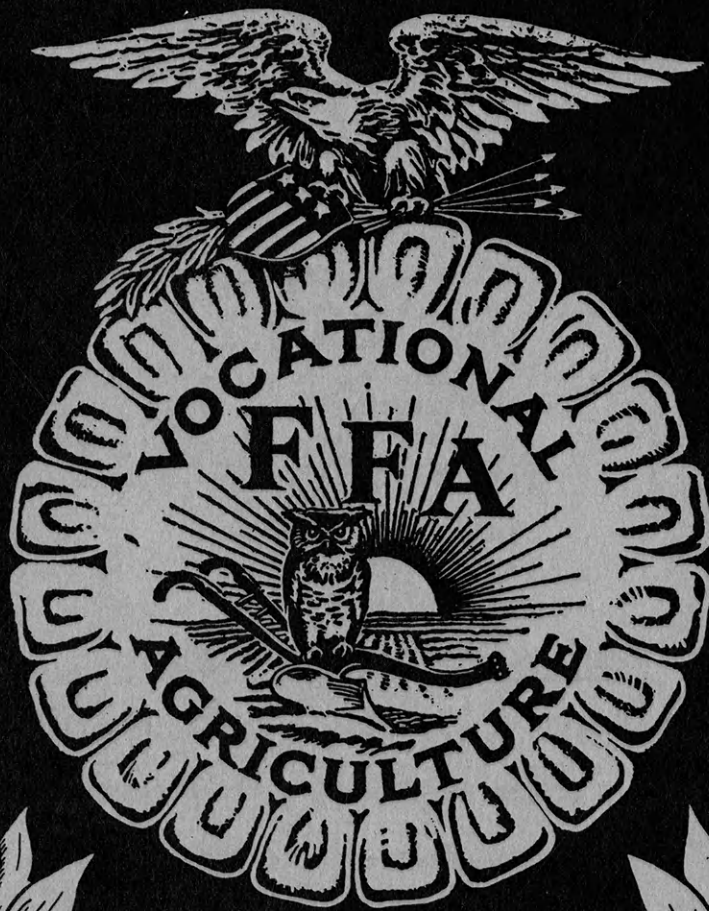


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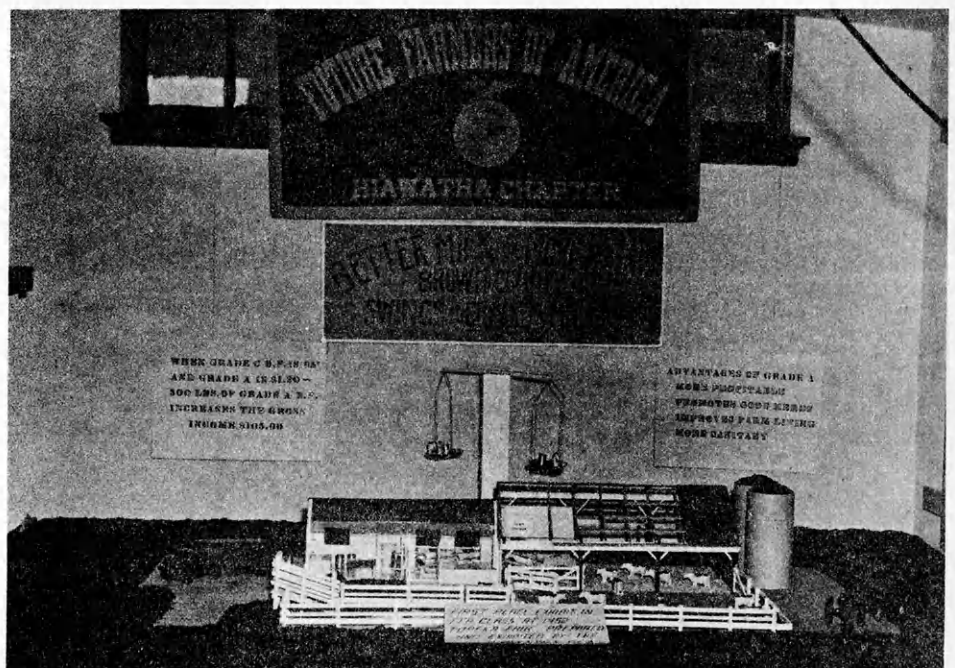
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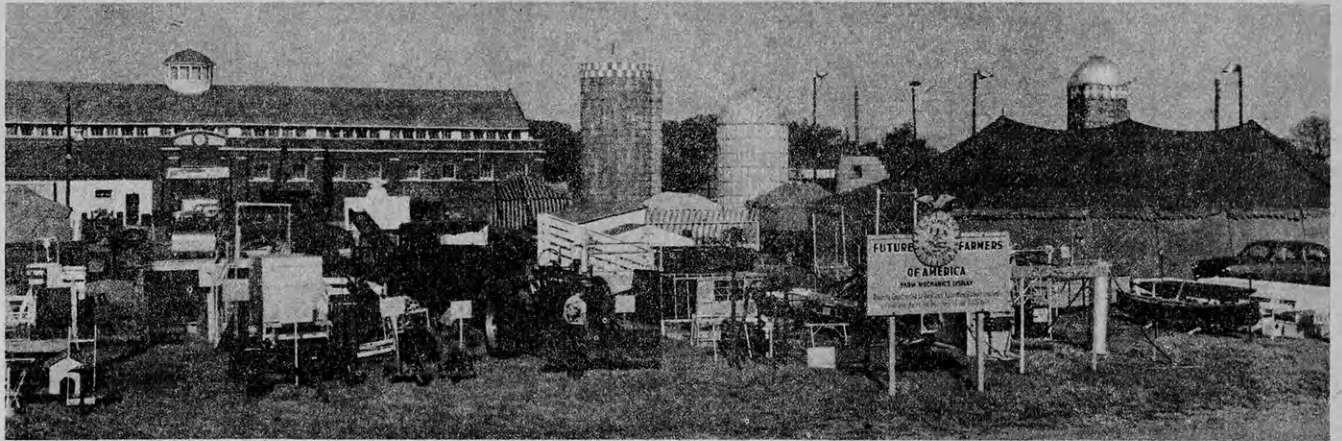
Kansas Future Farmers attend the livestock selection and demonstration school held at Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, under the direction of Professor H. W. Bell, Kansas State College.

The Hiawatha FFA Chapter, Ralph Arnold, Adviser, won first place in the FFA Educational Booth Exhibits at the Topeka Free Fair, Topeka, Kansas.



FEATURING THE TWO STALL WALK THROUGH MILKING PARLOR WITH LOAFING SHED OF POLE FRAME CONSTRUCTION.

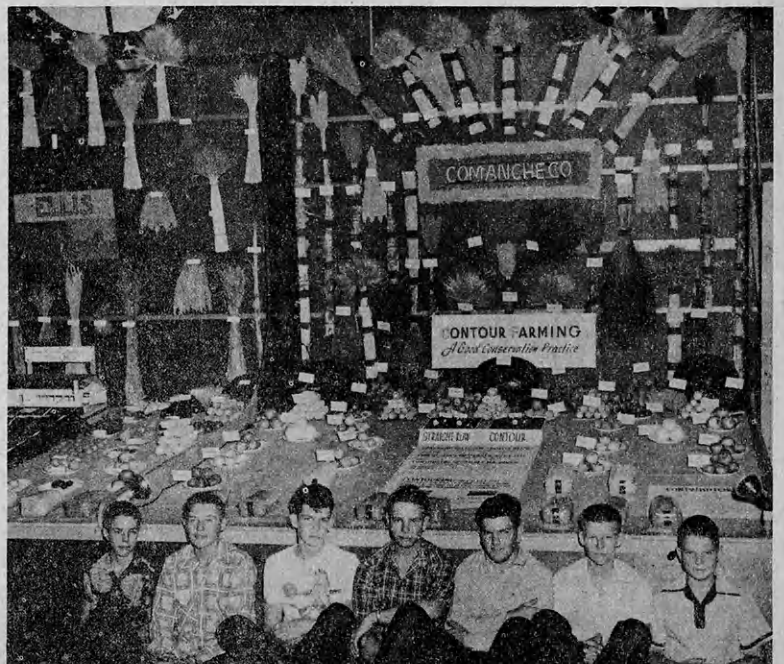
1952 KANSAS STATE FAIR SCENES  
Hutchinson, Kansas



Farm Mechanics exhibit shown at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, by members of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

Reno County Champion collective booth (Central Division). Prepared by Buhler FFA Chapter. L.R. Norman Dick, Vernon Neufield, Gerald Robinson, Denzil Franklin. J. A. Johnson is the Adviser.

Comanche County Champion collective booth (Western Division). Prepared by Coldwater FFA Chapter. L.R. Donald Parcel, Ivan Hilt, Roger Bean, Bob Currier, Jerry Hilt, Kermit McMillen, Jerry Melia. LeRoy Melia is the Chapter Adviser.



NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK  
February 21-28, 1953

SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS:

(SINCE 1953 IS THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR FOR FFA IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MENTION OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY BE MADE WHEREVER POSSIBLE DURING FFA WEEK ACTIVITIES)

1. Obtain "FFA WEEK" proclamation from mayor or governing official of town.
2. Make "National FFA Week" posters, and place them in prominent downtown store windows and other public places.
3. Prepare a special FFA exhibit, such as those displayed at fairs and shows, and arrange to have it displayed in a downtown store window.
4. Work with the editor of the local newspaper to obtain FFA stories or perhaps a special FFA edition. Some suggestions of material and pictures for publicity follow:
  - a. Story announcing FFA Week. (Sample story enclosed.)
  - b. Story reviewing the history and outstanding accomplishments of the chapter since it was organized.
  - c. Story built around the chapter's current program of work, telling the number of members, names of officers, present activities and plans for the rest of the year. Provide names of committee members and chairmen for special activities.
  - d. Story giving the summary of members' supervised farming programs during the past year. Tell how much the boys earned from farming, what their investment in farming is, how many acres they had in crops, how many livestock, and describe the programs of two or three outstanding individuals. Tell about improvement projects that have been completed during the year, and about farm shop work that was done.
  - e. A picture of the entire chapter membership.
  - f. One or two pictures of chapter officers and important committees at work.
  - g. Picture of the chapter adviser, with story telling his background, how long he has been working in the community and mentioning any special accomplishments or recognition.
  - h. Several pictures of members with their supervised farming projects.
  - i. Picture of member building farm equipment in the school's farm shop.
  - j. Picture of member or members doing improvement work on their home farms.
  - k. Picture showing recreational activities sponsored by the chapter.
  - l. Picture of mayor presenting FFA Week proclamation to officers.
  - m. Pictures and stories about former members that have won recognition or have become successful farmers.
  - n. Provide the editor copies of the FFA "Motto," "Creed," and "Aims and Purposes."
5. In cooperation with the editor, work with the advertising manager of the local newspaper for a special edition, or special section, in which local merchants will offer congratulations to the chapter in their advertisements.

## National FFA Week (continued)

6. Hold your annual parent-son banquet during FFA Week. See that the local newspaper and radio station have stories about the banquet at least one week in advance. Invite the newspaper editor or a reporter to attend the banquet. If he cannot attend, see that he has all the information he wants for a story after the banquet.
7. Contact local radio stations to obtain FFA programs. Suggested scripts for such programs are enclosed, or you may develop your own. Arrange for the station to carry spot announcements about FFA Week. (Suggestions for spot announcements are enclosed.)
8. Local radio advertisers may wish to congratulate the FFA in their advertising announcements. Work with the commercial manager of the radio station to obtain these complimentary ads.
9. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs and Service Organizations and make arrangements for Future Farmers to appear on their programs and tell of their work.
10. If you can obtain a print of one of the FFA movies, "That Inspiring Task" or "Farmer of Tomorrow," make arrangements to show it in special meetings, to civic organizations and in the school assembly.
11. If there is a television station in your community make arrangements with the program director to present an FFA program on TV. One of the movies mentioned above would be ideal for use on television.
12. Arrange a special school assembly to be put on by the FFA.
13. Hold open house for parents and friends. Tell about the past year's FFA activities and accomplishments.
14. Invite eighth grade farm boys and their parents to a special FFA meeting or open house.
15. Sponsor joint meetings of local civic clubs and rural organizations.
16. Have all members who own them to wear FFA jackets, FFA shirts, or "T" shirts during the week. Other members should wear FFA buttons.
17. Conduct a project tour, if weather permits, so your friends in the community can see FFA member accomplishments.
18. Urge members to listen to the National Farm and Home Hour program over NBC on Saturday, February 21, when a part of the program will feature the FFA.
19. Report your activities during FFA Week to your State Association, and begin now making plans for a bigger and better observance of National FFA Week in 1954. It comes during the week of George Washington's birthday every year--February 20-27 in 1954.
20. Sponsor torchlight ceremony program at local churches or school. (State Association has script and instructions for this ceremony.)

National FFA Week (continued)Suggested Fact Sheet on FFA

(The Kansas Association of FFA was chartered September 3, 1929, being the 16th state chartered by the National Organization of FFA. During the first 24 years of its history the Kansas Association has elected 1490 members to the State Farmer Degree; 69 members have received the American Farmer Degree; one member was declared The Star Farmer of America; two members won the National FFA Speech Contest, and two local FFA chapters each have had the distinction of winning Gold Emblem classification twice in the National Chapter Contest.

WHAT IS THE FFA?

Future Farmers of America is the national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in rural high schools of the nation. FFA is an intra-curricular activity, having origin and root in the instruction program for boys who wish to prepare themselves for a successful career in farming. Among other things, members learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in public meetings; to speak in public; to market farm products; to solve their own problems; to finance themselves; to use improved farming methods; and to assume civic responsibility.

Members of the FFA learn to be good farmers and substantial, law-abiding citizens. In the vocational agriculture classrooms they study agriculture and practical, scientific methods of farming. Classroom training is taken directly to the farms of members, where each boy is required to conduct a "supervised farming program"--livestock, poultry, crops or other enterprises--under the direction of the vocational agriculture teacher who is an agricultural college graduate employed on a twelve-month basis. This is one of the most efficient agricultural teaching methods that has been developed.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit, non-political farm boy organization of voluntary membership, with no outside affiliations. The organization is 100 per cent American in its ideals and outlook, and there is no secrecy connected with any of its activities.

The FFA, celebrating its Silver Anniversary year in 1953, was organized nationally in 1928. It now has more than 360,000 members in 8,500 local chapters, with State Associations in the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The FFA is sponsored nationally by the Agricultural Education Branch of the U. S. Office of Education, and maintains its national headquarters in Washington D. C.

WHY WAS FFA FORMED?

Vocational Agriculture in the public high schools was given its first big boost by the Smith-Hughes Act passed by the Congress in 1917, providing for Federal Funds on a matching basis with the States, to promote a program of education that would help to prepare those who intended to enter the occupation of farming. Many schools throughout the nation established vocational agriculture instruction in the early 1920's. Teachers, recognized the need for some kind of organization to stimulate more interest in farming by the



## National FFA Week (continued)

boys, provide them with additional incentive, give leadership training, and provide an opportunity for wholesome organized recreation. Many local "clubs" with a wide variety of names, were established to meet that need. The local units, in turn, organized county and state associations, and by 1928 the movement was so widespread that a national organization was formed. The national organizational meeting was held November 20, 1928, in Kansas City, Mo. About 35 vocational agriculture students attended the first national convention. Now 7,000 or more members attend the national conventions held each year in Kansas City.

### WHY HAVE NATIONAL FFA WEEK?

This nation must have about 130,000 NEW farmers every year to replace those who die, retire or otherwise leave the farm. These must be men with experience, and training enough to become successful farmers. Generally, they must be men who have begun farming at an early age so that by the time they are ready to marry and start a family they will be firmly established in a farming program that promises a good future.

Vocational Agriculture and the FFA constitute the most effective program yet developed for training boys to be good farmers and helping them to become established in the farming occupation of their choice.

In view of the nation's need for NEW farmers, it is fitting that recognition be given these young men who are preparing for careers in farming. Encouragement at this time will do much to stimulate them to harder work and greater achievement.

National FFA Week seeks to focus attention on the work of the Future Farmers today, who will be the successful farmers of tomorrow.

### WHY IS FFA WEEK OBSERVED DURING FEBRUARY?

National FFA Week comes every year during the week of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. Although usually considered first as a great general, our first president, and an engineer, George Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations and other soil conserving methods. Probably no other man in America of his day spent more time seeking new agricultural information, either by experimentation of his own farm, or by correspondence with agricultural scientists in England. The title of America's first "scientific farmer" might be applied to Washington. It was to be more than a century after his death that many of the sound agricultural practices he advocated would find general practice.

It is out of deep respect and admiration for George Washington, the farmer in whose progressive ways they seek to follow, that Future Farmers annually observe their National FFA Week at the time of his birthday.

### THE FFA CREED

(LIST FROM MANUAL)

### AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE FFA

(LIST FROM MANUAL)

## National FFA Week (continued)

THE FFA MOTTO

"Learning to do,  
 Doing to Learn;  
 Earning to live,  
 Living to serve."

LEARNING TO DO---(As vocational agriculture students in high school, Future Farmers study the practical, scientific principles of agriculture that will enable them to become good farmers.)

DOING TO LEARN---(Each member is required to conduct a farming program at home, under the supervision of his vocational agriculture instructor, where he puts into actual practice the methods he learned in the classroom.)

EARNING TO LIVE---(The supervised farming program at home is designed to operate at a profit so that the Future Farmer may expand his farming enterprises as he learns, to the end that he will be successfully established in farming and become a self-supporting, substantial citizen.)

LIVING TO SERVE---(Development of competent, aggressive rural leadership and citizenship is a primary aim of the FFA practical experiences in parliamentary procedure, committee work and conducting other business of an organization are provided through regular chapter meetings.)

LEVELS OF FFA MEMBERSHIP

The FFA has four degrees. The first two -- Greenhand and Chapter Farmer -- may be awarded by the local chapter. State Farmer degree may be awarded by the State Association to not more than two per cent of its total membership each year. The American Farmer degree is conferred by the national organization. Each state may have one American Farmer for each 1,000 members every year. Advancement to higher degrees is based on increased investments in farming, leadership in local and state FFA activities, and scholarship.

Spot Announcements for Radio Use

Did you know that the population of the United States is increasing at such a rate that by 1975 there will be five persons to feed where there are now four? This week the nation honors the Future Farmers of America -- the national organization of farm boys who are studying vocational agriculture in public high schools. These young men are studying today, so that you may eat tomorrow. During National FFA Week, Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_ joins the nation in paying tribute to our Future Farmers, and wishing them Godspeed in their quest for success.

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This country needs 130,000 new farmers every year if we are to keep up our high rate of agricultural production and bring about increases to keep up with our expanding population. One of the most effective training organizations for farm boys is the Future Farmers of America. Its members are students of vocational agriculture in our rural public high schools. There are more than 360,000 Future Farmers in the nation and \_\_\_\_\_ in (state). Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_ salutes these sturdy farm lads during this National Future Farmers of America Week.

