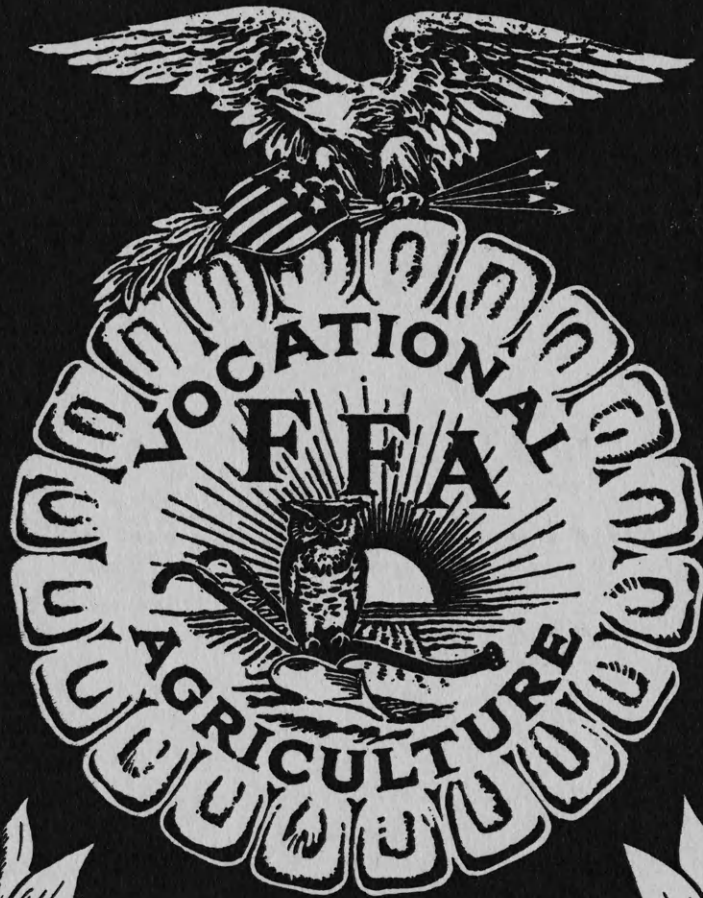


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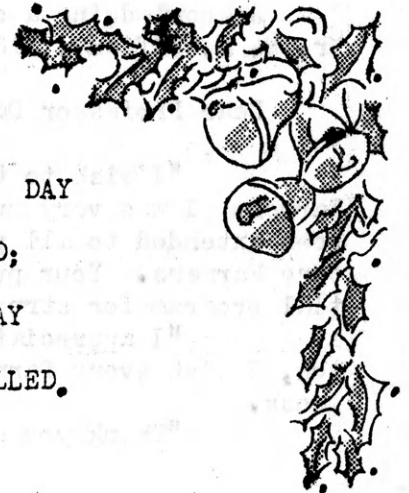
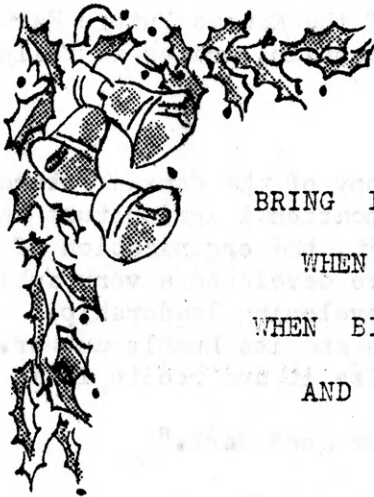
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BRING IN, WE PRAY, THE GLORIOUS DAY  
WHEN RATTLE CRIES ARE STILLED;  
WHEN BITTER STRIFE IS SWEEPED AWAY  
AND HEARTS WITH LOVE ARE FILLED.

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, 1944. 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, 1944.

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, 1944.

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LETTER FROM AUTHOR OF FFA CREED

Acknowledging a copy of the November issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, Mr. E. M. Tiffany, 113 W. Gorham, Madison (3), Wisconsin, writes as follows:

Dear Professor Davidson:

"I wish to thank you for sending me a copy of the Kansas Future Farmer. I was very much interested to note how vocational agriculture has been extended to all parts of the state and with it, the organization of Future Farmers. Your publication shows that you have developed a very substantial program for strengthening the chapters and developing leadership.

"I appreciate the reference to the Creed and its humble author. Just now, I wish every farm bloc lobbyist had to memorize it and recite it in Congress.

"Thank you and best wishes to you in your good work."

Sincerely,

E. M. Tiffany

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\* DUES are due as of January 1, 1944. Every \*  
\* FFA member should recognize the importance \*  
\* of the State Association objective which \*  
\* calls for "100 per cent of eligible members." \*  
\* Chapters should give special attention to \*  
\* that group of boys who are farming in the \*  
\* community and have been out of high school \*  
\* for less than three years. This group of \*  
\* out-of-school farm youth needs the FFA and \*  
\* the FFA needs them. \*  
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OBJECTIFYING PRODUCTIVE GOALS

One of the important points stressed at the FFA leadership schools had to do with objectifying production goals. All local advisers and approximately 100 per cent of the officers present at the FFA leadership schools agreed that objectifying production goals resulted in better individual and chapter program planning and made it easier to obtain favorable press notice. A random sample of the chapter programs submitted to the state office reveals the fact that only 17 per cent of the chapters objectified their chapter production goals, while 34 per cent of the chapters objectified the production goals of their members.

The following are the goals set by two chapters under the Supervised Farming division of the chapter program of work blank. You can be your own judge as to which program of work received the most student and adviser consideration and which chapter is likely to accomplish the most in this vital area of FFA effort.

