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GEORGE WASHINGTON

Born a Virginian and died an American. The last public words that fell from his lips challenged his countrymen to exalt America, seek her advancement, develop her powers, extol her mission and above all, create characters worthy of the fathers and commensurate with their heroism. -- Arthur Copeland.

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The 1950 State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Room G206, Education Hall, May 2, 1950, 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.

The 1950 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 1950 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest.

Time Limit

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

Subjects

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

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

Public Speaking Contest (continued)

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 Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
20. The Part-Time Farmer in American Agriculture
21. The Soil - A National Heritage
22. The Farmer's Health - A National Problem
23. Farm Family Partnership
24. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
25. The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America
26. Soil Conservation - Man's and Nature's
27. The Place of Farm Cooperatives in our National Economy
28. Education of the Farmer of Tomorrow
29. 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. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson, published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois.

JUDGES SCORE SHEET
 1950 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. State 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
<u>Voice includes</u>	:	<u>Power of expression includes</u>
	:	
Quality	:	Fluency, emphasis
Pitch	:	Directness, Sincerity
Force	:	Communicative activity
Articulation	:	Conveyance of thought and meaning
Punctuation	:	
	:	

Judges Score Sheet - continued

<u>Response to questions includes</u>	:	<u>Stage presence includes</u>
Ability to satisfactorily answer the questions on the speech which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly	:	Personal appearance Poise and body posture Attitude Confidence Personality Ease before audience
<u>General effect includes</u>	:	
Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention	:	

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THE CHALLENGE OF A NEW DAY IN AGRICULTURE
by
Don Volker - Stafford FFA Chapter

NOTE: Speaking on the subject "The Challenge of a New Day in Agriculture", Don Volker of the Stafford FFA Chapter won the 1949 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest. Don was eliminated in the Central Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Madison, Wisconsin, August 22, 1949.

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Within the past century no segment of American living has undergone such a complete metamorphosis as agriculture. In 1850 agriculture was still pursuing the agrarian methods of countless preceding generations. Equipment was at a minimum, consisting of the hoe, the rake, and the spade, which were being supplemented by such equally simple tools as the cradle used to gather in the ripened grain. In direct proportion to the shortage of tools was the relatively small number of farm units in the United States in terms of possible arable acreage. For example, in 1850 we had one and one-half million small farms in contrast to the five and one-half million large farms in America today which occupy the time of 27,440,000 of her citizens. In fact, according to the latest available statistics, one out of every five of us is a farmer.

The sun has set on the day of the sod house and the sickle. My great grandfather belonged to that age. He knew little of scientific farming--he planted his potatoes in the dark of the moon, he determined the severity of the winter by Ground Hog Day, and forecast the daily weather largely by the rheumatism in his right knee. Although he lacked all of the modern science which we now have, he still had three great advantages that I, as a twentieth century farmer, will never have. First, he had the rich virgin soil of the prairie beneath his feet; second, the amount of land he could possess was limited only by his physical health and strength to till it; and third, there was a spiritual simplicity about grandfather's life that made him consider an abundant harvest or a total crop failure largely a matter of Divine Providence. However, true this last factor might have been, for we all realize man's helplessness in the face of the elements, farmers of today realize that if we are to maintain our present standard of living in America, it is imperative that we solve two major problems. First, there is the problem of distribution. During the war

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the American farmer produced at maximum capacity. At present we are asked to cut-back to normal times; but though we hear the words "over production", we know that there is a parallel problem of "starvation" for millions of peoples. There are voices who say that until the world has solved the food equation of supply and demand there will never be permanent peace among men.

The second problem is at once a national, local, and an individual problem--how shall we meet this perplexing situation of the diminishing productivity of the land. Karl B. Mickey states it well when he says, "The plain truth is that Americans, as a people, have never learned to love the land and to regard it as an enduring resource. They have seen it only as a field for exploitation and a source of immediate revenue, refusing to see that the social pyramid rests where it has always rested--on the land."

In the lull between the two wars our government by various projects brought about a renewed expansion of farm acreage which we might call geographical expansion. Soil reclamation projects, irrigation programs, free land grants, and last but not least, programs and projects designed to create increased appreciation of what rural life has to offer, all unite to increase the agricultural acreage. Here may we note the number of G.I.'s who have come back home interested in new and diverse technological farming.

Our government has taken the lead in the reclamation of the soil itself. When this nation woke to its responsibility, it found that already fifty million acres of formerly cultivated land equal in area to the states of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia had been rendered incapable of crop production and necessitated a vast program of once again reclaiming the land. For in great grandfather's day, when land was plentiful, it was cheaper to move than to conserve.

Today in line with the conservation and reclamation programs, the farmer must reckon with diminishing water supplies. An illustration of this is taken from Phoenix, Arizona, where ground water levels have been so lowered through pumping that large acreages in that rich valley have already been abandoned for crop use, and the desert once again reclaims the land. Even Kansas has her problem, for in southwestern counties there has been a great deal of investment in artesian wells, but this means a re-alignment of underground waters, which presents this problem--can production be maintained even when annual rainfall returns to normal? Will lower priced farm crops pay for the pumps and the cost of pumping?

The third great factor in the farm revolution is farm mechanization. Great grandfather had his oxen or his team of Missouri mules; but the cotton gin marked the beginning of a new era, and with the rapidity of a kaleidoscope the steel plow, the harrow, the disk, the binder, and the thresher came into existence. Although these inventions marked a great advancement in the history of our nation, modern mechanization of today, such as the tractor and the self-propelled combine, has brought speed of operation to an apex and has removed much of the drudgery from farming. It has made life on the farm comparable to life in the city. But it also necessitates that the knowledge of the farmer advance with the steady pace of mechanical achievements, for the cost of operating machinery is in inverse proportion to the farmer's mechanical knowledge.

Finally we have entered an era of scientific farming. Agriculture has become a science in two respects: first, from the standpoint of quality as well as quantity production. In this particular field come such improvements as

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certified seed, purebred livestock, registration of merit, not to mention all of the chemicals which have aided in preserving and rebuilding the soil. The result has been greater returns to farm economically as well as better grades of produce to the consumer.

The other factor in scientific farming is the science of economics, for the farmer of today need not be entirely at the mercy of the stock market. Through the use of the radio, farm publications, and agricultural schools, the farmer is brought day to day information concerning factors operating in the national, as well as the world market, and he may plan his own farm program in accordance.

This is a new day in agriculture. This is my day. And he who wishes to enter this field must be aware of the factors involved in successful farming. Our government, through various legislative programs, is in farming today and it behooves us to cooperate in maintaining programs of reclamation and conservation; for if soil conservation does not commend itself to the moral sense and business judgment of the farmer, no arbitrary exercise of governmental power can enforce it.

Ladd Haystead puts it well when he states, "A wornout or an abandoned farm is not just the loss of one man or one family, it is a definite loss to all America, for the land does not belong solely and indisputably to its titleholder. Rather, it is part of the national heritage and its owners merely the warden and supposed husbandman of those acres."

Investment in larger acreage, more machinery and better quality has placed farming in the role of big business. I am not here to solve the many problems that face agriculture today. But there are two essential preliminaries to the solution of any problem: first, to be aware of it, and second, to have a clear and comprehensive statement of it. This I have sought to bring before you.

