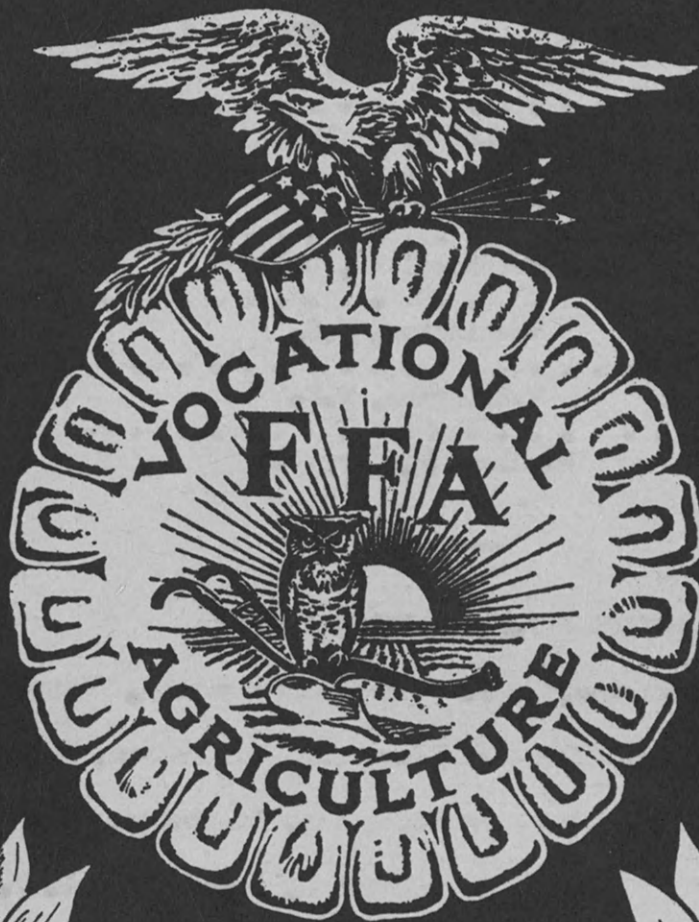


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FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due as of January 1, 1948. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION to enter candidates for the State Farmer Degree and the American Farmer Degree is due November 15. (Notify L. F. Hall.)

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TWENTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Missouri, October 19-22, 1947

"If I were of your age, I most certainly would want to be a member of the Future Farmers of America", remarked Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson, to Gus R. Douglass, Jr., President of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, as he accepted the Honorary American Farmer Degree bestowed upon him at the opening of his address before the first assembly of the Twentieth Convention in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 20. "I accept this honor as a mark of respect for the office of Secretary of Agriculture and as a token of personal friendship", continued Secretary Anderson as he received the Golden Key emblematic of the highest award in the Future Farmers of America Organization.

An International mein was given this year's convention with Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States, as headline speaker before the House of Delegates, Tuesday, October 20, together with six young Britons sent by their government as guests of the FFA, two young men representing the Future Farmers of Canada, and ten Burmese youths, all in attendance throughout the Convention. Lord Inverchapel upon receiving the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the hands of National FFA President, Gus R. Douglass, Jr., expressed his pleasure in receiving the honor and remarked that he considered the degree "to be an expression of the good will which today governs the relations between our two great and freedom loving nations"... "The last line of your motto enshrines the duty of every young farmer - 'Living to serve'. Today more than ever we must live to serve not only our local communities and our nations but mankind as a whole".

"At the moment", continued the Ambassador, "the duty of every farmer and farm boy is clear. The world today is so acutely short of feed that hunger and its evil companions, pestilence and political unrest, face millions of human beings. So our duty as farmers is to produce the utmost, particularly those foods which are needed in the war-torn, hunger-worn countries".

Mayor William E. Kemp, Kansas City, Missouri, in welcoming the Future Farmers of America to Kansas City, centered his main thoughts upon the FFA Banner which carries the Ideals for which our organization stands. He stressed particularly Character, Sportsmanship, Leadership, Cooperation, Citizenship, and Patriotism.

In spite of the fact that there was no effort to encourage a large attendance at the Twentieth National FFA Convention, the total enrollment approached the 7,000 mark.

HEADQUARTERS: Municipal Auditorium with registration in the Grand Foyer. All sessions were held in the Main Arena with the exception of the last day when the meetings were held in the beautiful Music Hall, so that the Main Arena could be prepared for the Chamber of Commerce banquet that meeting.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: All National Officers were present. These boys did a superb job in handling the entire Convention. Perhaps their most outstanding performance was in presenting the Ritual in connection with raising the 189 candidates to the American Farmer Degree. The effectiveness of the Fourth



## Twentieth National Convention of FFA (continued)

Degree Ritual was enhanced by the fine manner in which the National Officers enunciated, pronounced and timed the splendid message carried in the Ritual. Delegates, FFA members, and visitors were deeply impressed with the effectiveness of a ritual well handled. Such exemplary performance gives one pride in belonging to the FFA, and in addition should send delegates and FFA members in attendance home imbued with a desire to improve their own ritualistic performance.

DELEGATES: The Kansas official delegates were Harland Priddle, Haven Chapter, delegate number one, and Bob Greve, Harper Chapter, delegate number two. Ninety-eight delegates representing forty-nine respective state and territorial associations were present.

AMERICAN FARMER: There were 189 candidates raised to the American Farmer Degree. Herman Popp, Haven Chapter, and Keith Loyd, St. Francis Chapter were the two boys from Kansas to receive this honor.

Texas had the largest number of successful candidates with nineteen; Illinois had thirteen; Georgia, California, North Carolina and Wisconsin each had nine; Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania each had eight; Missouri had five; and Nebraska had three.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS:

- Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.
- Robert E. Cammack, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery 4, Alabama
- L. D. Clements, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Capitol Building, Lincoln 9, Nebraska
- H. O. Coffey, Assistant Managing Editor, PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Birmingham 2, Alabama
- John H. Davis, Executive Secretary, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 744 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.
- T. A. Erickson, Consultant, Rural Services, General Mills, Inc., 400 Second Avenue, South, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota
- H. C. Fetterolf, Chief, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Henry E. Giacomini, Box 232, R.F.D., Ferndale, California
- O. A. Hanke, Editorial Director, POULTRY TRIBUNE, Mt. Morris, Illinois
- J. E. Hill, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education 216 E. Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois
- Robert N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Air Lines Railroad, Norfolk, Virginia
- The Right Honorable Lord Inverchapel, Ambassador from Great Britain, British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D.C.
- William C. LaRue, Associate Editor, PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Julian A. McPhee, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, California
- A. W. Nolan, formerly Teacher Trainer at University of Illinois, 1603 S. Main Street, Paris, Illinois
- Verd Peterson, State Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Columbia 10, South Carolina
- Lester B. Pollom, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Topeka, Kansas

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George A. Rietz, Manager, Farm Industry Division, General Electric Company, 1 River Road, Schenectady 5, New York  
Louis M. Sasman, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 315 State Office Building, Madison 2, Wisconsin  
R. M. Stewart, Teacher Trainer, State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, New York  
W. J. Weaver, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Albany 1, New York  
John T. Wheeler, Teacher Trainer, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia  
Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, 910 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 80, Illinois

In addition, the advisers for each of the Gold Emblem Chapters were awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

**STAR FARMER AWARDS:** Star Farmer of America, and Star Farmer for the Southern Region, Ray Gene Cinnamon, Garber, Oklahoma. Ray is 19 years old, married, farms a 400-acre farm with his chief interests in livestock and wheat, submitted assets estimated at \$23,000. With this top honor went an award of \$1,000.00

Young Cinnamon made headlines at Kansas City in 1944 when he led a chunky shorthorn steer to Grand Championship honors at the American Royal and sold him for a then-record price of \$6.25 per pound. That year he took three fat steers to the American Royal Livestock Show. One of them was shown to the Grand Championship, the other two placed high enough that they brought far more than market price, and Ray went home with more than \$10,000 grossed from the three steers.

Starting in FFA as a freshman vocational agriculture student in 1942, Ray Gene netted \$317 profit from his supervised farming program. He invested the profits in more livestock and the next year netted \$877. His junior year saw the profits skyrocket up to \$10,218 principally because of the American Royal sales. Continuing to invest savings in farming, he was able in his senior year of high school to net \$6,627 without the benefits of a grand champion steer.

**Star Farmer of the Pacific Region** - Wayne Francis Stull of Yakima, Washington, 19 years old. Award \$150.00.

**Star Farmer for the Central Region** - Marvin Krull of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, 19 years old. Award \$150.00

**Star Farmer for the North Atlantic Region** - Hoopes T. Yarnell of Cochranville, Pennsylvania. Award \$150.00

**STATE STAR FARMERS:** Each year the Kansas City Weekly Star selects the most outstanding American Farmer from each of four States in its trade territory, namely: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas.

