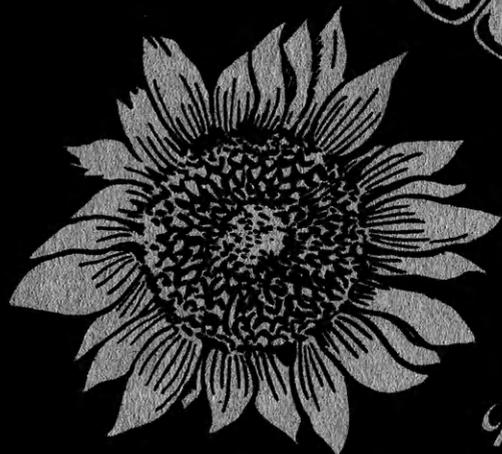
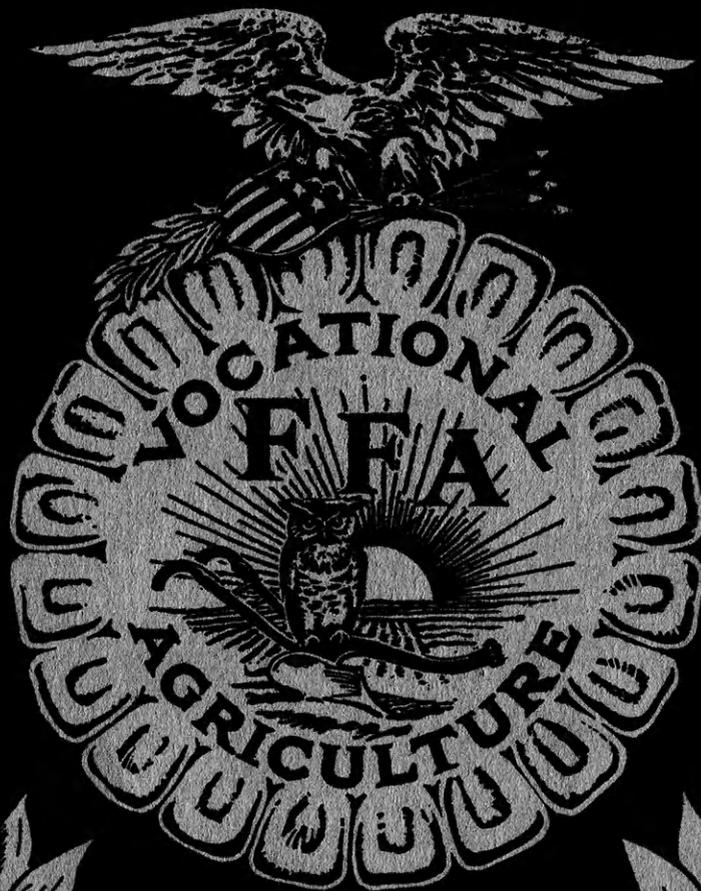


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INMAN

We are glad to extend a welcome, congratulations, and best wishes to the Inman F.F.A. chapter. This is the newest chapter in the State Association, having been chartered January 29, 1938. A. Neufold is president, Walter Martens, secretary; and Fred Schultis is the local advisor. The chapter has 32 members, and is No. 131 in the State Association.

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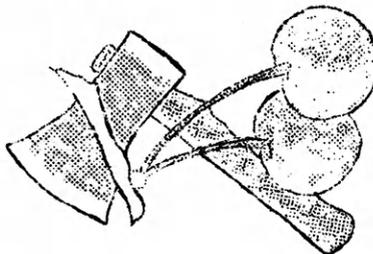
MEMBERSHIP

We now have 2580 paid up members in the State Association, representing 60 per cent of the chartered chapters. The average membership per chapter is 33. If the remaining 40 per cent of chartered chapters pay membership on the same average we will have a total active membership of 3896. We doubt if the average membership per chapter in the unpaid group will average as high as is the case in the paid up group. However, we are confident that if all will pay up, the Kansas Association of F.F.A. will go well over the 3500 mark.

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REDUCTIONS AND REVIVALS

Of the 19 chapters listed as inactive the past year, two have been removed because of inactive status of the departments this year, and seven have been revived through the pleasing process of paying current state and national dues. We congratulate the seven chapters who have regained an active status, and wish to assure them that the State Association is appreciative of their cooperation. They are Carbondale, Chanute, Coats, Havensville, Marysville, Meriden, and St. Francis.



CONGRATULATIONS

The State Association wishes to congratulate both LaCrosse and Inman for getting out of the class of schools having vocational agriculture departments for one or more years and not having chartered F.F.A. chapters. Last year this list included nine schools. One was lost because the school went on the inactive status this year, and the chartering of LaCrosse and Inman reduces this group to six schools. We have high hopes for two more of this group since the departments have been organized during the past five years. Four of this group of "never chartered" departments were operating when the National Organization of F.F.A. was organized. Whether or not the value of the F.F.A. to these schools has ever been studied by the vocational agriculture instructors and their students we cannot say. It might be that the organization has been given careful study and has been found wanting. In that case the State Association would appreciate being appraised of the fact in order that we may make every effort to set our house in order. We hope for the sake of the boys involved, as well as for the sake of the communities served that it is not a case of "What's good enough for Pa is good enough for me".

