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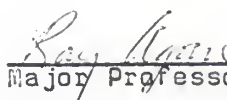
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INTRODUCTION

According to the Official Manual for Future Farmers of America, the Future Farmers of America has been since 1928 the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. The primary aim of the organization has been the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship, the manual states.¹

Programs of work participated in by all members have been set up annually by every FFA chapter, each State association, and the national organization. These programs have been built on the needs of the individual and the community. The items included have been guide posts pointing the way. The programs of work have normally indicated the direction and course to follow in order to reach definite goals, and there has been a relationship among local, State, and national programs.²

Convenient and satisfactory sections or major divisions for the program of work have included the following headings: supervised farming, cooperation, community service, leadership, earnings and savings, conduct of meetings, scholarship, recreation, public relations, and State and national activities.³

¹Official Manual for Future Farmers of America, p. 6.

²Ibid., p. 8.

³Ibid., p. 45.

The Future Farmers of America has been increasing in membership at a steady rate since it was organized in 1928.¹ The program and activities of this farm boy organization have likewise been greatly expanded.² The rapid development has made it necessary for members and advisers to keep informed on certain important facts concerning the organization.³

A. W. Tenney, national FFA adviser, stated, "Advisers, FFA chapter officers and committee chairmen should continually be on the lookout for instances of responsibility and activities that will offer opportunities for FFA chapter leadership and development. Participation by all the members should then be encouraged."⁴

It was the purpose of this study to present a summary of activities that were performed by a number of Future Farmers of America chapters in Kansas in 1963 that made them Gold Emblem chapters. The author was interested in new ideas as the adviser of a FFA chapter.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Certain terms were included in this section and given special definition as they were used in connection with this study. The definitions were not necessarily those used traditionally.

¹A. Webster Tenney, Practical Activities for Future Farmers, preface.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

NATIONAL EMBLEM FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM - (i.e., National Better FFA Chapter Contest, National Gold Emblem Contest, Gold Emblem Award program, National FFA Chapter Award program) As defined in the official FFA manual, "The National Chapter Award Program is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort and FFA member's participation in group activities, which generally result in improved local programs of work that are planned with goals based primarily upon the needs of members, the school and the community. The chapter award program definitely aids in stimulating individual and cooperative effort in training for improved farming, leadership, community service, citizenship, scholarship, etc."¹

Five awards were provided by the National FFA Foundation, Incorporated. They were: Standard FFA Chapter Award, Superior FFA Chapter Award, National Bronze Emblem Award, National Silver Emblem Award, and National Gold Emblem Award. Each award was based upon the degree of achievement of a local FFA chapter in meeting approved standards and in completing a program of work.²

FORM III - As used in this study, Form III referred to one of the three forms used by a FFA chapter that desired entry in the National Chapter Award program. The form was entitled "Standards for a National Emblem Chapter Award." As related

¹Official Manual for Future Farmers of America, p. 53.

²Ibid.

to Form III, Form I was an application for consideration for a Standard Chapter Award, and Form II was the application for consideration for the Superior Chapter Award. The ten divisions of the Form III were: supervised farming, cooperation, community service, leadership, earnings and savings, conduct of meetings, scholarship, recreation, public relations, and State and national activities.

FFA - As used in this study, FFA was an abbreviation for the Future Farmers of America organization.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

There has been little research done towards summarizing activities of any number of FFA Chapters in Kansas. The author found one such study.

The agricultural education staff of the Kansas State Board for Vocational Education in Topeka, Kansas, summarized the activities of the Gold Emblem-rated FFA chapters in Kansas for the year 1958.¹ This was the last year there were eight divisions in the program of work. Earnings and savings and state and national activities have been added since then, when the 1958 official FFA manual and 1959 official FFA manuals were compared. The author felt this another justification for repeating this type of study.

¹Kansas Board for Vocational Education, Summary of Activities of the Twenty-Three Kansas Gold Emblem Chapters as Listed in Their National Chapter Awards Applications - 1958.

National Future Farmers of America Chapter Award Program

In 1929 and 1930 the National FFA Chapter Contest was started under the sponsorship of the Farm Journal magazine. American Farming magazine sponsored the contest in 1930 and 1931.¹ Then in 1931 the National FFA organization assumed the responsibility, until 1949.² In 1949 it was turned over to the FFA Foundation, Inc.³

Cash awards were given in 1929 and 1930 along with plaques. From 1929 till 1939 a winner was selected from each of the four administrative regions, and from this group one FFA chapter was declared to be the "Best Chapter" in the national organization of FFA. The other FFA chapters were designated as runner-ups in each of the four regions.⁴

In 1940 the national organization of FFA changed the plan of designating FFA chapter winners. Four levels of achievement were recognized as follows: Gold Emblem Chapters; Silver Emblem Chapters; Bronze Emblem Chapters and Honorable Mention Chapters.⁵

A revision in 1954 of the National Chapter Award Program was made to change the national FFA chapter awards from a regional basis above to: Gold Emblem Chapters; Silver Emblem

¹FFA at 25, p. 18.

²History of the Kansas Association of FFA, 1929-1943, p. 46.

³FFA at 25, p. 18.

⁴History of the Kansas Association of FFA, 1929-1943, p. 46.

⁵Ibid., p. 47.

Chapters; Bronze Emblem Chapters; Superior Chapter and Standard Chapter.¹

Each award has been based upon the degree of achievement of a local Future Farmers of America chapter in meeting approved standards and in completing a program of work.²

The Standard Chapter awards and the Superior Chapter awards have been determined in a manner set forth by the State FFA Associations, with no limit as to the number of FFA chapters that received them.³

Each State Association was eligible to submit reports for two of its "Superior" FFA chapters to be considered for National Emblem Awards. Each State Association that had a paid membership that exceeded 5,000 members could submit a report for one additional FFA chapter for each additional 5,000 members or major fraction thereof.⁴

The National Emblem Award Chapters were recognized with appropriate and inspirational ceremonies at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.⁵

Kansas Future Farmers of America Chapter Contest

In 1932 the Kansas Association of FFA inaugurated a FFA

¹The Kansas Future Farmer, p. 10.

²Official Manual for FFA, p. 53.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

⁵Ibid., p. 54.

chapter contest. The Kansas Association adopted a rule in 1932 that required all local Future Farmers of America chapters to file a program of work with the State Office by November 1, in order to be eligible for state or national FFA competition. Those chapters that desired to compete in the State Chapter Contest were required to file Achievement Reports. A score card was used for the eight areas that existed in the program of work.¹

From 1932 till 1938 Kansas FFA Chapters that planned and executed programs of work which were of such scope and quality as to merit recognition were designated as "Outstanding." Beginning in 1939 and continued through 1943, ten FFA chapters were designated as "outstanding" and fifteen additional FFA chapters were listed as deserving "Honorable Mention" each year. After 1943 the "Gold Emblem rating was used in the State Chapter Contest."²

Until 1953, Kansas Gold Emblem FFA chapter winners in the state FFA chapter contest shared equally in the annual award for having improved Agriculture and Leadership. In 1953 Silver Emblem FFA chapter winners were added and shared equally in 40 per cent of award money.³

In 1954 the Kansas Association FFA chapters were ranked into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem and Bronze Emblem.⁴

¹History of the Kansas Association of FFA, 1929-1943, p. 50.

²Ibid.

³The Kansas Future Farmer, p. 11.