**State Farmer for Kansas** - Herman Albert Popp, 19, Haven, Kansas. Award \$100.00.

**State Farmer for Missouri** - Wendall Walker, 22, Clarence, Missouri. Award \$100.00

**State Farmer for Arkansas** - Joe B. Deering, 18, Valley Springs, Arkansas. Award \$100.00

## Twentieth National Convention of FFA (continued)

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- First: Donald Bakehouse, Owatonna, Minnesota - "Farm Family Partnerships"  
Award \$250.00
- Second: Max Cobble, Mosheim, Tennessee. Award \$225.
- Third: Ralph Sanner, Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Award \$200.00
- Fourth: Gene Blake Boggett, Riverton, Wyoming. Award \$175.00
- Fifth: Take Yamashiro, Hawaii. Award \$150.00
- Judges: L. H. Dennis, Executive Secretary, American Vocational Association  
Charles V. Stantell, Association Editor of the Kansas City Star  
Paul A. Young, National Dairy Products Company, Chicago, Illinois

CHAPTER AWARDS:Gold Emblem

Holyoke, Colorado	Neligh, Nebraska
Belle Glade, Florida	Rugby, North Dakota
DeLand, Florida	Molalla, Oregon
Talbotton-Woodland, Georgia	Smith County, Tennessee
Chenoa, Illinois	Victoria, Texas
Owingsville, Kentucky	Lincoln, Utah
Versailles, Kentucky	Draper's Valley, Virginia
Limestone, Maine	Lost Creek, West Virginia
Duck Hill, Mississippi	Unidis-West Milford, West Virginia
Flathead, Montana	Shoshone, Wyoming

Silver Emblem

Yuma, Arizona	Glasgow, Montana
Lakeside, Arkansas	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Falls Village, Connecticut	Velva, North Dakota
Malad City, Idaho	Canal-Winchester, Ohio
Delphi, Indiana	Lawton, Oklahoma
Sunset, Louisiana	Silverton, Oregon
Alma, Michigan	Kutztown, Pennsylvania
Midland, Michigan	Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Inverness, Mississippi	Jasper, Texas

Bronze Emblem

Beloit, Kansas	Canton, South Dakota
Conway, Arkansas	Henderson, Tennessee
Williamatic, Connecticut	Amelia, Virginia
Mount Ayr, Iowa	Prescott, Washington
Tucumcari, New Mexico	Lovell, Wyoming
McCutchenville, Ohio	



Twentieth National Convention of FFA (continued)Honorable Mention

Sidney Lanier, Alabama	Hibbing, Minnesota
Peoria, Arizona	Hay Springs, Nebraska
Waimea-Kauai, Hawaii	Fallon, Nevada
Mount Sterling, Illinois	Cazenovia, New York
LeMars, Iowa	South Kortright, New York
Gorham, Maine	Baron DeKalb, South Carolina
Clarksville, Maryland	Woodruff, South Carolina
Brainerd, Minnesota	Madison, South Dakota
	Middlebury, Vermont

FARM MECHANICS CONTEST:

- First: William Brown McLeMore, Jr., Gilbert, Louisiana. Award \$250.00  
Second: Albert R. Lengel, Mercer, Pennsylvania. Award \$225.00  
Third: William Anderson, Velva, North Dakota. Award \$200.00  
Fourth: Darrell Stafford, Grants Pass, Oregon. Award \$175.00

Each of the National winners previously had won State FFA Farm Mechanics Contests which carried an award of a \$100 cash prize from the National FFA Foundation.

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION CONTEST:

- First: Don Lee Comstock, Palouse, Washington. Award \$250.00  
Second: D. L. Manley, Sharpsburg, Kentucky. Award \$225.00  
Third: Harland Lester Gill, Middlebury, Vermont. Award \$200.00  
Fourth: Ben Whitehouse, Jr., Burleson, Texas. Award \$175.00

1947-48 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS:

- President, Ervin Martin, Salem, Indiana  
First Vice-President, Wilbur R. Dunk, Junction, Texas  
Second Vice-President, Osborne J. Arlien, Rugby, North Dakota  
Third Vice-President, John W. Webb, Jr., Goldsboro, Delaware  
Fourth Vice-President, Kort H. Meier, Jr., Yuma, Arizona  
Student Secretary, Eugene Hansen, East Garland, Utah

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HONOR ADVISER POLLOM

L. B. Pollom, State Adviser of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, was among the 36 persons upon whom the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred, Monday evening, October 20. Mr. Pollom is rounding out his 25th year as Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in Kansas, and has been State Adviser for the Kansas Association of FFA throughout its entire history. According to A. W. Tenney, Washington, D.C., National Executive Secretary of the Future Farmers of America, the degree was conferred upon Mr. Pollom "on the recommendation of the National FFA Board of Trustees in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service rendered in behalf of this great farm boy organization."

NATIONAL FFA BAND

This year for the first time all State and territorial associations were given an opportunity to have participants in a National FFA Band. Kansas was fortunate enough to have two successful candidates for this honor. They were Clyde Morris of the Highland Park Chapter, and Keith Riggs of the Wakeeney Chapter. These boys along with 118 other members of the National FFA Band reported to Kansas City, October 16, and remained until the close of the Convention. The Band was under the able direction of Doctor Henry S. Brunner, Head of the Agricultural Education Department, Pennsylvania State College. Rehearsals began Thursday, 1:00 p.m. October 16. The National FFA Band made its first appearance in the American Royal Parade, October 18.

Music scores were sent to all band members early last summer. In two and one half days after arriving in Kansas City, the band members were formed into a smoothly working unit that played such numbers as "Stars and Stripes", by Sousa; Beethoven's Overture to "Egmont", and "Selections from Oklahoma", by Rodgers. Learning to march as a unit for the parades was no easy assignment.

Each member of the band took with him a white shirt, black bow tie and black shoes. On arrival in Kansas City he was given a new swagger type corduroy FFA cap, FFA corduroy jacket emblazoned with the seal and "National FFA Band" on back, and white duck trousers. This combination constituted the uniform that was worn throughout all appearances at the four-day Convention and Parade, as well as the American Royal Livestock Show. The Kansas Association of FFA paid for the uniforms and all travel and subsistence incurred on the part of the two National FFA Band members from Kansas.

High praise from every quarter was given Doctor Brunner and his National FFA Band. They were a distinct credit to the National Organization, and the House of Delegates voted unanimously to have a National FFA Band at the 1948 Convention.

In addition to the music furnished by the National FFA Band, Missouri had an FFA Glee Club comprised of thirty members selected through tryouts at their State Camp. A Mississippi Hill Billy Band, the West Virginia Mountaineers, and Louis Muraro, the accordion soloist from Florida, completed the special music furnished by FFA members. Each of these units was outstanding and contributed greatly to the pleasure of attendance at the Convention.

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"THAT INSPIRING TASK"

Delegates and visitors to the National FFA Convention had the privilege of seeing the Premier showing of Sears-Roebuck Company's new technicolor sound FFA movie entitled "That Inspiring Task". The title was taken from the last three words of the FFA Creed. The picture requires approximately thirty minutes for its showing. We were assured that copies of "That Inspiring Task" will be available to the States at an early date. Definite plans for securing this film are not available at the moment.

"That Inspiring Task" portrays an interesting cross-section of American Agriculture. The scenes represent a rural type of beauty that will please the most critical audience. Dairying, poultry, sheep and hogs received the

### "That Inspiring Task" (continued)

most emphasis; however, there were shots of types of agriculture all the way from the wheat farmer of the plains area to the apple grower of the Northwest and to the sugar cane grower of the Southeast. The story is explanatory of the Future Farmers of America and its relation to Vocational Agriculture. This picture will aid in bringing about a better understanding of what vocational education in agriculture is as well as a fuller appreciation of the important part the FFA plays in the life of the rural youth of America. "This Inspiring Task" should be a must on every Parent-Son Banquet program held in Kansas this year.

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### "UNITED WE STAND"

One of the most impressive and inspiring events of the jam-packed four-day Convention was the presentation of a pageant entitled "United We Stand" as a part of the Tuesday morning program featuring Ambassador Inverchapel as the guest speaker. The International air was exemplified by having six boys from the British Isles, and two boys from Canada, join with boys from the United States in presenting the "United We Stand" pageant. On the back of the stage a large flag of the United States occupied the East side, the FFA banner occupied the center section, and the British Union Jack held a place of honor on the West side. FFA delegates were selected from the various states to carry the flags of the United Nations. This group marched from the rear of the Main Arena and crossed immediately in front of the stage and entered from both sides of the stage entrance, taking their positions on the stage in the shape of a large "U". Immediately following the flags of the United Nations marched representatives of Britain, and representatives of the National Organization of FFA. These groups found their places on the rostrum, the British delegation on the East, and the United States boys on the West side. The British column was headed by Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States. The pageant consisted of 16 eight-line stanzas; conveying a welcome, a hope of mutual understanding, and a grim determination "To build a world fit to be known as mankind's free and happy home". The Welcome stanza, of course, was given by an FFA member. This was followed by a boy from Britain, with the following stanzas being given alternately by an FFA member and a boy from Britain. As each FFA member stepped to the microphone a powerful spotlight was played upon the United States Flag, and when the British boys were at the microphone the spotlight played upon the Union Jack.

The seventeenth stanza was repeated in unison by the boys from Britain and the eight FFA members, representing two states from each of the administrative regions. The stanza repeated in unison -

"We pledge our hearts, our hopes, our lives,  
The best ideals for which man strives:  
Peace, freedom, home, our blessings great,  
Patriotism and pride of state,  
Joy of exploring sea and sky,  
And all on earth we prize most high;  
To build a world fit to be known  
As mankind's free and happy home!"



