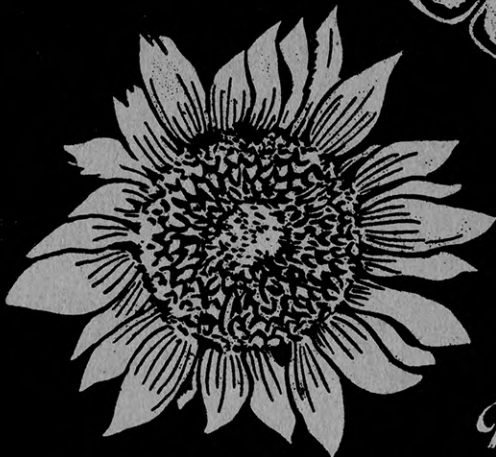


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PRESIDENT GIGSTAD ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The Twenty-First Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will be held May 2 and 3, 1949. National First Vice President Paul Lindholm of the Ortonville Chapter, Ortonville, Minnesota, will represent the National Organization of Future Farmers of America at our Convention.

Many of you FFA members had the privilege of attending the National Convention in Kansas City last fall. On May 2 and 3 you will have an opportunity to attend, and your delegates will have an opportunity to participate in the Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Chapters having State and National dues paid and a program of work filed by November 1, will have the privilege of seating two delegates in our House of Delegates meeting. Much important business will come before this group this year and we have a very limited time for the transaction of business. It is my hope that the chapters will choose well informed delegates so that the business of the state association can be transacted rapidly and efficiently. The delegates will elect the State Farmer candidates recommended for the State Farmer Degree and they will choose State FFA Officers for the ensuing year.

Let's all cooperate to make this the largest and finest annual convention in the history of the Kansas Association of FFA.

John Gigstad, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA Public Speaking manuscript are required.
3. Most chapter contest reports are classified as First Class mail. Express is cheaper and almost as fast.
4. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests will be rigidly enforced.
6. Deadline mailing dates:
  - a. FFA Public Speaking Contest, April 11.
  - b. Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc., April 11.
  - c. State Chapter Contest, April 11.
  - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 18.
  - e. Entries in Farm Mechanics Contest, April 18.
  - f. Payment for cots and box lunches, April 18.
7. Be prepared to "Raise the Roof" by assisting with the singing of "Hail the FFA" at the annual banquet.
8. Box Lunch - 75¢ each - contestants only. Money due in mails April 18.
9. If you plan to house your group in Nichols Gym, send check and cot reservation to K. L. Ford not later than April 18.

RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

Each year in the April issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter local FFA chapters are ranked on the basis of per cent of membership and enrollment in vocational agriculture. October 1st enrollment figures furnished by the State Department for Vocational Education are used, and FFA membership figures are taken from the records of the State office at Manhattan.

On October 1st there were 4888 students enrolled in approximately 152 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The term "approximately" was used advisedly, because of the fact that departments have been reactivated at various dates during the year. The total FFA membership as of April 1, was 5132.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1948-49, as of April 1, on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 171 to 52%.

The McDonald chapter, with an enrollment of 14 and a paid up FFA membership of 24 has the honor of being the chapter with the highest percentage of membership, 171 per cent.

134 chapters have paid dues to date.

94 chapters reported a paid up membership of 100 per cent or more. 30 chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Altamont with a paid up membership of 100, leads all the chapters in the state in the number of dues paid. Shawnee Mission chapter with 82 members ranks second while Effingham with 81 ranks third, Beloit with 76 ranks fourth, and Smith Center with 74 ranks fifth.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 134 chapters having paid their dues is 105%. Last year this figure stood at 108%.

The Kansas Association hopes to report 100 per cent active chapters at the time of the annual meeting on May 2 and 3.

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

Those chapters having a membership range from 161 per cent to 171 per cent:

Beloit	McDonald	Simpson	Smith Center
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Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 160 per cent:

Auburn	Norton	Sedan	Stockton
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Those chapters having a membership range from 141 per cent to 150 per cent:

Concordia	Garden City	Lebanon	Morrowville
Frankfort	Howard	Bird City	

## Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

Those chapters having a membership range from 131 per cent to 140 per cent:

Alton	Centralia	Haven	Seneca
Belleville	Chanute	Hiawatha	Neodesha
Beverly	Ellis	Kiowa	Parsons
McPherson	Shawnee Mission	Moundridge	Cherryvale

Those chapters having a membership range from 121 per cent to 130 per cent:

Abilene	Colby	Harper	Jewell
Altamont	Columbus	Hoxie	
Bonner Springs	Goodland	Hugoton	

Those chapters having a membership range from 111 per cent to 120 per cent:

Buhler	Holton	Medicine Lodge	Sabetha
Chapman	Kingman	Seaman	Silver Lake
Cottonwood Falls	Kinsley	Oberlin	Soldier
Effingham	Lyndon	Olathe	Winfield
Newton	McCune	Overbrook	
Eureka	Stafford		

Those chapters having a membership range from 101 per cent to 110 per cent:

Alma	Coldwater	Hays	Linn
Atwood	Randolph	Hoyt	Little River
Burns	Washington	Minneapolis	Osborne
Clay Center	Emporia	Westmoreland	Phillipsburg
Clifton	Fowler	Independence	Valley Falls
Solomon	Spearville	Highland Park	

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

Arkansas City	Inman	Miltonvale	Valley Center
Fredonia	Kincaid	Syracuse	Williamsburg
Girard	Lawrence		

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

Coffeyville	Fort Scott	Marysville	Wakeeney
Council Grove	Oxford	Mulvane	Wamego
Ellsworth	Hillsboro	Paola	Pretty Prairie
Great Bend	Manhattan	St. Francis	Wellsville
Fairview	Dodge City	Holcomb	Iola

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

Bazine	Harveyville	El Dorado	Pratt
Berryton	Hope	Onaga	Osage City
Downs	Longford	Ottawa	Powhattan
Quinter			

## Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

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

Burlington                      Waterville

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

Washburn

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

Glasco                      Meriden                      Tonganoxie

If the name of your chapter does not appear in the above listing, it will be due to one of two reasons, namely: (1) chapter dues have not been paid, (2) FFA membership is less than 50 per cent of enrollment in vocational agriculture.

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TARDINESS

Each year many chapters are tardy in remitting state and national FFA dues. On March 15, 1949, when we began compiling information for ranking chapters on the basis of percentage of membership based on enrollment we found that 27 chapters had not paid state and national dues. There are many reasons for this situation which seems to be an annual problem, and the state office is cognizant of the fact that some chapters have various reasons for not collecting and sending in local chapter dues on time.

We wish to call attention to the fact that the local chapters voted last fall three to one to support a National FFA Magazine. If the goal of publishing a National FFA Magazine is accomplished, it will require the payment of 100% of national FFA dues in September. Also the national dues will be increased approximately 15¢ per member, making a total of 25¢ for national dues.

The state association has hopes that Kansas will have 100% of her chapters on an active status before the end of the school year.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Twenty-First National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, October 10-13, 1949.

National FFA Judging Contest - Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, and Poultry, Waterloo, Iowa, October 4-6, 1949

National FFA Judging Contest - Livestock and Meats, Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-15, 1949.

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It's more important to get in the first thought than the last word.

### EVALUATING FFA CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Each year the state association has the task of evaluating local chapter activity programs and ranking them into broad classification groups. This is an interesting, but difficult task. It is difficult because of the many intangibles involved. However, the state association believes that there are enough factors common to all chapters to enable the evaluating committee to satisfactorily rank the chapters.

