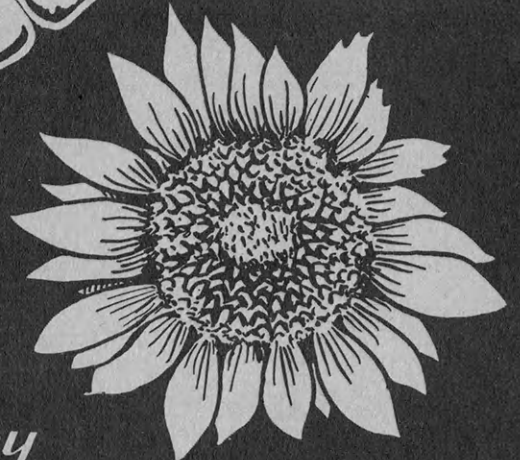
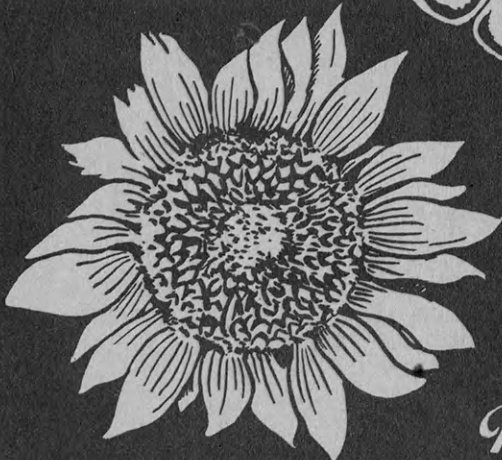
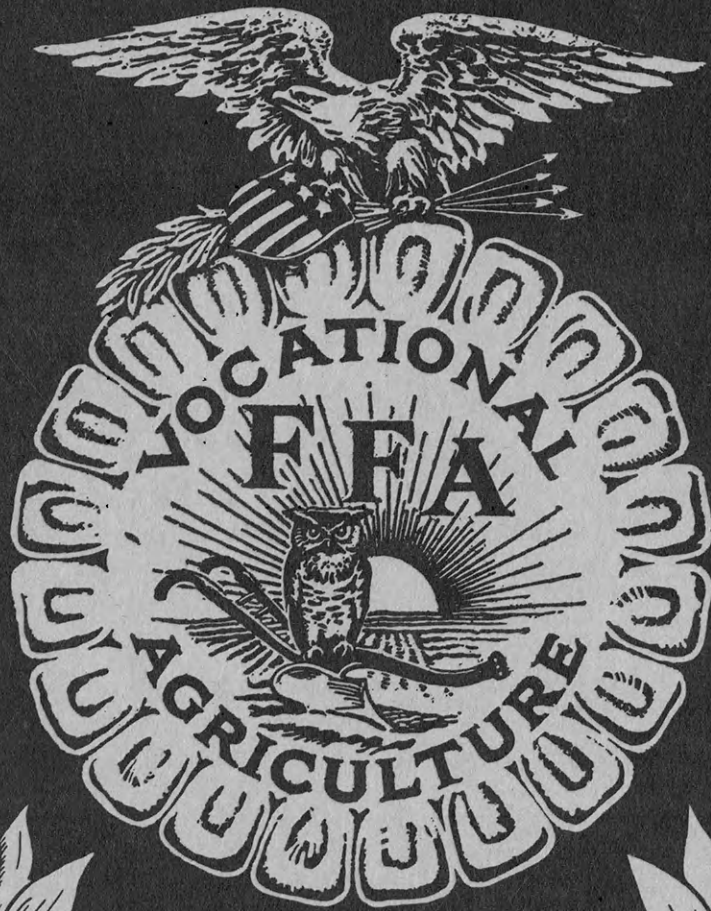


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Hutchinson, Kansas



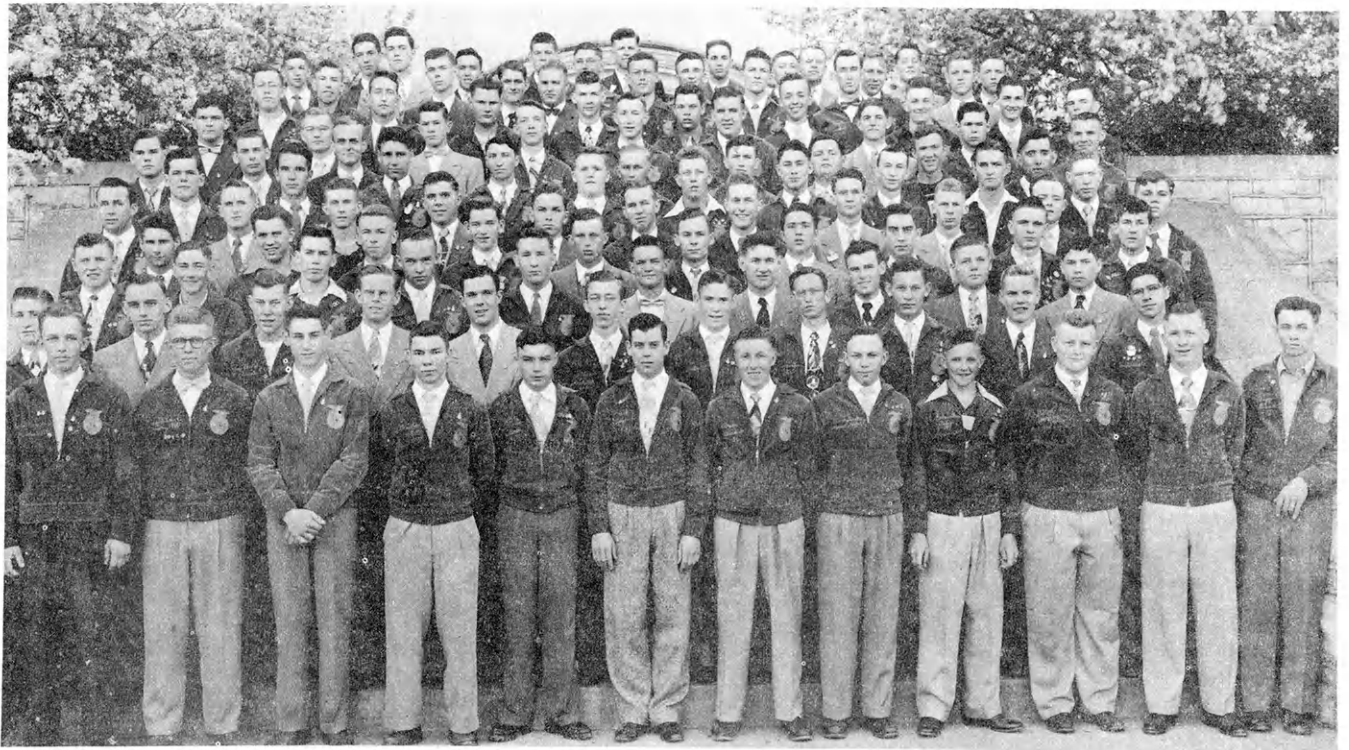
Kingman FFA Chapter Champion Farm Mechanics exhibit, Kansas State Fair. Virgil Lake, Chapter Adviser.



Reno County Champion collective booth (Central Division). Prepared by Buhler FFA Chapter. L.R. Denzil Franklin, Kenneth Reiswig, Keith Rudicel, Ronald Stubby, Leonard Peters, Norman Franz, Alfred Schmidt. J. A. Johnson, Chapter Adviser.

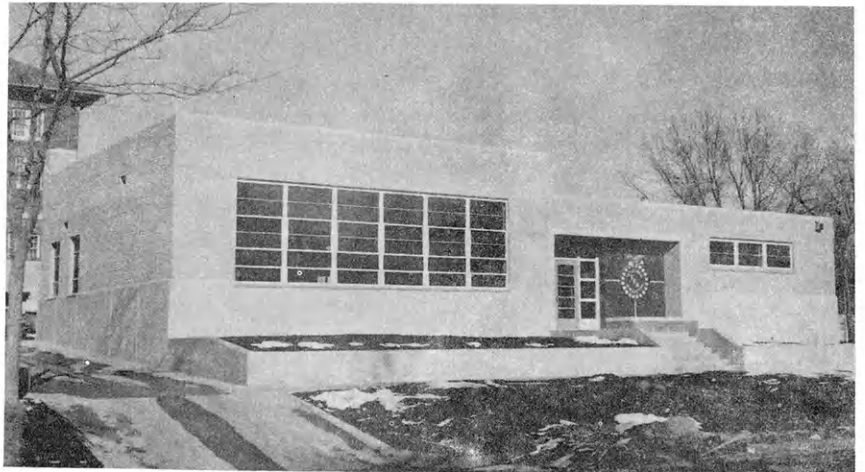
Comanche County Champion collective booth (Western Division). Prepared by Coldwater FFA Chapter. L.R. Jerry Melia, Bob Currier, Bill Deyoe, Wayne Kindsvater, Ivan Hilt, Roger Bean, Donald Parcel. LeRoy Melia, Chapter Adviser.



