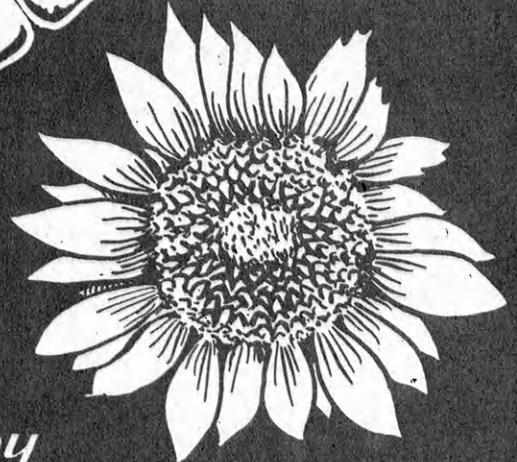
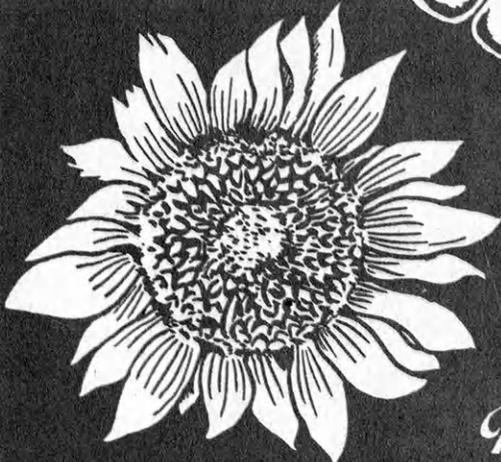
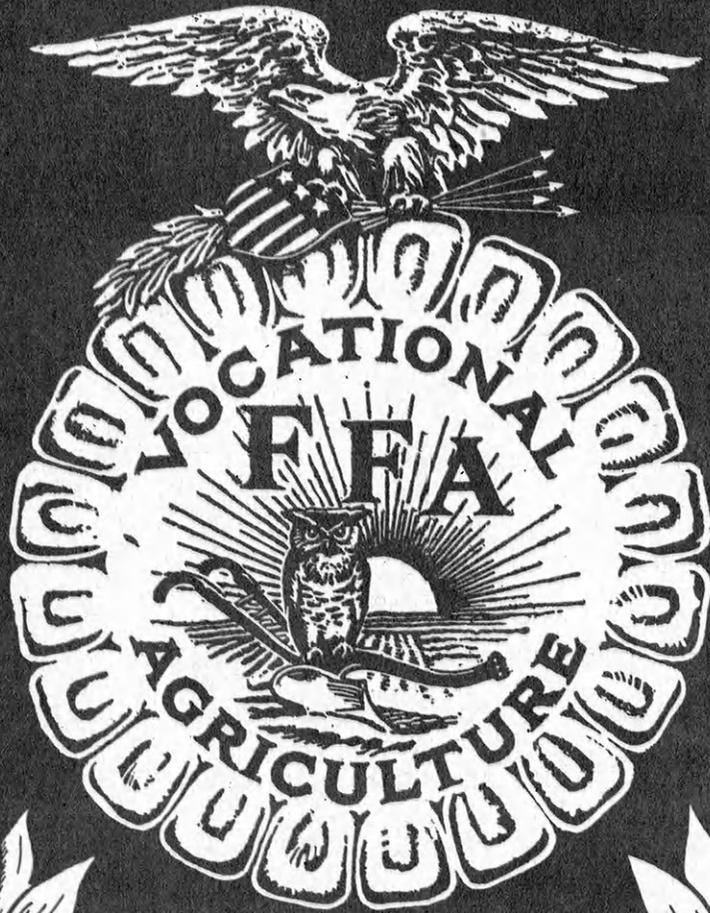


APR 1 1954

# *The* KANSAS Future Farmer



*Published by*  
THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION  
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER  
 A. P. Davidson, Editor  
 H. R. Bradley, Asst. Editor

OFFICERS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION  
 FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Nelson D. Galle, President Moundridge Gilmore Dahl, Vice-President Effingham Ray Zimmerman, Secretary Olathe Sam H. Peppiatt, Reporter Ellsworth	Bob Watkins, Treasurer Alma Francis Grillot, Jr., Sentinel Parsons L. B. Pollom, Adviser Topeka A. P. Davidson, Deputy Adviser Manhattan  L. F. Hall, Executive Secretary Manhattan
---	---

Volume XXV

April 1, 1954

Number 5

FFA CALENDAR

FFA Public Speaking Entry and 3 copies of Manuscript.....	April	5
State FFA Chapter Contest Achievement Report (Send by Express)...	"	5
Report on Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc.....	"	5
Annual Meeting State FFA Executive Committee.....	"	8
Kansas Association FFA House of Delegates Meeting.....	"	26
Annual Meeting of State FFA Officers.....	"	26-27

INDEX

	Page
Pictorial.....	1
Silver Anniversary FFA Celebration.....	2
President Galle Issues Convention Call.....	2
Reminders.....	2
1954 National Chapter Contest.....	3
New Headquarters for the National Future Farmer.....	3
American Farmer Degree Applications.....	4
National FFA Officer Will Attend Convention.....	4
State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership.....	4
Farm Safety Survey by Riley FFA Chapter.....	5
FFA Recognition Plaque to Director C. M. Miller.....	6
Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs.....	7
Rank in FFA Membership.....	11
The Agricultural Education Magazine.....	13
Chapter News.....	16



Upon this group of State FFA Officers rests the responsibility of planning for the Silver Anniversary Celebration which will be held at Manhattan, Kansas, April 26 and 27, 1954.



Gary Williams, Paola Chapter, proudly presents two of his Angus breeding



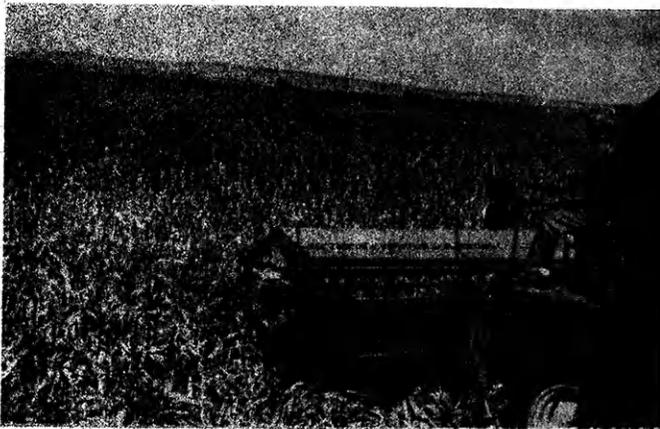
FARMING PROGRAMS OF KANSAS FFA BOYS



Jerry Melia, son of Coldwater Chapter FFA adviser LeRoy Melia, is the owner of this Hereford steer calf.