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National FFA Week (continued)

Suggested Radio Script  
For Use During National FFA Week

(Note: If you believe this radio script has good possibilities but you are unable to use it during 1953 FFA Week, we suggest that it be held for consideration in 1954. National FFA Week is scheduled each year during the week of George Washington's birthday, beginning on the Saturday preceding his birthday and ending the following Saturday.)

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE FFA

ANNOUNCER: George Washington's Birthday Sunday means much to all of us, but it is of special significance to the Future Farmers of America, who, for reasons that will be discussed in this program, honor Washington as a sort of patron saint. The ties that bind Future Farmers to the memory of Washington are close, and they schedule the week of his birthday each year as National FFA Week. We have three Future Farmers from the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter with us today, and they have some interesting things to tell us about George Washington, and the part that Washington played in the great development of American agriculture. First we'll call on (1st FFA'er), who is (office, if any) of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter.

1st FFA'er Thank you, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_. You know most of us think of George Washington as a great warrior, a patriot and a leader of men. We've read of his Revolutionary War exploits in the history books and we know that his leadership was so great after the war that he won unanimous approval as the first President of the United States, in the face of thirteen colonies that differed widely in their political views and beliefs. If some leader would come forward today and unite the world into a common union, it would afford a good illustration of the job that George Washington faced and performed for us more than a hundred and fifty years ago. But Washington's leadership goes farther than that. He was a farmer, and a good one! Today we recognize him as America's first scientific farmer.

ANNOUNCER: What do you mean by scientific farmer?

1st FFA'er Being a scientific farmer in those days was not easy. There were no agricultural colleges, no experiment stations, no Department of Agriculture to provide colonial farmers with information such as we have today. Every farmer today is, to some extent, a scientific farmer, depending upon how he makes use of the knowledge that is made available to him by the schools, the various agencies of the government and the exchange of ideas by radio, magazines and newspapers.

ANNOUNCER: Where did Washington get his advanced ideas about agriculture?

## National FFA Week (continued)

1st FFA'er: Washington had to experiment to find how much fertilizer he needed to apply to get the best crops, what practices to follow to keep his soil from washing away, what varieties of crops were best for his farm, and the hundreds of other things that we farmers today can get just by listening and reading. He even had to design and build his own tools in a lot of cases. His diary tells of building a plow and a threshing machine, and of working out systems for the most efficient use of labor on his farm. He made tests to find what stage of ripeness was the best for cutting wheat, and he treated seeds to control rust. Hewas one of the first to see that continuous cropping of tobacco was ruining his land, and to inaugurate a rotation system that would save the soil.-----  
(Pause)-----You might say that George Washington was America's first farmer to "learn by doing," although it was much harder for him than for us Future Farmers.

ANNOUNCER: There must have been some way he could get agricultural information.

1st FFA'er Only a few people at that time were interested in improved methods of farming, and, aside from his own experimentation, Washington's chief way of obtaining information was by corresponding with a small group in England who were making careful studies and publishing their findings. The fact that Washington was recognized as a person of considerable importance and prestige made it possible for him to get information by correspondence. Those sources of information were not available to the ordinary farmers of the day.

ANNOUNCER: You mentioned Washington's efforts to develop a threshing machine. Can you tell us something about the threshers that were in use in those days?

1st FFA'er: Well, generally, the grain was threshed by piling it in a barn and driving horses over it to break the grain loose from the straw and chaff, then picking it up in baskets and pouring it out slowly so that the wind blew straw and chaff away and the grain fell down into containers. One of the great improvements of the day was a hand-cranked fan that would furnish "wind" when it didn't blow naturally.

But farmers were hard at work trying to develop a thresher, and in one of his letters Washington described the most modern threshing machine of the day as a mill that beat the grain from the straw--two boys, working hard, he said, could beat out 16 bushels in 8 hours. It took two men, then, for winnowing to separate the grain from the chaff.

ANNOUNCER: That was a far cry from our modern combines, wasn't it?  
(2nd FFA'er), you look like you're wanting to add some facts on Washington's agricultural accomplishments--how about it?

## National FFA Week (continued)

- 2nd FFA'er      One of the little-known facts about Washington is that he was the first American to raise mules successfully, and of course we all know that mules played an important part in the nation's agricultural development....He was always experimenting with new crops in the attempt to improve his production. By careful seed selection he developed a new strain of wheat that proved to be better than any that was available before that time, and as early as 1760 he sowed lucerne, known today as alfalfa, probably our most important legume hay crop....I think a good example of his farming ability can be shown by the fact that he improved his sheep so that they produced an average of five and one-fourth pounds of wool a year, where his neighbors seldom clipped two pounds.
- ANNOUNCER:      Washington as a great farmer! That's an angle a lot of history books have overlooked. (2nd FFA'er), aside from scheduling National FFA Week during the week of his birthday, what does FFA do to give Washington additional recognition?
- 2nd FFA'er:      We use the example of George Washington in the ritual for formal opening of FFA meetings. The treasurer is stationed at a picture of Washington because, as he states it: "I keep records of receipts and disbursements just as Washington kept his farm accounts--carefully and accurately. I encourage thrift among members and strive to build up our financial standing through savings and investments. George Washington was better able to serve his country because he was financially independent."
- ANNOUNCER:      Keeping records is important, no matter what you're doing.
- 2nd FFA'er:      We like to think of Washington, too, when we come to that part of the FFA Aims and Purposes relating to "nurturing a love of country life." In 1788 Washington wrote his feelings about country life in a letter to a friend. He said: "The more I am acquainted with agricultural affairs, the better I am pleased with them; insomuch that I can nowhere find as great satisfaction as in those in recent and useful pursuits. In indulging these feelings, I am led to reflect how much more delightful to an undebauched mind is the task of making improvements on the earth, than all the vain glory which can be acquired from ravaging it, by the most uninterrupted career of conquest."
- ANNOUNCER:      That might have been said by a believer in soil conservation.
- 2nd FFA'er:      It was, George Washington was the first great conservationist in this country. He deplored the wasteful practices of land use in his day and predicted the westward movement made necessary by depletion of the soil. In 1796 he wrote: "It must be obvious to every man, who considers the agriculture of this country, even in the best improved parts of it, and compares the produce of our lands with those of other countries, no ways superior to them in natural fertility, how miserably defective we are in the management of them; and that if we do not fall in a better mode of treating them; how ruinous it

## National FFA Week (continued)

will prove to the landed interest. Ages will not produce a systematic change without public attention and encouragement; but a few years more of increased sterility will drive the inhabitants of the Atlantic States westwardly for support; whereas if they were taught how to improve the old, instead of going in pursuit of new and productive soil, they would make those acres which now scarcely yield them anything, turn out beneficial to themselves---to the Mechanics, by supplying them with the staff of life on much cheaper terms---to the Merchants, by increasing their Commerce and exportation ---and to the Community generally, by the influx of Wealth resulting therefrom."

ANNOUNCER: You Future Farmers seem to have come up this morning with a lot of quotations from George Washington showing that he was one of America's first really good farmers. Now, (3rd FFA'er), what do you have to add.

3rd FFA'er: Well, I'd like to tell some of Washington's beliefs about education. If he were alive today I believe he would be one of the staunchest supporters of vocational agriculture in high school. You know, Washington had very little formal education himself. I think the greenest freshman ag student in High could have set him down in a spelling match. But his wide experiences and his associations with the most highly educated men of the period gave him a practical education that caused him to be considered one of the learned men of the times.

ANNOUNCER: Did Washington believe in formal education?

3rd FFA'er: Yes, he did. He spent a lot of money in the education of his step-children and many of his letters show his beliefs in schooling. For instance, in one letter he stated: "The best means of forming a manly, virtuous and happy people will be found in the right education of youth--without this foundation, every other means, in my opinion, must fail."

ANNOUNCER: How do you think George Washington would have reacted to the various government agencies we have for helping farmers gain new knowledge?

3rd FFA'er: As a general thing he would have been in favor of them. In 1797 he wrote as follows: "I have endeavored both in a public and private character to encourage the establishment of Boards of Agriculture in this country, but hitherto in vain--since the first establishment of the National Board of Agriculture in Great Britain. I have considered it as one of the most valuable institutions of modern times."

ANNOUNCER: Even though the colonies had beaten Great Britain in a war, the colonies' greatest leader still felt that the mother country could teach its offspring some lessons.

## National FFA Week (continued)

3rd FFA'er: Yes. For centuries the farmers of the British Isles have had to farm their land so as to get the maximum production per acre, whereas we in America have tended to farm for the maximum production per man. In this type of production we have ruined many thousands of acres of fine land, and we're still doing it. One of the most frequent comments made by foreign farmers when they visit us concerns the vast amount of waste land in the United States, and the tendency of our farmers to use bad cropping practices that deplete the soil or allow it to erode. George Washington pointed out more than a century ago the thing that most of us have just begun to realize--that is, that there was a great need for American farmers to adopt soil conserving and soil improving practices.

ANNOUNCER. In Washington's day when a farm became poor because the soil was worn out the farmer just moved a little further west and cleared out a new farm, didn't he?

3rd FFA'er: That's right, but that day is over. Our frontiers now are on the soil we're farming. If we're to feed our own people and furnish part of the food for the rest of the world we must hold the soil fertility that we have. We're barely able to produce enough food now. As the population increases we must improve the soil that we have, so that it will produce more, and even go further to reclaim much of the land that is now lying in waste. To show what faces us, I might just point out that our agricultural production today is the highest it's ever been but we've got to increase it about twenty-five percent by 1975 to take care of the expected population increase.

