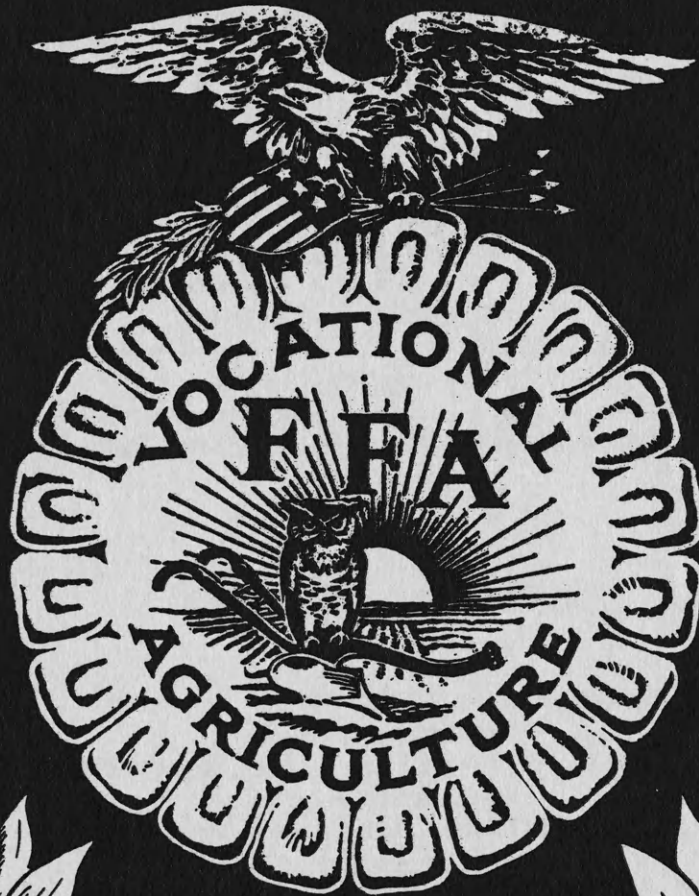


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ATTENTION - PLEASE

O. D. T. regulations make it impossible to hold the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA this year.

The State FFA Executive Committee in cooperation with the State FFA Officers will transact all official business of the state association.

The State Farmer Degrees will be granted in absentia.

The State FFA officers for 1945-46 will be elected by mail - following the plan used in 1943.

The State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 21.

PLEASE PAY FFA MEMBERSHIP DUES AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

-- FFA --

FFA DUES

The state association wishes to congratulate the 91 FFA chapters that have paid their dues.

It is urgently requested that chapters delinquent in the payment of dues give the matter immediate attention. Dues are due as of January 1, 1945.

All local advisers are keenly aware of the fact that the loss of more than 50 of the vocational agricultural instructors to the armed services has caused many departments to close, thereby reducing the number of local FFA chapters in Kansas. We need, this year more than ever, full cooperation on the part of every local FFA chapter in the payment of membership dues.

Kindly send in the dues for members of your chapter so that we can elect our full quota of State Farmer candidates.

Thanks.

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STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The state FFA public speaking contest will be held at Manhattan, Kansas, Saturday, April 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Contestants will report to the office of A. P. Davidson, Education Hall, at 8:30 a.m. It is not possible at this time to announce the room in which the FFA public speaking contest will be held.

No elimination FFA public speaking contest will be recognized by the state association and any qualified FFA member meeting the state regulations governing this contest may enter.

Just as soon after April 10 as it is feasible to do so, all local advisers having entries in the state FFA public speaking contest will be notified concerning other contestants from their district in order that plans for sharing rides to Manhattan can be consummated.

Note: Should there be more than 50 entries in this contest, O. D. T. regulations would make it necessary to cancel same. In that event, district elimination contests will be held.

Eligibility and regulations

The state FFA public speaking contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age, who are regularly enrolled high school students successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the state association.

Each FFA chapter will be allowed one entry. The chapter must be active and have filed chapter activity report with the state association on or before November 1, 1944.

Each speech shall be limited to ten minutes in length, and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

A suggested list of subjects will be found in the January 15, 1945, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, pages 2-3. Any subject of an agricultural nature can be used.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST (continued)

The entrance blank must be filled out and be in the mail addressed to A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, not later than April 10. One double spaced, typewritten copy of the production of each contestant must be mailed with the entrance blank.

Drawing for position in the contest will be held in G29 (Education Hall) at 8:30 a.m., April 21.

Any boy who has participated in any state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1945 Kansas FFA public speaking contest.

AN ENTRY BLANK FOR THE STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE OF THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER NEWSLETTER.

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SMALL WORLD

2nd Lt. Gerald McMasters, local FFA adviser of the Auburn chapter before entering the armed forces, was wounded in the European theatre of war on November 9, and arrived at Winter General Hospital in Topeka on February 6, 1945.

Captain Emil Keintz, formerly local FFA adviser of the LaCygne chapter, spent 28 months in the Aleutians, was returned to the states for additional training, and then shipped to the European theatre. He went into action in June, received a shrapnel wound in September, and was again wounded on December 16, 1944. He arrived at Winter General Hospital the evening of February 8, 1945.

Neither McMasters nor Keintz knew the other was in the army. Imagine their surprise when they awoke in the Winter General Hospital on the morning of February 9 and found themselves occupying adjacent cots. They spent their sick leave in Manhattan, Kansas, with their families, and found that they were not only in the same army, the First Army, but that they had been in the same battle. Captain Keintz' division had relieved 2nd Lt. McMaster's division. Both received the Purple Heart.

We were greatly pleased to have Captain Keintz and 2nd Lt. McMasters appear on the regularly scheduled FFA broadcast over station KSAC February 24. Their sick leave is over and both men have returned to the army.

