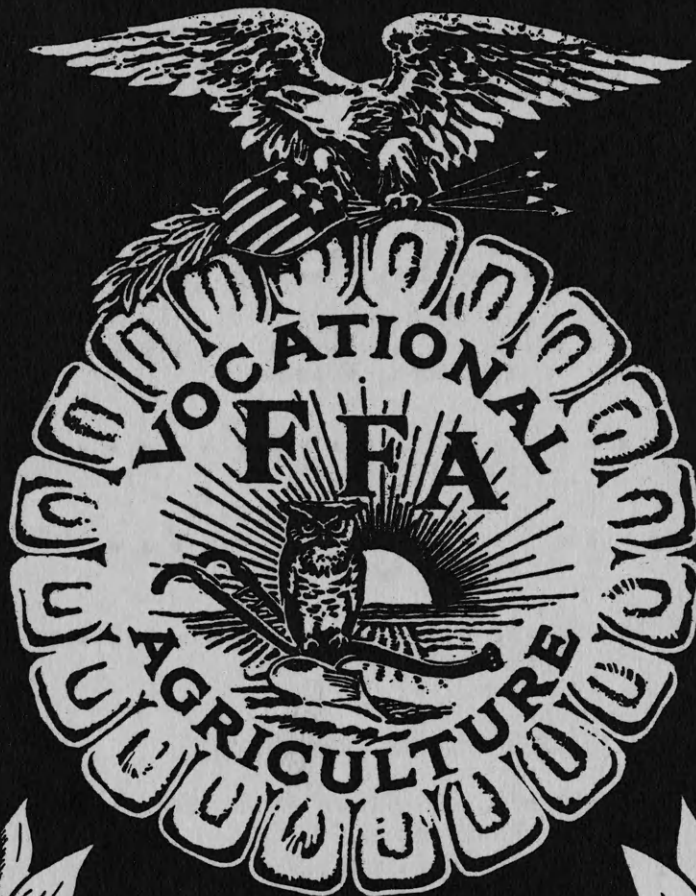


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1944-45 STATE OFFICERS

Adult officers of the state FFA association visited some 15 or 20 State Farmer candidates for the purpose of obtaining first hand information to be presented to the nominating committee. The candidates were interviewed concerning their scholarship, leadership and farming program activities. Eight candidates were selected by the nominating committee, from which five were elected to office in the Kansas Association of FFA. Excellent scholarship, continued leadership, and strong well balanced farming programs were the requisites met by the candidates. The House of Delegates in official session April 29, 1944, elected the following FFA members to lead the State Association during 1944-45:

Jack Hall, Highland Park Chapter, President  
Bob Jones, Ottawa Chapter, Vice President  
Allen Windhorst, Minneapolis Chapter, Secretary  
Dick Smith, Eldorado Chapter, Reporter  
Charles D. Armstrong, Effingham Chapter, Treasurer

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16TH STATE FFA CONVENTION

For the first time in its history the Kansas Association of FFA held an annual convention without contest features other than those contests which are an integral part of the organization. The convention was an outstanding success and the House of Delegates in session voted unanimously to hold another along similar lines in 1945. 54 chapters seated delegates. The state FFA officers met Friday, April 28, presented a radio broadcast over KSAC, evaluated chapter contest entries, and finished the day and evening in preparing for the official meeting of the state association which was scheduled for April 29. Two official meetings of the House of Delegates were held, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. The State FFA Public Speaking contest was held in the morning of the 28th, and a second radio broadcast by the state association was sponsored in the afternoon. Past 3rd National Vice President, George Stelter, assisted the State Officers Friday, and returned for the banquet Saturday evening. Immediate past state vice president, Erwin Thalmann, Haven Chapter, assisted both days.

The annual banquet was held in Thompson Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Approximately 300 persons attended. Harold Kugler, adviser for the Manhattan chapter, led the singing, and won a permanent berth in that job. The boys really sang, and had we had the customary 1200 instead of the 300 present, the editor is certain the rafters would have been lifted. Billy Johnston, Manhattan High School, did a fine job as accompanist. Bruce Johnson, Highland Park chapter, pleased his audience with a vocal solo, and Charles Page, Olathe chapter, did a splendid job in presenting a humorous reading. Dr. A. B. Cardwell, Head, Physics Department, K.S.C. capped the climax with one of the finest talks it has been our pleasure to hear for many a moon - the subject, "War Research." Irwin Alofs won the hearts of the FFA delegates, advisers, and guests in the masterful manner in which he handled the meeting.

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DEDICATION OF GAVEL

President Bob White, Shawnee Mission chapter, called for special privilege immediately following the tribute to our former members who lost their lives in the service of their country, and upon recognition presented the Kansas Association with a gavel. President Alofs received the gavel on behalf of the state association and extended thanks. President White, in making the presentation, read the following message:

"The Walnut Wood from which this gavel was made was taken from The Old Shawnee Mission in Northeastern Johnson County. In this Mission, built in 1837, the first vocational work in the state of Kansas was taught to the Indian children by the Methodist Missionaries. The wood was taken from the enormous Walnut trees, growing on the farm. The first fruit orchard in Kansas was started there.

"Three of the buildings are still standing and are furnished with the same furniture that was used in early days. These buildings are open to the public and should be visited by every FFA member.

"The Shawnee Mission Chapter takes pleasure in presenting this gavel to the state association. May it be wisely used by our president, to insure justice to all members and special favors to none. If this is done we feel sure that 100 years from today the FFA will, like the old Mission, be as sound and firm as ever."

Signed - Bob White, President  
Boyce Daughterty, Secretary

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THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT  
KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, 1943-44

Although many FFA activities were curtailed during the past year due to war conditions, the Kansas Association is proud of her record of the past year. A definite interest in FFA activities has been maintained at all times as is evidenced by the fine programs of work sent to the state office by 112 chapters and the wholehearted cooperation given to the all out war effort throughout the state.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was not held in April 1943, due to the urgency of war demands. Instead, the annual business was conducted in a streamlined manner. The State F.F.A. Executive Committee took the responsibility of reviewing all State Farmer applications and electing those meeting the qualifications. 79 State Farmers were elected from a list of 96 applicants. During the past 16 years, Kansas has elected 633 State Farmers. (This does not include the 1943-44 class.)

The House of Delegates meeting was cancelled and election of officers was handled by mail. Seventeen of the State Farmer applicants who were outstanding in scholarship, leadership and farming programs were visited by State F.F.A. adult officers and from this list eight were selected as candidates for the state offices. A picture of each candidate, together with his leadership, scholarship and farming program, was submitted to the chapters for their information in voting. This proved to be a very satisfactory plan for balloting.