Program A

Supervised Farming:

30 boys with 300 days of pasture  
 1,000 tons of silage  
 1,000 bushels of feed grain  
 1,000 bushels of wheat  
 1,000 bushels of soy beans  
 25 tons of soy bean hay  
 65,000 pounds of live pork  
 10,000 pounds of beef  
 24,000 pounds of lamb  
 2,400 pounds of wool  
 60,000 pounds of milk  
 2,000 pounds of poultry for market

Program B

Supervised Farming:

Farming Program tour  
 Plan long-time farming program  
 Increase net worth per member from  
 \$50 to \$100  
 Farming program exhibits at fair  
 Every farm have some kind of shop  
 All have some registered stock  
 All grow their own feed for livestock

It pays to think things through.

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FFA AND CONSERVATION

In studying the programs of work submitted one is led to question whether or not sufficient attention is being given to the broad subject of conservation. Undoubtedly many conservation practices are included in the day by day instruction, and many individual FFA members are carrying out conservation practices. However, the fact remains that chapter effort in the field of conservation is not given sufficient emphasis. Analysis of a random sample of the 1943-44 chapter programs of work shows 45 per cent of the chapters planning pest eradication, 17 per cent including safety objectives, and 10 per cent gave attention to fire prevention.

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"What did you say this morning, Prof?"

"Nothing."

"Of course. But how did you express it this time?"

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

While entry blanks for the national chapter contest have not been received by the state office, it is not too early to begin planning. The entry date in the past has been January 31, and there is little likelihood of change this year. Since the national organization of FFA has asked that the local chapter entries and reports be streamlined and that scrap books not be a part of the entry, it becomes much less difficult for chapters to compile their final report. However, the chapters that will receive national recognition next year will be chapters that have done a thorough job of planning and executing a broad and worthwhile program of work. It is not too early to make up your mind as to whether or not you will enter this contest. As many chapters as care to may enter, but only one chapter will be permitted to file a completed report.

For several years the Kansas Association has restricted the list eligible to enter the national chapter contest to chapters declared outstanding in the state association chapter contest. The following chapters were declared outstanding in 1942-43 and are eligible to enter the national chapter contest:

Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe  
 Lebanon, F. A. Blauer  
 Manhattan, Harold Kugler  
 Highland Park, F. E. Carpenter  
 Great Bend, Fred Schultis  
 Buhler, J. A. Johnson  
 Sedan, Joe Neill  
 Columbus, Robert M. Lay  
 Chanute, Elery Collins  
 Cherryvale, C. H. Young

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FFA MEETINGS

Seventy per cent of the chapters indicated that they would have monthly night meetings this year, while 30 per cent of the chapters indicated that a monthly meeting would be held--not specifying whether it would be a day or night meeting. In addition to the monthly meetings, 45 per cent of the chapters stated that they would hold weekly meetings in addition, and 17 per cent of the chapters indicated that they would hold bi-weekly meetings in addition to the monthly meetings.

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OFFICIAL FFA PLAQUE

The L. G. Balfour Company has made available to the FFA a plaque similar to the Intra-State plaque described on page 11 of their No. 3 catalog. This plaque, made of genuine walnut and ground stone dust, is the only one available for awards. It sells for \$3.50 and is non-taxable.

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Diner: "Do you serve Crabs here?"  
 Waiter: "We serve anyone, sit down!"

THOMAS JEFFERSON

The year 1943 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. It is appropriate therefore, that the Future Farmers of America, along with agricultural societies, farm organizations, and farmers themselves should join together in commemorating his bicentenary.

A source book compiled and edited by Everett E. Edwards, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, entitled, "Jefferson and Agriculture," and listed as Agricultural History Series No. 7, has just been published. Two articles, dealing with Thomas Jefferson, Farmer, Educator, and Democrat, by Henry A. Wallace, and Jefferson, Farmer, by M. L. Wilson, are eminently worth your while. Eight selections from Jefferson's writing giving his views on the Nature of the National Economy, and five selections from his writings setting forth his observations on Agriculture in Europe and the United States, are intensely stimulating.

Since Thomas Jefferson is one of the patron saints of the Future Farmers of America Organization, it would seem fitting that a place on the program on as many of the local chapters' regular meetings as possible, be given to the consideration of Thomas Jefferson. A reading of the Chronology of Significant Events in the Life of Jefferson, is the least that should be expected of every chapter in the Kansas Association. The publication listed as Historical Series No. 7, is free upon request.

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AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS \*

\* From "The Place of Agriculture In The Secondary School Program," H. M. Hamlin and C. W. Sanford, University of Illinois Bulletin, Vol. 41, Number 12, November 9, 1943.

A chapter of the Future Farmers of America has an important part in the training of the vocational agricultural group. This organization is regarded as intracurricular and as such, entitled to a share of the class time, if adequate provisions in an activity hour are not available. The ideal arrangement appears to be one in which the boys elect at one and the same time to participate in the class work, the supervised practice, and FFA, which together constitute the program of vocational agriculture at the high school level. The FFA provides training in cooperation and leadership indispensable for prospective farmers.

There have been objections to the Future Farmers of America on three principal grounds: (1) A national organization of high school pupils requiring out-of-state travel by some of the members is undesirable. Both of these have been discouraged in dealing with pupils in other subjects. (2) There is danger of domination over such a youth organization by a few adults who may come to control the national organization to the extent that we may get an arrangement, similar to the Hitler youth movement, by which farm youth may be exploited for the political advantage of some adult group. (3) The organization is much like the high school fraternity. After much experience with high school fraternities, these organizations have been generally banned.

It is true that there are dangers at all these points, but they have been pretty well guarded against. Most of the delegates to the national convention are boys above high school age. Boys may remain active members for three

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### Agricultural Organizations (Continued)

years after being graduated from high school. A national committee of state supervisors of agricultural education is advisory to the boys' organization, so that adult influence upon it is well spread over the country. The two most common objections to high school fraternities are avoided: there are no secret meetings; membership is open to any and all high school pupils in vocational agriculture.

