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The cover features photo’s of the 51st State FFA Convention Speakers which includes Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Mark Sanborn, National FFA President, Nelson Landon, 25th State FFA President and Ramona Carlin, wife of Governor John Carlin.

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Farmland Industries Sponsors “Seven Stars Over Kansas”

For the past eleven years Farmland Industries in cooperation with WIBW TV has produced the favorite film of students — “Seven Stars Over Kansas.” This year for the first time, the film will have natural sounds due to a new taping process. Kelly Lenz, Farm Director at WIBW, and Brad Richmond, WIBW photographer, spent many hours trying to make this year’s film the best ever. I think you will agree that it is the best after viewing it during the State FFA Convention May 31, 1979. The film will also be shown on six different TV stations across Kansas on June 6, 7, and 8. The television schedule is as follows:

WIBW-Topeka, June 7, 6:30 p.m.: KOAM-Pittsburg, June 6, 6:30 p.m.;
KTVH-Wichita/Hutchinson, June 8, 6:30 p.m.;
KAYS-Hays, June 8, 6:30 p.m.;
KLOE-Goodland, June 8, 6:30 p.m.;
KTVC-Ensign/Dodge City, June 8, 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to check your local TV listings in case of a last-minute time or date change.

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Former FFA Member

In The Governor’s Office

by Dee James

Governor John Carlin is a dairy farmer. He is also a former member of the Future Farmers of America and the first former member to be elected to our state’s highest position.

Governor Carlin’s leadership ability is a result of experience, practice, and a lot of hard work. We stress leadership in the FFA, but rarely do we have an opportunity to view leadership with a personal interest as we now have in the governor’s office of our state as well as the Oval Office of the White House. President Carter is also a former FFA member.

As a student in vocational agriculture at Lindsborg High School, Carlin’s agriculture instructor and FFA advisor, Delbert Jamison, describes Carlin “as a student who set his priorities. When he decided to do something . . . he usually did it.”

It has been this same type of desire and determination that has taken John Carlin to the governor’s office.

Although no one in his family was actively involved in politics, Governor Carlin said he always followed politics and was always interested in the political arena. The actual thought of running for public office however, didn’t occur until much later after his FFA career. Because of his later activities, Carlin said that he appreciates the skills he learned in the FFA much more now than at the time he was a student.

The greatest contribution FFA offered our governor was in the development of judging skills. “I’ve always said in terms of training for politics, the best experience I had was in judging and giving oral reasons. This helped me most in preparing to serve in a public office. It was excellent training to use a limited amount of time to make tough decisions and then be able to explain, in an orderly fashion, why you did what you did.”

Carlin’s ability in judging was evident during his sophomore year when he was the high individual in the dairy cattle judging contest at the state contest in Manhattan.

Governor Carlin also reflects back on the importance of FFA training in the area of organizational structure and parliamentary procedure. These principles apply to running a chapter meeting the same way as in the operation of the state legislature.

Carlin stressed that this basic training is used in many situations throughout life, no matter what vocation a person might enter.

As a leader, the words “education” and “communication” are used by Carlin to describe his role as governor. In agriculture these same words describe areas where there is a need to improve.

Speaking now as a farmer, instead of governor, Carlin stated, “Our future hinges on our ability to develop better leadership. We need leadership at all levels to support agriculture. This can be done by not only serving as the president of an organization but by becoming involved in activities throughout the entire organizational system.”

We can learn this type of leadership in the FFA, but more than learning it, we have to practice it as well. Carlin illustrates this thought. “It’s like anything you learn in school . . . if you don’t ever use it, the things you learn will turn out to only be a nice experience at the time. The real purpose in education is to apply those skills that you have learned. It would be unfortunate if we have the situation where those who have the opportunity to gain leadership skills aren’t going on and using them. We desperately need young people willing to step forward and provide assistance.”

In looking at the future, Governor Carlin speaks with optimism which is common to those with an agricultural background. “I would encourage and be hopeful that the leadership of the FFA organization will be a part of the future leadership of this state and this country.”

This is our challenge.
State FFA Convention To Be May 30 To June 1 At K-State

Twenty five years ago Nelson Galle was elected state FFA president. This year, Mr. Galle is returning to address the convention on the topic "What are you Selling?" He is pictured here with Boyd Waite, the first state FFA president during the 25th State FFA Convention.

Speakers, award presentations, contests and officer elections will highlight the 51st annual Kansas Future Farmers of America convention.

Featured speakers will include Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum; Mark Sanborn, National FFA president from Ohio; Ramona Carlin, wife of Governor John Carlin; and Nelson Galle, Kansas’ 25th state president from Moundridge.

