

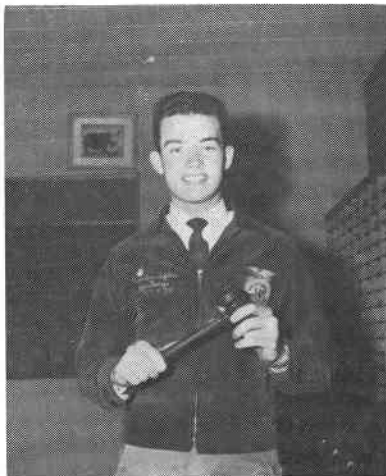
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F.F.A.

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CHARLES LEFFLER
State President

The Chillicothe Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was greatly honored this year by having Charles Leffler elected as President of the Missouri F.F.A. To obtain this office you must show outstanding leadership and be very familiar with the F.F.A. program. Chuck assumed his new duties for the coming year at the state convention, April 16-18, where he was installed.

CITIZEN NAT'L BANK AWARD

The Citizens National Bank will award this year for the second time 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. Earl VanEaton won this award last year. 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	Melvin Hall
Invocation	Jim Hargrave
Opening Ceremony	1958-1959 Officers
Welcome	Kenneth Vanlandingham
Introduction of Guests	Clark Gwin
Year's Accomplishments	Charles Leffler
Honorary Members	David Walker Gary Hurst
Safety Award	Mr. True McIntosh
Citizens National Bank Leadership Award	Mr. Bill Coleman
Presentation of other awards	Mr. Lee Fitchett
Guest Speaker	Thomas E. Stine National Vice President
Installation of Officers	1958-1959 Officers
Closing Ceremony	1959-1960 Officers

Banquet Menu

BAKED HAM	
ESCALLOPED POTATOES	PEAS AND CARROTS
COLE SLAW	
ROLLS	
MILK AND COFFEE	ICE CREAM

Officers

	1958-59	1959-60
President	Melvin Hall	Clark Gwin
Vice President	Jim Bonderer	Jim Hargrave
Secretary	Jim Hargrave	Wayne Boon
Reporter	Charles Leffler	Tim Jones
Treasurer	Fred VanEaton	Warren Hoyt
Sentinal	Douglas Reeter	Eddie Mast
Advisor	Lee Fitchett	Lee Fitchett

STATE FARMERS

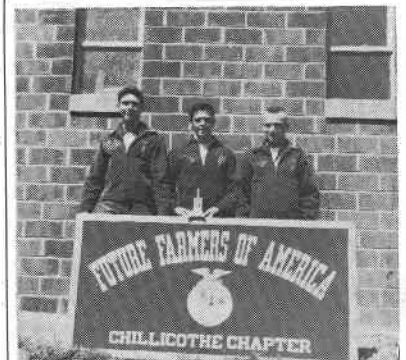
CHARLES LEFFLER
and
JIM BONDERER

Charles Leffler and Jim Bonderer received the State Farmer Degree April 17, at the State Convention held in Columbia, Mo.

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.

Only 2% of the total state membership are eligible to receive this degree, making 251 boys of the 12,554 F.F.A. members in Missouri.

- Jim Laffey



DAIRY PRODUCTS

Farm Mechanics Award To Melvin Hall

Melvin Hall received the Farm Mechanics Foundation Award for his outstanding work in Vocational Agriculture shop work and Home Farm shop work. This award was presented by the Future Farmer of America Foundation at the State Convention in Columbia. Melvin won second place and received a check for fifteen dollars.

- Eddie Mast

SUPERVISED FARMING PROGRAM

Our Chapter has a farming program that we as members are very proud of. It consists of the following: fifteen boys have 19 beef cows; 13 boys have 15 beef heifers; 9 boys have 10 fattening cattle; 31 boys have 63 sows; 3 boys have 14 milk cows; 5 boys have 11 dairy heifers; 13 boys have 161 ewes. The field crops that we have are: 34 boys have 467 acres of corn; 20 boys have 416 acres of soybeans; 14 boys have 178 acres of wheat; 1 boy has 6 acres of barley. The projects of the individual members are as follows:

- Ronald DeVaul, Ag. I - 2 sows, 5 acres corn.
- Glen Eads, Ag. I - 1 sow, 5 acres corn.
- Donald Gates, Ag. I - 5 dairy cows, 1 dairy heifer.
- Sam Gibson, Ag. I - 2 beef cows, 1 beef heifer, 1 fattening steer, 5 acres corn.
- Johnny Goucher, Ag. I - 1 sow, 1 fattening steer, 5 acres corn.
- Jim Horton, Ag. I - 1 sow, 10 acres corn.
- Ray Horton, Ag. I - 1 sow, 5 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.
- Gary Hurst, Ag. I - 4 sows, 1 boar, 9 ewes, 1 dairy heifer, 5 acres corn.
- Marvin Long, Ag. I - 1 sow, 10 acres corn.
- David Mammen, Ag. I - 10 ewes, 5 acres corn.
- Irvin Meservey, Ag. I - 1 sow, 1 beef heifer, 10 acres soybeans.
- Joe Miller, Ag. I - 1 sow, 5 acres soybeans.
- Jim Pauls, Ag. I - 1 sow, 5 acres corn.
- Ronald Perry, Ag. I - 1 sow, 5 acres corn.
- Joe Saale, Ag. I - 7 ewes, 1 beef cow, 1 fattening steer, 15 acres corn.
- John Stith, Ag. I - 2 ewes.
- David Walker, Ag. I - 2 sows, 18 ewes, 1 dairy heifer, 5 acres corn.
- Dick Ailor, Ag. II - 1 beef cow,

- 1 beef heifer, 1 dairy heifer, 2 sows, 20 acres corn.
- Howard Berg, Ag. II - 4 sows, 17 ewes, 25 acres corn, 15 acres wheat, 6 acres barley.
- Ralph Cook, Ag. II - 10 ewes, 5 acres soybeans, 10 acres corn.
- Bob Eckert, Ag. II - 3 beef cows, 1 beef heifer, 1 fattening steer, 5 acres corn.
- Forrest Garr, Ag. II - 1 beef heifer, 10 acres soybeans.
- Dell Gaston, Ag. II - 7 ewes, 10 acres soybeans.
- Jerry Gaston, Ag. II - 7 ewes, 10 acres soybeans.
- Gary Gates, Ag. II - 2 sows, 5 acres corn.
- Clark Gwin, Ag. II - 7 milk cows, 4 dairy heifers, 2 sows, 10 acres wheat, 10 acres corn.
- Claude Horton, Ag. II - 2 sows, 50 acres corn, 100 acres soybeans.
- Donald Lamp, Ag. II - 1 sow, 1 beef cow, 20 acres soybeans.
- Charles Pollock, Ag. II - 1 beef cow, 5 acres soybeans, 5 acres corn.
- Bill Pray, Ag. II - 2 sows.
- Delvin Rosson, Ag. II - 1 beef heifer, 1 fattening steer, 5 acres soybeans.
- Gene Smith, Ag. II - 20 ewes, 6 acres soybeans.
- Kenneth Vanlandingham, Ag. II - 2 sows, 2 beef cows, 1 beef heifer, 2 fattening steers, 8 acres corn, 15 acres wheat.
- Leroy Arr, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 15 acres wheat, 18 acres corn, 50 acres soybeans.
- Wayne Boon, Ag. IV - 3 sows, 20 acres wheat, 20 acres soybeans, 60 acres corn.
- Jim Bonderer, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 2 beef cows, 1 beef heifer, 1 fattening steer, 20 acres corn, 20 acres soybeans.
- Jerry Colliver, Ag. IV - 15 acres wheat.
- Larry Grimes, Ag. IV - 1 sow, 10 acres corn, 10 acres soybeans.
- Melvin Hall, Ag. IV - 2 dairy cows, 4 dairy heifers, 20 acres corn.
- Jim Hargrave, Ag. IV - 3 sows, 27 ewes, 14 acres corn.
- Warren Hoyt, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 1 beef heifer, 10 acres corn.
- Tim Jones, Ag. IV - 3 sows, 1 beef cow, 1 beef heifer, 1 fattening steer, 10 acres wheat, 25 acres

