



Department of Vocational Agriculture, Chillicothe High School, Chillicothe, Missouri, May 14, 1977

## Annual Awards

Awards are a very important part of F.F.A., as they are to any organization. The members who receive these awards have worked very hard and now they will get some of the recognition that they deserve. There is an award which was new last year. The F.F.A. Chapter will give two \$250 awards to two students based on their overall grade in Agri-Business and high school.

An F.F.A. leadership award presented by Citizens National Bank goes to the Senior F.F.A. member who has rendered outstanding service to his school, community, home and F.F.A. Chapter. The award consists of \$100 and a trophy. Another set of awards are provided by the Chillicothe State Bank in the form of \$25 and a trophy to one member of Vocational Agriculture I, II, III, and IV with the most outstanding farming program. An award will also be presented to an outstanding student in each Agri-Business Class sponsored by Dr. Clark Gwin. It will be in the form of a check for \$25 and a trophy.

The Production Credit Association Award will be presented to either a Junior or Senior F.F.A. member. It is based on the projects constructed and farm mechanization done during the year. The award consists of \$25 and a trophy.

Another important award is the Community Bank Award. This award consists of \$25 and a trophy. It is based on the total amount of points that are given to each member for participating in the different F.F.A. activities during the year. This award will be given to one member out of each class with the most number of points.

The Federal Land Bank Association will present a trophy to the top student in Farm Management. The award is based on class work while in school, scores on farm management contest, and knowledge of agriculture.

We wish to express our most sincere gratitude to all who make these awards possible. We feel sure that they will cause every boy and girl to work harder to improve himself as an F.F.A. member and as a worthy American.

## PROGRAM

Dinner Served .....	Cafeteria Personnel
Opening Ceremonies .....	1976-77 Officers
Invocation .....	Mary Ann Wolf
Proficiency Awards .....	Reid Stephens
F.F.A. Contest Teams .....	David Kerr
Vocational Agriculture Teams .....	Mike Hopper
State and American Farmers .....	Mike Clarke
Address .....	Dr. Don Brooker
	"Country Kids on the County Line"
Community Bank Award .....	Mr. Ben Wood Jones
Agri-Business Award .....	Dr. Clark Gwin
State Bank Award .....	Mr. Len Simmer
Production Credit Association Award .....	Mr. Darrell Skipper
Citizens National Bank Award .....	Mr. Bill Coleman
SCS Award .....	Mr. Lyle Noblitt
Federal Land Bank Award .....	Mr. Chris Mueller
Other Awards .....	
F.F.A. Scholarships .....	Chuck Hinchey
Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree Ceremony .....	1976-77 Officers
Recognition of Parents .....	Chapter Members
Installation of 1977-78 Officers .....	1976-77 Officers
Closing Ceremonies .....	1977-78 Officers

## State Farmers



Left to Right: Mike Clarke, Donald Fifer, Reid Stephens, Chuck Hinchey, David Kerr, Randy Constant, Rick Summers (not pictured)

This year, seven young men from the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter were the recipients of the State Farmer Degree. The recipients of this high degree are Rick Summers, Randy Constant, David Kerr, Mike Clarke, Donald Fifer, Chuck Hinchey and Reid Stephens.

The State Farmer Degree is one of the highest Degrees awarded to F.F.A. members, the highest being the American Farmer Degree. The qualifications for receiving the State Farmer Degree are: have received the Chapter Farmer Degree, earned \$500 by his or her own efforts and have completed two years of Vocational Agriculture.

This Degree is given to three percent of the State's membership. These young men, along with numerous other F.F.A. members all over the State of Missouri, received this degree at the 49th State F.F.A. Convention in Columbia, Missouri, April 22, 1977.

Rick Summers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Summers, was a 1976 graduate of Chillicothe High School. Rick has been on the Soils and Farm Mechanics Judging Teams while in F.F.A. His farming program consists of 70 acres of corn, 40 acres of soybeans, 3 sows and 50 cows and calves.

Randy Constant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Constant is a senior this year. Randy is Chapter President and has been the Chapter Reporter. While in F.F.A., Randy was the Creed Speaker, on the Dairy Judging Team, Farm Management Team and Parliamentary Procedure Team. His farm program consists of thirty-one female dogs, one hundred pups, a bale truck and one cow. Randy was also the delegate that went to Washington, D.C., this past sum-

mer from the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter.

David Kerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerr, is a senior and is the Chapter Treasurer. David has served as Parliamentarian. He has been on the Meats Judging Team, Farm Management Team and Parliamentary Procedure Team. His farming program consists of 20 acres of corn and soybeans.

Mike Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clarke, is a Junior. Mike is one of the Chapter Reporters. He has been on the Meats Judging Team, Parliamentary Procedure Team, Animal Husbandry Team and a Public Speaker. His farming program consists of 6 beef cows, 16 acres of alfalfa hay, 14 crossbred sows and is a part of A.B.S. At this year's State F.F.A. Convention, Mike received a State Proficiency Award in Fish and Wildlife.

Donald Fifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fifer, is a Junior. Donald is the Chapter Parliamentarian. He has been on the Animal Husbandry Team this past year. His farming program consists of 80 crossbred fat hogs and 15 head of crossbred sheep.

Chuck Hinchey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinchey, is a Junior. Chuck is presently serving as one of the Chapter Reporters. He has been on the Parliamentary Procedure Team. His farming program consists of 16 cows, 24 acres of crops and one sow.

Reid Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stephens, is also a Junior. Reid is the Chapter Secretary. He has been on the Meats Judging Team, Parliamentary Procedure Team, Field Crops Team and Animal Husbandry Team. His farming program consists of 10 head of Registered Yorkshire sows and 2 crossbred steers.

# American Farmer Degree

The American Farmer Degree was presented to Jerry Nibarger at the National Future Farmers of America Convention November, 1976. This degree which is awarded to the top one-tenth of one percent of the membership is F.F.A.'s highest award.

Jerry, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nibarger of Chillicothe, is a member of the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter. He farms 850 acres in partnership with his father.

Jerry began his climb to the American Farmer Degree with one steer and 27 acres of corn his freshman year at Chillicothe High School. Now, in partnership with his father, he has 450 acres of soybeans, 300 acres of corn, 100 acres of wheat, and 20 cows with calves.

While in high school Jerry was active in F.F.A. He served as Chapter treasurer and secretary. He participated on field crops, farm mechanics, farm management, parliamentary procedure and soil judging teams.

He was chosen Barnwarmin' candidate as a sophomore and attended State F.F.A. Leadership Camp twice. Jerry was also an active member of the French Club and Phy-Chem Club.

In proficiency awards Jerry has won the Crop Production Award on the area and state levels. He was the state winner of the Placement in Agricultural Production Award and he also won the State Bank Award for his supervised farming project his senior year at Chillicothe High School.

# District and State Contests

Our F.F.A. Chapter did well this year at District and State. At District the Field Crops placed first for the first time since 1951. The Field Crops team consisted of Mark Garr, Robert Quinn and Joyce Buchanan. The Farm Management Team placed first for the second time in two years. David Kerr was high scoring individual overall with Rick Lollar being second, Mike Hopper third and Randy Constant ninth high scoring individual overall.

Extemporaneous Speaker, Mike Hopper, placed first at District, also.

Beginning Record Book by Kevin Laffey and Completed Record Book by Reid Stephens, and the Chapter Scrapbook by Mike Clarke all placed first at District and were displayed at the State F.F.A. Convention.

Those placing second at District were the Farm Mechanics Team consisting of Mike Mollahan, Dean Edmundson, and Bret Davis; Parliamentary Procedure consisting of Cary Singleton, Chairman, and Mark Hopper, Matt Trager, Tracy Allen, Pam Moore, Vicki Nibarger and Ross Jones, members. Going as alternates were Ed Englert and Todd Burton. The Secretary's Book was by Reid Stephens and the Treasurer's Book by David Kerr and Vicki Nibarger.

Public Speaker, Mike Clarke, placed fifth, the Meats Team consisting of Scott Stephens, Mike

Fries, Greg Cooper, and Jack Smith placed seventh. Dairy Products placed fourteenth. It consisted of Buddy Ewing, Martye Case, Gary Pepper and David Link. Dairy placed seventh consisting of David Link, Alan Reeter, Penny Dillard and Melvin Lollar. Animal Husbandry placed twentieth. On that team were Steve Miller, Donald Fifer, Mike Clarke and Reid Stephens.