Pre-convention activities on Wednesday, May 30, include preliminaries of the public speaking, parliamentary procedure and creed contests. After state officer candidate interviews and delegate committee meetings, the state FFA officers will lead a vespers service.

State officers who will preside over the three-day convention include Jeff Yarrow, President from Clay Center; Chuck Banks, vice president from Wamego; Jeff Bryant, secretary from Arkansas City; Mark Stock, treasurer from Troy; Brenda Hundley, reporter from Seaman (Topeka); and Joe Rickabaugh, sentinel from Garnett.

Senator Kassebaum will address the convention Thursday morning. Then livestock, conservation, chapter reporter, High Plains Journal scrapbook and membership achievement awards will be presented.

At the Thursday afternoon session, Linda Otte, state FFA sweetheart from Moundridge, will speak and new state officers will be elected.

An address by National FFA President Sanborn, the Honorary State Farmer ceremony, “Seven Stars Over Kansas” film and announcement of Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of Kansas will highlight the evening session.

At the Friday morning session, superior chapter and Grass and Grain record keeping awards will be presented, state contest winners will be recognized and the state public speaking contest finals will be held.

Galle, the 25th Kansas FFA president, will speak at the afternoon session. Proficiency, safety, distinguished service, creed and public speaking awards, plus scholarships also will be presented.

Ramona Carlin, wife of Gov. John Carlin, will present the Governor’s Citation to the top chapter in the “Building Our American Communities” project at the concluding session Friday night. The State Farmer ceremony, American Farmer recognition and announcement of new state officers will also highlight the session.

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"Agriculture's New Generation"
Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum
7:00 p.m.

Special Introductions
Jeff Yarrow
7:30 p.m.

Convention Tips
Mark Stock

Approval of 50th Convention Minutes

Livestock Conservation Awards
Karl Heimke, Competitive Livestock Marketing Association

Parliamentary Procedure Finals
Break

Chapter Reporter Award

High Plains Journal Award
Bob Keating, High Plains Journal

"Reflections in the Waves"
Chuck Banks, 1978-79 State Vice President

Membership Achievement Awards
Closing Ceremony

12:00 Noon
Sweetheart Luncheon
K-State Union, Key Room

Alumni Luncheon and Annual Meeting
K-State Union, Cottonwood Room
7:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.
Country Swingers
Central of Burden FFA Chapter, McCain Auditorium
8:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m.
SECOND SESSION
McCain Auditorium
Brenda Hundley, Chairman
Opening Ceremony

Greetings from District Sweethearts
State Sweetheart Report
Linda Otte, 1978-79 State Sweetheart

Parliamentary Procedure Awards
Dave Woolfolk, President of Federal Land Bank Associations of Manhattan-Abilene

Delegate Committee Reports
"It's Meant So Much"
Joe Rickabaugh, 1978-79 State Sentinel

Break

Delegate Committee Reports
Nominating Committee Report
Election of 1979-80 State Officers
Closing Ceremony

5:15 p.m.
Honorary State Farmer & Distinguished Service Pictures
K-State Union, Cottonwood Room

5:30 p.m.
Honorary State Farmer & Distinguished Service Banquet
K-State Union, Cottonwood Room

5:30 p.m.
Farm Bureau Banquet

June 1, 1979

Country Swingers
Central of Burden FFA Chapter

FOURTH SESSION
McCain Auditorium
Joe Rickabaugh, Chairman
Opening Ceremony
New Business

"From Me To You"
Mark Stock, 1978-79 State Treasurer

Grass and Grain Record Keeping Awards
Frank Buchman, Editor of Grass & Grain International Recognition

Vocational Education State Officers
FHA—Penny Dague, State President
DECA—George Taylor—High School Division President
OEA—Tammy Wood, President of Secondary Division
VICA—Michelle Franklin, Post Secondary President

Nebraska FFA Central Area Vice President Greg Schoquette

Public Speaking Finals
(please do not leave or enter the auditorium during speeches)

State Contest Winners
State Chapter Awards Ceremony
Announcement of Top Nine Chapters
James Grant, Sunland Plans, Inc.

