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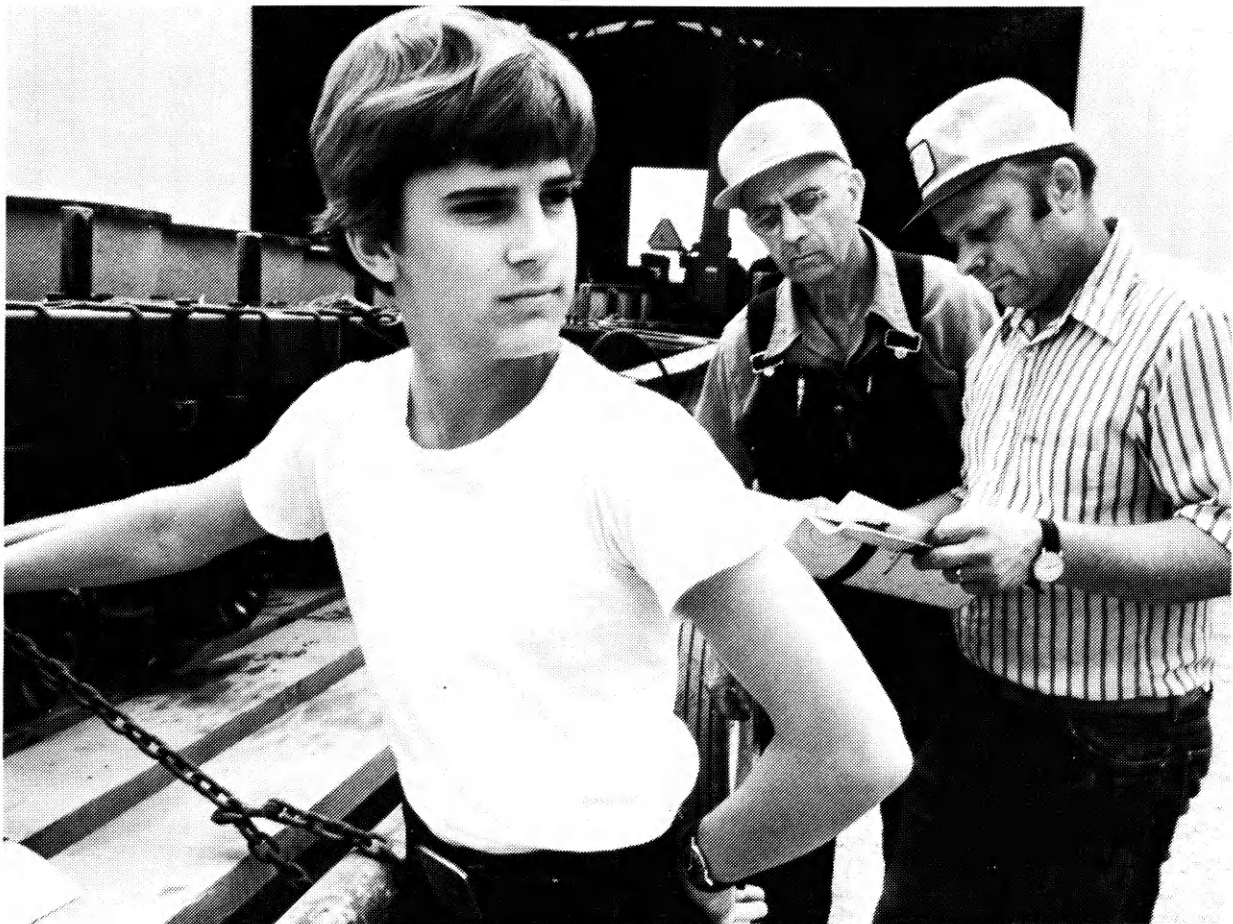
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About the Cover
 President Carter recently challenged the FFA to a new energy conservation program. Read about it on page 5.

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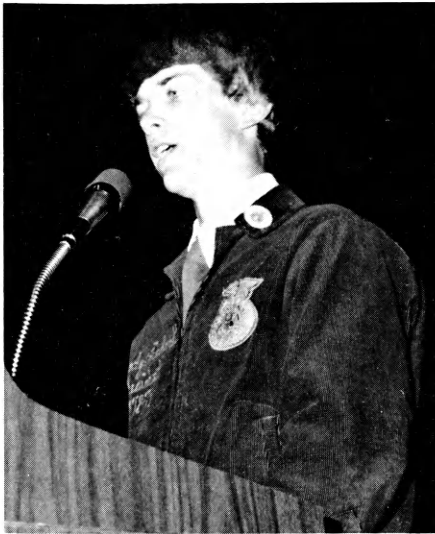
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From The President's Desk

The time has arrived. The 1979-80 FFA year is now underway.

We hope everyone enjoyed the State Leadership Camp that was held in July. We appreciated all of the cooperation and participation that was shown at camp. This will be a great year with this kind of participation.

Your State Officer Team is excited about the upcoming year and hope you are, also. With all of the many activities, there should be something for everyone. Some of these activities will be a challenge for you, but when the going gets tough; the tough get going. To meet this challenge it will take effort on the part of all of us, but we can do it.

The FFA is like Life, in that Life itself can't give us joy, unless we really will it. Life just gives us Time and Space, and it is up to us to fill it. I hope you fill your Time and Space this year, because the Time has arrived. I wish you the Best of Luck in the year ahead.

Dates To Remember

September 29 - 30	District Officers Leadership Conference Kansas State University
September 30	State and National Dues to KSU
October 6	Ag Careers Day - KSU
October 6, 7, 8	Kansas Junior Livestock Show - Wichita
October 15	Calendar Orders Due - National Office
October 16 - 17	Leadership Schools
October 23 - 27	State Land Judging and Homesite Evaluation Contests
November 6	National FFA Contests - Kansas City, MO.
November 7, 8, 9	National FFA Convention - Kansas City, MO.
November 4 - 17	American Royal Livestock and Horse Show Kansas City, MO.
November 22	Thanksgiving
November 30	Chapter Program of Work Due - KSU
December 5	NVATA-AVA Meetings - Dallas, Texas
December 25	Christmas
December 30	Union Pacific Scholarship Applications Due - KSU to Dick Welton
January 21, 1980	Citizenship-Leadership Day - Topeka



FFA Calendar Is Good PR

The FFA Calendar is a good public relations tool used by 36 chapters in Kansas last year which was a decrease of one chapter over 1978. We need to continue to increase the calendar's usage in Kansas. It's simple — simply contact an agribusiness in your community who hands out calendars for Christmas every year and present them with the idea of using FFA calendars and put their slogan and name on them. That way you work together and both accomplish what you want to do.

**OFFICIAL FFA PICTURE
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NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
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THURSDAY
November 8
In Front of
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FFA Accepts the President's Challenge

"I set before you this extraordinary challenge, asking every FFA chapter in this country to get involved in this basic question of energy conservation . . .". That was President Carter's "unique call" to FFA chapters all across the country.

Carter, a former FFA secretary at Plains, Georgia, was speaking to the 1979 State President's Conference. The previous Sunday, he told the nation about his plan for energy conservation and allocation. Then, on July 19, he told the 96 state FFA officers gathered in the Rose Garden, "I will give recognition . . . to the one FFA chapter in the nation . . . who does the most outstanding job in carrying out this response to the energy crisis. I'm going to depend upon the FFA to take the lead in energy conservation I know you will do this, and it's a solemn commitment between me and you."

National FFA President Mark Sanborn immediately accepted the challenge on behalf of the FFA and enthusiastic applause ran through the crowd of blue and gold jackets.

Implementation of this challenge has followed with the FFA putting into motion a project, "The President's Challenge."

Six days after Carter issued his challenge, the National FFA Board of Directors approved a resolution outlining and providing for the funding of the project. Plans are now being made to distribute information about the challenge, including "commitment cards" and "action information," giving FFA chapters and members energy conservation ideas.

The program will run from August, 1979, through June 15, 1980. Individual FFA chapters are encouraged to accept the President's challenge, and include energy conservation projects in their ongoing programs such as Building Our American Communities (BOAC), and local Public Speaking Contests. In addition, it is hoped that chapters will see fit to aim new thrusts directly at what President Carter called "our war for energy security."

At the 1980 State President's Conference, recognition will be given to the one FFA chapter which has answered the President's call for conservation most effectively.

Plans are also being made to recognize outstanding energy conservation measures on the state level. Both levels of judging will utilize a panel of individuals from the

White House, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Office of Education and others to determine the best efforts of chapters in energy conservation.

Included in the "action information" packet, mailed to FFA chapter upon request, will be ideas for chapter action, through programs to: increase energy efficiency in crop production, reduce home energy consumption, reduce highway fuel consumption, increase energy conservation awareness, increase energy efficiency in livestock production, and reduce school, business, factory and community building energy consumption.

A mailing including the commitment card and request form for "action information" on energy conservation will be made in late August to all FFA chapters, states, and teacher education institutions.

Thirteen Kansas FFA Members to Receive American Farmer Degree

Thirteen Kansas members of the Future Farmers of America have been recommended to receive the American Farmer degree.

The 13 were recommended by the National FFA Board of Directors. They will be approved by the voting delegates and receive the award at the National FFA Convention, Nov. 7 to 9, in Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas' 13 American Farmers are Kevin Brockhoff, Hiawatha, Powhattan chapter; Blaine D. Dryden, Phillipsburg, Stockton chapter; Gary Housholder, Courtland, Pike Valley chapter; Dee W. James, Clay Center, Clay Center chapter; Leon LaGalle, Colony, Paola chapter; Larry Lee Lankard, Elk City, Garnett chapter.

Scott A. Lienberger, Jewell, Jewell chapter; C.J. Riemann, Hill City, Hill City chapter; Emanuel Joe Smith, Independence, Nedgesha chapter; Patrick Dale Smith, Oswego, Southeast chapter; Rodney Stewart, Washington, Washington

chapter; Jeffrey J. Zillinger and Kerry J. Zillinger, both of Phillipsburg and the Phillipsburg chapter.

The American Farmer degree is presented to about one member in 700 of the half-million member organization. This year 788 FFA members from across the nation will receive the cash award, gold key and certificate.

The American Farmers must have already earned the State Farmer degree, been active FFA members continuously for at least the past three years and have a record of participation in local chapter and state association activities. They must have earned at least \$1,000 by their own efforts from a supervised farming or agribusiness program and productively invested the money. The degree is presented only to those who have demonstrated their leadership and scholarship ability and who show evidence of becoming successfully established in an agricultural occupation.

Kansas FFA Chapters to Receive Awards

Three Kansas Future Farmers of America chapters will be among 27 from across the nation that receive Gold Emblem awards in the FFA "Building Our American Communities" project this year.

The Columbus, South Barber (Kiowa) and Wamego chapters will receive their plaques at the National FFA Convention, Nov. 7 to 9, in Kansas City, Mo.

It is quite an accomplishment for one-ninth of the national Gold Emblem winners to be from Kansas.

In addition to these three winners, the Plainville chapter will receive a Silver Emblem award, and the Arkansas City, Hill City and Norton chapters will receive Bronze Emblem awards.

The BOAC award winners are selected for outstanding efforts by the chapters to make their communities better places to live and work.

The Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture develops materials about rural development for chapter use, and Lilly Endowment Inc., provides awards and funds to develop additional program materials.