ANNOUNCER: And you Future Farmers, studying vocational agriculture, are the ones who will have the task of bringing about that higher production. I think it's fitting that National FFA Week was selected to coincide with the week of George Washington's birthday. Tell me, is there any one statement Washington made that you think should mean more than any other to Future Farmers of America?

3rd FFA'er: I like the thought in this statement of George Washington's: "While we do not underrate difficulties on one hand, we should not overrate them on the other; nor discourage ourselves from a very important undertaking by obstacles, which are to be surmounted."---(Pause)--- George Washington didn't believe in the expression: "it can't be done."

ANNOUNCER: What have you to add \_\_\_\_\_?

1st or 2nd FFA'er: I think there's real meaning for all of us in one of the more brief statements George Washington made. He said: "Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry, and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy people."---(Pause)--- In the FFA Creed we say: "I believe in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me." Those simple expressions have a lot in common, and can serve as examples for all of us to follow in our everyday thoughts and actions.

(CLOSING)

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FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Twenty-fourth State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Room G206, Holton Hall and Engineering Lecture Hall, April 28, 1953, 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 1953 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, 1952, 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 re-established after November 1, 1952. Chapters falling under this category must have paid state and national FFA dues and have submitted a program of work on or before April 6, 1953.

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 1953 Kansas FFA Speech Contest.

Note: Chapter Public Speaking contestants who plan to participate in either the Agricultural or Farm Mechanics contests on Tuesday, April 28, 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 6, 1953.

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.



## FFA Public Speaking Contest (continued)

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 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.



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	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											
		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												
* - 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, 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.	:	

## IT'S OUR LAND -- LET'S HOLD IT

by

Kenneth Howe - Stafford Chapter

Note: Kenneth Howe, Stafford Chapter, winner of the 1952 Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest, represented Kansas in the Regional Speech Contest, held at East Lansing, Michigan, August 11, 1952. Kenneth failed to survive the elimination contest. A copy of his speech follows.

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If you could have been with me on Black Friday, July 13, 1951, and rowed a boat through the crushed windows of the principal hotel in Manhattan, Kansas you would have found the registration desk approximately 2 feet under water. As you gazed out the hotel lobby entrance toward Main Street, you could have seen cooking utensils, tires, refrigerators and practically every item sold by Manhattan merchants rushing down the street carried by the violent force of the muddy river water. Water was from three to seven feet deep through the entire business district of the city. Two thousand homeless people were being fed and housed on the college campus, with hundreds of others being taken in by private homes surrounding the flooded area.

The July flood of 1951 was one of the most destructive floods in the history of the country, leaving in its treacherous path thousands of acres of ruined farm land, homeless people and the loss of millions of dollars in other items. Last year's estimated flood damage to the Missouri Valley was over one billion dollars and this year's flood losses will be much higher.

I speak of this as one from Kansas because I am familiar with this area, but I also speak for the thousands of people from South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and other states which have experienced the devastation wrought by floods.

This flood problem is everyone's concern because the Missouri Valley is America's breadbasket. It is the region that produces more than half of America's grain and much of it's livestock.

That these floods could possibly be avoided and certainly minimized, is generally accepted. How this can be accomplished has been the subject of a long and acrimonious debate.

There have been three distinct and definite approaches to the flood control problem. Namely, the prevention of floods by a series of dams and reservoirs, by soil conservation practices on the farm land, and by a combination of these two plans.

Will the Federal government proposed Pick-Sloan plan carry us through another disastrous flood such as we had in July of 1951? This plan, designed by the Army Corps of Engineers, proposes that a ten state area over the North Central part of the United States construct either "dry" or "wet" dams to impound and control water carried from our farm land to the river.

A current project in this area proposed under the Pick-Sloan plan and now approved by Congress is the Tuttle Creek Dam Project. This dam, when complete, will inundate 55,000 acres of deep, fertile farm land. It will remove this land from the tax rolls. It will lose the land from farm production. It will cause the removal of five small towns and destroy the social and cultural life of these communities which has been established and preserved as part of their heritage through generations.

It's Our Land -- Let's Hold It (continued)

The question of a "wet dam" or a "dry dam" makes little difference to the farmer who will have his land condemned or the merchant who will have his business moved elsewhere or to the taxpayer who pays the bills.

Three dam projects of this type are already completed in Kansas, namely, the Fall River, Cedar Bluffs and the Kanopolis Dams. In spite of enormous expense and the immensity of this program, the past year goes on record as the worst flood year in history.

I believe that we can build big dams on some of our major rivers and thus hold tremendous amounts of water, but Federal dams alone will not solve the problem. Over the years twenty dams have been built in the immediate vicinity of Ithaca, New York. What has happened to these dams 25 years later? Four have washed away, 14 have been filled with silt and one of the two remaining reservoirs is now one-fourth filled with silt.

The damage from torrential rains begins on the upland farms, washing away soil by sheet erosion and cutting gullies wherever there is a concentration of water. Gully control begins on the land that sheds water into gully channels. But down in the gully itself, inexpensive, small dams can retard the flow of water, nullify its cutting power and force it to drop its load of silt.

Vegetation, with its network of clutching roots, can take permanent control. A small dam can turn a natural drainage, a depression in the land, or a potential gully into a natural farm pond or reservoir for building up both surface and underground sources of water. Water for stock, for crops and for recreation can be caught and held by little dams. Water held on the land will not swell streams to floodstage.

In the uplands, where floods form, nature teaches us a lesson by throwing across practically every square foot of land under forest or natural grass cover, an interlacing system of tiny dams. A dead leaf or a blade of grass can keep a raindrop from running, and floods are made up of raindrops, infinitely multiplied.

Wise land use is simply an adaptation of nature's conservation and flood control methods to the conditions of advanced cultivation. To grow crops, man must till the soil. But cultivation and conservation are not incompatible. Man can adapt both crops and cropping practices to the purpose of conservation.

The facts strike hard, but they are true. These are problems which must be faced and faced now if we are not only to continue farm production but to increase it as well. Today, the Soil Conservation Service finds that five inches of soil on an average has been eroded from 73% of the erodible farm land in the Grand River Valley basin which covers an area of almost 5 million acres. Subsoils are almost universally much less productive than topsoils. For example, a comparison between topsoil and subsoil carried on at the Colby Experiment Station, located in Western Kansas, showed wheat yielding 12.5 bushels per acre on the topsoil and 5.3 bushels per acre on the subsoil, a decrease of 48% when the topsoil was removed. By the way, soil scientists tell us that it takes a thousand years to build one inch of topsoil and only one gully washer to take it away.

It's Our Land -- Let's Hold It (continued)

Interesting and highly significant information on the loss of water by runoff is now being obtained at the Central Great Plains Experiment Station near Hastings, Nebraska, in cooperation with the University of Nebraska, and the Soil Conservation Service. Two watershed areas were selected of similar size, soil type and type of farming. Six years were spent in the preparation of the ground, during which time the same type of farming practices were followed on each watershed. One watershed area received the recommended Soil Conservation practices, including terraces, contour farming, stubble-mulch tillage, crop rotation and grassed waterway. The other area was untreated and used as a check plot.

On July 10, 1951, 2.84 inches of rain fell during a three hour period over the watershed areas. In comparing the two watershed areas, the peak rate of runoff from the Soil Conservation planned watershed was one-half as great as the runoff from the control area. This experiment indicates it is possible to retain large quantities of the potential flood water right where it falls on the farm. There can be no sound program of water conservation and flood control if we wait until the water reaches the river.

If we sit back and do nothing towards flood control and water conservation, the government is more than likely going to take care of the program by condemning the very farm on which we live, our home, and make it into a reservoir.

On the other hand, if we are concerned enough to protect our farm by approved conservation practices to control the water, we will not only retain that rich black topsoil, but even increase it in depth.

What must and will be done depends upon our attitude. As farmers it is our responsibility to follow sound conservation practices and thereby preserve our land which came to us through the sacrifice and toil of our forefathers.

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#### ORDER OF APPEARANCE IN 1953 FFA SPEECH CONTEST

Anticipating more entries in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest than can be run off in one section, an elimination contest has been planned. In order to facilitate this plan it will be necessary to have a disinterested party make drawings for order of appearance prior to the contest. Information relative to place, and order of appearance will be mailed local chapter advisers having entries in the Speech Contest. Information on place, and order of appearance will be available at the state office, Holton Hall, Room 103, April 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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LOUISIANA: The Zachary FFA members took as part of their program for the past year the problem of gathering information to assist the Agrarian Club of their community in their efforts to learn more about improved practices in farming. The chapter prepared all information for 2 meetings of the Club. Members visited farmers of the community and collected samples of grasses and clover growing on their pastures. The chapter has recently made a survey of the different varieties of oats grown in the community. Samples were selected for exhibitions, the number of seeds per head counted and other information secured. This information was used at a meeting of the Agrarian Club to show the members the best variety of oats in the community.

