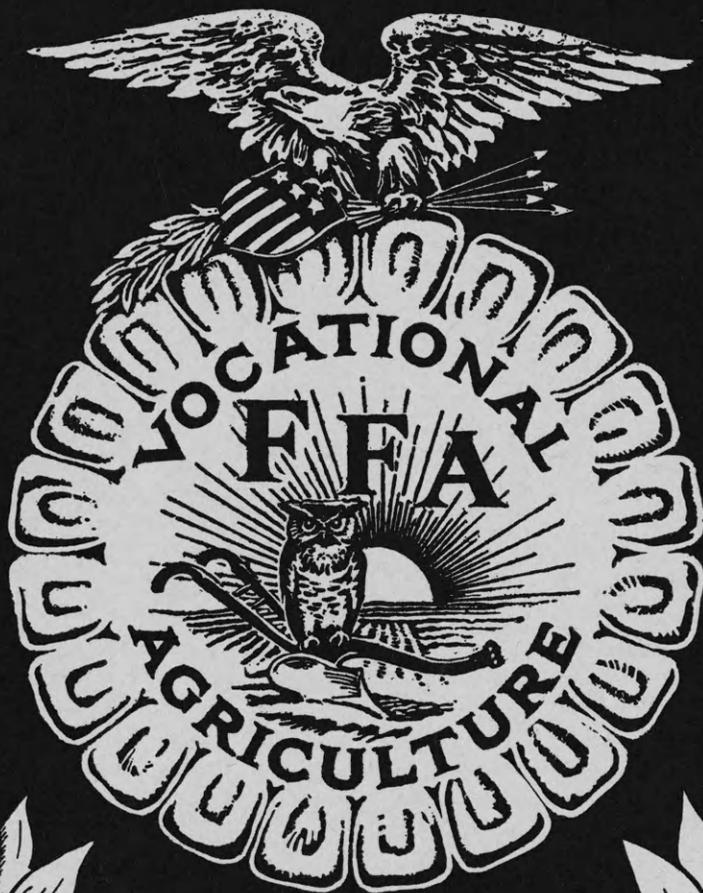


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"This country with its institutions belongs to  
the people who inhabit it."

"Observe good faith and justice toward all  
nations; cultivate peace and harmony  
with all."



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F.F.A. CALENDAR

State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book if called for....April 14  
Public Speaking entry and manuscript.....April 14  
Better Chapter Contest Report.....April 21  
Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Kansas Association..... April 28-29\*

\*Tentative dates

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NEW F.F.A. MANUAL

We are happy to present a copy of W. A. Ross's report on the New FFA Manual read before the House of Delegates of the 13th National Convention of Future Farmers of America. This report should be of interest to all Future Farmer members, and should be of special interest to local chapter officers. The new manual is available through the state office at the same price, 15¢ per copy, Manhattan.

The 1940 revision of the official F.F.A. Manual was under way for some time. For the past three years the National Boards of Trustees have been charged with the responsibility of bringing this undertaking to completion.

The gathering of suitable materials and ideas for revision has, of course, gone on since the first Manual was released in 1929. Your Executive Secretary has kept a file of suggested changes and additions over a period of years. Some ideas came, some went, and some stayed. New ideas accumulated based on our experience. A special request was sent to the State F.F.A. advisers a few months ago in a last effort to glean ideas for the new Manual. The finished product includes the best thinking of members, officers, advisers, specialists in various fields, and friends of the organization.

May I call attention, first, to the new cover which improves the general appearance of the Manual. Note the two-tone effect on both front and back. The Manual is easily distinguished anywhere. Note also the increase in size from 76 pages to 92 pages at no advance in price. The title page now gives a scale of prices whereby a saving can be made on quantity orders. The paper stock in the Manual remains the same.

A general change in style will be noted. All ceremonies, constitutions, and similar matter are set up in double column; all descriptive matter runs full page width. This makes all material more easily located and more easily followed when found. The body of the Manual is set in small type in order to conserve space. It would be a very easy matter to get this publication too large and bulky. Keeping it to a reasonable size is absolutely necessary. In order to do that only the organization essentials stated in concise words could be included. This was a real task.

On page 6 of the new Manual will be found a complete list of State Associations in the order in which they were chartered. "How the Organization Operates" is also entirely new. Note the "Purposes" and "Creed" in boxes on facing pages 10 and 11, and the "Salute" and "Motto" are now plainly set out on page 12.

The national constitution, as amended and revised in 1939, appears on pages 13-21. New or changed sections therein appear in italics for convenience in referring to them. A sample local chapter constitution appears on page 24 but the sample State Association constitution has been deleted.

The "Seven Essentials of a Good Chapter" on page 26 are worthy of any member's careful consideration. Out of my experience as National Executive Secretary, these are the larger things which to my way of thinking are paramount. Every chapter is doing a satisfactory job if and when these seven essentials are being met.

Closely coupled with these essentials is the section on "Some Duties and Responsibilities of Chapter Officers", also new. No excuse now for any officer failing to know what is expected of him.

## New F.F.A. Manual (Continued)

"Building and Carrying out a Chapter Program of Work", beginning on page 31 is also a new and very important section. We shall hope for better programs of work now in all parts of the country with this assistance.

Note that "Financing Chapter Activities" is given a similar treatment. This should prove invaluable when studied in connection with the program of work section.

"Keeping Chapter Records" on page 36 should do much to call to attention, not only the need for records but the kind of records that are needed.

On page 38 a very radical change has been made in room arrangement for chapter meetings. The Reporter, Treasurer, and Adviser stations have been shifted. The primary reason for this is to place the Reporter and the Flag to the right of the President or platform speaker and to make the salute in the closing ceremony more effective. With the old arrangement the members had to turn around to salute the Flag. We feel this new arrangement is much superior to the old one.

"Planning Chapter Meetings", page 39, is another new section which is self-explanatory. Notice the "Order of Business" on page 40 which corresponds to the order appearing in the Official Secretary's Book. This same thing applies to the section on thrift bank operation on page 70 because it harmonizes with the plan described in the Official Treasurer's Book.

"Fourteen Points on Chapter Operation" are worthy of real study in every one of the 7,000 local chapters of F.F.A. They constitute what I call a "yardstick" for measuring chapter efficiency.

The parliamentary procedure section has been improved by the addition of the explanation of terms on pages 44-48.

