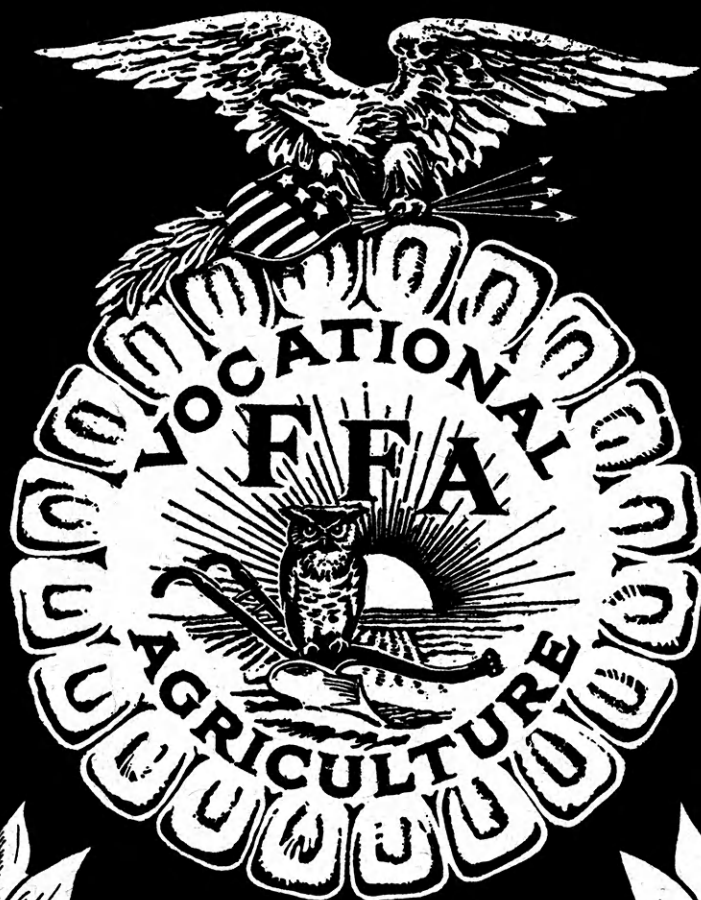


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To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown old,
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

--Robert Brewster Beattie.

F.F.A. CALENDAR

American Farmer Candidate, notify A. P. Davidson.....	Feb. 1
State Farmer Application, including records to Jan. 1, 1940.....	Feb. 1
State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book.....	April 15
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Better Chapter Contest Report.....	April 22
Twelfth Annual Meeting of Kansas Association.....	* April 29-30

*Tentative dates.

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CANDIDATES FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

The American Farmer applications are due in the Washington office on or before May 1, 1940. Chapters having candidates for this degree should notify the State Executive Advisor, A. P. Davidson on or before February 1.

Minimum qualifications for election to the American Farmer Degree as set forth in Section E of Article V of the new national constitution:

1. Must have held the degree of State Farmer for at least one year preceding election to the degree of American Farmer, have been an active member of the F.F.A. continuously for at least three years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State Association.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture (or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school attended) and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming which shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope as substantiated by complete, accurate, and neat records.
3. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$500 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program). In cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.
4. Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation.
5. Be in the upper 40 per cent of his class in all school subjects during the entire period of his secondary school instruction.
6. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of Future Farmers of America.

A candidate for the Degree of American Farmer must be an active member of the F.F.A. This means enrollment in an all-day, day-unit, or part-time class in vocational agriculture. However, according to the constitution, an F.F.A. member may retain his active membership for three years "from date of graduation, completion of high school classroom instruction, or leaving school", and so is, therefore, eligible during this period to be nominated by a State Association for American Farmer honors, providing he meets active membership requirements as defined in By-Law VII of the national constitution which reads as follows: An active member shall be considered in good standing when: 1. He attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity. 2. He shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter. 3. He pays his dues regularly.

Candidates for American Farmer Degree (Concluded)

All chapters should notify the State Executive Advisor, A. P. Davidson, of possible American Farmer candidates by February 1, 1940. This will give time during February and March to visit all candidates and to encourage those deserving to make application for degree. April will be the month during which Form 665 will be filled out and forwarded to the Washington office.

