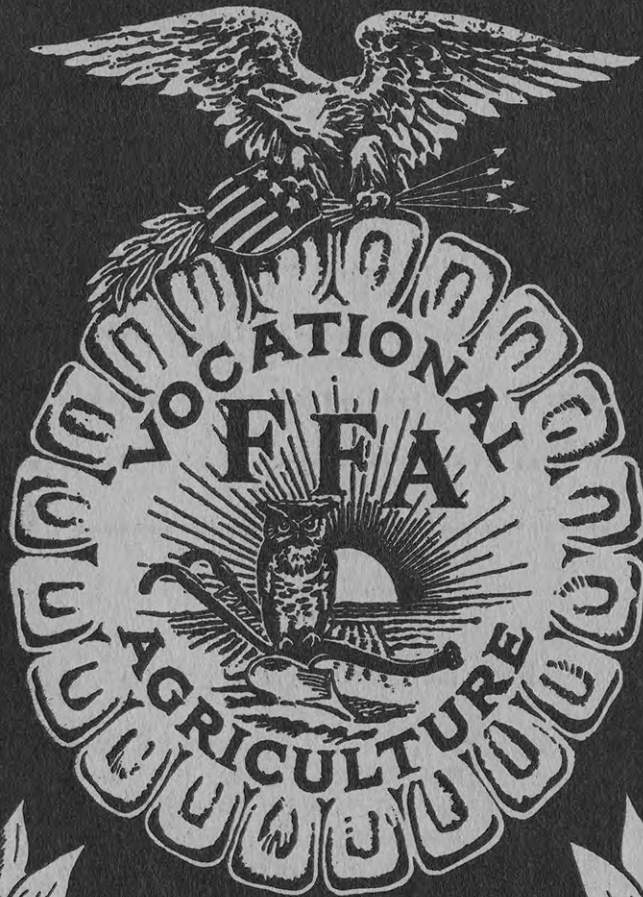


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"The unity of government, which constitutes you one people, is also dear to you. It is justly so; for it is a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquillity at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize."

George Washington in his Farewell Address.

"I hold that, in contemplation of universal law and of the Constitution, the union of these states is perpetual....It is safe to assert that no government proper ever had a provision in its organic law for its own termination. Continue to execute all the express provisions of our national Constitution, and the Union will endure forever."



Abraham Lincoln in his First Inaugural Address.

-- FFA --

F.F.A. CALENDAR

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

*Tentative dates

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PRESIDENT STELTER SPEAKING

America is at War. Changes will have to be made in many FFA chapter and member programs not anticipated when programs of work were submitted to the state office as of November 1. Most FFA members are not old enough for active military service, but all can serve with equal patriotism on the home front. The economic production of food and thrift have always been basic cornerstones in FFA work, but they now take on a new significance. Local chapters and members should give careful thought to the following items:

1. Increased Food Production.

Careful study and planning of farming program activities, and high standards of performance are essential. Effort will need to be made toward conserving our soil resources while we are increasing food production through our farming program efforts.

2. Farm Machinery.

New farm machinery limited to 83 per cent of the 1940 production indicates a need for repair and reconditioning of equipment. Surveys of needed parts and discarded machines, and making the farm shop available to out-of-school rural youth and farmers will aid.

3. Scrap Iron.

Collect scrap metals for reuse, and those not needed locally can be sold.

4. Victory Gardens.

The national goal provides for an increase of 1 1/3 million farm gardens and an improvement in all of the expected 5 3/4 million gardens. The prime purpose is to encourage the growing of more food for the home and to improve the food habits of the people. Community and school gardens may be encouraged where experienced supervision is available. Lawns, shrubs, and flowers are to be conserved and plantings encouraged. FFA members will cooperate in growing gardens, and through their local chapters will make available books, bulletins and visual aids having to do with the growing of vegetables, fruits, and ornamental plantings.

5. Collect Newspapers and Waste Paper.

Local chapters will find this a profitable venture. In communities where this activity is being handled by other agencies, the local chapter should cooperate.

6. Reduction of Waste.

Through sound soil conservation practices. Pest eradication campaigns (be certain not to include useful animals in lists to be eradicated) will aid in reducing waste.

7. Purchase Defense Stamps and Bonds.

The Kansas Association of FFA has purchased a \$1,000 Defense bond. Local chapters and individual members should continue to invest in the present and future welfare of this country. If each active FFA member in Kansas were to purchase a 50 cent defense stamp, the total sale of stamps would amount to \$2,617.50.

President Stelter Speaking (Concluded)

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FFA members must work efficiently, think constructively, and act with judgment if they expect to continue to render service in the building of a strong America.

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YOUNG KANSAN "REPEATS" BY TOPPING LAMB MARKET

A repeat performance starred young George Stelter, Dickinson county, Kansas, feeder yesterday when the cleanup shipment of his feedlot scored the top price of \$12.35 at the Kansas City market. This was the second time in the last two months that the young Kansan has made his appearance at the local terminal to carry off the top honors. This time George was accompanied by his father George H.