Now for the ceremonies beginning on page 49. These have all been re-worked, shortened, and refined. Awkward places have been eliminated just as far as possible. The second degree ceremony was shortened considerably. The parts taken by the various officers have been similarly worded in each of the four degree ceremonies. This should make for ease in learning. A new ceremony for installing officers will be found on page 64.

"Building a Chapter Library" is new; see page 72. The same is true of the section on "Radio", page 74, and that on the "American Flag", on page 76. Permission to use the section on the Flag was obtained from the Daughters of the American Revolution organization.

Collegiate Chapters now have a place in our Manual which they did not have before. We hope this will be of assistance in turning out still better trained advisers in the future.

In closing, may I say that no Manual will ever be effective unless members, chapters, and State associations, buy it and use it. It must be studied. It must be read and re-read. It is a guide and helper, a handbook to a better F.F.A. organization and greater achievement. It should become a part of every member. The Official Manual deserves a much wider use than it has had up to the present time.

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Pete Tests, Riverside, California, member, has a prolific sow named "Toots". This Hampshire, now weighing around 600 pounds, farrowed 10 pigs in the winter of 1939, 15 pigs the next fall, and 20 pigs in the winter of 1940. Whether "Toots" plans to increase another five next litter is not known, but she saved only 10 of the 20 born last time.

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NEW CHAPTERS

The Kansas Association of F.F.A. is happy to welcome into the Association during the past month, three new chapters, all from new departments.

On January 24, 1941, the Spivey chapter was chartered with 16 members. R. D. Brent is the advisor of the Spivey chapter. Officers are: Rex Boyle, president; Gene Stearns, vice president; Wilbur Helm, secretary; Lotus Helm, treasurer; Leonard Dick, reporter.

The Lyndon chapter with a membership of 22 was chartered February 4, 1941. E. J. Anstaett is president of the chapter; Lloyd McCright is vice president; Harold Mears, secretary; Robert Paul, treasurer; and Dean Broderson, reporter. Leo Kobler is advisor of the chapter.

Starting out with a membership of 47, the Independence chapter was chartered February 8, 1941. Advisor of the group is Blaine E. Brandenburg. Officers are: Wilmer Gillen, president; Lewis Wallick, vice president; Gerald Newman, secretary; Don Morris, treasurer; Raymond Ross, reporter.

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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The following Kansas chapters have filed entries in the National Better Chapter contest:

Highland Park  
Shawnee Mission  
Lebanon  
Chanute  
Winfield

From this list of official entries one chapter may file a completed report. All final reports on accomplishments must be forwarded to the national office on or before midnight, September 1, 1941. The final entry from Kansas must clear through the state office of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. Previous winners in the National FFA chapter contest are eligible to compete in the 1941 contest.

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"There is no relation between a person's head size and a person's intelligence; some of the biggest brains known to science have belonged to idiots."

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FFA RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT

Arrangements have been made for a series of FFA broadcasts over station KFBI, Wichita, on the first Tuesday of each month, at 10:30 p. m. The first broadcast of this series will be presented by the South Haven chapter, Tuesday, March 4. The Winfield chapter will present a program over this station April 1, the time 10:30 p. m. Jess Cooper, advisor of the Mulvane chapter has been instrumental in arranging for this series of FFA broadcasts, and south central Kansas chapters interested should contact Mr. Cooper.

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MORE FEATURES--LESS NEWS

By George P. Couper, Editor, The California Future Farmer

Frequently the editorial staff is asked by a chapter reporter or vocational agriculture teacher, to suggest the kind of news or material most desirable for the state magazine, from a local chapter.

The best way in which to answer such a question is to consider the likes of the readers--not just those in your own chapter, but the more than 10,500 individuals who make up the circulation of the California Future Farmer magazine.

Such a group of people read the FFA magazine for three purposes--to get the statewide and district news, to get agricultural information from those who prepare the columns and to get helpful ideas for project and chapter use.

Now the chapter reporter is usually just as busy as any of the other boys, and his first responsibility is to get the local news into the home town paper, the school paper or one from a nearby city that serves the community. This news consists of every sort of activity--initiations, dances, field trips, banquets, local fairs, project visits, etc.

The reporter can hardly overdo this sort of news gathering and dispensing for local people, who know the chapter members and are personally interested in each and every activity, no matter how trivial.

But the individual who resides 50 miles, or 500 miles away, is not particularly interested in these intimate home happenings. The FFA member there has his own initiations, dances, field trips, banquets and what-have-you. If your reporter sends in some local news which is published in the state magazine, your chapter members will get a big "kick" out of it. But what about the other 10,450 readers?

Let's look at another phase of the picture pretty fast before you reporters all get discouraged. Certainly every chapter in the state can get material in the state paper--much better and much more desirable material than the bulk of that now being submitted. Now what sort of material are we talking about?

1. The information which helps other Future Farmers. This consists of project information--where calves, hogs, lambs, poultry or seed were purchased; what fertilizer gave the best results, how to build a serviceable piece of farm equipment from low-cost materials, how a livestock project was fed with good results, how project markers are used to encourage projects. Stories on successful FFA upperclassmen and alumni who have overcome obstacles, are excellent--pictures, too. In brief, any kind of information which would help another Future Farmer.

2. The information which helps other chapters. Programs in community service, cooperative activities and how they are run, methods of raising money for the chapter treasury, where good speakers have been secured, good movies that help the recreation program, new methods of lighting chapter paraphernalia, are only a few of the hundreds of such "helpful hints" for chapters.

3. News which includes a group of chapters. There is no lower or upper limit to the number, but the magazine has a definite function to bring you news of inter-chapter activities such as field days, marketing days, district fairs, semi-final and final public speaking or judging events, and similar activities.

This group of suggestions would indicate that you should not send local news. That is not correct--continue to send it and it will continue to find a place; but keep thinking all of the time about finding and sending in some of these helpful hints, or feature articles on successful graduates, or something of interest to every reader of the magazine--not just those in your own chapter.--  
California Future Farmer, January, 1941.

F.F.A. AUTOMOBILE

By Leslie Nelson, Member Utah Teacher Training Department  
(To bring out the Purposes, Creed, and Slogan of the F.F.A. Organization)

Are you interested in automobiles? Here is a car that is creating a sensation in every part of the country! It is the new model F.F.A.! Call at your rural high school for a demonstration!!

New features supplementing time-worn principles make this current model the most popular of a long line of successful F.F.A. cars.

