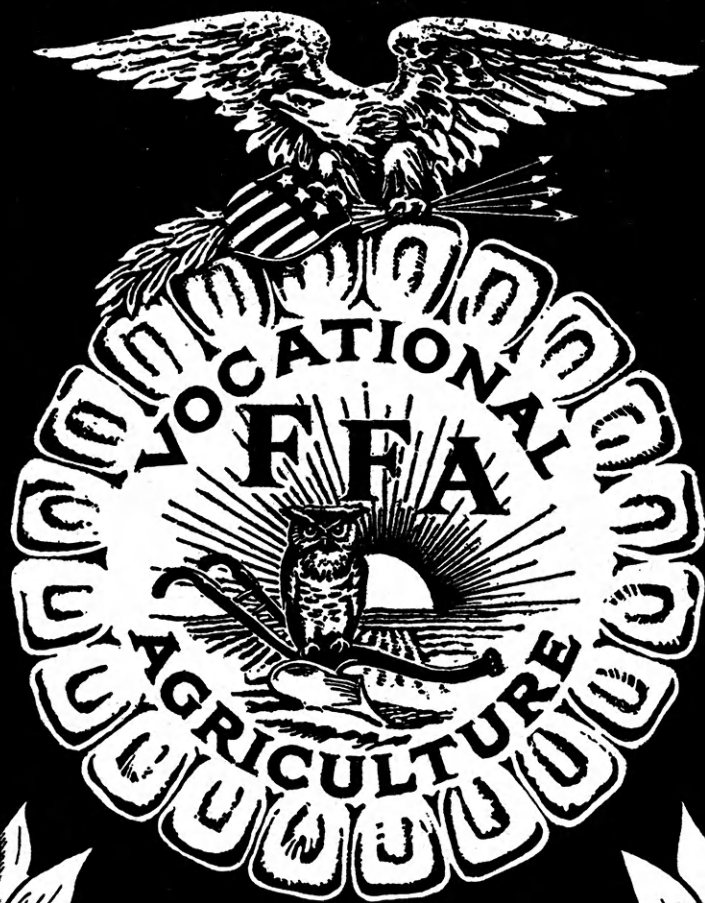


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THE NEW YEAR

A Flower unblown; A Book unread;
A Tree with fruit unharvested;
A Path untrod; A House whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;
This is the Year that for you waits
Beyond Tomorrow's mystic gates.

- Horatio N. Powers

FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues were due as of January 1, 1946. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state. To date 66 per cent of the chapters have paid dues.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter contest entries - consisting of the chapter program of work in each case - must be in the U. S. Office of Education, addressed to National Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney, not later than January 31, 1946. The following chapters designated as "Gold Emblem Chapters" in the Kansas Association Chapter contest of 1945 are eligible to enter: Beloit, Buhler, Clay Center, Emporia, Great Bend, Haven, Highland Park, Manhattan, Sedan, Shawnee Mission, Washburn, and Winfield.

AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES: Notification of intention to submit an American Farmer candidate should be mailed to Professor L. F. Hall, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, not later than February 1, 1946.

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Definite plans are being formulated for holding the 1946 State FFA Public Speaking contest. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for the State FFA Public Speaking contest immediately.

The 1946 State FFA Public Speaking contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national contest.

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

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

Any boy who has participated in a ny state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1946 Kansas FFA public speaking contest.

Time Limit

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

Subjects

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

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

Public Speaking Contest (continued)

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

Sources

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

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, Technical bulletins, and special reports.) Note: In addition to the old line technical bureaus such as Animal Industry, Dairy Industry, Entomology, Chemistry, etc., the following agencies are now a part of the USDA: Soil Conservation Service; Farm Credit Administration; Rural Electrification Administration; Farm Security Administration; Production and Marketing Administration (This agency handles the work formerly cared for by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Agricultural Marketing Act, and the War Food Administration). For information on publications, write the Director of Information, U.S.D.A. Orders for the purchase of USDA publications should be sent to the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.
4. Current National Magazines.
5. The Farm Press.

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

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G. I. JOE COMES HOME

NOTE: Boyce Dougherty, Shawnee Mission chapter, speaking on the subject "G. I. Joe Comes Home", won first place in the 1945 Kansas FFA Public Speaking contest, and placed second in the North Central Regional FFA Public Speaking contest. His speech follows.

"America" is a wonderful word to those who realize that it is an America of free people who toil under a system of free enterprise in a field of their own choice. That is freedom. Since the Declaration of Independence, nearly 169 years ago, our fathers and grandfathers have fought in 6 major wars to maintain that freedom. Again today, 11 million of America's sons and daughters are fighting and dying on the battlefields of the world to preserve it; 11 million courageous young Americans who were drawn from their homes and thrust into the horrors and chaos of war. GI Joe went to war, and in the trying days of battle he forgot about days and nights, months and years, and began to think in terms of today, the war, and tomorrow, the peace and the world to come. Amid the shrieking of shells and the terrifying gamble with death, GI Joe is thinking of home. He is living today only because he is thinking of the day when he will return to the land he loves.

American soldiers all over the world are planning their lives for the time when they will lay aside the uniform of the armed forces and assume the position of an American civilian. All of our soldiers are looking forward to the day of demobilization, but many are looking further than that; many are looking to the years ahead. If given the proper opportunities they will devote themselves to their task of reconversion with the same determination that they displayed at Tarawa, on the beaches of Normandy, in the Philippines, and in the valiant conquest of Okinawa.

Many of these returning veterans are planning to return to the farm. Former Secretary of Agriculture, Claude Wickard, estimates that as many as 3 million soldiers will turn to farming after the war. In order to become established, they require our aid. Whether they succeed or fail will depend upon us and upon our willingness to work with them.

This is our question: Will the farm-adapted veteran be driving a tractor and supplying us with wheat or will he be pushing a cart and selling apples? Will he be supplying us with meat, vegetables, and grain, or will he be subjected to the humility of selling shoestrings and hairpins on the corner of 12th and Main?