The father-son combination reported that they were in the midst of the lambing of 300 head of ewes on the Stelter acreage. Even though the county is buried under a layer of snow the lambs are making their appearance in comfortable quarters provided by a low shed and fresh straw. The father said that their practice of finding the wheat crop and running it through a threshing machine might not be in keeping with the modern trend, but it supplies an excellent bedding for the winter lambing program.

Since extra farm laborers are nearly impossible to obtain, young Stelter, who is a freshman at Kansas State College, has taken "timeout" for a few days to help with the lambing and marketing of the fed lambs on hand.

In the consignment were 181 head that averaged 86 pounds at \$12.35 per hundredweight.--Kansas City Drivers Telegram, January 15, 1942.

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KNOW YOUR PLANTS?

The Farmers Digest of February 1942 carried a reprint from the November 15, 1941, issue of the Pacific Rural Press, setting forth certain interesting facts relative to surface areas of plants as determined by the researchers at Iowa State College at Ames. Experimenting with a winter rye plant, it was found that the transpiration surface of the top of the rye plant amounted to the surprising figure of 51.4 square feet. The absorbing surface of the root system was calculated to be 6,875 square feet. This one rye plant had 13,800,000 roots, and 14,335,000,000 root hairs. The total length of the roots was 32.26 miles; the length of the root hairs was 6,603,86 miles, or a grand total of 6,636.12 miles.

As to depth of penetration of roots, Coburn of Kansas reported many years ago an alfalfa plant root that had penetrated to a depth of 129 feet. This root however, was discovered in an old mine shaft, so that it had the benefit of plenty of oxygen and probably did not have to exert a great amount of downward pressure.

Yes, plants are interesting, and it is a dull FFA boy who can't see anything but rows to till and bushels to harvest.

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\$1,000 DEFENSE BOND

The state officers of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America approved a recommendation of the State Executive Committee that a national Defense Bond be purchased. Accordingly state president George Stelter and executive adviser, A. P. Davidson, arranged a meeting with state defense bond director Evan Griffith, Topeka, Kansas, and president Carl Floersch of the Union National Bank of Manhattan, Kansas, February 6, 1942, and consummated the deal. George had the pleasure of handing the check to Mr. Floersch in exchange for the \$1000 Defense Bond. A safety deposit box was rented in the name of the Kansas Association of FFA and the series F national Defense Bond for \$1,000 now reposes therein.

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DEFENSE INDUSTRY

"I have been working for the North American Aviation of Kansas, located in Kansas City, Kansas. I started work there the 5th of December and have been working steady ever since. We put in long hours and every day. The plant is all enclosed and the only time I see daylight is on Sundays. This does not give me much time for outside activities. I am going to try and get off for the State FFA Convention."

Signed, Lavern Oltmer, State FFA Treasurer.

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FFA ACHIEVEMENT REPORT COVERS

To date, thirty-five report covers have been ordered. This is fifteen short of the number upon which the local printing firm made its original bid. The price of the cover is \$1.75. The covers are expected to be available by March 1. Orders for a few more covers can still be filled if sent in immediately. For further information write F. E. Carpenter, Highland Park High School, Topeka, Kansas.

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FARM AND HOME HOUR SHORTENED

Beginning February 2, 1942, the NBC Farm and Home Hour was cut to 30 minutes in length. In our time belt (C.S.T.) the program will now be broadcast from 11:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon. The usual National FFA Radio program will continue as a presentation on the second Monday of each month.

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AGRICULTURE YEARBOOK

"Climate and Man" the 1941 yearbook of agriculture is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, for \$1.75. The book is a 1200 page treatise on climate and its influence on agriculture. It might be possible to secure a copy for your FFA school library free by writing your congressman. We recommend giving this matter your immediate attention.

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1942 AMERICAN FARMER AWARDS

The 1942 crop of American Farmers can look forward to receiving an award of \$25 at the 15th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Announcement of the award was made by Mr. N. A. Holmes, General Sales Manager of the Mid States Steel and Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

"There are no strings of any kind on this offer", said Mr. Holmes in discussing it with representatives of the FFA. Speaking further he also said that, "the more boys who can qualify for the Degree, the better we will be satisfied. Our sole object is to help and our only part will be the pleasure in making the checks available to those who, by their outstanding work, are entitled to them. It is to the 'Future Farmers' that the world will be looking when peace returns and we know that they will measure up to the faith America has in them."

No special contest is necessary in order to determine those who will receive checks since American Farmers are selected through regular channels in the organization's plan of operation.

To most of the 1942 American Farmers, this money will mean additional financing for an expanded farming program in harmony with the "Food for Freedom" program in the defense of America.

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\$100 SCHOLARSHIP

The Farm Underwriters Association of Chicago, Illinois, has authorized, through its Secretary-Manager, Mr. Edward H. Born, a scholarship of \$100 to be awarded to the most outstanding Kansas State Farmer elected at the 1942 State Convention. The State Executive Committee will make the recommendation for this award. Need, outstanding record in developing a supervised farming program, leadership, cooperation, earnings, thrift and scholarship will constitute the basis of selection. The deserving student will have to submit a paper not to exceed 500 words on fire prevention showing the activities and observations of the candidate.