-- FFA --

KANSAS

"The vast, undulating plains of Kansas are colored with the gold of wheat far richer than the mines of Ophir; with green and purple alfalfa more gorgeous than the tapestries of the Orient; with orchards whose bloom and fragrance are more entrancing than the Vale of Cashmere. Kansas is a large body of land entirely surrounded by the United States, the encircling states focusing the spotlight upon the middle jewel as on a diamond brooch on the heart of the continent." - I. D. Graham, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas.

KANSAS FFA BOY MAKES TIME MAGAZINE

In the March 5, 1945, issue of Time magazine, under Education, there appeared an article entitled "Teen-Age Taxpayers" which set forth the results of a survey of the Senior High School students of Emporia, Kansas. The survey had to do with the payment of federal income taxes, and it was found that 10% of the Emporia Senior High School students earned enough (i.e. \$500) to make them pay federal income taxes.

The following paragraph taken from the Time magazine article will be of interest to FFA members:

"A Future Farmer of America, Ernest Farr, of Route 4, Emporia, had the top 1944 income. His farm record book showed an income of \$2,617.20 (of which he saved \$2,137.94)."

Congratulations are in order for both young Farr and his local FFA adviser, Mr. J. W. Taylor.

Note: We are positive Time erred in the spelling of this young man's given name. We are certain they referred to Eugene Farr, who is a candidate for the State Farmer degree this year.

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ROBERT SAWATZKY RECEIVES SKELLY AWARD

Robert Sawatzky, Buhler chapter, immediate past secretary of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, brought additional honor to Kansas when he received the Skelly Agricultural Achievement Award on February 17, 1945. The program was a part of the Alex Dreier News Broadcast, an NBC feature, at 7:00 a.m. (EST). Lloyd Furlingham who is responsible for "This Farming Business" phase of the Skelly broadcast reported as follows:

"This morning we're stopping in Reno County, squarely centered in the state (Kansas) from east to west and two counties north of the Oklahoma line. Hutchinson, the county seat, is built over one of the richest salt deposits in the world, is in the center of a wheat area which puts an average of 46 million bushels through its market annually, and is surrounded by oil fields which may rival her wheat and salt industries. Quite a city, Hutchinson, laid out in 1872 on the north bank of the Arkansas River with its streets marked off with buffalo bones.

"Very far in the northeast corner of the county is Buhler near the Little Arkansas River. Near Buhler is the 240-acre farm of the Sawatzky family--son, father and grandfather. Our story has to do with the son, Robert--a Future Farmer whose work has won him recognition in the whole state and the congratulations of all his associates. It is a grand story, all carefully recorded in big, complete books which J. A. Johnson, Vocational Agriculture Supervisor, has obligingly borrowed for the Committee of Awards, without asking Robert. The Committee has browsed through page after page of figures on crops and livestock and management. Also it has followed this enterprising young Kansas through his high school years. And the best thing about the whole splendid record is that there are no spectacular exploits--not a single thing that other farm boys cannot do. What Robert Sawatzky, top Future Farmer, has done can be duplicated by ten thousand other farm lads if they lay out a definite program and stick to it. That's all Robert Sawatzky, today's Agricultural Achievement Award winner, has done.

Robert Sawatzky Receives Skelly Award (continued)

"Robert Sawatzky knew what he wanted. Though his family lived in town, he wanted to farm. Therefore, the family moved to the country. Robert runs the farm and his father drives to his work in town. It should be noted that Robert did an extra good job of selecting a father and mother.

"In high school the big book shows grades from 82 in sociology to 95 in agriculture; it shows participation in all sorts of extracurricular activities from the band to playing football--and a dozen things in between. Each year Robert was deeper and deeper in agriculture, not only producing food with crops and livestock but winning substantially at local shows on dairy cows, sheep and pigs.

"The real test came last year. Then he was through school and on his own on the land, running 80 acres owned by his father and 160 rented, 240 acres in all. He operated on money borrowed from a bank, used equipment owned by his father, paid for everything and, after dividing with his two backers, his father and grandfather, wound up at the end of 1944 with a net worth of \$4,300. He'll be 20 years old a week from tomorrow.

"Most remarkable is the amount of repair work Robert Sawatzky has done with machinery and the buildings on the farm. He is a genius as a farm mechanic.

"Included in the food production last year were: 12,488 pounds of pork, 2,600 pounds of beef, 2,750 dozen eggs, and 60,000 pounds of milk. He raised 1,410 bushels of feed grains, milo, oats and barley; 1,551 bushels of wheat, 110 tons of alfalfa hay and 86 bushels of alfalfa seed. This year he has 30 ewes, 12 dairy cows and 16 calves, a poultry flock of 260 birds and one sow and her litter. Crops include 20 acres of row crops, 19 of small grains, 91 of wheat, 45 of alfalfa and small fields of sudan and rye. Robert will use lime and commercial fertilizer and will make alfalfa important in the rotation to protect the soil.

"He has found time to work in scrap drives and War Bond sales. He is a member of the Euhler Mennonite Church, the City Band, the Arkansas Cooperative Creamery, the Mid-West Wool Marketing Association and the Farm Bureau.

"That's the story of a Kansas Farm boy. He has met plenty of disappointments. He hasn't always won--but he has always done his best. His teacher, J. A. Johnson, says, "The local Future Farmer chapter is very grateful to Robert for the boost he has given it. Robert's leadership is not the kind that gets in the news every day but the kind that adds up a little at a time until the total is outstanding." That fact, more than anything else, is, I believe, the reason why the Committee has chosen this hard-working, straight-thinking Kansas lad as winner of the Agricultural Achievement Award."

