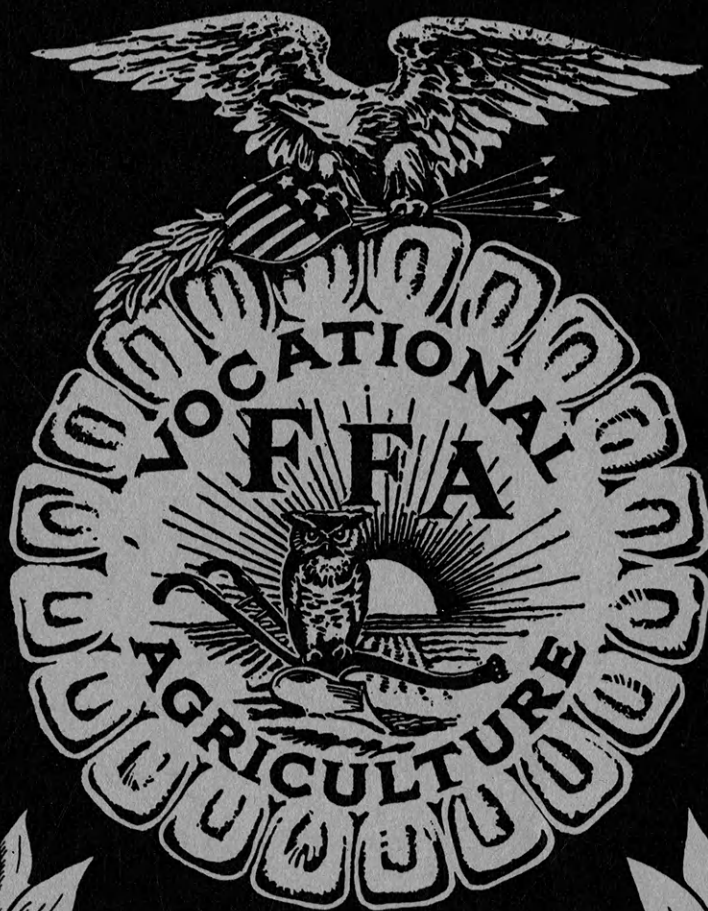


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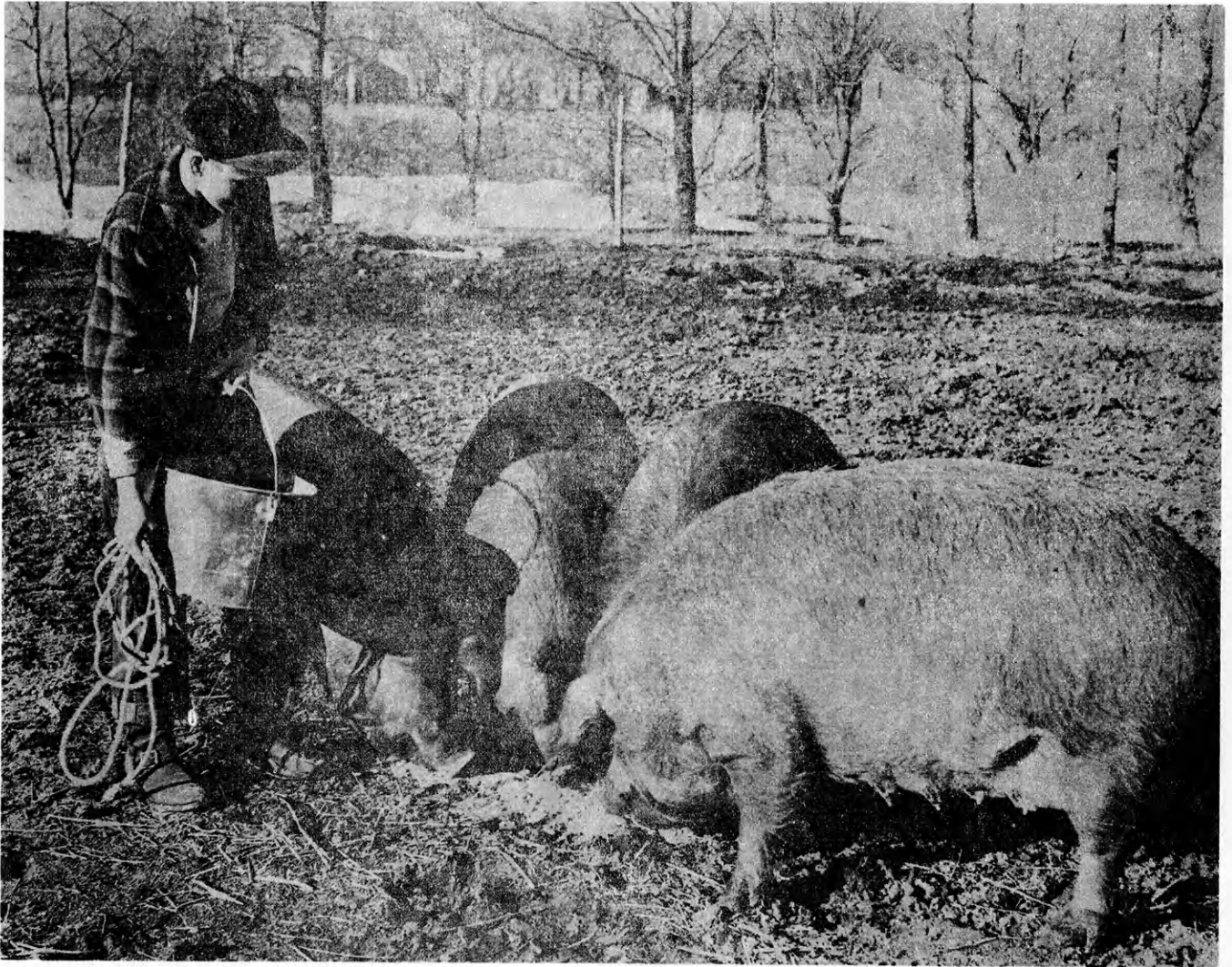
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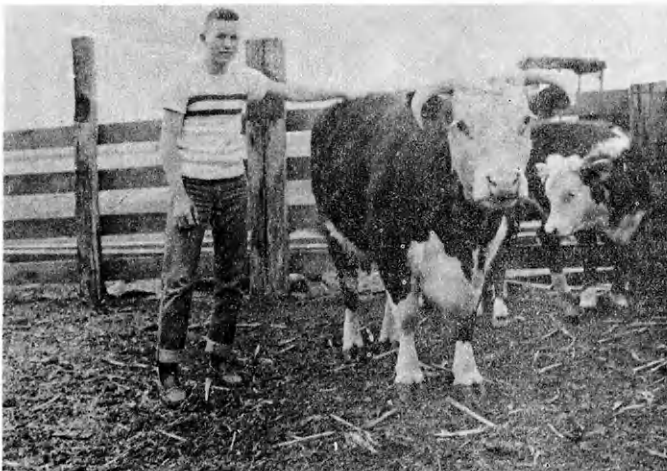
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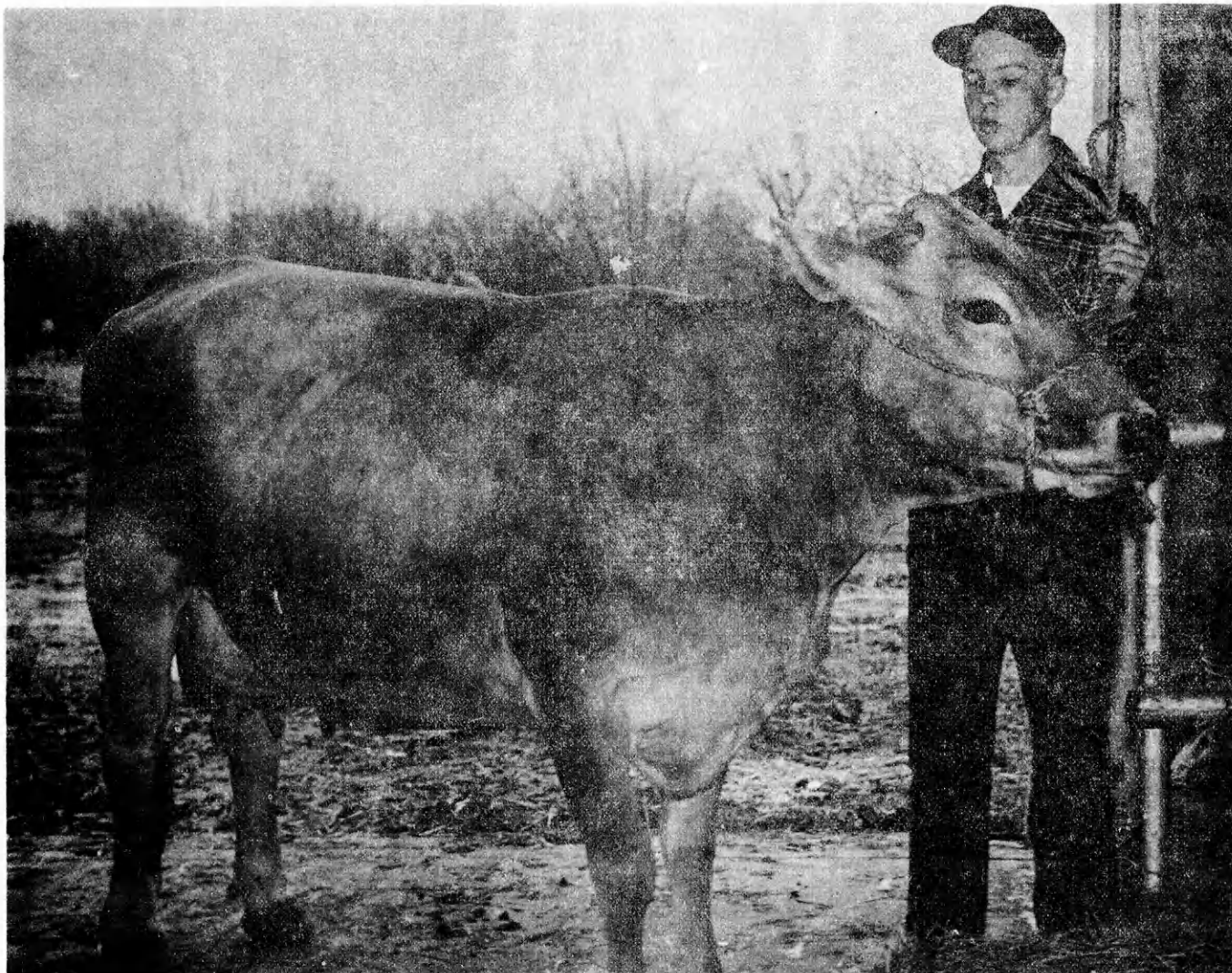
Donald Umruh, Garden City Chapter, feeding some of his Duroc sows carried as part of his supervised farm experience.



