

A History of the Plymouth and Shiloh FFA Chapter's

1920's

1923-1924: According to the 1924 Shiloh annual The Smith-Hughes Department of Agriculture was given final approval by the State upon installation of proper equipment, and was ready for class work at the opening of the 1923-1924 school year. The instructor was J. H. Bacon. Classes in Farm Shop, Animal Husbandry, and Farm Crops were organized for boys in the first three years of High School.

A department requirement was that each boy must do some practical work in connection with his class work, carrying a home project in which he has financial interest. Projects during the 1923-1924 school year ranged from feeding hops and raising baby chicks to growing an acre of potatoes.

The boys of the Farm Crops Section took over the management of a seventy tree apple orchard and expected to have a high class product as a result of proper pruning, spraying, and packing fruit. During the winter they visited many stock, dairy and general farms in the county who gave talks and demonstrated good farming methods. A grain show and auction was held at the Farmer's Institute. Farmers meetings in regard to lime and fertilizers were held for local farmers who bought lime as a result of the meeting.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the department banquet put on by the Home Economics and Smith-Hughes boys and girls. The policy of the Smith-Hughes Department of Agriculture is to second the efforts of the school board and superintendent to give Shiloh best possible school system and to be a live part of that system.

1924-1925: According to the Richland County Annual, Shiloh Agriculture at Shiloh High School received Federal Aid according to the provisions of the Smith-Hughes law. Classes were in farm shop, animal industry, farm crops, and engineering.

A division of the Smith-Hughes idea provides for a program of short course and part time work intended for men engaged in the business of fanning. Short course work consisted of three weeks of tractor, soils and fertilizer, and poultry schools. Poultry culling demonstration and orchard pruning are also part of this work.

A Fanners' Independent Institute was held on January 19-20 with a poultry exhibit and vegetable show. A program of speakers on live questions of the day and entertainment by the village and township schools made this a very successful institute.

1926-1927: According to the Shiloh annual, The Smith-Hughes Department had accomplished good results. The graduating class of 1927 had the first boy to have completed the course. The different classes had taken up many different projects during the year. Courses in Farm Crops, Agricultural Engineering, and Shops were offered.

A county contest in stock judging was started last year and has been continued this year. Teams from the different Smith-Hughes clubs in the county participate. The schools having departments were: Madison Township, Lucas, Lexington and Shiloh. The winning team each year was awarded a silver trophy cup to be a permanent possession for the school. So far Shiloh has the only leading team with almost a 100 point lead with only two classes of cattle and horses left to judge, Shiloh has hopes of winning the cup this year.

Plans are under way for a special display of the Smith Hughes work at the County Fair this fall. This will include a combined display of work by all the departments of the county and also a competitive display of shop work for which it is hoped the fair Board will donate some worthwhile prizes.

1927-1928: According to the Shiloh annual, the Smith-Hughes Department of Agriculture consisted of three double period classes. Subjects that were given in the department were Farm Crops, Soils and Farm Management and Farm Shops. The crops had a very successful year. In the fall field trips were taken to various demonstrations in the county. In the winter when weather did not permit travel time was devoted to hard study.

In the spring the class drew up contracts with the A. McBride and the school board for the handling of McBride's orchard from March 1, 1928-December 1, 1928. The fall and spring of the year was devoted to treating sheep for farmers of Cass Township. In order to earn credit in Farm Crops the students must carry out a farm project. They must draw up a contract with his father for the use of machinery and team, and must do the work himself or pay for the work done by others.

The shops class consisted of Freshman, they did very good work bettering the school and playgrounds. They constructed the swings which the P. T. A. donated to the school and also made bookracks and several other useful articles for rooms, some of which were taken by the students. The Soil and Fann Management class had many interesting trips during the school year chiefly to the farm of the students to do soil testing and surveying. Several trips were taken to Mansfield to the Isaly dairy plant and other places of interest. The trip of the year was taken by the entire department to Cleveland on April 13.

During the year, two short courses in agriculture were given by the Smith-Hughes department teacher to benefit the farmers of Cass township. The Junior course was given for farmers between the ages of 18-33 and the senior course was given for the elder farmers 23 and up. The courses were well attended and greatly appreciated by the farmers.

1930's

Earl Hetrick was the first Shiloh Smith Hughes Club Advisor

Old Shiloh High School was where the parking lot was in front of the existing Shiloh School

1930's

In 1931 Tom Kranz's father drove a model-A bus (that had a wooden floor) and as a junior in high school picked students up for school. In 1932 this was no longer allowed.

January 23, 1933 is when the Shiloh Chapter F.F.A was chartered. The original charter was lost and a second copy was received on November 5, 1935.

In 1937 Periscope Jesse Wayne Hamman indicated he wanted to be an agricultural teacher, but he was needed on the farm and then due to the draft he entered the Navy on the Battle Ship USS Alabama in WWII.

1940's

1950's

Gideon Deming Seymour started teaching Agriculture in Shiloh in 1951 and taught 5 years until 1956. He married Elizabeth Grace Peterson from Dayton, Ohio on June 14 1947. Before teaching in Shiloh he taught Agriculture in Preble County at Dixon and Lanier. He lived in Eaton and she lived in Dayton and she said they "ate in Eaton and dated in Dayton".

Strickland followed him Mrs. Seymour thinks...

