

CHILLICOTHE



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STATE FARMERS

This year the Chillicothe Chapter is fortunate to have two members who will receive the State Farmer Degree April 21, in Columbia at the state convention - Gene Smith and Kenneth Vanlandingham.



To receive the degree a member must have shown outstanding leadership and cooperation, be familiar with the provisions of the state constitution, and have an outstanding supervised farming program.

Gene, as a freshman, had a farming program which consisted of 3 acres of corn and 20 head of ewes; in Ag. II he had 25 head of ewes and 10 acres of soybeans; his junior year his program consisted of 10 acres of soybeans, 30 head of ewes, and 3 sows; in his fourth year his farming program consists of 10 acres of soybeans, 10 acres of corn, 4 sows, and 30 head of ewes.

During the past year Gene has held the office of Chapter Treasurer and served on the decoration committee at the banquet. He participated in the National Corn-picking Contest, he has also participated in the Salvation Army drive.

Gene participated in the meats contest at Maryville and went to the state contest and received a No. II rating. This year he was high point individual in the field crops contest at Maryville.

After graduation Gene plans to go into farming with his father.

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BANQUET PROGRAM

Toastmaster	Kenneth Vanlandingham
Invocation	Bob Eckert
Opening Ceremony	1960-1961 Officers
Welcome	Jarrett Stevens
Introduction of Guests	Dell Gaston
Year's Accomplishments	Gary Hurst
Honorary Members	Larry Hershberger Gary Cooper
Safety Award, President of Farm Implement Dealers	
Citizens National Bank Leadership Award	Mr. Bill Coleman
Presentation of other awards	Mr. Lee Fitchett
Guest Speaker	Jerry Litton
Installation of Officers	1960-1961 Officers
Closing Ceremony	1961-1962 Officers

Banquet Menu

FRIED CHICKEN	
MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY	
PEAS AND CARROTS	COLE SLAW
ROLLS	
MILK, COFFEE, ICED TEA	
ICE CREAM AND CAKE	

Officers

	1960-61	1961-62
President	Kenneth Vanlandingham	Sam Gibson
Vice President	Dell Gaston	David Walker
Secretary	Ora Acree	J. R. Gaston
Reporter	Gary Hurst	Fred Young
Treasurer	Gene Smith	Tom Bonderer
Sentinal	Sam Gibson	Jim Donoho
Advisor	Lee Fitchett	Lee Fitchett
Student Council	Bob Eckert	Wayne Cunningham

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

In an ever changing agriculture it is becoming more difficult to keep the Vocational Agriculture course up to date. Below are listed some of the work Voc. Ag. students have in four years of work:

- Swine production.
- Sheep production.
- Beef cattle production.
- Dairy production.
- Field crop production.
- Soils care and management.
- Animal breeding and improvement.
- Livestock selection.
- Disease and parasite control and prevention.
- Study of meats and carcasses.
- Farm electricity and wiring.
- Concrete work.
- Tractor maintenance.
- Principles of engine operation.
- Electric motor care and selection.
- Water management and erosion control.
- Nutrition.
- Parliamentary procedure.
- Study of FFA and leadership training.
- Arc welding.
- Acetylene welding and cutting.
- Machinery care and adjustments and operation.
- Farm management.
- Tool care and fitting.
- All phases of woodworking.
- Cold metal work.
- Fertilizers application.
- Chemicals, pesticides and insecticides.
- Soldering.
- Agriculture economics.
- Painting.
- Farm and homestead layout.
- Drawing and reading plans and blueprints.
- Operation of power tools.
- Pipe work.
- Marketing.
- Record keeping.
- Guidance for future work in agri-

culture.
Community service.
Cooperation.
Discipline.

Although the main objective is to help prepare future farmers, many boys will have a sound foundation for occupations related to agriculture. Today there exists a desperate need for qualified men with agricultural backgrounds in most related agriculture fields.

— Lee Fitchett

State Farmers

When Kenneth first started in Vocational Agriculture and FFA work he set his goal to obtain the State Farmer Degree. The degree of State Farmer is the top state award and requires lots of work and planning. Kenneth's parents and Vocational Agriculture instructor are the ones that helped him get started on his way to being a State Farmer.