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The official FFA Manual is the source of a vast amount of information on how the organization operates. Within its pages will be found the answers to dozens of questions arising in the minds of both members and advisers. The more the Manual is used, the better our organization will become.

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National executive secretary of FFA, W. A. Ross urges each local chapter to contact local authorities responsible for the collection of waste materials, such as paper, rags, burlap, rubber, and scrap metals, and to assist in every way possible in securing them.

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The completed books of both the chapter secretary and treasurer should always be filed as a permanent record of the chapter.

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F.F.A. ALL-OUT-FOR-WAR

One has only to read the "chapter news" of the Kansas Future Farmer and similar publications to be convinced of the potency of the Future Farmers of America Organization in the national emergency. The Kansas Association of FFA reports each month to Adviser L. B. Pollom on activities completed that make a direct contribution to the cause of national defense. Many chapters have appointed special committees which are responsible for special activities necessary to promote the FFA program on a war-time basis. The following summary gives the activities under way as of February 1, 1942:

1. Increasing food production by enlarging farming programs. Several chapters reported doubling the size and scope of farming programs, especially in livestock and poultry production. Feed crop acreage has been sharply increased.
2. Many large FFA cooperative hotbeds have been constructed to insure the community an ample supply of healthy garden plants of adapted varieties. Others have made plans for hotbeds.
3. In a large majority of cases FFA members will make a farm garden a definite part of their farming programs. Cooperative purchase of garden seed in quantity is commonly reported.
4. A number of chapters have built portable dipping vats in which livestock can be dipped to control parasites and diseases. The use of the dipping vats is available not only to FFA members but to the farmers of the community. This service should do much to prevent loss in livestock production. Treatment of cattle to control ox warbles is frequently reported. Ox warbles exact a terrific toll annually from the profits of cattle growers.
5. Farm machinery repair is being carried on on a big scale in the vocational agriculture farm shop. One chapter had completed the repair of 20 pieces of farm machinery and had that many more on hand to repair. Thousands of pieces of small farm equipment have been repaired.
6. Local chapters 100 per cent are locating and listing discarded farm machinery from which repair parts may be taken by farmers of the community needing such parts.
7. The vocational agriculture farm shop, its tools and equipment have been made available to the farmers of the community and in many chapters the FFA boys are assisting the teacher in supervising the shop and equipment while in use by farmers.
8. Butchering and conserving meat is being emphasized in practically every chapter. One chapter, Sedan, reports the butchering and cutting up of 56 hogs. In addition they have also butchered 13 head of beef, and 4 lambs, and still going strong. Some meat is cured and some placed in cold storage lockers.
9. Chapters are assisting their teachers in sponsoring meat cutting schools for farmers.

F.F.A. All-Out-For-War (Concluded)

10. Future Farmers in many cases have been a big help in recruiting enrollment of out-of-school young men in defense courses.
11. Sale of defense bonds and stamps is being promoted vigorously. A number of chapters have set up goals for individual purchases as well as chapter purchases of bonds and stamps.
12. Hundreds of tons of scrap metal and large quantities of waste paper have been collected and sold, and the proceeds invested in defense bonds and stamps.

Adviser Pollom speaks for the Kansas Association of FFA when he states that he is proud of the accomplishment of the Future Farmers of Kansas. Every member has reason to be proud of the Future Farmers of America in their All-Out-For-War accomplishment. Multiply the list of achievements of the Kansas Association by fifty and you have an approximate idea of the total war effort on the part of the 250,000 FFA members in the United States and her insular possessions.

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The Pratt FFA chapter divided the county into districts and collected scrap metals and paper. The scrap was purchased on a commission plan with the understanding that all profit was to be used in purchasing defense stamps.

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Sixty-three per cent of the 1942 candidates for the State Farmer Degree are seniors in high school and 37 per cent are classified as juniors in high school.

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No single catastrophe in the United States last year approached the daily average of almost 100 lives lost in automobile accidents. Statistics show that 35,000 persons were killed and more than 1,300,000 others injured during 1940.

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The English language is growing. This is proved by comparing the latest edition of Webster's dictionary with the first one put out. The original work contained 70,000 words and today's dictionary contains more than 600,000.

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"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."--A. Lincoln.

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ACROSS THE BORDER F.F.A. NEWS

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

HAWAII: The Hawaiian Association of F.F.A. (up to December 22, 1941) purchased three national defense bonds (Series F) at \$740 each. Total cash outlay of \$2,200 represented a \$48 plus average for each of their chapters--an effective way to "Remember Pearl Harbor."

NORTH CAROLINA: The Tar Heel Association of FFA launched a \$100,000 defense bond and stamp project in January. This means an average of \$250 per chapter or \$6 per member invested in bonds and stamps by July 1. A real goal!

OKLAHOMA: 7,500 members in 171 chapters in the "Sooner" State have invested \$6,428.40 in defense bonds and stamps in the past three weeks. They expect to reach their goal of \$50,000 by July 1. Many chapters have set a goal of at least one \$25 bond per member.

