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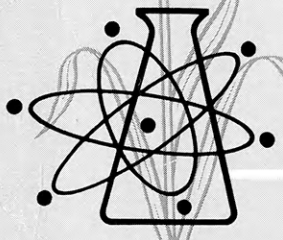
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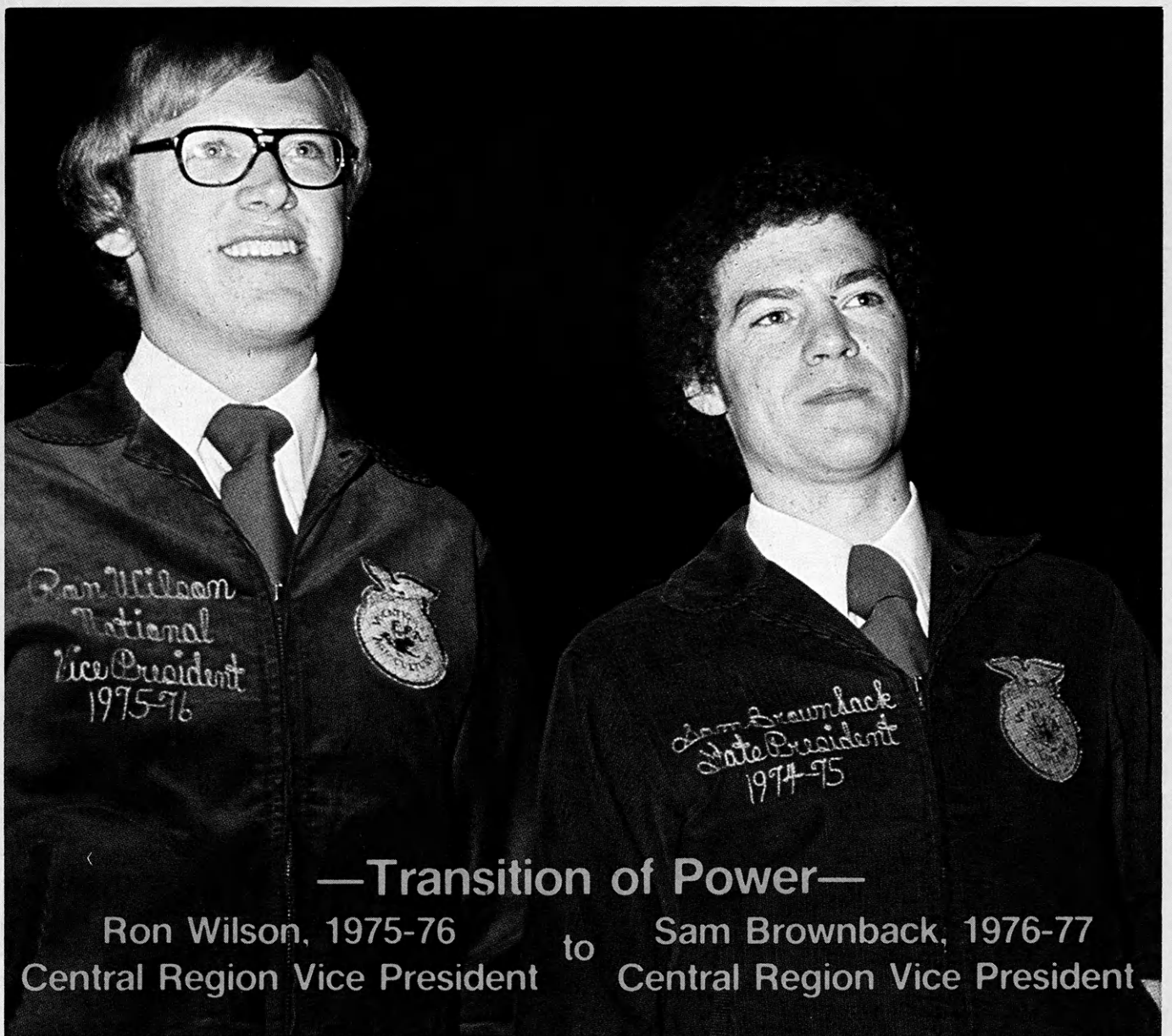


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**"The Transition of Power"**

The transition of power—a new year and a new team assumes the responsibility of leading over one-half million young Americans.

Ron Wilson, 1975-76 Central Region Vice-President from Kansas, officially hands over the duties of his office to Sam Brownback, the 1976-77 Central Region Vice-President, who is also from Kansas. This is the first time Kansas FFA members have held a national office in consecutive years.

Ron was an outstanding National officer; an officer who spoke equally well to greenhands and congressmen; he had the ability to identify with everyone. Sam has some big shoes to fill, but he is an extremely sincere individual who puts others first and himself last. Kansans were proud of Ron and they are equally proud to have Sam in this prestigious position.

## Alumni Incorporates

The Kansas FFA Alumni Association received their incorporation approval from the Secretary of State and they are ready to operate at full speed.

The State Alumni Association's main goal is to serve as a fund-raising foundation for the Kansas FFA. Funds raised by the Alumni will go for district awards and other expenses presently being paid for through active member dues. The success of the alumni will determine whether or not active membership dues will be raised.

Richard Hull, State Alumni Chairman, has been traveling the State promoting the Alumni movement and helping chapters to start. Garnett is the latest local affiliate to organize.

## State Information Contest

A one-hundred question quiz was given covering areas as FFA history, activities, and major award winners. Two members tied for high score in the state with a score of 97, they being Charles Hatch from Salina, and C. J. Riemann from Hill City. Clay Center was the high scoring team with 542 or an average score per member of 90.3.

Other high teams were: Plainville (531 points); Arkansas City (524 points); Seaman (523 points); Salina (515 points); Marysville (513 points); Girard (512 points); Osage City (511 points); Norton (510 points); and Uniontown (504 points).