⁴Ibid., p. 4

Over the period of years since 1932, numerous changes and patterns in selection of State award winners and the Future Farmers of America chapters to represent the State in the National Chapter Contest have been used. From information available and verbal conversations with persons connected with the program over the years, it appeared that in the fore part of the Kansas FFA history the deputy executive secretary (executive secretary) individually selected the State winners, and the present plan was a committee made up of vocational agriculture teachers selected by the State executive secretary.

THE PROBLEM

In 1958 a report was published by the Kansas State Board for Vocational Education summarizing the activities of the FFA chapters in Kansas that received recognition as a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Emblem chapter in competition in the National Chapter Award program.¹ Since that time two new divisions have been added to the program of work.

The problem the author attacked was the task of repeating such a summary of the activities reported by the 1963 Kansas FFA chapters gaining the same recognition and included their activities in the additional divisions.

¹Kansas Board for Vocational Education, Summary of Activities of the Twenty-Three Kansas Gold Emblem Chapters as Listed in Their National Chapter Awards Applications-1958.

LIMITS OF THE PROBLEM

The problem was limited to the activities reported on Form III of the "Standards for a National Emblem Chapter Award" application as submitted by each Kansas Future Farmers of America chapter that desired entry in the 1963 competition and was rated Gold Emblem. There were twenty-two FFA chapters that qualified for the award in 1963.

Upon request from the author, sixteen of the twenty-two FFA chapters submitted a copy of their entry for this study. The other six entries were not available and were not included in this report because they were lost, not available, mislaid, or could not be located.

No attempt was made to define the activities submitted by the FFA chapters. It was also a limitation of this study that there were not any uniform definitions of the various categories of activities. Neither was it possible to consider the quality of the activity. Activities were accepted merely as submitted by the FFA chapter on Form III.

The report was a normative (status study) survey of the sixteen Kansas FFA chapters.

NECESSARY DATA

Form III of the "Standards for a National Emblem Chapter Award" application included in the forms for entry in the FFA National Chapter Award program comprised the necessary data

for the study. This form was secured from sixteen Future Farmers of America chapters in Kansas that won an award in this program in the 1963 competition.

The Kansas FFA chapters whose reports were used in this study were: Arkansas City, Atchison, Caney, Cheney, Ellsworth, Emporia, Fort Scott, Goessel, Hanston, Lawrence, Oberlin, St. Francis, Smith Center, Stockton, Troy, and Uniontown. Not available were the reports from: Beloit, Garden City, Norton, Salina, Seaman, and Simpson.

The reports were sent back to the FFA chapters immediately after having transferred the necessary information so the FFA chapters could use it as a guide in formulating their 1964 program of work, as the advisers of these FFA chapters desired.

Accuracy of the data is inherent insofar as the integrity of the persons filling out the report from each of the FFA chapters. The author compiled that data in synthesizing the report.

PROCEDURE

The Form III of the "Standards for a National Emblem Chapter Award" of each of the sixteen FFA chapters in Kansas was secured via mail or personal contact by the author.

All of the necessary information for this study was tabulated on a specially prepared form by the author.

Correspondence with the assistant State supervisor of agricultural education, Mr. Harold Shoaf, inquired if copies of the remaining six reports could be secured from this office and brought a negative response. A cover letter to each of the six Future Farmers of America chapters by Mr. Shoaf elicited response from one FFA chapter of the last seven.

RESULTS OF THE STUDY

In compiling the results of the study, the author considered the activities of each of the sixteen FFA chapters in the study in each of the ten divisions or areas of the Form III. The frequency of each of the activities among the sixteen FFA chapters was included in this study and the range of the activity where applicable. The activities were reviewed in this report in order of frequency of occurrence in the Form III application made by the FFA chapters.

The data were presented in table form in the appendix of the report and described in the following sections.

Division I - Supervised Farming

In Division I, supervised farming, emphasis was placed on activities that motivated the FFA member to comprehensive programs which lead toward satisfactory establishment in farming.¹

¹Lloyd J. Phipps and Glenn Charles Cook, Handbook on Teaching Vocational Agriculture, p. 373.

The first goal or standard on Form III was - Did the Future Farmers of America chapter sponsor an activity that increased the size of farming programs of the members?¹ Six FFA chapters of the sixteen surveyed (37.50%) reported a cooperative buying, selling, and/or feeding of livestock activity. Five FFA chapters (31.25%) informed their members of the availability of FFA Foundation, Incorporated, cash awards and had some members apply for same. Five FFA chapters maintained a purebred and/or FFA chapter livestock chain. Four FFA chapters (25%) reported having farming program tours. Three FFA chapters (18.75%) awarded a Star Chapter Farmer pin to the outstanding member in farming program success.

The following activities were reported by at least two FFA chapters (12.50%): helping members plan long-time farming programs; presenting Star Greenhand awards; had a guest speaker at meeting that emphasized good supervised farming programs; attended crops schools; visited successful farms and/or farmers; presented DeKalb award to the outstanding FFA chapter member.

Activities reported by at least one FFA chapter (6.25%) were: FFA chapter members were made aware of requirements for higher degrees in FFA; awarded a member a trip to Coop Leadership Camp on basis of farming program success; attended livestock schools; FFA chapter had Freshmen-Parent night; gave farming

¹National Chapter Award Application, Form III, p. 1.

program awards; set up minimum standards for farming programs; individuals featured in chapter scrapbook; letter awards given; Sears sheep program used; attended American Royal; chapter had Future Farmers of America fair; cleaned certified seed; bulletin board service for members; and scholarships provided by local businesses on basis of achievements in supervised farming program.

The second goal in Division I was that the FFA chapter conducted activities which improved the quality of crop production. Six FFA chapters reported the use of variety demonstration plots. Three reported having exhibits at a fair; field trips to farms to observe good crop practices; seed testing for purity and germination; and crop judging learned in class.¹

Two FFA chapters reported: distributing hybrid seed among members; distributing information on crops; soil testing and soil testing demonstrations; encouraged members to plant improved varieties; presented crop production awards; identified noxious weeds and learned their control.

At least one FFA chapter reported activities of: land judging learned in class; cooperative buying of seed and fertilizer; fertilizer demonstration plots; FFA Foundation awards and applications; encouraged fertilizing where soil testing

¹Ibid.

indicates need; encourage soil and water conservation; and toured local elevator and seed distributors.

The standard or goal of the Future Farmers of America chapter conducting activities which improved the quality of livestock production were met by: six FFA chapters made arrangements for use of purebred breeding sires. Five FFA chapters reported the use of a purebred livestock chain. Four FFA chapters reported county fair awards or FFA Foundation awards and learned how to select livestock in class. Three FFA chapters said they distributed information on livestock raising. Two FFA chapters reported that their members owned, bought or sold purebred livestock and learned veterinary skills in class.¹

Activities reported by at least one FFA chapter were: FFA chapter sold drugs and medicine for parasite control; field trips to observe approved practices in livestock production; and cooperative purchase of livestock.

The goal "conducting a tour of members' farming programs"² was reported by all sixteen FFA chapters, with the number of members going on the tour ranging from fourteen to seventy-five and the number of farms visited ranging from three to fourteen.

