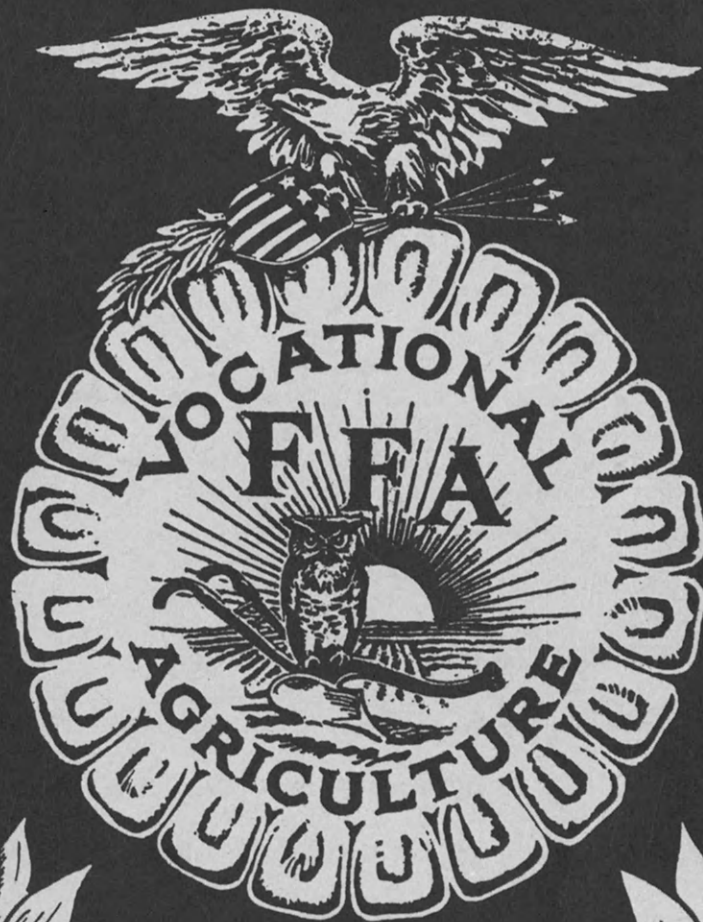


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this message, fellow FFA members, you will have started a new school year; a year of tremendous opportunity for those with the courage and ambition to take advantage of it. An opportunity to improve ourselves mentally, morally, and physically through the facilities of our Kansas High Schools of which we may be justly proud.

As FFA members, we have a special opportunity not only to better our own lot but to be of service to our community and to the people of the world.

While some moderation of the stress that was placed on food production during the war years is evident, yet we find many shortages as acute now as during the war years, with millions underfed and poorly clothed.

Every FFA member should consider it his duty to produce as much food as possible this year and do it in the most efficient manner. In this way we can do our bit to encourage a friendly attitude toward our nation and advance the program of world peace.

Perhaps the greatest service we could render to our own communities would be to demonstrate to adult farmers the importance of preserving our good productive soil. We should demonstrate the wisdom of conserving the soil and discourage the folly of present soil depleting practices which destroy not only the individual but the nation as well. It would be well for every FFA chapter in Kansas to stress soil conservation in all its phases as a part of their program of work for the coming year.

Harland Priddle, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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MESSAGE FROM ADVISER L. B. POLLOM

It is not uncommon for people to look on vocational agriculture as a means of training farm boys for the business of farming. True it does, but it must do more than that to merit a place in the school and community. It is much more important that a course in vocational agriculture result in all-around development of farm boys into the highest type of citizenship.

Probably no group of high school boys has as many opportunities for all-around development as the members of a class in vocational agriculture. Your community has invested generously in housing and equipment in order that your opportunity will be the best. They have employed a specially trained teacher and adviser.

In addition to the class and laboratory work, the farm shop, the field trip, the farming program and all that it implies, you have the privilege of belonging to and participating in the activities of the largest and most progressive association of farm boys in the world--the Future Farmers of America.

If FFA members take full advantage of all the Organization offers, all-around development will be inevitable. Let's make the most of our opportunity.

1947-48 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
2. A continuous program of repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
3. Prevent waste of all kinds. (Conserve natural resources; Control Farm Fires; Control Livestock Losses; Eradicate Pests.)
4. Take every precaution against farm accidents. They result in suffering, loss of manpower, damaged equipment, and sometimes cost lives.
5. So far as possible, produce on the farm all the needs of the farm and farm family.
6. Assist veterans in becoming established in farming.
7. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members.
8. Each chapter to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, 1947. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the state FFA public speaking contest.
9. Six issues of the FFA newsletter to be published, beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisers, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
10. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
11. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the FFA Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
12. Encourage 100 per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
13. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
14. Publicity - encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worthwhile activities, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of state and national interest.

1947-48 State FFA Program of Work (continued)

15. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences to make the farm home more livable.

16. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list paraphernalia:

U. S. Flag
Owl
Ear of Corn
Pictures of Washington and Jefferson*
Plow
Gavel
Seal
Charter*
Creed
Secretary's Book
Treasurer's Book
FFA Manuals (Minimum of six)
Filing Case
Mounts for Officer Emblems
FFA Song
Purposes*
Picture, Henry Groseclose*

* - Framed under glass

17. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (Figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed).