In weighing the importance of these objections, it is important to consider the status of high school agricultural organizations before and after the organization of state and national groups. There have been agricultural clubs in the high schools since the beginning of the teaching of high school agriculture. They remained weak and ineffective until the national organization was formed in 1928. Local groups receive a great deal of stimulation from state and national groups. An agriculture department which has a strong chapter of the Future Farmers of America is a totally different sort of department from one which does not. Interest is heightened, the program of the department is broadened, and the pupils become partners with the teacher in the department's program in schools in which the Future Farmers of America groups are effectively used.

There have been objections to the Future Farmers of America also from those who believe that we do not need two national organizations of boys of high school age and that the 4-H Club program is adequate for all our needs. It should be remembered that we tried for nearly 20 years to use 4-H Clubs as high school agricultural organizations. Finally we gave up trying. The difficulties were largely the same as those experienced when the high schools used athletic coaches, who were not members of the teaching staffs. The 4-H Club program is planned and administered by people entirely outside the schools; the Future Farmers of America is a school-managed organization. Again, one has only to compare the situations in which the 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America have been used to become convinced that the Future Farmers of America is vastly superior as a school agricultural organization. This is not to deny that 4-H Clubs have made many excellent contributions to the education of youth.

The Future Farmers of America is, of course, not the only high school agricultural organization. Many others have been developed, usually as subsidiaries of Future Farmers of America chapters, for producing and marketing livestock, for soil improvement, for providing services such as milk testing and spraying for farmers, and for other purposes. These have usually been found to be very desirable.

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### DISAPPOINTING

Eighteen per cent of the FFA chapters in Kansas failed to submit Programs of Work on time. This is the highest percentage of omissions for any year during the past decade.

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During the past two years 3,859 or 49.3 per cent of the 7,822 employed white teachers of vocational agriculture in the United States and insular possessions left vocational agriculture. Slightly more than half (52.5 per cent) of the white teachers who left vocational agriculture during this period entered the armed services.



STAR FARMER OF KANSAS

Robert Johnston, Frankfort Chapter, was declared the Star Farmer of Kansas for 1943, 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 Robert carried:

Dec. 1, 1939, to Jan. 1, 1941

Jan. 1, 1941, to Jan. 1, 1942:

Registered Holstein		Registered Holstein	
cows	2	cows	2
heifer calf	1	heifer	1
bull calf	1	bull	1
Angus steer	1	bull calves	2
		heifer calf	1
*Hampshire		Hereford steer	1
sow	1		
gilt	1	P.B. Duroc	
**P.B. Duroc Gilt	1	gilt	1
		registered boar	1
Hybrid corn	6A	pigs	9
Soy Beans	3A		
		Native sheep	
*Sold and replaced with pure bred		ewes	40
gilt.		P.B. Hampshire ram	1
**Duroc herd reported in following		lambs	4
years had its origin from this			
gilt.		Turkeys	
		poults	300
		Hybrid corn	6A
		Rye pasture	6A

Jan 1, 1942 to Jan. 1, 1943

Registered Holstein		P.B. Duroc	
cows	3	sow	1
bull	1	gilts	5
bull calf	1	registered boar	1
bull calf	1	registered boar	1
heifer calves	2	(Raised) pigs	64
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 3 cows	$\frac{1}{2}$		
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 2 heifers	1	*Native sheep	37
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 3 heifer calves	$\frac{1}{2}$	ewes	37
Hereford steer	1	lambs	4
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 1 bull calf	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.B. Hampshire ram	1
		Fulton oats	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ A
		Hybrid corn	6A
		Sweet Clover	6A
		Rye Pasture	6A

\*Sold, money used to expand dairy and swine enterprises.

## Star Farmer of Kansas (Continued)

Jan. 1, 1943 to June 1, 1943

Registered Holstein		(Raised) pigs	98
cows	3	Registered Duroc	
heifer calf	1	gilt	1
bull calf	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 1 boar	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 5 cows	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Kanota oats	6A
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 2 heifer calves	1	Sweet clover	6A
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 1 bull	$\frac{1}{2}$	Alfalfa	3A
$\frac{1}{2}$ Int. 1 bull	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sorghum	5A
P.B. Duroc			
gilts	14		
pigs	2		
shoats	4		
*pigs	14		

\*On hand January 1 farrowed in 1942.

## Labor Income Total:

December 1, 1939 - January 1, 1941:	\$ 341.56
January 1, 1941 - January 1, 1942:	615.62
January 1, 1942 - January 1, 1943:	1999.03

Improvement projects completed during Robert's first year out of high school follow:

Established farm machinery yard  
 Built three 5' x 14' swinging gates  
 Built concrete manure trough in dairy barn  
 Rebuilt stanchions in dairy barn  
 Built 8 calf stanchions  
 Laid water pipes for water system  
 Built concrete water tank  
 Built two 10' hog troughs  
 Built milk room 8' x 8' in dairy barn  
 Built 100 bushel grain bin in dairy barn  
 Painted 20' x 60' poultry house  
 Painted four 10' x 12' brooder houses  
 Painted 16' x 32' hog shed

Robert has achieved his ambition as an FFA member to establish a herd of registered Holstein dairy cattle and a herd of pure bred Duroc hogs. His efficiency in production involving feeding, management and labor responsibility has been outstanding. He has kept excellent accounts. Robert has used borrowed money at various times and has established an excellent credit rating.

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A wasp made a 3-point landing in the soldier's soup.

"Hey, what's this?" he exclaimed.

"Vitamin Bee, of course," replied his quickwitted neighbor.

REVISED FFA MANUAL

The 1943 revised edition of the FFA Manual is now available through the state office, price 15 cents each. This edition includes constitutional changes adopted at the 16th National Convention. Local FFA chapters should provide their officers with manuals that carry the latest constitutional revision.