In evaluating chapters in Kansas, the local chapter program of work and the achievement report are carefully analyzed by an adult committee. Final rankings are made by a committee comprised of the state FFA officers and members of the state staff.

In 1941, the state association ruled that supplemental materials would not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishment. This rule will hold for the 1949 state FFA chapter contest. However, one will have to admit that supplementary material is of value in substantiating claims of chapters as well as in many cases aiding the judges in forming correct opinions as to achievement standards.

The question is often asked whether all the detail involved in filing a written chapter program and an achievement report is justified. The answer in both cases is yes. In preparing the written chapter program of work the local adviser and chapter members are forced to be definite in their objectives, and the written program avoids misunderstandings because it is always available for reference. The achievement report is a definite check up on failures as well as successes. Both the program of work and the achievement report should be of value in improving the work of the chapter from year to year. The chapter contest offers an excellent means of broadening the perspective of the local FFA adviser and chapter members, and of stimulating a wide range of experience on the part of both. In addition, the participants will develop a sense of community responsibility, will acquire a higher regard for scholarship, and will learn to cooperate by working and playing together.

#### How Chapter Programs Are Ranked

First, the chapter goals set up in the program of work submitted to the state office before November 1 are checked against the accomplishments listed in the achievement report submitted. Second, the scope of chapter goals and accomplishments are checked against the goals included in the state association program of work. Next in order the chapter entry is scored on each of the eight divisions around which chapter programs are built. The scoring committee checks on a list of fundamental activities that properly fall under the various divisions. After checking the eight divisions, the scoring committee turns its attention to items not included in the eight divisions, such as salvage campaigns, sale of bonds and stamps, whether chapter followed recommendations and rules in compiling reports, etc.

#### National Score Card Weightings

The National Organization of FFA gives the following weightings to the eight divisions around which the local chapter program is centered. The judging committee scores each division on the basis of A, B, C, D. The weight-



## Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

ings are of value only in maintaining perspective. The National chapter score card follows:

	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Execution</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Supervised Practice . . . . .	50	150	200
2. Cooperation . . . . .	40	120	160
3. Community Service . . . . .	40	120	160
4. Leadership. . . . .	30	90	120
5. Earnings and Savings. . . . .	30	90	120
6. Conduct of Meetings . . . . .	20	60	80
7. Scholarship . . . . .	20	60	80
8. Recreation. . . . .	20	60	80
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The following is a listing of some of the points the scoring committee keeps in mind in checking and evaluating chapter achievement under the eight divisions around which the program of work is centered. The list is not complete, and is varied from year to year to comply with national and state FFA objectives.

Supervised Practice:

1. Feed crop grown by Freshmen members.
2. Definite farming program financial goals.
3. High per cent purebred animals - or, quality specified.
4. High per cent certified seed - or, quality specified.
5. Project tour.
6. Improvement practices for each boy.
7. Supplementary practices for each boy.
8. Soil conservation practices a part of planned program.
9. Individual page - setting forth planned and executed program and student activities.
10. Definite production goals for chapter and for individuals.

Cooperation:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Treat seed                  | 4. Marketing:                     |
| 2. Test seed                   | a. Livestock                      |
| 3. Purchasing:                 | b. Wool                           |
| a. Mineral mix                 | c. Fruit                          |
| b. Used lumber                 | d. Vegetables                     |
| c. Medicine for livestock kits | e. Plants                         |
| d. Seed                        | 5. Exhibits: Shop - Fair - School |
| e. Nursery stock               | 6. Demonstrations                 |
| f. Livestock                   | 7. Financing                      |
| g. Feed                        | 8. Harvesting crops - planting    |
|                                | 9. FFA Library improvement        |

Community Service:

1. Part-time classes

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)Community Service: (continued)

2. Evening classes
3. Landscaping
4. Painting public equipment - buildings
5. Mother-son receptions; father-son and parent-son banquets
6. Pruning - spraying - culling - soil testing - seed testing
7. Food Production War Training Program - assist
8. Home beautification - landscape, grade and sand roads, paint, etc.
9. Pest Eradication

Leadership:

1. Delegates to state and district meetings
2. State and district FFA contests (public speaking, ritual, FFA Information)
3. State and district officers
4. State Farmer and American Farmer candidates
5. FFA officers leadership school - organize, attend.
6. A definitely planned publicity program
7. Assembly program
8. Definite plans for degree advancement
9. Committee responsibility in planning program of work
10. Committee responsibility in executing program of work
11. Committee responsibility in reporting chapter achievement (state chapter contest)
12. FFA radio broadcast
13. Formal installing of officers and formal degree initiations

Earnings and Savings:

1. Have budget
2. Purchase war bonds and stamps
3. Seed treating; hot bed; butchering; feed mixing, etc.
4. Salvage drive - per cent of sale
5. Farm machinery repair and sale
6. Dipping sheep; shearing; butchering; mineral mix; etc.

Meetings:

1. Use official FFA paraphernalia
2. Definite schedule
3. Special feature planned: alumni - parents - meeting of officer group
4. Definite plan for officer training
5. Definite plan for committee assignments and reports
6. Definite plans for improving Parliamentary procedure and ritualistic performance
7. Attendance goal set
8. FFA news items at each night meeting

Scholarship:

1. Have definite scholarship goals

## Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

Scholarship: (continued)

2. Encourage members to improve grade average
  - a - National Honor Society
  - b - School honor roll
  - c - FFA honor roll
3. Chapter grade average higher than school grade average
4. Give recognition for scholarship attainment

Recreation:

1. Have a definite recreational program as a part of regulary scheduled chapter meetings
2. FFA tournaments - ping pong, horseshoe pitching, boxing, wrestling, tennis, etc.
3. FFA inter-chapter athletic contests - basketball, ping pong, horse-shoe pitching, etc.
4. Overnight camping and fishing parties
5. Date parties, hikes, etc.

Cooperation with State FFA Program:

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|---------------------|--|
| 1. Membership       | 5. Complete FFA paraphernalia                    |
| 2. Minimum library  | 6. Use of official secretary and treasurer books |
| 3. FFA Publicity    | 7. Prevent waste:                                |
| 4. Home improvement | a. Conservation Natural Resources                |
|                     | b. Prevent Farm Fire                             |
|                     | c. Control livestock losses                      |
|                     | d. Eradicate Pests                               |
|                     | e. Safety education                              |

The judges in the state chapter contest in Kansas do not claim to be infallible, and they welcome suggestions and counsel at all times. In addition to the written reports submitted by the local FFA chapters, the judges have first hand information dealing with chapter standards of performance obtained by means of personal visits by members of the state staff. While there is a spirit of friendly rivalry between the local chapters in the state, it is overshadowed by a spirit of cooperation on the part of local chapter advisers and the state staff in an effort to make the chapter contest a means of stimulating individual members to greater all-round development.

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The only people to get even with are those who have helped you.

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What we understand we have no right to judge.

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Curiosity is the beginning of useful knowledge.

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FRANCIS PIESCHL REPORTS ON GOLD EMBLEM CHAPTER

The Minneapolis, Kansas, F.F.A. Chapter, was one of the Kansas entries in the 1948 National Chapter Contest. Francis Pieschl, president of the Minneapolis Chapter attended the National F.F.A. Convention and examined many of the entries in the National Chapter Contest. The following is his story concerning the Chenoa, Illinois, F.F.A. Chapter, Robert J. Walker, Adviser.