Additional high individuals were: **96 points**—Brenda Hundley, Seaman, and Cindy Rickett, Clay Center; **95 points**—David Leiber, Osage City and Tim Blake, Southeast; **94 points**—Eric Guenther, Paola and Barbara Stitch, Erie; **93 points**—Sandra Hundley, Seaman; Dee James and Lori Bechard, Clay Center; Mike Smith, Norton; and Doug Elrod, Southeast; **92 points**—Alan Weiser, Phillipsburg; Matt Keas, Plainville; David Waggoner, Arkansas City; Harlan Unruh, Peabody; Tim Miller, Holcomb; and Becky Vining, Central Heights.

## State Secretary Issues Challenge

Time goes pretty fast, doesn't it? It seems like only a few weeks ago that school started and we were into another school year. Now it's spring and time for the main activities of our Association to begin. State Farmer selection, District Officer nominations and District Contests, just to name a few. And it's going to be up to you to meet those challenges, to set your goals for top individual in livestock, or to be a State Farmer. The FFA will take you as far as *you* want to go. You as individuals are locked full of winning ability. The FFA and competition are the keys to bring this potential to the surface. Being in the FFA has presented many new doors for me, and I have tried to open as many doors as I could. I hope that each of you have many opportunities, and that you use the opportunities to their fullest advantage. All things will work if you but remember three words, "Go For It".

I wish you all the best of luck in the upcoming events and hope to see you all at the State Contest.

Sincerely yours  
for a better FFA,

Jeff Zillinger



## Convention Organist Needed

FFA members interested in applying for the State FFA Organist position should write or call the State FFA office.

The organist will be expected to start duties Tuesday, May 31. The duties will conclude Friday night, June 3. The Kansas FFA will pay for the organist's lodging and meals while at the convention.

Applicants may be either in school or graduates; the only requirement is that they are a member in good standing.

## Kansans in National Chorus and Band

Chris Diehm, Paola; Joel Haley, Paola; Susan Hastings, Hanston; Randy Mader, Jennings; and Becky Vining, Central Heights were the Kansas FFA members in the 100-voice 1976 National FFA Chorus which performed at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

National FFA Band members from Kansas were: LaJena Laughlin and Sara Stuewe, Norton; Douglas Smart, Washington; and Samuel Smith, Minneapolis.

Both groups were selected by "mail order" auditions and spent a full week of performance and rehearsals. Although the musical groups worked hard, they had a lot of fun, plus received a special treat of a dinner and entertainment compliments of Hallmark Cards, Inc.

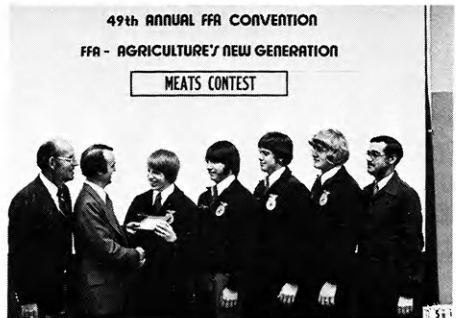


**National Champion Livestock Judges—**The Plainville team consisting of Mark Westhusin (4th high individual); Patrick Burton (6th high individual); and Aaron Markley (15th high individual). The team was coached by Marvin Hackmeister, Chapter Advisor. The team is shown being congratulated by Mr. Roger Hurst, representing Ralston Purina Company, who sponsors the contest.

**Agricultural Mechanics—**(team picture not available) The Hillsboro team placed 2nd out of 42 teams competing. Team members Glen Prieb and Dwight Peters placed as 2nd and 3rd high individuals, respectively, while Lynwood Hiebert placed in the Silver Division. The team was coached by Truman Diener, Chapter Advisor.



**Milk Quality and Dairy Foods—**The Winfield team placed 11th out of 35 teams and in the Silver Emblem Group. Team member Rony Contrell placed in the Gold division with Mark Eastman and Mark Atkinson both placing in the Silver Division. The team was coached by Larry Schwintz, Chapter Advisor. Mr. William Powell, President of Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., congratulates the team on their success. Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. sponsors the contest.



**Meats—**Mr. W. R. Marquart, Oscar Mayer & Company, and Mr. James D. Busham, Wilson foods Corporation, congratulate the Mission Valley team on the 7th place (Gold division) win. Individually, George Mullinix was 3rd high individual and placing in the Gold Division; Steve Peoples also placed in the Gold while Phil Fanning placed in the Silver. Mr. T. D. Fanning is Chapter Advisor and team coach. Besides Oscar Mayer and Wilson, the contest is also sponsored by Jones Dairy Farm and George A. Hormel & Company.



**Poultry—**The Neodesha team placed in the Gold division as did team members Kim Cheshier and Rick Schoonover individually. Joe Smith placed in the Silver division. The team is congratulated by Mr. Allen E. Tate of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., sponsor of the contest, as team coach and Chapter Advisor, Wayne Coltrain.



**Dairy Cattle—**Salina team members are congratulated by Mr. Irvin J. Elkin, President, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., on their Bronze division placing. Team members Jody Garrison, Duane Flaherty, and Sherri Richardson, all placed in the Bronze division as individuals. The contest was sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.



**Farm Business Management—**The Paola team placed in the Bronze division with team members Ronnie Vohs and Leon LaGalle placing individually in the Silver division and John Greathouse in the Bronze division. The team is recognized by Mr. Willard Stowell, representing John Deere and Co., who sponsors the contest. Chapter Advisor, Leon LaShell, looks on.



**Horticulture—**Members of the Manhattan Chapter Horticulture Team were presented a plaque by Mr. Ray Brush, Secretary of the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc. The team ranked in the bronze emblem grouping with team members Deb Witt and Kim Holden placing as individuals in the Silver group and Liz Leipold and Kevin Gorsch placing in the Bronze group.

# National BOAC Awards

Four chapters from Kansas received National BOAC recognition at the 49th National FFA Convention. Hill City, which was the 1976 top BOAC chapter in Kansas and recipient of the Governor's Citation, received a National Gold Emblem Award, the highest available.