Other F.F.A. activities curtailed last year included the F.F.A. Day at the Topeka Free Fair and the F.F.A. Day at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson.

Kansas had a definite Victory War Program and the following summary shows that every FFA member in the state gave his earnest attention in carrying out the goals set up by the state for 1943-44.

Total face value of war bonds purchased by chapters.....	\$12,688
Total face value of war bonds and stamps purchased by members.....	\$159,419
Pounds of scrap metal collected by chapters.....	2,754,264
Pounds of paper collected by chapters.....	1,406,628
Pounds of rubber collected by chapters.....	170,500
Number of burlap bags collected by chapters.....	10,350
Total number of FFA members serving in Armed Forces.....	4,872
Number of Victory Gardens grown by members.....	1,840
Number of farm workers placed on farms through aid of FFA chapters.....	457
Total number of farms serviced by Victory Farm Volunteers.....	411
Number of farm machines repaired by FFA members.....	5,500
Average amount of money per member invested in farming....	\$226.16
Average amount of money invested in farming by chapters...	\$7,302
Total amount of money invested in farming by FFA members..	\$993,176

At the time this report was written, Kansas had a membership of 4,284. The loss in membership was due to the fact that there were only 136 vocational agriculture departments in the state, due to the scarcity of vocational agriculture instructors who entered the armed forces, or were engaged in war industries. There were no new departments added nor were there any new chapters chartered. Of the 136 departments in the state, 129 had active chapters. Of the 4,284 members in Kansas, 1281 were Green Hands, 1796 were Chapter Farmers, 1042 were Associate members and 165 were honorary members.

### President's Report (cont.)

Due to the war and the "Twelve months out of school" clause, Kansas had only one American Farmer in 1943, Robert E. Johnston of the Frankfort Chapter. This brings the total American Farmers from Kansas to 38.

In July 1943, honor was brought to the Kansas Association when George Stelter of the Abilene Chapter, past president of the Kansas Association, and Star Farmer of Kansas in 1942, was elected as Third Vice President of the National Organization of FFA, representing the North Central Region. Mr. Stelter took the place of Willard Visok of Nebraska who entered the armed forces.

Irwin Alefs of the Great Bend chapter, president of the Kansas Association and Lynn Lukert of the Sabetha chapter, vice president of the Kansas Association, represented Kansas as delegates to the 16th National Convention. Robert Overbaugh, Tonganoxie, reporter of the Kansas Association, and Robert E. Johnston of the Frankfort chapter, 1943 American Farmer, were named as alternates.

In the National Better Chapter Contest, Kansas was represented by the Lebanon Chapter. Lebanon won Honorable Mention classification.

Due to travel restrictions the North Central Region Public Speaking contest was divided into three subregional contests. Dale Sterner of the Chapman chapter, winner in the Kansas State FFA Public Speaking contest represented Kansas in the subregional contest held at Kansas City, July 30, 1943. Dale won third place in this contest.

Twelve District FFA Leadership Schools were held during September and October. A state officer and at least one adult state leader attended each school and assisted in conducting the school. George Stelter, 3rd National Vice President, also assisted in conducting the schools.

On the basis of the average of the scores made by the high five individuals in the FFA Information contest held in connection with the twelve Leadership schools, the Beloit Leadership School ranked first; with Emporia a close second; Highland Park, third; Sabetha, fourth and Parsons, fifth. In the ranking of the District Leadership schools on the basis of the average score of the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest, the Parsons Leadership school was first, Highland Park, second; Clay Center, third; Beloit, fourth; and Emporia, fifth.

Twenty-two chapters out of the 136 departments of vocational agriculture submitted Activity Programs to the state office.

This year the Kansas Association will change the plan of recognizing chapter achievement, and instead of Outstanding and Honorable Mention certificates being awarded winners in the state chapter contest, the state association will issue certificates of awards in conformity with the plan used by the National Organization in the National Chapter contest. There will be four major classifications, gold emblem, silver emblem, bronze emblem and honorable mention.

Awards of \$100 each made by the Farm Underwriters Association of Des Moines, for the 1942 and 1943 outstanding State Farmers, were won by George Stelter, Abilene Chapter, 1942, and Irwin Alefs, Great Bend chapter, 1943.

Dr. H. T. Hill, head of the department of speech, Kansas State College, was made an honorary State Farmer in recognition of many years of outstanding service in assisting with the preparation of Kansas FFA Public Speakers for the Regional and National FFA Public Speaking Contests.

Blank chapter forms, conforming with those sent out by the National Organization of FFA were sent to all chapters in the state for filing programs of work with the state office.



## President's Report (cont.)

Nine issues of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter will have been published with the May issue this year. 460 copies of the newsletter are published each month.

A Victory War Program placard showing the important features of the 1943-44 Program of Work for the Kansas Association together with the War-time Accomplishment of the Association in 1942-43 was printed and distributed to agricultural education leaders throughout the nation, and two copies were made available to each local FFA chapter.

A review of the progress of the FFA in Kansas during its first fifteen years was compiled by Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson, and 2,500 copies of this 68 page history were printed. Copies of the History have been distributed to agricultural education leaders throughout the nation. Copies are available for each of the 633 State Farmers listed in the History, and chapter library copies are ready for distribution.

This is the story of the activities of the Kansas Association during the past year. It is a good record. Together with the officers of the Kansas Association, I want to thank the cooperating chapters and their advisers for their part in making the past year a success.

Respectfully submitted by

Irwin Alefs, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

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STATE F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Eight contestants participated in the 1944 Annual Kansas FFA Public Speaking contest, held Saturday, April 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in West Waters Hall.

First place winner was Earl Mitchell, Lawrence, who spoke on the subject, "My World." Second place was won by Robert Klein, Shawnee Mission, speaking on "Swords to Plowshares." Third place winner was William Talbott, Parsons, whose subject was, "You, Me and Our Buddies."

Judges were Dr. C. V. Williams, Chairman, Education; Dr. Harold Howe, Economics and Sociology, and Dr. Randall C. Hill, Economics and Sociology. The meeting was in charge of Mr. Erwin Thalmann, Haven, past vice president of the Kansas Association of FFA for the year 1942-43.

Mr. Mitchell will represent Kansas in the North Central Regional FFA Public Speaking contest this fall.

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One thing for sale--Three folks to buy  
And so the price goes up sky high!  
With prices high you want a raise--  
That starts a greater spending craze!  
The crazy whirl is called inflation,  
And it alone can wreck a nation.  
Let's all stop prices going higher;  
Be a Saver . . . not a Buyer!





F.F.A. BOOKS AUDITED

The following is a report made by H. M. Stewart, certified public accountant, who recently audited the books of the Kansas Association of FFA. The report was made to Professor A. P. Davidson, executive adviser of the Kansas Association. Mr. Stewart's report follows, together with his report of cash receipts and disbursements.