Robert Sawatzky received his State Farmer degree in 1943, and was secretary of the Kansas Association in 1943-44. He received the American Farmer degree in 1944; the Farm Underwriters award in 1943, and one of the Firestone awards in 1944. Robert represented Kansas in the John Deere contest last year, and has one of the strongest farm mechanics programs that has come to the attention of the state office. The Skelly award included a \$100 War Bond, a colorful achievement pennant, a gold lapel pin and a beautiful scroll. Mr. McGurren, Assistant Divisional Director of the Skelly Company, stated that Robert was the youngest person to whom he had had the honor of presenting a Skelly Farm Achievement Award.

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ERROR: In cutting the stencil for the list of National Officers, run on the inside cover page, the title of A. W. Tonney should have read "Executive Secretary" instead of "Executive Student Secretary".

FFA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 19, 1945, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Education Hall. The principal business of the meeting will be to review the State and American Farmer Degree applications. Members of the State FFA Executive Committee are: L. B. Pellen, Topeka, State Adviser; L. E. Call, Dean, School of Agriculture; W. E. Grimes, Head, Department of Economics and Sociology; A. P. Davidson, Executive Adviser; L. F. Hall, Executive Secretary; Fred Schultis, Great Bend, President of KVAA; and Jack Hall, Tecumseh, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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CHAPTER RANKING

In the April 15, 1945, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter the chapters of the Kansas Association of FFA will be ranked on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture and FFA membership. 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, 1944, will be the basis of classification. Drop-outs will in part be balanced by additions occasioned by boys enrolling during the second semester. We all appreciate the effect of the Selective Service Act on the holding power of the FFA, but this factor will effect all chapters. We anticipate listing your chapter in the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, and we hope that your chapter will fall in the 100% plus classification.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE FARMER DEGREE

Fifty-three Kansas chapters furnished 91 candidates for the State Farmer degree in 1945. The number of chapters submitting candidates this year shows an increase of four over 1944, and the number of candidates represents a gain of 13 over last year. The requirements for the State Farmer degree are the same as for the year 1944, and are in compliance with the requirements set forth in the constitution of the National Organization of FFA. We call your attention to the fact that the National Organization of FFA at its 16th convention abolished the "upper 40 percent of his class" scholarship requirement for the State Farmer degree, and substituted in its place the following: "have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal."

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ENTER NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The following Gold Emblem winners in the 1944 Kansas Association Chapter Contest have submitted entries in the National Chapter Contest:

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

Two chapters may submit final entries.

"I RISE TO A POINT OF ORDER"

Adapted from article by same name - Agr. Ed., Dec., 1944 - Robert Zinn,
Varna, Illinois

1. Class of 30 boys divided in four teams by name.
2. Each team will devise their own business to bring out the abilities of their officers.
3. Order of business:
 - a. Call to order.
 - b. Secretary's minutes of previous meeting.
 - c. Treasurer's report.
 - d. Unfinished business (at least one part).
 - e. New business (at least one part).
 - f. Adjourns.
4. Time limit (not less than 10 or more than 15 minutes).
5. General rules for teams:
 - a. Not over one subsidiary motion to any main motion.
 - b. Privileged motions not allowed.
 - (1) To take recess
 - (2) Adjourn.
 - c. Unfinished business must be introduced by a motion.
 - d. New business can be introduced by the chairman.
 - e. Team members will introduce all business but cannot take part in discussion or voting.
 - f. The chairman for each group will be chosen by the Voc. Ag. instructor, at least 30 minutes before a team starts.
 - g. Team 1 will make up an adequate set of fictitious secretary reports to be read.
 - h. Each team will read a fictitious treasurer's report.
 - i. Teams 2, 3, and 4 will read the minutes taken by the secretary of the preceding team. These to be carefully scrutinized by the assembly.

Contest will be judged as follows:

1. Correct parliamentary procedure followed.
2. Speed in handling business.
3. Ability of presiding officer to cope with various situations.
4. Conduct of other team members.

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Helpful Suggestions issued by the
State Dept. of Voc. Education and
Department of Voc. Education, Uni. of
Nebraska.

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WINS WITH ESSAY ON AUTHOR OF FFA CREED

Presenting a historical sketch on the life of Mr. E. M. Tiffany, author of the FFA Creed and of The Song of the Future Farmers, Malcolm Hobbs, a Green Hand member of the Lyndon (Kansas) chapter, won a chapter essay contest sponsored by their advisor, Mr. H. R. Pollock. Lyndon, Kansas is the boyhood home of Mr. Tiffany. The state office wishes to congratulate Malcolm Hobbs for doing an interesting and constructive piece of FFA writing.

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DO YOU HAVE YOUR EYES OPEN

Practically all discoveries and inventions have been made by people who were cast in the same mould as the rest of us. The only difference, if any, being that they lived with their eyes open while we stumble along with ours closed.

How many times have we remarked, when some new gadget, labor saving device or improvement is sold on the market: "Why didn't I think of that?"

How often have we sold to the packer a head of livestock, which if retained and used as a breeder, would have resulted in a vast improvement in the breed.

But we were blind and didn't see it.

How many ears of corn have been fed to hogs that, if it had been "seen", would have caused a revolutionary improvement in corn production.

What head of wheat or oats or barley has been threshed and its grain mixed with the grain from millions of other heads to be forever lost, which if discovered by itself would have improved the varieties we now have.

How many outstanding samples of potatoes and vegetables have been consigned to a "stew" which if selected and improved would have meant prosperity for thousands of farm people.

How much apple butter has been made from fruit that was blindly processed, which if used as nursery stock would have created demands that could have brought a higher income to fruit growers.

Is a boy a "crack-pot" if he walks through the field, looking, watching, examining, reasoning? Or is he "blind" if he overlooks these offerings of nature that grow and wait for some inventor or discoverer to see them and use them? We hear a lot of talk about new frontiers, pioneering and new worlds. For the most part they are in our own barns, our fields and growing on our own fields.

