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-- FFA --

Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way.

-- Abraham Lincoln

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The 1951 State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Room G206, Education Hall, May 1, 1951, 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 1951 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 1951 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. In connection with the choice of subject we wish to call your attention to the following 1950 ruling of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, as communicated to the Kansas Association of FFA by National Adviser, Dr. W. T. Spanton:

"There has been a growing tendency during the past few years for contestants in the FFA Public Speaking Contest to choose topics that are only vaguely related to agriculture. Several such speeches have been given recently in some of the Regional and National contests."

"The National FFA Board of Trustees with the approval of the National FFA Advisory Council at their meeting just prior to the National Convention in Kansas City, October, 1950, passed a resolution calling on all judges of FFA Public

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Speaking contests (local, district, area, State, Regional and National) to disqualify all contestants whose speeches are not of a strictly agricultural nature. The resolution was approved later by the delegate body of the Convention."

"It is not enough that a speech should be built around some topic of general interest such as "The Marshall Plan" or "Socialized Medicine" and contain a few references to agriculture or farm people. The rules are specific in requiring that the speech must be on an "Agricultural Topic." This means, according to the National FFA Advisory Council, that both the title and content of the speech must deal primarily, not incidentally, with some phase of agriculture."

"The National office has called attention to this problem on several occasions during the last two years, but from now on, any contestant who violates this provision of the rules, no matter how well his speech is prepared or delivered, will be doing so at the risk of having his speech disqualified by the judges. Certainly all speeches that may "get by" judges of local or State contests, will most assuredly be disqualified in the Regional or National Contests, if this provision of the rules is violated."

"Judges of all FFA Public Speaking contests should be clearly instructed as to the importance of this requirement, since the decisions of the judges in all contests will be final. It would be very unfortunate for the winner of a State contest to be disqualified in a Regional or National contest because this regulation had not been observed."

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
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. The Marshall Plan and Farmer's Faith
16. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
17. New Markets for Farm Products Through Chemurgy
18. The Utilization of Economic 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

FFA Public Speaking Contest (continued)

PART II. FOR SCORING THE DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION

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

PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

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

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

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

CONSERVATION AND PATRIOTISM

by

Bob Ball - Garden City FFA Chapter

NOTE: Speaking on the subject "Conservation and Patriotism," Bob Ball of the Garden City FFA Chapter won the 1950 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest. Bob was eliminated in the Central Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest held at Madison, Wisconsin, September 7, 1950.

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The words "soil conservation" have been used so often for so long that they have become trite. To me, however, as to many of you, they mean much more than their present careless usage would indicate.

At the age of ten I moved with my parents to a farm in Western Kansas that had been vacant since the dust bowl days of the 1930's. The once proud farmstead gave little evidence of its previous splendor as ton after ton of dirt was removed from the house. The small fence post stubs that peeked through the piles of sand proved to belong to the top one of two fences that had been set one on top of the other. The farm land and the pasture plainly showed that places where the dirt that now surrounded the farmstead had once been. Now, eight years later, careful work and planning are beginning to prove their worth.

To most people, however, the fact that our American soil is visibly bleeding to death down our dirty rivers and being blown into our peace-loving skies is just as severe as its effect on the Chicago grain exchange. Though of great current concern and interest this is mere insignificance in the face of the real problem; that being whether we are planning on having a permanent America or just a temporary one.

I know statistics are cold and unreal, especially soil statistics. They are, however, impressively tragic when you realize that 60% of our country's agriculturally useful soil is either ruined or seriously damaged through wasteful, ignorant, and greedy soil practices. They are especially tragic to anyone who has lived through a dust storm and has seen our best soil darken the sky in great clouds, seen fences covered, ditches filled and buildings buried in silt.

Until our fast advancing world of science can turn from the development of XYZ-bombs and come upon a synthetic nutrition pill, the bread and meat of the world will continue to be grown within a terrestrial skin of about a foot.

In our United States geologists tell us that it took between 500 and 1,000 years for the development of each inch of topsoil. In comparison to that time that same soil can be and has been completely destroyed in a fingers snap. Let's bring the question home to our own Middle West; in this area each inch can be, and in some cases has been cropped off in as little as eight years. A strong Kansas wind or a torrential rain can undo the work of hundreds of years in a single afternoon.

One of the earliest of civilizations, that of the Assyrians and Babylonians, was created in the rich farming territory between the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers. When their land, which could produce such wheat that it could be cut twice and then pastured, was destroyed--so was their empire.

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The Phoenician city of Carthage, for a time the greatest city in the world, was able in the year 800 B.C. to send ships out to Britain and into the Atlantic. The Carthaginians allowed their soil to waste away, and today the site of their once proud city forms a part of the vast Sahara Desert.

The defeat of the Mayans in Central America followed closely in the path of the depletion of their soil. Current observers say that the fall of Greece from her position as a world power to the down-trodden nation she is today can be traced directly to the unwise care of her soil.

By these examples we can see that man's problem in his earliest, dimmest days was obtaining a living from the soil. The wheel of human destiny seems to turn, but the basic facts of life remain constant.

The population of the earth has increased almost five times in the last three centuries and doubled even within the last century. Human civilization has permeated virtually every living area of the earth's surface. Flourishing civilizations have disappeared, their cities buried under wastes of sand, their inhabitants scattering to new lands. But now, with isolated and inconsequential exceptions there are no fresh lands anywhere.

The productive soil of the world is now so limited that it is estimated that there are not more than four billion acres of tillable land left to fill the needs of two billion people--less than two acres per person. Many countries have even less than one acre per capita.

We have seen how unwise soil practices have brought destruction to the great empires of the past. How does that affect us? Down through the years of our agrarian country we can easily see some cardinal acts of crime against our soil.

The true fact is that Americans never knew how to farm very well anyway. Our earliest settlers undertook to adapt the farming methods of Northwest Europe, a place noted for its gentle climate, to a land whipped by violent winds and great rainfall. Because, of the rise, fall and abandonment of the New England soil, all of which took place in a relatively short span of time, agronomists are now recommending that the whole area be returned to national forest as soon as possible. The tobacco and cotton men of early Virginia made their mistake also. It was a prevalent national belief that a man wasn't much of a farmer unless he had exhausted two or three farms in a wandering lifetime.

But we can't blame all our troubles on those pilgrim fathers who were probably too busy establishing a government to think much about intelligent farming. We certainly have some contemporary heirs for the title of soil spoilers.