Audit of Kansas Association of FFA books from April 12, 1943 to March 20, 1944.

Scope of the Audit:

The bank balance at the beginning of the period was reconciled with the bank statement as of that date. All receipts as shown by the records were deposited in the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas and all disbursements per records were made by check.

The prices of individual items; such as pins, keys, and supplies, which were purchased for sale to members were compared with the catalogue prices and found to be correct. No inventory of pins, keys, supplies, and membership cards were made at the beginning or close of the fiscal period. However, a comparison of recorded items of pins and keys bought and sold would indicate an increase of 545 items for an approximate value of \$175, and a similar comparison for supplies would indicate an increase of 240 items for an approximate value of \$42.

The bank balance per books at the close of the period was reconciled with the balance shown by the statement from the bank. Three checks were outstanding at this time, one written to Irwin Alofs on 1-10-44 for \$100 and two to L. G. Balfour Co. on 3-14-44 for \$150 and \$18, respectively.

The savings account was checked to the savings account book of the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas. The two series "F" defense bonds are in lock box number 675 at the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas.

Subject to the above comments, the attached statement in my opinion is correct.

The records appear to have been kept in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Stewart  
Certified Public Accountant

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TEXAS: Those broken and discarded fountain pens laying around the house and office are needed for U.S. servicemen overseas. A fountain pen campaign is being sponsored by the Beeville Future Farmers. All discarded pens contributed will be rebuilt free, and distributed by U.S. Army chaplains to overseas servicemen who do not have pens.

## Books Audited (Continued)

EXHIBIT "A"

Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period April 12, 1943 to March 20, 1944

Bank balance per books, April 12, 1943 \$ 755.93

## Receipts:

Dues - 4234 @ 20¢	\$ 856.80
Pins and keys	881.31
Supplies (manuals, books, songs, officer's jackets)	130.40
Note receivable - Kansas Vol. Bul. Fund	35.00
Interest on above note	2.20
Partial expense of delegates by Nat'l convention	3.30
Refund from L. G. Balfour Co.	11.81
Refund from Geo. Stelter on pictures	10.00
Contribution from Burlington Railroad	100.00
Contribution from Sears Roebuck & Co.	448.26
Contribution from Farm Underwriters Assoc.	200.00
Postage	1.94
W. H. Thomas check made good	3.20
Paul Engle check of 4-30-42 added back	1.00

Total receipts

2,685.22

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 3,441.15

## Disbursements:

Dues - 4254 @ 10¢	425.40
Pins and keys	957.25
Taxes on pins and keys	114.70
Supplies (manuals, books, songs, officer's jackets)	179.46
Printing and engraving	176.21
National Convention expenses	12.01
Pictures	72.69
State officers' expenses	74.45
Public speaking contest expenses	7.67
Burlington Railroad contribution paid out	100.00
Farm Underwriters Assoc. contribution paid out	200.00
Auditing services	6.50
Miscellaneous	3.91

Total disbursements

2,330.25

Bank balance per books, March 20, 1944

\$ 1,110.90

Assets per books as of March 20, 1944

Bank balance per above statement	\$ 1,110.90
Savings account and interest to 1-10-44	597.80
2 Series "F" defense bonds with accrued interest	744.00

Total assets

\$ 2,452.70

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial statement of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, closing the fiscal year as of March 20, 1944. Statement made from figures based on state office records.

Bank Balance per books, April 12, 1943

\$ 755.93

## Receipts:

Dues - 4284 @ 20¢	\$ 856.80	
104 Chapter Farmer Pins @ 28¢	29.12	
779 Chapter Farmer Pins @ 32¢	249.28	
96 Green Hand Pins @ 35¢	33.60	
967 Green Hand Pins @ 40¢	386.80	
564 Manuals @ 15¢	84.60	
116 Parliamentary Procedures @ 10¢	11.60	
9 Advisors Pins @ 26¢	2.34	
3 Advisors Pins @ 23¢	.69	
48 Secretary's Books @ 25¢	12.00	
46 Treasurer's Books @ 25¢	11.50	
1 FFA Quartette Song @ 25¢	.25	
3 FFA Songs @ 15¢	.45	
Postage	1.94	
78 State Farmer Keys @ \$2.24	174.72	
1 Solid Gold State Farmer Key @ \$4.76	4.76	
5 Officers Jackets @ \$2.00		
(Alefs, Lukert, Jarrett, Overbaugh, Sawatzky)	10.00	
W. H. Thomas check made good	3.20	
From Kansas Vol. Bul. Fund, pay't note \$35., Int. \$2.20	37.20	
From Nat'l Org. partial payment of delegates expense to National Convention	3.30	
Percentage refund from L.B. Ealfour Co.	11.81	
From Geo. Stelter, payment for pictures paid for by State Assoc.	10.00	
From B & R (Distributed to 6 chapters, located on B & R)	100.00	
From American Vocational Assoc. (Contributed by Sears Roebuck)	448.26	
From Farm Underwriters Assoc. (Divided between George Stelter and Irwin Alefs, on basis of outstanding FFA members)	200.00	
Outstanding check		
Paul Engle 4/30/42, not cashed	1.00	
Total receipts		2,685.22
Total cash to be accounted for		3,441.15

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The Future Farmers of Kansas in 1943-44 performed a remarkable job in the production of food. The total amount of money invested in farming by the FFA boys was \$993,076 - this is an average of more than \$7,000 per chapter and more than \$226 per boy.



## Financial Statement (Continued)

Bank balance per books 4/12/43	\$ 755.93
Total receipts from 4/12/43 to 3/20/44	2,685.22
Total cash to be accounted for	<u>3,441.15</u>
Less Total Disbursements	2,330.25
Check book balance 3/20/44	<u>1,110.90</u>

Bank balance 3/20/44	1,378.90
Check outstanding, Irwin Alefs (1/10/44)	\$100.00
L. G. Balfour Co. (3/14/44)	150.00
L. G. Balfour Co. (3/14/44)	<u>18.00</u>
	<u>1,110.90</u>

Assets per books as of March 20, 1944	
Bank balance per above statement	1,110.90
Savings account and interest	597.80
2 Series "F" defense bonds	<u>740.00</u>
Total Assets 3/20/44	<u>2,448.70</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

