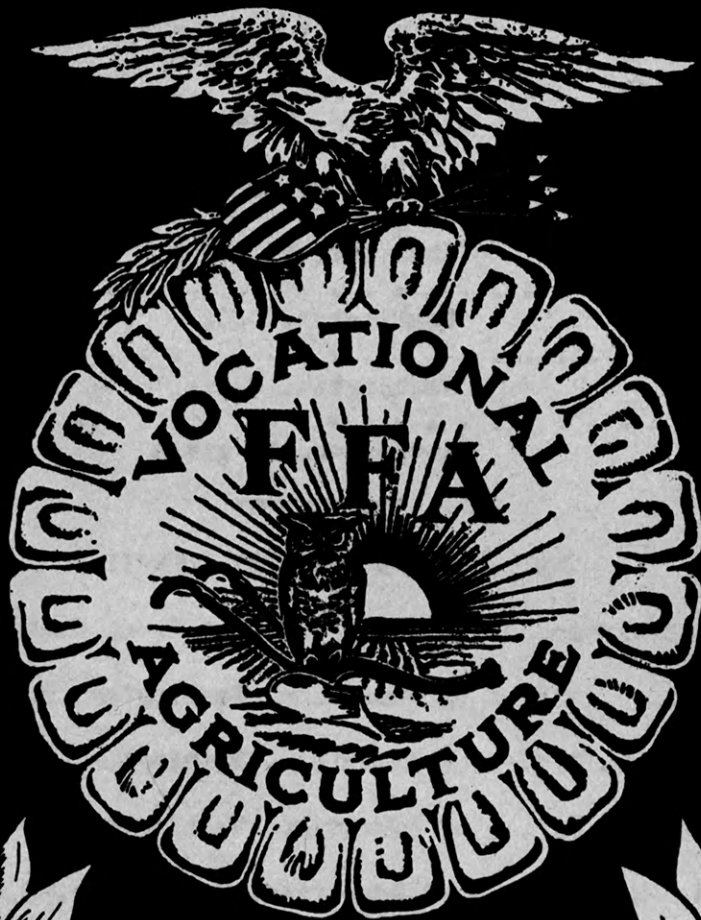


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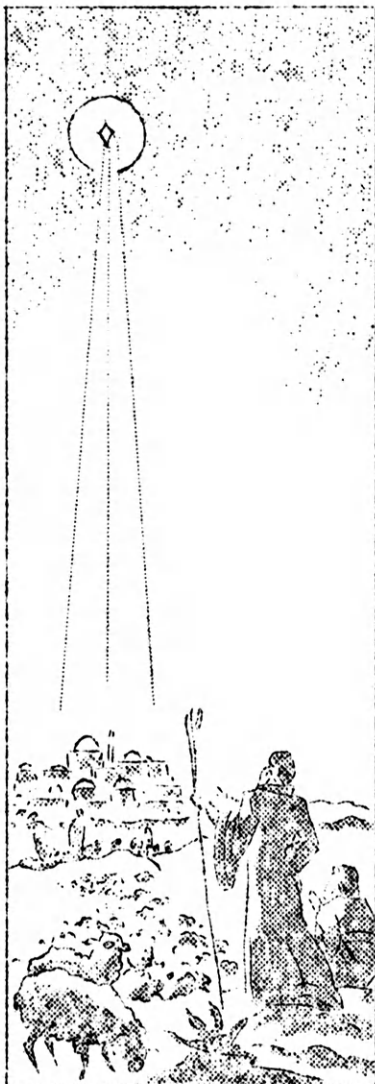
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Christmas would mean nothing if it were not shared with someone. It is a festival which cannot be indulged in alone. The gaudy red ribbon about the simplest gift causes that gift to take on a merit which it did not possess before; and just as a single rose may light up a room, or a bit of lavender may perfume a queen's whole wardrobe, so one word on a card written in sincerity, may brighten the dimmest winter day. That is why Christmas messages are sent and will continue to be sent until the stars are gone and the sun no more. "The Compliments of the Season" is not an empty phrase. It is founded upon a human need in every one of us. It is an essence which makes the wine of life sweeter; it is the constant drop of rain which finally softens the hardest stone. Humanity realizes this, whether consciously or not; and this is why Christmas will go on being celebrated, no matter what the cynics may say. It is an eternal festival. It cannot perish, it cannot be destroyed. -- Charles Hanson Towne.

FFA CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1948. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter Contest entries - consisting of the chapter program of work in each case - must be in the U. S. Office of Education not later than January 31, 1948. The chapters designated as "Gold Emblem Chapters" in the Kansas Association Chapter Contest of 1947 are eligible to enter. All Kansas entries in the National Chapter Contest should be mailed to Professor A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in time to reach his office not later than January 19, 1948.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES: State Farmer applications should be expressed to Professor L. F. Hall, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, not later than January 15, 1948.

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THAT INSPIRING TASK

National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, has no word to date as to the exact date of release on the new Sears technicolor, sound, FFA movie. Neither does he have any information as to the exact method of distributing this film. The state association will inform local chapters relative to date of release and manner of obtaining this movie film just as soon as definite information is received from headquarters.

A group of Shawnee-Mission FFA boys were given a part in "That Inspiring Task". They were not in the film as shown at Kansas City, but their feature spot will be added to the revised version. The name of the chapter will not be included, as no chapter names were included, but the name of "Kansas" will be shown in a close up shot of the Emblem. Congratulations, Shawnee Mission, for winning a spot in this splendid technicolor, sound, FFA movie.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Elsewhere in this issue you will find selected reports of local FFA chapter treasurers as given at the District FFA Leadership Schools. These reports reflect the general tenor of all local FFA treasuries as reported upon at the District FFA Leadership Schools, and it is highly gratifying to the State Association to note the splendid financial condition found among the chapters.

No one will question the soundness of the policy of carrying an adequate reserve in the local FFA treasury. Just what figure might be considered adequate will of course vary as between chapters. The manner in which excess over adequate reserves is spent is a problem for each local FFA chapter to work out for itself. Certainly a portion of the money should be spent to advance the educational interests of the chapter membership. Chapters with excess reserve funds might do well to consider the following items as a possible means of enhancing the best interests of their membership.

- Replacing FFA Paraphernalia.
- Purchasing additional banners.
- Improving the FFA library.
- Subscriptions to farm journals and other publications suitable for the FFA library.
- Purchase of photographic equipment.
- Purchase of projector equipment.
- Educational awards.
- Educational tours.
- Donations to charitable organizations.

The above suggestions are not intended to replace FFA loan funds, and other legitimate FFA activities now being carried on by local chapters. The listing is by no means complete, and is intended merely to be helpful to chapters in broadening their base of FFA chapter support.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS - CASH AWARDS

This year for the first time cash awards were given to winners in the National FFA Judging Contests. The cash awards were made possible by budgeting a portion of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., funds for that purpose. Kansas winners in the 1947 contests and the amount won are as follows:

WATERLOO, IOWA

Poultry, Individual, Gold Emblem, Lloyd Huber, Concordia Chapter...\$73.53
Dairy, Individual, Gold Emblem, Bill Gentry, Simpson Chapter..... 73.53

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Livestock, Beloit team, Gold Emblem classification..... 81.08
Livestock, Individual, Gold Emblem classification, Ray Van Pelt,
 Beloit Chapter..... 73.53
Meats, Eldorado team, Gold Emblem classification..... 81.08
Meats, Individual, Gold Emblem classification, Robert Maddux,
 Eldorado Chapter..... 73.53
Meats, Individual, Gold Emblem classification, Duane Taylor,
 Eldorado Chapter..... 73.53

STATE PRESIDENT PRIDDLE ASSISTS WITH DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

During October last, it was my privilege and pleasure to participate in District FFA Leadership Schools in Western and Central Kansas.

The first Leadership School that I attended was held at Hill City. Leo Kobler, Hill City Chapter Adviser, had everything well in hand and we had a very successful meeting. From Hill City we journeyed to Colby.

At Colby I witnessed one of the finest Leadership Schools I have attended. Adviser King had a well rounded program which consisted of a splendid banquet served by Home Economics classes. It was at Colby that I heard the FFA group really sing the Official FFA Song. Instructor King played a record of it while the group sang. Professor Loren Whipps and I were honored by being invited to broadcast over station KXXX. Station KXXX is doing a fine job of cooperating with the FFA by means of radio programs put on by various chapters.

From Colby we traveled to Dodge City where Chris Langvardt is the chapter adviser. Being organized for only a short time, Dodge City gave Mr. Henderson and his boys from Garden City the job of opening and closing the Leadership School, and they did a fine job. It was at Dodge City where we witnessed very good papers on the information quiz. Dodge City had a remarkable team score of 450 out of a possible 500 and an individual high with 98 out of possible 100.

The Buhler Leadership School was next. Keen competition was evident here. Ritualistic ceremonies were excellent.

Last but not least was the Leadership School at Harper. Ritual and Information was average but reports by chapter officers were outstanding.

In attending these schools I have widened my vision of FFA work in Kansas. The spirit that was shown is a step toward a bigger and better year. At some Leadership Schools, a few advisers brought their chapter officers for the purpose of learning more about the FFA. That is a good step, and let's put that knowledge to use by having 100% participation in our 1948 District FFA Leadership Schools. Again I want to extend my thanks to the FFA chapters for their hospitality. Also, I want to congratulate all 1947 winners. Let's all strive to make 1948 a big FFA year to remember.

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK - FEBRUARY 21-27, 1948.

The week of February 21-27, 1948, has been designated as National FFA Week. Local chapters are encouraged to plan suitable activities for this week. It would be in keeping with the spirit of National FFA Week for local chapters to plan for Parent-Son banquets, High School chapel programs, exhibits, demonstrations, news accounts, and other means of calling attention to the work of the Future Farmers of America on the local, state, and national levels.

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1947 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1947 District FFA Leadership Schools were held in eleven centers, the centers being selected with a view to equalizing the travel distance.

The purpose of the FFA Leadership Schools might be classified in three categories, namely: (1) ritualistic improvement; (2) broaden knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange of ideas on building and executing a worthwhile program of work.

As a result of a high percentage of attendance and participation on the part of local FFA officers in the eleven District FFA Leadership Schools, the Kansas Association is proud to report that approximately 100% of the local chapters in Kansas can "Open and Close" an FFA meeting in a highly creditable manner.

The first district FFA "Officer Training School" was sponsored by the Shawnee Mission Chapter in 1931. Each year since, with the exception of 1942, District FFA Leadership Schools have been conducted in Kansas.

The 1947 FFA Leadership Schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1947 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted, local FFA advisers, and the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

The District FFA Leadership Schools were planned to begin at 3:30 p.m. and to close promptly at 9:00 p.m. All assignments were made early in the school year. Chapters were given an opportunity to indicate preferences and in building the program, chapter wishes were followed insofar as it was found feasible. The following program for the Clay Center District FFA Leadership School is typical.

ASSIGNMENTS 1947 FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Host Chapter: Clay Center; Place - High School

Date and Time: September 28, 1947; 3:30 p.m.

Order of Business:

1. Host Chapter opens meeting with official opening ceremony.
2. Host Chapter conducts Roll Call of chapters.
3. Welcome by Superintendent or Principal of Host Chapter.
4. Opening and Closing Ritual Contest - All Chapters urged to participate.
5. FFA Information Contest - All Chapters urged to participate. Officers only eligible to compete.
6. Talk by State FFA Officer. Bob Greve, Vice-President, Kansas Assoc. of FFA

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7. Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration Morrowville Chapter.
8. Recital of the FFA Creed Harold Raine, Wamego Chapter.
9. Demonstration of the Proper Use of the Gavel Manhattan Chapter.
10. Roll Call of Chapters: Special 3 minute reports on the following assignments.

1947 Leadership Schools (continued)

President or Vice President - Program of Work - How Build? Committee Responsibilities and Check up on Performance? Calendar?