“Preparing For Progress”

Announce Theme For National Convention

The National convention of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 7-9, 1979, FFA officials have announced. This year's theme will be “FFA — Preparing For Progress.”

FFA's convention, held consecutively for over 50 years in Kansas City, draws over 20,000 members, adults, advisors and guests each year to that city. National Contests testing agricultural skills and abilities, final judging for the National Agricultural Proficiency Awards and National Public Speaking Contests are major parts of the convention, as is the awarding of numerous honors and the appearance of several well-known speakers.

Dr. Rober H. Schuller, a positive thinker whose ministry is nationally televised on the “Hour of Power” television series will offer a keynote address. Charles Stenholm, a former vo-ag teacher, who is now a Texas congressman, will also speak to the convention audience, as well as Cotton Ivy, a country humorist often billed as the “new Will Rogers.” Country singer Stella Parton will also appear at the FFA convention.

Midway through the convention, two top FFA individuals will be selected as Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America, the FFA's highest awards recognizing ability in agricultural occupations. The election of six new National FFA Of-

ficers will also be a highlight late in the week.

A big attraction this year due to its increased size is likely to be the Agricultural Career Show, held concurrently by the FFA in the huge H. Roe Bartle building. Over 175 exhibitors are expected to be on hand to give FFA members and guests an insight into various agricultural careers. Universities, trade organizations, professional societies, government agencies, publishers, National FFA Foundation sponsors and advertisers in *The National FUTURE FARMER* Magazine are groups that will exhibit.

Kansas FFA Chapters Win Safety Awards

Four Kansas Future Farmers of America chapters will be honored for outstanding safety projects at the National FFA Convention, Nov. 7 to 9, in Kansas City, Mo.

The Cherryvale and Marion chapters will receive Silver Emblem awards. Only 35 other chapters from across the nation will receive this second place group award.

The Plainville and Wamego chapters will be among 62 chapters that will receive the Bronze Emblem awards.

The Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute of Chicago and Dow Chemical U.S.A. of Midland, Mich., through the National FFA Foundation, sponsor the plaques and spurs that will be presented to the 119 chapters. Each chapter receives a plaque the first year it is recognized on the national level for outstanding safety projects, then receives a spur to attach to that plaque in following years.

The FFA safety program is designed to make students aware of the causes of accidents and how they can be prevented. Some of the year's national winners took surveys of farm and home safety, inspected auto and farm equipment, promoted and sold slow moving vehicle signs, established rural fire districts and illustrated farm chemical safety.

Six Kansans To Be Named FFA Honorary American Farmers

Four Kansas State University faculty members and two high school vocational agriculture teachers will receive the highest award that can be presented to friends and supporters of Future Farmers of America, the Honorary American Farmer degree.

The gold keys and certificates signifying the degree will be presented to the six Kansans and 157 others from across the nation at the National FFA Convention, Nov. 7 to 9, in Kansas City, Mo.

K-State faculty to be honored are Dr. James Albracht, associate professor of adult and occupational education. Dr. Charles Norton, professor of animal sciences and industry; Paul Stevenson, associate professor of agricultural engineering; and Bob Broeckelman, instructor of adult and occupational education who serves as the Kansas FFA executive secretary.

T.D. Fanning, Mission Valley (Eskridge), and Powell Heide, Clifton, will be among 73 high school vocational agriculture instructors-FFA chapter advisers who will receive the award.

Nine Kansas FFA Chapters to Receive National Awards

The Wamego and Plainville Future Farmers of America chapters are among 120 from across the nation that will receive Gold Emblem awards in the national chapter award program this year.

The Labette County (Altamont), Cherryvale, Erie, Hill City, Marion, Marysville and South Barber (Kiowa) chapters will receive Silver Emblem recognition. All awards will be presented at the National FFA Convention, Nov. 7 to 9, in Kansas City, Mo.

The applications were judged on a chapter's performance in 11 areas: supervised ag experience programs; cooperative buying, selling and assistance to members; community service; leadership development; sound programs of earnings, savings and investments; conduct of meetings; scholarships; recreation; public relations; state and national activities; and alumni relations.

Name Rawls Head of Agriculture Education

Byron F. Rawls, of the U.S. Office of Education, has been named Program Specialist for Vocational Agriculture Education, a position which includes the responsibilities of National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor, Chairman of the FFA Board of Directors, and President of the Board of Trustees for the FFA Foundation, Inc.

Rawls, a former member of the Pleasant Home, Alabama FFA Chapter, took over as Head of Vocational Agriculture, Agribusiness and Natural Resources Occupations when H.N. Hunsicker retired May 18. Rawls says his appointment is "just like going home," and is looking forward to getting back with the FFA.

"We are all looking forward to working with Byron Rawls," said C. Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Secretary. "And I am pleased the Office of Education has moved to identify an experienced national leader in their program and agriculture to be the National FFA Advisor."

Rawls was a vocational agriculture teacher in Evergreen and Auburn, Alabama for ten years after receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Education from Auburn University in 1949. While teaching in Auburn, Rawls also completed his Master's Degree in Agriculture Education.

From 1959 to 1964, Rawls was Alabama's FFA Executive Secretary. In 1964, he became Curriculum Development Specialist, a position he held until his appointment in 1966 to the U.S. Office of Education.

Rawls became Regional Program Officer of the U.S. Office of Education for seven midwestern states in 1966, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1968, he was named Regional Director of Vocational Education for the same area. While in Kansas City, Rawls worked closely with the FFA in planning its annual National Convention held in that city. Rawls moved to Washington, D.C., in 1978 when he became chief of the southern Branch for the Division of State Vocational Program Operations.

As Head of Vocational Agriculture Education, Rawls' responsibilities are providing national leadership in strengthening vocational agriculture instruction across the nation through workshops, conferences, and planning sessions. He will be involved in secondary, post-secondary and adult levels of agriculture instruction.

With his new responsibility as FFA Advisor, Rawls is concerned with working to increase membership in the FFA, which is an integral part of vocational agriculture instruction. Rawls is also interested in strengthening leadership training for state and local officers through stronger national and regional workshops. He is also concerned with maintaining close coordination between the National Organization and the individual state and local chapters.

Rawls is confident of the future of FFA, and foresees a very smooth transition period. He says, "the FFA is built on strong principles . . . we'll strive to strengthen those principles and carry on the tradition of FFA and vocational agriculture."

Rawls is also Chairman of the Board for the newly-formed National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization (NPASO), which recently held a very successful first Board of Directors meeting May 21-23.

Rawls and his wife, Louise, live at 4205 Selkirk Drive, Fairfax, Virginia.



Byron F. Rawls has been named Program Specialist for Vocational Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Natural Resources Occupations by the U.S. Office of Education. His responsibilities include National Advisor for the Future Farmers of America.

Garden City FFA Presents Greenhand Pins

The Greenhand Degree was presented to 27 Garden City FFA members on Tuesday, October 2 in the Music Building at Garden City Senior High School.

Parents and members attended the program which included a welcome by Vice President David Caldwell. A slide program designed by Libby Gant and Kevin Lampe was presented by J.R. Kruetzer. Roger Powers recited the FFA Creed. Refreshments were served following the Greenhand Degree ceremony.

The Greenhand Degree is the first of four degrees members can earn in the Future Farmers of America. To qualify a student must be enrolled in vocational agriculture, recite the motto, explain the meaning of the creed, know the aims, purposes, and colors of the FFA. Each student received a certificate and a bronze Greenhand pin.

Later, these students may earn the Chapter Farmer, State Farmer and American Farmer Degrees. Qualifications for these include speaking experience, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, participation in FFA activities and development of a supervised agricultural experience program.

Members receiving the award that night were: Mike Brandt, Kenyon Coates, Eric Dunlap, Randy Evans, Greg Harrison, Jeff Jones, Keith Jordan, Mike Ketterling, Richard Macomber, Linda Mock, Daryl Renshaw, Jeff Rohrbough, Preston Martin, Troy Thode, Mike Snyder and Becky Wishon.

Those not present, but also receiving this degree are: Tim Barnes, Cindy Carr, Larry Diehl, Bart Haflich, John Klaus, John Oloman, Rick Rupp, Kevin Sperry, Georgeann Snodgrass, Chris Tanquary, and Jimmy Whitaker.

Reports Kansas FFA Membership Up

The Kansas FFA Association experienced another good year by having a slight increase in its total FFA membership. As of May 1, 1979, the Kansas FFA membership was 7,331 which is an increase of 108 members over 1978.

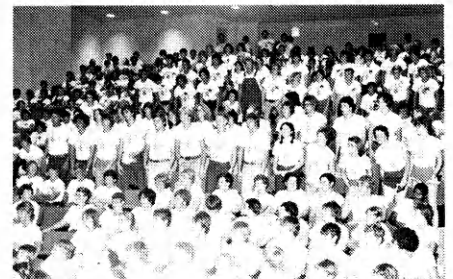
Many Attend State Camp

The 1979 State FFA Camp was attended by 412 excited FFA members and advisors. Camp, which is primarily designed for chapter officers, gives those attending the chance to improve their skills in public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, parliamentary procedure and etiquette along with learning more about BOAC, Safety, FFA Information, Food For America, WEA, Proficiency Awards & Alumni through workshops, skits, and jam sessions. There was also time though to take polar bear dips, midnight swims, races, tug-o-wars, volleyball, basketball, and a little sleeping. Although most people are worn out by the end of it all, they can't wait until the next summer when they can come back and do it all again.

Kansas FFA would like to give special thanks to Larry Hoobler who was the scorekeeper and Allen Konicek who was the camp coach. All of their help was greatly appreciated.



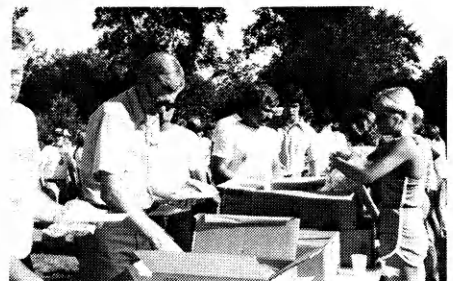
Old Bulls having a bull session.



Everyone loves to stand up and sing each morning to wake up and also to take time out just to have fun.



Herd enthusiasm and competition is always one of the most enjoyable activities at camp.



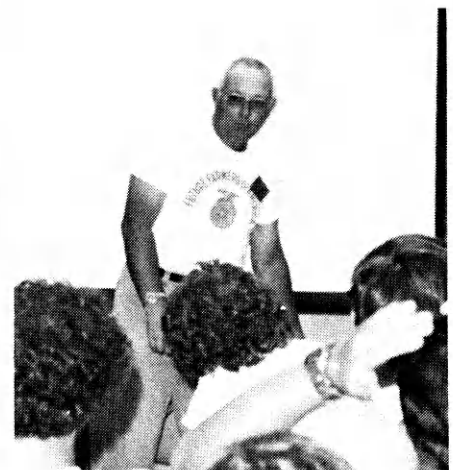
Mr. Les Olsen, State FFA Advisor, along with other advisors and FFA members enjoying the annual cookout during camp.



