

# CHILLICOTHE F.F.A.

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**EARL VAN EATON**  
State Officer

The Chillicothe Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was greatly honored this year by having Earl Van Eaton elected as Vice president of the Northwest District of Missouri. To obtain this office you must show outstanding leadership and be very familiar with the F.F.A. program. Earl assumed his new duties for the coming year at the state convention, April 16-19, where he was installed.

## CITIZENS NAT'L BANK AWARD

The Citizens National Bank will award for the first time this year, the Citizens National Bank F.F.A. Leadership Award. This award consists of a trophy and a cash award of \$100.00. This award will be given to recognize a Chillicothe F.F.A. member who has rendered outstanding rural leadership service to his F.F.A. Chapter, home, school, and community. Selection of a winner will be based on the following points:

- A. Offices held in the F.F.A.
- B. Participation in school activities.

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### BANQUET PROGRAM

Toastmaster .....	Earl Van Eaton
Invocation .....	George Bauer
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Presentation of other awards .....	Mr. Lee Fitchett
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Installation of Officers .....	1957-58 Officers
Closing Ceremony .....	1958-59 Officers

### Banquet Menu

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

### Officers

	1957-58	1958-59
President .....	Earl Van Eaton	Melvin Hall
Vice President .....	George Bauer	Jim Bonderer
Secretary .....	Charles Leffler	Jim Hargrave
Reporter .....	Gary Wilson	Charles Leffler
Treasurer .....	Harold Shipp	Fred Van Eaton
Sentinal .....	Forrest Darr	Douglas Reeter
Advisor .....	Lee Fitchett	Lee Fitchett

### STATE FARMERS

**EARL VAN EATON**  
and  
**GARY WILSON**

Earl Van Eaton and Gary Wilson received the State Farmer Degree April 19, at the State Convention held in Columbia, Missouri.

To receive this degree you must have shown outstanding leadership and cooperation ability, be familiar with the provisions of the State Constitution, and have an outstanding supervised farming program.



**GARY WILSON**

Gary was honored by receiving the District Star Farmer.

Only 2% of the total state membership are eligible to receive this degree.

### Farm Safety Award

The local farm equipment dealers set up an award four 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.

## OUR SUPERVISED FARMING PROGRAM

Our Chapter has a farming program that we as members are very proud of, it consists of the following. Twenty-one boys have 46 Beef Cows, 15 boys have 31 Beef Heifers, 5 boys have 7 Fattening Cattle, 42 boys have 83 Sows, 6 boys have 7 Milk Cows, 3 boys have 7 Dairy Heifers, 13 boys have 172 Ewes. The Field Crops that we have are: 41 boys with 658 acres of Corn, 25 boys with 474 acres of Soybeans, 11 boys with 120 acres of Wheat, 4 boys with 40 acres of Oats, 1 boy with 5 acres of Rye, 6 boys with 71 acres of Milo. The figures for this article are taken from the Preliminary Report and therefore may not be entirely accurate at the present time. The projects of the individual members are as follows -

Ora Acree, Ag. I - 5 Ewes, 5 acres corn.

Dick Ailor, Ag. I - 1 beef heifer, 2 milk cows, 10 acres soybeans.

Howard Berg, Ag. I - 1 sow, 12 ewes, 5 acres corn.

Dale Coon, Ag. I - 1 beef heifer, 1 sow, 1 milk cow.

Bob Eckert, Ag. I - 2 beef cows, 1 beef heifer, 5 acres corn.

Bob Evans, Ag. I - 3 ewes, 4 acres corn.

Forrest Garr, Ag. I - 1 beef heifer, 10 acres soybeans.

Dell Gaston, Ag. I - 5 ewes, 7 acres soybeans.

Jerry Gaston, Ag. I - 5 ewes, 7 acres soybeans.

Gary Gates, Ag. I - 1 sow, 7 acres corn.

Clark Gwin, Ag. I - 1 sow, 1 milk cow, 10 acres corn.

Claude Horton, Ag. I - 1 sow, 80 acres corn, 85 acres soybeans.

J. W. Johnson, Ag. I - 1 sow, 7 acres corn.

Donald Lamp, Ag. I - 1 beef cow, 1 sow, 5 acres corn.

