

# CHILLICOTHE



# F.F.A.

Department of Vocational Agriculture, Chillicothe High School, Chillicothe, Missouri, May 2, 1960



**CHARLES LEFFLER**  
State President

Charles Leffler, state president of the Missouri FFA Association, is completing an outstanding year in the FFA. Charles has worked diligently as our president. He has visited many Chapters over the State and has spent much time traveling for the good of the Missouri FFA. Some of his trips included Washington D.C., Illinois, St. Louis, Kansas City, and an extended good-will tour of northeast Missouri. We of the Chillicothe Chapter are very proud to have had a member as president of the Missouri Association.

- Tim Jones

## CITIZENS NAT'L BANK AWARD

The Citizens National Bank will award this year, for the third time, the Citizens National Bank FFA Leadership Award. This award consists of a trophy and a cash award of \$100. This award will be given to recognize a Chillicothe FFA member who has rendered outstanding rural leadership serv-

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### BANQUET PROGRAM

Toastmaster .....	Clark Gwin
Invocation .....	Wayne Boon
Opening Ceremony .....	1959-1960 Officers
Welcome .....	Gary Hurst
Introduction of Guests .....	Jim Hargrave
Year's Accomplishments .....	Tim Jones
Honorary Members .....	Jarrett Stevens Jerry Norman
Safety Award, President of Farm Implement Dealers	
Citizens National Bank Leadership Award	Mr. Bill Coleman
Presentation of other awards .....	Mr. Lee Fitchett
Guest Speaker .....	Richard Poor National Vice President
Installation of Officers .....	1959-1960 Officers
Closing Ceremony .....	1960-1961 Officers

### Banquet Menu

#### BAKED HAM

ESCALLOPED POTATOES      PEAS AND CARROTS

#### COLE SLAW

#### ROLLS

MILK AND COFFEE

ICE CREAM

### Officers

	1959-60	1960-61
President .....	Clark Gwin	Kenneth Vanlandingham
Vice President .....	Jim Hargrave	Dell Gaston
Secretary .....	Wayne Boon	Ora Acree
Reporter .....	Tim Jones	Gary Hurst
Treasurer .....	Warren Hoyt	Gene Smith
Sentinal .....	Eddie Mast	Sam Gibson
Advisor .....	Lee Fitchett	Lee Fitchett
Student Council .....		Bob Eckert

### STATE FARMERS

This year the Chillicothe Chapter is fortunate to have three members who will receive the State Farmer Degree May 6 at Jefferson City - Tim Jones, Jim Hargrave, and Clark Gwin.

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.

Tim Jones has an outstanding farming program - 2 beef cows, 1 beef heifer, 4 sows, 25 acres of wheat, 30 acres of corn, and 90 acres of soybeans. Tim also is active in leadership, serving as Chapter Reporter this year, delegate to state convention, 2 years on Student Council, secretary and president of home room, Meats Team, Dairy Judging Team, Field Crops Team, and Animal Husbandry Team.

Jim Hargrave's farming program consists of 5 sows, 33 head of ewes, 15 acres of corn, and 13 acres of soybeans. Jim has served as Chapter Secretary and Vice President, competed in FFA Public Speaking Contest, was member of Poultry, Field Crops, Shop, and Dairy Products Teams, and a 3-year football letterman.

Clark Gwin has a farming program of 3 sows, 7 dairy cows, 9 dairy heifers, 10 acres of wheat, and 10 acres of soybeans. Clark also is an active leader. He is Chapter President, Senior Class President, Vice President of National Honor Society, Student Council and Speech Club Parliamentarian, President of the Youth Fellowship of his church, and a candidate for State FFA office. Last year he was a member of the Soils and Field Crops Teams and this year is a member of the Farm Mechanics Team.

