**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**—Fredonia, Southeast, Uniontown, Cherryvale, Girard, Erie, and Columbus.

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT**—Westmoreland and Troy.

## State Superior Chapters

Seventy-six Kansas FFA chapters have attained the goal of State Superior Chapter in 1976. All chapters in the State can reach this goal by meeting very minimum activity requirements in the areas of (1) Supervised Occupational Experience; (2) Cooperation; (3) Community Service; (4) Leadership; (5) Earnings, Savings, and Investments; (6) Conduct of Meetings; (7) Scholarship; (8) Recreation; (9) Public Relations; (10) Participation in State and National Activities; and (11) Alumni Relations.

State Superior chapters receive a plaque with spaces for spurs for each year they attain the award. The 1976 State Superior Chapters are:

**East Central District**—Central Heights, Seaman, Alma, Jayhawk-Linn, Osage City, Mission Valley, Williamsburg, Garnett, Paola, Lebo, Council Grove.

**Northwest District**—Atwood, Downs, Hill City, Hoxie, Kensington, Lebanon, Natoma, Northern Valley, Norton, Palco, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Smith Center, Stockton, WaKeeney.

**South Central District**—Winfield, Peabody, Chaparral, McPherson, Newton, South Barber, Great Bend, Haven, Inman, Arkansas City, Buhler, Medicine Lodge, Moundridge, Kingman, Central of Burden, and Ellinwood.

**Southwest District**—Ensign, Garden City, Holcomb, and Jetmore.

**North Central District**—North Central, Jewell, Washington, Abilene, Wilson, Clay Center, Miltonvale, Manhattan, Chapman, Pike Valley, Salina, Solomon, and Mankato.

**Southeast District**—Iola, Fredonia, Cherryvale, Southeast, Uniontown, Labette County, Caney, Girard, Altoona-Midway, Erie, and Columbus.

**Northeast District**—Royal Valley, Atchison County, Wamego, Valley Heights, Westmoreland, and Troy.

## State Superior Safety Chapters

Chapters can obtain a plaque for their efforts in safety activities in their community. Minimum standards are set for this award just as for the State Superior Chapter Award.

The State Superior Safety chapters for 1976 are:

**Northeast District**—Westmoreland and Atchison County.

**Southeast District**—Fredonia, Erie, and Columbus.

**North Central District**—Clay Center, Jewell, Hope, North Central, and Washington.

**Southwest District**—Garden City.

**Northwest District**—Hill City, Hoxie, Kensington, Lebanon, and Norton.

**East Central District**—Seaman and Osage City.

# DISTRICT STARS

Each year, from the current State Farmer candidates, districts pick two candidates who excel all others; one in agribusiness and one in production agriculture. These two outstanding members are chosen on the basis of their supervised occupational experience program, FFA and other leadership activities, scholarship, and record keeping.

These District Star Farmers next compete on the State level for the revered titles of Star Agribusinessman of Kansas and Star Farmer of Kansas.

Awards for the District Stars consist

of a plaque and a \$40 check, sponsored by KABAR (Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives). The State winners will each receive a plaque and a check for \$200, sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

The District Star Agribusinessmen for 1976, who are competing for the Agribusinessman of Kansas are: Alan Weiser, Phillipsburg chapter; John Greathouse, Paola chapter; Jesse Schauf, Central of Burden chapter; Jolene Dasenbrock, Dodge City chapter; Charles Hatch, Salina chapter, and

David Harris, from the Erie chapter.

The District Star Farmers for 1976, who are competing for Star Farmer of Kansas are: Steve Handke, Atchison County chapter; Norman Jordan, Erie chapter; Dennis Zumbrunn, Chapman chapter; Tim Miller, Holcomb chapter; Justin Groom, Udall chapter; Leon LaGalle, Paola chapter; and Monte Jessup, Phillipsburg chapter.

The Star Agribusinessman and the Star Farmer Awards are the highest that a member can receive in the FFA on the State level.

## State Officers' Goodwill Tour

Approximately 50 businesses, industries, State and local government agencies who support FFA activities were visited by the State FFA officers.

The Tour, which took the entire week of March 15, included stops in Kansas City, Topeka, Manhattan, Dodge City, Wichita, McPherson, Hesston, Hutchinson, Great Bend and Arkansas City.