We must not allow the same thing to happen this time that happened in

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1918. In 1918, on Armistice Day, the war was officially over. No one had anything to worry about and we could all forget about that terrible thing called war. It was a war to end all wars; there would be no more bloodshed, no more broken hearts at home. The people did forget it. They forgot the war, and what is worse, they neglected the peace. What followed is now World History; inflation, depression, and then war. There was little planning; only the disabled veteran received aid. Certainly, it was all right for the returning doughboy to farm, but not a finger was lifted toward guiding him in that direction. Consequently, many boys who would have made good farmers gave up and turned to other occupations. Many boys who lacked necessary aptitude became farmers and did more harm than good to themselves and to their country.

That was in 1918 when there were few plans. This time, in 1945, we are beginning to think, in the midst of war, of the future. We are beginning to realize what it means to have no plans. We have learned from World War I of the chaos, the unemployment, the hardships of a financial depression that result from a lack of planning. We now know that we are the ones who will help GI Joe to realize his dreams by being prepared to help him resettle when he returns, and by being ready to help him satisfy his needs economically and educationally. If we don't, we shall have failed to meet our obligation.

First, the homecoming Yank will have to be guided into the occupation for which he has aptitude. In 1918 our boys drifted into any field regardless of preparation or qualifications and without assistance. This time the government of the United States has set up the Veteran's Placement Service Board, for advice to these servicemen. In addition to this board, many voluntary committees have been organized in the local agricultural communities to guide veterans. These local committees are manned by a trained agricultural leader, a representative of a federal loaning agency, a representative of a veterans' organization, and others. They deal with problems such as available farms, amount of required capital, leases and rental agreements, and above all, they encourage cooperation between the civilian and the serviceman. Through these aids the soldier will be guided back into civilian life.

The returning soldier will want a good farm at a reasonable cost. Reasonable cost doesn't mean selling farms at rock-bottom prices, but it means that the farm should be sold at a fair price for all concerned. During the present era of high prices, it might be better for him to rent till conditions prove more favorable. Then he could be encouraged to buy the farm by offering him longtime government loans.

He may not know about the conditions in the community to which he expects to move. He may need aid in selecting the right type of farm necessary for carrying on his type of farming if he wishes to specialize. It is here that many of our present organizations can step in and lend a hand. Many of the local chapters of the Future Farmers of America can act as clearing stations in locating farms for the G. I. Such a system would be a challenge to these organizations to help in the postwar years. As Future Farmers of America and as citizens we should accept this challenge and repay the debt we owe these soldiers.

The veteran will want a mechanized farm with up-to-date machinery and equipment in order to produce efficiently and maintain a high standard of

G. I. Joe Comes Home (concluded)

living. The supplying of this machinery presents another problem to the reconversion plans. The solution of this problem is an opportunity for American industry and labor. The machinery demand from returning veterans alone will be more than enough to keep the production lines rolling and machines humming for several years. Given opportunity, G. I. Joe will be a contented citizen and a factor for everlasting peace.

Insuring these prospects for our returned soldier and insuring world markets for him must be the aim of the American people. By assisting him to get back on the farm, we will be helping him to realize his dreams; the ideals for which he has fought and which many have died to preserve. We will encourage him to build a prosperous nation and help keep world peace.

Thus, when we assist the veteran, we are indirectly helping ourselves. Through him we will attain total peace as we attained, through him, total victory.

Remember, America, we have our choice. Are we going to have G. I. Joe industriously working with us or will we have him standing in a bread line, plotting against us and our ideals? We must follow the only path to permanent prosperity, the path of teamwork and cooperation. This done, we will have satisfied the soldier's dreams, we will have supported the ideals on which our government is based, and we will have promoted the cause for which many of our fathers and brothers have fought and died.

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NATIONAL ADVISER SPANTON GIVES MESSAGE TO FFA

"The annual 'March of Dimes' starts on January 14 and extends through and including January 31, 1946. As you know, this is the annual fund-raising drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"It is my opinion that members of the Future Farmers of America throughout the United States, if given an opportunity, would welcome the opportunity to not only make contributions to the fund individually, or by appropriations from their local chapter treasuries, but many of them would gladly contribute their time in cooperation with local committees responsible for the drive, by assisting in door-to-door solicitations.

"Certainly the fight being waged against infantile paralysis is an extremely worthy cause and one with which every member of the Future Farmers of America in the United States should welcome the opportunity to be affiliated.

"Your office will no doubt be contacted some time in the near future by the chairman of the State Infantile Paralysis Committee, at which time further details of the drive will be discussed with you. In the meantime, I hope that this announcement will be passed on by your office to each local FFA chapter in your state."

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CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Local FFA chapters planning to submit a candidate or candidates for the American Farmer degree should notify Executive Secretary L. F. Hall, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, of this intention not later than February 1, 1945. Upon receipt of this notification of intention of chapter to submit an American Farmer candidate or candidates, the state office will mail materials and instructions as to procedure of the local chapters concerned.

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

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree are set forth in Article IV, Section E of the national constitution, revised November, 1944.

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

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

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

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KANSAS RANKED FIRST

Kansas ranked first in the number of inches of space devoted to pictures and news articles concerning FFA activities by The American Farm Youth from September 1944 through May 1945, according to editor Robert Romack. The states with more than a total of 100 column inches were:

Kansas	243 inches
Ohio.....	215 inches
North Carolina....	206 inches
Texas.....	161 inches
Illinois.....	155 inches
California.....	142 inches
Wisconsin.....	119 inches

SEDAN CHAPTER - 1945 NATIONAL SILVER EMBLEM WINNER

As announced in the October, 1945, Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, the Sedan chapter won a Silver Emblem classification in the 1945 National Chapter Contest. The report filed consisted of 51 typewritten pages, and therefore is too lengthy to be included in this newsletter. However, for the benefit of all chapters in the state, and more particularly for those chapters preparing their national chapter entries, we are running the summary of the eight divisions of the chapter activities, together with the splendid story of the 1944-45 chapter activities, as written by Dale Apol reporter of the Sedan chapter.

