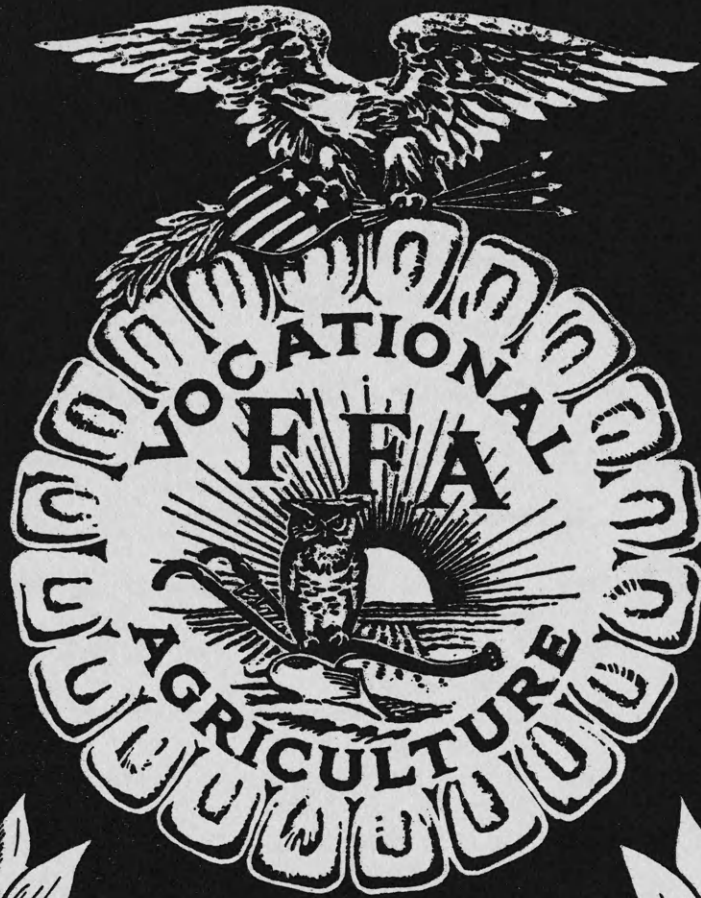


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FFA CALENDAR

Meeting of FFA State Executive Committee, Education Hall, KSC. . . . April 19
Meeting of State Officers, Education Hall, KSC. April 20, 21

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CHANGE IN STATE ASSOCIATION RADIO BROADCAST DATES

The state association will broadcast over station KSAC on April 20 and 21, beginning each broadcast at 2:15 p.m. The April 20 broadcast will introduce the new state FFA officers. On the April 21 broadcast, we will hear the winner in the 1945 State FFA Public Speaking Contest. In addition, the winners in the State Chapter contest and in the state association's Victory War Program will be announced.

Tune in, it will prove much worth your while.

The regularly scheduled state association broadcasts over station KSAC for April 14, 27 and 28 have been cancelled.

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FREEDOM

No man is free
who cannot
command
himself.

--Pythagorus.

SIX KANSAS FFA CHAPTERS ENTER NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Six of the eight Kansas Gold Emblem chapters for 1944 have entered the national chapter contest. By rule of the Kansas Association of FFA only those chapters designated as Gold Emblem winners are eligible to enter the national chapter contest. The following eligible Kansas chapters entered: Buhler, Columbus, Great Bend, Highland Park, Sedan, and Winfield.

A partial summary of each of the programs of work submitted by the Kansas chapters entering the national chapter contest is being run in this issue of the newsletter. In compiling the partial summary, only items contributing directly to food production and the war effort were given consideration. Activities listed under Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Leadership, and Recreation are not included in the summary.

Chapter officers and members will be interested in studying the goals set under food production and war effort by the six Kansas chapters that have submitted entries in the national chapter contest. The diversity of Kansas agriculture is clearly shown in these reports. All of the chapters have strong food production programs, but some of the chapters objectified their goals more than others. The plan of setting up definite food production goals was given considerable emphasis in the FFA Leadership schools held last fall. Local advisers and FFA members will note in comparing the food production effort of the chapter programs which follow, how much easier it is to visualize the total effort of a chapter when the goals are specifically stated. In setting up production goals, chapters should include production standards as well as total production goals. The patrons of your community are interested not only in the total food production effort of your chapter, but are also interested in the production standards expected to be attained. Your local press will be much more interested in total production figures if production standards are shown. This principle holds in presenting the goals and achievement records of individual FFA members.

The partial summaries of the food production and war effort of the Kansas chapters entering the national chapter contest follow:

WINFIELD CHAPTER - 75 MembersFood Production Effort

5,000 lbs. pork	5,000 bu. grain (feed)
24,000 lbs. lamb	2,000 bu. wheat
25,000 lbs. beef	500 bu. soy beans
10,000 lbs. milk	50 tons silage
2,000 lbs. poultry meat	100 tons dry roughage
100,000 eggs	100 bu. flax
2,400 lbs. wool	25 tons beans for hay
Each member to provide 300 days	100 members treat own cattle for
of pasture for livestock and	grub
poultry.	Dip 4,000 head of sheep

Cooperative Activities

Plant 2,010 sacks of potatoes	Grow 100 bu. Hybrid seed corn for
Plant 50 bu. soy beans	sale
	Buy and mix food

Six Kansas FFA Chapters Enter National Chapter Contest (Continued)

Cooperative Activities (Winfield Chapter continued)

Purchase \$35 worth of medicine and
supplies for livestock kit

Purchase 300 head of breeding ewes
Treat 2 carloads of seed potatoes
Treat 50 bushels of small seed

War Effort

Repair 50 farm machines
Conduct Farm Safety Program
Organize 32 farm safety programs
Conduct fire prevention program

50 members each to work out and put
into practice a land use program
Chapter members furnish 200 hours of
labor to aid in farm labor shortage

GREAT BEND CHAPTER - 42 Members

Food Production Effort

4,200 bu. wheat
2,400 bu. grain sorghum
1,600 bu. oats
1,700 bu. barley
600 tons silage and forage
500 bu. potatoes
240 bu. corn

30,500 lbs. of pork
44,400 lbs. beef
13,475 lbs. poultry
10,750 lbs. lamb
3,561 dozen eggs
2,540 lbs. butter fat
1,574 lbs. wool

Repair 30 pieces of farm machinery and build 50 major pieces of equipment
in shop.