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FFA HISTORY

The history of the Kansas Association during its first fifteen years is still in the hands of the printer. Slight progress can be reported at this time. We hope to have this publication in the mails by the first of the year--at the latest.

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The age of discovery when men dared to brave the dragons of the sea and dash superstitions to the winds barely surpassed the present hour in the sweep of its transformation in world concepts and global relationships. Columbus proved that we could sail "west to the Orient." Our intrepid flyers charting their courses through other trackless seas--of air--have proved that we can sail "north to the Orient." H. B. Allman, in The Indiana Teacher.

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The poem by Charles H. Richards used on the first page of this issue of The Kansas Future Farmer was used in December, 1942. Because of the timeliness of the splendid thought expressed by Mr. Richards, we are glad to run the poem as a first page item in the December 1943 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

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"POSTWAR NEST EGG"

A "postwar nest egg" may sound like poultry lingo to some folks, but to Irwin Twenhofel, youthful Mercedes, Texas farmer and FFA member, it will mean a new start in life when he returns home after the war. This 18-year-old farm boy produced 15,000 pounds of meat during the past twelve months, raised several tons of vegetables, and took care of two citrus groves. Just before entering the Navy recently, he converted his \$2,200 profit from his livestock into War Bonds.--FFA Flashes.

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"I am Brave Eagle," said the Red Indian chieftain, introducing himself to the paleface visitor. "This is my son, Fighting Bird.

"And here, he added, "is my grandson, Four-Engined Bomber."

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FFA FLASHES

by A. W. Tenney, Acting National Executive Secretary

WASHINGTON: FFA members in Washington made substantial contributions to the war effort by repairing 757 farm machines and by constructing more than 200 pieces of large labor saving farm equipment, such as power manure loaders and buck rakes.

ALABAMA: Over a million dollars in War Bonds! That's the record of Alabama "Future Farmers" during their recent FFA Jeep Campaign. The goal set with the State War Savings Staff when the campaign was planned was 200 Jeeps. The records show that enough war bonds were sold during the campaign to buy 900 Jeeps.

UTAH: Lt. Col. Chesley Gordon Peterson, one of the top fighter pilots in the European theater of operations was an active member of the Future Farmers of America in Santaquin, Utah. Col. Peterson is the youngest fighter group commander in the Eighth Air Force, and has a row of British and American decorations. The German Luftwaffe pilots have special instructions to shoot him down at all costs. Future Farmers are proud of Col. Peterson's outstanding achievements.

ARKANSAS: More than 400 head of livestock were exhibited by Future Farmers at the Arkansas State Livestock Show in Pine Bluff last month. Saturday, October 10, was FFA Day at the Show.

INDIANA: FFA members in Columbus are cooperating in a county-wide program of feed conservation sponsored by the local Farmers Marketing Association. Each chapter member has inventoried his feed stock and planned the necessary farm practices for conserving this feed.

OKLAHOMA: Five members of the Gotebo FFA Chapter participated in the Third War Loan Drive by investing \$1,400 of their own money in War Bonds. They earned the money for the bonds from their supervised farming programs.

ILLINOIS: The Ashton FFA Chapter's Annual Corn Husking Contest was held on October 26. The winner was Wayne Pfeiffer who husked 19.6 bushels of corn in 60 minutes.

WISCONSIN: Alvin Groninen, Jr., a member of the Mineral Point FFA Chapter, exhibited the grand champion baby beef at the Junior Livestock Exposition at Madison. At the sale, the Grand Champion brought \$642. Many FFA members from Wisconsin participated in the show.

IOWA: Future Farmers at Spencer purchased nine sows last spring for their chapter cooperative project. Eighty-five pigs were raised from these sows. The pigs were fed by the self-feeder method. Forty-one of the pigs were sold in October weighing an average of 202 pounds when five months and one week old. The remaining 44 will be sold this month at an average weight of 225 pounds.

MONTANA: Montana Future Farmers have been busy this fall helping harvest Montana's 1943 bumper crop. Local chapters are already making plans to help attain the 1944 Production Goals.

SERVICE SCROLL

The delegates at the Sixteenth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America authorized the French-Bray Printing Company to prepare a service scroll for FFA chapters. A scroll has been completed that is similar in size and design to the Creed which was printed for framing. It has spaces for eighty names. Prices will be as follows: Single copies, .60¢ each; 26-50 copies, .55¢ each; 51-100 copies, .52¢ each; 101-300 copies, .50¢ each. Prices include delivery charges in continental United States. Each scroll will be shipped in a non-collapsible, chip-board mailing tube. Orders for these scrolls should be sent direct to the French-Bray Printing Co., Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

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CHAPTER NOTES

HIGHLAND PARK: Lt. (Jr. Grade) William H. Winner, a charter member of our chapter, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with a citation for intrepid action against the Japs in the air over the South Pacific. Wm. is now stationed at the Naval Air Station at Alameda, Calif. Bill, as he was known to the Highland Park chapter, held the office of chapter secretary, and was a member of our first state livestock judging team, which ranked third that year. In his senior year, Bill was awarded the Sears Roebuck scholarship which he used to start his course at Kansas State College, where he was graduated before going into service. Bill is a nephew of L. B. Pollom, State FFA advisor....Our chapter entered a booth at the Kansas Free Fair, on the subject of Sorghum Production. We won second prize on the entry....Chapter officers for this year are: Bruce Johnson, president; Jack Hall, vice president; Howard Hildonbrand, secretary; Gordon Kreipe, treasurer; Junior Morgan, reporter; Marvin Richards, sentinel; Herbert Whitlow, student council representative....A Christmas party is scheduled for December 18. Chapter members voted to invite their girl friends to this meeting....Each of the chapter officers will have an official FFA jacket this year. The chapter will pay half of the cost..Other chapter members have purchased shop uniforms with the FFA emblem and chapter name on them....A campaign is now being conducted by the chapter for the collection of waste paper and scrap metal.