Supervised Practice

1. Average number of productive projects completed per member 5½
2. Average number of improvement projects completed per member 6
3. Average number of supplementary practices completed per member 18
4. Percentage of members with long time farming programs . . .100%
5. Percentage of members with full ownership of one or more productive projects 100%

Cooperative Activity

Kind of Cooperative Activity	Amount of Supplies, Commodities or services of each kind.	Percentage of members participating
Cooperative purchasing seed -		
sorghum and oats . . . . .	.1560#	40%
Purchasing sheep and goat drench . . . . .	.29 gallons	25%
Purchasing Sulphathiazol	1 gross tablets	60%
Purchasing serum-cholera	5000cc	35%
Shipped sheep . . . . .	.444 lbs	16%
Treat seed	7300 lbs	100%
Test seed . . . . .	.606 samples	100%
Machinery repair	41 machines	100%
Show products at local fair	72 entries	37%
Concession . . . . .	. . . . .	20%
FFA Dairy Heifer Contract . . . . .	.2 reg. Jersey Heifers	6%
FFA Beef Heifer Contract . . . . .	.1 reg. Hereford Heifer	3%

Community Service

Kind or object of service	Means used	Results
FPWT School	Cooperation between school officials and state board of vocational education	4 courses of 6 weeks each, and over 3,000 man hours of instruction.

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Kind or object of service	Means used	Results
Pest Eradication Contest	Divide chapter into two competing teams.	Destroyed 15 coyotes, 12 coons, 40 skunks, 10 hawks, 1 bobcat, 11 opossums, 9 crows, 49 rabbits, 36 squirrels, 120 sparrows, 141 mice, 40 rats.
Salvage Work to Aid War Effort	Boys do work collecting from rural and urban people and from garages and filling stations.	48 tons of paper, 14 tons of rubber, 12 tons of metal.
Drenching and dipping sheep	Boys do work in Chautauqua County and surrounding counties using FFA equipment.	Dipped 16 head sheep and goats. Drenched 620 head.
Dipping and spraying cattle	Boys attended grub demonstration. Boys distributed pamphlets, dusted cattle on field trips. Supplementary practice jobs.	Dusted 150 head for 12 farmers.
Veterinarian Practices	Boys do work on field trips. Boys do work as supplementary practice jobs.	Wormed 100 hogs. Assisted in parturition of 31 cows, 2 horses, and 6 sows. Dehorned 63 head of cattle, castrated 42 calves, vaccinated 84 calves, branded 29 calves vaccinated 42 hogs. Vaccinated for Bangs disease, shipping fever, distemper, cholera, scours and blackleg.

Leadership

Event Sponsored by or Participated in by Chapter Members	Chapter Number	Representation Kind	Winning or other Recognition
Guy Thompson, Moline, Judging School	30	Individuals	No ranking made
Reece Vandruff, Cedar Vale, Judging School	12	Individuals	No ranking made
2nd Annual Labette Co. Hereford Field Day	31	5 teams	1st place - team 4th place - individual

Sedan Chapter (continued)

Event Sponsored by or Participated in by Chapter Members	Chapter Number	Representation Kind	Winning or other Recognition
Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest	32	Individual	
District Officers Training School	6	Officers	<u>1st place</u> - FFA ritual contest <u>1st place</u> - dist. FFA information contest. <u>2nd place</u> - state FFA information contest. Reporter Dale Apel ranked 1st in state FFA information contest. President Rollin Casement and Secretary Jim Keller tied for 2nd in state FFA information contest.
Project Tours held at different times.	Total of Chapter 100% visiting projects.		
Assembly Programs held at school	10	Individual	
Parent & Son Banquet	35 chapter members & 85 outsiders		
Joint Meeting with Coffeyville Chapter	12	Individual	
FFA Leadership Camp	6	Past, present & future officers	

Earnings and Savings

By the Chapter:

1. Total net profit made by chapter this year on various chapter activities designed to create working capital for the chapter - \$520.46.
2. Principal money-making devices used: Butchering, scrap sales, concessions at football and basketball games.

Sedan Chapter (continued)

By Members:

1. Average labor income per individual member, this year, derived from farming activities. \$120.02
2. Average investment per member in farming at present. \$508.00
3. Average savings per member at present. \$556.20

Conduct of Meetings

1. Time of day the school-year chapter meeting is scheduled:
 - a. - Extra curricular school time.
 - b. - Out-of-school time.
2. Frequency of chapter meeting during school year. - Every other week.
3. Number of meetings held during summer vacation period. - 3.
4. Average length of meeting period. - 1 hour.
5. Percentage of members attending meetings. - 95%.
6. Do chapter officers use ritual material without reading it from the Manual? - Yes.
7. Does chapter own full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual? - Yes.
8. Percentage of members who own an FFA Manual. - 100%.
9. Are meetings conducted following standard parliamentary procedure? - Yes.
10. Does chapter use official Secretary and Treasurer Books? - Yes.

Scholarship

1. Average scholarship grade for the chapter members for year ended in June, 1945. - B-
2. Percentage of members who are in the upper quarter of class - 20%
3. Percentage of members who are in the second quarter of class - 31%
4. Percentage of members who are in the lower half of class - 49%
5. What is your chapter doing to improve the scholastic rating of the chapter members? - Offering ribbons to the 3 Green Hands with highest grades, and the 3 Chapter Farmers having highest grades.