Waldo Anderson, Oberlin Chapter, with his fattened Hereford steer.



Clifford Hahn's (Osborne Chapter) milo crop will provide grain for his livestock program.



Roland Flory's (Jayhawk Chapter) corn crop will make a bumper yield if moisture becomes available.



John Holl (right), Olathe Chapter, has his own oxy-acetylene welder to use in his farming program.

Harry Peter (left), Edson Chapter, weighs his healthy Duroc pigs.



SILVER ANNIVERSARY FFA CELEBRATION

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America will celebrate the completion of twenty-five years of activity in connection with the 26th Annual Convention which will be held at Kansas State College, April 26, 27, 1954. No effort will be made to build up attendance, but former members who have won state and national recognition will be invited. A luncheon will be held at noon Tuesday, April 27, and the entire group will be guests of the Kansas Association of FFA at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet in Nichols Gymnasium on April 27. Recognition will be given a group of adult leaders who have served 25 or more years. Women guests will be welcome at the luncheon which is a "Dutch Treat" affair for all concerned, but due to lack of room will not be admitted to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Parents and guests will be welcome at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, which will be held in the college auditorium Monday, April 26, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The following Kansas FFA groups will be honored at the anniversary luncheon at the Wareham Hotel Tuesday, April 27, 1:00 p.m.

Former National FFA Officers  
National FFA Speech Winners  
Delegates to National FFA Conventions  
Advisors of National Gold Emblem Chapter Winners  
Kansas Members winning the American Farmer Degree  
Presidents of the Kansas Association of FFA  
State FFA Speech Winners  
Honorary State Farmers  
Local FFA Advisors with 25 or more years of service.

Former FFA members returning for the Silver Anniversary Celebration will be thrilled to see approximately 1200 Kansas high school boys engaged in friendly competition in the many judging activities scheduled for April 26 and 27. This will recall experiences of your own as you participated in similar events some five, ten, fifteen, twenty or twenty-five years ago. Your presence will stimulate the more than 7,000 farm boys of Kansas who are members of the largest farm boy organization in the world. Some of the adult FFA leaders are retiring at the close of the year - and what a thrill it will be for them to renew friendships and to observe a literal translation of that old axiom "The Future Farmers of Today are The Farmers of Tommorrow". Manhattan Chamber of Commerce members and Kansas State College staff members will be most happy to meet new friends and to renew acquaintances.

Special invitations to attend the Silver Anniversary Celebration will be extended members of the above listed groups. We are counting on the cooperation of local FFA advisors and local FFA officers to assist the State Association in interesting them to attend.

- - FFA - -

The new chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., is Mr. W. A. Roberts, President of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Foundation's overall budget for the year 1954-55 will be approximately \$151,000.00.

- - FFA - -

PRESIDENT GALLE ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

The Twenty-sixth Annual State Convention of the Future Farmers of America will be held April 26 and 27, 1954, at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

This year we are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America. Many of you FFA members had the privilege of attending the twenty-fifth anniversary of the National Organization in Kansas City last Fall so you will be interested in attending our convention this spring.

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 the chapters will choose well-informed delegates so that the business meeting 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.

Participation on the part of every chapter 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 convention in the history of the Kansas Association of FFA.

I am looking forward to working with Hunt Zumwalt, National Student Secretary, Artesia, New Mexico, who will be present for both days of our Convention. Hunt will address our House of Delegates Meeting Monday evening, April 26.

As your representative I had the privilege of attending the First Annual Young Outdoor Americans Conference in Chicago March 10 to 13. The conservation of soil, woods, water, and wildlife were the topics of discussion. The National FFA President along with six other State FFA Presidents attended this convention.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Manhattan at our Twenty-sixth annual convention, and our Silver Anniversary Celebration, April 26-27.

Nelson D. Galle, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

- - FFA - -

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.

## Reminders (continued)

5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests will be rigidly enforced.
6. Deadline mailing dates:
  - a. FFA Public Speaking Contest, April 5, 1954.
  - b. Chapter Membership, Officers, Delegates, etc., April 5, 1954.
  - c. State Chapter Contest, April 5, 1954.
  - d. Entries in the Agricultural Judging Contest, April 12, 1954.
  - e. Entries in Farm Mechanics Contest, April 12, 1954.
  - f. Payments for cots and box lunches, April 12, 1954.
7. Box Lunch - 80¢ each - contestants only. Money due in mails April 12, 1954.

- - FFA - -

1954 NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

At the January meeting of the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors of the FFA, it was decided to continue the National Chapter Contest this year in the same manner as it has been conducted in the past. Time did not permit the National Office to print forms for 1954. Since the guide for compiling report on accomplishments will be the same as in 1953, we are planning to use last year's forms with dates corrected.

Local FFA advisers will be interested to know that the House of Delegates at the last National Convention voted to eliminate the conferring of the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon advisers of Gold Emblem Chapters in the National Chapter Contest. The National Board of Directors and the Board of Student Officers have prepared a new criteria for use in selecting teachers of vocational agriculture who will receive the Degree.

The Effingham chapter, Roy Eck, adviser and the Holton chapter, Keith Wagoner, adviser will represent the Kansas Association of FFA in the 1954 National Chapter Contest. If our membership should reach 7,501 the Ellsworth chapter, Lester Grandall, adviser will submit an entry.

- - FFA - -

NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

The National FFA Magazine headquarters have been moved from the Future Farmers Supply Service at Alexandria, Virginia, to the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. This move was made in order to have access to adequate library facilities. Editor Lano Barron reports that The National Future Farmer is now operating in the "black" and that subscriptions approximate the 200,000 mark. The Central Region stands at the top in subscriptions to The National Future Farmer but is crowded for this position by other regions.

- - FFA - -

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, 1954.

- - FFA - -

NATIONAL FFA OFFICER WILL ATTEND CONVENTION

Hunt Zumwalt, National FFA Student Secretary, Artesia, New Mexico, will be present for the 26th Annual Convention of the Kansas Association of FFA. Hunt owns a quarter interest in fifteen sections of ranch land on which registered Herefords graze. He is president of his class at Eastern New Mexico University. Zumwalt served as vice-president of his state FFA association, and was the State Star Farmer in 1951. National Student Secretary Zumwalt 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 26th Annual Meeting of the State Association of FFA.

- - FFA - -

STATE AWARDS FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., has approved the plan proposed by the Kansas Association of FFA for using the 1954 award money for "Improving Agriculture and Leadership". The amount allotted to Kansas for this purpose is \$973.99. The plan for allocating this money for 1954 will be the same as the plan used in 1953. Under this procedure sixty per cent of the award money will be divided equally between the Gold Emblem Award winners, and forty per cent of the award money will be divided equally between the Silver Emblem Award winners in the 1954 State Chapter Contest. The award money will be paid the chapters out of the state FFA treasury, and a short statement of accomplishments of the award winners together with a Reimbursement Voucher will be sent the National FFA Office. The State Association will then be reimbursed for the maximum amount allocated for this purpose.

