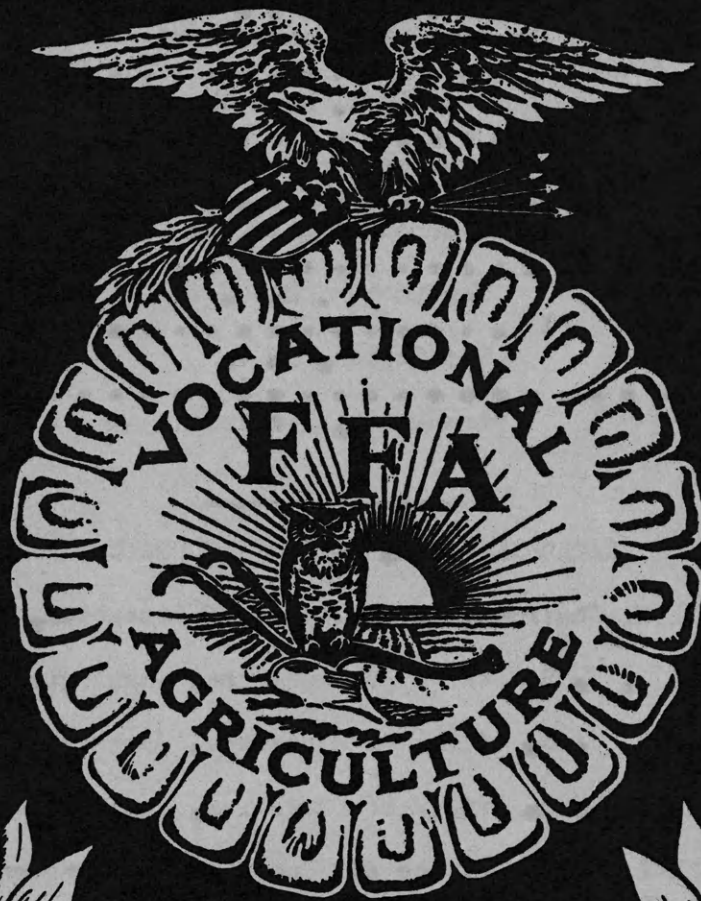


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HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREE TO GOVERNOR FRANK CARLSON

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America was privileged to grant the degree of Honorary State Farmer to Governor Frank Carlson at their 19th annual convention. President Richard Chase, presented the Governor with a 10k State Farmer Degree Charm at the annual banquet held in Nichols Gymnasium, April 29. In making the presentation, Richard addressed His Excellency The Governor, as follows:

"Kansas is honored in having a bona fide farmer as well as a statesman serving as its governor. Because of their admiration and respect for you Governor Carlson, the Kansas Association of the Future Farmers of America, through its House of Delegates last evening voted unanimously to confer upon you the honorary degree of State Farmer.

In complying with the wishes of the Kansas Association, it is an honor and a privilege to present to you this gold charm symbolic of this degree.

We trust you will derive as much satisfaction from wearing it as we have from awarding it."

1946-47 STATE FFA CONVENTION

A splendid group of approximately 900 FFA members and advisers from 100 chapters attended the Nineteenth Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA and the attending related events. The weather was delightful, which was a break for the boys in attendance since many of the agricultural judging events were held outdoors. The two days and two evenings were crammed full of participating experiences for the FFA members in attendance. The boys were well behaved and displayed a keen interest in the many activities open to them.

College authorities were surprised to learn that all except 165 FFA members and advisers found rooms outside the rooming quarters provided in Nichols Gymnasium. Two hundred alternates were divided into four groups under the direction of Professors Martin Otto and Paul Kelly and were given a two day sight seeing tour of the college. Many interesting demonstrations were scheduled by the various departments of the college.

Detailed reports of the nineteenth FFA convention will be found in this newsletter. We recommend that advisers acquaint their chapter membership with the work of the Kansas association during the past year through the issues of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter with special attention given to the May 15 number.

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1947-48 STATE FFA OFFICERS

Fourteen FFA members, selected by the reviewing committee from the list of 1947 State Farmer candidates were interviewed by the nominating committee. Eight excellent candidates were included in the slate presented to the House of Delegates. Special mimeographed material presenting full information concerning the scholarship, leadership and farming program for each candidate was made available to the delegates in session Monday evening, April 28. The choice of your 1947 House of Delegates for the leadership of the Kansas Association of FFA during 1947-48 follows:

Harland Priddle, Haven chapter, President
Bob Greve, Harper chapter, Vice-President
James Boucek, Ottawa chapter, Secretary
LeRoy Spicher, Simpson chapter, Reporter
Eugene Brinkman, Coffeyville chapter, Treasurer

Congratulations and best wishes to this group of young men. The State office predicts a highly successful year for the Kansas Association of FFA under their leadership.

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OMISSION

At the National Victory Convention the delegates past a motion recommending that local chapters of the Future Farmers of America make a grant of \$1.00 each to the Future Farmers of America Foundation. It was intended that this item of business should be presented to the 1947 House of Delegates, but for some reason the item was overlooked. The problem will be presented to the vocational agriculture teachers at their annual conference in June for final action. The state association recommends that each chapter take a vote on whether or not they favor contributing \$1.00 to the state association to be forwarded to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., and to instruct their local advisers accordingly.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, 1946-47

The meetings scheduled for September to formulate the State Program of Work was cancelled due to illness of the State Executive Adviser. A proposed State Program of Work was set up by the State Adviser and State Executive Adviser and mailed to the State officers for approval. The approved State Program of Work was published in the September 15, 1946, newsletter.

During August, the District FFA Leadership Schools were scheduled, assignments made and programs outlined. Eleven District FFA Leadership Schools were held with State officers in attendance at a majority of them. A complete report of the District FFA Leadership Schools will be found in the January 1, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

During the year 19 chapters were reactivated. There were no new chapters chartered. There are 135 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas with a total enrollment of 4954 boys. At present we have 134 active paid up chapters with a total membership of 4708. We hope before we make our final report to the National organization, July 1, 1947, that we will have 100% of vocational agriculture departments in the state with dues paid and on an active status.

Bob Jones of the Ottawa chapter, a past vice-president of the Kansas association, served as delegate No. 1 at the Nineteenth Victory FFA Convention at Kansas City and your President together with your Reporter, Bill Edwards, shared the time as delegate No. 2. The Victory FFA Convention was one of the highlight experiences of my life, and I know that I express the opinion of the other delegates from Kansas when I say that the privilege of representing Kansas at this great convention constituted one of the highlights of their experience. The Victory FFA Convention was fully treated in the November 1946 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. I shall not attempt to review this convention at this time because time will not permit. I would strongly urge that if you have not already done so, that you examine carefully the November issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. The story of achievement of Future Farmers of America during the war years, is an amazing story and one that should thrill every farm boy in America who is a member of the Future Farmers of America. Kansas was given considerable recognition at this great convention. The Buhler chapter, J. A. Johnson, adviser, was declared one of the sixteen Gold Emblem chapters in the United States. The Buhler chapter represented Kansas in the National Chapter Contest in 1944 and received Gold Emblem classification. This is the only chapter from Kansas ever to receive more than one Gold Emblem award in the National Chapter Contest.

