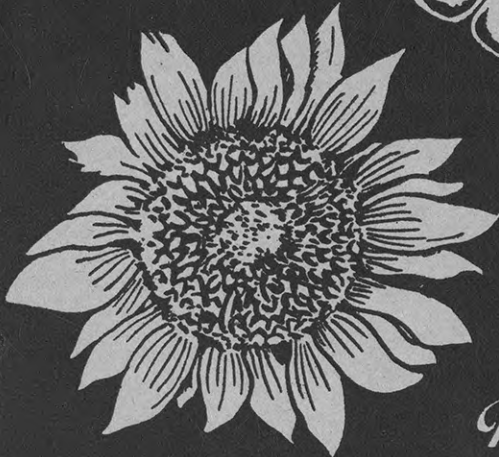
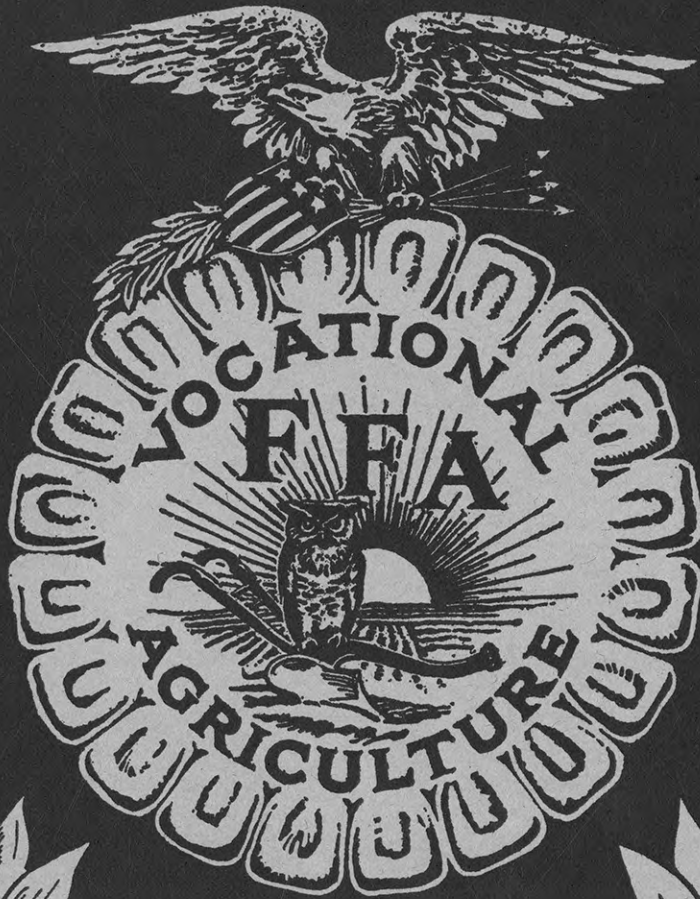


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FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST 2

The 1949 State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Room G206, May 3, 1949, at 8:00 a.m. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for this contest immediately.

THREE COPIES of the speech entered in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be required. College professors who will serve as judges are teaching heavy schedules, time for evaluating is very limited, and by providing each judge with a complete set of manuscripts which he may keep for a longer period, we think a better job of judging will result. One original and two carbon copies will be acceptable. Please be certain that good carbon paper is used in order that the carbon copies can be easily read.

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 The 1949 State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national contest.

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

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

Any boy who has participated in any state FFA public speaking contest is ineligible for participation in the 1949 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest.

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 Time Limit

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

Subjects

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

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
6. ~~The Advantages of Being a Farmer~~
7. Balanced Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture

The World Food Crisis

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8. The Future of the American Farmer
9. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
10. Farm Safety
11. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
12. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
13. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
14. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
15. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
16. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
17. New Markets for Farm Products Through Chemurgy
18. The Utilization of Economics Information in Farming
19. The Economics Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
20. The Part-Time Farmer in American Agriculture
- ~~21. The New Era in American Agriculture~~
- ~~22. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution~~
23. The Soil - A National Heritage
24. The Farmer's Health - A National Problem
25. Farm Family Partnership
26. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
27. The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America
28. Soil Conservation - Man's and Nature's
29. The Place of Farm Cooperatives in our National Economy
30. Education of the Farmer of Tomorrow
31. Atomic Energy, Its Application to Rural Life

Sources

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

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, Technical bulletins, and special reports.) Note: In addition to the old line technical bureaus such as Animal Industry, Dairy Industry, Entomology, Chemistry, etc., the following agencies are now a part of the USDA: Soil Conservation Service; Farm Credit Administration; Rural Electrification Administration; Farm Home Administration; Production and Marketing Administration (this agency handles the work formerly cared for by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Agricultural Marketing Act, and the War Food Administration.) For information on publications, write the Director of Information, U.S.D.A. Orders for the purchase of USDA publications should be sent to the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.
4. Current National Magazines
5. The Farm Press
6. Census Report
7. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, biennial reports and special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas
8. State newspapers
9. Proceedings of National FFA Convention
- ~~10. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson, published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois~~
11. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson, published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois.

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JUDGES SCORE SHEET
1949 STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

PART I. FOR SCORING CONTENT AND COMPOSITION

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Content of Manuscript	20												
2. Composition of Manuscript	10												
Score on written production													

PART II. FOR SCORING THE DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Voice	10												
2. Stage presence	10												
3. Power of expression	20												
4. Response to questions	20												
5. General effect	10												
Score on delivery	70												

PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

	Points Allowed	Points awarded contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Score on written production	30												
2. Score on delivery	70												
TOTALS	100												
* Less overtime deduction for each minute	2 points												
GRAND TOTALS													
* - Time Keeper's record													

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

<u>Content of the speech includes</u>	:	<u>Composition of the speech includes</u>
Importance and appropriateness of the subject	:	Organization of content
Suitability of material used	:	Unity of thought
Accuracy of statements included	:	Logical development
Evidence of purpose	:	Language used
	:	Sentence structure
	:	Accomplishments of purpose -
	:	conclusions

Judges Score Sheet - continued

<u>Voice includes</u>	:	<u>Power of expression includes</u>
Quality	:	Fluency, emphasis
Pitch	:	Directness, Sincerity
Force	:	Communicative activity
Articulation	:	Conveyance of thought and
Punctuation	:	meaning
	:	
	:	
<u>Response to questions includes</u>	:	<u>Stage presence includes</u>
Ability to satisfactorily answer	:	Personal appearance
the questions on the speech	:	Poise and body posture
which are asked by the judges,	:	Attitude
indicating originality, famili-	:	Confidence
arity with subject and ability	:	Personality
to think quickly	:	Ease before audience
	:	
	:	
<u>General effect includes</u>	:	
Extent to which the speech	:	
was interesting, understand-	:	
able, convincing, pleasing,	:	
and held attention.	:	

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 14, 1949, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Education Hall. The principal business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members of the State FFA Executive Committee are L. B. Pollom, State FFA Adviser; Dean R. I. Throckmorton, School of Agriculture, A. P. Davidson, Executive FFA Adviser, L. F. Hall, Executive FFA Secretary; ~~Carl Heinrich, Great Bend,~~ *Beloit* President of KVAA; and John Gigstad, Effingham, President of the Kansas Association of FFA. *Paul Mingle*

Howard Bradley

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NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Chapters having filed chapter Programs of Work on time with the National Organization of FFA and thereby becoming eligible for competition in the 1949 National Chapter Contest, dependent upon intra-state elimination are: Effingham, Beloit, Highland Park, Buhler, Stockton, Olathe, Minneapolis, Coldwater and Shawnee Mission.

The State Association may submit two final entries in the National Chapter Contest.

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PUSH-BUTTON AGRICULTURE

by

John Allison, Jr. - Shawnee Mission Chapter

NOTE: Speaking on the subject "Push-Button Agriculture" John Allison, Jr. of the Shawnee Mission Chapter won the 1948 Kansas FFA Speech Contest. John was eliminated in the Central Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Waterloo, Iowa October 15, 1948.