The Chenoa, Illinois, Chapter has rated Gold Emblem Classification in the National Chapter Contest for the past four years.

I thought the chapter's program under Cooperation was outstanding. In setting up their report under Cooperation they broke down the activities into many different headings. They did considerable cooperative purchasing: for example, they purchased cooperatively 200 pounds of sorghum seed which was sold to the members who planned to plant sorghum of the variety purchased.

Cooperative Farming appeared to be one of the main ways of financing the chapter. The chapter rented land usually ten acres or more, on which a crop was grown. They may raise sorghum for seed or wheat or any other cash crop. The members cooperated in doing all the work on the rented land. The machinery used was paid for at custom rates if the owner of the machinery desired to charge for the use of the machine.

The members cooperated in constructing a farm building and cooperated in doing other jobs for farmers. They also cooperated in building small farm buildings in their shop and in repairing certain pieces of farm machinery, the buildings and machines to be sold. Also, certain veterinary services for farmers were listed under Cooperation.

One of the items listed under Leadership had to do with a local F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest. In this contest each chapter member gave a two or three minute talk and the winner received a small award. This was one of the activities I looked into carefully because I thought this would be a fine thing for our chapter to put into practice.

The Chenoa Chapter follows the plan of appointing a budget committee. This committee prepares the chapter budget for the year and in this way they know just how much money they will need for chapter finances for the year. They used the plan of setting up a reserve in addition to the regular budget. The reserve moneys take care of anything that might come up during the year that was not included in the budget.

The Chenoa Chapter elects officers from the Senior class. They also elect a set of officers from the Junior class. This plan assures the chapter of having a group of officers who can step in when the Senior officers are retired who have had some experience and will be able to carry on the chapter work in fine shape without a loss of time in getting acquainted with their jobs.

I do not believe that the Chenoa Chapters supervised farming program was any better, or as good, as the farming programs of the two Kansas F.F.A. Chapters that were entered in the 1948 National Chapter Contest.

## Francis Pieschl Reports on Gold Emblem Chapter (continued)

The Chenoa Chapter included a scrap book to accompany their Chapter Achievement Report. This scrap book included many of their written communications with district, state, and national F.F.A. offices. They also included in the scrap book receipts and expenditures, a copy of the chapter constitution, farming program record books of two members and many other items. Their scrap book was very attractive and added greatly to the enjoyment of examining the Chenoa Chapter entry. State and National F.F.A. leaders claim that a scrapbook has nothing to do with the scoring of a Chapter Program of Work. I am convinced however that a scrap book not only adds to the attractiveness of the report but will justify all the work necessary in the preparation of a well-balanced scrap book.

Francis Pieschl, President  
Minneapolis Chapter of F.F.A.

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EDUCATION - PUBLIC RELATIONS

(Note: The two weeks experience on the part of our National FFA officers described herewith most certainly can be classified under the heading of "Education". Sound public relations connotes the process of both sides sincerely endeavoring to learn more about the work each is doing as well as about the problems both are confronted with. We are convinced the experience gained by both the National FFA officers and by the industrial leaders contacted can properly be classified as sound "Public Relations". Ed.)

National officers of the Future Farmers of America have completed a two-weeks public relations tour during which they visited many of the donors to the F.F.A. Foundation.

The trip was made primarily to keep donors informed as to the activities of the F.F.A. and the Foundation. The officers were enthusiastically received by all their hosts.

"I only wish we could invite in a hundred of Philadelphia's top businessmen and leaders to just this sort of session and let them hear the stories these boys have to tell," said Robert Reed, editor of Country Gentleman magazine. "Businessmen need to know about the good work F.F.A. is doing."

A Detroit businessman, present at the luncheon given by Dearborn Motors for the officers, said he would like to have the F.F.A. officers' stories of their own and their organization's accomplishments told before general assemblies in every Detroit school.

The feeling was mutual. Said Dale Hess, 2nd national F.F.A. vice-president from Bel Air, Maryland: "Until I took this trip, I didn't realize what a job there is between the mining of iron ore and producing a finished piece of machinery. It gave me a much greater appreciation of the relationship between agriculture and industry. This trip to me, was worth a year's college education."

All of the officers were impressed with the friendliness of the many business executives they met, and their sincere interest in the Future Farmers of America and the general field of agriculture. They were impressed, too, with the vast amount of research being conducted by industrial firms.

## Education - Public Relations (continued)

There was another lesson in the trip, too, as expressed by Bill Michael, fourth vice-president from Billings, Montana.

"I was fully aware that they (the businessmen) were not interested in just the national officers, but the entire organization," Michael said. "I think the trip helped all of us realize that we officers as individuals are somewhat insignificant, but that the job we have to do is one that requires care and time and that the organization we represent is indeed a great one."

Michael continued: "I also feel that all of us should be reminded that our action as Future Farmers is observed to a greater degree than we may realize, and that we should watch our action and conduct carefully, not only on the national level, but on a state and local chapter basis as well."

Other officers on the trip were Doyle Conner, Starke, Fla., president; Paul Lindholm, Ortonville, Minn., and Alton Brazell, Lubbock, Texas, vice presidents, and Max Cobble, Midway, Tenn., student secretary. They were accompanied by A. W. Tenney, executive secretary, and John Farrar, director of public relations and information.

It was a strenuous tour for the officers, but an interesting one. Following a radio appearance on the CBS Country Journal radio program Saturday afternoon, February 5, the group took an overnight train into New York where they attended Sunday morning services at the famous Riverside church, and spent the remainder of the day sight-seeing, including a ferry trip past the Statue of Liberty and over to Staten Island.

Monday morning they made a radio transcription for WNBC, then visited the offices of U. S. Rubber Company and spent about three hours, including luncheon with Herbert E. Smith, Chairman of the Board, and other officials of the company. In the afternoon they heard a lecture on astronomy at the New York Planetarium, then were guests of Grocery Manufacturers of America for dinner. Some of those present at the dinner included Paul S. Willis, G.M.A. president; Harold Comfort, executive vice-president of the Borden Company; R. K. Stritzinger, president of Continental Baking Company; Col. Ed Brown, vice-president of National Dairy Products Corp.; T. F. Barton and E. E. Potter, vice-presidents of General Electric Co. For the evening they were guests of G.M.A. to the Sonja Heinie ice show.

Tuesday they made several radio transcriptions for WJZ, then visited the national offices of the Boy Scouts of America and had lunch with Scout officials. A train ride then took them back to Philadelphia where they toured Independence Hall, went through the Curtis Publishing Company's downtown printing plant, then had dinner with Country Gentleman editors and officials.

They were in Akron, Ohio, after an overnight train ride and there were joined by Ralph Howard and Warren Weiler of the Ohio vocational agriculture state office. Officials of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company met the group at the train, took them to breakfast, then to the Firestone plant for a visit with Harvey Firestone, Jr., a tour of the plant, visit to the research laboratories and lunch. Automobile transportation was then provided to Cleveland where the boys toured the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper plant, made several radio transcriptions for Stations WTAM and WGAR and were guests of the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation at dinner.

## Education - Public Relations (continued)

Another overnight train ride and the group arrived in Detroit where they were joined by Harry E. Nesman, Michigan State Supervisor. They first visited the Harry Ferguson, Inc., tractor plants. After a full morning in the plant, and luncheon with Ferguson officials, General Motors representatives took them to Pontiac, Michigan, where they watched the manufacture and assembly of Pontiac cars. A dinner with officials of the Pontiac division completed the evening.

