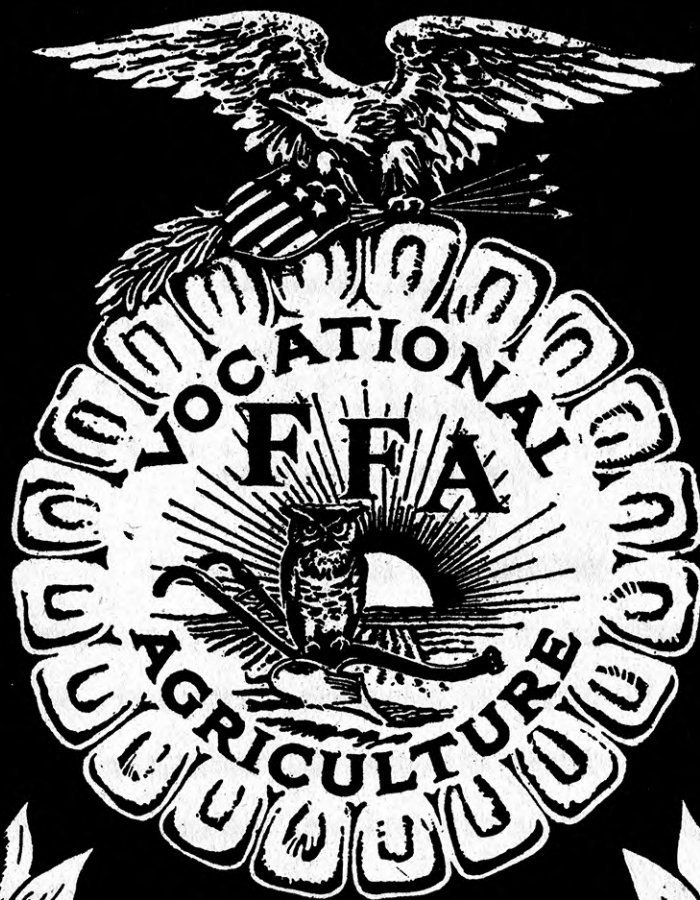


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FFA CALENDAR

State Farmer candidate's current year record book (if called for)	April 10
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State FFA Chapter Contest Report (Express).	10
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Annual Meeting State FFA Executive Committee.	11
Kansas Association FFA House of Delegates Meeting	May 1
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* IMPORTANT NOTICE!
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* The finals in the State FFA Speech Contest will be held *
* in the new Engineering Lecture Room. This building is *
* north of the main wing of the Engineering building. Sec- *
* tion I of the elimination contest will be held in this *
* building. Section II of the elimination contest will *
* be held in G204. Both elimination contests will begin *
* at 8:00 a.m. *

PRESIDENT MUGLER ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The Twenty-Second Annual State Convention of the Future Farmers of America will be held May 1 and 2, 1950, at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. We will be happy to have with us at that time a representative of the National Organization of FFA, Fourth Vice-President Glenn Lackey of the Delaware Chapter, Delaware, Ohio.

It was gratifying to see so many of you at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last October. On May 1 and 2 we will have an opportunity to see you again.

Chapters whose State and National dues are paid and whose Programs of Work were filed by November 1, may each seat two delegates in the House of Delegates at the State Convention. We again have some vital business to transact, such as the election of new State Officers, State Farmers, etc.

We feel it is the duty of each chapter to choose well instructed delegates so that the State Convention can proceed efficiently and in an orderly fashion.

Since a Future Farmer is "Always a Gentleman" it is needless to say that the Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA will be a superb meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Manhattan, May 1 and 2..

Paul Mugler, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA Public Speaking manuscript are required.
3. Most chapter contest reports are classified as First Class mail. Express is cheaper and almost as fast.
4. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests will be rigidly enforced.
6. Deadline mailing dates:
 - a. FFA Public Speaking Contest, April 10.
 - b. Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc., April 10.
 - c. State Chapter Contest, April 10
 - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 17.
 - e. Entries in Farm Mechanics Contest, April 17.
 - f. Payment for cots and box lunches, April 17.
7. Box Lunch - 75¢ each - contestants only. Money due in mails April 17.

RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

Each year in the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter local FFA chapters are ranked on the basis of per cent of membership and enrollment in vocational agriculture. October 1st enrollment figures furnished by the State Department for Vocational Education are used, and FFA membership figures are taken from the records of the State Office at Manhattan.

On October 1st there were 5389 students enrolled in 160 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of April 1, was 5680.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1949-50, as of April 1, on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 215% to 31%.

The Beverly chapter, with an enrollment of 13 and a paid up FFA membership of 28 members has the honor of being the chapter with the highest percentage of membership, 215 per cent.

One hundred fifty three chapters have paid dues to date. Seven chapters are delinquent.

One hundred twenty four chapters reported a paid up membership of 100 per cent or more. Twenty nine chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Altamont with a paid up membership of 100, leads all the chapters in the state in the number of dues paid. Effingham chapter with 81 members ranks second while Winfield and Chapman each with 75 ranks third. A three way tie between Emporia, Beloit and Shawnee Mission, each with 70 members ranks fifth.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 153 chapters having paid their dues is 109%. Last year this figure stood at 105%.

The Kansas Association hopes to report 100 per cent active chapters at the time of the annual meeting on May 1 and 2.

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

Those chapters having a membership range from 171 per cent to 215 per cent:

Beverly

Those chapters having a membership range from 161 per cent to 170 per cent:

Belleville	Hoyt	Oberlin	Smith Center	Lebanon
Beloit	Norton	Sabetha	Valley Falls	

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 160 per cent:

none

Those chapters having a membership range from 141 per cent to 150 per cent:

Bird City	Goodland	Kiowa	Medicine Lodge
Ellsworth	Hiawatha	Manhattan	

Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

Those chapters having a membership range from 131 per cent to 140 per cent:

Alton	Frankfort	Holcomb	McDonald	Winfield
Colby	Harper	Hoxie	Waterville	
Effingham	Haven	McCune	Westmoreland	

Those chapters having a membership range from 121 per cent to 130 per cent:

Abilene	Buhler	Eureka	Olathe	Stockton
Alma	Columbus	Howard	Parsons	Wellsville
Altamont	Ellis	Hugoton	Simpson	

Those chapters having a membership range from 111 per cent to 120 per cent:

Atwood	Emporia	Kinsley	Seaman	Solomon
Burlington	Fowler	Lawrence	Newton	St. Marys
Burns	Garden City	Little River	Osborne	Washington
Centralia	Harveyville	Lyndon	Paola	Williamsburg
Chapman	Hill City	McPherson	Phillipsburg	
Clifton	Hillsboro	Shawnee Mission	Powhattan	
Coldwater	Kingman	Neodesha	Pratt	

Those chapters having a membership range from 101 per cent to 110 per cent:

Bazine	ElDorado	Independence	Miltonvale	Overbrook
Berryton	Fairview	Iola	Minneapolis	Paxico
Chanute	Ford	Longford	Ness City	Silver Lake
Clay Center	Hays	Mankato	Onaga	Soldier

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

Altoona	Bonner Springs	Glasco	Marysville	Randolph
Alta Vista	Coffeyville	Great Bend	Minneola*	Spearville
Ashland	Cottonwood Falls	Hanover	Oxford	Syracuse
Attica	Dodge City	Kincaid	Plainville	Valley Center
Auburn	Downs	LaCygne	Pretty Prairie	Wakefield
			Yates Center	St. Francis

*Did not have enrollment figures - estimated dues represented 100%

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

Arkansas City	Fredonia	Inman	Moundridge	Wakeeney
Council Grove	Holton	Lakin	Osage City	Wamego
Fort Scott	Girard	Meriden	Sedan	

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

Ottawa	Highland Park	Seneca
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Those chapters having a membership range from 70 per cent to 79 per cent:

Garnett	Mulvane	Quinter	Tonganoxie	Washburn
Haddam				

Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

Those chapters having a membership range from 60 per cent to 69 per cent:

Hope Leon Meade

Those chapters having a membership range from 50 per cent to 59 per cent:

None

Those chapters having a membership range below 50 per cent:

Norcatour Parker Stafford

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VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHER LOAD
By Mark Nichols, Director and Supervisor
Agricultural Education, Utah

Note: The following article from "The Utah Spotlight," February 1950, by Mark Nichols is timely, and will prove of interest to FFA advisers throughout Kansas. While the article is strictly professional, and the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter has not made a practice of presenting professional articles to its readers, the article by Mr. Nichols has an indirect bearing upon the advancement of the best interests of the Future Farmers of America and for that reason is included in this issue of the Newsletter. ED.

Are Utah vocational agriculture teachers over-burdened with vocational agriculture work and responsibility? Every teacher worthy of his hire will answer this question in the affirmative. The demands on time and effort in this field are always greater than a good teacher can give. The opportunities to serve the cause of a better agriculture are tremendous. Every good teacher is constantly in the position of making decisions as to where he shall devote his time to the greatest good for the greatest number. He has accepted a position as a public servant and the public expects productive returns for the investment made in his services.

In view of this situation the State Supervisory Staff in Vocational Agriculture takes this opportunity to analyze briefly the Utah situation with regard to vocational agriculture teacher load and makes fourteen tentative suggestions for consideration by school board members, district superintendents, high school principals and vocational agriculture teachers. These suggestions as stated are tentative. A survey of teacher load is now being made and it is hoped that concrete suggestions will be forthcoming as the study progresses and after deliberations are made by committees concerned with the problem.

Objective of Vocational Agriculture:

The primary objective of vocational agriculture is to train present and future farmers for proficiency in farming through a program of organized, systematic instruction with at least six months of supervised farm practice in practical farming situations by each enrollee. It is assumed that all school executives and teachers concerned with vocational agriculture are committed to this fundamental principle which is enumerated in the Smith-Hughes Act and subsequent acts, and which is upheld by national leaders in the service.

Vocational Agriculture Teacher Load - continued

Situation in Utah:

Utah's vocational agriculture program, for the first twenty years, was centered largely around the training of future farmers. With the advent of the George-Deen Act in 1936 and the George-Barden Act of 1946, funds were also made available to conduct a program for present farmers. Accordingly, the young farmer and adult farmer program has been given emphasis. During the past three years it has been made a regular part of the vocational agriculture teacher's responsibility in lieu of released time from the day program. Approximately seventy per cent of the teachers in Utah now conduct young farmer and adult farmer programs as a regular part of their instructional and supervisory program. A total of from 50 to 79 all day students together with one young farmer program (40 or more hours of instruction per year with at least one meeting per month), and one adult farmer program (15 or more hours of instruction per year), is now regarded as a teacher load. The average number of FFA members per teacher in Utah is 51. The range is from 28 to 79.

Activities in the Future Farmer program have been expanding with the years. Five national judging contests are now conducted annually, (dairy, dairy products, livestock, meats, and poultry). In addition to these a crops and farm mechanics contest is also conducted at the state level.

The National Future Farmer Foundation, Inc. makes state awards in seven fields, (Star state farmer, public speaking, farm mechanics, rural electrification, dairy, conservation, and safety). There are also state initiated projects in this field.

Many other FFA activities are conducted beyond the chapter level. These include participation in stock shows, Union Pacific Scholarship, Sears Scholarship, Swift Essay Contest, American Institute of Cooperation, Chapter Recognition, area leadership conferences, state convention, and basketball.

Utah vocational agriculture teachers are active in civic and church affairs. These in many instances take up time amounting to many hours per week.

A great number of teachers have interests in private business which ranges in scope from small enterprises to rather extensive holdings.

In a few instances, in farm mechanics especially, teachers are spending considerable time teaching veteran groups or promoting and supervising programs where special teachers are instructing additional adult farmer programs.

It is observed in many instances that teachers who conduct young farmer and adult farmer programs are not programming their instruction uniformly throughout the year. They wait until January and February to carry on their promotion work and try to do the bulk of the instruction from January to March. Some teachers are spending as much as four nights a week during this period in instructing adult groups. Such teachers are literally killing themselves physically and mentally by such a procedure. Their nerves are worn to a frazzle and they are in no condition to carry on instruction with any of their groups.

It is further observed that many teachers do little planning during the summer months when they have an opportunity to do so. Very little adult farmer and young farmer instruction (including tours and field trips) are carried on during this season.

Vocational Agriculture Teacher Load - continued

As a result of the problems and situations mentioned above some agriculture teachers are not happy in their work. Each day finds them in a state of mental confusion and frustration, especially from January to March.

The state supervisory staff believes that every teacher should be happy in his work. He should keep physically fit, mentally alert, and emotionally buoyant. In order to do this he must possess the qualities of a good manager. The staff members believe that at present the number one problem with Utah vocational agriculture teachers as a group centers around teacher management. This involves wise decisions and the ability to organize, deputize and supervise. It is further believed that the teacher load in vocational agriculture in Utah at present is only average as compared with the teacher load in the rest of the country.