PENNSYLVANIA: At the recent Pennsylvania Farm Show held in Harrisburg, the State FFA officers and 100 newly elected Keystone Farmers carrying American flags formed a "V for Victory" before ten thousand people at a night performance. To Dr. F. B. Haas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was then given a check for \$1,500 with which to purchase a defense bond in the name of the Keystone Association of FFA.

MONTANA: 38 of the 63 chapters in the "Treasure" State now have 132 bred gilts and 10 boars in chapter revolving projects. Members are expanding their farming programs considerably as their contribution to "Food for Freedom."

UTAH: Since the opening of school this fall, the Lincoln Chapter at Orem, has repaired 51 cultivators, 11 plows, 3 hay rakes, 3 mowers, 1 scraper, 7 spike-tooth harrows, and 2 tractors. Repair work consists of removal of rust, replacements, adjustment, painting, sharpening, and oiling.

IOWA: Members of the Montrose Chapter gathered from nearby farms 11,830 lbs. of scrap which netted them \$53.56. Proceeds go into their war chest, mostly to the Red Cross. Vicinity had previously been covered by junk dealers.

VERMONT: At the Vermont Farm Products Show in Burlington, January 13-16, the Association maintained a booth in which the repair of farm machinery was demonstrated and explained by others.

KENTUCKY: Members of the Stamping Ground Chapter, according to a recent report, average 4 projects each, have built a livestock barn for their fair, and with proceeds obtained from tobacco purchased a purebred Jersey bull for the chapter. This chapter sponsors an orphan boy in a home in Louisville.

TEXAS: The Boerne Chapter is cooperating with their Defense Control Center in Kendall county. Thirteen air raid posts have been set up there on which a 24-hour watch is maintained. Every member of the Boerne Chapter is a messenger scheduled for duty from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. The boys are permitted to leave school for duty. Major D. K. Lansing in charge of the Control Center says, "These boys have taken to their work and handled it as efficiently as any group of orderlies I have ever seen."

VOCATIONAL STATUS OF OHIO STATE AND AMERICAN FARMERS

In the Agricultural Teachers Section of the American Vocational Association meetings, Boston, December 3-7, 1941, Mr. W. G. Weiler, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Columbus, Ohio, speaking to the subject "Have We Selected the Right Boys for the State Farmer and the American Farmer Degrees," reported on a study made of the State Farmer and American Farmer members in Ohio. The purposes of the study were (1) to determine the vocational status of the State Farmers and the American Farmers in Ohio; (2) to study factors which seemed to affect vocational choice in these groups; (3) to determine whether accomplishments and characteristics considered in selecting the members carried over into the life of the individual as an adult.

The following findings with reference to present vocational status of State Farmers in Ohio are of interest:

57 per cent are engaged in full-time farming.

3 per cent are engaged in part-time farming.

14 per cent are in related occupations.

13 per cent are in college and of this group 91.6 per cent are in colleges of agriculture and veterinary medicine.

13 per cent are in occupations not related to agriculture.

16 per cent of those who graduated from an agricultural college are farming; 84 per cent are in related occupations and none have left the agricultural field. Of those who attended an agricultural college less than four years, 71 per cent are farming; 63 per cent of those who did not attend college are at present farming.

94 per cent of the college graduates were in agricultural fields, 6 per cent in other fields.

55 per cent of those who ranked in the upper third of their graduating classes are now farming while 65 per cent of those ranking in the middle third are farming.

82 per cent of the State Farmers have been enrolled in part-time and evening classes for an average of 3.1 years per person.

88 per cent are members of church; are members of 1.4 community organizations other than church; and on the average each holds 1.5 offices in community organizations.

American Farmer findings:

80 per cent of the American Farmers are farming, 4 per cent are in non-farming vocations.

86 per cent are members of church.

American Farmers support, through membership, an average of 1.94 cooperative organization per person, and each American Farmer has assumed 1.5 positions of leadership in community organizations other than church.

90 per cent of the American Farmers have enrolled in adult education courses for an average of 3.2 years.

HONOR TO WAR FLIER'S SONNET

A sonnet of World War II, ranked by Archibald Macleish, poet and librarian of Congress, with Rupert Brooke's "The Soldier"* and John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" of the first world conflict, has been placed in a newly opened exhibition of "Poems of Faith and Freedom" at the library of Congress. The author was John Gillespie Magee, jr., 19-year-old American flier killed last December 11 in action with the Royal Canadian air force.

The poem follows:

High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds--and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of--wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence, hov'ring there.
 I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air,
 Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
 I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
 Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
 And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Magee's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. John G. Magee of Washington have given permission for their son's poem to be posted in all pilot training centers of the British empire.--Kansas City Star, February 8, 1942.

*--Printed in the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, December 15, 1940.