"20-20 Vision"
Jeff Bryant, 1978-1979 State Secretary

Closing Ceremony
12:00 Noon  Sponsors' Luncheon—  Past State FFA Officer Banquet  
        K-State Union, Cottonwood Room  K-State Union, Cottonwood Room

1:00 p.m.  Country Swingers  Country Swingers  
        Central of Burden FFA Chapter  Central of Burden FFA Chapter

1:30 p.m.  FIFTH SESSION  SIXTH SESSION  
        McCain Auditorium  McCain Auditorium  
        Mark Stock, Chairman  Chuck Banks, Chairman  
        Opening Ceremony  Opening Ceremony

Public Speaking Awards  Recognition of Past State Officers  
        Mary Lou Pasley, Vice President Col-  American Farmer Recognition  
        legiate FFA  BOAC Awards  

Kansas Farmer Awards  Lee Parks, Loan Specialist,  
        Lon Phillips, Director, Kansas Farmer  Farmers Home Administration  
        Sales Program  Governor's Citation Award  

Ceremonies Honoring Parents & Advisors of  Address by Ramona Carlin,  
        State  Wife of Governor John Carlin  
        Officers  

“What Are You Selling”  State Farmer Ceremony  
        Nelson Galle, 25th State FFA President  State Officer Report  
        Hesston Corporation  

Creed Speaking Awards  “Pebble of Success”  
        Foundation Proficiency Awards  Jeff Yarrow, 1978-79 State President  

Santa Fe Scholarships  State Officer Awards  
        Richard Bradley, Atchison, Topeka, &  State Alumni Association  
        Santa Fe Railway  Dr. Larry Erpelding, FFA Alumni Execu-  

Roy Freeland Scholarship  tive Secretary 安装 of 1979-80 State Officers  

Union Pacific Scholarship Recognition  Presentation KSU State FFA Officer  
        5:15 p.m.  Scholarships  

Safety Awards  Dr. David Mugler  
        Chuck Hougland, Safety Division,  Acting Dean College of Agriculture  
        Kansas Farm Bureau  

Distinguished Service Awards  Closing Ceremony  
        “Super Style”  
        Brenda Hundley, 1978-79 State Reporter  

Closing Ceremony  New State Officer Meeting  

3:45 p.m.  State Farmer Pictures  McCain, Room 205A  
        Willard Hall, East Steps  

4:00 p.m.  State Farmer Reception  Post Convention  
        K-State Union, Courtyard  Old & New State Officers’ Breakfast  

4:00 p.m.  Return State FFA Applications to Advisors  Key Room, K-State Union  
        McCain, Room 205A  Executive Committee Meeting  

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        Willard Hall, East Steps  

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        K-State Union, Courtyard  

4:00 p.m.  Return State FFA Applications to Advisors  
        McCain, Room 205A  Saturday, June 2  

Old & New State Officers’ Breakfast  

Key Room, K-State Union  

Executive Committee Meeting  

Waters Hall, Room 135  

Notice  

FFA CAMP DATES  

Have been moved up one day.  

CAMP DATES ARE:  

JULY 23-26  

KANSAS FUTURE FARMER
Kassebaum To Speak At Convention

Biography

Sen. Nancy Landan Kassebaum (R-Kan) is the first woman to represent Kansas in the U.S. Senate and the only woman senator in the 96th Congress. Winning election in 1978 over a former two-term congressman from her hometown of Topeka, Mrs. Kassebaum became the first woman elected to the Senate without first having been preceded in Congress by her husband.

She is a member of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and its International Finance and Rural Housing Subcommittees; the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and its Surface Transportation Subcommittee and is the ranking Republican member of the Committee’s Aviation Subcommittee. She is also a member of the Budget Committee and the Special Committee on Aging.

Mrs. Kassebaum was born on July 29, 1932, in Topeka, Kansas, and is the daughter of Alfred M. and Theo Landon. Mr. Landon was the 1936 Republican presidential nominee and governor of Kansas from 1932 to 1936.

At 22, she graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.A. in political science. Two years later, in 1956, she earned a Masters degree in diplomatic history from the University of Michigan. Married to Philip Kassebaum in 1955, she is the mother of four children: John Philip, Jr., Linda Josephine, Richard Landon, and William Alfred. The Kassebaums were divorced in 1979 following a two-year separation.

Prior to entering the Senate, Mrs. Kassebaum had served on the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, the Kansas Committee for the Humanities, and the Maize, Kansas, School Board. She worked on the Washington staff of Sen. James B. Pearson, her predecessor, in 1975-76, and serves as vice president of KFH-KBRA-FM stations. She is a recipient of the Women in Communications’ Matrix Award.

Receives Livestock Conservation Award

This year for the first time both the first and second place winners of the Livestock Conservation Award are from the same chapter—Congratulations Hiawatha! The first place winner is Mike Scraper who wrote a paper entitled “Equine Behavior.” The second place award goes to J. W. Reese for a paper on “Internal and External Parasites of Swine.” These papers evolved from each of the FFA member’s involvement in researching a problem having to do with animal health and/or safety.

