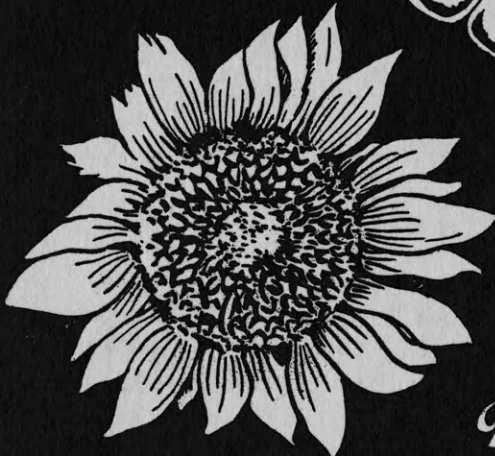
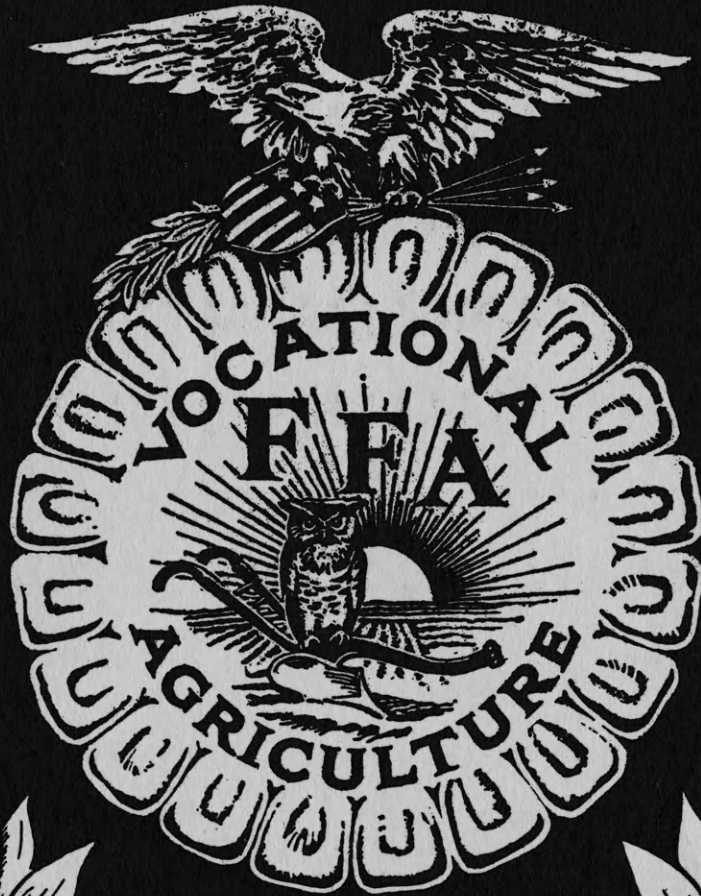


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ANNUAL MEETING STATE ASSOCIATION

Tentative plans are being made for holding the annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of FFA at Manhattan, Kansas, on April 29, 1944.

The questionnaires returned by local FFA advisers showed two in favor of holding a streamlined annual meeting of the FFA House of Delegates to one opposing the meeting.

Army priority on classrooms make it inadvisable to attempt to designate meeting places for the FFA convention at this time.

Final announcements concerning the 16th annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA will be made in the April 15, 1944, Kansas Future Farmer.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please check the April 15, 1944, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer for final information concerning the 16th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA. It is within the realm of possibility that the tentative plans for the meeting may be canceled.

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Dehydrated foods, such as milk and eggs, processed in America, are reaching such scattered outposts as Gibraltar, Malta, Colombo (Ceylon), Darwin (Australia), Freetown (Sierra Leone), and a weather data station in Siberia, besides Yugoslav prisoners of war in German and Italian concentration camps and Russian armies in the Caucasus.

CHAPTER DUES

The state office wishes to congratulate the 101 local chapters that have paid state and national dues to date. We also wish to strongly urge the chapters that have not paid their state and national dues to do so at the earliest possible moment.

All local advisers are keenly aware of the fact that the loss of 52 of the vocational agriculture instructors to the armed services has caused many departments to close, thereby reducing the number of local FFA chapters. We need, this year more than ever, full cooperation on the part of every local FFA chapter in the Kansas Association.

Send in the dues for your chapter so that we can elect our full quota of State Farmer candidates. Thanks.

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FFA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State Executive Committee of the State Association of FFA will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 19, 1944, at 10:00 a. m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Education Hall. The principal business of the meeting will be a review of State and American Farmer applications. Members of the State Executive Committee are: L. B. Pollom, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture; L. E. Call, Dean, School of Agriculture; W. E. Grimes, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics; A. P. Davidson, Executive Adviser; L. F. Hall, Executive Secretary; J. W. Taylor, President of KVAA; and Irwin Alefs, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The state FFA public speaking contest will be held at Manhattan, Kansas, Saturday, April 29, 1944. Owing to the uncertainty of room demands occasioned by the College War Training program, it will not be possible at this time to announce the room in which the contest will be held.

No elimination FFA public speaking contest will be recognized by the state association and any member meeting the qualifications and state and national regulations may enter.

Entry blanks will be sent all local FFA chapters at an early date.

The state office plans to furnish all local advisers having entries in the state FFA public speaking contest, a complete list of entries at the earliest possible moment, hoping that district and local arrangements for transportation to Manhattan will result in as few cars as possible being used to transport the contestants.

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A Londoner got on a bus carrying a hundred-pound bomb, and sat down.

"What's that you've got on your lap?" asked the conductor.

"A delayed action bomb, said the man. "I'm taking it to the police station."

"Blimey!" shouted the conductor, "You don't want to carry a thing like that on your lap. Put it under the seat!"