The Norton chapter received a National Silver Emblem Award, while the Columbus and Garden City chapters both received National Bronze Emblem Awards. Columbus and Garden City were not available for pictures.

# Hill City and Norton Receive Safety Awards

Outstanding safety programs conducted by the Hill City and Norton FFA Chapters earned National Silver and National Bronze Emblems, respectively.

The National Safety Awards were presented during special ceremonies at the 49th National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The awards are a joint sponsorship of the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute (FIEI), and Dow Chemical, U.S.A., through the National FFA Foundation Incorporated.



Mr. William Seward, Dow Chemical, U.S.A., and Mr. Richard L. McElheny, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, extended congratulations to Norton Chapter representatives Robert Wyatt; Mike Smith; and Robert Broeckelman, Chapter Advisor, on their Bronze Emblem Safety Award.



Mr. William H. Walker, III, Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, congratulates Earl Quint, Chairman of the Hill City Chapter's FFA Community Development Committee; C. J. Riemann, Chapter President; and Joe Farrell, Chapter Advisor, on their National Gold BOAC Award.



Mr. William Seward, Dow Chemical, U.S.A., and Mr. Richard L. McElheny, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, extended congratulations to Hill City Chapter representatives, C. J. Riemann; Terry Paxton; and Joe Farrell, Chapter Advisor, on their Silver Emblem Safety Award.



Mr. William H. Walker, III, Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, congratulated Jonna Swindler, Chairman of the Norton Chapter's FFA Community Development Committee; David Sprigg, committee member; and Robert Broeckelman, Chapter Advisor, on their National Silver BOAC Award.

## Brownback Elected

Sam Brownback, 1974-75 Kansas FFA President, was elected to the National FFA office of Central Region Vice President, at the 49th National FFA Convention. Sam, a junior in Agriculture Economics at Kansas State University, is the eighth Kansas FFA member to be elected to a National FFA office. Sam is also the third Kansan in four years to be elected to this prestigious position, and the first Kansan to succeed a Kansan in a National office.

Ron Wilson, from the Manhattan Chapter and 1973-74 Kansas FFA President, handed the reins of his office, Central Region Vice President, to Sam in official ceremonies at the final session of the convention.

Sam Brownback, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brownback, and a member of the Prairie View FFA chapter, has a farming program consisting of crops and swine. Guidance through his vocational agriculture career came from his advisors Marvin Creager and Gary Harvey.

Sam was a National Honor Society Scholarship recipient, was editor of his high school newspaper, student council and class president, and was very active in sports, serving as captain of the football team. Other FFA activities included Prairie View Chapter Secretary, Vice-President and President, as well as East Central District Secretary and President.

While at K-State, Sam has been an Ag Ambassador, Student Senator, a reporter for K-State radio station KSAC, and a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.



Ron Wilson, a National FFA officer of which all members were proud, but most especially Kansas members. Ron, shown here introducing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. John Wilson, to the convention, was himself introducing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. John Wilson, to the convention, was himself introduced as a person who never brags, as he doesn't have to, his outstanding abilities are evident.



Kansans awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 49th National Convention shown with Ron Wilson. Left to right: Dan Marrs, Topeka; Stan Bartel, Manhattan (Ron's Advisor); and Ron's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. John Wilson.

## National Chapter Awards

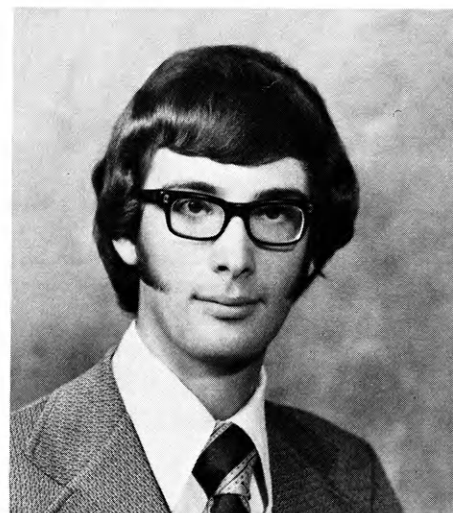
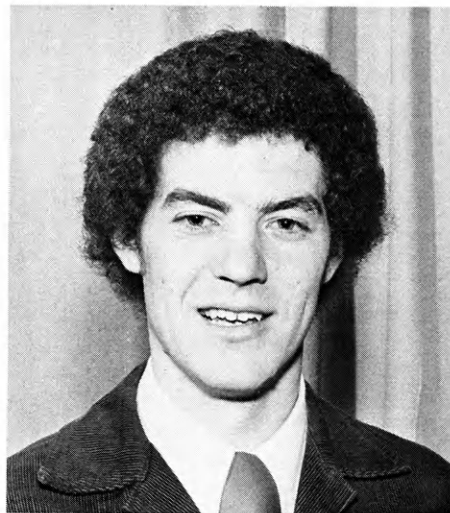
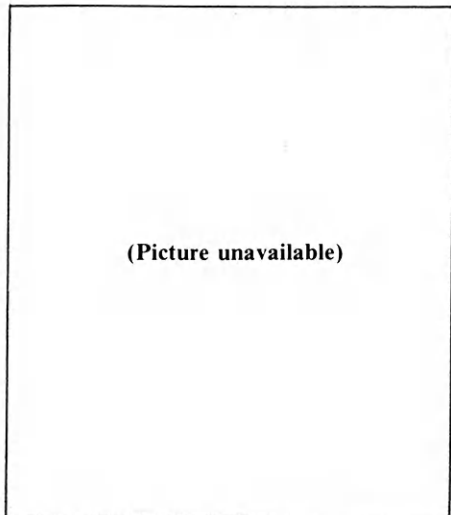
Seven Kansas FFA chapters received national awards for their activities through the past year. The chapters at Arkansas City, Atchison County, Labette County, and Norton each received National Silver Emblem Awards. The Erie, Hill City, and Washington chapters all received National Bronze Emblem Awards.