Marshall Schirer of the Newton, Kansas, chapter brought honor to Kansas in winning the National FFA Public Speaking Contest. Marshall's winning speech will be found in the February 15, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. Marshall is the fourth boy from Kansas to represent the State in the National Public Speaking Contest and the second boy from Kansas to win in the National event.

Frederick Kissinger of the Ottawa chapter was declared the Star Farmer for Kansas and received the Kansas City Weekly Star cash award of \$100.00.

To the Shawnee Mission Chapter goes the honor of furnishing a color guard in the memorial service. Sixteen young veterans representing the four branches of service, dressed in uniforms and wearing ribbons denoting all the theaters of combat, all from the Shawnee Mission chapter, constituted the color guard in this service before a hushed audience of 15,000 persons in the Municipal Auditorium.

President's Report (continued)

The Shawnee Mission chapter had the responsibility of building the huge "V" which was used in the Victory Pageant.

Later in this program we expect to distribute copies of the Victory FFA Convention Proceedings and we strongly urge that each chapter in Kansas study this report for inspiration and make the report a permanent part of their FFA chapter library.

One hundred and twenty chapters filed Programs of Work on or before November 1, 1946. A few chapters filed programs after that date. This is practically 100% of the chapters that were in operation by November of last year. Several schools were reactivated in the middle of the school year.

The Better Chapter Contest winners for 1945-46 in the State Chapter Contest showed ten chapters meriting Gold Emblem classification. These chapter were:

Haven chapter, Glenn Schulthess, adviser
Effingham chapter, A. G. Jensen, adviser
Stockton chapter, Floyd Blauer, adviser
Shawnee Mission, H. D. Garver, adviser
Sedan chapter, Herbert Covert, adviser
Beloit chapter, Howard Bradley, adviser
Manhattan chapter, Harold Kugler, adviser
Winfield chapter, Ira Plank & John Lowe, advisers
Highland Park chapter, F. E. Carpenter, adviser
Buhler chapter, J. A. Johnson, adviser

Sixty-two Chapter Farmers were raised to the State Farmer Degree in 1946.

Two American Farmers from Kansas were elected at the Victory FFA Convention, they were: Allen Windhorst, Minneapolis, and Frederick Kissinger, Ottawa

Your president met with the State FFA Executive Committee on April 17, 1947, at which time 81 Chapter Farmers were recommended for the State Farmer degree.

During the past year members of the state association had a net worth of approximately \$2,000,000. This is an average net worth per member of \$526.11. Both average net worth and total net worth are approximately double the figures reported for 1946. There were 2,304 pieces of farm machinery repaired and 2,034 pieces of farm equipment built in our school farm shop.

Practically 100% of the chapters cooperated with the state program in Safety, Fire Prevention, Pest Eradication, Soil Conservation, and Livestock Loss Prevention.

This closes the report of your office of president.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Chase, President
Kansas Association FFA

REPORT OF THE STATE FFA REPORTER, 1947

Including the May 15, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, six copies will have been printed and distributed during the year.

As was done last year, requests for local chapter news for the Kansas Future Farmer were sent from the state office. During the year 215 requests were sent, and 135 responses were received. This is a response of 60%, indicating that 40% of the requests for local chapter news failed to bring response.

Due to inadequate staffing of the secretarial staff of the state office, it was decided to publish six issues of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter instead of nine issues as has been the custom in past years. The plan of devoting the first half of the newsletter to state and national FFA items of interest, and the last half of the newsletter to local FFA chapter news was continued.

Each issue of the newsletter carried the FFA calendar and gave emphasis to major FFA activities calendared, for example:

- September issue - State Program of Work; District FFA Leadership Schools; and source of FFA supplies.
- November issue - Devoted entirely to the 19th (Victory) National FFA Convention
- January issue - District FFA Leadership School Reports
- February issue - FFA Public Speaking Announcement - Winning Speech in the National FFA Speech Contest
- April issue - Rank in chapter membership; State Convention Calendar
- May issue - Report on 19th annual meeting Kansas Association FFA

The chapter notes were satisfactorily written in most cases. Items from the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter were reprinted in several publications in the field of agricultural journalism, including newsletters sent out by other State associations, American Farm Youth, Agricultural Leaders Digest, and many others. Kansas chapter notes were quoted by National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, in his monthly FFA Flashes.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Edwards, Reporter
Kansas Association FFA

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TENNESSEE GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS STATE FFA WEEK

In his proclamation, the chief executive requested "cooperation of all people to the end--that the purposes and objectives of FFA Week be reached and full honor and recognition be given this splendid organization of farm boys."

Some of the plans of observance submitted by local chapters include meetings and programs with civic clubs, chapel programs, window displays, radio programs, father-son banquets, demonstrations, advertising in local papers and on radio stations. Many others.

REPORT OF STATE FFA TREASURER 1947

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

"In accordance with your request, I have audited the cash records of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America for the fiscal period, April 1, 1946, to March 31, 1947, and submit the attached Exhibit "A" together with my comment.

Scope of the Audit:

The bank balance at the beginning of the period was reconciled with the bank statement as of that date. All receipts as shown by the records, with the exception of \$1.15 as shown by Exhibit "A" were deposited in the Union National Bank, Manhattan, Kansas, and all disbursements per record were made by check.

The prices of individual items; such as pins, keys, and supplies, which were purchased for sale to members were compared with the catalogue and invoice prices and found to be correct. No inventory of pins, keys, supplies and membership cards were made at the beginning or close of the fiscal period. However, a comparison of recorded items of pins and keys bought and sold would indicate a decrease in total inventory, and a similar comparison of supplies would indicate a decrease in total inventory.

The bank balance per books at the close of the period was reconciled with the balance shown by the statement from the bank. One check was outstanding at the end of the year.

The two series "F" defense bonds with an accrued value of \$797 were not inspected by the auditor because they were in the State Office at Topeka.

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

The records appear to have been kept in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry M. Stewart
Certified Public Accountant

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TEXAS: Members of the Whitharral FFA chapter have seen more than 75 fat hogs and calves slaughtered in their recently constructed community butcher shop. The shop, offering complete, sanitary butchering facilities, including knives and scrapers, is available for use by farmers for a fee of \$1.25 per animal slaughtered. A Future Farmer is paid twenty-five cents for cleaning the shop, and the remaining dollar goes into the chapter treasury.