AMERICAN FARMER

Kansas hopes to be in a position to recommend four candidates for the American Farmer degree at the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. The applications must be in the office of the National FFA Adviser by June 30, 1944. No excuses for later delivery will be accepted. Professor L. F. Hall and a representative of the state staff will visit all American Farmer candidates at the earliest date possible and recommendations will be made to the State Executive Committee on April 19. The following points will be checked by representatives of the State FFA office.

1. Will the candidate have held each of the three pre-requisite degrees by the next national convention.
2. Has the candidate been a continuous active member of the FFA for at least 36 months.
3. Does the candidate have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.
4. Has the candidate satisfactorily completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or (if less than a three-year program) all the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended.
5. Will the candidate have been out of high school by at least 12 months prior to the next national convention.
6. Does the candidate have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope of productive projects.
7. Are candidate's records complete, accurate, and neat.
8. Has the candidate earned by his own efforts, during the period covered by this application, from farming and other agricultural work, and deposited or otherwise productively invested at least \$500. Was two-thirds or more of this amount derived from his supervised farming program.
9. Does candidate show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.
10. Does the candidate have a satisfactory scholastic record as indicated by the signature of school principal or superintendent.

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CHAPTER RANKING

Each year in the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer newsletter the chapters are ranked on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture and FFA membership. The percentage of paid-up membership in the FFA on the basis of total enrollment in vocational agriculture, as submitted by the State Department for Vocational Education as of October 1, 1943, will be the basis of the classification. Drop-outs will in part be balanced by additions occasioned by boys enrolling during the second semester and joining the FFA. Holding power of chapters will materially assist in going over the 100 per cent mark; however, this factor will be materially effected this year due to the 18 year old draft regulation. We anticipate listing your chapter in the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, and we hope that your chapter will fall in the classification of 100 per cent plus.

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CONGRATULATIONS NEBRASKA

During the fall of '43 certain FFA districts and local FFA chapters in Nebraska came in for considerable national publicity because of the extremely high goals set in a meat production and marketing contest. The contest is over and while the goals set were not attained in every instance, the achievement record in meat production and marketing on the part of the local FFA chapters in Nebraska is highly commendable. District No. 1 outranked all districts in the state in the production and marketing of meat. Eight chapters comprise District No. 1 which is located in southeastern Nebraska. These eight chapters estimated that they would produce 1,072,843 pounds of meat in the 1943-44 contest year. They actually produced 901,271 pounds, or approximately 90 per cent of the goal set. The winning chapters in District No. 1 were:

- 1st - Hebron. Total production 148,627 pounds - average production per boy, 7,076 pounds.
- 2nd - Auburn. Total production 191,790 pounds - average production per boy, 5,047 pounds.
- 3rd - Beatrice. Total production 237,503 pounds - average production per boy, 4,948 pounds.
- 4th - DeWitt. Total production 96,232 pounds - average production per boy, 3,701 pounds.

The Kansas Association of FFA wishes to extend congratulations to our Nebraska friends upon the completion of such an outstanding meat production program. About a year ago the Kansas Future Farmer carried a little friendly banter between the Jayhawk (Kansas) chapter and the Beatrice (Nebraska) chapter relative to pork production. Your editor, without official authorization, is willing to predict that the members of the Jayhawk chapter will gladly doff their caps to the members of the Hebron chapter for their outstanding performance in the production and marketing of meat.

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FARM UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Farm Underwriters Association of Des Moines, Iowa, recently awarded scholarships to two Kansas FFA boys. The awards were for \$100 each and were for the years 1942 and 1943. Past state FFA president George Stelter, Abilene, was granted the 1942 award, and state president Irwin Alefs, Great Bend chapter, was the recipient of the 1943 award. The winners were chosen from the 1942 and 1943 State Farmer classes. Scholarship, Leadership and Farming Program were the factors given consideration in selecting the award winners. The money may be used for a scholarship, for the purchase of a war bond, or may be utilized in the purchase of livestock or farm equipment.

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A device built on the principle of the photoelectric "eye" is being used on sewing machines operated by blind workers in the interests of safety and efficiency. Whenever the operator's fingers come within the circle of light surrounding the needle, the power of the machine is automatically cut off. It is hoped that the idea may be applied to other machinery, making it possible to open new employment opportunities to the blind.

BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

"Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God if he ever had a chosen people whose breasts he has made the peculiar deposits for substantial and genuine virtue. It is the focus in which he keeps alive that sacred fire which otherwise might escape from the earth."--Jefferson.

The 73th Congress passed a joint resolution that should be of interest to all members of the Future Farmers of America. The purpose of this resolution was to authorize, during the year beginning April 13, 1943, which marks the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, organizations and institutions serving agriculture to hold, conduct, and participate in ceremonies and activities throughout the Nation, not only to revere Thomas Jefferson as a patriotic statesman and philosopher, as author of the Declaration of Independence, as a private citizen and President of the United States, but also in recognition of our great debt to him as a farmer, agricultural philosopher, inventive genius, educator, and leader in scientific agriculture.

For many years Future Farmers have recognized Jefferson's achievements and have honored him by placing his picture in each FFA room. His name is used in the initiation ceremony for the Green Hand degree. He was one of the leaders in the development of the moldboard for the plow which is used by Future Farmers as a symbol of labor and tillage of the soil. In 1933 a pilgrimage was made to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and a room was dedicated to the Future Farmers of America.

It will be appropriate for a local chapter to present a special program on Thomas Jefferson at a chapter meeting, the school assembly, and before other appropriate organizations interested in agriculture.