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

Had members own one or more enterprises or had a definite wage earning farm placement agreement was the next goal outlined on Form III. All the Future Farmers of America chapters in the study reported fulfillment of this goal. The number of members owning one or more enterprises in any one FFA chapter ranged from thirty-one to fifty-six. The range of number of enterprises per member was one and three-quarters to four. The number of members on farm placement ranged from zero to thirty.¹

The next goal in this division, the members conducted activities to promote livestock loss prevention, had six FFA chapters making safe livestock handling equipment in the vocational agriculture shop and classroom instruction in loss prevention.²

The FFA chapter sponsored activities that improved the keeping of records and farm accounts was the next goal of Form III. Nine FFA chapters (56.25%) reported giving awards for record keeping excellency. Four FFA chapters reported class study and practice in record keeping procedures. Three FFA chapters had each class select the best kept record book. Two FFA chapters reported the record book as a necessary requirement for advanced degrees.³

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

Other activities reported by at least one Future Farmers of America chapter were: encouraged State and American Farmer degree applications; big brother system used to maintain good records; records kept on cooperative projects; members checked each others record books; members records given attention in scrapbook; all members kept record books; record books checked once a month; and farm business analysis through record books.

The goal of having members complete improvement and supplementary projects was accomplished by all of the FFA chapters. The average number of improvement projects per member ranged from two to ten. The average number of supplementary practices per member ranged from 2.63 to 11.4.¹

Next, the goal of "established or assisted in maintaining a shop at home" showed fifteen of the sixteen FFA chapters (93.75%) reporting accomplishment.² The number of members establishing a shop at home ranged from zero to eighteen. The number of additional members that maintained shops at home ranged from four to fifty-three.

The ninth goal in Division I was "members conducted activities to promote soil and water conservation."³ Fifteen of the FFA chapters reported accomplishment of this goal. The

¹Ibid., p. 2.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

number of members that participated in award programs for soil and water conservation was as high as fifty-six. Six Future Farmers of America chapters reported approved practices studied and used. Five reported practicing terracing. Three FFA chapters reported entering land judging contests and schools.

Two FFA chapters reported: took soil samples; made fertilizer recommendations; farm level use studied; and ponds built.

Activities reported by at least one FFA chapter were: contour farming practiced; summer fallowed; stubble mulched; applied for local Soil Conservation Service awards; competed for FFA Foundation awards; requirement for higher degrees; attended local SCS meetings; speeches on soil conservation; reports on soil conservation; pasture improvement; and placed road signs for SCS.

In the last part of Division I, space was left open for any additional goals the FFA chapter may have accomplished in supervised farming. Some of these goals were: determined average labor income (\$1,314.19); production goals set for beef, pork, grain and roughage; reports on farming programs; and developed ownership of farming programs.

Division II - Cooperation

One of the best ways to learn cooperation has been to

practice cooperation.¹ The following goals and activities indicated the effort of the sixteen Future Farmers of America chapters studied to practice cooperation.

The first goal was "provided members with experience in cooperative buying and/or cooperative selling."² Fourteen FFA chapters (87.50%) reported accomplishment of this goal. The number of members that participated was as high as 56. Total purchases were as high as \$9345. Total sales were as high as \$8628.

In the goal of "provided agricultural services for its members,"³ fourteen FFA chapters loaned out FFA chapter or vocational agriculture shop equipment. Eight FFA chapters had purebred livestock chains or sires. Five FFA chapters had cooperative livestock projects. Two FFA chapters provided artificial breeding services. Also mentioned by at least one FFA chapter were: tested crop seed and purchased material for shop projects.

All of the FFA chapters reported participation in having conducted a demonstration in their community to promote good agricultural practices. The range of members participating was five to sixty-six. Their activities included having a booth or public display promoting good practices; soil testing

¹Lloyd J. Phipps and Glenn Charles Cook, Handbook on Teaching Vocational Agriculture, p. 375.

²National Chapter Award Application, Form III, p. 2

³Ibid., p. 2.

demonstrations, dehorning and castrating demonstrations by two Future Farmers of America chapters; and reported by at least one FFA chapter was a demonstration on soil conservation and serving on the Area Development committee.¹

In "cooperated with other organizations in the school,"² six of the FFA chapters reported working with the Future Homemakers of America chapter, home economics department, Student Council or athletics. Four FFA chapters cooperated in activities for the maintenance or custodial departments. Three FFA chapters worked with the speech and debate departments. Working with the Pep Club, Letter Club and/or Industrial Arts departments was accomplished by two FFA chapters. One FFA chapter reported cooperating with the Red Cross, the Art department and/or Kayettes.

Activities mentioned in connection with working with these organizations included: contributed money to or with the organization, repaired school athletic equipment or repaired same, aided in publicity or had a display booth.

"Cooperated with organizations and agencies in the community" was reported by all the FFA chapters.³ Organizations and agencies cooperated with included service organizations,

¹Ibid.

²Ibid., p. 3.

³Ibid.

Extension and Soil Conservation Service by five Future Farmers of America chapters; 4-H and Coop by three FFA chapters; Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, or Boy Scouts by two FFA chapters; and Home Demonstration Unit, Church and/or city by at least one FFA chapter.

The activities carried out in connection with these organizations included: presented programs, speeches, films, helped with a fair, built equipment, served refreshments at meetings, tours, workday, and co-sponsored a land judging contest.

One hundred per cent of the FFA chapters reported "participated in local, district or State fairs and shows."¹ Educational exhibits were used by fourteen FFA chapters.

Many of the FFA chapters "cooperated with FFA members of other FFA chapters in conducting activities."² The activities included having been a host to a contest or school by nine FFA chapters; recreational activities by four FFA chapters; host to district meetings, displays, films, or television programs by three FFA chapters; and joint FFA meetings were reported by one FFA chapter.

The FFA chapters encouraged affiliation of members in farm organizations as another goal in Form III. The farm

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

organizations included: Farm Bureau by seven Future Farmers of America chapters; Coop by six FFA chapters; 4-H by five FFA chapters; breed associations by four FFA chapters; Production Credit Association, Young Farmers, Grange, and/or County Science Improvement Association by at least one FFA chapter. The number of members affiliated ranged from six to fifty-six.¹

One other activity listed by FFA chapters in the goal of cooperation was having set up a Junior Board of Directors for cooperative projects.

Division III - Community Service

Division III of the Form III report was the community service area. Community services of educational value to the boys participating are preferred.²

The first goal in this area was for the FFA chapter to sponsor or assist with an agricultural show or community fair, or some other similar community project. Seven FFA chapters reported having a fair, float, or parade. Five FFA chapters had its members exhibit their projects (either crops, livestock, or shop). District or local schools or exhibits were reported by five FFA chapters. Two FFA chapters served food or had concessions. Activities reported by at least one FFA chapter were: booth displays, tractor pulling contest, assisted in

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

local holiday celebrations, built equipment, and tours.¹

Having presented public service programs was the next goal of the Future Farmers of America chapters on Form III. The kinds of programs presented were: FFA information or FFA Week programs by six FFA chapters; safety by four FFA chapters; agricultural programs by two FFA chapters; and mentioned by at least one FFA chapter were school assembly programs, pest control, parliamentary procedure, television program, public speaking, and State FFA officer spoke. The groups the programs were presented to were: general public, high school students, parents, FFA chapters, Rotary, Lions, and Young Farmers.²

The next goal was the FFA chapter having sponsored activities that improved the agriculture of the community. The activities listed were: demonstration plots by six FFA chapters; veterinary practices and feeding of livestock by five FFA chapters; soil tested by four FFA chapters; a school or contest by three FFA chapters. Two FFA chapters reported assisting the Young Farmer club, pest eradication, and rural directory signs. Reported by at least one FFA chapter were: seed tested, soil conservation demonstration, registered livestock, safety check, tested milk, butchered, and/or a fair.³

¹National Chapter Award Application, Form III.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

"Assisted charitable organizations and campaigns"¹ was another goal on Form III in the community service division. Organizations assisted were: Red Cross by four Future Farmers of America chapters; Heart Fund drive by three FFA chapters; American Field Service, Disabled Children, CROP, Christmas Fund, Polio Fund, Salvation Army, United Fund, Community Chest, Cancer Society, Tuberculosis, X-ray unit, delivering groceries, and/or donation for hospitalization of an individual were reported by at least one FFA chapter.

