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I Am An American--
I Am A Believer In

THE AMERICAN CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

--William Tyler Page

Adopted by the Government Committee on Publication, and accepted, April 3, 1918, by the House of Representatives, on behalf of the American people.

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ANNOUNCING

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will be held at K.S.C., Manhattan, Kansas, April 27 and 28, 1942. Announcement folders and entry blanks for the agricultural, farm mechanics, and FFA contests are being mailed to all chapters. May we suggest that all advisors and chapter officers give close attention to rules, procedures, and closing dates.

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F.F.A. CALENDAR

State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book, if called for...April 13
Public Speaking entry and manuscript.....April 13
Better Chapter Contest Report.....April 13
Annual Meeting of Kansas Association.....April 27-28

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AMERICAN FARMER

Kansas hopes to be in a position to recommend five candidates for the American Farmer degree at the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America to be held at Kansas City, October, 1942. The applications must be in the mails by May 1, 1942. Professor L. F. Hall and a representative of the state department will visit all American Farmer candidates during the latter part of March and recommendations will be made to the State Executive Committee on April 15. The following points will be carefully checked by representatives of State Department for Vocational Education:

1. Will the candidate have held the Degree of State Farmer for at least one year by the next national F.F.A. convention?
2. Is the candidate in active membership status and has he been an active member of the F.F.A. continuously for at least three years?
3. Does the candidate have a satisfactory record of participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association?
4. Has the candidate completed at least three years of vocational agriculture of (if less than a three year program) all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended?
5. Does the candidate have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth and increase in scope?
6. Are the candidate's summary records complete, accurate and neat?
7. Has the candidate earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500?
8. Was two-thirds or more of this \$500 derived from his supervised farming program?
9. Does candidate show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation?
10. Has candidate been in the upper 40 per cent of his class in school in all subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction?

The score card for scoring American Farmer candidates as set up by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America follows:

Items	Points Allowed
I. In-School and Out-of-School Supervised Farming Program.....	400
II. Earnings and Income from sources other than Supervised Farming Program.....	100

American Farmer (Concluded)

Items	Points Allowed
III. Present Financial Statement.....	100
IV. Leadership and Cooperative Activities.....	300
V. Scholarship.....	100
Total.....	1000

*In case little or no income is reported under Section II of the candidate's application and he has already met his \$500 minimum requirements under Section I, allow 500 points rather than 400 points in scoring Section I. In such instance, allow no score under Section II.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Many Kansas FFA chapters publish a program of activities to be distributed to parents, school board members, and friends in the community. The following suggestions for preparing such programs, taken from the Utah FFA "Spotlight" are of interest:

1. Printed or mimeographed cover page, preferably in colors, but reflecting the individuality of the chapter.
2. List of national, state and local officers, together with advisory and chapter committees.
3. List of active members, by high school year or highest degree held.
4. Calendar of events for the year, by months.
5. Specific chapter activities planned in the nine divisions of supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership, scholarship, meetings, thrift, recreation and publicity.
6. A copy of the chapter budget for the year.
7. The annual financial report of the chapter treasurer for the previous year.
8. Farming programs planned by each individual member for at least a three-year period in the future, giving name of the member, scope of present and planned future production, supplementary and home improvement programs, etc.
9. The Future Farmer motto and creed. Remember that these may be familiar to the chapter members--the program of activities is for those you wish to acquaint with your program.

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The United States flag is the third oldest of the national standards of the world--older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France. It was first authorized by Congress, June 14, 1777. This date is now observed as Flag Day throughout the country. The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, N. Y., on August 3, 1777, and was first under fire three days later in the Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

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NEW \$25 DEFENSE BOND AVAILABLE TO F.F.A. CHAPTERS

The following information has just been received from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., and will answer many questions which have been raised regarding this matter over a period of several months:

"At any time after January 1, 1942, there are available \$25 (maturity value) United States Savings Bonds of Defense Series F, the issue price of which is \$18.50. The sale of Defense Savings Bonds of Series E was restricted to individuals. Therefore, many small associations found it difficult or impossible to participate in the Defense Savings Program, as the smallest denomination issued to them, prior to January 1942, was the \$100 denomination of Defense Series F. With the addition of this new \$25 Bond, the participation of these small associations will be greatly encouraged.

"Series F Defense Bonds are twelve-year Bonds, issued on the discount basis, the issue price being 74 per cent of their maturity value if held to maturity. The investment yield is 2.53 per cent compounded semi-annually. These bonds are redeemable before maturity at the option of the owners at fixed redemption values.

"Bonds of Defense Series F are issued only by the Federal Reserve Banks and the Treasury Department, but commercial banks generally handle applications."

We are certain that this information will be of special interest in all states.

--Signed, W. A. Ross

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FFA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET

The State Executive Committee of the State Association of Future Farmers of America will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 15, at 10:00 a. m. The meeting will convene in the office of Dean L. E. Call, Division of Agriculture. The principal business of the meeting will be a review of the State and American Farmer applications. Members of the State Executive Committee are: Supervisor L. B. Pollom, State Supervisor of Agriculture; Dr. W. E. Grimes, head of the Department of Economics and Sociology; Professor A. P. Davidson, State Executive Advisor; Professor L. F. Hall, State Executive Secretary; L. E. Melia, President of the KVAA; George Stelter, President of the Kansas Association of F.F.A.