In recognition of their leadership in the area of Livestock Conservation, these two FFA members will receive a watch and a plaque Thursday, May 31, at the State FFA Convention. The awards are generously sponsored by Livestock Marketing Association of Kansas City.

Grass and Grain Record Book Awards

The importance of record books is constantly stressed in both vocational agriculture and FFA. “Grass and Grain” also feel record books are essential and they are therefore generous enough to recognize those individuals who excel in record keeping.

This year’s winners are: Kevin Robinson, Mission Valley from Production, and Robert Chiles from Salina in Agribusiness. The first runner-up in each area was: Production—John Gilliam, Washington, and Agribusiness—Joe Neuman, Troy.
Ag Mechanics Skills, Labette Co. — Dan Peterson, advisor, Robert McKinzie, Kevin Nordquist, Craig Good.

Structures and Environment, Labette Co. — Dan Peterson, advisor, David Wilson, Densil Smith, Jarold Head.

Overall Mechanics, Hillisbore — Truman Diener, Kendall Unruh, Steve Unruh, Max Heinrichs.

Poultry, Labette Co. — Rick McKinzie, Kevin Nelson, Donald Richardson, Harold Helton, advisor.

Crops, Neodesha — Bill Gudde, Mike Cargile, Sally Coltrain, Wayne Coltrain, advisor.

Soil and Water, Labette Co. — Allen McColm (student teacher), Rhonda Raven, Mike Lloyd, Craig Good, Joel Eder (student teacher).


State FFA
Meats, Sautanta — Mel Heddlesten, advisor, Everett Reimer, Roy Sprunger, Bart Miller

Entomology, Moundridge-Hesston — Alan Waltner, Larry Goering, advisor, Scott Waltner, Rodney Dyck

Farm Business Management, Wamego — Buck Peddicord, Jim Pittenger, George Ebert, advisor

Newswriting, Central Heights — Brian Vining, Don Benjamin

Livestock, Clay Center — Maury Catlin, Advisor, Loy James, Lon James, Roger Forsyth.

Horticulture, Paola — Joanne Holmes, advisor, Janet McVey, Mary Kane, Joan Scherman, Ann Kane
State FFA Contest Scenes
The 1978-79 State FFA Officers took on the challenge of visiting numerous businesses, friends, and sponsors of the FFA. Over fifty-five businesses were visited during the week of March 12-16 which was Spring Break at Kansas State University.

Below, photos of several of the stops can be reviewed. Business and friends visited include: Secretary of Agriculture — Bill Duitsman, State Department of Education, Governor John Carlin, Santa Fe Railway, Farmers Home Administration, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Kansas Farmer Magazine.


As you can see, the six State Officers had a very busy and enjoyable week.

State officers view the new high capacity auger which is still somewhat in the planning stage at Hutchinson Division of Royal Industries.

Ned Bloom at Gilmore Tatge points out some of the drying features to officers Banks and Hundle.

The officers enjoyed a Wednesday morning breakfast with all of the K-State Ag Ed Staff, KSDE Staff, College of Ag Staff, and friends of the FFA.

Pres Huston, chairman of the board at Associated Advertising Agency, showed the officers the various types of advertising material they develop.

A tour of Fourth National Bank and Trust Company with Max Knopp was another highlight of the tour.

The officers stopped for a moment to visit with President Howard Brenneman, Hesston Corporation, during their enjoyable stop at Hesston.

La Wall's office exhibits the pride she has and feels for the FFA. Lu, the executive assistant to the chairman of the board at Hesston Corporation, is a true friend of the FFA and she is also a major donor to the National FFA Foundation.

A very enjoyable evening which was special to all of the officers was spent visiting with John and Lu Wall in their home located in McPherson. Mr. Wall is associated with W-R Milling, who was also visited during Wednesday afternoon.

KANSAS FUTURE FARMER
State Proficiency Award Winners

There are 22 Proficiency Award Areas in FFA. 21 of which we have State winners this year in Kansas FFA. The first place winners in each area are: Ag Electrification — Tim Morford, Hill City; Ag Mechanics — Jerry Winkle, Marion; Ag Processing — Sean Tindell, Elk Valley; Ag Sales and/or Service — Jeff Beikmann, Linn; Beef Production — Ronnie Hamilton, Columbus; Crop Production — Doug Schwartz, Washington; Dairy Production — Harry Clubine, Caney; Diversified Livestock Production — Kevin Robinson, Mission Valley.

