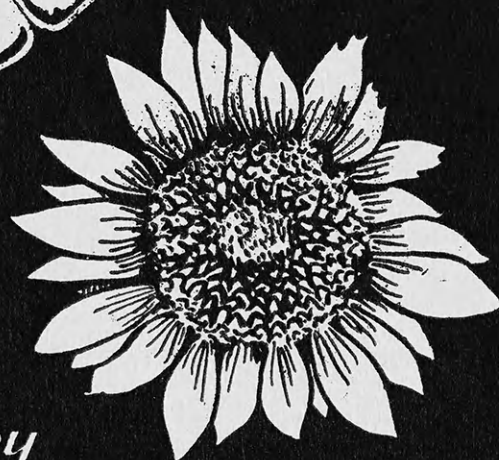
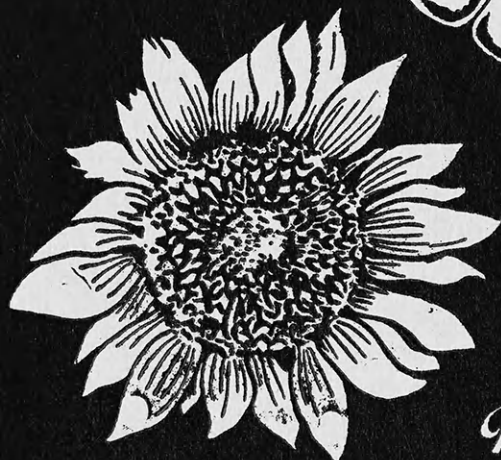
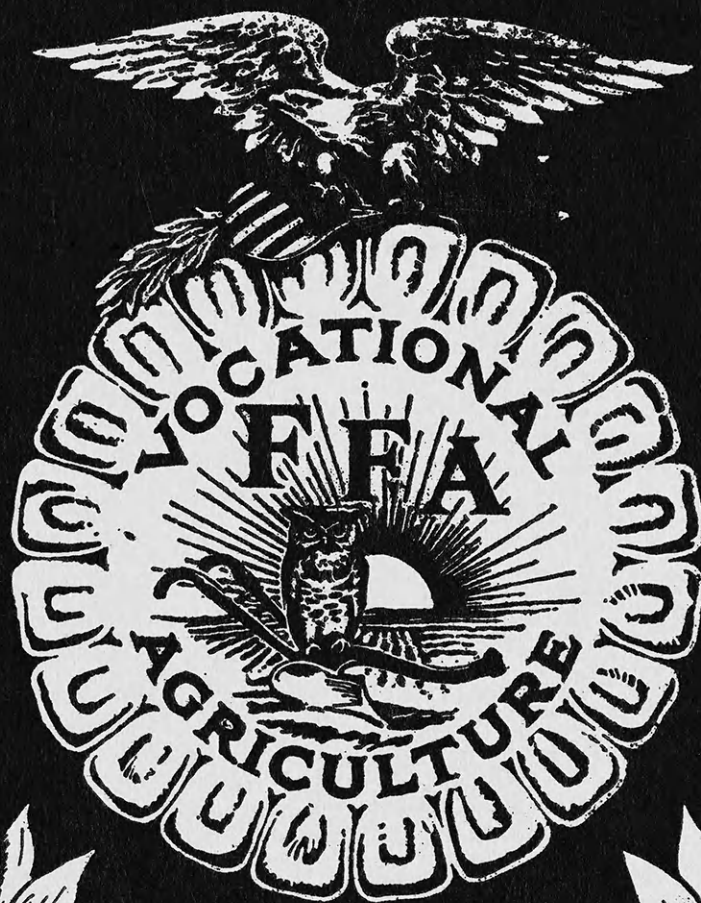


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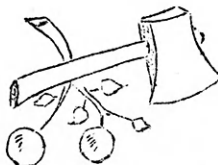
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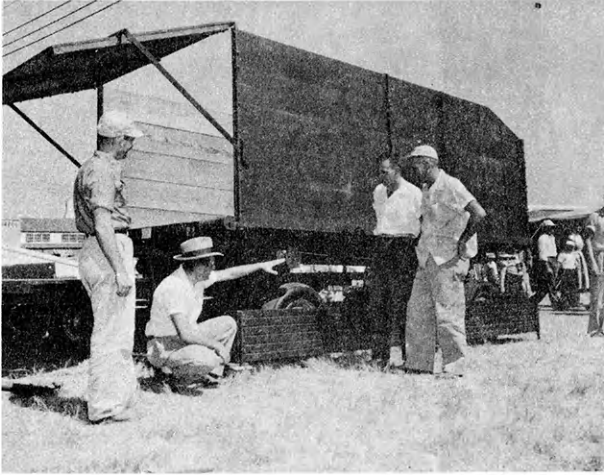
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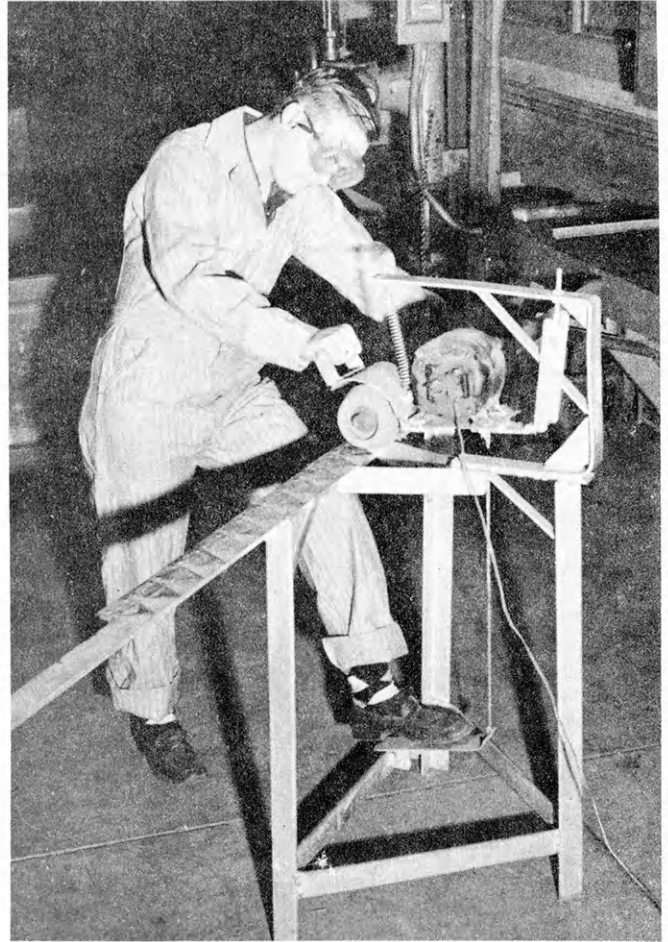
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TYPICAL FARM MECHANICS PROJECTS BUILT IN
KANSAS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE SHOPS

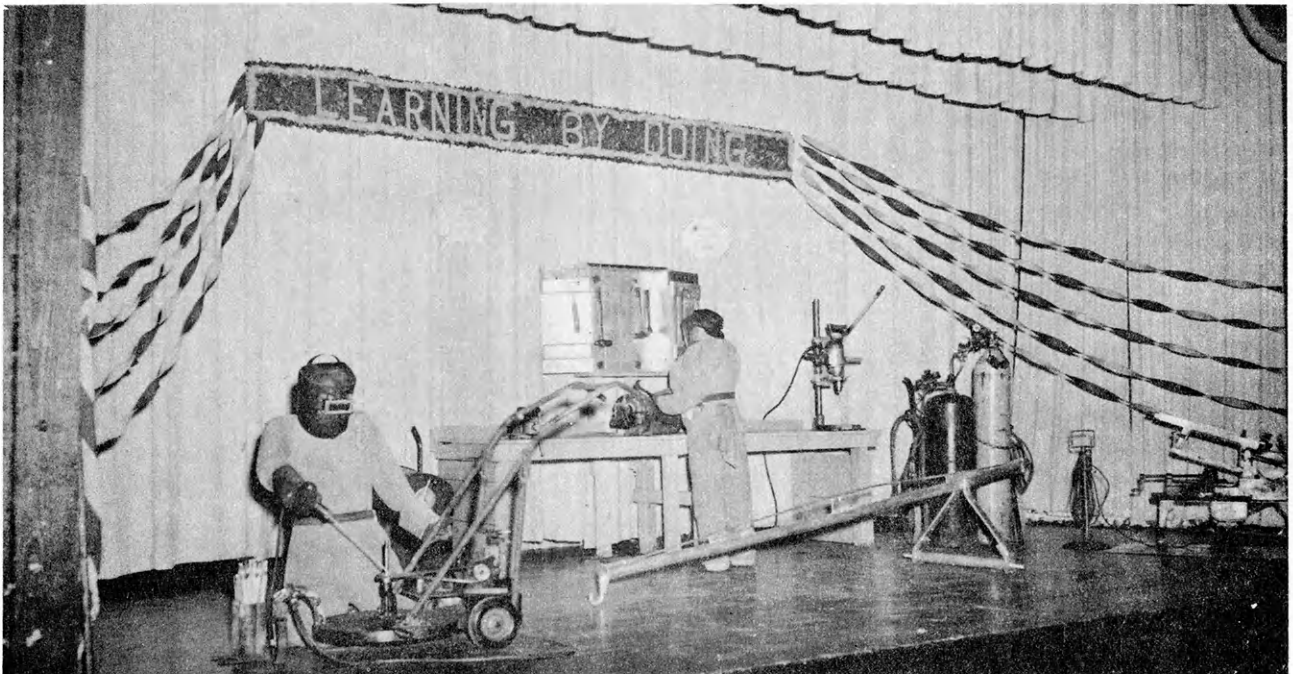


Above--Vocational Agriculture Instructors observe Farm Mechanics exhibits at State Fair.