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THE NATIONAL F.F.A. RADIO PROGRAM 1938

Annual Theme: "The Farm Community"

Monthly Themes: "Community Organizations"  
 "The School as the Community Center"  
 "Community Dramatics"  
 "Community Church"  
 "Community Health"  
 "Community Cooperatives"  
 "Community Picnics"  
 "Community Playground"  
 "Community Fair"  
 "Community Library"  
 "Community Music"  
 "Community Christmas Tree"

Time: The second Monday of every month, 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Central Standard Time. The NBC Farm and Home Hour.

Invitations: States from the following list will be extended an invitation to participate: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, California, Oregon, Maine, KANSAS, New York, Utah, Michigan, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Idaho, Washington, New Mexico, and South Carolina.

Regular Features: Music by U.S. Army Band; F.F.A. Bulletin Board; News of the Day; Adventures of "The Happy Family"; Market Reports.

## The National F.F.A. Radio Program 1938 (Concluded)

Special Features: Music by NBC Homesteaders Orchestra; entertainers, soloists; dramatizations; interviews; talks.

Encourage your chapter and the families represented in its membership, to make a habit to listen to the F.F.A. broadcasts. The programs are eminently worth while. You will be repaid in chapter and community interest. Don't forget to tune in.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

We have been often and reliably (degree) informed that the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, and all the state, regional, and local public speaking contests patterned after it, are not Public Speaking contests at all, but are grotesque proceedings parading under the guise of Public Speaking. The score card used, so we are told, is definitely outmoded and does not do the job, that the only way to correctly determine the winner is through audience response; and that we are not teaching speech, nor even encouraging an interest in speech, but that what we are actually doing is best described by classifying it under the heading of "Loves Labor Lost". Perhaps the essay part of the program should be separated from the speaking part, and it may be true that a score card cannot be used to measure effort in speech. We are grateful to our friends interested in Speech for their honest criticism. However, the fact remains that the National Organization sets the rules and regulations which govern the national contest, and if we are going to compete in Regional and National events we think it advisable to conduct our elimination contests after the pattern set by the National Organization.

Approximately ten weeks will remain between the time you receive this issue of the Kansas Future Farmer and the date of the State F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest. We hope that every one who has decided to enter a sectional or the State Contest will utilize this time to the fullest possible degree. Ten weeks of real honest work will result in another State Contest of high calibre. Kansas has an enviable record in the Central Region in the Public Speaking Contest event, and we hope the boys interested in this contest this year will "place the aim higher than their grasp". The Kansas F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the National Contest.

The State Contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work, and who are active members of chartered F.F.A. chapters in good standing with the State and National Organizations at the time they are selected to represent their chapter in the State Contest. (Attention is called to the fact that boys who are still in high school as undergraduates and who have already taken all of the vocational agriculture offered in their school may be eligible.)



## Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery are limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

### Time Limit

Each speech shall be limited to ten minutes in length and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

### Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable.

The following list will offer many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest:

The Need of Soil Conservation  
The Necessity for Trained Farmers  
War and Its Effect on Agriculture  
What Cooperation is Doing and Can Do for the F.F.A.  
Equalization of Taxes As a Farm Relief Measure  
Land Use and Human Welfare  
Why Cooperate  
Federal Emergency Farm Loans  
Cooperation for the American Farmer  
The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer  
Inflation As It Affects Farmers' Debts  
Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture  
Inflation As It Affects Farmers' Debts  
The First American Farmer and the F.F.A.  
Financing the Farm Business  
Large Scale Farming in the United States  
Taxation, Its Value to the Rural Community  
Cooperation and a Planned Agriculture  
The Future Farmers of America  
Federal Regulation of Public Domain and Marginal Lands  
The Farm Credit Situation  
The Need for Rural Leaders  
The Advantages of Being a Farmer  
Future Farmers Point the Way  
Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture  
Young Men in Agriculture  
The Future of the American Farmer  
National Planning in Agriculture  
What the Future Farmers of America May Mean to American Agriculture  
The Farmer of Tomorrow  
What Vocational Agriculture and the F.F.A. Mean to Me  
Adjustment of the Farm Tax Burden

## Public Speaking Contest (Concluded)

The Reduction of Taxes As a Farm Relief Measure  
 A Balanced Agriculture  
 Does Land Utilization Hold the Key to Present Farm Problems  
 International Trade in Agriculture  
 The Restoration of Agricultural Stability  
 Mechanization of Agriculture  
 Why I Choose to Become a Farmer  
 The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture  
 Equalizing the Farmers' Tax Burden  
 Cooperative Farming and Marketing--A Solution to Farm Problems  
 Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution  
 What is the Future of American Farming  
 Why Education for Life on the Farm  
 The Master Farmer  
 The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World  
 The Farmer's Own Farm Relief  
 The Opportunities for and the Limitations of Corporation Farming  
 Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture  
 Subsistence Farming in Relation to Rural Life  
 What the F.F.A. Offers to a Wide Awake Farm Boy  
 Why It Is a Privilege to Be an F.F.A. Member  
 The Need for Greater Business Efficiency on the Average Farm  
 The F.F.A. Creed--What It Means to Rural America

Sources

It is not possible 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 Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
5. Special Reports of the Bureau of Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
6. Current National Magazines
7. The Farm Press
8. National and Columbia Radio Broadcasts. Study advance program schedule, listen to numbers that deal with any phase of your chosen topic. Often it is possible to procure a copy of the address in which you are interested by writing the author of it.
9. Census Reports
10. State Newspapers

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What a fool he must be who thinks that his El Dorado is anywhere but where he lives.--Henry David Thoreau.