It is one of the few educational models that has the beauty of doing blended in harmonious pattern with learning. The new streamlined body cuts the resistance of ignorance and waste. Springs of activity and cushions of cooperation smooth out the rough spots encountered along the highway of service. Upholstery of courtesy and luxurious appointments of recreation decorate the interior. The heater of achievement will melt the ice of indolence, and thaw the snow of isolation.

The quiet, powerful and efficient motor, with its six cylinders of responsibility, determination, self-confidence, dependability, expression, and friendliness, takes the hills of discouragement with ease, and carries you through detours of trouble toward the goal of true democracy.

What are you willing to pay for joint ownership in this automobile? The price marked clearly on the tag, is "Active Participation."

What about operation and upkeep? The first step is to get the thing started. A crank won't help much so you'll have to use a self-starter; be sure to turn on the key of initiative.

Use brakes of patience and self-control. Put large quantities of cheerfulness and hope in the grease cups. Use perseverance brand of gasoline as motive power; never fill the tank with hot air or you will run out of power just when you need it most.

Adjust the carburetor to admit equal parts of earnestness and dispatch; use freely the primer of enthusiasm and lubricate with the oil of efficiency.

Have the timer set "early"; advance the spark of ambition for more speed. Open wide the throttle of faith in yourself and your work. Fill your radiator with a solution of preparedness and the engine will always run cool and smooth.

Use the polish of praise and appreciation, dust the seats of all disagreeable elements and adjust yourself so that others may ride with you. Use "stick-to-itiveness" tires on non-discouragement rims. Guide with the Golden Rule steering wheel behind the headlight of example.

If these instructions are followed, your FFA car will glide smoothly over the roads of "annual programs" and will pick up new passengers on the broad highway of activity. It will leave in its wake - satisfaction, pleasant memories, and success.--From the Ohio Future Farmer.

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"WAY OUT WEST"

Westerners who think that all the pioneering is done in this section should consider an item in the current Maine FFA magazine. It relates that boys of the Arcostook Central Institute chapter recently went out and cut 32 trees to provide lumber for a new agricultural mechanics shop. The logs are now yarded ready to be hauled to a sawmill, cut up into lumber, and the boards fabricated into a school structure. How many "wild west" chapters have started this far back?--The California Future Farmer.

FARMING PROGRAM NEWS

Kansas FFA chapters looking for methods of informing the public relative to their farming programs will be interested in the following news items dealing with this phase of work which appeared in the January 1941 issue of the Ohio Future Farmer.

**604-ACRE COMPOSITE FARM OPERATED BY FFA BOYS.**--In addition to attending school six hours a day for 180 days of the year, students of the Prospect Vocational Agriculture Department are managing and operating cooperatively a 604 acre composite farm representing 132 projects with an average of over five projects per boy enrolled in the course. Seventeen boys are now making plans for farming 281 acres of hybrid corn. Some of the hybrid seed has been ordered and a few acres already broken through the practice of fall plowing. A total of 125 acres of wheat was sown this fall by ten boys. Much of this is being topdressed with lime and barnyard manure. Soybeans will constitute 88 acres of the 604. Seven boys will handle the soybean phase of this farming program. Hay crops composed of alfalfa, sweet clover, and red clover will occupy 60 acres. Six boys are planning for the caring of this which will be fed to the livestock. Five boys will sow 35 acres of oats this spring and care for the same until marketing next fall as cash or through their livestock. Six and one-half acres of potatoes will be farmed by 17 boys. Green manure cover crops are growing and heavy applications of barnyard manure has been put on the potato ground. Four acres will be in truck garden and cared for by seven boys. One boy is planting four acres of barley and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres of strawberries is being planted by another.

To insure complete vocational training in all phases of farm operation and administration, livestock will occupy more time and effort than the 604 acres of crops. Thirteen boys have now under their management 32 sows that are being fitted for spring pig production. Each of the 32 sows are registered for efficiency competition in the Ohio Ton Litter Club. A total of 44 head of dairy cows are now under dairy herd management where daily milk weights are being made and monthly butter fat tests computed on each cow. Ten boys are operating the dairy department. Three boys are feeding 259 feeder lambs, the bulk of which will be ready for market by January 1, 1941. There are 56 head of breeding ewes being fitted for spring lamb production by four boys. Seventeen beef cattle are now in the feed lot being fattened for market next summer under the care and management of four boys. Five boys have five purebred breeding beef heifers.

Aside from an average of more than five projects per boy, each boy carries over two supervised practices. Farm accounts are being kept on the home farms of 18 boys. Twenty-three boys are beautifying their home surroundings. Ten boys are testing each acre of their home farm and are working out lime and fertilizer needs for same. Seven boys have surveyed their home farms and have worked out a better farm layout and field arrangement.

Last year the Prospect Department had the largest farm program of any department in Ohio. They are surpassing their own previous record this year by about 200 more acres and an average of approximately one more project per boy enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. Prospect holds again the distinction of having the largest extensive Vocational Agriculture farming setup in Ohio of the 411 departments in the state.

--Paul Gast

## Farming Program News (Concluded)

FFA ELECTS A LARGE FARMING PROGRAM.--The 31 high school boys in the Canal Winchester FFA have adopted a large farming program for this coming year. They have elected 89 productive projects and 62 other units of supervised practices. The following list shows the kind, number of boys, and size of the projects that they have adopted: corn, 19, 280 acres; small fruit and orchard, 6, 12 acres; truck crops, 5, 20 acres; wheat and barley, 5, 53 acres; soybeans, 3, 25 acres; potatoes, 2,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres; sow and litters, 21, 48 sows; poultry flock management, 9, 1,020 hens; chicks, 7, 1,450 chicks; dairy herd management, 1, 15 cows; dairy calves and heifers, 7, 8; sheep flock management, 2, 2; feeder pigs, 1, 12; and steers, 1, 3.

Besides this program, there are 14 boys keeping farm accounts, 9 keeping dairy herd records, and 4 keeping poultry flock records. The other supervised practices are in the field of crops, soils, home beautification, and engineering.

--Denvil Holley.

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TRADE-MARK

The following letter from Executive Secretary W. A. Ross, will be of interest to all Kansas chapters:

"Word has just been received from the United States Patent Office to the effect that the name "Future Farmers of America" and the emblem of the organization have been duly registered for trade-mark (No. 384,056) under date of January 7, 1941.