Recreation

Type of recreational activity sponsored or participated in by members	Number of each kind	Percentage of members participating
Baseball Team		90%
Green Hand Initiation		100% of Chapter Farmers & Green Hands
Party for Prospective Members	3	85%
Summer Meetings (50% recreational)	3	85%
Date Party	1	80%

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Chapter Story

The Sedan Chapter of Future Farmers of America is a comparatively young chapter. It was chartered in the fall of 1940, with 34 charter members. 26 of the charter members are now serving with the armed forces, the rest are on farms, doing a "bang up" job of producing food.

During the school year of 1941-1942, and the second year of the chapter's existence, the quality of the program of work was so good that the chapter was ranked among the ten high in the state of Kansas. In the year of 1942-1943 the chapter placed among the high ten for the second consecutive year. During the fourth year of its life, the Sedan Chapter was classed as a member of the Gold Emblem Group, and was also selected as alternate chapter to represent Kansas in the National Better Chapter Contest. This past year, which is only the fifth year of the chapter's existence, has been the most successful of all.

Since the organization of the chapter in 1940, it has been under the supervision of Supt. R. L. Jewell, Principal T. W. Millard, and Adviser Joe P. Neill. This past year the chapter officers were: President - Rollin Casement; Vice President - Robert Rathbun; Secretary - Jim Keller; Treasurer - Robert Cloyd; and Reporter - Dale Apel.

Under Rollin Casement's able leadership in this, his second year as president of the Sedan Chapter, the committees were so assigned that each chapter member served on at least one committee. Thus, interest was stimulated and 100% of the members took part in chapter activities.

There are 37 former FFA members of the Sedan chapter now serving in our armed forces. The active members are proud of these fighters for freedom, and are backing them to the utmost by sponsoring such Victory Programs as war bond purchases, farm machinery repair, FPWT courses, collection of salvage, and the production of huge quantities of food to feed our soldiers, sailors and marines.

During the year 1944, the 37 active members not only produced enough food to feed their 37 comrades in arms, but 5 other fighters as well. The food production record consisted of 1135 bu. sorghum grain; 142 tons of silage; 663 lbs. broiler meat; 22,830 eggs, 29,124 lbs. pork; 24,571 lbs. beef; 4,461 lbs. sheep and lamb; 1,775 bu. corn; 2,240 bu. oats; 79,720 lbs. milk; 120 tons prairie hay; and the products of 20 victory gardens. These amounts of food are large considering that 32 of the 37 boys producing this food are in high school and are carrying on regular high school activities in addition to their farm work.

The production of such quantities of food requires a corresponding amount of capital. According to official figures, the Sedan Chapter ranked eighth in amount invested in farming programs in the state in 1945. Each boy has an average of \$508.00, or a total of \$18,796 for the chapter, invested in farming program.

The Sedan Chapter has always stressed sound farming practices and its efforts have yielded good results.

Sedan Chapter (continued)

Each boy works out a 4-year tentative farming program. In this manner, they know what equipment will be needed and can be prepared to take care of the livestock and crops. It takes good stock and good seed to raise the above listed amounts of food. 100% of the boys use purebred sires, and 90% raise some kind of registered stock. 100% of our members treat their seed, and 85% of our members use certified seed.

Supplementary practice jobs are a must with our members. Each boy completes a minimum of 18 supplementary practice jobs per year. They also learn in shop how to repair farm machinery. This is very essential, especially during a war time period when machinery is so difficult to get, and when time and labor are at a premium. Each freshman member must master a minimum of 5 shop skills. The second year boys must learn a minimum of 10 additional shop skills, and the third and fourth year boys master 13 additional shop skills. These are minimum requirements.

Farm machinery has been difficult to obtain ever since Pearl Harbor, and the farmer has had to make his old machinery last longer, and at the same time he must produce more food.

Last fall our chapter assisted in starting Food Production War Training classes, cooperating with the State Vocational Board and the local school system. These classes have been very successful in helping the farmer repair his old machinery. It is estimated that at least 100 different farmers have benefited from the four 6-weeks courses that have been held. Over 3,000 man-hours of instruction and help have been given through these courses.

During the past winter, many members have brought in old farm machines from their father's farms. These have been repaired in class time and returned to the farms in A-1 condition. 41 machines were brought to the shop for major repairs last year. This is above the state average for machines repaired per member. In conjunction with this work, the chapter also buys old farm machinery, has the members repair and sell same, thereby providing a profit for the chapter, and experience for the boys. Through this activity the chapter performs a patriotic service by releasing, to some extent, the strain that results from the farm machinery shortage.

The Sedan Chapter has been very active in the salvaging of critical war materials. Recognizing early the need for salvage of such materials as rubber, paper, and metal, the chapter started its salvage program three years ago.

Although Sedan is located in one of the most sparsely settled districts in the state, our members did not let this stop them. Today, the Sedan FFA chapter is the sole salvage collecting agency in Chautauqua County, and during the past year, has collected 24,000 lbs. of scrap metal; 96,000 lbs. of paper; 1,460 lbs. of rags; 28,000 lbs. of rubber; and 650 burlap sacks. The collection of scrap won state honors. For the second consecutive year the chapter ranked first in the state in the collection of rubber, and ranked second in the state in the collection of paper. The chapter ranked fifth in the collection of scrap metal.

With the profit realized from the collection of scrap, \$200 worth of War Bonds have been purchased in the name of the Sedan Chapter of FFA. In

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addition, the chapter encourages the buying of bonds by the individual members, and since Pearl Harbor, the 37 boys have purchased \$6113.00 in bonds.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Therefore, no chapter's program is considered well balanced unless it has some recreational features. During the noon hours in early fall and late spring, our members practice baseball on the school diamond. Each fall a date party is held. Each boy must either bring a date, wear a dress, or pay a fine. The summer meetings which are held regularly on the first Saturday of each month also provide recreation for our members who have worked hard on their farms during the day. After the meetings, the boys play games and serve refreshments. At the August meeting, likely prospects for new members are invited, and a special program is put on for their benefit. Another activity in the fall which provides entertainment is the Green Hand initiation. After the formal initiation, the Green Hands are taken into the shop where their sportsmanship is tested. Another party held in the spring, follows the chapter pest eradication contest. The losing side in this contest sponsors a party which is another of the big events of the year.