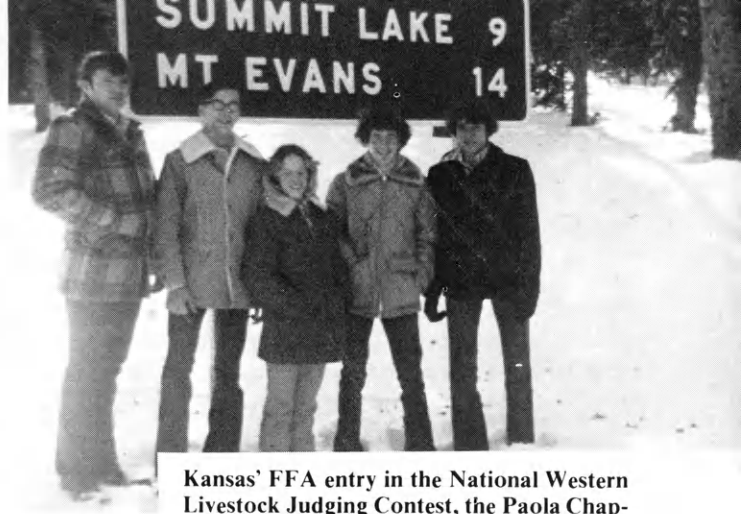
The Annual Goodwill Tour had the prime purpose of thanking the various people in business and government who support the vocational agriculture program and FFA activities.



Governor Bennett was a very interesting and gracious host during the Good-Will Tour. Left to right: Randy Schoenthaler, Phil Fishburn, Richard Arpin, Governor Bennett, Ronda Wilson, Mark Scanlan, and Jay Mayfield.



Senator Harry Darby (center), sponsor of the Roy Freeland Agricultural Education Scholarship, was a very interesting stop on the Good-Will Tour. Left to right: Richard Arpin, Randy Schoenthaler, Jay Mayfield, Senator Darby, Phil Fishburn, Mark Scanlan, Dean Prochaska, and Ronda Wilson.



Kansas' FFA entry in the National Western Livestock Judging Contest, the Paola Chapter. Left to right: Charles Kerr, Advisor; Max Menefee; Lana Fagg; Chris Kettler; and David Butel.

**FIRST PLACE BULL**—Placing on top in the class of Charolais bulls is Tom Horstick, Central Heights chapter president. Tom is being led by Becky Vining, chapter reporter. The judging contest was a part of the all-school assembly sponsored by the chapter during National FFA Week. (Photo courtesy the *Ottawa Herald*)

# CHAPTER

# REPORTS

## FFA Week Activities

The Central Heights chapter was involved in a variety of activities during National FFA Week, including radio, television, and newspaper publicity as well as a school assembly.

At the all-school assembly, chapter officers presented the opening and closing ceremonies, and Chuck Hoglund of Kansas Farm Bureau presented films about anhydrous ammonia and tractor safety. Clint Ball gave his speech from the district contest entitled "Why I Joined FFA." Sheryl Neblock told about various contests and explained how judging is done. Since this is only the third year for FFA at CH, many students didn't understand how judging classes are set up and the value of learning to judge. To illustrate a livestock judging contest four boys from the chapter acted as registered Charolais bulls. They were led by four girl mem-

bers, then Sheryl gave a very interesting set of reasons on the class.

News media gave the chapter much publicity also. Two members were featured on WIBW television to explain the Food for America project. Three members were interviewed on KOFO Radio twice, and the *Ottawa Herald* devoted several stories to the FFA including articles about the school assembly, the female chapter members, and one members home improvement project.

Also during FFA Week, the chapter attended church as a group, participated in the district meats contest, and sponsored a "Kount the Kernels" contest. The object of this contest was for students to guess the number of corn kernels in the jar with the closest guess winning five dollars.

Throughout the week, the Central Heights chapter was able to inform many people about FFA—students, the public, and even other members.

Becky Vining  
Central Heights Reporter

## Paola Chapter Reports . . .

### Paola Chapter Represents Kansas

Four members from the Paola Chapter Livestock Judging Team represented Kansas in the National Livestock Judging Contest held at the Western Stock Show held in Denver, Colorado, January 17.

Members of the team were Dave Butel, Lana Fagg, Max Menefee and Chris Kettler, and Charles Kerr, Vocational Agriculture instructor. Mrs. Kerr also attended.

The contest consisted of judging eight classes of livestock, including three classes of beef, three of sheep and two of swine.

Lana Fagg was third high individual in swine and Max Menefee ranked fifth.

Overall, Max Menefee was fourth high individual, Lana Fagg was ninth, Dave Butel was fifteenth, and Chris Kettler was seventeenth.

Max had a total of 556 points compared to high individual from Oklahoma, Rick Bulecoe with 571.

The team placed third overall with 1617 points. Second was New Mexico with 1618, and Oklahoma was high with 1675. A total of eight teams were entered in the event.

### **Paola Receives District Awards**

Six members from the Paola Chapter will receive district awards at the east central district banquet at Garnett.