Let us think first of that great American agriculturist, the "suitcase farmer." He appeared about the time of World War One, leased grazing land, tore up the rich sod, put machinery on it, planted a crop of wheat, harvested it, sold it to Uncle Sam, made a killing and went away. His major contribution to posterity was the dust bowl of the '30's. During the Second World War world conditions were ripe for his return, and return he did. He handled and cared for, in his characteristic fashion, about two million acres of our High Plains ground. It would seem we are already beginning to receive his bequeathment.

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Then we find that wonderfully irresponsible American attitude toward the soil among those regional aristocrats, the Western stockmen. The nation thrills at their ten gallon hats and high heeled boots, and ignores their grievous sin of overgrazing. They overgraze their own land and that which they rent from the government. What are the effects? Cattle and sheep gnaw into the roots of the plants and grasses, baring them to those inescapable vultures -- wind and rain.

And finally there is the farmer of any type, raising any crop, on any size farm, in any part of the United States; but who hasn't yet learned about conservation. He is all together too numerous. Perhaps he shouldn't be a farmer at all. It's a business, and the first thing a businessman should learn is how to protect his factory -- in case of the farmer, his soil.

Since the beginning of orations we have heard how to conserve our soil, but now the time has come for us to do more than spread information that is virtually unheeded. The very existence of our nation depends on action now! The time has come for the Future Farmers of America to take seriously the closing paragraph of their Creed in which they assert their ability to exert an influence in their home and community. There has never been a more urgent or more important challenge to present itself to us as Future Farmers; what will our course be? The remedies to the problem are known, and the channels through which we may work are open.

With their characteristic common sense the best American farmers have formed into approximately 1,800 soil conservation districts and have received help from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Incidentally this is one of the most useful and least expensive of services of the Department. These farmers have learned the best of soil practices, such as green-manuring, contour-ploughing, strip-farming and terracing. They have learned to raise the crops and livestock most suitable for their particular region.

Chester Bowles, the head of one of our Federal Reserve Districts, has said, "We have not found a single instance in which the investment made for soil conservation, soil building and other farm improvement practices were not highly profitable."

Undoubtedly there are more soil conservation practices which are not even known to us now that would increase our crop yields. However, the burning issue is not to seek new practices for a Shangri La existence, but rather to employ the ones we do know for a basic and lasting existence.

While you are not worrying about the enlargement of the Russian political machine, you might try worrying about the shrinkage of our soil. The latter may be even more important. It is, at least, a concern which has been with us a lot longer. Patrick Henry, a man who probably knew something about patriotism, once said, "He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."

-- FFA --

TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO--During the 1949-50 school year members of the Tucumcari FFA chapter bought 11 tons of seed cooperatively. Feed and fertilizer also were purchased on a cooperative basis. The average labor income by members from their supervised farming program was \$745, and their average investment in farming was \$782. Forty-three members owned purebred livestock and thirty-one members used certified seed in their farming program.

-- FFA --

NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

February 17-24, 1951

The THEME for the 1951 National FFA Week is "I BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE OF FARMING," the first seven words of the FFA Creed.

RADIO SCRIPT FOR FFA CHAPTER PROGRAM

(Note: This suggested radio script is intended principally as background material for development of radio programs on a local and state basis during National FFA Week. Information contained here refers principally to the National FFA organization, with some facts concerning the Kansas Association of FFA. It is suggested that information about local FFA chapters' activities and boys' projects be worked into the script, or that this be one of a series of programs on FFA with local chapter and state activities described in other programs.)

ANNCR: Twenty-two years ago last November, in Kansas City, Missouri a small group of high school vocational agriculture students and their leaders gathered to form a farm youth organization that had as the first words of its creed--"I believe in the future of farming." The boys who adopted that creed called their organization the Future Farmers of America, and in the years that have passed all of us working in agriculture have come to recognize the FFA as a vital force in the development of good farmers and good farm citizens.... Today in observance of National FFA Week, we'd like to review some facts about the Future Farmers of America and find out what they are doing, and how they do it.

(INTRODUCE PARTICIPANTS IN SHOW)

First, since this is National FFA week, probably we should start by telling something about the national scope of the organization. _____, can you give us some information on that subject?

1st FFA: Yes, I can report that there are now 320,000 members in the FFA and we all believe in the future of farming, or we wouldn't be studying vocational agriculture with the intention of becoming farmers. As an organization we're still growing and that 320,000 membership is a 14 percent increase over the previous year.

ANNCR: Is the FFA active in all the states?

1st FFA: Yes, and in addition to the 48 states, we have territorial associations in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. There are about eight thousand local FFA chapters in rural high schools.

ANNCR: What are some of your national activities that interest most of the boys?

1st FFA: Well--this broadcast is a part of a national activity--National FFA Week. All over the country this week you'll find Future Farmers on radio programs telling about their work. FFA Week is designed to bring the attention of the general public to the work that FFA is doing and to the part that FFA plays in our everyday community and national life....One of our best known activities is the big national

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convention we hold in Kansas City each year. Its a three or four day convention just chock full of activity and you can get an idea of the attendance by the fact that more than 6,000 FFA members attended the national convention last October. We also have national judging contests at Waterloo, Iowa, and Kansas City, and there are several national awards that can be won by members, such as those for work in Farm and Home Electrification, Farm Mechanics, Public Speaking, Conservation, Dairy Farming and Farm Safety.

ANNCR: How about local and state awards?

1st FFA: In Kansas we have only one FFA contest, and that is the State FFA Public Speaking Contest. In this event the contestant must speak on a subject of an agricultural nature, he must prepare his own speech, deliver it and defend it....The State Chapter Contest is classified as a contest, but it really is a means of classifying local chapter achievement and might better be considered as as Award program. The chapters in the state are classified into four groups on the basis of achievement. The highest ranking group is designated as Gold Emblem, the second ranking, Silver Emblem, the third ranking group is designated as Bronze Emblem, and the lowest achievement group of chapters is classed as Honorable Mention. No cash awards are given for FFA activities in Kansas. Plaques, medals and certificates are used instead.

ANNCR: With all those activities, it must take a lot of money to finance the FFA.

1st FFA: You might be surprised there. Actually, our national dues are only ten cents per member. That doesn't sound like much, but when you multiply ten cents by 320,000 members you get \$32,000.00. We have some other income, too, like that from royalties from companies that sell our official merchandise, from the Future Farmers' Supply Service, and from the National FFA camp. Altogether, the national organization has a budget of about \$55,000.00 this year.

ANNCR: Does that pay the cost of the national awards and everything?