An event started this year in Southeast Kansas which provides recreation for the boys, as well as leadership training, is the FFA Leadership Camp, held at Coffeyville during July. This camp, sponsored by the Coffeyville Chamber of Commerce, was a 3-day affair and during this time several periods were devoted to the discussion of FFA activities. A visit was made to several of the industries of Coffeyville. Rollin Casement, president of the Sedan chapter, and newly elected president of the Kansas Association, played an important part in the organization of this camp, and it was partly due to his efforts that the camp was a success. Dale Apel, newly elected president of the Sedan Chapter, was elected vice president of the camp organization of the southeast FFA district.

One of the aims of the national organization of FFA is to stimulate competent, aggressive, rural agricultural leadership. This also constitutes one of the aims of the Sedan Chapter. During the past year, our leadership program was greatly expanded. At the beginning of the year, the leadership qualities of the Sedan Chapter became apparent when our chapter officers won second place in the State FFA Information Contest. Reporter Dale Apel won first place in the State FFA Information Contest with a score of 62 out of 68 possible points. President Rollin Casement and Secretary Jim Keller tied for second place with a score of 60 points each. In the southeast Kansas district, vice president Robert Rathbun placed fourth, and treasurer Robert Cloyd placed sixth in the FFA Information Contest.

In the Southeast Kansas district leadership school, the officers of the Sedan Chapter placed first in the FFA opening and closing Ritual Contest.

In addition to winning two blue ribbons at the southeast Kansas FFA Leadership school, our chapter presented more than its share of the program. President Rollin Casement gave a talk on some of the more important parts of our program of work; treasurer Robert Cloyd gave a brief financial outline of the chapter; and reporter Dale Apel recited the FFA creed.

Last spring Rollin J. Casement, serving his second year as president of the Sedan chapter, was elected president of the Kansas Association of Future

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Farmers of America. Reporter Dale Apel also became a state winner by placing third in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.

Entering all except one of the judging schools in southeast Kansas, our chapter has made an enviable record. In the Hereford judging school at Parsons, we placed first. With approximately 500 participants, President Rollin Casement won fourth place, and Harold Joe McAlister, thirteenth. Both boys were members of the Sedan FFA team which placed first.

Our annual Parents and Son Banquet is one of the outstanding events of the year. All of the program is planned and put on by the members.

A joint meeting was held with the newly chartered Coffeyville chapter. The Sedan chapter initiated their Green Hand members and installed their newly elected officers.

The Sedan chapter, realizing the value of cooperation, purchased 920 lb. of certified sorghum, and 20 bu. of certified oats. This was in addition to our cooperative activities in the production of livestock.

Harmful pests are not only a nuisance but an expense to a community and it is for this reason that each year the Sedan Chapter holds a competitive contest for the eradication of pests. (List of pests eradicated included in the regular report.).

If the FFA is to have the backing of the farmers of the community, community services must be rendered. The Sedan chapter owns and operates a sheep dipping vat. In the spring, the boys tour the home county (Chautauqua) and parts of the adjacent counties offering the services of the dipping vat to the farmers. Last year some 1600 sheep were dipped, and drenched with Phenothiazine. This represents a high percentage of the sheep grown in the community, since this section of the state is devoted primarily to the raising of beef cattle.

Treating cattle for grubs is an activity started in southeast Kansas during the past few years. The Sedan chapter sponsored this project last winter. Members attended the Okla-Kans grub control meeting and later distributed copies of grub control pamphlets.

Another service rendered the farmers by the FFA boys on their field trips is the dehorning, castrating and vaccinating of cattle and sheep, and the castrating and vaccinating of hogs. Last year our members dehorned 63 head of cattle, castrated 42 calves, vaccinated 84 calves, branded 29 calves and vaccinated 42 hogs.

Soil conservation is a service not only to the community, but to the world. Without soil no one can survive. Members have constructed dams along ditches to prevent the rapid flow of water, and have helped construct terraces on their father's farms. They have also performed many other conservation practices.

For publicity purposes, the Sedan chapter publishes a small booklet entitled, "The Bluestem Regional". Sedan is located in the heart of the Bluestem pasture region, hence the name of our publication. Volume II of The

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Bluestem Regional is included as a supplementary item to this report. This publication, and the various stories sent out by our chapter reporter, have gained extensive publicity in the state and national press. Stories of the Sedan chapter activities were carried in the following publications: Country Gentleman; Kansas Stockman; American Farm Youth; The Furrow; Topoka Daily Capital; Wichita Beacon; Kansas City Star and Times; Kansas City Weekly Star; Coffeyville Journal; Manhattan Mercury-Chronicle; and the Sedan Times Star.

The above covers the high points in the work program of the Sedan chapter of the Future Farmers of America. May this work grow ever better as the years pass and each member lives the motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live and Living to Serve."

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CHAPTER NEWS

CENTRALIA: Our chapter bought a gilt at the Seneca Purebred boar and gilt sale. Terry Weuster is keeping the gilt. He will turn back four gilts and will keep the original sow and the rest of the litter....The Junior class has been studying soil fertility and have been testing the soil on their home farms....Shop jobs completed or in progress are one grain drill, one sled curlin, three two-wheel trailers, one four-wheel trailer, five chicken feeders, two ladders, two saw horses, three scoop boards, one rabbit hutch, two neck yokes, one set of bolsters and two sets of double trees.