- a. FFA Manual, 1947 edition, for each officer. (1) 15¢
- b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer. (1) 10¢
- c. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the current year.
- d. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Convention.
- e. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (2) \$1.00
- f. Contributions of Ten Leading Americans to Agriculture (1) 10¢
- g. Writing FFA News by C. E. Rogers (8) \$2.00
- h. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Your Career in Agriculture, Homer Paul Anderson. (4) \$2.00
 - If You Please, Allen & Briggs, (5) \$1.40
 - Agricultural Arts, Eugene Davenport and Aretas Nolan (3) \$1.75
- i. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Tom of Peace Valley, Case (5) \$1.50
 - Moon Valley, Case (5) \$1.50
 - New Land, Schmidt (6) \$2.00
 - Shadow Over Winding Ranch, Schmidt (9) \$2.00
 - Short Stories for Future Farmers (7) \$1.67
- j. At least one copy chosen from:
 - Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings, Tenney (7) \$2.00
 - Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (7) \$2.00
 - Winning FFA Speeches, Judson (7) \$2.00.

1947-48 State FFA Program of Work (continued)

- (1) A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, KSC, Manhattan, Kansas.
- (2) The French-Bray Printing Company, Baltimore, Maryland.
- (3) Girard Press, 119 W Park Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.
- (4) Dutton and Company, 681 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
- (5) J. B. Lippincott Company, 220 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.
- (6) Robert M. McBride & Company, New York, New York.
- (7) Interstate Printing Company, 19th Jackson, Danville, Illinois.
- (8) Collegiate Press, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
- (9) Random House Publishing Company, New York, New York.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

November 1 is the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. Address same to Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Official Activity Program Blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of the local chapter activity program for the state office will be mailed all chapters at an early date. In former years the state office furnished sufficient copies of the official activity program blanks to provide one copy for the local chapter. This year, due to scarcity of paper, the local chapter will be expected to furnish its own paper for the program of work going in the chapter files.

Helpful Suggestions for building the chapter activity program will be found in the October 15, 1945, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, pp 11-14, and in the Official FFA Manual, 1947 edition, pp 33-37.

Committee Appointments for building the chapter activity program should include all members of the chapter. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and adviser.

Calendaring Activities for the year, by months, is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter.

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TIE

The Linn chapter with thirty-five members and the Horton chapter with twenty-two members tied for the honor of being first to pay the 1947-48 state and national FFA dues. The state office received checks in payment for state and national dues from these chapters on the same date, and therefore declares a tie for the honor of being first to pay state and national dues for the current year.

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A total of 921 Kansas FFA members have been granted the State Farmer Degree during the life of the Kansas Association of FFA. This number includes the 1947 State Farmer Degree class.

WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Following is a list of FFA supplies and where they can be purchased. See that this list is filed so that when your chapter is in need of supplies your secretary will have the necessary information on where the material can be purchased, thereby eliminating the necessity of writing the state office for this information. ORDERS FROM THE STATE OFFICE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH.

Adviser's pins (11) bronze 28¢	Music (cont.)
Adviser's pins (11) gold plated 37¢	"Hail the FFA" (11) quartetto 25¢
Arm bands, felt (2)	"March of FFA" (band) (8)
Badges and buttons (6)	Napkins (4)
Banners, felt (2)	Neckties (3)
Belts and Buckles (1)	Newspaper mats (4)
Caps, convention style (2)	Parliamentary Procedure (11) 10¢
Caps, swagger and military style (2)	Pennants, felt (2)
Charters for chapters (11)	Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (10)
Collegiate chapter pins (1)	Pins, degree
Cups, trophy (1)	Green Hand (11) 30¢
Cuts, emblem (4)	Chapter Farmer (11) 35¢
Degree pins and keys (11)	Place Cards (4)
Electrical transcriptions	Plaques (1)
(see Recordings)	Plows, miniature (9)*
Electrotypes (4)	Printed Supplies (4)
Emblems, felt (2)	Ribbons, prize (6)
Emblem stickers (4)	Rings, finger (1)
Envelopes (4)	Records:
Felt goods (2)	"FFA March" and "Hail the FFA" (5)
Flags (6)	"Marshall Schirer's 1946 Winning
Gavels (6)	FFA Oration" (12)
Handbook for Future Farmers (4)	Two numbers played by Pennsylvania
Jackets, corduroy (3)	State FFA Band at Victory Con-
Jewelry (1)	vention (12)
Keys, degree (11)	Secretary's Book (11) 30¢
Letterheads (4)	Shirts (3)
Manuals (11) 15¢	Stationery (4)
Membership cards (11) Cards sent only	Stickers, baggage (4) windshield (4)
upon payment of dues, 20¢ per member	Treasurer's Books, (11) 30¢
Music:	Trousers, Uniforms (3)
"FFA March" (8)	
"Hail the FFA" (11) 15¢	

- (1) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts, Jewelry
- (2) Staunton Novelty Company, Staunton, Virginia, Felt Goods and Convention Caps.
- (3) Universal Uniform Company, Van Wert, Ohio
- (4) French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland, printed supplies, stationery, emblem cuts, etc.
- (5) U. S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D. C.
- (6) St. Louis Button Company, 415 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, Celluloid buttons, ribbons, badges, markers, flags.
- (7) W. M. Welch Scientific Company, Chicago, Illinois
- (8) Cundy-Betteney Co., Hyde Park, Boston, Massachusetts
- (9) John Deere Company, Moline, Illinois
- (10) Swift and Company, Chicago, Illinois, Agricultural Research Department.
- (11) A. P. Davidson, Executive Adviser, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans.
- (12) Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri

* - Request must be accompanied by letter from State Executive Adviser.