We shall expect the names of all State Farmer members who can meet the qualifications for the American Farmer degree to be filed not later than February 1, 1940.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Kansas Association of F.F.A. will not conduct district public speaking contests this year, but several try-out contests are being planned and will be held in connection with the various district judging schools. These contests will be managed by the vocational agriculture advisors where such contests are held.

The 1940 State 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. 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 offers many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest:

1. Why Be a Farmer
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, the Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. The Challenge of Adversity and the American Farmer
6. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
7. The Farm Credit Situation
8. The Future Farmers of America

Public Speaking Contest (Continued)

- ~~9. The Equalization of Taxes as a Source of Farm Relief~~
10. The Advantages of Being a Farmer
11. Diversified Farming and Its Effect on American Agriculture
12. The Present and Future of American Farming
13. The Future of the American Farmer
14. A Live-at-Home Program as a Farm Relief Measure
15. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
16. What Vocational Agriculture and the F.F.A. Mean to Me and Other Farm Boys
17. Does Controlled Land Utilization Hold the Key to Present Farm Problems
18. The Restoration of Agricultural Stability
19. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
20. Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing as a Solution to Farm Problems
21. The Agricultural Situation
22. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
23. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
24. The Farmers' Own Farm Relief
25. Tariffs and Their Relation to the American Farmer
26. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
27. The Back-to the Land Movement
28. Subsistence Farm Homesteads and Their Relation to American Agriculture
29. Education as Permanent Farm Relief
30. Emergency Organizations and Their Relation to the American Farmer
31. How A Commodity Adjustment Program Effects the Individual Farmer
32. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
33. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
34. The F.F.A. and the Youth Movement
35. Horse and Mule Power in American Agriculture - Their Economic Relation
36. The Part-Time Farmer in American Agriculture
37. Training for Leadership Through the F.F.A.
38. Agricultural Adjustment and a Balanced Agriculture
39. The New Era in American Agriculture
40. Equalization of Taxes as a Farm Relief Measure
41. Taxation, Its Relation to the Rural Community
42. Farm Machinery and the Agricultural Revolution
43. The Relation of the Farm Credit Administration to the American Farmer
44. The Necessity for Trained Farmers
45. Chemurgy As An Aid to the American Farmer
46. Conservation of Soil, Our Greatest National Problem
47. The F.F.A. Creed--What It Means to Rural America
48. The Master Farmer
49. Young Men in Agriculture
50. Soil Conservation--Man's and Nature's
51. Save Our Soil
52. A Contented People Make a Contented State
53. Co-operatives and Cooperation

Public Speaking Contest (Concluded)

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 Agricultural Adjustment Administrations, Washington, D. C.
4. Publications of the United State 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
11. Proceedings of National F.F.A. Convention
12. Winning Future Farmer Speeches, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.
13. Public Speaking for Future Farmers, by Judson. Published by Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill.

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DUES

Membership dues which were due January 1 have been coming in regularly. However, at least half of the chapters in the Kansas Association have not paid their dues for 1939-40. It might be a good idea for the advisors to check up with their respective officers and see whether or not the dues for their chapter have been sent to the state office. (At the present time the enrollment in vocational agriculture in Kansas is 5,555.) This year we hope to have a paid up membership in the Kansas Association of 5,000 members, (which would be an increase of 678 members over last year.) (This year should the membership reach more than 4501, which it undoubtedly will, we will be entitled to five candidates for the American Farmer degree. Since the American Farmer degree application has to be filed in Washington by May 1, 1940, we urge that the F.F.A. dues in Kansas be paid promptly in order that we may determine the number of candidates the State Association is eligible to submit.) Although the dues are due as of January 1, 1940, they will be accepted up until May 1. However, we urge that they are sent in at once.

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The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things.--Henry Ward Beecher

NOTICE

Word from National Executive Secretary of the Future Farmers of America, W. A. Ross, Washington, informs us that Herff Jones Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Loren Murchison and Company, Inc., of Newark, N. J., are advertising and selling jewelry having the F.F.A. emblem. These concerns are not officially designated to handle F.F.A. merchandise. Mr. Ross also informs us that the Bencoe Co., of Seattle, Washington, is circularizing various chapters of the F.F.A. and soliciting business therefrom on felt goods and wearing apparel bearing the F.F.A. emblem. These concerns are not officially designated to handle F.F.A. merchandise. Local chapters and individual F.F.A. members can assist in protecting the emblem by refusing to patronize firms not officially designated to handle F.F.A. merchandise.

