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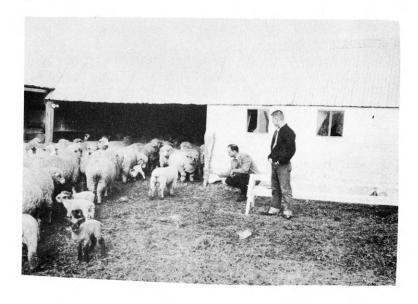


On February 1, 1957, the officers of the Kansas Association of FFA met with Governor George Docking to take part in the signing of the Governor's proclamation that February 16-23, 1957, be observed as "National FFA Week" in Kansas.

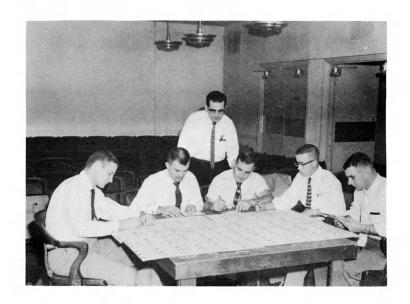
Those in the picture from left to right are: C. C. Eustace, state advisor; John Griebel, Stockton, treasurer; Johnnie Arford, Almena, vice-president; William Wachs, Ellsworth, president; Governor Docking; Tom Knappenberger, Olathe, reporter; Duane Unger, Oberlin, sentinel; Jon Larson, Clay Center, secretary; F. R. Carpenter, executive secretary.



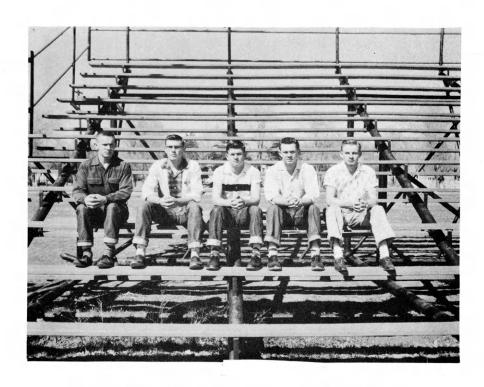
The above group are making plans for the farming program. Those in the picture left to right are: Mr. Stanley Nelson, Norman Nelson, Mrs. Stanley Nelson and Sam Stenzel, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Almena.



Observing the ewes and new lamb crop are: Mead F. Rogers, Sears Foundation and Von Lauer, Chapman. At the time of this picture, February 6, Von had over 100% lamb crop.



National FFA Judging Contests scoring crew at Kansas City. Pictured from left to right are: Don Gill, Harold Berends, Professor H. R. Bradley, Kansas State College, Neal Coyle, Arnold Appleby and Charles Coppli.



Bleachers constructed by the Vocational Agriculture Department at Inman. Chapter members seated left to right are: Bob Stoughton, Galen Postier, Don Ediger, Arlin Gaeddert, and Wayne Goertzen.

PRESIDENT WACHS ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The twenty-ninth annual State Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will be held April 29 and 30, 1957 at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

We are privileged in that Jerry, Litton, National Student Secretary of Chillicothe, Missouri, will represent the National Organization of Future Farmers of America at our convention this year. Those attending the House of Delegates meeting Monday evening, April 29, will have the privilege of hearing Jerry speak.

There will be many business matters for the House of Delegates to take action on this year.

Chapters who have paid their State and National dues and have filed a Program of Work by October 31, will be able to seat delegates. I hope that every chapter will have a delegate representation and also participate in the convention program.

F.F.A. members, make it a point to attend and participate in all the activities and help make this the greatest convention of all. I am looking forward to seeing and meeting with you.

William Wachs, President Kansas Association of F. F. A.

To Kansas FFA Members

Nationally the F.F.A. is recognized as one of the most worthwhile boys' organizations in the world. This is evidenced by the fact that similar organizations are springing up in many foreign lands. The reputation of the F.F.A. nationally is supported by the state associations and the local chapters. You, as a chapter member, may be considered one of the grass roots of the National F.F.A. organization.

I know you are proud to be identified as such. Your good work in F. F. A. is far reaching. As well as being a factor in developing your mind, your character, and your leadership ability, it stimulates the public interest and respect for your chapter, which in turn molds and increases your community's admiration for our national organization.

C. C. Eustace State Advisor

REMINDERS

- 1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
- 2. THREE copies of the FFA public speaking manuscript are required.
- 3. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., is needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
- 4. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all agricultural judging and farm mechanics contests will be rigidly enforced.
- 5. <u>Deadline mailing dates:</u>
 - a. State FFA Speech Contest, April 3, 1957.
 - b. Report of chapter membership, delegates, etc., April 3, 1957.
 - c. State FFA Chapter Award, April 3, 1957.
 - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 13, 1957.
 - e. Entries in the Farm Mechanics Contest, April 13, 1957.
 - f. Entries in the Dairy Products Contest, April 13, 1957.
 - g. Payments for cots and box lunches, April 13, 1957.
- 6. Box Lunch 80¢ each contestants only. Money due in mails April 13, 1957.
- 7. State FFA Speech Contest:
 - a. Order of appearance may be obtained from the secretary, Room 103, Holton Hall, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 29, 1957
 - b. Deductions for over time and under time:
 - (1) Twenty points for each minute or major fraction thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.
 - (2) Twenty points for each minute or major fraction thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length.
- 8. The annual meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee will be held in Holton Hall, Room 103, April 4, 10:00 a.m.
- 9. Teacher application forms for the Honorary American Farmer Degree are available at the state FFA office in Topeka. Completed forms are due in the State Office, July 1, 1957.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

Kansas applications for the American Farmer Degree are due in the Topeka Office, May 13, 1957. Address application materials to Assistant Supervisor L. E. Whipps, State Board for Vocational Education, 1025 Kansas Avenue.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL MEET IN STUDENT UNION BUILDING

The House of Delegates will hold its annual meeting in the ballroom of the Student Union Building, Monday, April 29, 1957, 7:30 p.m. Since we will have ample room for visitors, it is recommended that teachers invite parents of State Farmer candidates and others who may be interested to attend the Monday evening meeting of the House of Delegates.