1947 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

CLAY CENTER: September 29, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Clay Center, Manhattan, Junction City, Wamego, Greenleaf, Washington, Haddam, Clifton, Miltonvale, Abilene, Chapman, Solomon, Frankfort, Randolph, Waterville, Morrowville, Longford, Barnes, Hope, Linn.

LAWRENCE: September 30, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Lawrence, Tonganoxie, Olathe, Bonner Springs, Paola, Shawnee Mission, Silver Lake, Berryton, Washburn, Overbrook, Seaman, Highland Park, Ottawa, Gardner, Harveyville, Hoyt, St. Marys, Wellsville, Auburn.

SENECA: October 1, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Seneca, Onaga, Holton, Westmoreland, Effingham, Fairview, Sabetha, Valley Falls, Horton, Centralia, Marysville, Hiawatha, Soldier.

BELOIT: October 6, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Beloit, Jewell, Belleville, Concordia, Beverly, Minneapolis, Osborne, Smith Center, Lebanon, Alton, Glasco, Simpson, Downs.

HILL CITY: October 7, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Hill City, Wakeeney, Hays, Norton, Phillipsburg, Stockton, Quinter, Ellis.

COLBY: October 8, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Colby, Bird City, McDonald, Atwood, Hoxie, Oberlin, Goodland, St. Francis

DODGE CITY: October 9, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Dodge City, Kinsley, Coldwater, Pratt, Stafford, Bazine, Garden City, Holcomb, Hugoton, Fowler, Spearville, Syracuse.

EMPORIA: October 13, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Emporia, Lyndon, Williamsburg, Burlington, Cottonwood Falls, Kincaid, Burns, Alma, Alta Vista, Eureka, Osage City.

BUHLER: October 14, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Buhler, Eldorado, Inman, Moundridge, Newton, Great Bend, Haven, McPherson, Valley Center, Leon, Hillsboro, Little River.

HARPER: October 15, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Harper, Kingman, Medicine Lodge, Kiowa, Arkansas City, Oxford, Mulvane, Winfield.

PARSONS: October 16, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Parsons, Columbus, Cherryvale, Chanute, Howard, Girard, Independence, Sedan, Coffeyville, Fort Scott, McCune, Fredonia, Iola, Altamont, Neodesha.

NOTE: If more convenient to attend a District FFA Leadership School held in a center other than the one to which your chapter is assigned, please notify the host adviser of the center you choose to attend several days prior to the date of the meeting.

Re: Kansas 1947 District FFA Leadership Schools

A MESSAGE TO LOCAL FFA OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

"The nation continues to place great faith in the Future Farmers of America."
--President Harry S. Truman.

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"The Future Farmer organization is just about the finest collection of young Americans that could be gathered together. They typify the real spirit of these United States. They are the hope for the future of the nation." --
Roy A. Roberts, President and General Manager, The Kansas City Star.

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"It was a real inspiration to watch these lads carry on their meetings, to listen to their speeches, their deliberations, and their arguments. Their sincerity of purpose and earnest desire to accomplish something worthwhile, accompanied by the proper amount of good fun, revives one's faith in human nature." -- F. M. Call, Agricultural Commission, The American Bankers Association.

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"I am certain that American agriculture, and the Nation in general will be greatly enriched when these young men step into positions of adult leadership and make full use of their training in agriculture, citizenship and patriotism." -- Russell A. Firestone, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

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"I came home from the FFA convention with a new faith in American agriculture. If our farming of the future is to be in the hands of the boys who came to Kansas City, and their fellow students who remained at home, then we have little cause for anxiety. The 1946 FFA convention was a potent answer to the occasional pessimist who argues that agriculture is a lost cause. These boys surely do not believe it is a lost cause.

"The mental maturity of these boys, their ability to run their convention without slip or pause, impressed all of us who sat on the sidelines.

"All America, urban and rural, owes these Future Farmers a vote of confidence and gratitude." -- Robert H. Reed, Editor, Country Gentleman.

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The above quotations from our own President, the president and general manager of a great metropolitan newspaper, a nationally known banker, a leading national industrialist, and the editor of a national farm magazine, should engender pride in the hearts of all FFA members and leaders throughout the nation.

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Re: Kansas 1947 District FFA Leadership Schools

A MESSAGE TO LOCAL FFA OFFICERS AND ADVISERS (continued)

- I. The district FFA Leadership School provides one means of stimulating local FFA leadership in order that the Kansas Association may continue to merit the confidence of both state and national leaders.
- II. Kansas has always been proud of the boast that 100% of the local officers comprising the Kansas Association of FFA can creditably open and close a formal FFA meeting without the use of the FFA Manual.
- III. Two important items that win respect for local FFA chapters are: 1) a sound program of work, 2) high standards of ritualistic performance.
- IV. Local FFA officers desiring to give outstanding leadership to their members must be informed relative to the purposes and function of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.
- V. District FFA Leadership Schools are designed to stimulate ritualistic improvement and a greater knowledge of the Future Farmers of America Organization.
- VI. "Test Your FFA Knowledge", one of the features of the District FFA Leadership School is based upon the fifteen year history of the Kansas Association of FFA, the Official FFA Manual, and the 1946-47 issues of the Kansas FFA Newsletter. (Including the September 15, 1947, issue of the Kansas FFA Newsletter.)
- VII. The application of the "Duties of Local Officer", is another feature of the District FFA Leadership Schools. Duties of local FFA officers are adequately set forth in the Official FFA Manual.
- VIII. District FFA Leadership Schools provide a medium for exchange of successful ideas in the management of FFA chapters. Bear in mind the fact that many in attendance will be holding office for the first time, and a majority of the others will be newly elected to the station they are now serving.
- IX. The District FFA Leadership School should be regarded by each FFA officer as a challenge to improve his FFA leadership, and as an opportunity to make a worthwhile contribution.
- X. Interested FFA members result from having capable officers, a challenging program of work - with responsibility shared by all, and a full knowledge of the Future Farmers of America Organization.