1st FFA: Oh, no. Most of the awards come from the Future Farmers of America Foundation which is made possible by donations from business concerns and individuals. The Foundation has a budget of about \$100,000 this year and there are more than a hundred businesses contributing to the fund.

ANNCR: Where are the national FFA offices, _____?

1st FFA: In the Office of Education at Washington, D. C. Dr. W. T. Spanton, chief of the Agriculture Service of the Office of Education, is our national adviser and A. W. Tenney, a member of the Agriculture Service staff, is our executive secretary. Both of them spend a lot of time working with the FFA organization. Then, in addition, the FFA hires from its own treasury a director of public relations and two secretaries.

ANNCR: You have national officers, too, don't you?

1st FFA: Yes, the national officers are actual FFA members who are elected each year at the time of the national convention. They live at home during the time of their office, but they do a lot of traveling to State FFA

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conventions, meetings of agricultural organizations, public relations tours, FFA board of trustees meetings, national contests, and so forth. Some of the national officers last year traveled more than 50,000 miles on official FFA business. They don't receive a salary, but the organization does pay their travel expenses. Along with the national officers, we have a Board of Directors composed of four state supervisors of vocational agriculture who are elected each year to represent each of the four national regions, and five members of the Agricultural Service Staff in the Office of Education at Washington.

ANNCR: Tell us about your state administrative set up.

1st FFA: The local FFA chapters in Kansas elect delegates to our state convention which is held annually on the Kansas State College campus at Manhattan. The House of Delegates approves the state program of work, elects the State Farmer class, handles routine business, and elects the state officers. The state FFA president for this year is Bob Ball of the Garden City Chapter and the state FFA secretary is Duane Stoskopf of the Great Bend chapter. L. B. Pollom of the State Department for Vocational Education, Topeka, is the State Adviser. Kansas has 182 chapters with a total active membership of approximately 6,000. Membership dues are .20¢ per boy.

ANNCR: You have various degrees of membership in the FFA, don't you?..... Perhaps (2nd FFA) can answer that question.

2nd FFA: Yes we do, Mr. . We call our first year members Green Hands. If they do well with their supervised farming program and other FFA activities the chapter will advance them to the Chapter Farmer degree after about a year. The next advance is tougher. It's the State Farmer degree, awarded by the State Association of FFA at its convention, and only two percent of the members can get the State Farmer degree in any one year. We elected 104 boys to this degree in Kansas in 1950.

ANNCR: That must be quite an honor. Have any members of the chapter been made State Farmers?

2nd FFA: (Tells how many from chapter have received State Farmer degree and names most recent ones. Cut this question if chapter has no State Farmers.

ANNCR: Is the State Farmer your highest degree?

2nd FFA: There's one more--The American Farmer degree awarded at the national conventions. Only one member in a thousand can receive this degree during any one year. The best American Farmer is named Star Farmer of America and receives \$1,000 from the Foundation. Three others win Regional Star Farmer awards of \$500 each. Kansas was fortunate enough to receive her full quota of American Farmers in 1950. Active FFA members from Kansas winning the coveted American Farmer Degree in 1950 were: Samuel C. Baier, Medicine Lodge chapter, Mervin J. Deschner, Newton chapter, Robert W. Greve, Harper chapter, Billy Bert Jessee, Columbus chapter, Karl P. Rau, Clay Center chapter, Tom W. Wedman, Harper chapter. The American Farmers degree, together with the Star Farmer awards are the awards all of us would like to win.

ANNCR: I can bet you would, and who knows, (2nd FFA), if you work and study hard you may be a Star Farmer some day.....That brings us pretty well up to date on the present operation of FFA, now I wonder if (3rd FFA) can't tell us something about the background of FFA-- just how and why it was organized in the beginning.

3rd FFA: The real start of FFA came back in 1918 after passage of the Smith-Hughes act in Congress to provide federal funds to assist local schools in providing vocational agriculture instruction. As that program became known many schools hired trained vocational agriculture instructors and started courses for farm boys who wanted to learn more about farming while they were attending high school. As these agriculture classes were started the boys saw they had common interests and began forming agriculture clubs and other local organizations with a wide variety of names.

ANNCR: Then FFA really started from the bottom and worked up?

3rd FFA: It sure did. As these local clubs became stronger they began to join with nearby vocational agriculture clubs and form county or district groups, and as early as 1924 there were several state associations of vocational agriculture clubs. They were called by a lot of different names, just depending on where you were. Finally, about 1925, someone stuck on the name of Future Farmers, and when the Virginia boys organized their state association they called it the Future Farmers of Virginia. The name was a natural, and several other states adopted it. So in 1928 when vocational agriculture students and their leaders met in Kansas City to form a national organization, they called it Future Farmers of America.

ANNCR: All right, thanks . Now there are two or three more questions that I'd like to clear, and , the vocational agriculture instructor at high school is just the man to do it..... First, , I have noticed that the boys kept mentioning vocational agriculture as we talked about the FFA. Is there a definite tie-up between FFA and vocational agriculture.

INSTR: Yes, there is. One of the primary requirements for membership in the FFA is that the boy must be a student of vocational agriculture.

ANNCR: Why was that rule made?

INSTR: It gives us a closely-knit organization, since the students are constantly together in class, and it gives us an organization in which the members have common interests. Actually, FFA has become a part of vocational agriculture teaching. That's one of the reasons it was organized and a big reason why it has been so successful. I can illustrate that with (one of the boys participating), over there. He has a (calf, pig, poultry) project at home. He's getting actual practice in farming by raising that . That's a part of his vocational agriculture work, and he has to have a farming program at home if he expects to pass the course. But boys 's age are inclined to get restless sometimes and maybe not pay as much attention to their project as they should. Now, with the FFA we can plan to exhibit his project at the fair, or at least compare it with what the other boys in the chapters raise, and sees a little competition in the making. Boys like competition--that's why they work their heads off playing basketball or baseball. So if we can give him

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a little competition in his vocational agriculture project we can get him to work a little harder on it. That's why our livestock shows are so popular. One of the big reasons for the improvement we've seen in livestock in recent years is the fact that farm boys are getting the best stock they can for their farming programs. When they keep good livestock they learn pretty quick that they're more profitable than poor stock, and they take that lesson with them as they finish high school and go out farming on their own.

ANNCR: Believe me, those boys certainly do a good job of handling their farming program. What else does the FFA offer?