Farmers, bankers, equipment dealers, government agencies, and agricultural colleges must be made aware that no phase of American life is more vital to its continued high standard of living than the agricultural phase, for as John H. Bradley states it, "However high the spirit of man may soar, it is on the stomach, that civilization, like the proverbial army must advance. And beneath civilization is vegetation, and beneath vegetation is the soil."

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STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST DRAWING

Anticipating more entries in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest than can be run off in one section, we are planning to have an elimination contest similar to the one used in 1949. In order to facilitate this program it will be necessary to have a disinterested party make drawings for order of appearance a few days prior to the contest. Local chapter advisers may secure information relative to time of appearance of their contestant by calling at the state office, Education Hall, Room 103, Monday, May 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

The Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., meeting in Washington January 25-28, voted to extend the Foundation award program so that attractive medals will be awarded on the local FFA chapter basis to those Future Farmers who show outstanding accomplishment in the various fields covered by state and national Foundation awards.

A new award program, in Farm Safety, was initiated by the Board. Awards will be made in 1950 to the local FFA chapters which show best activities and accomplishments in the field of Farm Safety. One chapter in each State FFA Association may win a \$100 cash award; three regional awards of \$200 each, and a national award of \$250 will be made. The regional and national winners will split the travel fund of \$250 to help pay expenses to the national FFA Convention at Kansas City.

With those two exceptions, and the \$1,000 voted for prizes and awards in the New Farmers of America judging contests, the Foundation program for 1950 is substantially the same as for 1949.

The award program for FFA judging has been changed, however, so that instead of dividing \$8,000 between gold emblem team and individual winners in the form of cash awards, the 1950 plan will use that sum to help pay travel expenses of all state teams to the contests, following a zone system of allocation to give the larger checks to the teams which travel the longer distances. Plaques and certificates will be awarded judging participants as in past years.

One action of the Board was to request the Committee on National Judging contests to set up a three-year program when they meet this fall, so that contest rules will remain stable over a period of time that will allow teachers to "catch up" with changes that have been made. A bulletin containing 1950 rules will be mailed to vocational agriculture teachers during February. It will last only for the one year, but the bulletin to be published next winter will remain in effect three years.

The total budget approved for the FFA Foundation by the Board of Trustees calls for expenditure of \$99,108.56 during 1950, exceeding by nearly \$15,000 the \$85,363.03 budgeted last year. The new budget is broken down into \$85,250.00 for Future Farmers of America awards, \$8,637.66 for New Farmers of America awards, and \$5,220.00 for administrative and miscellaneous expenses.

The 1950 program of FFA awards sets up \$25 each for American Farmer degree winners, \$500 each for three regional Star American Farmers, and \$1,000 for Star Farmer of America. Provision is made for 50 Star State Farmer awards of \$100 each. State awards of \$100, three regional awards of \$200, and a national award of \$250 is scheduled for Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management and Farm Safety. Public Speaking awards are the same as last year, \$100 for each state winner and five national awards ranging from \$150 to \$250. The Foundation again budgeted \$20,000 for State Initiated Projects, to be apportioned to the State Associations in ratio to their FFA membership to the national membership.

A sum of \$5,000 was budgeted for medals for local chapter winners. They will be available from State FFA Advisers and will be sent to local instructors upon request. Medals are to be made available for Star Farmer of the Chapter, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management, Farm Safety and Public Speaking.

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New Farmers of America awards, on about the same basis as last year except for \$1,000 budgeted for judging, will be given in H. O. Sargent (young farmer award), Superior Farmers, Star Modern Farmer, Dairy Farming, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Farm and Home Improvement, Soil and Water Management, Public Speaking, Quartette, and Quiz contest. Medals also will be made available for local chapter winners in the N.F.A.

All Board of Trustees members were present for the annual meeting. They include Dr. W. T. Spanton, chairman, and A. W. Tenney, secretary; both of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Washington; D. J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, Va., treasurer; Dr. W. F. Stewart, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; John M. Lowe, State Director of Vocational Education, Charleston, W. Va., six state supervisors of agricultural education: Ralph L. Morgan, Salem, Oreg.; T. G. Walters, Atlanta, Ga.; Bert L. Brown, Olympia, Wash.; R. D. Anderson, Columbia, S. Car.; Ralph A. Howard, Columbus, Ohio, and Earl H. Little, Concord, N. Hampshire; and four other Agricultural Education staff members: H. B. Swanson, D. M. Clements, E. J. Johnson and R. E. Naugher.

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK
February 18 - 25, 1950

Suggestions for Chapter Officers and Local FFA Advisers

1. Inform local newspapers of FFA Week and help them with any stories they may wish to prepare. Give them a summary of members' income from supervised farming in 1949 and their current investment in farming.
2. Suggest to the advertising manager of the local newspaper that merchants may want to plug FFA in their advertising if they know about FFA Week.
3. Contact local radio stations to obtain FFA Programs. Radio advertisers may also wish to plug FFA during the week. Make arrangements to appear on a television show if there is a station in your community.
4. Obtain a FFA Week proclamation from the local mayor.
5. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs, and Service Organizations and make arrangements for Future Farmers to appear on their programs.
6. Arrange special school assembly programs to be put on by the FFA.
7. Put up a display in a downtown store window, calling attention to FFA and its activities.
8. Hold open house for parents and friends. Show them the vocational agriculture plant and members' projects that can be brought to school.
9. Invite eighth grade farm boys and their parents to a special FFA meeting, banquet or open house.
10. Prepare a FFA Chapter News Letter to distribute to parents and friends in the community.

National Future Farmers of America Week (continued)

11. Urge members to listen to the National Farm and Home Hour, National Broadcasting Company, on Saturday, February 18, when they will hear the National FFA president.
12. Report your activities and accomplishments during FFA Week to your State Associations, and begin making plans for a better observance of National FFA Week in 1951. It comes during the week of George Washington's birthday every year.

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USE AND ABUSE OF THE FFA JACKET

A number of comments have been made on a national level concerning the use and abuse of the FFA Jacket. The observation was made that some of the FFA members are slovenly and slouchy in the use of the Official FFA Jacket. At times the jacket is not removed in doing the daily dozen around the farm including milking cows, cleaning out hog pens and other farm activities. Reports have been made of the presence of the FFA Jacket in pool halls. Sometimes non-members are observed wearing the FFA Jacket.

A practice, too frequent, is for a Future Farmer member who has grown out of the jacket to "will and bequeath" the jacket to a younger brother who in many cases may not be a member of the FFA organization. At other times the jacket is half-faded as a result of being left out in the sun. Then too, occasionally, the jacket will be tattered or will have frayed edges.

All of these abuses and others are in conflict with the proper use of the official jacket. A few recommendations are made to avoid these abuses:

1. If the FFA Jacket is worn, frayed, or faded, remove the emblem.
2. If an FFA member grows out of a jacket and bequeaths it to a younger brother who is a non-member the emblem should be removed.
3. Wear the FFA Jacket only on special occasions, chapter meetings, FFA banquets, and other official functions.
4. Do not wear the FFA Jacket upon entering college.
5. Refrain from wearing the Jacket unless it is clean, pressed, and respectable.
6. Refrain from recording the history of the individual member on the front of the Jacket.