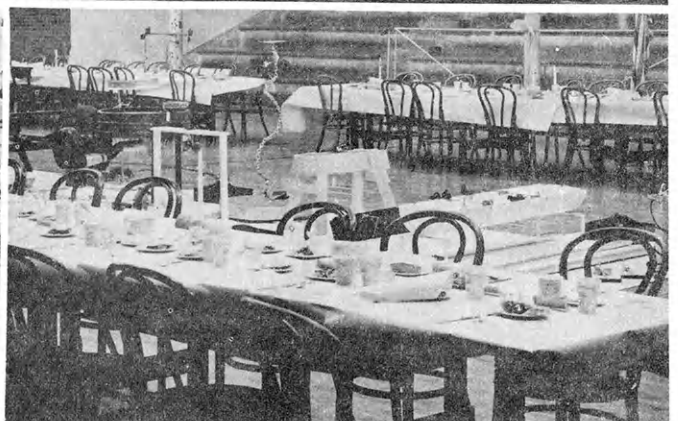


Kansas 1951 State Farmer Degree Class - 130 FFA members from 75 chapters.

Clay Center's new Vocational Agriculture building dedicated January 16, 1952. George Stevens is Principal and Ray Morrison is Vocational Agriculture Instructor of the Clay Co. Com. High School.



Past National President Walter Cummins addresses the Fredonia FFA Parents-Son Banquet. Harold Shoaf, Chapter Adviser.



Junction City FFA Chapter exhibits completed Farm Mechanics jobs at Parent-Son Banquet. Irwin Miller, Chapter Adviser.

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Twenty-third State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Room G206, Holton Hall and Engineering Lecture Hall, April 29, 1952, 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. 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 read easily.

The 1952 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.

Eligibility

The FFA chapter must have filed a program of work with the State Association on or before November 1, 1951, and must be in good standing with both the State Association and the National FFA Organization in order to have a member eligible for the State Public Speaking Contest. Exception - chapters chartered or reestablished after November 1, 1951. Chapters falling under this category must have paid state and national FFA dues and have submitted a program of work on or before April 7, 1952.

Each eligible FFA chapter in Kansas will be entitled to one entry in the State FFA Speech Contest.

The State Contest will be open only to boys less than 21 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 Association and the National Organization of FFA at the time they are selected to represent their chapter. 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 a State FFA Public Speaking Contest is ineligible for participation in the 1952 Kansas FFA Speech Contest.

Note: Chapter Public Speaking contestants who plan to participate in either the Agricultural or Farm Mechanics contests on Tuesday, April 29, must obtain permission to compete in the Speech Contest from Professor A. P. Davidson at the time copies of the speech are submitted for judging, April 7, 1952.

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

FFA Public Speaking Contest (continued)

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 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."

* - Now termed National Board of Student Officers.

** - Now termed National Board of Directors.

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.

FFA Public Speaking Contest (continued)

PART II. FOR SCORING THE DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION

| Items to be scored | Points Allowed | Points awarded contestants | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1. Voice | 100 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Stage presence | 100 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Power of expression | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Response to questions | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. General effect | 100 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Score on delivery | 700 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

| Items to be scored | Points Allowed | Points awarded contestants | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1. Score on written production | 300 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Score on delivery | 700 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * Less overtime deduction for each minute | 20 points | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAND TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* - Time Keeper's record

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

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| <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, punctuation. | : | Conveyance of thought and meaning. |
| | : | |
| <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 | : | |

FUTURE FARMERS - AN ALL-AMERICAN TEAM IN AGRICULTURE

by

Herb Lee - Bonner Springs FFA Chapter

Note: Speaking on the subject "Future Farmers - An All-American Team in Agriculture," Herb Lee of the Bonner Springs FFA Chapter won the 1951 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest. Herb was eliminated in the Central Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest held on the Iowa State College Campus, Ames, Iowa, August 14, 1951.

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On July 11th our family wallowed through water and mud from our farm house in the Kaw Valley to a house on the hill in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Within the next few days we were to lose every acre of our crops. We were to sustain damage to our house and buildings, and the loss and almost complete destruction of our machinery. This was the most destructive flood in the history of our country. As I slopped back to our ruined home, I was determined to urge on you the place of the Future Farmers of America in the development of scientific agriculture as a method of salvation for this country.

I have titled my oration, Future Farmers - An All-American Team in Agriculture.

We have made great progress and our Future Farmers organization is the largest of its kind in the world. But it is always teamwork and cooperation which decides whether a team will win or lose.

Since food is vital to all human life, agriculture is the number one vocation in importance to the world. America is winning the contest for supremacy in the production of food even though our farming team has not the manpower employed that our rival, Russia, has. American agriculture far overshadows farming in Russia. For instance, there are 150 million people in the United States while Russia has 200 million. Only 12 per cent of America's population are agricultural workers, but Russia has 65 per cent of her people farming. The United States has 20 per cent of her land in crops. Russia has only 11 per cent. Our production of grain is 6.8 billion bushels a year. Russia's is 2.7 billion bushels.

Today, the United States is the leading agricultural nation of the world. Why? Of course, the American farmer has had the advantage of fertile soil, a favorable climate, the use of hybrid seeds and the use of products of scientific research along with the best of machinery. But there is a greater reason. Proper education of the American farm youth is highly responsible. In other words our team has had the proper training, and has made full use of the saying "Practice Makes Perfect."

We are indeed fortunate to live in a free democratic country where there are educational opportunities for all young farmers.

In contrast, the Russian farm youth must learn the hard way, by experience. He has no team to join since there is no such organization as the F. F. A.

The F. F. A. and vocational agriculture courses are doing a commendable job in training our Future Farmers team, yet not a perfect job. Our most alarming problem is the loss by erosion of 1,900,000 acres of land each year.

A grass waterway or planting trees or grasses will hold the soil on hill land. But not on the fertile bottomland farms. The recent flood damage in Kansas and adjacent states was over a billion dollars. We must have a comprehensive soil

Future Farmers - An All-American Team in Agriculture (continued)

conservation and flood safety program that includes dams, dikes, ponds, contouring and terracing. Who can better study and work out the solutions than the Future Farmers of America and those individuals trained in scientific and technical agriculture.

Not only are some farmers letting their land erod, but they are inefficient in crop and livestock production, neglect farm safety rules and have few modern machines or conveniences. These farmers never received F. F. A. training or vocational agriculture education. More stress must be placed on educating the young farm boys of America - every young farmer. This can be accomplished by advertising our F. F. A. organization to a greater extent and encouraging the young farmers to attend high school, enroll in vocational agriculture and join the F. F. A.

A poor player in our game of agriculture may mean another worthless farm. Only there aren't too many farms left to wear out. America's power lies principally in her soil; when that's gone our country will cease to be great. It would be a very sad prospect indeed, were it not that our farming team is becoming a little better prepared for their jobs each year - by schooling, by reading and listening, by experience and by thinking.

Our Future Farmer teams may be divided into two essential squads or groups - the general farmers and vegetable or truck farmers. General farming includes our large corn, wheat, pasture and other vast acreages, along with livestock and dairy herds. This farmer raises our so-called staple foods - foods that every American consumes daily. He is usually on the job the year around, raising crops in the summer and tending livestock in the winter. The truck farmer has grown from a small gardener to a member of a vast industry producing vegetables and fruits. His work is concentrated and diversified and his acreage usually small. He works hard in the spring, summer and fall and takes it easier in the winter.

Each requires somewhat different type of training. Since general farming is the larger field, our vocational agriculture courses tend to lean toward that type of teaching. We should stress vegetable farming training in areas where it is dominant. This can be done by placing the emphasis on horticulture and gardening along with the basic vocational agriculture training.