From 4/12/43 to 3/20/44

L. G. Balfour Co.....	\$ 1,071.95
Defense Tax, Sales Tax, and Postage on Merchandise listed below	\$ 134.70
6 State Farmer keys @ \$2.00; 1@ \$4.25	16.25
500 Green Hand Pins @ 40¢	
500 Chapter Farmer Pins @ 32¢	315.00
300 Green Hand Pins @ 40¢	
200 Chapter Farmer Pins @ 32¢	161.00
500 Green Hand Pins @ 40¢	
500 Chapter Farmer Pins @ 32¢	315.00
75 State Farmer Charms @ \$2.00	<u>150.00</u>
French Bray Printing Co.....	135.23
51 Treasurer's Books @ 25¢	
51 Secretary's Books @ 25¢	25.50
200 Manuals @ 15¢	30.00
14 "Forward FFA" @ \$1.00	14.00
501 Manuals @ 13¢	65.13
1 Service Scroll	<u>.60</u>
Art Craft Printers.....	19.00
400 Victory War Program Placards	11.00
500 Posters	<u>8.00</u>
Expenses of State Officers to State Meetings.....	74.45
Harold Minter	2.40
Garnet Price	9.50
Robert Barnes	19.06
Erwin Thalmann	5.00
Geo. Stelter - Leadership Schools	16.62
Lynn Lukert - Leadership Schools	14.90
Irwin Alefs - Leadership Schools	<u>6.97</u>

## Financial Statement (Continued)

F.F.A. National Organization.....		\$425.40
4065 Dues @ 10¢	406.50	
189 Dues @ 10¢	<u>18.90</u>	
Dept. of Illustrations - College.....		58.53
State Officer Pictures for ballots	30.40	
Photos for 15 year history	<u>28.13</u>	
Universal Uniform Co.....		24.23
5 Officers Jackets	24.23	
St. Louis Button Co.....		21.62
150 Contest Ribbons for Leadership School	21.62	
Burger Baird Engravers.....		135.59
Cuts for FFA History	135.59	
National Convention Expenses.....		12.01
Aladdin Hotel - Delegates	12.01	
Anderson Photo Co. - Kansas City ....		14.16
Pictures for FFA History	.86	
Pictures of National Convention	<u>13.30</u>	
Expenses of public speaking contestant to Regional public		
Speaking Contest.....		7.67
Division of B & R RR Co. Donation.....		100.00
Oberlin FFA Chapter	16.66	
Norton FFA Chapter	16.66	
Atwood FFA Chapter	16.67	
McDonald FFA Chapter	16.67	
Bird City FFA Chapter	16.67	
St. Francis FFA Chapter	<u>16.67</u>	
Division of 1942-1943 Farm Underwriters Assoc. Awards.....		200.00
Geo. Stolter, 1942 award	100.00	
Irwin Alofs, 1943 award	<u>100.00</u>	
Enterprise Coop. Co.....		20.00
200 Parliamentary Procedures @ 10¢	20.00	
Miscellaneous Disbursements.....		10.41
Harry Stewart - auditing books	6.50	
Vinton Carver - lettering American Farmer Covers	2.50	
Union National Bank - service charge for checks	.41	
Chapter Supply Co. - 2 Program of Work charts	<u>1.00</u>	
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,330.25

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An inscription on the tombstone of an army mule named Maggie:

"In memory of Maggie, who in her lifetime kicked 1 General, 4 Colonels, 2 Majors, 10 Captains, 24 Lieutenants, 42 Sergeants, 454 Privates, and one bomb."

1944 CHAPTER CONTEST AWARDS

The State FFA Chapter Contest, conducted annually by the State Association since 1932, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work.

This year the State Association issued certificates of awards for chapter achievement in conformity with the plan used by the National Organization of FFA in the National Chapter contest. Certificates were available in four major classifications as follows: Gold Emblem Classification, Silver Emblem Classification, Bronze Emblem Classification, and Honorable Mention Classification. Certificates were issued in the first three classifications only. Third National Vice President (1943) George Stelter, Abilene, and immediate past Vice President Erwin Thalmann, Haven Chapter, assisted the state officers in ranking the chapters. The chapter rankings follow:

Gold Emblem Classification - (Highest Rank)

Buhler, J. A. Johnson, adviser  
Columbus, Robert M. Lay, adviser  
Great Bend, Fred Schultis, adviser  
Hiawatha, C. C. Milligan, adviser  
Highland Park, F. E. Carpenter, adviser  
Lebanon, F. A. Blauer, adviser  
Sedan, Joe Neill, adviser  
Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisers

Silver Emblem Classification - (Second Rank)

Clay Center, Ray W. Morrison, adviser  
Coldwater, L. E. Melia, adviser  
Junction City, Walter Porter, adviser  
Lawrence, W. R. Essick, adviser  
Manhattan, Harold Kugler, adviser  
Olathe, E. L. Raines, adviser  
Shawnee Mission, Harold Garver, adviser

Bronze Emblem Classification - (Third Rank)

Chanute, Elery Collins, adviser  
Fairview, Keith B. Wagoner, adviser  
Kincaid, Lloyd Gugler, adviser  
Morrowville, Otis Dewey, adviser  
Mulvane, Francis B. Shoup, adviser  
Stockton, Keith Fish, adviser  
Washburn, Howard Wildman, adviser

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THANKS

The April 15, 1944, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer carried excerpts from many of the letters from our coworkers acknowledging receipt of the Kansas FFA History pamphlet. Since that time many more letters have been received. All letters were highly complimentary. May we take this means of acknowledging the many kind letters received since the April issue of the Newsletter, and to thank you for your thoughtfulness. A.P.D.



THE REPORTER'S ANNUAL REPORTKansas Association of Future Farmers of America, 1943-44

Nine copies of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter will have been printed and distributed with the issuance of the May 15, 1944, copy of the newsletter.

Due to war conditions and the uncertainty of the mails, requests for local chapter news for the Kansas Future Farmer were handled through the state office at Manhattan. This plan worked out very satisfactorily, and will likely be continued for the duration.

During the year 243 requests were sent out from the state office for local chapter news for publication in the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. 144 responses were received. This is a response of 59 per cent, indicating that on the average 41 per cent of the requests for local chapter news failed to bring responses.

The chapter notes were satisfactorily written in most cases, and chapter notes were copied from the Kansas Future Farmer and run in several publications in the field of agricultural journalism, notably among which were: The Kansas Farmer; American Farm Youth; Agricultural Leaders Digest; Better Farm Equipment and Methods; and The Furrow. Kansas chapter notes were quoted twice by Acting National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, in his monthly FFA broadcasts over the NBC during the Farm and Home Hour.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Overbaugh, State FFA Reporter

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COUNTY BOOTH EXHIBIT

At the Hutchinson State Fair a county booth exhibit has been sponsored for several years. This exhibit is designed to further the cause of agricultural education, and to encourage better agricultural practices. The Coldwater chapter has been preparing a booth for the county booth exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair for the past eleven years and has a most enviable record in this highly competitive contest. In 1943, the Coldwater FFA chapter won the Grand Champion Award in the county booth exhibit and received a cash prize of \$187.00. In this county booth exhibit contest Coldwater has received first place 10 times, second place once, and has been declared Grand Champion for the last four years.

