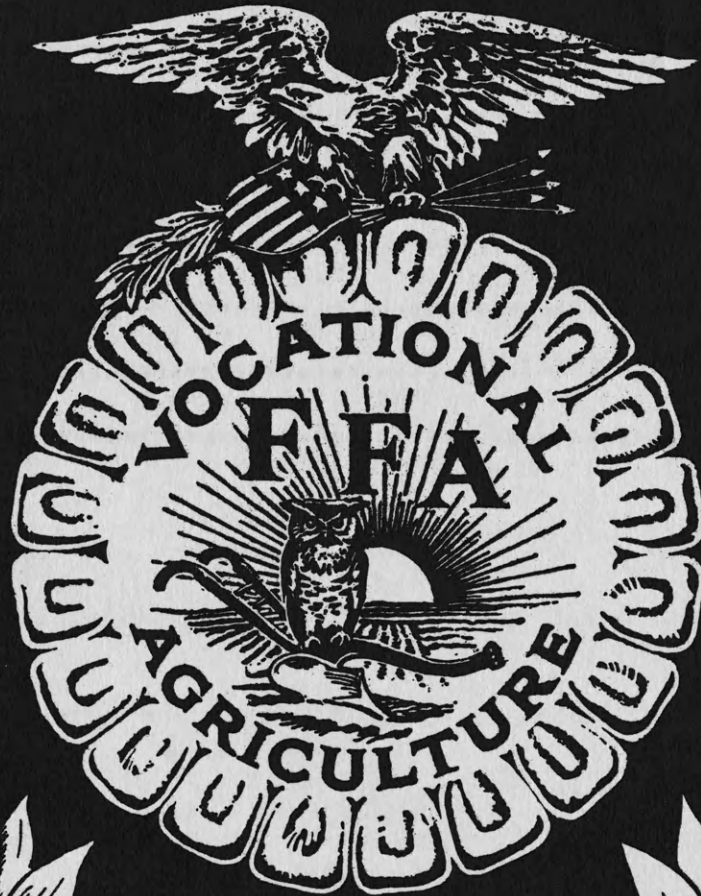


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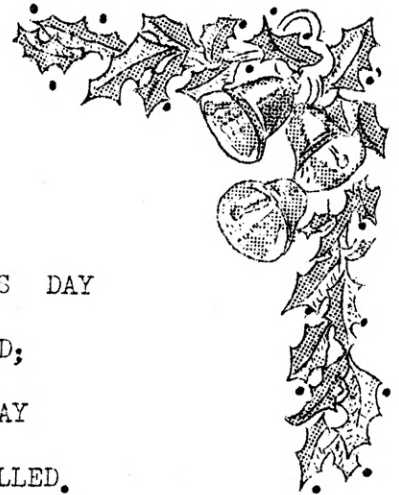
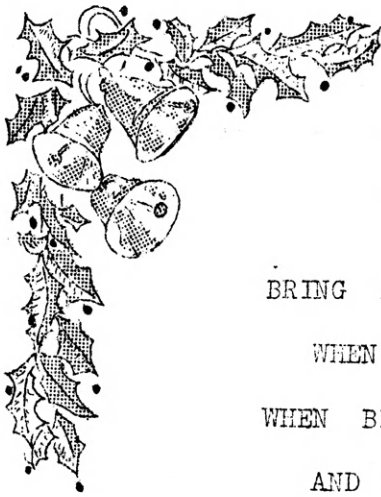
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BRING IN, WE PRAY, THE GLORIOUS DAY
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O HELP US BANISH PRIDE AND WRONG,
WHICH SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN
HAVE MARRED ITS PEACE; HELP US MAKE STRONG
THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

-- Charles H. Richards

F.F.A. CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES

F.F.A. membership dues are due as of January 1, 1943. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state. Associate and honorary members do not pay dues. Membership cards are sent out from the state office only upon payment of dues. Send dues to Professor A. P. Davidson, K. S. C., Manhattan, Kansas.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES

Completed entry materials for application for the State Farmer degree must be in the mails January 15, 1943.

CARL RAYMOND GRAY SCHOLARSHIP

Completed entry materials for application for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarships (Union Pacific RR) must be in the mails January 15, 1943.

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HIGHLIGHTS ON F.F.A. WARTIME ACTIVITIES FOR 1941-42

The latest figures on the Nation as a whole show that for the 1941-42 year, the Future Farmers of America organization was composed of 49 active associations and 7,542 active local chapters in which there were 245,830 active members.

During the past year the organization, through its loyal and patriotic members in the various units thereof, made an outstanding contribution to the war effort. The following totals will be of interest to all who are concerned with the mobilization of youth to help with the war:

1. War bonds and stamps purchased by local chapters and individual members.....	\$ 1,541,479
2. War bonds purchased by State associations.....	44,530
3. Pounds of scrap metal collected by members.....	77,018,762
4. Pounds of paper collected by members.....	30,606,875
5. Pounds of rubber collected by members.....	2,767,821
6. Pounds of rags collected by members.....	605,049
7. Members serving in the armed forces.....	49,408

Every member, every local chapter, and every association is to be congratulated on this excellent example of patriotic effort. May it serve as a challenge and an inspiration to "carry on" in these and other lines of endeavor necessary to bring Victory to our Country and her Allies.

W. A. Ross, Nat'l Ex. Secretary, F.F.A.

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J. A. Linke, Columbus, Indiana, former national adviser of the Future Farmers of America, will furnish each year a plaque to be awarded to the chapter from which the Star American Farmer is chosen. Mr. Linke has retired to his Indiana farm, but his heart still remains with the greatest farm boy organization in the world.