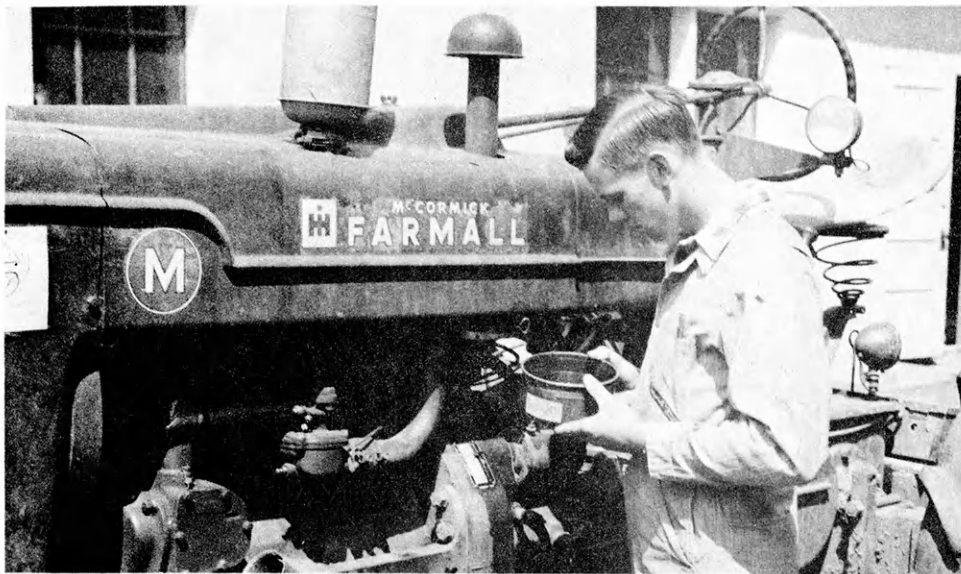


Right--Dale Luthi, Clay Center, Kansas, constructed a homemade sickle grinder to be used in his home farm shop.

Below--McCune Chapter shop exhibit depicting two typical FFA boys taking advantage of the many farm mechanics opportunities offered to farm boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture.

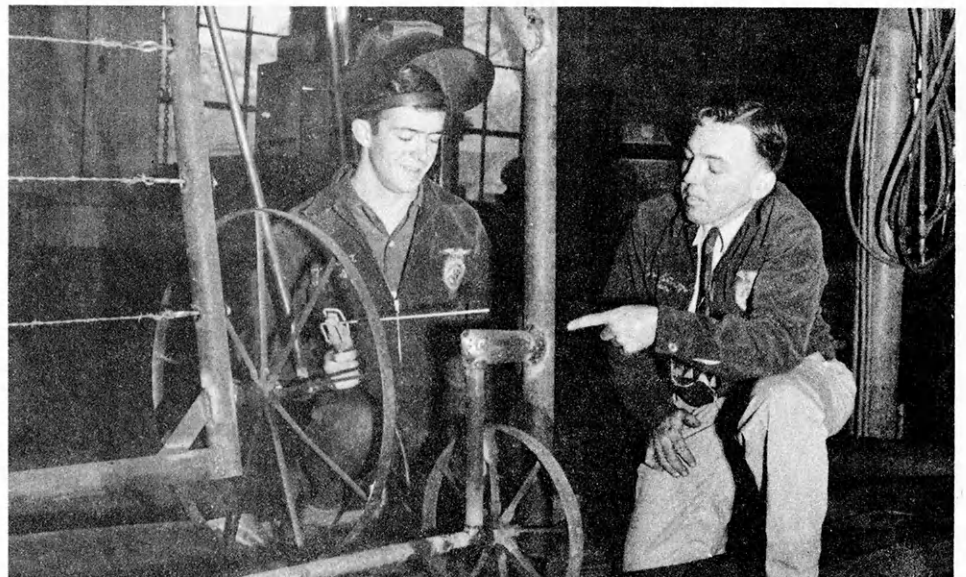


Contestant mixes concrete in the State Farm Mechanics Contest.



A pre-operation inspection is given a tractor by a contestant in the State High School Farm Mechanics Contest.

C. O. Carter, Jr., Adviser, Chanute, inspects a weld made by Gary Berthot, president of the Chanute FFA Chapter.



NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

February 20-26, 1955

SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS:

1. Obtain "FFA WEEK" proclamation from mayor or governing official of town.
2. Make "National FFA Week" posters and place them in prominent downtown store windows and other public places.
3. Prepare a special FFA exhibit, such as those displayed at fairs and shows, and arrange to have it displayed in a downtown store window.
4. Work with the editor of the local newspaper to obtain FFA stories or perhaps a special FFA edition. Some suggestions of material and pictures for publicity follow:
 - a. Story announcing FFA Week. (Sample story enclosed.)
 - b. Story reviewing the history and outstanding accomplishments of the chapter since it was organized.
 - c. Story built around the chapter's current program of work, telling the number of members, names of officers, present activities and plans for the rest of the year. Provide names of committee members and chairmen for special activities.
 - d. Story giving the summary of members' supervised farming programs during the past year. Tell how much the boys earned from farming, what their investment in farming is, how many acres they had in crops, how many livestock, and describe the programs of two or three outstanding individuals. Tell about improvement projects that have been completed during the year, and about farm shop work that was done.
 - e. A picture of the entire chapter membership.
 - f. One or two pictures of chapter officers and important committees at work.
 - g. Picture of the chapter adviser, with story telling his background, how long he has been working in the community, and mentioning any special accomplishments or recognition.
 - h. Several pictures of members with their supervised farming projects.
 - i. Picture of member building farm equipment in the school's farm shop.
 - j. Picture of member or members doing improvement work on their home farms.
 - k. Picture showing recreational activities sponsored by the chapter.
 - l. Picture of mayor presenting FFA Week proclamation to officers.
 - m. Pictures and stories about former members that have won recognition or have become successful farmers.
 - n. Provide the editor copies of the FFA "Motto," "Creed," and "Aims and Purposes."
5. In cooperation with the editor, work with the advertising manager of the local newspaper for a special edition, or special section, in which local merchants will offer congratulations to the chapter in their advertisements.
6. Hold your annual parent-son banquet during FFA Week. See that the local newspaper and radio station have stories about the banquet at least one week in advance. Invite the newspaper editor or a reporter to attend the banquet. If he cannot attend see that he has all the information he wants for a story after the banquet.

National FFA Week (continued)

7. Contact local radio stations to obtain FFA programs. Suggested scripts for such programs are enclosed, or you may develop your own. Arrange for the station to carry spot announcements about FFA Week. (Suggestions for spot announcements are enclosed.)
8. Local radio advertisers may wish to congratulate the FFA in their advertising announcements. Work with the commercial manager of the radio station to obtain these complimentary ads.
9. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs and Service Organizations and make arrangements for Future Farmers to appear on their programs and tell of their work.
10. If you can obtain a print of one of the FFA movies, "Silver Anniversary" or "Farmer of Tomorrow", make arrangements to show it in special meetings, to civic organizations and in the school assembly.
11. If there is a television station in your community make arrangements with the program director to present an FFA program on TV. One of the movies mentioned above would be ideal for use on television.
12. Arrange a special school assembly to be put on by the FFA.
13. Hold open house for parents and friends. Tell about the past year's FFA activities and accomplishments.
14. Invite eighth grade farm boys and their parents to a special FFA meeting or open house.
15. Sponsor joint meetings of local civic clubs and rural organizations.
16. Have all members who own them to wear FFA jackets, FFA shirts, or FFA T-shirts during the week. Other members should wear FFA buttons.
17. Conduct a project tour, if weather permits, so your friends in the community can see FFA member accomplishments.
18. Report your activities during FFA Week to your State Association, and begin making plans now for a bigger and better observance of National FFA Week in 1956.

Suggested Fact Sheet on FFA

The Kansas Association of FFA was chartered September 3, 1929, being the 16th state chartered by the National Organization of FFA. During the first 26 years of its history the Kansas Association has elected 1779 members to the State Farmer Degree; 80 members have received the American Farmer Degree; one member was declared The Star Farmer of America; two members won the National FFA Speech Contest; and five local FFA chapters have had the distinction of winning Gold Emblem classification in the National Chapter Contest. The Kansas Association in 1954 had 202 chapters with an active membership of 7424. Membership in the National Organization of FFA is 371,592. There are 8,793 local FFA chapters.

National FFA Week (continued)THE FFA CREED

The FFA Creed was officially adopted by the delegates to the 3rd National FFA Convention, 1930. In 1935 a framed copy of the Creed was presented to Mr. E. M. Tiffany, of Wisconsin, the author. Kansas FFA members will be interested to learn that Mr. Tiffany is a native Kansan. He was born and grew to manhood in Lyndon, Kansas. Mr. Tiffany graduated from the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science in 1915, and at the time he wrote the FFA Creed was assistant professor agricultural education at the University of Wisconsin.

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE FFA

(LIST FROM MANUAL)

THE FFA MOTTO

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

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

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

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

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

LEVELS OF FFA MEMBERSHIP

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

National FFA Week (continued)

Spot Announcements for Radio Use

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

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

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Suggested Radio Script
For Use During National FFA Week

(Note: If you believe this radio script has possibilities but you are unable to use it during 1955 FFA Week, we suggest that it be held for consideration in 1956. National FFA Week is scheduled each year during the week of George Washington's birthday, beginning on the Saturday preceding his birthday and ending the following Saturday.)

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE FFA

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

1st FFA'er: Thank you, Mr. _____. You know, most of us think of George Washington as a great warrior, a patriot and a leader of men. We've read of his Revolutionary War exploits in the history books and we know that his leadership was so great after the war that he won unanimous approval as the first president of the United States, in the face of thirteen colonies that differed widely in their political views and beliefs. If some leader would come forward today and unite the world into a common union, it would afford a good illustration of the job that George Washington faced and performed for us more than

National FFA Week (continued)

a hundred and fifty years ago. But Washington's leadership goes farther than that. He was a farmer, and a good one! Today we recognize him as America's first scientific farmer.

ANNOUNCER: What do you mean by scientific farmer?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National FFA Week (continued)

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

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

2nd FFA'er: One of the little-known facts about Washington is that he was the first American to raise mules successfully, and of course we all know that mules played an important part in the nation's agricultural development...He was always experimenting with new crops in the attempt to improve his production. By careful seed selection he developed a new strain of wheat that proved to be better than any that was available before that time, and as early as 1760 he sowed lucerne, known today as alfalfa, probably our most important legume hay crop...I think a good example of his farming ability can be shown by the fact that he improved his sheep so that they produced an average of five and one-fourth pounds of wool a year, where his neighbors seldom clipped two pounds.

ANNOUNCER: Washington as a great farmer! That's an angle a lot of history books have overlooked. (2nd FFA'er), aside from scheduling National FFA Week during the week of his birthday, what does FFA do to give Washington additional recognition?