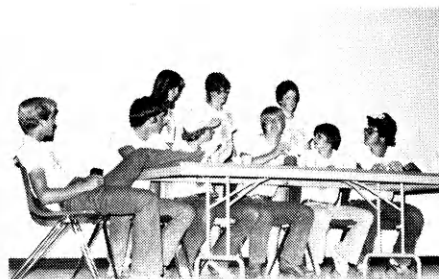
Addresses from the FFA District Sweethearts is a welcome highlight of camp. Pictured is Tonnie Thurow from Hugoton presenting her speech. Tonnie was later named as the 1979-80 State FFA Sweetheart during Kansas State Fair activities.



Farmland Industries Coop Representatives contribute help and enthusiasm each year to camp. This year's representative Alan Campbell, a Missourian, was very pleased to be presented with a Kansas State Shirt.



Mr. Gary Jones, Advisor of Peabody FFA, presented an interesting, informational workshop on the WEA program.



Etiquette skits at camp prove to be humorous as well as educational.

FFA Officers Meet With Carter

Randy Reinhardt, President and John Gilliam, Vice President, of the Kansas Association of the Future Farmers of America were two of 100 State FFA Officers who met Thursday morning with President Jimmy Carter.

The meeting at the White House was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's Capital. The conference, sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., is designed to help new state officers lead more effectively by expanding their knowledge of the FFA and the Nation.

Making a "unique call, especially tailored for the FFA," President Carter "challenged every FFA chapter in this country to get involved in this basic question of energy conservation and production tied intimately with food and conserving energy."

Carter then pledged to give "recognition to the one FFA chapter in the nation who does the most outstanding job in carrying out this response to the energy crisis." Carter completed his remarks by saying, "our nation desperately needs you, and I'm sure that our nation will not be disappointed in you."

Following the President's remarks, National FFA President, Mark Sanborn, thanked the President and speaking for all FFA members said: "We gladly accept your challenge."

The President was presented a plaque recognizing his membership in the FFA, and his office of Secretary of the Plains, Georgia, FFA Chapter, prior to his speech.

A breakfast with Congressmen preceded the White House visit. More than one hundred Senators and Representatives or their assistants attended this year's breakfast, to talk informally with the State Presidents about current and future national issues.

Representative Paul Findley, Illinois, responded for the members of Congress, saying, "whenever I'm with the FFA, I feel very reassured about the future of our nation. The FFA symbolizes achievement, efficiency in the production of food, and it symbolizes the commitment of our nation to education of farmers."

These newly-elected state officers began their week of leadership training and personal development Sunday, July 15, with registration and greetings from the National FFA Advisor, Byron F. Rawls, and the six National Officers.

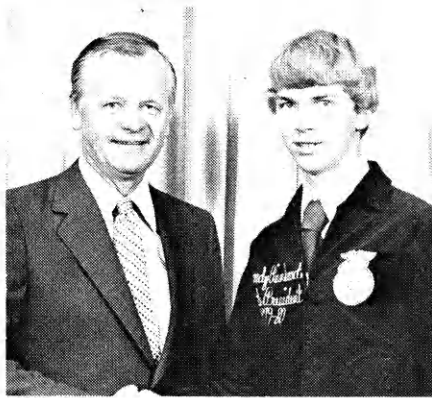
Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland held an open question and answer period with the State Presidents, fielding questions about government energy plans, soil conservation thrusts and communication of the story of American agriculture. Bergland told the officers that: "... I've watched you perform both publicly and privately in many places . . . and I'm impressed, because you are straightforward, you are convincing . . . I'm not about to tell you how to do your thing. I know you do it well."

Each officer also individually visited his congressmen on Capitol Hill and two times

during the week Dr. Dan Dunham, Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Office of Education spoke to the group about the important role they play in vocational agriculture education.

A number of informational and inspirational programs were held during the week with improvement of communication skills and cooperation as the goal.

On Friday a wreath-placing ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery set a patriotic tone and the officers then visited many historical sites and museums around Washington, D.C.



Randy Reinhardt



John Gilliam



National FFA Advisor H. N. Hunsicker looks on as Kelly Grant National FFA Secretary, accepts a new brochure on the FFA National Hall of Achievement from R.M. Hendrickson, President of the Agricultural Division of Pfizer, Inc., and national chairman of the \$600,000 fund drive.

Tour Beautiful Hawaii

Our 50th State is a beautiful one. Ask any of the 29 Kansas FFA members or vocational ag instructors and wives what they thought of their trip, and I know you'll get a positive answer.

Hawaii has culture, beauty, pineapple, beef cattle, volcanoes, sunny beaches, luaus, island dancers and lots of warm friendly people. Everyone had a good time and were very appreciative to Kansas Farmer and Harvest Publications for sponsoring such an enjoyable and very well organized trip.

As you can see by the pictures, the Kansas Delegation was privileged to see beautiful island dancers, ranches, Pearl Harbor, the Hawaiian beach where Elvis Presley filmed Blue Hawaii, sugar cane factories, waterfalls, pineapples, bananas, volcanoes, and the famous Hawaiian Luau.

Those fortunate enough to go on the trip were, Daniel Renn, Cherokee; Brian Beaumont, Longton; Michael Houch, Caney; Marvin Slyter, Prairie View; Mark Maris, Prairie View; Bill O'Connor, Paola; Jim Pittenger, Wamego; Jim Elder, Wamego; Kenny Krouse, Westmoreland; Kenny Plummer, Westmoreland; Gary McAlister, Howard; Stephani Smith, Central of Burden; Steve Drake, Central of Burden; David Suderman, Hillsboro; Leah

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Winners of the FFA-KANSAS FARMER subscription sales program were all smiles in Hawaii. No wonder. They won a week's paid travel scholarship to the Island Paradise for having sold the most subscriptions and renewals to this magazine. Other participating FFA members across the state received appropriate premiums and awards. In addition, part of the money from each subscription they sold was returned to their local FFA Chapter for whatever purpose it chooses.

August 30, 1979

Mr. Robert J. Broeckelman
Executive Secretary
Kansa Association of FFA
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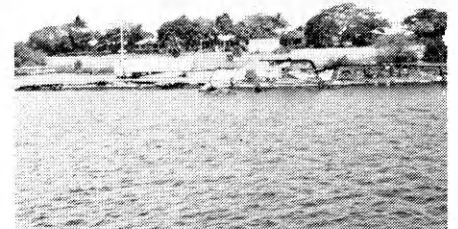
I would like to thank you for the FFA shirt and hat. Your group will always be rated tops for the manner in which they conducted themselves and above all the spirit and enthusiasm they showed in their outing. Please convey my best wishes and thanks to all who are responsible for making this group a huge success.

Sincerely,

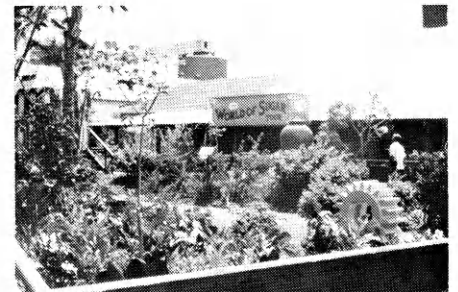
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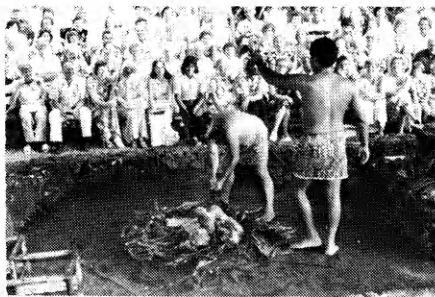
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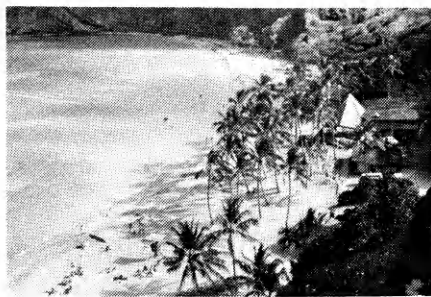
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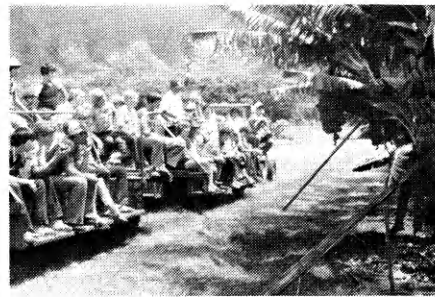
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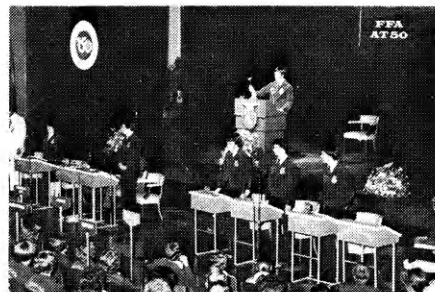
Hawaiian Pineapple



Our three generations of State Presidents were present at the 51st State Convention. The first was Boyd Waite, retired rancher at Winfield; the twenty-fifth was Nelson Galle, General Manager at Hesston Corporation, the fiftieth was Jeff Yarrow, who presided during the Convention.



Kelly Lenz, WIBW TV-Radio Farm Director, introduced for the eleventh time the film "Seven Stars Over Kansas." The film is sponsored by Farmland Industries.



"The 51st State FFA Convention will come to order."



Nelson Galle, 25th State FFA President, addressed the Convention with the topic "What are You Selling?"

51st State Convention



Dr. David Mugler, acting Dean of the College of Agriculture, presents newly elected President, Randy Reinhardt, with a letter indicating he would be awarded a \$200 scholarship once enrolled at Kansas State University.

Randy Reinhardt Is New Head of Kansas Association of FFA

A 1979 graduate of Erie High School, Randy Reinhardt, will head more than 7,300 members of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America this coming year.

He was announced as the new state president, along with other new state officers, at the concluding Friday night session of the 51st annual state FFA convention.

Reinhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reinhardt, has served as Southeast District president and Erie chapter vice president and treasurer. He has competed in numerous FFA judging contests, attended the Washington, D. C., Leadership Conference and served as an assistant wrangler at the State FFA Leadership Conference and served as an assistant wrangler at the State FFA Leadership Camp.

In addition, he has attended the American Institute of Cooperation, National 4-H Congress, National Safety Congress, and the National Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference. He is in the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students and has been active in 4-H and county 4-H council, football, basketball and track.

Reinhardt plans to continue his education at Kansas State University, majoring in dairy production. He plans eventually to return to work in the family dairy operation.

The other new state officers are John Gilliam, Washington, vice president; Phil Huston, Haven, secretary; Joe Neumann, Troy, treasurer; J. P. Worcester, Hill City, reporter; and Loy James, Clay Center, sentinel.

The Plainville FFA chapter won the parliamentary procedure contest. Erie was second, Arkansas City third and Marysville fourth.

The chapter safety awards were presented to Cherryvale in first place, followed by Marion, Plainville and Wamego. Plainville received the Garlow Memorial Trophy for being the first place "Superior Chapter." Wamego was second, Hill City third and Marion fourth.

The "Governor's Citation" for the chapter with the state's best "Building Our American Communities" project was awarded to the Wamego chapter. Ramona Carlin, wife of Gov. John Carlin, presented the award and addressed the convention. The South Barber (Kiowa) chapter placed second in BOAC competition, with Columbus third and Plainville fourth.

Ron Wineinger, Marion, won the state public speaking contest with a speech, "The Future Farmer and the Pride Factor." Phil Huston, Haven, placed second; Robert Chiles, Salina was third; and J. P. Worcester, Hill City, was fourth.

