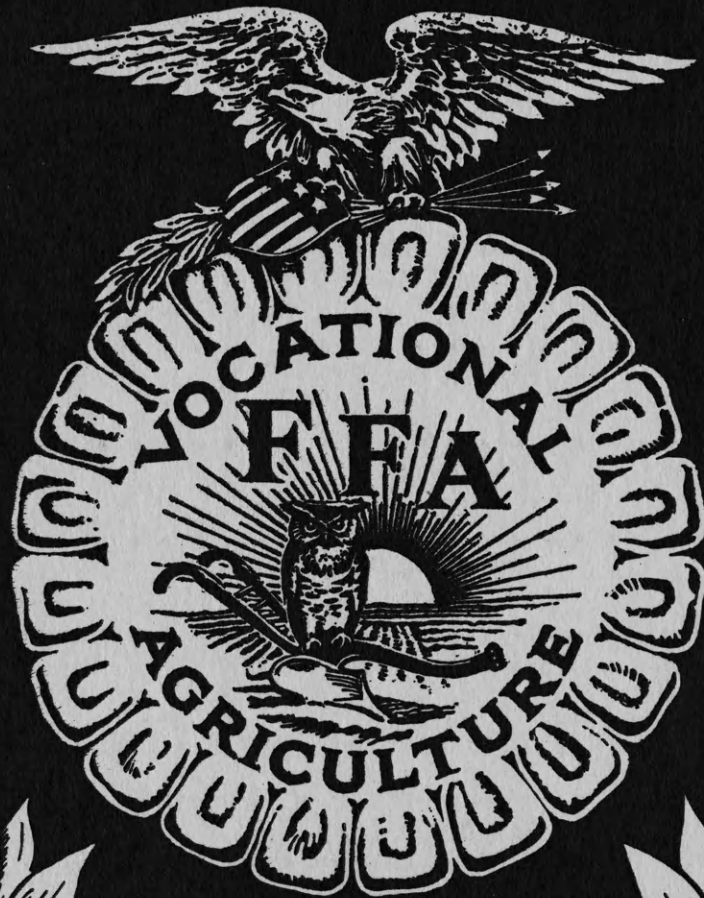


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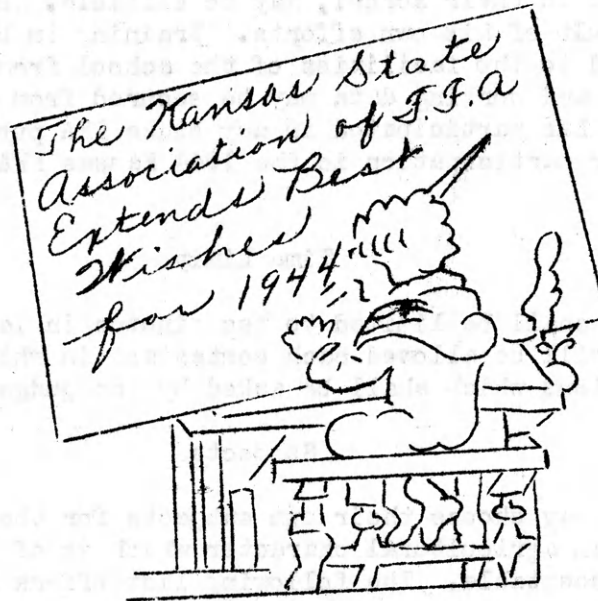
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F.F.A. CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due as of January 1, 1944. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state. To date 57 per cent of the chapters have paid dues, representing 61 per cent of the total vocational agricultural enrollment in the state.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter contest entries--consisting of the chapter program of work in each case--must be in the U.S. Office of Education, addressed to Acting National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, not later than January 31, 1944. The following chapters designated as "Outstanding" in the Kansas Association Chapter contest of 1943, are eligible to enter: Winfield, Lebanon, Manhattan, Highland Park, Great Bend, Buhler, Sedan, Columbus, Chanute, Cherryvale.

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

While no definite plans have been formulated for holding the 1944 State FFA Public Speaking contest, we have definite assurance that the contest will be held. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for the State FFA Public Speaking contest immediately.

The 1944 State FFA Public Speaking contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national contest.

The speech will be scored allowing 300 points on Content and Composition and 700 points on Delivery of the production. This is in agreement with the national score card.

The state contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students, successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work, and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the state and national organizations at the time they are selected to represent their chapter in the state contest. Attention is called to the fact that boys who are still in high school as undergraduates and who have already taken all of the vocational agriculture offered in their school, may be eligible. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Any boy who has participated in any state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1944 Kansas FFA public speaking contest.