Charles Pollock, Ag. I - 1 beef cow, 5 acres soybeans.

Bill Pray, Ag. I - 1 sow.

Bob Regan, Ag. I - 1 beef cow.

Delvin Rosson, Ag. I - 1 steer, 1 milk cow, 20 acres soybeans.

Raymond Sanson, Ag. I - 1 sow, 8 acres corn.

Gene Smith, Ag. I - 14 ewes, 3 acres corn.

Larry Smith, Ag. I - 1 beef cow, 1 sow, 5 ewes, 10 acres corn.

Kenneth Vanlandingham, Ag. I - 1 beef cow, 1 beef heifer, 2 fattening cattle, 1 sow, 10 acres wheat.

Larry Walker, Ag. I - 1 sow, 5 acres corn.

Leroy Arr, Ag. II - 2 sows, 18 acres corn, 50 acres soybeans, 11 acres wheat.

Jim Bonderer, Ag. II - 1 beef cow, 1 beef heifer, 1 sow, 15 acres corn, 10 acres milo.

Wayne Boone, Ag. II - 3 sows, 30 acres corn, 25 acres soybeans.

Jerry Colliver, Ag. II - 1 sow, 1 milk cow, 15 acres corn.

Larry Grimes, Ag. II - 1 sow, 7 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Jim Hargrave, Ag. II - 2 sows, 24 ewes, 12 acres corn.

Warren Hoyt, Ag. II - 2 sows, 10 acres corn.

Tim Jones, Ag. II - 1 beef cow, 10 acres soybeans.

Jerry Mammen, Ag. II - 3 sows, 15 acres corn, 6 acres milo.

Eddie Mast, Ag. II - 1 beef cow, 8 acres corn, 15 acres wheat, 3 acres oats.

Bill McNally, Ag. II - 1 sow, 10 acres corn.

Blackie Reed, Ag. II - 15 acres wheat, 10 acres, oats, 5 acres rye.

Everette Stoth, Ag. II - 1 sow, 7 ewes, 5 acres corn.

Fred Van Eaton, Ag. II - 3 sows, 10 acres Corn, 5 acres milo.

Larry Van Horne, Ag. II - 1 sow, 20 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans, 10 acres milo.

George Bauer, Ag. III - 2 beef cows, 4 beef heifers, 2 sows, 9 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans, 10 acres wheat, 12 acres oats.

Forrest Darr, Ag. III - 1 sow, 2 fattening cattle, 10 acres wheat.

Glen Gates, Ag. III - 1 dairy heifer, 7 ewes.

Larry Grothe, Ag. III - 1 beef cow, 3 sows, 45 acres corn, 30 acres soybeans.

Melvin Hall, Ag. III - 5 dairy heifers, 15 acres corn.

Raymond Hamilton, Ag. III - 3 sows, 15 acres corn, 20 acres milo.

Jim Laffey, Ag. III - 3 sows, 1 dairy heifer, 10 acres corn, 15 acres soybeans.

Charles Leffler, Ag. III - 1 beef cow, 2 beef heifers, 2 sows, 7 ewes,

10 acres soybeans.

Lawrence Loney, Ag. III - 2 beef cows, 1 steer, 5 acres corn, 3 acres soybeans, 4 acres wheat.

Wayne Marsh, Ag. III - 3 sows, 50 ewes.

James Meservey, Ag. III - 2 beef cows, 2 beef heifers, 10 sows, 35 acres corn, 40 acres soybeans.

Charles Noah, Ag. III - 5 sows, 8 ewes.

Douglas Reeter, Ag. III - 1 beef cow, 1 sow, 10 acres corn, 15 acres soybeans.

Larry Reeter, Ag. III - 1 beef cow, 1 steer, 5 acres soybeans, 15 acres oats.

Harold Shipp, Ag. III - 1 beef cow, 1 beef heifer, 2 sows, 56 acres soybeans.

Paul Steele, Ag. III - 3 beef cows, 4 beef heifers, 2 sows, 20 acres corn, 20 acres soybeans, 15 acres wheat.