- corn, 50 acres soybeans.
- Jim Laffey, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 5 acres corn, 15 acres soybeans.
- Owen Lee, Ag. IV - 11 ewes.
- Charles Leffler, Ag. IV - 5 sows, 3 beef cows, 2 beef heifers, 16 ewes, 15 acres wheat, 15 acres soybeans.
- Jerry Mamm on, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 20 acres corn.
- Eddie Mast, Ag. IV - 1 beef cow, 15 acres wheat, 30 acres soybeans.
- Douglas Reeter, Ag. IV - 2 sows, 1 beef cow, 8 acres wheat, 15 acres corn, 25 acres soybeans.
- Fred VanEaton, Ag. IV - 3 sows, 6 acres wheat, 15 acres corn.
- Larry VanHorne, Ag. IV - 15 acres wheat.

- Douglas Reeter

PARENT AND SON MIXER

The annual Parent and Son Mixer was held in October at the Vocational Agriculture building for the first time since the Chapter was organized. President Melvin Hall 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 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: Ronnie DeVaul, Glen Eads, Donie Gates, Sam Gibson, Johnny Goucher, Jim Horton, Ray Horton, Gary Hurst, Marvin Long, David Mammen, Irvin Meservey, Joe Miller, Jim Pauls, Ronald Perry, Joe Saale, John Stith, David Walker, and Fred Young.

After the Green Hand Initiation Charles Leffler told some highlights of the past year of activities, participated in by the Ag. Chapter.

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

- Jim Bonderer

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.

Chapter Wins Northwest Safety Award

Again this year the Chapter was awarded the Farm Safety Award in the Northwest Missouri District. A certificate and a check for fifty dollars were presented to the Chapter April 17 at the State Convention. The Award is given by the Future Farmers of America Foundation and the M.F.A. Insurance Company. - Jim Bonderer

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. Johnny Goucher and David Walker received gilts this year.

- Jim Bonderer

HONORARY DEGREES TO DOWELL AND WARD

In the past years it has been the custom of the F.F.A. to recognize people who have made outstanding contributions to the Chapter. This year the Chapter has chosen two men who have been untiring in their efforts to help us. Tonight they will be presented the highest award that can be bestowed upon any person by the Chapter, the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree.

We have selected Mr. S. Taylor Dowell to receive this award. Through Mr. Dowell's position as speech teacher in the high school he has helped many of our boys to become leaders in F.F.A. and their communities. He has also helped us a great deal with our F.F.A. contests and judging trips.

Mr. Don Ward was chosen because of his interest in F.F.A. and Vocational Agriculture. He has participated in F.F.A. activities and has helped during Mr. Fitchett's absences. He is also the Veteran's teacher and a qualified Vocational Agriculture instructor.

- Melvin Hall

THE ADULT PROGRAM

Our Vocational Agriculture Department in our school trains high school students in different practices in farming and agriculture. The department also offered instruction in farming to a total of 20 Young Farmers, 23 Veterans, and 29 Adult Farmers Welding Courses.

The department has a total of 20 Young Farmers. Russel Potter is the President, and C. S. Jones is the Secretary. It has been an organization for five years.

The Chapter has enrolled 23 Veterans who are instructed by Don Ward, in the classroom and on the farm.

A new program started this year is the Adult Farmer Welding Class. It is divided into two classes and has a total of 29 members. These members were trained in Arc Welding.

- Wayne Boon

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.

- Jerry Colliver

STATE F.F.A. CAMP

We are very proud of the record that our chapter members made at the State F.F.A. Camp, held at Camp Rising Sun, Kaiser, Missouri, last summer. 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: Fred VanEaton, Charles Leffler, Douglas Reeter, Tim Jones, Jim Hargrave, Kenneth Vanlandingham, and Earl Van Eaton, who represented the State Association in the capacity of Northwest District Vice President. Those receiving recognition for outstanding performances were:

Chuck Leffler was elected camp president, received a gold medal being first in leadership discussion, tied with Jim Hargrave for first in leadership test.

Jim Hargrave won a gold medal in leadership test.

Tim Jones received a bronze medal for being third in leadership book.