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The proposal to change the National Constitution of the Future Farmers of America Organization pertaining to the number of American Farmer candidates that could be submitted by the various state associations was defeated at the Victory Convention. The proposal would have raised the number from one to two for each thousand members or major fraction thereof.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM
TWENTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION - FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Missouri - October 19, 20, 21, 22, 1947

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|---|---|
| <u>Tue., October 14</u>
through
<u>Sat., October 18</u> | Executive Sessions, F.F.A. National Board of Trustees
President Hotel |
| <u>Fri., October 17</u>
through
<u>Sat., October 18</u> | Executive Session, F.F.A. National Advisory Council
President Hotel |
| <u>Sat., October 18</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium |
| <u>Sun., October 19</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
12:30 p.m. - Officer-Delegate Luncheon, President Hotel
2:30 p.m. - Meeting of State Advisers, President Hotel
6:30 p.m. - Meeting of Instructors and Supervisors of Judging Teams, President Hotel
8:00 p.m. - Opening Session, 20th National Convention of F.F.A., Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium. National Public Speaking Contest. |
| <u>Mon., October 20</u> | 7:45 a.m. - Meat Grading and Identification Contests
8:00 a.m. - Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
9:00 a.m. - Second Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium. Address, Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture
1:30 p.m. - Third Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium. Program Featuring Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. Committee Work
8:00 p.m. - Fourth Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium. American Farmer Ceremony. Special Entertainment |
| <u>Tue., October 21</u> | 7:00 a.m. - Livestock Judging Contest
9:00 a.m. - Fifth Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium. Address, The Right Honorable, the Lord Inverchapel, G.C.M.G., Ambassador from Great Britain
1:30 p.m. - Parade, Arena, American Royal
8:00 p.m. - Talent Night
Presentation of Awards |

Twentieth National Convention of FFA (continued)

Wed., October 22 9:00 a.m. - Sixth Session, National FFA Convention,
Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium
Premier Showing Future Farmers of America
Motion Picture
Address, Albert Goss, Master, National
Grange
Address, John Davis, National Council of
Farmer Cooperatives.
1:30 p.m. - Closing Session, National FFA Convention,
Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium
6:30 p.m. - Annual Banquet, Main Arena, Municipal
Auditorium

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NATIONAL FFA DAY

October 20 has been designated as National FFA day. This is the first day of the Twentieth Convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. It is recommended that every local chapter in the Kansas Association prepare a program suitable to the occasion. Topics of interest suitable for such a program are:

- a. Excerpts from the report of the National FFA Secretary, November 1, 1946, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, pp 14-20.
- b. Report on Memorial Service at Victory Convention, November 1, 1946, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, pp 5-7.
- c. Victory Pageant, November 1, 1946, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, pp 7-8.
- d. Marshall Schirer's winning FFA speech and FFA music. Phonograph records - source - September 15, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.
- e. Kansas Association of FFA Wartime Record, November 1946, Kansas Future Farmer, pp 20-21, also September 15, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter.
- f. Local chapter achievements and major objectives in current program of work.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

National judging contests for vocational agriculture students, last held in 1941 will be resumed this year.

Judging contests in Livestock and Meats will be held in Kansas City in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show, October 20-21.

Judging contests in Dairy, Dairy Products, and Poultry will be held at Waterloo, Iowa, September 30 to October 6.

National FFA Judging Contests (continued)

Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products and Poultry Contests, Waterloo, Iowa

No lodging facilities in hotels at Waterloo, Iowa, at the time of the National FFA Judging Contest are available for contestants. Therefore, E.S. Estel, Secretary-Manager, Dairy Cattle Congress, has assigned his assistant, Claude Gifford, to make arrangements for sufficient cots with mattresses and blankets which will be placed in the Y.M.C.A. The cost per night per cot with blankets will be approximately \$1.00. Bring your own towels and sheets. In all cases the coach or some other responsible adult must accompany each team and share the same quarters, serving as a chaperon. The Y.M.C.A. is located on 4th Street in West Waterloo, the heart of the business district. When certifying teams from your State for the contests at Waterloo, indicate the number of cots needed and the date of arrival in Waterloo. The U.S. Office of Education will then notify the Waterloo officials as to the number of cots needed. We must have this information on or before September 15.

The registration of teams will start at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 30, 1947, in the Hippodrome at the Dairy Cattle Congress show grounds. Contestants in the Poultry Production Contest must register prior to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 30. Contestants in the Dairy Cattle, and Dairy Products Contest must register before 6:00 p.m., October 1.

Coaches, supervisors, teacher trainers, and superintendents will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 30, to complete plans for the Poultry Production Contests. A similar meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 1, to complete plans for the Dairy Cattle and Dairy Production Contests. The place of these meetings will be announced at the registration booth in the Hippodrome.

A complementary banquet for contestants and coaches will be provided on Thursday evening, October 2.

