

CHILlicothe



F.F.A.

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MICKEY CHILDS CHAPTER STAR FARMER

Mickey Childs has been selected to receive the Chapter Star Farmer Award this year. He is a senior in high school and plans to increase his farming program to a full-time job.

His supervised farming program includes 25 head of beef cows and calves and five registered hampshire sows of which four now have 34 pigs. He is now renting 15 acres of permanent pasture and plans to plant 20 acres of corn and 20 acres of soybeans. He owns one-half interest in a three-plow tractor, disk, cultivator, plow, planter, corn picker, wagon, corn sheller, and feed grinder.

He also has been active in chapter activities holding the office of chapter sentinel and working on major committees.

DEE FRALEY TO RECEIVE DEGREE

We are happy to confer the honorary Chapter Farmer Degree upon Dee Fraley. It was through his efforts that our first pure-bred F.F.A. Swine Sale was made a success. The sales facilities of his business were made available to us without charge.

It is because of these things we are happy to present him with the degree of Honorary Chapter Farmer.

NATIONAL OFFICE TO JERRY LITTON

Jerry Litton, a member of the Chillicothe Chapter of the Future Farmers, was elected to the office of National Secretary at the National Convention in Kansas City last October. His official duties as a national officer began January 21st when he flew to Washington, D. C., for the National Board of Directors Meeting where they planned the national activities of the F.F.A. for the coming year. While in Washington, D. C., he visited with such men as Vice President Richard Nixon, Secretary of Agriculture Benson, Sena-

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BANQUET PROGRAM

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| Invocation | Charles Leffler |
| Welcome | Earl Van Eaton |
| Introduction of Guests | George Bauer |
| Special Music | Mary Rion, Joan Sweany, Carol Wigfield, Bonnie Stretz |
| Presentation of Honorary Degrees | James Hargrave, Wayne Marsh, Wayne Boon |
| Presentation of Awards | Elston B. King |
| Presentation of Safety Award | Elmer Runge |
| Guest Speaker | Ronald Worley, Past State President |
| Installation of Officers | |
| Closing Ceremony | |

Banquet Menu

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| CHICKEN | |
| POTATOES | PEAS AND CARROTS |
| | COLE SLAW |
| | ROLLS |
| | MILK AND COFFEE |
| | ICE CREAM |



Officers

| | 1956-57 | 1957-58 |
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| President | Paul Steele | Earl Van Eaton |
| Vice President | Jack Lightner | George Bauer |
| Secretary | George Bauer | Charles Leffler |
| Reporter | Gary Wilson | Gary Wilson |
| Treasurer | James Meservey | Harold Shipp |
| Sentinal | Mickey Childs | Forrest Darr |
| Advisor | Elston B. King | Elston B. King |

DAIRY PRODUCTS TEAM TO NAT'L

Another honor of national interest came to our chapter this year when our Dairy Products Team was declared the winning team at the State contests. This team will be Missouri's representative at the National Contest that will be held at Waterloo, Iowa, in October.

The team is composed of George Bauer, James Meservey, Earl Van Eaton, and Paul Steele as alternate. They will be making further preparation this summer for the contest.

We are very proud of the team and wish them the best of luck at the National.

CHAPTER HONORS MARION MURRAY

The Honorary Chapter Farmer Award is being conferred upon Marion Murray for his help and cooperation with the chapter. He has helped members through his bank to obtain loans to finance their farming programs and his bank sponsored the F.F.A. calendar this year.

He is renting the chapter 25 acres of crop land this year, and will be helping us in the field crops demonstrations that we hope to carry out. We are proud to have Mr. Murray as an honorary member.

ELMER RUNGE HONORED

The Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree is being presented Elmer Runge for his help in carrying out our chapter activities.

It was through his efforts last year that one of our members, George Bauer, was able to reach the state finals in the tractor operators' contest. Mr. Runge is president of the implement dealers in Chillicothe and will present the Safety Award.

We welcome him as an honorary member of our chapter.