Participation in the Future Farmers of America Safety Award program was reported as a community service goal of Form III accomplished by six FFA chapters. The range of members that participated was five to seventy-three. Areas of safety emphasized were: tractor and machinery by thirteen FFA chapters (81.25%); farm shop and home farm by seven FFA chapters; fire by four FFA chapters; traffic safety by three FFA chapters; and public safety, electrical and/or chemical safety by at least one FFA chapter.²

In "conducted activities that helped to conserve the natural resources of the community"³ as a goal on Form III of this division, six FFA chapters reported practicing soil conservation; five FFA chapters practiced wildlife conservation,

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

³Ibid., p. 4.

soil testing; four Future Farmers of America chapters had soil conservation films shown or speeches presented or practiced terracing; judged land or pastures, practiced water conservation or contour farming were reported by three FFA chapters.

Reported by at least two FFA chapters were: built farm ponds or dams and entered a Soil Conservation Service contest. Accomplished by at least one FFA chapter were: ditch stops, crop rotations, used farm level and demonstration plots.

"Assisted the school with such activities as landscaping or cleanup, or repair of equipment"¹ was another area reported on in Form III. Nine FFA chapters reported the activity of planting, reseeding, fertilizing and/or watering of school grounds; eight FFA chapters reported school grounds cleanup; five FFA chapters reported having built or repaired school athletic equipment; three FFA chapters installed school equipment; two FFA chapters pruned trees and shrubs; and one FFA chapter maintained a school farm.

Other activities listed in the community service division were: courses on civil defense, custom labor service for farmers, and assisting the city maintenance department in repairing equipment.

¹Ibid.

Division IV - Leadership

Division IV on the Form III was leadership activities. Leadership activities have provided Future Farmers of America members a chance to have full responsibility in as many activities as possible.¹

The first reported activity in the area of leadership was participation in public speaking activities. Participation in a FFA chapter speaking contest was reported by members from all sixteen FFA chapters. All the FFA chapters also had members who spoke before groups, ranging in each FFA chapter from three to forty-six members.²

Parliamentary procedure training and experience was another leadership activity reported on Form III. All sixteen FFA chapters reported having trained its members and took part in a parliamentary procedure contest or demonstration. Also all the FFA chapters studied reported having books in their FFA chapter on parliamentary procedure.³

"Provided training for the officers respective to his office" was accomplished through activities such as attendance at leadership schools by nine FFA chapters; practice sessions for officers by seven FFA chapters; attended State FFA camp

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

by five Future Farmers of America chapters; two FFA chapters elected junior officers and had them conduct meetings; and one FFA chapter reported having a file folder for each officer.¹

"Provided committee work and experience for members through activities in the FFA chapter program of work"² was accomplished by having supplied members with copies of the FFA chapter program of work by fifteen FFA chapters. The number of members assigned responsibility for leadership in accomplishing one or more activities ranged from eight to fifty-six members.

Other activities in the leadership area were: members hold offices in other organizations, trained members in etiquette, FFA chapter leadership awards, and a creed contest for freshmen were all reported by at least one FFA chapter.

Division V - Earnings and Savings

In earnings and savings, Division V of the form III of the annual report, the first goal was to have the FFA chapter earn enough money to adequately finance its activities. The amount expended among the sixteen FFA chapters ranged from \$300 to \$1850.³

Ways the money was earned included: concessions sales by fifteen FFA chapters; prize money won by nine FFA chapters;

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

³Ibid., p. 5.

Future Farmers of America dues by nine FFA chapters; cooperative project sales and selling FFA supplies, drugs and/or poisons by six FFA chapters; four FFA chapters reported calendar sales and/or magazine sales, work days, slave auctions, projects sold, equipment rental and/or donations or miscellaneous sources. FFA carnivals, school farms, selling salt or minerals, and Christmas card sales earned money for at least two FFA chapters. Butchering was mentioned by one FFA chapter as a way of having earned money to finance its activities.

The second goal in earnings and savings was an activity of the FFA chapter that encouraged thrift among members and stimulated investments. The number of members with bank accounts ranged from nineteen to sixty-seven. The average investments per member ranged from \$125 to \$3,017. Four FFA chapters encouraged members to invest and re-invest savings in farming programs. Three FFA chapters reported having speakers that emphasized credit and investments, or the FFA chapter had a cooperative buying and/or selling project. Two FFA chapters reported awards given on basis of investments, savings bond usage, and production goals emphasized.¹

Activities reported by at least one FFA chapter were:
Future Farmers of America Foundation award applications

¹Ibid.

encouraged, members kept informed of current market prices, mixing of own feed or minerals, testing own seed and/or soil, class study of farm management trips to successful farms, repaired and/or rebuilt own equipment, bought Coop stock, invested in a Young Farmer bank, and the local banks lent at lower rates to members.

Other activities mentioned as goals of earnings and savings on Form III were: 90% of members increased their net worth; farming program goals set up; and a tour of a bank to obtain an understanding of the banking system.

Division VI - Conduct of Meetings

In Division VI, conduct of meetings, the Future Farmers of America chapter's objective was to develop poise and skill in planning, participating and conducting meetings.¹

The first goal for the chapters on Form III was to use official ceremonies for special occasions. One hundred per cent of the FFA chapters reported using the official ceremonies for conferring the Greenhand and FFA Chapter Farmer degrees, while fifteen FFA chapters reported using official ceremonies for the Honorary FFA Chapter Farmer ceremony and installing new officers.²

¹Ralph E. Bender, The What, Why and How in Developing the FFA Program of Activities, p. 35.

²National Chapter Award Application, Form III.

The next goal was to maintain a well organized file of official Future Farmers of America material. The accomplishment of this goal was through a file cabinet by eleven FFA chapters; through a bookshelf by seven FFA chapters; by the FFA chapter secretary in three FFA chapters; by the officers in two FFA chapters; and at least one FFA chapter reported use of a magazine rack, looseleaf file, a scrapbook, and/or a library.¹

Having kept the official FFA Treasurer's and Secretary's books up to date in accordance with recommended procedures was the next goal on Form III. All of the FFA chapters reported accomplishment of this goal.²

A fourth goal in Division VI was "distributed membership cards for payment of FFA dues."³ The number of cards distributed within the FFA chapters ranged from thirty-three to seventy-eight, and the membership fee ranged from \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Conduct of meetings also included having arranged for a satisfactory time for meetings with the school administration. All the FFA chapters arranged on the school calendar for their meetings. The majority of the meetings were during activity periods during the school day, with the rest during the evening hours.⁴

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

³Ibid., p. 6

⁴Ibid.