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According to vision experts, the human eye is ten times more alert than the ear, and thirty times more alert than the nose. The eye can detect an increase of one per cent in visual brightness, but tone intensity must be increased ten per cent before the ear notices any change in sound; and an odor must be increased a third before the nose is aware of change.

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THE F.F.A. FLAG SALUTE

The F.F.A. salute to the Flag is described on page 12 of the official F.F.A. Manual. This explanation is made in order to answer certain questions which have been raised regarding its origin and use.

Our point of view, nationally, is that we are more concerned with the fact that a good loyal and patriotic member does salute the Flag of the United States of America than with the manner in which the salute is given. Second, we maintain that an organization has the right to adopt its own salute when there is no one official approved salute for the country as a whole. Third, attention is called to the fact that the use of the F.F.A. salute exclusively is not required by the organization.

An F.F.A. salute was developed because in F.F.A. meetings it was observed that some members used one salute and some another; lack of uniformity made the saluting of the Flag less impressive than it should have been. Leaders, therefore, recognized the need for a standard salute typical of the organization but with no thought whatever that this salute only could be used. Such matters are up to the various F.F.A. units to decide upon as they see fit. Our suggestion is, however, that each local chapter, district organization, and state association agree upon one salute to the Flag and use it.

The following article by Carl Jessen of the U.S. Office of Education supports the viewpoints just expressed.--W. A. Ross.

THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Inquiries which come to the United States Office of Education from time to time indicate that the pledge to the flag is given in a number of different ways in the schools. These variations are natural and to be expected since there is no "one, official, and prescribed" way of giving the pledge to the flag.

The National Flag Conference of 1923, and the Second National Flag Conference the following year, adopted minor modifications in the original pledge which had been in use for many years previous to that time. The pledge thus modified is now universally used, but the method of rendering it varies.

The flag code as modified by the Second National Flag Conference contains the following suggestions regarding the salute when giving the pledge to the flag:

"Standing with the right hand over the heart, all the pupils repeat together the following pledge:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"At the words 'to the Flag,' the right hand is extended, palm upward, toward the flag, and this position is held to the end. After the words, 'justice for all,' the hand drops to the side."

One needs always to bear in mind that patriotism and loyalty to our country are not to be measured by form. Perhaps that is the reason that over the years no one official way of giving the pledge to the flag has been prescribed.

An alternative method of pledging allegiance to the flag is that followed in New York. The pledge is identical with the one described above except that the right hand military salute is submitted for the extended arm gesture.--By Carl A. Jessen, Senior Specialist in Secondary Education, U. S. Office of Education, in cooperation with the United States Flag Association and appearing in the January 1941 issue of SCHOOL LIFE, Volume 26, Number 4, Page 121.

"OUR BEST"

"'God Bless America' we sing--
But do we do our best
To help her in her time of need
When we're put to the test?

American FREEDOM & LIBERTY
These words are often stressed,
No nation in this whole wide world
Has been so truly blest!

Let's cease to grumble and complain
United we must stand
We ALL must work--and watch and pray--
KEEP FREE OUR OWN FAIR LAND!"

Mrs. W. W. Wagoner
Ishpeming, Michigan

(From the North Dakota Future Farmer)

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RANK

In the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer will be run a classified list of the FFA chapters in Kansas. The percentage of paid-up membership in the FFA on the basis of total enrollment in vocational agriculture, as submitted by the State Department for Vocational Education as of October 1, 1941, will be the basis of the classification. We hope that your chapter will be in the group of 100 per cent plus.

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A "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" ITEM

It is difficult to believe that one could drive an automobile thirty-three miles with both eyes closed. Science claims that many of us have performed such a feat. Explanation. Blinking has been investigated by scientists at the American Optical Company. They discovered that it requires one-fifth of a second to blink, and that a person blinks twenty-five times a minute. If you averaged fifty miles an hour on a motor trip of ten hours, you would drive thirty-three miles with your eyes shut.

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The new official master map of the United States today shows 505,000,000 acres of public domain still unsurveyed after 150 years. Officials estimate that there are 127,000,000 unchartered acres in continental United States and 376,000,000 in Alaska.

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According to the January-February, 1942, issue of the Lone Star Farmer, official FFA organ for the Texas Association, \$177,847.05 worth of Defense Bonds and Stamps have been purchased by the Future Farmers of Texas.

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ACROSS THE BORDER F.F.A. NEWS

(Items furnished by W. A. Ross, National Executive F.F.A. Secretary)

NEBRASKA: 1941 Star American Farmer, Duane Munter of Randolph, produced and sold from his farm, last year, 53,000 pounds of pork, beef, mutton, and poultry products. Lumir Kubicek, 1941 American Farmer, of Crete, sold poultry products totaling over \$4,000. These young men have been "teaming up" and speaking at "Food for Victory" programs.

TEXAS: Four thousand members attended F.F.A. day at the Houston Fat Stock Show February 14.

MINNESOTA: Members of the Staples Chapter recently completed a salvage project that included scrap paper, magazines, and newspapers; 19 tons of paper was collected for which \$300 was received. Fifty dollars was donated to the Red Cross.