Mike White, Pretty Prairie Chapter, with one of his purebred Hereford cows and calves.



Paul Thissen, Kingman Chapter, holding one of his purebred Hampshire lambs.



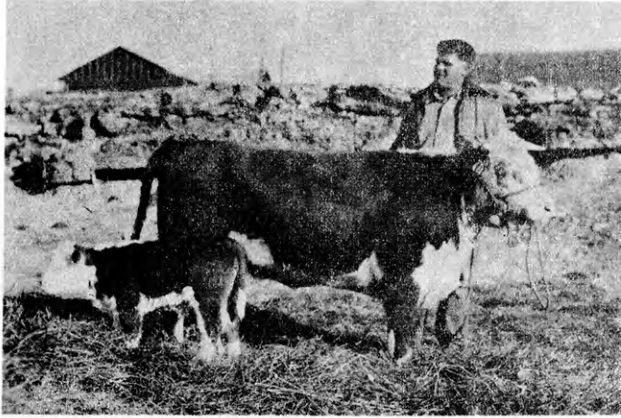
Richard Burch, ElDorado Chapter emphasizes Brown Swiss Dairy Cattle in his farming program.



Frank Carlton, Little River Chapter, is the owner of this Duroc sow and her nine healthy pigs.



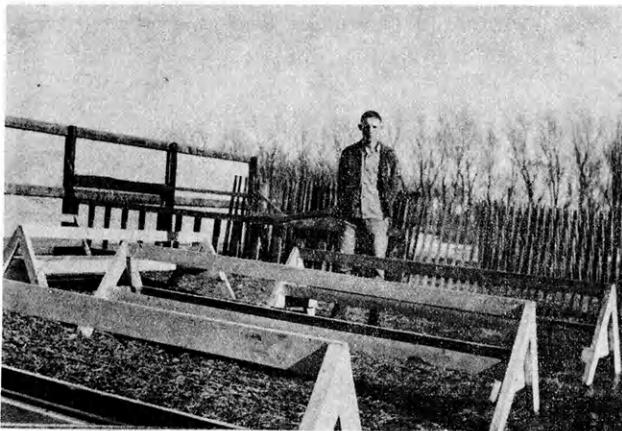
Allan Henry, Colby Chapter successfully exhibits his fat lamb at the County Fair.



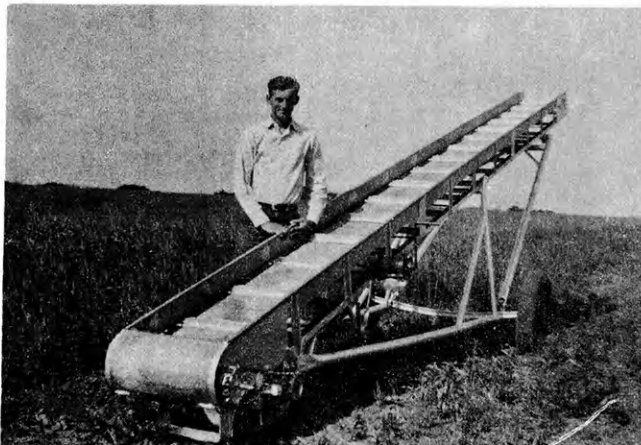
Roy Rau, Clay Center Chapter, holding one of his Hereford cows and calf.



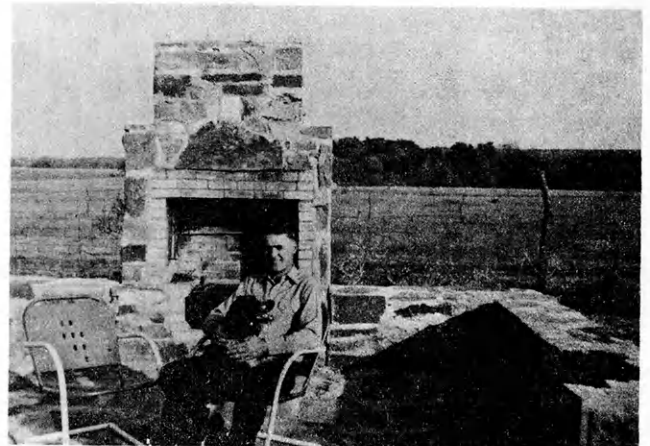
Jack Meyer's, Shawnee-Mission Chapter, corn crop should make a bumper yield.



Ralph Flanders, Edson Chapter, observing four sheep feeding bunks, which he built in the school farm shop.



James Doering, Garnett Chapter, constructed this loading elevator, which he built in the Vo-Ag farm shop.



Jim Perkins, Howard Chapter, helped construct this home farm picnic fire place as part of his home improvement projects.

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PRESIDENT JAMES ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The Twenty-fifth Annual State Convention of the Future Farmers of America will be held April 27 and 28, 1953, at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Many of your FFA members had the privilege of attending the National Convention in Kansas City last fall. On April 27 and 28 you will have an opportunity to participate in the Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

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

Every chapter's participation is most sincerely requested, every chapter's cooperation is needed; and with the same sportsman-like spirit which has been prevalent throughout the year. I feel confident that this will be the largest and finest annual convention in the history of the Kansas Association of FFA.

I am looking forward to working with Fred Reed Jr., National Vice-President, Hindsville, Arkansas, who will be present for both days of our Convention. Fred will address our House of Delegates Meeting Monday evening, April 27. The subject of his discussion will be, "I believe in the Future of Farming".

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Manhattan, April 27 and 28.

Bill James, President
Kansas Association of FFA

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REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA Public Speaking manuscript are required.
3. Most chapter contest reports are classified as First Class mail. Express is cheaper and almost as fast.
4. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests will be rigidly enforced.

Reminders (continued)

6. Deadline mailing dates;
- a. FFA Public Speaking Contest, April 6, 1953.
 - b. Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc., April 6, 1953.
 - c. State Chapter Contest, April 6, 1953.
 - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 13, 1953.
 - e. Entries in Farm Mechanics Contest, April 13, 1953.
 - f. Payments for cots and box lunches, April 13, 1953.
7. Box Lunch - 80¢ each - contestants only. Money due in mails April 13, 1953.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY FFA CONVENTION, OCTOBER 12-15

This year's convention of the Future Farmers of America Organization will celebrate the completion of twenty five years of an organization which was organized in Kansas City, Missouri, November, 1928. No effort will be made to build up the attendance, but it is estimated that a total of 10,000 FFA members will attend one or more sessions of the convention. A feature at the convention will be a ceremony depicting the organization of the FFA in Kansas City in 1928. Individuals planning to attend the convention should make reservations early. Send requests for reservations to Mr. Robert B. Coyner, Manager, Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

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NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

The following dates for the National FFA Judging Contests will be of interest to local FFA advisers having teams qualified to participate in these events:

To be held in Waterloo, Iowa:

Judging Dairy Cattle, October 5-7, 1953.
Judging Dairy Products, October 5-7, 1953.

To be held in Kansas City, Missouri:

Judging Livestock, October 13-15, 1953.
Judging Meats, October 13-15, 1953.
Judging Poultry, October 13-15, 1953.

Hotel reservations for members of judging teams should be made early. Requests for reservations should be sent to Robert B. Coyner, Manager, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

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1953 NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Kansas will be represented in the 1953 National Chapter Contest by Little River chapter, Milton Kohrs, adviser, and by the Shawnee-Mission chapter, H. D. Garver, adviser.