In filling future orders for FFA Jackets the front of the coat will identify, in words, the name of the boy and the position held. The emblem will be put on the back with the state at the top of the emblem and the name of the chapter underneath.

Every FFA chapter could appropriately discuss in a regular meeting, the use and abuse of the FFA Jacket. --- Jess Bromley, Utah Association of FFA State Reporter.

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OFFICIAL FFA CALENDAR

The Official FFA Calendar published by the Osborne Company, Clifton, New Jersey, has been distributed.

At the 1949 National FFA Convention, the Osborne Company was authorized to manufacture three types of FFA calendars. One is the small calendar. The second is a medium sized, one picture wall calendar and the third is a large wall calendar. These latter two calendars will feature a reproduction of the beautiful painting which was displayed at the national convention. The small calendar for 1951 which went on sale in January, 1950, will feature Kodachrome photographs of FFA boys. These Kodachromes have been furnished by the various State associations and it has been possible to obtain twelve very beautiful pictures for the calendar.

Arrangements have been completed for local chapters cooperating with the Osborne salesmen to receive a royalty of 10 per cent on sales in the community. The national organization will receive a royalty of 2 per cent.

The Osborne Company of Clifton, New Jersey, has been asked to have a salesman representing that company call on the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education before they get in touch with the local teachers of vocational agriculture. The local teachers will be asked to suggest the names of companies that should have the first opportunity to buy and distribute the official FFA calendars.

Companies buying these calendars will be permitted to stamp their names on the calendars along with a statement such as -- "Courtesy, First National Bank".

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STATE FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

We now have 119 applications for the State Farmer Degree on file in the state office. These applications came from 67 chapters. Last year we had a total of 126 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 102 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 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 1949-50 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.

STATE CHAPTER CONTEST

1. Only chapters having Programs of Work filed with the State Office on or before November 1, 1949, 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. Earnings 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 purchase 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.)

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

The Agricultural Education Club, KSC, will make an award to the FFA chapter totaling the highest number of points in the 1950 Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics Judging, and FFA events held at Manhattan, May 1 and 2. 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
1950

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 1950 state FFA convention.

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 1950 state convention.

The Agricultural Education Club award will be made at the annual banquet, May 2, 1950.

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.

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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 1950", 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, 1950, 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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ACROSS THE BORDER

NEW MEXICO: Profits from the Youth Building on the state fair grounds will go to furnishing a new ceiling for the building. The youth building serves both the FFA and 4-H members. Total profits for 1948-49 were \$2,978.60. From this amount the youth groups offered \$2400 to the fair board to be used for putting a new ceiling in the new building. The fair board accepted the offer and voted to add an additional \$3600 making a total of \$6000 available for this purpose.

NEBRASKA: Two new FFA contests on both the district and state level have been added. One contest will be the official treasurer's book and the other will be the contest dealing with the official secretary's book. The state office has available for loan purposes without charge to Nebraska FFA chapters six sets of colored slides covering the following subjects: the supervised farming program; Nebraska, the Cornhusker State; the Farm Mechanics Program in Nebraska; the FFA in Nebraska; New Land (Soil Conservation); and How to Make Quality Concrete.

WYOMING: The registered flock of hampshire sheep, 20 ewes, owned by the Wyoming Association of FFA is being managed by Homer Lisenby of the Snowy Range Chapter, Laramie...Five members of the Huntley Chapter attended the "North Platte Dairy Show" held at Mitchell, Nebraska, during the summer and participated in the livestock judging contests. All five boys placed in the top ten...The members of the Lovell Chapter met July 26 to hoe the corn project which was being grown cooperatively. The plans called for hoeing corn all day and going swimming after the job was finished. The boys pitched in and finished hoeing the 8 acres of corn by noon and had the whole afternoon for swimming...The 250 fryer chicken project resulted in a gain of \$7.75 not counting labor costs. Members of the chapter figured that the biggest gain was in experience.

WEST VIRGINIA: The West Virginia Future Farmers are planning a state camp. The state legislature last spring appropriated \$10,000 for making an initial survey and architectural plans for the camp. It is contemplated that most of the buildings for the center will be paid for with money raised by FFA and FHA through a special foundation fund. A campaign is underway to raise at least \$300,000 for this purpose.

OHIO: A total of 515 Ohio FFA members and advisers attended the FFA Camp at Muskingum during the two 1-week periods starting July 31 and ending August 13. A total of 128 chapters were represented during the two weeks. The camp program operated smoothly through the cooperation of chapter advisers and junior counselors. The Camp Council, consisting of group leaders and counselors, determined matters of policy and handled all disciplinary problems. Approximately 250 members were in attendance each week and the food disappeared in large quantities. For instance, 180 pounds of ham (\$120 worth) was the net intake at one meal. At another meal 120 pounds of swiss steak were eaten. Eight hundred weiners were served during one meal and usually none was left. One warm evening the campers consumed 150 gallons of lemonade during the dinner hour and within a three hour period drank 300 pints of an orange drink, 200 pints of chocolate milk and a quantity of pop.

ILLINOIS: Forty-nine members of the Trico Consolidated High School FFA Chapter built a vocational agriculture shop 38' x 40'. The agricultural III class with the assistance of their instructor, Mr. Albert C. Schutte, designed the building. This class also did the surveying necessary to level the building site. The walls of the building were designed in 8' sections and were prefabricated in an especially built jig. Most of the building was completed in the fall before

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cold weather stopped outside work but the final touches were added the following spring. Workbenches, hog houses, feed troughs, and hog crates were among the projects that some of the members built out of remnants of lumber.

CALIFORNIA: Seventy-three California FFA groups won "Master Chapter" ratings last year by meeting at least 15 out of 17 qualifications for this honor. Twelve of these chapters also received a gold star for having won this honor for each of the five years since it was established in 1944. A survey of the reports showed that many chapters completed all 17 of the requirements, a sizable number completed 16 and only a few took the 2 "options" allowed. It was interesting to note that one of the most easily arranged and effective activities was the one most frequently not performed - the project tour.... The California Future Farmers surpassed all previous showings at the 1949 California State Fair with a five day exhibit of more than 1,000 head of livestock, 350 head of poultry, and several hundred entries in farm mechanics, horticulture, and project record books. There were seven pens in the annual egg-laying contest... Joe Contino, Abraham Lincoln high school chapter, San Jose, scored 98 points out of a possible 100 in the Santa Clara County FFA Poultry Efficiency Contest. Joe raised 50 chickens with no mortality, an average weight of 2.51 pounds at 60 days, at a cost of 11.6 per pound of gain.

MICHIGAN: From January through May, 1950, a total of twenty-one FFA radio broadcasts are scheduled to be given over the Michigan State College station. ... The 14th annual Future Farmer Fat Stock Show and Sale was held at St. Johns, September 20. Approximately 500 FFA members attended. Eighteen chapter entered 190 head of livestock in the sale which sold for \$12,828.70.

PENNSYLVANIA: Wanting money to finance a group trip to the 1950 State Farm Show, Mt. Jackson Future Farmers undertook a 6-acre group project raising hybrid corn. The FFA members bought \$100 worth of 5 per cent interest-bearing bonds to finance the project. When the corn was sold and debts paid the chapter found it had net profits of \$181.92 from the six acres.