Edward Irwin, Reporter

WASHBURN: We recently initiated both 12 green hands and 13 chapter farmers. ...We fed out 5 hogs for a money making project. The last hog was butchered before Christmas, and our profit over expenses was \$35.00. We have purchased 4 steers and are feeding them out....The annual FFA-Home Economics carnival was held on November 20. It was a great success and the profit was \$140.00. The Carnival included wrestling and boxing matches, jail, basketball free throw, fortune telling, weight guessing, refreshments, movies, and a 20 lb. turkey given away as a door prize....We have been mixing trinity mixture of protein in our shop and selling it. To date we have sold 2,700 lbs....The chapter has purchased a vaccinating set to vaccinate livestock belonging to members. Also, we have bought a pair of emasculators....At present we are conducting a pest eradication contest....Our department is open for use of veterans and other farmers each Wednesday evening....We plan to treat 400 cows for warbles....The chapter has sold \$700.00 worth of war bonds and stamps from October 24, 1945 to December 21, 1945.

Dick King, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: We purchased 50 head of turkey breeders on Nov. 9. Norman Shoemaker also purchased 50 head. These turkeys are kept on the Shoemaker farm. The FFA and Shoemaker will split the expenses and profit on this program. These birds have been blood tested and are U.S. Approved Pullorum Controlled....We had a date party on Dec. 11. We are showing pictures at each night meeting....The boys in Ag 10 and 11 have built 12 feed bunks for cattle. We have also completely overhauled two cars and have done work on four others....3 members purchased ewes this fall. Irvin Walker has 8 lambs from 5 head. Fred Zillinger has ewes to lamb and Bobby McClellan has 22 head of registered Hampshire sheep.

Norman Shoemaker, Reporter

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HIAWATHA: We have 24 members in our chapter, 20 of whom are enrolled in vocational agriculture. We have held one business meeting at night each month, except during December. Our annual Father and Son Banquet will be held the latter part of January....The executive committee met, and after checking prospective homes for the two Duroc gilts owned by the chapter decided to award them to Richard Jameson and Fred Warren....The chapter regrets that our county agent Max Dickerson resigned to go into partnership with Perry Lambert. Max made an enviable reputation for himself in his Future Farmer activities, and in the promotion of good Guernsey projects. Our chapter has a membership in the County Farms Bureau and finds that it is proving of definite value....It has been lonesome around the department the last few days. It seems that the flu bug can get the best of us as our attendance dropped as much as 50% in some classes - the freshman casualties have been less than the upper classmen....Now for my help wanted column. I am on the committee to select a banquet speaker for our Father and Son Banquet. If any adviser or chapter in W.E. Kansas has any good suggestions, please contact me. Prerequisites: Must be good - and charges very light.

Richard Whaley, Reporter

*Max Dickerson won his State Farmer Degree as a member of the Parsons chapter in 1931. (Editor).

BUHLER: Individual members of our chapter carried off many honors at the local community fair held in October. They won 51 firsts, 25 seconds, and 13 third place prizes. The total cash received by our members was \$75.85. Robert Janzen, a sophomore member, won more points and more prize money than any other individual who entered the fair. He won 17 firsts, 5 seconds, and 3 thirds and a total of \$22.25 in prize money. Kenneth Buller, a Green Hand member, was second in points and prize money. Kenneth won 12 firsts, and 3 seconds. His prize winnings totaled \$20.00. Robert Sawatzky, our American Farmer member won first place in the Quality Wheat Class. There were 17 entries in this Class. The prize was \$5.00. Our chapter sponsored a basketball throw at the fair and took in \$46.00....Roland Friesen and Ralph Field were elected to the National Honor Society last year as juniors. They were the only members of the junior class chosen. Roland is our candidate for the State Farmer Degree....The 2nd and 3rd year classes have been butchering hogs. To date we have butchered approximately 6,000 pounds. A fee of 25 cents per cwt is charged, for all except hogs brought from members homes.... 11 Green Hands were initiated on December 11. Those initiated were Kenneth Buller, Orval Regier, Arlen Dick, Warren Lang, Wilbur Neufeld, Edwin Neufeld, Earl Woicikowski, Menno Loepp, Clifford Dick, Raymond Schroeder, and Jack Stalker....Albert Franz has just about completed a power posthole digger. He got his plan from the October issue of the Better Farming Magazine. We think it is a good augur. Norman Goosen is finishing a brooder house. These and many other similar projects are under construction in the shop.

John Leo Zielke, Reporter

INDEPENDENCE: Our Green Hand degree members have been initiated. At a recent meeting we raised our Green Hand members to the Chapter Farmer degree. At the same meeting we raised the Green Hand members of the Coffeyville chapter to the Chapter Farmer Degree. A basketball game followed, and was won by the Independence FFA boys. Following the game refreshments were served. We recently held a date hay-rack ride for members. We are busy in shop building new machinery and repairing old machinery for use on our farms.

Ed Wallick, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

COLUMBUS: The following boys won first places with crops and livestock at the junior fair: Dale Slusser, Billy Jesse, Norman Jarrett, Jack Graham, Dale Roberds, John Westervelt and Wayne Ytell....The poem "Trailer's Dream" written by our poet Loyd Shearer appeared in the November 22 issue of the Columbus Advocate....On November 19 a number of our boys organized a Junior Dairy Herd Improvement Association, with Billy Bert Jesse as President, Bill Jones Vice President, and Billy Swearingin as Secretary-Treasurer. Wayne Ytell, Albert Hoheisel and Bill Jones were appointed to draw up the constitution and by-laws. The purposes of the association are: 1. To study the improved practices of dairying; 2. To find and eliminate poor producers; 3. To select and save better sires; 4. To develop improved methods of feeding. At present there are 21 members....Our annual post contest is in full swing. Ronald Nowton is leading, with 2505 points, having brought in 81 rats, 15 muskrats, 15 opossum, 14 rabbits, 13 mice, 11 blackbirds, 8 squirrels, 5 sparrows, 5 owls, and 3 hawks. Eugene Cassell is the runner up at the present time, with 1688 points....Jim Collic and Emmett Burton each have a Registered Duroc Gilt....In our shop four wagon boxes, one hay rack, six 16-foot ladders and 6 porch gliders are under construction, and we are repairing a wagon and a spike tooth harrow. We have completed 1 sheep feeder, 2 cattle feeders, 1 buzz saw frame and table, 1 step ladder, a hog trough, and a number of chicken feeders.