The State staff is committed to the idea of spending a major part of its time during the coming year to aid teachers in solving this teacher management problem satisfactorily. The following suggestions are made at this time in tentative form. It is hoped they will be provocative of serious consideration on the part of vocational agriculture teachers and others concerned to the extent that within the next few years some standards will evolve based on a factual study of the situation.

Suggestions (Tentative) for Improving Vocational Agriculture Teacher Management.

1. The average teacher is attempting to do too much by himself. Many Future Farmer activities and young farmer activities can be effectively accomplished through committees of these young men if they are given a chance. A department advisory council and advisory committees may save the teacher in time and energy if properly managed. Again, it is a challenge of a teacher's ability to organize, deputize, and supervise.
2. The teacher who has the idea of "getting young farmer and adult farmer instruction over with, in January to March" is usually the loser. It generally can't be done this way. It is a year-round activity just the same as is the day program. Year round planning is the solution to this problem.
3. More instruction should be done on a problem solving basis in terms of the individual farming plan of each enrollee. Too much time is spent in class work keyed to information leading to general understandings and appreciations. Not enough of it is geared to the doing level "here and now." Carefully planned farming programs are time savers. They are the basis for instruction efficiency.
4. Visit enrollees on their farms when they need it. It is believed that visits to Future Farmers, young farmers, and adult farmers will average 30-40 per month during the school year for each teacher. Only the farms of enrollees should be visited as a rule.
5. In Utah more time in the all day program may be devoted appropriately to encouraging Chapter Farmers to aspire for the State Farmer degree and State Farmers to aspire for the American Farmer degree. This will for the most part involve simply a change in emphasis in class instruction and on-farm supervision. It is not a matter of more teacher-time.

Vocational Agriculture Teacher Load - Continued

6. The vocational agriculture teacher is an educational leader and not a service station operator. Continued personal service to the same individual with such jobs as poultry culling, dehorning, and welding is not in the realm of teacher responsibility. Teach them to do it in regular classes or on-farm visits!

In many instances young farmers and adult farmers (one or two at a time) use the farm shop during the regular hours it is in use by high school students for emergency farm repair jobs. This work should be done only during regular class time with these groups. It is not to be used for personal repair jobs. Teachers should insist on such a standard with respect to shop use.

7. Don't let reports to the local district and state department pile up. Keep them progressive as the activity is performed. Making a "piled up" report is a headache!

8. No teacher can keep up with all the judging contests. It is suggested that no teacher coach more than two judging teams for a state contest nor spend more than 20 hours with each team after it is chosen. It is recommended that not more than 10 hours be spent with the chapter public speaker after he is chosen, for each of the contests (area and state). It is suggested that no teacher enter more than two candidates for FFA Foundation awards (other than public speaker and star state farmer).

9. Some teachers spend a great deal of time driving their cars upon the request of FFA members and their fathers in scouting for livestock purchases. This practice requires a great deal of time and expense to the school district which may be minimized through planning and organization.

10. It is observed that in some cases the teacher on released time is asked to do hall duty, supervise a study period, or pinch-hit in non-agriculture classes for absent teachers. This is unfortunate. The teacher of vocational agriculture during the released time periods is or should be engaged in vocational agriculture work in the same manner as if he were teaching a vocational agriculture class.

11. In a number of areas in the state, Future Farmer chapters are engaged in competitive athletics, particularly basketball. This takes a great deal of teacher time and is not in the realm of vocational agriculture. Let the physical education teacher or athletic coach handle the athletics!

12. Many vocational agriculture teachers have the "January-March" young farmer and adult farmer instruction complex and bunch their classes during this period. In lieu of this it is suggested that no teacher instruct such classes more than two nights a week (preferably one) and no night class be of more than three hours duration nor extend later than 10:00 p.m. In many instances adult farmer and young farmer class instruction may be conducted in the afternoons or on Saturday mornings.

13. In a few instances some teachers are spending a great deal of time supervising and promoting adult classes taught by special teachers and supervising or instructing classes in institutional on-farm training. Some of these teachers have seriously complained about being overworked. The suggestions of the state supervisory staff have been that such a practice be reduced to a minimum.

Note: Suggestion 14 omitted because of lack of space.

ACROSS THE BORDER

LOUISIANA: The Buckeye FFA Chapter has purchased a purebred Jersey bull this year, and also added four purebred Duroc Jersey gilts to the pig chain which was begun three years ago...The food preservation center has been expanded, and, in addition to the original 30' x 40' structure, we constructed another 30' x 40' building...The freezing unit has been in operation since October 1, 1948, and several tons of meats have been frozen or cured. Also, large quantities of fruits and vegetables have been frozen. We processed pears for the "School Lunch Program" for the entire parish of Rapides...The following equipment has recently been added to the center: pea sheller, lye peeler, steam peeler and blancher, chicken picker, No. 10 electric sealer, and an automatic burner for the steam boiler. Over 265 families have used the center this year, and we expect to soon have it fully equipped and modern in every respect.

ALABAMA: Red Bay's FFA boys have started a campaign to replace the decaying and tottering posts which support mail boxes on the rural route in their vicinity with uniform white boxes. Each FFA boy living on a rural route has improved his box. The new posts are four feet high, six inches square, and stand erect. They are painted white with the owner's name stenciled in black on both sides of a nameplate which hangs down directly under the box. The letters FFA are stenciled up and down the post on two sides, showing it is a Future Farmer project. The new look in mail boxes is spreading over the county. Posts are built in the school shop.

GEORGIA: The Banks county chapter has purchased a new International 3/4 ton truck. Adviser Jack Nix says that funds for the purchase of the truck were obtained largely through the operation of an FFA canteen or school store. Too, the chapter was paid for building a cement block well-house at the school, and each of the 29 members contributed \$3 to \$5. Members figured that the chapter needed a truck in order to effectively carry on its steadily expanding livestock program. The truck was purchased at a discount. The name of the chapter will be painted on the vehicle.

ARKANSAS: Chapters which desire to enter the "Sweetheart Contest" should select their "Chapter Sweetheart" and submit a picture to the Federation adviser. The Federation Committee will select a Federation Sweetheart and submit her picture to the district office. The four district offices will submit pictures of district winners to the State Office. The State Committee will choose the "Sweetheart" to be honored at the State Convention.