ILLINOIS: Fifteen Future Farmers and twenty-one farmers participated in a "Tractor Rodeo" sponsored by the Neponset FFA Chapter. Safety practices used and skill exhibited in handling and driving the tractors was scored by the judges. About 500 persons viewed the contests.

LOUISIANA: Donald Landry, Breaux Bridge FFA member, has proof that good corn yields can be had in the South. Donald used hybrid seed on an acre of good land and gave the corn three fertilizer applications totalling 900 pounds. The yield was 107.4 bushels.

NEW MEXICO: Thirty-six members of the Taos FFA chapter decided something should be done about the weeds and trash accumulation in their town's historic old graveyard so they pitched in to give the place a thorough cleanup. Among the pioneer graves in the old cemetery is that of Kit Carson, famous Indian scout.

FLORIDA: A summary of FFA accomplishments for 1948-49 revealed that the State's 6,115 active members earned \$689,465 from their supervised farming projects last year for an average earning of \$112 per boy.

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MINNESOTA: The small town of Climax had no local newspaper, until boys of the Future Farmers of America began publishing their mimeographed monthly "Agricultural News". News items for the paper are gathered by the FFA members and combined with factual material on farming methods to present a readable report to the 300 farm families who receive the news. Costs of the publication are borne by a classified advertising section. Lee Sandager, Climax vocational agriculture instructor, says the paper serves a dual purpose in providing for FFA publicity and community service, and at the same time providing research and writing problems for the students that aid in their study of agriculture.

TEXAS: In connection with the FFA activities held in connection with the Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, February 1-12, 1950, the dairy interests have changed from a milking contest to a dairy calf scramble which is classified as more "crowd-thrilling". Winners of the beef scramble who return to exhibit the following year will compete for nearly \$4000 in special awards...In addition to scholarship awards to the A & M College, the following awards for the beef scramble calf winners are of interest: \$100 to the exhibitor with the highest scholastic average for the past year; \$200 to the youth making the highest net profit on pounds of gain he puts on his calf; \$100 to the youth whose calf makes the greatest gain from feed raised on the boy's farm, excepting protein supplement; a \$150 saddle to the youth whose calf shows the greatest percentage of gain in a stipulated time; a free trip, all expenses paid, to an experimental farm of one of the big feed manufacturers located in Missouri; and for the boys who won dairy calves and who exhibit in 1950, one winner will receive a Holstein heifer valued at \$1,000 and another winner will receive a Jersey heifer valued at \$400. The winners in both the beef calf scramble and in the dairy calf scramble receive certificates of specified cash value so that they might purchase calves of their choice. In the 1950 event there will be 100 certificates for calves in the beef scramble and 80 in the dairy scramble...Ballots were sent the chapters of the state association regarding the financing of the Future Farmer magazine, and the chapters voted not to raise the dues and not to substitute cheaper paper - and since to maintain the present standards of quality and to print 30,000 copies of each of the ten monthly issues a raise in dues of \$1.00 per member would be necessary. The Executive Committee of the state association is in somewhat of a quandry; however, the ballot favored increasing the amount of advertising. The organization of a Texas FFA Supply Service and the organization of a Texas Future Farmer Foundation were other major items receiving a majority vote in the ballot.

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 11, 1950, 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 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; Howard Bradley, Beloit, President of K.V.A.A.; and Paul Mugler, Clay Center, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The 1949 House of Delegates of the National Convention of Future Farmers of America made a few changes in the National Chapter Contest. The following motion made by Lewis of Illinois and seconded by Jenkins of Colorado was passed: "Each state be given the privilege of entering two chapters in the National Chapter Contest each year; that the awarding of Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblems on the National level be continued; that the national organization pick from these Gold Emblem chapters the Star American and Star Regional Chapters. Schugel of Minnesota moved to amend the motion, that the Star Regional and Star American chapter contest winners not be allowed to succeed themselves; motion seconded by Penrod of Indiana and carried." Thus we will have designated in 1950 a STAR AMERICAN CHAPTER AND THREE STAR REGIONAL CHAPTERS.

Kansas will be represented in the National Chapter Contest by the Olathe Chapter, A.G.Jensen, adviser, and the Clay Center chapter, R.W.Morrison, adviser.

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CHARTERED AND RE-ACTIVATED FFA CHAPTERS

The state office wishes to congratulate the seven newly chartered FFA chapters and the four re-activated chapters listed below.

The newly chartered chapters are:

Minneola Chapter, J.W.Jordan, Adviser, November 1, 1949, Charter No. 199
 St. Marys Chapter, Gerald McMaster, Adviser, November 3, 1949, Charter No. 200
 Plainville Chapter, Arlie Jackson, Adviser, November 7, 1949, Charter No. 201
 Altoona Chapter, Leo Van Pelt, Adviser, November 18, 1949, Charter No. 202
 Ness City Chapter, W. E. Stone, Adviser, November 30, 1949, Charter No. 203
 Yates Center Chapter, Don W. Brock, Adviser, December 27, 1949, Charter No. 204
 Garnett Chapter, Clarence Anderson, Adviser, January 5, 1950, Charter No. 205

The following FFA chapters were re-activated:

Alta Vista Chapter, Roy E. Bonar Adviser.
 Council Grove Chapter, W. John Wilson, Adviser
 Norcatur Chapter, Evan West, Adviser
 Mankato Chapter, Darwin Housholder, Adviser

There are 161 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. At the present time 159 of these departments have chartered FFA chapters.

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FFA FILM NO LONGER AVAILABLE

The Kansas technicolor sound film entitled "Future Farmers of America in Action", has been removed from circulation. This film has served the local chapters for the past several years. Through usage the film has become damaged beyond repair. The state office regrets to announce the film will not be available for distribution in the future.

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CHAPTER NEWS

HOWARD: Our project tour was a great success. On this tour each boy was required to score each program by using a definite score card. A review of the Record Books and other phases of each boys vocational agriculture work was thoroughly examined. A summary of the scoring was made. With this information in hand a Star Green Hand was selected, and a Star Chapter Farmer for each the junior and senior divisions was made. Richard McLean won the Star Chapter Farmer award for the senior division; Virgil Wells won this award in the junior division, and Roy Lister was made the Star Green Hand Farmer.

Roy Scofield, Reporter

SEAMAN: During October the chapter had a parent meeting to acquaint them with vocational agriculture...On November 28, Adviser Robinson, Ray Jackson and John Myers attended the South Topeka Kiwanis Club Vocational Agriculture luncheon...At Christmas time the chapter gave its annual Christmas basket consisting of canned goods and money to a needy family...Shop jobs completed are: twelve feed bunks; one A type hog house, several nail boxes and bolt cabinets and two metal mail box stands...The Kansas Kollege of Kilowatt Knowledge truck, a large semi-trailer outfit, furnished by the Kansas Power and Light Company, made its initial appearance at the Seaman High School and FFA chapter January 19 and 20. The forepart of the trailer is devoted to home economics, while the rear part is designed to meet the needs of vocational agricultural classes. Panels which can be removed easily and transferred to shop or classroom contain volumes of "learn by doing" information. For example, one panel shows the wires coming into the yard pole, through the meter, main switch box, on to the service entrance in a building, and out through the building circuits. Another panel gives one a first hand view of watts, volts, amperes. One can use these meters to record current and power use of various appliances, etc., as well as voltage drop from different size wires under load. Other panels enable the student to wire three way switches, study wire sizes, and kinds of wiring.