LaVerne Smith, Reporter

OLATHE: Our chapter sponsored a swine judging school and contest at the farm of A. L. Wiswell and Son, Thursday, October 18. 124 boys from 8 schools participated. The schools were Williamsburg, Ottawa, Overbrook, Paola, Tonganoxie, Shawnee Mission and Drum Institute, from Independence, Mo. C. E. Aubel, Animal Husbandry Dept. from K.S.C. was the judge....The FFA and FHA held a Halloween party on October 31. The FFA furnished the food for the party....We held our 10th annual FFA banquet on the night of November 15. Lt. and Mrs. G. W. Keener from Pennsylvania, and Lt. (jg) Jesse Summer from South Carolina were guests. Both men are in the Navy and both are former vocational agriculture teachers. Our chapter furnished the food and the vocational homemaking department prepared and served our banquet. Vice President Douglas Doak served as toastmaster, and President Myron Kordes gave the welcome and presented 2 honorary members to the chapter.

Jerry Hondrix, Reporter

WAMEGO: On November 20 we held our Green Hand initiation. Howard Johnstone, Wamego's first State Farmer, was a guest, and gave a very interesting discussion on FFA activities and their importance to vocational agriculture students. Howard was a prisoner of war in Germany for 5 months....Our Pest Eradication Contest started December 1 and runs to July 1....On Wednesday evening, December 12, the officers met at our adviser's home for a chili supper and card party....Some recent repair jobs in the shop are: manure spreader, grain drill, harrow. New building projects are: 2 hog houses, hog feeder, 2 combination seed and fertilizer spreaders made from Model T wheel and axle. The freshmen in shop are doing skill jobs, and tempering. The Agriculture II class have gone out on several judging field trips; they have butchered 4 hogs. Our vocational agriculture department harvested the county corn test plot. We took the moisture per cent, and calculated the yield per acre....Our FFA chapter just recently sold 1,000 pencils, clearing \$25.00.

Donald Wilson, Reporter

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WASHINGTON: 1945-46 officers are: President - Bob Kohlmeier; Vice President - Thyr Zweifel; Secretary - Dean Stratton; Reporter - LeRoy Beaumont; Treasurer - Lee Gauby; Adviser - I. E. Peterson....The Green Hands were initiated in November. Those receiving the degree were Adelbert Stewart, Donald Randall, Delbert Finlayson, James McLeod, James Brouhard, and Robert Boston....The chapter Activity Program was mailed on time, and every FFA member had a part in it....Most of the projects have been visited this fall on class tours. Our chapter purchased a Registered Duroc boar....LeRoy Beaumont is overhauling his model T Ford; Melvin Jorgenson is relining the brakes on his car; several car heaters have been serviced for winter. Shop jobs include building sheep feeders, cattle feed bunk, manure loader for tractor, wagon running gear repair, Maytag valve grinding, flag pole construction, and many arc and gas welding repair jobs. Our chapter has an order placed for coyote getters. Delbert Finlayson has several, and to date has two coyotes....A line party and refreshments of home-made ice cream and cake are being planned for January 16.
LeRoy Beaumont, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: Officers for 1945-46 are: President - Eugene Brinkman; Vice President - Clark Kaufman; Secretary - Ray Clark; Treasurer - Wayne Scovel; Reporter - Jack Hoggatt....28 Green Hands were initiated in November and were raised to Chapter Farmers by the Independence Chapter. We also played their chapter a game of basketball....Dec. 12, 1945, we presented a radio program over KGGF; the boys presenting the skit were: Ray Clark, Eugene Brinkman; Wayne Scovel and Robert Barrow....A pest eradication contest was started at our last meeting, and will end January 23. George Muller, and Ray Clark, were chosen captains. A High School assembly program, and programs for the Lions' and Rotary Clubs were given during December....A Junior Duroc organization was started with Johnnie Clossen, President, and Wayne Scovel, Secretary and Treasurer. 10 members have Registered Duroc Gilts and Sows....Our chapter now has the use of a new Chevrolet pickup. Shop articles under construction are 2 farrowing houses, grain binder repair, 2 harrows repair, chicken feeders, three feed bunks, corn planter repair, fuel barrel stand, and many small articles.
Jack Hoggatt, Reporter

GARDEN CITY: The chapter has made \$92 by shocking feed and painting traffic lanes for the city and school....The number 10 class has made new doors and cabinets for the vocational agriculture building. 6 cars have been overhauled since the beginning of this school term....The chapter officers gave the demonstration, "The Proper Use of the Gavel" for the annual Farm Bureau convention....We plan to have the FFA Parent and Son banquet on April 3, 1946....Our night school for seniors and out-of-school youth began January 2, 1946....Donald Quackenbush and Donald Lear took their deferred fed steers to Kansas City, Kansas. Donald Lear got second and third on his pens of three, competing with thirty pens, and Donald Quackenbush received 14th. The steers sold for approximately \$200 apiece.
Kenneth Drees, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: Our chapter has 43 members, 13 of whom are Green Hands. We held Green Hand initiation November 19....Our chapter sponsored the December all-school dance in the high school gym. Music was furnished by the Marysville Swing Band. The decorations were in keeping with the season. The chapter furnished the refreshments....In our shop we have purchased a 1,600 pound floor stand drill. Shops projects to date are: 10 metal tool boxes, and 2 home-made wood turning lathes.
Charles Richardson, Reporter