Kenneth Vanlandingham received a bronze medal for being third in test.

Fred VanEaton received a rod and reel for being second in conservation.

Mr. Fitchett, our own advisor, was selected as camp advisor.

We had a very good time and are looking forward to attending camp this summer.

- Fred VanEaton

Farm Safety Award

The local farm equipment dealers set up an award five 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.

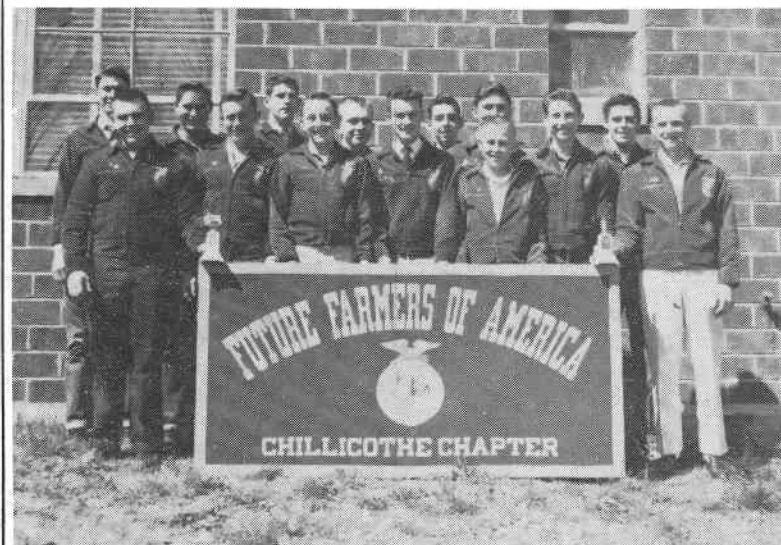
Sponsor for Chapter Calendar

The F.F.A. calendar of our chapter is sponsored by the Chillicothe Tractor & Implement Co. We are very grateful to Mr. Crosky, who is an honorary member, for sponsoring the calendar.

- Larry VanHorne

STATE CONTESTS

We of the Chillicothe Chapter of the Future Farmers of America are extremely proud of the record our chapter's judging teams made in the state contest. Out of seven teams that went to district contests six went on to the state contests in Columbia. We of the chapter wish to thank Mr. Fitchett for all of his work on helping the teams.



THE FARM MECHANICS TEAM . . . won first place in the district contest and went on to finish second in the state contest. This team was composed of Ag. III boys, it received a No. I rating. All three members of the team were in the top ten individual scores: Jim Hargrave, fourth; Douglas Reeter, fifth; and Eddie Mast, sixth. Each received a No. I rating.

THE MEATS TEAM . . . received a No. II rating and was composed of Ag. III boys. Members of the team are: Eddie Mast, II rating; Jerry Mammon, II rating; and Tim Jones, III rating.

THE DAIRY PRODUCTS TEAM . . . won first at the district contest and went on to win fifth at the state contest. This team was also taken from the Ag. III class and received a No. I rating. Melvin Hall was third high individual in the Dairy Products Contest. Team members are: Melvin Hall, I rating; Jim Laffey, I rating; and Wayne Boon a No. II rating.

THE FIELD CROPS TEAM . . . This team, composed of Ag. II boys, received a No. II rating. Clark Gwin received a I rating and was tenth high individual in the contest. The team was composed of: Clark Gwin, I rating; Kenney Vanlandingham, II rating; and Del Gaston, II rating.

THE SOILS TEAM . . . This team was composed of Ag. II boys and received a No. II rating. Team members are: Ralph Cook, III rating; Clark Gwin, I rating; and Del Gaston, III rating.

THE DAIRY JUDGING TEAM . . . composed of Ag. IV boys, received a No. II rating. Team members are as follows: Warren Hoyt, II rating; Jim Bonderer, II rating; and Fred VanEaton, III rating.

The Chillicothe Chapter was also honored when Charles Leffler won the District Public Speaking Contest. He went on to win second place in the state contest and received a No. I rating. He also received a \$25.00 foundation award.

Clark Gwin won a No. III rating on his Ag. II record book at the state contest.