- Warren Hoyt

## SUPERVISED FARMING PROGRAM

Our Chapter has a farming program of which we are very proud. It consists of the following: 17 boys have 54 beef calves; 7 boys have 50 fattening cattle; 32 boys have 106 sows; 16 boys have 251 ewes; 9 boys have 31 dairy cows; 36 boys have 715 acres of corn; 4 boys 87 acres of milo; 9 boys 148 acres of wheat; 1 boy has 10 acres of barley; 3 boys have 25 acres of oats; 1 boy has 8 acres of rye; 3 boys have 19 acres of alfalfa hay; 1 boy has 14 acres of red clover; 29 boys have 750 acres of soybeans. The projects of the individual members are as follows:

Eddie Allnutt, Ag. I - 1 sow, 5 acres soybeans.

Jerry Benskin, Ag. I - 2 dairy cows.

Tom Bonderer, Ag. I - 5 beef calves, 1 sow, 5 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

J. R. Gaston, Ag. I - 5 ewes, 5 acres soybeans.

Melvin Hisel, Ag. I - 3 fattening cattle, 5 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Bill Mast, Ag. I - 1 cow, 15 acres soybeans.

Jerry Norman, Ag. I - 19 ewes, 2 sows, 1 cow, 15 acres corn, 25 acres soybeans.

Preston Pryor, Ag. I - 4 ewes, 5 acres corn.

Joe Roberts, Ag. I - 2 dairy cows.

Jarrett Stevens, Ag. I - 2 sows, 1 beef calf, 6 ewes, 10 acres corn, 7 acres soybeans.

Jerry Jones, Ag. I - 2 dairy heifers, 5 acres corn.

Bill Kiely, Ag. I - 4 sows, 15 acres corn, 10 acres oats, 5 acres alfalfa hay.

Wayne Cunningham, Ag. I - 1 sow, 35 acres corn, 15 acres wheat.

Jim Donaho, Ag. I - 1 beef calf, 3 acres corn.

Ronnie Eckert, Ag. I - 3 fattening cattle, 7 acres corn.

Ora Acree, Ag. II - 2 sows, 10 ewes, 15 acres soybeans.

John Goucher, Ag. II - 1 beef calf, 1 sow, 5 acres corn.

Jim Horton, Ag. II - 2 sows, 10 acres corn.

Irvin Meservey, Ag. II - 1 fattening calf, 1 sow, 12 acres soybeans.

Jim Pauls, Ag. II - 3 sows, 8 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans.

Fred Young, Ag. II - 3 beef calves, 1 sow, 3 acres wheat.

Joe Saale, Ag. II - 13 ewes, 2 beef calves, 15 acres soybeans.

David Walker, Ag. II - 5 sows, 14 ewes, 1 dairy cow, 10 acres corn, 5 acres soybeans, 2 acres milo.

Ray Horton, Ag. II - 2 sows, 10 acres corn, 15 acres soybeans.

Gary Hurst, Ag. II - 6 sows, 9 ewes, 15 acres soybeans, 10 acres corn.

Sam Gibson, Ag. II - 3 beef calves, 1 fattening calf, 5 acres oats, 5 acres corn.

Claude Horton, Ag. III - 1 sow, 20 acres corn.

Charles Pollock, Ag. III - 2 beef calves, 1 sow, 20 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Bill Pray, Ag. III - 2 sows, 23 acres soybeans.

Delvin Rosson, Ag. III - 1 beef calf, 25 acres soybeans, 5 dairy cows.

Gene Smith, Ag. III - 29 ewes, 2 sows, 8 acres soybeans, 5 acres corn.

Kenneth Vanlandingham, Ag. III - 5 beef calves, 2 fattening cattle, 4 sows, 20 acres wheat, 15 acres corn.

Bob Eckert, Ag. III - 5 beef calves, 2 fattening cattle, 25 acres corn.

Dell Gaston, Ag. III - 10 ewes, 15 acres soybeans.

Jerry Gaston, Ag. III - 10 ewes.

Leroy Arr, Ag. IV - 3 sows, 18 acres corn, 50 acres soybeans, 20 acres milo.

Clark Gwin, Ag. IV - 16 dairy cows, 4 sows, 10 acres wheat, 10 acres corn, 10 acres oats.

Jim Hargrave, Ag. IV - 5 sows, 33 ewes, 15 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.