--Junior Morgan, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: At the last meeting the Green Hands of 1942 were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree. At our December meeting we expect to initiate a class of 22 Green Hands....Our contribution to the war program at the present time consists of: 1) Producing the maximum amount of livestock and livestock products by feeding the most economical balanced rations obtainable and by reducing livestock losses through deworming, delousing, and vaccination. More members are including alfalfa and protein concentrates in hog rations. 500 lbs. of protein concentrate for hogs were bought, mixed and sold to members at the cost of 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  cents per pound. 2) 100 per cent of members collect scrap iron from farm homes; 3) Organized a farm machinery course for farmers which began November 29....In shop two 90 bushel and one 50 bushel hog self feeders have been completed, a two-row lister repaired and painted, numerous tools from farm members reconditioned, the shop improved with new wall benches, a new carpentry bench, and the addition of many new tools.

--Warren Gienger, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

GIRARD: The Girard Chapter holds two day meetings and one night meeting each month. The officers meet on the Mondays on which there are no FFA meetings. ...The Girard Chapter presented a 15 minute radio program over station KOAM, Pittsburg, Kansas, November 4, using the theme of "Accomplishments of the FFA, Locally and Nationally." To close our program, Richard Clutter sang, "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere," while Dariel Watts read the names of the boys of the Girard FFA Chapter who are in the armed services....In the High School Education Week program, Dariel Watts, V. J. Brees and Buster Boggs presented a brief demonstration of some of the phases of work in vocational agriculture and the FFA....November 18 the two advanced agriculture classes spent the entire day running terrace lines and setting up terraces on a farm southwest of Girard. November 30 the Ag III class spent the afternoon at the strip pit reclamation orchard southeast of Girard studying the pruning of grapes....Dale McClaskey, secretary, won the prize in the daily record book contest last month. This contest is sponsored by Mr. King, our adviser, in an effort to help the FFA members in keeping their records....We started our annual rodent control contest November 25 and will run it until January 5. Murrel Kennedy and Clifford Cherry are the captains of the two competing teams.

--Harry Brunk, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: We have just completed a very successful scrap drive in which, during three weeks' time, we collected and sold 19 tons of scrap iron and 5 tons of waste paper. This scrap was located before hand and collected in one day, then sorted and sold the following week....We held our carnival Nov. 19 and had a good crowd with everyone taking part in the activities....We are now taking part in a very interesting and educational vocational project, the feeding out of three steers as a Red Cross project. The Harveyville business men and farmers of the community contributed cash and feed to buy and fatten the calves. The FFA boys are feeding and caring for them until they are ready for market. All receipts are to go to the American Red Cross. In this way, the contributions given by the business men and farmers will be increased considerably....Some of our shop jobs completed to date are: one wagon box, one 60 bushel hog feeder, six poultry mash feeders, four scoop end gates, two wheel barrows, one sheep feeder, one outdoor fireplace and numerous smaller jobs.

--Merle Bodine, Reporter

MANHATTAN: Our officers are: Jack Jorgensen, president; Edd Murray, vice president; Dewayne Peterson, secretary; Buster Travis, treasurer; Bob Rogers, reporter; Mr. Harold Kugler, adviser. Wayne Roesener recently resigned as vice president to take up his work on the farm. Edd Murray was elected vice president and Lawrence Kientz, sentinel....The chapter is carrying out a pest eradication contest with Bill Hosier and Clifford Barry, captains. The chapter cooperatively made and distributed rat poison among the members....Nov. 16 was parent night at the FFA meeting, and all parents were invited to attend the meeting. The program was in connection with National Education week....During the last scrap drive the chapter gathered about 10,000 lbs. of scrap metal. This consisted of old car bodies and engines which were contributed to the high school scrap pile....The hybrid corn yield tests have been made on all seven farms. The seed for these tests was furnished by hybrid corn companies....The chapter is holding a scholarship contest...Points are considered for the best grades during each six weeks period and for the most improvement during the year.

--Bob Rogers, Reporter

## Chapter Notes (Continued)

COTTONWOOD FALLS: One-hundred-forty persons attended the ninth annual parent-son banquet held at the Chase County Community High School November 23. The food was furnished by the boys in the chapter and prepared and served by the vocational homemaking department. Those taking part in the program were: Master of ceremonies, Vernon Scott, president of the local FFA chapter; Invocation, Rev. J. O. Borton; Song, "America," by all; Opening ceremonies, chapter officers; Welcome, Vernon Scott; Response, Arrilla Merrill; Introduction of guests and Green Hands; Trumpet solo, Danny Trayer; Group singing, led by Miss Maxine McGrannahan, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Fisk; Supervised practice, Junior Pendergraft; FFA Activities, Marvin Matti; The FFA Creed, Jim Merrill; Among Our Alumni, Clarence Pratt; Numbers by the Boys Glee Club; Piano solo, Miles McKee. The main address was given by Charles Corsaut, district manager of the War Manpower Commission, Wichita. Many will recall that Mr. Corsaut was formerly head basketball coach at Kansas State College, Manhattan. Mr. John Clement, principal of C.C.C.H.S. was made honorary member of the local chapter. Closing ceremonies by the chapter officers concluded the evening....We are now finishing our feeding project which consists of 19 head of 1100 lb steers and plan to ship them Dec. 6, by way of the Santa Fe. The senior boys will make the trip with the steers....November 16 we initiated Bob Mushrush, Miles McKee, Dean Selves, and Roy Osborn to the Green Hand degree....Up to date we have butchered 5 beeves and 6 hogs.