School Time: Outstanding Activity Executed Past Year - Planned for Current Year. By the following chapters: Waterville, Washington, Longford, Junction City, Clifton, Morrowville

Reporter - How get FFA recognition in school, community, and state? How bring news of activities of other chapters before local group? By the following chapters: Randolph, Solomon, Haddam, Chapman, Manhattan, Wamego

Secretary - Chapter records; Plan for acquainting members with State and National FFA activities? Planning and executing chapter meetings. By the following chapters: Abilene, Linn, Frankfort, Miltonvale, Waterville, Greenleaf

Treasurer - Plans for raising chapter funds: Financing FFA Parent-Son Banquet. By the following chapters: Clay Center, Washington, Barnes, Randolph, Junction City, Hope

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: Methods used in acquainting members with the Future Farmers of America Organization; How to improve ritualistic proficiency in Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degree work; How you train your officer group; Plan of teaching members parliamentary procedure; How to improve FFA Leadership Schools.

11. Awards
12. Close

Host chapter will look after local arrangements such as: Welcome from Superintendent or Principal, Meeting Place, Arrangements for Eats, FFA Paraphernalia, etc.

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The following rankings will be of interest to all FFA members and advisers who attended a Leadership School, and should prove of interest to all Future Farmer members.

The high ten individuals in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st. William Jacques, Dodge City Chapter	98 points	
2nd. Russel Warner, Dodge City Chapter	96 points	
3rd. Delbert Litzkom, Dodge City Chapter	94 points	
4th. Arnel Halbauer, Horton Chapter	92 points	
5th. Carl Martin, Colby Chapter	91 points) tie
5th. Sam Barker, Cherryvale Chapter	91 points	
7th. Donald Melton, Beloit Chapter	90 points	
8th. Earl Bigge, Stockton Chapter	89 points) tie
8th. Ray Adams, Dodge City Chapter	89 points	
8th. Donald Shoper, Glasco Chapter	89 points) tie
8th. Donald Faidley, Clay Center Chapter	89 points	
8th. Junior Frend, Little River Chapter	89 points)

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

Total possible points in the 1947 FFA Information Contest equalled 100. From the individual scores listed, it is evident that the FFA Leadership School is attaining the second purpose listed.

To the Dodge City Chapter goes the honor of placing the high three boys in the FFA Information Contest. The fact that the Dodge City Chapter was chartered only a few weeks prior to the holding of the Southwest Kansas FFA Leadership School at Dodge City, makes the performance of the Dodge City officers all the more creditable. Congratulations to Chris Langvardt, local adviser for the Dodge City Chapter, and to the Dodge City Chapter officers. Your performance in this contest is ample evidence of the fact that your members are well informed relative to the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

The high ten chapters in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st. Dodge City, Chris Langvardt, Adviser	450 points
2nd. Stockton, F. A. Blauer, Adviser	438 points
3rd. Beloit, Howard Bradley, Adviser	437 points
4th. Colby, Ronald King, Adviser	434 points
5th. Cherryvale, C. H. Young, Adviser	432.5 points
6th. Inman, W. J. Braun, Adviser	421 points
7th. Chanute, C. O. Carter, Jr., Adviser	419 points
8th. Smith Center, Charles Mantz, Adviser	417 points
9th. Highland Park, Frank Carpenter, Adviser	409 points
10th. Clay Center, Ray Morrison, Adviser	408 points

The following rankings give the high five individuals, the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest, and the high five schools in the FFA Ritual Contest for each of the eleven District FFA Leadership Schools:

CLAY CENTER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Donald Faidley, Clay Center Chapter	89 points
2nd. Harvey Wood, Solomon Chapter	88 points
3rd. Kenneth Kern, Washington Chapter	86 points
4th. Paul Mugler, Clay Center Chapter	84 points
5th. Neil Campbell, Miltonvale Chapter	83 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Clay Center Chapter	408 points
2nd. Frankfort Chapter	382 points
3rd. Miltonvale Chapter	367 points
4th. Linn Chapter	351 points
5th. Manhattan Chapter	350 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Clay Center Chapter
2nd. Wamego Chapter
3rd. Miltonvale Chapter
4th. Linn Chapter
5th. Manhattan Chapter

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

LAWRENCE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.)	Leon Stromire, Olathe Chapter	88 points
1st.)	William Rankin, Highland Park Chapter	88 points
3rd.)	James Remer, Olathe Chapter	87 points
3rd.)	J. E. Zimmerman, Olathe Chapter	87 points
5th.)	Gary Johnson, Highland Park Chapter	82 points
5th.)	Galen Murphy, Highland Park Chapter	82 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Highland Park Chapter	409 points
2nd.	Olathe Chapter	405 points
3rd.	Shawnee Mission Chapter	376 points
4th.	Washburn Chapter	371 points
5th.	Seaman Chapter	347 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	Olathe Chapter
2nd.	Shawnee Mission Chapter
3rd.	Lawrence Chapter
4th.	Overbrook Chapter
5th.	Highland Park Chapter

SENECA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Arnel Halbauer, Horton Chapter	92 points
2nd.	John Gigstad, Atchison Co. Com. High Chapter	88.5 points
3rd.	Harold Lauerentz, Horton Chapter	87 points
4th.	Dudley Pauetz, Hiawatha Chapter	86 points
5th.	Herbert Schultz, Holton Chapter	85 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Atchison County Community High Chapter	406.5 points
2nd.	Holton Chapter	403 points
3rd.	Hiawatha Chapter	399.5 points
4th.	Horton Chapter	358.5 points
5th.	Soldier Chapter	356 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	Atchison County Community High Chapter
2nd.	Hiawatha Chapter
3rd.	Centralia Chapter
4th.	Valley Falls Chapter
5th.	Fairview Chapter

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

BELOIT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Donald Melton, Beloit Chapter	90 points
2nd.	Donald Schoper, Glasco Chapter	89 points
3rd.	Richard Joster, Beloit Chapter	88 points
3rd.)	John Murray, Beloit Chapter	88 points
3rd.)	Marion Paul Hinshaw, Smith Center Chapter	88 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Beloit Chapter	437 points
2nd.	Smith Center Chapter	417 points
3rd.	Minneapolis Chapter	407 points
4th.	Belleville Chapter	385 points
5th.	Concordia Chapter	384 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	Beloit Chapter
2nd.	Concordia Chapter
3rd.	Beverly Chapter
4th.	Lebanon Chapter
5th.	Simpson Chapter

HILL CITY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Earl Bigge, Stockton Chapter	89 points
2nd.)	Doyle Peaslee, Stockton Chapter	88 points
2nd.)	Darrel Buss, Stockton Chapter	88 points
4th.	Keith McComb, Stockton Chapter	87 points
5th.	Elmer Kern, Stockton Chapter	86 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Stockton Chapter	438 points
2nd.	Ellis Chapter	366 points
3rd.	Phillipsburg Chapter	343 points
4th.	Norton Chapter	267 points
5th.	Wakeeney Chapter	254 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	Wakeeney Chapter
2nd.	Stockton Chapter
3rd.	Norton Chapter
4th.	Hill City Chapter
5th.	Phillipsburg Chapter

Congratulations are due the Stockton FFA Chapter officers and their Adviser, F. A. Blauer, for placing the high five boys in the FFA Information Contest in the Hill City Leadership School.

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

COLBY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Carl Martin, Colby Chapter	91 points
2nd. Dewayne Harper, Colby Chapter	88 points
3rd. Claude Rohrbaugh, Colby Chapter	86 points
3rd.) Darrel Anderson, Goodland Chapter	86 points
5th. Dwight Sawers, Colby Chapter	85 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Colby Chapter	434 points
2nd. Goodland Chapter	382 points
3rd. Hoxie Chapter	381 points
4th. Atwood Chapter	323 points
5th. Oberlin Chapter	275 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Colby Chapter
2nd. Goodland Chapter
3rd. Oberlin Chapter
4th. Atwood Chapter
5th. Hoxie Chapter

DODGE CITY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. William Jacques, Dodge City Chapter	98 points
2nd. Russel Warner, Dodge City Chapter	96 points
3rd. Delbert Litzkom, Dodge City Chapter	94 points
4th. Ray Adams, Dodge City Chapter	89 points
5th. Donald Whelpley, Coldwater Chapter	88 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Dodge City Chapter	450 points
2nd. Coldwater Chapter	361 points
3rd. Syracuse Chapter	286 points
4th. Garden City Chapter	258 points
5th. Pratt Chapter	256 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Garden City Chapter
2nd. Coldwater Chapter
3rd. Syracuse Chapter

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

EMPORIA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Bob Edwards, Emporia Chapter	88 points
2nd.	Reuben Bouck, Lyndon Chapter	85 points
3rd.	Donald Heilman, Williamsburg Chapter	83 points
4th.)	Don Delong, Emporia Chapter	80 points
4th.)	Loyd Fair, Emporia Chapter	80 points
4th.)	Lynn Blazek, Lyndon Chapter	80 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Emporia Chapter	405 points
2nd.	Williamsburg Chapter	352 points
3rd.	Lyndon Chapter	332 points
4th.	Burns Chapter	301 points
5th.	Cottonwood Falls Chapter	250 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	Emporia Chapter
2nd.	Lyndon Chapter
3rd.	Williamsburg Chapter
4th.)	Cottonwood Falls Chapter
4th.)	Osage City Chapter

BUHLER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Junior Freund, Little River Chapter	89 points
2nd.)	Richard Newell, Stafford Chapter	88 points
2nd.)	Edwin Neufeld, Inman Chapter	88 points
4th.)	Albert Pauls, Inman Chapter	87 points
4th.)	Menno Loepp, Inman Chapter	87 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Inman Chapter	421 points
2nd.	Haven Chapter	397 points
3rd.	Little River Chapter	387 points
4th.	Buhler Chapter	382.5 points
5th.	Stafford Chapter	356 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	ElDorado Chapter
2nd.	Haven Chapter
3rd.	Little River Chapter
4th.	Buhler Chapter
5th.	Inman Chapter

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

HARPER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Lucky Lilliequist, Medicine Lodge Chapter	88 points
2nd.	Merle Schnelle, Medicine Lodge Chapter	82 points
2nd.)	Bruce Bickard, Medicine Lodge Chapter	82 points
4th.	Maurice McEndree, Medicine Lodge Chapter	76 points
5th.	Francis Groene, Winfield Chapter	70 points
5th.)	Leon Moore, Winfield Chapter	70 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Medicine Lodge Chapter	397 points
2nd.	Winfield Chapter	308 points
3rd.	Arkansas City Chapter	248 points
4th.	Kingman Chapter	244 points
5th.	Harper Chapter	239 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	Arkansas City Chapter
2nd.	Kingman Chapter
3rd.	Harper Chapter
4th.	Winfield Chapter
5th.	Medicine Lodge Chapter

PARSONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Sam Barker, Cherryvale Chapter	91 points
2nd.	Bud Hermesmeier, Cherryvale Chapter	88 points
3rd.	Randall Knox, Chanute Chapter	86 points
3rd.)	LeRoy Cole, Cherryvale Chapter	86 points
3rd.)	Jack Aitken, Parsons Chapter	86 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st.	Cherryvale Chapter	432½ points
2nd.	Chanute Chapter	419 points
3rd.	Parsons Chapter	363 points
4th.	Coffeyville Chapter	361½ points
5th.	Howard Chapter	339½ points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st.	Coffeyville Chapter
2nd.	Parsons Chapter
3rd.	Columbus Chapter
4th.	Kincaid Chapter
5th.)	Cherryvale Chapter
5th.)	Chanute Chapter
5th.)	Iola Chapter

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

The following is a summarized table of the contest results of the eleven district FFA Leadership Schools:

Leadership School	: Highest Individual : : Score :	: Highest Chapter : : Score :	: Total High 5 : : Boys :	: Average High 5 : : Boys :	: Total High 5 : : Chapters :	: Average High 5 : : Chapters :
Clay Center	: 89	: 408	: 430	: 86	: 1858	: 371.6
Lawrence	: 88	: 409	: 432	: 86.6	: 1908	: 381.6
Seneca	: 92	: 406.5	: 438.5	: 87.7	: 1923.5	: 384.7
Beloit	: 90	: 437	: 443	: 88.6	: 2030	: 406
Hill City	: 89	: 438	: 438	: 87.6	: 1668	: 333.6
Colby	: 91	: 434	: 436	: 87.2	: 1795	: 359
Dodge City	: 98	: 450	: 465	: 93	: 1611	: 322.2
Emporia	: 88	: 405	: 415	: 83	: 1640	: 328
Harper	: 88	: 397	: 398	: 79.6	: 1436	: 287.2
Buhler	: 89	: 421	: 439	: 87.8	: 1943.5	: 388.7
Parsons	: 91	: 432.5	: 437	: 87.4	: 1915.5	: 383.1

The following rankings list the Leadership Schools on the basis of the average of the scores made by the high five individuals in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Individuals Per Leadership School:

1st.	Dodge City Leadership School	93 points
2nd.	Beloit Leadership School	88.6 points
3rd.	Buhler Leadership School	87.8 points
4th.	Seneca Leadership School	87.7 points
5th.	Hill City Leadership School	87.6 points

The following ranking of District Leadership Schools is on the basis of the average score of the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Chapters Per Leadership School:

1st.	Beloit Leadership School	406 points
2nd.	Buhler Leadership School	388.7 points
3rd.	Seneca Leadership School	384.7 points
4th.	Parsons Leadership School	383.1 points
5th.	Lawrence Leadership School	381.6 points

The following FFA members contributed to the success of the District FFA Leadership Schools by reciting the FFA Creed:*

Harold Raine, Wamego Chapter
 Gary Johnson, Highland Park Chapter
 Group of seven boys, Centralia Chapter
 Dean Bliss, Osborne Chapter
 Charles Griffeth, Hill City Chapter
 Richard Walker, Fowler Chapter
 Edwin Swisher, Lyndon Chapter
 Darwin Enns, Inman Chapter
 Bob Does, Kingman Chapter
 Group of four boys, Coffeyville Chapter

* Name of FFA member who recited Creed at Colby FFA Leadership School was omitted by reporter

1947 FFA Leadership Schools (continued)

The more FFA members know about the Future Farmers of America the greater will be their respect for the organization. FFA officers (and advisers) too often are not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Ritualistic performance, especially the opening and closing ritual, constitute the "Show Window" of the FFA organization. It is important that all ritualistic performance be on a high standard, but especially important that the opening and closing ritual be well handled at all times. Parliamentary Procedure should be given more attention by chapter officers.

The 1947 FFA Information Test had a total of 100 possible points, as compared with 101 points in the 1946 test, 102 points in the 1945 test, 68 points in the 1944, and 79 points in the 1943 Information Test. The fifteen year FFA History, the FFA Manual, Volume XVIII of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, and the September number of the current year's issue of the Newsletter were used in formulating the 1947 FFA Information Test.

The state office wishes to express its appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation evinced in each of the eleven districts in which FFA Leadership Schools were held.

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JAYHAWK CHAPTER PLOW

Those in attendance at the Lawrence District FFA Leadership School observed that the host chapter had a 6" plow at the station of the vice-president. Inquiry brought out the fact that the plow had a significant history. The following report by Dick Durbin, Lawrence chapter reporter, will be of interest.

"When the Lawrence, Kansas, Jayhawk Chapter was given its charter in 1931, the chapter started collecting the various symbols for the officers stations.

The plow for the vice-president's station was donated by Robert Kamp-schroeder, president of the chapter at that time. The plow is a 6" plow and was owned by Robert's grandfather, and used by him as the first plow on his farm near Clinton, Kansas. As time passed the plow was abandoned and sat under a tree on the farm. The wooden handle rotted off and the metal surface became rusted.

Robert polished the plow and presented it to the chapter to be used at the Vice-President's Station.

The chapter now has a smaller plow that is used at all regular meetings, but the older plow is still used for special occasions, such as the District FFA Leadership Schools."

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TWO LARGEST CHAPTERS

Altamont Chapter with 100 paid up members, Ed Zahn, adviser, has the distinction of being the largest chapter in the Kansas Association of FFA to date. Effingham Chapter, A. G. Jensen, adviser, with a paid up membership of 94 ranks second in size. Congratulations Altamont and Effingham.

"JUST AS WASHINGTON KEPT HIS FARM ACCOUNTS"

Each year as part of the program of the FFA District Leadership Schools in Kansas certain officers from the various chapters in attendance are required to give a two minute report on the "duties of his office". The following reports of local FFA chapter treasurers were selected to be run in The Kansas Future Farmer. We think you will find these reports of interest, and trust that chapter treasurers may find new ways of financing their chapters.

Winfield Chapter by Carl Seeliger, Treasurer. The Winfield Chapter of Future Farmers always elect officers in the Spring of the year, and just before school is out. These officers are installed at an officers meeting held at a luncheon late in August, just before school starts in the Fall.

The Future Farmer officers, both past and elected; advisers, honorary members and the high school principal attend this luncheon. This is a get acquainted meeting in which the program of the past year is reviewed and plans for the coming year are talked over.

At this meeting the treasurer's books were handed over to me and they showed a cash balance at that time of \$909.10. Since that time I have deposited \$153.00 in the bank. This money came from prizes at the State Fair, seed corn and sale of FFA supplies. In that time I have paid out \$86.14, which leaves a balance as of this date of \$975.96. We also have other assets such as money invested in machinery, production credit stock, breeding stock, office equipment and supplies, memberships, supplies and \$1,400.00 dollars (maturity value) invested in United States bonds. Last spring our chapter gave the high school a bond which was a paid up \$100.00, Series G, to help furnish the auditorium stage with new curtains. The net worth of the Winfield Chapter, January 1, 1947, was \$3,006.18.

Here are some of the items in the machinery line that our Chapter owns: one bale elevator, a sweet clover beater, a Martin ditcher, a corn sheller, a fanning mill with sacking attachment, a hybrid corn grader, a complete set of potato equipment, including a cutter, planter, digger and grader. We also have an army surplus decontaminator, which we use to spread lime and fertilizers. We own two seed treaters, germination tester, potato treating equipment, and a large portable all steel sheep dipping vat. Most of this equipment was designed and constructed in our farm shop and the rest was rebuilt or repaired.

Stockton Chapter by Earl Bigge, Treasurer. The Stockton Chapter of Future Farmers of America is financially supported through three sources: 1, FFA Carnival or "Goblins' Glory"; 2, Prize money (primarily from a collective booth at the State Fair); 3, Dues and miscellaneous.

Our Carnival is held in October and as close to Halloween as possible for atmosphere. It consists of booths similar to those at fairs, etc. with the addition of bingo and a cakewalk. This Carnival nets us on the average of \$400 a year.

We construct a collective booth of grain, fruit, grasses, etc. at the Hutchinson Fair every fall and we manage to net around \$50 in prize money and mileage refund every year.

"Just as Washington Kept His Farm Accounts "(continued)

We collect \$1.00 membership dues in our chapter which amounts to about \$50 or \$60 a year. Approximately \$25 is taken in through miscellaneous sources.

This income is wisely distributed throughout the year to FFA sponsored activities. We serve lunch at our Parents Meeting and also entertain the Stockton Rotary Club with a dinner and program.

One date skating party is sponsored during the year, at which we usually serve a light lunch.

Other expenses which account for a larger part are judging and convention trips. Chapter supplies and miscellaneous emergency expenses are large enough to mention.

Colby Chapter by Don Friesen, Reporter. We of the Colby Chapter raise money primarily by five different methods.

First, and about least, FFA dues. We charge 50¢ per member. After state and national dues are taken out and degree pins furnished those who are to receive them, very little is left.

Second, shop projects made by boys who do not have a job of their own to do. We plan to raise at least \$35.00 this way this year. Last year our most important project in this line was building a large feed bunk for the Colby Experiment Station.

Third, and our most important money maker, is having concession stands at football and basketball games. Last year we made more than \$175.00 in this way and have started again this year. We also plan to build us a portable hot dog stand to facilitate our basketball game sales.

Fourth, box suppers. Last year we sponsored a box supper with the FHA girls and split the profits. It made us about \$30.00 with only the members of the two organizations attending. This year we plan to make it an all-school affair.

Fifth, coke machine. This year we have charge of the coke machine in the high school. It is more of a community service activity than a money maker because our profits average less than \$2.00 a week.

We finance our parent-son banquet with chapter funds from the treasury. We hire the FHA girls to serve the dinner. The chapter members prepare the program, banquet room, etc. and plan the dinner menu with the FHA girls.

Emporia Chapter by Lloyd Farr, Treasurer.

Our chapter has several methods of raising funds, some of which follow: 1 - dues; 2 - selling scrap iron; 3 - selling concessions at ball games; 4 - sponsoring school parties; 5 - selling Christmas cards; 6 - treating seed potatoes; 7 - oiling harness; 8 - dipping sheep.

Since every member helps in some way in raising chapter funds, I think the first thing that should be mentioned is the dues.

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This year the dues of each member in our chapter was 40¢. This amount was set by the members at a meeting. Ten cents state, and ten cents national dues, and twenty cents for the chapter. They also voted that we have 100% membership by October 1 or a fine of five cents per day all over. This really helped and they all cooperated.

Our next largest item is selling scrap iron. Most of the scrap sold is that which accumulates in our shop. Then we have annual scrap drives among our chapter members.

As one of many organizations, we take our turn at selling concessions--popcorn, candy, gum, pop and ice cream--at football games in which as many members as possible participate.

Each year we sponsor an all school party. We secure possession of the gymnasium and decorate it. A committee is chosen for this and also an eats committee. The ones in charge get the necessary provisions and keep an account. Then at the party, a small admission is charged, which will cover the expenses.

Treating seed potatoes and oiling harness is a small but reliable investment. We post our opening day on the bulletin board and a couple of boys are in charge each day. We have our own equipment in our shop and the people bring the seed potatoes or harness in for treating or oiling, and a small charge is made.

This year we are going to sell Christmas cards. This is new to us but our members said we would all work toward a goal of three boxes per member.

Dipping sheep has been a good investment up until the last year. We had our own vat and truck. After our tour last year, we sold the equipment.

Financing a Parent-Son Banquet.

Every year we finance a parent and son banquet. Through the cooperation of the home economics class, a menu is chosen. Under the director of Miss Bishop, the Foods director, the banquet is served in the Junior High School Cafeteria. In some cases, some of the members, make available some food.

Coffeyville Chapter by Carl Rauch, Treasurer. Our largest financial project this year has been our popcorn. We raised three acres of popcorn with every boy in the chapter participating. The land rent was one third of the total amount. The remaining two thirds or 783 pounds are now ready to sell. We expect to make a profit of about one-hundred dollars.

This Spring we entered the Curtis Publishing Company magazine subscription contest, and had the largest amount of sales in our High School. The chapter made \$78.00 on this one enterprise. We believe it is very educational as well as profitable, and intend to enter it next year.

The chapter purchased a cement mixer last year with which we make hog troughs, fence posts, and other small articles in the shop. We plan to build larger constructions on some of the surrounding farms.

"Just as Washington Kept His Farm Accounts" (continued)

Effingham Chapter by Carl Anderson, Treasurer. During the past year the Atchison County Chapter has been very fortunate in raising funds for our treasury and for financing our Parent and Son Banquet. We have several ways of raising funds and building up the net worth of our chapter as follows:

First. FFA Concession Stand at the Atchison County Fair. Our income for four days last August resulted in gross receipts of \$970.00 and a net profit of \$415.00. Our best day and night we took in \$430.00, which meant a lot of hopping around, dishing out ice cream cones, soda pop, hamburger frying, and hot dog wrapping.

Second. "FFA Athlete". These programs handed out at all football and basketball games with information concerning teams net us from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per season. Of course, we have to sell many ads to business men in our county and even in St. Joe in order to make a profit with printing costs at present prices. At the present time we have thirty-five advertisers on our program sheets.

Third. Last winter we sponsored a donkey basketball game and this netted our chapter \$100.00.