Chapters earn the award for their activities in eleven areas of chapter involvement prescribed by the National organization. To be eligible for a National Chapter Award, FFA chapters submit an application listing their chapter's performance in the following areas: supervised agricultural experience programs; cooperative buying, selling, and assistance to members; community service; leadership development; sound programs of earnings, savings, and investments; proper conduct of meetings; scholarships; recreation; public relations; state and national activities; and alumni relations.



National FFA Officers for 1976-77 elected at the 49th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, are (left to right): Seated—James Bode, National FFA President, of Geary, Oklahoma; Bruce Maloch, National Secretary, of Emerson, Arkansas; Standing—Julie Smiley, Vice President, Western Region, of Mount Vernon, Washington; Sam Brownback, Vice President, Central Region, of Parker, Kansas; Danny Schiffer, Vice President, Southern Region, of Orlando, Florida, and Richard (Rick) McDaniel, Vice President, Eastern Region, of Nevada, Ohio.

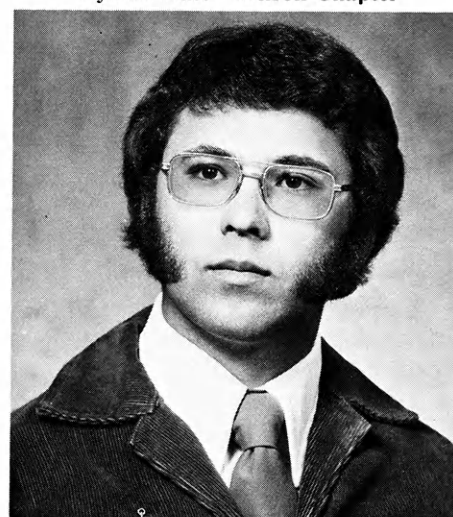
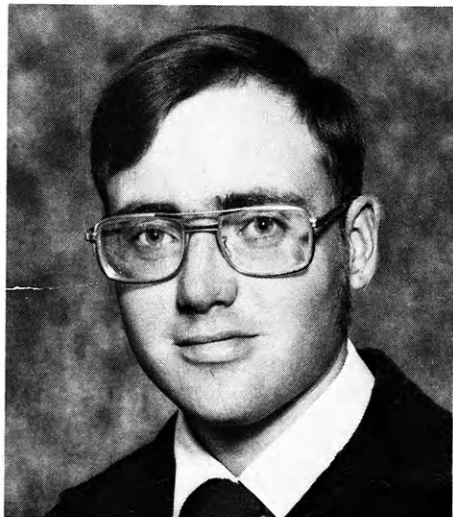
# 1976 American Farmers



Alan Ochs—Jetmore Chapter

Sam Brownback—Prairie View Chapter

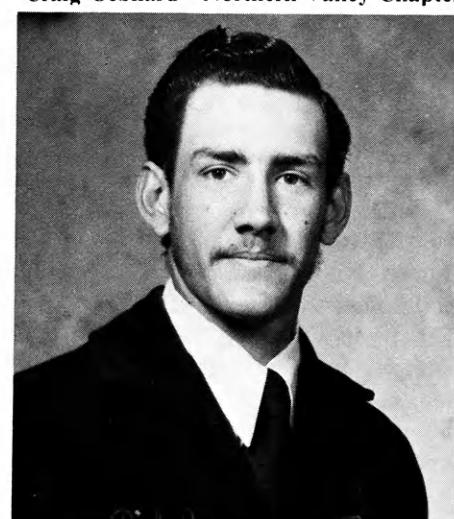
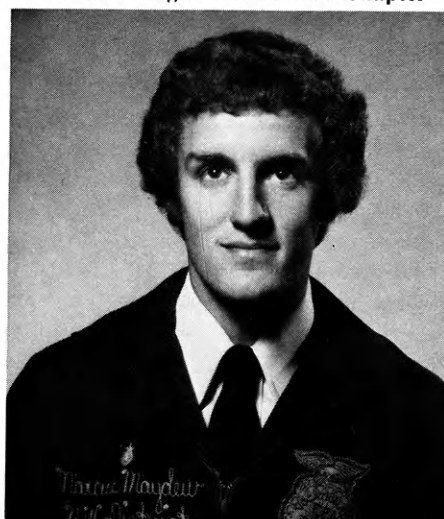
Lyman Nuss—Wilson Chapter



Jake Bausch—Royal Valley Chapter

Dean Morgan—Concordia Chapter

Craig Gebhard—Northern Valley Chapter



Marlene Martin—Seaman Chapter

Marcus Maydew—Lebanon Chapter

Ricky L. Jessup—Phillipsburg Chapter

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Scott City Chapter

The Scott City FFA Chapter has increased its membership to 55 members. Our chapter had their annual mountain oyster fry that was open to the public. It turned out very well. We are also planning to have a slave sale during FFA week; we are also planning other money-making projects to raise money for contests and our planned trip during the first week of summer. We have a cow-calf program which the members have drawn stocks in.

Frank Dornon  
Chapter Reporter

## Medicine Lodge Chapter

### Medicine Lodge Competed in National Judging Contest

Recently, Medicine Lodge FFA livestock judging team represented Kansas at the national contest held in Denver, during the National Western Stock Show. The team placed 7th over all. Mona Rusk ranked 11th high individual, who also was 6th in cattle. Robin Rusk placed 7th in sheep. Prior to the contest, the team worked out at Colorado State University with seven classes of livestock.

### FFA Officers Attend Leadership School

The officers of the Medicine Lodge FFA Chapter attended the South Central District Leadership School at Buhler High School. The Medicine Lodge chapter placed 2nd in the Parliamentary Law category, 2nd in the Ritual Contest, and 4th in the written information skills test. By placing this high in these divisions, the team ranked in the gold emblem division in all three phases of the contest.

Individual honors went to Robert Lenkner, who was selected as a master



Kansas Livestock team gets seventh in the nation at Denver. Shown here is the team: Steve Dick, Robin Rusk, Richard Poland (Advisor), Mona Rusk, and Allen Dick.

ritual team member and Mona Rusk, who placed seventh in the written information skill contest.