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F.F.A. FLASHES

NEBRASKA: The Gothenburg FFA Chapter served at the famous North Platte Canteen recently. They took with them plenty of food. It included 161 cakes, 67 dozen doughnuts, 116 dozen eggs, 800 bottles of milk, 30 quarts of cream, 178 dozen cookies, and meat, butter, and bread in like proportions. Fifteen trains were served. Just to prove that the boys didn't forget even the "little" things, they had birthday cakes, and candles, ready for all servicemen with birthdays on that particular day. One of the FFA officers stated that the highlight of the day was when he presented a soldier, wounded at Attu, and a sailor from Guadalcanal their birthday cakes.

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HIGHLIGHTS 1943-44 VICTORY WAR PROGRAM  
KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Collecting Scrap:

Winfield - 70 members - led the chapters with 42 T. Coldwater and Oberlin chapters tied with 30 T. each. Fourth place to Kiowa with 28 T., and Columbus with 25 T ranked fifth.

Paper:

Beloit with 13 T. ranked first; Emporia 12 T took second place. In cooperative Paper drives - Little River and Sedan chapters tied with 50 T. collected. Smith Center chapter in cooperation collected 40 T.

Bonds:

Winfield chapter led the chapters in total bonds purchased by the chapter and individual members. A total of \$8,130 worth of bonds were purchased - average of \$116 per boy. Parsons - 43 members, ranked second in bond purchases - total \$4,000 - average of \$93 per boy. Harveyville chapter - 24 members - purchased \$2350 worth of bonds - average of \$98 per boy.

Farm Machinery Repair:

ElDorado - 46 members built or reconditioned 276 farm machines, the largest total of any chapter in the state. Lebanon - 64 members - built or reconditioned 176, ranked second. Junction City - 36 members - built or reconditioned 165 farm machines, placed third. Fourteen of the Junction City FFA members built tractor steel hay bucks and two boys built tractor mounted hay stackers for use on their home farms. Moundridge with 164 and Kingman with 162 farm machines built or reconditioned ranked fourth and fifth respectively.

"Doodlebug" report. The "Doodlebug" is a type of fresno - costing from \$100 up. Twenty-two FFA members of the Clay Center chapter built "doodlebugs" constructed from scrap materials at an average cost of approximately \$25 each. This type of equipment will be used in grading farmsteads, constructing light terraces, and in repairing terraces.

Farms Serviced - Victory Farm Volunteers:

Chanute with 46 farms serviced, ranked first, and Arkansas City with 30 farms serviced, placed second.

Rubber:

LeRoy chapter led the state by collecting 4,000 pounds of rubber; ElDorado collected 3,707 pounds to rank second; Miltonvale with 2,305 pounds and Coldwater with 2,000 pounds, ranked third and fourth respectively.

Burlap:

Highland Park, Topeka, collecting 2,785, ranked first. Columbus with 1,400 pounds, placed second.

## Highlights Victory War Program, Continued

Armed Services:

Shawnee Mission chapter with 106 members and former members in the armed services has the honor of having more members and former members in the armed forces than any other chapter. Robert McAnany, member of the RAF, killed in active service, October 2, 1941, was the first former FFA member killed in World War II. Robert was a member of the Shawnee Mission chapter. Coldwater and Waterville chapters each have 102 members and former members in the Armed Forces, and Lawrence chapter has 100 former FFA members in the service, and Winfield chapter has 95 former members, and Altamont chapter has 72 former members in the armed forces.

Food Production:

Great Bend chapter had an average of \$616.15 per member invested in farming, ranking first in the state.

Thirty-seven FFA members of the Lebanon chapter produced the following quantities of food during 1943-44:

46,900 lbs. pork  
29,558 lbs. mutton  
22,010 lbs. beef  
7,355 bu. corn  
3,043 bu. oats and barley  
1,053 bu. wheat  
228 bu. sorghums  
124 T. roughage and  
2,159 lbs. wool

Winfield chapter with 65 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture achieved the following:

Produced 69,332 lbs. milk  
69,322 lbs. pork  
19,669 lbs. beef  
18,038 lbs. mutton - and  
1,487 lbs. wool  
19,500 DAYS OF PASTURE - AN AVERAGE OF 300 DAYS  
OF PASTURE FOR LIVESTOCK PER BOY.  
Treated 1,108 sacks of potatoes  
Dipped 3,114 head of sheep  
Butchered 95 hogs, 13 cattle and 4 sheep. Rendered  
2,116 lbs. of lard, and filled out  
incident to this work, 328 OPA blanks.

Individual achievement in food production is typified by Robert Sawatzky, Buhler chapter, one year out of high school and a candidate for the American Farmer Degree who has a pure bred Jersey herd, a purebred herd of Berkshire hogs, a laying flock of Austra White hens, and a sheep flock made up of western ewes and a few pure bred Hampshires.



## Highlights Victory War Program, Concluded

Robert produced the following amounts of food in 1943-44:

	26,727 lbs. milk
	10,777 lbs. pork
	1,555 lbs. mutton
	1,475 dozen eggs
Grew	28 acres of Wheatland milo
	27 acres of Fulton oats
	9 acres of sudan pasture

The State Association wishes to congratulate the FFA chapters and members mentioned in this report for the vital part they are playing in our War Effort. These members, together with thousands of other FFA boys, are doing a fine job.

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A WELCOME LETTER

On April 28, 1931, State FFA President, Jack Evans, Washington Chapter, sounded his gavel and dismissed the banquet audience, thus bringing to a close the Second Annual Meeting of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. On April 24, 1944, from some place in England, Jack - now Major Lewis S. Evans - wrote your executive adviser. Few Kansas FFA presidents equaled Jack Evans, and none surpassed him in his interest in the FFA and in his ability to get things done. His letter will be of interest to all FFA members and their advisers. A.P.D.

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APO 511 c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York  
U.S. Army

617th A.M. Bn.  
APO 511  
24 April, 1944

Dear Prof. Davidson:

Your letter of March 20th, announcing the publication of the History of the Kansas Association of the FFA reached me recently and I have asked that the copy of the history be forwarded to me. While my activities in those affairs seem pretty far away, I am always glad to be reminded of them as being one of the most enjoyable periods of my life. When I was in Washington D. C., about a year ago, I looked up Hale Brown and we spent several hours talking about the good old days in Manhattan and Washington. I have made a lot of new friends in my nearly three years in the army, but I have been somewhat surprised at the fact that I haven't run across more of my old schoolmates. Now that I'm in England, I have met a lot of former army friends and occasionally a Kansas State alumnus.