Eddie Mast, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 1 beef cow, 20 acres soybeans, 20 acres corn, 10 acres milo.

Warren Hoyt, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 1 beef calf, 40 ewes, 12 acres corn, 11 acres wheat.

Tim Jones, Ag. IV - 2 beef calves, 4 sows, 30 acres corn, 60 acres soybeans, 25 acres wheat.

Olen Lee, Ag. IV - 2 beef calves. Wayne Boon, Ag. IV - 2 sows,

55 acres corn, 35 acres wheat, 195 acres soybeans.

Dick Christison, Ag. IV - 5 sows, 75 acres corn.

Ralph Cook, Ag. IV - 10 ewes, 5 acres soybeans, 7 acres corn.

- Wayne Boon

### PARENT AND SON NIGHT

The annual Parent and Son Night was held in October at the Vocational Agriculture Building. President, Clark Gwin, 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 Farmer Creed; be familiar with the aims and purposes of the FFA; and receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular Chapter meeting. The following candidates received the Green Hand Degree: Bill Mast, Ronnie Eckert, Preston Pryor, Jerry Norman, Jerry Jones, Joe Roberts, Jerry Benskin, Wayne Cunningham, Melvin Hisel, Tom Bonderer, J. R. Gaston, Jarrett Stevens, Eddie Allnutt, Bill Kiely, and Jim Donaho.

After the Green Hand Initiation Jim Hargrave told of some highlights of the past year's activities participated in by the Chapter.

Other interesting talks were given by special guests. Refreshments of punch and doughnuts were enjoyed by all.

- Eddie Mast

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE

Vocational education in agriculture is a nation-wide, federally-aided program of systematic instruction in agriculture and farm mechanics of less than college grade, conducted in public schools or classes for those persons over 14 years of age, "who have entered upon or who are preparing to enter upon the work of the farm or the farm home," under a plan of cooperation between the State Boards for Vocational Education and the Office of Education, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Instruction is given by teachers who are specially trained agricultural college graduates. Teachers are employed on a 12-month basis. The instructional program is de-

signed to fit the needs of the local community.

### Progress in Farming

In addition to his study in school each student is required to conduct a "supervised farming program" where he puts into actual practice the farming knowledge gained in the classroom. The teacher makes frequent visits to the boy's home farm, supervising and helping with the development of his program. Boys usually start as freshmen with small projects, such as a few chickens, a pig, a calf, and an acre or two of crops. As they advance in their work, they are encouraged to expand their farming programs so that by the time they have completed high school they will have built up an investment in farming large enough to permit them to farm on a full-time basis, or, as is frequently the case, to permit them to enter upon a sound partnership agreement with their parents.

The teacher frequently takes his vocational agriculture students on field trips to neighboring farms to observe good practices of farming and farm management; to agricultural experiment stations where they may see the results of new methods, and to other places where they may gain new knowledge through observation and experience.



### 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 6th year we have won this award. Only eight other Chapters have received this award for 5 years. This is the highest possible award for Missouri Chapters on the State level, and is based on the accomplishments of the local Chapter.

- Tim Jones

## HONORARY DEGREES TO POTTER AND COLEMAN

We are conferring this honor on Mr. Bill Coleman of the Citizens National Bank, and Mr. Russell Potter, President of the School Board.

Mr. Coleman has shown a constant interest in our program of Vocational Agriculture and the FFA. He has always been willing to assist and encourage our members whenever possible.

Mr. Potter, being a farmer himself, has shown great interest in our local program. His very sincere enthusiasm has not only promoted our program but the entire school system.

Without men like Mr. Coleman and Mr. Potter 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.