H. G. Wells once said, "Civilization is a race between education and catastrophe." Less than three years ago, a man standing on the white sands of New Mexico, pushed a button and plunged civilization into the atomic age. At about the same time another man sprayed a growing plant with a new chemical. Over night the plant twisted itself into a weird shape--and we had 2-4-D. Still another man announced a new and deadly bacteria which would wipe out all life. The race between education and catastrophe has continued at increasing speed. Guided missiles, supersonic speeds of aircraft and supersonic sound waves to kill deadly bacteria. Can education for push-button peace win over push-button catastrophe of war?

During the war years we said, "Food will win the war and write the peace." Certainly, food produced by our American farmers did contribute greatly toward winning the military war. But, will food play an equally great part in writing a permanent peace? If push-button war is possible, is it not equally possible to have push-button peace? Cannot catastrophe be beaten by the same means whereby it has flourished? If food can win a war and write the following peace, can man use his ingenuity to produce food instead of weapons?

Let us consider what has already been done in the field of scientific agriculture. Without the dramatic appeal of an atomic cloud, agricultural scientists have been working quietly, but no less effectively. Hybridization of plants and animals is already known and used by modern farmers. Hybrid corn is now a major product. It is being fed to the famous Minnesota No. 1 hog. Hybrid hens are laying more eggs. Hybrid fruits and vegetables are showing increased yields as well as disease resistance.

Agriculture, still the nation's largest business, is at last catching up with industry through its mechanization program. The first farm tractors were cumbersome affairs, and with a very limited range of usefulness. Today, tractors with high compression motors and rubber tires are able to operate at high speeds on highways, and to perform heavy tasks in the fields. Furthermore, tractor manufacturers are providing a wide variety of types adaptable to almost any farm task. Efficiently designed attachments now make it possible to use motor power instead of slow and laborious hand work. Pick-up balers, field choppers, small combines, mower bars and many accessories are added to the plow, cultivator, disc and harrow of the older tractors. Hydraulic lifts make tractor operation easy. Today, "a boy can be sent to do a man's work."

Let us now look into the foreseeable future of the American farmer. Mark Twain once said, "You can talk about the weather, but you can't do anything about it." Within the past year, he was proven wrong. Today, it is entirely possible that whole sections of farm land may be provided with rain on order. Dry ice pellets have actually produced rain. It is reasonable to assume that what has been done experimentally, may be done practically

Push-Button Agriculture - Continued

Any man who was ever hit in the face by a cow's tail during fly time, has wished for a real and lasting fly spray. Scientists have predicted that insect life may eventually displace the human race. Certainly insects have been one of agriculture's greatest enemies throughout the history of civilization. Today, DDT has come to the rescue of agriculture--and largely of civilization. Switching tails are stilled, more milk is produced, and more beef per acre. But, hardly had DDT made the headline when a newer and still more powerful insecticide made its appearance. Today, chlorodane, in some respects fifteen times more effective than DDT, is on the market. Just what is ahead of chlorodane only a few scientists can predict.

Weeds, causing an estimated three billion dollar annual loss to farmers have an effective control in the form of 2-4-D. Only three years ago, this agricultural miracle made its first appearance outside a laboratory. Just a year ago during an unusually wet and late spring, over fourteen thousand acres of corn, too muddy for cultivation, were saved by spraying with 2-4-D. During this same season, low-flying airplanes were used to spray this miracle weed killer on wheat fields and thus eliminate wild mustard. But, 2-4-D did more than just kill harmful weeds in wheat fields. Agricultural scientists have found evidence that this same spray may have actually increased the protein content of the wheat sprayed with 2-4-D. This alone may enable farmers to regulate the protein content of wheat as needed for baking purposes or for livestock feeding. Education is winning over catastrophe on the farms of our nation.

Undoubtedly, many other miracles are now at the stage where DDT and 2-4-D were less than five years ago. Research in animal hormones has kept pace with research in plant hormones. Thyroprotein has already produced amazing results in the dairy industry. Cows have increased their milk production and butterfat has been increased from 25% to 50% experimentally. Beef production has been increased likewise. Poultry meat production has been stepped up. Three pound broilers have been produced in less than six weeks by feeding thyroprotein. Use of controlled sex hormones has made it possible to eliminate the costly and uncertain caponizing operation of male birds.

The atomic bomb at Hiroshima caused a number of amazing changes in plant life. Who can foretell what atomic research may bring forth in the very near future? Isotopes, produced as a result of nuclear research may unfold the age-old mystery of photosynthesis. Dr. Cornelius Van Niel in an article in Science Digest has shown that chlorophyll does not have the power of combining carbon dioxide and water to produce carbohydrates. He proved that the amount of sunlight had little to do with the process of photosynthesis. It is very possible that isotopes may point the way for man to replace nature in this very important function. Will man at last be able to manufacture his own food--even in deep caves?

But, more important, can man remain in the free air and push a button for peace? Will laboratories yield the means for better crops, better livestock and a better living for all the people of the earth? Will synthetic hormones destroy weeds instead of men? Will harmful bacteria be destroyed before they destroy men? Will hydraulic lifts operate plows rather than guns? Nowhere is the race between education and catastrophe more vital than in the field of agriculture.

Push-Button Agriculture - Continued

Push-button peace is not only a possibility, but it can be a reality, if we but push the right button before it is too late. Button-pushing is only the mechanical application of the results of research.

But, the products of research are futile unless applied by an enlightened people. It is not enough that we Future Farmers of America quote and believe our declaration of faith in the "future of farming". We must take the leadership in vitalizing agriculture research by stimulating the minds of men toward the use of it, not for riches but for reality; not for warfare, but for welfare. Then in a young man's age shall we have played our part not only as farmers but as men.

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FFA COOPERATIVES

The following examples of FFA Cooperatives are taken from a paper delivered by Mark Nicols, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Utah, before the Agricultural Section of the 1948 convention of the American Vocational Association held at Milwaukee. It will be noted that all of the examples except Kentucky are located in the Pacific region.

The KENTUCKY STATE FUTURE FARMER Cooperative was incorporated in 1943 and has had five years of successful business activity. One member of the teacher training staff is the treasurer, is bonded, and handles the accounts for the organization. It is a stock-type cooperative with preferred and common stock. The preferred shares of \$10 each were subscribed for by the State FFA Association, local chapters, Future Farmers, and advisers. The total amount of this type of stock subscribed for up to date is about \$10,000. The common or voting stock is held only by Future Farmer chapters, with each chapter owning a share which also sells for \$10. The preferred stock yields 5% interest, but the common stock bears none.

This cooperative was organized principally to render better service to Kentucky Future Farmers in their purchase of Hereford heifer calves from Texas and cross-bred ewe lambs from Montana. In each case a quality animal was desired, which previously was difficult to obtain. During the past two or three years the operations have been expanded to include dairy heifers from Wisconsin and limited quantities of hybrid seed corn, and insecticides. A total of \$565,000 worth of business was transacted by this cooperative in the last five years. The affairs of this flourishing organization are carried on according to strictly business principles, and done by chapter members. The Future Farmers of Kentucky are learning about the business principles and practices of a farmers' cooperative by actual participation in their own organization. They are likewise protected in their business dealings by the corporate entity under which they operate in terms of Kentucky statutory law.

The WALLA WALLA CHAPTER, WASHINGTON, has a seed cooperative which was incorporated in 1946. The chapter rented nineteen acres of land and has grown a grass seed crop of Chewing's fescue each year on fourteen acres and a crop of wheat on the remaining five acres for two of the past four years. The business was carried on as a partnership during the first two years. Thirty-four members have an investment of \$1290 in the cooperative and this is issued as membership certificates. Only regularly enrolled Future Farmers may be members, together with the chapter itself which holds one membership certificate.

FFA Cooperatives - Continued

The organization has received an income from the grass seed and the wheat during the four years of its operation of \$9844. Its net income for five years (no returns the first year) was \$2480, which gave a patronage return of 191% for this period, or 38% per year.