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PROJECT MARKERS

In order to handle small orders for standard F.F.A. metal project markers, the St. Louis Button Company, 415 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, Mo. (official company) is now selling these markers in units of five each at the sliding scale prices quoted below. This is done to accommodate chapters requiring fewer than 25 markers at a time as originally packed in one carton. Such shipments, however, are also available as in former years.

Quantity	Price of Markers	Postage according to Zone Rates							
		Z O N E S							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	\$1.00	.11	.11	.13	.17	.22	.26	.32	.37
10	1.75	.13	.13	.17	.24	.33	.40	.50	.59
15	2.50	.15	.15	.21	.31	.43	.54	.68	.81
20	3.25	.17	.17	.25	.38	.54	.68	.86	1.03
25	3.88	.18	.18	.27	.42	.59	.75	.95	1.14

Payment in full must accompany each order. Remit by Post Office or Express Money Order. If check is sent add 4¢ for clearing check through banks. On orders from points within the State of Missouri the remittance must include the 2 per cent sales tax. One single marker, as a sample, will be mailed to any address upon receipt of 30 cents in postage stamps.

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F.F.A. EMBLEM AVAILABLE

The F.F.A. emblem similar to the one used by the Kansas Association of F.F.A. at the National Cornhusking contest F.F.A. exhibit held in Lawrence this year, can be obtained from Mr. Gene Guerrant, 315 No. 14th, Manhattan, Kansas at a cost of \$8.00. The emblem is painted by Mr. Guerrant on three-ply wood, and is 30 inches wide and 38 inches high.

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F.F.A. RADIO BROADCASTS

A number of Kansas Future Farmer chapters have been heard recently in a series of broadcasts over KGGF, radio broadcasting station at Coffeyville. To date five broadcasts have been presented by these chapters, Chanute, Altamont, Cherryvale, Iola and Parsons. Four additional broadcasts will be given by the following chapters: McCune, Fredonia, Benedict and Howard. The chapters presenting the programs are on the air from 4:00 to 4:30 p. m., the second Sunday of each month. The last broadcast was January 14. The program presented are instructive, entertaining, and well worth listening to.

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ENTERED BEST CHAPTER CONTEST

The following chapters of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America have entered the National Better Chapter contest: Winfield, Lebanon, Highland Park, Topeka, and Medicine Lodge.

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DO YOU READ THE CHAPTER NEWS?

Each month as we check through the chapter news sent in by our State Reporter, John McCall, we find many items of unusual interest which attract our attention, and which contain worth while news. We wonder how many of the advisors and members of the Kansas F.F.A. Association really read the chapter news, and how many of them just "scan" through them, or merely look for their own chapter news. Below we are listing a few questions concerning items of interest selected at random from the chapter news. After reading the chapter news, read these questions and see how many of them you can answer.

1. Not working more than five hours a day, what chapter butchered 36 hogs, totaling 10,080 pounds in six days?
2. What chapter mixed 8,000 pounds of Protein Supplement to be used by their F.F.A. members and their fathers?
3. Forty-four gleaners were provided by what chapter for the National Cornhusking contest held last November?
4. What western chapter held a county Grain Show last October? Who provided the \$80 given in cash prizes?
5. Twenty-two calves are being fattened by what chapter on the deferred system?
6. A Duroc Breeder Subsidiary Association has been organized in what chapter. Where did they purchase the twelve registered vaccinated gilts which they have in the Association?

Do You Read the Chapter News (Concluded)

7. What Future Farmer of what chapter has a grade Jersey heifer, just three years old who finished her first lactation of 305 days with a D. H. I. A. record of 9633 pounds of milk and 490.3 pounds of butter fat, winning first place in what contest for October 1939, with 71.6 pounds of butter fat?

8. A certain chapter has hit upon the novel idea of promoting interest in the F.F.A. by sponsoring a "Who's Who in F.F.A." column in the local newspapers. Do you know what chapter does this?

9. Another chapter increased their chapter attendance to practically 100 per cent by showing motion pictures with sound attachment. What chapter is enjoying this 100 per cent attendance at their meetings?