I prefer to be a member of the truck farming squad of our Future Farmer team. Sure I'm prejudiced, I've raised truck crops all my life. Then, too, vegetable farming is an enlarging enterprise. America has learned the value of vegetables and consume more than many other nations of the world. For example, we grow about 3,400,000 acres of vegetables, exclusive of potatoes and sweet potatoes each year for 150 million people. In England they grow only 513,000 acres for 40 million people. But our game is becoming tougher and the basic reason for this is the increasing number of factors which must be controlled. Once the main tasks were fairly simple; to plow, fertilize, plant, cultivate and harvest. Today each of the jobs has become complex and new tasks must be performed. Moreover, when you improve one thing you may upset something else. So the truck farmer must deal with calculated risks. And the only answers are made up of good information through good schooling, clear thinking and careful operating which adds up to a lot of hard work.

To win more success in production and marketing of vegetables and the staple foods makes ever increasing demands of the Future Farmer every day. Uncle Sam is becoming a big buyer again and we must do big business for him. Soon there will be a military force of three million to feed. Our team has a great

Future Farmers - An All-American Team in Agriculture (continued)

challenge before it. We must help preserve our freedom by cooperating fully in producing food.

I'm proud to be a member of our huge Future Farmer team - proud to be able to work under a hot sun, to feel the honest sweat rolling down my back, to work the soil, my own soil, into a fine seed bed, to plant the crop - watch it grow - care for it and know that the harvest will help to preserve our freedom. I am only one of over 300,000 Future Farmers - my part in this tremendous task will be indeed small, but what I can do I will do. I fully realize that farming is a vast and vital occupation. The Future Farmers of America is a priceless organization, All-American in every sense. It is the guiding light to our American farm youth, so that they may become under God's power good farmers, good leaders and good citizens.

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CLAY CENTER DEDICATES NEW VO-AG BUILDING

The dedicatory services for the Clay Center new \$75,000 vocational agricultural building were held in the new building the evening of January 16, 1952. The new spacious fire proof building was spic-and-span for the inspection of approximately 500 guests present. Principal George Stevens chaired the meeting. The dedicatory speech was made by Director C. L. Miller of the State Board for Vocational Education, Topeka. The State Department of Education was represented by Supervisor Ralph Stinson. Dr. Finis Green represented the Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan. Wes Seyler, WIBW Topeka, made a tape recording. Members of the cast assisting with the recording included: Supervisor L. B. Pollom, Topeka; Mr. Raymond James, a member of the first class of vocational agriculture at the Clay Center High School and his son Billy Ray, who is a member of the present vocational agriculture class; a member of the Clay County Community High School Board, Mr. Martin; Principal Stevens; Vo-Ag Instructor R. W. Morrison and officers of the Clay Center FFA Chapter. School superintendents and vocational agricultural instructors from most of the neighboring high schools were in attendance.

In sharp contrast to our present national fiscal policy, the Board of Education of the Clay County Community High reported that the new Vo-Ag building with all of the splendid equipment was paid for in full.

The Clay Center Vo-Ag building is one of many built in Kansas since World War II. Director C. M. Miller stated in his dedicatory remarks that local communities had spent approximately \$3,000,00 for new Vo-Ag building during the past five years.

Vocational agriculture was established in the Clay Center High School in 1920, with Wesley G. Bruce as instructor. The building which the vocational agriculture department occupied for approximately 27 years was one of the first buildings in Kansas to be built especially for vocational agriculture. This building was constructed in 1925. Other teachers of vocational agriculture in the Clay Center school following Mr. Bruce were: C. D. Guy, Ed Hedstrom, R. H. Perrill and R. W. Morrison.

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK
February 17-23, 1952

Again this year during the week of George Washington's birthday, the Future Farmers of America will observe National FFA Week. The observance begins on February 17 and closes February 23.

FFA chapters planning to use radio skits will find suggestions for preparing such a script in the February 1, 1951 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter, beginning on page 9.

Chapters planning to use newspaper stories in connection with the National FFA Week will, of course, find it necessary to submit such stories at least a week in advance of February 17.

Other ways in which chapters may wish to celebrate National FFA Week are through special programs before civic clubs and school assemblies, open houses to inspect the agricultural department and parent-son banquets.

The state officers of the Kansas Association of FFA urge each chapter to observe National FFA Week with some type of activity or function. This is a good time to let your community know more about Future Farmers of America.

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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. Sixteen of the 1951 Gold Emblem Classification winners submitted summarized achievement records, making them eligible to receive a cash award from the Foundation. The amount of the award received by each chapter was \$23.03. The money is to be used for the betterment of FFA work in the local community.

The following chapters were eligible:

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| Beloit Chapter, Frank Carpenter, Adv. | Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adv. |
| Chanute Chapter, Chas. O. Carter, Adv. | Clay Center Chapter, R. W. Morrison, Adv. |
| Colby Chapter, R. B. King, Adv. | Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adv. |
| Effingham Chapter, Roy Eck, Adv. | Haven Chapter, Glen Schulthess, Adv. |
| Hoxie Chapter, Willard Barry, Adv. | Lawrence Chapter, W. R. Essick, Adv. |
| Olathe Chapter, A. G. Jensen, Adv. | Little River Chapter, Milton Kohrs, Adv. |
| Stockton Chapter, Floyd Blauer, Adv. | Shawnee-Mission Chap., Harold Garver, Adv. |
| Highland Park Chap., F.E.Carpenter, Adv. | Winfield Chapter, Ira Plank and John Lowe, Advisers. |

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COUNTY COLLECTIVE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS
1952 KANSAS STATE FAIR

Shown in the pictorial section of this issue of the Newsletter are two FFA Chapter County Collective Agricultural Exhibits shown at the 1952 Kansas State Fair. The winning chapters are Coldwater Chapter, LeRoy Melia, Adviser, and Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser.

The division of the Kansas State Fair set aside for Collective Agricultural Exhibits is divided into three areas designated as Eastern, Central and Western. Coldwater is in the Western Division and Buhler is in the Central Division.

The Coldwater Chapter has had the longest continuous experience of any chapter in Kansas in entering County Collective Agricultural Exhibits at the Kansas State Fair. This chapter entered its first County Collective Agricultural Exhibit in 1931 and has exhibited each year since that date. During this period of time the Coldwater Chapter exhibit won first in the Western Division nineteen times, and was declared state winner, Grand Champion ribbon, in 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1945. The Coldwater Chapter booth exhibit placed first in the state in Artistic Display twenty times during the twenty-one years of participation in the County Collective Agricultural Exhibit competition.

The theme of the Coldwater 1951 booth exhibit was "SILAGE FOR GREATER PROFIT AND INSURANCE." Ninety-five samples of Comanche County farm products were used in the exhibit. The exhibit won highest score in the state on educational value, small grains and legumes. Cash award won by the chapter was \$178.95.

LeRoy Melia, vocational agriculture instructor and local chapter adviser, has supervised this chapter activity.

The Reno County Collective Agricultural Exhibit, prepared and exhibited by the Buhler FFA Chapter, won first place in the Central Division in 1951. The Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser, began preparing the County Collective Agricultural Exhibit in 1937 and has entered such an exhibit each year since that date. During this period of time, the County Collective Agricultural Exhibits prepared by the Buhler FFA Chapter have won six Grand Champion ribbons, first in the state and have placed first in the Central Division eleven times.

The theme of the Buhler FFA Chapter 1951 County Collective Agricultural Exhibit was "X-RAY YOUR SOIL." The educational idea presented concerned the value of minerals in the soil as they relate to the health of animals and people. Posters and pictures displayed showed the results of properly fed soils in comparison with poorly fed soils. Pictures of livestock showing the results from eating hay and grass produced on good and poor soils were shown. All varieties used were adapted to Reno County and were collected from 50 farms in the county.

Cash award won by the Buhler FFA Chapter on the 1951 exhibit was \$132.00. The money will be used for the betterment of the chapter.

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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 1951. 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, Holton Hall, Room 103, Monday, April 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 16, 1952, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Holton Hall, Room 103. 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; C. H. Young, Cherryvale, President of K.V.A.A.; and Marvin Decker, Holton, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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ENOUGH AND FOR ALL

The new Massey-Harris technicolor movie which was listed in the November 1st, 1951, Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter as having the title "Our Daily Bread" should have been titled "Enough and for All." Kansas vocational agriculture teachers interested in this film should write Don L. Maxwell, Advertising Department, Massey-Harris, Racine, Wisconsin.

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FFA ON NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Donald Staheli, national FFA president, will appear on the "Firestone Hour" program of February 4. This program may be seen on television or heard on radio. It is carried on the full NBC network at 8:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

On February 16, Donald Staheli will participate in the National Farm and Home Hour radio broadcast over the NBC network at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. (Check with your NBC station for time of this program in Western States.)