2nd FFA'er: We use the example of George Washington in the ritual for formal opening of FFA meetings. The treasurer is stationed at a picture of Washington because, as he states it: "I keep records of receipts and disbursements just as Washington kept his farm accounts - carefully and accurately. I encourage thrift among members and strive to build up our financial standing through savings and investments. George Washington was better able to serve his country because he was financially independent."

ANNOUNCER: Keeping records is important, no matter what you're doing.

2nd FFA'er: We like to think of Washington, too, when we come to that part of the FFA Aims and Purposes relating to "nurturing a love of country life." In 1788 Washington wrote his feelings about country life in a letter to a friend. He said: "The more I am acquainted with agricultural affairs, the better I am pleased with them; insomuch that I can nowhere find as great satisfaction as in those in recent and useful pursuits. In indulging these feelings, I am led to reflect how much more delightful to an undebauched mind is the task of making improvements on the earth, than all the vain glory which can be acquired from ravaging it by the most uninterrupted career of conquest."

ANNOUNCER: That might have been said by a believer in soil conservation.

National FFA Week (continued)

2nd FFA'er: It was. George Washington was the first great conservationist in this country. He deplored the wasteful practices of land use in his day and predicted the westward movement made necessary by depletion of the soil. In 1796 he wrote: "It must be obvious to every man, who considers the agriculture of this country, even in the best improved parts of it, and compares the produce of our lands with those of other countries, no ways superior to them in natural fertility, how miserably defective we are in the management of them; and that if we do not fall in a better mode of treating them, how ruinous it will prove to the landed interest. Ages will not produce a systematic change without public attention and encouragement; but a few years more of increased sterility will drive the inhabitants of the Atlantic States westwardly for support; whereas if they were taught how to improve the old, instead of going in pursuit of new and productive soil, they would make those acres which now scarcely yield them anything, turn out beneficial to themselves - to the mechanics, by supplying them with the staff of life on much cheaper terms - to the merchants, by increasing their commerce and exportation - and to the community generally, by the influx of wealth resulting therefrom."

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

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

ANNOUNCER: Did Washington believe in formal education?

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

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

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

National FFA Week (continued)

- ANNOUNCER: Even though the colonies had beaten Great Britain in a war, the colonies' greatest leader still felt that the mother country could teach its offspring some lessons.
- 3rd FFA'er: Yes. For centuries the farmers of the British Isles have had to farm their land so as to get the maximum production per acre, whereas we in America have tended to farm for the maximum production per man. In this type of production we have ruined many thousands of acres of fine land, and we're still doing it. One of the most frequent comments made by foreign farmers when they visit us concerns the vast amount of waste land in the United States, and the tendency of our farmers to use bad cropping practices that deplete the soil or allow it to erode. George Washington pointed out more than a century ago the thing that most of us have just begun to realize - that is, that there was a great need for American farmers to adopt soil conserving and soil improving practices.
- ANNOUNCER: In Washington's day when a farm became poor because the soil was worn out the farmer just moved a little further west and cleared out a new farm, didn't he?
- 3rd FFA'er: That's right, but that day is over. Our frontiers now are on the soil we're farming. If we're to feed our own people and furnish part of the food for the rest of the world we must hold the soil fertility that we have. We're barely able to produce enough food now. As the population increases we must improve the soil that we have, so that it will produce more, and even go further to reclaim much of the land that is now lying in waste. To show what faces us, I might just point out that our agricultural production today is the highest it's ever been, but we've got to increase it about twenty-five per cent by 1975 to take care of the expected population increase.
- ANNOUNCER: And you Future Farmers, studying vocational agriculture, are the ones who will have the task of bringing about that higher production. I think it's fitting that National FFA Week was selected to coincide with the week of George Washington's birthday. Tell me, is there any one statement Washington made that you think should mean more than any other to Future Farmers of America?
- 3rd FFA'er: I like the thought in this statement of George Washington's: "While we do not underrate difficulties on one hand, we should not overrate them on the other; nor discourage ourselves from a very important undertaking by obstacles, which are to be surmounted."---(Pause)---George Washington didn't believe in the expression: "It can't be done."
- ANNOUNCER: What have you to add, (1st or 2nd FFA'er)?
- 1st or 2nd FFA'er: I think there's real meaning for all of us in one of the more brief statements George Washington made. He said: "Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry, and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy people." ---(Pause)--- In the FFA Creed we say: "I believe in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me." Those simple expressions have a lot in common, and can serve as an example for all of us to follow in our everyday thoughts and actions.
- (CLOSING)

SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL FFA BANQUET

FFA banquets constitute outstanding social events and chapters recognize the importance of careful planning and quality performance. Good banquets do not "just happen"; they are earnestly desired and then worked for. The following suggestions may be of value to your chapter in planning for and holding a successful banquet.

1. Attractively decorated banquet room. Flowers always add. One chapter presented each mother with a red rose. Crepe paper helps if an attractive scheme is used.
2. Place cards and programs attractively used.
3. Mint cups designed as favors.
4. Future Farmers conduct their parents to their seats when banquet is ready. Seat their mothers.
5. Parent and Son are more desirable than father and son.
6. Start banquets at stated time.
7. Late comers should be seated by the sentinel.
8. Soft music while courses are served.
9. Toastmaster have a sense of humor and keep the program "alive."
10. Members participate in the program.
11. Speakers should be limited to ten minutes. Main part of the program presented by boys on their accomplishments and program of work.
12. Local color added by including colored slides of FFA activities and projects.
13. Comical stunt included in program.
14. Program not to exceed ninety minutes.
15. Faculty and wives, school board and wives, American Farmers and Honorary Farmers and wives to be invited each year.
16. Have reception committee to meet the parents on their arrival at the building where the banquet is to be held. Have this committee help the parents with their coats and assist them to a waiting place until the banquet starts.

Try to avoid the following: (1) Dry speakers, (2) Long, drawn-out programs, (3) Poorly-prepared cold meal, (4) Uncomfortable physical conditions, (5) Slow serving.

A banquet is a show window of your department. Make it good.

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Twenty-sixth State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held on the Kansas State College campus, Room G206, Holton Hall, and Engineering Lecture Hall, May 3, 1955, at 8:00 a.m. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for this contest immediately.

THREE TYPEWRITTEN COPIES of the speech entered in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be required. One original and two carbon copies will be acceptable. Please be certain that good carbon paper is used in order that the carbon copies can be read easily.

The 1955 State FFA Public Speaking Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national contest.

The speech will be scored, allowing 300 points on Content and Composition and 700 points on Delivery of the Production. This is in agreement with the national score card.

Eligibility

The FFA chapter must have filed a program of work with the State Association on or before November 1, 1954, and must be in good standing with both the State Association and the National FFA Organization in order to have a member eligible for the State Public Speaking Contest. Exception: chapters chartered or re-established after November 1, 1954. Chapters falling under this category must have paid state and national FFA dues and have submitted a program of work on or before April 4, 1955.

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

The State Contest will be open only to boys less than twenty years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the State Association and the National Organization of FFA at the time they are selected to represent their chapter. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Any boy who has participated in a State FFA Public Speaking Contest is ineligible for participation in the 1955 Kansas FFA Speech Contest.

Note: Chapter Public Speaking contestants who plan to participate in either the Agricultural or Farm Mechanics contests on Tuesday, May 3, must obtain permission to compete in the Speech Contest from Professor A. P. Davidson at the time copies of the speech are submitted for judging, April 4, 1955.

FFA Public Speaking Contest (continued)

Time Limit and Deductions

Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges. Deductions will be made of 40 points per minute or part thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length. Deductions will also be made of 20 points per minute or part thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.

Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. In connection with the choice of subject we wish to call your attention to the following 1950 ruling of the National Organization of FFA by National Adviser Dr. W. T. Spanton:

"The National Board of Student Officers with the approval of the National Board of Directors at their meeting just prior to the National Convention in Kansas City, October, 1950, passed a resolution calling on all judges of FFA Public Speaking Contests (local, district, area, state, regional and national) to disqualify all contestants whose speeches are not of a strictly agricultural nature. The resolution was approved later by the delegate body of the Convention.

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

"Any contestant who violates this provision of the rules, no matter how well his speech is prepared or delivered, will be doing so at the risk of having his speech disqualified by the judges. Certainly all speeches that may 'get by' judges of local or state contests will most assuredly be disqualified in the regional or national contests, if this provision of the rules is violated.

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

The following list offers many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, The Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
6. The World Food Crisis

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7. Milk for the Millions
8. The Future of the American Farmer
9. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
10. Farm Safety
11. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
12. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
13. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
14. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
15. The All-American Team of Soil Builders
16. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
17. New Markets for Farm Products Through Chemurgy
18. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
19. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
20. The Part-Time Farmer in American Agriculture
21. The Soil - A National Heritage
22. Farm Family Partnership
23. Conservation of Soil - Our Greatest National Problem
24. The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America
25. Soil Conservation - Man's and Nature's
26. The Place of Farm Cooperatives in our National Economy
27. Education of the Farmer of Tomorrow
28. Atomic Energy, Its Application to Rural Life
29. Farm Price Supports

Sources

It is impossible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the Public Speaking Contest. The following standard sources should not be overlooked.

1. Books dealing with the topic chosen.
2. Readers' Guide - in public libraries and high school libraries.
3. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (Yearbook, technical bulletins, and special reports). Note: In addition to the old line technical bureaus such as Animal Industry, Dairy Industry, Entomology, Chemistry, etc., the following agencies are now a part of the USDA: Soil Conservation Service; Farm Credit Administration; Rural Electrification Administration; Farm Home Administration; Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation. For information on publications write the Director of Information, USDA.
4. Current National Magazines.
5. The Farm Press.
6. Census Report.
7. Kansas State Board of Agriculture, biennial reports and special bulletins, Topeka, Kansas.
8. State newspapers.
9. Proceedings of National FFA Convention.
10. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, Judson, published by Interstate Publishing Company, Danville, Illinois.
11. Winning FFA Speeches, Vol. II, R. D. Perky, Interstate, Danville, Illinois.

JUDGES SCORE SHEET
1955 STATE FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

PART I. FOR SCORING CONTENT AND COMPOSITION

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Content of Manuscript	200												
2. Composition of Manuscript	100												
Score on written production	300												

PART II. FOR SCORING THE DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION

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

PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Score on written production	300												
2. Score on delivery	700												
TOTAL	1000												
* Less overtime deduction for each minute or part thereof	20 points												
* Less undertime deduction for each minute or part thereof	40 points												
* From the Timekeeper's Record.													