— Warren Hoyt

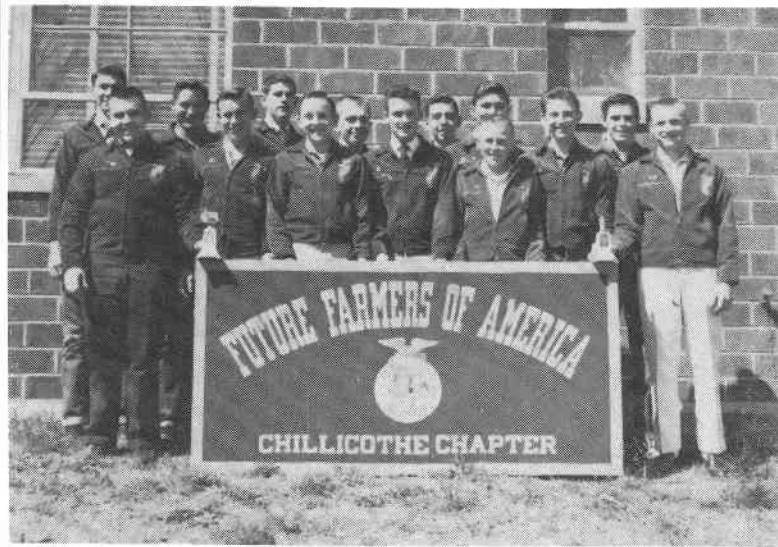
### STATE FFA CAMP

We are very proud of the record that our Chapter members made at the State FFA Camp, held at Camp Rising Sun, Kaiser, Mo., last summer from the 27th of July to the 1st of August. The purpose of the camp is to develop good leadership qualities in each participant, along with providing enjoyable recreational activities. Those attending from our Chapter were: Sam Gibson, Clark Gwin, Jim Hargrave, Gary Hurst, and Chuck Leffler who represented the State Association.

Those receiving recognition for outstanding work were: Clark Gwin, who was elected camp vice president and was rated the top boy in camp receiving an all-expense paid trip to St. Louis August 25-26 as guest of the St. Louis Sportsmen's League. Clark also received a silver medal for second high in FFA Test and third for FFA Workbook. Jim Hargrave won the gold medal for first place in FFA Test and second in leadership discussion.

Mr. Fitchett, our advisor, was selected as camp advisor. We had a very good time and are looking forward to attending camp this summer.

— Gary Hurst



### FFA FOUNDATION AWARDS

A great number of firms, business men, and others contribute each year to the FFA 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.

### RURALIST FEATURES OUR SHOP PROJECTS

Last month the Missouri Ruralist featured front page pictures of a group of Chillicothe FFA students and our shop projects. The article told about the shop training we were receiving and the projects we were making.

For the last two years Chillicothe has had one of the top shop teams in the State. Mr. Fitchett is to be commended for the fine leadership he has shown in mak-

ing available to adult classes, as well as to high school students, an opportunity to learn shop skills in one of the State's best equipped vocational agriculture shops.

— Dick Christison

### CHAPTER SWEETHEART

This year the barnwarming Queen and King were Dee Ann Heimbrook and Dell Gaston. Candidates from the freshman class were Sharon Tooley and Wayne Cunningham; sophomore candidates were Kay Thieme and Fred Young; junior candidates were Dee Ann Heimbrook and Dell Gaston; senior candidates were Joyce Grimes and Tim Jones. The FFA Barnwarming was held Friday, November 26, 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, Susie Waits and Warren Hoyt. The Coronation was staged on a throne of baled straw. The Vocational Agriculture Shop was decorated throughout with bales of straw and fence rails; square dancing was held; and games were played throughout the evening. Refreshments of doughnuts and cider were served.

— Gene Smith

### Sponsor for Chapter Calendar

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

— Tim Jones

### AIM AND PURPOSES OF THE FFA

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.

### Gilt Chain

The gilt chain was started to produce better meat-type hogs in the Chapter and to help certain boys purchase a hog. The Hampshire gilt chain was started by the Citizens National Bank of Chillicothe. Jerry Norman and Bill Kiely received gilts this year.

— Tim Jones

### Heifer Chain

The Ramoor Angus heifer, presented by Ralph Moore of the Ramoor Angus Farm, was awarded 3 years ago to Tim Jones. The cow's last calf was a heifer. Fred Young of the Ag. II Class was awarded the last heifer.