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HOOSAKU FURUMOTO

Hoosaku (Howard) Furumoto, one of the finest FFA members it has been the pleasure of your editor to meet, was just in to bid me good-bye. He is leaving for the army. Hoosaku--Howard as he is called by classmates and faculty on this campus, where he is enrolled as a freshman in Veterinary Medicine, volunteered for enlistment in Military Intelligence about the middle of November. He had a letter in hand from the commanding officer of the 7th Corps Area instructing him to report to Ft. Riley for his physical, and following his physical to report to Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, for induction. Howard, in his usual forehanded manner, had beat them to the draw and had already been to Ft. Riley and had taken his physical and was leaving at once for Ft. Snelling. After induction at Ft. Snelling, Howard will be sent to MIS Language School at Camp Savage, Savage, Minnesota. Howard speaks three languages, Japanese, Hawaiian, and English.

Hoosaku Furumoto was president of the Hawaiian Territorial Association of Future Farmers of America in 1940, and represented that association as a delegate at the 1940 national convention. He participated in the national FFA public speaking contest of that year and placed third.

Howard had won a scholarship offered by the University of Hawaii, but after his trip to the mainland as a delegate to the national FFA convention, he was imbued with a desire to do his college work in the United States. He chose Kansas State as the college in which he wanted to take his undergraduate work. Accordingly he enrolled in the 1940 summer term in a pre-veterinary course. At the completion of his college work in two regular semesters and two summer terms, Howard had a grade average of 2.7. This fine scholastic record together with his splendid personality, caused the authorities to admit him as an out-of-state student in Veterinary Medicine the fall semester of 1942-43--this in spite of the fact that the quota of freshman students in the School of Veterinary Medicine was more than filled by students from within the borders of the state.

Hoosaku saw his first snow, other than that observed on a hike up Mt. Mauna Kea which rises to a height of 14,000 feet on the island of Hawaii, when he got to Denver, Colorado, enroute to the 1940 FFA National Convention. That was the year we had the "unusual" cold snap on November 11, which date fell in the midst of our FFA national convention. Howard borrowed an overcoat from one of his former vocational agricultural instructors who was present at the convention from Wisconsin. He says that he never will forget the picture taken by a representative of the Kansas City Star, of himself along with the Puerto Rico delegates out in front of the Municipal Auditorium--they all "nearly froze to death."

Howard still thinks his FFA experiences the richest in his life to date. He is proud of the war record of this fine farm boy organization, and is confident that the organization will continue to contribute more than its share to the cause of freedom.

We don't know what kind of weather Howard will experience in Minnesota, but the day he visited your editor to say good-bye we were in the midst of a Kansas snow storm--with eight inches already down and "still hard at it."

Howard enjoyed his work at Kansas State, and hopes to return and finish following the war--and we hope to be here to greet him.

God speed Hoosoku Furumoto.

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Cooperate in First Aid and Civilian Defense.

KANSAS FARM ACCIDENTS 1941

There were 82 deaths in Kansas during 1941, resulting from accidental injuries incurred while engaged in farm work. Each year, the state health department's study of accidental deaths shows that more persons are killed by accidents, while engaged in farming, than in any other industry. Two factors influence these findings: First, more persons are engaged in the pursuit of agriculture than in any other occupation, and second, safety rules are not enforced on the farm as they are in organized industry.

Machinery accidents resulted in the death of 25 persons. Seventeen of the 25 machinery deaths were caused by tractors; three in the use of circular saws, and one death each by a combine, corn binder, grain drill, plow and disk.

Injury inflicted by animals resulted in 16 deaths among farmers. Seven men were kicked or trampled to death by horses; 5 men were gored to death by bulls; 2 persons were fatally kicked by cows; one man was killed by a herd of stampeding sheep, and a 13 year old boy was killed by a fall from a horse.

Vehicular accidents caused 12 deaths. Nine were due to run-away teams hitched to farm vehicles or implements; a woman was killed when she fell from a moving wagon; a man's foot was caught in a wagon wheel and he was dragged to death; a truck backed against a man, crushing his chest.

Six farm accidental deaths were attributed to falls; four deaths resulted from burns; falling objects killed three farmers; two men died of heat prostration; two were drowned; two deaths were attributed to firearms; and a farmer came in contact with a live wire while working on the pumping plant on his farm and was electrocuted.

The chief cause of farm accident deaths, as of all accidental injuries, is carelessness.

Some conception may be had of the staggering toll of accidents in the United States from the incomplete accounting of losses in the eight months following Pearl Harbor, to wit:

29,800 war workers killed
5,900,000 persons injured
293,000,000 man-days lost
\$2,300,000,000 economic loss

Note: The above taken from "Safety First In Kansas Farming", a descriptive pamphlet recently published by the Kansas Safety Council. Write Mr. J. C. Mohler, chairman, Farm Accident Prevention Committee, Topeka, Kansas, for a copy of this publication. Your FFA Farm Accident Committee will find it both interesting and useful.

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NATIONAL BETTER CHAPTER CONTEST

A letter from W. A. Ross, national executive secretary of the Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C., sets the due date for entries in the National Better Chapter Contest as January 31, 1943. The following chapters are eligible to send entries: Haven, Great Bend, Winfield, Lebanon, Mound City, Shawnee Mission, Sedan, Cherryvale, Manhattan, and Highland Park, Topeka.