Jody Lieb, Powhattan chapter reporter, won the High Plains Journal award for the best chapter scrapbook. The Kansas Future Farmer magazine award was presented to Rick Klaus, Holcomb.

Howard Bradley, Manhattan, emeritus professor of adult and occupational educa-

tion at K-State, received the "Outstanding FFA Alumni Member" award. Bradley was a high school vocational agriculture teacher for 21 years and a K-State professor for 27 years. He was the Kansas FFA Alumni Association's first executive secretary.

Frank Clubine of the Caney alumni affiliate was first runnerup for the award, and Mike Raine, Wamego, second runnerup.

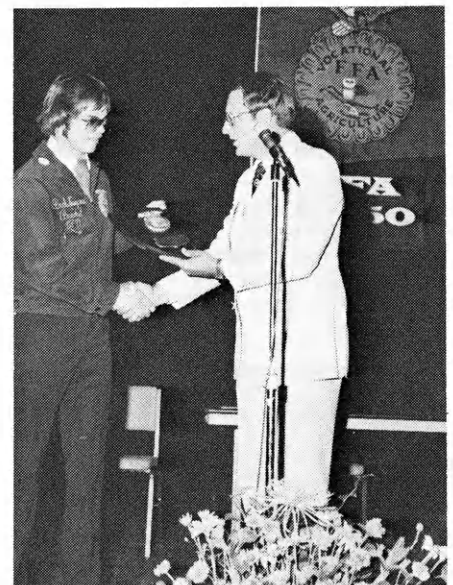
The Wamego chapter was named "Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate" with Hill City placing second.



The 1979-80 State FFA Officer team!



Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum opened the Convention with inspiring remarks complimenting the FFA — "Agriculture's New Generation!"



Paul Simpson, representing the Plainville FFA Chapter receives the top parliamentary procedure plaque from Dave Woolfolk, President of Federal Land Bank Associations of Manhattan — Abilene. Federal Land Bank spends over \$1,000 a year sponsoring the Parliamentary Procedure program each year.



Greg Brown and Plainville's Advisor, Marvin Hachmeister, proudly receive the Garlow Memorial Trophy and plaque after being named the top chapter in Kansas.



Lon Phillips, representing Kansas Farmer Magazine, presented a trophy to George Ebert, Wamego Advisor, for having the largest sales promotion in Kansas.



Cherryvale was named the top Safety Chapter in Kansas. Receiving the trophy was a representative from Cherryvale sponsored by the Kansas Farm Bureau.



Ron Wineinger receives his first place public speaking plaque from Mary Lou Pasley, President of the K-State Collegiate FFA Chapter.



Howard Bradley, Emeritus Professor of Adult and Occupational Education at K-State, received the "Outstanding FFA Alumni Member" award from Dr. Larry Erpelding, Executive Secretary of the Kansas FFA Alumni.



Members of the 1st Battalion, 635th Armour Division of the Manhattan Kansas National Guard Unit did a beautiful job of posting of the colors to open the 51st State FFA Convention.



A Holcomb representative graciously receives a plaque for Rick Klaus, the Holcomb FFA Reporter for submitting the best articles to the Kansas Future Farmer.



Mr. Richard Bradley, traveling representative of "The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company, presented Jeff Yarrow with a \$2,200 contribution to be used for the two \$600 Santa Fe Scholarships and other FFA activities.



The Country Swingers from the Central of Burden Chapter did an outstanding job entertaining during the 51st State FFA Convention.



The 1979 State Farmers took a moment to pose for their group picture on the east steps of Willard Hall at KSU.



Jeff Brockhoff from the Powhattan FFA Chapter received the leather briefcase for Jody Lieb, Powhattan Chapter Reporter, from Mr. Bob Keating of High Plains Journal, who sponsors the 1st place Scrapbook Award.

Announce Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman Honors

The top production farmers and agribusinessmen in Kansas' seven Future Farmers of America districts competed for the Star Farmer of Kansas and Star Agribusinessman awards at the Kansas Association of FFA Convention at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Thursday evening, May 31.

Announcement of the winners was the highlight of the 51st annual Kansas FFA Convention, May 30 through June 1.

Competing for Star Farmer was Mike Rainwater, Hiawatha; Jeff Blanchat, Chaparral; Kevin Robinson, Mission Valley; John Gilliam, Washington; Teddy Unruh, Holcomb; Herbert Cressler, Hoxie; and Randy Reinhardt, Erie.

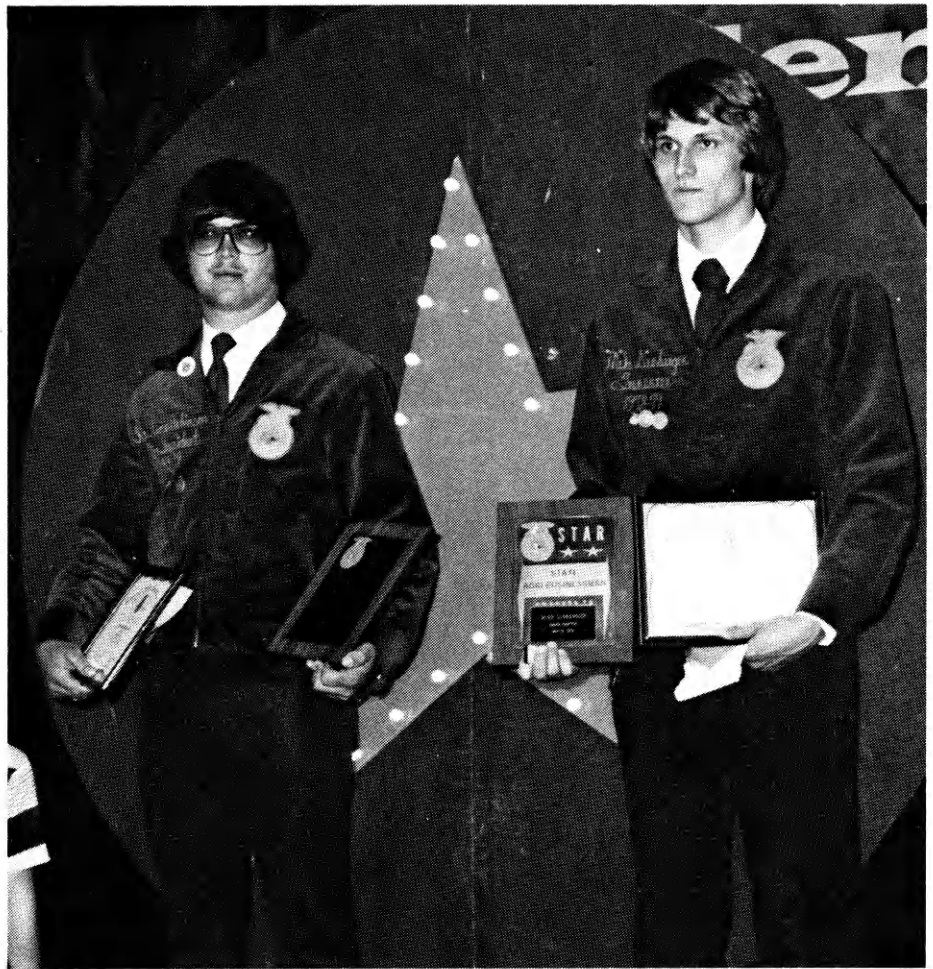
Star Agribusinessman candidates were Scott Williams, Girard; Steve Hamel, Palco; Monte Hampton, Ensign; Robbi Ehrlich, Wilson; Larry Bigelow, Prairie View; Mike Disberger, Haven; and Joe Neumann, Troy.

Each district winner received \$40.00 from the Kansas Association of Bank Agricultural Representatives (KABAR) as well as the Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman each received \$200.00 and a plaque from the National FFA Foundation.

After being named the East Central District Star Greenhand, Robinson went on to win the state beef proficiency award last year and the diversified livestock production award this year. He has competed in district and state meats, leadership, parliamentary procedure, public speaking, soils, livestock and farm management contests. He placed in the silver division of the national meats identification and judging contest. Robinson has served as chapter vice president, worked at the Sunflower Expo Kiddies Barnyard and built fences, hog pens and feed bunks.

Disberger, a Haven High School graduate, was named Star Agribusinessman on the basis of his custom harvesting program. He and his family travel each year from Texas to Montana to custom harvest wheat, barley, milo, corn, sunflowers and oats.

Disberger started working with the family crew five years ago and now is a full time combine operator, truck driver and manager with his brother and father. He schedules jobs, obtains warranty adjustments, purchases supplies and repairs, pays employees, keeps books and figures the cost of services. He is part owner of the



combines, trailers, mobile homes and other harvest equipment.

The FFA youth served as South Central District treasurer and Haven chapter vice

president last year. He has competed in ag mechanics, livestock, leadership, farm power and extemporaneous speaking contests on the district and state levels.

Name Regional FFA Livestock Winner

Kevin Robinson, a recent graduate of Mission Valley High School, Eskridge, has been named a Future Farmers of America regional proficiency award winner in diversified livestock production.

Robinson will receive a \$250 cash award, plaque and \$75 travel reimbursement at the National FFA Convention, Nov. 7 to 9, in Kansas City, Mo.

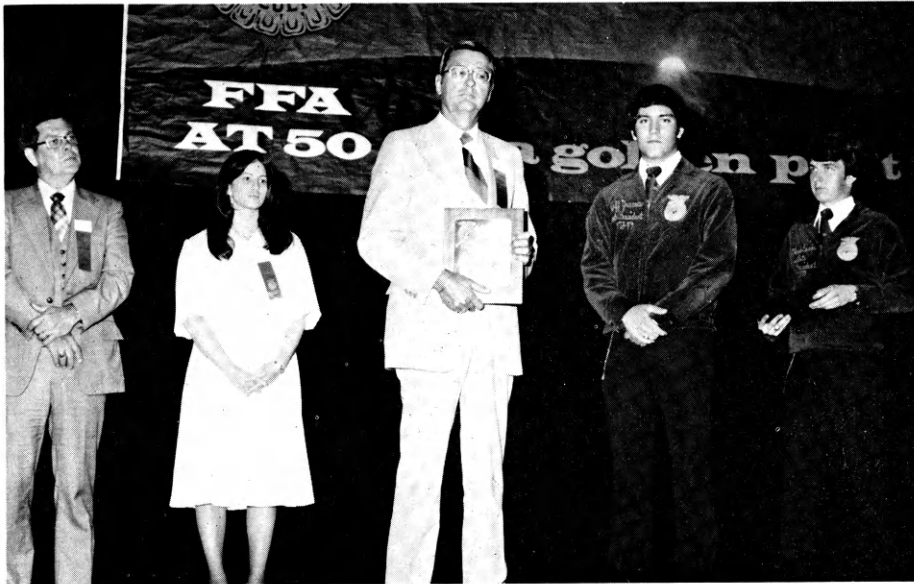
If Robinson is selected as the national winner from among the four regional finalists, he will receive an additional \$500. The sponsors for these diversified livestock awards are A.O. Smith Harvestore

Products and Wayne Feeds, a division of Allied Mills.

In addition to receiving the state diversified livestock award last June, Robinson was honored as State Star Farmer. In 1978 he raised 468 beef cattle, 472 hogs and 1,697 earthworms. He also harvested 489 acres of prairie hay, milo, soybeans, sorgho, corn, silage and wheat.