Bob Chance, Reporter

LEBANON: Officers for the 1949-50 Lebanon Chapter are: Marvin Kugler, president; Arden Haresnape, vice-president; Neil Bock, secretary; Ora Keever, treasurer; Ferris Heaston, reporter; Jim Anthony, sentinel; Duane Doyle, parliamentarian...Green Hand intitation was held December 6, at the Father-Son chili supper...Our annual achievement day drew a large crowd as a fine exhibit of crops and livestock were shown by the FFA students...Our FFA-Kayette all school carnival netted \$364 and the proceeds were divided equally. The Lebanon chapter is now carrying on a Pest-Eradication Contest...The Lebanon FFA chapter in cooperation with the Smith Center, Phillipsburg, Norton and Stockton FFA chapters met in Colby on November 19 to record a program on Soil Conservation to be presented on radio station KXXX. The Lebanon Chapter's transcription which was on Crop Rotation and Soil Fertility was heard over KXXX on December 3.

Ferris Heaston, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

FORD: Thirteen members were initiated into the Green Hand Degree, November 8. Parents of the initiates were present...On January 23 we had a donkey basketball game. We cleared \$52.96. This money will be used to start a gilt ring project.

Eugene Fravel, Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: We held our annual Ag. Barnwarmer November 18 with 200 or more attending. We sold refreshments and cleared \$10.00...We have purchased two spotted poland china gilts for our cooperative projects. They will be bred soon and be put in individual farrowing houses for the winter. We built one modified "A" house and will borrow the other one. Reporter, James Barnes, will care for these gilts, and the chapter will furnish the feed...We are making plans for our trip to the Ozarks next spring and are raising money through various shop jobs. We are making 200 hay hooks to be sold to farmers and hardware men throughout this area. We will charge 50¢ for the hooks. We purchased one rake for \$5.00 and were given another one, we will use the teeth for making the hooks...Shop jobs completed so far this year include: 2 wagon boxes, 3 hay racks, 11 feed bunks, 10 combination grain and hay feeders, 4 self feeders, 6 hog troughs, 4 hog houses, repaired two corn shellers, built beds on three new pick-ups, and one two-wheel trailer...Our chapter cooperated with local CROP officials in collecting \$109.00 for Christmas Rural Overseas Program. Chapter members and officers contributed cars and their services in an effort to contact all farmers in this township...Our pest eradication contest is under way and will close March 15. The winning side will be entertained by the losers.

James Barnes, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: The officers for 1949-50 are President Bob Allison, Vice-President Tom Lott; secretary, Fred Schmidt, Treasurer, Leo Baker, Reporter, Allen Atwell, Sentinel Don Casey...The chapter is making a treeplanter for the soil conservation service program in this county...We are holding a pest eradication contest with the Miltonvale Chapter. The loser giving the other a chili feed...The Green Hand initiation was held on the 31st of January...The parents were invited and refreshments were served...Shop projects nearing completion are a hog house, poultry house, hog self-feeder, and hay rack.

Allen Atwell, Reporter

OLATHE: Our chapter has presented three radio programs over station KPRS... We were happy to receive the Silver Plaque for team rating and the individual plaques for members who participated in the Dairy Products contest held at Waterloo last fall...The Olathe Chapter held its Parent-Son Banquet, December 2. Ken Parsons of KMBC and a former FFA member, was our guest speaker...Our sophomore boys have been busy banding elm trees on city school property.

James Radcliff, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

FAIRVIEW: Officers for the Fairview Chapter for the year of 1949-50 are: president, Clifford Klein; vice-president, Robert Kleopfer; secretary, Bernard Rieger; treasurer, Allen Thompson; reporter, Edgar Bauerle; sentinel, Sam Strahm; and our adviser, Mr. Melvin Cotner. We completed a pest-eradication contest January 23.

Edgar Bauerle, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Our officers for this school year are: Paul Pfizenmaier, president; Clarence Steinbach, vice-president; Louie Charpie, secretary; John Brethour, treasurer; Homer Meyer, reporter; and Don Fowles, sentinel...We have 56 members...Our pest eradication contest closed January 16. The losing team treated the winners to a skating party...Our chapter won first place in the farm machinery exhibit at the Hutchinson fair this year. Our chapter placed first in this contest in 1947 and in 1948. Our prize this year was \$100 plus transportation costs...Our chapter is one of the two chapters designated to represent Kansas in the 1950 National Chapter Contest...To make money our chapter has purchased a portable loading and dehorning chute and a fertilizer spreader which we rent out to local farmers at a set rate.

Homer Meyer, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our officers for the year are: Gary Whitaker, president; Gaylord Gant, vice-president; Jack Vandever, treasurer; Burt McKinley, secretary; Melvyn Rinke, reporter; and Doug McKinley, sentinel...The FFA boys voted to give \$10.00 to the March of Dimes...We had an annual coon hunt December 10 and caught four coons.

Melvyn Rinke, Reporter

MINNEOLA: Our chapter was chartered last October. We have charter No. 199. The officers are: President, Biff McBee; vice-president; Ralph Moody; secretary, Elwyn Tedford; treasurer, Clarence Leis; reporter, Douglas Ullom; sentinel, Jimmy Dufford; program chairman, Larry Rogers...The Fowler chapter officers initiated our 19 members as Green Hands...Some of our activities include the following: Participation in the District Officers' Training School; sponsor an all-school party and stunt night; painted parking lanes in front of the school; held a meeting for parents of vocational agriculture students; prepared programs for basketball games; sponsored a donkey ball game which netted us over \$60.00 for our chapter funds; and operated a popcorn stand at football games, which netted us \$17.58. We also installed the heating systems in our agriculture building, built cabinets for tools and supplies, helped with the plumbing, and finished part of the electric wiring for our new building.

Douglas Ullom, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: Officers for the year are: Maurice Barr, president; Norman Oberhelman, vice-president; Clyde Wyatt, secretary; Eldon Roberson, treasurer; Melvin Martinek, reporter; Lester George, sentinel...Our average net worth per student for the first of the year was \$285.82...New equipment added to the shop are: arc welder and a portable grinder.

Melvin Martinek, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

MC PHERSON: The boys in shop have purchased new white coveralls with name of school and FFA emblem on the back...We started our pest eradication contest December 1...Egon Veesser, a student from Germany, is enrolled in our vocational agriculture class. We are corresponding with his German classmates. The letters prove to be very interesting.

Warren Johnson, Reporter

BURNS: The following boys were initiated into the Green Hand degree, January 6: Ray Boese, Eugene Graves, Glenn Hinz, Richard Hubman, Ronald Kirkpatrick, Donald Nightengale, Elvin McIntosh, Jack Heyman, J. C. Heymann, Arlen Freund, and Hugh Long...Members raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree January 20th were: Kenneth Wedel, John Hess, Darl Brown, Richard Brenzikofer, Chester Graves, Gordon Hickman, Jack Hickman, Jerry Hickman, and Leland Stucky...Our pest eradication contest closed January 31, 1950.