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STAR FARMER OF KANSAS

George Stelter, Abilene Chapter, was declared the Star Farmer of Kansas for 1942, and received a cash award of \$75 given by the Kansas City Weekly Star. The following is a listing of the in-high-school and out-of-school farming program George carried:

1938	1939
53 ewes	72 ewes
4 rams	3 ewe lambs
2 wethers	17 market lambs
48 lamb crop	52 lamb crop
3 cows	2 ram lambs
2 heifers	2 rams
1 bull calf	3 cows
3 heifer calves	1 heifer
175 chicks	1 junior heifer
33 pullets	3 calves
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ A cane	100 pullets
55 A wheat, seeded	375 chicks
22 A alfalfa, seeded, no stand	21 A barley
5 A temporary pasture	21 A oats
	10 A alfalfa, seeded
	55 A wheat, harvested
	71 A wheat, seeded
	10 A temporary pasture
1940	1941
154 ewes	381 ewes
97 lamb crop	9 ewe lambs
1 ram lamb	465 feeder lambs
5 rams	126 spring lamb crop
2 cows	6 rams
2 heifers	2 cows
4 calves	5 heifers
1 bull calf	1 bull
110 hens and pullets	172 hens and cockerels
88 pullets	100 chicks
7 cockerels	90 A wheat, harvested
295 chicks	90 A wheat, seeded
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ A oats	10 A alfalfa
11 A corn	15 A oats
71 A wheat, harvested	8 A sorgo
90 A wheat, seeded	21 A cane
6 A sorgo	
10 A alfalfa	
11 A temporary rye pasture	
12 A barley	
13 A rye pasture	

Star Farmer of Kansas (Concluded)

Jan. 1, 1942--March 1, 1942 (Out-of-school)	Labor Income
240 breeding ewe band	1938 - \$ 434.95
199 feeder lambs	
6 ewes	1939 - \$ 975.05
6 rams	
225 spring lamb crop	1940 - \$ 881.02
2 cows	
4 heifers	1941 - \$3362.31
1 bull	
161 hens, pullets and cockerals	Total in-school labor income \$5653.33

On January 1, 1942, George had a net worth of \$6851.62. He made a trip to Idaho and purchased 2,055 head of breeding ewes and Idaho feeder lambs, some for his own use and the rest to be sold to local farmers and neighboring vocational agriculture chapters.

George was very successful in both showing contests and as a member of judging teams. He has held numerous offices, both in the F.F.A. organization and in outside groups. In 1941-42, George served as president of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

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WEEDS

FFA members will be interested in reading the lead article in the November 1942 issue of the "Soil Conservation" magazine, entitled "There is an herb which is grown apart by itself," by Pehoebe O'Neall Faris. The article treats the subject of tobacco growing in Southern Maryland, and in part states that "it is an established fact now that the common ragweed, found anywhere from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River, is a primary benefactor of the tobacco crop, though many other annual weeds including the legumes, wild pea, partridge pea, and rabbit foot clover play a part. Here, then is the latest paradox regarding the Indian's paradoxical weed, tobacco: Ragweed grows good tobacco; hay fever victims get hay fever from ragweed; most hay fever victims use tobacco..." Weeds are classified as "best", "good" and "bad" for tobacco. The ragweeds and horseweeds are bests, while the lambs quarter's and lespedezas are bads.

Most of us who have had experience chopping cockle burs under a hot Kansas sun will readily accept the "bad" classification but will be somewhat hesitant in accepting "good" and "best" designations as applied to weeds.

Who says there is nothing new under the sun?

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Insulated building board is now being made out of the tough ends of asparagus which canners chop off and cooks discard in the preparation of this herb for food.

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"TEST YOUR FFA KNOWLEDGE" SCORING KEY

Following is the scoring key for the "Test Your FFA Knowledge Test," which was printed in the November 15, 1942, issue of THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER newsletter.

Part I		Part II		Part III
(T) 1.	(F) 26.	(2) 1.	(1) National Blue	
(T) 2.	(T) 27.	(4) 2.	(2) Corn Gold	
(F) 3.	(F) 28.	(4) 3.	(3) Paul Chapman	
(F) 4.	(T) 29.	(1) 4.	(4) 12	
(T) 5.	(F) 30.	(1) 5.	(5) Learning	
(T) 6.	(T) 31.	(1) 6.	(6) Doing	
(T) 7.	(T) 32.	(2) 7.	(7) Earning	
(T) 8.	(T) 33.	(1) 8.	(8) Supervised Practice	
(F) 9.	(T) 34.	(1) 9.	(9) Cooperative Activities	
(T) 10.		(2) 10.	(10) Community Service	
(T) 11.		(1) 11.	(11) Leadership	
(F) 12.		(2) 12.	(12) Earnings and Savings	
(T) 13.		(4) 13.	(13) Conduct of Meetings	
(F) 14.		(3) 14.	(14) Scholarship	
(T) 15.			(15) Recreation	
(F) 16.			(8) to (15) Interchangeable	
(T) 17.			(16) Supervised Farm Practice	
(F) 18.			(17) 40 per cent	
(T) 19.			(18) November 1	
(F) 20.			(19) George Stelter	
(F) 21.			(20) George Schlickau	
(T) 22.			(21) Leonard Sharp	
(T) 23.			(22) Maurice Black	
(F) 24.			(19) to (22) Interchangeable	
(F) 25.			(23) Wayne Brant	
			(24) Bob Barnes	
			(25) Grant Poole	

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FFA CAMP

National Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross, in his report on the FFA camp to the 15th National FFA Convention, stated that the camp is free of debt and is now valued at approximately \$29,000. This year a Mr. Scott has been employed as caretaker for the camp and also for Washington's old grist mill. Mr. Ross stated that windows have been installed in the camp buildings, painting has been completed, ply wood has been installed on the interior of the dining room and kitchen, some grading on the athletic field has been done, and some landscaping started. The camp will be closed this year in order to conserve tires and lessen the congestion of people on the eastern seaboard.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

F.F.A. items taken from Annual Reports of State Associations for 1942.

CALIFORNIA. Three reasons given for the drastic changes in California Future Farmer activities as a result of the war are:

First, The extensive system of county and district fairs, through which a considerable quantity of FFA projects were marketed for direct consumption or for breeding purposes--involving more than \$50,000 in premium money, was practically eliminated.

Second, national quotas for increase production of farm commodities essential to the war effort included relative few of the commodities grown in the state which total each year nearly a billion dollars in value.