Robinson owns 160 acres of land, two tractors, a planter, field cutter, loader and other farm equipment. He is engaged in farming full time.

Distinguished Service Awards



Mr. Nelson Hartman, Executive Secretary of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, is a well-deserving recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. He has been very cooperative in getting FFA Activities approved by the KSHSAA. He is shown here receiving this award at the 1979 Kansas FFA Convention.



Kansas FFA was honored to present Mr. Walter D. Smith with the FFA Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Smith, Director of the Kansas State Union, along with his staff has worked closely with the FFA providing rooms and meals during our annual State Convention.



Cyndi Kempke, wife of Larry Kempke, has been the secretary for the Kansas FFA and Young Farmer and Young Farm Wives Organizations since July of 1977. She has been like a team member helping carry out FFA and Young Farmer activities because of her sincere interest she took in making the organizations function. She will be missed by all who know her when she leaves with her husband in December after graduation.

Honorary State Farmers



Kansas Association of FFA was pleased to present the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Mr. Lee Ayers. Mr. Ayers annually supplies eggs and chickens for the district, state, and national poultry contest.



For all of his help in making this past year's Leadership-Citizenship Day a great success, Rep. Jim Braden received his Honorary State Farmer Degree. Mr. Braden is currently serving his third term in the Kansas House of Representatives.



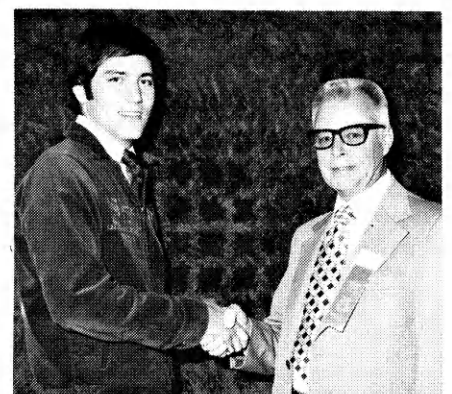
Mr. J. M. Frey, a vocational agriculture teacher of 21 years at Abilene, has worked very hard as this past year's President of the Kansas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. For his service to the FFA organization, he was presented with the Honorary State Farmer Degree.



A distinguished recipient of the Honorary State Farmer Degree this year was Mr. Chuck Hougland, assistant director of Safety at Kansas Farm Bureau. Mr. Hougland has provided much needed and appreciative assistance to the Kansas FFA by his help with our chapter safety program.



Mr. Phil Kingston was one of only two vocational agriculture teachers this year to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. He has taught seven years at Washington, Kansas and is in his third year as North Central District and State Proficiency award winners as well as having been chosen as a National Silver Emblem Chapter for the past two years.



Mr. Wilburn Nelson was a worthy recipient of Honorary State Farmer Degree this year. Mr. Nelson, who owns Nelson, Poultry Farms in Manhattan, has given freely of his time and efforts to the FFA by furnishing pullet classes for all district, state, and national FFA Poultry contests.



Bea Stansel has been a tremendous help to the FFA during the Kansas State Fair and for our appreciation to her the Kansas FFA presented her with the Honorary State Farmer Degree. She started working in the State Fair Dairy Cattle Office in 1963, then in 1974 began to work in the entry department where she works closely with the FFA Livestock exhibitors.



Mr. Hal Ramsbottom is an avid supporter of the FFA and very deserving of the Honorary State Farmer Degree. Mr. Ramsbottom has sponsored the plaques for the State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest since the contest has been in existence, and is a definite asset to the FFA.



Tragedy struck Phillipsburg and the entire Kansas FFA at the loss of Mr. Don Weiser, a dedicated teacher of vo-ag at Phillipsburg. Because of his long years of service to the FFA, he received the Honorary State Farmer Degree. During his 12 years of teaching, Mr. Weiser had several state and American Farmers, and has been the advisor of 3 gold emblem chapters and 12 superior chapter. Accepting the award for Mr. Weiser was his wife.



The Kansas FFA was truly proud to have Dr. Richard Welton as an Honorary State Farmer. Dr. Welton, assistant professor at KSU in Adult and Occupational Education, is in charge of the State Public Speaking Contest, assists with District Leadership Schools, and state Farmer Selections. Kansas FFA is very grateful to Dr. Welton for all of his help and concern for the FFA.



Kansas FFA was extremely proud to have as a guest speaker at this year's 1979 State Convention Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum. Mrs. Kassebaum is the first woman Senator in the 96th Congress. For her deep interest in agriculture and youth and for her enthusiastic, challenging remarks to the convention, she was presented with the Honorary State Farmer Degree.



Hoxie Receives Top Membership Achievement

Membership achievement awards were presented to 75 Kansas Future Farmers of America Chapters at the 51st annual Kansas FFA convention, May 30 to June 1.

The gold, silver and bronze emblem awards were presented to chapters that have achieved at least 100 percent FFA membership in comparison to their vocational agriculture enrollment. Hoxie topped the state this year by reaching 181 percent membership.

Gold chapters are Hoxie, Hill City, Washington, Cheylin (Bird City), Kingman, Plainville, Mankato, Marion, Riley County (Riley), Hiawatha, Council Grove, Powhattan, Erie, Central Heights (Richmond), Garnett, Royal Valley (Mayetta), Westmoreland, Buhler, Hanover, Girard, McCune and Meriden.

Silver chapters are Colby, Troy, Wakeeney, Burlington, Labette County (Altamont), Valley Heights (Blue Rapids), Caney, Neodesha, Chapman, Atchison County (Effingham), Morrowville, Coffeyville, Cherokee, Central of Burden, Longton, Wamego, Humboldt, Washburn Rural (Topeka), Beloit, Eureka, Garden City, Norton, Pike Valley (Courtland), Great Bend, Hugoton, Miltonvale and Scott City.

Bronze chapters are Columbus, La Crosse, Medicine Lodge, Yates Center, Chaparral (Anthony), Fowler, Holcomb, Uniontown, Haven, Marysville, Osage City, Stockton, Cherryvale, Crest (Colony), Flint Hills (Emporia), Fredonia, Highland, Hillsboro, Hoisington, South Barber (Kiowa), Linn, Morland, Moundridge, Ness City, South Haven and Williamsburg.

Receive Awards For Livestock Conservation

Mike Scrapper and J.W. Reese, both Hiawatha FFA members, received a Bulova Accutron Watch as their award after being named winners of the State Livestock Conservation Award at the State FFA Convention, May 31. Mike was 1st and J. W. 2nd.

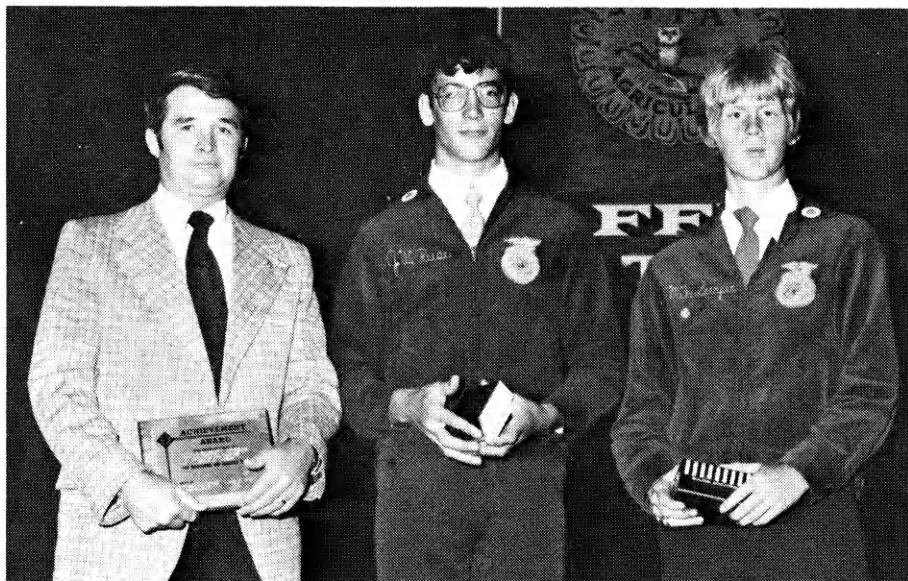
Competition is based on a research paper prepared and submitted by the students to the State FFA. Mike's topic was "Equine Behavior" and J. W.'s "Internal and External Parasites of Swine." Both students were required to do their papers as a class requirement in Vo Ag II. After some cor-

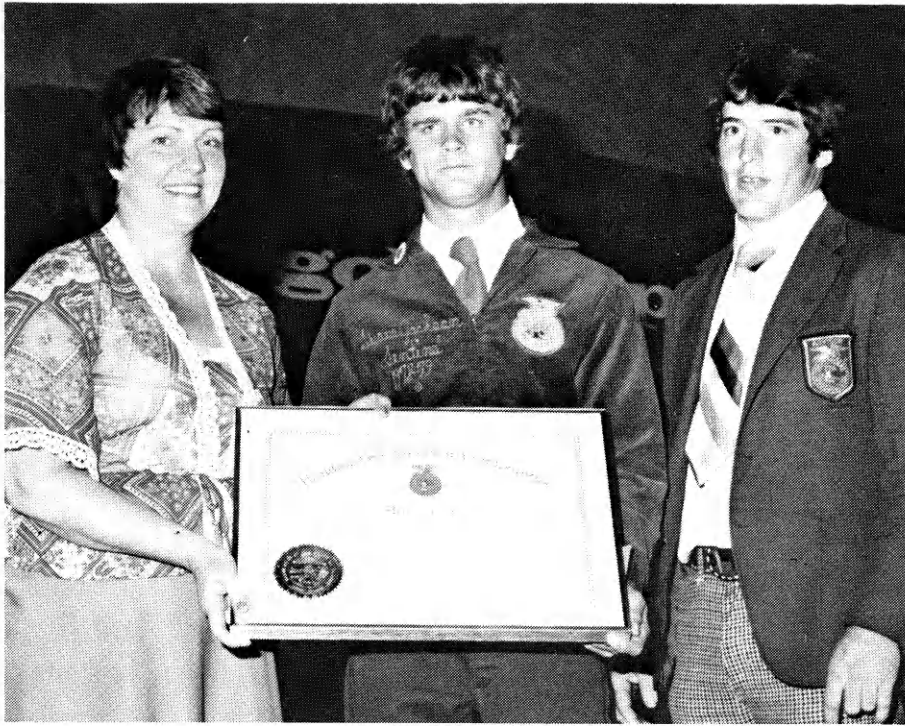
rections and changes they were then sent on to the State.

In addition, Mr. Lloyd E. Barnett, Vo Ag and FFA advisor, was presented a plaque of recognition, since this was the first time both 1st and 2nd place winners had come from the same chapter.

Mr. Karl Heimke, Competitive Livestock Marketing Association representative, made the awards presentation.

Mike is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David Scrapper and J. W. the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Reese.





Named Top BOAC Chapter

Building Our American Communities (BOAC) awards was presented to 31 Kansas Future Farmers of America chapters at the 51st Annual Convention of the Kansas FFA Association.

Gold, silver and bronze division winners were recognized at the Convention, May 30 to June 1, at Kansas State University. Wamego was named the top BOAC chapter, followed by South Barber (Kiowa), Columbus, Plainville, Hill City, Norton, and Arkansas City. Ramona Carlin, wife of

Governor John Carlin presented the Governor's Citation to the Top chapter.