INSTR: There are some things you can't teach out of a textbook--such as training in leadership and citizenship, which all our boys need. We've seen an example of that training here with these two boys talking on the radio. In such activities, made possible by the FFA, they learn to speak in public, and to express themselves. We get outside the classroom pretty often and we visit businessmen or some of the good farmers in the community. The boys talk with them and as they go along they learn how to conduct themselves in public.....Our local chapter programs are built and carried out largely through committee planning and action. All activities recommended by committees must be approved by the chapter as a whole. Types of activities that we can handle as a group - such as cooperatively purchasing livestock, feed and seed; cooperatively marketing some of our farming program products, constitute ways in which we learn to work together. All Kansas chapters are interested in Conservation and Safety, and plan activities to put these interests into action. Our community service activities and cooperative goals aid materially in developing community responsibility. I don't believe there is a better way in the world to teach good citizenship than through participation in a well rounded FFA program offered in our public high schools.

ANNCR: (CLOSE)

-- FFA --

WASHINGTON, D.C.--A NBC network radio broadcast will feature the Future Farmers of America on Saturday, February 17, heralding the opening of National FFA Week. The program is the National Farm and Home Hour, heard during the noon hour in most localities. National FFA President Walter Cummins of Freedom, Oklahoma, will be heard from Chicago to open the program. A switch will then be made to Hollywood, California, where Future Farmers from the California Junior Republic at Chino will be interviewed. National FFA Week is scheduled for February 17 to 24, inclusive.

SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA--The Southside FFA chapter is getting unusually good cooperation from a chapter-owned Duroc-Jersey sow that furnishes breeding stock for the FFA pig chain. At her last farrowing, the sow produced ten pigs, nine of which were gilts.

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The following report covers the FFA Poultry Judging Contest, sponsored by the Kansas Poultry Congress and Exposition held at Emporia, Kansas, December 7-9, 1950.

HIGH TEN TEAMS

	<u>Possible points</u> <u>2700</u>
Richard Reinhardt, Sr.)	
Chanute - Glenn Wrestler, Jr.)	2492
Ralph Madill, Sr.)	
Frankfort	2476
Longford	2468
Cherryvale	2458
Beloit	2446
Stockton	2444
Newton	2405
Alma	2404
McPherson	2368
Stafford	2366

HIGH INDIVIDUAL

	<u>Possible points</u> <u>900</u>
Harold Copper - Stockton	870
Marion Meschberger - Stafford	862
Leslie Morris - Longford	852
Glenn Wrestler - Chanute	844) Tie
Ted Samuels - Frankfort	844)
Darrell Gartrell - Stockton	842
Lerel Eversmeyer - Ottawa	840
Ray Simon - Alma	838
Leon Morris - Longford	836) Tie
Neil McKee - Beloit	836)

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President Bob Ball's report on the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth.

"It was the privilege of your president to attend the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth. This meeting was held in Washington, D.C. at the call of the President to study and recommend ways of securing for every child the opportunity to develop a healthy personality."

"The conference was made up for the most part by professional workers; social workers, psychologists, anthropologists, educators. Realizing, however, that they would be defeating the very goal of their conference if young people were not allowed to participate, they invited some 500 young people from all over the United States and of every social, religious and professional environment to take part in the deliberations of the five day meeting. As their share in this quota, the state of Kansas was represented by three young people."

President Bob Ball's report on the Midcentury White House Conference (cont'd)

"In discussing the many phases of growth of our young people, the conference necessarily covered many and diversified fields. For this reason it is practically impossible to give a report on the total conference."

"Sitting in plenary sessions, the group heard from some of the more renowned speakers of the nation. The President himself took time from his sessions with Prime Minister Atlee to address the meeting. Other portions of the program found the delegation divided into smaller groups for the purpose of discussion of specific problems."

"In all their meetings the conference demanded continually that young people be given an opportunity to take part as young people in every organization from the family circle to the state committee. The worth of youth participation should not be judged by the extent to which their thinking resembles adult thinking. Youth must be recognized as being unique in that their experience and thinking are different though not necessarily inferior to those of adults."

"On the other hand, if young people are to be given responsibility and are to be heard, they must prove themselves worthy and capable. It is in this respect that the FFA offers so much to a young man who is willing to avail himself to the opportunities within his reach."

"The FFA offers first, a course of training for a profession; second, it gives opportunity for a boy to develop culture and leadership; third, the boy learns how to work and play with others; and fourth, the FFA member belongs to an organization that has a great national prestige."

"It may be that your FFA chapter will be called upon to help establish a county youth committee. Let me strongly urge you to participate fully in such a program; there is much to be done, and much will be expected of "The finest youth organization in the land." "

Robert Ball, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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STATE INITIATED PROJECT

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., accept the total program of activities planned and executed by a local FFA chapter as conforming with the regulations governing the State Initiated Project sponsored by the Foundation. This is a liberal interpretation of the rules, and the Kansas Association of FFA is appreciative of this interpretation, since this represents the only cash award program sponsored by the Foundation that Kansas can accept. The practice followed by the Kansas Association is to distribute the award money equally among the Gold Emblem Classification winners in the state chapter contest. In order to qualify for this cash award, each Gold Emblem Chapter winner must submit to the state office, to be forwarded to the Washington FFA office before a specified deadline date, a summary of chapter achievement. Twelve of the 1950 Gold Emblem Classification winners submitted summarized achievement records and each received a cash award from the Foundation of \$32.59. This money is to be used for the betterment of FFA work in the local community. Four of the Gold Emblem winners failed to submit summarized reports thereby forfeiting their right to share in the State Initiated Project award.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Report of the Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America Organization for the year ending June 30, 1950.

Total receipts - \$57,059.08 Total Expenditures - \$49,565.19

Excess of revenue over expenditures - \$7,493.89

ASSETS:

Cash in Shenandoah Valley National Bank		\$19,543.70
U. S. Savings Bonds - maturity value	\$ 50,000.00	
Less reserve for unearned interest	<u>8,175.00</u>	41,825.00
TRADEMARK		500.00

FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp	\$ 30,323.32	
National Office	<u>2,136.57</u>	32,459.89
		<u>\$94,328.59</u>

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Income tax withheld from employees - second quarter \$ 385.80

SURPLUS:

Balance - July 1, 1949	\$ 86,448.90	
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	<u>7,493.89</u>	
Balance - June 30, 1950		\$93,942.79

In the summary it is interesting to note that the total assets of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America as of June 30, 1950 is \$93,942.79 as compared with \$86,448.90 in the preceding year, indicating an increase in assets during the year of \$7,493.89.