This team will represent the South Central District at the State FFA Convention in June. In addition to this honor, Medicine Lodge placed third in the overall competition out of 20 participating schools.

### Land Judging Team First

The Medicine Lodge FFA Land Judging team placed first in the South Central District contest held at Medicine Lodge. The team members were Robin Rusk, Paul Hakanson, and Matt Thorn.

Helping this victory was the individual score of Matt Thorn. He placed first with a score of 565, and was followed by Paul Hakanson who placed seventh with a 495 point total.

There were five schools and six teams competing in the contest. Mr. Richard Poland, FFA Advisor and Mr. Ray Etheridge, Barber County Extension Agent, supervised the meet.

Medicine Lodge will represent the South Central District in the National Land Judging Contest to be held in Oklahoma City next May.

Robin Rusk  
Chapter Reporter

## Hill City Chapter

The October meeting was an exciting one for many greenhands and chapter members. The Wakeeney members accompanied their new greenhands to the joint meeting held in Hill City.

The meeting was a significant one for the greenhands as there were fifteen freshmen from the Hill City chapter and sixteen freshmen from the Wakeeney chapter that received their first degree. The greenhands went through questions with the FFA officers to see if each first-year member had an understanding of the FFA. All of the greenhands also set up their Supervised Occupational Experience Program and learned the FFA Creed and its meaning.

Dan Worcester, Star Farmer of America, was the guest speaker. He spoke to the new members and chapter farmers about award opportunities in the FFA.

A slide presentation, about foundation awards, was shown to encourage members to apply for these awards.



## Alumni Is Included in Hill City Activities

The Hill City FFA chapter conducted an electrical safety meeting on January 20th. The meeting was open to the public, in order to inform them of the dangers of working with electricity.

Ron Reinke and Ron Coash, from Reinke Manufacturing in Deshler, Nebraska, discussed three phase electrical safety on center pivot irrigation systems. They also had a slide presentation on some of the electricity safety methods being used and some of the experiments being conducted with electrical safety on center pivot irrigation systems.

Jackie Clark, Graham County health nurse, demonstrated some of the life-saving techniques relating to electrical shock. Many of the FFA members and alumni members learned the proper technique of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by means of a Resusci-Annie provided by the Graham County nurse.

C. J. Riemann and Jeff Reynolds, Sr. President and Jr. President respectively, had an electrical safety demonstration involving the use of fuses in your house. They demonstrated that if you overload your fuses, or use smaller or larger fuses, that the potential for a fire is high.

To encourage FFA members and alumni members to attend, a mountain oyster fry started at 5:30. The fry was sponsored by the FFA and Northwest Irrigation and Electric Company sharing the costs. The alumni is helping our chapter as most of the staff of the Northwest Irrigation and Electric Company are alumni members.

Following the program, the FFA members started a basketball tournament to be continued after every meeting. The members were split up into teams by the recreation leader, Steve Schlingoff, and the tournament was started that night.

J. P. Worcester  
Chapter Reporter

## Marysville Chapter

The Marysville FFA Chapter started out the year by initiating the greenhands in a formal ceremony. During this, the hands of the eligible green-

hands were died green and they competed in a race in which they pushed a peanut with their nose.

The FFA chapter also entered a booth at the Mid-America Fair in Topeka. The booth got 5th out of 17 schools.

The chapter has also competed in several district contests. Of these are Meats, which Marysville got 2nd, FFA Leadership School, Marysville got 3rd, Livestock Judging, Marysville got 12th at the State Fair. The greenhands also competed at the greenhand conference. The chapter also competed in Entomology and Horticulture in which Marysville was 2nd.

The chapter also chose their sweetheart candidate in an interesting way. They chose nine girls as candidates and they competed in backing a two-wheeled manure spreader between two posts, riding a horse, milking a cow and driving a pig. The top three were then chosen and voted on by the FFA members. Brenda Johnson was announced the winner at the Parent-Member Banquet.

Bruce Rengstorf  
Chapter Reporter

## Troy Chapter

The Troy FFA officers competed in the Northeast District Leadership School contest at Valley Heights High School near Blue Rapids, Kansas on October 27.

The areas of competition at the leadership school were Parliamentary Procedure demonstration and FFA Ritual demonstration for each officer team, and an FFA information test and parliamentary procedure test on the individual level.

Troy's officers placed 4th in the Ritual with 271 points, 3rd as a team, on the information test with 467 points, 2nd on the Parliamentary Procedure demonstration with 650 points, and placed 3rd overall with 1,483 points out of 11 teams competing.

Mark Stock placed 1st high individual on the information test and Bob Cummings tied for 4th high.

The officers from Troy were President Mack Jarrett; Vice-President, Bob Cummings; Secretary, Steve Franken; Treasurer, Jim Neumann; Reporter,

Mark Stock; and Sentinel, Bill Callahan. Others going from Troy were Bill Whetstine, Joe Neumann, Mike Masters, and John Zeltwanger.

Mr. Bill Huss chaperoned the group in Mr. Barnett's absence.

On October 20, the FFA hosted the Kayettes in a joint meeting. The purpose of which was a slide program presented by Miss Elizabeth Jeschke, a Troy High School graduate, who was an exchange student to Denmark last summer. Miss Jeschke spent three weeks in Denmark and then returned to Troy and hosted the girl who hosted her in Denmark. She explained some of the things she did in Denmark and some of the customs of the people there. She was sponsored by the Troy Lions Club.

The Troy FFA Land Judging Team traveled to Effingham, Kansas for the District Land Judging Contest and came home with a third place trophy by a team total of 851 points. There were nine teams competing. Mike Masters lead the team with 295 points and tied for ninth high individual. tied for eleventh place with 291 points was Steve Franken, second highest from Troy. Roger Ross and Bob Cummings, each with 265 points finished out the team.

On October 20, John Zeltwanger, FFA Safety Chairman, from the Troy FFA chapter, gave a slide presentation to the Junior High students on general farm safety entitled "A Journey to Safety." John explained the importance of safety, whether it be at home, on the farm, or at school. He also explained the way to recognize certain safety hazards. The students are now competing in a Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Safety Committee. Awards will be presented to the winners at a later date.