This trade-mark registration covers Class 38, Prints and Publications, whereon the name and emblem are applied or affixed to goods by printing. The legend "T. M. Reg. U. S. Pat. Off." should appear in small type wherever the printed emblem is used in the future, whether used by the national organization, state associations or local chapters of F.F.A.

There are now pending or will be duly filed in the Patent Office applications covering our name, emblem and the letters "F.F.A." on all classes of merchandise which are being used by the organization or which may be used in the future."

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CHAPTER NEWS

IOLA: The Iola chapter held its second annual parents' banquet February 5, at 6:30 p. m. C. O. Banta, vocational agriculture teacher at Ottawa, was the principal speaker and showed pictures taken on his recent trip to Cuba.... Seed germination tests for Allen county farmers will be made in the vocational agriculture laboratory. Under the plan the farmers may leave seeds to be tested at the county agent's office or at the department. A charge of 10 cents a sample will be made for each test. The men who financed the purchase of the Mangelsdorf germinator are: Roy Cox, T. B. Shannon, C. O. Bollinger, Charles Kohler, Raymond Baker, all of Iola, and Lewis Drake of Humboldt. Purity tests are run on each sample...To date, the boys of the Iola chapter who own ewes, have about 150 lambs. The damp, cool weather has been rather severe on the young lambs...The Iola chapter initiated the officers of the LeRoy chapter February 10, at Iola.

--William Sarver, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

LACROSSE: The officers of our chapter are: Glenn Maresch, president; Ray Eilts, vice president; Wayne Schwindt, secretary; Jay West, treasurer; Eugene Legge, reporter; James Howell, watch dog; H. N. Murray, advisor....In shop work we have welded three sets of backstops and a set of volleyball posts for the grade school, and have built equipment for our school classroom and shop. We made 32 gavels for fraternal organizations and lighted our school grounds for night playing of volleyball and party games....Our chapter held open house early in the school year for all vocational agriculture freshman boys and the men of the faculty. Outdoor and indoor games were played. There were refreshments and a program....The Future Farmer degree was conferred on the following boys on October 15: Ray Eilts, Wayne Schwindt, Eugene Legge, James Howell, and Harry Wunder.....On October 22 our chapter was host to the Homemaking girls in a joint Homemaking-Future Farmer party in our vocational agriculture building. Our entire faculty were guests. We decorated with pumpkins, baled hay, and bundles of feed. The games were both outdoor and indoor type. The girls made and served the sandwiches and cakes and the boys made and served the ice cream....On the night of November 6 the Green Hand degree was conferred on John Brumgardt, Gilbert Brumgardt, Glen Allen, James Allen, Alvin Randa, Glenn West, and Willard Huber....On December 3 our chapter entertained the Hays FFA chapter in a joint meeting. Both chapters participated in an informal program. Chili, pickles, and crackers were served....On December 9 our president and advisor were guests at the Hays chapter parent-son banquet. It was a splendid banquet....We plan to hold our parent-son banquet on February 27.

--Eugene Legge, Reporter

BURNS: The Burns FFA chapter held its first meeting in September. The officers chosen for this year are: Frederick Barker, president; Fred Obee, vice president; Jim Vestring, treasurer; Vernon Nonken, secretary; Eugene Obee, reporter; Lloyd Brewer, watch dog; and Mr. Alwin, advisor....Our evening meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month and our day meetings the first and third Monday of each month....As a chapter cooperative project we purchased nine feeder lambs from the Standard Livestock Commission Company, Wichita, Kansas. We financed the project by having each of the 24 members of our chapter pay for a share, which was \$1.65. Feed for the lambs is furnished by having each boy either donating two bushels of kafir grain or 90 cents in cash. Four of the lambs are kept by Fred Hubman and five are kept by Robert Smith. The boys keeping these lambs will furnish roughage and labor and when the lambs are sold they will receive \$5.00 for labor and feed. The members will receive their \$1.65 share back and the remainder will go into the chapter treasury....Twenty-nine members were initiated into our chapter at the December evening meeting by the Cottonwood Falls chapter. At that meeting we were very fortunate in having an American Farmer, James Cunningham of the Eldorado chapter, speak to us.

--Eugene Obee, Reporter

GREENSBURG: According to Jesse Kyle and Avery Brown, our FFA reporters, there are 19 cattle projects in the FFA work. These total 23 head of steers, heifers, cows and calves. The swine project and feed crops rank second. Fourteen swine projects total 39 head, and 13 crops projects represent 106 acres of sorghums, and 10 acres of rye. There are six pasture crop projects, totaling 40 acres of wheat, 10 acres of rye, and 5 acres of sudan grass. There are 7 poultry projects totaling 225 birds. Rye, barley, wheat, and milo are included in the 5 cash crop projects.

--Jesse Kyle, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

COTTONWOOD FALLS: The tenth annual banquet of the Future Farmers of America of this school was held in the Masonic hall in this city, Tuesday evening, November 26. The boys' parents were guests. The freshman Homemaking girls planned for and made the decorations and the sophomore girls prepared the food for the banquet. The meat roast was from a calf of the class deferred feeding project. Prof. A. D. Weber of the Kansas State College, was the speaker of the evening....On January 5 the vocational agriculture department purchased 31 head of Hereford heifers averaging 451 pounds per head. Sixteen head will be used for the class project to be carried on the deferred feeding plan. Tom McKee will take two for a breeding project; Harold Pracht, two for deferred feeding; Marvin and Merton Wambsganss, three for deferred feeding; Bob Guyton, one for a breeding project; and Mr. Croy, our advisor will take four for a deferred feeding project. The heifers were purchased from Harrison Sluss, of Eldorado, Kansas....The vocational agriculture classes have been doing quite a lot of butchering this year. In all they have butchered 18 hogs, 2 beeves, and 1 lamb.

--Howard Schwilling, Reporter

OVERBROOK: The FFA chapter is in the midst of a pest eradication contest.... Our chapter has a basketball team composed of only those who do not play on the high school team. The team seems to be doing rather well, with only one defeat....The chapter will broadcast a program over KMEC at Kansas City, March 8, 1941, at 7:00 a. m....The parent meeting and basket supper which was postponed will be held the latter part of February....The boys are collecting old machinery and junk to raise money for the treasury. The machinery will be repaired in the shop....Our chapter has 10 purebred Poland China gilts to be loaned out to boys in the chapter who want one and will give one back the same size and age. The chapter has sponsored this type project plan for two years.