HAWAII: McKinley Future Farmers Building Has New Look. During the past couple of weeks, Fred Jacob Russell has been supervising his students in repainting the large McKinley High School building along Pensacola Street, in which the Ag classroom and Farm shop are housed. The building has had its face lifted with a beautiful coat of gleaming ivory, and the workmanship is comparable to that of professional quality.

ILLINOIS: The Chadwich FFA chapter used its state initiated project award of 1948 to purchase a Bean Power Sprayer. Twenty-eight local farmers helped our chapter raise the \$600 for the sprayer by giving us prepayments on spraying jobs. Many farmers reported good results on fly control and Canada thistle control as a result of our community spraying project.

NEW MEXICO: The statement that "Harry Truman could plow a straighter row" would be challenged by the boys in their first year as Future Farmers at Deming High School. For these boys have been practicing for the last week. Each boy was required to do some plowing as part of his training. He also had to set the plow.

Across the Border (continued)

IOWA: Hartley Future Farmer members have completed their annual FFA trip. This year's excursion took them into Minnesota, Canada, Wisconsin, and Illinois. One highlight of the trip was a visit at Paul Lindholm's farm at Ortonville, Minnesota. Paul is immediate past vice president of the National FFA organization and operates a 2,000 acre farm in partnership with his father. They raise about 100 head of purebred Herefords and buy and feed out feeder cattle every year. The partnership owns seven tractors and all kinds of power machinery.

MICHIGAN: The Quincy Chapter has 51 members enrolled this year...The FFA spray rig was very successful last summer. The boys sprayed the buildings at the Coldwater fair (Branch County) with DDT. They also sprayed many farm buildings throughout the community...The FFA boys purchased a registered cooperative stock hog from Keith Brown of Jonesville, Michigan. The old sire had reached a weight of more than 700 pounds, making him too heavy for use. He was put on the market.

MINNESOTA: The Dallas chapter devoted considerable time to the study of conservation in its various phases...During the spring of 1948, our chapter decided to raise pheasants and release them in the surrounding territory around Pine City. Our local game warden, William Saari worked with our adviser, A. A. Hoberg, in getting the program started, and also helped with the supervision. Fifteen hundred pheasant eggs were donated to our chapter by Don Anderson, owner of a pheasant farm at North Branch, Minnesota. Each boy received from 20-40 eggs which were placed under chicken hens, each hen receiving 20 eggs. Detailed instructions were given the boys on proper incubation and care of the brooding hen. Five hundred eggs were also incubated at our local hatchery. The hatches turned out very good, many boys getting as high as 16 baby pheasants from a setting of 20 eggs. From the incubator we received 275 baby pheasants. The incubator hatched pheasants were placed in a brooder and raised by one of the boys. Before hatching time each boy was given enough pheasant food to last him for some time. The food was donated by the local conservation club. The baby pheasants did very well, they adapted themselves to the chicken hen immediately. We had practically no loss, except a few accidental losses, such as cats killing some, and a few losses on account of drowning. The pheasants which were raised in the brooder also did well, but did not grow up as well as those raised with the hens. During the summer we released 925 pheasants, all well feathered, thrifty birds. Many of these stayed close to the farmyards until practically fully matured.

MISSISSIPPI: Lucedale Chapter - 55 enrolled in all day classes. Paying membership dues, learning creed and more about FFA. Selecting boy to keep pure bred, registered, white faced Sears bull. Adult Farmers planning pasture improvement. Farmers and boys enjoyed good agriculture pictures such as "Food and Soil" and "Pig Projects Make Profit". A new movie projector has been purchased.

NORTH DAKOTA: During the conference basketball tournament at Harvey in January the Harvey FFA Chapter held the concessions and made a profit of about \$230. This came from the sale of popcorn, candy, ice cream and pop. A few weeks before the tournament the members decided to purchase a popcorn machine. The machine arrived a few days before the tournament and the committees were appointed to operate it and to sell popcorn, candy and ice cream. The machine proved to be a good way to earn money and quickly paid for itself...The Ag I class, under the direction of Arnold Troftgruben, instructor, built feeders to help feed pheasants. The feeders were filled with a mixture of millet, oats and barley.

Across the Border (continued)

NEBRASKA: The Schuyler Chapter's auction wound up the first annual Future Farmers of America corn and grain show. A number of articles were made by the vocational agriculture classes, and proceeds amounted to \$313.50. There were 92 samples entered in the five classes. A highlight of the evening program which was attended by more than 200 people was a soil testing demonstration given by Albin Krula, one of our FFA members.

CALIFORNIA: When Harlan Silva's father was killed in a car-repair accident, it looked as if the 19-year old Elk Grove Future Farmer might have to drop out of school. But the entire chapter chipped in with a work day to help the farm family back to normal living. Eighty-five boys, three teachers, six tractors and a lot of hard work did the job. They mowed and raked hay, repaired fences, laid a pipe line to the water trough for the 24 cows in the family dairy. Between times, the school bus shuttled some of the boys back and forth from the high school so they wouldn't miss important classes. Instead of selling the farm as she feared she would have to do, Mrs. Silva is keeping it for Harlan, who has now graduated; and Wayne, a younger brother. The chapter members just took it in stride. "Any bunch of farmers would have done the same thing," they said modestly.

OHIO: Gale Bumgarmer, sophomore in Richwood FFA became officially a member of the "Ohio Ton Litter Club" when he produced 2549 pounds of pork in 176 days. He will be awarded a bronze medal for his efforts. The litter of twelve was farrowed from a two year old sow, crossbred between a Duroc Jersey and Poland China. The pigs were fed on a ration of corn, middlings, and protein supplement with blue-grass pasture.

SOUTH DAKOTA: From the Supervised Farming Projects, the Platte chapter reports a total income of \$16,993.56, for 1949. The total cost of farming operations was \$12,091.86, with a net profit for the students of \$4,901.70. The average investment for each student was \$305.00. Sixteen turned out beef projects, twelve with swine, seven with corn, three with grain, three with potatoes, one with dairy and one with poultry. An average of \$114.00 net profit was reported from each of the 43 projects completed.

TENNESSEE: Earl Swearingen, FFA member from East High School in Robertson County placed fourth in the state corn production contest with a yield of 150.4 bushels. He had the top yield of all FFA members who participated in the contest. Earl planted his corn on May 1, in rows 38 inches apart. It was spaced 14 inches apart within the row. Tennessee No. 10 hybrid variety was used. Ten tons of manure was used on the plot of corn and 1800 pounds of 3-9-6 fertilizer, of which 1,600 pounds was broadcast and 200 pounds was placed in the row with the planter. He cultivated it twice using a tractor cultivator. It was gathered and sold over the scales and the weights substantiated the yield given above.