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NATIONAL FFA CAMP

The following release from National FFA Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, will be interesting to FFA advisers and members:

"You will recall that the National FFA Camp, which has been in use for a number of years, has been officially closed by the authorization of the delegates at a national convention. This was done because the camp was not used enough by local chapters to justify keeping it for that purpose. The facilities at the camp are now being used by the Future Farmer's Supply Service."

"We realize that many FFA Chapters come to Washington to visit the Nation's Capital. We have been fortunate in locating facilities at the Potomac Park Motor Court, located at East Potomac Park in Washington. This park has accommodated many groups of large numbers. There are many recreational facilities available, such as: hiking, horseback riding, boating, swimming and golf. The motor court is located within sight of the Washington Monument."

"The motor court has agreed to accommodate FFA Chapters at the rate of \$1.00 per person, per night. Bathing and toilet facilities are centrally located. Linens are furnished and towels may be rented for fifteen cents apiece. Deluxe cabins, with private baths, are available and rent as follows: single, \$3; double \$5; duplex accomodating four, \$9. There is a snack bar on the premises, and numerous resturants in the vicinity."

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"To secure a reservation, a deposit is required. The deposit generally amounts to \$1 per person, with \$5 as a minimum and \$25 as a maximum. In making a reservation, it is requested that the number of males and females in the party, and the exact dates of the desired reservation be indicated."

"Chapters wishing to make reservations at the Potomac Park Motor Court should send in reservations preferably a month or more in advance of the trip. The manager told me that they can usually accommodate a party of twenty-five or thirty if they will write in two weeks in advance. They have so many requests from class groups and others, that it is advisable to write early in order to be certain of reservations."

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ACROSS THE BORDER

GEORGIA: A Lasting Tribute - Under stately oaks overlooking the calm waters of Lake Jackson stands the Memorial Amphitheater erected as a lasting tribute to those FFA members and advisers who served so nobly in World War II and dedicated especially to the 308 who gave their lives.

To those who learned loyalty and devotion to duty while helping build Georgia's FFA - and who kept faith with the red, white and blue - the Memorial Amphitheater was solemnly dedicated in a ceremony at the state convention last summer. There, at the state FFA camp, the theater is a place of natural beauty made possible by the combined efforts of Future Farmers from nearly 300 chapters. Future Farmers think it is a very fitting and proper memorial because it is something that will be used by thousands of Georgia boys and girls who visit the camp in the years to come.

At the back of the theater is a bronze plaque, mounted on Stone Mountain granite, which bears the names of those who died. The outdoor theater which cost \$8,778 will seat approximately 800 persons.

The idea of erecting a memorial like the amphitheater at the State FFA Camp first came to the minds of Future Farmers back in 1945, but it was not until 1946 that the delegates to the annual state convention voted to make the memorial a reality. Raising the money for this amphitheater has been a cooperative undertaking in which probably 25,000 Future Farmers have had a part, because chapters have taken almost five years to raise their proportional shares of the money. Their contributions based on approximately 85 cents per member, Georgia FFAers have already raised \$7,448.65 towards its construction.

WASHINGTON: At Columbia High School in Richland, the FFA members are actually taking care of 102 "cooled sheep." The 102 were moved to the Richland school farm pasture from the Hanford experimentation farm where they had been treated with radioactive feed. The experiments ended and the sheep were "cooled," and the FFA has taken over.

The Richland FFA chapter is in business with the government. The government furnishes the sheep and feed but the FFA furnishes summer pasture and takes care of them. The chapter keeps fifty per cent of the lambs each year and receives all the profits from the wool sale. At present sixty head belong to the chapter. Individual FFA members are on the receiving end, too. Two members can earn three lambs each for taking care of the flock for a year. In addition to providing a source for the chapter, it is a practical means of "learning about the sheep business."

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CALIFORNIA: The Watsonville Future Farmers recently had an interesting experience in following through one of the chief products of the area - apples - to the retail trade. Let's hear the story in the words of Adviser Martin Thorstensen

"Last Saturday I took three of my horticulture class students to San Francisco to the Farmers' Market. We took with us some boxes of four-tier and four and on-half tier Double Red Delicious apples and sold them on the market at 10 and 8 cents per pound. It was quite an experience for the boys to rent a stand and to spend a whole day "hawking their wares."

"John G. Brucato, Superintendent of the Market, and O. C. Skinner, Jr., sealer of weights and measures, City and County of San Francisco, called on us within an hour of our arrival. They said they were delighted to find Future Farmers selling their own production in the market. We had quite a visit with them and got a number of good tips."

"They want us to return with a lot of 'dress-up' material, signs, etc. I think we got some mention in the city papers...Next time before Christmas, we'll take along a supply of pink beans which the chapter has just harvested - 6,750 lbs. on 3.2 acres of school land adjoining the agriculture building."

TEXAS: Ambition and high spirits spur the Future Farmers of America on, as their "big day" FFA Day at the stock shows over the state, draws near. With currycombs flying and feed buckets swinging, the boys are working hard to get their livestock in tiptop shape for the big prize monies offered at the three big Texas shows that take place in January and February.

The greatest show circuit in the world forms a triangle over the state allowing boys to attend every show and exhibit their livestock.

The circuit begins in Fort Worth with the opening of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show on January 25. At the Fort Worth show in '52 Future Farmers will be competing for a largely-increased purse of cash awards and premiums.

Two hundred and sixty-five miles away from Fort Worth the second lap of the circuit gets under way in Houston on January 30. The big day for Future Farmers will be February 9, FFA Day at the Houston Fat Stock Show.

Premium cash awards for the 1952 Houston Show will total \$43,007 for winners in all departments, exclusive of the scramble calf contests.

The Boys' Livestock and Market Show will fill the Coliseum January 30 through February 3.

Steer auction prizes for this year are expected to exceed those of past shows, as fewer animals will go through the auction ring. Only those steers that have been awarded a prize ribbon in the regular classes are eligible to be sold at the auction.

Last year's Reserve Grand Champion, raised by Lowell Berggren, 17 year-old FFA boy from Elgin, Texas brought \$6,000.

Many Future Farmers of America have benefited from Calf Scramble Contests of the Houston Fat Stock Show since their inception in 1942.

This year, 400 boys from throughout Texas will compete for the 200 beef and dairy calves, valued at \$32,500. Besides providing an opportunity to learn

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livestock management and benefit through ownership of animals, the world-famous Calf Scramble affords scholarship and other valuable prizes.

To the boy who has done the best year-'round job of raising his 1951 beef calf, Jim Tucker, president of the First American Insurance Company will award a \$2,000 scholarship to Texas A. & M. College.

Each year L. E. Cowling, president of Southern States Life Insurance Company of Houston, awards a \$2,000 scholarship to Texas A. & M. College plus a graduation gift of \$500 to the boy who presents the best year-'round record in the Dairy Scramble projects.

Forty other awards, with a total value of more than \$2,000 are given by Houston firms and individuals to winning boys engaged in calf scramble activities.

The first poultry division entries sent in to the show this year were from three FFA boys. Edgar Fox and Joseph E. Brown of Pettus and Jimmie Askew of Kennedy each entered four capons. Cash prizes for breeding poultry, junior market poultry, including capons, fryers and fat turkeys will amount to \$1,873. Last year Jimmie Starnater, FFA member of Manor, Texas, received \$1,400 for his champion capon.

Many will thrill to the handshake of their favorite movie star cowboy Roy Rogers at the 1952 Rodeo. It is Roger's custom to ride around the arena during each of his appearances and shake hands with all who come down to the fence. Sharing the spotlight with Roy Rogers, King of the Cowboys, will be his movie actress wife, Dale Evans and his famous horse, Trigger. Other entertainers will include comedian Pat Brady and the Whippoorwills, a vocal and instrumental group that accompany Roy and Dale. This will be Rogers' only rodeo appearance in 1952.

The Junior Dairy Judging Contest on February 9 will give boys a chance to try for ten \$200 certificates, with which to purchase registered dairy heifers of their choice. These will be awarded to the 10 top individuals, and attractive banners will be given to the three top judging teams.

The 1951 Champion Dairy Judging Team was a group of FFA boys from Dublin, Texas.

The Boys' Pig Show offers cash awards amounting to \$2,170. At last year's auction, a record of 540 Fat Swine went for a total of \$26,703, while 49 Negro boys' pigs sold for \$2,633.75. The Grand Champion Barrow of 1951 sold for \$500.

Lambs shown by FFA boys are in line for cash awards amounting to \$910. And auction prices for lambs are expected to at least equal and probably exceed those of the 1951 show in which the Grand Champion Lamb brought its owner \$1,150.