OUR FARMING PROGRAM

The Supervised Farming Programs of our members are by no means small insignificant projects. The following information will point out that fact. Twenty-seven members have 92 beef cattle, 44 members have 238 hogs, 10 members have 119 ewes, 4 members have 6 dairy cattle, 12 members have 124 acres of small grains, 44 members have 573 acres of corn, 3 members have 19 acres of alfalfa, and 28 members have 418 acres of soybeans.

Leroy Arr - 1 sow, 10 acres corn, 12 acres soybeans.

Jim Bonderer - 1 sow, 10 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

Wayne Boon - 2 sows, 30 acres corn, 30 acres soybeans.

Jerry Colliver - 1 sow, 5 acres soybeans.

Ralph Cook - 10 ewes, 5 acres corn, 10 acres grain sorghum.

John Daniel - 2 sows.

Larry Grimes - 10 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

Jerry Hamilton - 5 acres corn.

Jim Hargrave - 10 acres corn, 2 sows, 17 ewes.

Warren Hoyt - 2 sows, 10 acres corn.

Charles Ishmael - 3 acres alfalfa.

Tim Jones - 1 sow, 1 heifer, 25 acres corn.

Don Laffey - 1 sow, 5 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans, 5 acres grain sorghum.

Jerry Mammen - 1 sow.

Eddie Mast - 1 cow, 10 ewes, 10 acres grain sorghum, 15 acres wheat.

William McNally - 10 acres corn.

Bill Regan - 1 cow, 1 baby beef.

Palmer Smith - 2 sows.

Terry Smith - 2 sows, 20 acres corn, 20 acres soybeans.

Larry Stephens - 1 sow.

Harold Stevens - 1 sow, 3 acres corn.

Everett Stith - 5 ewes, 12 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Robert Thomas - 2 sows.

Fred Van Eaton - 1 sow, 10 acres corn.

Larry Van Horne - 1 sow, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Arthur Berg - 30 ewes, 2 dairy cows.

Jerry Eckert - 1 sow, 8 ewes, 5 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Larry Grothe - 2 sows, 1 baby beef.

James Hall - 1 sow, 1 heifer.

Melvin Hall - 1 dairy heifer, 7 acres corn.

Jerry Hoyt - 2 sows.

David Jones - 1 sow, 7 acres barley.

Forrest Laffey - 2 sows, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans, one-half interest boar.

Charles Leffler - 2 sows, 1 cow, 1 heifer, 7 ewes, 2 acres corn.

Wayne Marsh - 2 sows, 10 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

Douglas Reeter - 1 sow, 1 cow, 10 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

Larry Reeter - 1 cow, 5 acres soybeans.

Richard Regan - 1 cow, 1 baby beef.

Joseph Tipton - 1 dairy cow, 6 acres corn.

Eddie Thomas - 1 sow, 1 cow.

Danny Wigfield - 5 fattening cattle, 20 acres corn.

George Yeomans - 1 cow, 1 heifer, 10 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans, 5 acres wheat.

George Bauer - 4 sows, 17 fattening hogs, 2 cows, 2 heifers, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

D. J. Bonderer - 2 sows, 10 acres corn.

Mickey Childs - 5 sows, 9 cows, 5 heifers, 20 acres corn, 20 acres soybeans.

Forrest Darr - 1 sow, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Ronald Greener - 2 heifers, 12 acres corn, 15 acres wheat, 30 acres soybeans.

Raymond Hamilton - 2 sows, 16 fattening hogs, 16 acres corn.

Fred Laffey - 6 sows, 40 fattening hogs, 2 cows, one-half interest boar, 25 acres corn, 5 acres wheat, 10 acres oats, 5 acres alfalfa, 25 acres soybeans.

Lawrence Loney - 2 fattening cattle, 10 acres corn, 3 acres wheat.

Jack Lightner - 1 sow, 12 heifers, 2 cows, 1 bull, 1 fattening cattle, 15 acres corn, 11 acres alfalfa.