After knocking about at several camps in the States, I wound up in England about three months ago. My stay here has been most enjoyable. The weather was a little rough when we first arrived but now that spring has come I find nothing wrong with it. The country, the climate and the people are about as I had pictured them in my mind. The small farms are trim and neat, although the hedges are not as well kept as before the war. The large estates are most severely hit by the manpower shortage simply because there is not enough labor to take care of the lawns and gardens. This has been partially overcome by what is known as the Women's Land Army. The members wear uniforms

## A Welcome Letter, Continued

and are a part of a volunteer corps who are sent where they are most needed. The farm labor situation is further augmented by Italian prisoners of war who are not treated as prisoners at all but are allowed to roam about the country at will.

Although the Islands are jam-packed with American soldiers who must be a great nuisance to the English people, we are treated with cordiality and genuine friendship. I can't help wondering if the American people would be so tolerant if the situation were reversed. Of course there are minor irritations such as the difference in pay scale between the two armies and the Yank's superb ability in seeking out black market fresh eggs. The British call the latter "scrounging." Americans are almost unanimously dismayed at the absence of good roads, central heating, and workable plumbing. As you well know, the British are long on tradition but it seems to me that they are going a little too far when referring to an egg they say, "Well it may not be good but it's old."

I keep pretty well abreast of the activities of the College and its alumni through the Industrialist which I receive regularly and enjoy very much. I'm glad to know that you are still at your familiar haunt because I'm going to have to do a bit of visiting when this scrap is over.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Jack Evans

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CHAPTER NEWS

NOTE: Because this issue of the Newsletter carries a complete story of the 16th Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA, we find it necessary to delete a considerable portion of the chapter news. In this process a portion of the news from each chapter was omitted. Sorry. Ed.

WINFIELD: George Reynolds, Chapter president, Richard Berrie, chapter secretary and Paul Bonewell attended the 16th annual convention of FFA, April 29, and received their State Farmer degrees. Our chapter was awarded the gold emblem award in the State chapter contest. The boys made reports of their trip in a home-room meeting of the Winfield chapter....On April 23, our high school was flooded with one of the worst floods in the history of Winfield. Five persons lost their lives and hundreds of thousands of dollars damage was done in the city. The Winfield Chapter is helping to relieve the situation. Members brought in power pumps from the farms and helped to clean out basements and business houses. May 2, was annual sheep day at Winfield. The show was small this year. Panels were fished out of the flood drift and the show was held on the school grounds. About 30 head of lambs were shown.... Our chapter has scheduled a three day camp at Ponca City, Oklahoma for August 17 to 20. Other chapters may join us at that time. We will have about 20 boys attending. Any other chapter interested in this camp should contact our chapter.

--Vollie Priest, Reporter

## Chapter News, Continued

MILTONVALE: We have elected the following officers for next year: Rex Rose, president, Darrel Cooper, vice president, Bob Emrich, treasurer, Emery Eklund, secretary, and Harvey Fosdick, sentinel....70 of our former FFA members are now in the armed services....We have banded 47 elm trees, pruned 87 fruit trees and have ordered 450 trees cooperatively from Hays. We have sold over \$62.50 worth of garden seeds....The number 9 class is overhauling a 10-foot combine....Our laying flock produced 63percent in March and 71 percent in April.

--Don Hauck, Reporter

BEVERLY: We have collected over 400 pounds of waste fat, part of which was obtained by stripping stock butchered in the shop....We have butchered 25 hogs and two beeves and cut up, cured and rendered the lard from about half of them. ....We have made a set of three dehorning irons according to plans by Prof. Pickett of Kansas State College....Our 13 fat hogs will soon be ready for market. We expect to realize a profit of approximately \$6.00 per head on them.... In shop we have built three 85 bushel hog self feeders. These feeders cost little more than the 25-35 bushel feeders which we formerly made. We are building a tractor buck rake from a plan from Kansas State College; we have rebuilt one tractor and one horse buck rake; overhauled 9 sections of drag harrow, and made a large number of chicken feeders and other miscellaneous pieces of farm equipment. Due to the size of our shop we do all our machinery repair outside.

--Dean Anderson, Reporter

CHAPMAN: Our chapter has experienced a busy and interesting year. In our victory garden project, carried on in cooperation with our school cafeteria, we have planted nearly an acre of potatoes. We plan to set out over 1,000 tomato plants and will have about one acre of sweet corn. We now have a wheat variety test and an oats variety test started....The repair of our county sheep dipping vat has been completed and another vat is now under construction. Some of the major shop jobs for the year have been: 5 wagon boxes, 3 hay racks, 3 individual farrowing houses, 5 two-wheel trailers, 4 whirl wind lawn mowers, tumble bug, 6 large self feeders, several large feed bunks, many chicken feeders from a popular pattern that the boys like, a number of ladders and step ladders. The torch has been used extensively in keeping general machinery in repair.

--Harlan Deines, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Our Chapter sponsored a waste paper drive. Two carloads of paper (approximately 55 T) were collected and shipped. A prize was given to the three rural schools that brought in the most waste paper....We netted about \$2.57 per \$10 share in our swine project and consider this a very satisfactory profit....We selected a crop judging team and a livestock judging team from our chapter and went to Hays for the judging contest. The crop team took second place. Alvin Keever ranked third as individual and Geno Sheets ranked sixth.

--Bernard Buck, Reporter



## Chapter News, Continued

ARGONIA: Our chapter held a sheep shearing school March 21 and 22, in the shop building. There was a large attendance. Two other schools, Harper and Kiowa, attended and together with the local boys sheared 67 head....Our chapter entertained the home economics class with a party in the school gym... The boys are planning a camping trip to the Santa Fe Lake near Augusta.

BYERS: We have had a successful year with a total of 14 members...We have been working in our new shop since the first of January. We have had a lot of practice with the Acetylene and Arc welder during this time. We have arc welded three sets of lister shares that were worn out, put a clutch in a car, welded fenders on cars, resurfaced and refaced valves, helped build a truck bed, chicken feeders, one hog house, one large chicken house 8'x10'x14', one chicken house 8'x10'x12'....Jim Brown, senior, is making a branding and dehorning chute....Our mango pepper project has been a successful project. We had green mango peppers all winter.

--Dale Ohley, Reporter

KIOWA: Our chapter has been shearing sheep as a project. Our instructor took nine boys to the sheep shearing school at Argonia where they learned the steps in shearing sheep that will help them in the future. We have sheared 15 flocks of sheep and plan to shear more.... This year we have built four chicken houses that we will loan to our FFA members....On April 25, our chapter held a successful stock show. The boys showed 14 head of cattle, three pigs and several pens of chickens. Each member had at least one exhibit. ...Our FFA assembly this year was an exchange program with Medicine Lodge High School.....Our chapter has published a FFA manual. It is composed of all FFA activities of the year.