"United We Stand" (continued)

Marshall Schirer, Newton Chapter, winner of the 1946 National FFA Public Speaking Contest, represented Kansas in this event. His poise and diction was equalled by few and excelled by none.

The massing of the colors of the United Nations, together with the spotlight play upon the large flags of Britain and the United States, made this one of the most colorful spectacles of the entire Convention.

Appropriate music was furnished throughout this number by the National FFA Band.

At the close of the pageant, Lord Inverchapel was granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree by National FFA President, Gus R. Douglass, Jr. The British youths were also given Honorary membership in the FFA Organization.

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ARENA PARADE

Considered by many to be the most stirring and colorful event of the entire Convention was the FFA parade in the arena of the American Royal Livestock Show pavilion before a crowd of 10,000 visitors, Tuesday afternoon, October 21. Headed by the color bearers, bearing both the British and United States flags, the 120 piece National FFA Band led the parade. Following the band were three large FFA banners, including the Organization banner, the Ideals banner, and the Motto banner. Next came the National FFA officers, followed by our British guests, who in turn were followed by Official FFA Delegates and the 1947 American Farmer class.

The speakers stand occupied the center of the arena. In the speakers stand were representatives of the Kansas City Weekly Star, the American Royal Livestock Show, and members of the National Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America.

To the east of the speakers stand were stationed the British and United States Colors, the three large FFA banners were immediately back of the colors, and east of the banners at attention stood the Official FFA Delegates. The American Farmer Class occupied the area immediately west of the speakers stand, with the National FFA Band to the south of the stand, and the British Empire representatives arranged to the north of the speakers stand. Each of the British representatives carried a sign designating the county he represented. Burma, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, England, and Canada were represented.

Following the announcement of the Star Farmer Awards, the colors were dipped in honor of the newly crowned Star Farmer of America, and the National FFA Band led the Future Farmers of America and their guests from the arena. The entire program lasted less than thirty minutes. It was dignified, impressive, and commanded the attention and respect of the entire audience.

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Four records of music played by the National FFA Band are available at \$1.50 per record. Shipment will be made C.O.D. upon request. Send orders to Mr. Ed Rosche, Sound Engineer, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri.

CONVENTION NOTES

At the Delegates Dinner, W. A. Cochel was introduced as "from Kansas". Mr. Cochel in turn introduced Mrs. Cochel, "of Missouri"....Walter Atzenweiler would have been called out of bed to find rooms for the Tennessee Barn Warmin crowd at a wee hour - had he had time to go to bed....Ray Cuff and Mrs. Cuff radiated hospitality and endeared themselves to a new crop of FFA boys and strengthened the bonds of friendship with hundreds of FFA leaders....189 American Farmer Degrees granted....The National FFA Officers did a splendid job in handling the ritual for the American Farmer Degree - every delegate and FFA member in attendance undoubtedly was favorably impressed with the manner in which the ritual was handled and will go back to his home state determined to improve the ritualistic performance of his own group....George Catts, executive manager of the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce stated that it was just 25 years ago when the first group of farm boys, numbering 50, were brought to Kansas City in connection with the Royal....The National Vocational Congress, a loosely bound together body to handle the National Vocational Agricultural Judging Contests, met in Kansas City at the time of the Royal 23 years ago....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Giacomini should receive the title of "The FFA Parents of America". Six of their sons have been awarded the American Farmer Degree, one held a National FFA office. The seventh son received the State Farmer Degree, but due to World War II was not able to complete his work for the fourth degree. Mr. Giacomini was granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree. Mrs. Giacomini was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the time of their introduction to the convention delegates and visitors. The Giacominis hail from Ferndale, California....A chartered plane brought sixteen members and their adviser, from the Fisher, Illinois, chapter to the Convention....Michigan with 263 members in attendance had the largest delegation from any state outside the Kansas City trade territory. Supervisor Luke Kelley was in charge....October was a big month for National FFA President, Gus R. Douglass, Jr. After completing his duties in connection with the Twentieth National Convention, he was married to Miss Ann Lee Roush, 21, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The marriage took place in Kansas City, Missouri....Building the FFA Emblem was a mighty impressive skit presented by the New York Association of FFA....Approximately 7,000 persons registered at the Twentieth Convention....The National Organization of FFA reports 6,555 active chapters with a total active membership of 236,269....A new Pictorial Brochure similar to the "Future Farmers in Action" will be available soon. The cost price will be 12¢ per copy. The Kansas Association of FFA ordered 200 copies....The House of Delegates voted to continue budgeting \$1,000 for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., and recommended that each chapter in the National Organization donate one dollar to the Foundation....The Tennessee Barn Warmin Stunt was greatly enjoyed by a large audience Tuesday, October 20, at the opening of the fourth session of the Convention. The party was put on by the FFA boys and FHA girls of the Dickson high school. There were approximately forty in the cast. One thing that stood out in the minds of many of the older members of the audience was the fact that the boys and girls of the Dickson chapters of FFA and FHA know how to enjoy themselves in a wholesome manner without benefit of corsages, high powered orchestras, and other parental purse-string looseners... The National FFA Camp might properly be classified as a "White Elephant". George Washington's Grist Mill, leased by the FFA, had nearly 10,000 visitors during the past twelve months at 10¢ per person. The total take for both the camp and the mill totaled \$2,762. This is not enough to maintain two full time people and provide upkeep for the camp. To date the FFA has a total of \$38,412.35 invested in the camp. Last year 459 FFA members from 24 chapters

## Convention Notes (continued)

used the camp. Without doubt the National Board of Trustees will arrange to dispose of the camp, and if potential expansion plans of the Washington Park Service materialize, the National Organization of FFA might get out with a clear slate....Former National FFA Officers in attendance at the Convention were Earl Walter, now teaching vocational agriculture at David City, Nebraska; Bill Stier of Ohio, now farming; Lester Poucher, now Executive Secretary of the Florida Association of FFA, and Kenneth Julian, of Mesa, Arizona, now farming....National FFA Week is scheduled for February 22-28, 1948. The House of Delegates authorized the National Board of Trustees to spend whatever was necessary to send a committee of FFA members to England to study the Young Farmers Clubs of the British Isles and to acquaint them with the FFA. This is an authorization and not an appropriation....The House of Delegates approved a budget carrying \$8,000 for the 1948 FFA Convention....The dates for the 1948 Convention are November 14-19. The Convention will be divorced from the American Royal, much to the disappointment of many friends of the FFA. However, it seems that housing is the bottle neck....The 1948 Convention plans call for an all out celebration of the completion of twenty years of FFA work. The convention planners are hoping to have in attendance the president of every local chapter in the National Organization of FFA. They expect a total of 20,000 FFA members to attend...The bigger the better...Long may she wave,

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REPORT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, A.W. TENNEY

The summary of work done by the various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1947, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	6,555
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without FFA chapters.....	269
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	238,269

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree.....	113,313
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree.....	117,219
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree.....	5,926
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree.....	308
Total active membership.....	237,169
Total number of Associate members (local).....	165,110
Total number of Honorary members (local).....	21,210
Total number of Honorary members (State).....	2,941
Grand Total membership.....	435,130



## Report of Nat'l Exec. Secretary A. W. Tenney (continued)

## I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food.....	194,180
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs.....	125,476
Number of members who used improved livestock practices.....	121,488
Number of members who used improved crop production practices.....	119,825
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work.....	4,454

## II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups.....	5,598
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort.....	51,465

## III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life.....	4,977
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life.....	47,301
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	111,241
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	4,629
Number of State associations having a safety program in operation.....	33
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work.....	107,159
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work.....	3,964
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment.....	106,583

## IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of State associations that nominated their full quota of American Farmers.....	35
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books.....	5,308
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest.....	49
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest..	3,028
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings.....	5,975
Number of State associations having a written continuing program of work.....	49
Number of chapters having definite continuing written program of work.....	5,105
Number of State associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheets regularly.....	43
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters	2,066
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly.....	3,735

## Report of Nat'l Exec. Secretary A.W.Tenney (continued)

Number of State associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.....	44
Number of leadership training schools or conferences provided.....	484
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	5,088
Number of members participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	41,814
Number of State associations sponsoring radio broadcast series.....	31
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	1,154
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year.....	1,428
Number of association members attending last National FFA Convention.....	7,143

## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members who purchased Victory bonds and stamps.....	41,866
Number of chapters that purchased Victory bonds and stamps.....	825
Number of State associations purchasing Victory bonds and stamps.....	5
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices.....	95,201
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices..	3,782

## VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual.....	200,611
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book.....	5,305
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book.....	5,115
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	4,979
Number of State associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	44
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings...	5,794
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	5,800
Number of State associations holding a convention.....	49
Number of members who have attended at least 80% of chapter meetings.....	116,094

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship.....	4,874
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## VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation	5,080
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities.....	154,916

KANSAS 1947 AMERICAN FARMERS

Herman Popp is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Popp and is farming with his father on the parental farm on route 2 out of Haven. He is a graduate of the Haven High School and had three years of vocational agriculture under the supervision of his instructor and adviser, Glenn Schulthess.