This year for the first time chapters participating in the National Chapter Contest were not required to submit Programs of Work by January 31. The contest will be judged solely upon the Report on Accomplishments submitted by the competing chapter.

The 1952 House of Delegates at the National FFA Convention recommended the following changes in the rules governing the National Chapter Contest and the recommendations were approved by the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors:

- (a) Paragraph 2, delete part about Programs of Work being submitted to the National Executive Secretary.
- (b) Paragraph 3, changed as follows: Each State may enter two Reports on Accomplishments, and that additional entries from each State be permitted on the basis of one entry for each 5,000 members, or major fraction thereof, over and above 5,000 membership.

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STATE AWARDS FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

This FFA Foundation, Inc., award was formerly designated as "State Initiated Projects." Kansas has always participated in this award. The Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation has, in the past, approved a plan for Kansas whereby the award money earmarked for Kansas for this project was distributed equally between the Gold Emblem Chapter winners in the State Chapter Contest. For 1953 the amount of award money for this project has been increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The allotment for Kansas this year will be \$980.33, provided the plan proposed for using the money is approved by the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation, Inc.

The plan presented by the Kansas Association of FFA for using the 1953 Improving Agriculture and Leadership award money recommends that money be distributed between both the Gold Emblem and the Silver Emblem chapter winners in the State Chapter Contest. It is proposed that the money to be distributed on a plan whereby the Gold Emblem chapter winner will receive twenty per cent more than will the Silver Emblem chapter winner. If this plan is approved, it will mean reaching more chapters and should stimulate greater interest in the State Chapter Contest. This will in no way detract from the objective of the award - Improving Agriculture and Leadership. A well balanced chapter program includes activities that will give experiences in improving agriculture and in developing boy leadership. All award moneys distributed for this project in Kansas must be used for the betterment of the local chapter.

The Board of Trustees ruled that "all specific plans" for Improving Agriculture and Leadership for the next fiscal year, starting January 1, 1954, "must be postmarked on or before January 1, 1954," if they are to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees at their January 1954 annual meeting.

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AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS

Applications for the American Farmer Degree, approved by the State Adviser, must be in the National Office not later than midnight of June 30, or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National Office on or before June 15, prior to the National Convention at which the application will be considered.

Kansas applications for the American Farmer Degree are due in the State Office, KSC, May 15, 1953.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL MEET IN COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

This year for the first time in the 25 year history of the Kansas Association of FFA the House of Delegates will hold its annual meeting in the College Auditorium. We want to express our appreciation for the fine cooperation of the Music Department at KSC in making the auditorium available for our use. Since we will have ample room for visitors, it is recommended that teachers invite parents of State Farmer Candidates and others who may be interested to attend the Monday evening meeting of the House of Delegates. New FFA paraphernalia is being built and if we can possibly find sufficient time between the hour when the auditorium is released and the time for beginning the House of Delegates meeting we are confident that the stage setting will be both commodious and impressive. Encourage your friends to attend this meeting.

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NATIONAL FFA OFFICER WILL ATTEND CONVENTION

Fred Reed, Jr., National Vice-President, Hindsville, Arkansas, will be present for the 25th Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA. Fred is a past president of the Arkansas Association of FFA and won the State FFA Speech Contest in 1949. He was a member of the National FFA Band in 1950. His main farming interest is dairying. National Vice-President Reed will address the House of Delegates meeting, bring greetings from the National Organization of FFA to the Chamber of Commerce banquet, and will assist the Kansas FFA Officers in the conduct of the 25th Annual Meeting of the State Association of FFA

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JUDGING CONTESTANTS WILL SLEEP IN FIELD HOUSE

Word has been received from Kenny L. Ford, Alumni Secretary, in charge of housing, to the effect that sleeping quarters for judging contestants will be provided in the Field House instead of Nichols Gymnasium. The same price and the same rules listed in the 30th Annual State High School Vocational Agriculture Judging and Farm Mechanics Announcement folder will prevail. Please address all correspondence relative to reservations for cots to Kenny L. Ford, KSC.

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATEDBUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR STARTING JAN. 1, 1953AND ENDING DEC. 31, 1953

(Basis for allotment of funds between the FFA and NFA)

1. Total Paid Up FFA Membership as of June 30, 1952.....	352,916
2. Total Paid Up NFA Membership as of June 30, 1952.....	34,891
3. Total Paid Up FFA and NFA Membership as of June 30, 1952.....	387,807
4. Percentage FFA Membership is of total.....	91.00%
5. Percentage NFA Membership is of total.....	9.00%

ASSETS

1. Balance on hand January 1, 1953 (Including \$52,625.46 present worth of Government Bonds).....	\$242,325.16
2. Value of Government Bonds in Reserve Fund.....	52,625.46
3. Net Cash Balance on hand January 1, 1953.....	\$189,699.70
4. Cash Receivable from Sale of Farm Machinery Manuals.....	21,559.24
5. Total Available for Budgeting.....	\$211,258.94
6. Amount set aside to purchase Government Bonds for Reserve Fund.	61,078.94
7. Available for Budgeting in 1953.....	\$150,180.00

THE BUDGET

1. Total Amount Budgeted.....	\$150,180.00
2. Administrative Expenses.....	7,000.00
3. Balance to apportion between FFA and NFA.....	\$143,180.00
4. Apportioned to FFA.....	\$130,300.00
5. Apportioned to NFA.....	\$ 12,880.00

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S O S TO LOCAL CHAPTER ADVISERS

The National FUTURE FARMER is scouting for write-ups of interesting, unusual, worthwhile FFA chapter activities. Although we hear of some activities through state magazines and other sources, we know that many newsworthy items escape our attention.

We need items -- short accounts and ones of article length. The articles should be accompanied by good, clear, action pictures.

But this SOS is mainly for short, lively items which we can use throughout the official magazine, giving national recognition to more activities, more chapters, more often.

Cordially,

Lano Barron, Editor

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RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

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

On October 1st there were 6,410 students enrolled in 192 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of April 1, was 6,892. This is one of the best membership records in the history of the Kansas Association and the officers wish to express their appreciation to the local chapter officers and their advisers for this splendid showing.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1952-53 as of April 1 on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 188% to 54%.

One hundred eighty five chapters have paid dues to date. Seven chapters are delinquent.

One hundred forty seven chapters reported a paid-up membership of 100 per cent or more. Thirty eight chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Altamont with a paid-up membership of 128 leads all the chapters in the State in the number of dues paid. Winfield Chapter with 94 members ranks second, while Effingham with 87 ranks third. Emporia ranks fourth with 86 and Shawnee Mission is fifth with 72.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 184 chapters having paid their dues is 111%. Last year this figure stood at 108%.

The Kansas Association hopes to report 100 per cent active chapters at the time of the annual meeting on April 27.

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

Those chapters having a membership range from 161 per cent to 188 per cent:

Partridge

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 160 per cent:

Lebanon Silver Lake

Those chapters having a membership range from 141 per cent to 150 per cent:

Alta Vista	Beloit	Goodland	Hoyt	Osage City
Belleville	Ellis	Hillsboro	Linn	Osborne

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

Atwood	Fairview	Medicine Lodge	Jennings	Valley Falls
Berryton	Mankato	Minneapolis	St. Marys	Westmoreland
Bird City	McCune			

Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

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

Alma	Clifton	Garden City	Liberal	Phillipsburg
Altoona	Colby	Greenleaf	Little River	Smith Center
Burlington	Council Grove	Hanover	Meade	Spearville
Burns	Effingham	Kiowa	Moundridge	Troy

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

Abilene	Emporia	Howard	Meriden	Peabody
Arkansas City	Ford	Hoxie	Shawnee Mission	Powhattan
Barnes	Frankfort	Iola	Natoma	Quinter
Beverly	Great Bend	Jewell	Newton	Randolph
Bonner Springs	Harper	Kingman	Oberlin	Rose Hill
Cherryvale	Haven	Lawrence	Clathe	Stockton
Cottonwood Falls	Highland	Lyndon	Overbrook	Winfield
Edson	Hill City	Marysville	Paradise	Yates Center
ELDorado	Holton			

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

Altamont	Concordia	LaCygne	Palco	Soldier
Buhler	Ellsworth	Leon	Paola	Stafford
Burlingame	Eureka	Manhattan	Parker	Syracuse
Chanute	Fort Scott	McPherson	Plainville	Washburn
Chapman	Fredonia	Miltonvale	Pratt	Wakefield
Clay Center	Inman	Neodesha	Pretty Prairie	Williamsburg
Coffeyville	Jetmore	Seaman	Sabetha	Wilson
Columbus	Kinsley			

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

Almena	Clafflin	Herington	Ottawa	St. Francis
Ashland	Coldwater	Marion	Piedmont	Ulysses
Attica	Ensign	Mullinville	Riley	Washington
Bazine	Harveyville	Norcatur	Simpson	Wetmore
Centralia	Hays	Norton		

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

Alton	Girard	Junction City	Sedan	Trousdale
Bunker Hill	Glasco	Longford	Severy	Wamego
Downs	Holcomb	Louisburg	Solomon	Waterville
Eskridge	Hugoton	Ness City	Highland Park	Wellsville
Garnett	Independence	Riverton	Toronto	

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

Erie	Lakin	Mulvane	Parsons	Rossville
Haddam	Morrowville	Oxford		

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

Kincaid	Minneola	Onaga	Tonganoxie
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Those chapters having a membership range from 54 per cent to 67 per cent:

Dodge City	Fowler
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THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MAGAZINE

Editor's Note: The following information was taken from minutes of the annual meeting of the Editing-Managing Board of The Agricultural Education Magazine held at Boston, Mass., December 1, 1952.