WEST VIRGINIA: At the second annual Ham, Bacon, and Egg show held February 28 to March 2 in Charleston, emphasis was given by members of the West Virginia Association to farm production as a defense measure. Exhibits stressed the improved curing of meats and the grading of eggs.

OREGON: Ten of the 55 chapters have collected and sold 87 tons of scrap iron and purchased \$1,152.15 worth of defense bonds and stamps.

IOWA: The Iowa Falls Duroc Breeders Association, subsidiary of the Iowa Falls chapter, held fall and winter sales of stock which netted the members a total of \$6,081. Last November these boys purchased and mixed cooperatively 34,400 pounds of protein and mineral supplement for their swine projects. Recently another mix of the same supplement totaled 47,000 pounds.

KANSAS: The Kansas Association recently purchased a \$1,000 defense bond.

VERMONT: Winter carnivals are in progress. Chapters from 3 districts have met, so far, for all-day sessions on a Saturday. Events include cross country and downhill skiing, log-chopping, and basketball with a big dance in the evening.

GEORGIA: The Georgia Association reports the purchase of a \$1,000 national defense bond.

OHIO: The Germantown "Future Farmers" have on sale in the chapter room defense bonds and stamps. They have already sold a large number of stamps as well as one \$100 and one \$50 bond.

ALABAMA: The Alabama Association has purchased a \$1,000 national defense bond.

SPECIAL: Wedding Bells! Past national officers Ivan Kindschi of Wisconsin and Billy B. Bryan of Arkansas who both served during the year 1939-40 were married on the same day--February 14. Neither knew of the other's intentions.

CHAPTER NOTES

WASHBURN: Our chapter is going "all-out-for-National Defense". We are conducting a waste paper drive and have collected 1500 pounds. We will buy Defense stamps with the proceeds. Our president, Lawrence Kneale, is asking that 100 per cent of the FFA boys raise a Victory garden....Our chapter together with the home economics girls had a carnival. The profit was \$50.... In our shop we are working on 2 plows, 5 discs, 9 gas engines, 1 dipping tank, 1 mower, 1 car engine, 1 concrete mixer, 3 self feeders for hogs, 1 set of harness, 3 cultivators, 1 grain drill, tractor, a manure spreader and a portable hog house....Our chapter has 13 purebred Duroc gilts. We hope to have one-third of the gilts qualify for production records this year.There are 24 active members in our chapter....Byron Cazier is our candidate for State Farmer....In our shop we have mixed mineral using steamed bone meal, salt, and ground limestone. We sold the mineral to the boys of the FFA who have gilts....Our chapter sold advertisement for the basket ball tournament schedule for the East Central League....We also sold approximately \$50 worth of garden seed.

--Howard Hansford, Reporter

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our chapter has been working on Defense program activities. This work includes collecting scrap iron (4720 lbs. to date), 500 pounds of waste paper, Victory gardens, increased home meat supply, machinery repair, and many other things. At present 29 members are planning Victory gardens. Altogether, our members plan to raise additional field crops (over original plans of January 1) as follows: 48 acres field corn and 100 acres soybeans. Several have not completed plans. We also plan to raise meat for home butchering as follows: 28 hogs, 12 beef animals and a large number of poultry. So far we have removed 78 livestock hazards from our home farms this year.... We gave a benefit minstrel show on February 19 for raising money to buy a Defense bond and for a Red Cross donation. One \$25 bond has been purchased and the amount of the Red Cross donation will depend on the amount of expenses for the show which had not been determined at the time this was written....Our new electric seed testing machine is busy testing seed for patrons of this district....We will have a new building by next fall. This will include a large shop, classroom, FFA reading room, broiler battery room, plenty of storage space, a dressing room and tool room....Our FFA basket ball team was successful this season. Our "A" team won all 7 games with a total of 178 points to our opponent's 50. Our "B" team lost one game and won six with 92 total points to our opponent's 27.

--Lawrence Zillhart, Reporter

ELDORADO: The 150 chickens which are growing in our shop weigh one lb. at 6 weeks of age. They are to be killed and dressed by the boys for our parent and son banquet, April 2....We are starting 50 cockerels of outstanding blood lines to put out in our community to improve poultry flocks....We are planning a $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre potato project for the Red Cross. The Chamber of Commerce provides the ground, the International Implement Company the equipment, and potatoes and labor are furnished by the FFA....We have made 50 dehorning irons and 6 gravity seed treaters for the Farm Bureau. The past month we have repaired 2 hayracks, 1 drill, 2 gates, 1 cultivator, 2 harrows, built 1-2 unit farrowing house, 9 seed treaters, 3 hog troughs, 1-350 chicken brooder for REA and completed several small jobs....Old iron is being collected by the class.... Our shop will be open for farmers to repair farm machinery starting in March, and every boy is planning a farm garden.