Jimmy Gehring, Reporter

OTTAWA: The Ottawa Chapter held their annual FFA crop show in October. The first place winner was Charles Talbott...The chapter had a parent meeting in connection with the crop show. The boys of the chapter put on a short program and initiated some of the boys from the Garnett Chapter...The chapter has sent out announcements of the annual poultry judging school which is to be held in March...Our chapter put on a program for Rotary during National Youth Week.

George Miller, Reporter

HAYS: The FFA is showing the rest of the school that farming is not the only thing in which they participate. Basketball games are being played both by the A and B teams. The A team has lost one and won one game from the Wakeeney FFA boys. The B team won both games...A series of monthly broadcasts over radio station KAYS was started Friday, January 27, when the seniors gave a program "Introduction to the FFA." The next program will be during National FFA Week, Friday, February 24, at 1:15...The annual FFA parent-son banquet will be February 15 in the high school gym.

Edward Karlin, Reporter

COLDWATER: We are planning to have our annual parent-son banquet February 27...Our chapter has a cooperative project of two bred gilts. The sophomore class is responsible for caring for them.

Bill Deyoe, Reporter

ELDORADO: Our initiation of 17 Green Hands was held October 17. This brings our total membership in FFA to 48...The sophomores won our pest eradication contest and were given a chili feed January 16...Our FFA basketball team has won two games and lost one game.

Ed Chase, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

NORCATUR: Officers elected for the year are: President, Dale Anthony; vice-president, Don Goss; secretary, Phil Eckhart; Don Connel, treasurer; Reid Breiner, reporter; and our adviser, Evan West...Our chapter was reactivated this year, and we are showing real progress...We have all of our paraphernalia for the chapter. The Burlington railroad gave our chapter a gift of \$14.00, which was used in purchasing the paraphernalia. The FFA and FHA sponsored a box supper on November 24, to help raise money for a banquet this spring...Members of our chapter were guests of the Oberlin Chapter for a weiner roast and later the same evening saw a film made while the Oberlin chapter made its summer tour...We are having a donkey basketball game February 24...Our chapter had a mountain oyster fry at our meeting of February 8.

Reid Breiner, Reporter

ATWOOD: Twenty-two freshmen were initiated and fourteen Green Hands were raised to Chapter Farmer degree in October...Our pest-eradication contest is progressing nicely...The chapter is looking forward to moving in the new building and are making cabinets and forges for the shop.

Dal. Argabright, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: We are planning our FFA-FHA banquet on February 21. The theme for our banquet, is Washington's birthday...The officers and adviser have received their FFA jackets. The boys paid half of the price and the FFA the other half...We are having one of the best pest contests we have ever had. To date we have wormed 143 pigs and have several more herds to worm... We sold our two deferred fed Shorthorn Steers and we made \$40.00 per head on them...We have replaced them with 4 more steers. We have three grades of steers in this lot. We have given 19, 20, and 23 cents per pound for them. We are going to study and see if it pays to buy the extreme good quality cattle...We also have 5 hogs on full feed in the school lots. We have butchered 20 hogs and two beeves so far this year...We sponsored a March of Dimes drive in the school. We collected a dime for every student.

Willis K. Shaw, Reporter

CHAPMAN: Officers for the year 1949-50 are: President, Leon Riffel; vice-president, Wayne Sheets; secretary, John Schaich; treasurer, Duane Gfeller; reporter, Donald Zumbrumm, and Marvin Gunter, sentinel...We have an enrollment of 67 in our agriculture department and a membership of 75 in our FFA.. Our pest eradication contest closed January 13. Seven members won prizes in this event...Our shop program is progressing nicely. Some of the major projects underway and completed are: Power hack saw; sheep feeder; hog feeder; 2 power post hole diggers, bale elevator, 2 feed bunks, and 3 stock gates...Our hot dog stand at the football games proved quite profitable, making it possible to start an "FFA Gilt Cycle" program. The gilt was purchased at the Kansas Duroc Breeders Sale at Manhattan, January 31.

Donald Zumbrumm, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

PRATT: Ten boys were initiated as Green Hands, November 1...This year six more boys purchased official FFA jackets...We share our classroom and shop one day a week with the G.I. On-farm Training Program...Selling Christmas cards netted us \$35.00, and concession stands netted us \$34.40...We also have pencils for sale at all times...The FFA has been running germination tests for farmers and seed merchants...Our pest eradication contest ended January 31. Any boy not getting a total of 300 points had to pay a 50¢ fine. We collected \$9.00 in fines this year. The losing side will treat the winners to a party. There will be prizes for the first three place winners.

Elwood McGuire, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: The Fort Scott Chapter of the Future Farmers of America undertook the project of selling Rock Phosphate to the farmers in Bourbon County. It is believed to be the largest project of its kind to be undertaken by a boys group in Kansas...The chapter sold 43 carloads of fertilizer, consisting of 1,720 tons. The fertilizer cost \$20.95 a ton and the Production and Marketing Administration pays \$11.52 a ton if it is used in a rotation with legume. The members selling fertilizer got a dollar a ton. The members attended three night school sessions to learn more about rock phosphate. Representatives from Kansas State College, the Soil Conservation Service and the Production and Marketing Association, talked about rock phosphate...Norma Fitzimmons was top fertilizer salesman with 444 tons. He plans to use the money he received to expand his herd of registered cattle. Jim Dotson plans to use the \$304 he earned as part payment on a hereford bull. Two other boys from Fort Scott, Leo Masson and Donald Graham plan to use the money earned to expand their beef project. Robert Baily plans to use his money to finance himself at Kansas State College...The chapter bought six fertilizer spreaders which they rented to farmers at the rate of 50¢ a ton. The spreaders are 16 foot long with a capacity of one ton and are mounted on rubber. The farmers are applying the fertilizer at the rate of 1000 pounds to an acre...Another of the chapter's projects started in March, 1948, is the Hampshire Hog project. This started when Mr. Joe O'Bryon (outstanding breeder of Registered Hampshire hogs) offered to loan a Registered Hampshire sow to the chapter. The member who took the sow was to give Mr. O'Bryon one gilt and the chapter one gilt and he was to keep the rest. The chapter also purchased two registered gilts. The sows have been averaging eight to a litter. The chapter has about thirty hogs now. This has started many a project for the new members...Another project that the chapter has been operating for three years is renting some land and sowing a crop of oats. The chapter rents or borrows machinery from the implement dealers. The first year the oats were seeded on the fairgrounds. To pay for the rent the chapter built the bleachers for the fair association. The crop yielded 47 bushels an acre and made a profit of \$142. This year the chapter rented a ten acre field outside the city limits. They ran some test plots on fertilizer. The chapter broke even this time. The weather cut the yield to 27 bu. an acre. With the funds from the fertilizer project the chapter bought a new thermostatically controlled seed tester, which holds 100 samples, the only one like it in the county. We have done a lot of testing this spring...The chapter purchased a new half-ton Chevrolet pick-up with the funds from the fertilizer project. The chapter plans to enclose the back with a canvas top and put benches in it to take the members on field trips. It will also be used to bring hogs to the shop to be butchered for the members who have no way of getting them in...Some of the projects that have been built in the vocational agriculture shop are as follows: 3 self-feeders for hogs, 3 A type farrowing houses, 2 feed bunks for cattle.