A well balanced chapter program included activities that will give experiences in improving agriculture and developing boy leadership. All award money distributed for this project in Kansas must be used for the betterment of the local FFA chapter.

Important. Summaries of Chapter Accomplishments for all chapters placing in the Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem classifications are due in the State Office November 19, 1954. Summaries must be submitted to the State Office before distribution of award monies under this project can be made.

- - FFA - -

FARM SAFETY SURVEY

by  
Riley FFA Chapter

The results of a farm safety survey made by the Vocational Agriculture Students of Riley Rural High School follow. (The survey was of the questionnaire type and could be completed by answering either "yes" or "no". The survey form was supplied by the National Safety Council, Chicago 11, Illinois.

The hazards which appear most prominent, as indicated by the survey are listed in order of the rate of occurrence on the twenty-four farms surveyed. This survey was conducted during the second week of February, 1954.

<u>Safety Factors</u>	<u>Number of Occurrences</u>
1. Gasoline containers not painted red	15
2. Lack of approved type fire extinguishers at building entrances and absence of checking the extinguishers at regular intervals	14
3. Lack of knowledge in treating electric shock cases	13
4. Farm families do not know first aid methods and do not keep first aid kits handy	13
5. Do not supplement gasoline and oil fire fighting equipment by placing sand boxes in buildings	13
6. Do not have definite arrangements with neighbors to come with tools and equipment in case of fire	13
7. Lack of safe method of handling the bull	11
8. No definite place for every tool when not in use	11
9. Ladder openings and stairways of farm buildings and home are not hand-railed. Hay chute openings not properly protected	10
10. Brooder houses less than 100 feet from other buildings and each other	10

One-third or more of the farms surveyed indicated inadequate protection measures against the following:

1. Ladders are not kept where they are quickly accessible in case of fire and they lack sufficient length to reach the roof of the highest building.
2. Haymows inadequately lighted and switches are inconveniently located.

## Farm Safety Survey (continued)

3. Lack of definite place for childrens toys such as bicycles, wagons, scooters, etc.
4. Inadequate gasoline storage (neither underground or 40 feet away from buildings).
5. Using kerosene to start a fire.
6. Firearms are not kept unloaded or locked up.

- - FFA - -

Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, reports that sales for the past year were up approximately 12% and that the business grossed \$1,000,000.00.

- - FFA - -

The national organization of FFA will continue with the youth exchange program with foreign countries and hopes this year to send four boys instead of two.

- - FFA - -

The subscription price of The Agricultural Education Magazine will continue at \$1.50 until July 1, 1955, in spite of the fact that printing costs are going up.

- - FFA - -

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., is developing new criteria for the use of award monies. The new plan will place emphasis on awards for achievement, and will discourage the use of award money as a means of financing programs.

- - FFA - -

The National Dairy Farmer Award will be made at Waterloo, Iowa, at the time of the National Dairy Congress. However, the individual winning this award will be named at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, but the award actually will be made at Waterloo.

- - FFA - -

FFA RECOGNITION PLAQUE TO DIRECTOR C. M. MILLER

State President, Nelson Galle, presented a State FFA Award Plaque to Director C. M. Miller at a recognition dinner given in his behalf at Topeka, January 17, 1954. The plaque carried the following inscription:

"The Kansas Association of FFA presents this plaque to C. M. Miller for 31 years of service to the farm youth of America."

Director Miller will retire as of June 15, 1954.

- - FFA - -

### 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 1954 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 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

## Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

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

	Planned	Execution	Total
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    |

---

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

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

---

Evaluating FFA Chapter Activity Programs (continued)

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, boxing, 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.

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 6,632 students enrolled in 203 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The total FFA membership as of April 1 was 7,375. 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 1953-54 as of April 1 on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 183% to 59%.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT OF THE 203 CHAPTERS IN KANSAS HAVE PAID CURRENT STATE AND NATIONAL FFA DUES.

One hundred sixty four chapters reported a paid-up membership of 100 per cent or more. Thirty nine chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Altamont with a paid-up membership of 119 leads all the chapters in the State in the number of dues paid. Winfield Chapter with 100 members ranks second, while Effingham with 89 ranks third. Manhattan ranks fourth with 75 and Shawnee-Mission and Emporia tie for fifth place with 72.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 203 chapters having paid their dues is 111%. Last year this figure also stood at 111%.

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 183 per cent:

Atwood	Berryton	Louisburg	Hoxie	Westmoreland
--------	----------	-----------	-------	--------------

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

Belleville	Hanover	Highland	Minneapolis	Toronto
Centralia	Hiawatha	Liberal		

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

Alta Vista	Cedar Vale	Hoyt	Osage City	Smith Center
Barnes	Howard	Lebanon	Peabody	Udall
Beloit				

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

Bird City	Goodland	Haven	Kiowa	Morrowville
Burlington	Greenleaf	Hill City	Linn	Osborne
Edson	Harper	Holton	Shawnee-Mission	Phillipsburg
Effingham				

## Rank in FFA Membership (continued)

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

Abilene	Frankfort	Lawrence	McPherson	Sabetha
Beverly	Garden City	Little River	Norton	Soldier
Clifton	Glasco	Longford	Oberlin	Stafford
Council Grove	Herington	Mankato	Palco	St. Marys
Erie	Kinsley	McCune	Quinter	Valley Falls
Ford				

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

Alma	Emporia	Iola	Olathe	Silver Lake
Arkansas City	Eskridge	Jetmore	Overbrook	Spearville
Clafflin	Fairview	Kingman	Paradise	St. Francis
Colby	Fort Scott	Lyndon	Parker	Stockton
Columbus	Haddam	Medicine Lodge	Pratt	Troy
Concordia	Hillsboro	Mullinville	Rose Hill	Waterville
Downs	Holcomb	Norcatour	Seneca	Yates Center
ELDorado	Inman			

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

Altoona	Ellis	Humboldt	Newton	Sedan
Attica	Fredonia	Lakin	Ottawa	Simpson
Bazine	Girard	Leon	Paola	Syracuse
Burlingame	Goessel	Manhattan	Partridge	Wakefield
Chanute	Great Bend	Marysville	Plainville	Washington
Cherryvale	Harveyville	Moundridge	Powhattan	Wellsville
Clay Center	Hoisington	Natoma	Randolph	Williamsburg
Coffeyville	Hope	Neodesha	Rossville	Winfield
Coldwater				