Popp began his farming program in the fall of 1942, with one registered Duroc gilt valued at \$50 and \$45 in cash. During the first year, he purchased two registered Duroc gilts and a boar using cash on hand for one of the gilts and paying for the other gilt and the boar from swine receipts.

In March, 1947, his farming program consisted of 7 registered Duroc Sows, 2 boars, 76 hogs, and 67 spring pigs; 2 milking Shorthorn cows, 1 bull, 1 heifer, 1 steer, 30 range ewes, 42 lambs; 100 acres of wheat, 45 acres of barley, 3 acres alfalfa and 25 acres of oats.

His record books on January 1, 1947, showed a total net income of \$15,453.78. Of this amount \$4,575 was invested in United States bonds, \$1,457.48 was in equipment, the remainder in livestock and crops.

Herman has complete ownership of his farming program and carries full labor and management responsibility. From the start of his program he kept the best gilts for breeding stock, and paid for all additional livestock purchased with farming program receipts. He raised about two-thirds of the feed fed to his livestock, and the balance was purchased with farming program earnings.

In his crops agreement with his father, he furnishes the seed (certified wheat and certified barley) and labor, for which he receives three-fifths of the crop. His father furnishes the land, commercial fertilizer, machinery and fuel, and receives two-fifths of the crop.

Herman is recognized as an outstanding livestock producer and a leader in community activities. He has been one of the leading exhibitors of Duroc hogs at the Kansas State and county fairs, and a consistent winner. His seven registered gilts and sows averaged nine and one-half pigs weaned per litter this spring.

He carried on many improvement projects and supplementary practices during his in-school farming program. Among these projects he painted the farm home and farm buildings including granary, three chicken houses, farm shop, three garages, hog houses, sheep shed and large barn; re-sanded the driveway; built three sheep feeders; two 8' x 16' hog houses for his father; made farm shop from a box car; and built a tool cabinet for the shop and a trailer for his father. In his supplementary practices he built four barn doors, a 20-bushel chicken feeder for his father, helped his father build a 12' x 24' cattle shed, repaired the farm truck, installed heating unit in brooder house, and helped his father build an addition to the machine shed.

Among improvement and supplementary practices carried out following his graduation from high school, he built concrete floor for an 18' x 40' granary, and built concrete drainage ditch in the yard, remodeled farm shop, put in spout and holder for eleven drums, built hay barn 45' x 20', and concrete loading chutes, and put in water system to hog lots.



## (Kansas 1947 American Farmers (continued))

Popp played an active part in FFA and high school activities. He served as president of his local chapter for two years; was treasurer of the Kansas Association of FFA, and as treasurer, gave several talks at Leadership FFA Schools in the state; was a member of the Haven district and state livestock judging team; participated in track, basketball, football, winning four letters in track, three in basketball, and two in football; was a member of both glee club, mixed chorus, and band for the four years he was in high school, played lead in both junior and senior plays, was general superintendent of the Reno County Fair in 1945-46; assistant director of the Kansas Duroc Association in 1946-47; judge at Kansas O.I.C. Breeders Association show and sale, Hutchinson, 1946-47.

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Keith Loyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Loyd, St. Francis, and a member of the St. Francis FFA chapter. He is a graduate of the St. Francis high school, and had three years of vocational agriculture under the supervision of his instructor, R. E. Cleland, former vocational agriculture instructor in the St. Francis high school.

Loyd started his farming program in 1939 when he enrolled in vocational agriculture, with R. E. Cleland as his instructor. His beginning year showed a total net worth of \$326. He continued with vocational agriculture until his graduation in 1942, carrying on his farming program during the three years he was studying vocational agriculture.

All through his high school years, Loyd was determined to become an American Farmer. But before he could realize this ambition and make application for the coveted degree, the war came along and Keith enlisted in the United States Army in December 1942, was in reserve until 1943, when he was called to active duty. He spent three years in the army air corps with 35 bombing missions over Germany to his credit.

Discharged from the army in October 1945, he took up his farming program where he left off when he entered the army, and started expanding with the idea still in mind of becoming an American Farmer.

This year he had the necessary qualifications to make application for the coveted degree. In addition he attended Colorado University at Boulder, during 1946-47. He had had one year at Boulder following his graduation from high school and during the time he was on reserve.

His present farming program consists of five shorthorn purebred heifers, a dairy herd of registered Ayrshires, consisting of seven cows, two 2-year old heifers, one yearling heifer, two heifer calves, one steer calf, and two bull calves; one Palimino pony; 370 acres of wheat, and five acres Sumac cane and ten acres oats. This year he harvested 9,800 bushels of wheat, a third of which was paid in rent. In 1942 he purchased two registered Ayrshire cows which are the foundation stock for his present herd. He owns all of his farming equipment.

Keith is married and lives on a rented farm where he is farming for himself. He has complete ownership of his farming program and carries full labor and management responsibility. Loyd did not go on with his college work this year, as he is devoting all of his time to his farming program. He rents all of the land he farms.

## Kansas 1947 American Farmers (continued)

While carrying on his farming program during the three years he was enrolled in vocational agriculture, Loyd was also active in FFA and high school activities. He served three years as secretary of the St. Francis FFA chapter, and as state reporter of the Kansas Association of FFA in 1941-42. He was on the honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society. He played lead in both the junior and senior high school plays; was a member of the high school glee club; won letters in both football and track; and was on the St. Francis state judging team.

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YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

John Cornah, Shrewley House, near Warwick, England, stated that the young farmers of England and Wales are associated together in the Young Farmers Clubs of England and Wales. The young farmers of Scotland are organized into an association of Young Farmers Clubs of Scotland. According to Stanley Grey, Dunadry House, Dunadry, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, the young farmers of Ireland belong to the Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster. All the young farmer's clubs from the different divisions of the British Isles are joined together with a membership in the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs. The age range is ten to twenty-five years. They may join the Junior National Farmers Union up to the age of thirty years. The Young Farmers Clubs of England have a distinctive emblem carrying the rising sun, plow, and wheat. They have no paraphernalia. Annual dues are five schillings or approximately one dollar per year.

John Cornah stated that in England most of the farms were rented. Approximately 80% are tenant operated. Stanley Grey from Northern Ireland remarked that all the farms of Northern Ireland are self-owned. In other words, according to Stanley, there is no tentatry among farmers in Northern Ireland.

John Cornah stated that the tentatry laws of England give full protection to the farmer tenant. An annual cash rent of approximately two pounds (\$8.00) per acre is paid for the use of the land. The tenant has full control of planning and management of the land. The landlord is responsible for all outside upkeep. According to John, the landlord "can't even walk on the land without an invitation from the tenant". The landlord holds shooting rights on his property. It requires a years notice to evict a tenant. Eviction notice cannot be served without first gaining the approval of the Agricultural Executive Committee which corresponds somewhat to our County Agricultural Planning Committee. There are 1,300 Young Farmers Clubs in the British Isles. Approximately 64,000 farm youths are members of the Young Farmers Clubs of England and Wales. The Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster boast a membership of approximately 15,000.

The leader of the group of boys from the British Isles was John Cornah. Stanley Grey, from Northern Ireland; Alexander Campbell, Aberdeen; Hywel Evans, of Wales; William Edge, Staffordshire; and Kenneth Osborne, Somerset, comprised the group of boys from the British Isles, and Cryrl Collonel, Wymndel, British Columbia; and Fred Lindhorst, Creston, British Columbia, of the Creston Valley High School, were the two Canadian boys in attendance at the National Convention.

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BELOIT CHAPTER WINS BRONZE EMBLEM AWARD

The Beloit Kansas Chapter of Future Farmers of America, one of the Gold Emblem Award winners in the 1946 State Chapter Contest, was selected as the Kansas entry in the National Chapter Contest and won the Bronze Emblem Award. The announcement was made Tuesday evening, October 21, at the Twentieth National Convention. Mr. Howard Bradley is the local chapter adviser.

The following is a summary of the activities planned and executed by the Beloit Chapter.

The Beloit Chapter has a membership of seventy-five boys. There are nine State Farmers, fifty-one Chapter Farmers, and fifteen Green Hands on the chapter roll.

The chapter produced during the year, 34,841 pounds of beef, 23,758 pounds of pork, 9,061 pounds of mutton, 1,208 pounds of wool, and 1,753 pounds of turkey meat, 112 tons of feed, 20,450 bushels of wheat, 310 bushels of corn, 150 bushels of grain sorghum, 190 bushels of barley, and 225 days pasture per member.

The average number of productive projects completed per member was 3.75, improvement projects completed was 6.5, and supplementary practice completed per member was 16. The percentage of members with full ownership of one or more productive projects was 97%. The average net worth of Chapter Farmers and State Farmers was \$932.76, and the average net worth per boy of FFA members was \$806.01.

Cooperative activities of the chapter included 144% membership dues collected, germinated samples of seed for farmers in the community, cooperated with the local fair, assisted at the concession stand, purchased nine purebred Duroc Gilts, repaired machinery parts, provided one program during the year for the local Rotary and Lions Clubs, took field trips to farms, and assisted with the Mitchell County Sheep School. The chapter has thrown its support back of the Veterans Institutional On-Farm Training courses.