It was advised that the Picture-of-the-Month Contest be continued for at least the duration of the present volume and that the contest be opened to college trainees in agricultural education as well as teachers of vocational agriculture.

As of October 30, 1952 subscriptions to the Agricultural Education Magazine had increased from 9,842 the previous year to 10,032. Kansas' subscriptions had increased from 187 the previous year to 230.

Analysis of contributions to the magazine for Vol. 25, 6 issues, July-December, 1952 is as follows:

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Contributed by:	Teachers	89	65
	Supervisors	6	5
	Teacher Trainers	19	14
	Others	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>
	Total	136	100

Contributions by states:

Arkansas	1	New Hampshire	4
California	2	New Jersey	1
Delaware	1	New York	6
Florida	4	North Carolina	3
Georgia	3	North Dakota	2
Illinois	9	Oklahoma	1
Indiana	2	Ohio	11
Iowa	5	Oregon	2
Louisiana	1	Pennsylvania	10
Maryland	3	Tennessee	3
Massachusetts	3	Texas	3
Michigan	4	Utah	5
Minnesota	4	Vermont	8
Missouri	3	Virginia	3
Nebraska	4	Washington	2
Nevada	2	West Virginia	5
		Wisconsin	8

By Regions:

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
North Central		52	38
North Atlantic		41	30
Southern		22	16
Western		13	10
Unassigned		8	6

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MAGAZINE THEMES FOR VOLUME 26
(July 1953 to June 1954 inclusive)

Note: We regret to note in the 1951-52 report of the Editing-Managing Board of the Agriculture Education Magazine that there was not a single column inch from Kansas. The following lists the theme to be developed for each of the issues of the Agriculture Education Magazine during the next year. Articles intended for publication must reach the editor 90 days in advance of the publication date. We sincerely hope that Volume 26 of the Agriculture Education Magazine will carry several reports of the splendid work that is being done in the Field of vocational agriculture in Kansas. Ed.

July, 1953 -- Growth in the Program of Vocational Agriculture

- Establishing new departments
- Increasing the effectiveness of local programs
- Relationships with other agricultural programs
- Relationships with other educational programs
- Using time effectively
- Starting a new department
- Selecting pupils for vocational agriculture
- Opportunities for expansion

August -- School and Community Service through Vocational Agriculture

- Using Advisory Committees in planning services
- Demonstrations as a community service
- Serving the community through fairs and exhibits
- Cooperative activities as a means of community service
- Contributions of the vocational agriculture department to the program of the school
- Community service through the FFA
- Community service through Farm Mechanics

September -- Improving the Teacher-Learning Process

- Lesson Planning
- Guiding pupil behavior
- Effective use of supervised study
- The field-trip as a teaching procedure
- Conducting individual instruction
- Effective use of demonstrations
- Organization and arrangement of classes and class-rooms
- Testing for learning outcomes
- The use of supervised farming programs in teaching
- Using community resources in teaching
- Cooperation with the guidance program of the school

October -- Visual and Audio Aids in Teaching

- The use of charts and graphs
- Preparation and use of pictures
- The use of the blackboard
- Preparation of audio aids
- The use of audio aids
- Televising programs
- Collection, storage and use of samples

Agricultural Education Magazine - continued

November -- A Quarter-Century of Progress in the FFA

Anniversary number to feature any phase or topic relating to the FFA program

December -- Working With Out-of-School Groups

Planning the program of instruction
Methods in teaching out-of-school groups
Arranging for and conducting on-farm instruction
Organizations for out-of-school groups, local and state
Using Advisory Committees in developing programs for out-of-school groups
Any phase of the Veterans Training program

January, 1954 -- Improving Facilities for Vocational Agriculture

Farm shop space and its use
Organization and arrangement of class-rooms
Filing systems and their use
Buildings, rooms and equipment for vocational agriculture
Advantages and disadvantages of separate buildings for vocational agriculture departments
Cooperating with other departments in the use of facilities

February -- Improving Professional Status

Needs for professional improvement
Opportunities and means for professional improvement
Tenure of teachers
Preparing teachers for vocational agriculture
Selection of teachers
Teacher retirement
Professional standards and ethics
Professional advancement
Membership in professional organizations

March -- Improving Supervised Farming Programs

Relation of supervised farming programs to establishment in farming
Placement of pupils for farm experience
Planning programs with new or prospective pupils
Relating supervised farming programs to classroom instruction
Records and reports for supervised farming programs
Group and school project activities
The school farm

April -- Administering the Program of Vocational Agriculture

Relationships with State administration
Relationships within the school
Relationships within the community
Records and reports in vocational agriculture
Placement of teachers
Obtaining a teaching position
The responsibilities of administration
Administering contests in vocational agriculture

Agricultural Education Magazine - continued

May -- Evaluating Programs in Vocational Agriculture

Emphasis upon results obtained in any phase of Vocational Agriculture --
 FFA, all-day classes, out-of-school groups, community activities, etc.
 The means of evaluating programs
 Kinds of data and other evidence needed and how to keep and use them in
 evaluating programs
 Research in Agricultural Education (The list of research studies in
 progress will be reported).

June -- The Summer Program

Planning programs
 Vacations -- when and how to take them
 Individual instruction during the summer
 Relations with school officials during the summer
 Keeping the community informed of summer activities
 Making plans for a new school year
 Recruiting pupils for vocational agriculture classes

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AN ENGLISH EDUCATOR LOOKS AT VO-AG*

"The vocational agricultural course in the country high schools of the United States, with its allied system of farm projects carried by the boys as members of the Future Farmers of America organization, is among the triumphs of American education.---

"To all this the Vo Ag teacher is the key. He is generally a man of good farming background. He is resourceful, practical, accepted by the farmers as a man of knowledge and experience, up to date with the fruits of current research. Indeed, it is part of his duty to help the adult community and hold classes and discussion groups of FFA members who recently left school and of older farmers. He has to deal competently with machinery and maintenance as well as with husbandry and management. This section of the teaching profession carries a high reputation.---He has a comprehensive training of four or five years at a university which has included effective pedagogic instruction, carefully supervised teaching practice, and the study of an FFA and its rural community. There are well over ten thousand Vo Ag teachers in the United States, and 150,000 youngsters emerge annually from their care, with some part of the Vo Ag training behind them.

"Here is one of America's greatest resources in the improvement of her agriculture and the enrichment and stability of her rural life."

* Martin Wilson, Director of Education, County of Shropshire, England. The quotations are taken from his article in The Manchester Guardian Weekly, Air Edition. Mr. Wilson's article was written after studying vocational agriculture first hand in the United States.

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PART I

AN ANALYSIS OF A SELECTED LIST OF CHAPTER PROGRAMS

The following analysis of 34 FFA Chapter activity programs includes the 1952 Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem classification winners in the Kansas Chapter Contest. A few additional chapters were added to the list of winners in order to obtain state wide distribution.

Deadline Mailing Date and Penalty. A ruling of the House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of FFA sets November 1 as the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. This ruling also makes local chapters and their members ineligible for FFA competition on the state level if the local program of work is not filed on time.

Helpful Suggestions for building a chapter activity program will be found in the Official FFA Manual, pages 36-40.

Committee Appointments for building the chapter activity program should include all members of the chapter. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and adviser.

Calendaring Activities for the year, by months, is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter.

The following is a list of activities under the eight divisions of the Chapter program of work carried to completion by 34 Kansas FFA chapters in 1952. The number to the left of each activity indicates the number of chapters participating.