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

Ashland	Cottonwood Falls	Hays	Onaga	Highland Park
Blue Mound	Ellinwood	Hugoton	Riley	Trousdale
Chapman	Ensign	McDonald	Severy	Wamego
Chetopa	Eureka	Ness City	Sublette	Wetmore

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

Almena	Kincaid	Meriden	Piedmont	Washburn
Altamont	LaCygne	Miltonvale	Salina	Wakeeney
Ellsworth	Marion	Mulvane	Solomon	Wilson
Independence	Meade	Parsons	Tonganoxie	

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

Alton	Bunker Hill	Dodge City	Seaman	Riverton
Bonner Springs	Clearwater	Jennings	Pretty Prairie	Scandia
Buhler				

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

Elk City	Jewell	Oxford	Ulysses
----------	--------	--------	---------

Those chapters having a membership range from 59 per cent to 69 per cent:

Burns	Caney	Fowler	Garnett	Junction City
-------	-------	--------	---------	---------------

THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MAGAZINE

While local FFA members may not be directly concerned with the success or failure of The Agricultural Education Magazine, its influence upon the professional adequacy of local FFA advisors will justify space in the Future Farmer Newsletter. Stimulating articles by persons engaged in agricultural education are always welcome by the editors and publishers of this professional journal. Kansas has not had her share of reporting during the past decade, and this report is directed to the attention of all workers in the field of agricultural education in the state. The following action of the Editorial and Managing Board at their December meeting will be of interest:

The Picture-of-the-Month contest has been discontinued and is replaced by a back-cover page of "Stories in Pictures" (a picture with a legend which tells a story).

The January count on all subscriptions has dropped to 9,060. Printing costs are increasing, and it now looks as though it will be necessary to draw upon Reserves to finish the year. The subscription count as of January 30 shows Kansas with 239 subscriptions.

An analysis of contributions - Vol. 26, first six issues, July - December, 1953, follows:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Contributed by: Teachers	48	43
Supervisors	8	7
Teacher Trainers	35	31
Others	21	19
Total	<u>112</u>	<u>100</u>

Contributions by states:

Alabama	6	Nevada	0
Arizona	1	New Hampshire	0
Arkansas	3	New Jersey	2
California	6	New Mexico	0
Colorado	2	New York	5
Connecticut	4	North Carolina	5
Delaware	2	North Dakota	1
Florida	0	Ohio	1
Georgia	0	Oklahoma	0
Idaho	1	Oregon	0
Illinois	6	Pennsylvania	4
Indiana	1	Rhode Island	0
Iowa	4	South Carolina	0
Kansas	1	South Dakota	0
Kentucky	3	Tennessee	2
Louisiana	1	Texas	5
Maine	0	Utah	1
Maryland	1	Vermont	1
Massachusetts	3	Virginia	6
Michigan	5	Washington	2
Minnesota	0	West Virginia	1
Mississippi	5	Wisconsin	4
Missouri	2	Wyoming	1
Montana	0	Hawaii	1
Nebraska	1	U.S. Office of Ed.	2

## Agricultural Education Magazine - continued

Contributions by Regions -- (Compared with similar period for Vol. 25)

	Volume 26		Volume 25	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Southern	33	29	22	16
North Central	29	26	52	38
North Atlantic	23	21	41	30
Western	14	12	13	10
Unassigned	13	12	8	6
Total	112	100	136	100

The following Themes for Volume 27 of the Agricultural Education Magazine, July, 1954 to June, 1955, will be of interest to vocational agricultural teachers, teacher trainers and supervisors in preparing articles for this magazine:

- July -- Improving Public Relations -- with emphasis on Fairs, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Tours, Contests and other means of bringing your program to the attention of the public.
- August -- Preparation for Citizenship through Vocational Agriculture -- recreation and camping, leadership training, cooperation, health, civic responsibilities and other values developed through programs of vocational agriculture and the FFA.
- September -- Improving the Teaching-Learning Process -- organization of classes; guiding pupils in the selection of vocational agriculture; teaching techniques, devices and aids; pupil-teacher relationships; class-room management; testing for learning outcomes; use of home visits; individual and group instruction; using pupil records and reports; evaluation of instruction.
- October -- School and Community Relationships -- cooperation in the total school program; participation in community activities; adjusting the program to the community; selection and use of advisory councils; serving non-vocational groups; maintaining professional relationships; problems of beginning teachers.
- November -- Working with Out-of-School Groups -- any phase of the program of young and adult farmer classes, such as organizing classes, planning programs of instruction, teaching procedures, on-farm instruction, evaluation of instruction, and local and state plans for administering programs.
- December -- Improving the FFA Program -- emphasizing all aspects of the FFA as a means of conducting effective programs of vocational agriculture at the local, state and national levels.
- January -- Increasing Emphasis in Farm Mechanics -- facilities for teaching and their use; selection of instructional content; teaching procedures; safety in the shop; relationships with other instruction; organization of the farm mechanics instruction; relationships with industrial arts.

## Agricultural Education Magazine - continued

February -- Administering the Program of Vocational Agriculture -- problems of local administration; use of advisory councils at local and state levels; cooperation with other teachers; records and reports -- their significance and the uses made of them; problems in employment of teachers; administration and supervision at the state level -- from the standpoint of both the teacher and the administrator; maintaining a complete program of vocational agriculture in a community; the work-load of a teacher; experiences with multiple-teacher departments.

March -- Improving Pupils' Farming Programs -- individual farming programs as a basis for pupil selection; the selection of programs; use of cooperating farmers for pupils with inadequate opportunities; types of programs leading to establishment in farming; changes in concepts of farming programs; the place of contests; records and accounts -- kinds needed and their use; evaluation of farming programs.

April -- Teaching as a Profession -- improving professional growth and status; professional ethics; recruiting teachers; our professional organizations; selection and evaluation of professional reading material; writing for publication -- how and what; professional relationships in the school and community.

May -- Evaluating Programs in Vocational Agriculture -- emphasis upon evaluation of any phase of the total program -- in-school groups including the FFA, out-of-school groups, school and community participation; reports of research studies; evaluation of programs at all levels -- local, state and national. (This Issue will include the annual listing of research studies in progress.)

June -- The Summer Program -- program planning; vacation plans; relations with the school; community activities; preparation and organization of facilities and materials for the coming school year; conducting individual-pupil instruction; programs of camping and recreation; conducting the FFA program; preparation for Fairs and contests.