It is of particular interest to note the following increase in membership:

1947	238,862
1948	260,919
1949	280,351
1950	318,434

Dowell J. Howard
National FFA Treasurer

CHAPTER NEWS

RANDOLPH: Our chapter started a pest eradication contest on December 1, 1950...Roger Carlson has been selected as having the neatest farm record book for the year. The District Farm Mechanics Contest will be held here on March 28, 1951. The boys dehorned 225 head of calves for Mr. Carnahan and 143 head for Mr. King during the past month...The senior boys are planning to take a trip to the Fort Worth, Texas Cattle Show on January 27, 1951...We have a Pig Chain Project in which the following boys are taking part; David Brenner, Mervin Forslund, Boyd Adams, David Howe, Cecil Nelson, Elmer Dettmer, Starr Byarlay...Shop projects are two-three sow hog houses, two pig self-feeders, one loading chute, two feed bunks and four trailers

Bob Hagenmailer, Reporter

BELOIT: The Beloit FFA chapter held their annual turkey feed December 21, with ninety-three present. Our guests were the officer's dads and the men members of the high school faculty. Our officers served three 33 pound turkeys with all the trimmings.

Gerald James, Reporter

GLASCO: The Simpson and Glasco FFA chapters held a pest eradication contest from November 22, 1950 to January 2, 1951. Simpson won by a little over 1000 points, and are to be our guests on the evening of January 25, 1951..... We have ordered some school pencils to sell as a money-making project..... Some of our larger shop projects completed or started at this time include: two kitchen cabinets, two A-type hog houses, several hog troughs made from hot water tanks, one work bench, two large gates made from pipe, two feed bunks and two sheep feeders.

Billy Smoot, Reporter

ALTOONA: Our annual FFA pie supper was held November 10th. The program included a one-act play "Whoppers from Hoop-Pole County".....Our FFA basketball team played the Fredonia Chapter a basketball game on December 11. A double header was played with us winning one and losing one.....A weiner roast and hayride was given for the girls helping with the pie supper. We also included the FFA boys who graduated last year. Everyone had a swell time....The chapter has completed 14 gates, 6 feeders, a bee hive, a four-wheeled wagon and a welding table in shop so far this year.

Paul Ashford, Reporter

PARSONS: Fifteen chapter members and officers went to Erie to install officers and initiate greenhands of the newly formed Erie Chapter last December.....At the conclusion of the annual chapter pest contest held over the Christmas vacation, Glen Heady, a sophomore, came through with flying colors with an even 100 rat tails and many more pests to achieve 4,285 points to win the \$5.00 first prize. A close runner-up was Junior Smith, with 90 rat tails and many other pests.

Francis Grillot, Jr., Reporter

HUGOTON: The officers for the year 1950-51 are: John Duncan, president; Donald Smith, vice-president; Dick Kramer, secretary; Ray Burrows, treasurer; Donald Oliner, reporter; Roy Walkemeyer, sentinel....We have 28 members in our chapter.

Donald Olinger, Reporter

Chapter News -(continued)

VALLEY FALLS: Carl Risinger and Kenneth Ratz are building two wheel trailers... Jack Wofford is making a tractor warmer....The Sophomore class has been making gates out of dump rake wheels. They cut the spokes from the hubs and then weld two of the wheels together. They now have eight gates completed.

Bob Shafer, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Officers for the year are Conrad Stewart, President; Raymond Willbrant, Vice-President; Don Kramer, Secretary; Leland Moravek, Treasurer; Stanford Stamm, Reporter....For much needed extra transportation on field trips the chapter purchased a Model A. Ford....Our chapter sponsored a New Years wolf hunt. Ten coyotes were reported at the roundup....Money from the operation of our lunch stand at the fair and football games and loading the rodeo bleachers for the county fair will be used to finance our banquet to be held February 14.

Stanford Stamm, Reporter

CLAFLIN: Officers for the year 1950-51 areas follows: Wilfred Schrepel, President; Milton Ney, Vice-President; Alan Feist, Secretary; Andy Kirmer, Treasurer; Bill Feist, Reporter and Amory Lynch, Sentinel....We are very proud of our new shop and new equipment. Since school has started we have built all of our work benches, welding tables and cabinets. We are now started on large projects of our own.

Bill Feist, Reporter

COLBY: We operate a pop corn machine at all the high school athletic events, and it has done very well thus far. More than eight hundred boxes were sold at one football game this fall for our largest sale since we secured the machine....Jerry Beery, Frank Sowers, Larry Henry and Dean Larsen together with our adviser, R. B. King, attended the Kansas Poultry Congress and Exposition at Emporia, December 9.

Ronald Frahm, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: The chapter has dehorned 3 calves and castrated 15 calves and 80 pigs. We docked and castrated 434 lambs for Jim Bush. For this service he bought old machinery and scrap iron and gave it to the chapter...The chapter sold pencils with the basketball schedule on them....We are having a pest control contest....The chapter is again selling popcorn at football and basketball games....The FFA paper baler is being kept busy baling paper brought in by the boys and families of the community....The annual FFA-FHA party was held December 20....We have pruned about 300 trees in the city park.

Delbert Hayes, Reporter

MEADE: Officers for the yeare are: Don Dye, President; John Dye, Vice-President; Frank Carmichael, Treasurer; Gilbert Parks, Secretary; Junior Hartshorn, Reporter; Ralph Denton, Sentinel. Jerry Gee is our Adviser....We made a profit of \$248.00 selling magazine subscriptions.

Junior Hartshorn, Reporter

KINSLEY: The main thing we have been learning in our vocational agriculture course so far this year is how to lay out terraces, learning how to use the transit, and how to survey. We have also been learning many other things about field diseases, weed identification, etc...We are offering a prize to the boy with the best farm record book...We gave a school party at the end of twirp season. (this is a season when the girls take care of all dates, etc.)...The work on our new agriculture building is progressing very nicely. We will be glad when it is ready to move into.

John Sparke, Reporter

LYNDON: Officers elected this year are Paul Brecheisen, president; Daryl Michael, vice president; Frank Nettleton, secretary; Melville Hanna, treasurer; Jerry Silver, reporter; and Roderick Booth, sentinel. We held our annual Parent and Son get-together November 27; the initiation of the freshmen was held the same night...The members of the chapter bought fifteen head of deferred cattle through the cooperation of the Topeka Chamber of Commerce. Each member of the 10, 11, and 12 classes have built or are in the process of building medicine cabinets. The Chapter gave five Duroc gilts to FFA members and purchased the Champion Duroc Boar of the Osage County Fair. The boar is to be used by the FFA members.