OKLAHOMA: Vernon Howell, who as a member of the Guymon chapter was elected National FFA President in 1933, recently was named as president of Cameron Junior College near Lawton. The agricultural and mechanical college has an enrollment of about 750 students.

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Treasurer's Report (continued)

Exhibit "A"

Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
for the period April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947

Bank balance per books, March 31, 1946 \$1,523.72

Receipts:

Dues - 4745 @20¢	\$	949.00
Charms and pins		1,126.36
Supplies (manuals, books, songs, officers' jackets)		228.74
Contribution from Burlington R.R.		100.00
Reimbursement of Convention Expense		3.30
Postage refunds		2.58
Refund from Marshall Schirer's trip		<u>14.75</u>

Total receipts

2,424.73

Total cash to be accounted for

\$3,948.45

Disbursements:

Dues - 4400 @10¢	\$	440.00
Charms and pins		1,067.80
Taxes on charms and pins		153.81
Badges and buttons		58.62
Pictures		4.55
State Convention		35.71
National Convention		15.39
Victory Convention		23.95
Auditing		7.50
Supplies		45.83
Printing		163.13
Regional Speech Contest		25.00
Kansas Volume Fund		100.00
Burlington Awards		99.96
American Farm Youth Magazine		6.00
Miscellaneous		<u>25.38</u>

Total Disbursements

2,272.63

Balance per books, March 31, 1947

\$1,675.82

Cash on hand

\$ 680.52

Shortage

1.15681.67

Bank Balance, March 31, 1947

\$ 994.15

Bank Balance, March 31, 1947

\$996.65

Less: Outstanding check -

Robert Fulmer, Wamego, Ks.,

dated May 14, 1946

2.50

Bank Balance per books, March 31, 1947

\$994.15

Treasurer's Report (continued)

CHECKS WRITTEN FOR DISBURSEMENT
FROM 4/1/46 to 3/31/47

4-30-46	Dowell J. Howard, National dues for 4400 members	\$ 440.00
4-30-46	St. Louis Button Co., Buttons & Badges for State Meeting	33.15
4-30-46	Hazel Pfeutze, Lettering Certificates	5.00
5- 3-46	R. S. Nickelson, FFA Pictures	2.25
5-14-46	Art Craft Printers, FFA Chapter Committee Banquet Programs	10.00
5-14-46	Robert Fulmer, Expenses, State FFA Convention	2.50
5-14-46	Herman Popp, Expenses, State FFA Convention	14.25
5-15-46	Boyce Dougherty, Expenses, State FFA Convention	2.35
5-15-46	Harry M. Stewart, Audit FFA Books	7.50
5-15-46	Jack V. Hall, Expenses, State FFA Convention	5.11
5-17-46	KSC Building & Repair, Public Address, FFA Convention	12.18
5-20-46	Bob Jones, Expenses, State FFA Convention	11.50
6- 5-46	Hotel Gillett, Room during State FFA Convention	2.50
6-14-46	Universal Uniform Co., Officer Jackets 1946-47	25.83
7-29-46	L. G. Balfour Co., 500 C.F. Pins @28¢; 500 G.H. Pins @25¢	265.00
7-29-46	L. G. Balfour Co., 20% Fed. Tax on C.F., 2% State Tax on CF&GH	33.30
7-29-46	Enterprise Cooperative Co., 200 Helps in Mastering Parl.Pro.	20.00
7-29-46	The French Bray Company, 60 Secretary's Books	15.00
8- 6-46	The French Bray Company, 501 Manuals @13¢	65.13
8-23-46	Marshall Schirer to Reg. FFA Speech Contest, LaFayette, Ind.	25.00
9- 5-46	Kansas Bul. Vol. Fund., Loan for Bul. Covers (no interest)	100.00
10- 2-46	Art Craft Printers, 3M Programs of Work, 20M Membership Cards	73.00
10- 2-46	St. Louis Button Co., 140 Badges	25.47
10- 4-46	R. H. Brown Music Co., Music for Spring Banquet of FFA	.70
10-10-46	Atwood Chapter, Burlington Railroad Award	16.66
10-10-46	Bird City FFA Chapter, Burlington Award	16.66
10-10-46	McDonald Chapter FFA, Burlington Award	16.66
10-10-46	Norton Chapter FFA, Burlington Award	16.66
10-11-46	Oberlin Chapter FFA, Share of Burlington Award	16.66
10-11-46	St. Francis Chapter FFA, Share of Burlington Award	16.66
10-29-46	The American Farm Youth Magazine, 11 special subscriptions for FFA Leadership Schools, Information Contest winners	5.50
11- 5-46	L. F. Hall, Expenses to 19th National Convention	15.39
11-16-46	Foto Service, Pictures of Victory Convention, 1946	1.30
11-20-46	Bob Jones, Expenses to 1946 Victory Convention	23.95
11-21-46	L. G. Balfour Company, 500 GH Pins, 6 Bronze Adv. Pins, 6 GP Adv. Pins	128.42
11-21-46	L. G. Balfour Company, 20% tax on GP Pins; State Tax on above	2.93
12- 5-46	Foto Service, pictures of National Convention	1.00
12-20-46	L. G. Balfour Company, 500 CF Pins	140.00
12-20-46	L. G. Balfour Company, 20% Fed. Tax & 2% State Tax on above	30.80
12-26-46	The American Farm Youth, 1946 District Leadership School winner in FFA Information Test. Name omitted in previous order	.50
12-26-46	Better Farming Methods, Subscription for Leadership Information Contest Winner in 1945, delayed until 1946	2.00
12-26-46	U. S. Recording Company, 2 10" Records of Official FFA Song	3.00
2-19-47	The Enterprise Cooperative Co., 200 Parliamentary Pro. @10¢	20.00
2-19-47	L. G. Balfour Company, 350 CF Pins and 500 GH Pins	223.00
2-19-47	L. G. Balfour Company, 20% Excise Tax on CF Pins 2% State Tax on GH & CF	24.06
2-19-46	L. G. Balfour Company, State Award Medals, Public Speaking	6.00
2-19-47	L. G. Balfour Company, Excise & State Tax	1.04

Treasurer's Report (continued)

3- 7-47 L. G. Balfour Company, Mr. Hall's old style State Farmer Charm	5.04
3-15-47 L. G. Balfour Company, State Farmer Charms and Pins	280.34
3-15-47 L. G. Balfour Company, State and Federal Tax	61.68
Total	\$2,272.63

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Johnson, Treasurer
Kansas Association FFA

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REPORT OF THE STATE FFA SECRETARY 1947

House of Delegates meeting, Recreation Center, April 28, 1947, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by President Richard Chase

Formal opening ceremony.