There is an advisory committee composed of the teacher, the high school principal, and a dad of one of the boys which counsels the board of directors concerning its business operations.

BATTLEGROUND CHAPTER in WASHINGTON has operated a cooperative farm on a corporate basis since 1941. Here the school board owns fifty acres of land, which is leased to the chapter at a low rental rate. The land is farmed on a chapter basis.

None of it is subrented to individual FFA members. The land is planted to Alta fescue, strawberries, and raspberries. The receipts in 1947 were \$4339 with a profit of \$2908 for the chapter. The chapter owns \$6100 worth of farm machinery, including a truck, tractor, combine, grain drill, manure spreader, and the common tillage implements. Besides being used on the chapter farm, this machinery is rented to chapter members on an hourly rental basis.

The chapter members carry an accident policy which offers them protection in case of accident on the farm. The BATTLEGROUND farm also includes a grass observation plot that contains many grass varieties and other plants, which is a valuable instructional device both for Future Farmers and adult farmers in the community. All chapter funds are deposited in a student activity fund, and any expenditures except payments for labor in excess of \$100 must receive prior approval of the school board.

LAKEVIEW CHAPTER, OREGON, has a farm of 160 acres, which was turned over rent-free to the chapter in 1942 by the county court with the provision that it fence the land--then an unimproved patch of sage brush. The farm machinery inventory of this chapter is reported to be \$9766 and includes besides other items two tractors, a new combine, and two trucks.

The chapter has purchased sufficient aluminum roofing to build two new machinery sheds, one at the school and one at the school farm. One thousand dollars has been set aside for the purpose of drilling a well on the farm for irrigation purposes.

More than \$7400 was realized from the sale of wheat on this LAKEVIEW CHAPTER farm last year. The net worth of the farm co-op. at Lakeview as of November, 1947, was reported by the State Supervisor to be \$14,429.50.

Oregon has twelve chapters which operate farms averaging in size from 3 acres to 160 acres, with an aggregate total of 327 acres in 1948. A total of \$70,267.19 was invested in chapter-owned machinery and equipment, as of January, 1948. The methods of financing this equipment varies. Some chapters sell stock to their Future Farmer members which bears interest, and the stock is purchased back by the chapter when the member leaves.

FFA Cooperatives - Continued

The WASCO CHAPTER, WASCO, CALIFORNIA, has two high school farms of fifteen and eighty acres respectively, owned by the Future Farmer chapter. The receipts for crops are the property of the school district. A revolving fund of \$5000 was set up nine years ago for the use of the Ag. Department. The FFA treasury has grown from an amount of \$275, largely out on loan to members, at the beginning of the present administration of the Ag. Department (1938) to over \$45,000 on January 1, 1948. The chapter conducts extensive beef, hog, and lamb feeding operations on a chapter basis. The above returns came from this feeding program and from the proceeds of eleven rodeos put on by the chapter. During the past three years the profit from these farms was \$1000 each year, but was previously less than this. The sale of fat animals of the chapter members last year, including the chapter-owned stock, was \$53,975.

Last year the chapter purchased 250 tons of barley at harvest time and sold it to chapter members at a considerable saving to them. The teacher says that the chapter feed co-op. is the real backbone of his chapter's existence.

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GREETINGS FROM PAST NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

At the Anniversary Celebration of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, 1948, president Ervin Martin introduced a group of past National FFA Officers, each of whom brought a few words of greetings. It is interesting to note that three of the first group of National FFA Officers, 1928, were present; namely, Alvin Reimer of Nebraska, Lawrence Agensten, of Ohio, and Sam Pickering of Arkansas, now of Missouri. Excerpts from the remarks of this group of former National FFA Officers follow:

Gus R. Douglass, Jr. - National President last year (1947) - I am back home in Grimms Landing, West Va., farming on six hundred acres. I will move right along and give us all a chance.

Mr. Joe Esby: Maryville, Mo., vice-president, 1946. - I am very proud that I was a Future Farmer, which affords me the privilege of being here at this great Twentieth Anniversary Convention. I am a farmer one hundred miles north of Kansas City, operating a farm raising livestock and crops and am very glad to be here and see a lot of familiar faces again.

Mr. Alvin L. Reimer: Nebraska- I was first vice-president in 1928. I am very happy for the privilege to speak and to greet you at this, your Twentieth Anniversary Convention. I am now an adviser of a local chapter in Nebraska. I had several occasions to attend your convention as one of the older members of your group. I can say that you have made continuous progress, I think even above the expectations of those of us who were here at the first convention.

Mr. Lawrence Agensten: My name is Lawrence Agensten and I was a delegate from Ohio in 1928 and second national vice-president. Fellows, I too, would like to say a lot of things about what has happened in twenty years, but time is short and I can only say that I am exceedingly glad to be back again, and I am going to be here next year.

Greetings From Past National FFA Officers - Continued

I am now in Indiana operating a feed mill, and I hope that my two boys can be here in the next few years.

Sam Pickering: Past National Officers - Future Farmers to me has meant a great deal in my lifetime, starting as a 4-H Club boy, then a Future Farmer and now a farmer. I am operating on four hundred acres of land in Henry County, Missouri, and it is a great pleasure to be here with you. I was third vice-president in 1928, representing the southern region from Arkansas, and I am glad to be here today.

Mr. Earl Walter: National Student Secretary, 1940-41 - I am also very glad to be here today. I taught vocational agriculture for several years after the war was over and am now agricultural agent for the Union Pacific Railroad at Omaha.

Mr. Elmer Johnson: I was 4th vice-president in 1939. You know, there is a little poem that I learned back when I was in the Future Farmers: "I hoe my farm and would get rich, must rake and hoe and dig and pitch; work hard all day and most all night, save every cent and do things right."

Farming is a way of life, as well as being a business man. My farm to me is not just land where food is grown. My farm is not where I must soil my hands in endless dreary toil, but all day I hear my children shout at play. My farm is a heaven, security and happiness, whatever befalls the world outside. Here faith and hope and love abide.

Mr. Bob Taylor: Grants Pass, Oregon - I served as a national officer last year (1947) with Gus Douglass and at the present time am executive secretary for the State of Arizona. I might say that there is nothing more gratifying to a past national officer than to come back and see one of these conventions and see them go off so well.

I might say that the Future Farmers of America was conceived in wisdom, developed by vision, born of deed, grew by enduring principles and has reached manhood at a crucial time in the history of our nation. Never before has our country needed a stronger Future Farmers of America.

I certainly hope as you go back to your home farms and communities you will keep the FFA motto in your mind and our creed in your heart so that your actions will be in line with the highest ideals of Future Farmers so that wherever the words Future Farmers are spoken they will always be associated with good citizens, honesty, fairness, and tolerance.

Mr. Bill Sayers: You know, I am mighty glad to be here, too. I like this convention so much that I can hardly take time to say who I am. I am Bill Sayers from Ohio, and I was vice-president in 1937-38.

Mr. Ivan Kindschi: Prarie du Sac, Wisconsin - I was president in 1939 and 1940. It is just like a big family reunion to come back here again. I see all the fellows who were officers before and you have really got a wonderful convention here this year. I am farming in Wisconsin. I have a wonderful little Irish wife and a four-year old boy and a little girl.

Greetings From Past National FFA Officers - Continued

The thing that strikes me very much is the good the FFA is doing, to think of the two hundred sixteen American Farmers here the other night. It isn't just this year, but every year when we have a lot of American Farmers going out and taking their place in the local communities. Don't forget the good of the FFA is in the local FFA chapters. I hope you fellows will keep on doing as good a job as you have in the past.

Mr. Kenneth Julian: Mesa, Arizona - National Student Secretary in 1939 and 1940 - This is a signal honor to come back here at this convention assembly to revisit the old acquaintances and to take part in the wonderful enthusiasm you are showing in conferring honors on those who have done good work in the past and for your work in creating a program that will be instrumental in keeping farm boys on the soil in an inspiring way.