WEST VIRGINIA: Four dairy heifers purchased under the dairy improvement plan, sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, have been delivered to FFA members in the Spencer and Charleston Federations. These calves are the first of approximately thirty-six heifers that will be purchased for FFA members throughout the state during the next two years. FFA members securing calves will raise the heifer according to approved practices and breed the heifer to a proven sire. The first heifer calf dropped will be returned to the West Virginia Association FFA. This calf will be given to another FFA member and the cow will become the property of the FFA member raising the animal.

Across the Border (continued)

TEXAS: The 13th annual FFA livestock show and sale of the Stockdale Future Farmers was held on March 19. Up to this year the boys held their shows in the open without shelter, but this year they planned and built a show barn. The barn is 26' x 72' with metal roofing and walls. Business men and friends of the FFA chapter donated funds and some of the men helped the boys with the construction. Valuable experience was gained in laying out the building, cutting rafters, squaring different cuts, using carpenter tools, doing concrete work, roofing and other supervised practice jobs. R. F. Wilson, chapter adviser supervised construction of the show barn. Plans call for putting the finishing touches on before school is out.

WYOMING: Albin Chapter. There were twenty-one boys who wrote speeches for the Public Speaking Contest. Out of the twenty-one boys, five were chosen to speak at the FFA assembly held during National FFA Week...We received our FFA project markers on the twenty-eighth of February and have distributed them to the members....Uniforms for the six boys to play in the band at the State Convention from our chapter have been received.

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NATIONAL FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT GLENN F. LACKEY TO BE OUR GUEST

The Kansas Association of FFA will be host to National Fourth Vice-President Glenn F. Lackey of Ohio at the Twenty-Second Annual Convention to be held at Manhattan, Kansas, May 1-2, 1950. Vice-President Lackey will assist the state FFA officers in reviewing candidates for state offices for 1950-51 and will assist in the final ranking of local chapters in the State Chapter Contest. He will address the House of Delegates in their assembly on May 1, and will bring greetings from the National Organization of FFA to the 1200 persons in attendance at the annual banquet, Tuesday evening, May 2, 1950. Glenn has an outstanding farming program in operation, was a good student in high school, and has demonstrated fine leadership ability.

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TWENTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

The Louisiana FFA Association has published a 45 page brochure giving a brief history of the twenty years of FFA work in the state of Louisiana. The following paragraph taken from the "Greeting from the Office of State Superintendent of Education" is indicative of the high regard in which this farm youth organization is held in that state.

"The past twenty years have been of growth, progress, and achievement for the Louisiana Association of Future Farmers of America. Louisiana Future Farmers have made for themselves an important place in their communities, and a respected and esteemed position is given them by their fellow students in the high schools. Your meetings and activities have surprised many adults because of their business-like conduct. Your demonstrations and displays have been of important educational value to many people, and your community service projects have benefited many who are now staunch supporters of your organization." -- Shelby M. Jackson, State Superintendent of Education.

NATIONAL FFA BAND AND CHORUS

The National FFA Band for the 23rd National FFA Convention will be under the able direction of Doctor Henry S. Brunner, Penn State. This will be Doctor Brunner's fourth appearance in this capacity.

The National FFA Chorus will be under the able direction of Doctor James W. Hatch, of Albany, New York. This will be the third consecutive year for an FFA chorus at our National Convention.

Plans are under way for selecting candidates for both the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus. The band will consist of from 100 to 120 members, and the present plans call for an FFA Chorus of 100 voices. Both Doctor Brunner and Doctor Hatch are anxious to have the various state associations make their selections for these organizations at an early date. Kansas will follow the procedure of basing the selection of candidates for both the Band and Chorus upon individual performance in District and State Music Festivals. This will make our selection dates later than the deadline dates set by the National Advisory Committees. However, by special arrangement, Kansas will be permitted to submit candidates at a date later than the one set by the National Advisory Committees. By following the practice of basing our selection of candidates upon performance of the individuals in the District and State Music Festivals we are convinced that we obtain a better choice of candidates than would be possible under any other plan.

Doctor Brunner, director of the National FFA Band, will be assisted in an advisory manner by a committee, composed of Mr. C. M. Humphrey of Missouri, Mr. H. T. Hall of Iowa, and Mr. L. D. Clements of Nebraska. The committee assisting Doctor Hatch, director of the National FFA Chorus, will be composed of Mr. Mark Nichols of Utah, Mr. Jesse Taft of Massachusetts, Mr. H. E. Urton, of South Dakota, and Mr. L. I. Samuel of Texas.

Forms providing the minimum essential information for selecting the personnel for both the Band and Chorus will be sent to all local FFA advisers in Kansas at an early date. Deadline dates for returning the forms to executive adviser A. P. Davidson will be indicated on the forms. Local FFA advisers interested in submitting candidates for either the Band or Chorus will be expected to give careful and prompt attention to all announcements, rules and regulations governing the selection of personnel for these two fine FFA organizations.

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TWENTY-THIRD FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Twenty-Third National Convention of Future Farmers of America will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 9-12, 1950. The convention will be under the direction of the 1949-50 national officers who are as follows: president, George Lewis, Illinois; first vice-president, J. Rogers Fike, West Virginia; second vice-president, Joe King, California; third vice-president, Merrill Cartwright, Mississippi; fourth vice-president, Glenn F. Lackey, Ohio; student secretary, Donald Bakehouse, Minnesota.

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting in Education Hall, Room 103, on April 11, 1950, at 10:00 a.m.

CHAPTER NEWS

BUHLER: We have had a couple tastes of basketball. From a victory standpoint the taste was poor, however, we had plenty of fun and only wish we could have played more---Moundridge 29-28; Inman 49-22...We held our annual parent-son banquet on February 28. There were 133 present. A very much appreciated response was given by Mr. Frank Letkeman. Mr. Letkeman has been on the school board for over twenty years...Community Service has led the list of activities. The chapter has banded trees against Elm Tree Canker; castrated and docked lambs, dehorned cattle, etc...Our FFA assembly was given on February 24. It was well received by the student body...A pest eradication contest was conducted by the FFA members in the Ag I class...We canvassed the City of Buhler in January for Infantile Paralysis and canvassed the local Township for Red Cross on March 22...We have started taking colored movies of School and Community Activities. These movies will be sent to Holland as our part in inter-community relations to promote a better understanding. This project will take most of the summer...Thirteen hundred pounds of seed potatoes have been purchased cooperatively by members up to and including March 15. Twenty-five cents per hundred was saved by cooperative purchasing.