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ATWOOD: A carnival, held in cooperation with the Girl Reserves, made a profit of \$133.00 for the chapter. It consisted mostly of "skill" games, one "sell" game, and only two "chance" games - bingo and a cake-walk. The girls had a lunch counter, selling sandwiches, pie, and coffee. Preparation for the carnival took only 2 hours from regular school work. The games we made will be used at our regular night meetings....The chapter fund has been increased further by about \$50.00 from labor charges the members receive for making cattle feed-bunks for farmers. These are made for \$5.00 each, and chicken feeders are made for \$2.00 each. We have already exceeded our goal in chapter earnings....Part of our chapter fund will be used in a community service project - making picnic tables and out-door fireplaces for Lake Atwood Park....The chapter recently leased for 5 years, from the local Chamber of Commerce, 40 acres of bottom land. A co-operative group will be organized, stock shares will be issued and sold to members of the group only, the money to be used to finance the project. The land is to be summer-fallowed and seeded to alfalfa next August....At a recent school assembly, 20 members were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree, and at our last night meeting, 12 number 9 students became Green Hands. The chapter membership is now 48.

William Sawyer, Reporter

CHERRYVALE: Officers elected October 18 were: President - Paul Hermesmeyer; Vice President - Leroy Coles; Secretary - Robert Miller; Treasurer - Robert McConnell; Reporter - Billy Joe Drumeller; Sentinel - Jud Lackey....The chapter attended a skating party at Independence in November. We had Green Hand initiation in November. 13 boys were initiated....100% of the members attended a Corn Carnival and Crops Judging Contest at Chanute. Several boys received prizes for their exhibits....We had a boxing show December 14. Chanute and Altamont boys were matched with our boys. There were 18 bouts. The boxing show netted us \$85....Our pest eradication contest started Dec. 21, and will run until Jan. 14, 1946....100% of our chapter enrollment have paid dues to the chapter treasurer....New tools added to the shop during the last year are: 2 lathes, arc welder, acetylene welding equipment, and many hand tools.

Billy Joe Drumeller, Reporter

HADDAM: Our chapter meets every 2 weeks. The program is planned 2 weeks ahead of time by the officers. They choose different boys each meeting to give a talk or sing. The first program was put on by the officers to demonstrate how it was done. Miss Motes, our music teacher, helps us with our music, and outside speakers are invited for each meeting. Our officers are: President - Clyde Bobbitt; Vice President - Bernard Keating; Secretary - Bill Blake; Treasurer - Bill Hardenburger; Sentinel - Charles Novak; Reporter - Lawrence Gingles....We repaired our vocational school building, and installed a shower and toilet. We are building wagon boxes, stock racks, repairing machinery, and by this means hope to get some money for the treasury. We also plan to sell pop corn and pop at basketball games.

Lawrence Gingles, Reporter

ELLIS: Officers are: President - Verlin Deucher; Vice President - Arnold Homburg; Treasurer - Charquin Kroeger; Secretary - Robert Wagg; Reporter - Eddie Honas....Our chapter held a judging contest October 4. The schools present were Ellis, Hill City, Quinter, Wakeeney, Stockton, Hoxie. The winners placed as follows; 1st - Ellis; 2nd - Stockton; 3rd - Hoxie.

Eddie Honas, Reporter

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QUINTER: Officers for the year are: President - Austin Mann; Vice President - Rolland Turner; Secretary - James F. Shea, Jr.; Treasurer - Bobby Jamison; Reporter - Keith Selby; Sentinel - Harold Spies; Adviser - James F. Shea.... The second and third year boys took part in the judging contest at the Ellis County Free Fair on October 4. We had a party for the freshmen the evening of October 5....On Friday noon, December 7, we entertained the Rotary Club members with a program in which the FFA officers gave the opening and closing ritual. Keith Selby recited the Future Farmer's Creed. A demonstration of the use and history of the gavel was given by D. A. Crist, James F. Shea, Jr., Bob McElroy, and Dean Doxon....Irwin Porter has purchased 2 purebred Hampshire sows, and a purebred Hampshire boar. His purebred herd now includes 6 sows and a boar. Leland Steinle purchased a purebred Hereford heifer at the Albert Lovitt dispersal sale....In shop we have built a truck bed and are now building a portable loading chute. We have butchered 10 hogs and 5 beeves. We made 10 lariat ropes which we donated to the hospital benefit sale. These ropes sold for \$2.50 each.

Keith Selby, Reporter

NORTON: Our pest eradication contest is well under way with over 1000 pests disposed of in the first 3 weeks. Our goal for the contest was set at 1500 pests. The losing side is to take the winners to the show. If anyone fails to bring in at least 20 points they will have to forfeit 50¢ toward the price of the show....We put on an assembly program, consisting of judging a class of fat steers. 4 of the FFA members were led across the stage and Phillip Wiltfong judged the "Fat Steers" and gave a set of oral reasons on his placing....The sophomore and junior vocational agriculture boys are learning something about keeping dairy records. Each boy has selected a cow from his home farm, on which to keep records. The milk is weighed once each week, and a butterfat test is run once a month. We are keeping the records by months of lactation and we will be able to tell how much the average farm cow produces each month of her lactation period.

Duane Wray, Reporter

KINGMAN: Our program committee has completed their work for the future meetings. We will have several outside speakers and movie pictures, showing improved practices on the farm. We have had one recreation night and plan to have one each month. Our adviser has taken the vocational agriculture boys on a tour to each boy's home and visited and discussed their projects. The boys have been working hard in the shop, making new projects and repairing farm machinery.

Alfred Thicme, Jr., Reporter

SYRACUSE: Our chapter initiated 23 new members November 19. After the ceremony refreshments were served....Members have raised money for our treasury by working on the school grounds....In shop the boys are making work benches, tool boxes, feed troughs and loading chutes.

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NOTE: Some chapter news had to be held over for the February issue of the Newsletter, due to the fact that we included a summary of the Sedan chapter Program of Work. It was deemed expedient to carry the Sedan report in this issue in order to be of assistance to the Kansas chapters entering the 1946 National Chapter Contest.

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