--Donald Hossman, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

SOUTH HAVEN: Our recent chapter activities as a whole have "National Emergency" as the motive back of them. We have bought one Defense bond and have collected about 100 old tires to pay for the major part of another bond. We have now changed the old tire program so that every boy bringing in old tires receives his pay in Defense stamps. About 50 per cent of our members now are buying stamps and we wish to increase this number to 100 per cent. We have recently conducted an egg campaign, a garden program, and a burlap sack survey. The first two were to increase and step up interest in home production. The burlap sack survey was for the purpose of conserving burlap sacks on each member's home farm....As an attendance stimulant at regular meetings we have a weight contest in progress which will last several months. Sides have been arranged and points are counted by weight of members. It is interesting to see how the members increase in weight from month to month. We have also hold two Defense stamp drawings. Six 10 cent stamps were given to those lucky enough to have their names drawn....Our rodent contest ended with the North side as winners and about 1500 less sparrows, starlings, mice, and rats in the community....The Senior class FFA members are sponsoring a chapter hotbed for tomato plants....Our chapter as well as most other chapters, has a number of former members serving in the Army or Navy, or in defense industry. One of them, Rex Wise, was reported missing after Pearl Harbor.

--Lynn Kubik, Reporter

BUHLER: A party was given the V.H.M. club on February 11. Twenty girls and 25 boys were present. Entertainment consisted of apple peeling contest, nail driving contest, Dr. I.Q. Quiz and a liar's contest. Believe me there were plenty of lies. Refreshments were pumpkin chiffon pie, ice cream and coco cola. The pumpkin was canned by the late Mrs. J. A. Johnson....The chapter purchased 2 Duroc sows in December. Homer Nikkel, our State Farmer candidate, and Junior Stoughton have the sows. Homer's 9 pigs weighed 395 lbs. at 58 days....The following community service jobs have been completed: treated 488 bushels oats, 208 bushels barley for smut, 20 head cattle for grubs, dehorned 10 head of cattle, castrated 25 calves, castrated 50 pigs, docked 130 lambs, banded 4 trees with tanglefoot and trimmed 15 trees....One \$25 Defense bond has been bought by the chapter. Several members have purchased bonds and stamps individually....238 packages of garden seeds have been sold....20 boys are planting gardens....The chapter is growing a community garden. The V.H.M. girls will can the vegetables grown, the school will pay the expenses, and the food will be used for the school lunch program.. Defense work includes repairing spike tooth harrows, a mower, manure spreader, side delivery rake, disk harrow, 2 horn shellers, spades, hammers, hatchets, axes, saws; constructing 2 hog houses, 3 large self feeders, wash line posts, automatic hog waterers, and hotbeds.

--Bob Sawatzky, Reporter

CENTRALIA: Our shop jobs consist of building self feeding hog feeders, chicken feeders, tables, lawn chairs, sheet metal work and repairing farm machinery such as, harrows and mowing machines....On field trips the boys attended a farm sale and have butchered 2 hogs and 2 beoves....The date for our parent-son banquet has been set for March 16....March 1 our pest eradication contest closed. The two captains were Kenneth Newman and Byron Murphy.

--Robert Drum, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

OLATHE: This year the Olathe chapter continued its hog project program. The boys chose young gilts from the chapter, bred them, and raised pigs. The boys turned back two gilts weighing 200 pounds each....Our chapter recently took a trip to Colorado and western Kansas. Mr. Raines, our instructor, the bus driver and 26 boys went on a 1700 mile trip. Each boy contributed \$5 and the chapter furnished the rest. The boys were gone 7 days and had a wonderful time....We recently held our parent-son banquet. The principal and several others were guest speakers....The Junior Livestock Show was held at the gym and shop building. Gardner and Olathe members participated....Lavern Oltmer, Henry Schlagel and John Walters are Olathe FFA members holding the State Farmer degree, and Lavern Oltmer is treasurer of the Kansas Association of F.F.A. John Walters is a candidate for the American Farmer degree and Richard Sackman is a candidate for the State Farmer degree....Our chapter holds meetings every month and after the meeting, the members meet with the homemaking girls for games and refreshments....The chapter has played quite a few basketball games and are having a fair share of luck. They have played all the neighboring chapters....The chapter is getting 1-3 of the profits selling boxes of garden and flower seeds for a seed company....The livestock class has dehorned cattle, castrated hogs, sheep, and cattle, docked lambs, and judged cattle, sheep and hogs....Eight or 9 hog houses have been built in the shop.

--Bob Williams, Reporter

MOUND CITY: Our chapter is gathering old papers for the purpose of buying a Defense bond. Our shop is now opened to farmers so they may make repairs on their machinery....We have been doing various community services. Jobs which have been completed since December 1 are as follows: vaccinated 251 hogs and calves, butchered 11 hogs, masculated 12 bulls, castrated 35 pigs, deloused, wormed, and culled 450 chickens, wormed 72 hogs, docked 6 lambs, and banded 25 elm trees....Several of the boys entered a 10 ear sample of DeKalb seed corn at the Corn and Sorghum Show which was held December 3. Wesley Harper received first place and was awarded a half bushel of the DeKalb seed corn....Our pest eradication contest which started December 17, closed March 1....We have done a number of shop jobs, made a 10 foot hog trough, 2 wagon boxes, overhauled different kinds of furniture, made chisels, punches and oiled several sets of harness at 75 cents a set....February 2, a meeting was held and the initiation of 10 Green Hands and 13 Future Farmers took place....We have been asked to broadcast over KMBC May 9. Our subject will be, "Pest Eradication as an Aid to National Defense"....The chapter is making money now by selling garden seeds....Two purebred Duroc gilts purchased at Carter Fultz's sale at Osawatonic were recently placed with two FFA boys....Mr. Raines gave a meat cutting demonstration before the FHA and FFA on February 4.