Bill Rumsey, Reporter

KINGMAN: About two-hundred people registered for the Open House at the new Ag building on December 6. FFA members were present to usher the visitors through the building...Eighteen Green Hands were initiated February 8 and twelve boys were raised to Chapter Farmers...The chapter has bought fifty chicks to raise in the brooder at the Ag shop. There are twenty-five 2½-pound broilers and twenty-five 3-week old chicks on hand at present...Fifty dollars is the goal that has been set to attain through the sale of garden seed. Each member is helping to sell the seed...Paul Cambell, one of our members, had charge of an FFA meeting recently. He showed pictures and talked of his experiences in the Navy during World War II...Our pest eradication contest will end the first of April...Some shop projects are: three self-feeders; one chick brooder; one truck grain bed; two welding tables; and welding cart; two feed bunks; one loading chute; one fruit cabinet; one picnic table and bench; one two-wheel trailer; and one four-wheel wagon trailer.

Jim Buchanan, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: We held a special program during FFA week. On February 24 our chapter presented an assembly program which included the regular opening ceremony, recitation of the FFA Creed by Joe Barnes, explanation of the FFA symbols by Richard Neal, and farming program reports...Secretary, George Steward was declared the outstanding FFA member in Farm Mechanics for 1949, and had also the best farming program. Runner-up was vice-president Clifford Stansbury. President Jerry Schweitzer had the neatest, most complete, and accurate record book...Five FFA member officers attended the poultry contest at Ottawa, March 4. Clifford Stansbury, Jerry Schweitzer and James Barnes represented the team. Our team ranked tenth...We closed our pest eradication contest March 15, and a full evenings entertainment was given for the members...We are planning a "courtesy day" to be sponsored by FFA members. This will include special emphasis on activities in all classes and all activities. Members are to be especially courteous to teachers, to girls and to each other...We also planned a tie day, and offered a prize for the loudest green tie on St. Pats Day...Our chapter gilts farrowed six pigs each, not too good, but we will keep them until weaning time and sell all of them.

James Barnes, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HOLTON: For six weeks prior to our Christmas holiday this chapter did its annual pest eradication contest. The losing side provided the treats for the winners. As has been the custom for many years in the Holton chapter, the winners were treated to a pie supper by the losers. Twenty pies were consumed by the thirty-five members and the adviser...Our January meeting was for initiation purposes. Fourteen Green Hands and four Chapter Farmers were initiated at this meeting....All of the FFA officers have ordered official FFA jackets. The chapter stands one half the cost of the jacket. The boys pay for the other half plus the cost of all lettering...Our winter butchering program ran for six weeks. We butchered twenty-six hogs and two beeves in the period. A charge of \$2 was made for hogs that didn't belong to an FFA boy...The new popcorn machine that the chapter purchased at the beginning of school has proved a good investment. We have sold enough popcorn to pay for the machine. If any chapter would like the details of this program, we will be happy to furnish it to them....The middle of February the FFA boys banded elm trees on the school grounds of our three school buildings. Twenty-five pounds of tree tanglefoot were used on this job...Many new teaching aids are being added to our department for the use of our 75 G. I. trainees....Shop projects nearing completion are: two 3-pen portable hog houses; a large flat bed for a 4-wheel trailer; 5 trailers have been completed and will leave the shop as soon as they are painted and we have a wagon box that needs its finishing trim applied. ...We have built four wagon boxes this year...The last of April we will hold our election of officers for 1950-51 and these boys will be installed before school is out this spring.

Lyman Bowser, Reporter

WAMEGO: Some of the shop jobs that are under construction are a trailer, two 2-wheeled trailers, an implement trailer, a hog house, two hog feeders, a chicken feeder, seven sawhorses, a truck bed, a salt barrel, two stock cutters, two lawn mowers, built some cement hog troughs and overhauled a disk, a trailer and a cement mixer, and the sophomore vocational agriculture class is building a concrete sidewalk around the Ag building...March 3, 1950, we held our chapter farming program tour. There were thirty-three FFA boys who went on the tour. ...On March 21, 1950, we held our banquet. We presented Harvey Gertz with the honorary membership degree. The main speaker at the banquet was Willard Mayberry of Elkart, Kansas. The local FFA boys who spoke were Leonard Rowe from the senior class, who gave a ten minute speech; and from the freshman class the following boys gave a three minute speech, Jim Furse, John Habluetzel, Cecil Cook, Dan Burgess, and Robert Weixelman.

Vernon Prockish, Reporter

MULVANE: Our chapter held its annual parent and son banquet between football and basketball season with 121 present...The chapter is making preparation for the South Central Livestock Judging Contest to be held here April 8, 1950. Jack Cornwell from St. John, Kansas, will be the judge. The chapter is working in partnership with the LH in feeding a purebred Holstein heifer for three months feeding experiment. It cost twenty-five cents to guess the calf weight in three months. The closest guesser will receive the calf. The profit will be divided equally....The chapter just completed its annual pest contest with the losing side scheduled to give a chili supper in the near future. The freshmen members now have a pest contest going among themselves...The chapter is refinishing furniture and painting cars and tractors for the motion picture camera film fund. The chapter is making plans to resod the football field to bermuda grass when it is plowed this spring.

David Walker, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ONAGA: Our chapter held an interesting meeting with the FHA girls at our February meeting. It was the first time many of the members had seen the opening and closing ceremonies of the other organizations. After the meeting, a dance was held in the vocational agriculture classroom...Our cooperative Spotted Poland China Hog project is still in operation after six years and has proven successful. This year the FFA boys built a brooder house, and plan to raise 100 cockrels every year for our FFA banquet. This year 100 were purchased in January. Part of these are used for practice in caponizing... Our vocational agriculture classes spent three days cutting saw logs from a timber close by. It cost us 2¢ a board foot to get it sawed into lumber. We plan to sell the lumber for 10¢ a board foot through the following articles made in the shop: the framework of two monarca calf creep feeders, one portable loading shoot, the frame work of our brooderhouse, the framework of two hog self feeders, two machinery trailers, and one hay rack. Other shop jobs under way are the following: repaired one plow, one mowing machine, one tractor curler, two harrows, and one manure spreader. We have orders for two more calf feeders like the ones just made, a wagon box, dog house, and a combination grain and hay feed bunk for cattle...The Kansas Power and Light Company is cooperating with our chapter in sponsoring an educational electrical show here at the vocational agriculture building for three days. This is to better acquaint our boys with electrical problems. Our new shop equipment this year consists of an acetylene welder and a paint sprayer...Our Junior class has spent one week pruning and grafting fruit trees.