John Mammen - 1 dairy cow, 1 dairy heifer, 6 ewes, 10 acres corn.

James Meservey - 2 sows, 2 cows, 25 acres corn, 30 acres soybeans.

Charles Noah - 6 sows, 26 fattening hogs, 1 cow, 6 ewes.

Jim Roberts - 4 sows, 5 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Clifford Saale - 2 cows, 2 fattening cattle, 40 acres corn, 30 acres soybeans, 10 acres wheat.

Harold Shipp - 1 sow, 6 fattening hogs, 1 cow, 56 acres soybeans.

Paul Steele - 2 sows, 20 fattening hogs, 4 cows, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Ray Thomas - 1 sow, 10 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

Earl Van Eaton - 2 sows, 8 fattening hogs, 2 cows, 1 heifer, 10

acres corn.

Stanley Watt - 2 sows, 5 acres corn.

Gary Wilson - 5 sows, 18 fattening hogs, 6 cows, 20 ewes, 30 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans, 9 acres wheat.

Jim Hicks - 5 sows, 1 boar, 2 cows, 4 heifers, 35 acres corn, 30 acres soybeans, 10 acres wheat.

Nat'l Office to Jerry Litton

for Kefauver, and Speaker Joe Martin. They worked with President Eisenhower's committee on Agriculture Research and then left on a Good Will Tour that took them through 16 states in 40 days.

Jerry was kept busy during the tour. He says that in one day he delivered five speeches in four cities in three states. The purpose of the trip was to create a better relation between the business man and the farmer. In each state they received a royal welcome with several governors extending the welcome. They had many exciting experiences such as seeing 10 billion dollars in gold at the Federal Reserve in New York, seeing the first tire ever vulcanized by atomic energy in Akron, Ohio, visiting with celebrities such as Louis Armstrong, talking with Norman Vincent Peale, being on a coast to coast radio and TV program, and dancing with Mrs. Raymond C. Firestone in the Firestone home.

Following the tour he then traveled to State Conventions in other states and has just completed a 15-day trip to Texas where they had a parade in his honor giving him a Western belt, hat and boots. On these trips he spoke before civic clubs, F.F.A. Banquets, F.F.A. Meetings, and high school assemblies.

Jerry flew in from Stillwater, Oklahoma, in order to attend the banquet this evening. Tomorrow he is due to deliver an address in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has been in 22 states since January. He will be traveling from state to state until next October. One highlight will be a conference with President Eisenhower in Washington, D. C., in July.

Raymoor Heifer Chain Progresses

Tim Jones received the registered Angus Heifer from the Raymoor Heifer Chain that was set up last year.

The heifer awarded Eddie Thomas last year now has a nice heifer calf of which Eddie is very proud.

CHAPTER SWEETHEART JENNY JACKSON

The Chillicothe Chapter of the F.F.A. held its annual Barnwarming, November 23, 1956, in the agriculture building. Every year each class selects a candidate for Barnwarming King and Queen. They were as follows: Freshman - Jim Bonderer and Janet Jones; Sophomore - Jerry Hoyt and Lynda Beard; Juniors - Harold Shipp and Jenny Jackson; Seniors - Clifford Saale and Shirley Mann. The voting was done on 21st and 22nd and until 9:00 p.m. on the 23rd. The votes were sold at a penny each and the proceeds went into the chapter treasury. The building was decorated with bales of straw for chairs and shocks of fodder and rail fence provided other decorations. About 8:00 the Barnwarming got underway with square dancing and round dancing.

Mr. A. J. Cole assisted by Mr. and Mrs. George Seiberling were the callers for the evening.

Later in the evening Harold Shipp and Jenny Jackson were crowned Barnwarming King and Queen for 1956 by receiving a total of 12,621 votes. After the coronation, the remainder of the evening was spent square dancing.

EARL VAN EATON RECEIVES FARM SAFETY AWARD

The local farm equipment dealers set up an award three years ago to go to a member of our chapter who does the best job in farm safety. The dealers purchased a plaque that may be used for twelve years, and the winner each year has his name engraved on the plaque and is made the award at our annual Parent-and-Son Banquet.