Twelve Future Farmers of America chapters invited a State FFA officer to visit the FFA chapter to accomplish another goal in Division VI. In nine FFA chapters the officer spoke at the Parent-Son banquet. At three FFA chapters he helped conduct a leadership school. In other instances he talked at a school assembly, spoke at a regular meeting, or substituted as vocational agriculture teacher.¹

The FFA chapter used a nominating committee for election of officers was a goal accomplished by all of the FFA chapters. Ten of the FFA chapters used the seniors as the nominating committee, and the rest (six FFA chapters) used the current FFA chapter officers as the nominating committee.²

A final goal of Division VI listed on Form III was having had the graduates of the last three years retain their membership in FFA. Fourteen of the FFA chapters reported having retention of membership, ranging from 2% to 100% (two FFA chapters).³

Other activities reported in this division were: having had executive officers meetings before each regular meeting and visited business meetings of other organizations to observe procedure used.

Division VII - Scholarship

Scholarship was the goal in Division VII. Activities

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

which encouraged improved scholarship among the members were reported on Form III by the sixteen Future Farmers of America chapters studied. Among the activities were: made grades necessary for contest participation and holding office by seven FFA chapters; FFA honor rolls and posted grades by six FFA chapters; encouraged better study habits and presented scholarship award pins by five FFA chapters; a letter award program by three FFA chapters; and reported by at least one FFA chapter were the encouragement of State and American Farmer degree applications, FFA Foundation award, presented the DeKalb award, use of big brother system, talks by college students, page in scrapbook for members achieving scholarship, and use of a scholarship committee.¹

A second area of this division was the providing of a library or bookshelf of FFA references, farm magazines and other books appropriate for farm youth. All the FFA chapters had such material on hand; thirteen FFA chapters reported adding books during the year; all reported receiving magazines regularly; and the number of FFA books on hand ranged from four to fifty-seven.²

Other activities in the scholarship division included having encouraged home libraries by members, and scholarships provided by local businesses to FFA chapter members.

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

Division VIII - Recreation

The objective of this division of Form III was to develop a well-rounded social and recreational program in which all members participated.¹

Activities that had given members participation opportunities in sports included: basketball by six Future Farmers of America chapters; high school athletics and softball by four FFA chapters; horseshoes by three FFA chapters; ping pong by two FFA chapters; boxing and volleyball by at least one FFA chapter.²

Social experiences provided were: banquets, dances, and barnwarmers by eight FFA chapters; watermelon feeds by six FFA chapters; chili parties by five FFA chapters; FFA-FHA bowling and/or swimming parties by two FFA chapters; and at least one FFA chapter reported a parent's night, weiner roast, skating or a box supper.³

Musical activities included singing at FFA meetings by six FFA chapters; National FFA Band or State FFA Chorus by five FFA chapters; FFA quartet or duet by two FFA chapters; and at least one FFA chapter reported a jazz band, pantomines, or talent for the National FFA convention.⁴

Tours were also a form of recreation reported on Form III.

¹Ralph E. Bender, The What, Why and How in Developing the FFA Program of Activities, p. 41.

²National Chapter Award Application, Form III, p. 7.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

Reported were these activities: farming program tours by ten Future Farmers of America chapters; National FFA convention tour by three FFA chapters; trip to Coop plant by two FFA chapters; and at least one FFA chapter reported trips to the SCS, fertilizer plant, successful farms, college campus, and/or a young farmer tour.¹

Division IX - Public Relations

The goal of Division IX, public relations, was to keep the people of the community well informed of the aims and accomplishments of the FFA.²

The first activity reported on in this division was the participation of members in a FFA banquet program or a similar activity that involved parents. All of the FFA chapters reported having a Parent-Son banquet. Other activities reported by the FFA chapters were: achievement banquet by three FFA chapters; parents night or father-son night or a chili supper by at least one FFA chapter.³

The second goal was the use of communications media in having acquainted the public with the FFA organization. All of the FFA chapters reported using a newspaper, public programs and/or exhibits. Fifteen FFA chapters reported using the State

¹Ibid.

²Ralph E. Bender, The What, Why and How in Developing the FFA Program of Activities, p. 44.

³National Chapter Award Application, Form III.

Future Farmers of America publication. Fourteen FFA chapters used the school paper, FFA identification signs and/or high school assemblies. Twelve FFA chapters used FFA road signs. Eleven FFA chapters used magazines to acquaint the public with the FFA. Nine FFA chapters used the radio as a communications medium or had a FFA chapter publication. Eight FFA chapters reported using television.¹

Another method of acquainting a segment of the public with the FFA as a goal on Form III was the use of complimentary subscriptions to the National FFA magazine. All of the FFA chapters reported accomplishment of that goal.²

"Acquainted the high school faculty with the FFA organization"³ was another goal reported on Form III. Nine FFA chapters did that through invitations to the faculty to the Parent-Son banquet. Four FFA chapters invited the faculty to the FFA-FHA party, to a regular meeting, and/or on FFA field trips. Three FFA chapters invited the faculty to a picnic or chili feed, used the high school assembly or school paper or other publications to acquaint the faculty with the FFA.

Two FFA chapters reported the use of an awards assembly or FFA Week activities in which the faculty was involved and

¹Ibid.

²Ibid., p. 8.

³Ibid.

a watermelon feed to which the faculty was invited. At least one Future Farmers of America chapter reported inviting the faculty to the FFA fair and announcing FFA accomplishments over the school intercommunications system.

Having arranged for the showing of a FFA movie locally was the last goal of Division IX on Form III. The groups the films were shown to included: FFA members and parents by six FFA chapters; to young farmers by two FFA chapters; and junior and senior high school students by at least one FFA chapter.¹

The films shown were: "Four Star Farmers" by nine FFA chapters; "That Inspiring Task" by two FFA chapters; "Farmer of Tomorrow," "Dynamic Careers Through Agriculture" and "Here and There with the FFA" by at least one FFA chapter.

Division X - State and National FFA Activities

The next division, participation in State and National FFA activities, was the last division of activities reported on Form III.

The first goal of this division was participation in the official FFA calendar service. Eleven FFA chapters reported accomplishment of distributing from twenty-five to 1,500 FFA calendars.²

Having sent representatives to the State FFA convention was the next goal. Fifteen FFA chapters reported attending

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

the State Future Farmers of America convention; thirteen FFA chapters reported participation in the convention program and had members who received awards while at the State convention.¹

Another goal on Form III was the submitting of the applications of qualified candidates for advanced FFA degrees. All the FFA chapters submitted candidates for the State Farmer degree, and five FFA chapters submitted the application for the American Farmer degree.²

All sixteen FFA chapters had members participate in a public speaking contest at the district level to achieve another goal on Form III. Nine FFA chapters had members who spoke in the State public speaking contest, and two FFA chapters had members who spoke at an area public speaking contest.³

To have had members apply to the State FFA Association for FFA Foundation awards was another goal in Division X on Form III. Ten FFA chapters had applicants for the livestock farming award. Eight FFA chapters had applicants for the crop farming award; seven FFA chapters had members apply for either the farm safety or farm mechanics award. Four FFA chapters had members apply for the dairy farming award, and three chapters reported members applying for farm electrification awards.⁴

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

Having entered State or National judging contests was the next goal of the Future Farmers of America chapters reporting on Form III. All sixteen FFA chapters reported entering the livestock judging contest on the State or National level. Fourteen FFA chapters entered the dairy judging contest. Twelve FFA chapters reported having entered the crops judging contests. Eleven FFA chapters entered either the poultry or farm mechanics or land judging contests. Three FFA chapters entered leadership, entomology, meats or dairy production contests. At least one FFA chapter reported having entered newswriting, safety or parliamentary procedure contests.¹

Seven FFA chapters reported having officially participated in the National FFA convention activities.