The following references will be found helpful for planning a program on Thomas Jefferson:

- "Jefferson and Agriculture" - A Sourcebook, compiled and edited by Everett E. Edwards. October 1943. U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Adams, James Truslow. "The Living Jefferson." New York and London, Charles Scribner's Sons. 1936.
- Hirst, Francis W. "Life and Letters of Thomas Jefferson." illus. New York, Harvard University Press. 1931.
- Miller, August C., Jr. "Jefferson as an Agriculturist." Agricultural History, 16:65-78. 1942.
- Ward, James E. "Thomas Jefferson's Contributions to Agriculture." University of Virginia News Letter, Apr. 15, 1943.
- Wilson, M. L. "Jefferson, Father of Agricultural Science." U. S. Department of Agriculture, Extension Service Review, 14:74.
- Wilstach, Paul. "Jefferson and Monticello." illus. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Page & Co. 1925.

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SERVICE SCROLL

A Service Scroll with spaces for 80 names has been completed by French Bray Co. The scroll is similar in size and design to the Creed and can be framed. Single copies sell at 60¢ each. Orders for these scrolls should be sent direct to the French-Bray Printing Co., Candler Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

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KANSAS FFA HISTORY GOES TO PRESS

We are pleased to announce that after six months of battling the man power shortage in the printing industry, the 15 year history of the Kansas Association of FFA has gone to press. The 68 page volume should be ready for distribution shortly after the March issue of the Kansas Future Farmer reaches the mails. A review of the Kansas FFA History volume will appear in the April newsletter. Twenty-five hundred copies of the history are being printed and will be distributed free of charge to friends of agricultural education throughout the nation. A copy will be mailed each local FFA adviser in Kansas, and 633 copies are being reserved for the State Farmers and American Farmers elected during the first fifteen years of Kansas FFA history. Local chapters will be given marked copies of the history for their libraries. The number of copies to be given to chapters will be based upon total active membership of the chapters. The 15 year Kansas FFA History volume will be of value in setting forth for members and others interested in the organization, the aims and purposes of the Future Farmers of America, and will be especially helpful in making available a record of FFA achievement by Kansas members and Kansas chapters from 1929 to 1943.

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FFA PICTURES FOR WAR BOND FILM

The War Finance Division of the U. S. Treasury is interested in securing pictures concerning the activities of the Future Farmers of America in the purchase of War Bonds. They desire pictures showing activities that FFA members have used to earn money for the purchase of bonds, as well as pictures showing activities that FFA chapters are using to earn money for the purchase of bonds. The War Finance Division of the U. S. Treasury plans to use these pictures in preparing a film strip for use of FFA chapters throughout the United States. The pictures for this film strip must be horizontal in shape and in a proportion of 8 x 10. If you have good pictures of fund raising activities for the purpose of purchasing War Bonds, the state office would be glad to have copies together with brief stories at the earliest possible moment. We will be glad to edit the material and forward same to acting secretary, A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C. Mr. Tenney is cooperating with the U.S. Treasury department in the preparation of materials for the FFA film strip. It is needless to point out the importance of prompt action if we expect to have Kansas represented in the forthcoming FFA film strip.

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DR. H. T. HILL - HONORARY STATE FARMER

For the able assistance given state FFA public speaking winners in their preparation for regional and national contests, the State Association was pleased to grant the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Dr. H. T. Hill, head of the department of speech, K.S.C. at its streamlined annual meeting in 1943. For some reason the Kansas Future Farmer overlooked recording this information in the May, 1943, issue. We are happy to make the announcement at this time.

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THE DUTIES OF A SECRETARY

When considering candidates for the office of secretary the chapter should look for the qualities of alertness, initiative and enthusiasm. Ability to speak well, write legibly, direct chapter activities, lead discussions, make long-time programs and prepare systematic plans for conducting business meetings are a few of the necessary qualifications. In addition to these attributes he should have an outstanding record as a regular member.

To be successful in almost any type of work, planning is necessary and the position of FFA secretary is no exception. A duty indispensable to efficiency, although often neglected by the secretary, is that of providing the president with a slate of business. A comprehensive survey of the program of work should be made at the beginning of the year for the purpose of making proportionate divisions of the matter into slates of business for each meeting. The chapter's calendar of events should be helpful in planning each meeting. Practical judgment is necessary in determining the course of action as each situation is met.

Routine business items such as roll call and reading of the minutes can be handled smoothly with a little preparation before hand. Remember! The success of any FFA member, regardless of capacity, depends directly on the thoroughness of his plans.

One often hears the complaint, "Give me a little time to write," or words to that effect. Sometimes, too, the privilege of having a motion restated is abused. Either this is due to the inability to write fast enough or to inattentiveness. While the former is excusable, the latter is not. A secretary who can take shorthand dictation has a distinct advantage, but one who cannot take shorthand can always devise means of taking notes whereby he can jot down the essential facts and write the minutes in complete form after the meeting. The job is to get the minutes down in full and be sure that the motions are recorded exactly as stated, unless they have been stated awkwardly. In such a case the secretary should state the motion properly, being careful not to change its meaning, and ask the permission of the mover to make the correction. Last, but not least, the minutes should be typed or written in ink neatly.

Due to the fact that transportation facilities available to the average FFA chapter are limited the mails play an exceedingly important part in knitting together the district, state and national associations. After all, a program to be effective must have the efforts of the administrative units coordinated and obviously correspondence is the chief means of doing this. There is an urgent need for better cooperation among chapters, thus the demand for and responsibility of an efficient secretarial correspondent is magnified. Again alertness on the part of the secretary is called for as the responsibilities of prompt communication rest upon him.

If the chapter is to be stable permanent records must be kept. The most important of these are the secretary's book, the treasurer's book, and the reporter's scrap book in addition to any number of other items the chapter may choose to record. Besides maintaining accurate and complete records the secretary can be of great service in keeping an orderly file.