Those teams which went to State were Farm Management which placed second out of 40 teams with Mike Hopper tied for high scoring individual overall. David Kerr was fourth high scoring individual overall. The Meats team placed fourteenth out of 40 teams. The Field Crops team placed twenty-fifth out of 60 teams and the Farm Mechanics team placed twenty-third out of 40 teams.



Mike Hopper who won first place in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest at District Contest.

## OFFICERS



Front Row, left to right: David Kerr, Donald Fifer, Rick Lollar, Mary Wolf. Back Row: Mike Hopper, Reid Stephens, Chuck Hinchey, Randy Constant, Mike Clarke.

	1976-77	1977-78
President .....	Randy Constant	Reid Stephens
Vice-President .....	Mike Hopper	Mike Clarke
Secretary .....	Reid Stephens	Chuck Hinchey
Treasurer .....	David Kerr	Lloyd Chapins
Reporters .....	Mike Clarke	Cary Singleton
	Chuck Hinchey	Mark Hopper
Sentinel .....	Rick Lollar	Donald Fifer
Parliamentarian .....	Donald Fifer	Robert Quinn
Chaplain .....	Mary Wolf	Ross Jones

# F.F.A. FAIRS

The 4-H and F.F.A. Fairs are very important to many F.F.A. members. Fairs are a fine way to win money, ribbons, and trophies and still have a good time. There are three fairs a member can enter his livestock in. They are: our county fair, the district fair at Trenton, and the state fair at Sedalia.

Our county fair usually lasts for three days. During those three days there are cattle, hogs, and sheep contests.

Last year's winners were: Rick Lollar, reserve champion steer; Reid and Scott Stephens, grand champion market hog, and Donald Fifer, grand champion market lamb.

On the last day each member could sell one blue ribbon animal at the fair auction if he wanted to. There was also a club group cattle contest with different 4-H and F.F.A. members competing. The F.F.A. Chapter won second with Springhill winning first.

Several F.F.A. members went to the state fair. Danny and Dennis Gutshall had the grand champion gilt there.

Other F.F.A. members that participated in the fairs were: Terry Bauer, Martye Case, Mike Fries, Dan Hutchison, Kevin Laffey, Mel-

vin Lollar, David Morris, Gary Pepper, Stan Saunders, Jack Smith, Jim Waits, Tracy Allen, Mark Bonderer, Doug Jefferies, Ross Jones, Pam Moore, Vicki Nibarger, Robert Quinn, Bruce Whiteside, Mark Hopper, David Buttman, Mike Clarke, Chuck Hinchey, Stephen Miller, Alan Nibarger, Jim Seaman, Mark Case, Chuck Fries, Kyle Hibner, Mike Hopper, Mike Mollahan, Bruce Moore, and Dale Pepper.

## PORK CHOP NIGHT

The annual Pork Chop Night was held July 19, 1976, at the MFA Livestock Association. This activity was sponsored by the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter in cooperation with: Chillicothe Vo. Ag. Department, County Pork Producers, Extension Service and area businessmen.

There were fifty-three entries that night. The Grand Champion hog, which was a Yorkshire, was owned by Scott and Reid Stephens. The Reserve Grand Champion hog, which was a Poland China, was owned by Charlie Peniston. All hogs were sent to Wilson's Packing Plant in Marshall, Missouri.



**AREA PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS**

Left to Right: Mike Clarke (also State Winner), Randy Constant, David Kerr, and Cary Singleton.



**FIRST PLACE F.F.A. BOOK CONTESTS AT DISTRICT**

Left to Right: Mike Clarke, Reporter's Scrapbook; Reid Stephens, Completed Record Books; and Kevin Laffey, Beginning Record Books.

## National Award To Bill Gutshall

Bill Gutshall, ag - business instructor for high school students, was one of the regional winners honored at the 28th Annual Convention of the National Vocational Teacher's Association. He has also been honored previously on the state and regional level.

The award recognizes teachers who have designed and implemented a course of study stressing occupation orientation and career opportunities in ag-business and production ag.