1959 Plymouth and Shiloh Combined *Plymouth did not have Ag before that.

1960's

Mr. Yost 1961 Advisor

Shiloh FFA Officer Teams	
President-Peffy Gundrum Vice President- Eugene Boor Secretary -Stanley Hudson Treasurer- Ward Clark Reporter- Richard Howard Watch Dog - Herschel Diniger	
1928 - 1929	1942 - 1943
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1937 - 1938	1951 - 1952
1938 - 1939	1952 - 1953
1939 - 1940	1953-1954 President- George Miller Vice President - Glenn Brook Secretary - Nyle Laser Treasurer - Lester Shepherd News Reporter - Bill Reynolds Sentinel- Kermit Noble
1940 - 1941	1954-1955 President - Kermit Noble Vice President- Hannon Slone Secretary- Larry Humbert Treasurer- Tom Kranz News Reporter- Ollie Cole Sentinel- Glen Brook
1941 - 1942	1955-1956 President - Tom Kranz Vice President - Ollie Cole Secretary- Sam Lynch Treasurer- Larry Humbert Reporter- Chester Jennings Sentinel- Roger Steele
	1956-1957 President-Sam Lynch
1957-1958 Plymouth with New Haven, Greenfield and Richmond for 1 year	Shiloh was with Greenwich for 1 year
1958-1959 ***First Combined Class President-Earl Lynch	
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President-Andy Daron		
Vice President-Terry Snipes		
Secretary-Brett Kraft		
Treasurer-John Neiedermeier		
Reporter-Jim Miller		
Sentinel- Dave Seamen		
State Advisor -John Adams		
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President- Randy Smith	Vice president- Dwayne Sexton	
Secretary- Greg Niedermeier	Treasurer- Steve Arnold	
Reporter- Randy Meyers	Senator- David Handshoe	
1986-1987		
President- Randy Smith	Vice president- Dwayne Sexton	
Secretary- Greg Niedermeier	Treasurer- Steve Arnold	
Reporter- Randy Meyers	Senator- David Handshoe	
1987-1988		
1988-1989		
President- Cory Meyers	Vice President- Larry Vanderpool	
Secretary- Chris Elliot	Treasurer- Russell Stroup	
Student Advisor- Mark Wright	Sentinel- Lester Sexton	
1989-1990		
1990-1991		
President- Aaron Strine	Vice President- Terry Stroup	
Secretary- Leanne Hesson	Treasurer- Danny Conley	
Reporter- Jason Snyder	Sentinel- Andy BulTer	
Student Advisor- Mike Sergeant	Chaplain- Andy Niedermeier	
Safety Chairman- Jim DuBois		
1991-1992		
President- Aaron Strine	Vice President- Terry Stroup	
Secretary- Leanne Hesson	Treasurer- Danny Conley	
Reporter- Jason Snyder	Sentinel- Andy Burrer	
Student Advisor- Mike Sergeant	Chaplain- Andy Niedermeier	
Safety Chairman- Jim DuBois		
1992-1993		
1993-1994		
President- Mariane Roberts	Vice President- Lynn Miller	
Secretary- Teresa Strine	Treasurer- Andy Fry	
Sentinel- Eric Stephens	Student Advisor- Kristy Stoodt	
Parliamentarian- Jr. Ethel	Chaplain- Michelle Miller	
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2005-2006 President- Ben Burrer Vice President- Jacob Endicott Secretary- Megan Hirschy Treasurer-Courtney Bisel Reporter- Mandy Burrer Sentinel- Nick Bisel Student Advisor- Zach Montgomery
2006-2007 President-Nick Bisel Vice President- Mandy Burrer
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Plymouth FFA Queens

1963 Deanna Amstutz
1964 Diane Kruger
1965 Blache Arnold Shiloh??
1966 Jane Johnson
1969 Vicki Gilger
1970 Joyce Sloan
1971 Vickie Baker
1972 Sue Bloomfield
1974 Gale Davies

Agricultural Educators

1923-1924 Mr. J. H. Bacon
1926-1927 Mr. J. H. Bacon
1927-1928 Mr. E. F. Hetrick, Smith-Hughes
1945-1946 Mr. Waldo W. Pittenger
1948-1949 Mr. Waldo W. Pittenger
1951-1956 Mr. Gideon Deming Seymour
1957-1958 Mr. Clifford Shreve
1958-1959 Mr. Strickland
1960-1992 Mr. Johnson
1992-2003 Mr. Randy Eisenhauer
2003-2006 Mr. Andrew Spiker
2006-2010 Mrs. Jessica Tracy
2010-Present Mrs. Laura Ringler

Shiloh Yearbook

1924-The Periscope
1927-The Tatler
1928-The Tatler
1945-1946-The Periscope
1949- The Periscope; Dedicated to Waldo Pittenger
1954- The Periscope
1955- The Periscope
1956- The Periscope
1957- The Periscope

Huron Valley Yearbook

1958-The Smoke Signal; Dedicated to Mr. Kenneth Nixon science and mathematics instructor at Huron Valley High School

Plymouth Yearbook

18??-? The Mayflower
1957-1958-
1958-1959- Dedicated to Principal Mr. Wayne Strine
1962-Rubaiyat; Dedicated to Health and American History teacher and Athletic Director Mr. William Flaherty

State FFA Degrees

Courtney Bisel
Mandy Burrer
Nicole Riedlinger
Ashley Cross

American Degrees

Nicole Bisel
Courtney Bisel
2014-Zac Arnold
2014-Levi Myers
2014-Hannah Shepherd
2015-Mikayla Reer

Tom Kranz Awards

-2010 Appreciation Plaque
-Before 1988 Tom Kranz Honorary Chapter Degree
-Blue & Gold Award to Kranz Fatms
-Distinguished Service Plaque to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kranz from the Ohio FFA Association
-Appreciation Award before 1995 I<RA-KO Farms Tom & Loren Kranz