Time Limit

Each speech shall be limited to ten minutes in length and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable. The following list offers many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State FFA Public Speaking contest:

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Food Our Weapon
6. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
7. The Farm Credit Situation
8. The Future Farmers of America
9. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
10. Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
11. The Present and Future of American Farming
12. The Future of the American Farmer
13. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
14. What Vocational Agriculture and the FFA Mean to Me and Other Farm Boys

Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

15. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
16. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
17. Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing as a Solution to Farm Problems
18. The Agricultural Situation
19. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
20. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
21. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
22. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
23. Subsistence Farm Homesteads and Their Relation to American Agriculture
24. Emergency Organizations and Their Relation to the American Farmer
25. Food for Freedom
26. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
27. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
28. Horse and Mule Power in American Agriculture--Their Economic Relation
29. The Part-time Farmer in American Agriculture
30. The New Era in American Agriculture
31. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
32. The Soil--A National Heritage
33. The Necessity for Trained Farmers
34. Chemurgy as an Aid to the American Farmer
35. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
36. The FFA Creed--What It Means to Rural America
37. Soil Conservation--Man's and Nature's
38. A Contented People Make a Contented State
39. Cooperatives and Cooperation
40. Why Be a Farmer

Sources

It is impossible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the public speaking contest. The following standard sources should not be overlooked.

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide--in public libraries and high school libraries
3. Publications of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, USDA, Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, Technical bulletins, special reports of Farm Security Administration)
5. Special Reports of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
7. Current National Magazines
8. The Farm Press
9. National and Columbia Radio Broadcasts. Study in advance program schedule, listen to numbers that deal with any phase of your chosen topic. Often it is possible to procure a copy of the address in which you are interested by writing the author of it.

Public Speaking Contest (Concluded)

10. Census Report
11. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Biennial Reports and special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas
12. State newspapers
13. Proceedings of National FFA Convention
14. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.
15. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.

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FFA REPORTERS AND BIG-TIME NEWS

Seven Kansas FFA chapters made the pages of the nationally distributed magazine, Better Farm Equipment and Methods, November-December 1943, issue, by reporting in their chapter notes items concerning repair and maintenance of farm equipment and the construction of farm carpentry projects which were considered newsworthy by this magazine. Congratulations to the seven reporters concerned. The chapter notes included in the above mentioned magazine were from McPherson, Paxico, Fairview, Randolph, Junction City, Morrowville and Byers chapters.

May we suggest that local FFA chapter officers acquaint their members with Better Farm Equipment and Methods magazine and make wider use of this publication. Your editor knows of no magazine available that makes fuller use of FFA activities in the realm of farm equipment than does Better Farm Equipment and Methods.

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ACCIDENTS COST NATION \$5,000,000,000

According to the National Safety Council there were in 1942, 93,000 accidental deaths and 9,200,000 non-fatal injuries in the United States. The total cost was \$5,200,000,000.

There were 18,999 fatal accidents among farm residents, of which 4,400 happened at work. The commonest causes of such farm occupational accidents are machinery, falls, and livestock. Agriculture as an occupation provided 24 per cent of all occupational accident deaths in 1942.

According to the record, farming is more hazardous than building construction, trade and service occupations, manufacturing, transportation, public utility work, mining, quarrying and working around oil and gas wells.

Casualties from accidents on the home front exceed those from rifles, cannons, bombs and torpedoes on the battle front. Both give aid and much comfort to the enemy. How is your chapter progressing with its 1943 safety program?

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Number one use for beeswax before the war was in cosmetics--lipsticks, cold creams, rouge and deodorants; now its number one use is for waterproofing and protective coatings for shells, belts, coils and machinery.

CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Local FFA chapters planning to submit a candidate or candidates for the American Farmer degree, should notify Executive Secretary L. F. Hall, Department of Education, Manhattan, Kansas, of this intention not later than Feb. 1, 1944. Upon receipt of this notification of intention of chapter to submit an American Farmer candidate or candidates, the state office will mail materials and instructions as to procedure of the local chapters concerned.

The American Farmer candidates to be submitted to the National Organization of Future Farmers of America will be selected by means of a careful evaluation of the entry materials submitted to the state office, together with visits to the candidates on their home farms by one or more adult members of the state officer group.

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree as set forth in Article IV, Section E of the national constitution, revised November 1943:

1. Must have held each of the three prerequisite degrees prior to election to the Degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three school years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all of the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended, have been out of high school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted, and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming. Productive projects must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records.

3. During the period covered by his application, the candidate must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and have deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500, provided that at least two-thirds of this amount is derived from his supervised farming program. In the cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.

4. Show outstanding ability as evidenced by his leadership and cooperation in student, chapter, and community activities, and have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal.

A candidate for the degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the FFA. The constitution defines Active Membership in Article III Section B, as follows: Any male student not over 25 years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit, in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any regular FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership throughout his high school career and for three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school.

Active membership requirements which must be met by any member applying for the American Farmer degree are set forth in By-Law VII of the national constitution and read as follows:

Candidates for American Farmer Degree (Concluded)

1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter.
3. He pays his dues regularly.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

Howard Barlow, an 18-year old farm youth from Tremonton, Utah, won the 1943 National FFA Public Speaking contest speaking on "Agriculture's New Frontier." Chemurgy holds the key to the new frontier, according to Mr. Barlow. "When peace returns must we face crop reduction, regimentation and parity payments?" asked Barlow. He then answered his question by stating that, "science and industry assure us there is a better way. The answer lies in the new found abilities of chemistry to transform raw products of the soil into industrial usefulness.

"We can illustrate with three gallons of milk. We drink the first gallon, eat it as cheese or spread it on our bread. From the second gallon, chemurgy makes a knitted sport suit, a sweater or a felt hat. The third gallon becomes a can of paint, a tube of glue, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, lamp shades, billiard balls or piano keys."