Fish and Wildlife Management — Danny Snelling, Marion; Forestry Management — Brad Tummons, Hiawatha; Fruit and/or Vegetable Production — Lisa Simpson, Ft. Scott; Home and/or Farmstead Improvement — Dwain Worsley, Atwood; Horse Proficiency — Mike Matherly, Garden City; Nursery Operations — Warren Hager, Marion; Outdoor Recreation — Victor Wade, Central of Burden; Placement in Ag Production — Mike Kaufman, Moundridge; Poultry Production — Danny Bauerle, Hiawatha; Sheep Production — Jeff Ebert, Westmoreland; Soil and Water Management — Danny Bogner, Erie; Swine Production — Mike Lobmeyer, Garden City; and Turf and Landscape Management — Mark Burris, Iola.

Select State Gold Emblem Chapters

Each year the state selects by a committee of three the top ten percent or 16 chapters in Kansas as State Gold Emblem Chapters. Of these sixteen, nine will represent Kansas in the National Chapter Award Contest in Kansas City at the 52nd National FFA Convention.

These sixteen chapters are (in alphabetical order): Alkalntown, Central of Burden, Cherryvale, Columbus, Erie, Hiawatha, Hill City, Marion, Marysville, Norton, Plainville, Seaman, South Barber, Wamego, Washington, and Wilson.

Announce Top Safety Chapters

The top seven Gold Emblem chapters in Kansas this year in safety activities in alphabetical order are: Cherryvale, Marion, Norton, Plainville, South Barber, Wamego and Wilson. The state awards are sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau, which will be trophies for the top four chapters and plaques to the next six chapters. The top ten chapters will also receive a monetary reward which will range from $40-$100. The top four chapters will represent Kansas in the National Chapter Safety Contest.

The Silver Emblem Chapters are (ranked in order): Central of Burden, Westmoreland, Arkansas City, Hill City, Marysville, Riley, Effingham and Columbus.

The Bronze Emblem Chapters are (ranked in order): Powhattan, Altamont, Colby, Phillipsburg, Russell, Washburn Rural, and Caney.

The winners will be announced Friday afternoon, June 1, during the Fifth Session at State Convention.
McDowell Retires; Staller Assumes Foundation Post

Donald N. McDowell recently announced his retirement from his position as Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. He will stay on at the Foundation’s Madison, Wisconsin, office on a consulting basis.

Bernie Staller, previously assistant executive director of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee, has moved to the position of Executive Director.

McDowell was named Executive Director in April 1969. Prior to that he was Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture for 19 years and a vocational agriculture teacher earlier. McDowell was appointed to the National Vocational Advisory Council representing agriculture by the President of the United States in 1970 and reappointed in 1973 and 1976.

As the first Executive Director of the Sponsoring Committee, McDowell provided opportunity for FFA program growth and sponsor participation. When he began in 1969, FFA programs had 473 sponsors, but by 1978 the number of sponsors had grown to 1,018. McDowell has raised over $5.5 million in his ten years as Executive Director to set up and improve FFA’s 44 awards and projects and nine contests. Sponsors had given over $275,000 to FFA programs in 1969, and by 1978, more than $970,000 was being donated.

New Executive Director Staller joined the Foundation as assistant executive director in July, 1977. Prior to that he had been an agribusiness instructor, FFA advisor, and chairman of the agribusiness department at Janesville-Parker High School in Janesville, Wisconsin. As agribusiness instructor, Staller increased the vocational agriculture department enrollment from 70 students to more than 600 students with five full-time instructors.

Staller is a 1965 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his masters degree in Agriculture Education from Wisconsin in 1966.

As Executive Director of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Staller will be a liaison between business and industry in their sponsorship and the FFA Organization.
Hallmark Cards To Sponsor National Chorus

Hallmark Cards, Inc., of Kansas City, will co-sponsor the Chorus this year at the annual National FFA Convention, November 7-9, in Kansas City, Missouri. FFA officials announced recently. It is the first time the Chorus will have an industry sponsor.

The National Chorus is made up of FFA members from chapters across the United States—110-115 male and female voices chosen from a field of over 300 applications—brought together to perform at the National FFA Convention held each year in Kansas City. Recommendations from the member’s FFA chapter advisor and chorus director accompany the application.

They are chosen by Chorus Director, Marvin D. Myers. Myers, retired assistant director from the Purdue Musical Organization, West Lafayette, Indiana, has been director of the National Chorus since 1967. Myers says the most important quality he looks for, besides quality of voice, is the “ability to cooperate and be a contributing member of the Chorus.”