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

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

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<u>Voice includes</u>	:	<u>Power of expression includes</u>
	:	
Quality	:	Fluency, emphasis
Pitch	:	Directness, sincerity
Force	:	Communicative ability
Articulation	:	Conveyance of thought and
Pronunciation	:	meaning
	:	
	:	
<u>Response to questions includes</u>	:	<u>Stage presence includes</u>
	:	
Ability to satisfactorily answer	:	Personal appearance
the questions on the speech which	:	Poise and body posture
are asked by the judges, indicating	:	Attitude
originality, familiarity with sub-	:	Confidence
ject and ability to think quickly.	:	Personality
	:	Ease before audience
	:	
<u>General effect includes</u>	:	
	:	
Extent to which the speech was	:	
interesting, understandable,	:	
convincing, pleasing and held	:	
attention.	:	

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IN THIS I BELIEVE

By Philip Kinast*, Haven Chapter

"I believe...with a faith born not of words, but of deeds."¹ The word faith, as defined, means confidence, reliance, belief or doctrine. This word means a lot to a person who is carrying a load of the nation's prosperity; namely, the farmer. Not only does it mean survival to a farmer, but it also means confidence, reliance, belief or doctrine to all the other professions of this great nation of ours. But let us look into the faith of, shall we say, workers of the soil. When the farmer tills his soil--when he invests his time, his money, his very life in his chosen occupation--he has no guarantee that his efforts are not in vain. But he works without fear. For his work, like his religion, is founded upon faith--faith in God, faith in himself and faith in farming. He has come to know that drought and flood, insects and disease, high costs and low income are as much a part of this hazardous life as the gentle showers, the warm sunshine and the bountiful harvest. He accepts these hazards, not in a spirit of resignation or defeat, but as a challenge to his courage, his ingenuity, and his faith.

* Ranked below fourth place in the Regional Speech Contest held at Olney, Illinois, September 16, 1954.

1. From the Future Farmers of America Creed.

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These workers realize that in the past and the present they have taken, and are taking, an enormous part in undermining our God-given country. This is being done through the abuse of our greatest natural asset, our soil. Thank God this abuse, this sin, is being checked, to some extent, by our soil conservation program. Conservation farming is the guarantee that production will be obtained and that it will continue. If any man in this nation is too "stiff-necked" to listen, then he is causing himself, his city cousin, and all of America to pay the bill!

Now let us shift our thoughts to workers for food production. Here again the worker has to have that faith. Whether you live in the city or the country, the land feeds and clothes you, and gives you most of the other things you use. These workers for food production have been able to provide the country's needs in the past because of faith and confidence in themselves to produce, like we say, "The best in the west." Not only do they have faith and confidence, but they take advantage of the great help offered by scientists through our system of agriculture colleges to learn more about the subject of food production. Here the worker becomes more and more conscious of the responsibility placed upon him, namely, food production for a great and mighty nation.

"I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others."¹ Out of this, then, come workers of leadership and respect. Where can anyone learn more leadership ability than in feeling that the nation depends upon him to fulfill its needs? Where could one feel more strongly that he is following the will of God in his life than he who deals directly with God's creative handiwork? True--all useful work is important but farming is certainly one of the fundamental occupations upon which the welfare of all people depends. This business of farming, which many of us Future Farmers of America will choose as our life work, is a highly respectable calling requiring a high degree of intelligence and training and is not to be entered into without careful consideration. When the workers themselves, along with the rest of the nation, realize that these workers are great leaders, then the workers will gain that respect from all the other people who have a different vocation than farming. I believe that this year and the past year these workers have started to receive that respect. We, the agriculturalists of the nation, are no longer looked upon as people who can do nothing else. Now they realize that the farm family has as many conveniences as the city family; that the farmer, as a college professor put it, is not a slouchy, unshaven laborer with straw in his mouth and little else in his head. But today's farmer is more scientist than laborer, and should, and does have a healthy dose of common sense in his head. When the nation realizes this, then we have and will keep this respect put forth in the FFA Creed.

"I believe...in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon us."¹ So a group of workers would be workers of happiness and honesty. I would say, and I wish with all my heart it could be enforced, that there is no room for a swindler or fraudulent person in this great and important job of building up an eternal treasury from which we may draw for the fulfillment of our needs. If any of the workers draws from this treasury and puts nothing in for the coming generations in the form of conservation, then I would say he is not a "worker of honesty and happiness."

1. Ibid.

In This I Believe (continued)

Great emphasis should also be placed upon playing square with those whose happiness depends upon us. Then we must play square with every living soul on this earth because his happiness depends, to a certain extent, upon our production and dealings with all people of the world.

"I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life, and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in the inspiring task."¹ It was stated that this task is inspiring. So it is! Inspiring because it is so close to nature herself. What can be more inspiring than to watch the crops spring up from a small seed and burst forth into a beautiful head of wheat, like the color gold? This brings another inspiring sight with this task which is the beautiful color of the trees and crops or any other plant that is growing in the fields, along the nation's highways or by the side of a cowpath, winding over a beautiful green pasture.

I can exert an influence in my home and community by the showing forth of this great happiness and willingness with which I perform this truly great and inspiring task. This great happiness is radiated by the showing forth of the immense love for the soil, yes, the feeling of the soil trickling through your own fingers. I ask you: What can be more essential in becoming a farmer than this? This great willingness is made known by the showing forth of the great pleasure and enjoyment received from growing plants and animals. If we have this love and willingness, we have a chance at a life that calls upon a man for intelligence, sweat and compassion and rewards him with spiritual peace, satisfaction and security.

To all the people who do not know of this task, I would like to relate a story which I once read from an autobiography of Booker T. Washington, Up From Slavery. It goes as follows:

"A ship lost at sea for many days suddenly sighted a friendly vessel. From the mast of the unfortunate vessel was seen a signal, 'Water, water, we die of thirst!' The answer from the friendly vessel at once came back, 'Cast down your bucket where you are.' A second time a signal, 'Water, water, send us water!' ran up from the distressed vessel and was answered, 'Cast down your bucket where you are.' A third and fourth signal for water was answered, 'Cast down your bucket where you are.' The captain of the distressed vessel, at last heeding the injunction, cast down his bucket, and it came up full of fresh, sparkling water from the mouth of the Amazon River."²

To all these people and also to every Future Farmer of America, I say then, "Cast down your bucket where you are." Cast it down in happiness and contentment. Cast it down in inspiration, leadership and service. Cast it down with a confident faith in the future of farming. Cast it down in agriculture and bring it up full of willingness and determination to build greater citizens for a greater America.

1. Ibid.

2. Booker T. Washington, Up From Slavery (New York: A. L. Burt Company), Page 219.

ORDER OF APPEARANCE IN 1955 FFA SPEECH CONTEST

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

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DAIRY PRODUCTS NEW ADDITION TO STATE JUDGING CONTESTS

The members of the College Contest Committee at their regular meeting held January 8, 1955, at K.S.C. voted to add a dairy products contest to the 1955 State High School Vocational Agriculture Judging Contests. This contest will be held at the completion of the dairy judging contest at approximately 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday, May 2.

Participation in the dairy products contest is optional. The same team members entered in the agriculture contest will be eligible to enter the dairy products contest. A team or an individual will be ranked as teams and individuals on a similar basis as now used in each division of the agriculture contest. The team winning first place will represent Kansas in the National FFA Dairy Products Contest held at Waterloo, Iowa.

The score of the dairy products contest will not be made a part of the total score now used in the agricultural judging contests; namely, dairy, live-stock, poultry and agronomy. Explanatory mimeographed material concerning the dairy products contest will be sent to each vocational agriculture department in the near future.

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 7, 1955, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Holton Hall, Room 103. The principal business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members of the FFA Executive Committee are: C. C. Eustace, State FFA Adviser; Dean A. D. Weber, School of Agriculture; A. P. Davidson, Deputy FFA Adviser; L. F. Hall, Executive FFA Secretary; Chas. Mantz, Smith Center, President of K.V.A.A.; Dean Peter, Edson, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

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The Jayhawk Chapter, Lawrence, was host to the California delegation in attendance at the 26th National FFA Convention on Wednesday morning of the convention week. After luncheon the group visited five farms including the units depending on both crops and livestock, and some purebred cattle farms.

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A DRAMATIZATION OF THE CREED OF THE FUTURE FARMERS
OF AMERICA

By A. W. Tenney, National FFA Executive Secretary

Many Kansas FFA members had the pleasure of enjoying the Dramatization of the Creed at the 26th National FFA Convention. Successful presentation of the Dramatization of the Creed will depend upon many factors. The following points should be carefully considered by local FFA chapter officials planning to use the Creed dramatization as a part of their local programs.

1. Adaptation to Kansas
2. Good music
3. Adequate lighting
4. Careful planning and construction of pageant scenes
5. FFA uniforms presentable
6. Competent narrator

A copy of Dr. Tenney's script follows:

Stage Arrangements

This dramatization may be presented on a standard stage by using a curtain. It will be necessary to use music between each scene so that there will be time to dismantle the one scene and prepare for the next. The pageant will move at a faster tempo if two areas are lighted separately. If two areas are to be used, each should be lighted by spotlights, which may be turned off and on by the program director as needed. A picture frame large enough to frame an FFA member should be built. The member should be so placed back of the frame that it will appear as a living photograph. The frame should include the boy's body from the bottom of the jacket up. A yellow background will make the picture more attractive. The frame should have sides to conceal the boy. The framed picture should be placed so that it will not interfere with the other scenes and should be lighted so that the lights can be turned off and on as desired.

Music

It is recommended that the recording "Hail the FFA" be obtained from the Future Farmers Supply Service. Appropriate band music can be substituted for the music between the scenes. I recommend that music be played for about thirty seconds between scenes.

Scenes

It will be noted that eleven scenes have been outlined. These may be very easily adjusted or changed according to location, interest and conditions. In practically all cases the individual should be posed and should not move while the spotlight is on the scene.

PRESIDENT: Many songs have been written about the Future Farmers of America. One of these outstanding songs, "We're the FFA from the USA," was written by Fred Waring a number of years ago. We are pleased to have the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus present this number to us as an introduction to the Dramatization of the FFA Creed.

Dramatization of the Creed (continued)

MUSIC: "We're the FFA from the USA" - Band and Chorus.