During his first year he started with a comparatively small farming program consisting of 1 sow, 1 Angus cow and calf, 2 Angus steers, and 8 acres of wheat. Kenneth obtained his livestock from his Dad. During that year and part of the next he worked out the cost of the animals. The crops were paid for at the end of the harvesting season. Since that time he has increased his farming program to the place where he could start farming on a small scale. At the present he has 4 sows and 30 pigs, 2 steers, 3 Angus cows and 2 calves, 1 Angus heifer, 20 acres of corn, and 20 acres of wheat.

During the past years Kenneth has taken part in many activities and is now the President of the Chillicothe Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

American Farmer Degree

This year the Chillicothe Chapter has one member applying for American Farmer Degree. He is Gary Wilson, graduate of 1958. Gary has an outstanding farming program of 15 sows, 91 feeder pigs, 10 dairy cows, and 16 beef cattle. He owns and rents 330 acres, he also has a crop plan of corn, oats, wheat, rye, red clover, and soybeans.

SUPERVISED FARMING PROGRAM

Our Chapter has a farming program of which we are very proud. It consists of the following: 7 boys have 12 dairy cows; 17 boys have 35 head of beef cows; 11 boys have 31 fattening calves; 16 boys have 59 sows; 10 boys have 57 ewes; 21 boys have 278 acres in corn; 18 boys have 217 acres in beans; and 1 boys has 15 acres in milo.

The projects of the individual members are as follows:

Agriculture I

Mike Hughes - 2 dairy cows, 1 beef heifer, 1 beef calf.

Gary Cooper - 1 Shorthorn cow; 1 beef calf; 5 acres corn; 7 acres soybeans.

Junior Akers - 4 beef cows, 4 fattening calves, 4 sows, 20 acres corn.

Thomas Cranmer - 6 ewes, 2 Angus cows, 1 dairy cow, 3 fattening calves.

Jack Mammen - 1 sow.

Sam Darr - 1 beef sow, 15 acres corn.

Jim Cunningham - 4 sows.

John Saale - 1 beef cow, 3 beef calves, 10 acres soybeans.

Larry Hershberger - 4 Angus cows; 3 fattening calves, 5 beef calves, 20 acres soybeans.

Carl Cole - 2 Angus cows.

Agriculture II

Preston Pryor - 10 ewes.

Bill Mast - 2 dairy cows, 15 acres soybeans.

Jim Donoho - 1 beef cow, 2 Duroc sows, 20 acres corn.

Jerry Benskin - 1 dairy cow, 1 dairy heifer, 5 acres soybeans.

J. R. Gaston - 1 beef heifer, 8 ewes, 8 acres soybeans.

Tom Bonderer - 4 beef cattle, 1

Gary was Chapter Reporter for two years. He was Missouri Star Farmer in 1958. The American Farmer is chosen from one in every thousand members. To receive the degree a member must have shown outstanding leadership and cooperation, he has to be familiar with the provisions of the state constitution, and have an outstanding supervised farming program.

— David Mammen

fattening calf, 2 sows, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Wayne Cunningham - 1 sow, 4 gilts, 50 pigs, 25 acres corn.

Melvin Hisel - 3 fattening calves, 5 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Ronnie Eckert - 6 fattening calves, 15 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Joe Roberts - 1 dairy cow, 10 acres corn.

Jerry Norman - 4 dairy cows, 10 sows, 30 acres corn, 15 acres soybeans.

Jarrett Stevens - 2 sows, 10 acres corn, 7 acres soybeans.

Agriculture III

Sam Gibson - 2 cows, 2 fattening calves, 5 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Joe Saale - 1 beef cow, 1 fattening calf, 15 ewes, 10 acres soybeans.

Gary Hurst - 4 sows, 9 ewes, 10 acres soybeans, 5 acres corn.

Roger Wohlford - 1 sow, 10 acres corn.

David Mammen - 47 ewes, 5 acres corn.