Our creed: We believe in being happy and playing square with those whose happiness depends on us, and we believe that rural America holds the best traditions of our national life. We exert influence in our home and community which will stand solid for our part in that inspiring past. If that is not our purpose in life, what is it?

The Saviour said two thousand years ago, "If we love our Lord our God with all our hearts and mind, and our neighbors, we will really understand the purpose of this life." The Future Farmers of America has certainly done that, and I challenge it to do it in the future. It seems like man has to keep his feet in the soil to keep step. People this day and age are trying to get away from the American way of life, it seems. I am thankful for the experience I have gained from being a member of the Future Farmers of America and the very, very many intimate associations in the various circles, and all this has inspired me to a point of really appreciating life and trying to figure out the purpose of it.

Mr. J. Glyndon Stuff: National President two years ago (1946) at the Victory Convention. After leaving that convention I entered the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture, where I am now majoring in vocational education hoping someday to become an adviser of a group of FFA boys.

This is my fifth consecutive year to attend our national FFA convention and I assure you only ill health will prevent me from being here all the rest of my life. It is an inspiration to see you fellows continuing the Future Farmer work that has meant so much to all of us who have gone before you.

Mr. George Sisk: Joiner, Arkansas - I was vice-president from Arkansas, southern region, in 1941 and 1942. I now hail from Mississippi. I also consider it an honor to be permitted to mount this stage this morning and come before you delegates and many members of the FFA.

I would also like to make a statement to the boys, that in my life since I was a national officer, the training and contacts and friendships that I made while a Future Farmer of America have meant very much to me. I hold the organization in the highest esteem and hope to be able to come back to the convention many more times.

APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Nominations for the American Farmer Degree should be sent to L. F. Hall, Executive Secretary, Kansas Association of FFA. Please send a letter nominating your 1949 American Farmer Candidate even though you have indicated a nomination previously.

As soon as the name of your candidate is received, application instructions will be sent to the chapter adviser.

The general procedure in the administration of the American Farmer Degree is as follows:

1. The qualifications of the various applicants are carefully reviewed. The Kansas Association of FFA Advisory Committee selects and recommends candidates for this degree to the National Organization of FFA.
2. The National Organization of FFA officially determines the candidates who are to receive the American Farmer Degree.

The candidate, the teacher and the State staff member working on each American Farmer application, must plan for a fixed date for completion of the entry. The application must be received in Washington, D. C., on or before June 30. To be certain that American Farmer applications will arrive in Washington on time, they are to be mailed June 10.

Time is required for typing these applications; therefore, it will be our objective to have the application forms supplied by the National Organization of FFA filled out in perfect form ready for typing by April 24.

We will be glad to cooperate with each teacher and each selected candidate in so far as possible in meeting this schedule.

Between February 15 and March 1.

The application materials for the American Farmer Degree are submitted to this office in the same form as that used for the State Farmer Degree. This means that the State Farmer Degree application is extended to give complete coverage of the candidate's program and activities up to January 1, 1949.50

Each candidate's American Farmer application materials must be received for review, evaluation and summarization. This is the first step in determining those candidates who will be nominated by the Kansas Association of FFA for the American Farmer Degree. Plan to send your candidates entry material immediately. If weather permits, it is our hope that most candidates can be visited during the month of March.

Each candidate must be visited by a member of the State staff. At this time additional information is secured, and the exact procedure to follow in filling out the official application forms, which are supplied by the National Organization of FFA, is planned with the candidate, his parents and the teacher.

CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE ELIGIBILITY

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree are set forth in Article IV, Section E, of the national constitution, revised November, 1947.

A candidate for the degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the FFA. The constitution defines Active Membership in Article III, Section B, as follows: Any male student not over twenty-five years of age who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership continuously throughout his entire high school career and for three years after the first national convention following graduation from, or leaving high school. No individual, however, may retain his active membership beyond his twenty-fifth birthday.

A member who is in good standing at the time he is inducted into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of three years after the first national convention following completion of high school vocational agriculture class room instruction or leaving school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings.

Active membership requirements which must be met by any member applying for the American Farmer Degree are set forth under Article VI, By-Laws of the national constitution and read as follows:

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

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STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

We now have 126 applications for the State Farmer Degree on file at the state office. These applications came from 62 chapters. Last year we had a total of 115 applications for the State Farmer Degree. The reviewing committee will undoubtedly reduce the total number of applications for the Third Degree somewhat, but the fact remains that on the basis of present FFA membership the State Executive Committee can recommend only 85 for election. This constitutes another important reason why delinquent chapters should promptly pay state and national FFA dues.

A change in the National FFA Constitution was effected in 1944 whereby the scholarship requirement of a candidate for the State Farmer Degree was

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changed from "upper 40% of his class" to "have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal." This does not mean that scholarship is not important. The State FFA Executive Committee still considers scholarship as one of the important factors in selecting candidates to be recommended for the State Farmer Degree.

In order that the House of Delegates may elect all worthy candidates to the State Farmer Degree, it will be necessary to fulfill Objective Number 7, of the 1948-50 State FFA Program of Work. This objective calls for an active FFA chapter in every established department of vocational agriculture in the state with 100% of the vocational agriculture students enrolled as active FFA members. Check your membership status, and if delinquent, send State and National dues at your earliest convenience.

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD 50

The Agricultural Education Club, KSC, will make an award to the FFA chapter totaling the highest number of points in the 1949 Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics Judging, and FFA events held at Manhattan, May 2-3. The FFA award will be the heart shaped bronze plaque designed for state level awards and will bear the following inscription:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

Highest Total Score
Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics, FFA Events
Kansas State College
1949 50

Final plans have not been approved by the Agricultural Education Club, but the following points have had the approval of the Club. out

Winner will be chosen from the upper ten teams in Agricultural Judging Contests and from the upper ten teams in each of the four areas of agricultural contests; from the upper ten teams in the Farm Mechanics Judging Contests and from the upper ten teams in each of the seven areas of the farm mechanics contests; from FFA events including chapter contest, public speaking, State Farmer awards, and seating of delegates at the 1949 state FFA convention. 50

A team to be eligible to win the award must compete in three out of four of the areas in the agricultural contests; in five out of seven of the areas in the farm mechanics contests, and must have entered the state chapter contest and have seated delegates at the 1949 state convention.

The Agricultural Education Club award will be made at the annual banquet, May 3, 1949. 50

The Agricultural Education Club hopes that this award will stimulate greater all around participation in the events open to FFA members on the state level.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK - FEBRUARY 19-26, 1949

The National Organization of FFA has designated the week of George Washington's Birthday as National FFA Week. The dates are February 19-26, 1949. The dates were chosen to begin on Saturday and close on Saturday in order to include the Sunday preceding Washington's Birthday, with the thought in mind that FFA chapters might wish to participate in church programs. The Torchbearers of FFA, a special ceremony presented at the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, is offered as a program suitable for church groups. This is a splendid ceremony, and for chapters possessing members with good reading voices the presentation of this ceremony should prove very impressive. A copy of The Torchbearers of FFA may be secured from the state office. Parent-son banquets, assembly programs, press releases, and programs before local civic clubs offer means of informing the public about the Future Farmers of America and the opportunity it offers the youth of our nation.

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FFA ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to participate in the many FFA activities at the annual convention of the State Association, May 2 and 3, 1949, Manhattan, Kansas, is predicated upon several factors -- important among which is payment of State and National Dues (10¢ State and 10¢ National - total 20¢). To date 110 chapters have paid their State and National FFA dues for a total of 4,251 members. Will your chapter be eligible to participate in the FFA activities at the annual convention of the State Association?

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DECISION NEEDED ON FFA POLICIES

Two major problems facing the Kansas Association of FFA which must have action on the part of the 1949 House of Delegates are: 1. An increase in State FFA dues; 2. Expenses of Kansas members of the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus.

Kansas FFA chapters voted 3 to 1 in favor of publishing a National FFA Magazine. During the discussion of this project at the 21st National FFA Convention the estimated minimum cost for such a venture was set at 15¢ per member payable in advance.