PRESIDENT: Yes, we are the FFA, and we are proud of our organization. We take pride in our emblem, which features the cross section of an ear of corn and other appropriate symbols. We like our colors - national blue and corn gold. We believe in the challenging objectives of our organization. One of the most meaningful statements about the Future Farmers of America is our Creed. Our Creed was written by the late E. M. Tiffany*, a former teacher trainer in agricultural education at the University of Wisconsin. It was adopted by the delegates as the official Creed of our organization at the Third National FFA Convention in 1930. All Future Farmers are familiar with the Creed. We memorized it when we first became members. We are proud of the thoughts included in it and we strive to live up to its true meaning. It is appropriate at this time for us to present a dramatization of the Creed of the Future Farmers of America. The following members will present scenes in the dramatization: (list members). _____ will describe the scenes and _____ will present the Creed.

Scene One

Darken auditorium. (Turn lights on slowly featuring an FFA boy in picture frame wearing an official jacket and tie.)

Boy recites FFA Creed.

MUSIC - First verse and chorus of "Hail the FFA."

Have six members wearing jackets massed around the picture frame featuring the boy. Immediately following the presentation of the Creed, the group will act like they are singing.

VOICE: He is a Future Farmer. A Future Farmer has worthy objectives and high ideals. The Creed of the FFA is an impressive one. He has studied the Creed and is familiar with its contents. He believes in the Creed and strives in his daily living to live up to its high ideals. By doing this he is attaining the worthy objectives of the Future Farmers of America.

Lights fade out on picture frame. Light up area one.

Scene Two

(This will be a general farm scene. In the most simple form it may present a farmer and son posed at work together. The center of interest will be the activity, such as blood testing poultry.)

VOICE: He believes in the future of farming with a faith borne not of words but of deeds. He knows what it means to work on a farm; to get up before sunrise and help dad milk the cows. He has enjoyed the smell of new mown hay and the music of the birds. He has

* Tiffany, a native Kansan who grew to young manhood near Lyndon, Kansas, was a graduate of KSC and taught in Kansas high schools before going to Wisconsin to engage in teacher training in agricultural education.

Dramatization of the Creed (continued)

had the satisfaction that comes from a hard day's labor. He has watched the good earth as it has turned over from the moldboard on his plow. He is the son of a farmer. He is of a generation of farmers and he is proud to be a tiller of the soil. The heritage of the past and the work of today gives him confidence in the bright future that waits for him in his chosen vocation.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Scene Three

Light up area two. (Featuring the clearing of land. Have a few logs and a stump with a farmer posed with a double-bitted ax in his hands.)

VOICE: He recognizes the achievements that have been won by the present and past generations of farmers. He hasn't forgotten that his great grandfather cleared the land on which he lives. He has been on the site where the old log cabin stood and heard his grandfather tell about his ancestors who lived there for many years. He recognizes that since the beginning of history farm people have made many great achievements that have influenced the world. He thinks of the change from serfdom to freedom, and of the great increase in production per man that has been brought about through worthy achievements of the past. He thrills with the thought of the high service that is rendered by the farmer, as he works from sunrise until sunset to produce the food that feeds the world. His is a noble calling. A calling in which he is proud to share the accomplishments of today with the worthy achievements that have been made by people in his occupation since the dawn of time.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Scene Four

Light up area one. (Use farm level. Have one boy adjusting level and another boy holding rod.)

VOICE: The Future Farmer believes in the promise of better days through better ways. He knows that the progress that has been made in agriculture has been brought about by the application of improved practices. He terraces his soil and maintains the most effective control of water resources. He is striving to improve his farm so that it will be in better condition when he passes it on to his son than it was when he received it. He increases production by wise cultural and fertilizer practices. He has helped to develop improved breeds of livestock. He has learned to use machinery to advantage on his farm. He has likewise equipped his home so that the farm home of today has the most modern types of labor-saving devices and conveniences. He is not satisfied with the practices being followed today but is ever searching for better ways, and he knows that by the application of these, it will bring better days for his family and others as well as for himself.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Dramatization of the Creed (continued)

Scene Five

Light up area two. (A man wearing old work clothes will be posed with shoulders bent holding an old-fashioned hoe in his hand. He will have with him a girl dressed as an old lady wearing a bonnet.)

VOICE: The Future Farmer of today knows that the better things he now enjoys have come up to him from the struggles of former years. The struggles of the early farmers, the Man with the Hoe.

"Bowed by the weight of centuries he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes upon the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world."

The Future Farmer recognizes the important farm tasks that were performed by manual labor and of the slow evolution and improvement of farming through the centuries. He appreciates these great contributions and takes satisfaction in the modern methods of farming. The place of labor and tillage of the soil have been enshrined forever in the hearts of Future Farmers by placing the old walking plow in the FFA emblem.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Scene Six

Light up area one. (A pleasant work scene with a farmer examining sacks of wheat. He pours wheat from his hand. He is standing by his wife. The son of the family will enter with his dog as a band unit plays, "The Whistler and His Dog.")

VOICE: He believes that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging and he knows the joys and discomforts of farm life. He holds an inborn fondness for those associations, which even in hours of discouragement he cannot deny. It is a privilege for him to work near his family and to have his children come to him as he labors during the day.

MUSIC - Band. "The Whistler and His Dog." (Boy enters with dog. Dad greets son, pats dog and then boy passes off stage on other side. Band stops playing as soon as boy disappears from scene. The boy is to be dressed in blue jeans.)

He has learned that to be associated with growing things - with crops and animals is a pleasant experience. He knows that the occupation he has chosen is a happy one. For, to be close to the soil and close to nature is close to Him who controls the spring-time and the harvest. He is proud to be a Future Farmer and to look forward to following in the footsteps of his father. He longs to be a good farmer and a successful citizen of his community.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Dramatization of the Creed (continued)

Scene Seven

Light up area two. (Leadership - Have a boy speaking as a few other boys who are seated listen.)

VOICE: He believes in leadership from farmers and of serving so effectively that they may have the respect of others. He has learned early in his career the necessity of acquiring essential abilities in leadership, to know correct practices of parliamentary procedure, and to learn to speak in public. He hasn't forgotten how hard it was to stand on his feet the first time and express himself. By taking active part in the FFA and other organizations he has now become an accomplished leader. He recognizes the many contributions being made in the field of leadership by other members of the organization and by those who formerly belonged to the FFA. He knows that there is a place for him in rural America as a leader and that farm people must have adequate leadership in order to maintain their just place in our great nation. He knows that the rural church, the public school, farm organizations, and other groups are continually in need of well-trained sincere leaders. He has likewise learned that in order to keep the ability of leadership, it is necessary to use it in serving others. He has likewise found that to be a good leader, a member of the FFA learns to be a good cooperater and a good follower of others who are leading effectively. A member of the Future Farmers of America who has taken an active part in his chapter and has developed qualities of leadership faces the future with sincerity and with confidence. America may expect much of him.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Scene Eight

Light up area one. (A teacher will be instructing two boys. They will be using class notebooks and will have bulletins spread out in front of them. The teacher will be standing and leaning over the shoulder of one of the boys.)

VOICE: He believes in his own ability to work efficiently and think clearly with such knowledge and skill as he can secure. He has spent several years in studying the problems of scientific farming under the direction of his teacher of vocational agriculture. He has learned much that will help him to be a better farmer. He applies this instruction in his own farming program. He has a great opportunity for learning in many ways. Instruction in the classroom is important. Instruction on the farm by the parents and by the teacher as he visits the boy, is likewise helpful and practical. The Future Farmer truly learns to do by studying and by doing. The Motto of the FFA presents this thought in an effective manner.

Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band. "School Days."

Dramatization of the Creed (continued)

Scene Nine

Light up area two. (A few bushels of apples will be on the floor. A member of the FFA will be displaying a bushel of apples to three prospective customers.)

VOICE: He believes in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining. He has learned the necessity of producing quality products and of learning how to prepare them so they will be in demand at the market. He utilizes the market reports and other information that is available to him so that he may receive the greatest income from his labors. He strives to obtain enough honest wealth so that he may have an abundant life on the farm for others as well as for himself.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Scene Ten

Light up area one. (A few FFA members will visit an old lady and an old man and will give them agricultural products in baskets. One or two FFA members will have farm tools in their hands.)

VOICE: He believes in less need for charity and more of it when needed. He has cooperated with his FFA chapter in helping those who have had misfortune come their way. He has felt the thrill and pride that can come to one who renders assistance when it is needed. He knows of the many helpful things that FFA chapters have done for their members and for others. He knows of the homes that have been built, of the wood that has been cut and of the fields that have been plowed for those who because of accident or illness were unable to work. These achievements have made him proud to be associated with other farm boys as a member of the FFA. He has learned to be happy with himself and to play square with those whose happiness depends upon him.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band.

Scene Eleven

Light up area two. (Three young men and a girl will be walking home from church, with a church steeple in the background. They should each have a Bible under their arm or in their hand.)

VOICE: The Future Farmer believes that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life. He recognizes the important place of organizations in the community. He has been reared in an environment which has been under the influence of the church. As he matured, he assumed a position of responsibility in the church and other worthwhile organizations and movements. He is happy to be free and to live in a country where freedom is recognized as one of the essentials of our democratic society. He enjoys the customs and traditions of his people, the friendliness of neighbors, working together for the good of the community, the right to a sound education, the common desire for health and happiness, and the right to worship where and when he pleases.

Dramatization of the Creed (continued)

These are worthy traditions and the Future Farmer believes that he can exert an influence in his home and community which will stand solid for his part in helping to maintain them.

Cut lights. MUSIC - Band, "God of our Father."

Full lights on framed picture.

VOICE: Yes, he is a Future Farmer. He is one of 371,592 FFA members in some 9,000 rural communities in the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. But, he is one. The Creed of his organization is helping him to improve himself and will lead to the introduction of better days through better ways for the farm people of our great nation. As Future Farmers work together to achieve these worthy goals, it is our prayer they will succeed, for theirs is truly an inspiring task.

MUSIC - Band and Chorus, "Hail the FFA."

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NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD

Action was taken at the 1954 National FFA Convention to change the National Chapter Contest. Since announcements, rules and application forms were not available at the time the Kansas Association of FFA planned their State Chapter Contest, it was decided to conduct the 1954-55 State Chapter Contest under the rules that have been in existence for the past several years. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE 1954-55 STATE CHAPTER CONTEST.

Kansas FFA chapters planning to enter the National Chapter Contest will have to conform to the new plan approved at the 26th National FFA Convention.