Jerry Silver, Reporter

HIGHLAND: Our Chapter elected the following officers for the year: Dwayne Dorrell, president; Clarence Lewis, vice president; Jerry Neibling, secretary; Sam Bowen, treasurer; Gene Jeffers, reporter; and Nolan Blevins, sentinel... We are having a contest on the eradication of pests on the farm. We have also organized a chapter basketball team...We are making gates out of old dump rake wheels as a means of raising money for the chapter...We have been making hog troughs out of cement to sell. We have purchased officers jackets for our chapter officers and chapter coveralls for all members of the FFA

Gene Jeffers, Reporter

CONCORDIA: The Concordia Chapter initiated sixteen Greenhands at our first FFA meeting in October. We raised thirteen members to the Chapter Farmer degree. On October 17 we held our third annual Pot-luck supper for FFA boys and parents. There were 120 present...The Greenhand officers are Gary Swenson, president and Eugene Trost, vice president...Some of the ways we used to make money for our chapter this year are; selling peanuts at the football games, gathering tree seed, building a wagon box and loading chute in shop, packaging and selling garden seed. We have received orders from several Chapters for our garden seed collection and we hope to sell 550 boxes this year...We have been buying mineral and tankage and mixing it for the boys who have gilts in the FFA. Eleven boys have purchased FFA coveralls...Some of the shope jobs completed this year include three row stalk cutter, two feed bunks, two farrowing houses, three loading chutes, two wagon boxes, twelve pig brooders, tumble bug, two hay feeders, four sheep feeders, and sharpened sixteen saws...The Sophomore class is recording the markets for seven farm products. Our chapter had a joint meeting with Belleville January 25.

Duane Norton, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our FFA officers are Dean Stucky, president; Leland Kaufman, vice president; Marlo Goering, treasurer; Arlis Schrag, secretary, Harvey Gehring, reporter; and Donald Unruh, sentinel. 20 boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture and 29 in FFA. On December 4 we initiated eight greenhands...We cleaned 4123 bushels of seed in the year of 1950-51. 3944 bushels of wheat and 179 bushels of barley. Our annual pest contest ended January 12. ...We have played three basketball games of which we won one. Projects completed in shop include three self hog feeders, 1 A-type hog house and four steel gates. We have castrated 56 head of livestock, dehorned 17 and wormed 78 head.

Harvey Gehring, Reporter

IOLA: On January 8, we initiated 18 boys into the greenhand degree...The FFA Chapter got off to a good start with their basketball team by defeating a local team 40 to 29. They also defeated Humboldt in two games...The Iola FFA Chapter was host to S. E. K. Public Speaking Contestants on January 24. The Chapter is having a pest eradication contest. There will be a first prize of a registered gilt, presented by the Iola Junior Chamber of Commerce. The contest closes on February 15...The shop classes of Vocational Agriculture department have built several sheep feed bunks, two trailers besides several other projects.

Charles Kuestersteffen, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our chapter sold magazine subscriptions making a profit of \$49.23. Some of the shop projects completed this year include three A-type hog houses, two hayracks, two wagons, four cattle feed bunks, two sheep feeders, six wall tool cabinets for use in home-farm shops and four hen feeders.

Kenneth Schoof, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: The annual Parent and Son Banquet was held November the 18th. Approximately 200 parents and sons attended the affair...The FFA is running a boxing tournament between FFA members. This furnishes noon hour entertainment for the entire school and faculty...The Freshman and Seniors oppose the Sophomores and Juniors in a pest eradication contest which will end March 1st. .

Dean Kvicala, Reporter

VALLEY CENTER: Wayne Jacob fed out 21 head of shorthorn steers. At Kansas City last November 15, he won first prize on a pen of ten shorthorns, also he won third on a pen of three Angus. The prize winning shorthorns brought \$12.00 and the Angus brought \$14.00 bonus per head. His other steers sold on the market at 28¢ a pound. His net profit figured to be \$112.00 per head... Bill Stein, who is in the dairy business, is milking four cows at present. He plans to increase to around twelve by next year. He had some bad luck this summer, losing three cows...Elmer and Earl Rogers are in the hog business. They had four sows farrow thirty pigs. They bought a boar pig from Arkansas and kept two spring gilts. They now have the six animals to have spring litters and the boar...Lyle Moss has a shorthorn heifer. He is now making a hog feeder in shop...Max Schuessler had two calves, which he fattened and sold as his project. He also had nine acres of wheat which made 23 bushels to the acre... Jim Riggs has a sow and three gilts which are bred for March pigs...Charles Denton bought four calves on December first and has been fattening them...

Valley Center - con't: F. D. Triplitt had 40 acres of wheat that averaged 34 bushels per acre and 40 acres of oats and wheat mixed that made 15 bushels. He has one sow and seven gilts due to farrow in the spring. In addition to this he has four calves...Bob Allen has 18 head of ewes which are lambing at the present time..His record so far is seven lambs for five ewes. He also has a registered white face cow which will calve in March...Lester Carey had 166 New Hampshire red chickens. He started with 200 but lost 34. He sold the roosters and is keeping the pullets...Max Weddle has four beef cows and calves. They are wintering on roughage and insilage at present.

Max Weddle, Reporter

HAVEN: Our chapter is planning a Dad's Night for February 6...Merle Oldenettel, State Farmer from Haven in 1949 won fifth place in the Shorthorn Fat Steer show at Denver recently...Major projects completed or under construction in farm shop include; two welded construction loading shutes by Kenneth Hammar and Darrell Valdois; livestock squeeze by Art Kranz; welded construction hay feeders for cattle by Jimmy Bontrager and Lloyd Yoder; hog house by Lyle Newby; two wheeled trailer by Galen Kauffman; four wheeled baled hay trailer by Don Huston; stock racks for long wheel-base truck by Don Hinners; stock racks for pick-up by Leslie Valdois; positioner welding table by Marvin Valdois; truck bed by Arlie Hammer; and a stand for 500 and 300 gallon gasoline tanks by Ray Bontrager.

Don Huston, Reporter

EDSON: Our Chapter was chartered November 3, 1950. Officers elected for 1950-51 are : James Flanders, president; Royce Lister, vice president; Ronald Brown, secretary; Alvis Galden, treasurer; Douglas O'Neal, reporter; Roy Wilson, sentinel. The Goodland Chapter held the Green Hand initiation for our Chapter raising eighteen of our members to the degree of Green Hand. We are busy building benches, sawhorses, cabinets, welding tables, note book cabinet and book cases for our new vocational agriculture building. Our FFA Chapter attended the county farm tour held by the Farm Bureau in October. We are making plans for our FFA Parent-Son Banquet to be held in March.