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SPECIAL YEAR-LONG ACTIVITIES  
TO COMMEMORATE FFA'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY IN 1953

## SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS:

1. Obtain supply of FFA Silver Anniversary stickers for members to use on correspondence throughout the year. (Stickers will be made available through the Future Farmers Supply Service--prices and directions for ordering will be provided in early January.)
2. Obtain supply of FFA Silver Anniversary buttons for members to wear throughout the year. (Buttons will be made available through the Future Farmer Supply Service--prices and directions for ordering will be provided early in January.)
3. Prepare a history of the FFA chapter, setting down in one volume the record of the chapter's growth and activities through the years. List all former chapter officers and individual members whose achievements have been outstanding. Make plans to keep the history up to date in the future.
4. Contact all former members of the local chapter and prepare a summary showing their present activities. Such summaries often provide information for newspaper stories. Send a copy of the summary to the State Association--it may provide valuable research material.
5. Tie in the anniversary theme wherever possible with news stories, radio programs, and special activities throughout the year.
6. FFA's newest national activity is the publication of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. Put the magazine "out in front" during 1953 by urging every member to subscribe....Members get their money's worth in a fine magazine, the chapter and school benefits by the magazine being in the homes where members' parents can see it and read of FFA activities, and a big surge in circulation will show the world that Future Farmers believe in and support their national organization. (Nearly one-third of the FFA members already have subscribed.)
7. Many activities suggested for FFA Week are suitable for other times of the year if you were not able to schedule them during the special week. Work in the Silver Anniversary theme wherever possible.
8. Obtain prints of special FFA movies from your State Association to present at civic club and farm organization meetings. If there is a television station in your area ask them to present the movies.

COUNTY COLLECTIVE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS  
1953 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 1953 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 twenty 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-two years of participation in the County Collective Agricultural Exhibit competition. The theme of the Coldwater 1952 booth exhibit was "Contour Farming - A Good Conservation Practice."

The Reno County Collective Agricultural Exhibit, prepared and exhibited by the Buhler FFA Chapter, won first place in the Central Division in 1952. 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 twelve times.

The theme of the Buhler FFA Chapter 1952 County Collective Agricultural Exhibit was "Sweet Clover - Champion Wheat Producer in Reno County." The story portrayed the effect of the use of sweet clover on wheat yields on a farm in Reno county. The three classes in agriculture gathered and prepared samples during the first two weeks of school. The Reno County exhibit besides winning first place in the Central Division, placed second in the state in County Collective Exhibits.

In the Central Kansas Division all County Collective Exhibits were prepared by FFA chapters, with the following scores: Reno (Buhler chapter) 1123; Ottawa (Minneapolis chapter) 1044; Riley (Riley chapter) 1037; Marion (Burns chapter) 1030; and Ellsworth (Ellsworth chapter) 957.

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VIRGINIA: The Dayton FFA chapter of Rockingham County was recognized for outstanding community service during the past year and awarded a set of encyclopedias for the chapter library. Among accomplishments of the chapter during the past year was the conducting of an outstanding livestock improvement campaign. Members gave demonstrations on the improvement of livestock, distributed posters and bulletins and showed slide films and movies to stimulate community interest in livestock improvement. A successful pest eradication campaign was also sponsored by the chapter. Fifteen of the 26 members of the chapter served in "Keep Virginia Green" crews. At Christmas time, the group provided baskets to 7 needy families.

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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. The summaries for 16 of the 1952 Gold Emblem Classification winners were sent to the National Office. The amount of the award received by each chapter was \$25.07. The money is to be used for the betterment of FFA work in the local community.

The following chapters were eligible:

Beloit Chapter, Frank Carpenter, Adv.	Little River Chapter, Milton Kohrs, Adv.
Chanute Chapter, Chas. O. Carter, Adv.	
Clay Center Chapter, Ray Morrison, Adv.	Shawnee-Mission Chapter, Harold Garver, Adv.
Colby Chapter, Ronald King, Adv.	
Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia, Adv.	Olathe Chapter, A. G. Jensen, Adv.
Effingham Chapter, Roy Eck, Adv.	Osborne Chapter, Merwin Stearns, Adv.
ELDorado Chapter, W. R. McMillan, Adv.	Stockton Chapter, Floyd Blauer, Adv.
Emporia Chapter, Emory Groves, Adv.	Winfield Chapter, Ira Plank and John Lowe, Advisers.
Holton Chapter, Keith Wagoner, Adv.	
Hoxie Chapter, Willard Barry, Adv.	

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AN ENVIABLE RECORD

The Hiawatha chapter, Ralph Arnold, adviser, has had an enviable record in preparing Educational Exhibits for the Topeka Free Fair. The Hiawatha chapter first entered this division in 1950 and has established the following record:

		<u>Rank</u>	<u>Cash</u>
1950	Artificial Breeding of Dairy Cattle	1st	\$90.34
1951	Put Your Pigs on a Schedule	1st	94.30
1952	Better Milk for More Babies (Grade A)	1st	93.40

Definite plans are made in the spring before school is out as to topic, ideas and the procedure. This is done by the advanced agriculture class. Shortly before school starts, materials (if any) are assembled. During the first week of school, the advanced class gives their undivided attention to the booth. Some night and after school time is spent. The committee designated for assembling the booth at Topeka was Don Taylor, chairman; Archie Roseboom and Richard Henry. Each year the booth is reassembled for exhibition at the Northeast Kansas Crops Show held at Hiawatha.

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 9, 1953, 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 A. D. Weber, School of Agriculture; A. P. Davidson, Deputy FFA Adviser; L. F. Hall, Executive FFA Secretary; Kenneth Henderson, Garden City, President of K.V.A.A.; Billy Ray James, Clay Center, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

Kansas FFA members have received Volume I, Number 2, of the National Future Farmer and have found it to be interesting and inspirational. This magazine holds great promise for the farm youth of America, and undoubtedly will develop into one of the finest public relations instruments in our FFA kit. However, if The National Future Farmer is to play the important role envisioned, it must have the support of all Future Farmer members. This support will take the form of news stories, pictures and subscriptions.

Kansas FFA members have done a fine job of supporting the National Future Farmer with subscriptions, and two stories to date. There is room for improvement in subscriptions. Eight of the 192 local chapters do not have a single member on the subscription list for the National Future Farmer. Our goal should be 100 per cent of our active FFA members listed as subscribers to our national magazine.

The National Organization of FFA has a membership of 352,916. Subscriptions to the National Future Farmer as of December 15, 1952, totaled 84,100, or 23.83 per cent of membership. Kansas, on the basis of our 1952 membership, has a percentage of membership subscribed of 86.30. Iowa leads the North Central Region with a subscription percentage of 93.68. One state, with 16,054 members, has a percentage of membership subscribed of 1.69, and another state with 34,814 members has a percentage of membership subscribed of 3.28. We hope these and similar situations will be greatly improved at an early date.

While membership in the FFA must never be contingent upon subscription to the National Future Farmer, the fact remains that if we are to have a national magazine to which we can point with pride, we must have the support of all 350,000 members.

The Kansas Association of FFA is not selling subscriptions to the National Future Farmer. We merely act as a clearing house for collecting subscriptions. To the thirteen per cent of Kansas FFA members who are not enjoying the National Future, may we suggest that you can help accomplish our objective of 100 per cent support by sending in your subscription - 25¢ for one year, 5 years for \$1.00.

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CHAPTER NEWS

CONCORDIA: Mr. Sahib Bayee, a foreign student from Iraq, presented a program at our December meeting. He told us about the farming methods in his home country and also about their industries and schools. During his visit he stayed at a member's farm and learned something of farm life in Kansas. Bayee is a senior in Ag Economics at Kansas State College and plans to conduct work in Ag Education upon his return home this month. All of his expenses in making the trip to Concordia were paid by the chapter...Pinky, Pepper and Porky, the three little pigs raised by the boys in our shop, were presented to Bob Morrison to feed out. They were fed synthetic milk from two days old until they were seven weeks old...On Dec. 8 the FFA boys and FHA girls held a joint party in the cafeteria. The highlight of the evening was the selection and crowning of an FFA sweetheart. Karen Wilson was selected the FFA Queen. She was chosen over three other candidates by her ability to milk a cow, call hogs, bake a cake and answer 10 questions on agriculture and homemaking made out by the FFA boys. She was presented with the official FFA sweetheart jacket and bracelet....Our chapter has built and sold 19 feed bunks to farmers in the community. In shop we are building 2 hog houses, 2 trailers, hog feeder, post hole digger, garden tractor, truck bed, repairing a grain drill and corn sheller...Our Parent-Son banquet will be March 24.

Donald Jones, Reporter

WASHINGTON: Our chapter meets twice each month for an activity period right after lunch...Our annual pest contest started on Nov. 1 and ends April 1... We have 32 members enrolled in Vo Ag this year...We are very fortunate to have an enlarged shop, a new classroom and locker room...Our chapter sponsored the football programs by selling advertisements...Francis Linenberger had a sow to farrow and saved 12 pigs Jan. 13...The following shop jobs are completed or under construction: 1 2-sow hog house, 2 feed bunks, 1 manure spreader, 1 4-wheel trailer, 1 fair equipment box, 2 power mowers, and many smaller jobs...We plan a coyote hunt in the near future and also plan to sponsor the March of Dimes in the school system.

Lyle Rogers, Reporter

EDSON: The chapter was host to the Goodland Chapter Oct. 27. Guest speaker was Mr. Larry Morgan, local farmer and banker, who spoke on "Banking as Related to the Farming Program"...Our Adviser and 17 members attended the National Western Livestock Show in Denver Jan. 17-18. Four fathers accompanied the chapter...Five members have been raised to the Chapter Farmer degree. Seven Greenhands have received their Greenhand degree...The chapter and home economics class sponsored a benefit box supper Nov. 3. Our share of the profit was \$98...Shop projects completed or under construction are: feed bunks, farm gates, milk can racks, shop bench and cabinets, trailer, wind break panels, hay feeder, grinder stands, A-type hog house, painting tractors, hat and coat rack, and many tools reconditioned.