100% members have victory gardens or help parents care for garden.

100% members to use purebred sires.

90% members to have 100% ownership of farming program.

42 members to have \$24,000 invested in farming programs with average of \$600.

Cooperative Activities

Purchase 60 deferred feeding steers
Purchase 8 fattening show steers
Purchase 6 registered gilts
Purchase 550 lbs. certified sorghum
seed

Buy 6000 lbs. certified potato seed
Buy 2 tons protein supplement for
project use
Market 10,750 lbs. lamb cooperatively
Market 1,547 lbs. wool cooperatively

War Effort

Collect 20 tons scrap iron
Collect 1 ton scrap paper
Eradicate rodents on 35 farms

Chapter buy \$25 war bond
Members to buy a total of \$2,000
in bonds

BUHLER CHAPTER - 39 Members

Food Production Effort

20,000 lbs. pork
35,000 lbs. milk
6,000 lbs. beef

5,000 lbs. vegetables
4,000 lbs. mutton
1,800 dozen eggs

Six Kansas FFA Chapters Enter National Chapter Contest (continued)Food Production Effort (Buhler Chapter continued)

2,500 bu. feed grain	200 bu. potatoes
500 lbs. wool	100 tons silage
Average 3 projects per member	100% members to repair at least one machine from home farm
100% members to use only purebred sires	50% of members to produce 100 lbs. pork with 7 bu. grain
100% members to use high grade ewes	Each member provide 200 days pasture for livestock
100% members to treat all seed planted	Have an average investment of \$300 in farming program
60% members to set out 5 or more trees	

Cooperative Activities

Conduct pest eradication contest	Treat 600 bu. seed grain
Buy and have mixed 500 lbs. mineral for hogs	Dip 2000 sheep
Treat 200 head cattle for grubs	Each member a safety program on home farm

War Effort

Members to purchase \$300 in stamps and bonds
 Chapter to buy \$18.75 war bond
 Invest 10% earnings in bonds

COLUMBUS CHAPTER - 46 MEMBERSFood Production Effort

Each boy repair a machine or build equipment for home farm
 12 acres sowed to pasture
 Each boy perform 15 approved practices
 Each boy have managerial responsibility of 3 enterprises
 Each boy raise at least 75% of his feed used
 Increase registered livestock of students by 10 head
 Average 4 production enterprises per boy
 90% freshmen grow feed or earn money to make possible livestock program
 A victory garden on every farm
 An adequate supply of meat on every farm
 An adequate supply of milk and eggs on every farm
 Average \$200 per member invested in farming program

Cooperative Activities

Purchase 10,000 plants to be distributed by FFA members	Treat all cattle owned by members for grub
Purchase 10,000 lbs. feed	Purchase 4,000 feet of lumber
Purchase 20 gals. paint, creosote etc.	Conduct pest eradication contest
Improve quality of cream	

Six Kansas FFA Chapters Enter National Chapter Contest (continued)War Effort (Columbus Chapter continued)

Grow 15 acres of soy beans for oil
production
Chapter to purchase \$50 bond

Each member to purchast \$18.75 bond
Collect paper

HIGHLAND PARK - 50 MEMBERSFood Production Effort

Average 3 projects per member
Average net worth increase of \$100
per member
75% use purebred stock

100% use purebred sires
75% members include a garden in
their farming program
Average \$200 per member invested in
farming program

Cooperative Activities

Have purebred sire for service
Mixing feed for members

Treat seed
Marketing of stock

War Effort

Each member purchase \$10 in war
stamps
Farm safety program

Collect 100 bags of milkweed pods
Collect 5 tons of scrap

SEDAN CHAPTER - 37 MEMBERSFood Production Effort

30,000 lbs. pork
35,000 lbs. beef
2,000 lbs. lamb
1,000 lbs. wool
1,200 lbs. poultry
1,000 doz. eggs
All members to have 100% managerial
ability
90% boys have 100% financial respon-
sibility
75% members to use pure seed
100% members to test and treat seed
before planting

200 Tons of silage
100 Tons prairie hay
1,200 bu. sorghum
1,000 bu. corn
500 bu. oats
1,000 acres of pasture
Survey community for farm machinery
repairs
60% to produce purebred livestock
85% to use purebred sires
25% boys use registered sires

Cooperative Activities

Purchase certified seed
Purchase feed
Purchase livestock medicine and
remedies

Market sheep and lambs
Market livestock and wool
Treat 1,000 lbs. seed
Hold pest eradication contest

Six Kansas FFA Chapters Enter National Chapter Contest (continued)

War Effort (Sedan Chapter continued)

Collect 50 tons iron
Collect 5 tons rubber
Collect 20 tons paper

Collect 500 burlap bags
Collect 200 lbs. rags
Make knives for boys on fighting front

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AMERICAN FARM YOUTH MAGAZINE

We again call the attention of Kansas FFA members and local advisers to the success stories of Future Farmer members carried each month in the American Farm Youth magazine. The March 1945 issue is interesting from cover to cover and should prove a source of inspiration not only to Kansas FFA members, but to thousands of Future Farmers throughout this great nation and its insular possessions. National FFA Adviser, Dr. W. T. Spanton, in this issue challenges local chapter officers to acquaint their members early with the opportunity awaiting them to advance in the organization. He states, "Many members have regretted that they might have met these requirements (FFA degree requirements) if they had studied them in time and directed their plans and efforts to qualify for these degrees. Each year many boys fail to receive the State Farmer and the American Farmer Degrees because they did not evaluate their program and make plans to meet all of the requirements." This is a direct challenge to local chapter officers and local FFA advisers in Kansas.