10. What chapter is cooperating with their local Rotary Club in their beef feeding work this winter?

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CHAPTER NEWS

LAWRENCE: The Jayhawk chapter has a membership of 62, consisting of one State Farmer, 42 Future Farmers, and 19 Green Hands. The chapter has been active in carrying out the plans of activity adopted by the chapter membership last September.

National Cornhusking Contest, November 3, 1939.--We were asked to provide the gleaners for the contest. We provided forty-four gleaners for the twenty-two contestants. The alumni provided the official weighers and some of the judges.

Assembly Program, November 2, 1939.--The chapter staged a miniature corn husking contest on the stage the day before the National Contest. The workings of the National Contest were explained to the student body.

Father and Son Banquet, November 28, 1939.--One hundred and sixteen fathers and sons attended the annual banquet held in the school cafeteria. The program was mostly home talent. Mr. Robert Welton of the Tonganoxie chapter, and Mr. Walter Babbitt of the Vinland chapter, along with their chapter presidents were guests.

Annual Achievement Banquet, December 16, 1939.--The Douglas County Bankers Association give the 4-H Clubs of Douglas County and the two Future Farmer Chapters, Lawrence and Vinland, a banquet and program each year for the members who exhibit at the annual Future Farmer-4-H Club Fair. Nearly 300 attended the banquet.

Cooperative Swine Project.--At the present time the chapter owns six registered Duroc gilts and one registered boar. The project will be two years old next April and we started with one gilt. The plan seems to be working very satisfactorily. Recently the chapter mailed in 21 pedigree applications for chapter members.

Alumni Association.--The Alumni held their annual Christmas party at the Lawrence Country Club with 30 couples present.

Christmas Party.--December 20 we held our annual Christmas party which was attended by 21 couples. Games, dancing, a visit from Santa and refreshments were enjoyed.

--Junior Smith, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

ONAGA: Onaga F.F.A. officers are Evan Crumbaker, president; Delbert Clark, vice president; Vernon Kolterman, treasurer; Walter Eddy, secretary; Joe Eisenbach Jr., reporter; Lee Wayne Kolterman, watch dog; and Mr. Wildman, advisor. These officers attended the Officers Training School at Holton October 3. Evan Crumbaker lead a group discussion on the topic, "Earnings and Savings". Joe Eisenbach Jr. reported to the school, "The Methods of Getting Chapter Publicity". It was a helpful school for all our officers.

Our chapter had a shop booth at the annual Pottawatomie County Fair and won first prize which was \$10.00. Twelve vocational agriculture boys exhibited 11 head of hogs, 8 head of sheep, 3 head of cattle and 9 capons. Six first place ribbons were received out of 11 entries. Our chapter had a concession booth and made a total profit of \$20.69.

Wallace Pinick won fifth place in the State Future Farmer husking contest at Auburn, Kansas.

A Parents Night was held November 21, to acquaint parents with vocational agriculture and farming programs.

Eight boys and Mr. Wildman attended the American Royal at Kansas City for two days.

Our department culled approximately 3,000 hens this fall as one of our community services activities.

We mixed 8000 pounds of Protein Supplement to be used by the members and their fathers. This is one of our cooperative activities. Arthur Surdez, Dale Berges, Claire Mumaw, and Dale Hodge are the committee members.

There were 24 Green Hands raised to the degree of Future Farmers on October 2, by the Havensville chapter.

Some of the chapter members put on a stunt at the Y. W. C.A. Carnival and won second place, a prize of \$1.00.

A display window is being arranged in a down town store to exhibit some of the most outstanding shop jobs.

Mr. Wildman entertained the officers with a capon dinner, Thursday, December 28.

--Joe Eisenbach, Reporter

WAKEFIELD: We held out annual pest eradication contest, beginning November 1 and lasting until November 21. It was scheduled to last two weeks, but it was voted to continue one more week. Two leaders were selected and sides were chosen. The final results were as follows: Duane Braden's side had a total of 1062 points and Jim Barclay's side a total of 951 points. The number of each pest obtained was, 1252 sparrows, 42 gophers, 1 mole, 24 pair of jack rabbit's ears, 57 mice, 68 rats, 5 crows. The losers treated each of the winners to a sack of candy.

A co-operative swine project has been organized at Wakefield. Shares are sold at \$1.00 each. This share may be in the form of feed or cash. Each member is limited to five shares. Two purebred Spotted Poland China gilts were purchased and are bred for a spring litter. The pigs will probably be sold at weaning time. At this time the co-operative will be settled and the boy will receive his profit or take his part of the loss as to the number of shares he holds.