--J. B. New, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: During February the Phillipsburg chapter chose sides for buying Defense stamps. Our chapter has also purchased stamps....Two tractors and 3 cars have been overhauled in our shop....The FFA boys are planning to help raise Victory gardens....Our team placed fourth among 10 teams at the hog judging contest in Smith county....We butchered and are curing our own hams for the annual Round-Up to be held March 23. Our theme is, "To Nurturo a Love for Country Life". Professor Quinlan from Kansas State College is going to show us colored pictures of Kansas....At present we have 240 chicks as a cooperative broiler project managed by the No. 10 class.

--Charles Meracle, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

BLUE RAPIDS: The first night meeting this semester was in charge of the officers who invited all the members in the vocational agriculture department to attend. The program was built on a contest basis with a small prize for the three high scores....The FFA sponsored a garden program in the high school assembly February 27, with Gail Skalla in charge. After several talks we showed several movies on gardening through the cooperation of the high school office and the county farm bureau....The farmers of the community have been repairing farm machinery in our shop each Tuesday evening or at other convenient times when arrangements may be made....The local chapter and vocational agriculture department have charge of contacting each farmer in our township on the Victory garden program. We have located each farmer on the map and designated a committee to take charge of each part of the township.

--James Strador, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: We have been busy doing various jobs the past year. 700 head of sheep were drenched last fall, 80 pigs castrated, 50 head of pigs wormed, 7 hogs, 1 beef, and 4 lambs butchered, and 200 head of lambs castrated and docked....The chapter voted to have day meetings instead of night meetings. This will save tires and gasoline which is very essential in National Defense....The boys have cleared three lots on which they plan to plant a garden consisting mostly of potatoes and some other vegetables... Some of the boys have been building A-type hog houses and have helped build a four-wheel wagon trailer combination for Superintendent Perry....Our chapter has been gathering paper for Defense. At present around 1900 pounds of scrap metal and paper have been collected and sold. Half the money is given to the Red Cross and the other goes to the chapter....The boys have sold \$50 worth of garden seeds. One-third of this amount is profit.... The sheep shearing machine is being repaired so the agriculture boys can start shearing the first of April....We have a two man outfit. There are 4 or 5 boys who can shear sheep and many freshmen want to learn.

--Wayne Smith, Reporter

HALSTEAD: Our agriculture classes have been shingling a barn in our community....We will construct the rafters, put on the shooting, and shingle a community-built scout cabin as our contribution to the Scout cabin project.... Our chapter held a pest eradication contest during the months of December and January....We are selling garden seeds for Victory gardens and we have also planted some tomato seeds in the shop for those who want young plants.... We are carrying on a breeding and feeding chick project. We purchased 29 male White Rocks. We intend to sell them dressed....Our chapter made a success in selling popcorn this year at the football and basketball games. We sold 122 pounds which netted us a gross profit of \$33....December 29 we held a roller skating party....Our chapter is planning to have our achievement banquet March 31, with approximately 60 guests present....For National Defense we are collecting paper to buy Defense bonds and stamps.

--Henry Nightingale, Reporter

BAZINE: Members of our chapter with the cooperation of the community are gathering waste paper to help with the National Defense. We made a baler to use in this work....Our chapter members with the help of the farmers are building brooder houses. Gifts in return for building these brooder houses are being put into the FFA treasury. The chapter has also completed 16 feed bunks....A Defense school is being organized and will be in progress as soon as the equipment arrives.

--Lyle Schaben, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

HAVENSVILLE: Our big item for a number of the boys was a trip to Washington, D.C. last summer. While there we were dinner guests of Senator Capper and Representative Rees at the Capitol....One of our FFA projects is a Duroc Jersey sow and 7 shoats averaging 100 pounds each. We want to sell them in April for at least \$150. We also have 7 ewes and 8 lambs. The lambs are weighing about 40 pounds now and we want to sell them for around \$75 the latter part of May....We want to buy Defense bonds in the amount of \$250 before school is out....Our 8 acres of corn yielded 245 bushels; 3 acres of Atlas sorgo yielded 120 bushels; 2 acres of alfalfa yielded 15 tons of hay; and 1 acre of oats yielded 61 bushels....We have butchered 57 hogs and 8 beeves this winter. We butchered 12 hogs in 3 days....In shop we have made 3 wagon boxes, 2 two-wheeled trailers, 2 portable calf barns, 2 hay racks, 5 hog houses, a body for a truck, and a poultry house. We have overhauled or repaired the following: 3 manure spreaders, 2 tractors, 2 wagons, and 1 trailer. We have shingled 2 barns and a house.