Kansas will be represented by the following teams:

Dairy Contest - Simpson High School, Ralph Arnold, Coach

Dairy Products Contest - Newton High School, R. M. Karns, Coach

Judging Contests - Kansas City, Missouri

Registration will start at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18 and will continue each day until 6:00 p.m. Contestants in the Meats Contest must register prior to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, October 19. Contestants for the Livestock Contest must register prior to 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 20. A meeting of coaches, supervisors, teacher trainers, and superintendents will be held at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, October 19 in the President Hotel. The certification of all teams entered in the Kansas City Contests must be in the Washington D.C. office on or before October 1.

Kansas will be represented by the following teams:

Livestock Contest - Beloit High School, Howard Bradley, Coach

Meats Contest - Eldorado High School, William R. McMillan, Coach

SUMMARY OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA
REPORT TO NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 1946-47

Certain totals found in the annual report of the Kansas Association of FFA submitted to the National Organization of FFA will be at variance with some of the figures listed in the May 15, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. This is occasioned by the fact that additional dues and reports were received by the state office following the date of the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Number of active chapters in the state association...	134
Total active FFA membership in the state.....	4790
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without FFA chapters in Kansas.....	3
Number of farm machines repaired by FFA members.....	2304
Number of pieces of farm equipment built by FFA members.....	2034
Total net worth of FFA members.....	\$2,520,066.90
Average net worth of FFA members.....	\$526.11
Kansas FFA members during the war years 1941-46:	
Purchased war bonds and stamps to the total of.....	\$599,120.29
Collected pounds of scrap.....	10,673,423
Collected pounds of paper.....	2,391,573
Collected pounds of rags.....	60,469
Collected pounds of rubber.....	360,440
Repaired farm machines.....	23,354 pieces
Constructed farm equipment.....	15,097 pieces
Beef produced.....	8,769,000 pounds
Pork produced.....	6,372,000 pounds
Mutton produced.....	288,000 pounds
Eggs produced.....	72,720 cases
Chickens, broilers.....	144,000
Chickens, pullets.....	139,000
Turkeys.....	38,000
Dairy Cattle.....	2,391 head
Milk.....	2,160,000 gals.
Lambs.....	7,980 head
Soy Beans.....	72,000 bu.
Corn.....	306,000 bu.
Wheat.....	1,920,000 bu.
Hay.....	3,432 tons
Alfalfa.....	3,582 tons
Grain sorghum.....	738,000 bu.
Victory gardens.....	6,759 acres
Number of active and associate FFA members in armed forces.....	5,628

THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA BUDGET 1947-48

Estimated Income in Dues.....	\$958.00	
Estimated Income - Commission for handling Balfour supplies...	50.00	
Estimated Expense:		
Regional Public Speaking Contest.....	\$ 25.00	
Delegates to National Convention.....	40.00	
Officers to called State meetings.....	50.00	
Officers to State Conventions.....	40.00	
Officers to District Leadership Schools.....	50.00	
Postage for gathering news.....	10.00	
State Farmer Certificates.....	15.00	
Public Speaking and Better Chapter Certificates.....	10.00	
Medals, plaques, ribbons, buttons.....	60.00	
Officer jackets.....	30.00	
FFA Membership Cards.....	20.00	
Printing Chapter Program of Work blanks.....	20.00	
Printing Banquet Programs.....	5.00	
Photographs.....	15.00	
National FFA dues.....	479.00	
National FFA Band uniforms.....	20.00	
Auditing FFA Accounts.....	8.00	
Expense, travel & subsistence, two members National FFA Band.....	80.00	
	\$977.00	\$1,008.00
Balance Income over Expenses.....		\$31.00

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A GOOD PLACE TO BEGIN

"I am only one of over 200,000 Future Farmers of America throughout the United States, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I ought to do, I can do. And what I can do, by the grace of God, I will do." -- Virgil Getto, Fallon, Nevada, National Student Secretary, Future Farmers of America, in an address at the Victory FFA Convention, 1946.

The above statement by past National Student Secretary, Virgil Getto, made a most profound impression upon FFA members and adult friends in attendance at the Victory FFA Convention.

Kansas FFA members through their local chapter officers can make a good beginning in the fulfillment of Virgil Getto's determination to advance the best interest of the FFA by taking an active part in the 1947 District FFA Leadership School.

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FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
(Central Region)

It was learned at a comparatively late date that the Kansas winner in the 1947 FFA Public Speaking Contest would not be able to represent Kansas in the Regional Contest. This information came to hand too late to prepare the second place winner in the Kansas 1947 FFA Public Speaking Contest for the Regional Contest.

EDITORIAL -- MILITARY TRAINING

Debate is now in full force, and will probably continue for some months, over the proposal that when every American boy reaches the age of 18, or is graduated from high school, he must enter a period of compulsory military training and thenceforth continue with such supplemental training as may be necessary. It is stated that only by such preparedness can the United States escape annihilation through atomic bomb attacks.

Some organizations and agencies have taken such a serious view of this matter that it is impossible to constructively discuss the matter. The individual who has the temerity to suggest an alternative is branded as a communist, a pacifist, an idealist, all three, or worse.

Moreover in attempting to present the case of agriculture, one is subjected to charges of lack of patriotism and other abusive allegations, in spite of the fact that American farm youth have always provided a very fair share of the volunteers, the fighting men and the heroes -- dead and alive.