Are we too blind to see them? Are our eyes closed? Too busy to find them? Too indifferent to search? Open your eyes, Future Farmers! Open them and see the possibilities that nature and God are setting before us, for those of us who are not too blind to see.

Ohio Future Farmer
January, 1945

by Paul Mengert
Green Twp., and Orrville Chapters

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The train came to a grinding stop and all the passengers stopped.

"What has happened, conductor?" cried a nervous old lady.

"Nothing much Madam, nothing much. We just ran over a cow."

"Was it on the track?"

"No, Madam," the conductor sighed. "We chased it into the barn."

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CHAPTER NEWS

EFFINGHAM: We have a total of 76 members. The usual Green Hand initiation was held February 22. 26 boys were taken into the chapter. Jack Hawk was elected chapter reporter to take the place of Joe Turner who is now in the U. S. Navy....Donald Max Hargrove, a Green Hand member, in his report on his sheep project gave the following facts: On September 20, 1944, purchased 20 Texas lambs which weighed 67 pounds for \$7.41 per head laid down at Effingham. On February 8, 1945, these lambs were sold for \$17.11 per head. The total feed bill was \$80.53. Max's cost account record showed a total profit of \$113.46 on his sheep program, or a profit of \$5.67 per head....Members of the Agricultural class have been testing seed oats, and the average germination has been about 90%....Several of the boys have been busy bringing in evidence of the success of our pest eradication contest....The following shop projects are under way: a 7' x 14' hog house; 2 wagon boxes; a wheel barrow; a calf feeder; repairing a 10' disk; a grain self feeder for sheep; and a hayrack. In addition, considerable forge and welding work is being done. Our officers accompanied by our adviser, Mr. A. G. Jensen, went to Manhattan January 27 to give one of the FFA broadcasts scheduled over Station KSAC. Our subject for the broadcast was "Experience in FFA Cooperative Activities".... A parent and son banquet will be held in the high school gymnasium March 15, 1945. A lamb, which the FFA boys have produced and will butcher, will be served for the occasion.

Jack Hawk, Reporter

WAMEGO: We attended a cattle grub demonstration at the Wamego stockyards. It was put on by Mr. Croy and Mr. Myers, county agents of Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties. Dr. Fulmer gave a talk on control of lice and dehorning of cattle of different ages, including bloodless dehorning of calves....The chapter pest eradication drive was closed at the end of trapping season. 5 coyotes, 304 rats, 621 sparrows, and many other pests were killed. The losing side will furnish refreshments for a party for the winners....Sometime during the month of March, the FFA members will put on an athletic carnival in the gymnasium where we will have 8 boxing matches and 5 wrestling matches. This is one of our ways of raising funds for the FFA chapter. We sold 500 pencils with the basketball schedule printed on them and made \$16.00....15 students passed the test on method and practice in quality cream production. They also called on 30 different farmers and made a survey on cream production....In shop we made a wooden water tank for Mr. Herman Uhlrig. It was made out of swamp cypress purchased by Mr. Uhlrig in Louisiana 16 years ago. The tank was 8'1" in diameter and 2' high. The bottom was made out of 2 by 10's and dowed together. The staves were made from 2" lumber. They were 5" wide and 2' long. The tank was fastened together by 2 steel bands. Other articles being made in the shops are 2 double hog houses and a hayrack. A wagon was repaired by making new bolsters, sand board and hounds. Also numerous other wood projects are under construction. We have repaired one gas engine by putting on new piston rings, new valves, and tightening the bearings. We have one corn binder in the shops to repair. Our adviser, Mr. Richards, is supervising a War Production Training Course at one of our local mechanic shops....Note:--The reporter has been ill the last 2 weeks and I, as vice-pres ident, have written this article for him.

Robert Fulmer, Vice-President

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The devil is close on your trail when you begin to "take things easy."

Chapter News (continued)

ABILENE: Much excitement was created in the high school when the #11 class butchered a lamb for Bill Sexton in the shop. This was the first butchering done in the school shop for several years....The #11 class and a few others attended the cattle grub spraying demonstration at the Paul Whitehair farm, February 6. We have mixed derris powder containing 5% rotenone and tripoli earth and distributed it among members to use on their cattle at home....50 boxes of garden seed from the Hygrade Seed Company have arrived and have been distributed among the members....On March 6 our chapter and the GAA sponsored an all-school pie supper and program....We sold hot dogs, pop, etc., at the Salina-Abilene basketball game and cleared \$49.00 on the project....Walter Lake, chairman of the recreation committee, joined the Navy January 20, and Fred Garten has been appointed to take his place.

Fred Garten, President

OLATHE: Our shop has recently been overhauled. New plaster board was put on the ceiling, the whole shop was repainted including cabinets and tools....Our ninth annual Parent-Son Banquet was held on Thursday evening, November 16, 1944, in the High School Cafeteria. 99% of the chapter attended and 150 parents and guests were present....15 Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree and 16 freshmen were raised to the Green Hand degree. The initiation ceremony was in accordance with the official manual. At the same meeting the Green Hands elected 5 officers and a sentinel who will take charge of one of our regular meetings at a later date....The livestock class docked and castrated 214 lambs, and did practice judging work on the 2 classes of Southdown ewes....Our chapter has shown the following films (plain and technical agricultural films): "Along the Milky Way"; "Guardians of Plenty"; "Soldiers of the Soil"; "Wartime Care of the Tractor"; and many others. Our members enjoy and derive much benefit from these films....31 boys in our chapter have purchased FFA sweaters. The sweaters are black trimmed in yellow. The name of our chapter and our emblem is also yellow. The advisor's and officers' sweaters are gray sweat shirts with the office and emblem trimmed in blue....Our chapter has one candidate for the State Farmer degree and the same individual will enter the State FFA Public Speaking Contest....100% of our members are participating in the Hoards Dairyman Cattle Judging and Duroc-Jersey swine judging contests....We assembled, baled, tied, and delivered to the Kansas City Waste Paper Co. another truck load of paper February 24.