The new plan for conducting the National Chapter Award program is designed to enable every chapter in the United States to participate and be scored. Rules governing this award program will be available for distribution at the 1955 annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA. The general plan would include:

1. Standard Chapter Award
2. Superior Chapter Award
3. National Emblem Awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The requirements for the National Emblem Award include the following:

1. Meeting the standards for a Superior Chapter.
2. Receiving recommendation of State Association or winning the State Association Contest.
3. Meeting the high percentage of the standards outlined in the National Emblem Award.
4. Submitting a copy of the chapter's program of activities to the State Office which would include an explanation of the ways and means by which the activities were accomplished.

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STATE AWARDS FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., accept the total program of activities planned and executed by a local FFA chapter as conforming with the regulations governing the State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership sponsored by the Foundation. This is a liberal interpretation of the rules, and the Kansas Association of FFA is appreciative of this interpretation. The amount available for Kansas for this award in 1953-54 was \$973.99. The cash award will be distributed on the basis of 60 per cent to the Gold Emblem Chapters and 40 per cent to the Silver Emblem Chapters. The funds designated for each classification will be divided equally among the chapters listed under each division. In order to qualify for this cash award, each Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem winner submits to the state office by November 20, to be forwarded to the Washington FFA office before December 15, a summary of chapter achievements. The summaries for 32 of the 1954 Gold and Silver Emblem classification winners were sent to the National Office. The amount received by each chapter in the Gold Emblem classification was \$34.38 and each chapter in the Silver Emblem classification received \$25.97. The money is to be used for the betterment of FFA work in the local community.

The following chapters were eligible:

Gold Emblem

Beloit Chapter, Frank Carpenter
 Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson
 Chanute Chapter, Chas. O. Carter, Jr.
 Clay Center Chapter, Ray W. Morrison
 Effingham Chapter, Roy Eck
 Ellsworth Chapter, Lester Crandall
 Emporia Chapter, Emory Groves
 Holton Chapter, Harold Gentry
 Howard Chapter, Chas. E. Hargrove
 Little River Chapter, Milton Kohrs
 Shawnee-Mission Chapter, Harold
 Garver
 Oberlin Chapter, Lloyd Moody
 Olathe Chapter, A. G. Jensen
 Ottawa Chapter, S. S. Bergsma
 Simpson Chapter, Robt. J.
 Severance, Jr.
 Stockton Chapter, Floyd A. Blauer
 Washburn Chapter, Charles Ross

Silver Emblem

Alma Chapter, Walter R. Gehlbach
 Altocna Chapter, John Davis
 Arkansas City Chapter, Harold Walker
 Bonner Springs Chapter, L. L.
 Van Petten
 Burlingame Chapter, Thomas Morris
 Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia
 Eldorado Chapter, William McMillan
 Eureka Chapter, Harry L. Coffel
 Hoxie Chapter, Virgil Severns
 Medicine Lodge Chapter, Norman Mills
 Smith Center Chapter, Chas. Mantz
 St. Francis Chapter, Donald E. Hall
 Washington Chapter, Otis Dewey
 Williamsburg Chapter, Earl Anderson
 Winfield Chapter, Ira L. Plank and
 John Lowe

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TEACHER'S APPLICATION FOR HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Application forms for the Teacher's Application for the Honorary American Farmer Degree are available upon request at the State FFA Office. Not more than 25 degrees will be awarded per year to vocational agricultural teachers. The requirement that the teacher applicant possess the State Farmer Degree by action of the National FFA Board of Directors has been removed. Application forms are due in the State Office July 1, 1955, and are due in the National FFA Office July 15, 1955.

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CHAPTER NEWS

GARDEN CITY: We have 52 active members...We are especially proud of our new vo-ag building which has among other facilities a large classroom, adequate storage, and a well equipped 54' x 81' shop...In order to acquaint our dads with the new building we invited them to attend a regular meeting, followed by tours over the new building where class members performed demonstrations, and closed with a supper furnished and served by the FFA...Major shop jobs are: lowering of the grain bin on a self-propelled combine; painting a tractor; two cattle loading chutes on wheels; two 2-wheel trailers; two squeeze chutes; a post hole digger to fit a Ford tractor; three foot scrapers; and cabinet shelves for the new building...Several boys have been working on a "dunking" stand for the school carnival...We sold \$50 worth of magazine subscriptions...Plenty of bangs and bumps added to the fun at our annual skating party which was attended by 75 skaters from the FFA and FHA...The pest eradication contest closed in January, the losers will furnish a chili supper for the winners. A feature of this contest required a member to bring in at least 1,000 points or else be automatically listed with the losers. The contest was close until one member of Donald Holmes' team brought in 168 pairs of rabbit ears and over 300 sparrow heads...The No. 11 class held its annual homemade ice cream party, made and consumed 3½ gallons of ice cream...Twelve new members received their Green Hand degree...A new "eats" stand at the Finney County Fair Grounds was built by the FFA members; materials valued at \$300 were furnished by business men of Garden City, the FFA chapter furnished \$100 for materials plus the labor of constructing the 16 x 20 stand. We cleared \$500 by operating the new stand for three days.

Robert Heiman, Reporter

BUHLER: Our annual Parent and Son Banquet will be held February 15, 1955. The following committees have been selected: Program: Gerald Coleman, Chm., Phillip Hurst, Don Isenberg, Ronald Clarke, Dennis Martens; Decoration: Jerald Robinson, Chm., plus 7th and 8th hour ag classes; Food: Wendell Regier, Chm., Larry McMillan, Jim Stoughton, Johnny Devault, Richard Teter; Invitation: Charles Redd, Chm., Jim Bridgewater, Alvin Lyon, Abie Ratzlaff, LeRoy Martens; Printing: Gary Rayl, Chm., Lonnie Gadberry, Don Etherton; Clean-Up: Gale Regier, Chm., Leon Schmidt, Jim Sorensen, Jim Hendrickson, Jess Heim; Receiving: Gerald Vansickle, Alden Lang, Ernie Lang, Eugene Landers, Von Ragsdill. The theme for the banquet is "The Future Farmers of America--The Heart of America." The idea for the theme was presented by Jerald Robinson...Our annual pest eradication contest will end February 1. To date we have destroyed 100 crows, 100 mice, 70 starlings, 100 sparrows, and 50 rabbits...Shop projects include a cattle squeeze, loading chutes, trailers, picnic tables, sub-soil plow, several gates from steel tubing, show boxes, playground swing, tool chests, stock rack for pickup...Jerald Robinson had the misfortune to have the plow on which he is working fall on his foot, breaking two bones. He will be on crutches for about eight weeks.

Henry L. Neufeld, Reporter

HOYT: There are 22 active members in our chapter this year...Shop projects include one trailer, one post auger, hog houses, one picnic table, two hay hooks, door hangers, hog waterers, sheep feeder, hinges for gates, wooden gates and gates made from cultivator wheels...Our pest contest ended January 3. The losing side treated the winners to ice cream and cookies.

Harold Meggison, Jr., Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MARION: Our chapter is very busy in shop. Dwight Kruse is building a cattle squeeze; Howard Stenzel a bale elevator; Ralph Zeller and Charles Meisinger, loading chutes; Larry Schlehner, Vernon Bowers and Milton Weidenbener, trailers; Darrell Riffel, a sprayer; Jon Soyez, a feed bunk; Larry Olsen, Jon Thole, and Marcel Tajchman, metal gates; and Don Longhofer a stock rack. The seniors are building a pump house for the football field. A number of seniors are building a rack for our new pickup...A bell and telephone system has been installed between the main office and the ag department...In the last chapter meeting we installed our Green Hands. At the next meeting they will be advanced to Chapter Farmers, and membership cards will be issued...We now have an adult education program in the ag department which meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month...Our record books are completed. The average net worth was \$950...Outstanding farming programs have been started. Don Longhofer purchased two Angus heifers in 1952, each had heifer calves and they are calving again. He bought another heifer calf in 1953 and has four deferred calves, making a total of eleven head since 1952. Other members buying replacement heifers this year are Dwight Kruse, Howard Stenzel, Joe Dvorak and Charles Meisinger. Together they have purchased six head of registered Hereford and Angus heifers...A hospital bed which lies horizontally and is raised vertically by a hydraulic jack was built in the ag department for Darrell Riffel's father, who received a spinal injury last summer...Work has been started on spring contests...The Flint Hills Co-op will be with us for the second time on February 7-8 to study electric motors...Our FFA banquet is scheduled for March 31.

Charles Meisinger, Reporter

EUREKA: The chapter recently purchased a milk vender. The main purpose of this milk vender is to promote the sales of milk. "Project Bossy", as the boys call the vender, was placed in the Eureka High School the first part of December. The initial cost of the machine was \$635.80, to purchase it we were given a loan by the Eureka Board of Education. Our "Project Bossy" is all automatic, offering a selection of drinks and changing any coin up to a quarter. During the last thirty days an average of 80 half pints were sold daily to the students...The annual FFA Barnwarmer was held December 13. The FHA girls were invited and everyone had a good time. Square dancing, folk dancing and round dancing were enjoyed...Our annual Hay Drive for the polio benefit was held January 31.

Bud Brenton, Reporter

MANKATO: Our chapter has enjoyed the following activities: hayrack ride and picnic with dates, open house for fathers held in connection with initiation of sixteen Green Hands, and a pest eradication contest...The following jobs have been completed in the school shop: four saw horses, three basketball goal back boards, one sheep feed rack, one feed bunk, one magazine rack, one combination feed bunk and hay rack, 2 sets of truck stock racks, four hog troughs, one grain auger cart, one large tool box, one power post hole digger, one push cart, two metal gates, repaired one disc, one picnic table, one snow plow, repainted one tractor, one 2-wheel trailer, three Uncle Sam mail box stands with concrete bases, one power lawn mower, one barrel cart, one gas barrel stand, one hose rack, and reconditioned hand tools.

Warren Underwood, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

PHILLIPSBURG: September 14 our chapter held a scrap iron drive and collected over 14 tons of iron. One truck, three pickups and one jeep and trailer gathered the scrap iron. The chapter was excused from school that day to help with the drive...Eighteen members went to the Denver Stock Show...Our chapter secretary wrote to the state game hatchery about getting some pheasants and quail to stock approximately twenty farms. The only restriction is that the places where the birds are put can't be hunted for one year...Our annual Dad's Chili Feed was held October 31. Deryl Carswell, who was an American Farmer in 1953, was the guest speaker. Accompanying Deryl was an exchange student from Brazil, who told us about his country...The chapter held a coyote hunt January 2, covering an area of 25 square miles. Two coyotes were shot.