Dean Rager, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

ALTAMONT: Our chapter has a membership of 100...We have been very active in selling popcorn at football and basketball games...Our pest eradication contest closed January 18. Prizes were given to the highest student with the most points. Our FFA financed the prizes...Several boys have accounts with the Thrift Bank we started last fall. We hope to teach all boys to be saving. The parent-son banquet is scheduled for March 3...Our chapter will be host to the District Shop School, Wednesday, February 22.

Keith Graver, Reporter

SABETHA: The Sabetha chapter exhibited a Grade A Dairy Unit at the Topeka Free Fair in September and won first place. The exhibit was given to the Capper Crippled Childrens' school...The chapter members leased a five acre tract of ground from Mr. Mel Dever for five years and planted it to Brome Grass. The field was terraced and planted on the contour...Our members, together with the Seneca chapter held a Purebred Hampshire Hog Sale in October. There were 32 hogs in the sale...Recently we conducted a purebred Hampshire Hog Show on the streets of Sabetha to advertise our hogs...We held a turkey feed at the Kiwanis club house with 45 members present..."Smitty" from K.F.E.Q. of St. Joseph, visited our chapter and made a tape recording of our opening and closing exercises and a record of our chapter activities such as our hogs, brome grass, beef cattle and tree projects. These tape recordings were broadcast over K.F.E.Q...We started our pest contest on the 1st of December...We are fattening four barrows for our banquet and the Kiwanis Roast Pig Dinner...The Sabetha chapter held a past officers meeting January 24. One officer for each year was invited. Our chapter has been operating for 14 years. The purpose of the meeting was to secure ideas from the past members for the improvement of our chapter.

Lyle Lancaster, Reporter

HILLSBORO: A date party which consisted of a hayrack ride and weiner roast was held at Spring Lake the last part of October...Fifteen freshmen have completed their requirements for the Green Hand degree...We have two basketball teams in the school intramural program...Some of the shop projects completed or under construction are two combination baled hay and ear corn elevators, two implement trailers, two four-wheeled trailers with hayracks, power posthole digger, row crop tractor converted into standard tread, D-C welder made from B-29 generator, self-propelled hay buck, weed sprayer, and numerous smaller items...Plans are being made for our parent-son banquet which will be held March 24.

Howard Ratzlaff, Reporter

BAZINE: We held a Green Hand initiation for the Ness City chapter at Ness City, January 4. After the initiation the Ness City Chapter served hot dogs and cokes....Our chapter cooperated with the Ness City Chapter in holding a Poultry Judging School, on Saturday, December 3. Nine chapters participated in the event. The four high ranking chapters were: Coldwater, first; Bazine, second; Ness City, third; and Garden City, fourth.

Wayne Leikam, Reporter

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STAFFORD: Officers for the year are: President, Duane Fritzemeier; vice-president, Herman Knoche; secretary, Leroy Smoot; treasurer, Kenneth Howe; reporter, Bobby Bartlett; and sentinel, Henry Hall...Our pest eradication contest ended January 13. The losing side will have charge of the next meeting.

Bobby Bartlett, Reporter

WAKEENEY: Some of our money-making projects planned are: (1) making electric fence posts, (2) cake walk and box supper, (3) we plan to treat cattle grubs. We have made \$120 to date.

James Roger Callahan, Reporter

GOODLAND: We held our annual barnwarmer on November 3. An old-time dance orchestra was on hand and the square dances were greatly enjoyed...Both Agriculture II and Agriculture 10 classes have made field trips to treat cattle for grubs during the last few weeks...In commemorating the National FFA week the Agriculture 10 class will present a broadcast reviewing the history of the national organization, state association and local chapters...One of the outstanding shop projects completed this year was the building of a sheep shed out of cement blocks. Additional shop projects are: Overhauling and painting 2 tractors, 2 trucks, 2 field car motors, and building 4 feed bunks.

Varo Shores, Reporter

ATTICA: The Attica Chapter has been re-activated. Officers for this year are: Farrel Paulk, president; Bill Hawkins, vice-president; Bob Holcomb, secretary; Herschel Skaggs, treasurer; John Burgess, reporter; and Evan Bullard, sentinel...Members of our chapter attended a county wide beef tour, the Fat Stock Show at Wichita, and a Hereford judging and calf sale at Newton...Our chapter built two sections of steel bleachers that will seat sixty people per section.

John C. Burgess, Jr., Reporter

HARPER: We held a scrap paper drive and collected and sold ten tons of scrap paper...The Harper officers initiated the members for the Attica Chapter last fall...Seventeen Green Hands were initiated, December 14...We started our Pest Eradication Contest, December 1. Instead of dividing the chapter into sides, the half of the members having the most points at the close of the contest will be on the winning side, and those having the fewest points will give the winners a chili feed...Our parent-son banquet this year will be held March 7 and will be an anniversary banquet commemorating the twentieth anniversary of our chapter. Charter members and their wives are being invited.

Jim Parsons, Reporter

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A "Final" verse has been added to Longfellow's immortal poem, "Excelsior."
It goes like this:
"The shades of night were falling fast,
The speeding youth stepped on the gas;
A crash -- he uttered not a sound --
They opened up his head and found:
EXCELSIOR!"

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KINCAID: Officers for the year 1949-50 are: President, Raymond Holloway; vice-president, Douglas Louk; secretary, Wendell Thompson; treasurer, Richard Badders; reporter, Dan Day; watch dog, Decker Spillman...We now have 40 active members...October 1, we entered a float in the parade at the Kincaid fair. The theme of the float was "Making a Beginning in Agriculture."...We held our Green Hand initiation and ice cream supper October 31...In November we began a chapter gilt program. We bought two purebred gilts and gave them to two members to care for. When the gilts farrow, the chapter will take one-half of the pigs, the females will be given to other members who are trying to get a start in a farming program...We sponsored a Donkey Basketball game, December 22...Our Pest Eradication contest ended January 2.

Dan Day, Reporter

ST. MARYS: Officers for this year are: Jim Marstall, president; Charles Marstall, vice-president; Bob Verschelden, secretary; Florian Muckenthaler, reporter; and Nick Yocum, sentinel...The St. Marys chapter, the 200th chapter, received our charter November 1949...We had a pest-eradication contest during November. February 1 a chili supper was held for the winning team. Mr. Loren Whipps of the Education Department at Kansas State College was our guest speaker...Shop projects completed or under construction include three hogs self-feeders, a cattle feed bunk, trailer running gear, nail cabinet, hay self-feeder for hogs, and two gun racks.

Florian Muckenthaler, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: Our annual Parents meeting was held on October 10...On October 5 we held Farmers Night in cooperation with the Veterans Training program. Ten farmers attended. Soil Conservation pictures were shown...On October 26 the following boys were initiated as Chapter Farmers by the Little River chapter; Ludwig Bezemek, Eugene Peterman, James Doubrava, Fred Peppiatt, Joe Maceh, Jr. and Keith Bailey...As a part of our special meeting for Boy Scouts held November 14, the following boys were initiated as Green Hands; Arthur Armbrust, John Bircher, Louis Eilrich, Robert Lutz, Sam Peppiatt, Larry Slaight and Larry Zavesky...Our annual parent-son banquet was held on December 5. Lon Dean Crosson, Minneapolis, American Farmer 1949, was the main speaker...Our chapter gave \$10 to the local hospital fund, \$3.00 to the March of Dimes, and purchased \$5 worth of toys for the "Tide of Toys."