Because of his position, the secretary is usually better posted than the other members on the status of the FFA and is often asked to discharge special duties. A good member is one who does more than is required or expected of him and who is aware that being an officer is just an opportunity to increase the scope of his service. He should, above all, be resourceful and influential in planning and executing the program of work, and directing the work of

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The Duties of a Secretary (Concluded)

the chapter. Cooperation, the key to success in the FFA, may be promoted by respecting the rights of others and by assuming a brotherly attitude. By laboring diligently and stressing the principle of mutual assistance, the secretary of a chapter is second in importance only to the president.--By Clayton Bliss, Past State Secretary, Minnesota Association of FFA.

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STATE FARMER CANDIDATES

Forty-nine Kansas chapters furnished 78 candidates for the State Farmer degree in 1944. While it is not possible to predict the exact number of successful candidates, a casual examination of the records leads us to expect a high per cent of recommendations for the State Farmer degree. The high standards set by the state association will be maintained. The only change made will effect scholastic attainment. The state association has always followed the National Organization of FFA in their regulations effecting minimum standards for all FFA degree awards. The National Organization of FFA at its 16th convention abolished the "upper 40 per cent of his class" scholarship requirement of State Farmer degree rank, and substituted in its place the following: "have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal."

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MORE THAN IVY ON K. S. C. WALLS

There's more than ivy on K-State walls. Witness the neat collection of maxims on the inter-room partitions of the Shop office.

The visitor with zest for knowledge can learn that:

1. A friend is someone who knows all about you, and loves you just the same.
2. If you cannot win, make the one ahead break the record.
3. Half the battle is being on the hilltop first; the other half is staying there.
4. Leaders are ordinary persons with extraordinary determination.
5. Teamwork! It's the steady pull of all together that wins.
6. The only way to have a friend is to be one.
7. All things come to the other fellow if you sit down and wait.
8. Remember, it's the busiest one who always gets the most business.

The wall-eyed reporter staggered out, imbued with new fire and determination. Are YOU inspired?

--Kansas State Collegian

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Inmate of asylum approaches painter, hard at work on the ceiling: "Hey, Mister, have you got a good hold on that brush?"

"I think so, why?"

"Well, hang on tight--I'm gonna move this ladder."

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FFA FLASHES

by A. W. Tenney, Acting National Executive Secretary

MONTANA: The Froid FFA Chapter put on a patriotic program and a bond auction sale on Tuesday, January 18. Every boy in the chapter brought in produce of various kinds. A five pound sack of sugar brought \$2,700 in bonds. One cigar sold for \$1,100. The total sale for the evening amounted to \$41,350 worth of war bonds.

UTAH: In six market shows for 1943 Future Farmers from Utah marketed \$142,000 worth of fat beef, lambs, and hogs. In addition to these sales, approximately \$13,000 worth of registered Hereford bulls were sold at the annual Ogden Livestock Show.

MARYLAND: Members of the Glasva Chapter are taking an active part in the war effort. One hundred per cent of the members have purchased war bonds and stamps. They sponsored a very successful war bond drive in their community.

PENNSYLVANIA: Nine FFA chapters in the Fulton-Franklin County area have organized a cooperative marketing association. A market stall is rented in the Chambersburg Farmers' Market and large quantities of vegetables grown by the Future Farmers are marketed each week. This cooperative market has been very successful.

IOWA: Members of the Sibley Chapter are doing their part in the war effort. In 1943 they produced Tama oats on a sixteen-acre school plot. In addition they sponsored victory gardens for town people, organized a scrap iron drive, and handled two carloads of northern grown seed potatoes for the farmers and merchants of Sibley. The chapter purchased a \$1,000 war bond in 1943 with their chapter funds.

KENTUCKY: The Kentucky Future Farmers Cooperative, Incorporated, did more than \$130,000 worth of business for Kentucky Future Farmers during the first seven months of its existence. Beef calves from Texas and Oklahoma, Western yearling ewes from Montana, and dairy heifers from Wisconsin were among the purchases.

NEVADA: The Reno Sage Chapter of Future Farmers of America collected recently, with the aid of six army trucks and drivers, 63,000 pounds of scrap iron.

MISSISSIPPI: The Catchings FFA Chapter sponsored a bond selling campaign in December and sold enough war bonds to buy three jeeps.

LOUISIANA: The Chataignier Chapter, last year's Gold Medal winner, has just expanded its incubation activities. Chapter members constructed a large incubator and have placed approximately \$500 worth of selected eggs in the new incubator for their first hatch. The chapter plans to sell \$1,000 worth of chicks per month from the incubator.

ARKANSAS: Members of the Plainview FFA Chapter assisted in the cooperative purchase of 360,000 pounds of feed wheat. They recently laid 300 feet of concrete sidewalk on the school grounds.

FFA Flashes (Continued)

OKLAHOMA: There's no mid-winter "slack season" for the Oklahoma Future Farmers, who are now in the midst of a state-wide tree planting program which will reach practically every community in Oklahoma's 77 counties. Future Farmers, cooperating in a state-wide tree planting program at the invitation of Governor Robert S. Kerr, have set themselves a goal of 5 million trees which will be planted within the next few weeks. Trees are being made available through the state forestry service.

WYOMING: The Future Farmer Chapter at Greybull, Wyoming, let the student body select their Harvest Dance Queen. Each 10 cents spent for war stamps or bonds entitled the purchaser to one vote for his favorite candidate. Net result--\$1,000 in war bonds and stamps sold.

NEBRASKA: Charles Warner, 1942 American Farmer from Waverly, Nebraska, is now operating a 1,520 acre farm. Charles, with the help of one man, husked some 43,000 bushels of corn with a mechanical corn picker last fall. He marketed 181,250 pounds of pork in 1943.