In the silver division were Beloit, Chaparral (Anthony-Harper), Cherryvale, Colby, Girard, Labette County (Altamont), Lebo, Linn, Marysville, Paola, Russell and Westmoreland.

Bronze awards were presented to Atchison County (Effingham), Caney, Cheylin (Bird City), Garden City, Jennings, Marion, Palco, Phillipsburg, Pike Valley (Scandia-Courtland), Powhattan, Riley County (Riley) and Salina.



Debbie Yarrow, sister of Jeff Yarrow, did a superb job of playing the organ during the 51st Convention.



Julie Swanson Wins FFA Creed Contest

First year Future Farmers of America members competed on the state level in the FFA Creed Speaking Contest. The 14 Greenhands that placed first or second in their district contests earlier this year competed at the 51st Annual State FFA Convention, May 30 to June 1, at Kansas State University.

Plaques were awarded to the top four finishers. Capturing first place in the contest and presenting the creed to the convention was Julie Swanson, Arkansas City. Second place went to Barry Hunter, third was John Griffith, and placing fourth was Tony Rempe.

Freshman FFA members competing in the contest were Mike Torrey, Wamego; Dianne Ranney, Minneapolis; Steve Gleason, Mission Valley; Julie Swanson, Arkansas City; Tony Rempe, Plainville; Phil Clubine, Caney; Wade Vogel, Ness City; Eric Wenger, Hiawatha; Jeff Berchard, Clay Center; Debbie Fruit, Washburn Rural; Curt Clark, Chaparral; John Griffith, Hill City; Barry Hunter, Labette County; and Arrow Zanghi, Satanta.

FFA'ers To Receive Scholarships

College Scholarships will be presented to Future Farmers of America at the 51st annual Kansas FFA convention, May 30 to June 1, at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The recipients were honored at the Friday afternoon (June 1) convention session.

Nancy Ross, Paola, and Charles Voelker, Riley, received the \$600 Santa Fe scholarships which were presented by

Richard Bradley of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.

The \$500 Roy Freeland Agricultural Education scholarship was presented to Phil Vetter, Jewell.

John Gilliam of Washington County, Jim Dodson of Jackson County, and Scott Witt of Brown County were also recognized as Union Pacific scholarship winners.

FFA Members Win Record Keeping Awards

The Kansas Future Farmers of America Association and the Grass and Grain farm newspaper sponsor awards to encourage FFA members to keep neat and accurate records.

Kevin Robinson from Mission Valley High School, Eskridge, was the top record keeper in production agriculture. The agribusiness award was presented to Robert Chiles, Salina.

Others who were recognized for outstanding production record books were John Gilliam, Washington, and J. P. Worcester, Hill City.

Joe Neumann, Troy, and Mike Disberger, Haven, were honored for their agribusiness records.

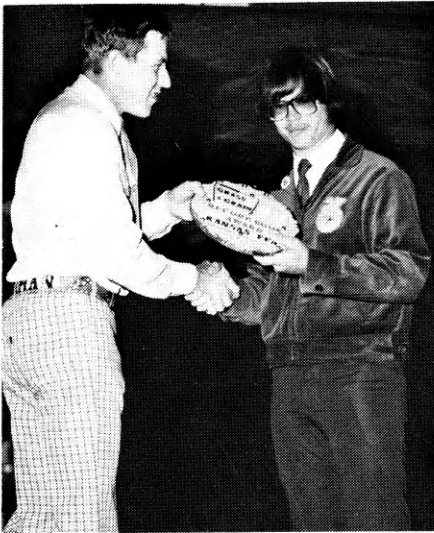


Mark Sanborn, National FFA President, was very impressive and inspiring everytime he addressed the Kansas delegation.

... More State Convention Shots



Lon Phillips representing Kansas Farmer Magazine may be small but it didn't affect his job in presenting the Hawaiian trip scholarships to FFA member.



Kevin Robinson, Eskridge



The three Convention helping hands received outstanding service plaques which included Jay Selanders, Terry Nelson and Ron Ditmars.



Robert Chiles, Salina



The 1978-79 State FFA Officer team. You can tell how much FFA meant to them by the expressions on their faces. After a hard year's work, the end of a joyful year is a sentimental time for them.

... More State Convention Shots



Mike Loblmeier from the Garden City FFA Chapter won the Swine Production Award. Presenting the award to Mike is Stan Arndt of the Pfizer Company who provides this award.



Ford sponsors the Soil & Water Management Award which was won by Danny Bogner of the Erie FFA Chapter. Mr. Kevin Tubbs of Ford is presenting the award to Danny.



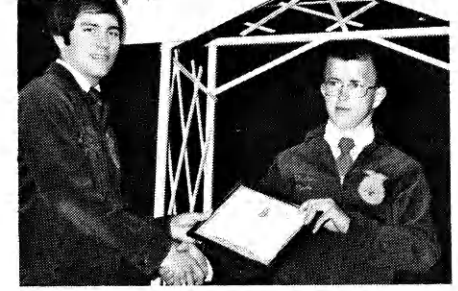
The Sheep Production Award was won by Jeff Ebert of the Westmoreland FFA Chapter. The American Sheep Industry sponsors this award.



Being presented the Poultry Production Award is Danny Bauerle of Hiawatha. This award is provided by the National FFA Foundation.



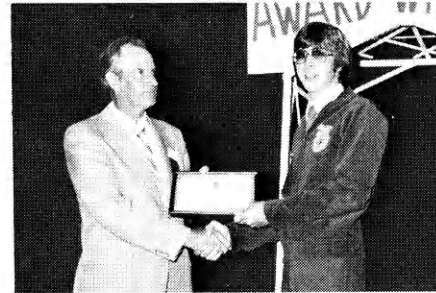
The Shell Company and Hesston Corporation provide the placement in Agriculture Production Award won by Mike Kaufman from the Moundridge FFA Chapter. Mr. Nelson Galle, General Manager of the Hesston Corporation presented this award to Mike.



Victor Wade of the Central of Burden FFA Chapter won the Outdoor Recreation Award which is provided by White Farm Equipment Company.



Warren Hager of Marion was the winner of the Nursery Operations award which is sponsored by Weyerhaeuser and presented by Mr. Bob Frawley. Receiving the award for Warren was Randy Richmond also of Marion.



The Horse Production Award received by Mike Matherly of Garden City was presented by Mr. Rolland Rhodes of The American Morgan Horse Foundation.



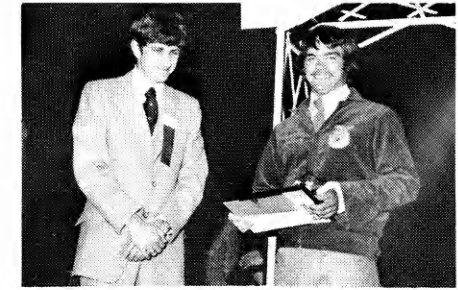
Dwain Worley from the Atwood FFA Chapter won the Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Award which is sponsored by Upjohn, Asgrow, Tuco, and Cobb.



Winning the fruit and/or Vegetable Production Award was Lisa Simpson of the Ft. Scott FFA Chapter. Mr. Ron Davis represented Briggs and Stratton who is the sponsor of this award.



The Forest Management Award was won by Brad Tummons from the Hiawatha FFA Chapter. Presenting this award to Brad is Mr. Bob Frawley of Weyerhaeuser.

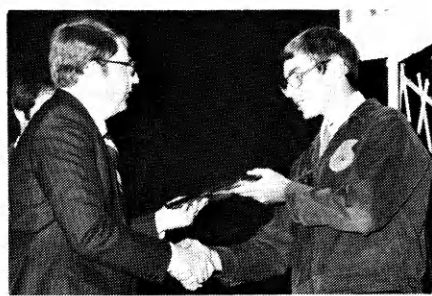


Being presented the Fish & Wildlife Management Award is Danny Snelling of Marion. Mr. John Clary is presenting this award which is sponsored by Phillips Morris.

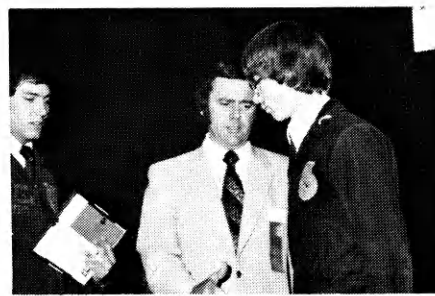
Members Receive Awards



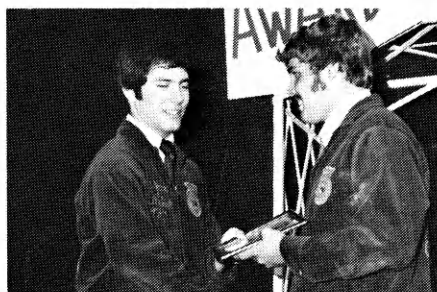
Kevin Robinson of the Mission Valley FFA Chapter captured the Diversified Livestock Production Award. Mr. Dave Brue of Mid America Harvester Inc. is presenting the award to Kevin. Wayne Feeds & Animal Health Aids also help sponsor this award.



Dan Kennedy from the International Harvester is presenting Jerry Winkley from Marion with the Agricultural Mechanics Award.



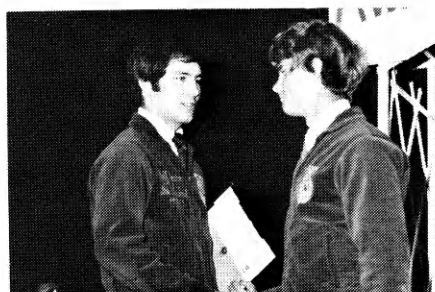
Sean Tindle of Elk Valley received the Agriculture Processing Award from Mr. Frank Ross of the Cargill Inc.



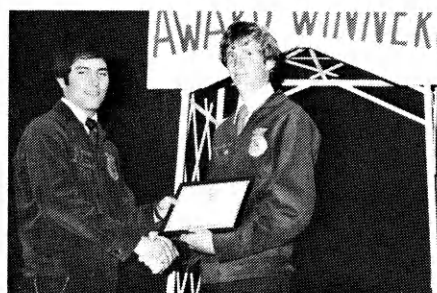
The Beef Production Award was won by Ronnie Hamilton of the Columbus FFA Chapter. Nasco and Sperry New Holland provide the award.



Mr. Earl Palmberg from Kansas Power & Light, representing the Kansas Farm Electrification Council is presenting Tim Morford with his award in Agriculture Electrification. Tim is from the Hill City FFA Chapter.



Allis Chalmers provides the Agriculture Sales and/or Service award which was received by Jeff Beikman from Linn.



Mark Burriss from the Iola FFA Chapter won the Turf and Landscape Management Award which is made possible by Scotts.



Mr. Bob Sis of J. C. Robinson Seed Co. is presenting Doug Schwartz of Washington with the Crop Production Award. The national sponsor of this award is Massey Ferguson.



Herb Cressler from Hoxie placed second in the Crop Production Award. He is receiving this award from Mr. Bob Sis of the J. C. Robinson Seed Co.