Fourth. Seed Testing Program. Our chapter receives 25¢ per sample for farm seeds tested. This activity brought us in approximately \$30.00 during the past year.

Fifth. FFA Financing Through P.C.A. Our loan set-up: We secure money from the Production Credit Association at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and make loans to our members at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ plus a dollar fee for making the loan. The chapters equity in stock and reserves is valued at \$400.00 at the present time.

Sixth. Chapter Swine Project. Our chapter started a registered gilt project last year in which a member is managing and feeding the sow and litter and the chapter receives one of the litter for the use of the original gilt. So far this gilt has proved a profitable undertaking as she farrowed and saved ten outstanding pigs, which will soon be ready to market. At present prices, the chapter's investment has more than doubled.

Cash in our chapter treasury today amounts to \$715.00. Our equity in stock and reserve in the Atchison Production Credit Association is slightly over \$400.00. The chapter's interest in hogs is approximately \$150.00. These items along with our investment in United States Government Bonds give a chapter net worth of \$1365.00.

Clay Center Chapter by Ray Reed, Reporter. Clay Center Chapter of Future Farmers of America has, as of September 30, 1947, \$800.00 cash on hand and \$600.00 in War Bonds, making a total of \$1,400.

The following methods were used by our chapter in raising the money during the past year:

We won first prize in a farm machine exhibit at Hutchinson which brought us a net profit of \$110.00.

Last year about this time our chapter participated in the Sheffield Steel Scrap Drive Contest. By gathering scrap iron from our fathers and neighbor's farms we collected approximately thirty-five tons, by selling this scrap iron to our local scrap dealer we raised \$114.00. We also won sixth prize in the scrap contest which brought us an award of \$40.00.

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Our chapter charges \$1.00 dues. After we have paid our state and national dues we have around \$30.00 left.

Our chapter also has a Gilt project which I think is very educational and gives a boy a good start in a livestock project. We give the boy a 150-pound purebred Duroc Jersey gilt. After the gilt farrows the boy returns two 150-pound gilts to his chapter. When we get more gilts than we have boys wanting to take them out on contract, we sell them at the community sale. This is one of the main ways in which our chapter is financed.

We usually participate in the all-school carnival by having an FFA ball throw. At this ball throw we usually take in around \$20.00.

When some agriculture boys don't have a shop job, they go to making cement hog troughs. Last year we sold seventy of these hog troughs at 75¢ each to merchants downtown.

One of the highlights of the year is the FFA - faculty basketball game. Although the faculty usually beats us we bring in around \$75.00. With part of this money we have an FFA date party and invite the faculty members who played in the game and their wives.

When gardening time rolls around in the spring, our secretary sends off to Fredonia, New York, for 100 boxes of garden seed. Each box contains 21 packages. We sell these boxes for \$1.00 apiece and get one-third of the profit.

The way we finance our parent and son banquet is mostly on a donation basis with each boy bringing either fruit salad, potato salad, carrot salad, or sandwiches. We take money out of our chapter fund to pay for the ice cream, cookies, and various other expenses such as, paying the guest speaker, for the awards, and for the decorations.

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FARM MACHINERY EXHIBIT KANSAS STATE FAIR - 1947

The Clay Center Chapter hauled its exhibit of Farm Machinery, repaired or built by FFA members in the vocational agriculture farm shop, one hundred fifty miles one way to enter the second annual Farm Machinery Exhibit at the State Fair at Hutchinson, and won first place in the contest. The fair association set aside \$1,000 in prizes for this contest.

The Farm Machinery Exhibit by local FFA chapters at the State Fair at Hutchinson is growing in popularity and daily attracts large crowds of fair visitors. Practically all pieces of machinery exhibited by the different chapters was in use on the home farms of the boys, and had to be brought into the farm shop where it was cleaned and painted to be ready for the exhibit.

The winners in the 1947 Farm Machinery Exhibit at the State Fair were:

- 1st. place - Clay Center Chapter, R. W. Morrison, Adviser
- 2nd place - Winfield Chapter, Ira Plank & John Lowe, Advisers
- 3rd place - Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adviser
- 4th place - McPherson Chapter, Richard Patton, Adviser.

Farm Machinery Exhibit Kansas State Fair (continued)

A brief statement concerning each of the prize winning exhibits follows:

Clay Center Chapter

Post Hole Digger by David Schoneweis. Constructed out of all scrap with exception of parts of the auger. Cost \$40 - retail \$178. Motive for building was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of post holes to be dug and trees to plant. Works nicely for trees because four holes can be dug close together and all left to do is take a shovel and clean them out. Post hole digger is mounted on a John Deere tractor and works off the power take off. The rear end of a Model T gives it added power needed to do the job. David lives $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Clay Center on an upland farm.

Tractor Mower by Lee Copeland. Mower fits on Case tractor. Built by using an old horse drawn mower cutter bar, sickle and pitman mounted on back of tractor and run by power take off by means of V belts. It has a safety catch so that if the bar hits something solid it automatically swings around. Cost \$21 to build handy device - new \$225. This mower has cut more than 300 acres.

Bulldozer by Myron Wohler, Jr. Built to work on the power lift of a Ford tractor. Used to fill ditches, build terraces, and maintain roads. Cost \$32 - new \$130.

Other equipment exhibited by the Clay Center Chapter are: stalk cutter by Kenneth Hildenbrand; wagon box by Paul Mugler; calf creep feeder by Karl Rau; Lawn Mower by Curtis Minter; Lawn Mower by Karl Rau; Hog trough by Curtis Minter; loading chute by Cecil Keen; manure loader by Allen Baxter.

Winfield Chapter

Tractor Bulldozer by Richard Gentry. Cost \$18 - new \$85. Designed for small Case tractor and is very light weight and is elevated and controlled by a pneumatic lifting device on the tractor.

Fourwheel combination grain wagon with flat top by Carl Seeliger. Cost \$24 - new \$70. Designed and built by Carl Seeliger, Jr. Features of this job are that it is mounted in such a way that it has perfect balance and can be elevated easily by the tractor driver with one hand from a tractor seat.

Portable bale elevator by FFA Chapter (Juniors). \$125. - new \$150. For loading baled hay on truck in the field. May be hooked up to truck and used to elevate the bales into hay mow at the barn. May also be pulled backward behind the pick-up baler and used to elevate the bales directly on flat top trailer from the baler. Designed and constructed by the Junior class as a community project. To be used as model for other boys and adults to construct bale elevators and will be eventually sold to anyone who wants it. Will sell at cost. Main feature is that it is light, yet sturdy, and yet strong enough. Weighs less than 200 pounds. Elevators are made from war surplus airplane tubing and scrap metals of all kinds. The shaftings were turned down from old shaftings picked up about the farms. Some of the gear and sprockets were brought from home - others bought from salvage yard.

Section of Drag Harrow by Edward Hall. Cost \$7.50 - new \$12.00. Drag harrow was completely worn out, the bearing studs on the adjustment mechanism were all worn off or nearly so and these were all made like new and braced into place. Levers and braces were straightened and repaired and the tool was made rigid. New teeth were used to replace the old worn out ones.

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Power Scoop by Eldon Richardson. Cost \$15 - new \$120.

Bale elevator for putting hay in mow by Dale Hutchins. Cost \$65 - new \$120.00.

Truck endgate by Irvin Harris. Cost \$4.50 - new \$12.50. Made from old iron and used lumber - all welding done by students.

Two row horse curler made into tractor implement by Carl Seeliger. Cost \$15 - new \$55. Designed by taking an old two row curler that was a horse drawn, wide row affair and cutting it down to a regular two row. Designing and constructing and fabricating a tractor hitch with controls from the tractor seat. Works remarkably well.

Other equipment shown by the Winfield Chapter was: special feed bunk by Delbert Graham; rebuilt for tractor cultivator by Richard Gentry; rotary lawn mower by Dale Hall; calf feeder made entirely of scrap material. Sturdy, long lived and will accomodate more calves than the rectangular type.

Coldwater Chapter

A-type hog house by Norman Sherman for swine project. A Junior this year. Also has small barrel type feeder used to feed his pigs in creep; also automatic hog waterer fashioned from an old 50-gallon barrel and pig brooder on display. Last fall he purchased a purebred Duroc gilt. Gilt farrowed 3/1 when cold and damp. The gilt raised twelve pigs. He also displayed feed bunk built last winter by Norman in shop. Used it to feed his four deferred calves. Norman is a fine example of a boy doing a good job in his farming program and tying it up with his shop work, by building equipment in shop. Also repaired and painted large feeder just like the one had on display last year, built by his brothers when in vocational agriculture.

Large weed hog feeder was built by boys in FFA for swine projects. Kansas type 8' long, capacity 50 bushels separate compartment for protein supplement. The boys improved on the original plan by covering the floor with heavy galvanized sheet metal to lengthen the life of the feeder and make it rat proof. Also equipped with galvanized sheet metal lids secured from old combine bin. These lids protect the feed from weather and prevent wasting feed.

Tractor Fresno by Virgil Hazen, Hubert Devoe and Enos Hadley. Built at very little cost. Built for teacher. Valuable for filling in around silo, tanks, etc. It has the advantage that it is easily pulled. A small tractor will handle it and one man can operate it and the tractor. The only objection to it compared to bumble bug is that you have to stop and back it up to reset it on each load. Fresno cost \$3.00. Scrap iron \$4.50. These two pieces of equipment make excellent cutting and welding exercises for boys.

Tumble Bug or dirt scoop by T. R. Carey. Made during food production training program. He picked up an old horse fresno at no cost. The ends and center reinforcements are built from steel armour plate from junk airplanes. Carey purchased this and some sheet steel at junk yard for about \$10. The Fresno was worth \$3.00. The rest of the metal was scrap picked up on his farm. He has used the tumble bug on his farm and for road repair work for

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two years and reports it works very satisfactorily. Two of the agriculture boys picked it up and repaired and painted it for the use of it for a few days to fill in around their yards and corrals. It is five feet and would cost new \$150. Cost Carey \$15.

Coldwater also showed two weed cutters or rotary lawn mowers. These are good advance projects requiring lathe and welding work. Coldwater has made over a dozen of these in shop in past two years. Cost \$15 for wheels, metal \$5, bearing \$6, and motor \$50. Sells for \$135.

Two beginning welding projects on display. As a small water trough made from 1/2 of 10 gallon drum by Stanley Deewall, and calf feeder from 1/2 30 gallon drum by Donald Huck. Two boys first welding projects.

Other equipment displayed by the Coldwater Chapter was: hog feeder by Richard Deyoe; A-type hog house by Norman Sherman; feed bunk by Norman Sherman; pig brooder by Donald Whelpley; pig brooder by Gerald Hadley; lawn mower by Theron Lees; lawn mower by Victor Thompson; tumble bug by Jack Carey - repaired and painted by Victor Thompson and Carrol Hiede; calf feeding trough by Donald Huck; water trough by Stanley Deewall; hog feeder by LeRoy Zielke and Norman Sherman; steel gate by Gene Gates and Jerry Allen; and shop stool by Alvin Kindsvater.

McPherson Chapter

Spring Tooth harrow by McPherson Chapter. Built as class project. Big demand for preparing seed bed for wheat. Because spring tooth harrows are among "hard to get" items, they built one. They loaned it to boys in the chapter. Will use it as a pattern for making harrows this year. Eight foot harrow cost \$31.42. Retail \$38.

Gate built by Dale Anderson. Dislike of saggy gates on well kept farm motive for building. Has built gates of various sizes for the farm from four foot to sixteen foot. Materials old oil field pump rod and woven wire fence. A four foot gate can be made at cost of 98¢. Retail \$6.00.

Whirlwing Lawn Mower built by Fayne Beattie. When mowing with push type mower, decided should be easier way so drew up plans for power mower in agriculture shop. Worked so well neighbor persuaded Fayne to make him one. Cost \$72.50 with motor - \$22.50 without motor. Retail \$150.

Two wheel trailer made by Bobby Eagerquist. Trailer has grain box 4' wide, 8' long and 2' deep. Has removable stock rack. Used by Bobby to haul grain, livestock and light hauling jobs on his home farm. Cost \$52.50. Retail \$159.50.