Earl Van Eaton, Ag. III - 4 beef cows, 4 beef heifers, 1 beef bull, 2 sows, 1 boar, 20 acres corn, 6 acres soybeans, 10 acres wheat, 20 acres milo.

Gary Wilson, Ag. III - 16 beef cows, 4 beef heifers, 6 sows, 100 acres corn, 15 acres wheat.

George Yoeman, Ag. III - 1 beef heifer, 1 milk cow, 5 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans, 5 acres wheat.

### 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 farmers, to the winners 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.

### Heifer Chain

The Ramoore Heifer was awarded to Dick Ailor by the advisory committee. She has a heifer calf fourteen months old.

Tim Jones received an Angus heifer which now has a bull calf six months old.

Paul Steele has a Charbray cow given to the Chapter by the McGuinness Bros., of Lathrop, Mo. It calved in February, 1958.

### CHAPTER AWARD

Again this year the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter was declared a Superior Chapter at the annual State Convention. This is the 4th year that we have received this award. Only a few chapters in the state have earned this distinction for 4 years.

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

- Jim Laffey

### CHILLICOTHE CHAPTER TO NATIONAL

Last September 29 to October 3 the Dairy Products Team went to the National Dairy Cattle Congress to participate in the National Dairy Products Contest. The members on the team were George Bauer, Carl Van Eaton, and James Meservey. The team received a silver emblem. While they were at Waterloo they visited several companies and attended several banquets. We are proud of the team and the fine work they gave toward representing Missouri at the National contest at Waterloo, Iowa.

### Citizens National Bank Award

- C. F.F.A. committee work.
- D. Satisfactory scholarship.
- E. Church activities.
- F. Participation in F.F.A. contests.
- G. Community activities.
- H. Future agricultural plans.

The winner will be selected by four adults prior to the banquet. This award will be presented by Mr. Don Schooler, Farm Representative for the Citizens National Bank.

## HONORARY DEGREES TO KING AND PLUMMER

It is the custom for the F.F.A. to recognize people who have made outstanding contributions to the Chapter. This year the Chapter elected two men to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree for their tireless efforts in promoting our organization.

We have chosen Mr. Bob King to receive this degree. Through Mr. King's three years as our F.F.A. instructor and his present position with the Chillicothe State Bank, he has been of tremendous help to our Chapter. We appreciate his efforts.

Mr. Bill Plummer, editor of the Constitution-Tribune, has always been very cooperative in promoting our Chapter in any way possible. Especially by publishing announcements or news articles concerning the F.F.A.

## PARENT AND SON MIXER

The annual Parents and Son Mixer was held in October at the High School auditorium with President Earl VanEaton presiding.

The following are requirements for obtaining the Green Hand Degree: be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture; recite the Future Farmers Creed; be familiar with the aims and purposes of the F.F.A.; and receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular Chapter meeting.

The following are candidates that received the Green Hand Degree: Ora Acree, Dick Ailor, Howard Berg, Dale Coon, Bob Eckert, Bob Evans, Dell Gaston, Jerry Gaston, Forrest Garr, Gary Gates, Clark Gwin, Claud Horton, J. W. Johnson, Don Lamp, Charles Pollock, Bill Pray, Bob Regan, Delvin Rosson, Raymond Sanson, Gene Smith, Larry Smith, Kenneth Vanlandingham, and Larry Walker.

After the Green Hand Initiation Gary Wilson told how he started and improved his Supervised Farming Program. The group enjoyed several other interesting talks that were given by prominent men of our community.

Refreshments of punch and doughnuts were enjoyed by all.

## 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.

- Charles Leffler

## MARYVILLE CONTEST

Seven teams represented our Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter in the Maryville District Contest which was held on April 11 and 12.

Dairy Products: composed of III year class, placing second. Team composed of Charles Leffler, Paul Steele, Forrest Darr, and alternate Jim Laffey.

Meats: composed of III year class, placing second. Team composed of Jim Meservey, Earl VanEaton, and Lawrence Loney.

Dairy Production: composed of III year class. Team composed of Charles Noah, Wayne Marsh, and Douglas Reeter. The team received a II rating.