Gutshall came to Chillicothe as an ag instructor in 1961. He taught production ag for 10 years before switching to an adult farm management program at the Vo-Tech School. He is now an instructor in the ag-business program at the Vo-Tech School.

He has received the highest award for an ag teacher, the Honorary American Farmer Degree, at the National F.F.A. Convention several years ago.

## Proficiency Awards

Proficiency awards kicked off again this year with a great number of members applying in the fields of Horse Production, Placement in Agricultural Production, Swine Production, Agricultural Mechanics, Ornamental Horticulture, Fish and Wildlife, and Farm and Home Improvement. All totaled, the Chillicothe Chapter on the Area Level received four first places and three second places.

Those receiving first at area were: Randy Constant, Place-

ment in Agricultural Production; Cary Singleton, Ornamental Horticulture; Mike Clarke, Fish and Wildlife; and David Kerr, Soil and Water Conservation. Those who received seconds were: Mike Hopper, Swine Production; Dean Edmunson, Agricultural Mechanics; and Rick Lollar, Farm and Home Improvement.

Only those who received first at area were allowed to compete in state competition. Our only state winner was Mike Clarke in Fish and Wildlife.

## F.F.A. Summer Activities

F.F.A. is a year-round club with activities and meetings that continue through the summer after school has long been dismissed.

Some of these enjoyable and memorable activities include a swimming party followed by a picnic at Simpson Park.

Also held at Simpson Park this summer was a watermelon bust where everyone had fun and ate plenty.

The annual 4-H and F.F.A. Fair was held at the fairgrounds.

The State F.F.A. Camp is held at the Lake of the Ozarks in South Missouri for all F.F.A. members. Members attending this year's camp were Darrell Allen, Ed Emerson, Ed Englert, John Knouse, Robert Quinn, Kelly Richter, Crystal Sturgeon, Mark Hopper, Mark Bearden, Lloyd Chapin, Donald Fifer, Chuck Hinchey, Marty Laffey, Jeff Mast, Jerry Pickard, Jim Slattery, Tim Slattery, Reid Stephens, Bill Williams, Nancy Richards and Rick Lollar.

## Summary of Supervised Occupational Experience For Students in Production Agriculture

Number of Students with beef projects .....	49
Total number of beef cattle owned by members .....	688
Number of Students with swine projects .....	29
Total number of swine owned by members .....	2046
Number of Students with sheep projects .....	7
Total number of sheep owned by members .....	151
Number of Students with poultry projects .....	0
Total number of chickens owned by members .....	0
Number of Students with dog projects .....	1
Total number of dogs owned by members .....	131
Number of Students with corn projects .....	10
Total number of acres of corn produced .....	210
Number of Students with soybean projects .....	19
Total number of acres of soybeans produced .....	692
Number of Students with wheat projects .....	13
Total number of acres of wheat produced .....	331
Number of Students with hay projects .....	2
Total number of acres of hay produced .....	23
Number of Students placed on farms for Farm Placement .....	38
Total number of hours worked .....	28076
Total net income of members from experience programs ...	\$162,334.79
Average net income per member .....	\$ 2,164.46

## F.F.A. Participation Contest

A practice that the F.F.A. has had for the past several years is that of having an F.F.A. Participation Contest. Every year, each F.F.A. member accumulates points for each activity he or she has participated in throughout the year.

Members who accumulate enough points throughout the year are treated to a day in Kansas City at a Royal's baseball game or Worlds of Fun. To attend first-year members must acquire twenty-six points while second, third, and fourth-year members must acquire thirty-two points. The participation program is also used to determine grades in Vo-Ag.

There are 64 points possible that a member may receive, and they are obtainable through participa-

tion in chapter activities, Vo-Ag and F.F.A. contests, area F.F.A. activities, state participation in summer shows and fairs and cooperative activities.

## Plat Books

In honor of our Bi-centennial, the Livingston County Court had 1000 plat books to be distributed throughout the county at a cost low enough so everyone who wanted a plat book could afford one. The County Court covered their costs by selling advertisements in these books and retaining 200 books for sale. The other 800 books were given to the F.F.A. to distribute and the F.F.A. received all the proceeds of their efforts.