PICTURES PLEASE

We need black & white pictures of farming programs. They should be about 3"x4", but if you do not have that size, send them in as they are. We can use them in newspapers, magazines, in T.V. shows and for various displays.

THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

Kansas ranks 9th out of 13 states in the Central region in the percentage of FFA members subscribing to the National FFA magazine. As of December 31, 1956, 77% of our members were subscribers. Since that date 391 of our members have sent in subscriptions. Last year Kansas subscribed 54%. Iowa ranked first in our region this year with subscriptions of 131% of their 10,089 members.

Subscribers receive six issues of the magazine each year for a total of \$.25. This amount of money will put six magazines of very high caliber in each members home. We believe that Kansas should be subscribing at least 100%.

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SEARS SHEEP CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR 1957

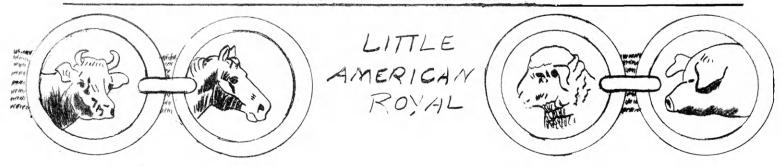
Each of the following F. F. A. members have been selected to receive the loan of fifteen range ewes and a registered mutton type ram from the Sears Foundation:

Norman Richards - Oberlin Chapter
Carl Beyer Jr. - Belleville Chapter
Bill Mc Nulty - Waterville Chapter
Lester Wall - Buhler Chapter
Harvey Davidson - McCune Chapter

Larry Rhe - Williamsburg Chapter

Larry Robinson - Downs Chapter

We appreciated the interest and number of good applicants who applied this year. It was difficult to make the final selection.



The little American Royal will be held at Kansas State College in the Ahearn Field House on Saturday evening, April 6. A special colorful attraction during the evening will be a square dance on horseback, done by the Sand Springs' sattle club. Music will be provided by the Herington High School Band.

DISCOUNT ON FFA JACKETS

The chapter supply service, Alexandria, Virginia is offering a 10% discount on official FFA jackets when they are ordered in quantities of 10 or more at one time. The supply service shipped over 68,000 official jackets to members last year.

MISSOURI CAMP OPENED TO KANSAS CHAPTERS

State Supervisor, Carl Humphrey of Missouri has again extended an invitation to Kansas chapters to visit the Missouri state FFA camp this year. Each chapter that attends the camp will be there for one week. The camp will be in session for eight weeks, beginning June 17. Last year six Kansas chapters attended this camp and each reported enjoying very much the recreation and training received. We suggest that teachers do not take the same boys who attended last year, and that they limit the group to the newly elected officers. This camp is located at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. Get your reservations in soon, if you plan to attend. The number of Kansas chapters being granted permission to attend the camp may have to be limited, depending upon the demand and facilities. Send reservations to Carl Humphrey, State Director of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Jefferson City, Missouri.

DEATH OF DOWELL J. HOWARD

The National FFA treasurer, Dr. Dowell J. Howard, state supervisor of public instruction in Virginia, died of a heart attack on February 23. Dr. Howard served as treasurer since 1941. The Future Farmers of America organization is deeply indebted to him for the services he rendered. During that period of time, he served in that capacity without pay from the organization.

Mr. R. E. Bass of Richmond, Virginia, has been elected to serve as National Treasurer.

"Spring Clean-up"

AN IDEA FOR A CHAPTER MONUMENT

The state FFA office has a copy of plans for an FFA monument which can be constructed to help advertise your chapter. The plans were developed by the Texas Association. They include construction with concrete masonry and would make a very permanent and attractive display. The project would involve some expense but possibly some civic group or Chamber of Commerce would help a chapter construct such a monument. If there is a demand for these plans, we can have them duplicated and mailed to you.

JERRY LITTON TO KANSAS FFA MEETING

Jerry Litton, the National Student secretary of the FFA from Chillicothe, Missouri, will be a feature speaker at the Kansas state FFA convention to be held April 29 and 30, at Manhattan. Jerry was elected to this position at the National FFA convention last October. He has served as Missouri State FFA President last year. He is continuing his study of agriculture journalism at the University of Missouri. Jerry and his father own 500 acres about 13 miles west of Chillicothe and rent an additional 400 acres. Corn, soybeans, wheat, beef cattle, and swine are their principal enterprises. While Jerry is away from home, he pays a hired man to do his work on the farm.

GET IN SWING WITH SPRING

It's Spring again....and once again the land takes on a fresh clean look. For springtime is nature's clean-up time...a time when winter's bleak landscape is displaced by the soft green of renewing life.

Let's help nature by cleaning up around the farm and in the farm home. Give the farm a new look, and make it a safer and easier place to live and work.

Pick up broken glass, rusty tin cans and loose boards with nails in them.

Get rid of the trash that's accumulated all year and clean up that old lumber piled back of the barn.

Give the farm shop a good housecleaning, too; put tools in neat order and assign a place for every tool.



GET IN SWING WITH SPRING (Cont.)

Inspect broken and worn steps and stairs for needed repairs.

Spread a little paint to brighten up the place; and trim the shrubbery and plant some flowers.

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

YOUR NEWS APPRECIATED

If your news items are not in this issue watch for them to be run in May. Your response to the news call is very much appreciated. We attempt to publish in the Kansas Future Farmer news from each chapter that responds to our call for news.

Sometimes we need to edit closely because of limited space. However, when these chapter news stories are included in some of our Kansas newspapers or magazines the complete details, including names, etc., are needed.

Soil Judging Schools

This year the state soils judging contests will be held in three centers: Glasco, Coldwater and Rossville. Each chapter will soon be mailed a brochure, giving the details of the contest which will be held in its area.

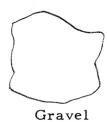
Five Kansas F. F. A. chapters will be eligible to compete in the National Soil Judging Contest in Oklahoma later this year.



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RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

On October 1, there were 6,485 students enrolled in 213 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of March 26 was 7,062. The percentage of membership based upon October 1 enrollment was 109%.

Two hundred and six chapters have paid dues to date. Seven chapters are delinquent.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 206 chapters having paid their dues is 112 per cent.