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CHAPTER NEWS

INDEPENDENCE: Our chapter holds meetings every other week during the noon hour. On our FFA programs we have outside speakers, weight lifting contests, chinning contests and other events in which members participate....The Home Champions Club in our school gave the FFA a party, which was held in the gym. Games were played and refreshments were served....In our classroom we have been studying lessons on dehorning, castrating calves and swine, sowing oats, preparing seed for sowing, and many other interesting subjects. We have also been testing seed for our members and farmers of the community....In shop we have under construction the following: 1 large machinery trailer, 1 hay rack, and two tractor buck rakes. Three harrows have been repaired, and 1 corn planter and 1 manure spreader are being repaired. We have an arc welder in our shop.

--Marlin Swalley, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: At a meeting of our chapter on February 22, a film on electronics was shown....The advanced classes have received their hybrid seed corn which was ordered some time ago. DeKalb and Pioneer were the two varieties ordered....An order has also been placed for certified seed potatoes. Cobbler and South Central Warba will be planted....The president of the South Central Ayrshire Breeders Association, Bob McMichael, has asked for the cooperation of the FFA in fitting and showing at the annual Ayrshire show. Two boys will be assigned to each local herd....The FFA basketball team defeated the Creswell 4-H club by a score of 36-30 in a recent game. Bill Marrs, Bill Evans, Richard Warren, Ralph Victory, and Delbert Thompson are the leading men on the squad....Each year our chapter prunes an acre of grapes for experience and profit.

--Clyde Shaw, Reporter

"What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"--George Eliot.

Chapter News (Continued)

MOUNDRIDGE: Our chapter sponsored a stag party, Feb. 7. The party was given by the losers in the pest eradication contest. Basketball games, ending with a tournament, were played. Hot weiners, buns, cookies and ice cream cones were served at the close of the games....Our FFA team played the McPherson chapter a game of basketball on their court February 4 with a return game on our court February 18. McPherson won both games....Since February 21 our chapter has been cleaning oats and spring barley for seeding purposes. To date we have cleaned 30 bushels of barley and have cleaned and treated 392 bushels of oats for smut....On February 5 our chapter received their \$25 war bond from Kansas City, and it has been registered in the name of our chapter and filed away for safe keeping....The chapter has de-grubbed 30 head of cattle, wormed 127 head of hogs, docked and castrated a good many lambs, castrated pigs and calves, and have tested whole milk for several herds....The advanced class on February 2 pruned and trained 11 Concord grapevines for the father of one of our members. We have two small orchards which we plan to prune. There are approximately 50 trees in these orchards....In shop we have four single A-houses nearly completed, a mowing machine completely rebuilt, six hen feeders, three large plank hog troughs, one large sheep hay and grain feeder, 12 foot plank feed bunk for cattle, two haybucks for tractors built, two engines repaired, a tractor post hole auger under construction. We also have a number of oxy-acetylene welding jobs finished such as fenders welded, tank heater hog troughs made, etc....We are planning now for our annual spring father and son banquet to be held about April...Our total inventory value of our chapter members' farming programs on January 1, 1944, amounted to \$5,470.79....Several of the members have been planting their oat crops during the past week.

--Clifford Hetzke, Reporter

SEAMAN: Richard Guay, our FFA secretary, has joined the Navy....Our chapter furnished a prize for a bond selling contest with the FHA in order to further the Fourth War Loan. The Homemakers sold \$2,000 worth of bonds and won a \$5 prize. We also furnished a \$2.00 cash prize to the room in the grade school selling the most bonds and stamps. Members of our chapter helped solicit for the War Fund drive. Our contribution was \$10....For the first time in six years our chapter does not own any livestock cooperatively. Our last Duroc herd sire and purebred sheep have been sold to members....We recently purchased two truck loads of lumber from the Supply Depot south of Topoka. This lumber will be used in various projects on which the boys are working....Our chapter is quite busy conducting a pest eradication contest....Plans are being made for an FHA-FFA and parent banquet....Shop jobs at present include a 50 bushel hog feeder, poultry feeders, sheep feeders, cattle feed bunk, repairing and painting of harrows, mowers, and engines. Also numerous tubs, boilers, buckets and pans have been made....The Food Production War Training program being sponsored by our department runs five nights a week and is being well attended by the 54 enrollees....Our chapter has purchased a new Rising Sun for the president's station. Subsidiary officers have been elected in each of the vocational classes. They conduct official business which can best be considered in class groups....We are enjoying the use of our oxy-acetylene welder and are able to accomplish a number of jobs which we were unable to do before its installation.

--Warren Hargis, Reporter

"Yep, I'm a self-made man," said the father proudly after telling of his earlier days.

"Gee, Pop, that's what I like about you. You take the blame for everything," his son commented.

Chapter Notes (Continued)

HIGHLAND PARK: Members of our chapter now own a total of \$1275.40 in war bonds and stamps. Contributions to the Red Cross during the year total \$21. Since September 1, we have collected and turned in a total of 27,800 lbs of scrap metal and 3,215 lbs of scrap paper....Twenty head of hogs have been slaughtered and cut up in the basement of the vocational agriculture building during the past two months....We recently purchased a large load of salvage lumber from the Topeka Army Supply Depot at a very reasonable cost. This lumber will be used in making numerous projects needed by members in their farming programs....We have a new seed germinator which is now being kept in operation constantly to test home grown seed for farmers of the community and for members of the chapter....A cooperative seed procurement project is being conducted for chapter members and school patrons. This project includes both crop and garden seed of high quality, which is being purchased in quantity lots and distributed according to individual needs....A garden meeting sponsored by our chapter was held on February 24. Pictures on garden insect control were shown and a discussion of other garden problems were presented...In shop we recently completed the following projects: 5 hog feeders, 1 cattle feed bunk, 8 tool cabinets, 1 hog house, 1 hog scalding vat, 6 hog troughs, 12 poultry feeders, and numerous repair jobs. Chapter members and farmers in the community now have in progress a number of construction jobs and machinery repair projects....Our chapter public speaking contest recently closed. Some of the speeches were given in FFA meetings and others were presented during class periods. Prizes will be awarded to the three high individuals in each of the two divisions of the contest....Jack Hall and Bruce Johnson, our candidates for the State Farmer degree, recently discussed the development of their farming programs in a meeting for all first year FFA members....A summary of food produced by our 35 members for 1943 shows the following results: 64,090 lbs. pork; 12,860 lbs. beef; 1594 lbs. poultry, 79,000 lbs. milk, 1500 lbs. mutton; 330 lbs. wool, 5953 bu. grain, 54 A pasture; 38 T roughage, 160 bu. soybeans, 21 A gardens. Chapter members have set up their food production goals for this year in their new record books. With the exception of pork production, we hope to exceed last year's production record.