Mark Stock  
Chapter Reporter

## Holcomb Chapter

The Holcomb FFA Horticulture Team placed first out of eight teams from three schools in the Southwest District Horticulture Contest October 16th. The Contest consists of identification and placing of 100 common trees, flowers, ornamentals, fruits and vegetables.

The top ten individuals in the contest

from Holcomb were: Jerri Ross—1st; Greg Holsted—2nd; Chad Messenger—3rd; Greg Mader—4th; Johnny Rupp—5th; Jeff Adam—6th; Ricky Klaus—7th; Cindy Quint—8th; Kevin Roth—9th; and Mark Hill—10th.

Others participating from Holcomb were Shawn Runkle, Scott Partridge, Jon Irsik, James Roth, David Beasley, Rick Crigger, Terry Golay, Jeff Scott, Clint Nordstrom, Brian Roth, Chuck Foreman, Ronnie Becker, Kris Smith, Bruce Maestas and Jerry Quint.

The Annual Scott City Invitational Land Judging Contest was won by the Holcomb FFA chapter. Eighty-nine students representing fifteen teams competed for honors. In addition, Pay Hoyt, Chris Roth, Craig Barlow and Teddy Unruh participated in the event. The Area Land Judging Contest will be held at Garden City October 30th. The winning team at Garden City will represent Kansas in the National Land Judging and Homesite Contest at Oklahoma City in April.

Shawn Runkle  
Chapter Reporter

## *Clay Center Chapter*

The Clay Center FFA Chapter completed their citrus fruit sales for the first week of December. A total of more than 300,000 pounds of grapefruit and oranges were sold in the community. Prizes were awarded to the top five salespeople. John Forsyth sold the largest amount of fruit. Lonnie Adams was the second high individual. Rick Hileman was third and Lynda Ricketts was fourth. Doug Kampous was fifth high seller in the chapter. This was the best year ever for fruit sales at Clay Center.

A parliamentary procedure demonstration was given for the local Young Farmers by the Clay Center FFA chapter officers on December 2. Several basic rules of parliamentary law were emphasized by an example of the "wrong way to run a meeting." This was followed by some pointers on basic parliamentary procedure and an example of the correct way to hold a meeting.

After the parliamentary demonstration, the Young Farmers were then informed about some of the chapter

## **Wildlife Damage Control Winners Picked**

"The Rats and I", a Wildlife Damage Control study by Phil Fanning, Mission Valley Chapter, was judged as the best study in the State Wildlife Damage Control Contest. Phil's rat problem occurred around his swine facilities, but through thorough research and planning, he virtually eliminated the problem.

Kevin Hiebert, from the Goessel Chapter, won first place in the South

Central District and second in the State Contest. Kevin's study was on the control of the English Sparrow.

Ed Hogan, from the Williamsburg Chapter, also submitted a study, but was beaten by Phil Fanning, as they are both in the East Central District.

For his winning study, Phil will receive a free, three-day hunting or fishing trip, plus a plaque from the Kansas Wildlife Federation.

activities planned for the year in the areas of safety, BOAC, initiating a Food For America Program and promoting an Alumni program in the area.

The Clay Center Chapter offered its help when a fire demolished the Dwight Ricketts home, located south of Clay Center, at the end of November. Chapter members attended a clear up to help remove the debris left by the fire. Lester Luthi, a local farmer, donated his large truck for the project.

Several weeks later another fire destroyed the farm home of the Duane Mellies family. The chapter is planning to hold a benefit volleyball game for January 19. Proceeds from this game will go to the Mellies family.

Lori Bechard  
Chapter Reporter

## **North Central District Greenhand Conference**

On October 16, the six officers of the North Central District of FFA entertained 124 greenhands from throughout the District in the Annual District Greenhand Conference, held at Clay Center, Kansas. The purpose of the conference is to enthuse the new members and enlighten them on many of the activities that the FFA sponsors throughout the year.

Also assisting the officers in the conference were: Debbie Wilson, District Sweetheart from Washington; State Officers—Jay Selanders, President; State Secretary—Jeff Zillinger; and Reporter—Steve Handke. Sam Brown-

back, former State President and Kansas candidate for National Officer, gave an inspiring speech to the new members.

Besides participating in the many activities provided at the conference, one representative from each chapter competed in the Greenhand Creed Speaking Contest. The winners of the contest were: 1st—Jim Ransbottom, Belleville; 2nd—Tim Ohlde, Linn; 3rd—Dana Dulaberry, Minneapolis; 4th—Dennis Welch, North Central; and 5th—Kent Julian, Manhattan.

The North Central District officers presenting the conference were: Dee James, President from Clay Center; Cindy Ricketts, Vice-President from Clay Center; Ron Ditmars, Secretary from Washington; Curtis Shamburg, Treasurer from Jewell; Charles Hatch, Reporter from Salina; and Charles Hanson, Sentinel from Concordia. The North Central District Advisor is Paul Young from Clay Center.

## **Results of Horticulture Contest**

Eight teams from three chapters in the southwest district participated in the district horticulture contest held in Holcomb on October 16. Top ten individuals in the contest were: Jerri Ross, Greg Holsted, Chad Messenger, Greg Mader, Johnny Rupp, Jeff Adams, Ricky Klaus, Cindy Quint, Kevin Roth, and Mark Hill, all of the Holcomb chapter. Teams in order of rank included Holcomb, Hugoton, and Garden City.

Susan Hastings  
Southwest District Reporter

# 1976 District Leadership Schools

## South Central

Ritual-Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Medicine Lodge; 2nd—Winfield; 3rd—Arkansas City; 4th—Peabody; 5th—Inman; 6th—Stafford; 7th—Haven; 8th—Buhler; 9th—South Haven; 10th—Central of Burden; 11th—Moundridge; 12th—McPherson; and 13th—Kingman.