Marvin Franklin, Reporter

PCWHATIAN: Our chapter held a Barnwarmer this fall, having the Kayettes, teachers, and board members as guests. Refreshments were served...As a money raising effort the chapter sold subscriptions to the "Farm Quarterly". We made \$250. Larry Schumann, Robert Schumann and Keith Wolfenbarger sold the largest number of subscriptions...We held a pest eradication contest during Christmas vacation...The chapter wishes to congratulate Jim Moynagh, Larry

## Chapter News (continued)

Schumann, Robert Schumann, Clair Krebs and Herbert Wenger, winners of the Economy Beef Production Contest, receiving an educational trip to Oklahoma during Christmas vacation. It was a five day trip, via bus through Oklahoma, where members visited and studied several systems of handling cattle.

Earl Steinbrink, Reporter

HAVEN: The chapter has purchased 6 FFA jackets, which we keep in the chapter room for the use of officers at meetings...Jerry Carmichael, Leonard Wallsten, and Darrel Tucker received their Greenhand degree...Our chapter basketball team lost to the Buhler FFA team. We have 2 games scheduled with the Inman FFA. Our new basketball jerseys have arrived and will be used for the first time when we play Inman...Our annual pest eradication contest is underway. We are allowing a point total equal to 4 rats for each warfarin set... Shop projects completed or now under construction include: livestock squeeze, Wayne Wiebe; 2-sow hog house, Kenneth Bontrager; 3 sheep feeders, Andrew and Omer Yoder; blocking stand and 2 steel gates, Phillip Kinast; 2 steel gates, Jerry Carmichael; 1 pipe and 1 rod gate, Leonard Wallsten; Hay feeder, Dean Hill; post hole digger, Earl Huston; steel gate, Gale Ediger; feed bunks, Earl Morgan and Leonard Wallsten; 2 gas barrel racks, Andrew and Omer Yoder; saw horses, Louie Strandberg, Darrel Tucker and Leroy Parker.

Andrew Yoder, Reporter

NEWTON: Richard Brandt recently purchased 4 purebred Angus heifers from K. L. Knott and Sons, Hesston, Kansas...Recent instructor visitors to our department were Leonard Pike of Abilene and William Smith of Hillsboro. They observed visitation day here. Robert Stephens, Vo-Ag instructor of Marion, and 16 of his boys visited our department Jan. 21. A nice discussion was held with this group concerning certain phases of crop instruction. The chapter is preparing for the crops contest to be held Feb. 21 at Peabody... Projects underway in shop are: steel gate, LeRoy Dreier; cattle guard, Randall Schmidt; concrete hog troughs, James Suderman; while Douglas Taylor, Galen Harms and Eldon Buss are making feed bunks.

Stanley Smith, Reporter

EMPORIA: The annual pest contest is now underway and will end soon. The north end of the county is lined up against the south. At present the north is leading with a score of 59,320 to 27,810 for the south. Pests killed thus far are: 8 blackbirds, 11 crows, 144 coons, 11 coyotes, 65 muskrats, 91 mice, 63 opossums, 241 pigeons, 56 rats, 156 rabbits, 1 skunk, 1,576 sparrows, 1,237 starlings...Our classes are now held in the Junior high school as contractors are at work building a classroom addition to our shop. It will consist of 2 classrooms, a laboratory room, library, storage room and office. The building is built of hadite block with a brick facing. A concrete floor will be covered with asphalt tile; a shower and locker room with 75 lockers will join the shop...Chapter members sold over 450 boxes of Christmas cards for a profit of \$225.00.

Dale Davis, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: We have 29 active members this year...On Nov. 17, ten Freshmen received their Greenhand degrees...The chapter purchased FFA jackets for all officers...To raise funds, the chapter is sponsoring an FFA Sweetheart contest...The Junior boys have been very busy dehorning, branding and

## Chapter News (continued)

castrating cattle this past fall...The Sophomore and Junior class constructed 50 feet of bleachers at the football fields this fall. The bleachers have a concession stand under them...Numerous feed bunks were also constructed this fall. Shop jobs at present are a creep-feeder, a pickup rack constructed of pipe and the repair and painting of a pickup.

Anthony Durler, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Sixteen boys received the Greenhand degree Nov. 11. Chapter Farmer pins were awarded to 10 boys Jan. 6 at our regular meeting...Our chapter finished paying the balance on our popcorn machine this fall that was purchased a year ago. About two-thirds of our income on popcorn is profit... Five boys attended the judging contest in connection with the Angus Association sale at Oberlin...Our pest eradication contest was held from Nov. 4 to December 4. The freshmen and seniors competed against the sophomores and juniors for the highest number of points. A prize was awarded to the high individual...The dehorning chute completed by the veteran's class the past year has been turned over to the chapter for loaning to farmers in the community. We use the chute on class field trips for dehorning, branding, vaccinating, etc...Thirty-one boys in the chapter attended the Western Stock Show in Denver January 16-18. Parents of members furnished transportation. The chapter purchased the show tickets and paid \$1.50 per person on hotel rooms. Most of this money was raised shocking feed for farmers this fall. We toured the stockyards and the Denver Post building while in Denver...Our chapter is giving an assembly program for our school February 27, during National FFA Week.

Radean Wright, Reporter

COLBY: We are holding a pest eradication contest with all members participating. The chapter was divided into 2 teams, the losing team will be required to buy refreshments for the winning team at the March meeting...Plans have been drawn up for the record book contest. The boy having the neatest and most accurate record book will receive a gold medal...We are planning to start mixing minerals to sell to FFA members...We sell popcorn at all home basketball games and wrestling matches...Lester Brown of the Soil Conservation Service, talked to the chapter at the January meeting on windbreaks. He also showed slides on terracing and windbreaks.

Allan Henry, Reporter

MCCUNE: We held our annual Parent-Son banquet December 3, with 140 people present. We enjoyed our speaker, Senor Roberto DeLarosa, a "Good Will Ambassador" from the Mexican Government...Our pest Eradication Contest will end February 1. In connection with the contest we are selling Warafarin Rat Bait...Eight boys made our chapter honor roll the first semester...We have just completed selling advertisements for the handbills for our annual FFA-FHA Boxsupper to be held February 2. The King and Queen Contest for the event is in full swing...Eleven of our freshman and sophomores received official jackets for selling Farm Journals...Our Dad-Son Chili Supper will be held during February...Major shop projects are: 2 4-wheel trailers, 1 2-wheel trailer, 1 hog house, 2 pipe hay feeders, 2 overhead gas tank stands, 1 pipe bicycle rack for school, 1 squeeze chute, 1 stock rack for truck, 1 pipe hay feeder for sheep, and eleven pipe gates.

Morris Kernicle, Reporter

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INMAN: The Inman Chapter had a very successful Parent-Son Banquet. The meal was prepared and served by the F.H.A. Sophomore girls. The entertainment was furnished by the FFA members and people of the community. Guests were invited from outside chapters...A new method of giving Green hands recognition was used this year. Each Green hand was required to wear clean shirt, tie, hair combed, pants clean and pressed, shoes shined and etc. for three days, then they were inspected at an assembly...The Green hands and their fathers will play a basketball game with the mothers and other members of the family as spectators... The FFA boys are making a swing in shop to sell for the fishing trip expenses this spring. The FFA members agree that having outside speakers does a great deal to build up interest in FFA meetings.

Edward Neufeld, Reporter

EFFINGHAM: A group of freshman Ag. boys are constructing a sign which will read "4 miles to Effingham, Home of the Atchison County Chapter Future Farmers of America." This sign will be placed on Hi-way 116 south of Effingham. The purpose of the sign is to remind motorists how close they are to our school and chapter headquarters... The boys in our chapter have many things to do in the form of recreation. One is the annual ping-pong tournament. The Tournament is a single elimination with winners playing winners. About half of the boys participate in the event...As a money making project our chapter is sponsoring a Donkey Basketball game February 10 in the high school gym...Our annual Parent-Son banquet was held November 25 in the high school band room. The program consisted of members giving reports and talks on our chapter activities and the FFA Program of Work. Jerry Congrove and Bob Sheeley gave talks on our program of work. Jim Hundley reported on judging contests. Bob Hall and Leonard Hawk gave reports on the National and State FFA Conventions. Ambrose Ernzen reported on shop activities. Gilmore Dahl reported on Cooperative Camp. A group of greenhands assembled our FFA emblem and Jerry Hundley gave the FFA Creed...We are holding our annual Father and Son Chili Supper February 10 in the Vocational Agricultural Department.

Jim Hundley, Reporter

GLASCO: We received 100 small and 25 large store FFA calendars from the Osborne Co. The calendars were distributed by the FFA members... We held our annual pest eradication contest from November 16 to January 9 with the Simpson chapter. It has been the custom for the loser to treat the winner to a chili feed. We were host this year. Our three high score boys were Ronald Bellows, David Prichett and Ervin Teasley...We were given a combine to wreck for scrap iron from our local International dealer. Usable angle iron is constructed into shop projects. The remainder will find its way in our scrap iron drive to be held this spring...Some of the projects we have made this year were a Hog house by James Butler, a pipe gate by David Cool, a rake wheel gate by Charles Butler, metal play ground equipment by Don Martin and Charles Butler, and a graden tractor by David Berndt and an enclosed box for FFA truck by the boys. Many other projects and skill jobs have been completed.

Charles Butler, Reporter

OXFORD: Our chapter ran the terrace line for two fields as part of our community service work...Several new large shop jobs under construction in our shop are two hay elevators and a four-wheel wagon...Our gilt ring will start as soon as a desirable gilt can be found. Our Chapter played an interesting game of basketball with the Winfield Chapter.