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Twenty-two Kansas FFA chapters with a total membership of 686 have not paid dues as of April 1, 1945. The state association realizes that for a majority of these chapters the failure to pay FFA dues is an oversight. We are all extremely anxious to have 100 per cent of the chapters in the state association on an active status.

The state association appreciates the fact that your loyalty to the FFA is going to be tested this year. The ODT regulations caused us to cancel the annual state FFA convention. While this is a severe disappointment to FFA members throughout Kansas, we know that our members are not lacking in patriotism and expect 100% compliance with the ODT regulations. Payment of FFA dues in face of disappointment is one measure of your chapter loyalty. May we count on your cooperation so that we can report 100% active chapters in the state association by the time of the meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee on April 19, 1945.

Thanks.

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There is only one failure in life possible; and that is not to be true to the best one knows.

MEETING OF STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The State FFA Executive Committee will meet in G103 (Education Hall) at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 19, 1945. Since ODT regulations necessitated the canceling of the 1945 state FFA convention, the State FFA Executive Committee will declare elected to the State Farmer Degree all candidates who meet the constitutional requirements of that degree.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING STATE FARMER DEGREE

1. The State FFA Executive Committee will declare elected to the State Farmer Degree all candidates who meet the constitutional requirements of that degree.
2. The State Farmer Degree certificates will be mailed all successful candidates.
3. The State Farmer Degree charm will be mailed to the successful candidates. The charm will be sent C.O.D., insurance and postage paid by the state association of FFA.
4. Requests for KIND and QUALITY of State Farmer charms have already been placed with the state office.
5. The prices of State Farmer Degree charms are:

Rolled Gold Plate, without pin attachment	\$2.14
1OK Gold, without pin attachment	4.58
Rolled Gold Plate, with pin attachment	2.44
1OK Gold, with pin attachment	5.19

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STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The sixteenth State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held at Manhattan, Kansas, Saturday, April 21, 1945, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Drawings for place will be made in room G103 (Education Hall) at 8:45 a.m., April 21, 1945. The place for holding the contest will be announced at the time of the drawing.

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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

By William Tyler Page

Adopted by an Act of Congress, April 6,
1918

FFA MEMBERSHIP

One way of manifesting interest in FFA work is by paying membership dues promptly.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1944-45, as of April 1, on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 206 per cent to 50 per cent. The enrollment figures in vocational agriculture were furnished by the State Department of Vocational Education, as of October 1944.

The Seaman chapter with an enrollment of 40 and a paid up FFA membership of 85 has the honor of being the chapter with the highest percentage of membership. This chapter paid dues for former members now in the armed forces.

100 chapters have paid dues to date.

72 chapters reported a paid up membership of 100 per cent or more. 28 chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Seaman with a paid up membership of 85 leads all chapters in the state in the number of dues paid. Shawnee Mission chapter with 77 members ranks second, while Effingham with 76 members and Winfield with a paid up membership of 70 rank third and fourth respectively.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 100 chapters having paid their dues is 108 per cent. Last year this figure stood at 100 per cent even.

The Kansas Association hopes to report 100 per cent active chapters at the time of the annual meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee, April 19.

In case of error in percentage of membership listed below we will be glad to have you notify us so that correction can be made in the May issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

Those chapters having a membership range from 201 per cent to 206 per cent;

Holco~~tt~~ Seaman

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 152 per cent:

Berryton Smith Center

Those chapters having a membership range from 126 per cent to 150 per cent:

Beloit	Fairview	Iola	Solomon
Chanute	Garden City	Kingman	Stockton
Columbus	Haven	Kicwa	Tonganoxie
Effingham	Hiawatha	McDonald	Highland Park

FFA Membership (continued)

Those chapters having a membership range from 101 per cent to 125 per cent:

Altamont	Frankfort	McPherson	Pratt
Atwood	Goodland	Shawnee Mission	Randolph
Belleville	Great Bend	Miltonvale	Sabetha
Beverly	Harper	Minneapolis	Sedan
Bird City	Hays	Moundridge	Soldier
Buhler	Holton	Oberlin	Washburn
Chapman	Hoxie	Olathe	Valley Center
Clay Center	Lawrence	Osborne	Washington
Ellis	Lebanon	Paxico	Winfield
Emporia	Little River	Phillipsburg	

Those chapters having a membership range of 100 per cent

Burlington	Howard	LeRoy	Onaga
Colby	Inman	Lyndon	Seneca
Coldwater	Kinsley	Medicine Lodge	Syracuse
Cottonwood Falls			

Those chapters having a membership range from 90 per cent to 99 per cent:

Abilene	Independence	Overbrook	Wamego
Burns	Marysville	Parsons	Williamsburg
Downs	Newton		

Those chapters having a membership range from 80 per cent to 89 per cent:

Cherryvale	Fredonia	Manhattan	Parker
Concordia	Kincaid	Norton	

Those chapters having a membership range from 70 per cent to 79 per cent:

Arkansas City	Hill City	Ottawa	Stafford
Harveyville	Merrowville		

Those chapters having a membership range from 60 per cent to 69 per cent:

Coffeyville	Glasco
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Those chapters having a membership range from 50 per cent to 59 per cent:

Hope	Hugoton	Wakarusa
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MACHINE TOOLS - INSIDE THE SHIP

A new type portable milling machine, 21 x 22 x 5 feet, and weighing 16 tons is lowered into the new Victory ship in one West Coast yard - it mills to a 0.0015-m tolerance the upper surface of the top plate of reduction gear foundations that have been already welded into place. The unit is saving about 600 man-hours on each ship, a job which formerly kept a crew of twelve machinists busy almost two weeks.