One hundred seventy-one chapters reported a paid-up membership of 100 per cent or more. Thirty-five chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

The five chapters having the highest paid-up membership for the year were: Altamont - 101; Effingham - 82; Emporia - 77; Paola - 68; and Winfield - 68.

In case of error in percentage of membership below, we will be glad to have you notify us so that correction can be made in the May issue of The Kansas Future Farmer.

Those chapters having a membership range from 176 per cent plus are:

Emporia

Holton

Harper

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 to 175 per cent are:

Effingham Little River

Ellsworth Manhattan Hillsboro Phillipsburg

Pratt

Quinter

Those having a membership range from 126 to 150 per cent are:

Almena
Belleville
Bird City
Cherryvale
Fairview
Goodland
Hanover
Jetmore
Kinsley
Medicine Lodge
Oberlin

Smith Center

Yates Center

Ashland
Beloit
Centralia
Colby
Garden City
Great Bend
Hiawatha
Kincaid
Kiowa
Merriam
Paola
Stockton

Atwood
Berryton
Cheney
Columbus
Glasco
Haddam
Hoxie
Kingman
Marysville
Miltonvale
Partridge
Wamego

Those chapters having a membership range from 101 to 125 per cent are:

Abilene Altoona Beverly

Burlington Cedar Vale

Coffeyville

Downs Eskridge Ford Garnett Hays Hill City Howard Inman LaCygne Leon Mankato McPherson

Norton Ottawa Parker Powhattan Riverton Seaman Simpson

Morrowville

Mulvane

St. Francis Trousdale Valley Falls

Washington

Alma

Arkansas City

Buhler Burns Chanute

Cottonwood Falls

Ellis Eureka Fort Scott Harveyville Herington Hoisington Hugoton Iola

Linn Marion Meade Moundridge Neodesha Osage City Palco

Lawrence

Parsons Pretty Prairie

Sabetha Sedan Spearville Syracuse Troy

Wakeeney

Westmoreland

Alton Attica

> Burlingame Caney Chetopa

Council Grove

Erie Florence Fredonia Haven Highland Hope

Humboldt Junction City Lebanon

Lindsborg Mc Cune Meriden Mullinville Norcatur Osborne Paradise Plainville Randolph Salina

Silver Lake Stafford Tribune Udall

Washburn Rural

Those chapters having a membership range of 100 per cent are:

Altamont Brewster Coldwater Ellinwood Geneseo LaCrosse Liberal Ness City Sublette

Wetmore

Bazine Chapman Concordia Ensign Goessel Lebo Longford Severy Wakefield Williamsburg Bonner Springs

Claflin Delphos Frankfort Jennings Leoti Morland Soldier Waterville Wilson

Those chapters having a membership range from 90 to 99 per cent are:

Alta Vista Clifton Elk City Highland Park Lakin Lyndon McDonald Minneapolis Natoma Olathe Onaga Peabody Piedmont Scandia Riley Solomon Wellsville

Those chapters having a membership range from 80 to 89 per cent are:

ClearwaterDodge CityEl DoradoGirardHolcombJewellOverbrookOxfordPlainsRossvilleSt. PaulTonganoxie

Those chapters having a membership range from 53 to 79 per cent are:

Blue Mound Clay Center Long Island
Newton Oakley Winfield

Tenney Visits Kansas

Dr. A. W. Tenney, executive secretary of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C., visited our State F. F. A. office on March 20.

Dr. Tenney was pleased to hear that Kansas is now cooperating with the National F. F. A. Foundation in its award program. He mentioned that chapters should be encouraged to submit all the facts when applying for a Foundation SAward on the National level, but not to philosophize.

He stated that we can help ourselves, our chapters and F.F.A. everywhere if we will make more use of "thank you" notes to those who have assisted us in various ways.

Band and Chorus Expense - 1956

For several years the Kansas Association of FFA has been providing the National FFA Band and Chorus with some of our state's top FFA musicians. Dr. Brunner and Dr. Hatch are very appreciative of our contributions to the success of those two organizations in Kansas City each year.

Kansas members have each had a part in supporting this venture since 10¢ of their state dues has been used to help defray expenses of the boys who spend a full week working with our national organization. The Kansas Association pays one-half the cost of the uniforms and all the travel and subsistence (maximum \$3.00 a day for meals). A statement of income and expenses follows:

Income: (Dues 1955-56)

7,515 members @ 10¢ per member	\$ 751.50
Expense: (National Band & Chorus 1956)	
15 uniforms (9 sharus 7 hand) \$112.50	

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St. Joe Grading & Identification School

On April 2, a number of the chapters near St. Joseph, Missouri will be sending chapter members to the stockyards and packing plants for instruction of grades of livestock and on identification of meats.

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS

1957 District Star Farmers

The following FFA members have been declared Star Farmers in their respective districts. They were chosen from the state farmer candidates by committees of Vocational Agriculture teachers:

Effingham Chapter	Northeast District
Osage City Chapter	East Central District
Columbus Chapter	Southeast District
Hanover Chapter	North Central District
McPherson Chapter	South Central District
Natoma Chapter	Northwest District
Lakin Chapter	Southwest District
	Osage City Chapter Columbus Chapter Hanover Chapter McPherson Chapter

Six of the above winners will each receive \$50.00 checks and the one who is chosen Star Farmer of Kansas will receive a \$200.00 check from the National FFA Foundation.

A partial list of winners in the other award areas are:

Northeast:	Farm Electrification	Elvon Van Dalsen	Fairview
	Dairy Farming	-Elvon Van Dalsen	- Fairview
	Farm Mechanics	Elvon Van Dalsen	Fairview
East Central:	Beef Cattle	Charles Higdon	Williamsburg
Southeast:	Swine Production Dairy Farming Beef Production Farm Electrification Farm Mechanics Soil & Water Managemen	Steven McGovneyGeorge CunninghamCecil DavisRichard FairchildPhillip Addis	Coffeyville Chetopa Chetopa Chanute Chetopa Chanute
North Central:	Farm Electrification Dairy Farming Farm Mechanics Beef Production Swine Production	Bob HamolkaJan FredricksonHarvey C. KohlsGary HarmonDonald Long	EllsworthConcordiaEllsworthEllsworth
South Central:	Beef Production Farm Mechanics Dairy Farming	Gary Cranston Larry Waite Galen Schrag	Winfield Winfield Pretty Prairie
Northwest:	Swine Production	Veryl D. Rush	Oberlin

District winners in Farm Mechanics, Soil & Water Management, and Farm Safety will each receive \$50.00 from the Foundation. Winners in Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Swine Production, and Beef Production will each receive \$25.00. A complete list of winners will be available after April 15, which is the deadline for submitting entries.