If there is a mistake in the concept of compulsory military training -- and we believe there are several -- it is that the entire job is done by the man in uniform. There is no concept more erroneous, and this is forceably attested by the attitude of G.I. Joe -- not the professional military man, but the boy who "got in and got out."

G.I. Joe realized -- because he was represented by millions of farm boys, and millions more whose friends and relatives worked in factory, plane plant and shipyard -- that a basic factor of victory was food, warm uniforms, medicine, tanks, planes, ships, lumber, concrete, bulldozers, radar, gasoline.

If there is danger of the United States being attacked by a foreign power, then what we need is "compulsory preparedness" which is vastly different from compulsory military training. Under "compulsory preparedness," the United States would be keeping itself geared to the production of food and the machinery of war, with the same planning and organization as goes into the training of soldiers, sailors, marines, and fliers.

Those who propose compulsory military training alone certainly have a small concept of what this phrase means to the more ambitious farm youth of the United States -- certainly to the vocational agriculture student. From the time he enrolls as a freshman, he is encouraged to develop a sound home farming program, buy high-quality and sometimes purebred stock, plant orchards and vineyards, establish a well-rounded crops program, invest his own money in a longtime, self-owned farm enterprise.

There are about 300,000 American farm youth in vocational agriculture. About one-sixth are being graduated each year; around 50,000 young men. Compulsory military service would mean that many of them would have to sell -- often at a financial loss -- what they had developed through four years of high school. Very often this investment amounts to two, three or five thousand dollars. Or, the other obvious circumstance would occur -- the boy would not develop a self-owned farming program at all. This condition was common during the war, when boys knew that at 18 they would go into the service. As a result, the vocational agriculture projects are not on the level of 1930 to 1940, even though potential profits have been high. The same condition would apply, of course, to millions of other farm boys who are not in vocational agriculture.

Editorial -- Military Training (continued)

On the other hand, "compulsory preparedness" would encourage the farm boy to establish himself in the vital phase of food production -- not discourage him. To train farm youth to produce farm commodities is just as important in waging a successful military campaign -- and far more efficient -- than training him to carry a gun. No doubt the drum-beaters for another war -- and soon -- will argue that agriculture would thus become an "escape" for those wanting to avoid military service. That is rubbish. During World War II, thousands of California farm boys who were desperately needed on the farm, and could have contributed vastly more there with their specialized skills and experience than spending months in a training camp, refused deferment and volunteered.

There is still another odd paradox. After the use of the atom bomb in Japan, and the Bikini trials, allegedly competent military men and observers said that in the future war large forces of uniformed men would have no place -- they would just be an inviting target for atomic attack. It was stated then, and seems more apparent each day, that the essential item is the encouragement of science, industry -- and production of food -- rather than congregating millions of human targets.

Someone also made another interesting prophesy. He stated that he did not know just what weapons would be used in the next war, but it was obvious what would be used in the war after that -- spears and clubs -- because we would have completely destroyed our civilization and our ability to produce the mechanized means of waging war. -- Geo. P. Couper, Editor, California Future Farmer Newsletter, June, 1947

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TOTAL NUMBER AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES

A total of 47 American Farmer Degrees have been granted to Kansas FFA members up to and including the 1946 National Convention. The 47 American Farmer Degree members came from thirty Kansas FFA chapters.

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FOWLER CHAPTER CHARTERED

On September 12, 1947, the state association issued charter number 192 to the Fowler Chapter. The new chapter has 22 members. The officers are: president, Richard Walker; vice-president, Don Miller; secretary, Marvin Hornbaker; treasurer, Kenneth Walker; reporter, Sylvester Glenn; adviser, Ormond Breeden.

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IOWA: Clarinda Future Farmers of America chapter members now have a heavy duty bus for transportation, after a long campaign of money raising activities. Chapter members wanted a bus several years ago, but at that time they were still paying for a chapter house which they had constructed on the school grounds. Recently they raised \$1,500 in F.F.A. activities, secured \$1,000 donations from businessmen and borrowed \$400 from the school board to make the purchase. The bus pays its way through rental to other groups when the F.F.A. is not using it.

CHAPTER NEWS

SHAWNEE MISSION: Officers elected for the coming year are John Allison, president; Darrel Bennet, vice-president; Jack Watkins, secretary; Max Zahner, treasurer; Larry Horner, reporter; Jack McCoy, sentinel; Stanley Hurt, program chairman....Five members of our judging squad attended a two-day judging school at Topeka, August 4 and 5. They were Jack McCoy, Roy Wright, Max Zahner, James Sanford, James Yates....Two feature stories, including three pictures, appeared in the June issue of the Co-operative Club International's magazine. The pictures showed one of our swine projects, a shop scene and a view of our FFA Open House....Four fertilizer demonstration plots were operated on nearby farms by our chapter. Ammonium nitrate was used on wheat fields and results showed that yield was greatly increased on each plot. Different rates of application and different times of applying the fertilizer were studied. Similar plots on corn, but using treble phosphate as well as ammonium nitrate were unsuccessful due to the drouth. Phosphate tests on old alfalfa stands gave no results. Professor Floyd Smith of Kansas State College supervised the wheat plots. He is a former Shawnee-Mission State Farmer....Ammonium nitrate was used to spell out our school name on the front lawn. The dark green grass in the twelve foot letters make the school name plainly visible to planes approaching Kansas City airports.