--Ships, May, 1944.

GEORGE STELTER TAKES PEN IN HAND

Friends of George W. Stelter, and they are legion, past 3rd National Vice President, formerly of Abilene, Kansas, now of the U. S. Navy, will be glad to learn that he recently salvaged sufficient time from "goils" and other distractions to pen a few lines to the editor of the Kansas Future Farmer News letter. His present address is George W. Stelter, S 1/c Pho. Mate, N.C.D.T. & E.B., General Delivery, U.S.N.A.B.P.D., San Bruno, California. We trust the address is correct - George's writing is not as good as his photography.

Stelter just completed the navy course in photography at Anacostia. While stationed at Anacostia he visited the National FFA headquarters several times and reports pleasant hours spent with the staff. He stated that at the A. W. Tenney home he especially enjoyed his first home meal since he was at his own home just after finishing his boot training. After all the special training in naval photography George now finds himself taking regular Marine Commando training, so he is not certain as to whether or not he will have use for his camera. He states that he is doing very well in the field of physical exercise - 16 hours per day. He is starting his "shots" all over again, had six with four more to come. While he has not as yet found a place for his camera in his pack, our prediction is that he will, and that he will come back with some of the finest pictures extant. Keep him in mind for future FFA banquet programs. Good luck to you George, and all your friends join with the editor in extending best wishes.

-- FFA --

FFA FLASHES

NORTH DAKOTA: The Elgin FFA Chapter has a definite plan for writing to its members in the armed forces. Each month a letter is written by one of the eight program of work committees. The first letter was written by the Supervised Farming Committee since that division is first in the program of work. The letters give a complete coverage of chapter news, but deal more specifically with the work of the particular committee writing the letter. This system serves to keep the members in service in close touch with chapter activities.

WYOMING: Members of the Lovell, Wyoming Chapter have on feed 42 steers and 325 lambs. These boys purchase feed cooperatively through their chapter. They kill a number of these animals in their chapter operated butchering plant for home consumption. Members are pleased to assist in the war effort by producing more grade "A" meat.

MISSOURI: FFA boys in Southwest Missouri departments of vocational agriculture exhibited 137 head of dairy cattle, 72 head of hogs, 66 head of sheep, and 101 head of Jerseys at the Ozark Empire District Fair in Springfield. An FFA student exhibited the Grand Champion bull and Grand Champion female of the show. This was in competition with some of the outstanding Jersey breeders in the Southwest.

NEBRASKA: The Beatrice Chapter has just completed a sheep dipping vat to add to their other sheep equipment which includes a shearing outfit and a grinder for combs and cutters.

FFA Flashes (continued)

MONTANA: Eleven head of registered Suffolk sheep were brought into the Flathead Valley Friday, July 7, by the Flathead Chapter of FFA. These yearling ewes were given to Bill Harvey on a revolving project basis so that two years from now another suitable FFA member can be set up in the purebred Suffolk business.

MARYLAND: As a substitute for County Fairs and Shows, discontinued to a large extent during the war, Maryland chapters of the FFA are sponsoring more community shows than ever before. The Sherwood, Princess Anne, Lisbon, Poolesville, Friendsville, Flintstone, Beensboro, Hagerstown, and Highland Chapters have already held their shows. Other chapters are planning to hold shows this year.

OREGON: Roy Arney, member of the Woodburn Chapter, was judged winner of the State Farm Shop Contest sponsored by the Oregon Bankers Association. Roy constructed a farm shop building 18' x 20' and equipped it with benches, drill press, forge, vises, and hand tools. He repaired and overhauled nine farm machines, constructed a machinery trailer and sled, and laid a concrete floor in the barn. In addition he helped his father construct a new addition to the barn for dairy cows in which he laid the concrete floor, gutter, and curved concrete manger.

VERMONT: A strong program of leadership training has been launched by the Vermont FFA Association. A two-day training conference was held for State officers. Each of the four districts held a training session for the officers of the district. Approximately 75% of all FFA members in the State attended district meetings which were designed to give leadership training to every member of the organization.

ALABAMA: Alabama FFA boys are assisting in the war effort in many ways; such as: 1. Buying and selling war bonds; 2. Collecting scrap metal, paper, and rags; 3. Growing victory gardens; 4. Collecting pine burs for seed; 5. Planting 600,000 pine seedlings; 6. Assisting in the marketing of more pulp wood; 7. Producing more livestock and feed; 8. Assisting in food preservation program; 9. Sponsoring farm machinery repair programs; 10. Gathering kudzu seed; 11. Terracing land for farmers; 12. Improving and establishing home orchards.

PENNSYLVANIA: The Future Farmer Chapter of the Davidson Township High School has assumed the responsibility for salvaging the lumber from buildings at an abandoned C.C.C. Camp located nearby. This lumber will be used to construct a new farm shop building on the school grounds.

ARKANSAS: The Springdale Chapter recently purchased a seed cleaner and separator for the use of members and neighboring farmers. This is the only seed cleaner and separator in the county and will enable them to use their home grown seed with much better results.