--Harry Morgan Jr., Reporter

NEWTON: Our officers are: Alvin Dreier, president; Bernard Gatz, vice president; Robert Saurwein, secretary; Ardith Saurwein, treasurer; Ralph Titus, reporter. Our adviser is Mr. Ralph Karns....Sixteen new members have been initiated into our chapter this year....We enjoyed a visit from Prof. L. F. Hall, Kansas State College, who gave us an interesting talk on adding to the scope of our farming program....Our farming program shows that in the past year we produced the following: 64,287 lbs. milk; 51,450 lbs. pork; 5,730 lbs. (actual gain) beef; 4,565 lbs. mutton; 731 lbs. wool; 1500 lbs. poultry; 6,430 dozen eggs; 40 bu. potatoes; 3,885 bu. flax, corn, wheat, oats, atlas, and kafir; and 250 T of silage....In shop we have made 84 knives which we sent to service men. Sixteen knives were sent to Guadalcanal and were appreciated very much. Other shop projects are as follows: rebuilding a corn-binder, building a feed bunk, hog feed, and motor propelled lawnmowers.... This year 11 feeder calves of exceptionally good quality were purchased by five or six boys....Our reporter, Ralph Titus, won first place in the Fourth District essay contest, sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. ...In place of the final exams at the end of the year, the boys plan to spend a day fishing at the Marion Lake.

--Ralph Titus, Reporter

Chapter Notes (Continued)

FRANKFORT: Twenty-one Green Hands were recently initiated into our chapter. Seven Green Hands were awarded the Chapter Farmer degree at the same meeting. ...Our chapter has an electric tester and has been quite busy testing seed for the farmers of the community. Up to February 26, we had treated 170 bushels of barley for smut and culled 170 hens....Our pest eradication contest closed January 14. There will be a basketball game between the winners and losers, and the losers will serve a pie dinner following the game. Three prizes were awarded in the pest hunt: Howard Backman won three cement hog troughs for first prize; Anton Vopata, two cement hog troughs as second prize, and Everett Shearer, one cement hog trough for third prize....The FFA boys were entertained at a party and dance February 1 by the Home Economics girls. The boys will entertain the Home Economics girls at a picture show sometime in March. ...Our chapter had charge of the assembly program, March 2, at which time Anton Vopata, Loyd Massie and Dale Dunlap received FFA letters for meeting certain standard requirements, and Victor Tilley and Anton Vopata were awarded FFA emblems for having kept the best record books during 1943....The third year class has been repairing a motorcycle engine; the fourth year class is making a hog feeder, feed troughs for cattle, and gates; the second year class has just completed another wagon box and are working on a 60 bushel hog feeder; the first year class has been making neck yokes, single trees, 40 cement hog troughs, flower benches, and 30 mash feeders for laying hens....Seventeen of our FFA members completed their record books for 1943 and had a total net worth of \$6,557.17. This is a gain of \$2,644.93 over 1942.

--Robert Churchill, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: Our chapter formed a cooperative enterprise in October and purchased 43 head of western ewes. Three hundred twenty-five shares were sold at \$1.00 per share. During January, 16 lambs were born and the rest of our ewes will lamb during April. One problem which we faced was trying to keep the lambs warm on cold nights. To take care of this problem, we built an electric brooder constructed along the same principles as an electric pig brooder. This brooder was the means of saving the lives of several of our lambs....Our FFA meetings are held every other Wednesday at 9:00 a. m....Our reporter, Vincent Pieschl, is back again in school, after spending some time in the hospital.... In shop we have overhauled two Ford motors and a Chevrolet motor, and plan to build a trailer for use in hauling feed and machinery in connection with our agricultural projects.

--Vincent Pieschl, Reporter

KINSLEY: We have a flock of 39 laying hens this year for a chapter project. They produced 180 dozen eggs during December, January and February and consumed 900 lbs of feed during that time....The Food Production War Training Program has made it possible to add new tools and equipment to the vocational agriculture department, which were greatly needed. This has made a larger and better farm shop program for the boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. The boys in shop have constructed turkey feeders, poultry mash feeders, sheep feeders, feed bunks, step ladders, wheelbarrows, a hayrack, overhauled gasoline motors, car motors, and numerous odd jobs of acetylene welding and arc welding.

--Loren Westphal, Reporter

E. D. Chilcott, Ashland chapter, rates a full page, two cuts, in the January-February, 1944, issue of Better Farm Equipment and Methods. The subject presented was Handy Livestock "Squeeze!"