David Walker - 9 sows, 12 ewes, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Irvin Meservey - 3 sows, 20 acres soybeans, 15 acres wheat.

Jim Pauls - 1 sow, 7 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

Agriculture IV

Kenneth Vanlandingham - 4 sows, 2 fattening calves, 2 cows, 2 heifers, 20 acres corn, 20 acres wheat.

Jerry Gaston - 10 ewes, 20 acres soybeans.

Bob Eckert - 4 cows, 4 fattening calves, 25 acres corn.

Dell Gaston - 10 ewes, 2 beef cows, 20 acres soybeans, 15 acres corn, 15 acres oats.

Bill Pray - 3 sows, 15 acres wheat, 38 acres corn, 15 acres milo.

Gene Smith - 30 ewes, 4 sows, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Charles Pollock - 1 beef cow, 1 beef heifer, 20 acres corn, 15 acres soybeans.

— Bob Eckert

Sponsor for Chapter Calendar

The FFA Calendar of our Chapter is sponsored by the Chillicothe Tractor and Implement Co. We are grateful to Mr. Croskey, who is an honorary member, for sponsoring the calendar. — Gary Hurst

Citizens National Bank Award

The Citizens National Bank will award this year for the fourth time, the Citizens National Bank FFA Leadership Award. This award consists of a trophy and a cash award of \$100 and is given to recognize a Chillicothe FFA member who has rendered outstanding rural leadership service to his FFA Chapter, home, school, and community. Clark Gwin won the award last year. Selection of a winner will be based on the following points:

- A. Office held in the FFA.
- B. Participation in school activities.
- C. FFA committee work.
- D. Satisfactory scholarship.
- E. Church activities.
- F. Participation in FFA contests.
- G. Community activities.
- H. Future agriculture plans.

The winner will be selected by four adults prior to the banquet. This award will be presented by Mr. Bill Coleman, farm representative for the Citizens National Bank.

— Dell Gaston

CHAPTER SWEETHEART

This year the barnwarming Queen and King were Susie Whyte and Jerry Gaston. Candidates from the freshman class were Marjorie VanHorne and Larry Hershberger; sophomore candidates were Marilyn Sidden and Jerry Norman; junior candidates were Karol Hawkins and David Walker; senior candidates were Susie Whyte and Jerry Gaston. The FFA Barnwarming was held Tuesday, November 15 at the Vocational Agriculture Building. The King and Queen received their titles on the basis of one penny for one vote. The two winners were crowned by last year's King and Queen, Dee Ann Heimbrook and Dell Gaston.

— Joe Saale

Insurance for Chapter Truck

As in the past the insurance on our Chapter Truck has been paid through the courtesy of the Ross MFA Insurance Agency. We are very grateful to Mr. Ross, who is an honorary member, for furnishing this insurance.

— Bill Mast

Four CHS Teams Are Tops in District Agriculture Contests



FIELD CROPS WAS THE SPECIALTY of this trio pictured with Supt. R. E. Houston and Mr. Fitchett. Holding the trophy for first place is Bill Mast. In the center is Gene Smith and second from the right is Jim Donoho. (Constitution-Tribune Photo.)



THE DAIRY PRODUCTS TROPHY is held by junior Gary Hurst. Others of the CHS championship team, shown with Supervisor Lee Fitchett and Supt. R. E. Houston, are Bob Eckert (center) and Dell Gaston (second from right). (Constitution-Tribune Photo.)



HOW-TO-DO-IT KNOWLEDGE brought first place in the district contests for three members of the CHS shop team. Left to right, Supt. Houston, Charles Pollock, Bill Pray, Sam Gibson, and Supervisor Lee Fitchett. (Constitution-Tribune Photo.)



THREE FRESHMEN made up the Chillicothe High School meats judging team that was first among all others at Maryville. With Supt. R. E. Houston and Supervisor Lee Fitchett are Carl Cole (left) and Larry Hershberger and (seated) Gary Cooper. (Constitution-Tribune Photo.)