Larry McBurney, Reporter

YATES CENTER: The Yates Center Chapter of FFA has been working hard getting organized in its first year...Several of the boys are working on or have completed shop projects...The chapter has bought an old grain separator and cultivator to use for metal for shop projects...The FFA has planned to re-seed the Yates Center High School yard. The FFA has planned a parent-son banquet... All the FFA boys were initiated January 9, this year...Most of the boys have spent their shop time in making tables and benches for the classroom and shop. ..The chapter basketball team played the Eureka chapter team.

Nelson Pringle, Reporter

SYRACUSE: Our chapter presented an assembly program on February 3. Early in the year we made many moisture tests over the county and we found, in spite of the dry winter, good sub-soil moisture. We have made many trips lately to look at the projects of each member of our class...In our pest eradication contest we chose up sides and the losing group has to give a picnic for the winners. The chairmen for each group were Gary Coleman and Harold Shetterly...Another contest was held to choose a Chapter Sweetheart. Four members of the FHA Club were chosen with votes costing a penny and the winner receiving a "Sweetheart Jacket". The Chapter Sweetheart chosen was Laura Overton, a freshman.... Projects which are under way or near completion in our shop are as follows: farrowing houses, Kansas type hog feed, branding irons, tool cabinets, self-water for hogs, shack for Boy Scouts, feed troughs, gun racks, steel gates made from old pipe, clothes line posts from pipe, movable frame for drain hoist to be left in vocational agriculture shop.

Lyle M. Baker, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: A collection of 26 scale-model tractors have been added to the classroom by Charles Larson...The Chapter Improvement Committee has made a committee bulletin board. This bulletin board has a card for each committee for keeping records of accomplishments. A cellophane envelope protects each card. This committee awarded the outstanding committees gold, silver, bronze, and honorable mention ratings...The annual chapter public speaking contest was on December 3, 1949. The contest was divided into four divisions. The winners were: Eugene New, freshman; Charles Pettijohn, sophomore; Wayne Thies, junior; and Rex Byrd, senior. Thirty-six members voluntarily competed. ...The FFA Basketball Night has been replaced by Fun Night. On Fun Night the members wrestle, box, and play basketball...The election of officers was held during the January night meeting. The officers are as follows: Dale Grosshart, president; Fred Irwig, vice-president; Wayne Thies, secretary; Ronald Cox, treasurer; Harry Hedges, reporter, Gene Barker, sentinel...The parent-son banquet was held on February 20. One hundred sixty members and parents attended. The speaker was Mr. Rubin Corbin, U.S.D.A. Marketing Specialist....A FFA Poultry Association has been organized by the chapter members. A chicken picker has been purchased. Chapter members with broiler projects form the association. They will buy and sell cooperatively...Some of the larger shop projects are: grain auger, stationary bale-loader, 2-compartment hog house, grain drill, repaired a combination grain and hayrack trailer, two farm discs overhauled...The chapter collected \$82 between the halves of two basketball games for the Polio Drive.

Harry Hedges, Reporter

WATERVILLE: We are planning a trip to the Black Hills the last week in May. The trip is being financed by money we made from our popcorn machine and from banding trees...Glen Taplin won first prize and a check for \$25.00 in the Marshall County Soil Conservation Essay Contest. He and his family were honored by a banquet March 6 which was sponsored by the Marshall County Bankers Association...Projects nearing completion in our shop are: one wagon box, two trailers, one sheepfeeder and creep, two power lawn mowers, and ten step ladders by number 9 boys...Our boys have a total of 22 registered gilts and so far have averaged 7.4 pigs per litter...Barrie Dean has a 167% lamb crop from his purebred Hampshire and Shropshire ewes.

Gail Taplin, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: Plans have been completed for our Fourth Annual Parent-Son Banquet on March 31...A group of pictures were taken of the boys farming programs and jobs completed in shop, and displayed in the Drug Store window. A farm safety film will be shown at our March 31 activity period meeting....We held our annual ping pong tournament February 22. Dale Krouse was champion of the entire chapter...Selling Curtis Circulation Company magazine subscriptions continues to be our best money maker. We cleared \$90.52 on this project this year....Our officers for next year will be: Bernard Mayer, president; Norman Kastner, vice-president; Roger Sargent, secretary; Dale Bradshaw, treasurer; Oscar Krouse, reporter; Merle Flinn, sentinel...Some of our shop jobs completed are: three A-type hog houses, pick-up truck stock rack, four chicken feeders, two-wheel trailer, painted four wheel trailer, and repaired and painted two plows, disc, and mowing machine.

Dale Bradshaw, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ASHLAND: The newly elected FFA officers of the Ashland Chapter are: Dean Leslie, president; Bill Davis, vice-president; Virgil Fox, secretary; Darrel Dombaugh, treasurer; Kenneth Swanson, reporter; Glen Pentz, program chairman; Donald Cox, sentinel; Charles Wise, activity program chairman; Richard Moore, chaplain; Mr. W. J. Braun, adviser...The Juniors elected a set of FFA officers and so did the Sophomores...We have 26 members in our FFA chapter... We won first place on the Panel Display at the State Fair at Hutchinson in 1949...To date the chapter members have butchered enough hogs and beeves to have approximately \$61.00 in the local FFA treasury...Major shop projects completed are: a five hundred chick brooder house, A-type hog house, a fourteen foot feeder and rack for cattle, the above are all portable. A hog feeder, a grain and feed rack for cattle, two whirlwind lawn mowers, stock rack for trailer, a farm wheel barrow, a cattle squeeze and 500 feet of rope. ...We put on the Southwest Kansas District FFA Crops School and Judging Contest on February 25, 1950. Eight schools had entries in the school...A pest eradication contest was held during the regular hunting and trapping season.

Kenneth Swanson, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: Our chapter has voted to start a gilt project for our members. ...We held our Twenty-Eighth Annual Parent-Son Banquet on March 22. Mr. C.M. Miller, State Director of Vocational Education, was the speaker. Mr. Merle Myers was granted the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. Mr. Myers is a local dairyman who has helped our chapter very much in many different ways....We plan to build a permanent concession stand at the Finney County Fair Grounds.. ..In our farm shop we have built three "A" type hog houses, three hog self-feeders, one power lawn mower, completely overhauled one car, and made various repairs on several others.