--Delbert Kolterman, Reporter

KENSINGTON: Our chapter has been busy recently organizing a Victory garden campaign in town. Our goal is "Every family with available space have a garden, properly planned, planted, and cared for". We will supervise the installation of sub-irrigation tile for those who wish it....A cooperative hotbed project is being sponsored by the No. 10 class....Our chapter cooperated with the Smith Center and Lebanon chapters, and the county agent in holding a swine judging contest in connection with Mr. Verne Albrecht's purebred Duroc sale, February 7. The Red Cloud, Nebraska, FFA chapter placed first....Our annual stunt night will be held this month. We will give Defense stamps as prizes....Our banquet will be held the last of the month....We are making plans to double our production of poultry and eggs, pork, and sheep this season....Shop time has been spent overhauling motors, mowers, reconditioning shop tools, constructing sheep, hog, and chicken feeders, and building hog troughs, as well as practice on the "skill" jobs for all three classes.

--Eldon True, Reporter

KINGMAN: The Kingman chapter has been helping with National Defense by sponsoring the sale and distribution of National Defense stamps. To date the members have bought \$14.90 in stamps with the loose change in their pockets which otherwise would have gone for something less useful....In shop the boys have worked on 2 garden plows, 1 combine motor, 1 two-wheel trailer, 1 disc harrow, and 3 gas engines....Garden seed has been purchased for resale in the community. Another project which has been carried on is the collection of old paper. We have a baler available for bailing the paper....25 White Rock chicks have been purchased and put in the Purina brooder in the school shop. We are mixing our own feed this year, using the K.P.I.A. mash. All the profit from these chicks will go toward buying a Defense bond. We plan to market the chickens at $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds....Plans for the parent-son banquet are under way, but no definite date has been set....Projects in the farm shop which have come in recently are: 1 set stock racks, 1 feed bunk for cattle, 2 flower boxes, 1 livestock spray apparatus, and 2 mortar boxes.

--Hobart Campbell, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CONCORDIA: We have started a campaign to collect waste paper. The boys are bringing the paper to the shop where it is baled and later sold. We are also making an effort to collect scrap iron and other scrap material, and the money taken in from these materials will be used mainly for buying Defense bonds.... Many of our boys are busy repairing farm machinery for themselves or neighbors. ...Our members are selling garden seeds cooperatively....Most of our boys are planning on Victory gardens, and a few of our members are helping in the Victory garden campaign in their township....We are hearing some good reports from our members on early lambs and pigs....We are planning on holding our annual parent and son banquet soon. A part of the program will be a play presented by some of our members....Our FFA basketball teams played the Belleville boys and won both games....Our candidates for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarship are Ray Doyon, our president, and Robert Winteroth, our vice president of the chapter. Ray is also a candidate for the American Farmer degree and Robert is a candidate for the State Farmer degree. We wish them luck.

--Howard Doyon, Reporter

ELLIS: We had our parent and son banquet January 27 and had 125 guests. The main feature was the showing of the picture, "Parade of Progress." The chapter gave each boy a Defense stamp book with \$1.00 worth of stamps in each book. These were presented at the banquet. The banquet was served by the vocational homemaking girls. The scholarship contest ends this week and the side having the highest average will be given a party by the losing side....The boys are repairing a wheat binder which was wrecked last fall, and are urging their parents and neighbors to repair machinery for spring and summer use. In shop, a hay rack, a 2-wheel trailer, and a range chicken feeder are being completed. Mowing machines, cultivators, etc., are to be brought in the next week or two for repairs. We are making a list of old repairs which are on various farms, and which will be available for use in the community.

--Ralph Niernberger, Reporter

PRATT: February 10, six of our boys put on a radio program at Dodge City. "Our Farming Program" was the theme used on the broadcast....We are collecting waste paper and iron. We have secured a paper baler and our ag students bale the paper. We have sold \$9.00 worth of paper and five tons of iron. All money received will go to purchase Defense bonds....In shop, besides our small odd jobs, Gene Mott is building a hog house and Melvin Scott is building a self feeder for hogs. At odd times we are all working on the construction of a dipping vat. We are planning to dip sheep for farmers and charge for it until the vat is paid for. Then we dip them for cost....We are working on three motors, a tractor motor, a Chevrolet motor and a Hercules combine motor. Forrest Raney is demonstrating chicks fed on Purina chick feed. He has 25 chicks in an electric brooder now. He plans to put 75 or more through, 25 at a time. ...Pat Greer is selling pure bred polled Hereford calves as they drop at \$30 a head. Many of our FFA members are buying them.

--Fred Bennett, Reporter

LONGFORD: In the past two months we have completed an A-type hog house and 10 or more concrete hog troughs, repaired and painted a tandem disk and have repaired two single row and two double row cultivators, one single cylinder gas engine and a 5 foot mowing machines. We will soon complete a cabinet for the home economics department. Our chapter had a pest eradication contest last month. The losers gave the winning side a party. Basketball and many other games were played....We have also started a paper drive for Defense,

--Dale Clemons, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MULVANE: Our chapter initiated 8 members in the Green Hand degree, and raised 13 Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmers....The chapter's pest eradication contest closed March 1...The winning side was treated to a banquet prepared by the losers. February 10 the Mulvane chapter entertained the Oxford chapter. The two chapter basketball teams tangled for a very active game. Refreshments were served following the games....Many of the chapter members finance projects by money borrowed from the Production Credit Corporation. Money from the chapter treasury is used to buy corporation stock....The parent and son banquet was held March 11. A play with an FFA cast was presented as part of the program....February 25 the Mulvane chapter presented a radio program over KFBI, Wichita. The topic was "How FFA Members Can Best Serve in National Defense." This was one of a series of broadcasts over this station by chapters of the south central district....A drive to collect scrap metal has been started in the chapter on a competitive basis as a part of our inter-chapter contest....The chapter recently took a survey of all its former members. Fifteen were engaged in the Aircraft manufacturing industry, five more were in training for such work, nine were in the armed forces of the United States, and 15 are farming for themselves.