The award this year goes to Earl Van Eaton. His work on farm safety has been outstanding. He has completed a total of thirty-two practices such as repairing and installing protective shields on farm equipment, installing tail-lights and reflective tape on all vehicles that might be on the road at night, grounding electric motors and many others.

One of the reasons Earl has done such an outstanding job is because early in the year he was a victim of a minor accident with his tractor. He was determined after that to do more about safety on his farm. Congratulations to Earl on his good job in making his farm a more safe place to live and work.

OUR FARM SHOP

During a year of agriculture instruction one-fourth of the time is spent in Farm Mechanics. Two weeks of this time is spent in the classroom studying electricity, maintenance and repair of farm machinery, farm concrete, and other skills. The remainder of the time is spent in farm shop where the members construct and repair farm equipment. The following is a list of achievements accomplished by the farm boys:

Two fully-built wagons.

Five tractors painted and repaired.

Two trailer grain beds.

Two modified "A"-type farrowing houses.

Thirty hog, cattle, and sheep feeders.

Twenty twelve-foot farm gates.

Two livestock loading chutes.

Two stock racks for pick-ups.

Eight other machines also repaired and other items too numerous to mention.

STATE LEADERSHIP CAMP

Last summer during the first week of July, Mr. King and ten members of the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter attended State F.F.A. Leadership Training Camp which is located at Camp Rising Sun, Lake of the Ozarks.

The time set aside for Leadership was spent studying and discussing election of officers, conducting impressive ceremonies, public relations and financing chapter activities. There were two exceptionally-good panel discussions; one was a group picked from the Leadership class in which George Bauer was awarded first place and received a gold medal. The other was a discussion by the interviewing committee on the qualifications of good chapter officers.

Two days were spent by the interviewing committee working with candidates for camp officers. The candidates were questioned about F. F. A., Parliamentary Procedure and other qualifications a good officer must possess. The top boys were picked to be nominated for officers. Jim Hicks of Chillicothe was nominated and elected Camp Secretary.

Besides Leadership Training there were outdoor sports such as baseball, volleyball, and others. Swimming and boating were supervised by qualified Red Cross instructors who also gave life-saving instructions.

Thursday afternoon the boys

and their advisers went on a tour of Bagnell Dam and on an excursion on the Lake of the Ozarks in the Larry Don.

The camping period was closed by a square dance with the Girl Scouts on Friday night.

Chapter Wins Northwest Safety Award

As a reward for their work in Farm Safety the Chapter was awarded first place in the Northwest Missouri District. A certificate and a check for fifty dollars were presented to the chapter at the state convention in April. The safety award is sponsored jointly by the Future Farmers of America Foundation and the M.F.A. Insurance Company.

THANKS TO OUR PARENTS

We, the members of the Chillicothe Chapter, are honored each year to have our parents as guests at our banquet. At this time of year we are aware that all our success and progress that we make depends upon the help we receive from our folks.

Our supervised farming programs are one of the important phases of our work in Vocational Agriculture, and we realize that these programs depend on the support of our parents. We are aware that many times our folks have to make sacrifices in order for us to have land, equipment, and livestock in carrying out our farming programs.

Many times our F.F.A. activities require that we be away from home and our chores and other work. Our folks have been willing to do the work for us.

We cannot begin to mention all the things they have done for us. Please permit us to sum it all up with this statement: "Thanks Mom and Dad for everything".

CHAPTER TO HAVE DEMONSTRATION PLOT

The members are planning a cooperative crop project this year. Twenty-five acres of land has been rented from Marion Murray and will be planted in corn and soybeans.

The project has two purposes. One is to provide a laboratory for us to carry out our approved practices, such as fertilizer rates, seeding rates, weed control and insect control. One acre of the corn will be marked off and we hope to show some definite differences that may result from the various cultural practices.