FARM ACCIDENTS

There occur on Kansas farms an average of 3,000 accidents per year. Of these 107 are fatal. Kansas has an average of 160 persons per year, permanently crippled due to farm accidents. The loss of time due to injuries in farm accidents in Kansas totals 124,100 person days. No figures are available as to the costs of medical care and hospitalization of those injured.

Many accidents are preventable. Failure to exercise proper care and precaution probably causes most accidents.

Do the above statements and figures indicate that the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America should concern itself with the problem of farm accidents. It seems to merit the attention and concern of every organization concerned with rural welfare.

It would seem appropriate if it meets the approval of the superintendent or principal that the local FFA chapter assume the responsibility of sponsoring the campaign in a high school and the community in case no other organization assumes such responsibility.

Perhaps the campaign could be planned at a regular FFA meeting. Possibly a "Farm Safety" program could be presented at a regular high school assembly. Committees or "teams" from the FFA chapter might sponsor safety meetings in rural schools and before audiences of rural people such as Farm Bureau, Grange, Farmers Union, etc. Conducting such meetings should be a worth while experience for FFA members while promoting a worthy cause.--L. B. Pollom.

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ENTRIES

Four Kansas chapters have been certified as having filed their activity programs with the National Organization of FFA in time to be eligible to participate in the National Better Chapter Contest. The chapters certified are: Shawnee Mission, Winfield, Wakefield, and South Haven. The completed program must be in the mails by September 1, 1938. This means that the Kansas Association of FFA must fix a date on which the reports will be due in the state office in order that they may be studied and ranked, and the winning report forwarded to the National Board of Trustees. This due date will probably be August 20, 1938. Chapters concerned will be notified of this date just as soon as the State Executive Committee fixes the same.

SCORE CARD

Below is a copy of the score card, with the perfect score allowed on each of the items as well as total scores on program of work and accomplishment, respectively:

	Program of Work submitted by <u>January 15</u>	Report on Accomplishments submitted by <u>September 1</u>
I. Supervised Practice.....	50	150
II. Cooperation.....	40	120
III. Community Service.....	40	120
IV. Leadership.....	30	90
V. Earnings and Savings.....	30	90
VI. Conduct of Meetings.....	20	60
VII. Scholarship.....	20	60
VIII. Recreation.....	20	60
Total Perfect Score	<u>250</u>	<u>750</u>

## Entries (Continued)

Explanation of Score Card Items

- I. In scoring Supervised Practice activities, major consideration will be given to the work of the chapter as a group in aiding and stimulating more effective supervised farming program among the members.
- II. In scoring Cooperative activities, major consideration will be given to the degree of participation of the chapter membership in (a) buying and selling activities; (b) productive activities; and (c) service organizations, such as spray rings, etc., all of which are sponsored by the chapter as a whole.
- III. In scoring Community Service activities, major consideration will be given to chapter undertakings relating to (a) improvement of farm practice in the community; (b) conservation of natural resources (soils, trees, wild animal life, etc.); (c) beautification and improvement of homes, grounds, and buildings in the community; and (d) social and general activities for community betterment.
- IV. In scoring Leadership activities, major consideration will be given to the extent to which the chapter as provided leadership training for its members and the extent to which members have exercised leadership in school, chapter, farm, and community activities.
- V. In scoring Earning and Saving activities, major consideration will be given to the undertakings of the chapter as a group in earning and wisely using money and in encouraging members with respect to (a) earnings derived from farming; (b) investments in farming; (c) cash savings; and (d) other investments. Special consideration will also be given to the promotion of savings by means of a Chapter Thrift Bank.
- VI. In scoring Conduct of Meetings, major consideration will be given to (a) program of meetings; (b) time of day meeting is scheduled; (c) frequency of meetings (d) length of meeting period; (e) average attendance at meetings; (f) chapter equipment; and (g) business conducted, etc., as revealed in the Secretary's minutes of meetings.
- VII. In scoring Scholarship major consideration will be given to the activities of the chapter as a group in improving the scholarship average of all members, including their academic as well as their vocational subjects for the school year ended in June.
- VIII. In scoring Recreation, major consideration will be given to the kind and number of the organized recreational activities successfully sponsored or directed by the chapter and participated in by members, such as summer camps, athletic contests, tours, parent-and-son banquets, and other social or educational events.