Last fall the Kansas Association of FFA underwrote the total costs involved in sending four Kansas boys to the National Convention to participate in the National FFA Chorus activities, and the total costs involved in sending four Kansas boys to the National Convention to participate in the National FFA Band activities. This covered cost of uniforms, travel, lodging, and meals. The total cost for this project was nearly \$500. It is obvious that the State Association with a membership of approximately 5,000 boys can not continue to support such a program on a total of 10¢ annual dues per member.

Decision Needed on FFA Policies - Continued

Local FFA advisers should discuss these two problems with their chapter membership and send informed delegates to the annual meeting of the State Association. The 1949 Kansas FFA House of Delegates will have to take specific action on the above indicated problems, or turn the problem over to the State Executive Committee with power to act. In either event, an informed FFA membership is imperative if we expect sound legislation.

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MANUALS ON "CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF FARM TRACTORS"

Beginning January 1, 1949, orders for the student's and teacher's manuals on "Care and Maintenance of Farm Tractors" will be handled by the Future Farmer Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia. The price of the manuals remains the same; student's \$.20 each and teacher's \$.45 each. After January 1, 1949, please make all checks payable to the Future Farmer Supply Service. Since the Future Farmer Supply Service does not carry charge accounts, all orders from teachers and local schools will be on a cash basis after the above mentioned date. All orders from State offices and teacher training institutions will be handled as usual and do not require prepayment. It will no longer be necessary to pool State orders for the manuals since the Future Farmer Supply Service has the necessary personnel to handle individual orders.

The supply of manuals at present is rather limited but as soon as the present supply is exhausted a reprint will be ordered. Although printing costs have gone up, it is not anticipated that the second edition of the manuals will be increased in price.

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YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED

Experienced FFA advisers know that during the week of the meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA we can secure a great deal of favorable recognition in the Press relative to FFA activities and achievement.

Local FFA advisers must cooperate in furnishing a great deal of factual data in order that the State Office might have worthwhile information for the Press.

Be sure to fill out form "A . Annual report of chapter membership, delegates, etc., for 1949", and mail on or before April 10. Information gained from these reports form the basis of many FFA newstories for the Press.

The kind and amount of public information made available the latter part of April, 1949, will depend largely upon the quantity and quality of the reports sent in by local FFA chapters.

The State Office is counting on your cooperation.

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STATE CHAPTER CONTEST

1. Only chapters having Programs of Work filed with the State Office on or before November 1, 1948, are eligible. Exception: Chapters re-established since that date.
2. In addition to chapter organization and membership, the complete report from each competing chapter shall include:
 - (a) - the goals included in the chapter program of work submitted November 1.
 - (b) - a report on accomplishments.
3. In evaluating chapter program planning and accomplishments, attention will always be focused on activities organized and carried out by the chapter as a group.
4. The report should be limited to activities planned and executed by active members.
5. Chapter histories and stories are not required.
6. Classify all goals and accomplishments under the following eight divisions of the National Chapter Score Card:

I. Supervised Practice	V. Earning and Savings
II. Cooperation	VI. Conduct of Meetings
III. Community Service	VII. Scholarship
IV. Leadership	VIII. Recreation
7. Include in your chapter report all Goals planned in your annual Program of Work submitted to the state office November 1, and add additional activities undertaken since that date.
8. In compiling the chapter achievement report, any one of the following plans may be used:
 - (a) A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments, without supplemental materials. (Supplemental materials being interpreted to include pictures, newspaper clippings, ribbons, etc.
 - (b) A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments, followed by a section devoted to supplemental materials. Supplemental materials will not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishments. However, chapters may submit supplemental materials if they wish to do so.
 - (c) A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments by divisions, with supplemental materials following the listing of goals and accomplishments under each of the eight divisions.
9. The achievement report should be typed if possible. Type on one side of page only.

State Chapter Contest - Continued

10. The following are examples of chapter goals and accomplishments.

I. Supervised Practice

A. Farming Program Planning

1. GOAL: Each member work out a definite farming program for one year and a tentative farming program for the next three years.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Every member worked out a definite farming program for the current year, and a tentative farming program for the next three years.

B. Farming Program Production Goals

1. Chapter members produce the following amount of food:

- a. GOAL: 25,000 lbs. pork

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Produced 29,124 lbs. of pork.

II. Cooperation

A. Cooperative Purchasing.

1. GOAL: Purchase 500 lbs. certified seed cooperatively.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: We have purchased 920 lbs. of certified sorghum seed and 20 bu. of certified oats for chapter members.

2. GOAL: Purchase and mix livestock remedies cooperatively.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: We purchased 29 gallons of Phenothiazine for distribution among chapter members and their families. We also purchased stock sulphathiazol and serums for members.

III. Community Service

A. Pest Eradication.

1. GOAL: Hold a competitive contest in the chapter for the destruction of pests.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: We held a pest eradication contest this year. Pests destroyed included 15 coyotes, 12 coons, 40 skunks, 10 hawks, 1 bobcat, 195 opossums, 9 crows, 49 rabbits, 40 rats, 36 squirrels, 120 sparrows, and 140 mice.

B. Eradication of Animal Parasites.

1. GOAL: Make available to the community a sheep and goat dipping vat.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Our chapter owns a sheep and goat dipping vat. We dipped 1,600 head of sheep and goats for farmers.

(A similar listing should be used for the remaining five divisions of the chapter Program of Work.)

TWO NEW FFA CHAPTERS CHARTERED

Congratulations are in order for our two new chapters in Kansas, Ellsworth and Pretty Prairie. The Ellsworth chapter was chartered October 22, 1948 and was given charter number 197. They have 32 members, and their officers are: Donald Kihn, President; Ed Dolezal, vice-president; Ed Sheriden, secretary; Don Mehl, treasurer; Joe Lee Wright, reporter; and L. O. Gugler, advisor.

The Pretty Prairie chapter received its charter number 198 on December 14, 1948. They have 24 members. Officers for the year are: Eddie Kaufman, President; James Drolte, vice-president; Kenton Graber, secretary; Leland Krehbiel, treasurer; Leo Vern Krehbiel, reporter; Powell H. Heide, advisor.

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"FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA IN ACTION"
(Second Edition)

The State Office has for sale at 20¢ per copy a limited supply of Future Farmers of America in Action, Second Edition. This brochure of 36 pages pictorializes the activities of the Future Farmers of America throughout our nation, and brings the story reported upon up to date - including the great Victory Convention. The second edition of Future Farmers of America in Action will prove most helpful in acquainting school administrators, the press, and the public in general with the nature and scope of this great farm youth organization. This publication will prove of value in having FFA members appreciate the magnitude and importance of their own organization. Teachers of vocational agriculture will find Future Farmers of America in Action, Second Edition, of inestimable value in acquainting prospective students and their parents with vocational agriculture and the opportunity afforded farm youth for growth and development through membership in the Future Farmers of America Organization. Available through the office of A. P. Davidson, KSC, at 20¢ per copy.

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RANKING FFA CHAPTERS

Each year the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter carries an article on chapter ranking based upon percentage of membership. The membership percentage is based upon October 1, 1948, enrollment in vocational agriculture as reported to the State Department of Vocational Education. Send State and National dues at your earliest convenience and make certain that your chapter will be properly ranked.