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OUT-OF-SCHOOL FARM YOUTH

In discussing the Out-Of-School Farm Youth problem at the Boston AVA meetings, Dr. R. W. Gregory, Assistant Director Vocational Training for Defense Workers, U.S. Office of Education, contributed the following:

1. It is futile to attempt to protect the interests of farm people and safeguard the position of farming as an occupation on the one hand, and protect the national interest on the other by continuing to rely entirely upon the ability of the farmer to be individually efficient. Intelligent cooperation is essential.
2. Two hundred thousand persons enter the farming occupation each year. Vocational education through the all-day schools is supplying approximately 20 per cent of the individuals needed annually for the farming occupations.
3. If vocational agricultural education had the sole responsibility for training all the individuals who go into farming and for keeping them constantly serviced with agricultural education programs, it would be necessary for our service to reach 18 times as many persons as are now enrolled.

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CHAPTER NOTES

INDEPENDENCE: Our chapter is holding a pest eradication contest....Our department is sponsoring an evening school in farm mechanics where farmers can bring in their farm machinery for repair in the agriculture shop. So far we have had an average of about 25 present at each class....Our boxing team has boxed at Iola and Cherryvale....Our public speaking team composed of Wendel Imel, John Garner, Lyman Garling, Wesley Wright, and Darold Main entered the district contest held at Chanute February 2....We are giving our new germinator plenty of use this spring as many farmers and seed men are having us test their seed....We have mixed mineral and sold it to farmers and FFA members. We are hoping to increase our sales during the winter months....A broiler project consisting of 125 New Hampshire Red chicks will be started February 2. The FFA is sponsoring this project and plan to use about one-third of these for their parent and son banquet....The Rotary club of Independence has purchased four bred gilts and is giving them to FFA boys. The boys plan to return to this club one gilt and one barrow at the same weight as the gilt they received....Members in this chapter are starting cooperative potato and fat lamb projects. Profits from these projects will be turned into defense bonds or stamps. Along this line the chapter is trying to sponsor a campaign for every family to have a Victory garden.

--Wendell Imel, Reporter

HIGHLAND PARK: Some of the defense activities now being carried out in our chapter include the purchase of defense stamps by individual members, cooperative purchasing of garden and field seed, and demonstrations on the home meat supply....In farm shop we recently completed construction of six hog houses, five poultry feeders, one hog feeder, and five sets of hog panels. We have also had many repair jobs in tool conditioning, soldering, and rope work. We purchased \$200 worth of lumber which had been used on a WPA project, which will enable us to save about 40 per cent on our shop projects....We are again helping individual members finance their farming programs by borrowing from the Production Credit Association....Part of the FFA instruction for new members has been conducted by our officers....Official FFA jackets were purchased for the officers. The chapter paid 50 per cent of the cost of each jacket. The jackets become the property of each officer at the close of the school year....A chapter public speaking contest has been conducted with prizes awarded to the three high individuals in each class....Entry by our chapter in the National Chapter contest was made on January 20....From our cooperative swine project started last year, we raised and placed 12 purebred Duroc gilts among our members.

--Donald Baker, Reporter

ALMA: The agriculture boys have purchased about 40 head of stocker cattle for their projects. They cost us around 10 cents per pound and averaged around 475 pounds. They were divided among the boys, each boy getting from 1 to 10 head....Our chapter had a joint meeting with St. George and Wamogo on January 14. They had a round table discussion and a talk about the Manhattan Production Credit Association, followed by a picture show....In shop we have the following projects underway: 4 hay wagons, saw frame, power go-devil, egg case, chicken feeders, trailers, grain bed, single tree, double trees, pick-up stock rack, and walking plow....Our candidate for State Farmer is Keen Umbahr....We conducted a waste paper drive in Alma January 8, and collected about $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of paper. We will sell the paper and buy defense stamps

--Charles Bohn Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MEDICINE LODGE: All FFA members are entering the Hoards Dairy Judging contest....Our chapter had a night meeting January 8. Mr. Alexander showed moving pictures of the last two FFA tours. The Future Farmer pins were given to the Future Farmers....The losing side in the rodent killing contest fed the winning side hamburgers....The agriculture 3 class of junior boys have been contouring the pasture of Mr. Elmer Thomas. They also ran lines at the Zimmerman farm, built a sheet metal roof for a shed, put an extension on a car garage and docked 74 lambs for Mr. Hellman and made one A type hog house and combination one for Mr. Ives. The Agriculture 2 class built a hog feeder for Mr. Abt....We have borrowed a cut-away International truck motor from the Ashland FFA. We are using it for practice work, adjusting valve tappets, learning carburetion principles and other motor jobs....We have recently installed an Airco welding and cutting torch in shop. A 2-inch pipe swinging gate has been the major project completed. Many repair jobs are coming in as a result of our having the new equipment....Our chapter has two candidates for the State Farmer degree, Howard Thomas and Albert Harbaugh.

--Albert Harbaugh, Reporter

NORWICH: January 19 the officers of our chapter went to Spivey to raise the Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmer. Four boys received this degree. Their officers raised our Green Hands February 9....The boys will sell garden seeds again this year. The chapter plans to make a hotbed and sell garden plants. We will also have an alfalfa and a potato project this year....We have several good shop projects underway. They include rebuilding a mower and a spring tooth, building a showmanship box, making a basket ball goal and backboards, two large feed bunks, a tool box, shell hoppers, an A type hog house, sheep panels, several rope halters and repairing and oiling several sets of harness....There were two boys on the honor roll the second six weeks and five the third six weeks....We are planning to hold Open House the first week in March....We have a scholarship contest going on this semester. The losing side will give the winners a party near the close of the school....The date for the annual party with the Homemaking girls has been set for February 18....The chapter members have a combined net worth of \$4181.08 as of January 1. This includes many farm enterprises which they own and operate.