Larry Horner, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: Our new officers include Louis Walker, president; Jim Butler, vice-president; Boyd Davis, secretary; Fred Rogers, treasurer; Dean Crumb, reporter, Jack Baxter, sentinel....We invited the eighth grade graduates to our June meeting....Boyd Davis and Jim Butler showed pens of five lambs at the county lamb and wool show at Alma. Boyd's lambs placed second at Alma and ninth at Kansas City; Jim's placed ninth at Alma. Our chapter was represented at the Shawnee County Dairy School, August 4 and 5, by Boyd Davis, Jim Butler, Dean Crumb, Fred Rogers, and Louis Walker. Considerable interest has been shown by our boys in fitting and showing livestock at the different junior fairs this fall. Boyd Davis, Eddie VanPaten, and Louis Walker will show fat steers; Eddie VanPaten - shorthorn breeding heifer; Fred Rogers - breeding gilt; Jim Butler - breeding ewes....Our vocational agriculture department, through our local adviser, Mr. Richards, and special instructor, Mr. Hodgson, will give institutional on-the-farm training to 32 veterans this winter. New equipment bought for the department this summer includes an arc welder, chain hoist, a farm level...A number of new reference books have been added to the library.

Dean Crumb, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: The Marysville Chapter held a spring project tour in which we visited the homes of boys living south of Marysville. Rain forced us to cancel the afternoon schedule to see the rest of the farms north of town. Moving pictures were taken of livestock at each of the stops. A total of 25 made the trip....Officers elected for this year are Millard Peterson, president; Harry Baker, vice-president; Norbert Stohs, secretary; Dean Davison, treasurer; Willis Frohberg, reporter, Wilmer Holle, sentinel, Donald Millenbruch, Student Council representative.

Willis Frohberg, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

KINGMAN: Adviser Lake and nine boys attended the South Central Kansas Camp for four days at Camp Wentz, Ponca City, Oklahoma, July 31 to August 3. Boys attending were Bernard Conrardy, Mark McAdam, Harold Sheahan, LeRoy Meisenheimer, Homer Kaufman, Johnny Gonzales, Bob Smith, Marion Ramsey, and Norman Hearn. Harold Sheahan represented the chapter as a councilman and Adviser Lake served as one of the three council advisers....Officers to be in charge of the Kingman Chapter this year are as follows: president, Bob Doze; vice-president; Gerald Zoeller, treasurer, Harold Sheahan; secretary, Gene LeClerg; reporter, Leroy Meisenheimer; sentinel, Bill Messenger....A new GE clock-radio has been purchased for the vocational agriculture room along with other items of new equipment. We plan to hear FFA programs from time to time as part of our activities.

Leroy Meisenheimer, Reporter

BUHLER: The newly elected officers are Wilbur Neufeld, president; Kenneth Buller, vice-president; LeRoy Nyborg, secretary; Johenry Holm, treasurer; Robert Janzen, reporter....Wilbur Neufeld has kept the Chapter's Power Sprayer going all summer. He has been spraying herds in a radius of 15 miles of Buhler....Plans are being made for a Collective Exhibit at the State Fair. The drouth will make it hard to find some of the material for the exhibit....Several members attended the Annual Field Day at the C.K. Ranch. Coming home we ran into a severe rain, wind, and hail storm. It was our first experience with a "cloud burst". It rained between 6 and 9 inches in less than one hour. We saw lakes where there were dry fields before the rain....Robert Sawatzky, an American Farmer member, had wheat that yielded 51 bushels on alfalfa ground. He has proved for several years the value of legumes in a rotation. The general average in this community was between 18 and 20 bushels.

Robert Janzen, Reporter

HOLTON: The newly elected officers took their offices at the regular June meeting. They are as follows: Herbert Schultz, president; Charles Miller, vice-president; Kenneth King, treasurer; Merle Holliday, secretary; Richard Roebke, reporter; and Bill McAllister, sentinel....So that we might have a larger fund in our treasury, we sold pop, potato chips, and eskimo pies at the horse show August 12 and 13. We took in \$325.57, about half of which is profit....This year we went to Mission Lake at Horton on our annual camping trip. We left Sunday August 17 and came home August 19. Only twelve of the members could attend because of having to work. The trip was spent fishing, boating and swimming. All who attended enjoyed the trip....The annual Jackson County Fair was held August 13, 14 and 15. Vocational Agriculture boys who exhibited livestock were Eldon Shafer and Robert Robinson, dairy; Kenneth King and Oris Bowser, gilts; Loren Riley, beef; Otis Bowser, poultry; and Edward Tudor, hogs. All the boys who showed won a ribbon. Eldon Shafer's Ayrshire cow won Grand Champion in the Dairy Division. Edward Tudor took first place in the livestock judging contest.

Richard Roebke, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: Our officers are Bill Fairchild, president; Henry Berg, vice-president; Darrell Keen, secretary; Kenneth Snapp, treasurer; Earl R. Bullock, reporter; Dale Krouse, sentinel....On August 1, we held an all day picnic at the Eskridge Lake in Wabaunsee County. We spent the day boating, swimming and fishing.

Earl R. Bullock, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

COLUMBUS: We have forty-one boys enrolled at the present time for the coming school year. There probably will be a few more by the time school gets under way next week. The election of officers will be our first activity after school starts....Billy Bert Jessee, Bill Jones, LaVerne Smith, Melvin Hamm and Eugene Carr and our adviser, Mr. Lay, attended the judging school at Topeka the first week in August....We are getting fourteen head of fat steers ready for the Joplin Junior Show, which will be held the first week in October.