KENTUCKY: Future Farmers in the Owentown Chapter purchased a carload of carefully selected Aberdeen Angus steer calves. The calves will be fitted for the Fat Cattle show to be held at Louisville in November 1945.

CHAPTER NEWS

HIGHLAND PARK: On March 3, 6 FFA members and our chapter adviser attended the Wreath-Germann Duroc Sale and Judging Contest at Manhattan. 4 of our members purchased registered Duroc gilts at the sale....25 members of our chapter have joined the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association and are now making special garden studies. Each of the 25 members has made definite plans for conducting a home garden this year....Our garden seed project has been started again this year. We purchased good quality garden seed of the recommended varieties and are now distributing this seed throughout the community....Bruce Johnson, past president of our chapter, recently enlisted in the US Navy. Herbert Whitlow, who was our chapter president this year is now taking radio training in the army....Our annual Parents Meeting was held Thursday, March 29. A Shop Display, special FFA reports, Presentation of members elected to FFA degrees, the FFA picture "Future Farmers at Work," and a transcription of our March 24 KSAC broadcast were features presented at the meeting. Presiding at the meeting was Jack Hall, State FFA president....22 chapter members recently qualified for Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degrees. Farming programs, leadership activities, cooperative work, and a passing grade in an FFA quiz were the main points considered in electing members to FFA degrees. Initiation ceremonies were held for all eligible members on March 14....12 members have purchased subscriptions to the American Farm Youth magazine and 4 members have subscribed for the Duroc News. 10 members now hold memberships in the United Duroc Breeders Association....Entries in the Hoards Dairyman Judging Contest and the Duroc Judging Contest have been completed by all members of the Chapter....Some of the farm mechanics work recently completed by FFA members includes 2 wagon boxes, 8 hog houses, 1 trailer, 5 cattle feed bunks, 15 poultry feeders, 1 chick brooder, 3 sheep feeders, 4 hog troughs, 1 farm gate, 2 sets double-trees, 3 tool cabinets, and 6 leather halters....Recently, 10 chapter members who were best equipped to raise hogs, purchased 10 registered Duroc bred gilts from two leading Duroc breeders in the state. Seven of the gilts have now farrowed and we have a total of 53 pigs saved, or an average of $7\frac{1}{2}$ pigs per sow. We plan to select the best breeding stock from these litters and distribute the animals among our chapter members and farmers in the community....A recent survey of our chapter's 1944 food production record shows the following results: Pork - 45,250#; Beef - 9,600#; Milk - 62,000#; Eggs - 1,800 doz.; Broilers - 725#; Mutton - 700#; Grain - 4,125 bu.; Pasture - 18A; Roughage - 62T; Gardens - 21A,

Don Mackie, Reporter

MCPHERSON: Our chapter dipped 300 sacks of seed potatoes....We held a sheep shearing school March 30 and 31. About 60 sheep were shorn....Our FFA basketball team finished the season with 10 games won, and 2 games lost. We have purchased a pair of boxing gloves to be used in our recreation program....Plans are being made for our spring project tour. We plan to visit each boy's farming program and see how much progress he has made since last fall....Some of our larger shop jobs are: a livestock squeeze; a manure loader; and remodeling of our sheep dipping vat.

Galen Kubin, Reporter

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Prof: (Visiting a grassy corn project) "I thought you said you had plowed this corn."

Ag Student: "No, sir, I said I was thinking 'bout plowing it."

Prof: "Oh, I see, you turned it over in your mind!"

Chapter News (continued)

HILL CITY: With all 45 members participating in the pest eradication contest, Gordon Gano's side won over the side captained by Eugene Gano. The points were 1826 to 1410. Jimmy Paxson, a sophomore, was high individual with 342 points. The losers are taking the winners to Stevenson's Lake for a fish fry....4 of our members were in a serious automobile collision early this semester. Jimmy Paxson is still on crutches. Our chapter presented Jimmy with a year's subscription to the American Farm Youth magazine....We held our FFA banquet March 23 with an attendance of 93%. We purchased a 600 lb. beef which had been corn fed for 60 days, butchered same, and used the front quarter for our banquet. After disposing of the remainder of the animal, the meat for our banquet cost our chapter \$2.28. We served 146 people. Milk, cream, potatoes, sugar, beans and salads were furnished by our members....Our classes are having some real excitement in connection with poisoning prairie dogs. The number 10 class recently scattered poisoned oats near prairie dog holes over 600 acres. If livestock are in the pasture, the poisoned bait is dropped in the holes. The number 10 boys saw 6 rattlesnakes and killed 4. One had 8 rattles. This led the number 9 and number 11 classes to engage in a rattlesnake hunt. The number 9 group brought back 6 rattlers and the number 11 class brought back 1. We are having almost 100% kill of prairie dogs....3 of our members attended the sheep shearing contest at Downs, March 26, 27. Everett Harvey sheared a 200 lb. native ewe in 15 minutes....Our shop is filled with jobs to be turned out before school ends May 18. 2 of the boys are building a power buck, using a model A, reversing the differential gears.