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FORMER FFA ORATOR NOW LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Chesley Gordon Peterson, as a member of the Payson, Utah, FFA Chapter, won the state FFA public speaking contest in 1937. Today, at the age of 22, he is a lieutenant colonel in the air corps. Colonel Peterson was "washed out" of the U.S. army air corps in 1939, entered the Canadian air force, and went to England in 1941. He has made more than 10 bombing raids over Europe, and almost lost his life in the Dieppe raid, being picked up in the English channel after his plane had crashed.

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RATS vs CHICKENS

According to Dr. W. C. Thompson, head of Rutgers University Poultry Department, the average adult rat, weighing more than a pound, eats in one year about half as much as a laying hen does. He adds that considering the rapidity with which they multiply, every rat killed saves forty pounds of feed, and in addition removes one source of chick mortality in the spring. The points awarded for dead rats in FFA pest eradication contests should be upped considerably. In these days of feed shortage it is more important than ever that rats should be eliminated.

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"In the good old days the man who saved money was a miser. Now he is a wonder."

IS IT IN YOUR LIBRARY?

Is the magazine, the American Farm Youth, in your FFA library and available for the members of your chapter? If not, action should be taken to subscribe to it. The American Farm Youth, while not the official FFA magazine, since the National Organization of Future Farmers of America does not have an official magazine, devotes a majority of its pages to FFA activities. Bob Romack, an American Farmer, is editor of the American Farm Youth, and the magazine is published by the American Farm Youth Publishing Company, Danville, Ill.

Homer Anderson, president of the Utah Association of FFA and a delegate to the national convention in 1934, founded the American Farm Youth. At present Homer Anderson is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Russell L. Guin, vice president of the Interstate Publishing Company, assisted Mr. Anderson in establishing the American Farm Youth and in making it a national publication. Mr. Guin is intensely interested in the Future Farmers of America Organization and has directed the energies of the magazine towards serving the best interests of this farm youth organization. Your editor knows of no magazine that will give as wide an exchange of FFA information and furnish as much inspirational material for Future Farmer work as does the American Farm Youth. The November 1943 issue presented a masterful report on the National FFA Convention. "Christmas on the Home Front in Minnesota," by district supervisor, W. J. Kortesmaki, Virginia, Minnesota, represents one of the finest pieces of FFA reporting that has come to our attention. This article appearing in the December 1943, issue of the American Farm Youth, is well worth the subscription price.

The history of the magazine is interestingly told in a guest editorial written by Mr. Guin in the October 1943 issue and from this we quote:

"The fellow born in a log cabin doesn't brag about it until a long time afterward, nor are humble beginnings admitted until some years have passed. The American Farm Youth and The Interstate certainly had humble beginnings and I think enough time has elapsed since then to characteristically permit telling about them. I mention them in the same line because they began about the same time and their history has largely paralleled each other.

"The Interstate had been in the agricultural publishing business only a year or two in 1935 when I was visiting an Illinois department of vocational agriculture and picked up Vol. 1, No. 2 of a feeble, half-starved looking copy of a magazine called The American Farm Youth. I was interested because as it was I could see in it a medium for reaching the agriculture teachers of the nation. It was published at Hyrum, Utah. A letter to H. P. Anderson, the editor, who I guessed was the agriculture teacher at Hyrum, brought the straight forward reply from a boy of 16 that he, the editor, was the son of the agriculture teacher, H. P. Anderson Sr.

"Homer, the editor, had been president of the Utah Future Farmers and as a delegate to the national convention, had come home inspired to start a national magazine for the young national organization. The American Farm Youth magazine that I picked up was the product of his dream. The kitchen table was his editorial desk, the dining room his circulation department and the volunteer boys and girls of Hyrum, his staff. Two issues and the venture was in deep water for there were no paid subscribers and advertising had not rolled in as the young editor visioned. The result was that the magazine moved to Danville and two infants took off together, the Interstate Publishers and the American Farm Youth.

Is It In Your Library? (Concluded)

"Homer went abroad in 1937 and Robert Romack, his assistant took over the magazine to guide it to its present high level of quality and circulation. Incidentally Homer is again abroad--a prisoner of war in Germany where he parachuted down from a bomber pilot's seat last May. He's still on the A.F.Y. mailing list.

"As years have passed support of state supervisors, agriculture teachers, FFA and MFA boys and advertisers has grown until today the magazine is the outstanding young farmers' magazine of the nation. A far cry from the early few hundred subscribers and the kitchen table days.

"I have just come back from the wartime convention of Future Farmers of America and as always was inspired by the members' sincerity, alertness and determination to earn something rather than get something for nothing. The wartime meeting was a miniature of the days when thousands attended with bands, special trains and large delegations but it only serves to accentuate the serious thinking of these young farmers. I look forward to post-war days when bands return and the arena of the American Royal is filled with thousands of marching FFA members.

"Yes, we grew up together, The Interstate, the American Farm Youth, and Vocational Agriculture--we think we are all in good company."

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The Shawnee-Mission chapter now has 103 members in the armed forces. Of this number 43 have non-commissioned or petty officer ranks, two are warrant officers, and eight are commissioned officers. The local chapter sends a mimeographed newsletter each month to all members in the armed forces whose addresses are known. An interesting result of this activity was the meeting of Lawrence Miller and Melvin Wisner somewhere in the Pacific. Lawrence noticed in his letter that Melvin was nearby and looked him up. He was the first home person Melvin had seen in about a year.