The final area reported on Form III in Division X was the goal of having conducted at least one major activity during FFA Week that was appropriate to the occasion.²

Eight FFA chapters reported using booths, window displays and/or FFA stickers. Seven FFA chapters used newspaper stories. Six FFA chapters presented radio programs and five FFA chapters presented civic programs. Four FFA chapters used the FFA Week pack from the FFA Supply Service and presented assembly programs in the high school. Three FFA chapters reported attending church as a group and presenting a television program. Two

¹Ibid.

²Ibid.

Future Farmers of America chapters reported hosting a school or contest during FFA Week.

Activities reported by at least one FFA chapter were: a pancake feed, state FFA officer visit, crowning of FFA chapter sweetheart, and dressing appropriately for FFA Week.

SUMMARY

When summarized, the most frequently reported activities considered were those: (1) reported by at least one-half of the FFA chapters and (2) not required on Form III in order to qualify for the national Future Farmers of America chapter awards.

Activities in order of frequency as reported by the FFA chapters were:

1. FFA chapter had a booth or public display promoting good agricultural practices.

2. Attended leadership school to provide officer training.

3. Supplied their FFA members with copies of the FFA chapter's program of work.

4. Concession's sales as a means of financing FFA Chapter activities.

5. Loaned out FFA chapter or vocational agriculture shop equipment.

6. Invited State FFA officer to visit FFA chapter.

7. Distributed official FFA calendars.

8. Applied for FFA Foundation awards.

9. Had supervised farming program tours.

10. Presented awards for record keeping excellency.

11. Was host to a school or contest.
12. Planted, reseeded, fertilized and/or watered school grounds.
13. Invited school faculty to parent-son banquet.
14. Used window displays, booths and stickers during Future Farmers of America Week.

That a number of FFA chapters reported accomplishment of these activities does not imply it was the criteria the reviewing committee used in determining these FFA chapters award winners. Equally well, an outstanding accomplishment by a single FFA chapter may have been a decisive factor. Quality of the goal or activity was not defined.

Future studies of this nature could attempt to correlate the quality of an activity reported (possibly by personal interview) and the criteria of the reviewing committee.

A revision of the Form III application to include the scope of more of the activities would be helpful in determining the quality of an activity via the number of members involved in planning and carrying out the activity and the scope involved.

A correlation of the FFA chapter's previous activities and their scope in relation to the present application could reward growth in scope and number of activities.

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APPENDIX

DIVISION I - SUPERVISED FARMING

1. Chapter sponsored an activity that increased the size of farming programs of the members:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6	cooperative buying, selling, feeding livestock
5	members informed of FFA Foundation awards and applied for same
5	purebred and/or Chapter livestock chain or ring
4	farming program tours
3	help members secure financing for projects
3	star Chapter Farmer award
2	help members plan long-time farming program
2	Star Green Hand award
2	guest speaker that emphasized good supervised farming programs
2	attendance at crops school
2	visit successful farmers
2	DeKalb award
1	members aware of requirements for higher degrees
1	Coop Leadership Camp Scholarship based on farming program success
1	attendance at livestock schools
1	Freshman-Parent Night
1	farming program awards
1	set up minimum standards for farming programs
1	individuals featured in scrapbook
1	letter awards
1	Sears Sheep program
1	attend American Royal
1	FFA Fair
1	Purebred seed use encouraged
1	bulletin board service
1	scholarships provided by local businessmen

2. Chapter conducted activities which improved the quality of crop production:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6	use of variety demonstration plots
3	exhibits at fairs
3	field trips to farms

3	seed testing practiced
3	crop judging learned in class
2	distributed hybrid seed
2	information distributed on crops
2	soil testing, demonstrations
2	crop production awards
2	encouraged planting of improved varieties
2	identify noxious weeds and control weeds
1	land judging learned in class
1	cooperative buying of seed and fertilizer
1	fertilizer demonstration plots
1	Foundation awards applications
1	encouraging fertilizing where soil test indicates
1	encourage soil and water conservation
1	toured local elevator, seed distributor

3. Chapter conducted activities which improved the quality of livestock production:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6	arrangements made for use of purebred breeding sires
5	purebred livestock chain in chapter
4	county fair awards, FFA Foundation awards
4	learn livestock judging, selection in class
3	distributed information on livestock raising
2	members own, buy, sell purebred livestock
2	veterinary skills learned in class
1	chapter sold drugs, medicine for parasite control
1	field trips to observe approved livestock practices
1	cooperative purchase of livestock

4. Chapter conducted a tour of members farming programs:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	Number of members on tour (range: 14-75)
16	Number of farms visited (range: 3-14)

5. Members owned one or more enterprises or had a definite wage earning farm placement agreement:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	Range of members owning one or more enterprises: 31-56
16	Range of enterprises per member: 1.75-4 Range of members on farm placement: 0-30

6. Members conducted activities to promote livestock loss prevention:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6	made safe livestock handling equipment in shop
6	classroom instruction in loss prevention
5	vaccination
4	parasite control practiced
2	members added bulletins to home library
2	films on loss prevention were observed
1	practice livestock sanitation
1	control of poisonous plants
1	livestock hazards removed
1	veterinarian talked to members
1	members worked with veterinarian
1	speeches given on livestock loss prevention
1	field trips to practice loss prevention measures
1	chapter owns or rents livestock handling equipment
1	castration learned and practiced
1	dehorning learned and practiced
1	visited local sale barn to observe methods

7. Chapter sponsored activities that improved the keeping of records and farm accounts:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9	awards for record keeping excellency
4	class study and practice in record keeping practices
3	each class selects best kept record book
2	record book is requirement for higher degrees
1	encourage State and American Farm applications

- 1 big brother system used to maintain good records
 1 records kept on cooperative projects
 1 members check each others record books
 1 members records given attention in scrapbook
 1 all members keep record books
 1 record books checked once a month
 1 farm business analysis

8. Members completed improvement projects and supplementary practices:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	Range of improvement projects per member: 2-10
16	Range of supplementary practices per member: 2.63-11.4

9. Members established or assisted in maintaining a shop at home:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	Range of members establishing shops at home: 0-18
16	Range of additional members maintaining shops: 4-53

10. Members conducted activities to promote soil and water conservation.

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
15	Range of members participating in the FFA Foundation Soil and Water Conservation Award Program on the local level: 0-56
6	approved practices studied and used
5	practice terracing
3	entered land judging contest
2	take soil samples
2	make fertilizer recommendations
2	farm level use studied
2	ponds built

1	contour farming practiced
1	summer fallowing
1	stubble mulching
1	applied for local SCS awards
1	competed for FFA Foundation awards
1	requirement for higher degrees
1	attended local SCS meeting
1	speeches on soil conservation
1	reports on soil conservation
1	pasture improvement
1	placed road signs for SCS

11. Other supervised farming activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
2	Bulletin board sale service
	Average labor income determined: \$1,364.19
1	Production goals set for beef, pork, grains, roughage
1	Reports on farming program
1	Develop ownership of farming programs

DIVISION II - COOPERATION

1. Provided members with experience in cooperative buying and/or cooperative selling:

<u>Range</u>	<u>Activity</u>
0-56	members participating
\$0-9345	total purchases
\$0-8628	total sales

2. Chapter provided agricultural services for members:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
14	loaned chapter and/or shop equipment
8	provided purebred livestock chain, sires
5	cooperative livestock project
2	provided artificial breeding service
1	tested crop seed
1	purchased material for shop projects