Dearborn Motors Corp. and a tour of the Ford Tractor plant was the Friday morning opener for the officers, followed by a luncheon with officials of the Dearborn Company. In the afternoon they went to the offices of the Stran Steel Division of Great Lakes Steel Corporation, then visited the Stran Steel fabrication plant and went from there to the Great Lakes Steel mills where they saw the processes used in the conversion of the raw ore to sheet steel. A short bus ride took the boys to their first visit in Canada where they were dinner guests of Stran Steel in Windsor, then back to the railroad station for a sleeper to Chicago.

In Chicago, a day originally scheduled as a rest stop, the officers were breakfast guests of Quaker Oats Company and made a brief visit to the Swift Packing Company plant. Conner and Cobble then made a radio appearance on Station WLW, Michael and Tenney appeared on the NBC National Farm and Home Hour program, and Conner, Hess, Lindholm and Brazell appeared on the NBC's RFD America program.

A two hour train ride took them to Milwaukee. Sunday morning they attended church services and in the afternoon were taken by Allis-Chalmers officials on a ride along the beautiful Lake Michigan front area, then to the home of W.A. Roberts, Allis-Chalmers vice-president, for an evening of relaxation and dinner. L. M. Sasman, Wisconsin State supervisor, joined the group at the Roberts' home. Monday they toured the Allis-Chalmers plant, then were entertained at lunch by the company officials. Automobiles were provided to take them to Racine Wis., where they visited the J. I. Case Company plant, viewed a movie depicting the evolution of farming machinery, and were dinner guests of Case officials.

Back in Chicago the next morning, J. B. Adams, Illinois executive secretary, joined the group. They visited briefly in the International Harvester Company offices where they met and talked with J. L. McCaffrey, president, and other officials, then were taken to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry where they viewed the general exhibits and were guests of the company at luncheon on the model farm sponsored by International Harvester in the museum.

In the afternoon they visited Standard Oil Company of Indiana research laboratories and plant, then met with officials of the company in their offices where Doctor Robert E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board, presented a 1949 contribution to the FFA Foundation. The group then was entertained by the Sears Roebuck Foundation with dinner and a professional basketball game.

Tuesday morning they toured the Kraft Foods Company plant in Chicago and were luncheon guests of John L. Kraft, and other company officials. From Kraft they went on a tour of the Armour and Company packing plant and visited briefly with Frederick W. Specht, president of the company.

Next day, the western trio, Lindholm, Michael and Brazell, left for their homes. The others traveled by train to Danville, Ill., and were joined by H. B. Taylor, Indiana state supervisor. They visited the Interstate Publishing

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Company and American Farm Youth magazine, then traveled by auto to Crawfordsville, Indiana, where officials of the Mid-States Steel and Wire company entertained them at lunch and conducted them on a tour through their manufacturing plants.

At Louisville, Ky., they were joined by E. P. Hilton and W. C. Montgomery of the Kentucky vocational agriculture staff. Two radio transcriptions were made for Stations WHAS and WKLO. Then they toured the new Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper building, and were guests of Standard Oil Company (Incorporated in Kentucky) for lunch. Included in those present at the luncheon were W. E. Smith, president, and W. F. Roth, vice-president of Standard Oil; P. H. Noland, president, and John Ranson, vice-president of B. F. Avery Co. The two-weeks tour was completed that afternoon with a visit through the Avery tractor and implement factory.

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## E. M. TIFFANY

A recent telegram informed us of the death of E. M. Tiffany on March 12, 1949. Mr. Tiffany had been in a hospital for rest. Death was attributed to heart.

Perhaps Mr. Tiffany's greatest contribution to the cause of agricultural education was in writing the Creed of the Future Farmers of America. The FFA Creed was officially adopted by delegates to the Third National FFA Convention, 1930. In 1935 a framed copy of the Creed was presented to Mr. Tiffany by the National FFA Organization.

Plans were made to have a special feature honoring Mr. Tiffany in connection with the 21st National FFA Convention last fall, but his health prevented the consumation of the plan. However, Dr. J. A. James, Head Teacher Trainer, University of Wisconsin, under whom Mr. Tiffany had worked while engaged in teacher training did prepare an interview with Mr. Tiffany in which he was asked what inspired him to write the FFA Creed. To this question Tiffany replied....

"All I can say about my own prompting in the choice of words is that if I didn't get inspiration from what I thought was wrapped up in the name Future Farmers of America, then I didn't have any inspiration. Sincerely, I do believe I felt what I wrote. Maybe that is what inspiration means."

It must have been a source of great satisfaction to Mr. Tiffany to know that the Creed he wrote for the Future Farmers of America Organization has been read and studied by approximately 1,000,000 farm boys during the first twenty-one years of the life of the organization. Thousands of agricultural education workers and others interested in rural leadership are grateful to Mr. Tiffany for his inspiring message to rural youth.

"I believe in the future of farming....I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging....I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others....I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining....I believe that rural American can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task." Those were the thoughts that E. M. Tiffany put into the minds and hearts of our rural youth, knowing full well that many would accept the challenge and translate same into action. No richer nor more meaningful message has ever



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been directed toward farm youth, and the Future Farmers of America Organization is grateful to Mr. Tiffany for writing a Creed of such superior merit.

While FFA members and agricultural education workers throughout the breadth of this land will be saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Tiffany, all will rejoice in the knowledge that his spirit embodied in the FFA Creed will live on and continue to exert a wholesome influence on the youth of our land.

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### PROFESSIONAL

We have just returned from a Regional Conference where we met for three and one-half days and three nights discussing the many problems that confront workers in the field of vocational education in agriculture as subsidized under the Smith-Hughes and subsequent Federal acts. Many fruitful ideas were presented, also considerable confusion was evident.

A few points that might prove of interest to Kansas FFA advisers will be indicated herein even though the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter is not intended to serve as a professional journal.

The matter of teacher emphasis was given considerable attention. It is estimated that approximately 85% of the Federal Funds for vocational agriculture is expended in the All Day school, and that approximately 15% of the Federal Funds are spent for Part-time and Adult classes. Some of the leaders think that the reverse of this situation would be in order. We very much doubt if such an extreme change of emphasis is desirable at this time. Kansas, as usual, looked very bad by comparison when checking state enrollments in Part-time and Adult classes in agriculture. However, we did take considerable pride in the fact that Kansas lead the 13 states of the Central region in number of farm students of high school age enrolled in high school. One state in the region had more farm boys of high school age out of high school than they had enrolled in high school. Conditions of this type color the problem of emphasis as between the All-day and the Part-time and Adult classes.

Space forbids debating herein the relative emphasis to be given as between instruction in vocational agriculture offered in-school and out-of-school groups. However, we recommend caution in playing with ideas that would transfer our major instructional emphasis from the All Day group to the out of school groups. Some of our states have never been able to crack the academic shell that encompasses their secondary school programs, and workers in such states usually are very receptive to the idea that we can reduce our day school instructional emphasis to a bare minimum and justify our program largely upon our educational efforts with the older youth and adult farmer groups.