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Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for powers equal to your tasks! Then the doing of your work will be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of the life which has come to you by the grace of God.--Phillip Brooks.

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Maps now published by many newspapers and magazines throughout the country are of greater detail, more numerous and more pictorial in quality than ever before available to the people of the United States. Because of this--and due to shortages of paper and inks--the War Production Board has curtailed production of atlases, and will soon clamp down further on the publication of geography books.

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Quarrying of granite ordered by the Germans from the Swedish stone industry has been halted by a recent order. The granite was ordered for postwar construction of German victory monuments and official Nazi buildings. The contract was issued at the beginning of the war.

CHAPTER NEWS

SHAWNEE MISSION: Our chapter has sent out a regular newsletter to former chapter members who are in the armed services. The newsletter which included news items as well as the service addresses of members, has been the means of several members meeting each other in foreign countries. Our chapter is cooperating with our local newspaper in printing a service page each month, which will be sent to every service man from this community. Richard England and John Watson have charge of our newsletter....We held our annual Christmas party December 20. Admission consisted of an article of food for the Christmas basket which was sent to a needy family....Our chapter is engaged in cutting wood which we sell to people in the community for use in their fireplaces. The wood brings a good price and through this project we expect to buy several more war bonds....Tom Moody, chapter president in 1939-40, recently was cited for bravery while serving overseas as a marine raider. This is no more than we expected of Tom. Details of the citation have not been received yet.... Our chapter broiler project soon will be selling dressed birds. Don Berry, Charles Young and Bob Arnold have charge of this project....Our hotbed project soon will be started. It was discontinued several years ago due to building conditions. Tomato plants will be the only plants raised this year....Bob Klein will represent our chapter in the state FFA public speaking contest this year. He will probably also be a candidate for the State Farmer degree. Bob is an honor student and has a fine farming program in addition to being a top notch vice president.

--Kenneth Zillhart, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: Eighteen new members were initiated into the Green Hand degree December 2, and were presented with the bronze Green Hand pins....Because of the shortage of labor, members of our chapter volunteered their services in building snow fences. We spent three days in this type of community service. We felt the need for protection of this type, not only for the school busses but also for milk trucks and farmer traffic. Transportation was furnished by the county and absences were excused from school....Two days of class time was also given to digging up the old watermain and putting in new pipe. In appreciation for this much needed service, our principal Mr. Hunn, served the boys with ice cream....A few of the Texas feeder lambs have been trucked to the St. Joseph market and sold, but most of the boys are holding their lambs for a better market and higher finish on the lambs. The lambs seem to be doing very well as the weather has been cool and the lambs are eating well....Four of our members are candidates for the State Farmer degree. They are: Wilmer Wheeler, Hugh Foster, and Charles Armstrong, seniors, and Albert Gigstad, a junior....A group of former ag boys and FFA alumni are going to use the shop one night each week to repair farm machinery and build livestock equipment which they need. Some of the boys are gaining experience in welding work....We have done some butchering for people in the community and are making equipment for more of this type of work. We are also starting our germinator for our seed testing program.

--Francis Sprank, Reporter

Officer: "And when you join the parachute corps, you must learn their theme song."

Recruit: "Theme song? What is it?"

Officer: "It don't mean a thing if you don't pull that string."

Chapter News (Continued)

HILL CITY: Our chapter had initiation for nine freshmen and six sophomores November 5. We initiated five more at our next meeting, which was held on January 4. We are in the midst of a pest eradication contest which will end February 10. To date nine coyotes have been caught. We used the cyanide gas gun method in catching the coyotes....We have recently lost two of our officers to the armed forces. Vice President Vincint Luck went into the air corps and Treasurer Lawrence Morris went into the army. Lynn Sager, a guardsman on our undefeated and untied football team, left for the army, December 10....We had our annual pheasant feed with the homemaking girls, girl reserves, and the Hi-Y, November 5. Forty-four pheasants were served to the 120 guests attending the dinner. George Stelter of Abilene, former third national vice president of the FFA was a special guest and we enjoyed having him with us. On his return to his home he carried some pheasants to our state executive adviser, Mr. A. P. Davidson, with compliments of the Hill City chapter....We have butchered 18 hogs and a beef up-to-date, culled 1200 chickens, vaccinated 78 head of cattle for blackleg, castrated and docked 6 sheep, and castrated 52 hogs....One of our members attends the Farm Machinery Repair Course each night to help out and run errands if the need arises. Among the shop jobs on hand we have three stationary engines to be repaired and serviced.