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TEXAS: Joe Daniels, Gatesville FFA member, received gift of a \$125 heifer calf from Waco businessmen after he had turned one back caught in a calf-scramble. A football player, Daniels turned back the calf when it appeared possession might jeopardize his amateur football standing. The Texas Interscholastic League later ruled that, although athletic skill was displayed in catching the calves, boys participating in properly regulated calf scrambles would not lose their right to play high school sports.

THE EXPERIENCES OF A KANSAS BOY IN THE NATIONAL FFA BAND
Clyde Morris, Jr., Highland Park Chapter

Last spring when my vocational agriculture instructor, Mr. F. E. Carpenter, told me that there was to be a National FFA Band organized and that I could submit my qualifications as a candidate for it, I felt that my chances for being chosen were very remote. Then one day in late spring word was received from the National FFA Band committee that I had been accepted. I could hardly believe it - things like that just don't happen to me.

Soon after being told of my appointment some letters came from Doctor Henry S. Brunner of the Department of Agricultural Education, Pennsylvania State College, giving full instructions in regard to practice and condition of our instruments. Fortunately for me the Santa Fe Band, in which I play, purchased a new oboe for me to use, so my only worry was getting in the practice. A folder of music came, and later on another was received, so we knew pretty well what to expect. Doctor Brunner had very thoroughly and systematically planned everything, even sending a last minute reminder in the form of a card on which we checked off each item of equipment we would need.

Then the big day dawned - a perfect sunshiny fall day. I boarded the Santa Fe train at 8:00 and arrived at the Robert E. Lee Hotel about 10:30 a.m. The lobby was full of strange boys, some of whom were wearing the blue and gold FFA jackets. Looking back now I still remember many of those faces, but now they have personalities, for many of them became my friends and buddies during that memorable week.

We were all eager for the first rehearsal, which would prove whether a group of 120 boys could be recruited from all over the United States and whipped into shape in so short a time to appear before the National FFA Convention and American Royal. Every boy seemed to be a real music lover and the enthusiasm ran high all through the week, even though the practice was intensive, especially during the first two days. Doctor Brunner was a dynamic person, a very fine character, and a real leader in every respect,

We had all played under different directors from all parts of the country, and it was no small task to coordinate our playing and marching. Doctor Brunner knew music, and he knew boys, so in a few days we had quite a presentable band and we were very proud to be a part of it. Whenever a bunch of boys collected in the lobby of the Auditorium someone would strike up a tune and the rest would follow. We even played on the three trollies used for transportation to and from the American Royal Building. The windows were open so we often got together on the same tune. Coming down the street from the trolley to the hotel small groups would start playing while they marched. It was a lot of fun and everybody was happy.

The night of our second day of practice we broadcast over WDAF, and afterwards made recordings. The next day, which was Saturday, October 21st, the American Royal and the National FFA Convention opened with a big parade three miles long through the streets of Kansas City. This was our first public appearance. The weather was perfect, our uniforms fresh and new, and our spirits high. The parade was very spectacular from all reports, but from where we were we didn't see too much of it.

One enjoyable event was a sightseeing trip over the city in busses. Although I am fairly familiar with Kansas City, I am sure it was a real treat for the out-of-state boys. And speaking of out-of-state boys, we didn't have

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to apologize for our weather that week even to the boys from California and Florida. It couldn't have been better if it had been ordered.

All week we played for and attended very inspirational sessions of the FFA Convention. One that I particularly enjoyed was on Sunday night when the public speaking contest was held. All of the talks were so fine and so well prepared and delivered that it must have been hard to pick the winner. At the morning session on Tuesday we heard the Right Honorable Lord Inverchapel, Ambassador from Great Britain, who made a talk comparing our livestock and farming methods with theirs. He presented boys from Canada, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, most of whom belong to similar organizations in their own countries. There was also a boy from Hawaii and a delegation of ten young men from Burma. Tuesday afternoon we paraded in the Arena of the American Royal, and stayed for the Horse Show, which is one of the outstanding features of the American Royal. In the evening, FFA awards were presented. This was followed by a very good vaudeville show featuring Bob Burns.

One of the most enjoyable events of the week was the FFA Banquet on Wednesday night. Tables completely filled the huge arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Our band played for this occasion, which was our last engagement. About 9:30 p.m. the banquet was over, and we reluctantly said our farewells.

So ended the most thrilling week of my life. We felt that it had been a very successful week - we learned a lot, and a wonderful spirit of comradeship and cooperation prevailed throughout the week. Too much cannot be said for Doctor Brunner's ability to organize, discipline, and instruct. I believe I speak for all the boys when I say that he was held in high esteem by all. I only hope it is possible for me to return to Kansas City next year and watch another National FFA Band from the sidelines.

Next year two or more boys from Kansas will have this wonderful opportunity, and believe me it is worth striving for. So get out your instruments and get in some good licks on it before another crop of boys are picked for the Second National FFA Band.

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MY EXPERIENCE IN THE NATIONAL FFA BAND
Keith Riggs, Wakeeney Chapter

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been a part of the National BBA Band. I am sure I shall never forget my experiences in Kansas City; the rehearsals, the concerts, the parades, the friendships built there in a few short days,

I doubt if a better conductor could have been found than Doctor Brunner, a large, friendly, likable fellow who seems to have a way with boys. It is sometimes hard to organize such a large band, but Doctor Brunner didn't seem to have much trouble doing it.

Our few days of rehearsal were long and grinding, but also enjoyable. It makes one proud to be a member of such an organization, even though his contribution is small, because of the high achievements of, not individuals, but the group as a whole. I met and became good friends with many fine musicians from all the United States and I think every one of them felt the same way about our band as I did.

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Now that the first National FFA Band has been successful, I think it will become an annual occurrence at the National FFA Convention, adding its bit to the programs. I am confident that Kansas will do its part in providing competent musicians for this band next year and in the years to come. I feel that membership in this band should be a goal of every FFA member who plays a band instrument.

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"TENNESSEE BARN-WARMIN"

The Tennessee Barn-Warming was mentioned in the November, 1947, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer as one of the interesting programs presented at the Twentieth National FFA Convention. A fuller description of this event is being included herewith because of its value to local FFA program chairmen who are looking for ideas. The "Barn-Warmin" is a type of program in which all can participate, is packed full of wholesome fun, and will pay for itself.

The party room should be decorated to represent a carnival. Food booths were assigned to each high school class. Sales and net profits had a direct relation to voting for the "Barn-Warmin" Queen. Each class had a candidate for the Queen.

In the first stunt, the boys pulled off their shoes, which were taken to the other end of the stage and piled up. At a signal they rushed to the pile of shoes, found their own by frantic hunting, put them on, and raced back to the starting point. The first boy back to the base was awarded a prize.

The girls were then moved into the spotlight. An inflated balloon was tied to the ankle of each girl and at a signal all went into action, each trying to burst the balloons of other girls by stepping on them. When only one inflated balloon was left, the owner of it was declared the winner.

One of the most interesting stunts was barrel boxing. Two boxers with gloves on climbed into two wooden barrels and walked the barrels toward each other until they were at arms length of each other. One hand of each boxer was placed on the barrel and the other was used for punching. The object was to knock the opponent over. The boxer could use his hands to prevent his barrel from going completely over. When the barrel went over completely, it was declared a "down." The first boy to knock the other down three times was the winner.

An apple eating contest was the next stunt on the program. A number of apples were suspended by strings from a 2' x 4' board. Boys and girls were lined up in front of the apples and at a signal each tried to bite an apple in front of him or her. The first to get a good bite was declared the winner.

A nail driving contest for girls created quite a bit of excitement. Each of several girls was given a hammer, a block of wood about four to six inches in diameter and six to eight inches high, and ten nails. The nails appeared from where I was sitting to be about 6d. common. The first girl to drive all nails completely into the wood was given a prize.

Corn shucking was the next stunt and it was indeed interesting. Each of several boys was given a tow sack containing twenty ears of corn with the shucks on. At a signal each boy emptied his sack and started shucking corn,

"Tennessee Barn-Warmin" (continued)

without the aid of any kind of device. The winner was the first boy to shuck the twenty ears and return the shucks to the sack.

The next feature was a simple square dance. Very little practice would be required to participate in this dance or to call it.

The final event of the program was the crowning of the Queen. She was "elected" from one of four girls previously chosen from the four high school classes. Each of the four candidates worked in a "stand" under the sponsorship of her class. There was keen competition among the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes to see which "stand" made the most profit selling food, drinks, and other items. The candidate for Queen from the "stand" where the most profit was made was declared elected Queen of the Barn Warming party. She was crowned by the president of the FFA chapter.

The Tennessee Barn Warming was presented to the Twentieth National FFA Convention by twenty FFA boys and twenty FHA girls from the Dixson High School, Dixson, Tennessee. The stunt was warmly received, and our thanks to the Dixson, Tennessee, boys and girls for a worthwhile idea.

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CALIFORNIA: Dino Petrucci, Madera FFA member, has a vital interest in the subject he used to win the California state FFA public speaking contest. The Future Farmer, whose subject was "Is Another Agricultural Depression Necessary," has an investment in farming totalling more than \$11,000. He owns 40 acres of land, 20 head of dairy cattle, and crops include 15 acres of grapes, potatoes and peaches, and 15,000 tomato plants. He is a senior in high school.

MARYLAND: Boonsboro Future Farmers of America used their new 40 by 60 foot farm shop during the past six months to build seven brooder houses, four farrowing houses, four pig brooders, four hog troughs, thirty-five chick feeders, two chick brooders, and one farm trailer, and to repair one sprayer, a feed cart, a poultry house, three harrows and two metal hog troughs. In addition, the chapter's plan of "bigger and better shop results in bigger and better projects" used the shop as operations base for department projects in feeding 18 pigs, 400 chickens and two calves.

MICHIGAN: During 1946 members of the Alma chapter completed 159 productive enterprise projects which netted them \$38,000 profit. The Future Farmers produced 75,000 pounds of pork, 7000 pounds of lamb, 1,000 bushels of potatoes, 800 bushels of beans, 102,000 pounds of milk, 6000 bushels of corn and 54,000 pounds of beef.

NEBRASKA: A new record for the state association was set in April when Nebraska Future Farmers of America added up the figures showing project labor income for State Farmer degree winners. Fifty-two boys receiving the degree averaged \$1,476 each in income from their FFA projects. Leaders among the State Farmers was Don Hodgson, Lexington, who had earned \$4,134.

INDIANA: Ten Indiana members of the Future Farmers of America, along with similar groups from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin made expense-paid tours of Chicago's places of agricultural interest as guests of Prairie Farmer and WLS. The trips were awarded for outstanding achievement in Future Farmer activities during 1946.

COMANCHE COUNTY COLLECTIVE BOOTH AT STATE FAIR

(Editor's Note: The following story is by LeRoy E. Melia, Chapter Adviser, Coldwater Chapter. Mr. Melia along with Mr. J. A. Johnson, Buhler Chapter, has had a rich experience in preparing County Collective Booths for the State Fair. In the following article he tells how he and his chapter carry on this activity which is a part of the chapter's annual Program of Work.)

Our chapter built its first County Collective Booth for the State Fair in 1931. This was my first year at Coldwater. We placed last in the 1931 contest. We did not have a score card and knew very little about what was expected in a County Collective Booth Exhibit. We learned something that first year however, and went back in 1932 and won first place. We have placed first in the County Collective Booth Exhibit in the Western division every year of the seventeen years we have exhibited with the exception of one year, when Ford County took first place in the Western division and we placed second. We won our first Grand Champion ribbon in 1940 and repeated in 1941, 1942, 1943. Ross Beeley has the distinction of serving on the County Collective Booth Exhibit Committee all four years during which our chapter exhibited the Grand Champion Booth. Our chapter also rated a Grand Champion Ribbon in 1945.