This is especially important, since the Chorus has only two days of practice before its first performance at the Vespers service which marks the opening of the National Convention. From then on, the Chorus performs at each of the eight sessions of the Convention, and also at various occasions around Kansas City, including the American Royal Livestock Show. The Chorus makes a record every year which is available to each Chorus member and the public.

NW District Star Greenhand

Tony Wasinger from the Hill City FFA Chapter was selected Star District Greenhand of the Northwest District, Saturday, February 24, at Stockton, Kansas. This is the first year the Northwest District FFA has sponsored the “Star District Greenhand” award. Each chapter star greenhand from last year was encouraged to submit an application and first year records from their supervised occupational experience program. A panel of alumni members from the district judged the selection.

Tony is a sophomore at Hill City High School. Some of his leadership activities in FFA include: 1978 Junior Chapter Treasurer, 1979 Junior Chapter President, and this year’s chairman of chapter alumni committee. He has participated both years of his FFA career in the district Public Speaking Contest, has participated in District Leadership School, the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest, and several other activities in his chapter and school.

Tony’s farming program consists of a beef program. During his freshman year, he borrowed $4,000 and bought fourteen cows. Over the year, he bought and sold cows, until he owned a total of forty-nine head for the year. During the summer, he couldn’t find pasture though, so he sold the cows. He kept three calves and bought twelve more with the money. He decided to feed out the calves. Tony believes he made the right decision selling these cows, because they would have been calving in the record-setting cold winter of 1979. Congratulations to Tony Wasinger, Star District Greenhand from the Northwest FFA District.

Choose State BOAC Winners

The top seven Gold Emblem Chapters are alphabetized and the top seven will represent Kansas in the National BOAC competition next November. The winner will be announced June 1 during the 51st State Convention. The Silver and Bronze Chapters are ranked in the order that they placed in the state.

Gold — Arkansas City, Columbus, Hill City, Norton, Plainville, South Barber, Wamego.


From the President’s Desk

The 50th year of Kansas FFA is quickly drawing to a close. With the ending of the year also comes the highlight for the State Association — State Convention. On behalf of the State Officer Team, I would like to extend this personal invitation to all to take part in our Convention activities. The Convention will take place on the Campus of Kansas State University, May 30-June 1, 1979.

Many of you, as well as your chapters, will be recognized for your outstanding achievements reached throughout the year. It is very satisfying for us, as the leaders of your organization, to see all of the very deserving individuals being rewarded for a year of hard work and effort. Along with all these awards presentations, we have also planned some very special activities and guest speakers. We hope these activities will be inspiring and motivational.

Our hope is that we have planned an enjoyable and worthwhile Convention. If approached with respect and responsibility, the 51st State FFA Convention should prove beneficial to all. Let’s kick off the next 50 years with enthusiasm and optimism! Hope to see you all in Manhattan.
CHAPTER REPORTS

Peabody — Burns Chapter Members To Receive State Farmer Degree

Peabody-Burns FFA Chapter of Peabody High School has four members who will receive the coveted State Farmer Degree this year. This degree is the highest degree that the state association has to offer to the top two percent of the state membership.

The Peabody-Burns FFA members who have done outstanding work to meet the exact requirements for achieving this degree, this year, are Kevin Burke, Lyle Leppke, Brian Obermeyer, and James Unruh. They were honored at the South Central Kansas FFA district convention and awards banquet March 17 at Haven.

Requirements to being a State Farmer are to have a good grade point average, accurate records for four years, FFA leadership activities, FFA participation, mechanical skills, and a challenging farming program.

Kevin Burke has a farming program that consists of 40 ewes, 5 cows, 40 acres of wheat, 4 nannny goats and a horse. He has been an FFA officer; attended the National FFA Convention, State FFA Camp, judging contest and District Leadership School, and served on committees. Lyle Leppke’s record indicates he has hogs, sheep, and cattle. Lyle has been an FFA officer, attended several judging contests, speech contests, and FFA events.

Brain Obermeyer’s farming program includes a farrow to market operation, and some cattle. He has been on FFA committees; and attended speaking contests, livestock judging contests, and FFA events.

James Unruh’s record shows he has hogs, cattle and 11/2 acres of land. He has been a chapter officer for 2 years, attended two state and National Conventions, served on committees, and attended speech and judging events.

Gary Jones supervises this chapter and had four students receive the State Farmer Degree last year, also.

Scott City Wins High Plains Contest

On Saturday, April 7, 1979, six members of the Scott City FFA chapter competed in the first annual High Plains Livestock Judging Contest.

Team members included Calvin Binns, Gary Head, Scarlet Rauth, Dennis Landgraf, Wesley Rauth, and Mitchell Williams. The team placed first in competition with six other teams, with a total team score of 1623 points.