--Don Law, Reporter

KINCAID: Our Grain Show and Victory Garden display was well attended. There were 93 exhibits in Farm Crops and 8 Victory Garden displays. \$100 in prizes were awarded. Lyle Spillman, Chapter Farmer, and his father had 18 entries, and Junior Adams, Chapter Farmer, and his father had 13 exhibits. Freshman Green Hands having the most exhibits were: Richard McVaigh, Lloyd Burris, and Dean Spillman....Our chapter members gathered 1000 lbs. of scrap for the American Legion scrap drive held in Anderson county....Junior Adams and Donald Riggs are candidates from Kincaid FFA chapter for the State Farmer degree. ...We plan to have our Achievement Day April 5, 1944....Our spring party with the FFA girls will be held March 15....A basket dinner was served at the annual parents' meeting, held Sunday, November 21. The freshman Green Hands had charge of the program....All of the freshman boys are Green Hand members. Of the 11 boys, 8 were on the chapter honor roll in scholarship for the second six weeks....Our vocational agriculture department is conducting a farm machinery course. New equipment added to our shop includes: power saw, power grinder, arc welder, acetylene welder, and metal lathe....Our chapter and the FHA girls put on a special Thanksgiving assembly program for the high school. ...Our chapter has an honor roll for all the former vocational agriculture boys who are in the armed services. Each member has selected the names of two service men and will write to them during the year.

--Donald Riggs, Reporter

OBERLIN: Fifteen boys were recently initiated into our FFA chapter. We now have 42 members....In shop all of the boys have received primary training in electric welding and 45 major welding jobs have been completed....Automobile care, especially the lubrication system, is being stressed by Mr. Biery, our adviser....We have completed more than 300 practical blacksmithing jobs, 135 tools have been reconditioned, and 14 major machinery repair jobs have been finished....Several movie films have been ordered and will be shown at the future meetings of our chapter.

--Howard Morton, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CONCORDIA: Our chapter has 40 members this year. We hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month....In order to raise money in the beginning of the school year for our chapter treasury, each member spent at least one day working for farmers in the community, and donated the day's wages received to the chapter. In this way we not only helped our chapter treasury but also the farmers...Cloud County recently offered a prize of \$5.00 to the first high school in the county which would turn in a ton of scrap iron. Our chapter won the \$5.00 prize. We were also paid for the iron....The boys in shop have been building equipment they need for their farming programs. Two boys have completed hog feeders; a wagon box was built by a junior; several chicken feeders have been made and one member bought some used lumber and made a small chicken house....At our November meeting we decided to have an in-lation party. An enjoyable evening was spent dancing and playing games. Refreshments were served....At our last meeting we decided to have our parent and son banquet the first week following Christmas vacation, as our president, Bill Gorsuch, will leave January 15 to go into the army air corps. The Home Economics class had charge of the banquet.

--Ross Doyen, Reporter

BARNES: Our officers this year are: Ivan Weiters, president; Edwin Clark, vice president; Edward Stigge, secretary; Lowell Specht, treasurer; Willis Poland, reporter; Charles Fruh, sentinel....We initiated 12 boys to the degree of Green Hands sometime ago. We also entertained our fathers at an evening meeting a few weeks ago. Our program consisted of talks by several of our members. They discussed the work of our FFA chapter. Our superintendent favored us with an interesting talk and our program ended with a clarinet solo, and group singing. Our meeting was then adjourned after which we played games and had refreshments....We sponsored the discarded clothing drive in our community. A large amount of clothing and rags was gathered....Our shop is a busy place this year, with farmers coming in five nights a week to repair their farm machinery and farm equipment....We started a pest eradication contest about a month ago. Even though ammunition is hard to get, the points are rapidly adding up....Our sophomore class has started butchering. We have butchered three hogs and plan to butcher several more. We plan to start butchering beef soon. ...The freshman class has just finished the study of their farm record books.

--Willis Poland, Reporter

PRATT: Our chapter is sponsoring a farm machinery repair class which meets three nights a week and has an enrollment of 25 members....Our chapter had a date party on November 16 with 30 members and dates attending....Members of our chapter have been assisting farmers in the dismantling of machinery as their share in the recent scrap iron drive. The work was done on a share basis with the proceeds going into the chapter treasury....A pest contest which started December 18 and will extend through January, has a good start and promises considerable rivalry between the two sides....We have organized two basketball teams this year which will play in the intramural tournament, and with other FFA chapters. A new Nyles metal lathe, 16 inches by 4 feet has been installed in our shop for use by the night Farm Machinery Repair class....We are again making plans to start a broiler project and raise broilers to serve at our annual father-son banquet which we will hold in April.

--John Barker, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

OTTAWA: Our officers for the year are Bob Jones, president; Glenn Willhite, vice president; Duane White, secretary; George Steebin, treasurer; Frederick Kissinger, reporter....Our chapter with 35 members has 60 chapter activities planned for the year. The program of work was worked out by sophomores, juniors, and seniors during class time....Our summer activities included a picnic at the Lone Star Lake at the close of the school year, and an evening meeting at the Forest Park Scout cabins just before school began....The chapter entertained the Home Economics girls at a show on October 14....Our chapter holds regular meetings every Wednesday during activity period....The annual Poultry and Grain Show was held November 23 and 24 with 115 bird entries and 150 crop entries....A pest eradication contest between the members living north of the river and those living south of the river was held during the Christmas vacation....The freshmen will be initiated in the Green Hand degree after the close of the first semester. In addition to the requirements as set up in the Manual our chapter requires a passing grade in at least three subjects for one semester.