You will be interested in how we handle the County Collective Booth Exhibit as a part of our regular FFA Program of Work. We have a standing committee in charge of the County Collective Booth. This committee is made up of one representative from each of the four High School classes in vocational agriculture. The freshman class elects a member to the County Collective Booth Committee during the Fall of the year and the boy elected remains on this committee throughout his High School life. The committee usually meets twice during August to work out an educational idea for the booth.

We have two weeks after school starts to collect and prepare the crop exhibits, and to get other booth material ready. The preparation of wheat and grass sheaves require considerable time.

At our May FFA meeting the boys are asked to volunteer to collect samples of the different varieties of wheat and barley during the summer. Checking with the boys and seeing that an adequate supply of samples are collected is part of my summer responsibility. We usually employ a local man to make our posters. All other work having to do with the County Booth is done by the boys. (Not the teacher).

When school opens, corn, sorghum and legume samples are collected from the field. These samples are collected usually on Wednesday and Thursday and the material is gotten into shape on Friday. The committee meets on Friday night, usually the second week of school, to pack the material for the exhibit into a trailer. Saturday morning, the committee together with the local chapter adviser, start for Hutchinson at 4:00 a.m. The boys go to work setting up the exhibit as soon as they arrive at the Fair Grounds. Along about 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, the exhibit has been put into place and given the final finishing touches. The four boys constituting the County Collective Booth Committee usually do all the work. This year, however, two additional boys accompanied us to Hutchinson to assist my brother in putting up the Ford County Booth Exhibit. The two additional boys will be considered as members of the County Collective Booth Committee this year.

Comanche County Collective Booth at State Fair (continued)

The entire FFA chapter takes an active part in securing samples and getting materials together for the County Collective Booth. A large part of this work is done during school hours the first two weeks of school. Some of the work necessarily has to be done after school and during the evenings. I attempt to get in some teaching during this two-week period by teaching seed selection and seed judging on our field trips and after we bring the material back to the classroom. All vegetables are located as early as possible during the first two weeks of school and are brought in on the Friday we pack the material in the trailer for the trip to Hutchinson.

The following awards as prize money have been received by the Coldwater Chapter.

1931 - \$ 70.00	1940 - \$172.97
1932 - \$160.00	1941 - \$170.39
1933 - \$170.00	1942 - \$175.61
1934 - \$170.00	1943 - \$187.99
1935 - \$170.00	1944 - \$190.39
1936 - \$170.00	1945 - \$189.96
1937 - \$170.00	1946 - \$200.00
1938 - \$170.00	1947 - \$200.82
1939 - \$170.00	

The money earned from the County Collective Booth Exhibit has financed all our FFA activities. Some of these activities are: Parent-Son Banquets, light refreshments at all regular night FFA meetings, Christmas Party treats, expenses of judging trips, and transportation for the entire chapter to the State Fair at Hutchinson. Our FFA treasury financed the Food Production War Training Program until we received Federal reimbursement. Chapter funds are also used to purchase livestock and other cooperative purchases. The members pay the chapter when they receive their livestock, seed or whatever item was purchased cooperatively by the chapter. Moneys earned through our Booth activity was used to start class project work. We purchased two lots and fenced and equipped them for our class projects. The class projects have more than paid back the money furnished from the Collective Booth Awards. At present, our chapter has a cash bank account of \$750.00. We also own \$400 in War Bonds.

A County Collective Booth Exhibit represents a lot of work; however, it pays dividends in cash awards and in interest developed among our members in high quality production of farm commodities.

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FFA SUPPLIES

In listing the source of FFA supplies in the September 15, 1947, Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, your editor unintentionally omitted the Chapter Supply Company, Box 54, Danville, Illinois. FFA items available through the Chapter Supply Company are: Bust of Washington, Bust of Jefferson, Ear of Corn Model, Junbo FFA Emblems, Flags, Gavel, Shirts, Officer Station Drapes, and Official Owl. The Chapter Supply Company is an official FFA supply source and we extend apologies for omitting this company from the list of official firms printed in our September Newsletter.

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RENO COUNTY COLLECTIVE BOOTH AT STATE FAIR

(Editor's Note: The following story is by Mr. J. A. Johnson, Chapter Adviser, Buhler Chapter. Mr. Johnson along with Mr. LeRoy E. Melia, Coldwater Chapter, has had a rich experience in preparing County Collective Booths for the State Fair. In the following article he tells of his chapter's experience in carrying on this activity which is a part of the chapter's annual Program of Work.)

Our chapter prepared its first County Collective Booth Exhibit for the State Fair in 1937. We placed third that year in the Central Division and received a cash award of \$79.00. We have prepared and exhibited a County Collective Booth each year since. The 1947 exhibit was our eleventh exhibit. We failed to win a first place in the division until 1941. From that year on we have never placed lower than first, and in 1944, 1946, and 1947, our County Collective Booth was judged Grand Champion.

The following is a record of the County Collective Booth for Reno County, prepared each year by the Buhler FFA Chapter, exhibited at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson.

Year	Place Won in Central Division	Amount of Money Received	Total Score Years Winning Grand Champion
1937	Third	\$ 79.00	
1938	Second	112.00	
1939	Third	94.57	
1940	Third	88.00	
1941	First	134.00	
1942	First	138.00	
1943	First	139.84	
1944	First & Grand Champion	144.87	1105
1945	First	140.76	
1946	First & Grand Champion	156.36	1119
1947	First & Grand Champion	156.51	1113

The scores made with the three Grand Champion Booths have never been exceeded by any other County. Comanche County made a score of 1104 in 1946, which was the only other County to ever make over 1100 points.

Twelve hundred points are allowed in the score card for judging County Collective Agricultural Exhibits. The County Collective Exhibits are divided into three groups - Eastern, Central, and Western - according to their respective locations in the State. Provisions are made in the score card to allow Counties to build their exhibits from materials best adapted to their County. The following are the divisions of the score card used in judging the County Collective Agricultural Exhibits together with points ascribed to each division.

Educational Value	150
Artistic Display	150
Original Design	80
Adaptability of varieties	60
Number of Farms represented	50
Small Grains	200

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Corn and Sorghums	200
Legumes	50
Grasses	50
Potatoes	30
Sweet Potatoes	30
Vegetables	100
Fruit	50
Total	<u>1200</u>

The following scores were made by the Counties listed in the 1947 County Collective Agricultural Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair.

Scoring Items	Possible Score	Shawnee County	Labette County	Douglas County	Franklin County	Osage County	RENO County	Ottawa County	Osborne County	Kiowa County	Rooks County	Ford County	Comanche County
Educational Value	150	130	130	130	125	135	140*	138	115	125	135	130	140*
Artistic Display	150	140	133	125	130	135	(142)	135	115	120	130	133	140
Original Design	80	75	70	60	75	72	78*	75	50	70	75	65	78*
Adaptability of varieties	60	55	60	60	55	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Number of Farms	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Small Grains	200	180	165	170	170	165	185*	175	150	165	155	185*	185*
Corn & Sorghums	200	170	(175)	155	165	155	170	130	120	135	146	140	150
Legumes (3 varieties)	50	43	40	35	40	40	(46)	40	30	35	42	38	45
Grasses (3 kinds)	50	43	40	35	40	43	(45)	43	30	40	40	40	43
Potatoes (3 varieties)	30	27	(28)	25	25	27	26	20	26	26	25	24	27
Sweet Potatoes (3 varieties)	30	27	23	25	24	25	(28)	18	20	20	23	24	23
Vegetables (10 kinds)	100	95	92	93	93	94	(96)	93	92	94	93	93	95
Fruit (10 plates)	50	46	41	43	42	43	(47)	45	43	41	42	44	45
TOTAL	1200	1081	1047	1006	1034	1044	1113	1022	901	981	1016	1026	1081

--- Scores in circles indicate high scores

* - Tied for high score

Reno County Collective Booth at State Fair (continued)

It requires a great deal of time and labor to plan and build for a County Collective Booth Exhibit; however, we believe the building of such an exhibit is justified from the standpoint of affording opportunities to teach varietal adaptations and high quality of production of agricultural commodities. Another point that should not be overlooked is the interest in plant production developed on the part of the boys largely through our chapter's responsibility in connection with the preparation each year of the County Collective Exhibit.

The 1947 Reno County Collective Booth Exhibit portrayed the value of legumes in plant production. The following is a brief description of the Booth.

Educational Feature: Background display of two charts with two pictures each.

One chart contained a picture of an apple tree that had been set on land where vetch had been grown previously; also by comparison the picture of a tree in the same orchard set on land where no vetch had been grown. These were actual pictures taken in Reno County. Likewise the other Chart showed two Peach trees. The pictures showed very conclusive evidence the value of vetch as an orchard legume.

Continuing from these two charts were a series of charts down the middle of the floor to show graphically the advantages of growing wheat after legumes over continuous wheat. The data given were taken from actual farm situations in several parts of the county. The results were shown by making miniature sacks of grain from wheat in bar graph style. Each sack represented two bushels per acre. The results shown were as follows.

Southwest Reno County - Continuous wheat-----	9.8 bu. with 10.20% protein
Wheat after S. Clover-----	23.83 bu. with 11.3% protein
Southeast Reno County - Continuous wheat-----	20 bushels
Wheat after S. Clover-----	32 bushels
Northeast Reno County - Continuous Wheat-----	20 bushels*
Wheat after Alfalfa-----	40 bushels*
North Central Reno Co.- Continuous Wheat-----	12 bushels
Wheat after S. Clover plus Phosphate Ferti- lizer-----	32 bushels

(* - These are five year results on Bob Sawatzky's farm. Bob Sawatzky was secretary of the Kansas Association of FFA in 1943 and won the American Farmer Degree in 1944.)

Artistic Arrangement: We used French Blue Crepe Paper for the background. The streamers and flowers were from Dark Amber Crepe. Since Legumes were shown as being so important in crop production, each bundle was crowned with a crepe paper crown. The samples on the floor were displayed to give a sort of sweeping appearance toward the center, with the big point being to the outside walls. The background of pillars supporting an arch on which Reno County was supported, was made from kafir and wheat. They were glued on and then schellaced.

Originality: The high scores seems to go to the ones with the most novel ideas.

Adaptability of Varieties: All varieties shown were well adapted to Reno County.

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Number of Farm Represented: At least ten farms must be represented to get full county. The Reno County Booth had forty-one farms represented, from all sections of the county.

Small Grains: The following bundle and grain samples were shown:

Wheat - Comanche, Wichita, Pawnee

Oats - Fulton, Osage, Neosho, Kanota

Barley - Common Winter, Reno

Corn and Sorghums:

Corn - K-2234, K-1585, US-13, Dekalb-875, Dekalb-1002.

Grain Sorghums - Early Kalo, Midland, Westland, Wheatland, Cody Milo.

Sweet Sorghum - Orange Sorgo, Atlas Sorgo, Sumac Sorgo, African Millet.

Legumes:

New Madrid Sweet Clover, Yellow Blossom Sweet Clover, White Blossom

Sweet Clover, Kansas Common Alfalfa, Buffalo Alfalfa, Grimm Alfalfa, Winter Vetch.

Grasses:

Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Blue Grama, Side-Oat Grama, Brome, German Millet.

Potatoes:

Cobblers, Red Warba, Early Ohios.

Sweet Potatoes:

Red Jerseys, Golden Little Stem, Nancy Hall, Nancy Gold

Vegetables:

Three Watermelons (Stone Mountain, Kansas Stripe, Black Diamond), Cantaloupe (Hales Best), Squash (Cushaw), Pumpkin (Kentucky Field), Beets (Detroit Red), Tomatoes (Firesteel), Slicing Cucumbers (Long Green), Pickling Cucumbers (Long Green), Cabbage (Copenhagen Market), Onions (White Bermuda)(Yellow Bermuda), Carrots (Chantenay)

Fruit:

Apples - Missouri Pippin, Winesap, Red Winesap, Delicious, Grimes Golden, Jonathan, Ben Davis.

Pears - Garber, Keifer, Douglas, Russet, Lincoln.