Services rendered to the community consisted of worming sheep and hogs, desexing lambs and pigs, docking lambs, treating pigs for mange, and spraying cattle for flies. Members planted certified Pawnee wheat and offered all except fifty bushels per member for sale. Eighteen of the members planted hybrid corn adapted to this area.

Other services rendered to the community were trimming shade trees and grape vines at the Community Hospital and donating \$15 to the Community Hospital Drive. The chapter carried a member in the Beloit Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross and the Community Chest, and donated \$5 to the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Leadership accomplishments recognized during the year were the Parents Banquet with 203 boys, parents, and guests present, and the Stag Turkey Feed with 102 boys, faculty men, and the officer's fathers present. Robert Fobes was elected vice-president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. The chapter has acted as host to the FFA District Leadership School for the past six years. The chapter entered the Ritual Contest at the 1946 Leadership School and won first place for the fourth consecutive year, and entered the Information Contest and won first place. The chapter sent teams

**Beloit Chapter Wins Bronze Emblem Award (continued)**

to the North Central Kansas District Judging Contests, consisting of poultry, crops, shop, public speaking, and livestock, and won first in each of these contests. A team was sent to the State Contest and entered each of the sixteen divisions and placed as follows: Livestock-first, dairy-seventh, crops-second, shop-first, and public speaking-third. Two delegates were sent to the House of Delegates meeting of the State Association of FFA. The chapter won the Gold Emblem Award in the State Chapter Contest for the third consecutive year, and was awarded the Educational Plaque given by the Agricultural Education Club at Kansas State College for the highest total score in agriculture judging, farm mechanics, and FFA activities.

Finance for the chapter besides membership dues came from building and selling eight A-type hog houses, six cattle feed bunks, two hog self feeders and two double room hog houses. The chapter held a pie and box supper, worked in the concession stand at the basketball tournament, and entered a Farm Shop exhibit at the State Fair at Hutchinson.

Meetings are conducted once each month. The meetings usually last for two hours. Stewarts' Parliamentary Procedure is used as the official Parliamentary guide in all meetings. Opening and closing ceremonies are held at each meeting. All meetings are planned in advance.

The average scholarship grade of the chapter members for the year ending June 1947 was III-. The percent of members making a grade of I and II was 34%. The members have access to twelve farm magazines, the Topeka Daily Capital, the Dovers Telegram, and numerous breed magazines. Higher education has not been overlooked by the chapter as eight of our graduates were matriculated in college the Fall of 1947.

Types of recreation during the year included the following: Hayrack Ride, Stag Turkey Feed, Pie and Box Supper, picnics, a trip to the State Fair, the National FFA Victory Convention, the American Royal, Parents and Son Banquet, and physical recreation at each regular meeting.

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**MEMBER OF YANKEE BASEBALL SQUAD**

Ralph Houk, State Farmer, 1937, Lawrence Chapter, Kansas, a Major in World War II, is a member of the World Champion Yankee Squad. Ralph is a catcher for the Yankees, and entered the sixth World Series game as a pinch hitter in the seventh inning. There were two on, two down, with Brooklyn leading 8 to 5. Ralph singled to fill the bases. The next batter flied out, closing the inning with bases loaded. The State Association extends congratulations to a former member who has the enviable position of being a member of the 1947 World Champion Baseball Club.

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**FLORIDA:** Florida turpentine operators are watching with interest results of late pine tree gum production practices which have been put into operation by Leo Chapter, Future Farmers of America. The Future Farmers are working a 60 acre tract of long-leaf pine on which they are using production methods developed by the state experiment station and sponsored by the State Forestry Service.



NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

The National Judging Contests for students in vocational agriculture were first held in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show, 23 years ago. All national judging contests for students in vocational agriculture were discontinued during World War II. \* \*

Upon the recommendation of a National Committee comprised of one supervisor of agricultural education and one teacher trainer in agriculture education from each of the four administrative regions in the United States, the national judging contests for students in vocational agriculture were revived in 1947. Three principal recommendations of the National Committee were embodied in the reactivated judging program, namely: a) the contests to be known as National FFA Judging Contest, b) teams and individuals competing in the National FFA Judging Contests be ranked on the basis of Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze, and Honorable Mention, c) the contests be made more educational. \*

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., budgeted \$10,000 for plaques and prize money for the national judging contests. These contests include the judging of dairy cattle, dairy products, and poultry, held in connection with the Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa; and livestock and meats held in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show. Gold, Silver and Bronze winners received plaques, and certificates were awarded all Honorable Mention winners. All Gold Emblem teams in all five national judging contests were totaled, the number divided in the amount of money set aside for cash awards by the Foundation, and in that manner the award due each time was determined. Gold Emblem individual winners were totaled for all national judging contests, and this number divided into the amount of money set aside by the Foundation and in that manner the award due each individual was determined. The cash award due each Gold Emblem team winner was approximately \$75.00, and the amount of the cash award due each of the individual Gold Emblem winners was approximately \$70.00.

## AT THE NATIONAL DAIRY CONGRESS

DAIRY JUDGING

State winning teams competing - 27  
 Kansas was represented by the Simpson Chapter.  
 Members of the Kansas Dairy Team:  
 Clarence Blaha; Bill Gentry, Laverne Freeman.  
 Ralph Arnold, Coach.

## Gold Emblem Teams

Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Indiana,  
 California

## Gold Emblem Individuals

Bill Gentry, Simpson Chapter, Simpson, Kansas  
 (Note: We do not have complete information  
 on this contest.)

*Simpson Team won Bronze Emblem  
 Classification. Bronze plaque received 2/28/48*

National FFA Judging Contests (continued)POULTRY JUDGING

State winning teams competing - 23  
Kansas was represented by the Concordia Chapter.  
Members of the Kansas Poultry Team:  
Lloyd Huber, John Eakins, Mark Doyen.  
W. A. Rawson, Coach

The Concordia team won Silver Emblem rating.

Gold Emblem Individual

Lloyd Huber placed in the Gold Emblem classification.  
(Note: We do not have complete information on this contest.)

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Newton Chapter was to represent Kansas in this event,  
but failed to get entries in on time.

AT THE AMERICAN ROYALLIVESTOCK JUDGING

State winning teams competing - 40  
Kansas was represented by the Beloit Chapter.  
Members of the Kansas Livestock Judging Team:  
Jim Adams, Carlton Broadbent, Ray  
Van Pelt. Alternate: Jack McInroy.  
Howard Bradley, Coach.

Gold Emblem Teams

Kansas	Colorado	New Mexico
Alabama	Kentucky	Virginia
California	Missouri	Wyoming

Gold Emblem Individuals

Ray Van Pelt, Beloit, Kansas  
Ben Roark and Don Bath, Santa Rosa, California  
Paul Lyons, Owingsville, Kentucky  
Donald Schultz, Ambret, Minnesota  
Thomas Maples, Crane, Missouri  
Bill Durio, Las Cruces, New Mexico  
Cecil Charson, Honeyville, Utah  
Thomas Tilson, Chilhowie, Virginia

MEATS JUDGING

State Winning teams competing - 21  
Kansas was represented by the Eldorado Chapter.  
Members of the Kansas Meats Judging Team:  
William Baker, Robert Maddux, Dale Satterthwaite,  
Alternate, Duane Traylor.  
William R. McMillan, Coach

## National FFA Judging Contests (continued)

## Gold Emblem Teams

Kansas	Ohio	Texas
Minnesota	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Missouri	South Dakota	

## Gold Emblem Individuals

Kansas	Duane Traylor
	Robert Maddux
Minnesota	John Edwards
	Wayne Dreyer
Missouri	John Strong
	Ralph Peck
Ohio	James Loetz
Oklahoma	Westly Long
Texas	Murele Ware
	Eugene Ware
Wisconsin	LaVern Green
	Roger Krohn

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BURMESE VISITORS

Ten Burmese youths were special guests at the National Convention of Future Farmers of America. Six members of the group are members of Burma's first Constitutional Assembly, the body which has laid the foundation for a complete democratization of that country after the withdrawal of the British, scheduled to be completed by next January 1. The Burmese youths were dressed in Western garb, most of them in blue-grey suits exactly alike. They all carried top coats exactly alike. Their suits and topcoats were ordered from the same tailor in Rangoon. They desired to have a uniform appearance. A better knowledge of this country's governmental progresses and this country's industry and agriculture are the objectives of this commission of ten Burmese youths.

The Burmese group visited the Tennessee Valley Authority, flew to the National FFA Convention, and went from there to Boys Town, Nebraska, and then to Chicago, New York and Washington.

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FFA SUPPLIES

In listing the source of FFA supplies in the September 15, 1947, Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, your editor unintentionally omitted the Chapter Supply Company, Box 54, Danville, Illinois. FFA items available through the Chapter Supply Company are: Bust of Washington, Bust of Jefferson, Ear of Corn Model, Jumbo FFA Emblems, Flags, Gavel, Shirts, Officer Station Drapes, and Official Owl. The Chapter Supply Company is an official FFA supply source and we extend apologies for omitting this company from the list of official firms printed in our September Newsletter.