Max Potucek, Reporter

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OSBORNE: The following FFA members received their Greenhand degree: Bob Greig, Arthur Fisher, Charles Rief, Jerome Hageman, James Storer, Lyle Kelling, Richard James, Richard Winder, Claude Nichols, Raymond Froster, Lawrence Becker and Tom Wristen...Chapter Farmer initiation found the following members receiving the Chapter Farmer Pens: Charles Campbell, Charles Roadhouse, Newton Pattee, Robert Gantz, Jerome Waggle, and John Conway...The No. 11 and 12 Vocational Agriculture classes have been building feed bulks and creep feeders in shop. Gerald Rothenberger has been repairing a plow in shop...Our chapter held a pest eradication contest. The freshmen and sophomores against the juniors and seniors. The upperclassmen won with a total of 2,239 points. The underclassmen scored 954. The three high individuals were Clifford Noffsinger with 1,375 points, Alvin Britt 470, and Charles Roadhouse 244 points... The County Extension Agent, Bob Acre, gave a talk on Extension work and our Soil Conservation Agent, Mr. Ray Brown, gave a talk on soil conservation during two different regular meetings...Each Vocational Agriculture class took one period off this fall and shocked feed as a community service and a money making program.

Clifford Hahn, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our chapter is conducting a pest eradication contest among members this year. Charles Bacon and M. D. Casey were selected as captains for the contest this year...Some of our shop projects this year include four sets of hen nests, five feed bunks, four cattle feeders, four hen feeders, five hog troughs, and two wagon beds.

Bill Olsen, Reporter

BELLOIT: The FFA members, the officers dads and other special guests enjoyed a turkey feed on December 15. The FFA boys dressed the turkeys and the Home Economics girls served the meal...The Board of Education bought the FFA Chapter a typewriter. It is to be used by the adviser and chapter members in writing newstories, preparing reports and for other correspondence...In shop we have built 10 feed bunks, repaired 4 car and truck motors, painted a tractor and props for the Junior Class play, built one creep feeder, a metal cattle guard, clothes line posts and a garden tractor. We butchered 5 hogs and 2 beeves for class skills...The State Brand Commissioner will be here February 17 as a part of the extension program. The FFA boys will take part in that activity by helping with the branding demonstration. The chapter 24 FFA steers will be branded at that time...The FFA Chapter borrowed \$5,500 to buy the 24 head of steers. We are carrying the calves on the Kansas Deferred Feeding System. For the wintering phase the steers are eating 5 pounds of grain, 5 pounds of alfalfa, and a full feed of silage each day. We bought our corn from Nebraska to carry the steers through the whole program. A 1940 truck was bought by the chapter to be used in feeding the steers.

Don Hauptli, Reporter

SIMPSON: The Simpson chapter won the pest eradication contest with Glasco. The losing Glasco chapter will entertain the Simpson boys to a chili feed January 19. Pests eradicated include 1511 sparrows, 75 coyotes, 150 mice, 52 opossum, 101 coons, 21 skunks, 545 starlings, 773 rabbits, 15 rats, as well as many other pests...In the intra-chapter contest, Dick Anderson's group won over Jim Burnette's group.

Wayne Cook, Reporter

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WILSON: Our chapter enjoyed the film "Pig Sense and Hog Dollars" a 20 minute film, obtained from the General Mills Company...Shop clean-up has been organized to give each boy a definite assignment. We not only do a better job, but keep the shop cleaner and better organized...Our FFA meetings are held the third Monday of each month. Our major objective now is to have a good FFA Parents and Son Banquet March 17...Edward Janda showed the class another way to make a long splice. He omitted the overhand knots and crossed the strands, then tucks each through the rope three times.

Charles Vopat, Reporter

WETMORE: Thirty-five vocational agriculture boys names were placed on our chapter charter. The ceremony was held November 6, 1953...Selling magazine subscriptions has been our main money raising activity. We sold \$333.95 worth of magazine subscriptions and got to keep \$118.59 for our Chapter... Our pest eradication contest is under way with two sides, and a team captain for each side. The losing side is to make arrangements for a party at the close of the contest in the spring...Some of our major shop jobs completed are: individual hog house, hay rack, large hog feeder, machinery trailer, flat bed trailer, pick-up stock rack, loading chute, power lawn mower, and several feed bunks.

Kelly Stedman, Reporter

KICWA: Our chapter has consigned a Duroc fall boar to the sale of the Kansas Duroc Breeder's Association next month. This boar is from our cooperative purebred swine ring that we have had in operation for the past five years... Our chapter is financing the purchase of two acres of land near the edge of town. The cooperative committee's plan is to divide this area into lots and rent them to the members or other high school boys who wish to keep part of their farming program in town...We gave 12 tons of scrap paper to the Boy Scouts, that we had collected last year, providing they would clean the building and deliver it to the paper mill.

Willis Colson, Reporter

RILEY: Our chapter prepared a County Collective Booth at the State Fair and received the third place ribbon in our division, and over \$100 for our chapter treasure...Our Annual Parents meeting was held in October, at which time ten Greenhands received their degree. Thirteen members received their Chapter Farmer degrees from members of the Manhattan chapter...The chapter cooperated with the Riley businessmen in the arranging of the Christmas decorations and with the Lyon's club in sponsoring a Fall Grain Show held in the school farm shop. Ninety-four crops were exhibited. FFA awards were given to the following boys for making the largest number of entries and receiving the highest number of placings: John Schweitzer, Wayne VanSickle, Earl Oberhelman, Lowell Renz, Carl Simm, and Ralph Larson...Oscar Beck and Albion Visser were first and second in the crop judging contest held in connection with the grain show... Our chapter is cooperating with our instructor in the organization of a Young Farmer's group.

Robert Hass, Reporter



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LACYGNE: The chapter held their annual Parent-Son banquet December 11. Door prizes were given. An Honorary membership was awarded. Formal initiation was held with 10 members receiving their Greenhand pins...The chapter held a pest eradication contest which ended January 6...The shop program consists of a feed bunk, several paint jobs, 3 trailers, and 2 tractors are being overhauled...Seventeen members have purchased FFA jackets this year.

Gerald Stoker, Reporter

KINSLEY: In November the FFA held a ham and bacon trapshoot at the Kinsley Gun Club. 40 hams and bacons were won by participants and the chapter netted a profit of \$80...Our other money making activity, which is the concession stand at football and basketball games, has brought in \$87 to date. The concession stand is shared with two other school organizations...Also in November we started a Pest Eradication Contest with the Spearville chapter. This contest will end March 1...In the first part of December we entertained our parents with a chili supper. As part of the program the various phases and activities of our chapter were explained. A skit on farm safety was presented...The FFA put on its annual school assembly in December. We presented a mock television show (complete with cameras) showing the activities of Vo-Ag... Meetings are held twice a month with a guest speaker at one meeting...The Industrial Arts and Vocational Education magazine requested pictures and write-up of our vocational agriculture building which will appear in their March issue...Major shop jobs are: Repaired, 2 2-wheeled trailers, 1 4-wheeled trailer, 3 Wisconsin motors, one truck motor and transmission, grain elevator, a tractor dozer blade, and tractor transmission. A combine and one-way plow have been painted. Built, 10 16-ft. feed bunks, 2 2-wheeled trailers, 3 combine wheel feed bunks, 2 pick-up truck hitches and braces, a pick-up stock rack made of pipe, a loading chute, 2 cattle dehorning chutes, and 2 tractor post hole diggers.

Paul Schmitt, Reporter

HILL CITY: We initiated 17 Greenhand members December 17...November 24 our chapter shipped 24 head of deferred fed steers to Kansas City. The steers were raised by the following boys: Larry and Marcus Law, Norman Voss, David Wolf, Joe Farrell and Leon Worcester. The boys and their Vo-Ag instructor, Mr. Lacey, went to Kansas City to make a study of the market and conditions which affect the market...In our shop we are building a sheep feeder, 75 bushel self feeder, stock racks for a truck, 8 iron stock farm gates, window shutters, 3 tank heaters, 2 2-wheeled trailers and many other useful articles...October 31 we held a carnival in cooperation with the FHA Girls... We are holding a pest contest between 3 groups of chosen sides.

Charles Morris, Reporter

LEBANON: Lebanon High School FFA and Kayettes sponsored the high school carnival "Carnival Revue for 52", November 21 at the High School. The proceeds for the FFA from the carnival was \$135...The annual Lebanon FFA pest eradication contest got underway December 9. The contest will carry through to the first of April. One thousand points will be awarded the boys who place poison on their farms or neighbors farms for rat eradication. The annual Chili Supper was held Dec. 9 with very good attendance. Fifteen boys were raised to the degree of Greenhand...October 3 the 13th Lebanon FFA Achievement Day was held on the high school grounds. A parade of floats from the high school, grade school and other organizations preceded the afternoon's

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activities which included races, tractor driving contest, car driving contest, and an exhibit of the FFA boys' livestock and crops.

Marion L. Hackerott, Reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: The chapter has shipped in a truck load of ear corn to help the members who were feeding out livestock. The corn came from Nebraska, the cost was \$1.65 a bushel...We are trying a swine feeding experiment. We have 2 pens of hogs that were just weaned. One pen we are feeding commercial feed containing antibiotics and Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. We will compare these hogs as to rate of gain, cost of gain and quality of meat. The hogs will be kept at the farm of Dennis Waldorf, a member.

Dwight Haddock, Reporter

DOWNES: On October 7 the chapter held a Father-Son Chili supper. After the supper, 12 Greenhands and 5 Chapter Farmers were initiated. The group elected 2 Honorary members and presented them the Honorary Chapter Pins...In November we collected a truck load of waste iron from around the shop and sold it. This netted us \$27 for our treasury...We are having a pest control contest.