Third, A greater percentage of seasonal farm labor is used in California than in any other state--in normal years a total of more than 200,000 different persons, and in August, September, and October a peak of more than 150,000 persons working at one time. This necessitated the delay in opening of school in many instances to as late as November 1....Summer activities have been almost entirely devoted to the food-production program. The fact that California has nearly 10 per cent of national war contracts, with consequent numbers of farm youth drawn into industrial occupation, has left the rural areas with insufficient help to harvest the crops. City young people, women, vacationers, store clerks and others have been called into the fields, orchard and vineyards by thousands. Future Farmers have worked themselves long hours, and have served as foremen of these inexperienced crews.

CONNECTICUT. Wartime activity included buying war bonds and stamps, salvage drives, aircraft spotting service, farm machinery maintenance and repair, first aid training, victory gardens, amplified "Food for Victory" programs, and two chapters organized emergency forest fire patrols with the aid of district fire wardens....The state convention held under gasoline rationing conditions found delegates present from all chapters except two, and the convention went on record as favoring a state association meeting in 1943 if conditions permit.

FLORIDA: The first state wide FFA leadership training conference was held at the state FFA Camp....Spurred on by the fact that the Florida Association of FFA purchased the first \$1,000 War Savings Bond purchased by any State Association, each local chapter agreed to earn cooperatively sufficient money to purchase at least a \$25 War Savings Bond during the 1941-42 fiscal year.... Delegates to the 1942 State Convention voted to purchase an additional \$1,000 War Bond.

GEORGIA. Membership of 11,042 showed an increase over the previous year.... There were 342 chartered chapters....All buildings at the State Future Farmer Camp were completed. The large assembly hall which had been under construction for three years was completed in July, and the state convention was held in the new building. The State Association has property valued at approximately \$200,000 including all buildings and 350 acres of land....FFA chapters cooperated in operating the 300 community canning plants. Approximately 12,000,000 cans of food products were processed in these plants the past summer. Many FFA members assisted the agriculture teachers and in a large number of cases FFA boys served as plant operators.

Across the Border (Continued)

ILLINOIS. Illinois had a total of 11,600 members in 373 active chartered chapters....No state fair was held, but \$30,000 was appropriated for premiums at the 20th sectional grain, poultry and livestock fairs which were conducted for vocational agriculture students. Approximately 5500 FFA members exhibited at these fairs.

IOWA. Fourteen new chapters were chartered during the year....758 FFA members attended the series of the 11th annual district FFA leadership conferences held, representing 135 of the 170 chapters in the state association. Contests were held in chapter conducting, public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, chapter program, and chapter exhibit.

KENTUCKY. An active membership of 8,046 purchased \$67,460 worth of war savings bonds and stamps....Members purchased 20 carloads of choice Western beef heifers and approximately 3,000 crossbred Western ewes cooperatively.

LOUISIANA. 94 per cent of the members developed definite plans to improve their farming programs through productive enterprises in aiding the Food for Victory Program....74 per cent of the chapters had educational exhibits at community, parish, district, and state fairs featuring one of the purposes of the F.F.A....98 per cent of the chapters entered the parliamentary procedure contest....91 per cent of the chapters established and improved chapter libraries....89 per cent of the chapters held public speaking contests with 6,388 members participating....84 per cent of the chapters promoted safety on the farms....FFA members are aiding in repairing all types of farm machinery, in First Aid and Civilian Defense, canning of food, organization of Rural War Production Training courses, scrap metal campaign, in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, in disease control campaigns, and in improved sanitation programs for rural areas.

MASSACHUSETTS. Twelve per cent of the chapters reported 100 per cent of all 1941 graduates employed in agriculture....In spite of the shortage of gasoline and rubber, the State Executive Committee held three meetings and has kept most of the FFA activities moving toward the objective set up in 1941.

MICHIGAN. The FFA band has been discontinued for the duration....Twelve members of one chapter produced 56,000 pounds of pork....The Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America and the State Board of Control for Vocational Education in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture administer a special fund of \$10,000 for Future Farmer Program promotion. This fund is provided by legislative act. This fund is used to promote a state fat stock show, leadership training programs, and public speaking contests, as well as \$50 per chapter for individual achievement awards such as outstanding scholarship, leadership, and supervised farm practice, expenses of judging and demonstration teams at the state contest, and FFA delegate expense to the state convention. Awards from this fund may be paid only to active members in good standing.

MISSISSIPPI. 7,076 members through state association, chapter, and individual purchases own \$57,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps.

Across the Border (Continued)

MINNESOTA. FFA members assisted in the recruiting and training of town boys for work on the farm. Several members made a practice of taking town boys with them home over the weekend in order that they might get preliminary experience in driving horses, tractors, and doing chores....One district reported organizing a fire fighting brigade on a district basis.

NEBRASKA. More than 150 colored slides and 500 feet of moving pictures were taken of outstanding FFA activities during the year. The state association now owns over 600 colored slides. Both moving pictures and slides are used for showing at FFA banquets, local chapter meetings, and at meetings of various business and rural groups throughout the state.

NEW YORK. The number of chartered chapters increased from 307 to 316....The membership of 7315 showed a slight decrease--due to the intense industrial activity throughout the state with accompanying high wages which attracted many farm boys....At the annual meeting of the state association 39 Future Farmers were raised to the degree of Empire Farmer. All successful candidates were visited by a visiting committee and were grouped as follows: Superior 17; Excellent, 14; and Good, 8. Out of the Superior group four boys were selected and awarded each a \$25 war bond for general excellence and achievement. The award was made possible by the NYC RR Co.

NORTH CAROLINA. 389 chapters with a total membership of 12,555, purchased a total of \$120,630.38 worth of War Bonds and Stamps....Fifteen thousand copies of the official FFA publication, "Tar Heel Talks" were mailed....Two state-wide FFA Camps operated for a period of nine weeks with a total attendance of more than 3,000 members for the season with approximately 350 boys at camp each week during the season....The camping program in North Carolina was started in 1938. A real estate company donated our first camp site and also loaned money for building six cottages and a dining hall. From this small beginning, our camps continued to grow year by year and at present the State Association owns two well equipped camps valued at \$100,000. Active members are charged a flat fee of \$5.00 per week which covers all expenses with the exception of transportation to and from camp.