--Marvin Matti, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: The officers for this year are: Charles Neal, president; Don Linden, vice president; Pat Collins, treasurer; Floyd Hughes, secretary; Foster Roberts, reporter; Lloyd Hughes, sentinel....Our first night meeting was held for the purpose of initiating all Green Hands. Several of the ag boys' fathers were present at the initiation....We are now making a 12 foot feed bunk which we are going to raffle off at our Open House. We are selling screw drivers and halter ropes at 50 cents a piece for chances on the feed bunk. We are also having a most popular girl contest. In this contest if you want to vote for a girl you must turn in an ear of corn at the ag shop. Each ear of corn counts as one vote. With the corn collected in this manner we plan to feed a pig which we will later kill and serve at our parent-son banquet....We have castrated 29 calves, harvested two acres of castor beans, and shocked feed for a half of a day....We have made in shop this year, 2 food bunks, 1 distorn pump, 6 lap boards, 7 writing boards, 10 bulletin boards, two picture frames, 1 large chicken feeder, 5 feed scoops, 7 mail boxes, 2 funnels, and are making a wagon box.

--Foster Roberts, Reporter

OVERBROOK: Our officers are: Mack Young, president; Keith Carlson, vice president; Richard Foster, secretary; Darrell Howard, reporter; Don Talley, treasurer; Willard Krouse, watch dog....Our boys have collected and sold 120 pounds of honey....In shop we have repaired 3 cultivators, 1 binder, 24 screens, fitted and painted 13 storm windows. We have constructed 2 truck beds, 2 hay-racks, 2 hog houses, 3 feed bunks, 1 hog feeder, 2 wagon boxes and several other small jobs. The boys have also painted a poultry house.

--Darrell Howard, Reporter

Binks: "We were afraid of bombing so we sent Junior to his uncle in the country."

Skinks: "I see he's home again."

Binks: "Yes, uncle telegraphed, 'am returning Junior--send bombs'."

## Chapter News (Continued)

ALTAMONT: Our officers are: Ronald Bryson, president; Jimmie Johnston, vice president; Paul McGinnis, secretary; Dean Hoy, treasurer; and Eugene Carnhan, reporter....Our chapter holds meetings each Wednesday. We have approximately 45 members....Cooperative buying and marketing is being practiced by the agriculture department in the purchase of a pure bred Chester White boar and five feeder steers. The feeder steers will be fed out and marketed. We raise hogs cooperatively to furnish meat for the school cafeteria. We also sell registered gilts to the ag boys as well as to the farmers who wish to buy them. We now have two pens of four pigs each that we are using for an experiment. One lot is fed pig protein supplement and the second lot receives no supplement. The other rations fed are the same for both lots....We have visited several farms recently for the purpose of studying different stages of the Hessian fly....Some of the articles being made in shop are: a butchering house with a concrete floor, running water and a sewer, self feeder for hogs, wagon boxes, chicken feeders and many other articles. We have also repaired several pieces of farm machinery....A few farm practice jobs that we have completed are: worming and castrating pigs, blocking and docking sheep, delousing and culling chickens and mixing rations for livestock and poultry....We recently put on a program in assembly with the ninth grade in charge. This program was a sheep judging demonstration. Four boys were used for sheep.

--Eugene Carnahan, Reporter

ABILENE: On August 12 of this year the chapter purchased three of the top gilts at the Clarence Miller Duroc sale. The gilts farrowed 11, 9 and 8 pigs respectively. Four boys of the chapter will be selected to receive gilt pigs from the chapter. Von Engle, a senior, purchased the top boar at the Wreath farm sale at Manhattan, Kansas. This outstanding animal is being used as the breeding boar of this year's spring pig crop....The chapter is helping sponsor the Food Production War Training program in the school territory. Eleven schools have been held or established so far this year....A number of our members have been taken into the armed forces....The members of the chapter have prepared two charts which they feel are going to be a real help in this year's work. One is a chart which shows the FFA program of work for this year and the means for accomplishment of the goals. It also shows the boy who is in charge of each division and his committee and has a place where notices of the meetings of the committees may be placed. It also has a space where accomplishments may be recorded. The other chart is our "Food for Victory" chart which shows what each boy has for projects and the contribution he is making toward the war effort....The back yard of the school around the shop is full of farm machinery, hog houses and other projects that the members are working on....Several field trips have been taken lately. On these trips we have culled poultry and helped in some way to increase food production....We are appreciative for the improvements recently made in our department.

--Quention Kosslee, Reporter

IOLA: Eighteen boys were initiated into the Green Hand degree this fall by alumni members....We have mixed one ton of poultry feed as near the K.P.I.A. formula as possible. We have also mixed 900 lbs. of livestock mineral, using equal parts of bone meal, salt, and ground limestone....Four members of our chapter bought 41 head of sheep from E. L. Collins, vocational agriculture instructor at Chanute, for use in connection with their farming programs. Each Monday we are offered an opportunity to buy war bonds and stamps in class. So far this year we have bought \$243.75 worth of bonds and \$90 worth of stamps.

--Ivan Powell, Reporter



## Chapter News (Continued)

INDEPENDENCE: Our officers this year are: Dean Featherngill, president; John Garner, vice president; Dean Riggs, secretary; Lee Springer, treasurer; Marlin Swalley, reporter; Rex Pitts, watch dog....We are planning on having a box supper in our ag room. We will have moving pictures for entertainment. ...In our shop, FFA members are greasing cars. No charge is made to members for this service. Other than members are charged 10 cents per car. We are also greasing harness. Members pay for the cost of the oil used. We charge 75 cents per set to those not belonging to the chapter....We are going to mix mineral and sell it to farmers and dairy men around Independence....We have calibrated 2 grain drills, wormed 100 sheep, castrated about 100 hogs and dehorned 20 head of cattle....In shop we have been repairing a binder and building a manure loader on the front of a tractor. We have built several chicken feeders and hog troughs. One student is making a sled and hog feeder combined.