The Junior Grass Judging Contest, sponsored jointly by the Association of Texas Soil Conservation, Texas A. & M. College and other agricultural departments, is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. February 2. The winning team will be presented with a handsome plaque.

Only 197 miles away in San Antonio, the San Antonio Livestock Exposition opens with a mammoth western parade in downtown San Antonio on Friday Morning February 15. Prize money of \$7,910 is being offered in the boys' fat stock show at the third annual San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

An innovation for boy contestants at the '52 show will be a neatness award of \$100 being offered by the exposition to the Future Farmers Chapters or 4-H

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Clubs which present the most attractive exhibits throughout the show. First and second place money will be offered in five departments. In addition, appropriate banners will be awarded by the committee prior to the closing day of the show so that they may be prominently displayed over the exhibits.

Personal appearance and conduct of the boys will be one of the factors taken into consideration in making the awards.

A new addition to the boys' section is a Negro boys' pig show, with \$673 for single Durocs and Poland Chinas in three weight classes.

In the boys' show, the San Antonio exposition has added 15 places in three weight classes for Hereford steers, making 15 additional steers eligible for the auction, which last year produced a top of \$21,000 paid by the San Antonio Breeding Association. Premiums for the boys' steer show total \$3,005. Other boys' show premiums include dairy heifers, \$535; lambs, \$1,005 and pigs \$3,365.

Another feature of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition will be a grass judging contest open to Future Farmers and 4-H Club teams from throughout Texas.

In this contest a plaque will be awarded to the championship teams and banners will go to the next four place teams. The high individual boy will receive a gold medal and second through fifth place boys will receive silver medals. Bronze medals will go to the next five places.

Auction sale of fat stock is to be limited to animals winning premium money at the show.

Everett Colborn has signed as producer of the World's Championship rodeo which is to have 14 performances at the show.

Don Franklin's carnival, featuring shows never before seen in Texas, will be one of the exposition's highlights.

The San Antonio show will bring to a close the great triangle, "The greatest show circuit in the world."

OHIO: In the City of Xenia this year, the two elementary school buildings were erected to care for the increase of children. It took longer to finish these buildings than was expected. When the day came for school to open, the buildings were still not completed. Instead of grass there was dusty barren land or mud in wet weather, surrounding the buildings.

One of Xenia's mottoes is, "Our Children must have playground." Who could be gotten to level and seed these lawns. All the contractors were busy. This job could not wait.

Then someone suggested the F.F.A. Hadn't they built and seeded the Green County Hospital Lawn? "Surely" said Superintendent Warner, "get the F.F.A."

Friday evening ten FFA members armed with rakes and shovels followed the two Chapter tractors to the schools. Four hours Friday evening and ten hours Saturday and one lawn was completed. Seven acres had been disced, leveled, raked and seeded. Fourteen more hours and the other lawn would be finished and another job would go down as "well-down" for the Xenia FFA and their tireless adviser, Mr. P. D. Wickline.

CHAPTER NEWS

WINFIELD: The Winfield Chapter put on the first phase of a scrap dive in November. We collected 1,400 pounds of scrap iron. We bargained with local scrap dealers for .22¢ for all iron, including cast iron. We bought the scrap in and piled it just outside the shop building and cut it up with an oxy-acetylene torch. The drive lasted three days. The chapter collected 10% and will use the money as its part in the March of Dimes Campaign...The Winfield Chapter was host to twenty members of the Arkansas City Chapter at its January meeting. After the meeting the two schools played a double header basketball game.

Ned Graham, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: The Clay Center Chapter of the Future Farmers of America is very proud of the new Vocational Agriculture building which was dedicated January 16 with C. M. Miller, Director of the Kansas Board for Vocational Education, giving the main address at the dedication. Greetings were brought by the following: Dr. Finis Green, Head of the Department of Education, Kansas State College; Supervisor Ralph Stinson, State Department of Education, Topeka; and Supervisor L. B. Pollom, Topeka. Others attending the ceremony were Professors A. P. Davidson, L. F. Hall and Loren Whipps of the Department of Education and Professor Harold L. Kugler of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Kansas State College. Wes Seyler, WLBW, made a tape recording of the evenings activities. There were approximately 500 persons in attendance. Coffee and doughnuts were served by the chapter...The following boys reported for the livestock judging team: Roy Rau, Billy Ray James, Jim Debenham and Ronald Rosenow...boys trying for the shop team are: Maynard Lippe, Eldon Woellhof and Valgene Slingsby.

Duane Lippe, Reporter

BURLINGAME: Junior Tucker and Brent Adair were on the Kansas City market Monday, January 14, with fat lambs that topped the days sales at \$29.00. The lambs were purchased early in October. Tucker's lambs averaged 69 pounds and when sold weighed 94 pounds each. Adair's feeders averaged 74 pounds when put on feed and when sold, weighed 106 pounds...These boys are well aware of the lamb feeder problems for this phase of their farming program...The Burlingame Vo-Ag shop is having a new bench grinder installed next week.

Don Vieta, Reporter

BURNS: The following Greenhands were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree during the meeting in December: Bobby Brenzikofer, Elwyn Fink, Bill Hall and Junior Hagan. A complete set of officers were elected from the Junior class. They have been practicing the Opening and Closing Ritual...Roy Manka, a former Secretary of our chapter now attending the Eldorado Junior College, came up one day and took recordings of the Opening and Closing ceremony. It was quite easy to recognize mistakes as it was played back...The evening of January 10 we had a membership party. We could not get the Scout cabin as it was rather cool and Mr. Ridgway say we could use the gym. Twenty-four boys and the sponsor spent the night. Some attended the show at Florence - had to be in by 10:30 p.m. Played basketball until about midnight. Tried to sleep. Finally after bombardment of various articles, they dropped off to sleep. By six o'clock the early birds were awake. After a hearty breakfast in the Home Economics kitchen, the boys departed for home to do the chores.

Kenneth Wedel, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

PARADISE: The Paradise chapter has started their pest eradication contest... The chapter is planning a spring tour of all the FFA members' farming programs... We held our first annual Parent-Son Banquet last November 10... The chapter is making plans for an overnight fishing party before school is out this year... Tank heaters and heavy duty trailers are being constructed in shop.

Merl Houser, Reporter

NORCATUR: The Norcatur Chapter has one candidate for the State Farmer Degree.. Our chapter ran a concession stand at our turkey and ham shoot... The chapter is conducting a Pest Eradication Campaign. First place prize is an automatic rifle. Second prize, a carton of 22 rifle shells... On January 16 our chapter was host to the FHA girls to a Chili supper, followed by an evening of gym recreation and film.

Gerry New, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: We shocked feed last fall to help farmers in our community and to earn money for our chapter... Our adviser, Mr. Jackson, and six senior boys went to Colby to make a transcription on "Poultry Housing and Equipment." The recording was broadcast over radio station KXXX Saturday, January 12. Harold Eilers, Raymond Ganoung, Roy Garvert, Wilfred Garvert, Darrell Mayhew, Leon Ross, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Embert Coles, superintendent of the Colby Experiment Station, took part in the broadcast... On January 19 our FFA triple quartet, "The Dusty Dozen," won third place in an amateur contest held in connection with the annual meeting of the Rooks County Soil Conservation District... Our annual FFA-FHA party was held January 22. A committee of girls planned and prepared the refreshments and a committee of boys made arrangements for the games and folk dances... We plan to have our annual Parent-Son Banquet in March.

Billy Lumpkins, Reporter

PRATT: There are 30 members in the Pratt Chapter of Future Farmers, with the 9 Greenhands that were initiated in November... We now have two gilts out with chapter members. Other members will take the two gilts at about 3 months of age... We are planning to sell garden seeds... We have the concession stand at the basketball games and cooperated with the FHA at one football game last fall... We held meetings during activity period twice a month and try to have one night meeting a month... The members of the chapter plan to operate the seed germinator again this year as a community service to farmers and seed dealers... Movie films of the Ozark trip were shown at a regular meeting in October.

Delmar Schnittker, Reporter

CHAPMAN: Our pest control contest started in November and will end Feb. 28. Thirty-two boys are competing... Our chapter designed and erected the Christmas decorations in front of the Industrial Arts building... John Meuli now has the chapter gilt... Our chapter had a hot dog stand at the football games making a gross receipt of \$225.82; our net was \$101.07... In shop during the first semester of school there were constructed 6 feed bunks, 4 metal gates, 1 16-foot trailer bed, 2 ladders, 1 sheep feeder, 4 chicken feeders, 4 saw horses, a number of hog feeders and other minor projects as well as conditioning a number of saws and other farm tools.