- - FFA - -

MISSISSIPPI: Indianola Chapter. Our first real step toward livestock improvement in the Indianola community came in the fall of 1949 when we were selected to receive a purebred Hereford bull through the Sears Foundation. Cattle raising soon caught on in the Delta, and our FFA boys stressed permanent pastures and supplementary grazing crops. In the fall of 1951 we received our second Sears bull. FFA boys purchased 45 head of good grade and registered cows and heifers. In 1952 adult students of the community bought 130 cows, 24 being purchased by FFA boys. From October, 1952 to June, 1953 approximately 600 cows were purchased by adult farmers in the community. Our chapter won the Sears Livestock Improvement Contest in 1952 and received \$300.00. We borrowed \$300.00 from the State Department and \$650.00 additional from other sources and purchased Super-Larry, the grandson of a Hereford bull which recently sold for \$110,000. Two more bulls will be purchased this fall. The educational value of this breeding program is far reaching. Many farmers have bought good bulls. The services of our FFA chapter bulls have been utilized by 130 farmers, and a total of 308 animals have been bred. We are not trying to make a lot of money but are interested in improving the livestock industry of our community.

- - FFA - -

CHAPTER NEWS

SCANDIA: The newly formed F.F.A. Chapter at Scandia sponsored a Carnival in November to raise funds to start a chapter gilt ring. Community service for raising money for the chapter includes stacking feed and shelling corn for the farmers. The past months our chapter dehorned and castrated over 1000 head of livestock, vaccinated and treated over 500 head of livestock. The chapter culled over 1000 laying hens. The chapter purchased four registered gilts for \$500.00. These chapter gilts farrowed an average of ten pigs per litter. The shop has been busy making farrowing crates, home made pig brooders, hog feeders, farm gates, ladders, feed bunks for cattle, one farrowing house, concrete fence posts and feed trough and conditioned numerous farm tools.... We have taken a number of field trips lately covering the following subjects: culling, irrigation projects, hybrid seed corn test, vaccinating, dehorning, castrating, livestock breed study, Kansas State Agriculture Farms, and District Judging Contest for Livestock, Crops and Farm Mechanics.... On April 21 our chapter is planning the F.F.A. banquet.

Bruce Quantic, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: The Harveyville Chapter has completed their pest control with a total of 900 pests.... On February 12th, the Emporia Chapter and the Eskridge Chapter were guests for our Chapter Farmer Degree.... The Emporia Chapter was in charge of the degree. After the program we played volleyball and then enjoyed refreshments of cokes and doughnuts.... Our chapter is enjoying a new pickup truck sponsored by one of the automobile dealers in our city.

Bill Slade, Reporter

RILEY: The Riley Chapter has had several movies on safety emphasizing the proper and safe way to use tools. At our annual FFA banquet our guest speaker, Professor Kugler, talked on the subject of "Farm Safety".... In our shop we take safety precautions such as checking the oxy-acetylene welder for leaks, putting up screens before using arc welders and put on goggles when using grinders and gas welders as well as precautionary measures with other power tools.

Earl Oberhelman, Reporter

SYRACUSE: The Syracuse Chapter has been getting good response to the pest eradication program this year. So far they have killed 6 kangaroo rats, 556 rats, 843 mice, 14 rattlesnakes, 9 painted terrapins, 153 prairie dogs, 29 coyotes, 5 ground squirrels, 189 magpies, 129 pigeons, 13 garter snakes, 19 stray cats, and grubbed 53 head of cattle.... The chapter has installed two fire extinguishers, a soda-acid and a CO-two, and installed a metal box with roller for fire blanket. Fifteen freshman boys received the greenhand degree in the Syracuse Chapter.... We plan to have a guest speaker at about half of the regular meetings.... Some of the shop projects that have been completed are: 4 creepers, 1 tool cabinet, 6 poultry feeders, 1 portable cattle chute, 1 manure loader, 1 cable wire stretcher and many smaller projects.... Due to dust we did not enter Crops School at Meade but 3 boys made it to the Poultry School at Ness City.

Melvin Huser, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

PALCO: Our chapter held its second annual Parent-Son banquet March 8, 1954. A roast beef dinner was served to the parents and guests by the F.H.A. girls. Mr. W. W. Duitsman, Superintendent of the Fort Hays Branch Experiment Station, was our guest speaker. Dr. A. B. Cardwell, Associate Dean, of the School of Arts and Science of KSC was our guest at the banquet.... Musical numbers for the banquet were furnished by the F.F.A. Quartet and the Girl's Duet.... We awarded Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees to Mr. Darrell Sutor and Mr. Darrell Hinkhouse. Both men are Hereford breeders and have contributed greatly to the Vocational Agriculture program and the F.F.A. work.... Dr. Bill M. Korb, DVM, will speak to the chapter at our regular April meeting. He will talk to us about Livestock Sanitation and Livestock Boards and Regulations etc. This meeting is open to the public.... During January 14 members received the Chapter Farmer Degree.... Our box supper made a profit of \$104.40. This money was used to help finance our banquet.... Our senior boys made a 15 minute radio program which was heard over Station WIBW. Thanks to Wes Seyler.... Some of our shop jobs are: creep feeder, 2 lawn mowers; 2 two-wheeled trailers; 2 tool farm cabinets for farm shops; overhaul 3 stationary engines; making truck grill guards; building fence around rear of shop to keep our scrap iron centralized.... We held a Pest Eradication Contest with the Hill City Chapter which we lost so we are planning a picnic sometime in April for them. Max Rudman of our chapter was high point man with a total of 23,456 points.

John Bongardner, Reporter

MANKATO: The chapter Pest Eradication Contest was held November 15 to January 15; the Freshman-Juniors opposing the Sophomore-Senior group in the contest. The Freshman-Juniors won, and were treated to a Chili Feed the night of February 11 by the losers.... On January 19, we held the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degree ceremonies, providing pins respectively for all members qualified for the awards.... On April 2, the chapter will hold the annual Parent-Son banquet. This is one of the highlights of the FFA year.... Two Freshman members have received gilts in the Registered Hampshire Gilt Ring. More gilts will be distributed in May. The Gilt Ring has been a success for our chapter and has served us well since we instituted the plan here at Mankato.... The Shop has been turning out many useful projects. Among the jobs being worked on by members are the following: several metal hog feeders; 2 mail box stands; a power lawnmower; a 2-wheel trailer; a stand for a 300-gallon tank; a sturdy car hoist; 3 four-wheel trailers, 2 of which were made out of car frames, the other being built from an old iron wagon frame; 2 metal feed bunks made from barrels; clothesline posts; stock racks; and a disc was repaired by one of our members.

Steve Ahrens, Reporter

SIMPSON: With Spring planting time not too far away, the Simpson Chapter of Future Farmers of America is conducting a seed germinating service to farmers in the Mitchell, Cloud, and Ottawa county areas.... The FFA chapter is attempting to help farmers make sure of the germination of the seeds they are intending to plant. Most of the seed samples will be oats, barley, milo, sorghums, corn, and some legumes; however all seeds brought in will be germinated as well as tested for purity, noxious weeds, and other seeds.... This service is free of charge and will require from ten days to two weeks.