--Marlin Swalley, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Our chapter has 25 boys in the department this year. Our officers are Marlin Scarlett, president; Carnellus Cumming, vice president; Marvin Ferrell, secretary; Kenneth Ferrell, treasurer; Carl Leuton, reporter; and Lee Figgs, sentinel....The FFA held their first night party of the school term in November. Nineteen of the 29 members were present....Our chapter has three gilts and one sow out on shares....In shop we have constructed 6 wagon boxes, a hay rack, loading chute, bee hives, chicken feeders, feed bunks, hog troughs, single and double trees; we have also soldered milk cans and other articles. On the forge, hay hooks, punches, chisels and other articles have been made. We have also repaired and built a truck....We keep our shop open to the farmers at all times for repair work and hope to have a night school soon, under the supervision of our adviser, Mr. Turner.

--Carl Leuton, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Our chapter has an enrollment of 58 members....We recently held an FFA date party. We first went to the show and afterwards had a wiener roast....In shop we are constructing seven combination hog houses, eight tumble bugs, neck yokes, wheelbarrows and other small articles. While the freshmen are working on their required jobs, we have butchered eight hogs and one beef for farmers this fall....The chapter had two booths at our carnival, on which they made \$30. This money will be used in buying war bonds....We have purchased a registered boar from Clarence Miller, which will be kept by one of the boys. There will be a \$1.00 service fee charged for the use of this boar. We have twelve purebred gilts which we put out on contract to boys for FFA projects. Those gilts will be bred to the registered boar, and after the pigs weigh 150 pounds, the boys are to return two of them to the chapter.... There is a farmers machinery repair course being held in our shop four nights a week. Those classes consist of about 50 farmers who are turning out some nice work. They are working on 30 tumble bugs, hay bucks, wagon boxes, grain elevators, repairing machinery and doing blacksmith work.

--Wayne Hafner, Reporter

FRANKFORT: Our chapter holds regular meetings every two weeks....100 per cent of the students enrolled in vocational ag are FFA members....Some supplementary farm practices that we are working on are culling flocks, worming ewes, vaccinating calves, working out rations for livestock and checking hybrid test plots for yield. In shop we have made hog feeders, wagon boxes, scoop boards, chicken feeders and a hay rack. A number of these projects have been made for farmers who could not purchase them.

--Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

HOPE: Our officers for this year are: Maurice Lorson, president; Maurice Stroda, vice president; Wayne Cook, secretary; Ralph Dillon, treasurer; Roger Kohrs, reporter; Loren Hinkle, sentinel, Mr. Arnold, adviser....Our chapter has been constructing stock panels during shop periods. These panels are made for the local lumber company who pays us 75 cents each for constructing them. Another money raising event just completed was the annual cakewalk held in cooperation with the Girl Reserves. We collected as our share of the profits, a total of \$24....Seven Green Hands were initiated into our chapter at our regular meeting November 1....Shop jobs which have been completed or are now under construction include: 3 cattle bunks, 1 hog self feeder, 3 grain bunks for sheep, 1 alfalfa rack, 2 wagon boxes, 1 power lawn mower, overhauled 3 gas engines, 1 alfalfa rack for cattle, 1 silage cart, and 3 mash hoppers.

--Roger Kohrs, Reporter

WAKEENEY: Our chapter held a meeting November 30 for the initiation of 20 new members. This is a fine beginning class. After the formal opening and initiation ceremony, an informal initiation was held. The candidates took off their shirts and shoes and were blindfolded. They were forced to lie down on a wrestling mat while capons ate corn off of their chests. They were then branded with ice and had to eat "hog eyes" (skinned grapes). Next the candidates were electrically tuned-up. If they could not write their names with the electric pencil, they were fed raw oysters. After the initiation, a game of basketball was played. The Green Hands enjoyed the fun as much as anyone. ...Our officers this year are Sam Stenzel, president; Charles Zeman, vice president; Eldon Folkers, secretary; Roy Gordon, treasurer; Gaylord Stanton, reporter; John Shubert, sentinel. These officers made good preparation for the district officers' training school and have some prize ribbons to show for it.

--Gaylord Stanton, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our chapter has a paid-up roll of 40 members. We initiated 11 Green Hands October 28. Chapter Farmer ceremonies were held Dec. 10 when several members were initiated to the second degree....The chapter has treated and cleaned 1124 bushels of farm seeds this fall at six cents a bushel and plan to treat and clean more seed for the community next spring. The members have also built a concrete sidewalk and steps for a city home....Our officers for this year are: Emil Goering, president; Delbert Goering, secretary; Gilbert Goering, treasurer; Jonas Flickner, vice president; Clifford Hetzke, reporter; and Don Brubacher, sentinel....Our chapter is holding a pest eradication contest and up to the present time we have killed over 3000 pests of all kinds. The contest closes December 24. The losing side is to give the winning side a party sometime in January.

--Clifford Hetzke, Reporter

LINN: Our officers for this year are: Neil Buch, president; Morris Lee Olson, vice president; Albert Meier, secretary; Eldred Lindhorst, treasurer; and Merlin Mauderly, sentinel....Our defense school for the farmers has been in progress since Oct. 11. The interest in the school has been excellent. We have recently added an arc welder, cycle grinder, socket sets, rod aligner, and many other tools to our equipment. This equipment has made it possible to do much work in the shop that otherwise would not have been possible....Our chapter purchased a \$50 war bond recently....Our school paper carries news in each publication concerning the FFA.