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With righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.
With beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.
With harmony in the home there will be order in the nation.
With order in the nation there will be peace in the world

-Confucius-

CHAPTER NEWS

MOUNDRIDGE: Chapter Farmer initiation was held November 22 for Harvey Gehring, Marlo Gehring, James Lohrenz, Eldon Pauls, Dean Stucky, Donald Unruh, Wilbur Voth, Floyd Flickinger, Leland Flickinger, Homer Goering, Leland Goering, Darrel Kaufman, Ralph Kaufman, Eugene Stucky, LeRoy Stucky, Gene Wedel, Kenneth Wedel, Kermit Wedel, Ronald Wedel, and Ernest Dirks. We started our annual Pest eradication contest on November 15. Our contest will close on January 28...Greenhand initiation was held January 31. The members initiated were James Vogt, Glen Goering, Stanley Goering, Abe Fast, Jakie Krehbiel, and Herbert Pauls. We held an ice skating party on January 26...Our chapter is selling garden seed this year...Ronald Wedel and Donald Unruh from our chapter judged at the Watson Ayrshire show and sale held at the Hutchinson fair grounds on December 8. Ronald was second high student individual in the judging contest and received a \$50.00 credit on the purchase of a calf at the sale. Ronald purchased a \$150.00 calf at the sale. Our 1948 Farming Programs produced 7826 lbs. of Beef; 13,835 lbs. of pork, 1315 lbs. of mutton, 778 bu. of wheat, 20 bu. of oats, 120 lbs. of wool, 1026 lbs. of poultry, and 2½ tons of alfalfa...We have completed four A-type hog houses and have two more under construction in our Farm Shop. We have also completed 4 feed troughs for cattle, and two self feeders for hogs...We plan to hold a district poultry judging contest here on March 12.

Kermit Wedel, Reporter

COLBY: On December 2, eighteen members of the Colby Chapter attended the deferred fed beef sale in Kansas City where a number of them had consigned steers for sale...We left Colby after school November 30 and arrived in Kansas City the following morning at six o'clock, traveling by a special bus. After the boys had taken care of their steers, got them properly numbered and consigned to the various commission firms, we checked in at our hotel. Most of the boys slept the rest of the day but some spent their time seeing the town...The next morning we again went to the stockyards and watched the steers classified and sold by the commission men just as they are handled in the open market. We all ate dinner at the Exchange Building and then were taken through Swift and Company's Packing House on a specially conducted tour. We learned that they could butcher 175 cattle, 350 hogs, and 350 sheep an hour as well as doing many other things of great interest to farm boys. We also learned, much to our dismay in some instances, that a packing house is a place of many and sometimes foul odors...After breakfast the following morning we visited the Swope Park Zoo. After looking it over we started for home. We stopped in Topeka where most of us visited the State Capitol Building and again in Manhattan where our adviser took us to points of interest on the Kansas State College Campus...Our chapter has started a broiler project in cooperation with one of the members. We expect to raise 400 broilers. The Chapter will dress and sell them locally...Our pest eradication contest this year started on December 20 and will run through February 20. We left rabbits off our list this year at the request of some of the local hunters and sportsmen--rabbit numbers being rather low in this locality this year...Future Farmer Chapters in this area have a weekly radio program on station KXXX, Colby. Our time is from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. each Saturday morning.

Jerry Berry, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

BURLINGTON: Officers for the year are: President, Bob Giesy; vice-president, Chester Morey; secretary, John Walker; treasurer, Jim Decker; and reporter, Kent Smith...Our Parent-Son banquet was held December 7. Our Christmas card sales were the source of the money which we used for our banquet expenses...We have an FFA basketball team which has several games scheduled...In our pest eradication contest our chapter will give a prize of an automatic rifle to the one with the highest number of points.

Kent Smith, Reporter

KINSLEY: The 1949 officers for the Kinsley Chapter are: President, LeRoy Sparke; vice-president, Bill Werner; secretary, Elton Arensman; treasurer, Eugene Anderson; reporter, John Sparke, and sentinel, Ted Stramel...On September 25, 1948 our officers recorded the opening and closing ceremony for broadcast over K.G.N.O. at Dodge City, Kansas and our president, LeRoy Sparke, made a recording on October 16th of the story of his farming program...October 8, 1948 the chapter purchased a Coca Cola vending machine at a cost of \$340.00. We sell at the games and expect to make about \$250.00 during the school year with the machine...Fifteen Green Hands were initiated on October 14, 1948 and on October 15th we had a contest between classes on the opening and closing ceremony. This contest was presented before the entire student body and went over big. It was judged by our local speech and English teachers and first honors went to the sophomore vocational agriculture group. We have again overhauled our seed scarifying machine made by the chapter in 1948 and have it ready to do a bigger and better job than was done last year. The machine cost us \$88.00 and we took in \$96.00 during 1948...A summary of our 1948 Public Service record shows that we saved local farmers and school departments well over \$2,000 during the last year in services rendered and equipment manufactured in our shop.

John Sparke, Reporter

PARSONS: We have concluded our pest eradication contest. We plan to hold FFA initiation at the party which the losing side will give...We have an FFA basketball team.

Dwain Hall, Reporter

HUGOTON: Officers for the year are: Eugene Renfro, president; Gene Walkmeyer, vice-president; Harold Mueller, secretary; Ray Burrows, treasurer; Harold Musgrove, reporter; and Mr. Henry, adviser. The shop periods have been alive with activity, the boys have been forging chisels, punches, painting tractors and making poultry feeders...The FFA has butchered five hogs to date...The Hugoton Chapter will broadcast at Garden City over KIUL on April 25.

Harold Musgrove, Reporter

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Too many of us want Life, Liberty and Happiness, with not much pursuit.

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LEBANON: The Lebanon FFA held the Eleventh Annual Achievement Day, Friday, October 1. A big attraction of the day was the parade in which different organizations in the high school and also the grade school exhibited floats. The FFA Chapter furnished cash prizes for the floats, and other exhibits in the parade and also for the crops and livestock exhibits. The FFA in cooperation with the Kayettes sponsored the Annual All School Carnival, November 12. The most profitable events included the Cake Walk, One Act Play, Musical, and Athletic Show...Norris Maydew received his American Farmer degree at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City in absentia because of his broken leg. Norris is the second member of the Lebanon Chapter to have received the American Farmer Degree...Bill Franklin, Norris Maydew, Bill Long, Max Mullen and advisor, Don Hall went to Colby January 12 to record a program on "Spring Lamb Production" which was presented over KXXX Saturday January 15...Mr. Hall, Jimmy Anthony, Norris McCall, Norris Maydew, Robert Grewell, and Rodney Beardslee attended the National Western Livestock Show at Denver on January 15 and 16... The FFA presented a chapel program Friday, January 21.

Marvin Kugler, Reporter

OSBORNE: We have thirty-four boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year. Our officers for the year are Bill Cady, President; Kenneth McMillen, vice-president; Waldean Hibbs, secretary; Bryan Byrd, treasurer; Ted Thornburg, reporter; and Bob Saylor, sentinel...On November 23 we raised thirteen boys to the Green Hand degree and on December 14 initiated seven Chapter Farmer members...The vocational agriculture boys installed an air system in the shop and industrial arts building. We rebuilt a gas air compressor into an electric air compressor and installed it in our tool room. We then piped the air into the Industrial Arts building and into the vocational agriculture shop...Our pest eradication contest has been completed...Our chapter is now carrying on two money raising activities--selling garden seed and mail box signs.

Ted Thornburg, Reporter

RANDOLPH: We have been selling scrap iron which we have salvaged from different farmers in the neighborhood to raise money for the chapter. Mr. Stephens, our advisor, and four senior boys attended the Denver Livestock Show. Our annual pest eradication contest closed January 28 with the loser giving a party for the winning side. Our Green Hand initiation was held November 19 and the Chapter Farmer initiation was held on December 10, 1948. There were 15 Green Hands and 4 Chapter Farmers initiated. We have 42 members in our chapter. The boys have been able to make many more shop projects this year since we have quite a bit more room in our new shop. Some of the things we have built this year are, 4 wagon boxes, rebuilt 2 dehorning chutes, 1 hoist for the new agriculture shop, 1 hog shed, cleaned up several implements, made 5 feed bunks, overhauled 7 cars, and many other smaller projects...Officers for the year are: Louis Hargraves, president; Eldon Springer, vice president; Milton Wendland, secretary; Alan Wagner, treasurer; Arnold Hedke, reporter; Robert Springer, sentinel; and Richard Malmstrom, student council representative.

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A braggart is one who can't open his mouth without putting his feats into it.