SUPERVISED PRACTICE

28	Farming program planning	:	9	Farming program & record book
28	Livestock and Crop production goals	:	9	contest
26	Goal for planting certified seed	:	9	Livestock sanitation and disease control
25	Farming program tour	:	8	Exhibit at Fair
24	Grow feed crops for livestock	:	7	Farming program publicity
23	Average projects per member	:	5	Farming program picture displays
21	Increase net worth of members	:	5	Test soils
20	Home beautification & improvement practices	:	4	Test seed
18	Farming program improvement	:	3	Have balanced farming program
18	Supplementary farm practices	:	3	Farm shop skills acquired for the year
13	Soil conservation program	:	3	Pest eradication
12	Improve quality of livestock	:	3	Have financial and managerial control of farming program
12	Treat seed	:	3	Award local FFA Foundation medals
12	Farming program completion	:	3	Livestock hazards removed
11	100% farming program ownership	:	2	Livestock medicine cabinets
11	Average investment in farming program	:	2	Test cows for production
9	Build or repair machinery	:	2	Have news in local and school paper and newsletter
9	Home farm shop	:	2	Fire prevention

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2	Take pictures of farm projects for bulletin boards	:	1	Chapter organize and sponsor live-stock and crop improvement associations
2	Livestock loss prevention campaign:	:		
1	100% of members add to their collection of written material on Agriculture projects	:	1	Purebred Association memberships
1	100% of members work on a labor saving device	:	1	Tractor and Auto driving contest
1	Members with 2nd year crop own \$50 worth of machinery	:	1	Improve facilities for handling livestock

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

15	Cooperative buying and selling	:	2	Feed Mixing
13	Parent-Son Banquet	:	2	Cooperative wheat project
13	Assembly program	:	2	Mix rat poison
13	Mix and sell mineral	:	2	Cooperative corn project
12	Chapter boar and gilt ring	:	2	Corn test plots
11	Buy FFA jackets	:	2	Cooperative sheep shearing project
11	Scrap drive	:	2	Have all members pictures in Yearbook
10	Local fair exhibits	:		
10	Purchase seed cooperatively	:	1	Conduct Homecoming program
9	Cooperate with FHA	:	1	Cooperative alfalfa project
9	Cooperatively purchase supplies	:	1	Tree and shrubbery planting
7	Test seed	:	1	Class hog project
7	Cooperate with veterans	:	1	Buy certified seed
7	Pest control	:	1	Fertilizer test plot
6	Secure cooperative loan	:	1	Cooperative dairy project
6	Concession stand	:	1	Group attendance at church during FFA week
6	Sell pencils	:		
5	Exhibit at State Fair	:	1	Cooperate with local Soil Conservation Service
5	Tours	:		
5	Operate "For Sale" and "Wanted" bulletin	:	1	Encourage Boy Scouts
4	Cooperative chicken project	:	1	Purchase and sell trees and shrubs
4	Conduct judging school	:		
4	Publish chapter Yearbook	:	1	Contribute to Crusade for Freedom and CARE
4	Cooperative hog trough program	:	1	Demonstration plots
4	Open House	:	1	Start a Junior DHIA
4	Cooperatively purchase livestock	:	1	Protect wild life
3	Have downtown window display	:	1	County variety test plots
3	Football and basketball programs	:	1	Cooperatively purchase lumber and iron for individual use
3	Make and sell farm equipment	:	1	Sponsor district farm mechanics school
3	Cooperative swine project	:		
3	Improve school grounds	:	1	Cooperative ram project
3	Cooperatively purchase feed	:	1	Concrete tile and foot scraper
3	Cooperative spraying	:	1	100% of boys to feed Phenothiazine
3	FFA Library	:	1	Broiler project
3	Cooperative wool and lamb marketing	:	1	Chapter loan fund
3	Livestock medicine cabinet	:	1	FFA Barbecue
2	American Royal trip	:	1	Conduct Ag Barnwarmer
		:	1	Purchase machinery for resale and repair

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

37	Castrate livestock	:	3	Drench sheep
26	Dehorn cattle	:	3	Treat bindweed
24	Pest eradication contest	:	3	Contribute to Red Cross
24	Safety campaign	:	3	Sell garden seed
23	Cull poultry	:	3	Make shop facilities available to
20	Prune fruit trees	:		farmers
18	Vaccinate livestock	:	3	Fair exhibits
18	Dock lambs	:	3	Brand livestock
16	Repair machinery	:	3	Demonstration plot
16	Test soil	:	2	Scrap drive
14	Test milk	:	2	Trap gophers
13	Treat grain and seed	:	2	Reseed football field
13	Test seed	:	2	Band trees
13	Improve home surroundings	:	2	Park improvement
12	Lay out terraces	:	2	Mailbox painting
11	Worm livestock	:	2	Caponize poultry
11	Sponsor on-farm training	:	1	Community hospital improvement
10	Fire prevention	:	1	Join Jr. Red Cross
9	Butchering	:	1	FFA Nursery
9	Improve school grounds and build- ings	:	1	Mix county gopher poison
8	Build farm equipment	:	1	Blood testing poultry
8	Livestock loss prevention campaign	:	1	Parent-Teacher meeting
6	Grub cattle	:	1	Prepare cattle for showing and sale
6	Soil conservation	:	1	Fumigate grain beds
5	Dip livestock	:	1	Vote registration
5	Spray livestock	:	1	Contribute to Cancer Drive
5	Shear sheep	:	1	Contribute to Polio Fund
5	Lay out contours	:	1	Operate farm labor bureau
4	Treat hogs for mange	:	1	Gilt ring
4	Worm poultry	:	1	Landscape and paint buildings
4	Window display	:	1	Trim weeds and brush from crossroads
4	Repair school equipment	:	1	Set out Multiflora Rose
3	Plant trees or shrubs	:	1	Debeak pullets
		:	1	Have float in Fair parade

LEADERSHIP

33	Participate in Leadership Schools	:	11	Chapter Farmer Ritual
33	Enter district judging contests	:	10	Parliamentary training for members
28	Enter State judging contests	:	10	Committee experience for all
27	Send delegates to State Associa- tion meeting	:		members
24	State Farmer candidates	:	9	Radio program
24	Publicity in State FFA Newsletter and newspapers	:	9	Enter Hoard's Dairymen and Duroc Judging Contest
17	Parent-Son Banquet	:	8	Present assembly program
15	Maintain FFA Library	:	6	Hold officer's meetings
13	Acquaint 8th graders with FFA	:	6	Maintain bulletin board
12	Chapter public speaking contest	:	6	Project tours
12	Enter State Chapter contest	:	5	100% Ag boys FFA members
11	Attend National Convention	:	5	Parent-Son meeting
		:	5	Elect Jr. FFA officers

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4	Attend American Royal	:	1	Members hold offices in local organizations
4	Keep scrapbook	:		
4	Have State officer	:	1	Make a budget
4	Member on Student Council	:	1	Have Information Contest over new Future Farmer Magazine
4	100% Ag boys learn Creed	:		
4	Formal installation of officers	:	1	Local Mechanics Contest
4	Chapter prepare Program of Work	:	1	Sponsor All School party
4	100% subscription to National Future Farmer magazine	:	1	Carl Raymond Gray scholarship
4	All officers have FFA jackets	:	1	Chapter have insurance
3	Program for civic organization	:	1	Chapter service award
3	American Farmer candidate	:	1	Record book contest
3	Elect Honorary members	:	1	Recognition plaque
3	Sears and Kroger Scholarship candidates	:	1	FFA Foundation Award medals
3	FFA Trophy case	:	1	Members belong to breed associations
3	Enter National Chapter Contest	:	1	FFA Scrap box
3	Open House	:		Members become acquainted with FFA History
3	Have FFA Stationery	:	1	Accurate chapter records be kept
2	Enter Swift Essay Contest	:	1	Sponsor a corn show
2	Publish Yearbook	:	1	School honor roll
2	Freshman Parent meeting	:	1	Degree advancement
1	Publish an FFA Newsletter	:	1	Improve chapter program
1	All members have access to chapter program	:	1	Award letters to members entering State judging contests
1	One officer give report of district Leadership School	:	1	Sponsor chapter trip
1	100% membership	:		Opening and closing ritual at all meetings
1	Each member give report on article of interest each semester	:	1	Sponsor wild life meetings

EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

33	Chapter dues	:	3	Sell equipment left in shop
16	Chapter budget	:	3	Have carnival
14	Concession stand	:	2	Feed bunk project
13	Exhibits and booth at fairs	:	2	Sell official FFA calendar
12	Scrap iron drive	:	2	Maintain chapter account in bank
9	Project earnings back in project	:	2	Box supper
9	Sell pencils	:	2	Football and basketball programs
9	Increase net worth	:	1	Sell garden seed
8	Savings bonds investment	:	1	Loan out squeeze chute
6	Life insurance	:	1	Pick up waste field corn
6	Build and sell projects	:	1	Raise and sell popcorn
5	Increase individual earnings goal	:	1	Paper drive
5	Gilt ring	:	1	Wheat project
5	Sell magazine subscriptions	:	1	Rent sprayer
5	Hog troughs project	:	1	Band trees
5	Charge for shop jobs	:	1	Shock feed
5	Sell Christmas cards	:	1	Spray trees
4	Sell popcorn at games	:	1	Dip sheep
4	Savings accounts	:	1	Hog feeding project
3	Popcorn machine	:	1	Book exchange
3	Mix and sell minerals	:	1	Spray livestock
3	Loan fund	:	1	Hold pancake feed and movie

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CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