--Frederick Kissinger, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Our chapter has marketed 99 head of turkeys through the Republican Valley Turkey Growers Association, and have 53 head left for market. The turkeys brought \$419. Some of the turkeys left may be kept for laying hens. The chapter is planning to sponsor 100 head of laying turkey hens this spring, which will be kept by Charles Meracle. This will be a cooperative project with the KPIA....Our chapter has 32 paid up members which gives the chapter 100 per cent membership....Andrew Zillinger will represent the Phillipsburg chapter as a candidate for the State Farmer degree....Our chapter is losing Donald and Delmar Scholfield as members, as they are moving to Greeley, Colo. These two brothers had outstanding farming programs. They raised 319 turkeys this past year, in addition to registered Duroc hogs, corn, wheat and sorghums....Our shop is being used for classes in Operation, Care and Repair of Machinery and Equipment. The classes have an enrollment of 42 men. An interesting construction project in the class has been the building of a tandem dual pick-up out of a 1934 Chevrolet coach.

--Charles Meracle, Reporter

KENSINGTON: Nine new ag students have been initiated into the Green Hand degree....The difficulty of securing suitable lumber is proving to be a problem in our shop construction jobs. The No. 9 class is getting along well on the required jobs, and the boys are assisting with the rush jobs of the advanced classes....We have designed and built an 80 bushel self feeder for hogs. At the present time two wagon boxes, a self feeder for hogs, and an individual farrowing house are under construction. We have completed 2 wagon boxes, 2 chicken feeders, 10 stock panels, 5 sheep feeders, and several small construction jobs and have reconditioned at least 36 hand and shop tools.

--Burton VanEaton, Reporter

Citizen: "I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter himself!"

Candidate: "My friend, if I were St. Peter, you couldn't vote for me-- you wouldn't be in my district."

Chapter News (Continued)

ELDORADO: Our chapter has purchased a registered Duroc boar from the Washburn chapter. Some of our boys are planning to obtain weaned Duroc gilts through the chapter's cooperative swine project. The chapter has a registered Spotted Poland China boar and several sows and gilts out among the boys....We are raising 52 chicks in our shop. They are two weeks old and doing very well....We have given every member who paid his FFA dues before December 1, an FFA sticker....The sophomore boys have butchered seven hogs and are going to butcher more. They have also castrated 20 pigs....In shop the boys have built a hayrack platform, 1 wagon box, 2 rabbit hutches, 8 footstools, numerous punches and chisels, 8 metal hog troughs, 1 wooden hog trough and overhauled 1 tractor and 1 gasoline engine....A pest eradication contest is now being held. The losing side will furnish the winning side a party. If a boy fails to bring in 200 points he will be put through the belt line....Our new FFA members will be initiated in January or February....Our chapter has potted 550 spruce trees.

--Jim Lill, Reporter

BELLEVILLE: Our officers this year are: Gail Spafford, president; Joe Hazlick, vice president; Leonard Swiercinsky, secretary; Carl Fry, treasurer; Oliver Markland, reporter; Ray Fraser, sentinel; Mr. Raymond Stewart, adviser....Members of the agriculture classes have built a machinery trailer to be used in hauling machinery to and from the shop....We are planning to recondition the sheep dipping vat which we successfully operated last year. We plan to buy a portable sheep shearing unit which will be operated by the students. The earnings will go to the chapter and operators....We are cooperating with the war production training program in offering courses in electric and acetylene welding, overhauling machinery and motors, and construction work. By sponsoring this project we were allowed some new equipment, consisting of one new arc welder, one airplane acetylene welder, one steel turning lathe, motor overhauling equipment, tools and accessories.

--Oliver Markland, Reporter

HOLTON: Our annual pest eradication contest is underway with Leonard Wood and Duane Moore as captains. This year the points will not be counted until the night of January 20. The losing side will pay for the pie supper. Mice, rats, crows, and jack rabbits are the pests to be eradicated....We butchered 2 beeves and 25 hogs during our six butchering days....Our shop has turned out the following jobs: 2 reconditioned and painted hay loaders, 2 cultivators, a gang plow, and have built 3 feed bunks, 3 hog houses, a wagon box, a four-wheel trailer, 4 pairs of double trees, 4 tractor funnels, a hog feeder, 13 chicken feeders, 2 scoop boards, a power hay buck, and a power saw for the shop....Our chapter has initiated 20 Green Hands and 15 Chapter Farmers.

--Loren Arnold, Reporter

KINGMAN: Initiation ceremonies were held for 13 new members and 9 Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree at a night meeting Nov. 22. Two education films, "Hidden Treasures" and "A Trip Through a Modern Steel and Wire Mill", were shown at the meeting. These films were secured from the C. L. Venard Co., Peoria, Ill....Garden seeds for victory gardens have been ordered from the Hygrade Seed Co. We have distributed seed purchased from this company for two years....Shop projects completed or being completed include 1 hog house, 3 chicken feeders, 1 calf feed bunk and numerous small repair jobs. We have also completely overhauled two automobile motors.