Earle Haflick, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Our annual pest eradication contest closed March 1, with the Rat Terriers led by Jack Hefly winning over the Wolf Hounds led by Fred Christian-son. The Terriers caught 1540 rats while the hounds took 23 coyotes. The two outstanding catches were Jack Hefley's 201 barn rats and 487 field rats, and Billy Soper's catch of 298 barn rats and 174 field rats. Some of the big catches were 1,399 sparrows; 791 mice; 898 rabbits; 484 blackbirds; 231 starlings; 1254 field rats; 223 barn rats; 119 crows; 62 jack rabbits; 26 coyotes and other pests in smaller numbers. We wonder if any other chapter can beat this, if so we would like to hear from them....Our tenth parent-son banquet was held March 21.

Orin Eckhardt, Reporter

SIMPSON: The Simpson FFA Chapter has had a very successful year. We have 15 members....We held an assembly during National FFA week which was a huge success...We will hold a project tour later in the Spring which will be discussed by the members and their parents...We raffled off a hog during the District Tournament and made a little money for our treasury.

Donald Wagner, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

EUREKA: For money raising activities this year, we had two concession stands and a joint pie and box supper with the FHA girls....We have built several feed bunks, gates and ladders for farmers. At the present we are building a combination hay and cake feed bunk from pipe and pump rod....We held a soil testing day on March 6 for all farmers in Greenwood County. More than 1000 acres were tested on this particular day....We have purchased a Purebred Duroc Gilt as a cooperative project. She was put out to one boy who in return will give back three pigs to the chapter. Besides this gilt we have five other purebred gilts in the chapter....We have built a cab for our pickup which we use for field trips...We have played four basketball games, winning three of them.

Raymond Brice, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: The local FFA chapter has attended the following contests this spring. The Albrecht's Duroc Hog Judging Contest at Smith Center, the District Crops Contest held at Hoxie and the District Poultry Judging Contest at Stockton. We placed fourth in the Poultry Judging Contest and Don Hoverson was the sixth high individual...The tenth annual parent-son FFA banquet was held March 6. Approximately 150 FFA boys, parents and guests were present. Mr. Paul Gilpin, the Smith County Agent, was the speaker...On February 13 we enjoyed a date roller-skating party.

Dennis Ehm, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: On the 28th of February the Green Hands were raised up to the Chapter Farmer Degree. The boys who qualified were Gordon Downard, John Keller, Frederick Nieberding, Kent Obermyer, Robert Peeks, Lloyd Richardson, Lester Schaefer, Eldred Smith, Gerhard Stichternath, Bruce Ungerer and Jerome Wassenberg...Eldred Smith received a first place award in the Northeast Poultry Judging Contest. He was high individual with a grand total of 819 points. The contest was held at Frankfort, Kansas...On the third of March, the Ag III class went out to Charles Richardson, the former FFA president, and pruned some fruit trees....In our ag shop we have made two levels for soil conservation practices. Other projects made were a home made power saw, wheelbarrow and three step ladders and reconditioned two harrows. Two four wheel trailers and a disc were reconditioned. Three step ladders and many other things are under construction now.

Gerald Griffie, Reporter

NORTON: Five members of our chapter presented a radio program on station KXXX at Colby in December. The boys who took part in the discussion were Lawrence Wetter, Glenn Dunavan, Jack Sheley, Leo Beckman, and Erwin Duensing. Farm ponds and shelterbelts were discussed as a fifth in a series of programs concerning soil conservation....Our pest eradication contest ended March 1 with 6,491 pests being killed. Winners of first, second and third prizes were: first, Dicky McChesney, second, Darrell Baker, and third, Glenn Bowman. Prizes offered were a .22ca. rifle, \$5.00 worth of rifle shells, and a hunting knife for first, second and third places, respectively....We held our annual parent and son banquet on March 27.

Jack Sheley, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MANKATO: On February 23, 1950, the Mankato FFA Chapter had a chili feed. The hosts were the losing team of the pest eradication contest and the guests were the winners....Plans are under way for the parent-son banquet to be held April 11. The theme of the banquet is to be the importance of farm machinery in Kansas in general and in Jewell County in particular....We held a joint meeting with the Jewell and Lebanon chapters for the Green Hand Initiation Ceremonies on January 16. The Lebanon Chapter conducted the meeting and initiated the new members into the organization...Several farm trailers and other major enterprizes have been constructed in the shop building.

I. R. Volker, Reporter

FREDONIA: We will hold our parent-son banquet April 5, 1950, with "Hog" Thompson, a well-noted speaker and professor at Oklahoma A. & M., to address the group...The local chapter is planning a four or five day trip to the Ozarks beginning May 30...Our pest eradication contest was completed, January 1. The losing side gave a party for the winners...Moving pictures of our chapter members' livestock projects have been taken and will be shown at our parent-son banquet.

Marlin Harms, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: Chapter officers for the year 1949-50 are: president, James Bulter; vice-president, Richard Rignn; secretary, Boyd Davis; treasurer, James Romine; and Reporter, Fred Rogers....Body Davis bought a registered Hereford Heifer at the Wabaunsee County Hereford Association Sale at Alma....James Romine is now in charge of the FFA sow...Monty Haller is taking care of the new FFA gilt for a fall litter....The veterans are planning to buy some Holstein Heifers from Wisconsin.

Fred Rogers, Reporter

BEVERLY: We will hold our annual parent-son banquet March 22. Our speaker will be Mr. Howard Bradley, the vocational agriculture instructor at Beloit. ...Our chapter entered the crop judging contest March 4 at Manhattan. We placed seventh...Last fall our chapter purchased two Black Angus steers and we are feeding them according to the deferred feeding system. We plan to sell the steers next fall.

Jack Meili, Reporter

OVERBROOK: Our chapter is planning a parent and son banquet to be held April 12...We initiated 13 Green Hands and 9 Chapter Farmers at our November meeting...We gave away a turkey at the last football game, which netted us \$55.00. The sophomore class helped the appearance of the school yard by trimming the trees...Major shop jobs under construction are four 4-wheel trailers, two 2-wheel trailers, two 12'x14' brooder houses, two power lawn mowers, and two feed racks.

Dean Isreal, Reporter

ELLIS: We held our annual banquet March 21. Mr. L. C. Aicher, Superintendent of Fort Hays Experiment Station was our guest speaker...The FFA visited the Union Pacific Agricultural Car in Hays, March 14.

Artie Honas, Reporter