28	Regular monthly meetings	:	7	Goal for number of manuals owned
27	Goal for membership attendance	:	6	Recreation at meetings
26	Use opening and closing ritual at meetings	:	6	Exchange meetings with other chapters
19	Use paraphernalia at meetings	:	5	Raise Greenhands to Chapter Farmer
18	Hold election of officers in spring	:	5	Parliamentary Procedure study
18	Follow parliamentary procedure at all meetings	:	5	Formal installation of officers
16	Greenhand initiation	:	4	Keep minutes of all meetings
16	Use official Secretary's and Treasurer's books	:	4	Each member serve on committee
13	Calendar of activities	:	3	Acquaint prospective members with FFA
11	Chapter Farmer initiation	:	3	Calendar all chapter meetings
11	Refreshments at night meetings	:	3	Committee reports
11	Have outside speaker at meetings	:	3	Chapter library
11	Hold summer meetings	:	3	Joint meeting with FHA
11	Hold special meetings	:	2	Goal for membership participation in program
9	Each officer memorize his part in opening and closing ritual	:	2	Get-acquainted meeting for Freshmen and parents
9	Regular day meetings	:	2	Make study of FFA organization
9	Officers' meetings	:	1	Own all recommended paraphernalia
8	Each officer have official jacket	:	1	Have a working executive committee
8	Program planned in advance	:	1	Rating of programs by chapter officers
8	Parent-Son banquet	:	1	FFA news item at each meeting
8	Attend Leadership school	:		
7	100% of eligible Vo-Ag students enter FFA	:		

SCHOLARSHIP

20	Have "C" average or better in all subjects	:	4	One member to qualify for Dairy Farming Award
19	Have members on school honor roll	:	3	Each member give oral report every 6 weeks
19	Encourage reading - subscribe to farm magazines	:	3	National Honor Society
16	Chapter scholarship contest	:	3	Carl Raymond Gray scholarships
11	Maintain chapter library	:	3	100% of members to give magazine report
10	Vo-Ag Honor roll	:		
10	State Farmer degree candidate	:	2	Letters to members on FFA teams
7	Scholastic improvement	:	2	Have students make up assignments prior to field trips, etc.
6	Sears and Kroger scholarships	:		
5	Have higher chapter grade average than school average	:	2	All officers elected to have an average of "C" or better
4	FFA Foundation awards	:	2	All FFA Seniors plan to graduate
4	DeKalb award	:	1	Have "B" average in Vo-Ag
4	One member to qualify for Farm Electrification Award	:	1	Chapter Information Contest
4	One member to qualify for Public Speaking Award	:	1	100% of officers maintain "B" average
4	One member to qualify for Soil and Water Management Award	:	1	Farming program award
4	One member to qualify for Farm Mechanics Award	:	1	All members have library

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RECREATION

18	Parent-Son Banquet	:	3	Swimming party
14	Spring fishing trip	:	3	Send members to summer camp
14	Recreation at night meetings	:	3	FFA-FHA Box Supper
12	Hayrack ride	:	3	Boxing show
11	Baseball team	:	2	Coon hunt
11	Skating party	:	2	Boys quartet
11	Watermelon feed	:	2	Assembly program
9	Picnic	:	2	Parents' meeting
8	Date party	:	2	Coyote hunt
8	Motion pictures	:	1	Open House
5	Summer trip	:	1	Overnight camp
5	Christmas party	:	1	Donkey basketball game
4	Volley Ball	:	1	FFA band
4	Square dance	:	1	Summer meeting
4	Softball team	:	1	All school party
4	Weiner roast	:	1	Rodeo
3	Ping pong tournament	:	1	Hold an FFA party each semester
3	Fun Night	:	1	FFA Play Night
3	Chili supper	:	1	Barbecue
3	Group singing	:	1	FFA Harvester
3	Joint meeting with FHA	:	1	Chuck Wagon feed
3	Dad's night	:	1	Quiz program
3	Barnwarmer	:		

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ILLINOIS: Robert C. Dewey, an FFA member of the Leland High School Chapter, was declared winner in the 1952 State Corn Growing contest...There were 3,173 students entered in the "Pioneer Hi-Yield Corn Growing Contest" from 264 high schools in the state. The yield grown by state champion Dewey was 220 bushels per acre - the variety grown was Pioneer 352.

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VIRGINIA: Members of the North River chapter average more than 4 enterprises per individual in their supervised farming programs...The chapter pig club has added purebred Berkshires to their swine activities...Grain, money and clothing were contributed to CROP...A memory book will be published by the chapter.

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TEXAS: Conrad Davidson of the Poteet chapter is energetically conducting soil improvement practices on his father's farm which he manages. He has put out 200 pounds of superphosphate per acre and will dust hubam seed on a 50 acre field...Conrad states that he is working toward grassland farming.

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PART II

EVALUATING FFA CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

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

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

In 1941, the state association ruled that supplemental materials would not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishment. This rule will hold for the 1953 state FFA chapter contest. However, one will have to admit that supplementary material is of value in substantiating claims of chapters as well as in many cases aiding the judges in forming correct opinions as to achievement standards.

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

How Chapter Programs Are Ranked

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

National Score Card Weightings

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

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

	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Execution</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Supervised Practice	50	150	200
2. Cooperation	40	120	160
3. Community Service	40	120	160
4. Leadership	30	90	120
5. Earnings and Savings	30	90	120
6. Conduct of Meetings	20	60	80
7. Scholarship	20	60	80
8. Recreation	20	60	80
			<u>1000</u>

The following is a listing of some of the points the scoring committee keeps in mind in checking and evaluating chapter achievement under the eight divisions around which the program of work is centered. The list is not complete, and is varied from year to year to comply with national and state FFA objectives.

Supervised Practice:

1. Feed crop grown by members.
2. Definite farming program financial goals.
3. High per cent quality specified animals.
4. High per cent certified seed - or, quality specified.
5. Farming program tour.
6. Improvement practices for each boy.
7. Supplementary practices for each boy.
8. Soil conservation practices a part of planned program.
9. Definite farming program production goals for chapter.

Cooperation:

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

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Community Service:

1. Young farmer (part-time) classes
2. Landscaping - public grounds
3. Painting public equipment - buildings
4. Mother-son receptions; father-son; and parent-son banquets
5. Pruning - spraying - culling - soil testing - seed testing
6. Home beautification - landscape, grade and sand roads, paint, etc.
7. Pest Eradication

Leadership:

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

Earnings and Savings:

1. Have budget
2. Purchase U. S. Savings bonds
3. Seed treating; hot bed; butchering; feed mixing, etc.
4. Salvage drive; scrap iron, waste paper, rags - per cent of sale
5. Farm machinery repair and sale
6. Dipping sheep; shearing; butchering; mineral mix; etc.
7. Concession stand
8. Sale of shop jobs: Example - feed bunk, livestock buildings, etc.
9. Sale of chapter members services: Example - shock feed, harvest plots, etc.

Meetings:

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

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Scholarship:

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

Recreation:

1. Have a definite recreational program as a part of regularly scheduled chapter meetings
2. FFA tournaments - ping pong, horseshoe pitching, boxi , wrestling, tennis, etc.
3. Overnight camping and fishing parties
4. Date parties, hikes, barnwarmer, folk games, hayrack ride, etc.

Cooperation with State FFA Program:

1. Membership
2. Minimum FFA library
3. FFA publicity
4. Home improvement
5. Complete FFA Paraphernalia
6. Use of official secretary and treasurer books
7. Prevent waste:
 - a. Conservation Natural Resources
 - b. Prevent Farm Fire
 - c. Control Livestock Losses
 - d. Eradicate Pests
 - e. Safety Education

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

CHAPTER NEWS

ALMENA: The Chapter received an International pickup through courtesy of Goble's Implement Co. of Norton. It is used on all Vo-Ag activities...An item is placed in our local newspaper each week concerning activities of the Ag department and FFA organization...We have moved into our new Vo-Ag building. A dedication ceremony is planned for next spring...As an attempt to raise money the FFA boys have sold booster license tags, which have netted us \$70... Shop projects under way consist of: 3 creep feeders, 2 hog houses, 1 hay feeder, 3 loading chutes, and 2 dehorning gates; completed 6 feedbunks, 1 loading chute, 1 hog house and 1 tool cabinet.

Gary Rumsey, Reporter

BONNER SPRINGS: Our chapter is a 100% subscription chapter to the National Future Farmer...The chapter initiated 9 Greenhands into the FFA organization in December...To date, 7 tons of scrap metal have been collected on the FFA scrap metal drive...Our annual pest eradication contest is under way...An addition to the Vo-Ag classroom is a beautifully colored birds-eye maple four foot kernal of corn which our chapter is using as our "Kernals of Fame." It will have each boy's name on it that reaches at least the State Farmer Degree or wins a state contest as an individual or on a team...60% of our Program of Work activities have been completed...The FFA octet are doing some practicing for community performances...The chapter feed mixer is completed...The cooperative mixing of hog protein supplement will start soon...The chapter sponsored the all-school Christmas party.

Terry Coleman, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Our parent-son banquet will be held April 14, and our chapter barnwarmer will be held sometime in April. We are also planning a two day camping and fishing trip at the close of school...Our chapter helped the Lions Club sell brooms to aid the Kansas Foundation for the Blind...Farm mechanics projects under construction in our shop at present include: a hay-rack, a 2-wheel trailer, a 2-wheel horse trailer, a truck stockrack, 2 feed bunks, several tool cabinets for our shop and numerous small projects.