The second purpose for conducting this project is to raise funds to



STATE FARMER DEGREE

The Chillicothe Chapter of Future Farmers of America is greatly honored to have four members who received the State Farmer Degree this year.

Those receiving the degree were: George Bauer, Jack Lightner, James Meservey, and Paul Steele. They received the degree at the Missouri State Convention which was held at Columbia, Missouri, April 17 and 18.

To obtain this degree a member must have held the two degrees on the local level, he must have in operation an outstanding supervised farming program, be familiar with the constitution of the F. F. A., and show outstanding leadership qualities. The candidates must also have passed an examination conducted by the state office covering F. F. A. material and parliamentary procedure. This degree is indeed an honor, and we wish to congratulate those that received it.

carry out chapter activities. We members feel that a project such as this is an appropriate way for farm boys to raise chapter funds.

NEW AGRICULTURE BUILDING

Early in the 1956-57 school year we moved into our new classroom. The new addition to the old agriculture building was a much-needed improvement and now we not only have a very desirable classroom but also ample storage for tools, laboratory equipment, and teaching supplies.

The new addition is 52 by 34 feet and includes the classroom, a shop storage room, a laboratory-conference room, office, and rest rooms. A unit cabinet extends the entire length of one wall that gives plenty of storage for notebooks, reference materials and magazines.

We are very grateful to the community for providing us with the building and we are trying to take good care of it in order that F.F.A. members may enjoy it in the years to come.

CHAPTER CONDUCTS SWINE SALE

The first annual cooperative F.F.A. Swine Sale was held at the Fraley Sale Pavilion October 29, 1956. Fourteen members con-

signed thirty-eight pure-bred boars and gilts. The animals sold for a total of \$1,827.50 or an average of \$48.18 for each animal. The highest price paid was for two animals that sold for \$75.00 each, one consigned by Wayne Marsh and going to Edward Lippin of Meadville; and the other consigned by Charles Leffler and going to L. F. Limhemann and Son of Wheeling.

The sale was organized and conducted by the members. We feel that the experience, and creating a market for our breeding stock make this a worth-while activity.

We are grateful to Dee Fraley for furnishing us the sales facilities free of charge; to Col. Hugh Campbell for auctioneering the sale; and to the radio stations and newspapers in the area for their help in advertising the sale.

Chapter Award

Again this year the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter was declared a **Superior Chapter** at the annual state convention. This is the third year that we have received this award. Only a few chapters in the state have earned this distinction for three years.

This chapter award is the highest possible made on the state level and is based on the accomplishments made by the local chapters.

MARYVILLE CONTEST

Seven teams represented our Chillicothe F. F. A. Chapter in Maryville District Contest which was held on April 12 and 13.

The teams which ranked high enough to qualify for the State Contest at Columbia were as follows:

Dairy Products, composed of IV class, placing second. They lacked but four points of first place: George Bauer, Earl Van Eaton, James Meservey, and Paul Steele (alternate).

Poultry, composed of I class, placing fourth place: James Hargrave, Palmer Smith, John Daniel, and Robert Thomas (alternate).

Meats, composed of IV class, placing fifth place: Forrest Darr, D. J. Bonderer, and Harold Shipp.

Other teams taking part but did not qualify for the State Contest at Columbia.

Dairy Production, composed of I class placing eighth: Wayne Boone, Jim Bonderer, Palmer Smith, and Eddie Mast (alternate).

Field Crops, composed of II class, placing eighth: Jerry Hoyt, Charles Leffler, Joe Tipton, and James Hall (alternate).

Soils, composed of II class: Jerry Hoyt, Charles Leffler, Douglas Reeter, and David Jones (alternate).

Livestock, composed of IV class: George Bauer, Charles Noah, Jack Lightener.

We are very proud of the way all of the teams did at Maryville. There were many schools taking part, and it was very evident that we were well represented.

Members To State Fair

Seven members and Mr. King spent 7 days at the State Fair last August. One Beef Cow and 41 head of hogs were shown.