Kansas Executive Secretary Visits Paraguay

The idea of starting FFA in Paraguay was born in 1974 when Sam Brownback served as State FFA President. It became a reality in 1979 beginning August 13th when Bob Broeckelman flew to Asuncion, Paraguay, to share the FFA Concept with the Paraguayan officials. Over two weeks were involved sharing the American FFA Concept in Paraguay with students, instructors, Deans of Universities, Ag Extension Agents including 4-H even the Minister of Agriculture. Everyone seemed excited about the program and they are ready to move forward towards the establishment of a similar program in Paraguay.

Four very interesting days were spent at San Juan Bautista-Missions Agricultural school. A complete review of their school curriculum, programs and leadership activities was made. Following the four day review, a conference was held with the students and faculty at San Juan. Through the use of interpreter Señorita Laurel Easley; Agriculture extension supervisor in San Juan; Señor Juan Igmecio Torales and Señor Leopoldo Rios, Director of the San Juan Agriculture School, the concept of FFA was explained in detail. After and during the conference, the San Juan students expressed extreme interest in starting FFA in Paraguay or FAP (Futuro Agriculturo de Paraguay). At the end of the conference, a student (Marcial Duarte) walked up before the group and gave an impromptu speech expressing San Juan's appreciation to the FFA and Kansas Paraguay Partners for taking their time and effort to try to help them start developing them to become future leaders of Paraguay. The San Juan students and faculty asked that their interest be expressed to the Minister of Agriculture and others in order to help start FAP in Paraguay as soon as was feasible. Furthermore, the students expressed strong interest in starting a student exchange program with Kansas as soon as possible. The students and faculty at San Juan are very special and friendly people and desire our help.

A concern I had was that it appeared Paraguay needed our technical help first before we continue sending American manufactured equipment with manuals written in English. It is far more important to have one less tractor, if they could have school books and technical manuals instead. Their library resources are very limited, even at the University level.

Time was also spent with the Director of Agriculture Extension in Paraguay, Señor Juan Molinas and Señor Andres Penayo, Director of 4-C.

With the assistance of Ing. Nelson de Barros, Secretary of Technical Education, I was given the opportunity to visit with Ing. Hernando Bertoni, Minister of Agriculture. This was a real highlight of my trip which gave me the opportunity to share the concept of FFA with him. He was somewhat familiar with the program already and concluded that he felt the program was excellent and important for Paraguay's future. Hopefully, the Minister will have the opportunity to visit Kansas in the near future.

My final visit was with Mr. David Alverson, Rural Development Officer for A.I.D. After sharing with Mr. Alverson along with one of the operational program grant (OPG) officers, they expressed an interest in receiving a proposal in regards to starting FFA or FAP in Paraguay.

On August 27, 1979 before my return to Kansas, I had a conference with Ing. Nelson de Barros concerning my findings and conclusions of the trip. We concluded that:

1. There is a need in Paraguay for a program similar to FFA in Kansas.
2. There is a need to improve the overall capacity of the instructors at the agricultural schools.
3. There is a need for getting temporary instructors that speak Spanish who can train agricultural instructors in

Paraguay in the areas of leadership development, curriculum development and the latest agricultural techniques.

4. We need to start a student exchange program as soon as possible, There is a real need to invest in the Paraguayan Youth for the future.

After returning to Kansas, I visited with Mr. Lennie Gamage, Director of FFA International Programs at the National FFA Center, concerning my visit to Paraguay. He was pleased to hear about the success of the trip and the enthusiasm of the Paraguayan people to start FFA. He suggested the writing of (OPG) Operational Program Grant Proposal, similar to the one they are presently completing in Panama. It involved sending a Spanish Speaking Instructor to Panama for several months to start the FFA program as well as the student exchanges and the training of an individual in the United States to develop curriculum and FFA materials in Spanish. He said the plan worked very efficiently and agreed to begin making the initial contacts in Paraguay to follow a similar pattern.

Kansas shares a partnership with Paraguay through the Partners of Americas program which was started by



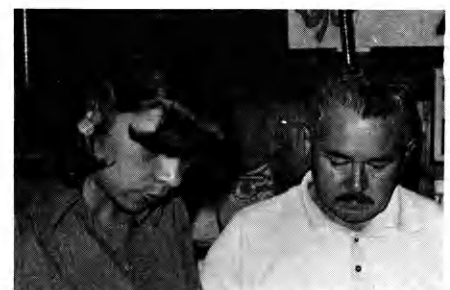
Students at San Juan Bautista Missones were excited about viewing FFA materials after the meeting when the FFA Concept was explained to them.



Paraguayans use the bus system extensively for their method of transportation.



Ing. Nelson de Barros, Secretary of Technical Education with the Ministry of Agriculture, assisted extensively with organizing meetings with various individuals in Paraguay.



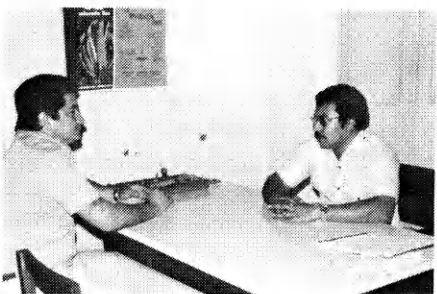
Señor Andrés Penayo, The Executive Secretary of the 4-C program in Paraguay was a generous host as well as a supporter of the FFA Concept for Paraguay.

FFA Shines At Expo

former President John F. Kennedy. The purpose of the program is to develop Paraguay in every aspect including socially, agriculturally, culturally, and economically. Hopefully there will soon be an FFA-FAP exchange program for students studying vocational agriculture in Kansas.



Paraguay looks very similar to Kansas, land structure wise. Marcial Duarte, an outstanding student at the school, gave a tour of the school farm.



Señor Juan Torales, Ag Extension Director, and Señor Leopoldo Rios, Director of the San Juan Agriculture school visited about how FFA or FAP could be utilized in their school.

champion chapter display, the individual champion construction project, and also the champion tractor and machinery repair projects. Second place chapter display was awarded to Prairie View and receiving third was Lawrence. Fourth place went to Hiawatha and fifth was Powhattan. Valley Heights FFA Chapter also exhibited their projects.

One of the most attractive highlights of the Expo is the Children's Barnyard. The East Central District FFA was in charge of the barnyard this year with Northeast District also contributing. The barnyard was usually full from morning until night with children and adults visiting and petting the wide variety of farm animals there.

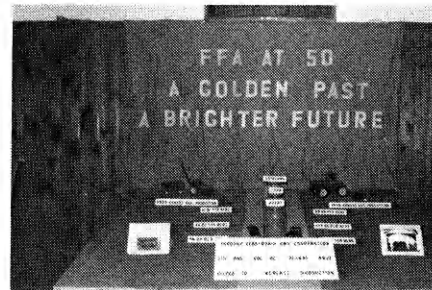
Kansas FFA was extremely proud of all of those FFA members and chapters who exhibited at the Sunflower State Expo this year.

The Crops Show showed a large increase in participation in its second year at the fair. Mission Valley FFA received champion on their chapter display, while Washburn Rural finished second and Hiawatha third. Other chapters participating in the show were Wamego, who received fourth, fifth was Silver Lake, and sixth place was the Powhattan chapter.

Each year students are given a chance to exhibit their mechanical abilities in the Agricultural Mechanics Show. This year there were six chapters participating in the show with Wamego exhibiting the grand



First place in Tractor Repair Division went to Les Platz of Wamego.



Atchison County FFA Chapter captured the Champion Educational Booth with their booth pictured here. Mission Valley FFA received Reserve Champion.



Todd Ebert of Wamego built this Gravity Feed Wagon to win Grand Champion Construction Project.



The children's Barnyard is one of the most fascinating places to small children who always enjoy the animals.



The children's Barnyard is also a place to take a rest from the fair activities and have a refreshing glass of cold water. The Wamego FFA Alumni through donations from surrounding business and members has for the past two years provided this cooler for thirsty visitors.

Club or Organization Interschool Athletic Competition

The KSHSAA frequently receives inquiries concerning the participation of students in interschool basketball competition on FFA, FHA, Hi-Y, KAY teams, or representing similar type organizations.

Students representing school clubs or any school organization must meet the same eligibility standards for interschool competition as the official school athletic teams. In other words, they must have had physical examinations, be certified as eligible by the principal, meet scholastic standards for eligibility, age requirements, and all other general standards for eligibility.

REMEMBER —
Program of Work
is due November 30th.
Start thinking about
National FFA Week
in February.

CHAPTER REPORTS



FFA Officers busy setting tables



President, Thad Lambert serving coffee

Hoxie FFA Officers Serve Faculty Breakfast

Hoxie FFA Chapter Officers served breakfast to the entire USD 412 staff on August 23.

Pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice made up the menu. The cost of the groceries and assistance from the school cooks was paid from the Chapter treasury.

John Campbell, Treasurer and Tim Williams, Sentinel cooked the pancakes; Thad Lambert, President served coffee; Vice-President Dave Geist, Secretary, Mike Weis and Reporter, Tim Meitl served the pancakes and sausage.

The Officers met after preparing, serving and cleaning up to plan other chapter activities for September. The Cystic Fibrosis Fund Drive, State FFA Sweetheart Activities at the State Fair (Ann Richter, NW District Sweetheart is from the Hoxie Chapter), Kansas Farmer Magazine Sales, Watermelon feed and softball game for new and active members, Collecting and preparing crops for the Sheridan Co. Collective Booth, Meeting with the Fair Board to discuss BOAC project and Food for America project at the grade school.

Hold First Meeting

The Marysville FFA Chapter held its first monthly meeting on September 4 in the high school gym.

Vice President Brian Holle presided over the meeting. Committee assignments were handed out and responsibilities of each were discussed.

It was decided that the chapter would sponsor a pest control program. Interested members will collect pests and turn them into Jeff Howard, Pest Control Chairman, for points. The one compiling the most points will receive an award.

The chapter members decided that we wouldn't sell sausage or magazines to raise funds but continue with the annual spring slave auction.

Officers for the 1979-1980 school year are as follows: Doug Linkugel, President; Brian Holle, Vice President; Becky Cohorst, Secretary; Ann Schotte, Treasurer; Jeanette Jones, Reporter; Brian Cudney, Sentinel.

Lawrence Has Family Picnic

Members, parents, and guests gathered at Lone Star Lake on July 31st for the Lawrence Chapter's annual Summer FFA Family Picnic. Three prospective members also were present. Bergt Kryling, a Swedish FFA member was a special guest at the picnic. Bergt lives and works on a U.S. farm through the Work Experience Abroad program which is a part of FFA's International Exchange Program. Bergt's sister, Eva and his host family, Mr. and Mrs. Elving were also guests at the picnic.

After the buffet-style dinner, the new Chapter Officers presided over a short meeting and slide presentation. The slides covered the Chapter's recent activities including the State Convention, the Washington Conference program and Summer Leadership Camp.

*Elain Schehrer
Chapter Reporter*

Ark City Chapter Has Busy Year

As always, this was a super busy year for us. This year we were able to complete the construction of the new panels for the Spring Barrow show. The panels increased the housing capacity of the show by about 150 pigs. Many hours of work, sweat and maybe tears, went into setting up pens and caring for the 550 hogs at this year's Barrow Show. Participants and spectators of the show also had an opportunity to experience the exquisite cuisine at the Ark City FFA Concession Stand. All in all the Barrow show takes a lot of time but is one of our best projects and we are glad we have it.