Bob Tippin, Reporter

SENECA: Some of the business men of Seneca have purchased purebred Hampshire gilts to be taken out by members of the FFA and raised on a share basis. Bob Meyer, Clarence Clberding, Bob Holthaus, John Kokengo, and Don Burdick have secured gilts under this plan. The gilts were purchased from Warren Ploeger of Morrill, Kansas. In addition to the above, Raymond Robke and Jim Kochler each bought 2 purebred Hampshire gilts on their own. To further this breeding project, the Farmers Elevator Company of Seneca is purchasing a registered Hampshire boar to be used by the FFA members....For farming programs, Harry Droge has purchased 2 yearling Hereford heifers and Jay Glynn has purchased 1 yearling Hereford heifer. Nobert Gress has purchased a Holstein cow....The film "How to Run a Lathe" was shown to our chapter recently....Some of the things under construction in the shop are: a stalk cutter; hay buck; limo spreader; a manure spreader; and a tractor is being repaired and repainted.

Wayne Heiniger, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

RANDOLPH: As the spring planting season approaches we find our members busy preparing seed beds. Each member has tried to increase the acreage of his feed and cash crops over the past year. We find that by increasing the feed, pasture and cash crops, it is much easier for each member to expand his livestock projects. We are preparing our hot beds for planting. Our chapter is testing seeds and grading seed corn....In shop the members of our #9 class are making wall cabinets for their own private shops. Some are making ladders and others in forge work are making punches, coal chisels, and tempering them....Shop work being done by the advanced classes covers building a wagon box, overhauling a Model A Ford motor, rebuilding our shop trailer, making 2 feed bunks, constructing a wheel barrow by following KSC plans, and rebuilding tractor bucks. We have added a new acetylene torch to our shop equipment....Our chapter conducted a paper drive and collected 5,548 pounds of paper in 2 weeks. When the weather gets warmer we are going to have another scrap iron drive....February 1 our pest eradication contest closed with Wendell Eggerman's side winning with 14,543 points. The losing side automatically gives the winning side a date party which is held annually every year.Our chapter has attended the Bergsten purebred Hampshire sale where we judged 2 classes of gilts. One of our chapter members, Earl Dowyko, purchased a purebred Hampshire gilt at the Bergsten sale....Some of the boys have ordered FFA emblems for their sweaters. The FFA had 750 pencils printed with the Randolph Basketball schedule and the FFA colors on them. As Randolph is sponsoring the Class B Basketball Tournament, we made up the programs, advertising the FFA....Our FFA Father-Son Banquet was held March 13.

Alden Bryce Sparman, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: The officers elected were Melvin Cotner, president; Ray Clark, vice president; Robert Partridge, secretary; Eugene Brinkman, treasurer; Wayne Scovel, reporter; and Johnnie Closson, sentinel....To raise money for the treasury, the chapter served dinner at the OK-Kan Cattle Grub Control meeting at the stockyards here....The chapter placed sixth in the Public Speaking Contest at Chanute....Melvin Cotner, Duane Richardson, Clark Kaufman, and Wayne Scovel made up the team that entered the shop contest at Independence. Melvin Cotner placed fourth....Superintendent Ostenberg; Mr. Currier, Director, McFarland Trade School; Mr. Leonard Roes, Coffeyville Junior Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Commissioner; and Mrs. Nois, who recently won a \$25 war bond in the interest of the chapter, have been elected as honorary members of our chapter....There are 7 members taking Aberdeen Angus calves and 3 members taking Hereford calves as projects....Duane Richardson has been conducting a feeding experiment on 2 pigs. With a self-feeder he has been feeding one corn and 40% hog supplement and the other corn and trio mixture....In the shop we have built 3 hog houses; 2 self-feeders; 1 16' x 18' hayrack; 1 loading chute; 2 wagon boxes; several chicken feeders; some hog troughs; and other miscellaneous items. We have repaired and are repairing 1 sprayer; 1 binder; 1 horse trailer; and 1 corn sheller.

Wayne Scovel, Reporter

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A little boy's school essay read, "The armistice was signed on November 11th, 1918, and since then we have had two minutes' peace every year."

Chapter News (continued)

LAWRENCE: Our annual Christmas party for our girl friends was held this year in the school cafeteria with a large crowd present. This is the only event of the year at which we include the girls....Our basketball team has been playing a full schedule of games this season. The chapter bought a complete new outfit of basketball uniforms for the first team. The second team gets the suits previously used by the first team....We have 1 State Farmer candidate this year and 1 American Farmer candidate....The annual chili feed basketball game between the Freshmen-Senior team and the Sophomore-Junior team ended in a victory for the Sophomore-Junior team. The score was 27 to 35. Richard Johnson, playing with the winners, scored 19 points. Richard at the present time is the most outstanding athlete at the Lawrence High School, earning letters in 3 sports. He is only a sophomore and is a fine student with one of the best farming programs of any chapter member....Our senior members will be entertained by the Lawrence Co-Op Club at their regular dinner meeting, March 29, 1945....Our chapter will put on the all-school assembly program April 13. We have selected the subject "Kansas and Her Resources" for the program....The Alumni organization in spite of their wartime difficulties meet regularly each month for a program and refreshments.