Many agricultural educational workers hold the opinion that vocational education in agriculture in our secondary schools will be stronger if we continue to give our major attention to the All Day student, and cooperate with the existing agricultural agencies in a planned educational program for out-of-school youth and adult farmers. Certainly we are not ready to move out of the All Day school; or to reduce to a bare minimum our educational efforts with this group, in order to give our major educational emphasis to the out-of-school and adult farmer groups. To give serious consideration to such a change would seem to this writer to be fraught with dangerous consequences. An old idea under

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the guise of something new seems to be on the way back. I refer to the school farm. Many of our leaders are beginning to wonder if the school farm will not substitute for a bona-fide supervised farming experience. When I look back over the years and recall the frustration and disappointment occasioned by the use of the school farm instead of a real supervised farming program as a device for offering educational experience to youth in our efforts to prepare them for advantageous entry upon the business of farming, I can not help but think how true the statement is that history repeats itself. Also, I am reminded how necessary it seems for each generation to live experiences in order to really master the underlying principles involved. The school farms with which I worked and those I observed were not satisfactory substitutes for a bona fide supervised farming program. For students who can not carry on worth while supervised farming programs, the school farm will offer certain opportunities in "work experiences" that should prove helpful in training farm workers - but as a substitute for a supervised farming program for boys who wish experiences that will best fit them for farming, never!

A piece of research carried on in one of our states which was frequently referred to, purports to prove that agricultural education for students of secondary school age is as effectively attained through the Day-unit classes as through the All Day classes. If this be true and can be proved, we would be on the way to save much time, energy, expense and many headaches. We seriously question whether from two to four hours of instruction per week, coupled with a few supervisory visits during the month is adequate preparation for the business of farming, and we doubt if this pattern can compare with the training given in an All Day department of vocational agriculture. Of course, a great deal will depend upon what is being measured and the validity of the measuring device.

We are sorry not to be able to report in this issue the many fine ideas presented at the conference; that is, ideas that struck our fancy. Most of the major ideas presented will be published in the Agricultural Education Magazine. We are still unconvinced as to the need for a complete reversal of teacher emphasis as between the All Day and the Part-time and Adult classes. We do not believe that the school farm can substitute for the supervised farming program as a means of giving preparation for entry upon the business of farming, regardless of the number of station wagons and electrical labor saving devices the farm might be equipped with; neither do we subscribe to the belief that the Day Unit class can take the place of a well planned and properly conducted All Day school.

We can away from the series of meetings more convinced than ever that Kansas is a good place in which to teach vocational agriculture, and that we should consider it a privilege to work in a state where academic tradition does not greatly hamper honest effort in a sound program of education in agriculture in our secondary schools.

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STATE F.F.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State F.F.A. Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting in Education Hall, Room 103, on April 14, 1949, at 10:00 a.m.

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ACROSS THE BORDER

NEBRASKA: The Fairbury, Nebraska, Future Farmers of America chapter recently completed a scrap drive that gathered 120,000 pounds of scrap and netted the chapter treasury \$1,950. The chapter was divided into six teams, and each team was designated to work a specific community area. The chapter purchased a light truck with the money. The truck will be used by the Future Farmers to transport animals in their purebred sire ring, and in hauling feed and minerals for their cooperative activities.

WYOMING: Beef cattle feeders in the Lovell, Wyoming, chapter are grateful for friends at home. When heavy snows prevented boys from taking their seven show steers to the National Western Livestock Show at Denver, the Lovell Commercial Club came to their rescue with an offer of 34 cents per pound for the animals.

OREGON: Eighty-one members of the Redmond, Oregon, F.F.A. chapter last year totaled \$77,885 labor income on their vocational agriculture projects last year. The receipts included \$28,117 from potatoes, \$19,373 from beef cattle, and \$6,074 from sheep. Thirty-two members had 100 percent attendance records at chapter meetings.

OKLAHOMA: The spirit of F.F.A. is amply illustrated in Junior Benedix, Harrah, Oklahoma, F.F.A. member. Junior's record as a breeder of registered Duroc Jersey swine is becoming nationally known, and he has won many top awards with his hogs in both F.F.A. and open competition. In addition, he has been president of the Harrah F. F. A. chapter and a leader in all its activities. Junior's accomplishments were made in the face of a serious obstacle--the fact that he was born without arms or legs!

INDIANA: The 20th annual state convention of the Indiana Association of Future Farmers of America will be held at Purdue University April 7, 8 and 9. K. W. Kiltz, Indiana F.F.A. executive secretary, recently reported that in the past six months Indiana has had a 20 percent increase in number of F.F.A. chapters and 25 percent increase in membership.

OHIO: Records compiled recently by the Ohio F.F.A. association show that Future Farmers in that state planted more than 236,000 trees during the 1947-48 school year.

TEXAS: A photographic laboratory with equipment valued at \$500. has been installed by the Moulton, Texas, F.F.A. chapter. Much of the equipment was built in the F.F.A. shop at low cost. A series of pictures of the boys' projects is being made for display downtown and for classroom use.

CALIFORNIA: Ronald Hutchings, who earned a State Farmer degree and a big collection of grand champion trophies as a member of the nation's largest Future Farmers of America chapter at Bakersfield, California, has been employed by Boys' Town, Nebraska, to direct the beef cattle feeding work for the world-famous boys' school. Hutchings fed out many F.F.A. grand champion lambs and steers prior to entering the Navy. Since his return to civilian status, he has been an animal husbandry major at California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, the state service college for the vocational agriculture program. After Boys' Town had purchased the grand champion load of feeder steers from the National Western show at Denver, the school authorities asked the American Shorthorn Association for a recommendation for a man to direct the feeding of the Shorthorn load. Cal Poly was the recommended college and Hutchings was the selection from the large senior class.

CHAPTER NEWS

GOODLAND: The Goodland Chapter conferred the Green Hand degree upon 15 members of the Burlington, Colorado Chapter on February 17, 1949. The ritual was put on before the Odd Fellows in their lodge hall with the sophomores performing the ceremonies. The regular officers gave talks on their trip to the national convention and the Odd Fellows served refreshments after the ceremonies....We have completed 6 feed bunks and 4 hog houses in our shop work this year. We are also working on 2 stock racks, one bolt cabinet, 8 hog panels, several farm motors and one truck motor....The chapter is planning on their annual banquet in April and on a field trip with the Burlington Chapter.

Marvin Duell, Reporter

MCPHERSON: Our pest eradication contest ended February 1, with Warren Johnson's team winning. The losers are going to give a party for the winners. The following boys marketed steers at Kansas City: Bobby Fagerquist, Marvin Nelson and Stanley Clark....We are preparing our District shop contest which was held Friday, March 25th....On April 1, our chapter is helping sponsor a Judging Contest at the Mid-Kansas Angus Show that will be held at Lloyd Ericson farm....The Agriculture 10 class took a trip through the Schmidt Hill Top Turkey Farm....The F.H.A. girls entertained the F.F.A. boys to a kid's party held in the high school gym.

Stanley Clark, Reporter

SOLDIER: The election of officers started off the new year for the Soldier Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. The officers are as follows: Max Thompson, President; Bob McClarharty, Vice-president; Keith Cordell, Secretary; Charles Shepherd, Treasure; Fred Scheidegger, Reporter; Gene Bottom, Sentinel; and Raymond Sigg, Adviser....The Soldier Poultry Judging Team placed third in the Northeast Poultry Judging Contest at Frankfort, Kansas on February 5th....There were 13 Freshman initiated on December 7, 1948....There are 37 boys in the Soldier Chapter of the Future Farmers of America and 31 are enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year.

Fred Scheidegger, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Our local chapter has sponsored a basketball team in the Lawrence City League. The league consisted of eight teams of boys high school age. We finished the season in third place winning five and losing two games.... On February 28th we attended the annual Douglas County Bankers Achievement banquet for the F.F.A. and 4-H Clubs. We are also sponsoring a chorus of F.F.A. boys. They will make four personal appearances including an assembly program....On March 2nd the Sophomore and Junior classes took a trip to Topeka on a visit through Morrells Packing Plant in the morning and the State Legislature in the afternoon....Our Green Hand initiation was held on March 31. We initiated 18 boys who have had a good record and passed all their subjects for one semester.