Honorary Degrees to Mansur and Robertson

Each year the Chillicothe Chapter awards Honorary Chapter Degrees to persons who have rendered outstanding service to the Chapter. We are conferring this honor on Mr. Don Robertson, principal of Dewey School, and Mr. Cramer Mansur, science teacher at Chillicothe High School.

Mr. Robertson has shown a great interest in the Chapter program. He has taken his car on FFA trips, painted signs for our

exhibit at state fairs, made crowns for barnwarming kings and queens, and has always been willing to assist and encourage our members whenever possible.

Mr. Mansur has shown a constant interest in our program of Vocational Agriculture and FFA for many years. He has taken pictures at barnwarmings, banquets, and parent nights, and other activities.

Without men like Mr. Robertson and Mr. Mansur to look to, we could not have a broad and outstanding FFA Chapter. We, as

FFA members, deem it a privilege to honor these men with this high award.

— Dell Gaston

Candidates for Student Body President

Gary Hurst and David Walker, both members of the Chillicothe Chapter of the FFA, were candidates for the 1961-62 student council president. Walker was elected president and Hurst will be a member of the student council.

— Jim Donoho

SUPERIOR CHAPTER AWARD

Again this year the Chillicothe FFA Chapter has met qualifications for a Superior Chapter for the coming annual State FFA Convention. This is the 7th year we have won this award. There were only eight other Chapters who have received this award for six years. This is the highest possible award for Missouri Chapters on the State level, and is based on the accomplishments of the local Chapter.

— Jerry Gaston

DISTRICT CONTESTS, 1961

Six of the seven teams entered by Chillicothe FFA won No. 1 ratings in district Vocational Agriculture contests last month on the campus of Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville. The six teams participated in Columbia but results have not been received.

Four teams from CHS won the championship trophies in their events. The first places were in shop, field crops, meat judging, and dairy products. Forty-five schools competed at Maryville and no other school received more than two No. 1 ratings.

The contestants from here won 18 No. 1 ratings as individuals. One local team received a III rating and there were three individual ratings of III.

Results:

SHOP - First place trophy. Sam Gibson was high individual in the entire contest. Charles Pollock was third high. Bill Pray was the third member of the team.

FIELD CROPS - First place trophy. Gene Smith was high in the contest and Bill Mast was third. Jim Donoho was the third member.

MEAT JUDGING - First place trophy. Gary Cooper was high in the contest and Larry Hershberger was second. Carl Cole was the third member of the team.

DAIRY PRODUCTS - First place trophy. Individually in the contest Dell Gaston was tops among all entrants, Bob Eckert second and Gary Hurst third.

SOILS JUDGING - Second in the contest. Bill Mast was high in the contest. Other members from CHS were Wayne Cunningham and Jim Donoho.

DAIRY CATTLE - Third in the contest. Team members were David Walker, Bob Eckert, and Gary Hurst.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - Did not qualify for state. Members were David Walker, Bill Pray, and Gene Smith.

Members of the meats team were required to identify meat cuts and judge carcasses.

Dairy Products contestants were tested on dairy matters and judged milk samples.

Shop contestants were checked on woodworking, tool work, arc

STATE CONTESTS, 1960

Since our last banquet last April more than 1000 Missouri FFA members met in Jefferson City and participated in the 32nd annual convention and state contests. Presentation of state team awards and election of officers highlighted activities. Chillicothe topped judging contests with group I placings in 5 events:

FARM MECHANICS - Clark Gwin, Dell Haston and Kenny Vanlandingham.

DAIRY PRODUCTS - Jim Hargrave, Eddie Mast, and Ralph Cook.

MEATS - Wayne Boon, Gene Smith, and Olin Lee.

DAIRY JUDGING - Tim Jones, Olin Lee, and Delvin Rosson.

FIELD CROPS - Ora Acree, David Walker, and Sam Gibson.

LIVESTOCK - Tim Jones, Warren Hoyt, and Olin Lee.

SOILS - was the top team in the State with Sam Gibson, Ora Acree, and Gary Hurst.