3. Chapter conducted a demonstration in the community to promote good agricultural practices:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	Range of members participating: 5-66
16	booth or public display promoting good practices
2	soil testing demonstration
2	dehorning, castrating demonstrations
1	soil conservation demonstration
1	Area Development committee

4. Chapter cooperated with other organizations in the school:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Organization</u>
6	FHA, Home Economics
6	Student Council
6	Athletics
4	maintenance, custodians
3	speech and debate department
2	pep club, Letter club
2	industrial arts
1	Red Cross
1	art department
1	Kayettes
	<u>Activity</u>
7	helped organizations with projects or activities
4	contributed money to or with organization
5	repaired school athletic equipment, or built
4	repaired school equipment, or built same
1	aided in publicity
1	booth

5. Chapter cooperated with other organizations and agencies in the community: .

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Name of Organization</u>
5	service organization
5	Extension
5	Soil Conservation Service
3	4-H

3	Coop
2	Chamber of Commerce
2	Farm Bureau
2	Scouts
1	Home Demonstration Unit
1	Church
1	City

Activity

6	helped with a specific project
6	presented program, speeches, films
5	helped with fair (ie. built equipment, etc.)
6	built equipment, placed equipment, loaned same
2	served refreshments at meeting
1	tours
1	workday
1	cospponsored land judging contest

6. Chapter participated in local, district, or State fairs and shows:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1-52	Number of members placing exhibits
14	Chapter had an educational exhibit

7. Cooperated with FFA members of other chapters in conducting at least one activity:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9	host to contest or school
4	recreational activity
3	host to district meeting
3	displays, films, TV programs
1	joint meeting

8. Encouraged affiliation of members in farm organizations:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7	Farm Bureau
6	Coop
5	4-H

4	Breed Associations
1	Production Credit Association
1	Young Farmers
1	Grange
1	County Science Improvement Association
	Range of members affiliated: 6-56

9. Other cooperation activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	Set up Junior Board of Directors for coop projects

DIVISION III - COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Chapter sponsored or assisted with an agricultural show, a community fair, or some other similar community project:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7	county fair, parade, float assistance
5	members exhibited projects (shop, crops, live-stock)
5	district or local school or exhibit
2	served food, concessions
1	booth display
1	tractor pulling contest
1	assisted in local holiday celebration
1	built equipment
1	tour

2. Chapter presented one or more public service programs:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Kind of Program</u>
6	FFA information, FFA Week programs
4	safety
2	agriculture
1	assembly

1 pest control
 1 parliamentary procedure
 1 television program
 1 public speaking
 1 State FFA Officer spoke

Audience range: 35-4000

Group

8 General public
 5 High School
 2 parents
 2 FFA
 1 Rotary
 1 Lions
 1 Young Farmers

3. Chapter sponsored activities that assisted in improving the agriculture of the community:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6	demonstration plots
5	good veterinary practices, feeding of livestock
4	soil testing
3	school or contest
2	assisted young farmer club
2	pest eradication
2	rural directories
1	seed testing
1	soil conservation demonstration
1	registering livestock
1	safety check
1	test milk
1	butchering
1	Fair

4. Chapter assisted charitable organizations and campaigns:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Organization</u>
4	Red Cross
3	Heart Fund drive

3	deliver groceries, baskets
1	American Field Service
1	Disabled Children
1	CROP
1	Christmas Fund
1	Polio fund
1	Salvation Army
1	United Fund
1	Community Chest
1	Cancer Society
1	Tuberculosis, X-ray unit
1	donation for hospitalization of individual

5. Members participate in the Future Farmers of America Farm Safety Award Program:

No. of
Chapters

Range of members participating: 5-73

- 6 Entry was submitted to the State Office in the National FFA Foundation Safety Award Program

Area Emphasized

13	Tractor and machinery safety
7	Farm Shop
7	Home farm
4	Fire
3	Traffic
1	Public safety
1	Electrical
1	Chemical

6. Chapter conducted activities that helped to conserve the natural resources of the community:

No. of
Chapters

Activity

6	practiced soil conservation
5	practiced wildlife conservation
5	soil testing
4	soil conservation speeches given, films shown

4	constructed terraces
3	practiced water conservation
3	practiced contour farming
3	land and pasture judging
2	building and stocking farm ponds
2	entered Soil Conservation contest
1	built ditch stops
1	maintained SCS grass seeder
1	crop rotations practiced
1	use of farm level
1	cooperated with local SCS
1	demonstration plots

7. Chapter assisted school with at least one major activity, such as landscaping, improving school facilities and clean-up campaigns:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9	reseeding, fertilizing, watering school lawn
8	grounds clean-up
5	build and/or repair school equipment
3	install school equipment
2	pruned trees and shrubs
1	maintain school farm

8. Other community service activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	assist city maintenance department in repairing equipment
1	custom farm labor service
1	Civil Defense course given

DIVISION IV - LEADERSHIP

1. Provided members with experience in public speaking:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	members participated in chapter contest (range: 10-49)
16	members spoke before groups (range: 3-46)

2. Provided members with training in parliamentary procedure and experience in conducting meetings:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	members take part in contest or demonstration in conduct of meetings (range: 6-49)
15	books in chapter on parliamentary procedure (range: 9-61)
15	members trained (range: 14-73)

3. Chapter provided training for each officer for his respective office:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7	hold practice sessions for officers
7	attended district leadership school
6	attended State FFA camp
2	elected junior officers to conduct meetings
1	had parliamentary procedure contest
1	each officer has file folder of material for his office

4. Chapter provided committee work and experience for members through activities in a chapter program of work:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
15	members supplied with a copy of the chapter program of work (range: 1-73)
14	members assigned responsibility for leadership in accomplishing one or more activities (range: 8-56)

5. Other leadership activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
2	freshmen and sophomores elected to junior offices
1	members encouraged to hold offices in other organizations

- 1 contest on proper manners at meetings
 1 provide recognition for leadership and achievement
 1 freshmen and sophomores compete in a creed contest

DIVISION V - EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Chapter earned money during the year to adequately finance its activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	amount earned (range: \$375-\$2770)
16	amount expended (range: \$300-\$1850)

- 1a. Ways money was earned:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
14	popcorn machine, candy, concessions
11	prize money
9	dues
6	FFA supplies, drugs, poisons
6	cooperative projects
4	rentals
4	work days, slave auctions
4	projects sold
4	miscellaneous, donations
4	calendar, magazine sales
2	FFA carnival
2	Christmas cards
2	salt, minerals sold
2	school farm
1	butchering

2. Chapter conducted one or more activities that encouraged thrift among members and stimulated investments:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	members have bank accounts (range: 19-57)
14	determine average savings and investments per member (range: \$125-\$3017)

5	encourage members to reinvest in farming program
3	cooperative buying and/or selling
3	a speaker emphasized credit
2	awards given on basis of investments
2	savings bonds
2	production goals emphasized
1	FFA Foundation award application encouraged
1	keep up with market prices
1	pest control measures
1	mix own feed, minerals
1	test own soil and seed
1	class study of farm management
1	study successful farms
1	repair and rebuild equipment
1	buy Coop stock
1	Young Farmer bank
1	bank lends at lower interest rates

3. Other earnings and saving activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	90% of members increase net worth
1	financial goals set for production in farming program
1	tour of bank to get understanding of banking system

DIVISION VI - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- Chapter used appropriate official ceremonies for special occasions:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	conferring Greenhand degree
16	conferring Chapter Farmer degree
15	conferring Honorary Chapter Farmer degree
15	installing new officers