--Alvin Williams, Reporter

MCCUNE: Our chapter gave a 15 minute radio broadcast over KOAM, Pittsburg, December 5....Members of our chapter have a total of 25 feeder steers on hand at the present time, which they are fattening for the Joplin Baby Beef Show next fall....The Girard chapter initiated our Green Hands December 15. In turn we plan to give the Girard Green Hands the Future Farmer degree....Our members who are carrying sheep for a project are having a good lamb crop. At present the sheep projects appear to be very profitable....Mr. Paul Wilson, who has been the agriculture instructor at McCune for the last four and a half years, enlisted in the Army, January 3. Mr. Wilson plans to enter the Quartermasters Corps....This year our chapter held its second rodent contest. The captains were Merle Clawson and Junior Buckle.

--Ira Johnston, Reporter

GREENSBURG: The morning vocational agriculture class recently went to Kinsley to attend a turkey school. The turkeys were dressed by the Arkansas Valley Turkey Co-op Association. They dressed, packed and marketed about 20,000 birds, which took about two weeks. The crops attended a tractor demonstration and visited student projects in December.

--Jesse W. Kyle, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

GIRARD: Members of our chapter in cooperation with the county agent and the Kansas State College extension service held the County Poultry School in the vocational agriculture class room January 29. Mr. M. A. Seaton, extension poultry specialist, led the discussion. Much interesting and useful information was presented at the meeting. About 50 FFA members and farmers of the community attended the school....Our chapter is getting organized to collect old paper and scrap iron to sell to raise money for our chapter and help out in the national defense program....We are cooperating with implement dealers, farmers, and others in sponsoring a farm training school for town boys interested in working on farms during the war. The school is designed to help out in the farm labor shortage. Twenty boys are enrolled in the work at this time. At the first meeting held January 24, the first half of this group was given instruction in operating a tractor and spent a greater part of the day in learning to drive it. The other half of the group enrolled in the work will take part in similar work next Saturday. Later phases of the training will include several days spent on the farms of cooperating farmers. These farmers will supervise the boys as they become familiar with the many phases of farm work, making it much easier for the boys to step into farm life should there be a need....Projects in progress in our shop at this time are two cattle bunks, one brooder house, two trailers, four chicken feeders, three step ladders, 1 A type hog house, and many other minor projects....Eighteen Girard FFA members will be raised to the Future Farmer degree by the McCune chapter as soon as arrangements have been completed with their officers and new adviser.

--Clayton Yancey, Reporter

HOPE: Our chapter gave a radio broadcast over station KSAL, Salina, January 31. The subject was "Farm Credit"....January 30 was the closing date of our pest eradication contest and we think it was a great success, especially in the number of starlings brought in the last week. One student with the help of two brothers, got 666 starlings in one night....A letter was received by our president from State Supervisor Pollom giving information as to how FFA boys can help in the present national war effort. The local chapter expects to make a paper bailer and to collect waste paper. The repair of farm machinery in our shop and the sale of garden seeds are two other things for which plans are underway....We will place an order soon for baby chicks to be raised in electric brooders in our shop. They will be sold at about six weeks of age....Our parent-son banquet will be February 21. A one-act play will be given at the banquet and in the school assembly.

--Robert Brickie, Reporter.

SYRACUSE: The FFA has been picking up paper from the high school building which we are selling in interest of national defense. We have made a paper bailer with which we bail the paper for shipping. We have an agreement with the Boy Scouts to bail the paper which they collect and we receive half the profits for bailing. Our chapter was given 750 lbs. of iron for hauling some wood to the hot lunch building for the school....We have been butchering hogs in shop. We charge \$1 to \$1.50 for butchering, depending on the size of the hog....In shop the boys have been making the following: hog houses, hog feeders, waterers, chicken feeders, water troughs, sheep feeders, writing desk, dresser, book cases, refinishing furniture and making funnels.