Lyle Diehl, Reporter

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SABETHA: Our chapter held an FHA-FFA party. We furnished refreshments. The program consisted of square dancing and games...Our chapter gathered hard maple seeds last fall and this spring we are going to plant these seeds. In two years we will give these trees to the people around this area who want them. We are cooperating with the Kiwanis Club of Sabetha...Our chapter bought three deferred feeder steers last fall. We have placed these steers on one of the chapter member's farm. We borrowed half of the purchase price from the bank. The steers are insured. We plan to sell these cattle next fall as grass fat steers...Our chapter rented a five acre tract of land and seeded this ground to certified brome...We have started one-hundred baby chicks for our annual Parent-Son Banquet. We are going to sell two-thirds of these chickens so we should be able to get the chicken we use at the banquet free of charge...Our chapter had a turkey feed. Each member paid one dollar apiece. All members attended...Our school has intramural basketball games at the noon hours. The Kays, Band, FFA, and Independents make up the teams. The winning team gets a trophy...Our chapter is doing landscape work at the Armory. We are planting shrubbery and trees this spring on a one acre lawn. The city and the Chamber of Commerce is furnishing the money...Our chapter pruned some grapes and fruit trees.

Glen Keim, Reporter

STAFFORD: Stafford was represented at the 24th National FFA Convention at Kansas City in October by three officers and two other representatives...We just completed the chapter annual pest eradication contest. Losers are responsible for a party...There were 14 new members initiated to the Greenhand degree in November and 15 Greenhands raised to the Chapter Farmer degree in December.

Leroy Smoot, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: The Silver Lake Chapter started off the year with a watermelon feed for the freshmen boys...We sponsored a donkey baseball game clearing about \$75.00...We initiated 11 freshmen into our chapter this fall. We sold the Farm Quarterly Magazine clearing about \$14.00...We all took a day off from school and picked up corn which netted us \$90.00...We are now feeding out two hogs as an experiment...Our rodent contest closes February 15, 1952.

Larry Maloney, Reporter

ST. MARYS: We have a total of 25 members this year, 7 Greenhands and 18 Chapter Farmers...Our chapter has started its cooperative gilt ring this year. We purchased two Registered Duroc gilts. All gilt pigs weaned will be placed with freshman and sophomore members meeting qualifications. These members will enter into a contract with the chapter and agree to turn back to the chapter the second choice weanling gilt from their litter. The freshman members are feeding and caring for the sows...Community service completed to date includes castration of 25 pigs, 6 calves, worming of 65 sheep, and the culling of 300 hens...New equipment added to our shop this year include a press drill, bench grinder, paint sprayer and an additional arc welder...Our chapter will be host to the Rossville chapter with a chili supper. We lost to their chapter in a pest eradication contest.

Norman Marstall, Reporter

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MORROWVILLE: Our livestock judging team won first place at the Washington County Fair. LeRoy Barnes was high individual and Eldon Henderson, third in the county. Eight schools entered...Ten junior and senior members purchased new FFA jackets. They attended the American Royal for the first time...Regular meetings are held twice a month in our Ag room...We now have three angus steers on deferred feeding and eleven fattening hogs. The steers weigh 610 pounds average and the hogs 150 pounds. The steers gained 100 pounds average the first 45 days in our lots...We completely remodeled our FFA building and built a new lot fence. LeRoy Barnes painted a new FFA lot sign...In shop we have built two hog houses and are making a cattle squeeze...We have butchered 15 hogs and 4 beeves...Our chapter helped sponsor the building of an ice skating rink...The chapter has cooperatively purchased 2 tons of alfalfa hay, 100 bushels of bin sight corn and 100 bushels new ear corn...We are sponsoring a pest contest and scrap metal drive...We hope to have a judging team entered in the district and state contests...Plans are under way for our banquet with the FHA.

Lester Ayers, Reporter

OLATHE: Olathe chapter has two candidates for the State Farmer Degree...The following ten freshmen boys were recently initiated as Greenhand members: Karl Allenbrand, Daryl Boehm, Jerry Bush, Henry Caenen, Bob Harrison, Jack Kisse, Donald Pierce, Elmer Roller, Louis Taylor and Bruce Voigts. We expect to hold another initiation ceremony when other freshmen meet chapter requirements...Our chapter speaking contest is scheduled for February 14...We are making plans and preparations for our annual Parent-Son Banquet scheduled for February 5...We of the Olathe Chapter are glad to receive the Aims and Purposes Banner which will be hung in the FFA lab. We also have a picture of Bob Alexander who was killed in Korea this last year. His picture will be framed and displayed in the Ag room. Bob was our chapter president two years ago...The pest drive is under way and the freshman class is ahead...On the scrap iron drive the sophomore class is ahead.

Charles Lane, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: Our program of activities chosen for the year include several jobs in Community Service, Cooperation Activities, and Leadership. For Community Service our chapter built the bleachers for the high school football field and pruned fruit trees and grapevines. At the present time, we are pruning grapevines and fruit trees during our classtime periods. Our goals are around 60 trees and 40 grapevines...Our chapter sponsored a Swine Judging Contest held in connection with Mr. C. R. Rowe and Son's registered boar and gilt sale held at Osage City Sale Barns. Our FFA Judging team won first place and we received a registered gilt as an award from Mr. Rowe and Son. We are growing out the gilt to be used in our FFA Gilt Ring in the near future...We started our Annual Farm Pest Eradication Contest on November 1 and the contest will close on February 1, 1952. Roy Peterson, our chapter reporter, is pointing the way with 2,615 points...Our chapter members collected 6,000 pounds of metal from several of the members' Dad's farms for our scrap drive...Greenhands initiated on November 30 were Donald Bronson, Paul Carlson and Billy Martin. Pins were awarded the boys...Our chapter will sponsor the East Central Kansas Farm Mechanics school February 16...In our shop we have built two large feed racks, two 4-wheeled trailer wagons, two hog feeders, six hen feeders, hog troughs, repaired many jobs on cars, overhauled one tractor, repaired two other tractors, repaired several parts on farm machinery.

Roy Peterson, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MANHATTAN: Our Pest Eradication Contest closed December 15 with the North team winning, captained by Richard Zentz and Richard Knapp. The losing South team was captained by Larry O'Neill and Gene Havenstein. The faculty men and the FFA Committee of the Chamber of Commerce were special guests. Dr. Rufus Cox, Head of the Animal Husbandry Department, Kansas State College, gave an interesting talk...Greenhands initiated at our Parents' Night Meeting November 10 were: Chester Allen, Jim Beckenhauer, Earl Bruner, Dean Caraway, Don Carlson, John Clark, David Davies, Harold Ehm, Gene Havenstein, Freddy Knorr, Clifford Park, Duane Pultz, Sam Rogers, David Roggendorff, Neal Welch, and Don Weixelman...Our chapter will sponsor the North Central Kansas District Crops Contest and School March 3...Two of our members have sent in their applications for the State Farmer Degree.

Anton Strafuss, Reporter

MCPHERSON: Our FFA basketball team has played two games with neighboring chapters...We start our pest eradication just before Christmas and will end February 1...The shop classes are completing two hay bale elevators and a trailer to haul bales.

Dale Morris, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: The chapter initiated 13 new members and awarded them the Greenhand Degree...We have raised money for our chapter by shocking feed and selling Christmas Cards...Eight of our members bought official FFA Jackets...We have tested soil for farmers in the area, castrated steers and pigs, de-horned calves, and eradicated rodents as our community service program...We have butchered one hog in class...Two of our members, John Warren and Vernon Shaddy, have been selected the Junior Citizens of the month and are guests of the Lion's Club...In shop we have recently completed a utility trailer, an "A" type farrowing house, stock racks for a pickup, 12 hog troughs, 3 feed bunks, 3 salt boxes, and other articles...We have an ink stencil sign for all large items, "Made in Voc. Agr. Shop"...We showed a safety film, "A Stitch in Time"...All of our boys have farming programs started...The 38 members in the FFA own 75 head of steers, 38 head of beef cows, 1 beef bull, 2 horses, 7 dairy cows, 14 sows, 44 fattening hogs, 85 acres of wheat, and 20 acres of land...Twenty-one members, 2 parents, our principal and advisor, attended a coon hunt January 7. We caught three coons...We attended the annual Soil Conservation meeting at Kiowa on January 23.