Dick Miller, Reporter

LOUISBURG: Our chapter set up a program to have meetings once a month and have a special speaker at each meeting. Mr. Elmer Smith, representative for Kansas City Power and Light Company, gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on his electrical board at our last meeting. He left the electrical demonstration board with the chapter for their use in classroom work for a week...As a community service we built concrete block rest rooms at the football field...The chapter is sponsoring Twerp Week the first week in February...We received \$67 from a paper drive our chapter had in November...Our chapter attended a Holstein classification demonstration at the McPheeters' farm...A floor grinder and post drill have been purchased for our shop. Some of the shop projects are: creep feeder for calves, self feeder on wheels for dairy cattle, post hole digger, cattle bunks, and sheep and calf hay feeders.

Robert Gardner, Reporter

HOXIE: An FFA skating party was enjoyed by 41 members November 2...On November 23 the Father-Son Bean Feed was held. The meeting opened and closed with the FFA Ritual. Eight Chapter Farmers received their degree...An all-school caroling party was sponsored by the FFA, FHA and Kayettes...The annual joint meeting of the Hoxie FFA and the Soil Conservation Service was held January 19. Dr. A. D. Weber was the speaker for the program. His talk was entitled, "Do They Love Us for the Right Reasons?" Dr. Weber also showed slides of his trip to the British Isles.

Robert Davis, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Our annual Parent-Son Dinner was held December 7 with 204 in attendance. Jack Graham, a former State Farmer from the chapter and a graduate of Kansas State College, was the speaker. Fourteen freshmen received the degree of Green Hand and seventeen boys were raised to Chapter Farmers, making a total of 49 members...On December 17 two bus loads of FFA and FHA members with their sponsors enjoyed a skating party at Miami, Oklahoma...Record books have been audited and closed. The net worth tabulations show \$56,422, which is an average of \$1,150...Major construction jobs are: two squeeze chutes, one cattle stock, one hay rack, six combination feeders, eight feed bunks, one pickup stock rack, six sixteen-foot ladders and one built-in kitchen cabinet.

Dewey Smith, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ASHLAND: A Sweetheart Contest was held with Wanda Gardner the winning contestant...The chapter sold popcorn at the home football games...Two welcome signs were put up, one on each side of town...A pest control contest was held with the losers treating the winners to a chili supper. High scoring individuals were Cliver Shupe, Bobby Greene and Jon Sawyers...In shop we have been working on skills as well as projects. Shop projects are: flower box, charcoal barbecue pit, two farm gates, a calf squeeze, hay trailer bed, tractor tool box, coat hanger rack, wrecker bumper, hay feed bunk, salt box and two watering barrels. The air compressor has been raised to the ceiling and air has been piped down to the benches and over to the woodwork room. New shop equipment includes a farm level, metal cutting shears, portable grinder, sander, buffer, battery charger, carbon arc torch, and a three phase DC welder. The shop and classrooms have new florescent lights.

Roger Greene, Reporter

BEVERLY: We have 34 active members in the FFA...The sophomores and seniors won the pest eradication contest; losers will do the work on a barnwarmer... We held our Green Hand degree at an all-school assembly...Some of the shop projects are squeeze chute, stock rack, wagon box, feed bunk, loading chute, boat, bale elevator, repairing tractor, and a two-wheel trailer. We should be able to move into the new shop by the first of March...The ag class sold \$154 worth of magazines. Ninety dollars was made on land rented by the FFA from the Union Pacific Railroad, and \$22 was cleared at a concession stand at the January 11 basketball game.

James Kissick, Reporter

HADDAM: The chapter sold their grade Duroc pigs and bought two registered Hampshire gilts and two weanling gilt pigs. The chapter purchased a new FFA Banner...Our reporter, Mike Bobbitt, is entering the service and was honored at a party given by the FFA and junior class. Bobby Long was elected as the new reporter...We plan a field trip to the Arnold Rose Farm at Ionia to see his commercial stock of swine...The pest eradication contest ended January 15 and the losers will treat the winners to a chili feed. Colored slides will be shown by the instructor...The chapter plans to help keep up the city park... Several field trips have been made in connection with FFA farming programs... Shop projects are one 8 x 12 grain bed, one three sow farrowing house, one two sow farrowing house, sign painting, one metal feed bunk, one air compressor, and one three point hook up weed sprayer.

Bobby Long, Reporter

SMITH CENTER: Our chapter has just finished a very successful pest eradication contest. The number of pests killed were as follows: 912 sparrows, 483 mice, 154 blackbirds, 7 horned owls, 3 magpies, 26 rats, 1 coopers hawk, 7 foxes and coyotes, 14 prairie dogs, 7 moles, 2 ground squirrels. The three high individuals for the contest were Don Lemon, Larry Rudolph and Richard Sasse...Completed shop projects are: 7 feed bunks, 30 hog troughs, 1 hog house, repaired 1 drill and one tractor. Members butchered 3 hogs and 3 beef...All members enjoyed our annual FHA-FFA hayrack ride and weiner roast.

Bernal Campbell, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

COFFEYVILLE: We have out five Duroc gilts as a project to earn money for the FFA...Everybody is working hard for the district speech contest...The chapter sold advertisements for our annual calendar to make money for our Parent-Son Banquet...We started our night meetings in November and have had good attendance. In our previous meetings we held our Green Hand and Chapter Farmer degrees.

David Ford, Reporter

ALTA VISTA: The main part of our new farm mechanics shop has been completed and we expect to begin working in it soon. A new welder has been installed in the shop...The Barnwarmer was held recently. The gym was decorated like a corral with a lean-to shed for a refreshment stand and a bandstand... During the pest eradication contest over 300 birds were killed in one barn. After the final hunt, the winning side was treated by the losers to a chili feed. The five boys with the lowest scores washed the dishes, while the three high point men will be awarded prizes at the next regular meeting.

Earl Bruner, Reporter

HERINGTON: Our chapter had its third consecutive donkey basketball game...We sold 140 boxes of Christmas cards and handled concession stands at ball games. We gave \$5 to the United Community Chest. At Christmas the chapter gave a food basket to one needy family...Our chapter held a dinner and Christmas party at the vo-ag building...Six freshmen received the Green Hand degree at one of our regular FFA meetings in December. They were William Martin, Donald Reed, Lowell Rohloff, Jerry Smith, James Utech and Lloyd Weber...The chapter will hold its fourth annual Parent-Son Banquet in March...The FFA has a basketball team which plays other classes in the school...We entered a float in the homecoming parade and placed third in the contest...In the pest eradication contest the following number of pests were brought in: 28 raccoons, 81 rats, 16 crows, 26 opossums, 10 hawks, 235 pigeons, 158 jack-rabbits, 137 cottontails, 31 blackbirds, 1 bluejay, 1546 starlings, 266 mice, 1445 sparrows and 84 squirrels...Farming program tours were made to the farm homes of all the members.

Keith Hyde, Reporter

McDONALD: We have 27 members enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year and 32 active members in FFA...On October 25 our freshmen received their Green Hand degree. All the members' parents were invited...We raised money by shocking feed...New items purchased for the shop are: two electric welders, an air compressor and a portable grinder...Our pest eradication contest is in process...Some of our farm mechanics projects are: two-wheel trailer, two squeeze chutes, 16 foot gate, and other small items.

Lynn Banister, Reporter

HARVEYVILLE: We have started a farm safety control program by dividing the chapter into four teams which will visit farms and list the farm hazards. A duplicate copy of the list will be given the farmer for his attention. A month later the farms will be checked to see if the hazards have been corrected...Eight boys are working on talks for the district FFA speech contest.

Lester Kimball, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MULVANE: This year the community of Mulvane, Kansas, has built a new high school and vocational building. The vocational building cost \$56,000, less the tools, and houses the Industrial Arts and Vocational Agriculture. We have a paint room, steel storage room, classroom, vocational agriculture office, and the shop itself. The paint room is equipped with ten explosion-proof lights and a ventilator fan. The boys built and mounted cabinets and built steel racks...We held a Father-Son Pot-luck Supper the first semester with 25 dads present. A similar meeting will be held for the mothers the second semester, and a pot-luck banquet for the parents will be held in the spring...The winning team in the pest eradication contest was treated to a chili supper by the losing team. Pests killed were: 144 gophers, 654 starlings and blackbirds, 1606 sparrows, 7 moles, 60 crows and 100 mice. Jerry Truman was given an air gun for the first prize...Officers are working on the chapter activity report. They are using pictures which were taken with a camera purchased this year by the chapter.

Claude Nicholson, Reporter

HOLTON: We held our annual Barnwarmer November 26. Dixie King was crowned the 1954 Chapter Queen by our chapter president. A small orchestra was obtained for the occasion...Approximately 2500 pests were killed during our pest eradication contest. The losing team is sponsoring a chili feed for the winners...We are enjoying the use of new shop equipment this year. We have a new gas forge, arc welder, and some small tools. So far this year we have constructed or are now building 1 two-wheel implement trailer, 1 four-wheel trailer, 6 gates, 4 feed bunks, 1 feeding panel for pit silo, 1 loading chute, 12 foot scrapers, 5 hog troughs, 1 chicken feeder, and repaired other items...Our chapter applied ammonium nitrate fertilizer to the football field. We have an intramural basketball team which is in first place among four intramural teams in the high school...We made \$70 for the chapter treasury from the sale of Christmas cards and over \$100 from selling popcorn at all athletic events...Degree advancements will be made at our next regular meeting.

Gale Haag, Reporter

WASHBURN: The Washburn Chapter held its annual hayrack ride with 35 persons attending. At the November meeting the chapter raised 10 Green Hands to the Chapter Farmer degree...Shop projects completed are: overhauling three tractors, repairing one two-row monitor, one boat trailer, one field chopper and one tractor grader blade. Some of the items being constructed in shop are: one baled hay elevator, three large feed bunks, one cattle squeeze chute, six four-wheel trailers, two two-wheel trailers, one post hole digger, three trailer and truck beds, and one sheep blocking stand...The chapter will hold its annual interclass speech contest soon...Two registered Duroc gilts from the chapter's gilt ring were given to John Graber and Ken Roberts in November...The chapter has four metal FFA directional signs ready to put up in the community...Our annual pest eradication contest is now underway and will end January 31...Five of our members sold their steers on the graded carcass basis this fall...Some of the members went on an educational tour to observe the slaughtering and grading of these animals.