Douglas O'Neal, Reporter

ALMENA: Initiation of officers of Almema Chapter was held Jan. 3, 1951 with the Norcatatur Chapter officiating. Those officers initiated were: Ned Lowry, president; Maynard Ross, vice president; David Van Patten, secretary, Bill Poage, treasurer; Kenneth Brown, reporter; and Raymond Rorabaugh, sentinel. ...This is the first year for Vo-Ag. in Almema and the newly organized chapter has 32 members. We have been doing various community services such as shocking feed for local farmers and dehorning and castrating livestock. Five boys attended the High Plains Angus Judging contest at Oberlin in November with the judging team placing fourth and David Van Patten high individual in the contest. Most of the officers and several boys have received their FFA jackets. "Junior officers" have been elected from the freshman class and are learning their ritual work.

Kenneth Brown, Reporter

ASHLAND: Members raised to the Chapter Farmer degree are: Ivan Salyer, Charles Greene, Vernon O'Bleness, Ocie Bowling, Homer Dickey, Frank Preisner, Duane Riley, Richard Theander, and Eddie Mahieu...The following boys were initiated into the Greenhand degree: Donald Keasling, Alvin Baldwin, Otis Springer, Max Miles, Eldo Cline, Bob McPhail, Leo Thielen, Don Randall, Chellus Moore, Keith Harvey, Ronald Cox, James Hurd, Poly Stacey, Bill Ritter, Kenneth Trease, Dean Theander, Bob Harmon, Frank Hudson, Dean McPhail, Darrell Jenkins, and Max McCormac...The Senior FFA boys challenged the under class FFA boys to a pest eradication contest...The Ashland FFA will sponsor the Annual Southwest District Crops Contest to be held at Ashland, Kansas Feb. 24, 1951.

Eldo Cline, Reporter

NEODESHA: Officers for the year are: Mike Cornett, president; Bill Clanton, vice president; Larry Laverty, secretary; Joe Frost, treasurer; Duane Smalley, reporter...Thirty members belong to our organization...We painted the inside of the ag building, and have been repairing harrows, manure spreaders, and building trailers...We had a skating party in January.

Duane Smalley, Reporter

DOWNS: Officers for the year are: Robert Schoen, president; Louis Robinson, vice president; Alvin Rotman, secretary; Gerald Saunders, treasurer; Gary Senti, reporter; and Gary Koops, sentinel...The FFA Chapter participated in the "Corn Field Day" November 15, 1950, at the George Verhage farm. They picked the test plots and helped get them ready for inspection...On November 14 we entertained our fathers and the men faculty members with a chili supper and program. The program consisted of initiation of seven greenhands...The following projects have been constructed in shop this school term: one hog house, one self feeder, two poultry feeders, four hundred electric fence posts and five feed bunks.

Gary Senti, Reporter

OSBORNE: We held our greenhand initiation on November 27. Nineteen greenhands were initiated...On January 8, we held our Chapter Farmer initiation with ten members making the degree...Some of the shop jobs are: 3 double portable hog houses, 1 single portable hog house, 1 self-feeder, 1 chicken feeder, 2 skate boxes, 1 cattle feed bunk, 1 hog trough, one 2 wheeled trailer being rebuilt, 1 gate being made from rake wheels, 1 A-type hog house, 1 self-feeder made from gas barrel and wheel rim, and 1 dehorning chute under construction. Have complete 1 wooden gate, 1 side-walk snow plow for school and 2 basketball goals for school...A pest eradication was held during Christmas Vacation.

James Hlad, Jr., Reporter

LEBANON: On Monday afternoon, October 9, at 2 o'clock our Chapter held a Farewell Party for our Adviser Mr. Gerald Lawrence, who was called into the Armed Service. Our new Vocational Agriculture instructor is Mr. Tom Roberts. ...Our Chapter is engaged in a Pest Eradication Contest...Our School Carnival which is sponsored jointly by the FFA and Kayettes yielded \$133. as the FFA share of the profits. We also operate a Pop Concession at all the home Football and Basketball games...On December 4, our Chapter held its annual Dad-Son Chili Supper, combined with the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer initiation. Twelve Green Hands were raised to the degree of Chapter Farmers and sixteen Freshmen were given the Green Hand degree.

Daryl Haegert, Reporter

Chapter News - (continued)

ALMA: Officers for the year 1950-51 are as follows: Roger Becker, President; Charles Wenderott, Vice-President; Dennie Davis, Secretary; Ray Simon, Treasurer; Harvey Schmanke, Reporter; Eldon Geisler, Sentinel...Our chapter started its annual pest eradication contest on November 15. It will end February 1... December 9 we went to the State Poultry Exposition at Emporia....We have 31 vocational agriculture boys enrolled and 42 FFA members....Projects completed in our shop this year are three hog houses, two 16 foot feed bunks, five wheel gates, one 4 wheel trailer, two truck stock racks and 11 nail boxes....Our chapter has enlarged its hog project to 215 hogs and our deferred steer project grew to 80 steers and dairy cattle to 12 head.

Harvey Schmanke, Reporter

LIBERAL: We received our charter Nov. 30, 1950. The officers are as follows: Dale Kapp, President; Gerald Nix, Vice-President; Bob Keating, Secretary, Keith Johnson, Treasurer; Eldon Guttridge, Reporter; and Nemo Freeman, Sentinel. The initiation of our 23 members was held January 10, 1951, by the Garden City Chapter officers...Some of the projects that have been made in the shop are a calf creep metal stock rack, trailer, chicken nests, hog feeder and many smaller ones..The pest eradication contest is scheduled to start in the very near future.

Eldon Guttridge, Reporter

LEON: We have 28 members. The officers are as follows: Wayne Brooks, President; Robert Johnson, Vice-President; Dwight Thompson, Secretary; Bill Seymore, Treasurer; Bill Van Dever, Reporter and Francis Tong, Sentinel....To build our chapter fund up from \$55.00 to \$130.00 we have washed windows, sold Christmas cards and have been butchering for the people in the community....We have one night meeting each month. At our November meeting all of the boys parents were invited to watch the initiation of the Freshman boys into the Green Hand degree....We have just completed a pest eradication contest. Last Saturday we hauled off all of the junk scrap iron from the farm shop and sold it. We used the proceeds to purchase some new sheet metal, angle iron and pipe for use in the shop.