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OBERLIN: We have 70 members in our chapter. We have initiated 23 Green Hands and have raised 15 members to Chapter Farmer degree. We have been mixing minerals for two weeks and have sold 8,000 lbs. The chapter has spent several days in shucking corn in test plots. At night meetings this year several pictures have been shown and also slides of boys projects and pictures taken on the FFA trip this summer. Our attendance at night meetings has been nearly 95%.

Merlin Anderson, Reporter

DOWNS: Officers for the year are: Burton Huiting, president; Jim Hart, vice-president; George Yost, treasurer; Mas Poppen, secretary; Glenn Walter, reporter...The sophomore FFA members are building a basement and garage for one of the high school teachers. Eleven boys were initiated to Green Hands on October 18. Twelve members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson. On December 20 the FFA held a turkey raffle and made \$57.00. Our chapter has purchased several tractor wheels. We made feed bunks and incinerators from them and cleared \$100. on the project. We also harvested the Osborne county corn test plots. The FFA took first in FFA Judging Contest at the Osborne County Fair...Walter Schoen took second place blue ribbon in his class in the Wichita Fat Stock Show with his Hereford heavy weight baby beef calf.

Glenn Walter, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our chapter was reactivated this year and has 33 members. Our officers are Ted Wilkerson, president; Odell Wells, vice-president; Warren Anderson, secretary; Chester Campmier, treasurer; W. J. Wilson, adviser and Cecil Furman, reporter...Chapter members made a profit of \$70.89 selling subscriptions to magazines. The money is being used to purchase FFA paraphernalia and help finance our Parent-Son Banquet planned for February 22. We held a pest eradication contest among our members which ended January 17. Jack Foster was high individual and was given an Ever-sharp pencil as a prize by the chapter...Shop projects completed this year include a portable loading chute, 7 feed bunks, 5 hen feeders, a truck grain bed and 2 hog troughs as well as many small articles...Director C. M. Miller, State Director of Vocational Education, visited our department December 17.

Cecil Furman, Reporter

LYNDON: Regular monthly meetings are held on the fourth Monday night of each month. The business meeting is followed by some form of recreation and light refreshments. We have set up a system of earning points for attendance at meetings and leadership. Each point is worth 1/2¢. The money the boys receive from this system is given to them in some form of an award as an FFA jacket, pen and pencil set, etc. Our chapter is conducting a scholarship contest this year...We are having a pest eradication drive again this year...The junior and senior classes are beginning dairy improvement projects. They are to test and weigh the milk every two weeks and keep records on their findings. The past six weeks they ran soil tests on all of their land.

Ruben Bauck, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

EFFINGHAM: Officers for the year are : Sam Hundley, president; Jerry Jamison, vice-president; Milton George, secretary; Bob Asberry, treasurer, and Jack Higley, reporter...One of the most worthwhile projects that the chapter is sponsoring this year is a "pest eradication" contest...Our chapter was one of the winners in the state initiated FFA project and received a check for \$30.98.

Jack Higley, Reporter

FOWLER: Our chapter sponsored a donkey basketball game January 19. It netted us \$65...We had an FFA date party November 2...We presented two programs over KGNO, Dodge City. They were on Soil Conservation and Farm Shop Projects...Senior agriculture members wired the new agriculture building and the junior agriculture class is wiring the bus barn. They have built four classroom tables...Three new arc welders were loaned to the agriculture shop by businessmen of Fowler.

Bill Thurman, Reporter

MERIDEN: The Meriden chapter of the FFA has been reactivated. Officers are: Duane Cole, president; Chalmer Martin, vice-president; Howard Qualls, secretary; Harold Swoyer, treasurer; and John Rodecap, reporter. Mr. A. L. Welton is the adviser...The chapter bought a wheat drill at a community sale which we are now repairing. We plan to sell it in the spring. Another of the chapter activities is selling garden seed...Several members are ordering FFA jackets which we hope to wear on judging trips.

John Rodecap, Reporter

CLIFTON: We initiated 11 Chapter Farmers January 20...The program for the February PTA meeting will include several numbers by the FFA. The opening and closing ceremonies will be given. A parliamentary procedure demonstration will be presented. One member will recite the creed and twelve will each recite one of the FFA purposes. The FFA part of the program will be concluded by singing "Hail the FFA" by the entire chapter.

Jack Coash, Reporter

GLASCO: Officers for the year are: Kenneth Spicher, president; Ray Palmer, vice-president; Gene Wealand, reporter; Cleo Elliot, secretary; Rex Elliot, treasurer and Mr. Schaper, adviser...We initiated 8 Green Hands October 26. We now have a membership of 18...We are having a pest eradication contest with the Simpson chapter. The losers of the contest have to give the winners a chile supper...Some of the members are planning to make some money for the chapter by shucking a field of popcorn on shares as soon as the weather permits.

Gene Wealand, Reporter

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Too often a crossing is the meeting place of light heads and headlights.

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INMAN: The newly elected FFA officers are: President, Harry Neufeldt; vice-president, Lynell Postier; secretary, Cornie Neufeld; treasurer, Darwin Enns; reporter, Roy Unruh; sentinel, Henry Regehr; program chairman, Melvin Martens; activity program chairman, Johnny Ediger...Formal initiation for Green Hands was held in November. Seventeen new Green Hands were initiated...To earn money for the FFA treasury the boys will sell pop, popcorn, hot-dogs, coffee and pies at two basketball games during the basketball season. To date the FFA boys run a penny pitch and a ball game at the Inman Community Fair. The boys earned \$25.00 husking corn for one farmer. Two other sources of income will be the annual paper drive and the selling of garden seeds by the FFA members...The Inman FFA chapter will sponsor the Annual Crops Contest for this district sometime this spring...The local chapter is conducting its annual pest eradication contest during the regular hunting and trapping season...A chapter FFA program is planned for the student body for the near future.

Roy Unruh, Reporter

ABILENE: Two contests have been conducted this year, a picture contest and a pest eradication contest. A total of \$11.00 was given in prize money in the picture contest...At the present time we have three purebred duróc gilts out on shares and have sold \$315. worth of purebred gilts since September...We have finished paying for our popcorn machine and in the first year showed a net profit of \$271.49...We have sold 50 Eversharp pencils in school colors...The new air compressor and spray gun which have been added to our farm shop have been put to good use; several projects have been painted including a tractor, manure spreader, plow, and gates.

Willard Davis, Reporter

MILTONVALE: We held our Father-Son Banquet November 20...Miltonvale and Minneapolis chapters conducted a sixty day pest eradication contest which closed January 19. The total number of points for each chapter was Minneapolis 12,500 points and Miltonvale 19,995 points. There were 30 members present from each chapter. Minneapolis was in charge of the Chapter Farmers initiation ceremonies. Minneapolis is to give the Miltonvale chapter a chili feed...Our chapter purchased a new FFA banner...February 1 Lester Crandall will be the new adviser for the agriculture department and Thomas Bruner is taking over the new veterans class which is being started in Miltonvale...The FFA boys in shop this year have used over \$500 worth of lumber and hardware on their shop projects.

John L. Tanzer, Reporter

BARNES: Officers for the coming year are: Gene Balch, president; John Fagan, vice-president; Robert Truhlicka, treasurer; Jerome Wohler, secretary; Floyd Yungeberg, reporter; Dick Oatney, sentinel and Mr. Sandlin, advisor...On January 4 the Green Hand initiation was given to six freshmen. We have a membership of 22...We are now conducting a pest eradication contest.