--Delma Schwartz, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

MARYSVILLE: The officers of the Marysville chapter this year are: Harold Kinkugel, president; Maurice Wassenberg, vice president; Robert Moser, secretary; Armond Schwarz, treasurer; William Thiele, sentinel, and J. E. Mathre, adviser....Our chapter held its first night meeting in November when the Green Hands were initiated. There were 15 new members initiated...We hold one night meeting every month....Our chapter recently purchased a \$100 war bond and many of our members are purchasing bonds and stamps regularly....We held a pest eradication contest during the Christmas vacation. The losing group will furnish refreshments for the next night meeting....In shop our boys are making feed bunks and chicken feeders. The advanced boys have learned to weld and lay out rafters this year....Our chapter is proud of Robert Mayor, our former president and state farmer, who was recently named national champion 4-H leader.

--Glenn Koppes, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Instead of our usual parent and son banquet we held a pot luck dinner. The chapter furnished the rolls, butter and coffee. Eighty-two guests were present. The pot luck dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.... Bobby Fry, one of our FFA members, sold seven hogs in December which brought him \$405. Bobby is feeding 53 head of hogs at the present time. They are all Chester Whites....The FFA boys have constructed a self feeder and are feeding 15 head of shoats on the school farm. These pigs are being fed ground wheat and pig and hog meal as a protein supplement. Salt and mineral are supplied all of the time....In looking over the farm shop the other day, it was noted that 37 pieces of farm equipment were either under construction or repair, or finished and ready to be moved out to the farm of the various boys.

--Louis Schreinder, Reporter

DOWNS: The officers for this year are Calvin Cooley, president; James Pottberg, vice president; Robert Getty, secretary; Dale Banks, treasurer; Carl DeBey, sentinel....Our chapter has two projects, poultry and beef. In our poultry project we have 300 white Leghorn layers. Our equipment consists of a laying house, an egg cooler, a feed house, and two brooder houses....In our beef project we have two calves we are fattening....The government is sponsoring a food production and war training program for the farmers in our shop. There are approximately 60 men enrolled. We have access to two electric welders, one acetylene welder, besides a full kit of war repair tools. We held a night meeting recently and served coffee and doughnuts to the men enrolled. We initiated six Green Hands at this meeting.

--Marlow DeBey, Reporter

NEODESHA: We have just completed our broiler project which was started October 15. The White Leghorn cockerels were purchased as baby chicks and were fed for a period of nine weeks. The birds weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds each and were sold to a local dealer for 25 cents per pound. The 200 chicks cost \$8.80 plus \$1.62 express. 1075 pounds of feed were fed at a cost of \$37.61. After all expenses were paid we had a net profit of \$16.72. No allowance was made for labor. The death loss was 19. None of this loss was caused by disease....Our chapter has contributed \$5.00 to the United War Fund....A date hay rack ride and weiner roast was held in November. Eleven members and their dates enjoyed this party....Our chapter sent Christmas cards to 15 of our members who are serving in the armed forces.

--Lloyd Brown, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

PARKER: In shop the Parker FFA boys have made 15 chicken feeders, 2 hog feeders, 2 calf troughs, 1 wheelbarrow, 2 hog troughs and have repaired five farm machines. They also have six wagon boxes under construction....The annual FFA pie supper was held the evening of December 20. The entertainment for the evening was furnished by the FFA and Home Economics basketball teams. The FFA boys were dressed in rubber boots, dresses, gloves and ladies hats. The game ended in a tie. The alumni played the seniors a game for the second game of the evening. The seniors won by a score of 34 to 12. The sale of pies brought \$56.75. \$45 of this amount was profit for the FFA treasury.

--Edward Boyer, Reporter

OLATHE: Our chapter voted 21 new boys into our organization during the month of December....In our farm shop lately we have finished complete overhaul and paint jobs on two tractors brought in by our boys. We have also been working on a weather-proof cover for our chapter pick-up truck....Our chapter deeply regrets the loss of our friend and classmate, David Wesley Hannon who was accidentally shot and killed Sunday January 3, while running his traps with another boy. David was a junior in our Olathe High School and was well liked by everyone but especially so by his classmates in vocational agriculture. Our chapter purchased a spray of flowers made up in the official FFA colors and eight of our members served as pallbearers and ushers for our friend at his funeral services, which were held Tuesday afternoon, January 4, 1944.

--Joe Zemites Jr., Reporter

EMPORIA: Members of our chapter exhibited the products of their projects at the sixth annual FFA Harvest Fair, November 11-13. There were 32 classes including hay, grain, garden products, and poultry....Our chapter dipped 4,029 sheep last summer in Lyon and Chase counties with the help of seven FFA members....Our six weeks pest eradication contest closed December 20. Russell Heckathorn's team won over Chester Davis's team with a score of 4,656 points to 3,935. No one knew until the closing hour, which was the winning team. A Christmas chili feed and gift exchange was held December 21 with the losing team paying for the chili....The FFA sponsored an all school scrap drive and collected $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons of iron, 49 sacks and 900 lbs. of rags. We netted \$50.13 for our chapter loan fund out of the scrap drive.

--Eugene Farr, Reporter

SCANDIA: The Scandia Chapter held a Corn Carnival December 30, 1943. The attendance was good considering the time of year. There were eighteen entries of corn. Professor Willoughby, extension agronomist from Kansas State College, gave an interesting talk, illustrating the highlights of his talk with technicolor slides. Tentative plans have been made to make the corn carnival an annual affair earlier in the season....We plan to have an FFA basketball team this season....Scandia and Belleville Green Hands were initiated at Belleville at a joint session in November....Our FFA boys have been very active in helping at corn husking bees around Scandia....Our chapter members and dads are taking an active part in promoting plans for a War Production Course to be established in our school shop.