Farm Mechanics: composed of III year class, placing first. Team composed of George Bauer, Jim Meservey, and Melvin Hall.

Field Crops: composed of II year class, placing fourth. Team composed of Eddie Mast, Jim Hargrave, and Wayne Boone.

Soils: composed of II year class placing fifth. Team composed of Jim Bonderer, Fred VanEaton, and Larry Grimes.

Livestock: composed of III year class. Team composed of Charles Noah, Gary Wilson, and Douglas Reeter. The team received a II rating.

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

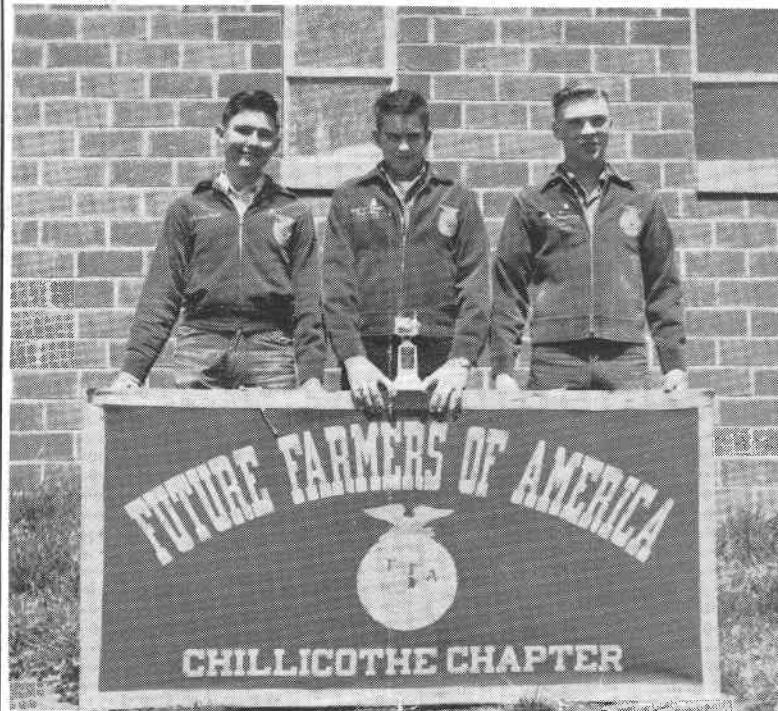
- Charles Leffler

## 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.

## STATE CONTESTS

We are very proud of the ratings won by our Chapter this year at the state contest held in Columbia. Seven teams went to district contests and out of this number five received high enough ratings to go to state. We feel that a great deal of credit goes to our advisor for his tireless efforts in helping us prepare for the contest.



The FARM MECHANICS TEAM . . . . . received the highest rating in the district contest and went on to win first place in the state. George Bauer received the highest individual rating. Other members on the team were James Meservey and Melvin Hall with each placing in the upper 10. All three members received a I rating.

The MEATS TEAM . . . . . received a II rating with James Meservey winning a II rating and Earl Van Eaton and Lawrence Loney each a III rating.

The DAIRY PRODUCTS TEAM . . . in the district contest received second high and in state got a I rating with Forrest Darr, Chuck Leffler, and Paul Steele each receiving I ratings.

The FIELD CROPS TEAM . . . composed of Richard Hargrave and Eddie Mast who won I ratings, and Wayne Boone at II. The team as a whole received a I rating.

The SOILS TEAM . . . entering district and state contests was composed of Jim Bonderer, Larry Grimes and Fred Van Eaton, also made a good showing.

## SHOP

In the past year there have been many improvements made in our shop. Some of these improvements are: asphalt work area outside the shop; a wall between the shop and old classroom removed to make more space in shop; gas heaters installed; wash sink; new work bench, and many new tools.

The Vocational Agriculture II class painted the walls and tools in the shop and also put up new

tool boards for all tools. In general they completely remodeled the shop.

In the past year there were 66 projects completed in shop. Some of these are: wagon beds, loading chutes, farrowing crates, feeders, feed troughs, gates, mineral feeders, garden tractor, mail box stand, self waterers, saw horses, tractor feed box, and the repairing as well as painting of other equipment.