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CHAPTER NEWS

WASHINGTON: Officers of our chapter are: Kenneth Kern, president; Raymond Soder, vice-president; Carl Wineinger, secretary; Sherman Ditmars, treasurer; Dean Merritt, reporter; and Delbert Finlayson, sentinel....A watermelon party was held in August and another the third week of September for the members and Green Hand candidates....A cooperative laying project of seventy-two Austra White pullets, with 50% production October 15, is in operation at the school laying house....The FFA committees headed by Kenneth Kern and Raymond Soder sold advertising for the 3000 football schedules to be handed out at each game....In the Livestock Judging Contest held at Washington County Fair, the Washington FFA won first with a score of 903.7 points, Linn won second and Morrowville won third. Bill Cook won the Showmanship Contest with a registered Spotted Poland boar at the County Fair in competition with dairy cattle, beef and sheep being shown....The FFA radio committee purchased a six-tube radio for the purpose of entertainment and to hear the up-to-date market reports....The FFA publicity committee employed a sign painter from St. Joe to add a 4 x 10 Future Farmers of America sign at the City Ball Park visible to tourists and the weekly community sale crowd.... Adelbert Stewart, a junior, and one of our FFA members marketed his prize Shorthorn steer at Kansas City, October 10. He was dry lot fed weighing 490 pounds October 23, 1946, and costing 16¢ per pound. He weighed 1380 pounds over the scale selling for \$36.50 a hundred, or a little over \$500. Adelbert plans to buy another Shorthorn and his two brothers, Norman and Conrad, will decide upon a Hereford and an Angus. They will be penned, housed and fed cooperatively....The Junior and Sophomore Classes attended the American Royal....The FFA operated a stand at the County Fair netting approximately \$175.

Dean Merritt, Reporter

NEWTON: Officers for the coming year are: Mervin Deschner, president; Bill Getz, vice-president; Bob Knott, secretary; Wayne Hughes, treasurer; and Roland H. Ens, reporter....Several of our members had exhibits at the Harvey County Fair where we won quite a few ribbons. Ed Stahl had reserve champion barrow, Don Kater received two blue ribbons on his two Berkshire gilts, Wayne Hughes won two blue ribbons on his Duroc-Jersey gilts, Keith Boller won grand champion and reserve champion boar and reserve champion sow on his Berkshires. Bill Getz won a white and a red ribbon on his fat lambs. Bob Knott won grand champion and reserve champion on his baby beef calves....The whole chapter spent a day at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson watching livestock being judged....The chapter also attended the Fat Stock Show at Wichita for a day. We have gone on two field trips on which we judged cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses; also visited the sorghum experimental plot. We attended the Sedgwick, Kansas, sorghum festival for an afternoon.

Roland H. Ens, Reporter

OSBORNE: The Osborne Chapter had a County Collective Booth at the Hutchinson State Fair. They won third prize in the Central Division. This added over \$100 to our treasury....The officers in charge for this year are: president, Paul Hartman; vice-president, Bill Cady, secretary, Lowell Lund; treasurer, Bryon Byrd; reporter, Merwin Kaser; and sentinel, Bob Saylor....Committees have been appointed using the general headings to work out our Program of Activities. This includes every member in the chapter....Plans are under way for the officers to make a radio recording November 22 at the Colby Station.

Merwin Kaser, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

PARSONS: Our officers for this year are: Don Stuteville, president; Jay McMillan, vice-president; Eldon Marshall, treasurer; Gerald McMillan, secretary; and Jack Aitken, reporter....At the Parsons Baby Beef Show and Sale sponsored by the Parsons Chamber of Commerce, held September 10, members of our chapter showed twenty-one calves. In the Hereford class, Don Stuteville's calf placed second and Kinneth Blevins' calf placed third. Don received the prize offered for the best groomed calf. In the judging contest our chapter team composed of Jack Aitken, Don Stuteville, Gerald McMillan, Don Spriggs and Joe O'Hara took the first place trophy. Eldon Marshall of our chapter took high individual honors.....We took five calves to the Joplin Baby Beef Show and Sale on October 6 and 7. This group of calves won first prize of \$20. for the best five calves from any one school. Don Stuteville's Hereford calf was first in the FFA division and third of the show. Don also received honors for the best groomed calf and best showman of the show. Jay McMillan's Hereford calf placed third while Gerald McMillan's Angus calf placed third in the Angus class....On October 2 we attended the Chanute Corn Festival. Our team placed third and Jack Aitken was third high individual in the judging contest.....Our chapter owned a Hereford Calf which we sold at the Parsons Show and Sale. The calf placed third and we received 52¢ per pound for him. We cleared \$226 on the calf, but under agreement we gave Kinneth Blevins half of the profit for feeding and showing the calf. We have just finished our Hampshire gilt project which was very successful. Our Chapter bought a gilt from Joe O'Bryan and sold shares to the boys for \$1.00 each. One of the boys kept her for two litters. For keeping her he got his choice of a gilt from each litter. From the two litters she had nine gilts which we sold to chapter members for market price at breeding age. At the end of the project the boys who owned shares received their share of the profit. For each \$1.00 share a profit of \$1.57 was paid....Recently we have been selling popcorn at the football games. We sell about 800 sacks at each game and clear from \$40 to \$60 per game....At the present time we have \$697 in our FFA treasury.

Jack Aitken, Reporter

DOWNES: Our officers are: Lloyd Wiersma, president; Howard Cary, vice-president; Harold Frazell, secretary; Bill Bortz, treasurer; Tommie Thomas, reporter; George Kasper, sentinel.....We have twenty-eight members in our chapter.....We held a formal initiation for Green Hands at our first regular meeting this fall. After the initiation refreshments were served....We had the food stand at a football game and made \$25.00....We have repaired one manure spreader, farm horse mower, one horse disc and several other items in our shop.

Tommie Thomas, Reporter

GLASCO: Our officers for the present year are Loris Asmussen, president; Lemoine Tubach, vice-president; Donald Schaper, secretary; Robert Reidmiller, reporter; Kenneth Spicher, treasurer; and Rex Elliott, sentinel....September 12 we had our annual watermelon feed at the Norton pond. The evening was spent swimming and eating watermelon....We attended the State Fair at Hutchinson....We are working on a carnival which we expect to give some time in November.

Robert Reidmiller, Reporter

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Fishing is a delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes.

## Chapter News (continued)

BARNES: The Barnes Chapter of FFA has been re-activated after four years of inactivity. At our first meeting Don Wieche was elected president, Eugene Balch, vice-president; Bob Truklicka, treasurer; and Floyd Yungeberg, reporter; with Kenneth Stettinisch, sentinel....Special committees have been appointed to work out our yearly Program of Work.

Floyd Yungeberg, Reporter

CONCORDIA: The officers for this year are Robert Larson, president; Dean Johnson, vice-president; Ted Hanson, secretary; Dean Holbert, treasurer; and Don Hudsonpillar, reporter....Our biggest event of the summer was a two-day outing at Lake Bennington. Thirty-two members had an enjoyable time swimming, fishing and boating. Movies of our trip were taken as part of an FFA film we are making this year to show at our banquet and other meetings....The junior and senior classes spent one day at the Hutchinson Fair looking over machinery and livestock exhibits....Twenty-four of our members have purchased white coveralls with Concordia FFA printed on the back....We held our Green Hand initiation, October 14. Twelve boys were initiated....Four boys sold fat calves at the County Sale, October 8. Our president, Robert Larson, had the champion steer....In shop we are building two hog houses, two wagon boxes, two tumble bugs, and four lawn mowers.

Don F. Hudsonpillar, Reporter

EMPORIA: The Emporia FFA officers of 1947-48 are president, Bob Edwards; vice-president, Frank Davis; secretary, Ernest Williams; treasurer, Lloyd Farr; reporter, Donald DeLong; sentinel, Wayne Nicholas....On October 2, twenty-two Green Hands were initiated. At the close of the meeting we had a watermelon feed....We sold concessions at the football game October 16. All members cooperated and we had a nice profit....We attended the American Royal, October 21, in two chartered buses.

Donald DeLong, Reporter

INMAN: The 1947-48 FFA officers are Willie Regehr, president; Edwin Neufeld, vice-president; Albert Pauls, secretary; Monno Loepp, treasurer; Vernon Pauls, reporter; Edgar Neufeld, sentinel; LaVern Willems, program chairman; and Harold Thiessen, assistant program chairman....The regular meeting night each month for FFA is the second Monday of each month...All the FFA boys attended the State Fair at Hutchinson on Monday, September 15, 1947, with the exception of those who were sick with flu....The senior FFA boys attended the American Royal Livestock Show and National FFA Convention at Kansas City....The FFA hold a ball game and a penny pitch at the 12th Inman Community Fair, October 15, 16 and 17....The Inman Chapter plans to work out among its chapter members a Program of Work to submit to the State Association by November 1.

Vernon Pauls, Reporter

MCCUNE: Officers for the newly established McCune Chapter of FFA were elected September 19 as follows: Merle Markloy, president; Vorlin Shepard, vice-president; Vern Hollandsworth, secretary; Freddy McMillan, treasurer; Wylie Bronson, reporter; Billy Moore, sentinel....Arrangements have been made for our group to be initiated by the Parsons Chapter in the near future.