--Dale Watson, Reporter

LACYGNE: We have just completed building a hotbed, 30 feet by 7 feet. We will sell what plants the boys will not need on their own home farms....We have been busy in shop repairing and painting farm machinery, some of which are: 6 cultivators, 2 disc cultivators, 2 corn planters, 1 lister, and 1 feed grinder....Eleven chicken feeders have been constructed and one hayrack and one wagon box have also been built. Three gates have been made lately....Our pest eradication contest just closed. The losing side will give a party for the winners....The chapter is selling garden seeds. Candy is also being sold at basketball games and during the noon hours. We made a profit of approximately \$16 the past month....The chapter is planning a horse shoe pitching contest in April. A soft ball team will also be organized....We have seen several picture shows in our classes lately. Some of the pictures shown were: "Worms in Hogs", "Worms in Sheep", "Control of Horse Bots", "Making Steel", "The House Fly", and "Cattle Grubs"....In accordance with the county Defense program the boys have pledged themselves to take care of the home gardens on their farms.

--Ervin Donley, Reporter

MCDONALD: Wilbur Hartman was elected as our new reporter....The pest eradication closed the first semester, with a total of 520 pests killed. The No. 10 and 11 boys won the contest....A total of 2,620 pounds of paper was collected and sold for \$10.08. We also sold \$1.55 worth of scrap iron which we collected around the shop....Fifty of the FFA boys have bought Defense bonds or stamps....In shop 1 manure spreader has been completely overhauled, 2 model A cars overhauled, and 5 feed bunks built; 5 pieces of machinery were painted and 150 feet of rope was made....The parent and son banquet was held February 25. 80 parents and sons and guests were present in spite of the blizzard. Special guests were our county agent, Mr. Flanders, and Mrs. Flanders, Mr. Whipps, the Goodland advisor, and Phil Piles, the chapter president. The theme for the banquet was "National Defense." Miniature trucks loaded with food products, scrap iron and waste paper formed the center pieces on the banquet table....The No. 10 and 11 agriculture boys attended the farm machinery sale at Atwood, Kansas, held some time ago.

--Wilbur Hartman, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

EFFINGHAM: Our organization has been conducting a scrap iron drive and have over four tons of scrap iron. Part of this iron will be bought by the department and the rest will be donated to the American Red Cross. We are also sponsoring a waste paper drive which will be given to the Salvation Army as a donation from our chapter....At the present date we have butchered nine hogs and four beeves....The FFA chapter has purchased six pieces of machinery, which is being over-hauled and repainted and will be resold....Several farmers have brought in machinery to be repaired in our shop....The annual FFA Amateur Hour contest will be held between the dates of March 16 and 24. The final contest will be held at the Effingham High School. Prizes for this contest will be Defense stamps. Our goal for this semester is \$400 in Defense stamps. ...February 4 we entertained the Weston, Missouri, chapter at our night meeting. We initiated 24 boys from our chapter and two boys from their chapter. ...Shop jobs completed this six weeks consist of: 3 wagon boxes, 10 chicken feeders, 6 tool cabinets, 1 hay rack. We have also repaired a mowing machine, manure spreader, stock cutter and 2 cultivators....At the present time the chapter has borrowed over \$2300 from the Atchison Productive Credit Association and loaned it out to different members....Our radio program, "We Are Glad To Be Americans", will be presented over KMBC, April 11.

--Francis Cormode, Reporter

GOODLAND: Our annual parent and son banquet was held December 16. After a delicious meal served by the V.H.M. girls we had a very enjoyable program. The moving picture, "Future Farmers at Work" was shown....After all of our record books had been closed a report filed by the treasurer showed that we had a working capital of \$13,000....Our class project is coming along nicely. We have sold the ten pigs and the sow is bred back. Since she will farrow during March we are planning to keep her until school is out and then sell both her and the pigs....We have ordered trees cooperatively again this year. 1,000 elms and evergreens have been ordered. The freshmen will put their trees in a nursery at the east end of the football field. These trees will be set out next spring....Some of the boys have reported 50 lb. lambs. Tony Martin is the only one who has reported lambs weighing 75 lbs....In shop we have built 2 truck beds and stock racks, 2 loading chutes, 4 A-type hog houses, feed bunks, sheep bunks, nests, sunporches, and many other articles....Five boys, Bob Schindler, William Langhlin, Lowell Simmering, Dale Harding, and Bob Barnes, have 1,250 poults ordered which will arrive about the middle of April....Every boy is planning to have a garden for his farming program. We will make tile for sub-irrigation in shop.