Larry Slaight, Reporter

WINFIELD: Our chapter held our annual FFA Banquet on February 9, featuring "Charter Member Nite." Twenty-five charter members and their families were invited guests of the chapter at their twenty-second annual Parent-Son Banquet. Each chapter member presented his mother with a rosebud at the banquet. Superintendent Evan E. Evans was the speaker of the evening...Ralph Russell accompanied by his dad and Adviser Lowe, motored to Coldwater and purchased six head of bred Hereford heifers for a start in Ralph's farming program...Mark Drake has just shipped a 200 lb. hybrid boar to the Beloit chapter for a cooperative breeding project the Beloit chapter is starting. The Beloit chapter will keep efficiency sheets for the records of the Winfield chapter in their study of the value of the hybrid hog.

Lloyd Craig, Reporter

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GREAT BEND: On December 20 we had a Father-Son chili supper at which 21 fathers and 11 guests were present. Our sponsor, Mr. Heinrich, gave a talk on our progress in vocational agriculture and several of the boys outlined their farming programs and explained them. For the month of September the chapter was represented by our president, Charles Button, and our treasurer, Bob Scott, at the Great Bend chapter of Rotarians as the September Junior Rotarians...Accomplishments in shop work include the painting of three tractors and repairing and painting tandem disc and repairing an implement trailer...We have three basketball teams entered in intramural and our top FFA team is now heading the league with four wins and no losses...We plan to sponsor a Donkey Basketball game on March 17.

Jerry Schrader, Secretary

BERRYTON: The following officers were elected this year: Lyman Giffin, president; Keith Flohrschutz, vice-president; Eldon Woodward, secretary; Robert Walden, treasurer; Courtland Carls, reporter; and Mr. Mounkes, adviser. The chapter had a pest-eradication contest this year...The pep club and FFA had a box supper and cleared \$100. Our members sold 200 boxes of Christmas cards and netted \$100. Prizes were given to the three boys who sold the most cards...The chapter bought a gilt and gave her to one of the members. Then the member must turn back two gilts 8 months old and these will be given to other members.

Norman Allen, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Our FFA chorus this year consists of 20 members. The chorus has sung at the Father-Son Banquet and will sing at the Banker's Banquet in February...Mr. Chammy, an honorary member of our chapter, gave a Holstein calf to Dee Cox, one of our members. The first heifer calf is to be given to another member of the chapter...We have 21 boys to be initiated into the Green Hand degree.

Marlin Hornberger, Reporter

LONGFORD: Our officers for this year are: Martin Mugler, president; Bruce Mall, vice-president; John Plamateer, secretary; Leon Marrs, treasurer; Robert Damkroger, reporter; Frank Bach, sentinel; and Mr. Freeman Biery, adviser...There are 30 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture and all are FFA members...Our main way of raising money has been the sponsoring of a donkey basketball game. We are planning to use part of our funds to finance a parent-son banquet this spring.

Bob Damkroger, Reporter

-FFA-

Pat was determined to pass by his favorite tavern on his way home. As he approached he became somewhat shaky, but, steeling himself, he passed on. Then after going about fifty yards, he turned and said to himself: "Well done, Pat me boy. Come back and I'll treat you."

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PLAINVILLE: Our newly organized chapter has thirty members. Officers elected for 1949-50 are: Ronald Hrabe, president; Robert Stalnaker, vice-president; Richard Werner, secretary; Jack Graves, treasurer; Casey Thompson, reporter; and Dale McConchie, sentinel. Our officers were initiated by the Stockton chapter at Stockton, October 10. Elmer Kern, treasurer of the Kansas Association of FFA installed our officers at the same meeting. The other twenty-four members of our chapter were initiated as Green Hands in November. At the recent National Western Stock and Horse Show and rodeo in Denver, Dale McConchie, our sentinel, topped the market with his Angus baby beef entry receiving a price of \$39.50 per hundred pounds. Swift and Company bought the 1150 pound animal. The entry placed ninth in the Angus division.

Casey Thompson, Reporter

CHANUTE: Our chapter is greatly saddened by the recent death of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Collins who were both killed in an airplane crash on January 15. Mr. Collins was the Chanute Chapter adviser from 1937 to 1946. He and Mrs. Collins were always ready to help our chapter in any way they could. They had attended our parent-son banquet held January 11...At our banquet we initiated 14 new members into our chapter as Green Hands...Mr. Milto Heilman, a father who has two state farmer sons, was initiated into our chapter as an honorary member...On December 12 we sponsored a donkey basketball game. It helped our treasury some and we had a lot of fun. Our pest eradication contest started December 16. On February 4 we will sponsor the first phase of the S.E.K. Farm Mechanics Contest.

Harold Schutz, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: Our officers initiated a class of fourteen candidates into the Green Hand degree on November 7, 1949...Our Chapter Farmer degree initiation will be held on February 20. The Lyndon chapter will give the second degree to our candidates...We plan to sell garden seeds to help make some money for the chapter. Another plan for raising money will be operating the concession stand in our local sales barn sometime during the month of February. Food will be furnished by members of the chapter. Those not furnishing food will pay a stipulated amount in cash. We hope to clear \$25 for our treasury. In our farm shop one boy is making a 14 foot trailer. Two others are making a lunch cart for the school's new lunch program. It is to be used in the kitchen and dining room for carrying food, and carrying out dishes. The cart is on wheels and is about 2' x 4' x 5' high with three removable shelves. Our chapter has the honor of posting the scholastic record of four members who have made the FFA Honor Roll this last six weeks period. They are: Donald Anderson, sentinel; Roger Bard, president; John Anstrom and Billy Lieber. Their grades in vocational agriculture for the third period were A's...The net worth of the Osage City chapter on January 3, 1950 will approximate \$17,450. This averages about \$563. per member. Our pest eradication contest closed February 1. The contest ran for 90 days. Thirteen pests were included in the contest. The losing team will entertain the chapter with a party sometime within the next six weeks.

Tommie Dorr, Reporter

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PRETTY PRAIRIE: Officers elected for 1949-50 are: President, Dean Schrag; vice-president, LeRoy Stucky; treasurer, Junior White; secretary, James Drolte; reporter, Alvin Albright and sentinel, LeRoy Stucky...Some of the projects in our shop are as follows: One fanning mill, one monarca calf creep feeder, two cattle feed bunks, two combination grain and hay sheep feeders, one pickup being made from Chevrolet tudor sedan, one pair of truck stock racks, two pig brooders, four barrel calf feeders or waterers. A new Lincoln welder (electric) has been added to our shop the past few days... Our officers purchased five FFA jackets...Two of our members, Stanley Wingate and James Drolte, received special awards from the Shropshire Association for their work in showing Shropshire sheep at County and State Fairs. Stanley received a blue ribbon and \$2.00 and James a red ribbon and \$1.50.

Alvin Albright, Reporter

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LINCOLN

He leads us still! O'er chasms yet un-
spanned

Our pathway lies; the work is but begun;

But we shall do our part and leave our
land

The mightier for noble battles won.

Here truth must triumph, honor must
prevail;

The nation Lincoln died for cannot fail!

- Arthur Guiterman -