Bill Korb, Reporter

WASHINGTON: 1945 Green Hands of our chapter are Bobby Lewis, Melvin Jorgenson, Robert Dodds, Carl Wineinger, Conrad Welch, Kenneth Kern, Raymond Soder, Ivan Dee Beaumont, Ralph Gould, Marion Hodges, Jay Weckrley, Robert Dickson, Farrell Schetz, and Clyde Broadston....Chapter Farmers who received this recognition are Thyr Zwoifel, Harold Schwab, Bob Schetz, Bill Schetz, Melvin Meyers, James Boston, and LeRoy Beaumont....Two of our day meetings have been in cooperation with the Farm Bureau and Farm Machinery dealers.... We have 200 8-weeks old broilers which are doing fine. We will start a 300 pullet project to be used as a laying flock next fall....Many farm machines have been repaired and completely overhauled by our members. Three hayracks, 4 feed bunks, 2 self-feeders, 2 hog houses, and many poultry feeders have been constructed in carpentry. ...Our chapter sponsored a sheep shearing school March 23 and 24. 10 prospective shearers learned to do the job.... Our chapter salvaged a large barn last fall and find the lumber very valuable for repair and construction jobs. Lee Gauby and Dean Stratton purchased 4 purebred bred Duroc gilts cooperatively. Fattening of beef cattle has been a major project this winter for Lee Gauby and Norman Stewart who have fed out and sold 11 head. Our night school has had excellent enrollment, with 55 and 60 members attending our 5 nights per week operating schedule. Our paint study cabinet is being used to good advantage as jobs are studied, tests made, and machines painted. We plan to hold class project tours in each class soon and a full day, all-member project tour with a picnic lunch in May.

Eugene Steffel, Reporter

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A draftee called up for examination claimed exemption on the ground of poor eyesight - and brought his wife along as evidence.

Chapter News (continued)

SABETHA: We have been getting experience in pruning grapes and fruit trees; also have done considerable livestock judging, and have decked a few sheep... Gene Kellenberger, Joe Steiner and Glenn Aeschliman gave talks before the local Kiwanis club. Gene talked on FFA Activities; Joe discussed The Importance of Farm Accounts, and Glenn told about the program of Cream Improvement in Kansas....The chapter sponsored an all-school party April 6. We are testing seed for farmers. Shop projects are: chicken feeders, farm gates, wagon boxes, hog house, and repairing a mower, harrow and a gas engine.
Glenn Aeschliman, Reporter

BELOIT: The FFA chapter is making plans for a Parent-Son banquet to be held April 24....Keith Leslie, Donald Treaster are the chapter candidates for State Farmer....L. Prewett, Miles Fete and Elden Treaster represented our chapter on the regular high school basketball team....23 FFA members made a grade of 70 or above on the Method of Production of Quality Cream test. 92 survey sheets were sent into the Dairy Department....March 12 our chapter had a St. Patrick's date party....Every FFA member is hunting film to take a picture of some phase of his farming program for the chapter activity report.

Bill Campbell, Reporter

FREDONIA: Our chapter participated in the FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Chanute and won first and fourth places....We placed second in the FFA basketball tournament at Chanute....We are planning to have an FFA Carnival in the near future.

Richard Smith, Reporter

STOCKTON: The chapter sponsored their seventh annual Parent and Son Banquet Friday evening, March 16. There were 146 members and guests present. The program consisted of special music and talks by the following members: Bob Daniels, Dean Blair, Gail McComb, DeVane Cunningham, Keith Denic, Rodney Muir, and Doyle Peaslee. Lieutenant Alvin Carsten, one of our charter members who has served his missions in the South Pacific, also talked. Howard Bradley, vocational agriculture instructor of Beloit, Kansas, gave us a very fine address on Farming Programs. There was a 100% attendance on the part of our members....We are holding an exchange of meetings with the Phillipsburg Chapter. We visited their chapter on February 12 and intend to have them at our meeting on April 17....The following from our seniors are either in the service or soon will be: Leon Baxter, Carl Bridwill, Bob Daniels, and Darrell Cunningham Jr....49 of our chapter alumni are now in the service. Our chapter was not chartered until 1939.

Darrell Cunningham Jr., Reporter

ELDORADO: During March our members treated 700 sacks of seed potatoes for the Farm Bureau....Our chapter also ran the March butterfat tests for the Butler County Dairy Herd Improvement Association....A chapter owned Duroc gilt farrowed 9 pigs....Our first and second FFA basketball teams were defeated by the Burns FFA teams, by scores of 14-16 first team, and 9-13, overtime, for the second team.

Richard Chase, Reporter

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Customer: "Do you remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"

Grocer: "Yes."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

Chapter News (continued)

HIAWATHA: The Hiawatha chapter of the FFA has received the Sears Roebuck award for the amount of \$57.64. The chapter decided to use this money, with additional from the chapter funds, to purchase a purebred Duroc Gilt for Bob Meyers. We had several requests for the gilt, but the Senior Committee decided to give it to one of the younger boys....Our Parents and Son Banquet was held February 28, with about 75 parents and guests present. Superintendent Stark in his short talk commended the boys for their ability to go ahead and have a banquet and carry it through to successful completion without the help of the adviser who was in bed during the week. Frank King received the chapter scholastic award for the last semester....Our department has just completed 4 farm machinery repair schools. Our adviser, Mr. Petefish, assigned to us the task of assisting in securing enrollment. We must have been fairly successful as it was found necessary to limit enrollment for each course....The last week of March we found it our painful duty to entertain the Fairview chapter, as we were the losers in a pest eradication contest which ran for 6 weeks. Perhaps that word painful should be explained. We lost by less than 50 points and a little extra effort would have put us in the winning class. Despite our loss we had a lot of fun and are sure the party was a success. "Date of course."

Wayne Meyers, Secretary

VALLEY CENTER: We received our charter and met all requirements, so Valley Center is a recognized, official FFA chapter....We made a 6-weeks study of the "Method and Practice in Quality Cream Production." We had 8 boys receive Certificates of Achievement....The chapter elected Dale Rich to take the place of Bill McVicar as chapter reporter, who quit school to work in a war plant in Wichita....The ag boys are sponsoring a program this spring to paint and repair all Valley Center signs within several miles radius of Valley Center....The boys have overhauled 4 cars belonging to the boys. We are Arc Welding 2" pipes together to make farm gates....Dale Rich is keeping 7 gilts to breed for fall litters. He has enough feed left over to carry him through until he raises another crop. His old sow has a litter of 7 pigs now....Most of the boys in town and on the farm are putting out Victory Gardens.