Also February is "National FFA Week." We had a one page ad in the local newspaper, put posters in the store windows downtown and had a radio program on the local radio station. We started off the week by attending church as a group at the Central Christian Church. We ended the week with a Kiddies Barnyard held in Safeway parking lot on Saturday, February 24.

Our BOAC program this year included not only our work at the Barrow show, but we also laid the ground work for a club that we are going to initiate next year at the Junior High called the "Young Americans Club." YAC will be a community service and citizenship club for students on a Junior High level.

Yet to come this year are local tours of farming programs and agribusinesses.

*Alan Bryant
Ark City, Reporter*

Hold Second Annual Slave Auction

The Clay Center FFA Chapter held the 2nd Annual Slave Auction Saturday night, August 11, 1979 during the Clay County Fair August 8-11.

The auction was held after the Jerry Clower Show at the FFA Kiddie Barn. Twenty-seven members were auctioned off for 8 hours of work. Auctioneering for the event was Gerald Ricketts, and Curt Porter of rural Clay County.

Proceeds will be used for FFA projects.
*Shelly Elkins
Clay Center, Chapter Reporter*

Successful Food For America Effort

"Food For America" is an effort by FFA Chapters across the nation to tell the story of modern agriculture to elementary school children. Chapter members are being aided in their effort by a set of instructional resource material that includes a Farm Art Book and a film provided through the National FFA Organization. The Farm Art Book contains interesting illustration of agricultural facts that students can color or illustrate themselves. One of the pictures was used in a coloring contest among the four grades. The film — Food From Farm To You — explains in elementary terms how food is produced and ends up on supermarket shelves.

The entire "Food For America" project is co-sponsored through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., by four agricultural businesses: American Breeders Service, J.I. Case, Chemagro Agricultural Division, and DeKalb Ag Research, Inc. Funds from the sponsoring companies and from the FFA Foundation General Fund have been used to develop and distribute resource materials and to offset the costs of distributing the film.

"We are concerned that so few young people understand where their food comes from," says Powhattan FFA Chapter President Bill Lowe. "Our members are well qualified to help elementary school children learn about agriculture because of the knowledge and experience we've gained in the vocational agriculture courses and by actual experience on the farm and in local agricultural businesses."

Following the classroom instruction and film on agriculture, chapter members Jeff Brockhoff and Ronnie Hirsch had made arrangements to bring some farm animals and other agricultural displays to the school classroom so the children would have an opportunity to see and touch live farm animals and farm crops. Mr. & Mrs. Stephan Brockhoff brought in a 10-day old caesarean birth Simmental calf and David Bauerle brought in a 5-day old Hampshire lamb. The fourth grade comment was that "This calf will be ready to market when we are in the sixth grade," seemed like a long way off. For many it was the first exposure to the animals and crops that provide their daily food.

The program closed with the chapter furnishing refreshments of home-made cookies and milk.

Jody Lieb
Powhattan FFA Chapter Reporter



Craig Hager, Reporter of Norton FFA Chapter, is shown here displaying his lamb which won Grand Champion at the Norton County Fair. Craig, who is a Junior at Norton Community High School, has been in FFA the past two years.

Norton FFA Participates In Fair

The Norton FFA Chapter participated in the Norton County fair August 7-11. The theme of the FFA Booth was "Broaden Your Horizons through FFA."

The Chapter entered an ag mechanics display which included the following: sheep feeder built by Craig Hager which placed first, Glen Campbell with a blue, Lance Atwell, Scott Farber, and Jon Rowh with reds.

Craig Hager, Reporter

FFA Officers Meet With Local P.R.I.D.E.

Marysville FFA Officers and advisor met with the local P.R.I.D.E. committee August 21 at the Dutch Mill for breakfast.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how the FFA chapter could assist the P.R.I.D.E. committee in completing community projects they have already begun and help them start new ones.

The FFA is offering their manpower and time for the completion of these projects in conjunction with their own B.O.A.C. projects.

Some of the projects that were discussed were to build a rock garden under signs at the entrances of Marysville, building recreational equipment for the city park, and stage a community clean-up.

Jeanette Jones, Reporter

Chapter Banquet At Clay Center

The annual FFA Parent-Member Awards banquet, was held at the Clay Center Community High School, on April 26, 1979.

The evening started off with the invocation from Walter Lenhart, Chapter Chaplain, which was followed by the opening ceremony from the 1978-79 Chapter Officers. A welcome to all was given by Hugh Hoover, followed by a response from the parents given by LeAnn Killman.

Jeff Couson, Chapter Treasurer, introduced the guests, which included several District Officers, and State FFA President Jeff Yarrow, which later gave a special presentation.

The Chapter Sweetheart, Marcy Hoover, outlined her duties and responsibilities as being Sweetheart this year.

A review of the '78-'79 year was given by Lynda Ricketts and Loy James. Chapter Sentinel, Roger Forsyth, recognized this year's Greenhands and Chapter Farmers.

The presentation of awards was given by Chapter Advisor Maury Catlin. After the program the new officers were installed.

An enjoyable time was spent by all those attending.

*Shelley Elkins
Clay Center, Chapter Reporter*

Chapter Emphasizes Farm Safety

Clay Center Community High School FFA'ers displayed posters around town emphasizing National Farm Safety Week July 25-31.

There were also other activities held such as preparing 4 radio spots on the local radio and inserting a series of 5 Farm Safety tips in the Clay Center Dispatch throughout the National Farm Safety Week.

*Shelley Elkins
Chapter Reporter*

Have FFA Pot-Luck

The Clay Center FFA Chapter held a Parent-Member and family Pot-Luck supper Sunday, August 5, at Huntress Park.

Also attending were some of the Advisory Council members, along with the 1979-80 State FFA Sentinel, Loy James.

A short meeting was held after supper to discuss the coming events during the County Fair this week.

After the meeting activities such as a softball game and frisbee throwing were enjoyed by the members and guests.

*Shelley Elkins
Chapter Reporter*



Powhattan Chapter News

All new horizons of student involvement in FFA lead to that Bright Future. FFA has been preparing students for their Brighter Future since 1928. Horizons of a golden opportunity to "Learn by Doing."

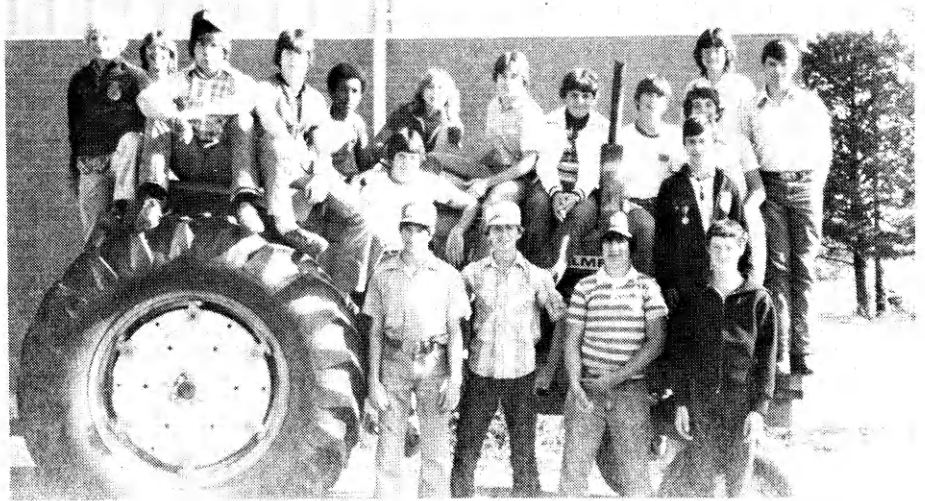
With this thought "Learn by Doing," the Powhattan FFA Chapter gave an appreciation FFA-Faculty Tea for all of the faculty and staff in the Home Economics Dining Room on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21. Two beautiful decorated cakes noting "Powhattan FFA-Faculty Tea on Feb. 21" with the FFA Emblem, hot tea, mints and nuts were served the honored guests by Bill Lowe and Jody Lieb. The knife used to cut the cakes was a Washington knife that was acquired in Alexandria, Virginia: home shopping district by the Washingtons.

Jeff Brockhoff and Ronald Hirsch gave a FFA ballpoint pen or a FFA crystal-date calendar to each of the honored guests. Each of the honored guests expressed an appreciation for the tea and gift, which all of the FFA members felt that their expression of a "Special THANK YOU" to the Faculty and staff for all of their understanding and help during the past year was appreciated.

*Powhattan FFA Chapter
Reporter Jody Lieb*

State Fair Honors For Holcomb FFA

The Finney County Collective Booth at the State Fair won first place in the Western Division and Reserve Grand Champion overall. The booth contains different varieties of crops, vegetables and fruits grown in Finney County. It takes several hundred man hours to collect, clean and prepare the exhibits for the booth. The Holcomb FFA would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the contributors and people who helped to make the booth possible. The booth was erected on preview night and taken down the last day of the fair.



Drivers Education In Vo Ag?

Something new was added to the Vocational Agriculture Program this year. For the first time students studying Vocational Agriculture were instructed in Safe Tractor Operation and Driving. Twenty students in the Vo. Ag. I class at Hiawatha High School completed the class. They were Doug Barrett, Bob Bowen, Ed Christian, Rod Duncan, Brad Ebel, Bruce Ebeling, Lawrence Grathwohl, Billy Henry, John Hobbs, Brad Judd, Mark Meyer, Mike Mitchell, Rob Oltjen, Chris Overdick, Rick Siebenmorgen, Todd Torkelson, Richard Tollefson, Barb Tummons, Eric Wenger, and Evans Woehlecke.

Students spent time in the classroom studying about tractors and their operation. From there they went to the operation of a tractor with an instructor with them. After passing this stage each student was

required to drive an obstacle course with a 2-wheeled implement. This required backing, straight driving and maneuvering.

Students participating varied from some very skillful operators to some who had never driven a tractor before and had to spend extra hours learning. At the completion of the course each student was issued a "driving certificate" which signifies they have completed a tractor safety course and may be hired by a farmer to operate a tractor and basic equipment. Each student is to present his/her certificate to the employer.

Tractors for the course were provided by Hiawatha Implement and Davies Implement. The course was taught by Lloyd E. Barnett (Vo Ag Inst) and assisted by Bill Larson (Vo Ag Inst.) and Dave Ronnebaum (Student Teacher).

Bignall and Flory Tops in Farm Mechanics

In the Senior Division of Farm Mechanics at the Douglas County Fair, Alan Bignall placed first with his loading chute and Matt Cain was second with his back blade.

In the Junior Division, Scott Flory was first and Mike Hegeman was second with the gates they constructed.

Others exhibiting were Fred Shirk with his hay bunk; Scott Schaake and Matt Cain exhibited their large bale carriers; George Hunsinger displayed his pick-up window guard, and Greg Standard showed his log splitter.

In the Junior Division Steve Leary and Jon Larson exhibited their gates.

Members Attend Washington Conference

Scott Schaake, President and Jeff Dillion, Vice-President and Mr. and Mrs. Larson attended the Washington Conference Program June 18-22 at Washington D.C. The Conference was designed to improve leadership and chapter activities.

The Conference was held in Alexandria, Virginia at the Olde Colony Motel. The group went sightseeing at the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, and other sights. While in Washington the group visited the offices of Senator Kassebaum, and Representative Larry Winn.

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