Jack Bertaglio, Reporter

NEWTON: One of our member's project made an excellent showing at the annual Harvey County Fair this last fall. Clayton Kaufman had Champion and reserve Champion in the Hereford Breeds, and Reserve Champion of the whole show...Our chapter has held two meetings this year to discuss the program of work for the year and to make plans for the coming Father-Son Banquet which will be held at a later date.

John Bevan, Reporter

GARNETT: Our chapter started the year with forty-four members...We held a date party November 5, and a watermelon feed August 20...We initiated seven Greenhands...Some of the main shop jobs are: two hog houses, one wagon, two grain elevators, five culti-packers, seven pipe gates.

Richard Miller, Reporter

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HOWARD: Our chapter sponsored a Coyote Hunt during Christmas vacation. Members of the Elk County Coyote Hunters were invited. We caught 4 coyotes... We are cooperating with the County Extension in carrying out their scrap drive...The chapter cooperated with the County Extension in carrying out a school of instruction in Farm Welding and a Farm Machinery school...The Crop Improvement Association of our chapter is now planning their spring seed buying program, and the president, Roy Lister, appointed committees to collect, print, and distribute current information relative to Crop Improvement...The chapter has voted to cooperate with the city of Howard by painting safety lanes on the streets by the schools and on Main street. We have constructed an FFA sign which illustrates safety. This sign will be placed along the highway at the edge of town. These are two of the features of our safety program for this school year.

Donald Signer, Reporter

HILLSBORO: The Hillsboro Chapter is succeeding in its goal to get better quality livestock in our community. Daniel Schmidt, Emerson Wiens and Sheldon Steinle have each bought registered hereford cows of CK and WHR breeding. Other members who have purebred dairy cows are: Lloyd Klassen, Ronnie Ewert, Dean Jost, Marvin Bartel, Willis and Wesley Nickel, Lowell Ewert, LeRoy Jost, and Marvin Ratzlaff. Boys having purebred sheep and hogs are Wayne Wiens, Lloyd Funk, Paul Barkman, Richard Barkman, and Lloyd Klassen...The use of certified seed is being stressed and several are planning to use it next spring. The county soil testing laboratory is a great benefit to our community. Twelve soil testing augers were made by our chapter for the county agent which will be used by farmers in the county...Four wheel trailers made from front car axles seem to be the order of the year in shop. Boys who are making them or have completed them are Harold Klassen, Max Klassen, Gladwin Bartel, Glen Schattak, Donald Funk, LeRoy Unruh, and Eugene Foth. Monroe Bartel has completed a hydraulically controlled post hole digger. Emerson Wiens and LeRoy Unruh are making grain augers. Bale elevators ranging in length from 36 to 40 feet are being built by Norman Koop, Lloyd Funk and Lloyd Klassen. Paul and Richard Barkman are finishing a "New Idea" type grass mower and Sheldon Steinle is making a "Jayhawk" type manure scoop. Lloyd Klassen and Lloyd Funk are starting to build weed sprayers. Smaller jobs such as clothes line posts, gates, feed bunks, and painting of tractors have been completed.

Eugene Foth, Reporter

JUNCTION CITY: On December 21 the Junction City Chapter of Future Farmers held their first Christmas Banquet honoring their parents and a few guests. The banquet was opened by group singing led by Mr. Crow, the vocal music instructor of the high school. During the group singing the boys served their parents with delicious food. Our principal, Mr. H. D. Karns, and Mrs. Haun, the home economics teacher, supervised the preparing and serving of the food. The program was opened by the assembling of the Future Farmers emblem. This was followed by the opening ceremonies by the officers. After the opening ceremonies Eldon Stienfort gave a farming program talk on his thirty-one feeder calves. This was followed by a mechanics talk by Don Dibben. Bill Gefeller gave an interesting report on his own farm shop. Guest speaker was Prof. Harold Kugler of the department of Agricultural Engineering at Kansas State College. Gifts were given to the parents by Santa Claus, all having been made by the FFA members. Gifts were flower boxes, mail boxes, forge, gate hooks, trailers, gates, hay hooks, and pot holders. We recommend that other chapters try such an event for it proved very successful for us.

Phil Patterson, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

GREAT BEND: Our chapter held its annual Father-Son Chili Feed in December. The attendance was the best on record...We conferred the Chapter Farmer Degree upon the Claflin Chapter Officers last Month...We had a Rodent Control Contest and the losers furnished refreshments at our January meeting... Irvin Alef, past State President of the Kansas Association of FFA and an American Farmer, talked on Farming Programs...Our FFA Basketball teams have played games with the Hays, McPherson and Little River Chapters...We have had Concession at one Football game and one Basketball game to raise money for our treasury...Estel Schultis, our sentinel, spoke on his Turkey Program at the Annual Poultry Round-up Tuesday, January 23...We are in the process of salvaging some scrap metal...Our chapter bought a 1936 International pick-up from which we will build a trailer and a Post-hole digger...We plan to move into our new High School some time in February and are planning on having our Parent-Son Banquet in the Cafeteria this spring...Robert Fanshier, a former FFA member of the Great Bend Chapter, is Institutional on-farm-training instructor here.

Richard Vonfeldt, Reporter

GOODLAND: The Goodland Chapter moved into their new classroom and shop on December 19. The new shop is 36' by 92' and is equipped with a large lumber storage deck over the wash room and locker room. The new classroom is 26' by 34' and will have built in bookcases, storage cabinets and sink. A new library and office and storage and tool rooms are also being built into this department...The Ag classes are busy building new work benches, tables and cabinets for the new shop and equipment, in addition to building hog troughs, chicken feeders and overhauling a truck. Several tractors will be brought in soon for minor overhauls and paint jobs... The FFA purchased a new corn popper this year and will sell pop-corn at all local wrestling matches and tournaments...The annual barnwarmer was held January 28.

Norman Duell, Reporter

HARPER: The Executive Committee met with the adviser early in the year for a hamburger fry, after which they planned the program of work and divided the chapter members into committees...Our members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson...Our chapter served as hosts to the South Central Kansas Leadership School...In December we initiated 15 Greenhands and gave them their pins...The Pest Eradication Contest is under way. It runs from December 1 to February 29...We are offering an opportunity to win capons and other prizes between halves of our home basketball games...Our Parent-Son banquet is planned for the last of February.

Clyde Ghere, Reporter

KINCAID: At our regular meeting in November we voted to elect a Chapter Sweetheart. Patsy Kersley was elected and awarded the official chapter sweetheart jacket at our annual FFA all school party December 11...We are planning to purchase garden seed from the Concordia chapter for resale to people in our community...Every one in the chapter is now working on his speech for the annual speech contest. The two top boys from each class will go to Iola to compete in the district contest...Jack Rogler sang at the Garnett County Teachers' Banquet, January 10.

Milton Donaldson, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ELDORADO: There are seven Greenhands in our chapter...Three boys are trying for State Farmer this year...The chapter bought ten calves. Each boy in the chapter can buy shares. When the calves are sold, the boys get back their money with interest...The chapter raised two acres of pop-corn and sold to local stores. We also raised sorghum and wheat...Any boy in the chapter can bring machinery into the shop for repair and build machinery for the farm. Shop jobs include three bunks, cattle squeeze, two trailers, and several gates...The junior and freshman classes competed against the sophomore class in a pest eradication contest. The sophomore class lost. They will treat the junior and freshman classes to a chili feed.

Richard Wilson, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: We initiated eight Greenhands and advanced four members to the Chapter Farmer Degree...The junior and senior FFA boys attended the American Royal...All of the FFA members, in cooperation with the Flying Farmers and the Soil Conservation Service, viewed their homes and neighboring farms...The money-making activity adopted for this year was the combining of forces with the Y-Teen and the Athletic Department to sponsor the school carnival and the sale of refreshments at basketball and football games...We have built in shop seven feed bunks, two four-pen hog houses, a power hacksaw, a bull dozer for a tractor, painted a dehorning chute, rebuilt an old hay-rack, and completely overhauled a tractor...Bill Lambertson, one of our freshmen in vocational agriculture, sold thirteen prime steers at \$37.50 on November 28...We entertained our parents December 11 to a chili supper. We presented a program to promote a fuller understanding of the principles and purposes of vocational agriculture and the FFA.