--Albert Smith, Reporter

STOCKTON: Donald Riffel, president of the Stockton chapter had the honor of speaking at the Kansas State Teachers Association meeting held in Hays, November 2....The initiation of 14 Green Hands was held November 13....On the 18th of December, 86 of us counting our dates, journeyed to Phillipsburg for a skating party....On December 31 the freshman boys entertained their parents. We roasted weiners on the forge and had a swell time....We started a broiler project of 300 baby chicks Monday, January 27....We have finished overhauling one tractor and are now overhauling a John Deere tractor....Our banquet plans are getting underway. The date is February 20....We are testing seeds for the farmers of our community, cooperating with the department of agriculture.

--Donovan Knight, Reporter

NORWICH: Officers for 1940-41 are: Max Smith, president; Jack Snelling, vice president; Bob Holder, secretary; Gene Walker, treasurer; Dale Allen, reporter; and Glenn Smith, watch dog....We have 21 active members....We treated more than 100 bushels of barley and culled 150 hens and pullets as means of earning money for our chapter....On October 16 we held initiation for 8 Green Hands. On November 25, we raised six members to the Future Farmer degree....We have four chapter members trying out for public speaking this year....We plan to plant one-half acre of certified potatoes in March. The seed will be treated....We are planning to do some landscaping around our shops building and the work will start sometime in February.

--Dale Allen, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

WILLIAMSBURG: The Williamsburg FFA held a father and son banquet December 11. All active members were present and all except four of the fathers were present. The Home Economics girls served the banquet and their mothers prepared the food. The theme of the banquet was "Building our Farming Program". Mr. Hall of Kansas State College showed the technicolor talkie film, "Future Farmers at Work"....Our ewe and lamb program appears more favorable than last year. The twelve boys who have ewes as a part of their farming program, have 80 lambs from 75 ewes to date, representing 114 per cent. Our lambs are much earlier, the boys realizing from last year's experience that lambs do not do as well if they are late as they do if they are early lambs....The No. 10 class shocked ten acres of club kafir this fall. They received 10 bushels of club kafir seed in return for the work. This they will plant next spring. They are selling garden seed this spring and receive a profit of 30 per cent on the sales. This money will be used to purchase seed oats....The Williamsburg FFA has purchased a set of boxing gloves for entertainment at meetings and at the noon hour. There sure are a lot of black eyes lately.

--Paul Keller, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: Our chapter has begun plans for another class project of corn and Atlas sorgo. Last fall we sold 40 bushels of Atlas grain and saved several bushels for seed. We sold 125 bushels of corn and saved seed enough to plant corn this year and enough for some of the boys for projects....We have been selling pop corn, candy, and chewing gum at the basketball games, and have made a small sum at it....The Grange and FFA chapter planned a joint meeting on Wednesday, January 22, but due to bad roads the meeting was postponed to a later date....A few of the boys have sold fat hogs since the rise in hog prices and others will soon have fat hogs ready for market.

--Ira Butler, Reporter

FREDONIA: We are still thinking about the hog we butchered for the school farm in December....Our principal, Mr. Moody, gave a very interesting talk at our January day meeting. His talk was entitled, "The Seven Fools"....We are all looking forward to the annual pie supper, which we plan to hold March 16.... We recently conducted a pest eradication contest. The seniors and juniors were the opponents of the freshmen and sophomores. The freshmen and sophomores won the contest.

--Jimmie Cline, Reporter

ALMA: Monday evening, January 20, the FFA members of the Alma chapter entertained their fathers and the school board members, Mr. A. E. Carroll, Mr. C. O. Nelson, and Mr. Arthur Stuewe, with a special program in the vocational agriculture classroom of the high school. Thirty-nine braved the cold weather and bad roads to attend the first parent-son program held by the chapter. Mr. L. F. Hall of Manhattan, showed the talkie film, "Future Farmers at Work". Our officers, Albert Theel, president; Keen Umberhr, vice president; Arnold Bandel, secretary; Charles Bohn, treasurer; Edgar Strasen, reporter, and Mr. Hawk, our advisor, were in charge of the program. At the close of the meeting a light lunch of sandwiches, pickles, and coffee was served by the committee, headed by Edward TenEyck.

--Edgar Strasen, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

MILTONVALE: Our FFA chapter put on an assembly program early in November. A short play was given, setting forth some of the benefits and ideals that the FFA should promote...Our chapter has concluded its annual pest eradication contest. Melvin Paqueth and Bruce Neill were captains. Prairie dog towns were increasing rapidly in our vicinity so 40 points were allowed for each prairie dog. The boys found it to be a difficult task to shoot a dog and secure it before it fell back into its hole. After having a merry time hunting rabbits after school and catching sparrows by night, the side headed by Paqueth won out with a score of 1115 to 995. The boys are still gassing dogs in their holes with automobile exhausts....Our chapter has the record again this year of having as many paid up members as we have enrolled in the agriculture class....At the beginning of school our chapter built a small experimental trench silo, 50 feet long, 3 feet deep, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide at the top. The feed bundles were laid lengthwise, the strings cut and a tractor run over it to pack it. We plan to open it by shoveling off a portion of the straw and dirt covering, and the end thus exposed will be cut with a hay knife....Our chapter has been lucky this year with their lamb crop. So far the boys have 150 per cent lambs....Last year a number of calves were started as deferred feeders. Not all were finished out as some were sold off grass. Those that were finished out showed a nice profit.

--Bruce Neill, Reporter

SEAMAN: The annual parents meeting was held at the high school on November 26 for the mothers and fathers of boys who were enrolled in vocational agriculture for the first time. The program centered around cooperation with parents to develop a mutual understanding of what vocational agriculture offers a Future Farmer. Ralph Tice, president of the chapter, gave a talk on FFA Leadership. Five members of the chapter carried on a round table discussion....Concrete work has become more interesting as the chapter has purchased a form for building a trough which may be used for many purposes....Our chapter entered a senior and junior poultry judging team at the State Poultry Show. The senior team, composed of Ralph Tice, Robert Scheetz, and Warren Kimbal, tied for fourth place. ...The chapter has a cooperative swine project of 17 which are being fattened at the home of Robert and Kenneth Scheetz....The chapter's registered purebred Duroc boar has brought in \$31 in breeding fees....We have a total of 131 head of hogs among chapter members....Warren Kimbal, treasurer of the chapter, is our candidate for the U. P. scholarship....Members are taking a keen interest in the 11th annual Hoard's Dairyman judging contest. Dwane Butterfield won fourth prize of \$15 last year.