John Flory, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: In the fall of 1944 part of the FFA boys bought 239 feeder lambs cooperatively. We hope to increase this to a full carload next fall. This is a group cooperative project which has grown each year since it was started in our chapter by Mr. Dewey, our adviser. Louis Carter bought 82 lambs for 11¢ per pound and sold them for \$15.85 cwt after feeding them for 90 days. This represents the only sale made to date....Some of the members attended the Bauer Brother Registered Poland China sale at Fairbury, Nebraska, on February 19. The chapter had previously purchased a gilt and a boar from this well known herd and put the gilt out on a share deal to Jimmy Nutsch. Clifford Elder will keep the boar for the use of him. The chapter also has 2 other Poland China gilts out on shares. Calvin Grover and Clifford Elder have them....The chapter recently purchased 7" felt emblems for the officers. Other members bought 5" emblems....Green Hands recently elected are - Bruce Finley, Ivan Ayers, Keith Haushel, Clair Beeman, Jimmy Woods, Donald Menke, Bobby Cornell, and Jimmy Nutsch. We have 7 candidates for the Chapter Farmer degree. We have exceptionally high standards for candidates in our chapter. They have to have a C average with no F's, so we get only the better students....The vocational agriculture classes husked the corn for the County Corn Variety Test plot. Mr. McClelland, the County Agent, and a crop specialist from Kansas State were the officials on the test. The leading variety was Kansas 1185 which yielded 115.3 bushels per acre. Second place was Kansas 2234 which yielded 114.7 bushels per acre. These tests were based on 1/35 of an acre....In our Pest Eradication contest we have killed 32 jackrabbits; 39 cottontails, 5 crows; 31 rats; 109 mice; 254 sparrows; 3 hawks; 11 sparlings; 1 coyote; 25 squirrels; 39 pigeons; and 2 owls. The losing side will treat the winners to an overnight fishing trip this spring. Prizes will be given to the boy who catches the most fish, and to the boy who catches the largest fish....In school athletics the chapter was well represented. We had 7 members on the baseball team which won the County Championship. We have 11 members out of 15 who play on the first and second teams in basketball. The first team took 3rd in the County Tournament and the second team took 1st. We are playing in the District Tournament....We have 3 State Farmer candidates this year. The net worth of each candidate is: Elmer Olandt - \$663.45; Louis Carter - \$1213.00; and Francis Nutsch - \$1721.33

Francis Nutsch, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our chapter owns a feed grinder. We have ground several tons of corn for members. We have a Letz grinder powered by a Dodge motor. We are mixing dairy rations in our shop. Richard England is chairman....We are selling between 20 and 25 3-pound broilers each week. They are dressed in the school shop and sold to regular customers. We could sell at least 100 each week if we had them....Charles Townsend is attaching cultivator shanks to his Allis-Chalmers tractor. Joe Sims is rebuilding a plow for his tractor. 3 discs, a grain binder, a side delivery rake, 3 mowers, several harrow sections, have been repaired to date. Corn planters, cultivators, and several smaller machines are under repair. Lewis Cole and Joe Sims are building trailer bodies....Boyce Dougherty will represent this chapter in the state FFA Public Speaking Contest. John Watson is editor of this year's Owl's Nest....Our state farmer candidates this year are: Boyce Dougherty, John Watson, and Richard England....We meet one night each week to do extra shop work on machines under repair.

Richard England, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: We expect to return to our Tuesday night meetings just as soon as basketball season closes. We had to rearrange our scheduled FFA meetings during the basketball season because the basketball team, with the exception of 1 member, is comprised of FFA boys....We sponsored an all-school ice skating party on January 5 with 65 people attending....On field trips the agriculture classes have castrated 14 pigs and 7 calves and have pruned 50 grape vines and are preparing to treat oat seed. Classes have also been busy testing seed for farmers of the community and have found several samples of low germinating seed....Shop jobs recently completed include 1 tractor go-devil; 2 hayracks; 1 2-wheel trailer; 1 ensilage wagon; 5 chicken feeders; 1 tractor manure loader; overhaul 1 John Deere tractor; 2 hall trees; 1 floor lamp; weld 9 fenders; clean and adjust 3 carburetors; reline brakes on 3 cars; replace clutch plate on 1 car; 19 bailer blocks; sharpen 1 tandem disk; 2 scoop end gates; and numerous small shop jobs....We have held 3 meetings in connection with the County Agricultural Agent on Grub Control, care and use of farm machinery, and dairy production.

Dick Marrs, Reporter

EMPORIA: Edwin Moran's team won over Dale Gunkle's team in our pest contest by a score of 3846 to 2785 points. The losing team gave the winners a chili feed....On February 21, we had our annual Parent-Son Banquet. We had as our special guests the members of our Rural War Production Training class and their wives. There were 164 parents and guests present. We are now planning our second annual Barn Party to be held April 6 in our shop....We have rented the city's sprayer and David Johnson, a member of our senior class, uses his truck for our cattle spraying projects. We have sprayed and dusted 6023 head of cattle for lice and grubs....We cooperated with the Farm Bureau in a sheep and swine school on January 2. We served a mutton lunch to 85 farmers at noon....A tractor school was held January 12 for farmers. Mr. Mobolt of Standard Oil Company gave several demonstrations on the use and care of tractors. The Emporia Implement dealers cooperated by letting us use 6 new tractors for demonstration purposes....At our last meeting we voted to send a letter to our boys in service.

David King, Reporter

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Everybody is able to give pleasure in some way. One person may do it by coming into a room, another by going out!