The above statements are intended as suggestions to help competing chapters in connection with organizing and directing programs of work and recognizing the possibilities in various lines of endeavor. No attempt has been made to cover all possible situations. Emphasis throughout should be given to evidence that indicates chapter consciousness and group activity.

Entries (Concluded)

AWARDS

An official National FFA plaque will be awarded by the National Organization of FFA to the winner in the major competition.

Cash prizes will also be awarded by the National Organization of FFA to winning chapters as follows:

To the outstanding chapter of the United States.....	\$ 150.00
To the outstanding chapter in each of the three Regions..	75.00
To the outstanding chapter of Hawaii and Puerto Rico.....	25.00
To the outstanding chapter in each Association not represented in the above prizes.....	15.00

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OLD FARMS & RANCHES

F.F.A. program chairmen will be interested in writing W. A. Ross, Office of Education, Washington, D. C. to ascertain whether or not copies of Miscellaneous 1957, are available. This is a mimeographed copy of the FFA radio skit over NBC, Farm and Home Hour, dealing with the subject on "Old Farms and Ranches". The information dealing with the historic farm reported upon is of interest to all persons concerned with rural development, and should be of special interest to FFA members.

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NEW F.F.A. PINS

The new F.F.A. pins are available through the state F.F.A. headquarters at Manhattan, Kansas. The bronze pins are 19¢ each, and the silver pins are 21¢ each. The new pins surmounted by the eagle, are much more attractive than the design they supplant. The state office recommends that all initiates from this date make certain, when purchasing F.F.A. pins that the emblem is of the new design.

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PRECIOUS WORDS



Words of unsurpassable beauty and charm fell from the lips of Abraham Lincoln in his Second Inaugural Address. The closing sentence of that address will be treasured by the American people for unnumbered generations, not only as a classic, but as the expression of a mind and heart nourished in the struggles of America for the highest freedom and noblest expansion. These words represent the soul of America, and were uttered by one who knew his people and land at their best. They are prophetic and will challenge the spirit of America for many a century. They are golden words, representing eloquence at its best and oratory which contains the passion of a great soul and the faith of a noble heart. "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan. --to do all which may achieve and cherish just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

CHAPTER NEWS

Highland Park: This year's officers are: Robert Miller, president; Dale Rake, vice president; Melvin Quinn, secretary; Warren Iwig, treasurer; and Jim Milliken, reporter.

A new classroom built in connection with our shop has made our work much more convenient.

Through the sale of candy at basketball games, our treasury has benefitted to the extent of \$25.

A cooperative laying flock project consisting of 50 Leghorn pullets was started in September. Fifty per cent of the earnings from this project will go into the FFA treasury.

We organized a cooperative fattening swine project early in December. This project consists of 12 purebred Duroc shoats.

Fifteen members who had qualified for the degree of Future Farmer were initiated at a night meeting held December 9.

Instruction in FFA work for prospective members has been conducted by the officers and older members. Some of the topics were FFA Purposes, FFA Creed, History of the FFA Organization, FFA Degrees, FFA Emblem and Colors, and Parliamentary Procedure.

Dale Rake and Melvin Quinn are our candidates in the Union Pacific Scholarship Contest.

--Jim Milliken, Reporter

Alma: We have reorganized the FFA and the following officers were elected at our first regular meeting in the Agriculture Room: Delmer Maiké, president; Edward Hauer, vice president; Eldon Gladow, secretary; Junior Hess, treasurer; Robert Stuewe, reporter; LeRoy Tenbrink, watch dog. Mr. Hawk is our advisor.

The committee elected for planning programs was as follows: Lloyd Falk, chairman, Donald Rice, and Kenneth Thowe.

Dewy TenEyck was elected for scheduling basketball games with other FFA teams.

We have decided to have night meetings on every first and third Thursday of every month and one day meeting a month. After each meeting, we will have until about 9:30 to play in the gymnasium.

We want to get a basketball team started as soon as possible, and would like to play some of the other FFA teams.

The Alma Vocational Agriculture boys have a new class room in the new school house. The shop was moved from an old red barn with dust floors and a leaky roof to the basement of the old high school building, which was once the coal room and the science room.

--Robert F. Stuewe, Reporter

St. Francis: The third year agriculture boys butchered a beef for thier instructor, R. E. Cleland, Wednesday, January 5.

The FFA entertained the Future Home-Makers December 29, in the Home Economics room. Pulling taffy was the main event.

A group of third year vocational agriculture boys had their pictures taken in the Ag work shop. The boys were engaged in operating a post drill, and in cutting up a beef, which they had butchered.

There are 20 boys who are planning on growing the new Colby Combine type of certified milo this year....There were 13 boys who were given the Green Hand initiation in December.

--Styers Doutbit, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

Howard: The Howard Future Farmer chapter held their annual banquet in the Annex of the Baptist Church. The guests were the parents of the FFA members, alumni members, honorary members, faculty and school board members. The meeting was opened with the regular FFA ceremony and Ralph Davis, the president, was master of ceremonies. The program consisted of the introduction of guests, a welcome address by Harold Kling, an FFA member, and a response from the parents was given by Mrs. W. E. Pfrehm, and for the alumni by Donald Baughman,

A number of committee reports were given consisting of Membership, Project report, Farm Business report, and a report of the Program Committee. Mr. Wycoff the superintendent of schools, gave some interesting remarks concerning the FFA chapter as related to the school program and the cooperative efforts involved in putting on the banquet.