Larry Sams, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

EUREKA: We held a night meeting not long ago and ended our pest-eradication contest. We showed the movies of the last three annual Cattleman's Day parades. .... We sold Warfarin to the chapter members.... One of our annual projects is cooperatively raising chickens for our parent-son banquet. We cooperate with the F.H.A. girls in dressing and cutting up the chickens. We placed them in the frozen food locker for use at our banquet in May.... We are building a creep feeder for calves in our shop.... Vo-ag classes have been making tours to each member's home and comparing farming programs. Two classes are planning a tour of a nearby pig farm soon.... One of our two larger projects lately was our Polio hay drive. The members gather hay all over their communities and bring it to the sale grounds in Eureka. It is sold at the regular sale and the money donated to Polio. This year we donated \$176.00.... The other large project was setting out Multiflora roses, bicolor lespedeza plants and black walnut trees. We had about 2,000 multiflora roses, 500 black walnut and 2,000 bicolor lespedeza. We distributed these plants among members who wanted them and helped them set them out.

Larry Boone, Reporter

SOLOMON: Bonds were voted on and approved February 21 for a new gymnasium and agriculture building.... We sold our pure-bred Duroc boar for \$72.00 that we bought last year for our gilt program. We have six new gilt owners in the program so far this year. We plan to buy another boar very soon.... We are finishing some very good shop jobs which include a four-wheel ensilage trailer, a bail-loader, cattle squeeze and painting and overhauling a tractor.... The FFA and Senior carnival was held on October 31 and netted \$125.00 for our share. We held our sixth annual barnwarmer in the latter part of November.... We concluded our pest eradication contest January 29th with the North side winning and Ronald Bell collecting first prize by bringing in the most farm pests.

George Geske, Reporter

BUHLER: We had our Parent-Son banquet on February 16, 1954. The members put on the entire program with the exception of the Response. The Response was given by Mr. Eldo Schmidt, father of Clifford Schmidt. Eight boys gave talks on our FFA activities. Leon Schmidt played a Coronet Solo.... Awards were made for the best Pest Eradicators. Henry Neufeld was the champion. He was given an FFA ring as an award. Robert Stoughton and Norman Dick won FFA belts.... Nine members took part in the District Poultry School at Moundridge. Vernon Neufeld was high point man for Buhler. Gerald Coleman, Marion Heim, Dick Gisel, Vernon Neufeld, Homer Hendrickson and Adviser Johnson took part in the District Farm Mechanics School at Winfield on March 20.... We have been busy dehorning, castrating, and docking.... Mr. Johnson has been visiting our farming programs and taking pictures for our Chapter Report.... Dick Gisel is building a 2-wheeled trailer, Gerald Coleman is making a power post hole auger, Clifford Schmidt is working on a hay frame. Several members are making gates and hog troughs, welding tables, etc. We have bought an old combine to dismantle for the scrap material in it.... Those members with sows and litters are having good luck. Robert Stoughton had 41 pigs born to 4 sows.

Robert Stoughton, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

ST MARYS: The St. Marys Chapter had a Pest Eradication contest which began November 18 and ended February 1. Seventeen coyotes were killed. The losing team gave a Chili supper for the winning team.... We bought \$34.00 worth of metal from Forbes Air Base for use in the shop.... Carl Carlson's litter of hogs averaged 148 lbs. at the age of 4 months and 2 weeks.... We are continuing our gilt ring which was started three years ago with two Freshman boys taking gilts.

Frank Bernritter, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Officer election for 1954 was held at the December meeting. A motion was passed that any officer member not enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in the Fall of '54 will be replaced by election.... The FFA and FHA sponsored a March of Dimes collection at the Haddam-Morrowville basketball game January 21.... The Freshman and Sophomore classes have completed farming program tours to each member's home.... The chapter has a cooperative swine fattening project of 20 hogs. 100% of the 10 Sophomore chapter members and nine Green Hand members operated swine projects in 1953.... Louis Heck marketed his five fast gaining fat hogs January 12 weighing 242 lbs. at \$25.20. He purchased these pigs October 1 at 40 lbs. for \$15.00 per head. His labor return was \$101.75.... Twenty-three chapter members own one hundred fifty-six head of hogs.... Shop projects include two poultry feeders, 2 four-wheel trailers, 4 two-wheel trailers, 1 tractor overhaul, 2 car motors and 1 transmission overhauled, 5 tank heaters, 1 tree puller, and numerous other jobs.

Gary Thomas, Reporter

HOLTON: Our chapter acted as hosts to a county-wide welding school in which Linde Air Products Company demonstrated oxy-acetylene welding techniques and the Marquette Company demonstrated electric arc welding procedures.... Our chapter has been host to two area conferences this winter.... Our Poultry Judging team consisting of Kent Sampson, Gary King, and Dale Moore won the District Poultry judging contest at Frankfort on February 6.... Our chapter has recently purchased about \$60.00 worth of FFA jewelry for its members.... Plans are being made for our annual parent-son banquet which will be held on April 22.... We are planning for our school assembly program which will be given the day before our banquet.... Our annual pie feed, furnished by the losing side in our pest contest, will be held on March 30.... Larry Alwin won the gold medal in the two minute division of our District Public Speaking contest at Effingham on March 8 and L. C. Bowser won a white ribbon for his five minute speech.... Mr. Wagoner and Mr. Eck, of the Effingham chapter, attended a meeting in St. Joseph to help make plans for the forth-coming inter-state dairy show that will be held the last part of May.... Chapter members have a total net worth of \$21,140.73 for an average net worth of \$960 per member.... Projects completed in shop include 3 portable loading chutes, 3 feed bunks, 3 community type hen nests, 10 window screens for a farm home, 1 large baled hay trailer, 2 outdoor salt feeding boxes, 2 beef cattle oilers, 1 farm machinery trailer and numerous smaller items.