172 delegates from 86 chapters were seated.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

81 State Farmer candidates were nominated and elected.

Dr. A. D. Weber, Head of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dr. Harold Meyers, Head of the Department of Agronomy, and Governor Frank Carlson were nominated and elected to the degree of Honorary State Farmer.

Reports of the Treasurer and the Reporter were read and approved.

National Student Secretary, Philip Shober, McCutchenville, Ohio, gave an interesting and inspiring talk.

The House of Delegates voted that the state association should bear all expenses involved in sending two members from Kansas to Kansas City to participate in the National FFA Band which will be organized for the 20th National FFA Convention.

It was suggested that the Kansas Association of FFA make a contribution to the Memorial Chapel fund at KSC. The subject was referred back to the local chapters for further consideration.

Election of officers resulted in the following members being elected for 1947-48: Harland Priddle, Haven, President; Bob Greve, Harper, Vice President; James Boucek, Ottawa, Secretary; LeRoy Spicher, Simpson, Reporter; Eugene Brinkman, Coffeyville, Treasurer.

Adjournment, 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Figgs, Secretary
Kansas Association FFA

1947 CLASS OF STATE FARMERS

Eighty-one FFA members from ⁴⁶~~52~~ chapters were elected to the State Farmer Degree at the 19th Annual FFA Convention. This brings the total number of FFA members elected to the State Farmer Degree in Kansas to ~~859~~ 921

Three Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded by the House of Delegates, namely: Governor Frank Carlson, Doctor A. D. Weber, Head of the Animal Husbandry Department, and Doctor Harold Meyers, Head of the Agronomy Department. This brings the total number of Honorary State Farmer Degrees granted by the Kansas Association of FFA during its nineteen years of history to twenty.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
✓Ackerman, George	Sabetha	✓McGehee, Richard	Manhattan
✓Aiken, James H.	Independence	✓Martin, Laurence D.	Clay Center
✓Allison, John M.	Shawnee Mission	✓Melhus, LaVerne	Concordia
✓Bauman, Eldon	Haven	✓Mines, Keith G.	Oberlin
✓Biegert, Harold W.	Junction City	✓Monhollon, Jr., James	Effingham
✓Bigge, Earl E.	Stockton	✓Morris, Max B.	Manhattan
✓Blaha, Clarence	Simpson	✓Mosler, Eldon L.	Altamont
✓Blair, Clyde Dean	Stockton	✓Mullen, Max	Lebanon
✓Bogner, Mark	Winfield	✓Nelson, Elmore	Osborne
✓Boucek, James A.	Ottawa	✓Pearson, James	Emporia
✓Brinkman, Eugene	Coffeyville	✓Postlethwaite, Arlon	Minneapolis
✓Butel, John	Overbrook	✓Pretz, James	Olathe
✓Chase, Loren F.	Fairview	✓Price, Charles A.	Paola
✓Clark, Marvin	Washburn	✓Priddle, Harland	Haven
✓Cobble, Edward	Winfield	✓Prouty, Clyde	Newton
✓Dageforde, Kenneth	Paola	✓Rawson, Robert	Wamego
✓Daise, Theodore	Goodland	✓Reece, Dwight	Effingham
✓Edwards, Robert	Emporia	✓Roberds, Dale	Columbus
✓Eklund, Emery Ray	Miltonvale	✓Rogers, Donald	Harveyville
✓Ellis, Raymond Lee	Garden City	✓Russell, Donald	Olathe
✓Faidley, Donald	Clay Center	✓Sabatha, Louis	Atwood
✓Forth, Don	Overbrook	✓Schesser, Leonard G.	Horton
✓Fosdick, Harvey	Miltonvale	✓Schrock, Bill	Kiowa
✓Gaither, John	Wakeeney	✓Sharp, Dean	Clay Center
✓Gearhiser, Richard	Altamont	✓Sheeks, Dean L.	Winfield
✓Gentry, Billy	Simpson	✓Shideler, Philip	Washburn
✓Gillan, David	Garden City	✓Spicher, LeRoy	Simpson
✓Greve, Bob	Harper	✓Stewart, Curtis	Tonganoxie
✓Haller, Dean	Randolph	✓Stitt, Wayne	Chanute
✓Heiman, Eugene	Garden City	✓Strafuss, Herman	Ottawa
✓Herron, Leo	Chanute	✓Thole, Harold	Stafford
✓Hofmann, Jack D.	Manhattan	✓Thompson, Victor	Coldwater
✓Holthus, Everett	Atwood	✓Waldo, Duane K.	Oberlin
✓Hundley, William	Effingham	✓Warren, Fred	Hiawatha
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1947 STATE CHAPTER CONTEST

The ratings of the National Score Card used in the National Chapter Contest were used in the Kansas Chapter Contest. Under each of the eight headings, approximately the same items were given consideration in ranking the chapters as were listed in the February 1946 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, article entitled, "Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs. The State Chapter Contest is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort over a wide range of activities. The first State Chapter Contest was held in Kansas in 1932 and these contests have been held annually since that date.

In addition to the eight major headings listed in the National Chapter Contest score card, the scoring committee checks each chapter activity program against the annual State Association Program of Work. Attention is also given to chapter performance in the District FFA Leadership Schools.

It was gratifying to note that 100% of the chapters entering the Chapter Contest had the minimum FFA library; 98% used both the official Secretary and Treasurer's book, and more than 97% of the competing chapters engaged in Fire Prevention, Safety, Pest Eradication, and Livestock Loss Prevention.

The four major classifications for recognizing the merit of chapter programs are: Gold Emblem classification, Silver Emblem classification, Bronze Emblem classification, and Honorable Mention classification.

The results of the 1947 State Chapter Contest follow:

GOLD EMBLEM CLASSIFICATION - Highest Rank

Olathe Chapter, E. L. Raines, Adviser
 Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser
 Highland Park, F. E. Carpenter, Adviser
 Beloit Chapter, Howard Bradley, Adviser
 Stockton Chapter, F. A. Blauer, Adviser
 Winfield Chapter, Ira L. Plank, Adviser
 Effingham Chapter, A. G. Jensen, Adviser
 Minneapolis Chapter, J. Willis Jordan, Adviser
 Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser

SILVER EMBLEM

Washburn, Hugh Moore
 Cherryvale, C. H. Young
 Lebanon, Don Hall
 Hiawatha, Winzer Petr
 Newton, R. M. Karns
 Columbus, R. M. Lay
 Clay Center, R. W. Morrison
 Shawnee Mission, H. D. Garver
 Ottawa, S. S. Bergsma

BRONZE EMBLEM

Kiowa, Allen Starosta
 Washington, I. E. Peterson
 Westmoreland, N. Hildwein
 Waterville, L. L. VanPetten
 Horton, L. O. Gugler
 Fairview, R. D. Brent
 Phillipsburg, Frank Freeman
 Kincaid, Dale Woolsey
 Wamego, E. E. Stockebrand
 Valley Falls, A. H. Loomis

HONORABLE MENTION

Hope, R. Cohorst
 Wakeeney, J. O. Brown
 Moundridge, C. C. Griffin
 Independence, H. Longber
 Atwood, Raymond Stewart

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The new Director of Public Relations and Information for the Future Farmers of America is Mr. John Farrar.