Chapter News (continued)

INDEPENDENCE: Our chapter sponsored a Southeastern Kansas Vocational Agriculture shop contest Monday, January 29, 1945. We were represented by: John Garner, Wesley Wright, Lee Springer, and Jack Sherwin. John Garner placed fifth in the entire contest, followed by Lee Springer for sixth, and Wesley Wright for tenth place. As a team, Iola placed first, followed by Independence....The Independence FFA public speaking team entered the contest sponsored by the Chanute Chapter. The contestants were - Bill Simmons, Fred Wilson, Rex Catlet, Russell Holden, Dean Feathergill, and John Garner. Bill Simmons placed fifth in the ninth grade division, followed by Fred Wilson who placed seventh. Rex Cattlet placed fifth in the tenth grade division. Russell Holden placed sixth in the eleventh grade division. John Garner placed third in the twelfth grade division followed by Dean Feathergill who tied for fourth place....The FFA sponsored a box supper December 20, 1944. We made a clear profit of \$33.02....The following members were raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer: Charles Spradling, Rex Cattlet, Franklin Johnson, Bill Towery, Joe Scott, Gene Wills, Eugene Garrison, and Albert Austin....The FFA presented a Junior High School assembly program February 28. We will present an assembly program for the Senior High in March....Lee Springer is an applicant for the State Farmer degree....We are busy building and repairing farm machinery in our shop. Clarence Patterson is building a wagon grain box; Fred Wilson, Bill Wright, and Delmar Jones are building loading chutes on wheels; Ed Wallick is repairing a side delivery rake and a two section barrow; Bob White is building some board gates; John Garner and Russell Holden are building sleds; and in addition many cement hog troughs and smaller articles are being made....We have bought \$700.00 worth of stamps and bonds this year, which is 3 times the quota set up at the beginning of the year.
Fred Ferguson, Reporter

KINGMAN: Garden seed sales are progressing fast....The broiler project of 25 New Hampshire Red chicks is under way. Committees were set up for taking care of the chicks....A recreation night was held March 13. The losers of our recent FFA Information Contest entertained the winners....A moving picture entitled "A Stitch in Time" was shown during the last meeting. This picture is sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and made in cooperation with Kansas State College at Manhattan and the Kansas Safety Council....The advanced farm mechanics boys recently made a 16' feed bunk for Neal Kinsler, a former FFA member. The bunk was made entirely from 2" lumber with 4" x 4" logs....Orders have been taken for flagstones and the advanced class has been doing concrete work the past two weeks.
Harold Snyder, Reporter

PARSONS: Several of the members have finished making fresnoes. The fresnoes are 5' in length, have proven very successful, and have a value of \$75.00 each. ...In our shop we have repaired the following machines and equipment: 2 manure spreaders, 1 sheep feeder, 4 harrows, 3 buildings (brooder houses), 1 power post hole digger, 1 trailer (4-wheel), 3 fresnoes, and a 1-row cultivator. Items being worked on are: 3 trailers, a corn binder, wheat drill, 4 harrows, hog house, grain wagon, several gates, and a weeder....We are testing seed for members, their fathers and neighbors. We have had good tests ranging from 90 to 100%. It is possible to test any type of seed in our germinator....We have just completed a scrap drive in which 4,118 pounds of iron and 2,225 of scrap were collected. Our members now own \$1800, face value, in war bonds and stamps.
Raymond Nance, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HARPER: Our community fair was held as planned on November 18. The day was bad, but in spite of the bad weather there were many good exhibits and the FFA netted better than \$40 from the concession stands....A parents' night was held November 8. It was attended by about 60 boys and parents....The FFA and FHA held a joint meeting, using as the theme, "Dates Are Fun." This was followed by a joint Valentine Party at which the girls furnished the entertainment and the boys the cats....The following Green Hands were initiated December 20: Bill Blanchat, Dale Botkins, Donald Brown, Curtis Culver, Bob Cummins, Loyd Dent, Howard Ghere, Robert Helt, Gilbert Latta, and Gene Morgan. Following the formal ceremony, the new members were given a ride on the "Chapter Goat." Most of them survived in good shape....Shop projects completed or under construction are: feed bunks, log chain links and hooks, hog house, tractor mower from horse drawn, besides a number of smaller articles. Since mechanics are scarce and the farmers have difficulty in getting their repair work done, arrangements have been made to have the shop open three nights a week so that the farmers may bring their equipment in to the school shop and do the repair work themselves. Several farmers are taking advantage of this opportunity. Our chapter cooperated with the Farm Bureau in holding a Dairy meeting for the Dairy Farmers of the community. Jim Linn of the State College spoke at our regular FFA meeting and to the group of farmers.

Bob Greve, Reporter

HUGOTON: We elected new officers at the beginning of the semester. They are as follows: President - Eugene Reser; Vice President - Jerry Mills; Secretary - Wayne Brubaker; Treasurer - Jack Barber; Reporter - Kenneth Drew. We have 17 members in the Hugoton chapter....The agriculture boys are butchering hogs and cattle for farmers. The money we made from butchering was used to purchase a spray paint gun for the school....We are collecting waste fats. We have two sides. The Freshmen are on one side, and the Sophomores and Juniors on the other side. At present, the Freshmen have 761 pounds and the Sophomores and Juniors have 679 pounds. We are going to purchase an air compressor with the money we get from the waste fats....We are also selling chickens from the Hatchery at Zenda, Kansas. The Chapter gets 10% of the price of the chickens.

Kenneth Drew, Reporter

LYNDON: Our chapter held its annual banquet February 22 in the high school gymnasium. There were 140 guests present. The following men were elected to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree: C. R. Rowe; Harry Aryz; Jess Redonbaugh; Oliver Green; William Neihart; Edmond Buffon; William Wade, County Agent; and Dr. Gurs, veterinarian....Following the dinner, the chapter members were introduced and their projects described....The guests then retired to the auditorium where 2 reels of livestock pictures were shown. The evening's entertainment was terminated by a trip through the shop. Our post graduation ended January 31....Some of the upper class boys are making cold chisels and punches from tool steel....The members feeding steer calves are making leather halters at a cost of \$1.30 for materials....Our chapter has helped with the high school operetta by printing posters and hand bills....We have a very good seed tester which we are making available to all the farmers in the community.

Arlo Bell, Reporter

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Never was life more interesting for grandma, who can't decide whether to stay on at the shipyards or play right field for Brooklyn.