**SHERROW, AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE**

Last fall the Chillicothe F.F.A. chapter attended the 29th National Convention held in Kansas City. One of the highlights of the convention was the awarding of the American Farmer Degree. Each year one out of every thousand F.F.A. members are eligible for this degree. This year our chapter was honored by having one of its members, Bob Sherrow, receive this high honor. To receive this degree one must have an outstanding program of work. One must be active in community and church activities.

**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.

**Gilt Chain**

The gilt chain was started to produce better meat-type hogs in the chapter. The Duroc chain was started when the Rotary Club of Chillicothe bought a registered Duroc gilt. The boys that now have Duroc gilts are Larry Smith, Everett Stith, and Richard Ailor.

The Hampshire gilt chain was started by the Citizens National Bank of Chillicothe. The boys that now have Hampshire gilts are Larry Grothe, Howard Berg, and James Bonderer.

**Instituti'l On-farm Training**

Veterans Farm Training has been offered in our Vocational Agriculture Program since 1946. Over 350 Veterans have been enrolled in the school since its beginning.

Mr. Harvey Keith, the instructor, has a B.S. Degree from the College of Agriculture, University of Missouri, and is a qualified Vocational Agriculture Instructor.

**The Adult Program**

Our Vocational Agriculture Department serves a broad function in our school aside from training high school students in the different aspects of farming and agriculture. The department also offered instruction in farming to a total of 48 young farmers and Veterans during the year.

The members of the Young Farmers' Group have been a permanent organization for 4 years. The past year they attended night classes for 15 sessions. The group is made up of former all day students of Vocational Agriculture and other young men. Ben Wood Jones is president and C. S. Jones is secretary.

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING**

Soon after school was dismissed last spring plans were being made for the meeting of the Northwest District. This was to be the first meeting of this type held in this district. The Chillicothe chapter consented to be host, even though they knew the great responsibilities and never-ending work that must go into such a meeting. Work began many weeks before July 5th, the date set for the meeting now given the title of The Northwest District of Missouri Associa-

tion of the Future Farmers of America. Posters had to be made for the store windows, invitations sent out, speakers and guests decided upon, a parade arranged, a reception planned, and a sign painted to be hung across Washington Street welcoming the National President.

A parade was planned and as the National officers arrived they were shown around in convertibles. As they passed the courthouse the city mayor presented John Haid, the National President, a golden key to the city. From 4:30 to 6:30 a reception was held for the F.F.A. boys to afford them an opportunity of meeting the National Officers.

The banquet was held with our own officers taking charge of the meeting. Jerry Litton, National Secretary, was the master of ceremonies and John Haid was the main speaker. Several other National officers were present as well as officers from the Missouri, Kansas, and Iowa Associations.

**CHAPTER SWEETHEART LYNNE MELTON**

Barnwarming Queen: Lynne Melton. King: Jim Laffey.

Junior class candidates, Lynne Melton and Jim Laffey, were crowned king and queen at the annual Future Farmers of America barnwarming party, November 8, held at the Chillicothe High School Agriculture Building.

Jim Laffey and Miss Melton received the title on the basis of voting in which a penny collection was a ballot. Charles Leffler was junior class campaign manager.

The two winners were crowned by last year's king and queen, Harvey Shipp and Jenny Jackson. The coronation was staged on the agriculturally-appropriate throne of baled straw.

The vocational agriculture shop was decorated throughout with bales and fence rails to give the atmosphere of a barn.

Square dancing was held with Ed Dust of Chillicothe calling the numbers. Games were played between dancing sessions.

An estimated 70 persons attended the party.

- Asst. Sec., Jim Laffey

**Members To State Fair**

Five members and Mr. Fitchett spent 7 days at the State Fair last August. Twenty-two head of hogs were shown.

Charles Leffler had the honor of showing the Champion Hampshire Jr. Spring boar in the F.F.A. Division and placed third in the open class. Jim Hall also placed first in the F.F.A. Division with his Yorkshire Sr. Spring boar and placed fourth in the open class.

Wayne Boone, Palmer Smith, and Fred VanEaton also showed at the Fair.

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

- Charles Leffler

**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.