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1947 STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Seventeenth Annual FFA Public Speaking Contest was held on the campus at KSC Tuesday, April 28th. State President Richard Chase and State Reporter William R. Edwards presided. The judges for the speech contest were: Doctor Randall C. Hill, of the Department of Economics and Sociology; Professor Morris Anderson, of the Department of Economics and Sociology; and Doctor V. L. Strickland, of the Department of Education and Psychology. There were twenty-two contestants.

Kansas has an enviable record in Regional and National FFA speech contest. Fifteen Kansas Future Farmers have participated in the Regional FFA Speech Contests and have won four firsts, four seconds, two thirds, two sevenths, two ninths, and one placed eleventh.

Originally the region consisted of twelve states but for the past several years the central region has been comprised of 13 states. On the basis of twelve states, competing in the Regional Speech Contests, Kansas should have entered a representative in the national contest 1.23 times. Instead, in 1946 Kansas represented the region in the National FFA Speech Contest for the fourth time. Kansas in the National FFA Speech Contest has placed fourth, second, and has won the national twice.

The results of the 1946 FFA Speech Contest follow:

<u>RANKING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1.	Harland Priddle, Haven	Man's Kinship to the Soil
2.	Garth Grisson, Syracuse	Food, Our Weapon in Peace
3.	Jim Gurley, Beloit	Balanced Farming, Our Promise of a New Tomorrow
4. (tie)	J. Edwin Remer, Olathe	The Past and the Future of the Farmers
4. (tie)	Jack Robbins, Altamont	Conservation, and American Liveli- hood
6.	Carl Anderson, Effingham	Hybrid Corn Can be a Factor in Promoting World Peace
7.	Rex Thomas, Fredonia	Our Inheritance
8.	William L. Hoffman, Paola	A New Day in Farming
9.	Donald Okeson, Fairview	The Airplane as an Aid to the American Farmer
10. (tie)	Doyle Rahjes, Phillipsburg	Our Heritage: Soil
10. (tie)	Doyle Peaslee, Stockton	A Living Nation Through Conservation

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FFA TRANSCRIPTIONS

A transcription of the major portion of Marshall Schirer's winning speech in the 1946 National FFA Speech Contest is available through Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri, at \$1.50 each. The record is made of vinylite and is practically unbreakable.

Arrangements are being completed to have two numbers by the Pennsylvania FFA band on another record. Orders should be sent directly to Mr. Roche along with a check to pay for the transcription. The records will be shipped postage prepaid.

THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

The Agricultural Education Club, composed of students in the curriculum of agricultural education and others who are planning to teach agriculture, presented for the first time this year, a bronze FFA plaque to the chapter making the highest total score in all events open to FFA members at the annual vocational agriculture, farm mechanics, and FFA contests held at KSC, April 28-29. A point system was established whereby an individual or team could amass points for his chapter in all the agricultural and farm mechanics contests as well as in the contests sponsored by the state FFA association. The maximum number of points possible to earn in each of the three major divisions, agriculture, farm mechanics, and FFA, was approximately the same. The highest possible score any team could win is 300 points. The Beloit FFA chapter was declared the winner of the Agricultural Education Club award having amassed a total of 213 points out of a possible 300 points. The award was a beautiful heart shaped bronze plaque, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", carrying a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bronze FFA emblem together with a bronze inscription plate bearing the following inscription, "AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD - Highest Total Score - Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics, FFA Events, Kansas State College, 1947". The plaque did not arrive in time to be awarded at the annual banquet; however, the winner was announced at that time. The plaque was presented to the Beloit FFA chapter by the State Executive Adviser at their annual Parent and Son banquet, May 13, 1947.

The Agricultural Education Club award is designed to stimulate FFA chapters to greater all around achievement and the Beloit Chapter is to be congratulated upon winning this award.

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THANKS

On behalf of the State Association of Future Farmers of America, we wish to express our appreciation for the splendid banquet furnished by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce. Furnishing a plain but wholesome meal to FFA members and contestants at the close of the two-day program has been the custom of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce for the past two decades. The annual FFA banquet is a cooperative affair whereby the food is furnished by the Chamber under the able direction of Dave Mackintosh and Charlie Adams, the physical properties are provided by the college under the direction of Professor F. W. Atkeson, while the program itself is under the direction of the State Association of FFA. This type of activity in a local chapter program of work would come under the heading of cooperative activities. The State Association appreciates the fine cooperative spirit shown by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce each year in not only underwriting the cost of the banquet but in furnishing fifteen to twenty members to aid in serving the food. Food service is in charge of the college Block and Bridle Club, which is the student organization in the Department of Animal Husbandry. Local FFA advisers undoubtedly noted the improved appearance of the gymnasium this year. This greatly improved appearance of the background south of the speaker's table was occasioned by the display of the flags of the United Nations. Our thanks for the use of the United Nations flags are due Doctor R. A. Walker, Head of the Institute of Citizenship at KSC.

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FFA MEMBERSHIP

Number of vocational agriculture departments in Kansas.	135
Total enrollment in vocational agriculture as of October 1.	4954
Number of vocational agriculture departments with chartered FFA chapters (Hillsboro, Fowler, Dodge City not chartered).	136
Average enrollment in vocational agriculture departments.	36
Maximum enrollment in vocational agriculture (Dodge City)	122
Minimum enrollment in vocational agriculture (Barnes)	12
Total enrollment in 132 vocational agriculture departments with chartered FFA chapters.	4757
Total FFA membership paid to May 10, 1947	4737
Per cent of FFA chapters having paid dues to May 10	94.7%
Number of delinquent chapters as of May 10 (Alta Vista, Barnes, Clifton, Linn, McCune, McDonald, Wellsville).	7
Per cent of FFA membership based on enrollment in 132 chartered chapters.	99.6%

NOTE: It is not too late to place Kansas over the 100% mark in membership. Our fiscal year ends June 30.