Dennis Landgraf was high individual with a score of 561, followed by Gary Head as 3rd high individual with a score of 532. Scarlet Rauth earned 4th individual rank with a 530 score and Calvin Binns ranked 5th individual with a score of 517. Wesley Rauth was also in the individual ratings as 8th with a 506 score.

Myron Sharpe
Reporter
Scott City FFA

Clifton FFA Has Productive Year

The Clifton FFA Chapter has had a very productive year. We won the Haddam Beef Show in August, placing six people in the top ten individuals. Mike Damman was first, Mike Long was 3rd, and Dana Wurtz was 5th, with the rest of the team 7th, 8th, and 9th.

We also won the North Central District Meats Contest. Dana Wurtz was second high. Mike Long was third high, and Bill Bloomfield was fifth.

We placed third at the District Land Judging. Glen Benteman won the contest. Glen also won the Farm Management Contest. The team placed fourth in it.

The team placed sixth in the District Livestock Judging Contest in Manhattan. So far that’s all the contests we’ve been in.

Daniel Deaver, a freshman, won a trip to Hawaii for selling Kansas/Farmer subscriptions. Ronnie Tremblay went to Europe last year for selling subscriptions.

March 17, 1979 we held our FFA Sweetheart dance. Karen Veesart was crowned our Chapter Sweetheart. Jackie Cyr and Roxie Rusco were runners-up.

Our chapter also participated in the 1979 FFA Calendar program. The calendars tell about FFA and agribusiness education in our state.

Steve Seifert
Clifton FFA Chapter Reporter

Scott City FFA Does Well At Barton County

Nine members of the Scott City FFA chapter competed in the first annual interscholastics held at Barton County Community College, Great Bend, on March 24.

Team members from Scott City competed in the Land Judging, Livestock Judging, and Farm Mechanics contests.

The team of Calvin Binns, Ben Gerber, Gary Head, Brad Mulligan, and Mitchell Williams brought home the 2nd place trophy in Livestock Judging. Gary Head was 3rd individual in Swine judging, while Calvin Binns was 5th individual overall.

In the Land Judging, the team of Johnny Walker, Rodney Eitel, Alan Dearden, and Paul Strickert, also brought in the 2nd place trophy.

The Farm Mechanics team of Paul Strickert, Rod Eitel, and Johnny Walker, also pulled in the 2nd place trophy. and Paul was high individual in tool sharpening with a perfect score of 100.

Myron Sharpe
Reporter
Scott City FFA

Scott City FFA Exhibits at Kansas Spring Barrow Show

For the second year, Scott City FFA members have braved the cold, snowy weather and traveled to Arkansas City to show their hogs. This year, sixteen chapter members, Mr. Pride, and three other sponsors, along with twenty-seven head of top quality show pigs, made the trip in February. Several of the Scott City barrows placed in the show this year. They included, 3rd place heavy weight Spot, shown by Mike Dague; 4th place heavy Yorkshire, shown by Scarlet Rauth; 5th place heavy Yorkshire, shown by Brian Appel; 10th place heavy Spot, shown by Don Scott; and 9th place heavy Berkshire shown by Robin Vsetecka.

Other members who competed in the show were, Tamara Scott, Shawn Clinton, Mitchell Williams, Galen Huck, Ben Gerber, Dwight Jacobus, Bill Rigg, Calvin Binns, Brad Mulligan, Wesley Rauth, and Billy Young.
Scott City Holds Slave Auction

Slave auctions are good fun raising projects, especially in the Spring when everyone is doing a lot of farming and cattle work. The members of Scott City FFA picked this time of year to have their slave auction. Fifty-seven members and Mr. Pride, their advisor, met at the Scott City High School Gym at 7:00 p.m. on March 26, 1979. The farmers and ranchers and townspeople really turned out this year to show their support for the FFA Chapter.

The Sophomores (Greenhands) sold first, and some of them didn’t bring a whole lot, but the buyers knew what they were doing.

Then came the Juniors and the bidding picked up considerably. A couple even went for as high as $75.00 and $85.00. But, the buyers knew what they were doing.

Then the Seniors lined up and it was Katy-Bar-The-Door. The first one up sold for $92.50 and it kept climbing from there. The Seniors alone brought more money than the previous year’s total sale. Most Seniors brought well over one hundred dollars with only a few selling for less than 90 dollars. Mr. Pride did pretty good too, selling for a record price of $225.00.

When the final tally was complete, the chapter had made $3,585.25. The people of Scott City are really great.