Wayne Marsh had the honor of showing the Champion Hampshire Boar in the F.F.A. Class and 4th place in the open class. Charles Noah also placed first in the F.F.A. division with his Chester Whites and 5th and 7th place in the Open Class.

Charles Leffler, Ronnie Thompson, Wayne Marsh, and Charles Noah also won blue ribbons. Jim Hicks showed his beef cow.

We feel the value of showing livestock at the State Fair is very important.

THE F. F. A. CREED

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so - for others as well as myself; in less need for Charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

AIM AND PURPOSES OF THE F. F. A.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. The specific purposes for which this organization was formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming.
6. To encourage members to

improve the farm home and its surroundings.

7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To participate in cooperative effort.
10. To encourage and practice thrift.

Insurance For Chapter Truck

The insurance on our Chapter truck is paid for by the Ross M.F.A. Insurance Company. We are very grateful to Mr. Ross, who is an honorary member, for furnishing this insurance.

Other Teams Place at State

The Poultry Team received a II rating at the State Contests. The individual members and their ratings were: Palmer Smith II, John Daniel II, and James Hargrave III.

The Meats Team received a II rating at the State Contests. Members of this team are: Harold Shipp, Forrest Darr, and D. J. Bonderer.

PARENT AND SON MIXER

The Parent and Son Mixer was held at 8:00 p.m., on Friday, October 5th, at the High School Auditorium with President Fred Laffey presiding. There were 79 members and parents present.

At this meet 26 candidates received Green Hand Degrees. In order to receive this degree all must have the following requirements: be enrolled in a Vocational Agriculture Class, be familiar with the purposes of the F.F.A., recite the creed of the Future Farmers of America and receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local chapter of F.F.A.

The following candidates received the Green Hand Degree: Leroy Arr, Jim Bonderer, Wayne Boon, Jerry Colliver, Ralph Cook, John Daniel, Larry Grimes, Jerry Hamilton, James Hargrave, Warren Hoyt, Charles Ishmael, David Jones, Tim Jones, Don Laffey, Jerry Mammen, Eddie Mast.

Bill McNally, Bill Regan, Larry Stephens, Harold Stevens, Palmer Smith, Terry Smith, Everett Stith, Robert Thomas, Fred Van Eaton, and Larry Van Horne.

After the Green Hand Initiation colored slides were shown of some of the members projects and the meeting was closed with the closing ceremony.

Refreshments of punch and donuts were enjoyed by all.

F. F. A. FOUNDATION AWARDS

A great number of firms, business men, and others contribute each year to the F.F.A. Foundation. These funds are used to furnish awards to members who do outstanding work. On the national level awards are given to the star farmer, the best speaker of the public speaking contest and also to the members doing the best work in several areas of work in the organization.

Several of these awards are presented by the state association to members who make outstanding achievements. Another phase of the foundation awards is the presentation of awards on the local level to chapter members who have been outstanding in a variety of fields which include farm mechanics, public speaking, soil and water management, supervised farming, dairy farming, and electricity.

We feel that these awards are good in that they stimulate our members to do a better job in all their undertakings.

GILT CHAIN MAKES PROGRESS

About two years ago our chapter organized a plan for gilt chains. Three females of the highest quality and type available were furnished the chapter by the Chillicothe Rotary Club, the Citizens National Bank, and Jerry Litton. Since its beginning we have made a lot of progress in promoting the number of good quality hogs owned by our members. From the three original gilts eighteen females have been placed with chapter members.

With the increase of good quality females the chapter members began to feel the need for some good herd sires. The first purchase was a hampshire male Royal Star who was sired by one of the breeds most outstanding sires. This male has done very much to improve our hogs. Our members also own a young sire, Foreign Council, who is sireing some good litters this spring.

Since the beginning of our gilt chains we have owned two Duroc Sires. At the present time, Cardinal Magic is sireing our spring litters which are showing a lot of promise. Cardinal Magic was purchased at the State Sale where he was reserve champion.

We feel that the gilt chains are proving very successful in attaining our objectives of providing our members with the best possible meat-type hogs.