Chapter News (Continued)

HAVEN: Erwin Thalmann of our chapter is a candidate for the degree of American Farmer this year. Erwin has an excellent farming program and has always been a leader in school and FFA activities. Every member of our chapter hopes that Erwin will be awarded this coveted degree....Our chapter has purchased 1000 pounds of tankage cooperatively. We have organized a pure bred swine cooperative, and promoted a "stunt night" March 10 to raise money to buy a bred gilt with which we started this activity....The sophomore class treated 25 head of cattle for grubs recently....Our chapter is selling garden seeds to raise funds for the treasury. In order to be sure that we were getting adapted varieties of vegetables, we purchased bulk seed from a Kansas seed company and packaged it ourselves....We have just completed our pest eradication contest. Jack Hanselman won the first prize of \$3.00 by bringing in 266 crow heads on the last day of the contest. Wayne Harris was second. The losing team gave a party for the winners February 23....Shop jobs completed during the past month or now under construction include 3 oval bottom cattle feed bunks, 1 A type hog house, 2 range feeders for poultry, 2 grain feeders for sheep, 1 hay feeder for sheep, 2 hog troughs, 4 automatic waterers for swine, 2 chick brooders, 1 portable loading chute and 2 wheel barrows....The freshman boys are raising 50 chicks to be used for our parent and son banquet in April.

--Curtis Laughlin, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: We held our annual pest contest from January 4 to Feb. 15. The sophomore and freshman classes defeated the junior and senior classes by a score of 7,905 to 4,112. Melvin Koeghboehn was high point man with 5,330 points....On February 8 and 9 the ag classes went to the Frank Frey's farm and shucked about 205 bushels of corn. The following boys assisted in the shucking: Loyd Adkins, Lee Andrews, George Blount, Sid Cahoon, Warren Cahoon, James Cross, Neil Cross, Bob Dick, Gene Hunson, Lindon Lawson, Jim Merrill, Marvin Matti, Miles McKee, Bob Mushrush, Gerald O'Neill, Roy Osborn, Junior Pendergraft, Russel Schwilling, Vernon Scott, Jack Selves, Jim Selves, and our adviser, Mr. Croy....From February 14 to 18 the vocational agriculture boys exchanged classes with the home economics girls. The boys baked cakes, pies, cookies, biscuits, etc., while the girls made stools, did some welding, and other shop work....The junior class has been culling a few hens for farmers of this community....We are busy holding a paper drive. The grade school boys collect the paper and the FFA boys bale it....The sophomore class had charge of the chapel period featuring a special program on George Washington.

--Marvin Matti, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: On December 15, we sponsored a pie social and box supper. We also raffled off a feed bunk and elected an Ag queen. From the sale of the pies and boxes, we realized \$43; and the feed bunk brought \$35. Persons who voted for the Ag queen were charged one ear of corn for each vote. The money was used to buy two hogs and the corn brought in for votes will be fed to the hogs. We will butcher one of the hogs for our parent and son banquet which will be held March 21, and we plan to sell the other one....At a recent meeting we voted to buy four shares in the Ottawa Production Credit Assc. We are also buying seed cooperatively and are treating them. For every bushel of oats taken out by FFA members, two bushels are to be returned. Thirty-five bushels have already been taken out under this plan....Shop work includes: 4 wagon boxes, 1 corn binder repaired, 1 lime spreader, 1 seed treater, 1 tool cabinet, 1 storage trunk, 1 grain elevator.

--Foster Roberts, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

CLAY CENTER: Our chapter of 58 members has spent a busy but interesting time together so far this year. We have had several parties, basketball games, and sponsored one picture show, in addition to our monthly meetings....Garden seed selling and pest eradication contests are in full swing at the present time. Our chapter has sold 1600 packages of seed and killed the following pests: 765 mice, 1,530 sparrows, 100 starlings, 22 rabbits and 80 rats....Our FFA officers have purchased official FFA jackets....April 14 has been set for our parent and son banquet....Our chapter has purchased a \$50 war bond....We recently made a purchase of 400 baby chicks which we will raise to become a part of our laying flock. We also have 16 gilts out on contract....We are proud of the work being done in our farm shop. We have built 10 combination hog houses, 12 tumble bugs, 2 tractor hay bucks, 4 wagon boxes, 1 hay rack, 3-50 bushel self feeders, 100 hog troughs, 5 sheep feeders, 1 brooder house, 4 feed bunks, 1 manure spreader, 2 electric brooders, 1 lathe neck yoke and nail boxes. In addition we have butchered 21 head of hogs and 3 beeves up-to-date. As a result of our programs during the past few years, we are to have a new building as soon as the war is over.

--Wayne Hafner, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Members of the Valley Falls chapter are selling garden seeds again this year to help raise funds for our treasury....In shop we have made 12 chicken feeders, a hay buck, 2 hay racks, brooder house, hog troughs, feed bunks, repaired a grain drill, rebuilt the motors in two cars and repaired transmissions. On the forge we have made chisels, hayhooks and numerous small jobs. We have also soldered radiators, milk cans, etc....The Food Production Training class in farm machinery repair meets in our shop two nights a week. We have welding equipment furnished for this course which the advanced students are using. Farmers who cannot attend the night course are using our shop during the day time....A date party was held recently with 20 members and their guests present.

--Carl Lewton, Reporter

PARSONS: Twenty-six boys were initiated at a meeting of our chapter in January. Eight boys were initiated into the Chapter Farmer degree and 18 were initiated as Green Hands. Following initiation we enjoyed recreation games and refreshments....Our chapter held a parents meeting February 15. Following the meeting the boys showed their parents through the shop. Talks were given on what is done in the shop and in the FFA. Boys who planned to enter the public speaking contest delivered their speeches at this meeting. Speeches were given by Raymond Nance, Verland Dringenbert, Dale Willson, and Bill Talbot....A number of hog houses, hog troughs, sheep feeders and other various articles have been completed in shop and are ready to be moved to the boys' farms.

--Fred Geiser, Reporter

IOLA: Our chapter netted approximately \$85 from our boxing show in December. The chapter used part of this money to buy a \$50 war bond, and donated \$5.00 of it to the Red Cross....The chapter has ordered 17 bushels of certified hybrid seed corn, part of which has been delivered, and three tons of certified seed potatoes. We also have our electric hot bed started again....Without selecting sides in advance, we held a pest eradication contest, and the half of the membership with the lowest number of points gave the winning half a chili feed.