Leland Adam, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: In our FFA Rodent Contest we killed the following pests: 9 coyotes, 132 blackbirds, 52 rats, 1003 sparrows, 313 starlings, 18 gophers, 86 mice, 11 skunks, 61 possums, 30 coons, 29 muskrat, 3 badgers...Shop projects completed so far this year include 2 barrel feed bunks, 1 bunk from ice tanks, a caking sled, 3 hog self feeders, 2 hog houses, 1 creep feeder, 1 silage bunk, 5 cake feeding bunks, 1 horse trough, painting water tank and tractor, a covered salt box, 4 salt boxes, 2 sets of grain sideboards for pickups, a covered box for the FFA Pickup, a feed mixing box on 3 wheels, 5 hog troughs, 1 coffee table, and other small jobs...Our chapter recently held a farm machinery school covering the plow, mower, graindrill, tractor and combine. Our senior boys gave demonstration on each machine, including calibration of grain drill, setting mower for lead, and timing a tractor. All boys had to spot the drawbar as a part of the tractor exercise...Our FFA Parents' Night was held on March 27. Local talent presented the entertainment, an accordion solo, vocal solo and several numbers by our FFA band...We have put up FFA signs on the 3 main highways leading into town...We have disassembled old desks for the school and cleaned up behind the school and contributed \$5 to the polio drive...We have 100% subscription to the National Future Farmer Magazine.

Kendall Angell, Reporter

Chapter News - continued

HOWARD: We moved into our new shop, classroom, cafeteria and locker room the first of February...Our shop program includes: 2 hayrack beds, 2 creep feeders, 6 panel fences, a picnic table and some chicken feeders. We are also painting a creep feeder, hayrack and 2-wheeled trailer...The chapter has had 2 coyote hunts at which 4 coyotes were killed...Six boys sold 54 steers at the Deferred Steer Sale in Kansas City. They brought a lump sum of \$14,310. Elk County received the award for having the greatest number and highest quality steers at the sale...Our chapter officers initiated the officers and members of our new neighboring chapter, Piedmont...At our Freshmen-Parent night we had the Greenhand boys ask questions about chapter work and the older members answered them in the form of a round table discussion...The Crop Improvement and Livestock Improvement Associations are two active branches of our chapter...The main projects this year are: C.I.A., rodent control program, L.I.A., livestock loss prevention...The chapter is making out a new award system for each class with an extra award given at the end of four years of chapter work...Our FFA Banquet was held in the Industrial Arts room of our new building. There was a total attendance of 119 boys, parents and guests. We were honored by the presence of L. B. Pollom, State FFA Adviser...We had our Mountain Oyster fry March 20.

Don Perkins, Reporter

BURNS: Our chapter held a meeting devoted to "Safety." The County Sheriff was the principal speaker...The FFA has planned their FFA banquet for April 7. Wes Seyler from WIBW will show us a film on his trip to Hawaii.

Donald Nightengale, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Pests turned in from our Pest Eradication Contest were: 3,315 sparrows; 1,394 starlings; 383 pigeons; 1,051 mice; 448 rats; 2,053 cottontail rabbits; 883 jackrabbits; 70 opossums; 170 raccons; 178 coyotes; 213 crows; 30 gophers; and 44 squirrels...The Judging Team placed first in the District Poultry contest held at Miltonvale, February 14. We also won the District Crops Contest held March 9 at Longford...The annual Parent-Son Banquet was held March 17; there were about 200 boys, parents, and guests present...For one of our money raising activities we sold popcorn at football and basketball games.

Herbert Mugler, Reporter

ULYSSES: The Chapter received its charter November 20, 1952, and since we have been busy in the chapter's organization...In order to make money we have organized scrap drives. Many farmers have donated scrap to help us...We plan to hold a Father-Son Banquet soon.

Kenneth Howard, Reporter

LYNDON: We have been doing considerable field work, as we have dehorned 65 head of cattle, castrated 12 head, vaccinated 35 head and earmarked 2 calves. We castrated 31 head of hogs...175 chickens have been raised and sold for a profit of \$25, and we have 200 more that we are feeding, 25 of which will be used for our FFA banquet...We have recently purchased an electric dehorner which will be used by the department...The class with the highest grades and those exempt from semester examination will go to Topeka to visit Forbes Air Base and Goodyear Rubber Company.

Jim Bronson, Reporter

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LIBERAL: We held our Greenhand and Chapter Farmer Degree initiation Wednesday, December 10. Boys receiving the Chapter Farmer degree were: Richard Arnett, Ronald Brummett, Morris Johnson, Donald Sharp, Bruce Stansberry, George Winchell and Pat Wright. The Greenhand degree was awarded to: Bill Booth, Kelvin Casebeer, Charles Freeman, Arthur Greenwood, Jay Kapp, Frank Owen, Larry Preedy, Paul Preifert, Mervin Tedford, Bobby Tremmell and G. S. Wiggains...Our Pest Contest ended on January 12. The winners were treated to a Chili feed by the losing side on January 26...During the Christmas season we cooperated with the Chamber of Commerce by making concrete Christmas tree holders for the merchants so they could use these holders to place a Christmas tree on the sidewalk in front of their place of business. They are round, 20 inches in diameter, 3 inches thick and a piece of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch pipe is placed in the center 5 inches high. We sold trees to the merchants to use in these holders. Our profit was around \$90.

Booth Brown, Reporter

ST. MARYS: Our chapter has 24 members this year...All the Vo-Ag boys bought new coveralls this year with their name and the FFA Emblem on them. The chapter treasury paid for one-half the cost...We held a hayrack ride and picnic; also a Father-Son meeting...Shop projects completed this year include four 4-wheel trailers, two 2-wheel trailers, portable loading chute, calf creep feeder, several steel gates, chicken feeders, repaired one moldboard plow and painted it, also several small jobs...Our chapter is holding the District Livestock contest this year.

Bernard Rodenbaugh, Reporter

CHANUTE: We told about ourselves over a radio program on Feb. 9 and 16 in honor of FFA week...We held our Parent-Son banquet on the night of Jan. 20. It was our sixteenth annual banquet. 145 people were served...On January 28 we attended the District Public Speaking Contest at Altamont. Pat Brazil tied for first in the senior division...On Feb. 21 we held a District Farm Mechanics School. Fredonia was the top team with 1,381 points. Fredonia also had the high individual, Jerry Fink, with 705 points...A shop job completed is a two-wheel trailer and bed by John Stich. Still under construction is a two-wheel stock trailer by Bill Kepley, pipe frame feed bunks by George Gregory and Loy Reinhardt, a combination hay and grain feeder by Clinton Swiler.

Duane Moyer, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: We began our chicken project the first of February. We bought all roosters with the idea of caponizing them and raising broilers weighing 3 pounds at twelve weeks. We have completed the caponizing project. We used pills on half of the birds and the knife on the rest of the flock. To date we have 72 of the 75 we started with...We held our annual Parent-Son banquet March 10, with 80 parents, guests and members present. The featured decoration was a sand table farm in the center of the tables.

Sam Strahm, Reporter

HOLCOMB: The chapter has planted shrubbery around the Ag building as a beautifying project...Our pest eradication contest has ended with a large number of pests killed. Many coyotes were included in the count...We made approximately \$75 on our donkey basketball game.

Chuck Holmstrom, Reporter

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MINNEAPOLIS: Our annual pest contest ended Feb. 15, with the following number of points collected: 29 gophers, 1 prairie dog, 26 rats, 57 opossum, 63 coons, 1 crow, 271 starlings, 15 cow birds, 583 cotton tails, 254 mice, 65 pigeons, 1,815 sparrows, 6 hawks, 10 coyotes. John Welch was high man with 7,715 points and Harvey Hamilton was second with 5,150.

Evan Kindall, Reporter

HIGHLAND PARK: We have a new 36' x 48' building for storage of shop supplies and equipment which is used seasonally...At the Ottawa Poultry Judging School held March 21, our team placed fourth among 22 teams competing. Members of the team were Terry Sterling, Lonnie Hobbs and Marshall Price...Recently completed shop projects include many machinery repair jobs, tool conditioning, 3 cattle feed bunks and 10 tool cabinets.

Marshall Price, Reporter

STOCKTON: Our chapter held their annual Parent meeting Dec. 8. Talks were given by the 1952 American Farmers from Kansas, Deryl Carswell of Alton, and Phil Pratt of Hoxie. Seventeen boys received the Greenhand degree at this meeting...The Northwest District Poultry School and Contest was sponsored by our chapter on Feb. 28.

Jim Turnbull, Reporter

OTTAWA: We held our annual Poultry Judging School March 21 at Ottawa. There were 22 schools attending. Prof. L. F. Payne, K.S.C., accompanied Prof. T. C. Avery, the judge, to Ottawa for the school. Gold Emblem teams in the Poultry Judging School were: Olathe, Ottawa, Eskridge, Highland Park, Emporia, Lyndon, and Lawrence...About 8 tons of iron was collected in the scrap iron drive.