GARDEN CITY: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet February 13. One of the highlights of the evening was the announcing of the Chapter Star Farmer, Vernon Schweer, who is a junior in high school.... A Finney County farmer, Arthur Stone, first treasurer of the Garden City Chapter, told of early chapter activities and some of the early farming programs.... The No. 9 Vo-Ag class then built the F.F.A. emblem, naming and explaining the meaning of each part.... Eight Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree.... On February 2, small groups of F.F.A. members met at different farms and hunted jack rabbits. The bounties were put into the chapter treasury.

Duane Alexander, Reporter

SIMPSON: In cooperation with the Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Council, we are conducting a safety survey in the Simpson, Asherville, and Scottsville territories.... The purpose of this survey is to determine some of the causes of the many farm accidents that cause so much loss of time, permanent injuries, and even death and ways to help prevent these accidents.... A considerable number of farmers have been contacted in order to give the survey an adequate coverage.... We presented a fifteen minute radio program entitled, "This is the F.F.A." over Radio Station KNCK, Concordia, February 22, as part of our celebration of National F.F.A. Week.... We were hosts to the North Central District Public Speaking Contest on Monday, March 11.... Our entire Chapter attended the K.U., K-State basketball game in Manhattan..

Jerry Burnette

QUINTER: For National F.F.A. Week, we constructed a booth in a local store window showing the scope of our farming programs, placed two articles and three pictures in the local paper, and gave the program at Rotary....We have completed a Pest Eradication Contest and have a safety contest under way....We have mixed five tons of cattle mineral which we sell for \$3.00 per hundred for a money-making project....In shop we have made the following: four feed bunks, four trailers, two squeeze chutes, one calf cradle, a power grain unloading tank, and four farrowing crates..

Ray Harvey, Reporter

WASHBURN: During National F.F.A. Week our chapter conducted a fifteen minute broadcast over WIBW and we had a window display in Seabrook... Eight boys were raised to Chapter Farmers and fourteen boys were granted the Green Hand Degrees... We have helped dehorn cattle and castrate cattle and swine.... Our shop jobs include: two sheep feeders, three swine self-feeders, several swine troughs, clothes line poles, self-waterers, overhauling a truck engine, a combine engine, and a self-propelled combine and a wagon bed, a flat bed for a pickup, and a farm wagon..

Kenneth D. Kerns, Reporter

LINDSBORG: We have 36 members enrolled in vocational agriculture and 43 in F.F.A. We are making four squeeze chutes, two big wagons, a loading chute, and have repaired a number of motors...On March 11, we held our annual Parent-Son Banquet with 79 persons attending. Safety was the theme for the banquet.

John Oakleaf, Reporter

SCANDIA: Our Chapter sponsored a Pest Eradication Contest again this winter. The contest members were divided into two teams. The winning team will be treated to a chili supper by the losing team. There were also three individual prizes....The F.F.A. again this year sponsored a concession stand in the F.F.A. room during home basketball games. This has been our chief money-raising activity for the past three years...Our Junior class has been taking soil test samples for the farmers in the community....In shop our larger projects include a steel feed bunk, a bale loader, a mineral feeder for livestock, a self-unloading two-wheel trailer, overhaul job on an Allis Chalmers tractor, and overhauling small gasoline engines....Our judging teams plan to attend the Hays Field Day and the State Contest at Kansas State College.....Committees have been appointed for planning our Spring F.F.A. Banquet. Also we plan to elect our F.F.A. officers for the coming year at our next meeting.

Allan Larson, Reporter

MANKATO: The annual Parent-Son Banquet was on March 22. Our annual Pest Eradication Contest ended January 11 with the losing side giving the winning side a chili feed. So far this year we have had five trash hauls which made an average of \$33.00 each. During National F.F.A. Week, the Mankato chapter put a window display in the local post office. Our parliamentary procedure team put on a demonstration for the Modern Minerva Club. We have several projects under way in shop. At the present, we have two cattle squeezes, two four-wheel trailers, two wheel trailers, one implement trailer, gates, picnic tables, clothes line poles, feed bunks, and hayracks. We have reconditioned several tools, refinished furniture, and made several woodworking projects, such as gun racks, nail boxes, stock racks, sawhorses, and end tables. We have made a box for the Vocational Agriculture pickup.

Forrest Ortman, Reporter

SEVERY: We have just completed a pest control contest, after which the losing side gave the winners a hamburger feed. Next month we will be having our annual Parent-Son Banquet. Slides will be shown of the boys' farming programs and shop projects....Some of the larger shop projects constructed this year are: one squeeze chute, two hay elevators, one 20 ft. by 24 ft. all steel portable two section building, five D. C. welders, and painted four tractors, four cars, and many pieces of farm equipment. We overhauled two tractors, one truck, two cars, built four four-wheeled wagons, and one grain bed, two gas stands, two air compressors, all-steel work tables, three large tool cabinets, and about thirty gates.

Gene Fox, Reporter

HERINGTON: On October 31, the Herington chapter was invited to the National Farm Loan Association annual banquet and stockholders meeting. Our F.F.A. officers gave the ritual. The Herington F.F.A. chapter initiated twelve Green Hands on December 6. The local chapter was invited to Chapman on December 16 to raise their Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer Degree... We placed second in the crops school at Hope... March 22, the Herington Chapter held its Sixth Annual Parent-Son Banquet. The speaker for the evening was Robert Gadberry, Assistant Vice-President of the Fourth National Bank of Wichita, Kansas. His address was entitled, "Twentieth Century Samson."