--Kenneth Gillig, Reporter

PAOLA: Our chapter has 32 members who plan to raise the following crops this season: 118 acres of oats, 185 acres of corn, 15 acres of wheat, 5 acres of flax, 18 acres of barley, 20 acres of soy beans, 2 acres of sorgo, 2 acres of alfalfa. This makes a total of 504 acres in cultivation....The members have 39 dairy cows, 9 steers, 20 spring calves, 99 ewes, 98 lambs, 98 fat-tening hogs, 31 sows and gilts and possibly 500 pigs for spring and fall of which we have 120 now, 3 horses, 3 boars, 3 rams, 158 hens, and 15 ducks, 186 chickens (classroom) 500 chickens (on the farm.)....Six boys attended sheep shearing school at Ottawa and nine boys attended the cattle grub control demonstration held in Topeka.

--Donald Greenawalt, Reporter

BELOIT: Our chapter held its Parent and Son banquet on April 25. There were 48 of the 50 members present....The newly elected officers for 1944-45 are: L.V. Prowett, president; Harold Walker, vice president; Keith Leslie, secretary; Donald Treaster, treasurer; Billy Campbell, reporter....Our farm record books show that the members of our chapter have a \$12,000 investment of livestock, grain, cash, bonds and stamps. \$2,700 of this is in war bonds and stamps. We have approximately \$300 in the chapter treasury....Eldon Treaster was a successful State Farmer candidate from our chapter.

--Dennis Holway, Reporter

## Chapter News, continued

HOLCOMB: We set up an OIC hog project in our chapter. We set aside \$60 for gilts and also bought a boar. We now have four gilts and a boar. The boys who have the hogs are as follows: Bill Ernest, Harold Paulcner, Dale Umruh, G. W. Langston....We have our flagpole set up and have received our flag.

Reporter

ALTON: Our annual Parent and Son Banquet was held March 17. The chicken served was from the FFA flock. We held the banquet in honor of former FFA members now serving in the armed forces. We had a carnival in cooperation with the Hi-Y and G.R. organizations. Our share of the profit was \$50. Our chapter recently purchased a \$50 war bond. Election of officers for 1944-45 was held April 21.

--Doyle Conrad, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: On April 17, the Junction City chapter held its election. The officers for next year are: Otto Roesler, president; Norman Manz, vice president; Herman Cott, secretary; Kenneth Hartung, treasurer; Billy Gfeller, reporter; Marvin Kramer, sentinel; David Rohrer, parliamentarian; Dean Collins, song leader....We held our annual banquet March 24. About 80 people were present.

--Herman Cott, Reporter

COLDWATER: We have appointed a committee to buy certified seed for the chapter members. This committee has bought 1200# Atlas Sorgo, 400# Wheatland, 200# Early Kalo, 200# of 617, 200# Early Kalo and 400# Westland....We had our annual Parent and Son Banquet February 22. We awarded sweater emblems to the following boys: Bill Hilt, Charles Zielko, and Russell Harness for achievement in farming programs. We awarded Robert Tucker, our reporter, a water proof overnight bag. Robert left for the Navy the day following the banquet....We have purchased a Scroll for the names of the boys from our chapter who are in the armed forces....Billy Hilt was elected secretary and Gene Uhl elected reporter....Our successful State Farmer candidate, Robert McKinney, attended the Annual Meeting of the State Association....We held our annual project tour on May 3....May 12 we had an all night fishing trip.

--Gene Uhl, Reporter

MCPHERSON: We held our annual father and son banquet April 6. About 90 attended....We are planning to start our spring project tour as soon as the weather permits. We will give prizes for the best farming programs....Arthur Krehbiel was elected secretary to take the place of LeRoy Rowley....We held a sheep shearing school in our shop this spring. Several farmers and boys from some of the neighboring schools attended the school....In shop we butchered 150 head of livestock, dipped a car load of seed potatoes, built a 10'X12' brooder house, and are now remodeling the sheep dipping vat which we plan to use again this summer....We plan to purchase three Duroc gilts to add to our swine cooperative project. This will make a total of six gilts.

--Lloyd Peterson, Reporter

HOWARD: Our chapter has just finished a pest hunt. We are planning a line party to the show and will invite the girls who served at our annual Parent and Son Banquet....Our chapter is planning to have a farm machinery sale this fall.

--Doan Matthew, Reporter

PAXICO: Our annual Parent and Son Banquet was held February 22. There were 75 present....The FFA boys have planted cedars and shrubbery around the school building. The shrubs and trees were purchased by the Board of Education....A seed treater was made by the agriculture boys for treating seed. Several seed samples were tested for germination..

--Thomas Scheutz, Reporter

RAMONA: Our active membership includes every boy in school. The number of alumni members who are in service doubles our active membership.... Our chapter is conducting a wheat variety test in cooperation with KSC.... The chapter had a project tour May 1. All projects were visited and soil test samples taken from the fields. Reports were made on all animals carried as a project....Our shop now has approximately \$800 worth of new equipment which is available for use in our shop work....An epidemic of Hog Cholera played havoc with one boy's hog project. He lost 5 head. The cold wet weather and the muddy corrals have caused heavy losses among lambs and other young livestock.

--Eugene Kleiber, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Election of officers for 1944-45 was held April 21, and they were installed at the last meeting of the school year....Twelve chapter farmers received their pins in April....Three meetings will be held during the summer....100 service stars representing former FFA members are on the school service flag. There are also two gold stars....Lawrence was well represented in the State FFA meeting. We had two successful candidates for the State Farmer degree and Earl Mitchell won the State FFA Public Speaking Contest. We entered the Better Chapter contest and received Silver Emblem Classification.

--Harley Yoder, Reporter

ATWOOD: Our chapter has 40 active members. Officers are Victor Holthus, president; Jim Dixon, vice president; Francis Neuhart, secretary; Kermit Fikan, treasurer; and Lester Pianalto, reporter....We have been helping in the war effort to the best of our ability. Probably our greatest accomplishment has been the work the members have done in agricultural enterprises.... At present our chapter members have the following projects: 18 brood sows, 65 fattening hogs, 38 beef animals, 29 sheep, 35 dairy cattle, 775 chickens and 429 acres of crop land....We have purchased, treated and sold 12,000 pounds of seed potatoes to farmers....We have \$2,384.75 in bonds and stamps and \$800 invested in farm machinery and equipment....Along with the effort on the farm front we have also enjoyed some recreation to stimulate interest. Our recreation includes one night meeting each month. We have had a basketball tournament, one school dance, one school assembly program, and have plans for another one....We have raised funds by money taken in at the dance, profit cleared on seed potatoes, and chapter dues. Some of these funds will be used to equip the chapter meeting room, recreation and food at night meetings, and parties. The remainder will be carried over in the treasury.