Dave Walker won a No. II rating on his freshman record book.

MARYVILLE CONTEST

Seven teams represented our Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter in the Maryville District Contest which was held on April 10th and 11th.

Dairy Products: Composed of IV year class, placing first. Team composed of Jim Laffey, Melvin Hall Wayne Boon, and alternate Jerry Colliver.

Meats: Composed of IV year class, placing seventh. Team composed of Tim Jones, Ed Mast, Jerry Mammen, and alternate Chuck Leffler.

Dairy Production: Composed of IV year class. Team placed third. Members were Warren Hoyt, Fred VanEaton, Jim Bonderer, and alternate Melvin Hall.

Farm Mechanics: Composed of IV year class, placing first. Team composed of Jim Hargrave, Douglas Reeter, Ed Mast, and alternate Chuck Leffler.

Field Crops: Composed of II year class, placing third. Team composed of Cook, Gaston, and Gwin.

Soils: Composed of II year class, placing third. Team composed of Vanlandingham, Gwin, and Gaston.

Livestock: Composed of IV year class. Team composed of Chuck Leffler, Douglas Reeter, Warren Hoyt, and alternate Jim Bonderer.

Chuck Leffler represented Chillicothe and placed first in Public Speaking. He also was a State Officer Candidate.

SHOP

In the past year we have made improvements in our shop, hand tools, and power tools. Among these are a new Radial Arm Saw and several hand tools.

In the past year there were about 70 projects in the shop, among these were, sheep hay feeders, self feeder for a silo, portable pipe loading chute, several wagon beds and trailers, saw horses, garden tractor, tractor carry-all, double modified hog house, feed bunk, farrowing crates, farm gates, and mineral feeders. In Agriculture we spend one-third of our class time in shop, and we feel that it is very important in our Agriculture training.

- Tim Jones

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.

CHAPTER SWEETHEART SUSIE WAITS

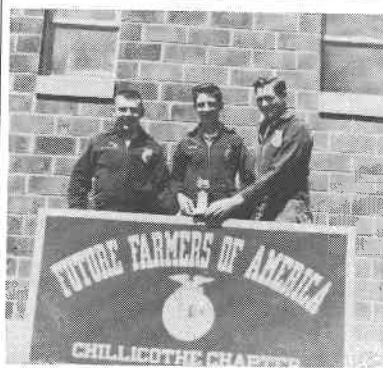
Barnwarming Queen: Susie Waits. King: Warren Hoyt.

Junior Class candidates, Susie Waits, and Warren Hoyt, were crowned king and queen at the annual Future Farmers of America barnwarming party, Friday, Dec. 5, held at the Chillicothe High School Agriculture Building. Warren Hoyt and Miss Waits received the titles on the basis of voting in which a penny collection was a ballot. Tim Jones was Junior Class campaign manager.

The two winners were crowned by last year's king and queen, Jim Laffey and Lynne Melton. 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 while a band accompanied him. Games were played throughout the evening. Refreshments of doughnuts and cider were served.

- Jim Bonderer



FARM MECHANICS

SUPERIOR CHAPTER AWARD

Again this year the Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter was declared a Superior Chapter at the annual State F.F.A. Convention. This is the 5th year we have won this award. Only 4 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.

- Fred VanEaton

Heifer Chain

The Ramoor Angus heifer presented by Ralph Moore of The Ramoor Angus Farm was awarded 2 years ago to Tim Jones. The heifers' first calf was a bull and she recently had a heifer calf.

Dick Ailor received the award last year. The second heifer will be awarded to an Ag. I F.F.A. boy tonight.

- Warren Hoyt

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. Bill Coleman, Farm Representative for the Citizens National Bank.

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.

Chapter Farmer Awards To Members

The following members have advanced from Green Hand Degree to Chapter Farmer Degree. Dick Ailor, Howard Berg, Ralph Cook, Bob Eckert, Forrest Garr, Clark Gwin, Claude Horton, J. W. Johnson, Donald Lamp, Charles Pollock, Bill Pray, Delvin Rosson, Gene Smith, and Kenneth Vanlandingham.

- Wayne Boon