Wayne Cottril, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: The FFA members conducted a scrap iron drive. Each member contributed 300 pounds of scrap. The proceeds of this drive went for a transportation paid trip to the American Royal and Livestock Show...The chapter has a sow and gilt ring going in which the boy takes the sow when she is bred and keeps her until the pigs are weaned. When the gilts are big enough to breed the chapter takes one gilt and the boy keeps the remainder of the litter. The chapter has a litter of pigs which are being fattened out for market...During the past year the chapter rented 5 acres of land for one-third of the crop. The chapter ran a plot test on corn in cooperation with the county agent. The crop of corn is fed to the pigs that are being fattened. With the money from these hogs and what is in the treasury the chapter plans to purchase a new truck...The advanced class made a tour of the students' farms to see how they are managing their farming program. Farm machinery needing repair was listed as possible shop jobs to do in shop this year...Nine FFA boys have organized an FFA basketball squad. The team hopes to have games scheduled with other Future Farmers in this part of the state.

Frederick Kilian, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Several members of our chapter suffered losses in the July flood...Our county fair booth made the chapter \$98.94...Chapter members attended the American Royal in October...Our annual Father-Son Banquet was held November 20. The men faculty members of the school were invited as guests...We hold regular FFA meetings each Wednesday. Chapter Farmers initiation has been held for eighteen members.

Ed Bouton, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

NESS CITY: Our chapter has been building feed bunks for a local lumber yard. We have constructed 19 and have received \$114 for our labor...We built a creep feeder last spring from some old material about the school. It was used in our display at the Hutchinson Fair and has been sold so that we netted \$100...We are at present building a brooder house for a local lumber yard and will receive pay for its construction....Our chapter has a membership of 37 and we have initiated 13 as Greenhands.

Oscar Turley, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our FFA Christmas party was held on December 13, 1951. The evening was spent playing ping-pong, volley ball and basketball, followed by a gift exchange, Christmas songs and refreshments...We have organized for a scrap drive and in an effort to get more scrap the Freshmen and Juniors are contesting the Sophomores and Seniors...At the present time we have a campaign on for the March of Dimes. Our goal is to raise \$10 from the 22 members.

Roger Bean, Reporter

CHANUTE: The chapter sponsored a grain judging school in cooperation with the Chanute Jaycees at their annual Fall Festival, September 29...Richard Reinhardt, Ralph Madill and Wayne Burghart competed in the National Poultry Judging contest, received Gold Emblem rating...We received a new Ford pick-up truck from Tabor Motor Company for chapter use. A wooden cab was built for use on field trips, etc...Dean Strack, Mervin Snowden and Bill Reinhardt each built a community type laying nest....Duane Moyer completed stock racks on his Dad's large truck, William Keenan is building a movable type hog house for his farming program, Delmar Hanson is completing a two-wheel trailer 10-feet long. Pat Brazil completed four feed bunks, Hal Sinclair built a self-feeder for his hogs. Besides these we have turned out two movable hog houses, several farm gates, one hay and feed bunk and many smaller items...We are now holding our annual pest eradication contest which started in December and will end February 1...The pests include crows, mice, moles, gophers, ground hogs, sparrows, blackbirds, and rats...The chapter held its annual Parent-Son banquet on January 10. Miss Morgan's foods classes served. Each member was charged \$2.50 for tickets for himself and his parents. One-hundred forty attended...Three honorary members were elected and thirteen greenhands were taken into the chapter...We are now preparing speeches for our chapter public speaking contest prior to the District Contest at Iola, January 30...We are making plans for our Farm Mechanics school here at Chanute, February 16...Our FFA basketball team is still undefeated after playing five games.

Pat Brazil, Reporter

HAYS: The Hays FFA boys are just completing their record books and have made fair gains in net worth...We have one candidate for State Farmer...The first year of the Hampshire sow and litter program was successfully completed by Donald Haddock and the new gilt has been placed with two brothers, Marvin and Vernon F. Pfannensteil...The shop classes have been building a small laying house and have made two road signs welcoming travelers to Hays.

Charles Evans, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

TROUSDALE: The chapter has been earning money for our parent and son banquet in many ways...The State Scrap Drive for the FFA netted our chapter \$323.00 for the 42,000 pounds of steel collected. We won third in the state scrap drive, sponsored by station WIBW, Topeka. Chairman for the drive, Milton English, and Wilbur Wood, collected the most steel...We earned \$51.60 on an FFA Sweetheart Contest. The chapter gave winner Clara Young a sweetheart jacket... We sponsored a "clean-up day" for our community service. Two boys were sent to each home in the community to clean up around the homestead. The boys worked at each home one hour and a half. We spent one day from school time... In the last few days we have been working on tables and tool boxes for our shop. There will be a tool box for every section of the shop...The chapter bought a chapter gilt as a means of making money. We got an O.I.C. registered gilt from the Spence Valley Farms at Garfield. The gilt was bred and will farrow registered pigs March 1, 1952...We initiated seven Chapter Farmers, Ronald Corbet, Dick Johnson, Milton English, Dean Welsch, Courtney Smith, Clinton Russell, and Darrell Miller...We plan to sponsor a carnival in cooperation with the Y-Teen girls in March. The profit will be divided.

William Johnson, Reporter

NATOMA: The Natoma Chapter sponsored a pest eradication contest, December 1 to January 4. The following prizes were given away: 1st prize, 22 automatic rifle; 2nd prize, carton of 22 long rifle shells; 3rd prize, hunting knife. Our goal was set at 3,000 pests, and we killed 5,319 pests. The count showed: 14 coyotes; 9 crows; 7 prairie dogs; 1,333 starlings; 37 moles; 92 rats; 2,908 sparrows; and 919 mice...Our chapter collected 4 tons of scrap iron... Our new Vo Ag building is nearing completion...The chapter has acquired most of the paraphernalia for our new organization...Ten of our members have acquired official FFA jackets.

Edward Hackerott, Reporter

PALCO: The chapter has entered a pest eradication contest with the Hill City chapter...Our chapter in cooperation with the local FHA chapter held a "Box Supper" November 19. We received a net of \$133.96 from this event. Besides the Box Supper the chapter has added to its treasury by shocking feed, shop work for others than our Dad's, dehorning cattle and selling concessions at football games...Our chapter is driving a new Ford pick-up truck which has been furnished by the Lewis Motor Co. of Hill City...We have several projects in the shop which are creating quite a little interest. They are: dehorning chute that is similar to the Dodge City style, with a side gate; a gate made from two rake wheels; a loading chute made of steel tubing; wooden feed bunks; feed troughs made of barrels and steel tubing.

Gary Hamel, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: The chapter held their annual initiation with Bunker Hill and Wilson chapters December 5. There were 7 Greenhands and 5 Chapter Farmers initiated from Ellsworth...As a means of earning money for the chapter, we bought old combines and junked them. The iron will be used for the students' projects, and what we don't use we will sell. We sold Christmas cards last November as another money making project. We made a profit of \$150...Shop jobs are: Self feeder for hogs, portable combination hay and grain feeders, feed bunks, machine trailers, small two-wheeled trailers, and post-hole diggers.

Robert Maze, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

OSBORNE: We cooperated with the Down's FFA chapter on transportation to the State Fair at Huthinson. Our school furnished the bus and Insurance for the trip and Down's furnished the gasoline for the trip...Osborne FFA boys erected the Jungle Jim for the school playground; built two basketball backstop standards out of pipe for the school...We initiated five boys to the Greenhand Degree in October.

Duane Spears, Reporter

KIOWA: The Kiowa Chapter has had two night meetings this first semester. One meeting was our annual hayrack ride at which dates were invited and hot dogs served as refreshments. The other was a roller skating party for members only. Our chapter is planning to sponsor a rat bait box on each member's farm as a community service. This bait box project will be financed by the chapter and will be built in the shop...We are again sponsoring a purebred hog ring this year with four gilts loaned out. We believe that this project helps boys to obtain better quality hogs and is cheaper for them to get into the business... We are continuing our project of collecting scrap paper and have had three paper drives on Saturdays since school started...We have built three creep feeders for calves and two feed bunks in the shop this fall. We made \$25.00 on these projects.

Sam Graham, Reporter

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PART FOR SENTINEL

The delegates at the 24th National FFA Convention of Future Farmers of America authorized the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors to prepare a part for the Sentinel and include it in the FFA Manual. The state office will appreciate having a copy of the ritual used for the sentinel in your local chapter. Kindly address same to A. P. Davidson, Education, Kansas State College. Copies of rituals used for the office of the sentinel will be forwarded to National FFA Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney. An official ritual for the office of sentinel will be included in the next issue of the Official FFA Manual.

Note: Prompt attention to this request will be necessary if you wish to have your part for the sentinel considered, since this notice was intended for the December, 1951 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter and was omitted because of lack of space. APD

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