Keith Gilliland, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

WASHBURN: On February 8 the Washburn FFA Chapter was host to ten schools competing in the East Central Kansas Public Speaking Contest. Washburn won second place out of the ten schools. The following boys from Washburn participated: Dean Edson, Jim Harrison, Don Edson, and Dean Henry...February 20 Gene Nicely, Jim Harrison, and Dale Cox attended the East Central Kansas Crops Contest at Alma. Washburn won first place....The East Central Kansas Poultry Judging School was held at Ottawa, March 20. Gene Nicely, Dale Cox, and Jim Harrison participated. Our chapter won second in the entire contest....Our chapter ended its pest eradication contest January 31 with 1,258 pests eradicated. John McComb was first and Dale Cox was second. At a night meeting on March 24 the losing Pest Eradication Team treated the winning team....The rebuilt or overhauled machinery in our shop includes to date: 1 combine, 2 tractors, 2 discs, 1 grain drill, and 1 hydraulic manure scoop. The new equipment built includes 1 bale elevator, 2 two-wheeled trailers, 3 four-wheeled trailers, 3 four-wheeled trailer beds, 1 four-wheeled trailer, 1 feed mixer, 1 tractor, 1 hog-feeder, 1 demonstrator motor for the driver's training class, and 6 swinging gates....During FFA Week we set up a window display at one of the Topeka stores....The chapter has an average of 3.5 production projects per member with an average net worth of \$1,139.01 per member....The juniors and seniors from the chapter are planning to attend the Cooperative Council at Ottawa March 31....Dean Henry and Gary Williamson are completing the chapter activity report....Plans are being made for the FFA Banquet that is to be held April 20....For community service the chapter has erected the flag pole, built and erected the baseball backstop, and is landscaping the school grounds for the new school. The boys in the chapter have laid out terraces, mixed 4,000# of livestock mineral and 1,000# 43% protein hog supplement....The chapter has completed their farming program tour. Colored slide pictures were taken on the tour and are to be shown at the FFA Banquet.

Larry L. Engler, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: Our pest eradication contest came out in favor of the Freshmen and Sophomores this year. A chili supper was served to the winners....We have completed our first broiler project this year; the money we make will help our treasury fund. Our second group of cockerels have a fine start, and we hope to sell them by the last of May. We purchased a 10' by 12' brooder house this winter for our future broiler project work. We keep it at the school farm about one mile north of our shop....Our Parent-Son Banquet was a success; we served 92 people; the FHA girls did an excellent job serving our meal. Mr. Loren Whipps from Manhattan was our guest speaker for the evening. Our programs were sponsored through the courtesy of the downtown merchants of Wakefield....We held officer election at our last evening meeting. We plan to raise our Green Hands to chapter members before school is out....We are building sheep and hog feeders for the farmers. We have a lot of requests for loading chutes; so far we have built four this year and have three more to complete. Other projects in shop are squeeze chutes, gates, foot scrapers, and self-feeders.

Allen Wood, Reporter

ELDORADO: The Eldorado senior vo-ag boys went to Eureka for a basketball game with Eureka FFA seniors....The chapter has set up rules for wearing the official FFA jacket....Planned events are the annual Dad's night, chili supper, donkey basketball game, and the Parents Banquet.

Jack West, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

HERINGTON: The local chapter of the Future Farmers of America helped a needy family at Christmas by presenting them with a basket of groceries....The pest eradication contest ended with the following number of pests being eradicated: 10 raccoons, 25 rats, 6 crows, 7 opossum, 4 hawks, 222 pigeons, 36 jack rabbit 53 cottontails, 12 squirrels, 892 starlings, 186 mice, and 2,183 sparrows...The members were divided into teams and a basketball tournament was held. Refreshments were served later....Our chapter placed first out of seven schools at the North Central Crops School. The team members are Donald Biehler, William Meyer, and John Meyer. Donald Biehler had the highest individual score in the contest....During the week of February 22 to 25 the Flint Hills R.E.A. presented an electric school and set up a demonstration panel so we could try different demonstrations. On the 26th we made a farm tour to the Herman Blumenkamp farm to find some of the possible faults that an electrical system might have....Four members were raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer at one of our regular meetings. The four members were Dale Diepenbrock, Keith Hyde, Charles Lee, and Robert Mowat....We are planning to have our third annual Parent-Son Banquet on Thursday, March 25, 1954. Donald Biehler, chapter president, will be the master of ceremonies. Wes Seyler, Farm Service Director of Radio Station WIBW will be our speaker. A movie, "Farmer of Tomorrow" will be shown.

John Meyer, Reporter

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Our annual corn contest was held in connection with our November night meeting...We held our eleventh annual chapter speaking contest December 3 with 38 members participating. Later our chapter speaking team placed first at the district contest held at Washburn High School....Twenty freshman boys passed entrance requirements and were voted into the chapter with the Green Hand Degree....The FFA broiler project has started the eighteenth annual run with 100 birds....Twenty-eight chapter members acted as collectors at two local theatres during March of Dimes Week and collected over \$600.00....Shop projects completed or underway are: 2 four-wheeled trailers, 6 two-wheeled trailers, 1 post hole digger, repaired one grain drill, repaired two harrows, repaired two corn planters, overhauled a two-row cultivator, 1 chicken roost, 1 hayrack, built 12 water tanks from old hot water tanks, built a portable hog house, built a large sled....Over 200 soil samples have been tested to date....Our chapter will celebrate the end of 25 years as an organization at the annual Parent-Son Banquet on May 19. Many alumni members are expected to be present for this event.

Ralph Russell, Reporter

WATERVILLE: The Waterville Chapter of the FFA is again planning its spring trip for the first week after school is out. We are going to the Black Hills in South Dakota....The chapter had a pest eradication contest....Forty-five concrete hog feeders have been constructed and are being sold to raise money. ...The Green Hand Degree party and chili feed was held in February....A number of gilts have been placed out among the members and many now have spring litters....Kenneth Herrmann raised triplet lambs from a ewe he is carrying as a project.

Terry Turner, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

CENTRALIA: On March 16 we held our Parent-Son Banquet. There were 127 present. The theme of our banquet was "Safety on the Farm"....We have dehorned 97 head of cattle; castrated 9 bulls, 49 hogs, 47 sheep, and docked 19 head; and pruned one-half acre of grapes as a community service....Shop projects completed are 3 calf feeders, 1 nail bin, and 1 pickup rack. Freshmen have been working on smaller articles....We are making hog troughs to sell to farmers in the community to add to chapter funds. Our latest addition to the chapter was a popcorn machine which was paid for from sales of pop and popcorn at the basketball games.

Ernie Raugewitz, Reporter

PHILLIPSBURG: Our chapter is preparing to put on our Annual Parent-Son Banquet on March 29, 1954, in the high school auditorium. We are going to show pictures of the boys' farming programs and of Judging Contests in which we have participated....We are going to hold our election of officers for the 1954-55 year on March 23, 1954. This will also be our regular FFA meeting. The officers elected will be installed at our annual Parent-Son Banquet....The Phillipsburg Chapter had a skating party and invited the FHA. About 60 people attended the skating party....In shop we have completed the following projects: loading chute, overhauled a GMC truck, made one Ford post hole digger, overhauled one John Deere combine engine, overhauled one big water-pump engine, and made 3 sixteen-foot ladders. The boys are still working on the following projects: one Ford post hole digger, 1 lawn mower, 1 hayrack, and 1 bale loader.