--Robert Scheetz, Reporter

RAMONA: Our chapter held a joint Christmas party with the Pi Delta Pi. Games played were: a treasure hunt, several types of balloon games, pop corn stringing contests, and auto assembly games. Several unique ways of selecting partners for games and refreshments were used. An added attraction of the evening was a display of amateur photography equipment and several selected pictures were shown by Dr. H. D. Mosier of Herington. Refreshments were served. Favors were miniature candles made of gum drops and stick candy.

--Jack Anderson, Reporter

"When men speak ill of thee, so live that nobody will believe them."

--Plato

## Chapter News (Continued)

SPIVEY: Our FFA chapter was organized November 7. Officers are: Rex Boyle, president; Gene Stearns, vice president; Wilbur Helm, secretary; Lotus Helm, treasurer; Leonard Dick, reporter. All but one of the officers attended the officers training school at Buhler. Three of the officers were initiated by the Attica FFA chapter, December 6....All of the boys have their farming programs made out and have their projects or plan to get them soon....One of the outstanding entertainments in the community was put on by the Spivey FFA chapter. It consisted of a hog butchering demonstration on the stage at the December P.T.A. meeting. This butchering demonstration proved very popular in the community and the boys have been asked to put on more programs of this type.... Some of the projects being made or repaired in the farm shop are: single trees, neck yokes, wagon box, trailer box, wagon running gears, combine riddle, grain drill, scalding vat, and many small articles and cabinets for the farm shop and class room.

--Leonard Dick, Reporter

ATTICA: Members of the chapter have begun a new enterprise which should prove to be profitable as well as educational. This is the first year that members of the Attica chapter have cooperatively purchased Western ewes. Five boys, all in the No. 10 class, purchased 54 this fall. At present, the boys are proud owners of these 54 ewes and 49 lambs. Only two lambs have been lost. There are ewes yet to lamb....Members of the chapter have made a regulation size ping-pong table and a shuffle board set for the chapter's and school's recreational activities....In a very impressive ceremony the Attica chapter initiated the officers of a new chapter at Spivey, Kansas, December 9, 1940. Members of the chapter felt that they were indeed privileged to be granted the honor of initiating a new chapter and wish the Spivey chapter of FFA the very best success in the world....Five Green Hands were initiated January 20....The past few weeks the No. 10 and No. 11 classes have butchered 2 lambs and 5 hogs. ....The No. 10 class has been docking and castrating some of their early lambs. ....Some members are purchasing cooperatively 25 bushels of certified Fulton oats this spring for their farming programs and for their dads.

--George Crenshaw, Reporter

HOPE: November 2 our chapter put on a 15 minute radio broadcast over KSAL.... Mr. Paul Slybough showed slides and talked on shelter belts at our November 6 meeting. The eats committee served doughnuts and cider....Our chapter has two day meetings per month and one night meeting....The chapter bought an old car for the purpose of making a trailer in the shop. The cost of the car was \$10 and the chapter will have all the parts to sell or use....We are sponsoring the garden seed sales again this year. The boys are to sell only to parents.... The chapter just completed the sales of 250 pencils with the basketball schedule on them. We cleared \$5.00....The chapter sold its wheat in December for 71 cents with 7 cents storage charges. It netted 64 cents. The offer at harvesting time was 53 cents per bushel....The boys of our chapter are having good luck with their lamb crop. So far they have averaged about 140 per cent.

--Fred Larson, Reporter

HOYT: Our chapter has made a seed treater and will treat seed for the farmers at a small cost....The management class consisting mostly of FFA members has been doing some butchering in the community the past month....The hotbed is being prepared for seeding. We are putting some manure on it and repairing some of the frames.

--M. S. Larson, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

LINN: Our chapter has 13 fattening lambs for a class project. We purchased the lambs November 23. They averaged 71 pounds each. We shipped seven of these lambs January 6. They weighed approximately 96 pounds each. One lamb was butchered. We used part of the meat for our parent-son banquet and sold the rest....Our parent-son banquet was held February 6. Our theme for decorations was "Streamlined Agriculture"....We gave a radio program over station KSAL, Salina, January 4. Our subject for the discussion was "Recreational Activities". Those taking part in the program were: Waldemar Meier, Wilbur Oestreich, Neil McGregor, Kenneth Duitsman, Delmar Meyer, Bob Boerger, Ronald Dammon, and Loren Lange. Wilbur Oestreich sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Zoe Cross....Elmer Heitman, our president, failed to come back to school on account of illness. We elected Waldemar Meier for our president. Since Waldemar was vice president, we chose Wilbur Oestreich to take his position.

--Delmar Meyer, Reporter

ALTAMONT: The local chapter of Future Farmers held the third annual parent and son covered dish supper in the high school gymnasium, February 7. A feature of the supper was the roast lamb prepared by the homemaking girls. The lamb was produced in the spring lamb production class project and butchered and cut up by the FFA boys....Two class projects are being carried this year. The advanced class is carrying 25 head of sheep to produce spring lambs for the early markets. The No. 10 class has 21 shoats and 7 head of Aberdeen-Angus steers on feed....Nine head of bred Chester White gilts and 4 head of weanling Chester White gilts have been taken out by the boys for their farming programs so far this year. These gilts for the most part are contracted by the boys from the vocational agriculture department.

--Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: The Minneapolis chapter received its charter, December 1 and has a paid-up membership of 32. Officers are: Duane Chapman, president; Lee Siler, vice president; Waine Turner, secretary; Jack Hazlett, treasurer; Paul Clark, reporter; Tom Neely, watch dog. The Solomon chapter formally (also informally) initiated the charter members, December 2....A parent-son night was held November 8 before the organization was chartered, with an attendance of over 100. The program was presented by 15 different members and a lunch was served by the Home Economics girls....Charles Hunt assisted by the 9th grade class, built a hog house last fall. Due to the fact that our new shop building is incomplete at present, we use the Manual Training room. Duane Chapman is building a self feeder and feed bunk....Tom Neely, Bob Behrendt, and Lee Siler are planning the radio program to be presented over KSAL, March 8. The FFA will present an assembly program March 7, and a program for a faculty meeting, February 10....An order for trees is being prepared for our members. Small cedars, pines, and Chinese elms will be ordered from Hays.