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FFA JACKETS LIMITED BUT SHIRTS AVAILABLE

In response to an inquiry addressed to the Universal Uniform Company regarding official FFA jackets, the state association has been informed that due to the continued critical shortage of materials, it is impossible for the company to supply all the FFA jackets ordered, but they are attempting to supply jackets to state and chapter officers. They cannot provide FFA caps. They place no restrictions on the sale of FFA shirts. The following information is quoted from their letter:

CORDUROY JACKET, STYLE NO. 333

Jacket with front emblem only. \$5.20
 Jacket with back emblem only 5.70
 Jacket with front and back emblems 5.95
 Lettering on back of jacket - 3¢ a letter with minimum charge of 35¢

The wearer's given name, nickname, or initials on the front of the jacket in script letters is 10¢. The wearer's complete name, office, or other special front lettering in block letters is 1½¢ a letter with a minimum charge of 30¢.

ROYAL BLUE SHIRT, STYLE NO. 54

Shirt with front emblem. \$2.95
 Lettering on back of shirt - 4¢ a letter with minimum charge of 45¢

The wearer's given name, nickname, or initials on the front of the shirt in script letters is 10¢. The wearer's complete name, office or other special front lettering in block letters is 1½¢ a letter with a minimum charge of 30¢.

Note: Because of the size and weight of the back emblem, it is not put on the shirts. Either town or chapter name can be lettered on the back of a shirt in addition to the letters F.F.A.

FFA Jackets Limited but Shirts Available (continued)

On these special orders, a deposit of one-half is required with the order. The garments are then shipped c.o.d. for the balance. If you prefer to send your entire remittance with your order, you may do so.

The address of the Universal Uniform Company is Van Wert, Ohio.

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NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION, OCTOBER 19-22

The 1947 National Convention of the Future Farmers of America will be held October 19-22, in Kansas City, Missouri, according to an announcement by the National Board of Trustees. This will be the twentieth annual convention of the Future Farmers of America.

As in previous years, the convention will run concurrently with the American Royal Livestock Show, and will be held in the Municipal Auditorium.

Hotel accommodations for 1250 official delegates, guests, and entertainers have been promised. A recent word from the national office indicates that hotel accommodations in Kansas City this year are very difficult to obtain. Reservations for delegates, American Farmer candidates, and State leaders are being arranged for.

Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson and the British Ambassador, Inverchapel, have accepted invitations to address the FFA members who will be in attendance at the annual meetings. Through the British Ambassador, the National officers of the FFA have extended invitations to a number of farm boys from England, Scotland, Wales, and Canada to attend the convention.

The FFA livestock judging and meats judging contests will be held at the same time. These contests were last held in 1941.

The convention will feature the organization of the National FFA Band composed of two outstanding farm boy musicians from each state association. The band will be under the direction of Doctor Henry S. Brunner, Professor of Agricultural Education at Pennsylvania State College, who conducted the Pennsylvania FFA Band at last year's convention.

Other features of the convention will be the National Public Speaking Contest, the selection of "Star Farmers" of the four geographical regions of the country and the "Star Farmer of America", and the announcement of national winners in Farm Mechanics, Farm and Home Electrification, and the FFA National Chapter Contest.

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CORRECTION

In the article "Ranking FFA Chapters", in the April 1947 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, the Powhattan Chapter was omitted. Powhattan Chapter had a membership of 110% based upon October 1st enrollment.

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NEW EDITION - FFA IN ACTION

A new edition of Future Farmers in Action is being planned. This will be a thirty-two page brochure similar in design to the first edition. A new four-color cover will be used. All of the pictures will be different from those used in the first edition.

At the present time no arrangements have been made to have a copy sent to each FFA member complimentary. The price of the brochure will vary between 8¢ and 10¢ per copy depending upon the number of copies printed. The Kansas association is ordering 200 copies only. These will be made available to local chapters at 10¢ each, if they desire them.

Chapters desiring to order copies of the new edition of FFA in Action should send orders direct to National FFA Secretary A. W. Tenney, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington, 25, D. C.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

PENNSYLVANIA: If someone calls "Bob" at any meeting of State officers of the Pennsylvania FFA this year, he'll get quite a response, for the group includes four Roberts-President Robert E. Shaner of Pottstown, Vice President Robert C. Campbell of Saegerstown, Treasurer Robert E. Gregory of Kunkletown, and Reporter Robert M. Newcomer of Chambersburg.

OHIO: The Bremen FFA chapter has purchased a six-month old Jersey bull of five-star breeding to be used by members and others in the community for improving their dairy herds. The Bull's sire held a five-star classification and the seven nearest dams in his pedigree averaged more than 650 pounds of butterfat per year. His dam, not yet tested for production, classified very good type, the highest of any two year old cow rating.

WASHINGTON: The Edmonds FFA chapter started its spring campaign to build up its treasury by spraying fruit trees with the chapter-owned portable sprayer. Dormant sprays of lime sulfur and oil emulsion already have been applied and a full spray program for spring and summer is planned. Two boys go out each day with the sprayer, charging farmers ten cents per gallon for applying the material. Besides being a good source of income for the chapter, the spray program is educational and provides equipment to fill a community need. The 50-gallon capacity sprayer is mounted on a trailer and pulled by the FFA truck.

NORTH DAKOTA: A band made up of 88 Future Farmers, recruited from 20 high school chapters throughout North Dakota, will be featured at the 1947 State FFA convention in Fargo June 18, 19, and 20. The Future Farmer band will be directed by E. J. Schroepfer, Assistant professor of music at North Dakota Agricultural College.

MONTANA: Two past officers of the Montana State Association of Future Farmers of America were members of the House of Representatives of the 1947 Montana State Legislative Assembly. Don Valiton was elected representative from Powell county and Paul Holzer representative from Judith Basin county.

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CHAPTER NEWS

HILL CITY: In our pest eradication campaign there were over 950 pests killed and exterminated. The losers of the pest campaign were host to the winners with a roller skating party....Chas. Worcester bought a purebred Hampshire gilt, she had eight pigs and all well. Bill Worcester's purebred Duroc had twelve pigs saving ten....Hill City was host to the district crops judging contest April 20....Verlyn Ginter made a one-wheel trailer in shop. Andy Meyer completely painted his tractor. Bert Gansel made a trailer.... Hill City has the largest Institutional On-the-Farm Training Program in the state.

Verly Ginter, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: Our pest eradication contest closed March 31 with the following pests destroyed: 6 coyotes, 229 rats, 361 mice, 271 sparrows, 387 rabbits, 5 jack rabbits, 8 crows, 1 gopher, and 31 pigeons for a total of 1299 pests. Mercelus Biesenthal's team lost to Charles Burgess's team, and had to make all arrangements for a stag party....We held our Parent-Son banquet, Thursday, April 10 with 93 members and guests present. Our speaker was H. L. Kugler from Kansas State College....A group of pictures were taken of the boys farming programs and jobs completed in shop, and displayed on a bulletin board in the post office window to show what the department is doing....Scholarship ribbons were awarded to the three high in each vocational agriculture class, and to the three high of all classes for scholarship in all subjects. In the No. 9 class, Norman Toothaker was first, Wayne Lingg was second, and Galen Bairow was third. In the No. 10 class, Henry Berg was first, Louis Bowen was second, and Melvin Ewing was third. Billy Whearty was first, Charless Burgess was second, and Donald Kastner was third in the No. 11 class. In all classes, Henry Berg was first, Billy Whearty was second, and Charles Burgess was third....Some of our major shop jobs completed are: A-type hog house, 30 bu. hog feeder, livestock loading chute, wagon box, two trailers, manure loader, chicken feeders, concrete hog troughs, and rebuilding and repair of farm machinery....Our officers for next year are Bill Fairchild, president; Henry Berg, vice-president; Darrell Keen, secretary; Kenneth Snapp, treasurer; Earl R. Bullock, reporter; Dale Krouse, sentinel.