Myron Sharpe Reporter

Holcomb’s FFA Sweetheart First Runner-up

Karen Linenberger, Holcomb’s FFA Sweetheart was recently chosen as first runner-up in the Southwest District FFA Sweetheart Contest. Karen is a professional horse trainer. She owns and trains horses on her parents farm Southwest of Holcomb. Karen has won numerous 4-H awards on state and local level and has won honors on the state, national and world level through competition in Appaloosa Horse Shows. She has been involved in many activities in high school and still manages to maintain an A average in her studies. After graduation from high school, Karen plans to attend Vet school or an Equestrian School in the East.

Rick Klaus FFA Reporter

Holcomb Chapter Holds Banquet

The Holcomb FFA Chapter banquet was held in the school cafeteria, on April 16. Following the Invocation by Chad Messenger, the FFA girls served a meal of Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Corn and Green Beans, Jello Salad, Rolls and Homemade pie and Ice cream. Chris Roth presented the Welcome and introduced Alan Myers who gave the FFA Creed. Joel Erskin then presented his speech, which won first place in District Competition. Honorary Chapter Farmer Plaques were awarded to Mr. Loyd Milligan and Mr. Norman Adam. Guest speaker for the evening was Chuck Banks State Vice-president who presented the Star Chapter farmer plaque to Chad Messenger and Star Greenhand to Joel Erskin. Scholarship awards went to Chris Roth, Chad Messenger, Wade Barlow and Alan Myers. Foundation award winners were: Chad Messenger, speech. Joel Erskin, beef, Teddi Unruh—swine, Bryan Roth—Ag Mech., and Jeff Adam—Sheep. Diane Danler daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Danler was elected the 79-80 Chapter Sweetheart. Greg Holstie announced the new chapter officers. They are Teddi Unruh—President, Chad Messenger—Vice-President, Ronnie Haas—Secretary, Chuck Foreman—Treasurer, and David Beasley—Reporter and Alan Myers—Sentinel.

Rick Klaus Reporter

Sweetheart Contest At Halcomb

The Holcomb FFA Sweetheart Contest was held on the school grounds on April 11. The candidates were Wanda Braun, Linda Williams, Rhonda Richmeier, Diane Danler and Misty Mader. These girls will compete in catching a pig, backing a tractor, milking a goat and starting an irrigation tube. The Sweetheart will be voted on by the FFA boys and will be crowned at the Banquet.

Rick Klaus FFA Reporter

Holcomb Attends Southwest District FFA Banquet

The Southwest District FFA Banquet was held April 4 at the Garden City Junior College Cafeteria. Foundation Award winners from Holcomb were: Chad Messenger-Vegetable Production and Chuck Foreman-Placement in Ag Production. Teddi Unruh was recognized as District Star Farmer and Grass and Grain Award Winner for the most accurate record book. Karen Linenberger was chosen first runner-up in the Sweetheart competition and Chad Messenger as District Secretary. Holcomb was designated as a superior chapter and won the Sweepstakes award for competition in District activities.

Rick Klaus FFA Reporter

Holcomb’s Kiddie Barnyard

The Holcomb FFA Kiddies Barnyard was held on the School grounds on April 18. Students from Kindergarten to Seniors attended. There were animals that many of the students may never have seen before. In conjunction with the Kiddies Barnyard the officers will show the film, “Food From Farm to You” and present the Food for America to the Fourth graders. FFA students will be responsible for transportation of the animals and the care of them for the day.

Rick Klaus FFA Reporter

District and State FFA Officers Visit

Every two years the Northeast District FFA Officers and the State Officer makes an official visit of the FFA Chapters in the District. Making these visits are three District officers Lynette Berger of the Valley Heights FFA Chapter, Lance Rezac of Onaga FFA Chapter, Mark Elbert of Westmoreland FFA Chapter, and Brenda Hundley of Seaman FFA Chapter. Topeka. Brenda is presently serving as Reporter of the Kansas State FFA Association. Brenda is now a Freshman at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The officers made their official visit of the Powhattan FFA Chapter Thursday morning March 1, 1979. The purpose of their visit was to visit with the FFA members and explain the FFA program, with items that will help the individual member to achieve their goals of accomplishment. Emphasizing the Leadership role that each member can become involved in developing their own leadership ability.

The Officers were impressed with the FFA program that the FFA members of Powhattan were doing and encouraged them to apply for the various awards available to them.

All of the Powhattan FFA Chapter members enjoyed the round-table discussion with the officers and all felt that they had experienced a valuable session that would help them in reaching their leadership goals in Vocational Agriculture and the FFA during their High School years.

Powhattan FFA Chapter Reporter Jody Lieb
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