Reporter, Bill Van Dever

MERIDEN: We held our parent-son banquet November 12, 1950. It was a big feast and a great success...This fall we staged a paper drive to help finance our banquet. We netted \$42.00....We sponsored a donkey basketball tournament which was held in December....We now have 29 chapter member....Shop jobs consist of building livestock feeders, bunks, a hayrack, welding tables and saw frames.

David Murdie, Reporter

MILTONVALE: Our chapter voted to order officers jackets...We purchased some new books for the FFA library...Freshmen who own purebred livestock have been awarded FFA ties...The FFA purchased a 35 MM Spencer strip film projector...The FFA also purchased a Symplex soil tester to use in soil testing....The ag classes put on an FFA assembly November 1..The three demonstrations consisted of blocking a lamb for show, Oxy-acetylen welding and electric welding. The sextet which consists of Dennis Lyne, Rex Blackwood, John Lee Tanzer, Paul Shannon, Bob Wilkins and George Shroyer sang several numbers...We are having a pest contest. High individual will receive a 22 rifle and second high will win a carton of long rifles...The losing side has to give the winners a chili feed. Those who don't get 1,000 points are subject to a \$1.00 find. We are proud of having a new Ag shop building - 100 ft. by 40 ft., quonset type. It has three heaters - two over head and one upright. The building has a class room, office and tool room in the west end.

Dean Catlin, Reporter

Chapter News - (continued)

BIRD CITY: Thirteen members were initiated as green hands in our chapter this year in October. Six members were raised to chapter farmers in December. Our chapter was again given one day this fall for shocking feed in the community. We charged 15 cents per shock, raising a total of \$150. This money will be used to defray expenses of members attending the Western Stock Show in Denver on January 19-21. Twenty-six members will attend the show this year and parents of members will furnish transportation...We started a gilt ring this fall within the chapter, purchasing a registered Duroc fall pig for \$20...The school assembly program was given by FFA members on November 17....Our main event this fall was the Ag Barnwarmer on November 27 with FHA girls as our guests....Our pest eradication contest started October 9 and ended December 1.

Warren Erickson, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Officers elected for the year are: Duane Miksch, President; Don Fish, Vice-President; Harley Tedstrom, Secretary; Kenneth Tedstrom, Treasurer; Keith Graver, Reporter and Roy Hine, Sentinel...The first chapter meeting of the school year was held Wednesday, September 6, with 107 members answering roll call. The chapter bought a 1948 Ford pick-up early in September to be used to haul livestock and do community service with. The chapter started this year's activity program by holding a parent-son meeting October 6. There were 153 persons present. We initiated 64 "Green Hands" into the chapter, October 27...The chapter purchased 25 Hereford steers for a deferred feeding demonstration project, and also have two lots of feeder pigs on experiment with A.P.F...We held our FFA Barnwarming December 18....Shop jobs completed to date: Cleaned and painted one Massey-Harris tractor, built 35 three-gallon concrete hog troughs, 3 fifty bushel self-feeding hog feeders, repaired and painted three manure spreaders, built three gates, one two wheeled trailer, two self chicken feeders, one tractor harrow for Ford tractor, grain bed for pick-up truck, ten saw horses, painted one John Deere cultivator and repaired two gasoline engines.

Keith Graver, Reporter

YATES CENTER: Officers for this year are: Altis Ferree, President; Brooke Col-lisom, Vice-President; Roger Nordmeyer, Secretary; Marion Jones, Treasurer; Math Massoth, Reporter...A parent-son meeting was held September 21 with freshman boys and their parents attending. After a short program, green hand initiation was held....Morris Lynch, Victor Crumrine, Tom Kress, Duane Moyer, Donald Hull and Nelson Pringle were the high six in the Christmas Card selling contest sponsored by the local chapter....The local chapter of FFA sponsored an all-school dance Tuesday, October 24...We harvested the Woodson County Corn Test Plot and each boy contributed his earnings to the chapter treasury. The proceeds will be used to purchase a slide projector. The boys of this chapter and their dates enjoyed a hayrack ride and weiner roast at Cooper's Cave on November 1. The chapter sponsored a skating party at the Yates Center Roller Rink on December 6. About forty-five members and guests were present.

Matt Massoth, Reporter

WAKEENEY: We started the year by sponsoring an all-school dance...The parent-son banquet was held November 14...We initiated 8 new green hands November 29... We sponsored a box-supper and cake walk December 8..In order to earn money for the chapter, we have been selling mailbox name plates, selling poultry magazines, repairing machinery, making trailers and sharpening saws...The new officers are: Dwayne Reis, President; Wilber Berg, Vice-President; Paul Morton, Secretary; LaVern Stenzel, Treasurer; Dale Newcomer, Sentinel; Glenn Buchholz, Reporter.

Glenn Buchholz, Reporter

Chapter News - (continued)

SPEARVILLE: The officers of the Spearville Chapter this year are as follows: James Knoeber, President; Donald Droste, Vice-President; Melvin Hines, Secretary; Jim Hogan, Treasurer and Glenn Shean, Reporter...We have had one major money making scheme for our chapter so far this year and that was the sponsoring of a turkey shoot. We made around \$110 for our treasury...We are conducting a pest eradication contest...The farm editor of KGNO made a tape recording of the sophomore class activities and used same on his program...We have made several silage feed bunks for farmers...The FFA boys are laying out and terracing a field for C. E. McKee. This project is proving to be interesting to us who are doing it because it includes such things as setting up and using the instrument properly, organizing a surveying crew so we can work with each other and keeping an account record of field notes.

Glen Shear, Reporter

NEWTON: Officers for the year are: Vere English, President; Sammy Krueger, Vice-President; Merle Frey, Treasurer; Jimmy Dillman, Secretary; Don Quiring, Reporter...A group of boys from our chapter judged at the State Poland China show and sale. They won a plaque and some individual awards...Our chapter was represented at the Kansas Poultry Exposition at Emporia. The boys reported a fine show and they gained much useful information and experience by attending... Noon basketball is our main noontime pastime. The FFA boys utilize Lindley Hall each noon basketball. We have had the use of the hall for eight years now and we supervise the program...We take pride in not ever being in difficulty with the school authorities...A member of our chapter was suddenly called by death. In Korea. The former member of our chapter was Robert Woods. He was a member of the Marine Corps. Robert is the eight Newton FFA boy to have paid the supreme sacrifice while in the service of our country.

Don Quiring, Reporter

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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 1950. 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, April 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 10, 1951, 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; Glen Schulthess, Haven, President of K.V.A.A.; and Bob Ball, Garden City, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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