Dale Cox, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

OVERBROOK: Our chapter has 41 members this year. We started the year off in August by inviting all prospective Green Hands to a watermelon feed. At our next meeting we decided to put on a Farm Equipment Safety Campaign during the month of September. We placed reflector tape on 32 tractors, 10 farm trailers, 16 farm trucks, and 8 other kinds of farm equipment. We made a large FFA safety sign to put up near Highway 50N at Overbrook...In order to raise money for our banquet next spring we sold \$98 worth of Christmas cards during November and December...We sent our corn judging team and four ten-ear samples to the Pfister Corn Show at Osage City. Our team placed third in judging and Elvin Herschel won Grand Champion Cup on his ten-ear sample. This sample was sent to the International Corn Show at Chicago in December by the Pfister Company and this sample placed first over all entries from several midwestern states...January 6 we had a joint meeting with FHA girls. Our officers opened the meeting with the opening ceremony, business meeting, then a program of music and films. The FHA girls closed the meeting with their closing ceremony, after which refreshments were served...We are now conducting a pest eradication contest which ends February 10.

Martin Slobodnik, Reporter

BURNS: Since August we have cleaned about 2200 bu. of seed grains and treated 1500 bu. with Ceresan M. This activity has returned us \$200 for our FFA treasury....On November 12 the FFA boys entertained their parents, the faculty and the Board of Education. One hundred people ate a delicious meal in the shop. The film "The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the FFA" was well received... Since this is Mr. Miller's 25th year of teaching vocational agriculture, the FFA members gave him a wristwatch. A large birthday cake was presented to him by a freshman member, Melvin Nightengale.

Danny Stucky, Reporter

MARYSVILLE: At a district corn show held at Washington, Kansas, our judging team won Reserve Championship. Members judging were Larry Christener, Delmo Fragel, Devern Linkugel and Gerald Nordhus. Larry Christener won the sweep stakes award for his exhibit of corn...Chapter public speaking contestants in our local contest are Merlin Frerking, Robert Gleue, Edward Taphorn, Delmar Tjaden, Donald Ungerer...Our shop welding facilities have been increased through the addition of a new arc welder and accessories. Vocational class members have built a new welding table with a plastic screen for demonstration and instruction purposes...Fourteen freshmen received their Green Hand degree.

Milton Kelly, Reporter

ROSE HILL: We have an active membership of 40 in FFA. At our November meeting we held the Green Hand degree for 14 new members...Lester Fickett was the winner of the pest eradication contest which ended after Christmas vacation. In the contest this year we placed and maintained 18 bait stations and disposed of 1207 sparrows and 1261 starlings...We plan to present a TV program in April...Major shop projects which have been completed are: 4 ensilage bunks, 2 hay feeders, 3 metal feed bunks, 2 creep feeders, portable loading chute, squeeze chute, and 2 trailers...We cleaned about 6,000 bushels of seed for the farmers of this area with our portable seed cleaner.

Richard Pearson, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SHAWNEE-MISSION: Thirty-nine chapter members participated in our 12th annual chapter speaking contest. Divisional winners were Charles Schwarz, Mike Carter, Howard Stroup and Darrel Arnold...Shop projects completed or under way include: a heavy duty tractor trailer, two four-wheel trailers, a hog house, several feeders, repaired two corn pickers, body repairs on two trucks, feed troughs from oil drums and discarded water tanks, building a tractor from an old car, and numerous small jobs such as cold chisels, rope halters, etc... Entries from our annual corn show were auctioned off at a regular meeting and over \$10 was received. The ears were small but the price was high...We again took care of a family at Christmas. This is the 25th year for this project...Orders are being taken for the cooperative purchase of fertilizer and spray materials...A local citizen gave us a used power sprayer which we are overhauling and will put to use this spring...We are planning a three day airplane trip to Wyoming this coming spring. Small planes such as were used on our Oklahoma trip two years ago will be used. We have most of the money needed already raised. We sold fireplace wood, sold magazine subscriptions, a game concession and several other money raising schemes in order to raise this money. We plan to visit Wyoming Hereford Ranch near Cheyenne...Our Green Hand officers had charge of the January meeting. This included the Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, and all of the program.

Dale Eckerberg, Reporter

CLIFTON: The chapter is constructing a portable loading chute to go with our community rental projects which consist of a machinery trailer, squeeze chute and a cement mixer...Henry Racette, a Clifton farmer, has offered a Hampshire gilt to the Future Farmer who has the highest scholastic record this year...At our annual assembly meeting our president, Rollin Newell, presented Carolyn Solback with the Chapter Sweetheart jacket. Her assistants were given FFA necklaces. The principal, Mr. Urbanek, gave the chapter officers their pins and gave a talk about the FFA...The chapter sold \$108 worth of farm magazines...Farm shop projects include 1 bale loader, 1 fertilizer spreader, 7 steel loading chutes, 2 feed bunks, 2 creep feeders, two-sow farrowing house, 2 lawn mowers, 3 power hack saws, 5 steel gates, 1 two-wheel trailer, 2 four-wheel trailer chassis with 7'x14' beds...LaVern Tiemeyer is assisting Mr. Kennedy during the freshman ag class...The chapter repaired toys this Christmas in cooperation with the Lions Club.

Garry Senters, Reporter

WESTMORELAND: This year the FFA again sold magazines. We made \$188.86... Nine freshmen received their Green Hand degree before an all-school assembly with the boys' mothers invited...Our pest eradication contest ended the middle of January...We held our Chapter Farmer degree January 10...In shop we have been working on two cattle squeezes, a feed bunk and some rake wheel gates. We also are working on concrete plot markers for the cemetery. The seniors are welding the axle on a horse-drawn mower.

Lloyd Springer, Reporter

QUINTER: Sixty members and dates attended a skating party at Wakeeney...Five members and the adviser shipped 16 deferred steers to Kansas City stockyards... Shop jobs are: 2 four-wheel trailers, 1 two-wheel trailer, 1 pipe loading chute, 4 stock racks, 5 feed bunks, one squeeze chute and small repair jobs.

Charles Rhine, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

ELLSWORTH: Two hundred people - parents and sons, faculty and school board members and friends - attended the annual FFA Banquet. This was the largest gathering to attend a Future Farmers event since the local chapter was started some years ago. Preceding the banquet, Libby Sneath was introduced as the FFA Sweetheart for 1955 and presented with an official FFA jacket. FFA students attending our banquet from KSC were John Bircher, Bob Maze and Ben Handlin... The chapter purchased six registered purebred Duroc gilts to start a gilt ring. A council explained the rules to interested boys. The six boys to receive gilts were William Wachs, Dean Armbrust, Tony Barta, Frank Toman, Harvey Kohls and Bob Homolka. These boys will keep accurate records of the pigs. The council may reclaim the gilt in case of improper management or improper sanitation. When she farrows one gilt will be turned back into the chapter. She must be registered and have papers.

Larry Webb, Reporter

ALTON: Our chapter is holding a pest control contest with the Osborne chapter. The losing chapter furnishes a party after the close of the contest...We are planning our Parent-Son Banquet for March 22...In our shop we have constructed a bench for the town as a community service. We constructed backboards for the grade school basketball court. Some farm mechanics projects completed are: 16 foot hay and feed rack, individual hog house, mineral and salt feeder, hog troughs, and a combination picnic bench and table...The two chapter gilts were given to two freshmen. They are expected to return two weanling gilts per sow next fall...Our Green Hand degree and Chapter Farmer advancement was held December 2...The Alton High "A" and "B" team starting fives are all FFA members. Both teams took first place in the North-South Solomon League Tournament at Portis January 18-21...The FFA carnival was a success with the chapter netting \$135.

Gary Eller, Reporter

SOLOMON: The Solomon FFA-Senior Carnival was held October 30. A total of \$275 was split between the FFA and Senior Class...Our annual Barnwarmer was held November 24. The queen for the Barnwarmer was given an official FFA Sweetheart Jacket and her attendants were given pearl pendants...The Chapter Farmer degree was held in October and the Green Hand degree was held in November...The annual pest eradication contest has been completed...We have set up the Solomon FFA Swine Improvement Co-operative. A constitution and by-laws were set up and officers elected. The officers are: President, Ed Brown; Vice-President, John Haddock; Secretary, Larry Struble; Treasurer, George Geske. So far the co-op has netted a profit of \$30 for breeding 16 sows.

John Willey, Reporter

SIMPSON: Four freshmen received their Green Hand degree. They are: Larry Croisant, Aubrey Strawn, Kenneth Vernon and Farrel Holton...The advanced vocational agriculture classes recently completed the painting of the seats of the grandstand at the Mitchell County Fair Grounds. This community service operation involved the applying of slightly less than thirty-three gallons of light-stone deck paint on approximately ten thousand square feet of seating space.

Jerry Heidrick, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

MORROWVILLE: Carl Wells, Ora Hirsch, Gene Menzies, Doyle Petersen and Robert Simons won the traveling trophy at Better Livestock Day...The chapter went on a swimming party to Fairbury, Nebraska, in August...Three hundred dollars is invested in savings bonds by the chapter...Ten of our members competed in a local corn show. Arthur Stoker, winner of the local show, won fourth at the district corn show...Terry Skipton, a Green Hand, is the manager and co-owner of a five head fattening hog project...Shop projects completed are three "A" type hog houses, one cattle feeder, one trailer, and numerous machine repair and small projects...The FFA cooperated with the FHA in preparing a lunch counter at the shop entrance...The freshman class has received their new shop coveralls. The chapter paid for the FFA lettering and fifty cents per garment to get uniformity of dress.

Harold Rollman, Reporter

ST. FRANCIS: A Father-Son Chili Supper was held in September...Ten freshmen received their Green Hand degree. The ceremony was conducted by a special ritual team composed of junior class FFA members...Gary Neilan is the second St. Francis FFA member to receive the American Farmer Degree...The local chapter was represented at the District Soil Conservation meeting by Ernst Winger, who sang a solo. Other delegates to the meeting were Carl Williams and Terry Jackson...Eleven boys and their instructor spent the week-end of January 15-16 attending the National Western Stock Show at Denver...Rain gauges furnished by the local Lions Club will be placed in different townships by the chapter.

Ben Leibbrandt, Reporter

PIEDMONT: The Piedmont FFA Chapter is awarding the following degrees: eight Green Hand and six Chapter Farmers...The sophomores, juniors and seniors have visited all the near-by farms...The sophomore vocational agriculture class built a four-wheel wagon bed...In order to raise money the FFA boys sponsored a box supper with the help of the girls.

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