--Paul Clark, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: The Spearville chapter held their annual father and son banquet February 10....We had our Green Hand initiation for 11 freshmen December 16....The sophomore and junior boys have butchered hogs for four farmers. The sophomore boys are constructing a Ceresan seed treater to treat seed for the boys and various farmers in the community....We have dipped, dewormed, and weighed some pigs for the students of the chapter....We have entered the Hoard's Dairyman contest.

--Alvin Mages, Reporter

## Chapter News(Continued)

PARSONS: Chapter officers are: Jack Groff, president; Bill Vogel, vice president; Merle Little, secretary; Junior Carnaham, treasurer; Bill Searles, reporter;....During the summer vacation the Parsons chapter secured an old horse barn located on the fair grounds east of Parsons. The boys tore the barn down for the lumber. Part of the lumber was used for a sales stand at the fair. The remainder of the lumber is now being used for hog houses, brooder houses, hog feeders, sheep feeders (both grain and hay) and other miscellaneous articles.... The Parsons chapter of FFA have purchased royal blue corduroy jackets for their officers....The afternoon class remodeled an old poultry laying house at Jack Groff's father's farm northwest of Parsons. The chicken house was an old type and was not of much value. The boys tore part of it down and made a combination roof laying house out of it. It was made so that the front would have cloth over it....An addition to the vocational agriculture shop of about 30' by 30' was made last fall. This made a lot more room so larger projects could be made. Many large projects, the size of an individual hog house have been made. Jack Groff and Bill Vogel each have completed an individual type hog house; Junior Carnahan has made a hay feeder for sheep; Bill Searles has made a self feeder for hogs; Fred Giefer, a brooder house, and many other smaller projects have been completed....Last summer a formal garden sponsored by the vocational boys, was started in a small plot of ground enclosed by the school building. The ground was seeded with blue grass, after being spaded up. A bubbling concrete fountain or fish pool was put in the center with a walk leading in all four directions away from it. Hedges were planted along the walk. Cedar trees are to be planted around near the corners of the building....The pest contest closed January 8. Bill Vogel and Fred Giefer were the captains. ....The agriculture boys and their parents and neighbors cooperated in mixing minerals January 25. They mixed an all purpose mineral composed of equal portions of salt, steamed bone meal, and ground lime stone.

--Bill Searles, Reporter

INDEPENDENCE: We have organized an FFA chapter with 51 members. Chapter officers are: Wilmer Gillen, president; Lewis Wallick, vice president; Gerald Newman, secretary; Donald Morris, treasurer; Raymond Ross, reporter; Harold Austin, watch dog....About 35 of the boys cooperated in buying shop overalls to be worn in shop and on field trips...Five boys have purchased 5 purebred Duroc gilts cooperatively. Other cooperative activities are the purchase of 55 Idaho ewes and the mixing of minerals. This mixing of minerals has served as a means of raising money for the FFA treasury, as about 2400 pounds of mineral have been mixed and sold to the boys and farmers in the community....During the fall the department and FFA has been quite active in community service work. We culled 450 chickens, vaccinated 150 chickens, and butchered on one farm....We have just finished our pest eradication contest....Credit points were given to the boys who spread grain for quail while the snow was on the ground....The FFA has started a broiler project of 150 Hampshire Red chicks....The chapter is sponsoring a sub-district shop contest for a few schools in our district to give them training for the district and state shop contest.

--Raymond Ross, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our officers are Duane Venburg, president; Clarence Banka, vice president; Richard Hylton, secretary; Dean Allen, treasurer; Leo O'Grady, reporter; Alvin Metz, watch dog....In our shop we have 2 plows, 1 disk, 1 wagon, and 1 cultivator. We are also painting our trailer this week....We initiated 8 freshmen at our December meeting.

--Leo O'Grady, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

GREAT BEND: The Great Bend chapter presented a 30 minute program at the annual meeting of the Larned Production Credit Association at Larned, Kansas, on January 10. The program included a play, "FFA Foils the Villain"; a comedy sketch entitled, "Soup to Nuts", and several talks. On January 20 the chapter presented the program to the Lions Club of Great Bend, and at a P.T.A. meeting February 3 at Radium, Kansas....The chapter bought four hogs early in January. They butchered and sold them netting approximately \$11....The chapter has a rodent control contest in progress. John Hiss and Richard Harbaugh are the captains. The contest will end the middle of February 13, after which the losers will treat the winners to a big bean feed....On January 27 the chapter sponsored an acetylene welding school. Mr. J. E. Dato and Mr. M. J. Cavanaugh of the Lindi Air Reduction Company, Wichita, were present and presented pictures and demonstrations on acetylene welding. All FFA boys, their fathers, school officials and welders of the community, were invited. Following the pictures and demonstrations, the chapter served baked beans, sandwiches, doughnuts, and coffee. Ninety-five persons were present at the meeting....The Great Bend chapter represented the state of Kansas in the FFA judging contest at the National Western Live Stock Show at Denver on January 11. Members of the team were: Lee Stevens, Homer Bird, Leonard Sharp, and Harold Neuforth, alternate. The team ranked fifth. The trip to Denver was sponsored through these Great Bend organizations: Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Each boy contributed \$10 towards paying the expenses.

--Harold Neuforth, Reporter

POWHATTAN: Our officers this year are: Richard Pfister, president; Calvin McKee, vice president; Carol Sprague, secretary; John Dillaplain, treasurer; Lee Hall, reporter; Harold Kniesel, watch dog; and Winzer Petr, advisor....In our January meeting we planned our program for the year. Evening meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month....We initiated nine Green Hands into our chapter this year. They are: Vincent LaCapra, Robert Kimeson, Vernon Olson, Junior Moll, Dale Stark, Glen Wenger, Lester Wenger, Frank Wenger, and Louis Wenger....We plan on selling garden seed to raise money for our treasury.

--Lee Hall, Reporter

GIRARD: The officers of the Girard chapter are: Richard Clutter, president; Clarence Brunjes, vice president; John Ziegler, secretary; Rex Martinson, treasurer; Glenn Jones, reporter; and John Mengarelli, watch dog....Eighteen charter members held a joint meeting with the McCune chapter, January 7 at which time the Green Hands of both chapters were initiated....The charter members expect soon to initiate a few more of the boys taking vocational agriculture, who were unable to go to McCune to be initiated.

--Glenn Jones, Reporter

WEBSTER: Our chapter has 17 Future Farmers and 11 Green Hands....Fifty persons attended our date party held in November....The chapter bought five hogs at the beginning of school. We have butchered one of them and sold the meat to the local merchants....The officers for the year are as follows: Harold McCauley, president; Jack Shaw, vice president; Robert Stice, treasurer; Cecil Pettijohn, secretary; Gordon Pettijohn, reporter; Lloyd Cook, watch dog.