Lowell Rohloff, Reporter

PARTRIDGE: The F.F.A. sponsored a Sweetheart Dance in the Vocational Agriculture Building. The building was decorated with bales of straw and decorated wagon wheels.... The Green Hand ceremony was held on our March meeting.... The F.F.A. Chapter sponsored a Pest Eradication contest.

Dennis Perkins, Reporter

MULVANE: Our Pest Eradication Contest ended at our January meeting. We also initiated twelve Green Hands at this meeting. At the annual Mother-Son potluck supper in February, we raised last year's Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer.... We have castrated several pigs, bulls, and rams, dehorned cattle and vaccinated forty-one pigs.... In December, our advisor took the junior agriculture class to a meat packaging and freezing demonstration which was given by Professor Mackintosh of Kansas State College.... We have provided a full set of the recently approved pieces of paraphernalia for officers... Shop jobs that have been completed this year include one two-wheel trailer, three cattle loading chutes, one hog chute, several pipe gates, reconditioning a mowing machine, several clothes line poles, and sleds for chairs. Three cars have been painted.

Wallace R. Cook, Reporter

CHENEY: Our chapter is holding a Pest Eradication Contest. Losers of the contest will treat the winners to a hamburger fry. We have a new member in our chapter, Jerry Lindsey, from the Maritta chapter at Maritta, Mississippi.... During F.F.A. Week, we have an exhibit downtown and ran two special news stories in our local paper. This is the first year our chapter had had an application for State Farmer Degree.... Many shop projects are presently being constructed, some of which are: three post hole diggers, five hog feeders, one hay elevator, two large hog houses, one machinery trailer, one stock rack for pickup, one scraper blade for Ford Tractor, one tractor being painted, two V-type sheep feeders, two silage bunks, one 12 x 12 range house for poultry, and one gasoline rack for 500 gallon tank.

David Pipkin, Reporter

NORTON: We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet on March 30, in the high school auditorium. At this banquet, the F. F.A. officers for next year were installed....Projects under construction in the vocational agriculture shop at the present time are: three steel gates, two wooden gates, one cattle loading chute, three tractors to be repainted, one tractor to be overhauled and repainted, two sheep feeders, two sheep salt feeders, three steel lamb feeders, ten hog troughs, two cattle feed bunks, two combination picnic tables and benches, and one general overhaul on a farm truck.

Larry Havens, Reporter

UDALL: In early January the Udall Chapter officers presented a program for the Udall Lions Club. The officers went through a model meeting showing some of the finer points of parliamentary procedure.... The chapter's community Pest Eradication contest ended the night of the January meeting.... The chapter held a Valentine party in connection with the meeting on February 14. Each boy brought his date and, after a short business meeting, the group enjoyed games and dancing.... Large items under construction in the shop are: grain storage bins, a two and four wheel trailer, several gates, a swine breeding crate, and a four-cylinder motor is being overhauled.

Richard Blankenship, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Our Parent-Son Banquet will be April 9....Our chapter placed third in the district Crops Contest at Hoxie and first in the District Farm Mechanic Contest at Oberlin....We gave the Chapter Farmer Degree to eight sophomores at our regular meeting March 20....Sophomores and seniors won the Pest Contest.

Delbert Grauerholz, Reporter

LA CROSSE: On March 5, we had a chili and chicken noodle supper for a money-making project. We made about \$170 clear on the supper. We sold tickets for \$.75 to adults and \$.50 to children. Each person got all the soup he wanted to eat, plus coffee, milk, pie, and relishes. We donated most of our food and cleaned and dressed our own hens in class. We purchased 25 bleachers back rests early in the basketball season to rent. These rent good at tournaments, but slow at the regular games.... During F.F.A. Week we started a safety program by making farm safety checks and by showing safety films during activity period for all the school students to see.... Some of the larger shop projects being constructed are: one overhead machinery carrier, one portable loading chute, two feed bunks, and three pickup stock racks. We are rebuilding a trailer to carry a fertilizer tank and are repairing several grain auger motors. Two of the boys have built some fine tool cabinets to put in their home farm shops. Some of our home improvement projects include: sheep bunks, new barn sills, painting farm equipment, yard clean up and shop re-arrangement. We are planning a banquet for May 7 in which the original F. F. A. chapter will present to us (a re-established chapter) the original F.F.A. Charter.

Gary Wilson, Reporter

KINGMAN: The Kingman F.F.A. members went to Hutchinson, January 9, to see a giant plastic steer. The animal was 25 times life size and 12 feet tall. The project was sponsored by the Ralston Purina Feed Co. There were 41 members, Mr. Virgil Lake, advisor, and Mr. Ray McKinney, Principal, who made the trip.... Seventeen boys were initiated into the Kingman chapter of the F.F.A. on January 23. The film, "Behind the Feed Bag," was shown.... A contest is being held to help decrease pests in the community.... Many projects are being made in the shop this year. Some of them are: two hardware cabinets, tool cabinet, two irrigation trailers, hog chute, two steel feed bunks, two wooden gates, fifteen aluminum gates, and two sheep feeders.... At the March 8 meeting, Don Rudicel and his father showed slides of their trip to the Black Hills, Canada, and Western States.

Clint Birkenbaugh, Reporter

COLUMBUS: The annual Parent-Son Banquet was held in December with 125 in attendance. We went on a farm tour with the County Extension Service which demonstrated a self-feeding silo, grading of beef cattle, probing of back fat on hogs....Our annual skating party was held at Miami during February.... We attended a very interesting hog grading demonstration held at Hull and Dillon Packing Plant in Pittsburg. Some of us returned the next day to study the dressed carcasses.... We demonstrated the use of the squeeze chute at the Southwest Missouri Breeders Association here in Columbus.

Jim Hale, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: Two boys are making "show boxes" in shop, using fir plywood with aluminum angle at the corners and as a support for the shelf. Four bale elevators are under construction at present...Blaine Shaffer, a junior, won first place in the ten minute division of the District Speech Contest at Effingham.