John Milton, Reporter

OSGGE CITY: The chapter has 2 gilt projects and their litters, and 3 acres of Clinton Oats planted on Feb. 28. The Purebred Poland China swine project was carried the past year by Ralph Reese, our Reporter. The swine committee chose 2 gilts from Ralph's litter and put them out to 2 other members in the chapter. One gilt went to Vic Rosetta, and the other gilt went to Bobby Lane... The Oats project was started in Feb. by Vic Rosetta and will be completed in June. He has contracted with the FFA to care for seedbed preparation, seeding, and the combining of the crop. He will receive his share of the crop for his work when harvested and sold...An FFA exhibit display was placed in the Journal Free-Press window for National FFA week and an article was written for the local paper...Our pest eradication contest closed on Feb. 1 with medium success...We have charge of the Sales Barn concession stand on April 7. Our FFA officers will take over on that date. They will sell dinner plates, sandwiches, candy, pies and coffee. They will acquire part of their foods from home and the rest will be purchased for dinners that they serve.

Ralph Reese, Reporter

PARKER: Some of the articles that have been built in shop are: a disc trailer, a chicken house, rosebush trellises, feed bunks...The Ag boys will go to Kansas City the first week in April for a tour through the stockyards.

Lee Dean Austin, Reporter

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OLATHE: The chapter held it's annual Parent-Son Banquet March 20, with 140 guests present...Our crops team composed of Sam Harrison, Ray Zimmerman, and Lawrence Ellis with John Holl, alternate, brought home the first place rating and the plaque presented by the Alma chapter. Our poultry judging team again captured first place at Ottawa and Ray Zimmerman again was high man in the contest. The other members of the team were Lawrence Ellis and Bob Chesney with Sam Harrison, alternate,..Sophomore members have been doing considerable community service work in pruning grapes and in castrating calves and dehorning calves.

Sam Harrison, Reporter

COLDWATER: When we completed our books for the end of 1952 we found the following figures for the 22 boys enrolled in Vo-Ag for that period: Av. net worth per boy, \$1,455.55; Av. gain in net worth, \$443.91; Av. return for mgt., \$605.25. These figures, we think, are high and we are proud of them. This year does not look so bright as wheat prospects are rather poor and cattle prices are much lower. These constitute our two most important enterprises. ..Our judging team placed 2nd in the district crops school and third in the district poultry school...Our seed committee has ordered 2400 pounds of certified sorghum seed for the members.

Jerry Melia, Reporter

NATOMA: We held our Dad's Night Feb. 2 with 65 people present...We recently purchased 50 chicks. We will raise them to four weeks of age and then sell them as a money making project...During the past few months we have dehorned, branded, vaccinated and castrated about 200 head of livestock as part of our community service activities...We recently finished putting a new ceiling in our classroom...Our chapter has bought several junk implements as part of our scrap iron drive...At our March night meeting we decided to start a scrapbook. It will consist of pictures and articles about each member's project...During National FFA week we had a large display in one of our local merchant's windows. We also had two full pages advertising our chapter and FFA week in our local paper.

Clyde Boller, Reporter

HAYS: The Chapter officers put on a radio program during National FFA Week...Chapter members worked hard this winter in their slaughter house making a nice profit for their efforts...A scrap drive was held during the winter months in an effort to raise chapter funds...Our chicken project is now in full swing, with 300 broilers on their way to the frying pan.

Robert Connelly, Reporter

PARADISE: Some money raising projects for the Paradise Chapter are: chickens, gilt ring, ice cream social and selling rat poison...The local FFA chapter has started a rat control program. They are preparing a poison that they are planning to sell to the public soon...The new Vo-Ag building has been completed and the Ag boys have started their projects in it.

John Reese, Reporter

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STAFFORD: We had our FFA Carnival March 16 in the high school gymnasium. We grossed \$63.75...In our February chapter meeting we had slides of our FFA trip we took last August...We cooperated with the Stafford hatchery in our January meeting when they had the Hyline chick program...We have changed our farm shop work this year and have had very successful shop work.

Willard Eisenhower, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: All 1952 record books have been closed and we find that we have a total farm business net worth of \$18,077.92. Our farm enterprises during the year included: hogs, poultry, beef and dairy, sheep, corn, wheat, oats, alfalfa and lespedeza. Our largest enterprise was hogs, of which we had 27 sows and gilts. We saved an average of 7.7 pigs per litter. A total of 354 acres of crop land was farmed by members of this chapter during 1952. Some of us suffered losses during the year due to lowered cattle prices...Several of the members of our chapter went together and purchased a purebred Duroc boar last fall. We are about half through spring farrowing season and having wonderful luck...Shop projects included in this year's work are: reconditioning of a self propelled combine, grain elevator, 3 four-wheel trailers, 2 grain drills, mowing machine, fertilizer spreader, corn planter, 3 section harrow cultivator, 2 metal gates, self feeder. Construction jobs are as follows: tractor mounted wood saw, 2 implement trailers, wheel barrow, loading chute, 6 feed bunks, 16 foot gate.

James Wyatt, Reporter

HARPER: We started our pest eradication contest December 1 and it ended March 1. Bill Barnes won the contest with 3,135 points...The members of the advanced classes are building two loading chutes for the Harper County Fair... We are selling Harper Bearcat car tags to raise money for our Parent-Son Banquet...The FFA and FHA are having a box supper April 12. Leonard Drumright, our chapter president, will be the auctioneer.

Eldon King, Reporter

PRATT: The chapter participated in a Radio program February 23, at the local Radio station KWSK...The recent FFA sponsored pest eradication contest came to a successful conclusion January 16, with 47 coyotes, 20 crows, 135 rabbits, 134 pigeons, 2,970 blackbirds, 26 rats, 183 sparrows, 102 mice, and 5 prairie dogs killed...As a community service we are germinating seeds, free of charge, for local farmers. Also we are selling collection of garden seeds...Among the shop projects under way are: 2 loading chutes, trailer, weed sprayer and a drill stand.

George Strobel, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: We held a candle light initiation ceremony for Greenhands the night of December 22. We initiated 10 boys and served refreshments to members, parents and guests following the ceremony. Many of the people attending had never seen the Greenhand ceremony before and were very much impressed...In January we made and painted 2 all metal "Welcome" signs and placed them at the edge of the city limits on the highways leading into town...We held a Parent-Son Fun Night January 28 instead of a formal banquet. Following the supper, we had an audience participation program in which mothers, fathers and boys competed in laugh provoking contests. We ended our program with a two hour square dance to which the FHA girls had been invited...Our pest eradication contest ended February 28. Pests eradicated during the contest included

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794 sparrows, 202 blackbirds, 459 mice, 57 rats, 22 opossums, 13 skunks, 405 starlings, 23 crows, 4 gophers, 2 moles, and 9 coyotes...In shop we have recently completed 2 self feeders, 1 large feed bunk, and repaired the school hurdles. We are now building a large hay feeder, a wagon and a scrap metal rack for the shop...Recently we made slide pictures of all of the members and their projects, and we are now planning a project tour.

Roy Bower, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Greenhands elected to our chapter this year are Fred Applegarth, Erwin Graves, Robert Graves, Louis Heck, Gene Menzies, Charles Nutsch, Doyle Peterson, Harold Rollman, Robert Simons and Carl Wells...Our Annual FHA and FFA Parent banquet was held April 2...Our chapter has started using the high school bus for class field trips...Gary Thomas has a broiler project of 500 cockerels and Larry Patterson has 200. Both boys live in town.

Eldon Henderson, Reporter

SABETHA: The Sabetha FFA held its annual banquet Tuesday, March 17. The charter members of 1935-36 were special guests. One-hundred eighty plates were served. The meat was pork grown by the chapter...The chapter has rented 10 acres this year for a group corn project...Our Brome field is looking good after an application of nitrogen...The losers in our pest contest paid off with a fruit pie supper in the chapter room last week...We are filling orders for climbing rose trellises this next week. The lumber was secured from the Topeka Air Base...The Mothers are furnishing a plate lunch at our Dairy School April 6.

Darrell Henry, Reporter

LONGFORD: We have added some new FFA paraphernalia to our classroom...We helped put a new floor in our classroom. We also advanced some money on a new shop door...We earned money by putting on an FFA play, a carnival, and a variety show. We earned approximately \$100 from this show. We also had a paper drive which netted approximately \$30. The money received from the paper drive went toward buying a slide and film projector in cooperation with the seniors...The chapter placed second in the North Central District Poultry Contest held at Miltonvale on February 14...We held the North Central District School and Crops Contest on March 9. Clay Center was high of 17 schools competing in the contest.

Eldon Harder, Reporter

MINNEOLA: The chapter recently made a pest drive. Pests killed included the following: 696 sparrows; 102 starlings; 2 skunks; 2 opossums; 6 crows; 40 rats; 3 badgers; 8 coyotes...Our chapter has been castrating, dehorning, branding and vaccinating cattle. So far we have worked 30 head of cattle...Our chapter has pruned 40 shade trees around the school building...We plan to plant Multiflora roses in native pastures for wildlife cover.

H. A. Ratzlaff, Reporter

GOODLAND: The stock judging team from our chapter took first at the Republican Valley Hereford Breeders contest held in St. Francis March 12...Kenneth Shantz, Poland Barnes, Gary Mossbarger and Gerald Anderson broadcast an FFA program over KWGB during National FFA Week...Members of the Vo-Ag classes have built 11 feed bunks and 12 saw horses so far this year. They have also built new cabinets for the classroom and VHM department...Our officers presented the "History of the Gavel" before one of the local women's clubs recently.

Tommy Tompkins, Reporter