Everett Schoen, Reporter

LITTLE RIVER: We had our first September meeting with our annual Watermelon feed to which all our parents were invited. There were 37 members and 78 guests present...The Freshman Ag class have picked up 10,425 lbs. of paper. Proceeds will go for the purchase of FFA shirts for the freshman class...We held our Greenhand initiation in November...We decided to mix and sell rat bait again...We contributed \$10 to CARE...We have elected junior officers out of each class. Each set of junior officers will take charge of one meeting...Our chapter has entered the Wisconsin Alumni Rat and Mouse Control contest...The Ag boys got 750 pencils with the high school basketball schedule on them and sold the whole amount which cleared us \$15...We sell popcorn at all athletic events and made \$62.30 in football and \$35.25 in basketball. We gave the proceeds of one night's game to the March of Dimes.

Johnny Whiteman, Reporter

LEON: We held a pest eradication contest from the beginning of Thanksgiving vacation to January 5, 1953...We had a sweetheart contest and cleared \$16 above cost of sweetheart jacket. The profit will be used to furnish refreshments at the FFA Barnwarmer...In shop we are making feed bunks, painting the shop, overhauling motors, built garden tractors, a tilting bed dual wheel trailer, have built a portable power saw, built new benches and marked tools with different colors of paint.

Junior Cotton, Reporter

OBERLIN: At our December meeting a total of 17 boys received the Greenhand degree...Waldo Anderson, a junior in Ag, showed the greatest increase in net worth for the year - \$8,940.02. He also showed a return for management of \$7,940.52. Mr. Anderson's farming program included 70 deferred fed steers, 5 fat hogs, 10 acres of cane, 2 acres of alfalfa, 140 acres of brome grass, 275 acres of wheat and he terraced 160 acres during the year...The chapter decorated the school building this year with lights outlining the tower and school building. Santa and his sleigh being pulled by 8 reindeer was the

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main decoration above the door...Shop jobs this year include a 10x12 brooder house, creep feeder, large hay feeder, dehorning chute, 3 loading chutes, and numerous feed bunks, trailers, wagons, implements, motor overhauls, etc...An improvement project this year for the local chapter was the paving of the drive back of the shop and the entrance to the rear area of the building... The community service project of mixing livestock mineral for farmers is continuing again this year with a total of 11,000 lbs. having been mixed this year.

Carl Lafferty, Reporter

ALMA: We held our annual coon hunt on December 8 and killed 14 coons...The annual pest eradication contest began November 15...Our chapter sold Farm Journal magazines for a week in October. The reward for selling them were articles of FFA clothing. Three of our members won FFA jackets and several others won other articles of clothing. Five members ordered new FFA jackets.

Rudy Feyh, Reporter

HOLTON: We started our pest eradication contest on November 1 and then postponed it until the hunting ban was lifted in Kansas...Lyle Smith, a junior member, won the Grand Championship at a local corn show sponsored by Carl Billman, local seed dealer. As a reward for winning the show, Lyle was given a registered Spotted Poland China gilt...Our chapter sold 240 boxes of Christmas cards...Dale Moore is constructing an all metal, portable and adjustable loading chute in the shop.

Roy Cozad, Reporter

PIEDMONT: Saturday, November 15, 85 people watched the Howard Chapter of FFA formally initiate the Greenhand members and install the officers of the Piedmont FFA. Nineteen boys were initiated. The chapter brought 18 members and put on a very interesting program. Mr. Hart, Adviser at Howard, showed slides of the projects some of the boys had last year...The Vo-Ag department recently received a new one-half ton Chevrolet pick-up truck for use in farming program supervision, field trips and contest trips.

Richard Rader, Reporter

YATES CENTER: On October 28 our chapter held a Hay Barn Hop to which all students were invited...A trip to the American Royal was awarded to the five boys selling the most Christmas cards...We held a hayrack ride November 25.

Cecile Slate, Reporter

HUGOTON: At our FFA meeting January 9 we voted to donate \$6.50 to the March of Dimes...We plan to start a gilt ring. Several members have turned in applications for one of the gilts...We have put on several demonstrations in grub control.

Paul Grewell, Reporter

MEADE: Our chapter made \$114 selling magazines, \$5 for cleaning the football field and \$40 serving at a football game...We are making feed bunks and receive \$5 above cost per feed bunk...One-half of our members are wearing new FFA jackets this year...The FFA entertained the Home Ec at a skating party at

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Dodge City on the 16th of January....We chose teams for a rodent killing contest...We donated \$15 to the Iron Lung Fund for the community... We will put out fertilizer test plots this spring on wheat...Shop jobs are: changing a horse drawn mower to power take-off, 12'x14' calf creep feeder, post hole auger out of Model A rear end, cattle feed bunks, plow for Ford tractor, 2-wheel trailer, dump rake for Ford tractor, gate latch that can be opened from horse, motor mechanics, rack for holding iron and some tool cabinets by the Freshmen.

Francis Dye, Reporter

HADDAM: Charlie Hardenbuger placed 4th and received \$50 in the Lincoln Arc Welding contest...We are starting a pest contest December 1...Shop projects are: cedar chest, feed bunks, trailers and bale-loaders.

Ronald Lull, Reporter

HERINGTON: We had our annual Fried Chicken dinner for Vo-Ag I boys in September...We had a bird eradication contest during the month of October. 274 blackbirds and 428 sparrows were killed. The losing team had a hamburger fry for the winning team...We started our all-pest eradication contest Nov. 1 ...We have sold 200 boxes of Christmas cards, handled concessions at one football game, sold scrap iron, sold magazines and are going to have a Donkey Basketball game December 2...As a result of these money raising activities, we have increased our saving and earnings greatly...Harry Granzow bought 6 head of Registered Angus heifers recently. He already has several head... We have made 7 pipe gates, 4 feed bunks, 1 feed rack, 2 hog troughs, several tool cabinets, several nail boxes and overhauled one motor.

Oscar Albrecht, Reporter

COFFEYVILLE: For money raising activities we have sold Christmas cards, sold advertisement space on our Calendar to different stores and businesses and have operated a concession stand at one of the football games...Our officers took part in a radio safety program.

Kenneth Neer, Reporter

RIVERTON: Our chapter plans to dehorn 100 head of cows and castrate 50 hogs and cull 300 hens...We made a profit of \$25 selling coffee at the football games...We are planning to sell pop and candy at the basketball games...Several members had exhibits at the county fair this year.

Jerry Burnham, Reporter

SEDAN: Our chapter took an educational tour of 1,857 miles to parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming...Bud Obenchain and Joe Raymon are captains of our chapter pest contest...Our shop projects are: 4 metal cattle squeezes, 5 steel gates, 1 wooden gate, 1 portable feed bunk, 1 self-feeder for calves and 1 10' hog feeder made from pipe...15 boys received the Greenhand degree.

Keith Loftin, Reporter

BEVERLY: Fourteen boys received the Greenhand degree October 21...We are planning a pest eradication contest in the near future...December 4 the FFA will sponsor the Barnwarmer with the entire school and faculty members as guests.

Royce Kopf, Reporter

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CHERRYVALE: Our officers and past president accompanied by our adviser, spent 2 days in Kansas City attending the National FFA Convention...Alan Linnebur, our immediate past president, received an educational award from the Santa Fe Railroad...We made \$36.35 on a concession stand at the Homecoming football game...Our chapter secured an electric popcorn machine a short time ago. We loan this machine to the other school organizations...We have invited the FHA girls and their adviser to a Hayrack ride and Weiner Roast November 25... We held a Donkey Basketball game December 9.

John Townsell, Reporter

EUREKA: The chapter held its degree advancement meeting December 1...We entered a float in the Homecoming parade and won first prize...Our float in the annual Cattleman's Day Parade won second place...In shop we have built a number of things to sell, such as feed bunks, hay and grain feeders, squeeze chutes and portable loading chutes...We are starting our pest eradication program...We held a formal initiation and installation of the new officers of the Severy FFA Chapter on December 1...We have bought our chickens for the Parent-Son banquet. We buy baby chickens and raise them in our shop for the banquet...The chapter plans to buy 2 feeder calves and feed them on the new Purdue Supplement A.

Larry M. Boone, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: Thirteen freshmen received the Greenhand degree December 7 at a Dad-Son Chili supper. A sports program of wrestling and boxing followed... The chapter shocked 75 acres of feed and had charge of the concession stand at football games as a means of raising funds.

Harvey Zwegardt, Reporter

WASHBURN: As money making projects this year we are building a squeeze chute, selling Christmas cards and sharing with the FHA, held a carnival, and are handling concessions at home games...Our chapter has set up a point system for FFA letters...Each week our chapter reports chapter news over the radio station KJAY at Topeka...Our chapter recently received a new truck for chapter work...Some of the projects being built in our shop include 2 trailers, a squeeze chute, 4 feed bunks, and a hog waterer. Several machines have been repaired.

Lloyd Arnold, Reporter

MCDONALD: Nine new members received the Greenhand degree...A feed bunk, farm gates and combine motor repair are some of the shop projects being worked on...Our pest eradication contest started December 1...To raise money we shocked 100 acres of feed...We are to have a notebook and record book contest. The faculty will pick the outstanding notebook and record book, with suitable recognition given to the winners.

Bob Hatch, Reporter

HUMBOLDT: Our chapter began the school year in a new shop and classroom...We invited the Kayettes to be our guests at a weiner roast...We had a record turnout at our skating party...Greenhands were formally initiated at our November 13 meeting.

Gary Nordt, Secretary