Information Contest—Teams: Arkansas City (524 points); Winfield (499 points); Moundridge (480 points); Medicine Lodge (463 points); Peabody (459 points); Inman (444 points); Haven (437 points); McPherson (433 points); Newton (417 points); Kingman (392 points); Central of Burden (389 points); Stafford (380 points); South Haven (354 points); and Buhler (338 points).

Information Contest—Individuals: 92 points—David Waggoner, Arkansas City and Harlan Unruh, Peabody; 92 points—Jeff Bryant, Arkansas City and Alden Linnebur, Winfield; 89 points—Dee Nulik and Mark Finnley, Arkansas City; 88 points—Mona Rusk, Medicine Lodge, Jeff Johnson, McPherson, and John Toews, Moundridge; 87 points—Brenda Treton, Winfield and Steve Smiley, Inman.

Master Ritual Team: President—Ron Ediger, Haven; Vice-President—Jeff Mellott, Peabody; Secretary—Robert Louker, Medicine Lodge; Treasurer—Newton; Reporter—Laurence Eisenhour, Stafford; and Sentinel—Justin Waite, Winfield.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Arkansas City; 2nd—Winfield; 3rd—Medicine Lodge; 4th—Peabody; 5th—Inman; 6th—Haven; 7th—Stafford; 8th—Moundridge; 9th—Buhler; 10th—McPherson; 11th—Central of Burden; 12th—Kingman; 13th—South Haven; and 14th—Newton.

## Southwest

Ritual-Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Holcomb; 2nd—Garden City; 3rd—Jetmore; 4th—Southwestern Heights; 5th—Ness City; 6th—Ensign; 7th—Mullinville; 8th—Fowler; 9th—Satanta; and 10th—Lakin.

Information Contest—Teams: Holcomb (490 points); Garden City (388 points); Fowler (386 points); Ness City (362 points); Santanta (342 points); Jetmore (330 points); Mullinville (302 points); Ensign (300 points); and Lakin (290 points).

Information Contest—Individuals: 92 points—Tim Miller, Holcomb; 86 points—Jeff Adam, Holcomb and Mark Lobmeyer, Garden City; 83 points—Shawn Runkel, John Rupp, and Chris Roth, Holcomb; 82 points—Jim Hoss, Ness City; 81 points—Duane Craghead, Jetmore and Paul Hill, Holcomb; 80 points—Mark Roth, Holcomb and Brian Laskey, Garden City; 79 points—Stan Linville, Holcomb.

Master Ritual Team: President—Mark Roth, Holcomb; Vice-President—Mark Lobmeyer, Garden City; Secretary—Tim Miller, Holcomb; Treasurer—Wayne Goss, Garden City; Reporter—Shawn Runkel, Holcomb; and Sentinel—Cindy Kisner, Southwestern Heights.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Holcomb; 2nd—Garden City; 3rd—Jetmore; 4th—Southwestern Heights; 5th—Ness City; 6th—Ensign; 7th—Mullinville; 8th—Fowler; 9th—Satanta; and 10th—Lakin.

## East Central

Ritual-Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Seaman; 2nd—Garnett; 3rd—Mission Valley; 4th—Paola; 5th—Prairie View; 6th—Alma; 7th—Osage City; 8th—Central Heights; 9th—Flint Hills; 10th—Council Grove; and 11th—Lawrence.

Information Contest—Team: (10 participants) Seaman (872 points); Osage City (852 points); Garnett (822 points); Paola (785 points); Prairie View (773 points);

Mission Valley (725 points); Council Grove (713 points); Alma (675 points); Central Heights (659 points); Lawrence (600 points); Flint Hills (520 points).

Information Contest—Individual: 96 points—Brenda Hundley, Seaman; 95 points—David Lieber, Osage City; 94 points—Eric Guenther, Paola; 93 points—Sandra Hundley, Seaman; 92 points—Becky Vining, Central Heights; 91 points—Lorena Croucher and Kevin Lickteig, Garnett, and John Waln, Paola; 89 points—Terry Ala, Prairie View; Rick Bryan, Osage City; Sheryl Neblock, Central Heights; Dan Roberts, Garnett; and Pam Hales and Joe Keehn, Seaman.

Master Ritual Team: President—Phil Fanning, Mission Valley; Vice-President—Kevin Brown, Mission Valley; Secretary—Sandra Hundley, Seaman; Treasurer—Pam Hales, Seaman; Reporter—Robert Wellnitz, Flint Hills; Sentinel—Sheryl Neblock, Central Heights.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Seaman; 2nd—Garnett; 3rd—Mission Valley; 4th—Paola; 5th—Prairie View; 6th—Osage City; 7th—Alma; 8th—Central Heights; 9th—Council Grove; 10th—Flint Hills; 11th—Lawrence.

## North Central

Ritual-Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Clay Center; 2nd—Salina; 3rd—Chapman; 4th—Mankato; 5th—Abilene; 6th—Washington; 7th—Manhattan; 8th—Riley County; 9th—Concordia; 10th—Pike Valley; 11th—Jewell; 12th—Linn; 13th—Lawrence.

Information Contest Team: Clay Center (542 points); Salina (515 points); Miltonvale (474 points); Mankato (447 points); Abilene (431 points); Washington (429 points); Chapman (386 points); Linn (368 points); Riley County (361 points); Concordia (344 points); Beloit (334 points); Belleville (308 points); Jewell (298 points).

Information Contest—Individuals: 97 points—Charles Hatch, Salina; 96 points—Cindy Ricketts, Clay Center; 93 points—Dee James, and Lori Beckard, Clay Center; 90 points—Jeff Yarrow, Clay Center; Ken Arpin, Salina; Kevin Jensen, Pike Valley; and Bryon Larson, Miltonvale; 89 points—Ron Ditmars, Washington, and Joe Kearn, Miltonvale.