--Albert Blase, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WAKEENEY: In order to learn how to butcher, we purchased hogs, butchered them and sold the meat around town....We plan to purchase garden seed to sell to the boys of the chapter. Later on in the year we plan to purchase trees which will then be sold to the boys who wish to purchase them....We plan to make tile for tiling of gardens and sell to those who wish to tile their gardens....Plans have been made to do our part in national defense. Each member is to bring 100 pounds of scrap iron which we will sell, the proceeds to go to the chapter. A rifle club has been organized and the boys will learn how to shoot and handle a gun. Third, each boy is going to grow a small garden and help produce food for the home....Plans are being made for our parent-son banquet. The banquet will be financed partly with the money which will be secured from the sale of scrap iron....Our chapter has two candidates for the State Farmer degree, Keith Homler and Clyde Ukele. These boys are outstanding in leadership, have superior farming programs, and are fine fellows.
--Jacob Schneider, Reporter

FREDONIA: We held our annual agriculture barnwarmer, October 20....November 2 the chapter sponsored its annual pie supper and carnival. Amusements at the carnival were: ball throwing, ping-pong, dart throwing, cane ringing, and a few amusement galleries. The chapter netted \$35....The chapter has staged two contests, a hog trough selling contest and a pest eradication contest. The groups were divided with the freshmen and seniors opposing the sophomores and juniors on an average point per boy basis. The losing side is sponsoring a party....The boys in vocational agriculture are going to spend more time in the shop to train boys for different jobs which would aid in national defense....The class has already spent a few days packing and weighing waste paper to be shipped to paper mills.
--Milford Schmidt, Reporter

BURNS: Mr. Shepherd, of the State Board of Agriculture, spoke to our chapter recently on the subject, "The Kansas Feed and Seed Law."....Members of the Eldorado chapter were guests at our January night meeting. Thirteen boys were raised to the Green Hand degree at this meeting. After the initiation ceremony we played the Eldorado chapter in a game of basketball. We returned the visit to the Eldorado chapter a week later and played another game of basketball....Our chapter has organized a defense council. Activities such as collecting iron and paper and buying defense stamps are being sponsored. Other activities such as farm machinery repair and encouraging home gardens are being planned....We will give a radio program over KFBI February 18 at 11:30.
--Carol Logan, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Our chapter has a display window in our building, which has two large windows. Here we show our work every two weeks. In this building we had a poultry show which turned out to be a grand success. Next year we plan a three day community fair which will be sponsored by the Lions Club the same as this year....We had many complaints on the destruction caused by rats and termites. The FFA boys were organized and went out and killed these rodents with a profitable income. With this money we bought defense stamps....We have decided to plant and grow defense gardens on the ground which is loaned to us by the city for keeping the weeds down.
--Richard Schultz, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

IOLA: Our chapter is entering into the national defense program to the best of its ability. We have the vocational agriculture shop open for use by farmers at all times. Some of the members of the advanced classes have volunteered to be present at all times to supervise and assist in any way possible. We plan that each member will bring in and overhaul at least one piece of machinery before school is out. We are making a drive to collect scrap iron. Any profit that we may make from the enterprise will be used to buy defense bonds. ...Last fall our chapter started a thrift bank. Approximately 80 per cent of the membership have accounts....We held an outlook meeting for our parents in connection with the Farm Bureau. At the meeting, various agriculturalists of the county spoke on meeting defense needs, including production goals, farm machinery, gardens, etc. Pic and coffee were served at the close of the meeting.

--Bill Morand, Reporter

GREAT BEND: Our chapter is selling defense stamps in order to aid national defense. We are also helping with the Victory Book campaign which has started in our school. At a recent meeting the members voted that every boy, if it is at all possible, should plant a garden. We also voted to have members repair parts of farm machinery in shop....Shop work has been plentiful this year. We have built 10 large hog feeders, 20 sheep feeders, 8 poultry feeders, 1 large hay rack, and overhauled 1 car motor....Our chapter has two candidates for the State Farmer degree, LaVerne Case and Francis Schneider....We are very proud to have Leonard Sharp, vice president of the Kansas Association of the Future Farmers of America, as a candidate for the American Farmer degree.

--Victor Koelsch, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Our chapter is furnishing money for the purchase of livestock for individuals and are also putting livestock out on shares to boys who have feed but who do not care to borrow money....In farm shop we are repairing grain drills, cars, farm motors, mowers, seeders and reconditioning various tools. We are constructing chicken feeders, hog troughs, ladders, wind chargers and small articles for the home....The FFA boys have arranged to keep the shop open at night for farmers who care to repair their own machinery....We held our annual Christmas party in the vocational agriculture class room.

--Gerald Kooser, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: Our chapter sponsored a wolf drive January 24. The proceeds were to go to the Red Cross. Four square miles were covered but no wolves were sighted....We are sponsoring an out-door safety poster contest in connection with the State Highway Commission contest. We are giving prizes for the three best posters and they will be sent to the state....Our four acres of corn made a very good yield and made us a profit of \$41.30. We bought a defense bond with some of the money made from the corn project....We are repairing a flat bed trailer in shop so the boys can use it to bring machinery to the shop for repair.

--Herschel Davis, Reporter

FRANKFORT: Our chapter initiated the officers of the Centralia chapter in the Green Hand degree....Our chapter has declared war upon the following pests: mice, starlings, sparrows, pigeons, crows, cottontails, gophers, rats, jack rabbits, and squirrels...We initiated 13 Green Hands this year.