Dale Rich, Reporter

COLDWATER: We held our yearly FFA Parent and Son Banquet February 27, 1945. After a short program by the members, we showed the talkie picture "Soldiers of the Soil." There were 24 members with their parents, and several guests present. Members receiving chenille sweater emblems as awards for outstanding farming programs were: Darrol Miller, Ronald Lousch, Doyle Hoffman, and Gene Uhl....Most of the boys who bought cattle last fall are selling them at this time as they take them off the wheat. They are bringing one to one and a half cents per pound more than was paid for them....We noticed the article in the March 15 Future Farmer regarding Ernest Farr, Emporia, Kansas, senior who had a farm income of \$2,617.20. This is a very good income and we want to congratulate Ernest. We wish to present the figures of Junior Oller, one of our members, who we think had a very high income for a boy the first year out of school. Junior was a senior last year and paid Federal Income tax on a net earning of \$4,843.76 for the year 1944.

Gene Uhl, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MOUNDRIDGE: Our chapter has ordered several motion pictures, several of which have already been shown to the voc. ag. classes. Some of the pictures shown were: "Locking Ahead", "Dependable Credit"; "Livestock and Meat"; "1944 World Series"; "Along the Milky Way"....The students of our ag classes have cleaned and treated about 580 bushels of oats....Our pest eradication contest ended by the boys living south of town winning. The losers recently paid off by giving a party to the winners in the high school gym....Our annual Father and Son banquet was held Thursday evening, April 12....Members of all the ag classes judged in the annual Hoard's Dairy Judging contest.... In basketball, our team played five games and won 3 of them. The B team played two games and won 1 of them. The only team that beat our basketball team was the McPherson FFA team....We have completed 3 A-type hog houses and 1 double-combination hog house in the ag shop. We have orders for a range poultry house, and will probably build several more A-type hog houses. The acetylene welder in our shop has been getting a lot of use by the boys, welding pieces of equipment brought from home as well as welding on new construction jobs. Two junior boys, Melvin Schrag, and Galen Flickner, are constructing revolving blade type lawn mowers. Several of our boys took part in the sheep shearing school held at McPherson on March 30 and 31. 10 of our boys took the quality cream test, 6 of them passed the test, and have turned in 21 surveys....All our members hope that Clifford Hotzke, our president, will be successful in getting his State Farmer Degree.

LeRoy Stucky, Reporter

INMAN: The pest eradication contest ended February 1, 1945. The team captained by Howard Schierling won over the team captained by Oscar Willems by the score of 97,585 points to 78,370 points. Oscar Willems was the high scoring individual with a score of 23,360 points. John Smith, our FFA president, was 2nd with a score of 17,450 points. The losers will serve a bean feed to the winners. Pests eradicated in 2 months during the hunting and trapping season: 1 coyote; 4 badgers; 3 weasels; 230 starlings; 34 rats; 190 jackrabbits; 33 skunks; 27 civets; 48 crows; 437 cottontails; 402 mice; 118 o'possums; 146 muskrats; 36 chicken hawks; 1 cowbird; 1 mole and 1358 sparrows...The Inman FFA presented a chapel program January 16....The FFA donated \$5.00 from the chapter fund to the Infantile Paralysis Fund....9 boys qualified for the Cream Quality Test and 36 dairy farm surveys were completed. The local boys entered Hoard's Dairyman Contest 100%. Several boys entered the Durco Picture Judging Contest....Regular night meetings have been held throughout the school year on the 2nd Monday of each month. Some shop jobs under construction are: 1 hay rack; 6 chicken brooders; 5 feed troughs; 3 self feeders; 7 ladders; 2 A-type hog houses; 2 chicken coops; and several repair jobs on farm machinery....To date the chapter has castrated 10 boars and 18 bulls, and culled 350 hens.

Walt Noufold, Reporter

LEBANON: We are sponsoring a FFWT machinery night school, which has had an average attendance of 18. New shop equipment acquired this year includes a lathe, arc and gas welders, bench grinders, an electric drill, and several wrench sets....10 of our members are doing custom sheep shearing. They are doing most of the shearing on the farm, but will shear in the shop if anyone cares to bring sheep to town....The annual Parent-Son banquet is being planned for April 17....We are sponsoring another paper drive to begin April 3....Lebanon has three junior boys who are applicants for the State Farmer degree - Wyvern Kugler, Morse Abbot, and Norris Maydew.

Bill Shively, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

FAIRVIEW: The O.S.Y.M. have issued a new oxy-acetylene welder to be used in our shop. This gives us a total of 3 welders in our shop. We have built 2 A-type one sow hog houses this last month. We are repairing 1 drill and 2 mowers....The sophomore class has been spraying peach trees and pruning grapes....Hiawatha chapter sponsored a sheep shearing school March 21 and 22. The following boys attended from Fairview: Charles Jackson, Marvin Bauerle, and Alvin Wenger. The boys helped shear 90 head of Western ewes....The Fairview chapter won in the pest eradication contest between the Hiawatha and Fairview chapters. The Hiawatha chapter entertained the Fairview chapter to a Line Party and Chili Feed on March 22....Alvin Wenger, last year's State Farmer, and this year's candidate for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarship, has joined the Naval Reserves.