Neil Schild, Reporter

KINGMAN: At a recent meeting Roland Belcher, our vice-president, gave an interesting report on his trip to Chicago, a state 4-H Club award. He was interviewed on Don McNeil's Breakfast Club, and our members at home listened to it on the radio....Mr. O. E. Jackson, representative for Fyer-Fyter equipment, was guest speaker at our meeting on February 26 and installed a Kidde Dry Chemical fire extinguisher in our shop....Fifteen freshmen received their Green Hand Degree at a night meeting in November. Our membership is now 57....The chapter has purchased seven gross of "Kingman FFA Chapter" pencils and seven gross of pencils in high school colors with the school song imprinted on them. Sales have been excellent....Our broiler project is underway in the shop with 25 New Hampshire Red chicks doing well in our Purina battery brooder....Shop projects have kept our shop crowded this year. Those completed recently are: loading chute, calf shelter, creep feeder, 5 trailers, 6 bunks, 1 16' truck grain bed with steel floor, 3 gates, and numerous smaller articles.

Don Lock, Reporter

OVERBROOK: The Overbrook Chapter of the Future Farmers of America celebrated National FFA Week by giving an all-school assembly. In the assembly we tried to inform the students about the activities of the FFA, both past and present. The main parts of the program included: the historical background of the FFA, why National FFA Week is held, and the functions of the FFA. A hog-calling contest added a touch of humor to the assembly....Twelve Chapter Farmers and seven Green Hands recently received their degrees. Our total membership is now 32.

Everett Goff, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

BEVERLY: The Beverly FFA Chapter is busily making final plans for a barn-warmer which is scheduled for March 27 at the high school. The juniors and freshmen are giving the barnwarmer to the seniors and sophomores, the losers treating the winners of the pest eradication contest. Floyd Detmer scored the highest number of points with 1272....The juniors have their sleeves rolled up and are getting ready for the state dairy, livestock, and poultry judging contests....A few of our outstanding shop projects are: squeeze chute being made by Jim Morton, two-wheeled trailers by Royce Webb and Jim Kissick. There are many small shop projects being made along with reconditioning of tools.... The chapter now has a new adviser. Mr. Ray Lemon left us on March 1 to accept a position with Snyder Chemical Co. of Topeka. Mr. Lloyd Hanson is our new adviser until the end of the year. Mr. Hanson's Air Force orders ask him to report in New York on May 17.

Donald Little, Reporter

HUMBOLDT: The Humboldt FFA Chapter held their annual Parent-Son Banquet Tuesday, March 9. Around 120 members, parents, and guests attended....Our chapter has attended the farm mechanics contests and the poultry contest....We are planning a county-wide safety drive in cooperation with other FFA, 4-H, and Farm Bureau organizations in Allen County.

Joe Hurst, Reporter

QUINTER: The Quinter Chapter of FFA has mixed 25,000 lbs. of mineral....Our new shop has been put to good use for the repairing of 5 hog feeders. Five tool cabinets and five tool boards are being built....A filing cabinet has been purchased for the FFA....The community service committee sponsored a contest for a plan for a fire place that we will build in the city park.

Paul Rhine, Reporter

McDONALD: Our chapter is preparing for its annual Parent-Son Banquet which will be held March 31....We raised 8 sophomores to the degree of Chapter Farmer....Five boys attended the Northwest Kansas Public Speaking Contest. We placed second in each of the three divisions....Some of the projects we have in the shop are 3 motors for overhaul, a loading chute, a portable feed bunk, a pig feeder and several panels.

Kenneth Long, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: We held our annual public speaking contest in January with four contestants taking part. Larry Christner placed first and Richard Grauer second....Our chapter raised 14 Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer Degree in February....Our largest money raising activity was a joint concession with FHA at the Regional Basketball Tournament....We are testing seed for a local seed company, receiving a small fee for this service....Donald Froberg consigned some of his purebred hogs to a sale at Seneca....Our FFA chapter was represented at a purebred Hereford sale at Marysville by David Dettke. He sold a purebred Polled Hereford bull.

Merle Holle, Reporter

## Chapter News (continued)

COLUMBUS: Twenty-five Green Hands received their degrees at the Parent-Son Banquet. Bill Mitchelson, alumnus of KSC and now an agronomist in the employ of Spencer Chemical Company, was the principal speaker. Over 200 were in attendance....The junior class gained some experience in landscaping a new home. They set out evergreens, roses, and hedge. Their last problem has been in the area of farm management. They have been using their own farms, machinery, crops, poultry and livestock to work out their problems. They made a complete inventory and figured costs of production, fertilizer needs, pasture needs and living costs. Farm safety was stressed and taxes and insurance studied....There are 47 FFA members with an average net worth of \$1003.73 in our chapter. All boys have their tentative programs worked out.

Lloyd Helwig, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: The FFA sponsored Parent-Son Banquet is scheduled for April 20. ....The following projects are now being undertaken by the members of the chapter: painting and repairing tractors, building a cattle shed, a buzz saw, a horse trailer, two ladders, two bleachers for the gym, and a trailer....The Westmoreland Chapter of FFA sponsored with the Farm Bureau a bangs control program. This program, advocating calfhooed vaccination, was open to the public....Our chapter recently completed a pest control contest. Some of the pests the chapter killed in the pest eradication contest are: 55 rabbits, 165 squirrels, 21 opossums, 56 raccoons, 58 muskrats, and 152 sparrows.

Abe Hunt, Reporter

MARION: One hundred fifty people attended the second annual Open House of the Marion Chapter of Future Farmers of America. Officers opened the meeting, creed was given by the Green Hands, slides were shown of the year's activities, farming program, shop work, and other activities. At the end of the meeting a film was shown on the 25th anniversary of FFA. Six FFA members served the refreshments of pop, coffee, popcorn, and doughnuts. After refreshments the school patrons viewed the shop projects constructed by the students in class. Some of the projects are: a caterpillar trailer by Roger Pankratz, cattle feeder by Howard Stenzel, loading chute by Dwight Kruse, bail elevator by Gail Heibert, creep feeder by Willard Hett, fire blanket box for the shop by Wayne Hett and Roger Richmond....Our classes have studied Rural Electrification the past week. A representative from Flint Hills R.E.A. was on hand to show a film and give a farm wiring demonstration. A follow-up field trip on farm electrical wiring was made on the boys' farms.

Donald Longhofer, Reporter

ELLIS: We have started a gilt ring with two Purebred Duroc gilts. These gilts have been placed with two Green Hands....Shop projects we have completed are as follows: 5 large feed bunks, 1 bale loader, 1 pickup stock rack, 2 air compressors, 1 welding cart, numerous hog troughs, gates, feeders, clothes line posts, and other smaller jobs.

Jack Seibel, Reporter

ROSE HILL: Our chapter has completed plans to entertain 100 parents and friends at our annual banquet, which is financed by the operation of our seed cleaner. We have cleaned over 8,000 bushels of seed for 60 farmers....We are conducting a fertility test plot with oats this year.

Larry Young, Reporter