- Chapter maintained a well-organized file of official FFA material:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
11	file cabinet
7	bookcase shelf
3	secretary responsible
2	officers in charge or responsible
1	magazine rack
1	looseleaf file
1	scrapbook
1	library

3. The official FFA Treasurer's book and Secretary's book were kept up to date in accordance with the recommended procedures:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	Treasurer's book up to date
16	Secretary's book up to date
16	recommended procedures used

4. Chapter distributed membership cards for payment of dues:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	membership cards distributed (range: 33-78)
15	had membership dues (range: \$1.00-\$2.50)

5. Officers arranged with school administrator for a satisfactory time for chapter meetings:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	meeting time was arranged
5	every other Thursday during activity period
3	second and fourth Tuesday, Friday
2	once every two weeks during activity period
1	odd Wednesdays
1	second Thursday at 8 P.M.
1	second Friday
1	one evening per month at 7 P.M.
1	each Wednesday
1	third Tuesday evening of month

6. Invited a State FFA officer to visit chapter:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
12	State officer visited chapter
9	State officer talked at Parent-Son banquet
3	State officer helped conduct leadership school
1	State officer talked at school assembly
1	State officer spoke at chapter meeting
1	State officer was substitute teacher

7. Chapter used nominating committee in election of officers:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10	Seniors select candidates
6	Chapter officers are nominating committee

8. Graduates, last three years, retained their FFA membership:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Per cent retained</u>
3	two per cent
2	one hundred per cent
2	fifty per cent
2	twenty per cent
1	thirty-six per cent
1	twenty-four per cent
1	twelve per cent
1	ten per cent
1	five per cent

9. Other conduct of meetings activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	executive officers meeting before each regular meeting
1	all ceremonies used are memorized
1	observe procedures in other business meetings

DIVISION VII - SCHOLARSHIP

1. Chapter sponsored one or more activities which encouraged scholarship among the members:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7	grades necessary for contest participation
6	FFA honor roll, grades posted
5	encourage better study habits
5	scholarship awards, pins
3	letter award program
1	encourage State and American Farmer applications
1	encourage FFA Foundation award applications
1	DeKalb award given
1	big brother system used
1	talks by college men
1	page in scrapbook for each member
1	scholarship committee

2. Chapter provides a library or bookshelf of FFA references, farm magazines, interesting stories, and other books appropriate for farm youth:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	books on hand (range: 12-200)
16	magazines received regularly (range: 5-27)
16	FFA books (range: 5-57)
13	books added during year (range: 2-55)

3. Other scholarship activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	all members developing home libraries of books and bulletins
1	local businesses provide scholarships to chapter

DIVISION VIII - RECREATION

1. Chapter provided members with participating experiences in:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Sports</u>
7	basketball
4	high school athletics
4	softball
3	horseshoes
2	ping pong
1	boxing
1	volleyball
	 <u>Social</u>
8	banquet
8	Sweetheart dance, Barnwarmer
6	watermelon feed
5	chili party
2	FFA-FHA party
2	swimming
2	bowling party
1	weiner roast
1	parents night
1	skating
1	box supper
	 <u>Music</u>
5	singing at meetings
4	National FFA band
4	State FFA chorus
2	FFA quartet, duets
1	National FFA talent show
1	pantomime
1	jazz band
	 <u>Tours</u>
10	farming programs tour
3	National FFA convention
2	Coop plant
1	Soil Conservation Service

1	fertilizer plant
1	Denver Stock Show
1	successful farmers
1	college campus
1	young farmer tour

DIVISION IX - PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Members participated in the FFA Parent-Son banquet program or a similar activity involving parents:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	members attended (range: 27-78)
16	members on program (range: 4-78)
16	total attendance (range: 80-310)
11	Parent-Son banquet
3	achievement banquet
1	parent night
1	father-son night
1	chili supper
1	Greenhand initiation

- Chapter made use of many of the following media in acquainting the public with the FFA organization:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Media</u>
16	newspapers
16	public programs
16	exhibits
15	State FFA publications
14	school paper
14	high school assembly
14	FFA identification signs
12	roadside markers
11	magazines
9	radio
9	chapter publication
8	television

3. Chapter provided complimentary subscriptions to the National Future Farmer magazine to key persons and/or organizations in the community:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	complimentary subscriptions provided (range: 3-21)

4. Chapter conducted one activity that acquainted the high school faculty with the FFA:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9	Parent-Son banquet
4	FFA-FHA party
4	invited to regular meetings and/or field trips
3	picnic, chili feed
3	school assembly
3	school paper, publications
2	awards assembly
2	National FFA Week activities
2	invited to watermelon feed
1	invited to fair
1	FFA accomplishments announced over school intercom

5. Chapter arranged for the local showing of an FFA movie:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>To whom shown</u>
6	parents
6	members
2	young farmers
1	junior high school students
1	high school students

Film shown

9	Four Star Farmers
2	That Inspiring Task
1	Farmer of Tomorrow
1	Dynamic Careers Through Agriculture
1	Here and There with the FFA

DIVISION X - STATE AND NATIONAL FFA ACTIVITIES

- Chapter participated in the official National FFA Calendar service:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
11	FFA calendars distributed (range: 25-1500)

- Chapter sent representatives to the State FFA convention:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	members attended convention (range: 2-35)
13	members participated in convention program (range: 1-14)
13	members received awards (range: 1-12)

- Chapter submitted the application of a qualified candidate for an advanced FFA degree:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
16	State Farmer applicants (range: 1-7)
5	American Farmer applicants (range: 1-2)

- Chapter member participated above the chapter level in the official FFA public speaking contest:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Level</u>
16	district
9	State
2	area

- Applications were submitted to the State FFA Association for awards sponsored by the National FFA Foundation, Incorporated:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Award</u>
10	livestock farming
8	crop farming
7	farm mechanics
7	farm safety
4	dairy farming
3	farm electrification

6. Chapter entered judging contests sponsored or directed by the State Association or National Organization:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Contest</u>
16	livestock
14	dairy cattle
12	crops judging
11	poultry
11	farm mechanics
11	land judging
3	dairy production
3	meats judging
3	entomology
3	leadership
2	public speaking
1	newswriting
1	safety
1	parliamentary procedure

7. Chapter officially participated in National FFA convention activities:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7	part or all of chapter attended
6	had official delegates to convention
2	National FFA band members
2	Courtesy Corps members
1	exhibits
1	talent

8. Chapter conducted at least one major activity during National FFA Week that was appropriate to the occasion:

<u>No. of Chapters</u>	<u>Activity</u>
8	window display, booth, stickers
7	newspaper stories
6	radio program
5	civic program
4	assembly program
4	FFA Week pack used
3	attended church as a group
3	television program
2	hosted school or contest
1	dress up during FFA Week
1	pancake feed
1	State officer visited chapter
1	crowning of chapter Sweetheart

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The accomplishment of these goals may be submitted to the state and national FFA organization for consideration for awards as an outstanding chapter. The top chapters in this competition are awarded a Gold Emblem rating as a national better chapter.

The Form III of the national chapter award program applications of sixteen chapters in Kansas was collected. The frequency of the activities as listed on Form III in the ten areas was tabulated. The report was limited to the year 1963.

The most frequently mentioned activities were: cooperative buying or selling and/or feeding of livestock, giving awards, approved practices used, conducting demonstrations, cooperating with other organizations, providing leadership training, using official FFA ceremonies, and publicizing FFA activities.