--Ivan Powell, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ALTAMONT: We held our sixth annual covered dish supper Feb. 25 with 100 guests present. Ronald Bryson, our president, was toastmaster. A film, "Our Nation's Meat," was shown as part of the program....We have a cattle project which we are feeding to standard weights to be sold on the market or to the school cafeteria....We are carrying out a feeding experiment on eight hogs at the present time. We have four in each lot. We feed the first lot, corn, protein supplement, mineral and water. The second lot is fed corn, mineral and water. The difference in the two lots is surprising. The first lot weighs about 70 pounds more per head than the second lot....We have recently completed butchering 28 hogs, 5 beeves, and 1 lamb in our butchering house. The butchering was done for the FFA boys and farmers of the community.... We have been repairing projects for outsiders two days a week and working on our required class projects three days a week.

--Eugene Carnahan, Reporter

OSBORNE: The Osborne chapter has the largest paid-up membership in the history of the chapter. We have 48 paid members which includes several boys who have graduated....We initiated 18 Green Hands at a night meeting in December. ...We have a very good start in our new project books for this year. One of our Green Hands, Elvin Vandament, has a net worth of \$6,026.07, most of which is invested in purebred Hereford cattle....Our sheep projects have decreased somewhat in size due to the coyote hazard. However, we plan to make better use of the cyanide guns....April 14 is the date we have set for our parent-son banquet this year....We have a larger shop program than usual this year but have been handicapped because of the shortage of lumber and repairs.... We have completely overhauled several small motors and one truck motor and several plows and mowers with two listers, a drill and other machinery.... Max Taylor, our reporter, and State Farmer candidate, has passed the examination for the Navy V-5 program. We now have 47 former members in the armed service. We are planning to make a bulletin board and list on the board the names of all the former members of our chapter who are now in the armed services. With the list of names we will display as many pictures of these boys as we are able to secure. This board will be placed down town for a while and later in our chapter room....For community service, we have dehorned 50 head of cattle, butchered 20 hogs and 1 beef and cut up 8 hogs. We also made 19 feed bunks for the sale barn. In addition to these activities we have also docked lambs, castrated calves and pigs, selected seed corn and tested cows. ...We held initiation services for our Chapter Farmers March 2,

--Max C. Taylor, Reporter

ARGONIA: Our chapter has been collecting scrap paper and have succeeded in collecting more than 6 tons. Two teams, the Hellcats and Wildcats, conducted the campaign. The Hellcats won the drive....We also had a sparrow and starling hunt and both sides collected about 1,000 legs. This contest was won by the north side.

--James Strader, Reporter

Prefabricated Hog Houses is the title of an article describing some of the work being done by the Fairview chapter (Kansas) in their farm shop, under the direction of adviser Keith B. Wagoner, which appears on page 34 of the January-February issue of Better Farm Equipment and Methods.

Chapter News (Continued)

WAKEENEY: Our chapter has made considerable progress in the last few months. We have 42 members. We recently purchased another \$25 war bond, which makes a total of \$125 that our chapter has invested in war bonds....Four of our members are rehearsing a play, "Rats," which they will present in assembly in the near future....Our chapter planned to purchase FFA jackets and caps for our officers, but due to scarcity of materials and help, were unable to buy them.Our members have made a good showing in shop. On February 23, a 250 amp electric welder was installed in our school shop....We plan to make several thousand irrigation tile within the next few weeks.

--Gaylord Stanton, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: At the state wrestling tournament held in Salina, Kansas, Feb. 28 and 29, two of our chapter officers, Lyle Linnell, treasurer, wrestling in the 133 lb. class and Warren Gienger in the 127 lb. class, won state championships in their respective weights...Among the projects made in shop are: a wagon box mounted on a four-wheel trailer, poultry nests, chicken feeders, and a number of hog feeders....Our chapter has been busy testing seed for farmers of the community in their germinator, which they made in shop....Our shop is now equipped with a 250 amp arc welder.

--Warren Gienger, Reporter

FREDONIA: Our chapter is sponsoring a seed selling contest. Profits from the contest will go into war bonds....During November and December the freshmen and seniors opposed the sophomores and juniors in a pest eradication contest. The sophomores and juniors will be given a party for winning the contest.... Plans are being made for a carnival to be held on March 31....Our chapter holds four day meetings during the activity period each month. Our officers meet regularly each month and we have one regular night meeting the first Wednesday of each month.

--Royce Lashbaugh, Reporter

STOCKTON: Our chapter has initiated nine freshmen and ten sophomores this year. We have a membership of 35....Our officers are: Donald Kelly, president; Dean LeSage, vice president; Bob Daniels, secretary; Donald Copper, treasurer; Darrell Cunningham, reporter....We have a meeting every other Monday and a night meeting the second Monday of every month....Our chapter recently held a carnival and cleared \$150, which will be used to help defray the expense of our parent and son banquet which we will hold this month....In shop we have completed building two hog feeders, two hayracks, one wagon box, several hog troughs and 20 chicken feeders....We are now making plans to sow the football field to buffalo grass.

--Darrell Cunningham, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: We are planning to conduct a pest eradication contest in the near future....Our Red Cross project, the three steers, have made a remarkable gain and are looking fine. The freshmen and sophomore classes have worked hard caring for them and they are all proud of the results....Shop jobs recently completed consist of the following: two 50 bushel hog feeders, 1 wagon box, 1 scoop end gate, 2 wheelbarrows, one 10 bushel hog supplement feeder, one 18 foot ladder, 1 tank heater, and other various machinery welding jobs.

M. Bodine, Reporter