--Eugene Hooper, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

STOCKTON: We have purchased three barrows from the proceeds of our carnival and have butchered two of them. The other we plan to keep for our parent and son banquet to be held February 26....In doing our bit for defense we have started repairing farm machinery. At the present we have two grain drills, both needing a complete overhaul job. In the near future we will have two combines and three or four tractors to overhaul. We will also have plows, listers, disks and weeders to repair. Every boy in the department is striving to overhaul or repair all farm machinery on his home farm in preparation for spring work....In shop we have three self feeders for hogs, one hay rack, one four wheel trailer and one four row tractor weeder under construction....As the spring contests draw near we are preparing for them, studying crops and poultry at all available times....In the sheep program, the boys boast of over 100 lambs which includes our class project of old ewes.

--Donovan Knight, Reporter

HARPER: Thursday night of education week our chapter gave a five minute program before the parents of high school students....Members of the chapter have cooperatively purchased FFA unionalls and an FFA meeting room banner....Our chapter has 16 Green Hands to initiate on February 19 when we will have a parents meeting and show the film from the Duroc Breeders Association, "Pig Projects Make Profits"....We have three State Farmer candidates in the chapter....The Imperial Flour Mills of Harper will give each FFA member a pocket knife if they have their record books satisfactorily completed....The chapter has decided to hold a cooperative meeting with the Spivey chapter to initiate Future Farmers. We will also play volley ball with them.

--William Park, Reporter

OSBORNE: Our chapter initiated 12 Green Hands at the December meeting and presented them with the Green Hand pin....The chapter has voted and passed on two State Farmer applications. Merwin Gilmore from our chapter, and state secretary of the Kansas Association of F.F.A., will be a candidate for the American Farmer degree....The chapter is butchering hogs as a part of its defense program....The agriculture instructors from this district met at Osborne January 22 to discuss defense plans.

--Fred Conn, Reporter

HOYT: Our chapter held our annual father and son banquet November 21, with 50 members and guests present. Ray Hoss, county farm agent gave a short talk on the farm situation during World War I. When the guests were all introduced we went to the auditorium to see the moving picture, "Future Farmers at Work." ...We are getting our hotbed ready to plant and are planning to encourage the growing of bigger and better gardens by selling plants and garden seeds to the people in the community.

--Robert Rogers, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Members of the Clay Center chapter have decided to push machinery repair and gardening in our community as much as possible. In order to do this we are urging all boys to look over the equipment at home and repair it in preparation for spring work....Harold Minter is a candidate for the State Farmer degree and Vernetta Gibbs is a candidate for the American Farmer degree. ...We have ordered our garden seeds and will receive a third of the sale price of the seeds.

--Harold Milligan, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MANHATTAN: Eight members of the Manhattan FFA chapter purchased cooperatively 600 pounds of mineral mix. This consisted of 1/3 salt, 1/3 bonemeal, 1/3 limestone....Our chapter presented a chapel program January 9. A sound picture, "Meat and Romance", was shown. Jack Jorgenson led devotions. The program was in charge of Bertie Barry....We had two inter-chapter meetings with Wamego and Wakefield. Two basketball games were played. We held joint Future Farmer initiation with Wakefield. Seven of our chapter members were raised to the degree of Future Farmer....Our chapter has a basketball team entered in the high school intramural league this year....Our chapter sponsored a meat cutting school in December. The beef used for the demonstration was purchased by the chapter and sold to private individuals at a profit of \$11....We recently held a meeting to determine what we can do for defense. Chapter members checked a list of some 29 problems. At present we are surveying the needs of the farm machinery at home....The 1st year class has a broiler project underway. Our mail box painting kit and shoe shining kit are in operation....We are making plans to secure Hybrid seed corn cooperatively....Our father-son banquet was held February 13. The theme this year was "Boots and Saddles"....Our radio program is scheduled for February 28.

--Harris Ramsour

READING: Our chapter worked out several "work at home projects" at its last meeting for this spring and summer....The chapter is planning a flower and garden seed sale for the benefit of the community and to help the chapter....The chapter has a project of banding trees in the community....Some of the boys are helping by purchasing defense stamps and others are helping by collecting old tires and waste paper, and other materials....The chapter planned several other activities among which was a girl friend party which was held February 14....Our chapter is also working on a parent and son banquet, which will be held April 21....Some of the boys are working on the "Protection of Quail" by making wind breaks and shelters and places to feed them.

--Clifford Evans, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: Our chapter held its annual parent and son banquet November 25. Approximately 170 people attended....When our chapter sold its deferred fed calf project (15 head of heifers) the seniors, Tommy McKee, Warren Thompson, and Marvin Schwilling went along on a marketing tour. The calves brought \$12.40. While on the tour we went to the trading grain exchange, the Kansas City Star office, the USDA, the hay grading laboratories, the municipal airport, and a number of points of interest in Kansas City....We are planning to have a pest eradication contest in February.

--Marvin Schwilling, Reporter

LINN: Our chapter gave a broadcast over station KSAL, Salina, February 14. The topic for our broadcast was "Cooperative Activities Among the FFA Chapters."...We have six fattening pigs for our chapter project. Our pigs now weigh 1500 pounds, and we plan to have them on the market early in March....The boys who have sheep as their projects are having a problem with lambing paralysis....The things we are doing for defense are collecting waste paper and encouraging the people to plant more gardens.

--Mervin Hatesohl, Reporter