Chapter News (continued)

BUHLER: Our chapter used the same idea that the Manhattan Chapter used last year in presenting a High School Chapel program December 8. The program was well received. Thank you, Manhattan Chapter....We received \$57.64 as our share of the Sears Roebuck Award given to the Gold Emblem Chapter Winners in Kansas....We have enlarged our butchering equipment. We have butchered 36 hogs and 1 lamb....To date we have treated 210 head of cattle for grubs....1000 pounds of paper have been collected....Shop projects include - 2 A-Type hog houses; brooder house, 2 trailers, 3 mash hoppers, wheel barrow; tool grinder; repair spring tooth harrow; 4 pig brooders; and several miscellaneous items....We are making a tile wall around our chapter hotbed. Despite the weather, we still have hopes of being able to sell some plants this spring....The chapter conducted the Infantile Paralysis drive in the residential part of Buhler. Over \$90.00 was collected. The chapter gave \$5.00....Our Food Production War Training Classes have 28 enrollees....Our annual Parent-Son Banquet was held on February 27 with 141 people present. We carried out a theme on Record Keeping....We submitted a Program of Work to the National Better Chapter Contest....A wood chopping party was held during Christmas Vacation. 10 members present ate all the steak that was intended for the 30 members who had promised to come. Of course, we cut 2 loads of wood before we started on the steak....A picture of our Champion Booth appears on the 1945 State Fair calendar....The chapter made 10 collapsible banquet tables to replace the old board and saw horse type....30 members qualified in the Cream Quality Test. 24 surveys have been made....14 freshmen were initiated as Green Hands at our regular night meetings in December....Our basketball team has lost 2 games to the Moundridge Chapter team....The chapter is furnishing certified seed to members who will return a like quantity of seed next fall and in addition will furnish a sample of corn for our exhibit at the State Fair.

Ralph Field, Reporter

MCDONALD: The results of our Pest Eradication Contest follow: 17 coyotes; 370 rats; 500 mice; 47 rattlesnakes; 60 ground squirrels; 40 crows; 10 skunks; 2900 sparrows; and 39 prairie dogs. Kermit Downing has high with 10 rats; 33 mice; 20 rattle snakes; 18 ground squirrels; 7 crows; 2 skunks; 85 sparrows; and 11 prairie dogs. The contest was closed with a watermelon feed paid for by the losing side. This contest was started last spring and was carried through the summer and fall. We plan to conduct another one this year....Our adviser, Mr. Bell, has a night school in repair and maintenance of farm machinery going, and reports an average attendance of 17 so far. Mr. Fred Jenik, the local John Deere service man, is acting as instructor....Members of the Northwest Kansas Junior Berkshire Breeders Club are now reporting on farrowing. Arlie Archer of this chapter had 2 fine litters arrive on one day. One of his yearling gilts produced 10 and the other farrowed 9. The Junior Berkshire Breeders are members of the McDonald and Bird City chapter and will farrow out 17 registered gilts this spring. It is hoped that this project will do much toward improving the quality of the hogs produced in the two northwest counties of Kansas. We hold our annual FFA Carnival January 25. Unfortunately, the weather turned bad and there wasn't a very large crowd. In spite of this, the chapter netted \$185.00 for the evening. This is our major chapter earning project and has been growing steadily the last three years.

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We read in the Progressive Farmer that the latest thing in men's clothes is - women.

Chapter News (continued)

BAZINE: 29 members qualified for the vocational agriculture Student Dairy Farm Survey. Seven surveys have been taken....Franklin Foos has made 2 feed bunks and Harry Steinert has made 1. Willard Foos made a wheelbarrow. Some Sophomore class shop projects are: 2 whirlwind lawn mowers; a moving picture machine, and some electrical outlets....The Bazine chapter intends to hold a "Parent and Son Banquet" in March.

Edward L. Schnieder, Reporter

GREAT BEND: The Great Bend Chapter is sponsoring the production of better sorghums through a certified sorghum seed distribution plan. The chapter will buy certified sorghum seed of the following varieties: Midland, Westland, Wheatland, Atlas and Norkan. This seed will be given to chapter members for planting this Spring. Chapter members receiving the seed will agree to follow only approved methods and practices of sorghum production. Seed will be furnished in sufficient amount to plant from 4 to 10 acres. Some of the members plan to produce certified seed for next year's planting. ...Our Parent and Son banquet is being planned for April 3. We are planning to ship a carload of project steers to Kansas City on March 23. Our rodent control contest has just been completed. The side captained by Brandt Stevens came out the winner. The losing side, captained by Roland Smith, will provide an evening's entertainment and eats for the winners, sometime in April....We have entered the Hoards Dairyman judging contest.

Robert Maneth, Reporter

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Squadron 10, under the service force, Pacific fleet, had the task of supplying the Fifth Fleet which sent 800 ships on the sensational Honshu raid and subsequent covering operations for the marine landings at Iwo Jima. The fleet's mobile supply and repair depots made possible the rapid hammer blows at the Japanese by removing the need for warships to return thousands of miles for refuelling and reconditioning. Squadron 10 provided the Fifth fleet with:

Enough fuel oil to make a train of tank cars of 10,000 gallons each extending 238 miles - from supplies brought more than 8,000 miles by tanker to this base.

Enough gasoline to run 30,700 motor cars for a full year and enough lubricating oil for one complete oil change for 466,000 motor cars.

Enough food to feed a city the size of Columbus, Ohio (approximately 250,000) for thirty days.

Enough ammunition - bombs, shells, torpedoes and cartridges - to fill 480 freight cars and blow Tokyo off the map.

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"Gosh, you're dumb. I bet you don't even know how to tell a horse's age."

"Well, how?"

"By the teeth, of course."

"Aw, who wants to go around biting horses?"

--Varieties.