Earl R. Bullock, Reporter

BELLEVILLE: The officers of the Belleville Chapter of the FFA are as follows: Loren Morely, president; George Morehead, vice-president; Wayne Mikesell, secretary; George Brzon, Treasurer, with Bob Rizek reporting for Virgil Canning, the regular reporter. We have 51 members....The annual FFA banquet was held last March. Loren Whipps, a home town boy, now an instructor at Kansas State was the speaker of the evening....We had a scrap iron drive this winter, collecting 106 tons of scrap iron and netting about \$75.00 for our treasury....Articles made in the shop consisted of a hay buck, building a jeep out of old car parts, two self hog feeders, eight hog troughs, several chicken feeders, whirlwind lawn mower, and several welding and soldering jobs.Bob Rizel and Charles Sanford each bought a gilt at the Wayne Davis sale at Fairbury....Bud Hanzlick and Bob Rizel each bought a gilt at the NCK duroc sale....Virgil Canning won the DeKalb accomplishment award, it being presented to him at the annual banquet.

Bob Rizel, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

HOXIE: The largest crowd of all times hailing from all over Sheridan County and vicinity packed the high school auditorium to the utmost capacity to see the donkey basketball game sponsored by our chapter. The Future Farmers played against the business men of Hoxie. Besides having fun our chapter realized about \$140 net proceeds. The chapter voted to use this money to help obtain a surplus army barracks to be used as an exhibition and recreation house which will be placed on a new fair grounds at Hoxie....Our annual date party, held in the high school gym, is another example of fun and entertainment for FFA members. Approximately all members were present with dates. Those not having dates were penalized two hours work decorating for the Parent and Son banquet.Approximately 180 members, parents, and guests attended our Parent and Son banquet....Mr. Taylor, representing the Hoxie Rotary Club, presented to three FFA members, for having placed first, second and third in our theoretical Marketing and Record book contest, awards amounting to \$35.00. Winners were: William Weeks, sophomore \$20.; Don Koster, junior, \$10.; and Sylvester Bange, sophomore, \$5.00. This prize money is to go toward the expanding of their farming programs....The banquet simulated a regular meeting with the main item of business consisting of reports of standing committees on their part towards the completion of our Chapter's yearly program of work....Don Arnold, president, was selected winner of the DeKalb agricultural accomplishment award. This award will be given to Don at the Commencement exercises.

Doren Follis, Reporter

INDEPENDENCE: We had our FFA banquet March 30. In spite of the flu we had a good attendance. Awards were given to the following members: Best Farming Program, James Aiken; Best Supplementary Practice, Rex Catlett; Perfect Attendance, Harold and Gerald Bruington....We were guests of the Coffeyville chapter for initiation of Chapter Farmers. Seven members were initiated from our chapter. We played two games of basketball after the initiation....Some of the projects being made in the shop are: gravel loader for tractor, two 2-wheel trailers, overhaul manure spreader, tractor plow, hay rake, two corn planters, one mowing machine, six harrows have been repaired, and several iron sleds and barrel holders.

Carl Tucker, Reporter

HORTON: Our new officers will be initiated the second meeting in May, they are: president, Lyle Schuetz; vice-president, Teddy Milburn; secretary, Harold Laverentz; treasurer, Ivan Molt; reporter, Arnel Hallauer; sentinel, Harold Richling....We held our annual project tour in April. The boys showed their projects and judged eight classes of livestock....Dale Ellingson and Leonard Schesser were awarded the DeKalb agriculture accomplishment medal for Senior FFA boys....Our annual achievement day was held May 9....The Spring FFA-FFA party was held May 7, and the annual FFA day for eighth grade boys was held May 14.

Eugene Winterscheidt, Reporter

HOLTON: Our new officers for the year 1947-48 are: Herbert Shultz, president; Charles Miller, vice-president; Merle Holliday, secretary; Kenneth King, treasurer; Richard Roebke, reporter; Bill McAlister, sentinel....The Parent-Son banquet was held in March. The old officers all received new jackets....The chapter presented a radio broadcast at St. Joseph last March....The chapter purchased a new FFA banner.

Merle Holliday, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WAMEGO: The newly elected officers for the following year are: president, Robert White; vice-president, Harold Raine; secretary, Kimber Macht; treasurer, Francis Eckart; reporter, Ed Leonard; sentinel, Clarence Eichen....Our Parent and Son Banquet was well managed this year, and all committees deserve congratulations. Guest speaker was Gene Shipley of WIBW....We sponsored a Donkey Basketball game, March 31, which netted us \$252....We have entered the scrap metal contest, sponsored by the Sheffield Steel Corporation....We ranked eighth in the National Duroc Judging Contest....The pest eradication losers are treating the winners to a fishing trip....Our chapter purchased four gilts at the Clarence Miller sale. Two gilts were given to us by the Wamego Milling Company....We have been building self-feeders, wagon boxes, and a tumble bug. We have also rebuilt a corn binder and weeders. Charles Uhlrig is rebuilding a manure spreader....We have obtained about six tons of scrap iron from the Highway Department. This is being reconditioned. Part of it will be sold, and the rest will be used by us in shop.

Ed Leonard, Reporter

FRANKFORT: The Frankfort Chapter sponsored the Northeast Kansas Poultry Judging Contest on February 8....In the pest eradication contest just completed the following pests were killed: coyotes 36; starlings 310; sparrows 2400; rats 600; mice 600; crows 23; cottontail rabbits 815; jackrabbits 75; moles 2; pigeons 210. The high individual was Bob Griffiths with 236 rats, 224 cottontail rabbits; 8 crows; 35 mice; 10 jack rabbits; 2 starlings; and 157 sparrows for a total of 43,375 points....The boys in shop just completed and sold 120 concrete hog troughs. Lumber is coming in and a hog house and three wagon boxes have been completed lately.

