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Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve

Our photo shows the Albion Chapter of FFA in 1960. Having been in the same school at the time with all these guys, it's really hard to believe that this picture can now be forty years old. Be that as it may, here is who they are:

First Row - Steve Peglow; Albert Bowman, Treas., Robert Husted; Reporter, Roger LaMont; Vice Pres. Hugh Dudley; Advisor, Tom McCabe; Pres. Donald Palmer; Secretary, Donald Bloom and Lasal Banty.

Second Row - Ronald Smith, Norman Tower, _____, Phil Kidney, Larry Farnum, Gil Wolcott, Stuart Allen, Charles, Chick, R. Gurrslin, David Long, John Hucknall, Robert, Norman, E. Gurrslin, Lyle Parker, _____, Jim Morrison, R. Palmer, Albert Baker.

Third Row - Noel Zicari, William Coots, Dennis Myers, Thomas Trolley, David Butcher, J. Miller, Richard Wagner, Michael Fletcher, Richard Bannister, Robert Bannister, Robert Narburgh, Carl Wagner, James Hutsteiner and Ronald Klatt.

The school year 1959-1960 was Hugh Dudley's first year of teaching in Albion. He took over the agricultural classes and F.F.A. Chapter when his predecessor Stuart New fell into ill health.

The Albion Chapter F.F.A. is the oldest organized chapter in New York State.

The National Organization of F.F.A. was founded in 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri. It

is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian farm youth organization of volunteer membership.

The 1960 "Chevron" (year book) states: "Selling apples during noon hours was one of many F.F.A. projects for one of the most ambitious years since the organization began more than thirty years ago. Proceeds from the boy's projects bought them basketballs and uniforms and financed a boys' banquet which the future farmers attended with their parents.

The F.F.A. basketball team wasn't as successful as the varsity this year, but even though they didn't win all their area games, they had a good time playing.

The boys took educational field trips to the Horticulture Show in Rochester and to the annual Farm and Home Week exhibition at Cornell University.

Jeff Parnapy, the present advisor of the Albion Chapter F.F.A. indicates that the week of February 21-26 is National F.F.A. week.

The Albion Chapter presently has fifteen members and won the State Superior Chapter Award for the past three years. Last year two students won the prestigious Empire Degree. Projects for the group include their annual Citrus Sale of between 500-600 cases of fruit and also parking at the 4-H Junior Fair in cooperation with the Medina Chapter F.F.A.

My congratulations to F.F.A. for developing and encouraging an appreciation of rural life in our youth for over seventy years.