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"PEANUTS"

Gunnison, Colorado. Sept. 23. (AP) - Three prize Herefords were sold for \$35,000 or more each yesterday, first day of a dispersal sale at the Dan Thornton ranch three miles north of Gunnison.

One of the \$35,000 animals was a grand champion heifer, TT Xato Heiress, and the buyer was an 18-year-old member of the Future Farmers of America, Gerald Montgomery of Madeira, California. Stockmen here said the price the youth paid was a record for a heifer." -- Kansas City Times, September 24, 1947.

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CHAPTER NEWS

GREAT BEND: Officers for 1947-48 are: Bob LeRoy, president; John Neeland, vice-president; Bill Hiss, secretary; Bill Henning, treasurer; Robert Merten, reporter, George Asher, sentinel....Our first activity of the year was a Father-Son watermelon feed at the City Park....Eighteen of our members and the adviser attended the Hutchinson State Fair....Bill Hiss, Oliver Batman and Carl Heinrich attended the National Convention of FFA and the American Royal at Kansas City....The FFA plans to pay for two seats in the Memorial Stadium which is to be built in time for the football season in 1948.... We have sponsored two concession stands at football games this Fall and have earned about \$200 for our treasury....At present some of our members are building five poultry feeders, one hog feeder, overhauling a combine motor, an alfalfa drill and making sixteen 10-inch off-set funnels. We have built two 14 ft. feed bunks and will soon get started on a brooder house and a hog house.

Robert Merten, Reporter

SABETHA: Our chapter has nine Green Hands this year....Twenty-six members of the chapter went to the American Royal this fall....The Sabetha Co-op Creamery and our chapter sponsored a program on how to produce Grade A milk and No. 1 cream. They took us through the creamery and milk plant. A picture show and refreshments were given by the Co-op Creamery. We invited the five following schools: Hiawatha, Powhattan, Seneca, Fairview, Centralia, 160 boys attended from these schools....Our junior and senior classes have taken charge of a PL 16 GI and are helping him remodel his poultry house...We are having a pest-eradication contest again this year.

Jimmie Brownlee, Reporter

BERRYTON: Our chapter has forty-four active members this year. Officers for the year are: president, Lewis Eggenberger; vice-president, Eugene Flohrschutz; treasurer, Eugene Worthington; secretary, Johnnie Johnston; reporter, Vernon Hill; sentinel, Frank Figgs; member of student council, Jack Morrow, and adviser, Blaine Crow....Thirty-six of our members spent a day at the American Royal....We are having a contest selling subscriptions to the American Poultry Journal. The losing side is to furnish refreshments for the winning side at our next night meeting....Prizes of \$3, \$2, and \$1, will be given to the individuals selling the most subscriptions.

Vernon Hill, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: Officers for the year are: president, Harold Trayer; vice-president, Donald Dick; secretary, Carvel Oldham; treasurer, John Stedeman; reporter, Jerry Cross; sentinel, Marion Cross; and adviser, Elmer Akers.So that we might help pay for our annual FFA banquet which was held November 25, the members are now selling Christmas cards....We now have thirty-six members in our chapter. We held our freshman initiation in October....Most of the boys in our chapter went to the Hutchinson State Fair this year in a truck and slept in a tent. Two of our members exhibited calves at the fair....Our chapter is now feeding twenty head of Hereford calves and eighteen head of shorthorns which we plan to ship the 15th of December.

Jerry Cross, Reporter

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HIGHLAND PARK: Chapter officers elected this year are: William Rankin, president; Gary Johnson, vice-president; Larry Figgins, secretary; Farrel Tolbert, treasurer; and Galen Murphy, reporter....Farrel Tolbert and Galen Murphy each exhibited two barrows in the FFA Swine division at the American Royal Show....Carl Sisson, a freshman FFA member purchased an excellent registered Guernsey heifer consigned by Sun Farms of Parsons to the State Guernsey Sale held at Topeka this Fall....Members of our chapter who have registered Durocs as a part of their farming programs have formed a local Cooperative Association for the purpose of securing suitable breeding stock, purchasing feed and marketing stock produced. The services of two registered sires are now being used by members of the association....Thirty members of our chapter chartered a bus for their trip to the American Royal this year.. ..Our chapter sponsored the printing and distribution of football programs at all of our home games this year....Our FFA members are now busily engaged in the process of summarizing records books for this year. Our local chapter record book contest will be completed December 31 and appropriate awards will be made soon after the first of the year.

Galen Murphy, Reporter

CHANUTE: Officers elected for 1947-48 are: Randall Knox, president; Dean Tennis, vice-president; Myrrl West, secretary; Charles Kepley, treasurer; Dale Fairchild, reporter; Vernon Myers, sentinel....In September we held our annual watermelon feed and invited all prospective Green Hands...Twenty-eight of our members attended the Hutchinson Fair...We cooperated with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in selling tickets on the tractor given away at the Corn Carnival. Donald Grady again sold the most tickets. Our chapter sold over \$350.00 worth...Our chapter won first at the grain judging contest at the Corn Carnival and took in over \$85.00 in prize money in grain exhibits. Three boys, Dean Noland, Dean Tennis and Charles Larson exhibited loads of corn. Tennis's load placed second. Our chapter built a float for the parade entitled "Improved Practices Pay".....Mr. and Mrs. Carter and ten members attended the American Royal and FFA Convention...We held our annual box supper and dance on November 24 and cleared over \$180.00 with which we financed our Parent-Son Banquet held December 4. Fourteen new members were initiated into our chapter at the banquet...We are organizing a basketball team and have ordered ten new suits...Our pest eradication contest starts December 20....In the way of recreation we had a big hayrack ride on October 10 with thirty-five boys and their dates attending. Then for a Halloween party we played games in the Cafeteria after which we went roller skating....We have added another gas welding outfit, two small farm welders and a drill press to our shop tools this year.

Dale Fairchild, Reporter

OLATHE: Officers for the coming year are: J. Elton Zimmerman, president; Leon Stromire, vice-president; James Edwin Remer, secretary; Wayne Zimmerman, treasurer; LeMoyne Zimmerman, reporter; and George Meter, sentinel....Elton Zimmerman, our president, attended the Co-op camp at Parkville, Missouri, last June....The chapter held three night meetings during the summer months... Our officers have purchased the official FFA jackets. In the fall of 1946, the chapter purchased two purebred Duroc gilts for a cooperative project. These gilts were put out with boys with the understanding that they return a gilt from the first two litters in payment for the sow. One of the gilts returned was put out with a freshman boy for his project....There are fifty-one boys enrolled in vocational agriculture and sixty-three boys in FFA....October 22

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our chapter made a tour through Swift's Packing Company and then spent the remainder of the day attending the American Royal. Douglas Doak's lamb was Reserve Champion of the American Royal....November 13 we had our twelfth annual parent-son banquet. Mr. L. B. Pollom, State Advisor, was the guest speaker....As a means of making money, the chapter purchased some apples which the sophomore class picked, and had them pressed and sold the cider. We are also having a paper drive....Four schools have gone together and organized an FFA basketball league which will be known as the East Central FFA Basketball League. The four schools are: Shawnee Mission, Paola, Gardner, and Olathe....This year the chapter is having a pest drive. To date the chapter has killed one coyote, sixteen rats, eight crows, eight hawks, twenty-three mice, one hundred thirty sparrows, three starlings, twenty-two pigeons, three jack rabbits, fifty-six cottontails, and six cow birds.

LeMoyne Zimmerman, Reporter

MCPHERSON: Officers for the year are: president, Doyle Hargadine; vice-president, DeWayne McNicholas; secretary, Jimmie Yowell; treasurer, Duane Johnson; reporter, Bobby Fagerquist....The FFA boys entertained the Home Economics girls at a Halloween party....We have finished our annual project tour; we visited the farming programs of all the second and third year boys.Our chapter won second place on crops and garden display at the county crops and garden show....A new electric welder has been added to the shop; we now have two electric welders and an oxygen acetylene welder. We are making farm gates from oil field pump rods we are selling the gates to the farmers. So far the demand has been greater than what we have been able to supply.

Bob Fagerquist, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Winfield Chapter received a shipment of 28,000 pounds of war surplus mechanical tubing. The sizes range from 3/8 inch in diameter up to 3 1/4 inches, and the lengths are just as they came from the factory for the most part. This tubing will be used for all kinds of shop projects such as making gates for the farm, grain and feed elevators, bale hay elevators, posthole diggers, feeders, clothes line posts and many other handy gadgets about the farm....Our chapter has organized a small band composed of eight instruments and have given programs at the November Future Farmer meeting and at the Lions Club Farmers night program....The Winfield FFA basketball team has a full schedule of games with five schools in this locality. We played the Winfield FFA alumni 32 to 21 victory for our opening game.

Glen David, Reporter

WAKEENEY: Carl Reeder, Daryl Reeder, and Keith Riggs are members of the boy's quartette which has received much favorable recognition in this community... Our chapter went to Colby, Kansas, to deliver a radio program. The program was very satisfactory and a wide variety of entertainment was given....We held Green Hand Initiation, November 24....An important community service activity which has been undertaken by our chapter is revising the booklet Plans for Agriculture Progress in Trego County. The chapter has selected 15 outstanding farmers to help them with this activity,

Daryl Reeder, Reporter

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OTTAWA: Officers for 1947-48 are: Haskell Carter, president; Rex Hughes, vice-president; Bob McLain treasurer; Fred Hetrick, secretary; and Keith Page, reporter....At the beginning of this school year we had a hay rack ride in which we entertained the F.H.A. We went to Keifer's Dam, west of town and had a weiner roast and played games....On October 23 our chapter took the school bus to the American Royal. On this trip Bob Jones and Fred Kissinger, two old officers of our chapter who are now American Farmers, went along with us. Twenty-five members went on this trip....Our chapter held its annual crop show on November 12, 13 and 14. On the night of the 13th we held a parent meeting. Two picture shows were shown about dairy business. After the shows the parents looked at the crops which were still on display. Refreshments were served.

Keith Page, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: Officers for the year are: Lon Dean Crosson, president; Gerald Shoemaker, vice-president; Robert Frain, secretary; Arlon Postlethwaite, treasurer; Carmen Siler, reporter; Pat Baker, sentinel; Laddie Merryfield, program chairman; Francis Pieschl, student council representative....In the shop department the following projects have been built: one hay rack bed; two feed bunks; two four wheel trailers; one post hole digger; a rotary scraper; two swine breeding crates; one truck bed and grain sides; eight bee hives; a number of hog troughs and creeps. Repair jobs in shop are: two two-wheel trailers, and a grain drill. There have been two major tractor overhauls and three car general overhauls. We are also studying electricity. We are practicing wiring on a practice panel set up to give actual conditions for wiring buildings....We have put on the following programs: FFA Harvester; Parents' night, at which time nine Green Hands were initiated and a high school assembly program....The chapter also has a swine project in which one gilt is given to a member and in return he must give back two gilts at weaning age. We have four gilts out on contract now.

Carmer Siler, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our officers for the year are: Maurice McEndree-president; Lucky Lilliquist-vice-president; Bruce Rickard-treasurer; Merle Schnelle-secretary; Jim Hudson-reporter; Don Shelite-sentinel; and Calvin Doile-adviser.Our livestock judging team composed of Lucky Lilliquist, Bruce Rickard, Maurice McEndree, Sammy Baier, and Bob Axtell, won first place at the Harper Fair this fall....A check was made of the 81 seedling trees set out last year for Arbor Day for a wind break for the football field and it showed about 85% of the trees lived despite the dry weather this summer and fall....The FFA boys are selling Christmas cards to raise money for our chapter treasury. The boy selling the most cards receives \$3 for first prize; second prize, \$2; and third prize, \$1....On Armistice Day the boys sponsored a Junior Rodeo for boys under 21 years of age. The boys were divided into groups to ride and rope according to their experience and age. Three sections of steer riding, two sections of calf roping, a section of ribbon roping and one section of wild cow milking made up the afternoons program. The boys under the direction of their adviser, Calvin Doile, cut posts, hauled fence, and built pens and chutes needed for the show. The rodeo was given as a benefit affair with the net proceeds of approximately \$250 given to the high school band to buy uniforms for additional band members.