Dean Brockhoff, Reporter

ELLINWOOD: Our chapter is completing plans for the South Central District Farm Mechanics School and Contest to be held in Ellinwood Saturday, March 23.... Mr. Loren Whipps from the State Department, Mr. Floyd Morton, President of our local advisory council, Mr. Harvey DeWerff, secretary, and Mr. John Cragun, advisor of our chapter, presented a TV program over KTVH in Hutchinson on Tuesday, March 12.... Our officers had an evening meeting on March 18 and completed F.F.A. reports and plans for our annual Parent-Son Banquet to be held May 9.

Richard Hammeke, Reporter

OAKLEY: We held a pancake feed on March 23. We had a poster contest in connection with the pancake feed for advertising. Our prizes were: first place, cufflinks and tieclasp; second place, billfold; and third, an eversharp.... Our chapter had a pest control contest with the Colby chapter and we won. The winners are to be treated to a big feed.... The money from our pancake feed will be used to put on our banquet and help pay the boys way to the State Contest and if we have enough left, our chapter is going to take a trip.

Jay Sweeney, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: We divided up sides and held a Rodent Contest from December 1 to January 31. The losers treated the winners to a chili feed.... We have placed four Yorkshire gilts with Green Hands and will receive two gilt pigs back from each boy. Some of the shop jobs under construction at the present time include: tractor overhaul, reconditioning tandem disc, two bottom plow, and three section harrow. Construction jobs include: a loading chute, two implement trailers, gas barrel stand, and several gates.

John Walthall, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Seventeen first year Ag. students were initiated as Green Hand at our annual Dad-Son chili supper in November. The Green Hand Ritual team was made up of members elected from the Chapter Farmer membership....

Our Parent-Son Banquet is scheduled for April 23.... Major shop projects at this time include two squeeze chutes; three two-wheel trailers; one tractor overhaul; one large truck bed; and several hot-water tank hog troughs.

Terry Jackson, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: We finished our year's work in Farming Programs Records with a total net worth of the thirty members in the Chapter of \$21, 225, 96 or an average of \$707.53 per member. We have a traveling plaque for the member having the most outstanding program and complete set of records for one year. The winner last year is our Chapter Reporter, Joe Clary, who will pass it on to another member this year....Our Farm Eradication Pest Contest closed on February 8. The losing team and those not reaching their 250 points or more entertained the chapter with a chili feed and various athletic games on the gymnasium court.... We earned approximately \$40.00 this year serving at basketball games....Our gilt ring is getting back on a paying basis again. We have culled out one or two and added some new blood to our ring. There are now five gilts out to the various members. Contracts are drawn up for the students to sign. They agree to return two from the first litter at about 75 pounds or more.... We plan to cooperate with the Pfister Hybrid Corn Company again this year. Several of the members will plant their corn and then show a ten-ear sample at our local Corn Show next fall.... In the shop, the boys have made three steel gates, three wooden gates, large feed bunks, hay rack feeders, four four-wheeled trailer wagons, and farm ladders.

Joe Clary, Reporter

JENNINGS: We have nineteen F.F.A. members this year. Six of these were raised to the degree of Green Hand in a ceremony at our November meeting. All of the members spent two days at the State Fair in Hutchinson....Some of our shop jobs for the year are: two irrigation pipe trailers, five picnic tables, one self-feeding hog feeder, several gates, power lift on grain drill, painting a tractor, a grain drill, a pickup and a car, silage unloader for pit silo, two wire rollers, and repairing tractor and plow.

Red Carper, Reporter

HOWARD: Our F.F.A. chapter has held its pest control contest. The losing side is giving a party for the winning side... The Scholarship committee has set up a chapter Scholarship and Honor Student Program. It is based on the student's grades, special qualities, participation, and appearance every six weeks. Our F.F.A. judging team made a trip to Oklahoma City where we saw the Oklahoma Junior Livestock Show.... We are having our Parent-Son Banquet on April 11, where we are going to initiate the Green Hands to Chapter Farmers.

Harold Friend, Reporter

CHAPMAN: Abner Engle, the first advisor of the F. F. A. chapter at Dickinson County Community High School was made an honorary member of the chapter during the regular meeting January 3.... Mr. Engle had served as the F. F. A. advisor since the chapter was organized in 1930. He had been the vocational agriculture teacher for 37 years and he has taught both fathers and sons in the case of 16 families.... Larry Cundiff, the present chapter vice-president, is the son of Verl Cundiff, a former student of Mr. Engle.

Bruce Whiteley, Reporter

MORLAND: The newly organized Morland F.F.A. chapter has received its charter from the State F.F.A. Association. All of the charter members will receive the Green Hand Degree.... Each member has planned farming programs for 1957. The average number of enterprises is $2\frac{1}{2}$ per member.... The F.F.A. Chapter is participating in the Farm Safety campaign sponsored by the Kansas Farm Bureau.... The chapter members have been improving the beauty of our school ground by the removal of dead trees and trimming of the live trees and shrubs.... We have butchered two steers, cut up and wrapped them for the deep freeze as one means of raising money to finance our chapter activities.... Our chapter sponsored a Pest Eradication contest.

Lionel Otts, Reporter

ALTON: The Alton F.F.A. Parent-Son Banquet was held March 19. Assistant Supervisor, John Lacey, was the speaker. The welcome was given by Gary Bates and the response by his father, Kenneth Bates. Three members gave the speeches that they used in the District Contest. Lanny Brent played a clarinet solo. Our advisor has taken pictures of our farming program and shop projects which will be on display at our open house of our Department after the banquet....Our team ranked third in the Northwest District Poultry Judging school and Lanny Brent was fifth high individual....At our last F.F.A. meeting, Rev. Wampler of the E. U. B. Church spoke on the relationship of agriculture and church work.

Don Pratt, Reporter

JEWELL: On February 6th we held our annual chili feed and had our parents as guests to show our appreciation for their cooperation. The program consisted of a show on electrical safety entitled, "The Shocking Truth." Many of the freshmen parents were favorably impressed with our opening and closing ritual. We put on an assembly program during National F.F.A. Week.

Walter Sanders, Reporter

JETMORE: We are planning our F.F.A. Banquet for April 16....Our chapter placed first in poultry at Ness City and third in crops at Bazine....Six of our members received their Green Hand Degrees last January....Some of our shop projects are: three cattle chutes, two feed bunks, valve grinding table, swing set, tractor and motor repair, yard tables, harrow hitch, gate, and a horse trailer. The freshmen are building sawhorses.