Gerald Backman, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Twenty-one 1st year vocational agriculture and FFA members have an average farming program investment of \$287.70....Shop jobs now in progress include: two four-wheel trailers, two two-wheel trailers, two post hold augers for tractors, two concrete packers, one stalk cutter, overhauling running gears of wagon, and one wagon box....All members participated in a winner roast and date party April 16th....For the purpose of practicing parliamentary proficiency we have Green Hand FFA officers who practice opening and closing ceremonies to establish best proficiency and to train boys for proficiency as future officers....April 3rd the Junior A boys participated in a weight guessing where they weighed their deferred steers. Treasurer John Robison won first on guessing weights of animals.

Quentin Roberts, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: Our newly elected officers for next year are: president, Donald Collett; vice-president, Harry Lynn; secretary, Alfred Schuetz; treasurer, Carl Rauch; reporter, Jimmy Miller; sentinel, Don DeTar....We have rented three acres of land and are planting it to popcorn....We held the district poultry judging school in our shop....Participation in the Curtis Publications' Salesmanship Contest netted our chapter \$78.50....Jimmy Miller was asked to submit reasons in order to break a tie in the Hoards' Dairyman Contest....Our Spring play day was held the first of May and prospective members were guests.

Carl Rauch, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WASHBURN: Our officers for the year 1947-48 are: Elroy Vitt, president; Phil Lukert, vice-president; Don Shideler, secretary; David Eddy, treasurer; Kermit Palmer, reporter; Duane Slusser, sentinel....Our chapter has purchased a 16-millimeter movie camera to be used to take moving pictures of the projects of the FFA members....On April 4 we held our annual Parent and Son banquet. There was 100% of the members present and 90% of the parents.

Thomas Boley, Reporter

WATERVILLE: We held our Parent-Son banquet April 1st with a 100 parents, sons and guest present....We have pruned approximately 125 trees and banded approximately 150, dehorned 20 cattle, castrated 15 pigs and cattle....Our pest eradication contest started February 1st and ended April 1st. The losers are to feed the winners before school is out. Gerald Toburen was given a large felt FFA emblem for being high point man in the entire contest....The new officers for the year are Wayne Wray, president; Gilbert Green, vice-president; Keith Springer, secretary; Lyle Wiechman, treasurer, and Jimmy Roepke, reporter.

Jim Roepke, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: The FFA chapter officers for this year are president, Gene Romine; vice-president; Kenneth Nichols; reporter, Louis Walker; treasurer, Ray Hodgson; secretary, Donald Rogers; and sentinel, Jack Baxter....We plan to take a project tour May 16 and 17 and visit each individual's project....Donald Rogers is the senior who will receive the award from the DeKalb Hybrid Seed Corn Company. His name will be placed on the plaque, which they gave to the school....We have been sharing our Ag room and school work shop with the World War II veterans, who are enrolled in Institutional On-the-Farm Training.

Louis Walker, Reporter

NORTON: On April 21, the election and installation of new officers for the coming year took place. The new officers are as follows: Duane Wray, president; Raymond Walker, vice-president; Lawrence Wiltfong, secretary; Lee Preston, treasurer; Norman Sprigg, reporter; Robert Beckman, sentinel; and Myron Veh, advisory council.

Norman Sprigg, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: In January, twenty-one boys went to the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado....The FFA held a party for the FFA boys in February.We held our seventh annual Parent and Son Banquet, April 8th. One hundred and ten boys, parents and guests were present....Our chapter purchased a new Ford tractor and terracing equipment. A 40% cash down payment was made on it. The rest will be paid by building terraces....In shop we made six hog houses.A profit of \$228.54 was realized from 115 turkeys on the chapter turkey project....Officers elected and installed for the coming year are: president, Dean Johnson, vice-president, Irwin Walker; reporter, Richard Townley; treasurer, Bobby McClellan; secretary, Eugene Miller; and sentinel, Gerald Stephenson.

Richard Townley, Reporter

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Father: "Do you suppose our son gets his intelligence from me?"
Mother: "He must. I've still got mine."

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our chapter held its fourth annual Open House, Tuesday evening, March 18. A pot luck supper was served in the ag shop and class room to about 300 parents and guests. The Co-Operative Club attended in a body, and during the evening presented our chapter with a new 16mm movie camera and leather carrying case. Every member of the chapter took part in the demonstrations which included: forge work, soldering, building a hog house, making concrete blocks, making rope halters, testing seeds, soil and milk, and killing and dressing broilers from our FFA broiler plant....Shop jobs which we have completed to date include: eight hog houses, a truck bed, a trailer bed, trailer chassis, repaired a mower, two harrows, a stalk cutter, a tractor plow, made twelve concrete lawn rollers, several hundred concrete blocks, six medicine cabinets and many smaller articles....Lewis Cole and Joe Sims, members of our state judging team were injured in an accident on the way to the Topeka contest. They were riding in Sims' jeep, which was badly damaged. Both boys are back in school after two weeks absences, but had to drop out of the judging contests....A complete line of livestock medicine, disinfectants, etc., have been assembled by the chapter for use of members. These are kept at school and checked out as needed.....John Allison and Roy Wright have started individual broiler plants and are selling dressed birds to customers of the FFA broiler project which closed down for the season.

Joe Sims, Reporter

CENTRALIA: Max Smith, Elton Chadwick, Jack Myers, Duane Harter, Gary Beck, and our Adviser made a broadcast over KFEO, January 10....We held our annual FFA banquet March 20 at which time the Chapter Farmer was awarded....We went on judging trips to Horton, Effingham, Seneca, Sabetha, and Fairbury, and participated in the Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest....Our department has been selling a number of cement hog troughs this year....The World War II veterans work in our shop Monday and Thursday nights.

Gary Beck, Reporter

HIAWATHA: Officers for next year are: Donald Craig, president; Leon Shannon, vice-president; Raymond Pautz, secretary; Dudley Pautz, reporter; Rodney Gladhart, treasurer; and Harold Elliott, sentinel....In our shop three of the boys are making two-wheel trailers, one is repairing a tractor kirlin, and the freshman class is making a 7 x 14 hog house.

Donald Craig, Reporter

KINGMAN: The scrap iron drive and pest eradication contest which were run off concurrently both ended April 15 with the following results: scrap iron and steel collected - 36,719 pounds; pest eradication - 299 rabbits, 23 opossums, 29 crows, 64 blackbirds, 6 coyotes, 9 hawks, 18 skunks, 19 sparrows, 27 mice, 18 rats, 1 mole and 1 gopher....The FFA members were divided into five teams. Bydus Taber's team won first in both contests and Bill Woodson's team won second. The three losing teams will furnish refreshments at our recreation night on May 27....Our chapter decided not to raise chickens this year on account of high cost of feed....Among the projects now standing on the lot at the shop are two hog houses, two loading chutes, 3 four-wheel tractor trailers, and 2 feed bunks. Two gasoline engines have also been overhauled.

Leonard Gering, Reporter