Wylie Bronson, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

LEBANON: Our officers for this year are president, Max Mullen; vice-president, Arden Roush; secretary, Bill Bock; treasurer, Bill Long; reporter, Robert Grewell; sentinel, Melvin Bell; and parliamentarian, Norris McCall....Our chapter had entries in every division at the Smith County Fair held September 3-5. Norris McCall received high honors in the Holstein division while Max Mullen and Morse Abbott placed high in the beef division....We had our 10th Annual Achievement Day last Friday, October 10, which was a big success. Every boy had an entry either in the crop or livestock division. Some had entries in both. After the parade, which consisted of floats, bicycles, horses and riders and various other things, there was a short program with our president acting as master of ceremonies....This year we have an enrollment of forty-one in our vocational agriculture classes....Arden Roush and Leland Roush showed fat calves at the American Royal.

Robert Grewell, Reporter

HAVEN: Officers for this year are: president, Harold Grandon; vice-president, Francis Schoopf; secretary, Glen Beardmore; treasurer, Billy Goffert; and reporter, Louis Guhl, Jr....Members of the chapter are anxiously awaiting the arrival of over \$130.00 worth of FFA jewelry, shirts, T shirts, ties and jackets recently ordered....Harland Priddle, local member and State President, spoke at the District FFA Leadership Schools at Hill City, Colby, Dodge City, Harper and Buhler. Harland will be a delegate of the State Association to the National Convention, October 20 and 21....The number 10 class has chosen two sets of officers and is competing in opening and closing ritual and parliamentary procedure--objective, next year's Officer Training School....We have built a tool cage in one corner of our shop and all tools are now checked out and in. \$125.00 worth of new hand tools were added to our shop this year. ....The Sophomore class held a farming program tour, visiting at the farms of Robert Kinast, George Stelter, Erich Schmidt and Donald Page....Harold Grandon, George Stelter, Wayne Baughman, Dick Hoskinson, Orval Hoskinson, Wayne Clark and Mr. Schulthess attended Herman Popp's sale of Duroc spring gilts and boars at Hutchinson, Wednesday, October 8. Herman is our American Farmer candidate this year....Harold Grandon bought the top boar at \$125.00....We sponsored the "FFA Harvester" first all school dance and party of the year, September 12. We constructed a miniature model farm as decoration. Helen Bennett, blonde beauty of the Junior class, was chosen "Harvest Queen" and was crowned by President Harold Grandon. A green hill that appeared to be a part of the model farm served as a throne. In addition to dancing there was table tennis in the chapter room and shuffleboard courts in the shop. The shuffleboard was popular with both faculty and students....Eldon Bauman, State Farmer 1947, sold seventeen fat hogs October 4 at Wichita. Sixteen of these averaged 244 pounds and the seventeenth weighed 305 pounds at six months and two days of age. They were produced from Berkshire sows bred to a Poland China boar. Erich Schmidt, sophomore, sold twenty-three head of fat Durocs which returned a total of \$1333....Harold Johnson, State Farmer 1947, won first place in showmanship at the Wichita Fat Livestock Show October 3, and received a portable radio as prize....Four of Harold Grandon's Duroc sows have farrowed a total of forty-five pigs. He has two more sows to farrow. Most of the boys are getting extra high litter averages this fall....Merle Oldenettel showed reserve champion Shorthorn heifer in the open class at the Hutchinson State Fair. Others who showed were Harold Johnson, Hampshire sheep; Herman Popp, Durocs and Suffolks; and Leland Wiebe, Hereford heifer. Both Herman and Harold received a number of prizes but no champions or reserve champions.

Louis Guhl, Jr., Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

VALLEY CENTER: The following are our newly elected officers: president, Harvov Grundman; vice-president, Howard Frey; secretary, Jim Cartor; treasurer, Doyle Bachelder; reporter, Vernon Lippoldt....Dale Brown entered a fat barrow in the open class at the Hutchinson State Fair and won first place in open competition. He sold the barrow to be butchered for \$65.00 and took \$13.50 in prize money....Harvey Grundman and Eldon Schuesser entered Pawnee wheat in the open class at the State Fair. Neither won a prize but both have received letters from farmers wanting to buy seed wheat.... In the shop we have overhauled a trailer, and built a bed for another trailer. We are building a wagon box, have worked on three cars, and are doing a motor overhaul job on the fourth....We have twenty-eight boys enrolled in our department.

Vernon Lippoldt, Reporter

HILL CITY: The newly elected officers are Andy Meyer, president; Bill Worcester, vice-president; Junior Ninemire, treasurer; Herbert Wagner, secretary; Verlyn Ginther, reporter; and Elmer Drieling, sentinel....So that we might have a larger fund in our treasury we are selling concessions at all home football and basketball games...In September we held a watermelon feed at the Stenenson's Lake in honor of the freshmen....Seventeen members and our adviser attended the State Fair....On October 18 we broadcasted over the radio. The title of our program was "The Harvesting and Storage of Sorghums". The boys who broadcasted were Andy Meyer, Bob Stephen, Kenneth McBurney, Charles Worcester, Verlyn Ginther, Bill Worcester, and Herbert Wagner.

Verlyn Ginther, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: We have an enrollment of thirty-five boys in vocational agriculture with a 100% paid-up membership in FFA....Officers for the coming year are Junior Freund, president; Max Lundstrom, vice-president; Galen Jennings, secretary; Gene Deeds, treasurer; Jimmie Freund, reporter; Norman Crandall, sentinel....All officers and our adviser, Mr. Kohrs, drove to the State Fair at Hutchinson, September 17, to be on the WIBW Dinner Hour Program to present Mr. Gene Shipley, the WIBW Farm Reporter, an official FFA shirt.... The chapter purchased a popcorn machine at Kansas City for \$400. We plan to use this machine in selling popcorn at all athletic contests, and all other school activities....The chapter has had a paper and iron drive to replenish our treasury, netting respectively \$97 and \$835....We plan to sell pencils with the basketball schedules to raise funds for our chapter....The following boys were elected to the Green Hand Degree: Paul Hubenett, Jack Richardson, Edgar Freund, Bob Miller, Laurel Hunsinger, and Gene Wilke.

Jimmie Freund, Reporter

FWLER: The Fowler Chapter set up two stands at the County Fair this fall, and made \$40 in profit. We sold the scrap iron that was purchased last year, and made a profit of \$45, after taking out what the school planned to use.... The chapter has purchased a 3 x 6 felt FFA banner for our chapter meeting room....We have a big shop program this year, and our shop is crowded with projects.

Bob Glenn, Reporter



## Chapter News (continued)

ABILENE: Our chapter sold alfalfa, prairie hay and straw at the Central Kansas Free Fair and made a profit of \$28.00. Many boys showed projects at the Fair. They won 22 blue ribbons, 13 champion and grand champion ribbons, and also three red ribbons....The officers for the year are president, Dale Flora; vice-president, Merlin Moorman; secretary, Don Kolling; treasurer, Willard Davis; reporter, Maurice Flynn; sentinel, Ivan Huston; adviser, Leonard Pike....At present the chapter has six Duroc gilts out on shares....The chapter has sold many emblems, T. shirts and eversharp pencils....Melvin Cox was our 1947 Dekalb award winner....The chapter has voted to donate \$10.00 to the Eisenhower Foundation to sponsor some veteran.

Maurice Flynn, Reporter

LYNDON: The Lyndon FFA officers this year are Edwin Swisher, president; Lynn Blazek, vice-president; Neil Williams, reporter; Hubert Canniff, secretary; Ruben Bauck, treasurer; and Mr. Colle, adviser....The enrollment in vocational agriculture is thirty-five this year, the largest in the history of our chapter. We have forty FFA members....So far this year the ag boys have purchased three ewes, six beef calves, two dairy heifers, and four gilts....Our annual parent and son get-together was held October 27....The No. 11 vocational agriculture class and all cabinet members visited the American Royal, October 21.

Neil Williams, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: The membership of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America jumped from ten to thirty-two with the initiation of twenty-two new members October 9. The initiates were served refreshments immediately after the initiation ceremony. We have 100% membership....Last summer five delegates from the chapter attended the South Central District FFA camp which was held at Camp Wentz, Ponca City, Oklahoma....Chapter officers are Thaine Hunt, president; Bill Patterson, vice-president; Paul Hatcher, treasurer; Frank Baxter, sentinel, and Roger Warren, reporter.

Roger Warren, Reporter

CLIFTON: Officers for 1947-48 are Louis Rhodes, president, Gene Cyr, treasurer; Bob Nicholson, reporter; Charles Howley, sentinel....The members of the chapter have been busy getting the athletic field in shape....We recently strengthened our treasury by selling refreshments at the Clifton-Blue Rapids football game....The chapter operated a penny-pitch and a weight guessing stand at the school carnival, October 17. The proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a public address system for the school.