Mr. Ray Dudgeon, a local banker and school board member, was made an Honorary member, with the regular FFA ceremony. Mr. Bergsma, the vocational agriculture instructor, introduced the main speaker of the evening, Mr. Lester B. Pollom, state supervisor for vocational agriculture. Mr. Pollom gave a very interesting talk which was enjoyed by all. In addition to the FFA members, their parents, alumni, and honorary members, the following special guests were present: Mr. Lester B. Pollom, Mr. Arthur Goodwin, president of the Rotary Club, Mr. Frank Squier, secretary of the Howard Production Credit Bank, Mr. John Hanna, County Agent, and Mr. J. Farr Brown, local feed merchant. Ninety-five guests and members were present and the girls of the Home Economics department served a three course meal.

The regular meeting of the Howard Future Farmer chapter was held in the Science room on the evening of January 5. The main program of the evening was the initiation of Green Hands. Ten members were taken into the chapter. They were: Junior Indermill, Harold Hufford, Ralph Clark, Marvin Clark, Allen Lyod Jr., Arthur McClure, James Hupp, Richard Young, John Hartford, Jackson Marion. After initiation the eats committee served hot dogs and buns.

Members of the Howard chapter celebrated New Years Eve by first having a line party to the picture show, then meeting at the home of the advisor, Mr. S. Bergsman, where games of dominoes, rook, pitch and rummy were played. Refreshments of cake and fruit salad were served by Mrs. Bergsma. On the stroke of twelve the New Year was welcomed in with the usual amount of noise and hilarity.

--Reporter

Hope: Our cooperative sheep feeding project is coming along quite well. We lost two of the ewes, but could find nothing wrong with them. The ewes should start lambing in a few weeks.

Preston Rhodes gave a talk at the Lions Club Tuesday, January 11. All of our officers were there the following week to give the opening and closing ceremony.

We have a large number of boys trying for the Future Farmer degree. We have invited the officers of the Solomon Club to initiate them on February 12. We are planning a short project tour along with it.

We plan to treat oats seed again this spring. Last year we treated about 1600 bushels at about 1¢ a bushel above cost. This year we plan to charge 1¢ per bushel above cost, if the farmers bring it and 1½¢ if we go out in the country after it, and the farmer has over 100 bushels. Under 100 bushels, we charge 2¢.

--Ruston Rhodes, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

Medicine Lodge: Glenn Shriver, Roman Abt, Mike Platt, Jack Nurse, Lee Taylor, Erwin Rausch, and Harold Parr have bought purebred Duroc Jersey gilts.

The Freshman boys have vaccinated the laying flock for fowl cholera and now about 40 per cent of the hens are laying.

The second year class have been doing quite a bit of concrete work. They have also done some butchering work.

The third year class have been working on rafter cutting and timing gas engines a great deal, and are now working on grain identification.

The chapter divided up and had a contest of rabbit and sparrow catching, basketball and a ping pong tournament. The side that loses has to give the other side a party. The chapter is buying up old machinery and is going to repair and resell it. This money goes to sending a shop team to Manhattan. They are also cleaning up and plowing gardens and this money goes for the same purpose.

The local chapter plans to go to Harper for an FFA party soon.

Roman Abt caught an owl and the chapter had it stuffed for use at the advisor's station in the opening ritual.

--George Fritz, Reporter

Reading: The following Green Hands were initiated into our chapter making a total of 24 members for this year: Charles Simkins, James Marshall, Ernest Blow, Eugene Bocquin, Dee Cropp, Clinton Davies, Dean Jones, Gene Cox, James Newman, Wilbur Wieland, Gerald Wieland, Eugene McAntee, Jake Whittington. We have 18 enrolled in vocational agriculture, giving us a membership of 134 per cent.

A girl friend party was held November 3, with 17 couples present. Progressive games of rook, dominoes, bingo, anagrams, and touring were played. Refreshments of coffee and pumpkin pie were served.

Hall McCreery, our chapter representative at the Cottonwood Falls corn husking contest, walked away with the honors by winning the first place and a prize offered to the cleanest shucker.

At a recent meeting, the chapter was divided into four basketball teams, and these teams are playing a Round Robins schedule.

Fifteen members of the vocational agriculture classes are working on judging.

The chapter is maintaining a cooperative loan fund through the Council Grove Productive Credit Association.

--Leonard McAnarney, Reporter

Coats: One officers' meeting and one regular meeting has been held at night each month of this school year, with the exception of January. We elected officers in October as follows: Gene Hammond, president; Roy Dean Harris, vice president; Richard Horney, secretary; Charles Cooper, reporter; J. L. Branson, entertainment; Wilbur Norris, program; Allan Lambert, watch dog. Every enrolled vocational agriculture student is now a paid up member.