Marvin Bauerle, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: The Junction City chapter held open house January 30. Mr. Miller, our vocational agriculture teacher, presented awards to the following: James Younkin, Wayne Upham, Herman Cott, Harold Biegert, David Rohrer, and Bill Gfeller for outstanding farming programs; Bill Gfeller for farming mechanics; Kenneth Hartung for scholarship....In order to raise funds for the chapter we sold soft drinks at the basketball tournament held here. We made over \$100....In our shop the boys are repairing and building equipment. Some of the equipment that is being made are: manure loaders by Carl Elhers and Bill Gfeller; silage cart by David Rohrer; hay bucks by Virgil Cowen, Floyd Morland, Harold Biegert; and a hog house by Kenneth Hartung....A group of boys attended the annual Wreath Duroc Hog Sale near Manhattan, and judged hogs there. Alvin Erichsen placed third, and Kenneth Hartung and Jack Wahle tied for fourth, with the team placing second....Harold Biegert, a sophomore, bought one of the top gilts at the Iowa Falls Duroc Sale in February. Wayne Upham also bought four Hampshire Gilts in Belleville, Kansas.

Bill Gfeller, Reporter

HAVEN: The FFA sponsored a meeting of freshman boys and parents some time ago. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the parents with some of the problems of the students....As an extra activity, the ag boys gave a program for the Girls' Club....Our officers and instructor, Mr. Schulthess, gave a program for the local Booster Club by demonstrating the correct way in which parliamentary procedure should be practiced....The FFA presented a radio-play in chapel, entitled "FFA Foils the Villain."....We had a date party March 13 in a local grove. About 40 members and guests were present to enjoy the wiener roast....At our last meeting we elected 3 captains, who chose sides for our softball teams. The captains, Sam Collins, Don Hoskinson, and Gene Harris, chose names for their teams, which are: "The 4-Fers", "The Dirty Socks", and "Women Lovers." After the rest of the school chooses several teams we shall begin our tournaments....In our shop we have started on our fourth livestock squeeze. An all-steel bale elevator has also been started. Other projects under construction include a hog house, 3 hog feeders, wood lathe, breeding crate, shipping crate, hay wagon bed, poultry mash feeder, dehorning gate, tractor funnels, twist clevises, etc....We have completed the material for our chapter activity report.

Homer Yoder, Reporter

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"What's the matter with Scotty? He seems upset."

"Oh, he just got a shine and then remembered he had his room-mate's shoes on."

Chapter News (continued)

ALTAMONT: We presented a chapel program which consisted of a mock wedding, played by 15 FFA boys. We have shown several films to the chapter....15 boys were recently awarded the Better Quality Cream Production certificate....We have gone out on several field trips to masculate and dock lambs, dehorn cattle, cull chickens, and study poultry. We visited several herds of cattle in S.E.K. for study....In our classroom we have been studying crop identification and poultry grading and judging....In our shop we have been repairing farm machinery. We have purchased a large fanning mill and built a shed for it. We now have several disks, drills, plows, a cornbinder, 2 mowing machines, harrows, corn shellers and a wagon being repaired. We are making a machinery trailer....In the Chanute FFA Public Speaking Contest, our members placed as follows: Eldon Mosler 4th in the 9th grade; Jack Robbins 10th in the 10th grade, and Eugene Carnahan 7th in the 11th grade....Eldon Mosler and Ted Shaffer, captains of the Pest Eradication contest, compared points, and Ted Shaffer won. Eldon's side took Ted's team to the picture show at Parsons.
Eugene Carnahan, Reporter

KINSLEY: We held our Father-Son banquet April 3. Bob Crockett, Albert Koch, and Bob Walsh were awarded the Honorary FFA membership. The program was made up entirely of talks and musical numbers presented by the boys. Bob Lohmeyer recently purchased a purebred Duroc Jersey bear from the G. M. Shepherd herd, Lyons, Kansas. James Lohmeyer also purchased a bred gilt from the same herd....There is a lot of activity in the shop; a number of power lawn mowers are being made in both the night classes and daytime classes. Several two-wheel trailers have been made, and feedbunks, creep feeders, step ladders are under construction....A number of the older boys are anticipating joining some branch of the armed service, and are making various types of knives....The chapter voted to buy a \$50.00 war bond.
Floyd Crockett, Reporter

PAXICO: An FFA skating party for the Paxico FFA girls was held January 15. 100% of the members were present....An FFA Banquet was held February 21. It was a very bad night because of the snow. Some of our own members were unable to attend....Ag 2 classes have pruned several grape vineyards and some apple trees....The Ag 3 class entered the National Duroc Picture Judging Contest.... Eight of our members have registered Durocs which are due to farrow this month....Seven of our members attended the Wreath-Germann Duroc Sale and Judging Contest at Manhattan, March 3....Harnesses are now being oiled in the shop. One dollar per set is being charged. After the oil is paid for, the money remaining will be placed in our FFA fund....Several seed germination tests are being made for the farmers in our community....Shop Projects are: Building - 1 tractor hay buck; a 2-row stack cutter for tractor from 2 single row horse-drawn; a 2-row tractor lister from walking listers; 3 wagon boxes; 5 horse drawn monitors being built for tractors; 1 scoop board; 2 wheelbarrows; 4 chicken feeders; 1 cattle feed bunk. Repairing - 2 grain binders; 2 mowers; 1 hay rake; 2 hay stackers; 1 harrow; 1 wagon; 2 manure spreaders....We also butchered 26 hogs and 5 hoes.

Earl Muckenthaler, Reporter

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Proud Native: "What do you think of our town?"

Cynical Visitor: "It certainly is unique."

Native: "What do you mean unique?"

Visitor: "It comes from two Latin words - 'unus' meaning one, and 'equus' meaning horse."