Bob Nicholson, Reporter

OBERLIN: The Oberlin Chapter has elected and installed the following officers: president, Duane Waldo; vice-president, Keith Mines; secretary, Don Waldo; treasurer, Vaughn Miller; reporter, Dale Smith....As Decatur County is building a new fair ground the local chapter is contributing by helping move a building and laying its foundation....Most of the boys in our chapter went to the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson this year. We made the trip in a truck and slept in a tent provided by the board. We stayed only two days which were very satisfactory, but it sure was nice to get home....The chapter has built a broadcasting booth at Smick Athletic Field so the games may be broadcasted over KXXX at Colby.

Dale Smith, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

KIOWA: The Kiowa Chapter has thirty-one members this year. The officers elected for this school year are Boyd Forester, president; Eddie Scott, vice-president; Bennie Farney, secretary; Eldon Quick, treasurer; Bill Tidwell, reporter; Perry Rowland, sentinel; George Landis, student council representative....The classes in vocational agriculture attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson on Monday of this year. Bill Schrock, our State Farmer last year, exhibited his Aberdeen Angus bull in the open class and received second prize in his class....Committees have worked out a program of work for our chapter for this coming year and it is ready to be sent to the Kansas Association. A schedule of meetings include one night meeting per month which is devoted to recreation, one meeting every week during activity period which is divided into two types; executive committee meeting and general business meetings....The first scheduled night recreational meeting was held September 10. The faculty and the chapter's softball teams played. The faculty was leading at the close of the game, which was called on account of darkness. Iced watermelons were served as refreshments....The treasurer reported that we have \$531.54 cash on hand and that the inventory of chapter owned equipment had not been completed. During the last chapter meeting it was voted to budget all the money necessary for the operation of the chapter owned camera....Again this year, the O.K. Grain Elevator has chosen five boys to attend the American Royal and the National FFA Convention. The O.K. Grain Elevator allows \$25 on each boys expense. The boys are selected on the basis of their farming programs, expansion of the farming programs, farm account books, and interest in chapter activities. The boys winning this award were Boyd Forester, George Landis, John Burns, Duncan Circle and Billy Tidwell.

Billy Tidwell, Reporter

RANDOLPH: Our FFA officers for 1947-48 are president, Bill Anderson; vice-president, Duane Ulrich; reporter, Louis Hargrave; secretary, Robert Johnson; treasurer, Wayne Flohr; sentinel, Donald Osbourn....There are forty-three members in our chapter....May 26, Randolph and Manhattan chapters took a trip to the State of Missouri. We visited the Government Cold Storage Cave, Atchison, Kansas; Quaker Oats Company, St. Joseph, Missouri; Lederlee Syrum Plant, St. Joseph, Missouri; J. C. Penny Angus Farm; Ralph Smith Angus Farm; Sni-A-Var Farm; Longview Farm; and the Halmark Jersey Farm....Last summer our FFA had a softball team that played in a league which consisted of twelve teams....The Randolph agriculture boys have taken several field trips. We have laid some terrace lines and vaccinated seventy deferred calves. We also have been going to different boys' farms and looking at their farming programs....We have decided to have a Record Book contest for which we will give a prize of a gilt pig, and a shop contest for which we will give a prize to the boy who has the best shop on his farm. His prize will be a suitable shop tool....In shop the boys are making a loading chute, a dehorning chute, hog troughs, a two wheel trailer, and working on cars....October 13 we went to the Herbert Carnahan farm to harvest corn plots.

Louis Hargrave, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: The Spearville Chapter has been reactivated after being without a vocational agriculture teacher during the war....Officers for the year are president, Mike Gleason; vice-president, Robert Komarek; secretary, Richard Ravencamp; treasurer, Floyd Sanko; reporter, Richard Harming; sentinel, Marvin Gleason....We are working on our FFA Program of Work.

Richard Harming, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

EFFINGHAM: The officers of the Atchison County Chapter for 1947-48 are as follows: John Gigstad, president; Max Hargrove, vice-president; Dale Gigstad, secretary; Carl Anderson, treasurer; Sam Hundley, reporter; and Charles Harden, sentinel....During the summer our chapter held two picnic meetings, one which was held at the Atchison County Lake, and the other one in Jackson Park at Atchison, Kansas. At the latter meeting we planned the FFA stand at the County Fair. Although we had more competition than usual this year, our gross receipts were \$970.00 and the net profit was \$415.00....Our chapter gilt which has been handled by one of our members has done her share in increasing the country's meat supply. This gilt is a registered Chester White and all ten of her pigs are a nice uniform sort that will soon be ready for market or provide some boy with a swine project....Our chapter sponsored a Halloween Party with the FHA girls as guests, October 21. We had cider and doughnuts for refreshments. The annual affair in which the boys entertain the girls is given as a reward to the girls for serving at our Parent-Son Banquet....Our Parent-Son Banquet will be held November 12.

Sam Hundley, Reporter

BELOIT: Officers for the Beloit Chapter this year are Leon Jorgenson, president; Vernon McKee, vice-president; John Murray, secretary; Donald Melton, treasurer; Richard Jostes, reporter....The annual summer picnic was held the evening of August 20....The annual hayrack ride, held in cooperation with the Home Economics Class, was held October 13....Jim Gurley, last years president, represented Beloit at the National Better Chapter Contest at Kansas City....The farm management class attended the Kansas State Fair....Jack McInroy, a senior, was presented the cooperative award of the year at the last meeting.

Richard Jostes, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our officers for this year are Dale Goering, president; Elvin Schrag, vice-president; Stanley Schrag, secretary; Gerald Kaufman, reporter; Roland Schrag, treasurer; and Willis Loganbill, sentinel....We have forty members, with thirty-eight boys enrolled in vocational agriculture....Our last meeting program was on Fire Prevention, in observance of National Fire Prevention week....We entered a collective crop and garden exhibit in the McPherson County Crop and Garden Show, and placed third. Members from our chapter who had individual exhibits were Gene Wedel, who exhibited barley and received a blue ribbon; LeRoy Stuckey took a blue ribbon with corn; and Delbert Wedel took a red ribbon with Red Kafir....Most of our members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson....We had a Hamburger Fry on October 13 at the City Park. ...Three A-hog houses are being built in our shop. We have cleaned and treated nearly 4500 bushels of wheat for farmers this fall...At our last regular meeting we voted to buy a large electric clock and electric drill for our shop, and a radio for the department....Six of our members and our adviser, Mr. Griffin, attended Camp Wentz last summer.

Gerald Kaufman, Reporter

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Men have from time to time proposed the axiom, "No work, no bread!". But no man has ever dared to threaten the calamity, "No thought, no talk!".

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COLBY: We held our No. 9 Parent-Son meeting September 29 with all the No. 9 boys and their parents present except two. For the program, Mr. E. H. Coles, Superintendent of the Colby Experiment Station, spoke on "Farming Programs for Northwest Kansas and What Should be Included in Them to Make Them Properly Balanced for This District". Mr. R. B. King, our vocational agriculture instructor, with the help of the No. 9 boys, demonstrated how to build a good farming program and the standards under which the programs should be built. The motion picture "Future Farmers at Work" was shown. The parents then visited our classroom and shop and were served refreshments of ice cream, cold drinks and doughnuts.... Saturday, October 4, as a part of our high school broadcast over KXXX, our chapter presented the opening and closing ceremonies. This, we thought, would tell in the shortest time what the FFA is and what it stands for.... Each Saturday morning from 8:00 to 8:15 the FFA chapters of this district are broadcasting over KXXX. The Stockton Chapter made the first broadcast October 4. Their broadcast was designed to introduce the listening public to the FFA and vocational agriculture. The second program which was supposed to be October 11 was presented Sunday, October 12. It was an interview with Prof. Loren Whipps of Kansas State College and Harland Priddle, president of the Kansas Association of FFA, in regard to the Leadership School being held at Colby and also presented the address President Priddle made to the boys at the Leadership School. Every FFA chapter in the district plans to make at least one broadcast over KXXX.... We are organizing an FFA band... Our chapter has decided to purchase a combination slide and 35mm strip film projector, and another projector which will show snapshots and other pictures on the screen. These will be a great help to us in our school work and will help to liven up our officers reports at the annual Leadership School.

Don Friesen, Reporter

SENECA: The officers for 1947-48 are Bill Korber, president, Nobert Haverkamp, vice-president; Hubert Mueting, secretary; Donald Allison, treasurer; Paul Jones, reporter; Willis Hartman, sentinel.... The chapter is preparing for its annual Purebred Hampshire Boar and Gilt sale. This will take place October 31. We will have approximately thirty gilts and twenty boars on sale.... There is considerable interest in the sale and Hampshire breeders come many miles to attend this sale. We hope this sale will build up our chapter funds.

Paul Jones, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: The officers of the Smith Center Chapter for the current year are as follows: president, John Overmiller; vice-president, Dick Weltmer; secretary, Clayton Herman; treasurer, Marian Paul Hinshaw; reporter, Louis Overmiller; sentinel, Bill Hays; adviser, Charles Mantz.... The father and son watermelon feed was held August 26, which was given for the benefit of the freshmen.... Many exhibits were presented by the boys of the chapter for the booth during the Smith County Fair.... The Livestock Judging Team placed 9th at the CK Ranch at Brookville, Kansas, August 6.

Louis Overmiller, Reporter

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Science is very resourceful. It couldn't open a Pullman window, so it air-conditioned the train.