Mr. Martin, of the Pratt vocational agriculture department, favored us with a talk at our December meeting.

We sponsored a special crops meeting in cooperation with our county agent the first week of January. We took two days of school time, the second week in January, for project tours.

We got our activities program in on time, but it has suffered seriously and apparently will continue to so suffer this year, due to other extra class activities in the school. However, we will continue to hold our monthly meetings and expect to put on at least one parent affair sometime in March.

--Charles Cooper, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

Linn: We are having some very cold weather here at Linn these days. Thermometer stood at two degrees below zero the morning of January 30.

We had a Christmas party December 20. Refreshments were served by a refreshment committee, who prepared a nice lunch for us. We played ping pong and a lot of other interesting games and had a good time. All the boys from here who are attending college, including Norman Lohmeyer, Wilbert Duitsman, and Loren VanPetten, were there and they helped make the evening a success.

Our latest regular meeting was held January 18. We had reports from the different committees and a treasurer's report. We decided to have our Parents banquet on February 22. This will be late enough so that it will not conflict with basketball game dates.

Our hog project is nearing completion. We intend to sell in two or three weeks, or perhaps a month from now. We have 100 per cent cooperation from our members as stockholders in this project.

The Agriculture classes of Linn have helped farmers butcher eight hogs and one beef during the past several months. We are securing some valuable experience in this way.

Our basketball team has played two teams so far. We won from both. One game was with Clay Center's FFA team and the other with Washington's team.

Our teacher is sponsoring an evening shop school for the farmers around here. The farmers are showing a lot of interest in it, and Mr. Milligan considers it a great success.

Wilbur Heitman, Reporter

Arkansas City: The following officers were elected for the Arkansas City F.F.A.: Harold Wineiger, president; Kenneth Waldeck, vice president; Gilford Goff, secretary; Pat Sommers, treasurer; Raymond Stalnacker, watch dog; John Weir, reporter; T. C. Farris, advisor.

Initiation was held November 15, and the following 12 boys were initiated: Raymond Warren, Donald Treadway, Jack Dempsey, Max Hazlet, Chester Stattard, Wayne Lacey, A. T. Alexander, C. B. Sardstrum, Leo Hugues, Billy Endorff, Henry Sprawls, and Don Harades. After demonstrating their abilities, these boys were given the FFA pledge.

The Arkansas City FFA boys made the Cowley County Poultry show a big success. Zeb Hart, Future Farmer, placed high honors in the judging contest. For our part in the show, the Poultry Association gave us two turkeys. We held a banquet at the Elmo Hotel, December 14, with 100 per cent attendance. A good time was enjoyed by all.

"Let's dress alike", is exactly what our boys did when they purchased at reduced rates, shop coveralls. These coveralls are white, with the FFA emblem and name of our school on the back. The boys' name is on the left breast pocket.

We have arranged a basketball schedule. We are going to play the following chapters: Winfield, South Haven, and Oxford. We practice at noons in the school gymnasium. Fifteen boys participate in the practice.

After walking half of the night the boys decided, "No more coon hunts". Even if they did not catch anything the boys are planning to have one next year, because of the good time they had.

Yes, plans are being made for the judging contest in the spring. We look forward to a bigger and better year of FFA work.

--John Weir, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

Colby: The Colby chapter now has an active membership of 25. We are striving to increase this membership and plan to initiate more members into the chapter at the next monthly meeting.

On December 17 our judging team went to Bird City, and entered the district Poultry Judging Contest held there. Our team consisting of Ralph Jones, Allen Sloan, and Jim Dean, took second place in the contest, being only one point under the Bird City team. Twenty-five baby chicks were awarded by the Hiawatha Hatchery to Ralph Jones for being high individual. Jim Dean was fourth high individual. The silver pigeon trophy was presented to the Colby team.

The Colby team on livestock judging that went to Manhattan last year, had the honor of competing in the stock judging contest held at Denver January 17, in connection with the National Western Stock Show. The Colby team representing Kansas, placed fourth in the contest which was won by the Oklahoma team. Team members making the trip were Clarence Cersobsky, Glenn Larsen, and John Aschenbrenner. Bobby Wallace and Allen Sloan accompanied the team to Denver. Clarence Cersobsky was eighth high individual in the contest.

In order to make money to send the judging team to Manhattan in the spring, our chapter sponsored a "Puppet" show and sold tickets. The show was \$25 and the total amount taken in was \$62.85. This netted us a profit of \$37.85. A ticket selling contest was held in connection with the show and the five boys who sold the most received two free tickets each.

We presented our annual assembly program before the student body January 21. The program consisted of a play entitled, "FFA Foils the Villian", and some songs by our musicians, Lloyd and Gerald White. The play proved to be a big success.

Activities to be sponsored in the near future are the annual father and son banquet and poultry show.

--Ralph Jones, Reporter

Fredonia: Our chapter is carrying two projects on the vocational agriculture farm. They are 28 fattening hogs and a laying flock. The laying flock consists of 104 hens. At present, we are getting 50 per cent production.