--Lester Pianalto, Reporter

SOLDIER: Our chapter held a Father-Son banquet Friday, May 5. Jarrel Barnes, junior, received his State Farmer Degree at Manhattan, April 29. He is the third boy from our school to receive this degree....On April 10, we had our annual date party.

--Albert McClacherty, Reporter



## Chapter News, Continued

WATERVILLE: Our chapter parent-son banquet was held March 10. 90 members and parents were present....We realized a profit of \$40 by banding trees this year. Part of the money will be used to pay the expenses of our fishing party which is to be held this spring....We finished hauling our scrap metal and have cleaned around the school building in accordance with Kansas clean-up week....Raymond Lindquist was a successful State Farmer candidate this year from our chapter.

--Don Gordon, Reporter

SENECA: Our chapter held a public speaking contest and the two winners of the freshman-sophomore division were Wayne Heiniger and Jim Koehler. The two winners of the junior-senior division were Omer Gress and Victor Kramer. The four winners presented their speeches at our Parent-Son banquet held February 28. Winners were Omer Gress and Wayne Heiniger....There were 110 present at the banquet....Our chapter is planning to go on a skating party May 9....Our chapter will award FFA letters to eight members. To earn a letter the member must have 70 points. The points are based on grades, talks at meetings, public speaking contests, writing FFA news and approved farm practices....Our chapter plans to hold monthly meetings during the summer....Our chapter advisor and four delegates attended the State Convention at Manhattan, April 29. ...Our officers for next year are: Jim Koehler, president; Charles Gress, vice president; Merle McQuaid, secretary; Don Fairfield, treasurer; Wayne Heiniger, reporter.

--Wayne Heiniger, Reporter

BURLINGTON: We have elected our officers for next year. They are: Wayne Keith, president; Everett Giesy, vice president; Bill Giesy, secretary; Jarold Sparks, treasurer, George Hegwald, reporter; Marlen Redding, sentinel; Edward Earnshaw, program chairman. Mr. Wm. Patterson, former vocational agriculture teacher, has resigned because of doctor's orders. Mr. Patterson spent a month in the hospital as a result of a relapse after an operation he had during Christmas vacation. Mr. Frank Stickler has been hired to take Mr. Patterson's place during the remainder of the school year.

--Jarold Sparks, Reporter

COLUMBUS: We completed our annual pest eradication contest....We have been testing corn, oats, sorghum, and soybean seed this spring and have found a number of samples of oats and sorghums that have been low in germination. November 17, 1943, we purchased 15 head of pigs which averaged 38 pounds per head and fed them ground wheat and supplement. The hogs were sold in April and averaged 264 pounds per head. We realized a profit of \$115.26 on this project.

--Donald Hefley, Reporter

HORTON: Our chapter held its Parent and Son Banquet, March 28. 35 members and parents attended. In the N.E. Ayrshire show held at Horton April 24, members of our chapter won the following awards: first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth highest individuals in the Junior Judging Contest.... Rain has interfered with our tree planting project.

--Donald Yockey, Reporter



## Chapter News, Continued

WELLSVILLE: The bonds and stamps bought by our members this year total \$736.30....Our average investment in farming programs is \$204....Our farm machinery sale held April 22, represented a well balanced shop program.... The following machines were built or repaired in shop and some of them were sold at the sale: 5 mowing machines, 1 manure spreader, 2 discs, 1 corn planter, 3 drills, 3 corn shellers, 1 combine, 3 wheel barrows, 1 buck rake, 7 feed bunks, 5 hay racks, 6 wagon boxes, 3 hog houses, 5 mash feeders, 1 stock rack, 1 two-row curler. Two motors were installed.

--Lou Seyler, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our officers are: Lester Gassert, president; Lee Tauby, vice-president; Maurice Graham, secretary; Roy Gauby, treasurer; Dean Stratton, reporter. Our adviser is Harold Frank. Eleven members have been initiated into our chapter this year....\$170 worth of garden seeds have been sold.... For recreation at the meetings, the boys play basketball, volleyball and ping-pong....Plans are being made for an all day project tour together with a picnic and for a fishing trip after school is out.

--Dean Stratton, Reporter

HLAWATHA: Our chapter elected their officers for the year 1944-45 at the regular meeting April 12. They are: Dwight Beckwith, president; Marvin Sabbert, vice president; Frank Allee, secretary; Jack Howard, treasurer; Wayne Meyer, reporter; Dean Wagner, sentinel. These officers were initiated May 10....Two delegates, Dwight Beckwith and Frank Allee, attended the state FFA meeting at Manhattan....Willis Pope, a junior, won our chapter Public Speaking Contest....Raymond Punagel and Jack Howard are to receive the two gilts which the chapter's gilt has produced. At the present they weigh approximately 285 pounds.

--Bob Goodwin, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: We have elected the following officers for the coming year: Junior Sawyer, president, Elmer Olandt, vice president; Louis Carter, treasurer, Francis Nutsch, reporter, Pearl Menko, secretary; Calvin Grover, sentinel. These boys are to conduct summer meetings and if our adviser, Mr. Dewey, enters the armed services, they are to maintain an active organization.... We sold our two fat steers for \$15 per Cwt. and the hogs for \$13.50 per Cwt.... Two of the boys have sold their feeder lambs and realized a substantial profit. Louis Carter sold his lambs for \$15.75 per Cwt....We have ordered and received 1,000 trees to be set out on the boys' farms as an improvement project.... All officers with Adviser Dewey attended the State FFA convention....Duaine Sawin was raised to the State Farmer degree. Our chapter has a total of 19 State Farmers now.

--Louis Carter, Reporter

HARPER: Our chapter presented a program for the Lions Club, March 9, and a high school assembly program March 17....The classes in agriculture have made a number of germination and purity tests for the farmers of the community.... The second and third year boys attended the sheep shearing school at Argonia.... The chapter attended a sheep judging school at Danville, sponsored by the Harper County Farm Bureau. The following boys tied for first place in the contest: Bill Greve, Bill Jacobs, Jimmie Wone, Edward Adams, Norman Marvin, and Francis Olivier. Officers elected for next year: Leonard Wedman, president, Bill Greve, vice president; Francis Olivier, secretary; Albert Freeman, treasurer, Bob Greve, reporter, John Russell, sentinel.

--Francis Olivier, Reporter

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