Floyd Yungeberg, Reporter

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EMPORIA: Our officers for this year are: President, Ernest Williams; vice-president, Frank Davis; secretary, Bob Carter; treasurer, Raymond Van Sickle; reporter, John Heins; sentinel, Richard Mayes; adviser, Emory Groves...We sponsored an all-school party on November 1, in the high school gym. We had the gym decorated with corn shocks, pumpkins and crepe paper. There were about 215 students there and the program consisted of square dancing, hill-billy music, stunts, jokes and popular dancing. Refreshments were cider and doughnuts. We had about \$5 profit on the party. We held a pest eradication contest October 15 to December 15. Each boy who failed to turn in 500 points had to pay 50¢. Also the losing team members pay 25¢ each. The money to be used for an ice skating party...Last summer we planted a popcorn project on $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of ground owned by the school. The boys donated all the work such as plowing, discing, planting, cultivating, hoeing, harvesting and shelling. The yield was about 1200 lbs. of shelled grain most of which was sold for 15¢ per lb...On October 13 we initiated 21 Green Hand members...Some of our shop projects this year are: 12 hog troughs (wood), 25 hog troughs (concrete), rebuilding hog feeder, 2 feed bunks, 1 feed rack, 1 tractor painted, 4 2-wheel trailers built, 4 cars overhauled, 2 mowers repaired, 2 motor scooters overhauled, 2 hog crates built, repaired stock tank, 1 dairy vat repaired.

John Heins, Reporter

KIOWA: Our pest eradication contest will close February 14. The boys have done exceptionally well in being able to find more pests this year than last. We added pigeons to the list at the request of some farmers. A total of 2,188 sparrow heads have been brought in to be counted so far. Each member of the losing side will be fined one dollar and the chapter will match the funds collected for a hamburger fry at our regular night meeting in March...Six of our members, advisor, and the parents of Bill Schrock spent four days in Kansas City at the National Convention...The chapter had charge of the assembly program, December 3. Part of the program was devoted to awarding the Honorary Chapter Farmer degrees to Sam Schrock, father of our American Farmer and to Dwight Anderson, manager of the O. K. Grain Elevator and A. J. Reed, superintendent of the Kiowa schools. Our chapter presented the pantomime, "And the Lights Went Out" at the Lion's Club Carnival and \$18. in admissions was given to the Lion's Club...The Lion's Club honored Bill Schrock at a dinner meeting...The chapter has ordered for its members 170 worth of jackets, ties and shirts from Future Farmer Supply Service this year...We are now constructing a 21' weed sprayer to be mounted on the front of our truck. The boys are planning to have a good business spraying 2-4-D on weeds this coming summer. We will operate our sheep dipper again this year.

Eldon Quick, Reporter

SENECA: We are conducting a pest eradication contest. The losers will treat the winners to a hamburger fry...The Sabetha chapter came to Seneca and played a couple of basketball games January 19. We set up treats after the game.

Linus Ronnebourn, Reporter

NEWTON: Officers elected for 1949 are: President, Keith Boller; vice-president, Rolland Dreirer; secretary, Gene Hawkey; treasurer, Allen Molzen; reporter, Micky Davis; sentinel, Keith Schirer...Fifty-one members attended Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson, Kansas...Thirty-five members judged at Mid-Kansas Duroc-Jersey sale and show at Newton. Newton had high team; and also high individual who was Maurice Kurr...Keith Boller, Don Kater, Gene Hawkey, Edward Stahl, John Stahl and Bill Gatz showed livestock at the Fat Stock Show at Wichita...A team composed of Donald Kater, Gene Hawkey, and Rolland Dreirer judged at Kansas State Sorghum Show at Sedgwick, Kansas. The team placed first...Bob Knott's light-weight Angus calf placed first in the Junior division at the National Livestock show at Kansas City, Mo...Our athletic association is busily arranging a basketball schedule. We have played two games so far and won both. One game was with the Buhler FFA and the other with the Veterans Training Class.

Micky Davis, Reporter

ALMA: The Alma chapter has purchased a registered Duroc boar. This boar is kept at Mr. White's farm. Feed expenses are to be deducted when the boar is sold. He will be available for anyone in the community for spring service at a small fee...The chapter is conducting a pest eradication contest...The chapter will give the high individual in this contest an excellent grade Duroc gilt. The boy who wins this gilt is expected to return two weaning gilts to the chapter out of her first litter. A wild-life conservation program is being carried out by members of our chapter. The three outstanding practices are: wild-life feeding, wild-life shelter, and protection against excessive destroying of scarce game.

Glenn Czirr, Reporter

HAVEN: Chapter officers are: President, George Geffert; vice-president, Jim Collins; secretary, Orval Hoskinson; treasurer, George Stelter; reporter, Charles Kinast; sentinel, Dale Hill...The Newton FFA basketball team walloped our team in two games here December 20. We had an enjoyable evening however with a social time and refreshments after the game...We sponsored the "FFA Harvester" all-school party this fall. Wanda Bogner was elected queen and crowned and kissed by Billy Geffert. Both must have been pleased as they have been going steady since...Our parents meeting for freshman boys had to be cancelled because of bad weather...Our adviser sent a mimeographed pamphlet concerning the Farming Program and the vocational agriculture course to parents as a substitute...Members of the junior class rebuilt and repainted the 16' "Haven" sign at the entrance to town after it was blown over...Major shop projects now under construction are: two hog self-feeders, a wardrobe, show box, calf stanchions, 4' x 6' tool cabinets and a castrating trough...Chapter members purchased \$180 worth of FFA clothing and jewelry...Jimmie Myers was high individual in our pest eradication contest...We exceeded our goals in every department of this contest except in the killing of rats.

Charles Kinast, Reporter

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Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.

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CONCORDIA: Officers for the year are: Ted Hanson, president; Don Hudsonpillar, vice-president; Robert Kimmel, secretary; Keith Burt, treasurer; Dean Holbert, reporter; Wesley Boll, sentinel...This year there were 16 Green Hands initiated into our chapter. October 7 a Parent-Green Hand meeting was held and the advisor showed pictures and explained what the FFA means to farm boys...Our chapter is making up a selection of garden seeds to be sold to other FFA chapters in Kansas. Any chapter who desires to sell garden seeds to make money can buy boxes of assorted seeds from us for \$1.10 a box and resell them for \$1.50. We expect to sell a good many of these...Our chapter had charge of selling homecoming football programs and realized \$150. profit from this venture...Our chapter also sold 90 boxes of Christmas cards at \$45. profit. We built two wagon boxes in shop that were sold and the money put in the chapter's treasury...We are conducting a pest eradication contest...In shop this year we have built 4 trailers, 4 wagon boxes and other smaller equipment, and repaired cultivators, weeders and other machines...The district poultry judging contest will be held again this year in Concordia and will be sponsored by our chapter...On December 10 our chapter sponsored a movie, "The Farmer's Daughter," which netted \$40. for our treasury...Our concession stand at the Fall Festival netted us \$35...One of our members, Jerome Johnson, was selected to be in the National FFA Band. Jerome is a junior and plays a saxophone. He gave an interesting talk about his trip at our regular December meeting...Our chapter is getting a new slide projector and screen and adding to our strip film library.

Dean Holbert, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: Officers for the year are: Don Saunders, president; Bob Elmer, vice-president; Byron Mills, secretary; J. O. Reynolds, treasurer; Bill Coleman, sentinel; and L. L. Van Petten, advisor...A full colored and lighted FFA bulletin board informs the members of all activities...Our previously inactive chapter adopted a large program of work for this years accomplishment...Our chapter sponsors an FFA honor roll for the members in which seven points are necessary for recognition...The two highest boys will receive prizes at our banquet...We initiated twelve Green Hands enlarging our membership to twenty-seven...December 21 our chapter sponsored the annual all school Christmas party. We conducted three cakewalks and sold refreshments from which we paid expenses and made \$6.00 profit...We completed our official staff with the election of John Theden, song leader and John Reynolds, parliamentarian...Our pest eradication contest is under way.

Herb Lee, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: Visual Education has a prominent place in Valley Falls FFA Chapter...The Valley Falls chapter has purchased a two gallon ice cream freezer. "Since we use them why not own one?" seems to be the general idea among most of the members. The first social will be a pay social in order to help out on the original cost. Our chapter has 50 members. The Valley Falls Chapter Milk Production Goal for the year is \$120,000 lbs. Only 30,000 to go. We think we can make it.

John Gutschenritter, Reporter