Beginning the first Wednesday of November and ending the first Wednesday of January, our chapter had a pest eradication contest. The pests that war was waged on were sparrows, rats, mice, crows, hawks and pigeons. Points were won on the following basis: sparrows, 1 point; rats, 4 points; mice, 2 points, pigeons, 4 points; crows, 5 points; hawks, 10 points. Joe Studebaker won the contest and first prize, which was a \$1.00 pocket knife. He had a total of 344 points. Mickey McDonald was second with 284 points, and won a 75¢ pocket knife. Finishing third was Delbert Neal with 195 points, and Lester Koch, fourth. Delbert was awarded a 50¢ pocket knife, and Lester a 25¢ pocket knife.

We plan to hold our FFA parent-son banquet on February 2.

The chapter is mixing laying mash and selling it at 25¢ per cwt. profit for the chapter. At the present time, we have mixed and sold one ton.

We have played a basketball game with Chanute and won 21-17. Our second team lost. First team members are: Timmons, Caldwell, Stover, Maxwell, Cummings, Koch and Brindle. We plan to play several different chapters in basketball and plan to attend the FFA basketball tournament at Parsons.

--John Brindle, Reporter

A colored man doing a hauling job was told that he couldnt get his money until he submitted a statement. After much meditation he evolved the following bill: "Three comes and three goes, at four bits a went, \$3."

## Chapter News (Continued)

Manhattan: The Manhattan chapter of FFA initiated eight Green Hands at their regular night meeting in November. Those initiated were: Junior Axtell, Gaylord West, Wayne Lewis, Alfred Woodman, Merle Weikey, Grant Poole, Adelbert Wilson, and Raymond Nelson. These boys survived a trying initiation as well as filling all requirements for a Green Hand, including the one that requires at least a III average in vocational agriculture and a passing grade in all other subjects.

Our chapter held a sparrow catching contest during the last two weeks in November. Captain Burke Bayer's team won with a total of 288 sparrows to the 244 sparrows that were caught by Captain Wm. Graves' team. Eats were furnished by the Bayers side. Mr. Whitney, an enthusiastic biologist, kindly cooperated with us in making an investigation of the crops to determine whether or not the birds are harmful. There were 150 birds examined of which 62 per cent of the crops were entirely empty, 21 per cent contained corn chop, 7 per cent contained kaffir, 4 per cent contained weed seeds, 1 per cent held corn and weed seeds, and 1 per cent kaffir and weed seeds.

Fourteen members of the Wamego chapter and their advisor attended our December night meeting and following the meeting they played two games of basketball with us. The score of the first team game was Manhattan, 22, Wamego 10. The score for the second team was Wamego 12, Manhattan 1. Following the games, a chili feed was held in the chapter room. We are planning to play several more games during the season.

George Wreath of Manhattan, was awarded the Union Pacific Scholarship for Riley County. We are proud of George. He received the State Farmer degree last year, and is our chapter president this year. He is carrying an extensive livestock program of 200 laying hens, 14 ewes, 5 sows and litters and 300 brooding chicks.

Members of the crops production class are building a smut treating machine to be used in treating oats for farmers of the community.

--Amas Wilson, Reporter

Council Grove: Ceremony for raising Green Hands to the grade of Future Farmers was held January 19. The following Green Hands were raised to Future Farmers: Walter Porter, Harley Houdeshell, Albert Sample, Delano Leeds, Gerald Schuster.

We have played a basketball game here with Cotton Wood Falls. The score was Cottonwood, 34, Council Grove 12. Also there were four wrestling matches. The score of the wrestling was Council Grove  $10\frac{1}{2}$ , Cottonwood,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . We will have a return game at Cottonwood February 2. Several more games will be scheduled in the near future.

So far we have terraced forty acres of land and laid out fifty acres more of terraces. Some of the implements made by FFA members in the shop this winter are 3 wagon boxes, 1 trailer, built 2 saws on tractors, daming attachments for 2 row lister, rebuilt 2 manure spreaders and one side delivery rake.

Our advisor, Mr. Miller, is starting an evening school Monday January 31, for the farmers in this community. Many FFA members plan to attend.

--Donald Bross, Reporter

The undersized husband was trying on the overcoat his wife had bought him for his birthday. "You know dear," he said, gazing at himself in the mirror, "this is a nice present, and all that, and don't think that I'm ungrateful. But really, isn't it much too large for me?"

"I know, my dear," she returned, "but we cant help that. You must remember that it's got to cover the radiator of the car in cold weather."

## Chapter News (Continued)

Glasco: The new officers for 1938 are Harlan Berndt, president; Richard Wyatt, vice president; Richard Mitchell, secretary; Gerald Grittman, treasurer; Roy Halderson, reporter, and Nile Bray, watchdog.

The agriculture classes are carrying a breeding ewe project. They purchased 32 ewes in September, which are bred to lamb in February.

Our date night party was held at the home of Dick Olson, one of our new members, on December 18. There were about 17 members, with their guests present. The evening was spent playing games, and refreshments consisted of sandwiches, ice cream and cake.

The FFA is planning a broiler production project. We plan to buy 300 chicks in February, or early March, and sell them when they are big enough for broilers.