Chapter President Leon LaGalle has been selected as district Star Farmer, and the Chapter Vice-President, John Greathouse, as district Agri-Businessman.

Max Menefee receives the Star Greenhand Award, Burl Peckman, Crops, and Lana Fagg, Horse Production.

Also the Chapter has three members vying for district officers. They are John Waln, Eric Guenther, and Mike Stiles.

Leon LaGalle and John Greathouse will also enter the State competition, as they were also chosen with outstanding record keeping.

Eric Guenther  
Paola Chapter Reporter

### **Troy Chapter Reports. . .**

#### **Troy Chapter Sells 1000 Boxes Of Fruit**

The Troy Chapter had its annual fruit sales November 1 through January 1. The Chapter ordered 1000 boxes of fruit, more than in any previous year. Prizes were awarded to the top salesman who could either take the prize or money equivalent. Bernard Sutton took first by selling 174 boxes and won \$120. Second place was won by Darrell Sallee, 155 boxes, worth \$90, third place was taken by Jim Neumann, 130 boxes, worth \$50, fourth place was Allen Winkel, 80 boxes, who won a digital clock radio, fifth was Pat Neumann, 48 boxes winning \$15 in cash.

Bob Cummings  
Reporter

### **Southwest Chapter Reports. . .**

#### **Southwest District Livestock Judging**

Approximately 153 students from 13 FFA chapters participated in the annual Southwest District Livestock Judging Contest. The contest was held March 31, and was hosted by the Garden City Community College. Those participating included: Garden City, Jetmore, Southwestern Heights, Tribune, Hanston, Holcomb, Hugoton, Ness City, LaCrosse, Lakin, and Ensign.

Top individuals in the contest were: Stan Linville, Holcomb (1); Pat Van John (2), and Margaret Lobmeyer (3), both of Garden City; James Pringle, Tribune (4); Sherri Higgins, Southwestern Heights (5); Mark Lobmeyer (6), Mark Schwer (7), both of Garden City; Mike Bamburger, Jetmore, and Brent Slagle, Ness City, (tie for 8); and Cindy Thomas, Southwestern Heights (10).

Top teams in order of rank: Garden City, Southwestern Heights, Jetmore, Tribune, and Hugoton.

Susan Hastings  
Southwest District FFA Reporter

## **State Officer Candidates**

Sixteen Kansas FFA members have progressed through the ranks and will be vying for the six top leadership positions in the Kansas Association of FFA—being a 1976-77 State FFA officer.

The new officers will assume their duties immediately after the State Convention; those duties concluding with the 1977 State FFA Convention.

The officer hopefuls are: Jerry John-

son, Troy; Steve Handke, Atchison County; Susan Montgomery, Sabetha; Steve Arpin, Salina; Duane Flaherty, Salina; Brian Robinett, Jewell; Mark Schweer, Garden City; Dwight Wedel, Moundridge; Scott Walker, Udall; Clint Rusk, Medicine Lodge; Mike Robinson, Arkansas City; Kerry Zillinger, Phillipsburg; Jeff Zillinger, Phillipsburg; David Schmidt, Smith Center, and Jay Selanders and Larry Lankard both from Garnett.

## **First State Creed Contest**

A new State FFA contest, designed specifically for Greenhands is being initiated this year—the State Greenhand Creed Speaking Contest. Each FFA district was allotted two Greenhands for State competition.

Each Greenhand will present the FFA creed before a panel of judges, and then will be asked questions about the Creed. A basic public speaking scoresheet will be used. Accuracy in memorization will also be an important factor.

The contestants in the contest will be: Nancy Ross, Paola; Randy Beckman, Prairie View; J. P. Worcester, Hill City; Pat Hageman, Plainville; Bruce Schriner, Chaparral; Justin Waite, Winfield; Shawn Fry, Satanta; Mike Lob-

meyer, Garden City; John Gillian, Washington; Charles Stoffer, Abilene; J. C. Parsons, Southeast; Harry Clubine, Caney; Todd Breathour, Wamego, and Mark Lackey, Highland.



## *From the President's Desk*

As the year's activities come to a close, it's time to remember some of the good times and great experiences you had during the year. While you look back on some of the things that happened, evaluate the year. See if you did everything you wanted. Were you at your best in all the contests you attended? Did you carry your load during the chapter activities and what about the goals you set for yourself?

I am sure that there are very few, if any of you, that could truthfully say you did your best at everything. I know there are some activities I participated in when I could have done better than I did.

Now as most of you are like me in that aspect, while evaluating our past, we must also look toward the future and plan ways to improve ourselves as well as our activities. We have to find new ways to do something better than it was done before. If we work at it maybe we can all do our best all the time.

Thanks for a fantastic year,



Jay Mayfield, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

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