--Ray Sederlin, Reporter

"A bee's sting is one thirty-secondth of an inch long. The other two feet is imagination."

F.F.A. FLASHES

by A. W. Tenney, Acting National Executive Secretary

SOUTH CAROLINA: The Cameron FFA Chapter sponsored a campaign recently for selling bonds. Chapter members sold \$36,000 worth of bonds during the drive.

WEST VIRGINIA: Future Farmers in West Virginia took an active part in fire prevention week. Fire prevention posters were placed on roadside billboards and hundreds of fire rakes were made and distributed.

WYOMING: Increased food production is the goal of the Lovell FFA Chapter. Members sold 265 fat lambs this month and purchased 26 calves to be fed for next year's baby beef. These boys purchase livestock and feed cooperatively.

GEORGIA: The Georgia Association of Future Farmers of America have just concluded a very constructive State convention. Emphasis was placed on wartime achievements and goals were set for the coming year.

TENNESSEE: Members of the Ramer FFA Chapter helped finance and construct a cannery for their community. The chapter will help manage and operate the cannery.

LOUISIANA: Chapters in the sixth district of the Louisiana Association FFA cooperated in a rat killing campaign this fall. More than 13,000 rats were killed during the campaign.

MINNESOTA: The Minnesota Association has just completed a very successful series of leadership training conferences for chapter officers. Special training was given for presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, reporters, treasurers, and sentinels.

NEW MEXICO: Members of the Anthony FFA chapter have been ordering their feed materials cooperatively. During the past year they purchased two carloads of wheat, four tons of meat scraps, four tons of soybean meal, and two tons of cotton seed meal. By cooperation they saved money and maintained a more adequate supply of feed.

MONTANA: The Custer FFA Chapter at Miles City has accomplished many outstanding things during the past year. This group of industries farm boys assisted in harvesting the beet crop, repaired 50 farm machines, bought \$1,700 worth of war bonds, grew a garden at the home of each chapter member, collected scrap and cooperated with the war programs of other agencies.

IOWA: The Tipton FFA Chapter purchased a seed germinator and test seed for farmers in their community. Seeds were wrapped in wet blotters and placed in the germinator where constant humidity and temperature were maintained. Counts were made at four and seven days, then germination percentages were calculated. Results were sent to 74 different farmers who submitted samples for testing.

TEXAS: The Navasota FFA Chapter has 250 broadbreasted bronze turkeys which are being kept to provide breeding stock for farmers in the community. The chapter is promoting larger flocks and improvement in quality of turkeys.

FFA Flashes (Concluded)

OHIO: The North Robinson Chapter won first place in the Crawford County Conservation contest which was sponsored by the Conservation League. The primary purpose of the contest was to demonstrate the value of a balanced conservation program, including management and use of soil, water, timber, and wildlife without seriously affecting the production of domestic farm crops.

KANSAS: Future Farmers at Morrowville have been working hard in the farm shop this fall. They have completed or are constructing 5 wagon boxes, 2 hay racks, 1 trailer, 2 hog houses, 22 hog troughs, 9 chicken feeders, a wind charger, and numerous smaller projects.

OKLAHOMA: Future Farmers in many communities will sponsor this month demonstrations on controlling cattle grubs. These demonstrations are the result of the successful work done last year by members of the Garber Chapter who treated 2,154 head of cattle in less than a month.

KENTUCKY: Kentucky Future Farmers have recently completed shipment and distribution of 32 carloads of fine quality Hereford calves. These calves which were bought through the newly organized Kentucky Future Farmers Cooperative, Inc. were secured in the west and shipped to more than 400 Future Farmers in 50 chapters throughout Kentucky. This is the fifth consecutive year that large numbers of choice quality stock calves have been purchased cooperatively by Kentucky Future Farmers.

--FFA--

WEALTH FOR OLD AGE

An insurance man has just spent an hour telling me how by saving through an insurance plan I can be independent at sixty-five. He paints a glowing picture of loafing, fishing, playing golf, sailing around the world.

The idea of saving money for old age is a good one, but I think we must save more than money to make the later years truly rich. We should save our friends and make new ones so we will have someone to go fishing with us when we retire. No one is more pathetic than a lonely old man. We must do some constructive work that will endure, we must render some worthy service, we must help others to grow so that as we enter the sunset years we may feel that our lives have not been lived in vain. We must so live, too, that we may hoard up a great store of beautiful memories. We should have in our mental bank only thoughts of peace, good will, and live with no room for prejudice or remorse.

It will take more than a check each month to make an old man contented and happy. Be sure to save now all the things that make for true wealth.--The Silver Lining, Port Huron, Mich.

--FFA--

SIDE-SEAT DRIVER

A husband drew his chair beside his wife's sewing machine.

"Don't you think you're running too fast?" he said. "Look out! You'll sew the wrong seam! Mind that corner, now! Slow down, watch your fingers! Steady!"

"What is the matter with you John?" said his wife alarmed. "I've been running this machine for years!"

"Well, dear," replied her husband, "I thought you might like me to help you since you help me drive the car."