National Corn Picking Contest

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter was active in the National and State Cornpicking Contest. The Chapter had two stands, one sold pop and candy; the other sold box lunches, pop and candy.

The Chapter members parked cars both days during the contest. The day after the contest the Chapter cleaned up the contest grounds.

This was a cooperative activity and helped to finance our contest activities and our annual banquet.

- Bill Pray

welding, concrete work, farm machinery, tractor maintenance, electricity, water management, and took an examination.

Those in dairy cattle competition were given tests and required to judge dairy cattle.

Field crops contestants took subject matter tests, identified 80 fram crop weed seeds and plants, judged samples of grain for seeding and graded hay.

Soils entrants had subject matter tests, judged actual soil profiles and established productive capacities and erosion probabilities of soil.

- Bill Pray

STATE FAIR

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter won a red ribbon and fifty dollars on an FFA display which was held at the Missouri State Fair, August 20-27.

The display was made up of models and cutaways used to show principles of operation and construction, to Vocational Agriculture students studying farm mechanics.

Among the models were: wagon beds, farrowing crates, loading chutes, gates, wooden and metal feeders, sheep feeders, hay feeders, and cutaways of internal combustion and electric motors.

These models were made by Mr. Fitchett, our Vocational Agriculture supervisor. This year Mr. Fitchett is also the National Vice President of Vocational Agriculture Supervisors.

- Kenneth Vanlandingham

ADULT PROGRAM

The Vocational Agriculture department of the Chillicothe High School provides a program for adult as well as day students.

In the past four years 68 men have taken advantage of the arc welding course. Approximately 35 to 40 have been enrolled in the Young Farmer Class.

The classes are taught by Mr. Fitchett and are held once a week for each class for 10 weeks.

This year two welding classes were held with a full enrollment in each class.

In addition to the evening program Don Ward teaches an Institutional on the Farm Training program with funds provided by the veterans who are reimbursed by the Veterans Administration.

- Bob Eckert

Parent and Son Night

The annual parent and son night was held in October at the Vocational Agriculture Building. President Kenneth Vanlandingham presided over the candlelight ceremony.

The following requirements are necessary to obtain the Green Hand Degree: be regularly enrolled in Vocational Agriculture; recite the Future Farmers Creed; be familiar with the aims and purposes of the FFA and receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular Chapter

STATE F. F. A. CAMP

Last July 25th to the 30th our Chapter attended state FFA camp held near Kaiser, Mo., at the Lake of the Ozarks. The name of the camp is Camp Rising Sun.

The boys that attended from our Chapter were Chuck Leffler (past state president), Kenneth Vanlandingham, Dell Gaston, Jim Donoho, Wayne Cunningham, Jerry Benskin, Tom Bonderer, Melvin Hisel, Jerry Norman, and our advisor, Mr. Lee Fitchett.

Boys from our Chapter receiving honors were Kenneth Vanlandingham who was elected vice president of the camp; Jim Donoho received a silver medal in leadership discussion; and Wayne Cunningham received a bronze medal for leadership discussion.

- Jerry Norman

Our Farm Mechanics Program

We the members of the Chillicothe Chapter of the Future Farmers of America are grateful for the new power hack saw, and hand tools that were presented to our shop.

We feel that shop training is important to us from the standpoint of education as well as being able to make projects needed on the farm. About one-third of our time is spent in the shop when we learn welding, woodworking, and the proper handling of tools.

Among the projects made in our shop in the past year were hog houses, portable loading chutes, feed bunks, farm trailers, carryalls, sheep hay feeders, an acetylene bottle cart, gasoline barrel stands, and many other projects.

- Charles Pollock

meeting.

The following candidates received the Green Hand Degree: Larry Hershberger, Carl Cole, Gary Cooper, Mike Hughes, Sam Darr, John Saale, Tom Cranmer, Jim Cunningham, Jack Mammen, and Junior Akers.

- Irvin Meservey

Ramoore Angus Heifer Chain

At the present time, Fred Young and J. R. Gaston have heifers from the original heifer presented by Ralph Moore. Later they will turn back one heifer each to be presented to the freshman boys.