Danny Phurch, Reporter

SYRACUSE: The Pest Eradication Contest was held by our chapter. The losing team will furnish refreshments at the next meeting....Our Parent-Son Banquet will be held April 17. We are building the emblem this year as a part of the program....Projects in the shop include: hog troughs, push carts, self feeder, pickup stock racks, squeeze chute, and three chair racks for the fair building and sink cabinet....Several members brought milk into the agriculture department to have it tested for butterfat....A calendar sale was very successful in our chapter in which subscriptions were sold to business places and 200 calendars were distributed throughout the community.

Leo Finkenbinder, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Our annual agriculture barnwarmer was held in November. All F. F. A. members attended, as well as a majority of the high school students. American Farmer, Ralph Basel, from our chapter, presented a program at one of our night meetings.... Contributions this year include: a \$4.00 donation to a needy family in Franklin County of a Christmas dinner, a \$15.00 on an "Advance Special, "a missionary working in Chile, and \$5.00 to CARE.... We have presented two programs at different Lion's Clubs, two community safety programs, and two radio programs on safety.... Our chapter members own 71 shares of class B stock in the Production Credit Association. Officers of our chapter entertained the Local PCA director at a luncheon in the North American Hotel at Ottawa, at which time the policies on mortgages, stocks, and collateral were discussed.... Our chapter recently conducted a survey covering 98 farms. This survey covered such things as calving per cents, number of sows and litters raised, number of ewes and lambing per cent, loss of livestock and causes, loading chutes available, feeding of mineral, etc. We intend to use this material at our Parent-Son Banquet ... A special bus was furnished by the CCA to take our F.F.A. members on a tour of the various CO-OP plants in this area. We visited the nitrate plant at Lawrence, Board of Trade in Kansas City, also the CCA Building in North Kansas City, where the boys were given a free meal in the new Skyline Room....Our chapter is participating in the Farm Bureau Farm Safety Campaign. So far we have contacted 109 farmers and we hope many of the hazards noted on the check sheet will be removed. We have installed four "courtesy saves lives" signs along the highway. We will also enter the Kansas F.F.A. Farm Safety Program.... During F. F. A. Week, we presented an assembly program, and by the end of that week, we had used all of the 200 F.F.A. stickers publicizing F.F.A. Week. We are installing two roadside markers and in conjunction with this, we are building large letters of rock west of town on a south slope facing Highway 50, "Williamsburg F. F. A. Chapter." The letters will be approximately six to eight feet in size.

Ira Huddlestun, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: The most interesting work in the F.F.A. the past months is the Gilt Ring. We purchased five registered gilts at the Duroc Sale at Smith Center. We were able to buy these gilts with the help of the Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary Clubs of Marysville. We also purchased a boar at a later date. The gilts have farrowed 44 pigs.... We placed 7th at the Smith Center Hog Judging Contest out of 60 teams and 5th in the Poultry School at Wamego.... On March 2, Ronald Hormann and Richard Allerheiligen went to the Cooperative Speech Contest at Clay Center. Ronald placed 2nd and Richard 3rd. Both have won a trip to Estes Park next summer, all expenses paid We started our annual farming program tour on March 13.... On March 14, the sophomore class gave an interesting program at our local radio station... For all home basketball games, the F.F.A. has placed the U.S. flag in the gym....For money raising activities, the chapter has been selling screw driver sets.... We are making a number of projects in shop and, at the present time, the largest project is a cattle squeeze chute.... The school purchased a pickup truck for the agriculture boys convenience.... During National F.F.A. Week, the chapter had a window display in the school The sophomore class is planning to attend the Meat Show at St. Joseph, Missouri,

Gary Lohse, Reporter

BEVERLY: We have planned our annual Parent-Son Banquet for April 9. The theme will be "A New Era in Agriculture." The rewards of the high individuals in our Pest Eradication will be given at the banquet....Some of the projects made in shop this year are: four gates, bed for four-wheel trailer, implement trailer, two sheep feeders, squeeze chute, ten hog feeders, and two dog houses.

Dale Eckleman, Reporter

ELLIS: We had a bowling party for chapter members January 11. Members set their own pins and saved some money. The party was financed from chapter funds and was a cheap enjoyable evening. We are now planning our Parent-Son Banquet...Our annual Pest Control Contest will end April 22.... Eleven members attended the Duroc Judging Contest at Smith Center. Three boys also attended the Crops Judging Contest at Hoxie....We built a steel hog farrowing crate which we will loan out to members and farmers in this community for \$.50 a day....Some of the shop projects we are working on or have completed in shop are: bale elevator, steel and aluminum gates, feed bunks, farrowing crate, saw horses, salt box, hog troughs, two welding tables, cement mixer, two steel pickup racks, and an arc and oxy-actylene storage cabinet....Some of our boys are now planning on irrigation for their projects...We have a basketball team and have been playing neighboring chapters.

Gerald Boos, Reporter

SEAMAN: Our chapter had its Chapter Farmer initiation at the regular night meeting October 17. Five members were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree. Ten Green Hands were initiated October 19, at our regular day meeting....Our chapter is progressing rapidly in cooperative activities. We held our annual Pest Control Contest from December 1 to January 31. Our chapter eradicated 2,047 pests. Norman Armstrong was high point man. We have also tested 54 samples of milk brought in by the chapter members. We have bought and mixed mineral, and we are getting some Warfarin, a rat and mice poison, from Kansas State College, to control the rat and mice infested farms in the area. We also bought some tri-colored flashlights for chapter members to promote safety.... We have vaccinated 102 hogs and 124 cattle and we have castrated 147 hogs and 87 calves. We have also dehorned 105 cattle.... Our chapter gilt ring committee bought a boar for the chapter members and farmers in the area.... We held our annual Parent-Son Banquet, February 18, at the Seaman Community Church. There were 23 members and 120 guests present. The banquet was prepared by the Guild of the Church and served by ten F.H.A. members and their sponsor.... Tom Knappenberger, State Reporter, spoke to the group about the members' success being due to the cooperation received from their parents....Mr. Grice Sexton of the Kansas Farm Bureau gave a very entertaining address on "America Today.".... Mr. Webb Dooley, a prominent Shorthorn breeder, was given the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree for his contribution in livestock judging at his farm for Vocational Agriculture classes.