--Gordon Pettijohn, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

LEBANON: At the November meeting of our chapter the following boys were initiated as Green Hands: Don Allen, Dice Heaston, Waldean Buchanan, Stanley Ellis, Jimmie Franklin, Gerald Herndon, Marion Keever, Ivan Lorence, Junior Maydew, Reed Munsell, Robert Ray, Donald Ream, Wayne Roush, Edward Russell, Bob Sink, Gene Sink, Fack Thomas, Don Windscheffel, and Keith Niles....At the January meeting, the Lebanon chapter raised the following boys to the Future Farmer degree: Delbert Carper, Bill Brown, Walter Orchard, Duane Ream, Dwight Myers, Norval Herndon, Dale Hiner, Buford Haresnape, Garnet Price, George Norton, Max Richardson, Bruce Bean, Bill Regan, Dale Green, Marvin Stones, Lynn Schwarz, and Dale Merritt....On December 9, 1940, the Lebanon chapter in cooperation with the Girl Reserves, sponsored a carnival. The net receipts were \$129.90 which was equally divided....A junior FFA organization has been formed by the No. 10 class. They sponsor a program once a week which they enjoy very much.

--Bob Isom, Reporter

CHANUTE: The Chanute chapter was host to the Southeast Kansas District Public Speaking contest February 3. Fifteen schools entered the contest. The schools were Cherryvale, Paola, LeRoy, Howard, McCune, Independence, Iola, Parsons, Fredonia, LaHarpe, Columbus, Altamont, Girard, and Chetopa. A plaque was given the chapter at Cherryvale as a team award. Seventy-four boys competed in the contest in the four divisions. The winners of the divisions were: Charles Mangon, Cherryvale, first division; Jimmy Sutton, Cherryvale, second division; LeRoy Spurgeon, Parsons, third division; and Harold Ray, Iola, fourth division. The entries were ranked in three groups, superior, excellent, and good. A ribbon was awarded each boy according to his rating....The Chanute chapter held its annual chapter public speaking contest, January 28. Forty-eight boys were entered in the four divisions. The contestants were rated as superior, excellent, and good. Ribbons were awarded to each boy according to his rating by the judges.

--Robert Heaton, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: We had a joint meeting with the Manhattan chapter December 10, and a joint meeting with Wakefield February 3....Dale Steward, president of our FFA chapter and Wynn Bauer, chapter reporter are candidates for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarship....Further reports concerning our pure-bred Duroc project are: 13 pigs were born to the gilt owned by Clayton Chestnut. We bought another gilt which will go to Roland Young. This brings the total number of gilts purchased to nine.

--Wynn Bauer, Reporter

FRANKFORT: Our chapter has just finished a pest eradication contest in which 355 sparrows, 73 mice, 93 rats, 4 starlings, 48 pigeons, 2 crows, 164 jack rabbits, and 1027 cotton tails were killed. The losing side will furnish refreshments....Our chapter plans to enter the Hoards Dairyman contest again this year. Last year our chapter was fortunate enough to be one of the four to receive honorable mention....Nine Green Hands were initiated at our last meeting. They were: Eugene Hooper, Anton Vopota, Lloyd Massie, Francis Shyne, Dale Dunlap, Ross Lord, Raymond Olson, Linnes Stiener, Arthur Wapp.

--Donald Jones, Rep.

## Chapter News (Continued)

MANHATTAN: Our chapter is promoting a safety program as one of its activities this year. Kenneth Parker is the general chairman of our safety committee. To date he has passed out a questionnaire to the FFA members and has found that the most frequently checked item was "trash, tin cans, etc., need cleaning up." Richard Kemnitz has charge of the second subdivision known as community safety. In his questionnaire he found that unmarked culverts was the most common item checked. We plan to make luminous markers to set up at the culverts and possibly some corners. The educational safety division is in charge of A. G. Beck. ....On January 10 a high school assembly program was presented by our chapter. It included the FFA opening ceremony given by the officers of the Manhattan chapter followed by three numbers by the new Manhattan high school swing band organized by Don Messenheimer. A motion picture concerning safety on the highway and in the home was presented by Mr. Shewmake, representing the Kansas State Highway Safety Commission. This program started the ball rolling for a high school safety driving contest to be sponsored by the Manhattan FFA in cooperation with the State Highway Patrol. This contest will start soon. A written test will be given each member of the home rooms in the school. The high scorer from each home room will be given a driving test by the State Highway Patrol to determine the school champion. The State Highway Safety Commission is going to award a medal to the winner....February 1 the Manhattan chapter of Future Farmers presented a radio program over station KSAL, Salina. The text of the program was "Our Next Meeting"....One of our yearly goals is to have 10 members establish a home medicine chest for live-stock ailments.. So far, we have 16 members who have indicated that they want to make chests and stock them. The first thing we did toward this goal was to list the common stock and poultry diseases and then, through class study, we learned what material and equipment was necessary to treat the ailments. Each member then made a list of the materials necessary to care for his own livestock and handed it to the cooperative purchasing committee to tally. From this report, this purchasing committee has estimated the amounts of the various materials needed and then the cost of these materials in bulk. Each member will pay in advance for his medicines and the whole amount will be bought at once. Cabinets will be constructed in shop....Our annual pest eradication contest ended with Tom Prideaux's team winning by about 1,000 points. Deanie Hale captained the losers who had to feed the winners....A number of exchange meetings and basketball games have been held with other chapters. These include an initiation of Green Hands with the Wakefield chapter held at Manhattan in November. Junction City visited our chapter in January. A game of basketball followed the meeting and was won by the Manhattan chapter. Our chapter also visited the Clay Center chapter in January. The Clay Center chapter provided a short, snappy meeting, and a chili feed.

--Loys Guest, Reporter

PLEASANTON: The FFA boys ended the pest eradication contest December 30....On January 6, we attended the joint meeting of all the FFA chapters in Linn County which was held at Mound City. At this meeting boys who were eligible received their Future Farmer degree. After the initiation, basketball was played....We have contracted to sell garden and flower seeds again this year for the Hygrade Seed Company....Our chapter has played six basketball games, and has won all the games....We are making plans to hold a Linn county poultry judging contest on February 19.

--Melvin Umphenour, Reporter