OHIO. More than 1000 FFA members participated in the chapter business procedure contests held. This contest measures mastery and use of parliamentary procedure and correct conduct of FFA meetings....2091 FFA members are cooperating with the Farm Safety Council in a Safety Program in making a study of 6166 Ohio farms.

OKLAHOMA. A grand total of 9,084 members in 171 chapters....Participating in shows and fairs last year, Oklahoma FFA members won \$52,089.70 in premiums alone, which does not include the proceeds from sale of champion and grand champion animals....Mervin Bert Jordan, FFA member at Covington in 1939, accompanied the DeClittle bombing mission over Tokyo....Members have invested in War Bonds and Stamps the sum of \$91,036.70....FFA members actually repaired 5,042 farm implements, increasing their value by more than \$100,000. They also made 9,339 farm surveys.

Increased goals should be the aim of every FFA member in the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps.

Across the Border (Concluded)

TEXAS. The state association has 886 chapters and an active membership of 28,134....607 chapters were engaged in organized home improvement work....23 American Farmer candidates were recommended and all were raised to the fourth degree....29,000 copies are mailed of each issue of "The Lone Star Farmer" the official FFA publication....The state association owns a \$2,000 War Bond, and FFA members have purchased a grand total of \$250,068.79 in War Bonds and Stamps5,458 active and associate members are now serving in the armed forces of the United States.

WEST VIRGINIA. Home improvement projects were completed by 74 per cent of the FFA membership....74 chapters (80 per cent) presented high school assembly programs and 61 chapters presented public programs before groups such as P.T.A., Civic Clubs, etc....2037 members participated in local FFA public speaking contests and 56 chapters were represented in the State Contest in public speaking.

WYOMING. All chapters have full meeting paraphernalia and equipment....All chapters have purchased revised FFA manuals....All delegates to the state convention were attired in official FFA uniforms....15 district judging contests will be held this year to take the place of the state contests.

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CONCERNING GREEN HAND AND CHAPTER FARMER PINS

At the present time the state office is out of both Green Hand and Chapter pins. Because of priorities we are not certain when we will have these pins in stock. However, we have had an order placed for the pins with the L. G. Balfour Co., for the past six weeks and should receive the pins within the next two or three weeks. The Balfour Company has assured us that the pins will be available.

All orders for these pins which have been received by this office are being filed and will be taken care of immediately upon the arrival of the pins. Keep this fact in mind when sending in future orders for pins. Also when ordering pins check the price list of FFA materials handled by this office which is found on page 4 of the September 15, 1942 issue of THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER. The price of the Green Hand pins is 35 cents, and the price of the Chapter Farmer pins is 28 cents.

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Improve rural sanitation which will result in improved health, so vital to the total war effort.

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FFA FINANCE

National Treasurer Dowell J. Howard reported at the 15th National FFA Convention that the income of the National Organization during the 1941-42 year was \$29,644; the balance remaining in the treasury was \$13,858.25; the savings account of the organization amounted to more than \$6700; and that the total assets of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America were more than \$51,000.

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DO YOU KNOW--

The answers to the questions listed below? All FFA members are interested in what other members are doing, and likewise all FFA chapters are eager to learn what other chapters are doing. One of the best sources of information is the "Chapter News" in your own FFA newsletter. Local FFA reporters in writing news notes, chapter secretaries in reviewing communications receive and program chairmen, are all vitally interested in what other Future Farmers are doing. One of the principal duties of any FFA officer is to keep his chapter informed and interested in worth while activities. Can you answer the following questions, and what method will you use to bring this and additional information to the attention of your chapter members?

By the way--this issue of the newsletter carries the "high lights" of the activities of other State Associations during the past year. There is little question but that your membership will be interested in the "Across the Border" items--good leadership will devise a feasible plan of informing the members.

The questions follow:

1. One of the Kansas FFA chapters, membership 27, cooperated in collecting 200 tons of scrap and won the right to name a troop transport ship. What was the name of the chapter?
2. What class of the Leon FFA chapter gave \$63 to the Salvation Army --and how was the money earned?
3. What portable article was built by the Ashland FFA chapter to aid ranchers who are short of help in carrying on their ranching operations?
4. How many miles did the Goodland FFA chapter travel on their project tour--and how many farming programs were visited on the tour? What profit did this chapter make on the chapter owned sow and litter? What was the average number of pounds of scrap metal collected for this chapter?
5. What chapter won the purple ribbon for the third consecutive time on its county booth exhibit at the Kansas State Fair, and what chapter came within two points of tying for first place? What was the amount of the first prize check in this contest?
6. Jim Thompson, the 1942 Star Farmer of America visited one of the Kansas FFA chapters on his return to Oregon. Can you name the chapter and tell why he happened to visit this chapter?
7. What chapter let the Home Economics Club defeat them in a scrap metal drive, and what were the totals collected by each group?
8. What chapter has conducted for the past four years an irrigated potato project--and what degree of success did the chapter have in 1942?
9. What would you estimate the local market value to be for the 1150 turkeys the Goodland FFA members plan to market cooperatively?

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CHAPTER NEWS

SOLDIER: Our officers are as follows: Raymond Allen, president; Gerald Polack, vice president; Vern McKinsey, secretary; Cecil Bottom, treasurer; Harold Vanderwall, reporter; Clifford Bowser, watch dog; Vernon Crippen, adviser.... Our chapter held a scrap metal contest with the Domestic Science club and the losers had to entertain the winners at a party. The FFA lost by 16,000 lbs. The Domestic Science club had 85,000 lbs. and the FFA 67,000 lbs. in the scrap drive....The chapter has built three hog houses, one wagon box, two end gates, eight poultry feeders and another hog house is in process....Raymond Allen's calf won first prize at the American Royal.