Jim Hudson, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SEAMAN: The chapter realized a net financial return on our football program project of about \$150....The new officers for our chapter are: Dean Whiteman, president; Louie Rinehart, vice-president; Kenneth Delfelder, reporter; John Delfelder, secretary; Wayne McNorton, treasurer; Jack Streeter, sentinel.... George Bowser has just completed a wagon and Kenneth Delfelder has finished a thirty-bushel hog feeder to be used on the farm....Twenty-eight members of the chapter attended the American Royal and the meetings of the FFA one day this fall.

Kenneth Delfelder, Reporter

KINCAID: Officers for the year are: president, Edward Thompson; vice-president, Joe Webb; secretary, Daryle Hiebert; treasurer, Decker Spillman; reporter, Herbert Herrmann; Mr. Dale Woolsey, advisor....We have 125% membership this year with 35 active members. We have 14 Green Hand members who were initiated into the chapter at a regular night meeting October 15. Ice cream and cake were served. The Green Hands had to freeze the eight freezers of ice cream....There were 74 entries in our FFA booth at the Kincaid Free Fair. The theme of our float in the parade at the fair was an FFA meeting with all officers at their stations....Twenty-seven members bought T-shirts with the FFA emblem....Our chapter contributed \$20 toward the purchase of a school water cooler....Some of our shop jobs this year include 2 four-wheel trailers, a two-wheel trailer, a trailer bed, a grain tight hay rack, A-type hog house, apartment style hen nests, scoop board, repairing farm wagon, a two-horse sled and three hog troughs....We assisted Professor A. L. Clapp in planting and shucking the State Hybrid test plot in Anderson County....We ranked fifth at the Grain Judging Contest at Chanute with ten schools competing.

Herbert Herrmann, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Officers for the year are: Eldon Mosler, president; Jack Robbins, vice-president; Carol Cook, secretary; Jimmie Aldridge, treasurer; Joe Roberts, reporter; and George Chapman, sentinel...We have one hundred paid up members.During the summer several FFA boys went to the Lake of the Ozarks in the school bus for an outing....Twenty-one chapter members attended the American Royal and Twentieth National FFA Convention....We had a box supper in cooperation with the FHA and took in around \$80....Our chapter president had the Grand Champion sow at the State Fair this fall....Our Parent-Son banquet was held December 12. Professor C. P. Thompson of the Department of Animal Husbandry of Oklahoma A & M was the speaker....Two manure spreaders have been completely overhauled in our farm shop....Harold Larsdowne was presented the DeKalb Achievement Award as the most outstanding senior last spring in agriculture....Our junior and senior agriculture classes have seven Herefords on full feed.

Joe Roberts, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Officers elected for 1947-48 are: Jim Wilson, president; Jim Underwood, vice-president; Junior Cress, secretary; Larry Stebbins, treasurer; Melvin Peters, sentinel; and Don Cress, reporter....Our annual work day was held September 29. Several fields of sorghum were shocked. We received about one hundred sixty dollars for the day....We plan to have a Parent-Son Banquet and also attend the Denver Stock Show.

Don Cress, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ELDORADO: Officers for the year are: Bill Baker, president; Duane Traylor, vice-president; Bob Maddux, secretary; Jim Nuttle, treasurer; Bob Holladay, reporter; Dean Stackley, sentinel; adviser, William R. McMillan....Free refreshments were given to the Green Hands in our September meeting. Twenty-six Green Hands were initiated with formal and informal ceremonies. Refreshments were served....Our chapter is conducting a pest eradication contest. The losing team will treat the winning team....The Junior class is building a "Creep Feeder" for calves to sell. The profit will go in our treasury.

Bob Holladay, Reporter

ATWOOD: We have fifty-three members. Officers for the year are: Francis Kanak, president; Everett Holthus, vice-president; Lavern Holle, secretary; Harold Olson, treasurer; Roland Anderson, reporter; and Andrew Schmid, sentinel....October 13 we had a night meeting in which all of the parents of the No. 9 agriculture students were invited to attend. Mr. King, agriculture instructor at Colby, and Mr. Stewart, our agriculture instructor, gave talks on farming programs....At the local fair, Harold Focke's steer placed first in his class; Everett Holthus' steers placed second and third; and Vince Reinert had the reserve champion steer....We are having a pest eradication contest in which we chose up sides. The losing team has to treat the winning team. For the three highest individuals we have a rifle, a carton of shells, and a hunting knife for prizes....The chapter presented a radio program over KXXX at Colby, entitled "Deferred Feeding for Steers."....The FFA cooperated with the Y-Teens in sponsoring a carnival which was a success. Each netted \$151.28.

Roland Anderson, Reporter

GOODLAND: Officers for the year are: Kenneth Lohr, president; Clyde Jones, vice-president; Darrel Anderson, treasurer; Bill Sandy, secretary; Iber Gernhart, reporter; Tommy Rhoads, sentinel....Approximately fifty FFA members and several of their Dad's went to Burlington, Colorado, on the night of October 27, where they helped to organize a new chapter in the Burlington, high school. The program was furnished by the Goodland Chapter....Our chapter gave a thirty minute broadcast over station KWGB on Saturday morning, November 22, for the purpose of acquainting those in and out of school with the aims and purposes, projects and activities of the FFA in Goodland....The Goodland Chapter presented a program for the High School P.T.A. on the night of November 25....Shop activities this year have been as follows: one A type hog house built and a second one started; two wall tool cabinets and started two more; one motor bike; one power saw table; nine benches for the grade school and two saw horses. We are in the process of overhauling five motors.The FFA and FHA chapters have cooperated in selling food at the football games this year....We have started our annual pest eradication campaign. Sides were chosen and prizes amounting to over \$25.00 are to be offered. So far the contest is hot.

Iber Gernhart, Reporter

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When people ask "How are You?"
It's just a salutation,
And common sense should bar you
From lengthy explanation.

Chapter News (continued)

HILLSBORO: We are just in the process of organizing our FFA chapter. This is the second year of vocational agriculture here in Hillsboro....The following officers were elected at the beginning of the present school year: president, Frederick Funk; vice-president, LeRoy Jost; secretary, Marvin Ratzlaff; treasurer, William Ewert; reporter, Leland Nuss; sentinel, Francis Funk; advisor, Keith B. Wagoner....The officers and their adviser participated in the southwest district Officers Leadership School at Buhler the middle of October. We did not take any prizes but received several compliments on our work. We had only two weeks practice before the school....Our chapter had a display of farm machinery and labor saving devices at the annual Marion County Fair the first part of October. In connection with the fair we operated an eating stand in cooperation with the local Hi-Y Club and made a nice profit for our chapter. We also had an ice cream stand in cooperation with the Central Kansas Co-op Creamery and we realized a good profit from this enterprise....The Vocational Agriculture III boys spent two days at the American Royal and the National FFA Convention.

Leland Nuss, Reporter

HARPER: Officers for the year are: president, Bill Blanchat; vice-president, Dale Botkin; secretary, Gilbert Latta; treasurer, Donald Drouhard; reporter, Robert Park...We held monthly meetings during the summer months....Five boys from the Harner Chapter attended the FFA Camp at Camp Wentz the latter part of July....We have nineteen Green Hands which we plan to initiate soon....We attended the County Soil Conservation Tour on September 3...Our chapter conducted a student livestock judging contest at the Harper County Fair.... We entered a booth in the County Fair and won second place....We rented a bus and went to the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson for a day...One of our local business men gave a banquet for the FFA boys and their parents in November. He showed some films and the boys furnished the rest of the program.

Robert Park, Reporter

SOLDIER: Officers for the year are: Lyle Jenkins, president; Bill Brown, vice-president; Dale Lewelling, secretary; Larry Watkins, treasurer; Junior Sawyer, reporter; and Dale Scheidegger, sentinel....Ten boys were initiated as Green Hands on October 20....A pest eradication contest is now in progress. The losing team will give the winning team a party....Our chapter has sold fifty boxes of Christmas cards this year, making a profit of \$25.

Junior Sawyer, Reporter

STOCKTON: Officers for 1947-48 are: Doyle Peaslee, president; Keith McComb, vice-president; Elmer Kern, secretary; Earl Bigge, treasurer; Darrel Buss, reporter; Junior Schindler, sentinel...The chapter held their annual "Goblin's Glory" or carnival, October 28 and made \$373.07 profit....Our chapter sponsored a livestock judging contest at the County Fair....The annual date skating party was held November 21 at Woodston....The Parent and Son meeting was held November 11 in the high school auditorium. Mr. Ronald King, the vocational agriculture instructor at Colby gave a fine talk on Farming Programs. There were nineteen boys receiving the Green Hand Degree...Nine members and the adviser attended the American Royal at Kansas City.... The following boys made a radio broadcast over KXXX, Colby, October 11: Doyle Peaslee, Darrel Buss, Elmer Kern and Earl Bigge. The subject was "What is FFA and Vocational Agriculture?"

Darrel Buss, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

HOWARD: Officers for 1947-48 are Ted Miller, president; Donovan Webster, vice-president; Bob Parker, secretary; Cecil Frieden, treasurer; Verne Kling, reporter; Wayne Chamberlain, sentinel. Wilbur Hart is the adviser....The chapter welcomed the freshmen by having a watermelon feed at the Polk Daniels Lake on September 12....We conducted a book exchange which netted \$40....The chapter has built a new trailer since school started, which was painted blue and gold with the name of the organization painted on the side....We held a freshman-parent meeting October 15....The FFA boys and FHA girls went on a hayrack ride on October 29 to a rural community building where games were played and a dance held. Don Hall and Dorothy Parker were crowned king and queen of the occasion. Although the girls outnumbered the boys about two to one, everyone had an enjoyable time. Plans are to make this an annual event.The chapter had concessions at two football games and netted \$30.... Twelve Green Hand candidates were initiated at the meeting November 26. The Chapter Farmer initiation for five was held at the Parent-Son Banquet, December 11. Rev. Mitchell, Pastor of the local Methodist Church, and Mr. Hart, our adviser, were given the honorary Chapter Farmer Degree....The chapter sponsored a project tour and contest in November for the Junior-Senior and Sophomore classes.

Verne Kling, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Officers for the year are: Kieth Hauschell, president; Bob Cornell, vice-president; Jim Woods, secretary; Donald Menke, treasurer; Harold Nutsch, reporter; Clifford Elder, sentinel....Our chapter won \$10 for first place on the Booth Exhibit at the Washington County Fair....The following boys showed livestock and won prizes. Earl Decker, first on Shropshire ewe and third on a fat lamb. Richard Young won first place on a Holstein Heifer in the FFA class. John Young won first place on a Holstein Heifer in the Open class. Don Mathy won first place on a Poland China Gilt. Fred Ayers won first place on a Brown Swiss Cow. Bob Cornell won first place and second place on his Poland China gilts, in the FFA class and won first and second place on his Poland China Boars in the Open class. Donald Menke won first place and also second place on Poland China gilts. Robert Staton won second with his Holstein bull. Jim Nutsch won second place on his Duroc sow. Lee Prellwitz won first and second place on Breeding ewes. On November 4 our FFA chapter jointly sponsored an all-school carnival. We netted \$195 from this activity....On November 6, we initiated nine Green Hand members. Our chapter has ordered and sold 250 pencils with the Basketball Schedule on them. We have ordered 250 more and plan to sell them at the games....We are conducting a pest eradication contest. The losing side to treat the winners.....We are swelling our FFA treasury by butchering. We are charging \$3.00 for beef and \$2.50 for hogs.....At present our chapter owns four pure-bred Poland China gilts which we have out on shares to the boys. We get back two gilts at 200lbs. We recently purchased a registered Poland China Boar from the Bauer Bros, Herd at Gladstone for \$150. The members will use the boar at no cost. When this boar is not in use we are going to loan him out to farmers at no cost only they agree to feed him for a period of time. This, we think, will help to improve the quality of hogs in this community.

Harold Nutsch, Reporter