Master Ritual Team: President—Dee James, Clay Center; Vice-President—Matt Hemmer, Salina; Secretary—Jerry Marr, Mankato; Treasurer—Kent Stewart, Washington; Reporter—Lori Beckard, Clay Center; Sentinel—Gregg Beemer, Chapman.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Clay Center; 2nd—Salina; 3rd—Mankato; 4th—Manhattan; 5th—Chapman and Abilene; 6th—Washington; 7th—Pike Valley; 8th—Riley County; 9th—Concordia; 10th—Linn; 11th—Jewell and Beloit.

## Northeast

Ritual-Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Sabetha; 2nd—Troy; 3rd—Wamego; 4th—Westmoreland; 5th—Marysville; 6th—Frankfort; 7th—Hiawatha; 8th—Valley Heights; 9th—Atchison County; 10th—Royal Valley.

Information Contest—Team: Marysville (513 points); Sabetha (484 points); Troy (467 points); Westmoreland (465 points); Wamego (446 points); Frankfort (420 points); Atchison County (417 points); Valley Heights (393 points); Hiawatha (383 points); Royal Valley (338 points); Centralia (282 points); Highland (199 points).

Information Contest—Individuals: 91 points—Mark Stock, Troy; 87 points—Kenny Schmitz and Kim Holle, Marysville; 86 points—Barb Priest, Sabetha; Ron Ebert, Westmoreland; and Bob Cummings, Troy; 85 points—Eddie Schmitz, Bruce Rengstorf, and Joe Leineman, Marysville; Greg Ranger, Sabetha; and Chuck Banks, Wamego.

Master Ritual Team: President—Brent Meyer, Sabetha; Vice-President—Robert Green, Valley Heights; Secretary—Todd Brethour, Wamego; Treasurer—Barb Priest, Sabetha; Reporter—Carolyn Engelken, Frankfort; Sentinel—Kenny Schmitz, Marysville.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Sabetha; 2nd—Troy; 3rd—Marysville; 4th—Wamego; 5th—Westmoreland; 6th—Frankfort; 7th—Hiawatha, Valley Heights, and Atchison County; 10th—Royal Valley; 11th—Centralia; 12th—Highland.

## Northwest

Ritual-Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Plainville; 2nd—Phillipsburg; 3rd—Norton and Hill City; 5th—Lebanon; 6th—Palco and Wakeeney; 8th—Oakley; 9th—St. Francis; 10th—Smith Center; 11th—Russell and Stockton; 13th—Kensington; 14th—Oberlin; 15th—Downs.

Information Contest—Teams: Plainville (531 points); Norton (510 points); Wakeeney (448 points); Hill City (482 points); Lebanon (473 points); Wakeeney (448 points); Kensington (437 points); Palco (428 points); Oakley (413 points); Smith Center (408 points); Russell (382 points); St. Francis (350 points); Downs (339 points); Stockton (334 points); Oberlin (289 points).

Information Contest—Individuals: 97 points—C. J. Riegan, Hill City; 93 points—Mike Smith, Norton; 92 points—Alan Weiser, Phillipsburg and Matt Keas, Plainville; 91 points—Terry Nelson, Norton, Lewis Worcester, Hill City, and Fred Westhusin, Plainville; 90 points—Vance Westhusin, Plainville; 89 points—Paul Simpson, Plainville; 88 points—Sharon George, Lebanon.

Master Ritual Team: No overall master team was selected.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Plainville; 2nd—Phillipsburg; 3rd—Norton; 4th—Hill City; 5th—Lebanon; 6th—Wakeeney; 7th—Palco; 8th—Oakley; 9th—St. Francis; 10th—Smith Center.

## Southeast

Ritual Contest: 1st—Labette County; 2nd—Uniontown; 3rd—Coffeyville; 4th—Girard; 5th—Southeast; 6th—Erie; 7th—Columbus; 8th—Altoona-Midway; 9th—Cherryvale; 10th—Yates Center; 11th—Riverton; 12th—Iola; 13th—Caney; 14th—Neodesha; 15th—Ft. Scott.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest: 1st—Erie; 2nd—Uniontown; 3rd—Southeast; 4th—Labette County; 5th—Caney; 6th—Neodesha; 7th—Girard; 8th—Columbus; 9th—Ft. Scott; 10th—Riverton; 11th—Altoona-Midway; 12th—Cherryvale; 13th—Yates Center; 14th—Coffeyville.

Information Contest—Teams: Girard (512 points); Uniontown (504 points); Labette County (480 points); Southeast (478 points); Erie (477 points); Altoona-Midway (477 points); Cherryvale (473 points); Columbus (451 points); Neodesha (440 points); Caney (415 points); Yates Center (366 points); Coffeyville (353 points); Iola (327 points); Ft. Scott (314 points); Riverton (297 points).

Master Ritual Team: President—Mark Mullen, Labette County; Vice-President—Earl Fink, Uniontown; Secretary—Alysia Allen, Coffeyville; Treasurer—Brian Guenther, Altoona-Midway; Reporter—Louis Williams, Labette County; Sentinel—Mark Johnston, Labette County.

Overall Ranking: 1st—Uniontown; 2nd—Labette County; 3rd—Southeast, Erie, and Girard; 6th—Columbus; 7th—Altoona-Midway; 8th—Cherryvale and Caney; 10th—Neodesha; 11th—Coffeyville; 12th—Yates Center; 13th—Riverton; 14th—Ft. Scott; 15th—Iola.

## *From the President's Desk*

Now that everyone has warmed up from the cold weather, it is time to start looking forward to our spring activities. Springtime is always considered a time of growth and renewed activity. We as FFA members should be growing and actively involved also. With the upcoming district contests, chapter and district banquets, and the State FFA Contests in Manhattan, there is the opportunity for everyone to become involved in the workings of our Association.

However, just as a shovel will not dig a hole unless someone uses it, these opportunities will not benefit us unless we take advantage of them. As part of Agriculture's New Generation, it is up to us to recognize these opportunities and take advantage of them as we strive to accomplish the goals that we have set.

With everyone growing and involved, we can continue to be a part of the biggest and best student organization in America—Future Farmers of America.

Sincerely,

*Jay Selanders*

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