--Harold Vanderwall, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WELLSVILLE: Officers of the Wellsville chapter this year are: Glen Evans, president; Allen Gilbert, vice president; Robert George, secretary; Dean Hunte, treasurer; Roy Burgoon, reporter; Pat Close, watch dog....Shop jobs completed to date include 10 wagon boxes, 4 sheep feeders, 2 cattle bunks, 2 self feeders for hogs, 7 hog troughs, 2 brooder houses, 3 corn shellers, 6 scoop end gates, 9 mash feeders, 3 hay racks, and 5 hog houses. We are also hand repairing 1 drill, 1 lister, 1 disc, 1 Letz mill, and 1 manure spreader....We are making plans to have a farm equipment sale in the near future which will include all of the equipment needed on farms, that can be completed in our agriculture shop....We have culled 600 hens, and run terrace lines on two farms. In addition we have collected 32 tons of scrap iron....Our judging team consisting of Junior James, Elden Carlson, and Max Van Horn placed first in the judging contest sponsored by the Gardner chapter....Our chapter now owns 2 registered boars, 5 gilts, and 6 shoats which are now being fattened for market....Forty-two boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture including the Ag IV boys.

--Roy Burgoon, Reporter

KIOWA: Our officers for the year are: Benny Rathgeber, president; Richard Garman, vice president; Dale Tucker, secretary; Carl Eckert, treasurer; Melvin Conrad, reporter; Junior Miller, watch dog....Our summer activities included regular meetings and an all night fishing trip....Our truck garden was a success. Our greatest profit came from potatoes and onions....Kiowa had its regular Labor Day celebration so we had a stand. We have also helped in a foods booth at each home football game. We are using the proceeds from our stands to purchase equipment. So far we have purchased a Model A Ford, which we will make into a "jeep," two walking plows, two cultivators, a lister, a planter, and a mower....Our community service to date includes: castrating 60 pigs, worming 65 sheep, delousing, worming and culling 250 hens, and shingling a chicken house....We decorated an uptown show window. The theme of our display was livestock sanitation....We have a new arc welder in our shop which helps us in our repair work....We have butchered two hogs and have calls to butcher more in the near future.

--Melvin Conrad, Reporter

QUINTER: Chapter officers are: James Garvey, president; Roland Kesler, vice president; Earl Woodward, secretary; Leo Dinkel, treasurer; Leroy Maxwell, reporter; Reuben Jamison, watch dog; Wayne Rhoades, first conductor; Marle Jamison, second conductor....The vocational agriculture department has made the following articles for farmers living near Quinter: two hay racks, two farm wagon boxes, overhauling three sets of running gears, completed six Kansas hog feeders, made and painted two truck beds and three A-type hog houses. Two chicken feeders were also completed....We are just completing in shop a 20x12 sectional barn which will be hauled to its location and set on a foundation.... Along with these projects we have butchered 12 hogs....School was dismissed two days so we could help with the scrap drive. We dismantled several pieces of machinery, saved the bolts and angle iron for the farmers and sold the scrap iron....Initiation was held at the agricultural building Monday evening, November 30, for nine Green Hands.

--Leroy Maxwell, Reporter

Conduct disease control campaigns which will add to the nation's food supply.

Chapter News, Continued

WINFIELD: Four years ago on the Walter Hunt farm nine miles southwest of Winfield, the Winfield Future Farmers started an irrigated potato project. Each year thereafter the Future Farmers have planted potatoes on this field. This year the results were very good. Forty sacks of Northern certified seed were planted on five acres, and not counting the 100 sacks we lost due to wet weather and sun scald, we dug a total of 459 sacks of marketable potatoes and received a total of \$831.20. The chapter has a 50-50 share lease with Mr. Hunt and netted \$312.88 on the project....Our high school had an all school scrap metal drive and Mr. John Love, our agricultural teacher, was placed in charge. The Winfield chapter did most of the work such as locating and hauling the scrap and also in cutting it up. We gathered in 129 tons of scrap and the high school awarded the chapter a \$100 war bond for their part in the drive.... In the sheep show last spring the Future Farmer members took more than their share of the prizes. Our vice president, George Reynolds, took first place with a chapter lamb and others receiving prizes were James Holman, Robert Blake, Jack Marten and Paul Bonewell....The Winfield chapter started out two years ago putting out purebred ewes with the members. We now have two purebred Shropshire ewes out with George Reynolds and Paul Bonewell has eight. In the agreement the boy gets all the wool, \$2.00 per head to purchase protein supplement feed, and one ram lamb for his part.

--Paul Bonewell, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: The summer started with the Junction City Blue Jay Chapter of the Future Farmers of America having a fishing party one night on one of the nearby creeks....In August about eight boys went to Abilene to judge livestock. They placed first, third, seventh, and eighth. They expected to receive trips but received \$14 in cash checks instead....Soon after school started James Ashley asked our coach to let the F.F.A. sell gym clothes which had been cleaned. We are now making quite a little profit from the sale of the clothes....In the shop the F.F.A. is making cement troughs which they sell for 51 cents apiece....We held a date party on October 2. Robert Britt, a member, furnished a load of watermelons for the occasion....In shop the students made nine chicken feeders for the Upham Hatchery....The F.F.A. is now holding a horseshoe tournament and are playing for a championship game....Eight vocational agriculture boys attended the American Royal....The students who wanted to subscribe get the Poultry Tribune at reduced prices through the vocational agriculture instructor, Mr. Cooley....About three weeks ago Jack Horner lost a calf which he was fattening. The calf was struck by a train....Walter Baresel's sorgo made 32 bushels per acre. Norman Manz's sorgo will make at least 50 bushels per acre....Melvin Kramer raised 100 chickens and lost only one in the first six weeks.