Raymond C. Flory, Reporter

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SABETHA: The Sabetha Chapter sponsored a Dairy School Wednesday, March 16. The seven classes were made up of 2 Jersey, 2 Guernsey, 2 Holsteins and 1 Ayrshire. All of the cows are registered and on production test. They have all competed in their State breed shows and have placed 6th or better in their respective classes. Fourteen F.F.A. Chapters participated in the school....Our annual Parent-Son banquet was held March 21. Mr. Loren Whipps of the State Department was the principal speaker. We served Southern Fried Chicken from our 100 broilers raised this winter.

DeVere Wenger, Secretary

MORROWVILLE: The officers for this year are: President, Earl Decker; Vice-President, Jim Mathy; Secretary, Wayne Elliott; Treasure, Don Mathy; Reporter, Philip Materi; Sentinel, Fred Ayers....The following boys were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree; Wayne Elliott, Willis Shaw, Willis Heck and Fred Ayers....We initiated the following Green Hands; Glen Hynek, Richard Diller, Elden Griffin, Melton Henderson, and Marvin Heck....The Morrowville F.F.A. was well represented at the Washington County Fair....We have in our shop or have completed, 1 hayrack, 2 feed bunks, 1 self feeder for hogs, 2 wagon boxes, 1 flare type wagon box, two trailers, 1 chicken crate, and 8 beef.... We have a pest contest under way. Sparrows seem to be the main target....We have just completed a Ping Pong tournament. Delbert Dewey is the winner with Earl Decker second....We have our meeting every two weeks from 11:30 until 12:00. With spring opening up we are beginning our dehorning, castrating and docking.

Philip Materi, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Officers for the next year were elected at the monthly meeting, March 8, 1949. The newly elected officers are; Paul Pfizenmaier, President; Clarence Steinback, Vice-President; John Brethour, Treasurer; Louie Charpie, Secretary; Homer Meyer, Reporter; Don Fowles, Sentinel; and Fred Case, Student Council representative....Twenty sophomore and freshmen were initiated into Green Hands and Chapter Farmers this year....We had a pest eradication contest this year and the losing side treated the winning side to a roller skating party....We had a basketball game with the men faculty of our high school, which we won....We have an F.F.A. meeting every month....Paul Mugler is trying out for the summerfield scholarship....For community service we do dehorning and castrating. We sell garden seeds, and also purchased fourteen bushels of hybrid seed corn....Shop jobs completed this year are: five hog houses, one combination baled hay and ear corn elevator, one power post-hole digger, three machinery trailers, six feed bunks, two bull-dozer, two hay bucks, one wagon box, three loading chutes, six lawn-mowers, and numerous other items....We placed first in the District Poultry Judging Contest at Concordia with Oliver Fyfe as high point individual and Waldo Bushell and Ezta Woellhof among the ten high individuals. We placed third in the District Crop Contest, at Manhattan. Paul Mugler is the Public speaker from our chapter this year. Our annual parent-son banquet will be April 8, 1949. Richard Chase, past state president of F.F.A. will be our speaker.

Paul Pfizenmaier, Reporter

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"After "Silent Night" comes morning and the loud neckties."

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SILVER LAKE: The officers of the Silver Lake Chapter this year are Phil Glotzbach, president; Bud Brock, Vice-president; Raymond Freed, Secretary; Dayle Runkle, Treasurer; Eldon Roberson, reporter....We initiated nine members into our Chapter this year. Each initiate was required to learn the F.F.A. Creed....Our pest eradication contest started November 1 and ended February 4....Shop jobs for number 9 boys consist of making cold chisels, punches, and hay hooks. Lamps have been made on the turning lathes. They have also studied tempering of tool steel....The agriculture 10 boys have pruned one apple orchard, and two grapevines. They have recently vaccinated calves for Bangs and Blackleg, and they have docked several head of sheep. In shopwork, they have repaired and painted two trailers, completed several welding jobs, repaired three harrows, constructed and repaired one dirt scoop and repaired pieces of various machinery in the Farm Shop....Class work in all classes has been more clear by the use of filmstrips and Field trips to the boys homes to demonstrate methods of "Learning to do by Doing". Several new filmstrips have been purchased by the school for use in this department.... To earn a little extra money, we have had several concession stands at basketball games....Our Chapter took part in picking the corn off a corn demonstration plot. The boys received 40 cents an hour....Our F.F.A. officers attended the National Convention in Kansas City....The Silver Lake F.F.A. Chapter was represented in a Poland China Hog Breeders Sale and Judging contest, on February 14 at St. Marys, Kansas, sponsored by the Kansas Poland China Breeders Association. There were sixty F.F.A. members in the judging contest, and four classes of hogs were judged. Onaga F.F.A. Chapter won the first three prizes for individuals. Two of the boys from our Chapter Walter Stole and Duane Allbright, each won \$4.

Eldon Roberson, Reporter

OLATHE: Our chapter held its annual Parent and Son Banquet February 10, with 170 parents, special guests, and members present for a fine program. Miss Archer, speech teacher, Mr. Howard Wildman, soil conservation agent, and Mr. C. H. Branson, Principal of the school, were presented the honorary chapter farmer degree and a pin was presented each by our President C. Alexander. The program included talks by many members of the chapter who tried to give the audience an idea of the work of our organization. The main speaker for the evening was Mr. Leo Paulsen, who was a former student of our adviser, Mr. Jensen. Mr. Paulsen reached the degree of American Farmer in his F.F.A. career, and has been president of the Kansas Association, and secretary of the National Organization of F.F.A. Mr. Paulsen's parting words were an inspiration to all those present and we would like to pass them on to you. "It is never wrong to do right, and it is never right to do wrong."....The chapter basketball team played seven games, losing two....Thirteen boys attended the district poultry judging contest at Ottawa, five of whom entered the contest. The team took first place, to keep the cup given to the winner, for the second consecutive year. The cup must be won three times to become a permanent possession. J. E. Zimmerman was high individual, Wayne Zimmerman placed sixth, and Charles Alexander placed eighth in the individual rating.... The Olathe Chapter held its annual speaking contest January 31, with nine members taking part. Charles Pretz placed first in the Green Hand division. J. E. Zimmerman placed first in the Chapter Farmer division, and therefore will represent the chapter in the State F.F.A. speaking contest....A chapter banner, purchased this winter, makes a nice addition to our meeting room.... NOTE: Leo Paulsen now represents Cloud County in the state legislature for his third term.

William LeRoy Brink, Reporter

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HARPER: The Green Hand initiation was held December 22, with the following Green Hands initiated: Philip Bornholdt, Wayne Culver, Carl Freeman, Bill Hunter, Frank Martin, Delmar Reeves, Byron Reida, Walter Walker, Keith Williams and Glenn Yoder. The pest eradication contest which started December 1 and ran until March 1, was won by Carl Pomeroy's side with Lee Drumright the high point man. He was awarded an F.F.A. eversharp pencil as an award. The losing side will entertain the winning side at a chili feed. The following Green Hands were advanced to the Chapter Farmer degree at the March 1, meeting: Edward Carlson, Richard Gleichman, Dalton Dietz, Dick Drouhard, Lee Drumright, W. A. Fox, Delbert Hostetler, Howard Osborne, Jimmie Parsons, Ray Tracy, Lawrence Sutter, D'OWne Williams, Douglas Wohlschlegel, and Ronnie Yoder....Our chapter contributed \$5.00 to the March of Dimes....We held our Parent and Son Banquet March 22. The Homemaking girls served....Our chapter is entering the Hoard's Dairyman contest and plans to enter all the judging contests in our district and send teams to the State Contest at Manhattan this spring.