--Bob Barnes, Reporter

HAYS: Our community service includes vaccinating 26 calves for blackleg, 8 for shipping fever; 10 for pink eye; dehorning 41 head of cattle; culling 10 flocks of poultry; castrating 122 pigs; and pruning trees on the campus and in the city. 30 hogs were butchered for \$1.00 per hog and 4 beeves at \$1.50 per head....Our chapter is sponsoring a school for the dads and brothers of our members....The Higher View Dairy will present a 9 months old Holstein heifer to the outstanding FFA member this spring....The ag boys are using the solarium in the science department to grow garden plants for outdoor transplanting. They will grow tomatoes, cabbages, peppers and head lettuce....Ag boys have projects which they value at more than \$5,000. The net worth of vocational agriculture projects, January 1, 1941, was placed at \$3,230.71 while the valuation had increased \$2,150.71 by January 1, 1942, to a total value of \$5,381.31....Our chapter published a supplement to the school paper, February 24, 1942.

--Dean Wahl, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

KISMET: As our part in Defense work we are collecting scrap iron. We plan to salvage old machinery that is not usable any more. We will tear these machines up and if the owner wishes, we will give him the usable bolts and scrap iron....We have begun work on a bulletin board which will be put in town for the use of the farmers or FFA members in posting anything they wish to buy or sell....We plan to buy trees cooperatively for wind breaks around our homes. ...We are going to put on a radio program some time in the near future at Dodge City....We have taken a number of field trips this year doing judging, butchering, and other things....Everybody who has a beef or dairy enterprise treated them with Derris powder for grubs....One large portable hog house and two large hog feeders have been completed with two more hog feeders nearing completion. A hog dipping vat has been made as well as several hog troughs, chicken feeders and sheep feeders.

--Harold Krause, Reporter.

OTTAWA: As Defense activities our chapter has purchased a \$74 bond, is carrying on improved dairy feeding to increase production, and is using Derris powder as a grub and louse preventative....Mr. S. S. Bergsma is our new advisor. Mr. Bergsma is from Howard and is taking the place of Mr. C. O. Banta, who resigned to go to Trinidad, Colo....February 18 we held our annual parents meeting at which we initiated 12 members in the Green Hand degree. Refreshments were served....Some of the shop projects under construction are a self feeder for hogs, a trailer hayrack, wagon box, work bench, a large brooder house and the reconditioning of a mowing machine....We have discontinued our annual poultry judging contest for the duration of the war. This was a recommendation from the state department for vocational education.

--Max Hunter, Reporter

DOWNS: We have made about 100 feed troughs with our special forms. We have also made 75 sub-irrigation tile, which are very good for garden irrigation. ...We have obtained garden seed for our Victory gardens....Our most important jobs in shop are: two circle saws gummed, sharpened, and set; made two blasting wedges, and repaired one mower; three gas engines have been overhauled, timed and cleaned up....We sponsored a demonstration as to how to treat livestock for worms, treating cattle with Derris Dust for warbles, and treating barley and oats with a gravity seed treater, using the Ceresan treatment....We sponsored a wolf hunt recently, and killed three coyotes and many rabbits. ...We recently enjoyed a chicken feed at our advisor's home.

--Duane Huiting, Reporter

BERRYTON: A seed selling contest is in progress in our chapter. The boy selling the largest number of seeds receives a prize of \$1.00. Every one selling 20 packages receives an automatic pencil....The agriculture classes have butchered seven hogs and two calves. They have also built four hog feeders and several chicken feeders, and one brooder....The shop recently purchased a new welding outfit....The chapter plans to make a paper press and gather waste paper. Waste metal will also be collected....The chapter is building a hotbed to raise plants for the community....100 per cent of the agriculture boys plan to have Victory gardens....We plan to have a cooperative garden operated by five boys and vegetables will be raised for the noon lunch program which is in operation here.

--Vernon Weston, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

OBERLIN: Plans are being made for a parent and son banquet....Our department is now producing cement tile for underground-irrigation for gardens as a part of our contribution to Defense. A drive for Defense stamps and bond buying has been inaugurated in the chapter's activities for the year. To date \$62.50 worth of bonds and stamps have been bought by our members. Collection of waste paper is also a part of our Defense program....At present we have orders for 1500 tile and have at present 1100 on hand. If any chapter wants full particulars, write Harold Walton, Reporter, Oberlin chapter.

--Harold Walton, Reporter

NEODESHA: We have 42 members in our chapter this year, 36 of whom are taking agriculture. This is an increase of 15 members over last year....We have a basketball team this year that has played two games with other towns....Our chapter has Joe Allen as our State Farmer candidate this year. Joe's farm program is quite adequate and complete....We have taken an interest in the Defense program being carried out in our community and have responded by cross-switching tires on people's cars in shop. We are also making a scrap iron drive and have taken two tons of metal to the junk dealer. Our boys have cooperated very well in buying Defense stamps. Our chapter put on an assembly program February 27, in an attempt to encourage more people to grow Victory gardens this year.

--Alexander Bracken, Reporter

BARNES: The chapter has started a waste paper collection campaign and have about four tons of paper collected. We chose up sides and have four teams competing. A prize of \$1.00 will be given the winning team. We plan to buy a Defense bond with the money....We have sold \$27 worth of garden seeds and hope to sell enough more to make \$50. We are stressing the value of a garden for every family....Some of the shop jobs consist of: repairing a manure spreader repairing a trailer, constructing a trailer, and building a hog house. We are also studying motor mechanics in shop. In the classroom we are studying how to align a motor.

--Phil Clark, Reporter

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