--Keith Rand, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

MEDICINE LODGE: The officers this year are: Anson Watson president; Ted Zimmerman, vice president; Dale Anderson, secretary; Wesley Cline, treasurer; Jim Cline, reporter; Jim Joseph, watch dog....Our enrollment is 43....We sponsored the first all school dance this year using a "fall festival" as our theme... . We have started a cooperative project for growing 100 broilers per week for sale to the people in the community. The chapter owns 51 per cent of the stock and 49 per cent was sold to the boys of the chapter for \$1.00 each. The Lions Club is underwriting our credit at the bank. We are making our own batteries and have put plumbing in a vacant building for the project....We are repairing farm machinery and building feeders in the shop. We will have a sale in the spring....We will start a War Food Production Training program as soon as some of our equipment gets here....We held a parent son banquet on Nov. 16. Green Hand and Chapter Farmer initiation was held during the evening. We had 20 boys become Green Hands this year. There were 125 parents, sons and faculty members at the banquet...Our chapter is taking an active part in the county-wide scrap drive which started in Barber County December 7.... We have butchered two hogs and castrated 17 pigs.

--Jim Cline, Reporter

HARPER: Our officers for this year are: Don Freeman, president; Billy Greve, vice president; William Park, secretary; Leonard Wedman, treasurer; Francis Olivier, reporter and Johnnie Russell, sentinel....Our meetings consist of business, demonstrations, reports from the Kansas Future Farmer, poems, talks, singing, stunts and fun skits....Shop projects completed or underway include 7 feed bunks, 8 chicken feeders, calf feed bunk, feed rack for calves, 18 ft. rack trailer, 100 bu. hog feeder, changing motor in car, and overhauling motor, overhauling tractor, making over a power lawn mower, hens nests, made and painted yard line markers for the football field, and various other projects in forging, acetylene welding, and soldering....A party was held for the freshman students in October. The main attraction of the evening was volley ball and ring tennis....A Green Hand initiation is planned for the near future.... The chapter attended the tractor school at Anthony December 1.

--Francis Olivier, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: Our officers are John Hart, president; Floyd Gose, vice president; Bill Marrs, secretary; Marshall Smith, treasurer; Clyde Shaw, reporter. ...Our ag class remodeled a dipping vat at the close of school last year and Tom and Max Naden dipped about 1200 sheep for the farmers with small flocks. ...Our initiation of the Green Hands was held October 5...We had our annual watermelon feed at a special meeting in October....Some of our shop projects are hog troughs, chicken feeders, punches and chisels, saw horses, welding, soldering and machinery repair....FFA members are helping the farm machinery school move to their new location....Our annual home project and farming program tour was held in November. Crops projects were fair due to unfavorable seeding conditions. Livestock projects were in excellent condition.

--Clyde Shaw, Reporter

COLBY: Our chapter is helping sponsor a farm machinery school....In shop we are making hog houses, self feeder for calves, a trailer, chicken feeders, a frame dog house, clevises, and sharpening tools....We will hold our parent and son banquet the latter part of January....The boys in our chapter have purchased \$1500 in war bonds since July 1, 1943, and are still buying....Four new members, Warren Groves, Jay Bolen, Don Homstrom, and Maurice Sloan were taken into our chapter, November 29.

--Vyrle McKee, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

FREDONIA: Our officers for this year are: Harry Chapman, president; Howard Porter, vice president; Gerald Lance, secretary; Rex Olenhouse, treasurer; Lee Pryor, reporter; Kieth Coats, sentinel.....Our chapter is making and selling cement hog troughs.....We visited one of our member's farms recently and castrated some hogs, and selected some seed corn.....We have a night meeting the first Wednesday of each month, a day meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays, and an officers meeting the third Wednesday night in each month....We have been repairing disks and building and repairing chicken and hog feeders. ....Our chapter is conducting a pest eradication contest....We plan on having a pie supper and carnival in December, and will also have a Christmas party.

--Reporter

PARSONS: Our chapter sponsored a turkey auction at the Parsons-Columbus football game. O. W. Schmidt bought the turkey for \$2000 in war bonds and also a goose for \$1000 in war bonds. Some of the business firms assisted in helping the FFA purchase the turkey....A corn husking contest was held by the FFA. Each boy husked for ten minutes and the one who husked the most pounds of corn won a peck of certified seed corn as first prize. Robert Ingels won first by husking 78 lbs. and Joe Baker won a half peck as second prize by husking 71 lbs....The FFA bought a manure spreader that they plan on fixing up to sell in the farm machinery sale at the end of the year for their war project.

--Fred Gaiser, Reporter

STOCKTON: Our officers for the school year are: Don Kelly, president; Dean LeSage, vice president; Bob Daniels, secretary; Don Copper, treasurer; Darrell Cunningham, reporter; John Smith, sentinel.....Oct. 30 we held our annual FFA carnival. We made over \$150 on the carnival and will use this money to cover expenses of our parent-son banquet which we will hold in the spring. ...Our chapter went to Woodston on a skating party, November 29....In shop we are making two hay racks, a wagon box, a dehorning chute, chicken feeders, and hog troughs, besides overhauling some of the members' cars. We have bought an old combine which we are going to junk. We plan to fix the motor up in good condition and sell it.

--Reporter

SEAMAN: Oxy-welding equipment has been added to our department this year. ....Our school is sponsoring a farm machinery school for farmers. It is operated at the Topeka Implement Co. Present enrollment is 26, and so much interest is being shown, it is expected that two classes will be started soon....Joe Pollom, our president, was elected president of the 'Teen Canteen for the schools of the Topeka area.

--Reporter

HAVEN: Our chapter has ordered steamed bone meal, ground limestone, and salt to mix hog mineral supplement as a cooperative activity....A number of freshmen were initiated to the Green Hand degree Nov. 17....Bill Astle and Lyle Koontz are captains of the teams conducting our pest eradication contest.... Our shop projects include, three 40 bushel self-feeders for swine, one 80 bushel feeder, a 30 bushel range feeder for poultry, three mash feeders, and 4 A type hog houses. Other projects are: 2 feed bunks for cattle, alfalfa rack for sheep, a reversible feed bunk for sheep, one automobile is being overhauled, and a motor is being overhauled and converted into a power unit for grinding feed.

--Curtis Laughlin, Reporter