Robert Park, Reporter

HOWARD: We held our annual pest eradication drive from December 1 to March 1. The east side won over the west side by a score of 22,967 to 6,396. Curtis Morgan brought in 11,736 points for the highest individual score. There were 867 sparrows, 259 starlings, 7 crows, 67 pigeons, 11 chicken hawks, 12 blackbirds, 256 rats, 95 mice, 2 moles, 1,216 cotton tails, 90 jackrabbits and 18 flickers killed during the drive....The vocational agriculture and science departments have been busy the past few weeks banding trees for the control of canker worms. We banded 156 trees at 25¢ each....In December we held a project tour in connection to our Star Green Hand and Star Farmer contest....Virgil Wells was Star Green Hand, Robert Hawley received the Silver emblem award, and John Garralda, the Bronze. In the Junior division, Wayne Chamberlain was Star Farmer, Richard McLean, Silver emblem award and Melvin Friend, Bronze. In the senior division Ted Miller was Star Farmer, Verne Kling and Robert Wells, Silver and Bronze emblem awards....We held our annual Parent and Son Banquet on the evening of February 16, at the American Legion Hall. Approximately one hundred attended. The theme for the banquet was soil conservation. The program was carried out Western style. The delicious meal was prepared and served by the F. H. A. girls under the direction of Miss Hinkley....Twelve Green Hand members were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree. Those receiving the degree were: Bill Lanning, Rex Bartlow, Max Dewitt, John Garralda, Don Hall, Robert Hawley, Ernie Knight, Curtis Morgan, Weldon Russell, Harold Tompkins, Virgil Wells and Richard Noakes....Our chapter held a public speaking contest but didn't go to the district contest because of too many conflicting activities. In the senior division the winner was Ted Miller....Some of the shop projects being built in our shop at the present are: a trailer, pick-up bed, step ladder, brush piler, and hog troughs. An A-type hog house has just been completed....We took the FHA girls on a skating party March 14, in return for serving our banquet.

Verne Kling, Reporter

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"As the mamma fox remarked to the papa fox, if the high prices don't come down soon we'll have to start tightening our pelts."

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CHANUTE: We held our annual Chapter F.F.A. Information contest prior to the District Leadership School. Howard Stitt, a sophomore, won an F.F.A. belt buckle for winning first...Our annual box supper and turkey raffle was held November 22. Not many girls brought boxes this year, but we made approximately \$85.00 clear....Our pest eradication contest ended January 21, with over 1900 pests killed. High point makers were: Lu Burroughs with 323 rabbits; Hal Sinclair with 148 sparrows, 61 mice and 10 muskrats; Kermit Adelgren with 85 rats and 17 hawks; Anthony Bollig with 74 blackbirds, and Glenn Wrestler with 29 opossums....We held our Parent-Son Banquet on the night of January 13 (between snow storms) with an attendance of 120 Parents, guests, and F.F.A. members. At the banquet we initiated 15 new members to the Green Hand degree and two members to the honorary chapter farmer degree....Our F.F.A. basketball teams have had a poor season.

Kury Hole, Reporter

FORD: Shop jobs consist of three cars overhauled and painted, one tractor and have three more to paint. Neil Tracy and Don Harris have been building a bale wagon....Our Parent-Son banquet will be held April 12th....We have butchered four hogs, one beef and one lamb for parents of some of our members.

George Rector, Reporter

OTTAWA: The 1948-49 officers are Fred Hetrick, President; Bob McLain, Vice-President; Ralph Jones, Treasurer; Eldon Turner, Secretary; Bob Dunn, Reporter. Our annual F.F.A. crop show was open to all students enrolled in vocational agriculture. Lavernon Lohman took high honors in the show. Seventy dollars in prizes was given by the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce and the F.F.A. Chapter. Our crops judging team placed second in the Valley Falls contest....Our annual poultry judging school and contest was held in Ottawa March 5. There were 18 schools entered and 125 boys took part in the judging. Professor T. B. Avery of Kansas State College gave instructions in judging and he placed the classes....Our chapter ran a refreshment stand at the home basketball games, and cleared \$50.

Bob Dunn, Reporter

PRETTY PRAIRIE: Our chapter has applied for, but at this time has not received, its charter. We have 100% paid up membership dues....We attended a Poultry Judging School at Moundridge and placed sixth with sixteen teams competing....We are making plans now for holding the area Dairy Judging School at Pretty Prairie on April 23. All schools in this area are invited....A few of the major shop jobs under construction at this time are; one brooder house 14 x 12, one Monarca Calf Creep, one-2 wheel trailer, one Gunnison Cattle squeeze chute, two electric pig brooders, two-12 foot sheep grain and hay feeders, one cattle ensilage bunk, one chicken self feeder, and one mash storage bin for chickens.

Leo Vern Krehbiel, Reporter

ELDORADO: On March 1, we elected Officers. They were: President, Bob Brant; Vice-President, Charles Remmert; Secretary, Bob Stebbins; Treasurer, Dave Love; Reporter, Ed Chase; Athletic Director, Jack Shaffer; and Sentinel, John Unger. They will take office at the Parent-Son Banquet in April....Our basketball team has won four and lost five games....Our chapter is carrying on a lawn improvement program. This service is available to any Eldorado home owner. They may have their choice of 4-12-4 or 10-20-0 fertilizer.

Ed Chase, Reporter



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WINFIELD: Our chapter finished up the basketball season by taking a double header from the Arkansas City chapter....Power bale hay elevators seem to be in great demand by the Winfield F.F.A. members as six of them are now under construction in our farm shop. These elevators vary from 16 to 26 feet in length. The truck assembly is made of mechanical steel tubing for the axels and we purchased our hubs and spindels from a firm in Wichita. The elevators are very light and easy to handle. Two of them are made combination hay and grain type. It costs very little more to make the combination type....The Winfield chapter has just closed a contract with the Swine Department of the Oklahoma A & M College whereby the chapter gets four in-bred-cross-bred gilts for the production of hybrid boars to be sold in this community as a community project in hog production. These gilts are two each of two different strains of Duroc. Next fall we will get our first boar with which to rebreed these gilts. After that the College is to furnish us with a boar each year that we may carry out our criss-cross program of hybrid production....At the Parent-Son banquet this year Dr. C. E. Thompson, head of the swine department of the Stillwater College was the speaker of the evening. Dr. Thompson is a former Kansas man and we can recommend him very highly as a banquet speaker....The Winfield chapter made themselves a Christmas present of a new Remington adding and subtracting machine. This machine enabled us to get our record books completed and the summaries made about two weeks ahead of time this year. It finds the mistakes too.