Billy Bert Jessee, Reporter

HORTON: The election of officers was held May 7 with the following boys elected - Lyle Schuetz, president; Teddy Milburn, vice-president; Harold Laverentz, secretary; Arnel Hallauer, reporter; Ivan Molt, treasurer; Harold Richling, sentinel....The annual FFA Day for eighth graders was held May 14. Ten boys were present at the regular vocational agriculture classes during which time the FFA boys explained the work of their classes. In the afternoon there was a softball game....The Spring Party with the F.H.A. girls was May 13. Pop and weiners were served....The Spring Project Tour was held April 15 at which time all livestock projects were visited and eight classes of livestock were judged....The annual Achievement Day was held May 9. There were 75 parents and guests at the covered dish supper. Chapter awards were given. Leonard Schesser and Dale Ellingson received the DeKalb award....Our parent picnic was held in June. After a basket dinner the boys played the men in a softball game.

Arnel Hallauer, Reporter

MULVANE: The Mulvane chapter will have forty members this coming year....The chapter has just been reactivated after three years of not having vocational agriculture....We will have a new ten inch circle saw, a one horse heavy duty grinder and a new compressor and paint sprayer to start the year out with....The chapter will meet once a month the first hour in the morning. This will make it possible for every one to be present and will not conflict with athletics.

Jim Stotts, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: The new officers are Donald Collett, president; Harry Lynn, vice-president; Alfred Schuetz, secretary; Carl Rauch, treasurer; Jimmy Miller, reporter; and Don DeTar, sentinel....Eugene Brinkman was presented the DeKalb Achievement Award as the most outstanding senior in agriculture...Mr. Castle, our adviser, took seven boys on a week judging tour. Two days were spent in Shawnee County, one day at the CK Ranch and two days at Council Grove. At the CK contest our team won second place. The boys making the trip were Donald Collett, Jimmy Miller, Dale Ellison, Alfred Schuetz, Allan Heath, Harry Lynn and Eugene Brinkman....We planted three acres of popcorn which has withstood the drouth and will make a fair yield.

Jimmy Miller, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: We held our Parent-Son Banquet in May this year. All the boys and most all of the Dads and Mothers were there. We have had two summer meetings. We plan to have our summer outing on September 5th and 6th....We plan to earn money for our chapter by collecting scrap, selling pop and ice cream, and having a picture show.

Donald Quakenbush, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HOXIE: The chapter held its annual election of the year May 2. Those elected were as follows: Harold Taylor, president; Don James, vice-president; David (Bub) Pyle, secretary; Don Koster, treasurer; Dale Richardson, reporter; Monte Farber, sentinel....Don Arnold, past president, was awarded the DeKalb Agricultural Award upon which he received a medal and his name engraved on a large plaque given at commencement exercises....The chapter held its regularly planned meetings of the summer, the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings consisted of a short business session, recreation, and refreshments. In the June meeting it was decided that the chapter should hold a Pest Eradication contest from June 10 to August 12 inclusive. Prizes to be awarded are as follows: a Winchester .22 Rifle to the member collecting the largest number of points; a carton of .22 long Rifle cartridges as second prize; and a Keen hunting knife as third prize. Results and prize winners have not been announced at this writing....At a special luncheon, June 7, given by our adviser, Mr. Barry, for all the officers and special committee chairmen, we discussed ways and means of improving our chapter....Our August meeting was used to decorate a float for the parade in the FFA and 4-H County Fair. The float was made to represent the fact that we did not want Red Chief and Chief Kan varieties of wheat to come into this county. We are happy to report that the float placed first in a very colorful parade and the chapter was awarded \$25.00. Many of the FFA members exhibited at the fair and won ribbons.

Dale Richardson, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Officers for 1947-48 were elected at the May meeting as follows: Keith Benedict, president; Charles Cherry, vice-president; Don Gleason, secretary; Keith Carter, treasurer; Evan Kidson, reporter; Beaty Osborn, sentinel...Garth Grissom, who was our 1946-47 president, won the Sears Scholarship and will attend Kansas State College at Manhattan this year....Receipts from a scrap drive held last fall amounted to \$276.00....The Syracuse Chapter purchased twenty-eight FFA T-Shirts....We had two summer meetings scheduled, one was called off because of rain....Our County Agent, Wilton Thomas, was elected an honorary member of the Syracuse Chapter.

Evan Kidson, Reporter

WAMEGO: The officers for 1947-48 are Bob White, president; Harold Raine, vice-president; Kimber Macht, secretary; Frances Eckart, treasurer; Ed Leonard, reporter; Clarence Eichem, sentinel....The last day of school last spring, our chapter sponsored a farming program tour. About seventy-five dads, business men and boys were on the tour. Professor Clif. Aubel of KSC was among the group, and gave some good pointers on swine production...The officers attended the two-day judging school in Topeka, August 4-5, and the one held at the CK Ranch August 6....A booth on Soil Erosion is being planned for the Topeka State Fair.

Ed Leonard, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Six hundred dollars has been earned by the chapter Ford Ferguson's terracing equipment. We now have three terracing jobs ahead of us....Eugene Miller, Virgil Ehm, and Bobby McClellan composed the team that entered in the judging contest sponsored by the CK Ranch at Brookville, Kansas....The 4-H and FFA fair was held August 15. A good many of the boys were there with entries of their projects. The chapter received a blue ribbon on a booth on Soil Conservation. Some new equipment has been added to the shop.

Richard Townley, Reporter