--Dale Collins, Reporter

HORTON: The Horton F.F.A. sponsored a stand at the Tri-County Fair and cleared \$41. Deane Thorson won the grand champion prize on his Jersey calf at Hiawatha Fall Fair and also at the Horton Tri-County Fair. Keith and Kenneth Knudson showed swine on Market Day at St. Joseph. Kenneth with a pen of one, placed third, and Keith with a pen of three, placed fifth....The officers are: Richard Jacobson, president; Kenneth Knudson, vice president; Keith Knudson, secretary; Deane Thorson, treasurer; Clyde Williams, reporter; and Mr. James L. Jacobson, adviser....The F.F.A. members are being aided in the repairing of farm machinery with the OSYA equipment. The equipment consists of welding torches, arc welding, and metal turning lathes.

--Clyde Williams, Reporter

Chapter News, Continued

COLDWATER: About one-half of the members of our chapter attended the Hutchinson State Fair. We again exhibited the Comanche County Collective Booth. We were fortunate enough to win the Purple ribbon for the third consecutive year. This time we won by a very small margin, our score being 1095 compared to Linn county's 1093. Linn was first in the Eastern Division and ranked second among all competitors. The quality of the booths this year was the best ever, although we lacked three points of our record high score of 1098 made last year. Our check for first prize in the Western Division was \$175.61. We also received a prize of \$3.00 for our panel exhibit. Three members entered sorghum heads in the open class. Bob Wholpley won first prize, \$7.00, for the best 20 heads of Pink kafir, and Junior Oller was third on Norkan, \$2.00. The money won by the chapter will be used to finance chapter activities including the buying of war bonds....We met the second Tuesday of the school year and elected our F.F.A. officers. They are Clair Thompson, president; Richard Deyoe, vice president; Clyde Thompson, secretary; Carl Robbins, treasurer; Glenn Carlisle, reporter, Charles Timmons, watchdog, and LeRoy E. Melia, adviser....We had a line party to the show "The Fleets In"....Several of the boys have been buying steer calves that weigh from 350 to 500 pounds. They plan to carry these calves through the winter. Some will use the deferred feeding plan and the others will either sell in the spring or off grass next fall. However, they may be carried over another winter. Most of the boys who did not use the deferred feeding plan this year are carrying their yearlings over at least until spring....Jim Thompson, the Star Farmer of America this year, stopped here and visited with the chapter on his way back from the American Royal. He gave an interesting talk on farming in Oregon. He also reported on this year's American Royal. We found him to be a regular fellow and enjoyed visiting with him.

--Glen Carlisle, Reporter

GOODLAND: The Goodland chapter's officers for '42-'43 are as follows: William Laughlin, president; Bob Barnes, vice president; Kenneth Armstrong, secretary; Eugene Pyles, treasurer; Eugene Daise, watchdog; Carroll Rohr, reporter; and J. C. Kyle, adviser....Shop projects this year include the making of tile, hog feeders, brooder houses, cattle feeders, self-waterers, sun porches, stock rack, sheep bunk, turkey waterers, feed mixers, and trailers....The chapter sold its sow and ten pigs for \$175 at a profit of \$125. A large proportion of the feed was furnished by the members....The chapter has purchased a popcorn popper, and sells popcorn at football games....Plans are being made for the hay ride, barnwarmer, and the Parent and Son banquet to be held before Christmas....The chapter held its annual project tour October 26, covering a total distance of 138 miles, and visiting the projects of 12 members. Those projects included the following: sheep - 390 ewes, 50 lambs; hogs - 19 sows, 80 pigs; cattle - 12 cows, 12 steers; turkeys - 1150....Our chapter has not only expanded its projects to raise more food for the armed forces, but has also collected a large amount of scrap and purchased war bonds. The chapter's members and their families have purchased \$2100 worth of bonds. The chapter collected 158,450 pounds of scrap which is an average of over two tons of scrap per member....Our F.F.A. members have been helping the farmers shock feed....The chapter has two American Farmer candidates and four State Farmer candidates....The chapter shipped 40 head of sheep....We intend to market cooperatively about 1150 turkeys to the Western Plains Turkey Association....Bob Barnes, State Reporter, was elected president of the Student Council....William Laughlin and Bob Barnes attended the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson.

--Carroll Rohr, Reporter

Chapter News, Continued

BIRD CITY: Our chapter officers are Mr. Poch, adviser; Ronald Wilson, president; Dorance Combs, vice president; Warren Sawyer, secretary; Clinton Munn, treasurer; Laverne Johnson, watch dog; and Walter Chipperfield, reporter.... We set aside three different days for cooperating with the business men of Bird City in collecting scrap iron. We collected over 200 tons, the largest amount collected by any town in the county. This entitled us to name a troop transport ship.... We dehorned, branded and vaccinated 45 head of cattle.... We have built 24 nail boxes, two A shaped hog houses, 15 poultry feeders, one hog feeder, one farrowing house for two sows, and two hog troughs, besides other minor articles. We have under construction a brooder house, a farrowing house for two sows, a large hog feeder, some sawhorses, poultry feeders, a cattle chute, and a scoop board endgate. A model-A car and a gasoline engine are also being overhauled.... We shocked feed this fall and made about \$40.... We recently hold initiation for the Green Hands of both our chapter and the McDonald chapter. Altogether 30 boys were initiated and taken through the run down farm.... We have added to our shop steel lockers to put our clothes in, a wash basin with hot and cold running water, electric drill, complete set of drill bits, and acetylene welding outfit, and also other small tools. We plan to get a chain hoist.... In cooperation with the Girl Reserves we put on a style show and a one act play at the Senior Carnival to raise funds for our treasury.... Our chapter has a display of shop projects in one of the store show windows.

--Walter Chipperfield, Reporter

ONAGA: This year we elected the following officers: Joe Zenner, president; Galen Teske, vice president; Glen Teske, secretary; Clayton Rezac, reporter; Franklin Teske, watch dog.... We bought another purebred Duroc sow this year. She farrowed five pigs. We are feeding her a balanced ration. She is on alfalfa pasture and has access to a self-feeder.... We decided to have our night meetings after school to save gas and rubber.... All our members are very sorry to lose Mr. Brown, our vocational agriculture teacher, who has enlisted in the Army Air Corps Mechanics. Mr. Brown's resignation leaves us without a teacher.