Jay Wood, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: Among the activities of our Chapter this year has been the purchasing of F.F.A. various sized emblems for members jackets; pest eradication contest; production goals established for the year; Chapter Farmer and the Green Hand degrees; Net Worth of Chapter members and money earned at our Community Sales Barn while handling the lunch program during the day. Twenty-one members purchased F.F.A. emblems during this school year to wear on their jackets and sweaters....Our pest eradication contest closed February 11, with 7,560 points to the chapter's credit. Twelve pests were included with 350 sparrows, 314 rabbits, 26 rats, 51 mice, 10 coyotes and many crows, blackbirds and starlings eradicated. Three cash prizes were given as awards to the three high individuals, who are: Howard Hall first prize who collected 1,978 points, Donald Anderson with 1,800 points and Joe Brunner with 530 points. The losing side furnished a party for the winning team....As of January 3, 1949, our Chapter had a Net Worth in farming programs of \$18,398.08. This includes cash, bonds and stamps....On December 16, 1948, ten of our Chapter members qualified for the chapter farmer degree....On February 15, 1949, our seven Freshman members qualified for the Green Hand degree. Pins were awarded to both Chapter and Green Hand members. Recreation and refreshments were planned for both night meetings....Just recently we received our symbols for the treasurer's station. The pictures of Washington and Jefferson. Swift and Company were the donors. These pictures are trimmed with cream colored narrow molding which makes them very pretty. Thanks to the Swift and Company. In our shops, we have built a trailer wagon, an A-type hog house, 8 hog troughs, 3 hen feeders, 5 feed bunks, 3 hog feeders, 2 ladders, repaired with minor repairs on seven automobiles, repaired and painted a tractor, built 3 tool cabinets, a bale loader constructed from the bottom up, a gasoline engine fully repaired and painted along with many small gas and arc welding jobs, and including many jobs in sheet metal and forging....We earn some of our money at our Community Sales barn kitchen serving foods to buyers of livestock. This is only occasional.

Jim Meisner, Reporter

## Chapter News - continued

FAIRVIEW: The 1949 officers for the Fairview chapter are as follows: President, Donnie Ritter; Vice-President, Allen Thompson; Secretary, Jerry Meyer; Treasurer, Clifford Klein; Reporter, Buddy Tanking; Sentinel, Donald Weick; and the advisor, Mr. Nichols....We have concluded our pest eradication contest. The winning side finished with 10,415 points, while the losing side had 7,295 points....The chapter sold magazine subscriptions and put \$50 in the F.F.A. Treasury. This was used to start a fund for a movie projector. The F. F. A. Chapter served the meal at the county beef tour at Fairview, December 3, 1948. On March 10, we held our 18th annual Parent and Son Banquet. There were a 100 people present....Jerry Meyer, the secretary of our chapter entered a soil conservation essay in which he won first place, which gave a prize of \$15....The chapter had the sale of concessions for one half of the basketball games, and the profit went into the F.F.A. Treasury.

Buddy Tanking, Reporter

BURNS: Our elected officers for this year are: President, Richard Church; Vice-President, Harold Heyman; Secretary, Donald Edmonds; Treasurer, Harold Brenzikofer; Reporter, Jimmy Gehring; Sentinel, Donald Dauber; Adviser, A. W. Miller....On February 4, we held initiation for the following Green Hands: Franklin Goertzen, John Hess, Robert Morgan, Carl Riggs, Joe Stucky, Kenneth Wedel, Charles Wyss, Gordon Hickman, Jack Hickman, Jerry Hickman, Chester Graves, and Leland Stucky....We held our Chapter Farmer initiation on March 4. The following were raised to that degree: Richard Church, Harold Heyman, Donald Edmonds, Jimmy Gehring, Harold Brenzikofer, Rodney Vogleman, Roy Manka and Ralph Wilber....We held our Parent and Son banquet on March 25. The Methodist Ladies served. We concluded our pest contest January 31. The Senior-Freshmen team won by a large margin. All together we disposed of 1919 pests.

Jimmy Gehring, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: The FFA Chapter has purchased three purebred Duroc gilts and put them out on shares with three members. These gilts are bred to farrow this spring....Our rodent contest closed March 31. The losing team will pay expenses for a party. So far the boys have killed 628 sparrows, 231 rats, 2246 mice, 116 rabbits, and also some chicken hawks, crows, coyotes, skunks, gophers, and others. Gene Bell lead with 7,520 points, Merle Schnelle with 6,470, placed second....Shop projects are: Jack Vandever is building a portable loading chute, Elbert Wright is building an "A" type hog house, Leon Adams repaired and painted his garden tractor equipment, Gaylord Gant is building a pick-up rack of welded construction, and all the shop boys put in part time building a calf creep-feeder. We got the plans for this out of the Hereford Journal. The sophomore boys are rebuilding a hog self-feeder. Other shop jobs are auto repair, gas and electric welding, squeeze chute, hen nests, two wheel horse trailer, and numerous other small jobs.

Glen Ford, Reporter

COLDWATER: We held our 20th anniversary Parent and Son banquet on March 8. There were eighty-three members and guests present....We attended the Pratt Crops School held on February 25, the Moundridge Poultry School and the Inman Crops School on March 12....Enos Hadley and Robert Jenkins are working in preparation for the State shops contest....Donald Whelpley has been quite busy the past two weeks working his talk into shape for the public speaking contest.

Norman Sherman, Reporter

## Chapter News - continued

BELOIT: Officers for this year are: Walter Adams, President; Ernest Miller, Vice-president; Duane Black, Secretary; Kendall Studer, Treasurer; and Robert Hamilton, Reporter....There were thirteen to receive the Green Hand Degree and fifteen that received the Chapter Farmer Degree at our November meeting....At our January Chapter meeting we showed 150 feet of film of chapter tours and activities....There were one hundred boys and Honorable guests who attended our Annual Turkey Feed that was held December 20, 1948.... The chapter is putting out an oats crop this spring.

Robert Hamilton, Reporter

OVERBROOK: Our officers for this year are: President, Ted Flory; Vice-President, Ralph Bryson; Secretary, Don Butel; Treasurer, Russell Harris; Reporter, Bob Dodder; Sentinel, Dean Isreal; Adviser, Clarence Anderson.... On October 20, we raised five members to the Degree of Chapter Farmers and on November 23, we raised nine boys to the Degree of Green Hands....For an Earnings and Savings we sold two-hundred boxes of Christmas Cards at \$1.00 a box. Also for Earnings and Savings we sold tickets for a turkey raffle which we gave away at a football game. The turkey cost us \$12.50 and we cleared approximately \$60.50.

Bob Dodder, Reporter

PRATT: We concluded our annual pest eradication January 31. A total of 3,799 pests were killed. Harold Randle received a single shot 22 caliber rifle for having the most points in the contest. Ralph Parker was second and won a carton of rifle shells and Carter Barker was third high and received a hunting knife. Prizes were awarded to the winners at the party given by the losing side March 7....Pratt sponsored the crops judging school for the Southwest Kansas District on February 25, 1949....We started our broiler project February 4, and plan to sell them as fries by the time they are eight weeks of age.

Gordon Bailey, Reporter

GREAT BEND: We concluded our annual pest and rodent control contest March 1. Norman Tracy took scoring honors with 4,150 points, Charles Button was second with 3,350 points. The losers of the Pest Contest will entertain the winners at a fishing party as soon as the weather shows signs of cooperation. We will have a new home for our Vocational Agriculture Classes as soon as the carpenters finish remodeling a Hospital Unit Building 150 feet by 25 feet. This space will be used for shop, classroom and a laboratory. In addition to the building we will have a concrete lot 70 feet by 90 feet which will be fenced in for machinery repair work....Our basketball team finished the season with 4 losses and 4 wins....Our Chapter is making plans for the John M. Lewis and Sons District Judging School to be held April 16....Bob LeRoy, John Neeland and Joe Machal as a team placed second in the Moundridge Poultry contest and School last Saturday March 12.

Duane Stoskopf, Reporter

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