— Tim Jones

**MARYVILLE CONTEST**

Seven teams represented the Chillicothe FFA Chapter in the Maryville District Contests which were held April 8th and 9th:

**Dairy Products.** Composed of Ag. IV Class, placing first - Jim Hargrave, Eddie Mast, Ralph Cook and alternate Bob Eckert.

**Meats:** Composed of Ag. IV Class, placing fourth - Wayne Boon, Gene Smith, Olin Lee, and alternate Leroy Arr.

**Dairy Products:** Composed of Ag. IV Class, placing fourth - Tim Jones, Olin Lee, Delvin Rosson, and alternate Eddie Mast.

**Farm Mechanics:** Composed of Ag. IV Class, placing first - Clark Gwin, Kenny Vanlandingham, Dell Gaston, and alternate Bill Pray.

**Field Crops:** Composed of Ag. II Class, tied for second - Ora Acree, David Walker, Sam Gibson, and alternate Fred Young.

**Soils:** Composed of Ag. II Class placing third - Ora Acree, Sam Gibson, Gary Hurst, and alternate David Walker.

**Livestock:** Composed of Ag. IV Class, placing fourth - Tim Jones, Warren Hoyt, Wayne Boon, and alternate Olin Lee.- Warren Hoyt



**SHOP**

Mr. Houston and the School Board provided additional shop space to the Ag. Shop which was badly needed. They provided two new electric welders and welding helmets and a new acetylene welder.

During the past year about 80 projects were constructed. Among these were loading chutes, hay feeders, wagon boxes, trailers, feed bunks, metal farm gates, hog feeders, mineral feeders, salt boxes, and farrowing crates.

In Vocational Agriculture we spend one-third of our class time in shop which we feel is very important in our agriculture training. - Warren Hoyt

**THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization, of, by, and for farm boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools which operate under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. It is an educational, non-profit, non-political farm youth organization of voluntary membership, designed to develop agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism. Boys must be enrolled in vocational agriculture to become eligible for membership. They may retain their membership for three years following their graduation from high school, or until they are 21 years of age.

The FFA is sponsored by the Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, in cooperation with the various State Boards for Vocational Education and local high school dept's of vocational agriculture. The Director of the Agricultural Education Branch serves as National FFA Advisor, and a member of his staff serves as National FFA Executive Secretary. The State Advisor for each State Association of the FFA is the State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, and the advisor of each local chapter is the high school teacher of vocational agriculture.

**Organized in 1928**

The national FFA organization was launched at Kansas City, Missouri, in November, 1928, following many years of development of vocational agriculture student organizations in the States and local communities. Originally incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia, the FFA was granted a charter of incorporation by Act of Congress in 1950 (Public Law 740, 81st Congress).

The FFA has 377,922 active members in 8,993 local chapters located in farming areas throughout the 48 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. (June 30, 1958, membership.)

**Learn by Doing**

Through participating experiences in the Future Farmers of America, members learn how to take part in meetings, to follow parliamentary procedure, to speak

in public, and to cooperate with their fellow students in programs for individual and community betterment. Local chapters sponsor recreational activities; conduct scrap drives, safety campaigns, home improvement campaigns, hold parent-son banquets. They have been known to organize a local chamber of commerce where none existed; to organize and manage a community fair. They frequently take on such jobs as the landscaping and beautification of school and church grounds in the community.

**ADULT PROGRAM**

The Vocational Agriculture Department of the Chillicothe High School has an excellent training program for adults as well as high school students. The adult courses consist of 20 Young Farmers, 16 Veterans, and 12 members in the Adult Farmers Welding Class.

The Young Farmers course has been an organization for six years.

The Veterans Class, which is instructed by Don Ward, holds its weekly sessions in the classroom as well as on the farm. This class started out with an enrollment of 23 and is now down to 16 members. The Adult Welding Class, composed of 12 members, was started last year.

- Kenny Vanlandingham

**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.



**Citizens National Bank Award**

ice to his FFA Chapter, home, school, and community. Charles Leffler won the award last year. Selection of a winner will be based on the following points:

- A. Offices 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 agricultural 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.

**Insurance for Chapter Truck**

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