Our initiation ceremony is being planned for our February night meeting. We plan to have a Dads Night program for our March meeting.

--Roy Halderson, Reporter

Osborne: The new officers were elected at the September meeting, and were as follows: Meil McDonald, president; Morton DeMoss, vice president; Ernest Simmelink, secretary; George McDonald, reporter; Virgil Mayers, treasurer; Dean Macy, watch dog.

There are 13 ewe and lamb projects in our chapter and 60 ewes in all the projects.

The chapter has a butchering room, located in the back of the shop. It makes a handy place to butcher in any kind of weather. The chapter has butchered and sold 4 hogs which gave us a profit of \$20.57.

We have had our regular meetings every month since September. In the October meeting, Jack Noffsinger gave us a report on his trip to the American Royal. In the November meeting, Wayne Ewing, county agent, gave a talk on sheep projects. For our December meeting, the Green Hands were initiated.

The chapter has rented ten acres of land which we will plant to Atlas Sargo in the spring. Mr. Yoxall acquired an owl, which was mounted by Lester Gorsuch, one of the members, and placed in the class room.

Our class room was located in the old buildings, but a short while ago we moved to the new building and are now pretty well located.

--George McDonald, Reporter

Wakeeney: At our January meeting we took care of the Green Hands who had not been initiated previously. Quinter came down and we initiated 11 of their Green Hands.

Of 40 boys taking vocational agriculture we have 37 or almost 88 per cent belong to the FFA. We have four members who have qualified for pins, and the rest should qualify before long.

Our second annual Father and Son banquet will be held February 24.

We have been playing basketball with the grade school about once a week.

Harold Bellairs of our FFA chapter has been recommended for the Union Pacific scholarship.

In order to raise the treasury fund we have been selling candy at the basketball games. We also sponsored a picture show, which netted us \$10.80.

The class poultry project is doing nicely. They are averaging 24 to 25 eggs a day from 47 hens.

We are going to try to get a tree planting project started this spring, by having each boy plant as many trees as he can.

--Harold Bellairs, Reporter

## Chapter News (Concluded)

Harveyville: Officers elected for the year are: Orville Waler, president; Warren Linville vice president; Dwight Lawrence, secretary; Wendell Davis, treasurer; George Spangler, watch dog; Vincent Joss, reporter; Mr. Wildman, advisor. We have a paid membership of 18 boys.

The F.F.A. invited all parents to attend the first night meeting this fall. Orville Walker presided at the chair. A short play was put on by Orville Walker, Warren Linville, Gale Marrs, Dwight Lawrence, Wendell Davis, Kenneth Henderson, and Mr. Wildman. Following the business meeting and program, Mr. Pollom gave us a worth while talk on the purpose of the FFA. There were 60 boys, parents, and friends present.

Our chapter meets every Friday at 11:30 a. m. and has a business meeting every other Friday, and an athletic program the other Fridays. One night meeting is held the first Thursday of each month.

Our chapter, in order to raise money, has sponsored a carnival which netted us \$4.77; Fuller concert, a profit of \$2.79; and city clean up which gave us \$5.00. We sell candy, gum, and pop corn at basket ball games which nets us a good profit.

We are very proud of our FFA banner which we purchased in December.

A new cooperative project of the chapter this year will be a farm machinery sale to be held in the spring.

The FFA is sponsoring the use of fertilizer on alfalfa in this community.

We are planning to run seed germination tests in the near future.

The boys of the department have built two game boards and used them as part of a tournament and membership race. A dart board was used as a membership tournament. The ping pong table was later built and a new drawing and tournament is run each week. Ira Butler was the first winner and Gus Daum was last weeks winner. Ora Butler engineered the making of the two game boards and was helped by Warren Linville, Robert Converse, Maurice Joss, and Jimmy Milbradt.

Our chapter held a Green Hand initiation last Thursday, January 6, and invited the Carbondale Green Hands. The Harveyville boys who were initiated were: Therman Behmer, George Spangler, Maurice Joss, Vincent Joss, Jimmy Milbradt, Gail Riggins, Walter Morris and Kenneth Hinck.

-- Vincent Joss, Reporter

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WASHINGTON THE MAN

George Washington was not a man who would be king, though he might have received that honored title from his countrymen had he desired it. His sense of democracy saw through the glamour of politics, titles, dictatorships, and power to seek other creative outlets for his interests.

Although most of our history books overlook the fact, George Washington was instrumental in the early development of scientific agriculture in America. Agriculture was one of his great interests, not as a "gentleman farmer", but as a scientist who respected and loved the soil. He was a pioneer in crop rotation, diversified agriculture, and land fertilization in a day when frontier lands might be had for the taking.

The more one studies the life of George Washington, the more one realizes the virility and constructive nature of his character. One notes qualities of tolerance, enthusiasm, diligence, zeal, faith, hope, and love which together mould the self respect of a man and move him forward to benefit mankind. Washington, the man--his interests, his exploits, his leadership, his constructive outlook--grow more meaningful and more exemplary with time.--C. H. Blanchard.