--Clayton Rezac, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Officers were elected at our first evening meeting October 22. Francis Scheetz was elected president, Roy Gauby, vice president, Lester Gassert, reporter, Harold Van Amburg, secretary, Lee Gauby, treasurer, and Mr. Frank is our adviser.... Fifteen freshmen, a sophomore, and a junior who were asking admission into the chapter were voted in. The program of work was taken up for the coming year and a goal was set for each boy to collect 1000 pounds of scrap metal and to own \$25 worth of war stamps and bonds by the end of the year.... A booth on poultry management placed second and the judging team placed third in the judging contest at the Washington County fair. We also had a concession on the fair grounds. This netted us \$101.25. The upperclassmen who helped in the stand were planning a trip to the American Royal but since this was called off most of the money will be put into war bonds.... The boys have repaired the ceiling of the shop, repaired and reconditioned tools, wrecked an old threshing machine for scrap metal, built 15 chicken feeders, some hog troughs, a hay rack, and many other things.... Much new equipment has been ordered for the shop and some has been received.... All F.F.A. boys are gathering together the scrap metal on their farms and as Mr. Frank, our instructor, visits our projects he will haul it in with a trailer.

--Lester Gassert, Reporter

Chapter News, Continued

LEON: The Leon chapter of F.F.A. held its annual meeting to elect officers, November 24. The officers are as follows: Darrel Seward, president; Alvin Ordway, vice president; Max Shaffer, secretary; Alfred Hall, treasurer; Morlan Allen, reporter. We also voted on captains for the pest contest which is held every year....The sophomore F.F.A. class gave \$63 to the Salvation Army. This was money obtained from the sale of scrap metal. The chapter gathered up over 100 tons of scrap metal....Butchering started this year December 3. We expect to butcher around 10 tons of hogs this year....The sophomore boys entertained the Home Economics girls November 11, at a good old fashioned weiner roast.

--Morlan Allen, Reporter

ASHLAND: Our new officers are: Glen Booth, president; Jerry Riley, vice president; Clinton Rankin, secretary; Albert Moore, treasurer; Edward Simmons, reporter; Homer Coverdale, watch dog; E. D. Chilcott, adviser....The chapter is purchasing a bred gilt to farrow in February....A Hallowe'en party was enjoyed by all on October 31. Transportation was furnished by Earl Allison with his tractor and hay rack...Our portable livestock squeeze is now in service about three times a week. Ranchers like to use it for fewer men are required in branding, castrating, vaccinating and dehorning cattle. A charge of five cents per head is made and whenever necessary students go along to do the work. A minimum charge of \$2.00 is charged the rancher for squeeze rental....We have 475 four weeks old chicks in our brooder plant....The farm shop is being used each school night by 20 farmers enrolled in a Rural War Production Training program....Nearly all of the town boys have hogs and poultry as their farming program....We took time to gather in 10 tons of scrap iron during the drive.

--Edward Simmons, Reporter

DELPHOS: Delphos elected the following officers for 1942-43: Jack Willars, president; Clayton, vice president; Dean Skinner, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Harry Schaper, adviser....This chapter initiated 12 new members on October 7. After the meeting a big watermelon feed was held for the new members....A big rabbit hunt for all the F.F.A. boys and their fathers was held the Friday following Thanksgiving.

--Corliss Ballou, Reporter

WEBSTER: The Future Farmers have been busy in the scrap drive and have collected over 74 tons of scrap metal....Our chapter has finished walling our silo. Chapter projects include a brood sow, four gilts, a registered Poland China sire, a farm flock of 30 sheep; a flock of Leghorn laying hens, and some barley for pasture....We hold our meetings twice a month except for call meetings when we express our opinions and decide problems that arise. The vice president arranges our programs....The Future Farmer boys have been helping farmers of this community put up their winter's feed and fill silos.

--James Buckner, Reporter

RAMONA: Our officers for this year are: Leonard Rudolph, president; Maurice Dactwiler, vice president; Warren Fike, secretary; Leland Chizek, treasurer; Eddie Klose, reporter; Verdon Schneider, watch dog....Our chapter has sold \$75 worth of books this year....We also took one afternoon off and had a scrap drive. We collected eight tons of scrap....Our chapter went to the Hutchinson State Fair this year in our school bus....Our chapter is having a pest eradication contest which will run for about six weeks....We have made four wagon boxes in shop besides numerous other things.

--Eddie Klose, Reporter

Chapter News, Concluded

PAXICO: Our officers elected are Glen Reiners, president; Clarence Flach, secretary; Joe Breitenstein, treasurer; Ray Muckenthaler, reporter; Thomas Schuetz, watch dog....The vocational agriculture boys have culled several flocks of chickens, drenched sheep and butchered hogs for farmers throughout the community....In shop the building and repairing of farm equipment is being done. To date a hay rack has been completed, a wagon repaired, a hay-stacker is being repaired, work is being done on gas engines and cars. Scoop boards, an extension ladder, and numerous other small projects have also been built. In concrete work we have laid a concrete floor in a dairy barn for a farmer in the community, and placed a concrete slab 4' x 16' in front of our shop.

--Ray Muckenthaler, Reporter

PAOLA: The Paola Future Farmers of America held their first meeting Friday, September 11. The following officers were elected: Emil Gast, president; Byron Manchester, vice president; Lyle Pursell, secretary; Dale Kettler, treasurer; Harold Peckman, reporter; and Kenneth Kaiser, watch dog....Our annual watermelon feed for the freshmen was held September 18. The boys ate 300 pounds of delicious watermelons for their noon meal....A joint 4-H - F.F.A. fair was held in the park square Saturday, October 9. Some of the exhibits displayed by the boys were swine, sheep, poultry, dairy cattle, beef cattle, crops, and garden.

--Harold Peckman, Reporter

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