Norman Armstrong, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: The boys of our chapter are working hard to improve their farming programs. We have 25 members in our chapter. Carl Burris is building a tumblebug in shop to improve some ground for planting crops. He also built a creep feeder for his pigs. Richard Curtis is building a trailer for his garden tractor to haul water to his truck garden. He also built a farrowing crate for his swine project which came in mighty handy. Larry and Robert Warrington built a feed bunk for their beef projects and Robert built a feed cart....Six members attended the Poultry Judging Contest at Solomon and the Crops Judging at Hope....Our chapter also put on a Junior High assembly. We presented the following: "Building of the Emblem" ceremony and a movie, "Future Farmer of Tomorrow."

Carl Burris, Reporter

HAYS: There are thirty-three members in our chapter this year. Ten members received their Green Hand Degree in November. The chapter purchased an official electric emblem, motto banner, and the aims and purposes banner for the classroom. It will also be used for the background at our annual banquet... Shop projects completed and under construction are: one metal gate, five feed bunks, two power mowers, one implement trailer, one portable loading chute, 125 feet of metal corral fence, seven basketball frames, four chests of drawers, six clothes line poles, and one plow hitch. We have also repaired three gas engines, three car transmissions, overhauled one car engine, relined brakes, and painted one car...For our recreation, the Hays F.F.A. has played seven games of basketball with neighboring F.F.A. chapters....We participated in the poultry judging school at Stockton. Ronald Joy placed fourth high, individually, in the contest. We are planning to judge at Colby, Hutchinson, Larned, Sterling, and here at Fort Hays Experiment Station.

Donald Joy, Reporter

OLATHE: At a recent meeting, it was decided that we would rent the local rollerskating rink to have an F.F.A. sponsored party. It was voted that we contribute \$5.00 to the student council fund....The junior class has been taking tours to the homes of various members to study projects and farming programs.

Jim Larson, Reporter

SABETHA: Elton Aberle, our president, won first place at the District Cooperative Speech Contest at Holton. The contestants qualified by entering an essay contest in which any boy or girl could enter. The essays were judged and the top three from each school were notified that they would give their speeches at Holton... Our chapter has sheep for a cooperative money-making project. We started with twenty ewes. The sheep are on a farm close to town where a farmer is on a share basis. He furnished the feed, shelter, and labor while the chapter furnishes the sheep. When sold, the lamb crop will be divided half and half. Nineteen of the ewes have a total of 26 lambs. The Vocational Agriculture classes do the castrating, docking, shearing, and have all management decisions.... Our F.F.A. Parent-Son Banquet was held Tuesday, March 5. The guest speaker was Ambrose Ernzen, an American Farmer from Effingham. He spoke on his activities of becoming an American Farmer. The main dish this year was roast beef. The meal was served by the sisters of boys in the F.F.A. and prepared by the mothers. There were 36 boys and their parents present.

Errol Dean Landman, Reporter

HOLTON: On a recent night meeting, we raised the freshmen to the Green Hand Degree and sophomores to the Chapter Farmer Degree. Our chapter holds one day meeting each month and night meetings whenever necessary.... We presented a TV Program over WIBW-TV on February 28. The program showed how to kill and prevent cattle grubs.... Our annual Parent-Son Banquet is to be held May 7.... The chapter held a pest eradication contest this year. The losing side treated the winners to a pie and ice cream feed on March 21.... Included in our shop work this year are: one four-wheel trailer and box, twenty clothes line poles, one loading chute, two two-wheel trailers, repaired two stockracks, several feed bunks, and one member mounted a plow on rubber. Several pieces of farm machinery have been repaired.... For recreation, the chapter sponsored an intramural basketball team that tied for first place in the Holton High School intramural program. The Holton chapter was host to the Northeast District F.F.A. Livestock judging contest on March 27.

Maurice Kabance, Reporter

TRIBUNE: Our chapter has started a Greeley County Swine Improvement Association. Our advisor went to Portis and purchased Tamworth gilts. The boys who received these gilts had them bred to one of the two chapter boars. boars are owned by the F.F.A. which sells shares to the members who wished to use them.... We also have a Feed Purchasing Cooperative for our gilts. We bring the feed up to the shop where the boys who want feed purchase it from our cooperative group. ... We have the same sort of program for the boys who have calves.... Our chapter is running the cement sidewalks for our new school building. We have just finished running the main sidewalk to the front doors. We are doing this as a community service.... Our Crops and Poultry Team went to Ness City and Bazine on February 25. The Crops Team received second, and the Poultry received third.... Our Livestock Team went to Hugoton last March 7, and received second. They were beaten only by a team from Oklahoma. .. Teachers from Libya, and Africa are coming here to examine our school system. They will look over the Agricultural Department, and the Vocational Education Program.... Our chapter is cooperating with the Y-Teens in regard to the popcorm machine.

Frankie Woods, Reporter

RILEY: The Riley F. F. A. chapter beat the Randolph F. F. A. chapter in a Pest Eradication Contest. which ran from November to February 1. Riley had 44,540 points to Randolph's 39,700 points in the contest.... At our last F. F. A. meeting it was decided to have another camping party this year. Last year the party included fishing and boating, singing around a campfire and food cooked over an open campfire. One of the local farmers in our area who has a recording machine, recorded the business section of our program at the last meeting and played it back for us at the end of the meeting to see how "business-like" the meeting was.

Larry Kaump, Reporter

EDSON: We profited \$61.00 at our annual Box Supper, which was held March II. We gave a short program of skits, readings, songs, and stunts. We are planning our basketball game, matching fathers from the north of town against those south of town. The Ag. II and III boys switched classes with the Home Ec. girls for a week. We sent a team to Hoxie, on February 4, to the Crops Judging School. We are also planning our F. F. A. Banquet for May 4. We raised our chickens and have them in the locker.... Shop jobs include: Painting machinery and a tractor, overhauling a truck, and several woodworking projects.