December 9, five boys and their advisor took part in a series of F.F.A. broadcasts, which take place each Saturday at 1:30 p. m. over station KFBI at Abilene. The topic assigned to Wakefield was Co-operative Activities.

--Duane Braden, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

BIRD CITY: December 12 the Future Farmers served the Girls Reserve Mother Daughter banquet at which 150 people were present. Arrangements were made by Harold Deeds, Keith Dorsch and Rex Hitchcock. Head waiters were Wayne Deeds and Kenneth Hitchcock and 20 Future Farmers acted as waiters and the Green Hands washed the dishes.

We recently received two certificates of award from the State Department for honors in the Poultry School for North West Kansas at Quinter in 1938. One was to Wayne Deeds for being high individual and the other was for second place team. The team consisted of Wayne Deeds, Rodney Partch and Lowell Query.

The idea of a county Grain Show originated in an F.F.A. Officers meeting and was carried out October 21 to 28. The Bird City business men were enthusiastic and donated \$80 to be used as prizes. The F.F.A. committee consisting of Kenneth Hitchcock, Virgil Query and Tommy Gleason deserve much credit for all the work and time which they put in on this activity. 238 entries, of which 134 were sorghums, 58 wheat, 27 corn, 10 potatoes and 9 of barley were made. Dr. Parker, Kansas Wheat Improvement Association, and E. H. Coles, Supt. of the Colby Experiment Station judged the show. A field day by the Farm Bureau was held one day of the show.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion wheat and the first prize Milo heads were sent to the International Hay and Grain show where they placed 6th, 5th and 6th respectively. The first prize Kanred wheat exhibited by Mr. A. Weaver was entered in the Milling and Baking Contest and placed 4th.

The three vocational agriculture classes have butchered 9 hogs for various members, also 30 turkeys, ducks and chickens have been dressed for home use. We butchered 5 hogs for the annual Farm Bureau meeting January 4.

We have 31 members at present with dues paid to the State office. Eleven Green Hands were initiated by the McDonald chapter this fall at McDonald. Pictures and newspaper clippings are being kept by the reporter for the annual Activity Report which will be made in the spring. Paper has been ordered for this Annual.

We are planning the annual trip to the National Western Stock Show to be held in Denver in January.

The banquet committee consisting of Wayne Deeds, Rex Reade and Rex Hitchcock are making plans for our annual F.F.A. banquet to be held soon.

Wayne Deeds, Reporter

RAMONA: The Ramona F.F.A. chapter and the Home Ec club jointly sponsored an all school Christmas social on the evening of December 22. Names were drawn for the exchange of presents. An hour of games was enjoyed and then old Santa was smuggled in among the presents and gifts which were carried in by a troop of boys. As the boys marched in with the boxes of gifts they were escorted by a committee of girls who executed an interesting Christmas drill just before the box in which Santa was concealed, was opened. Refreshments were served at tables seating four couples.

The holiday snow was a great boon to many projects. Rabbit hunting and sleighing parties are being enjoyed.

The boys in shop have just completed the building of two ping pong tables for the athletics department. As a community project the boys have erected a guard fence around an open cellar along main street as a means of accident prevention. They expect to paint the community band stand in the spring.

We are planning a joint meeting with other chapters and have made application for the use of the moving picture of state F.F.A. activities for use in that program.

Verdin Liddell, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WELLSVILLE: The F.F.A. has a membership of 37 this year. The officers are: Marion McConnell, president; Lauren Myers, vice president; Bill Lieb, secretary; Laurence Pence, reporter; Calvin Breckheisen, treasurer; Maurice Warren, watch dog.

Our chapter has a basketball team and we have played one game with Gardner. Several boys are playing who have not played basket ball before.

The chapter had their first Barnwarmer party November 24. The party was attended by approximately 85 per cent of the high school students. Preparations for the party were started about a month before the date. Mrs. Ireland, the Superintendent's wife, led the old time party games and trained a demonstration team before the party. A dollar prize was given for the best stunt from school organizations. Merchants contributed 35 articles for door prizes. Each family contributed food to be sold. The Agriculture shop was decorated like a barn with bundles of sargo and bales of straw. About \$10 was cleared. High school students are already asking, "when are you going to have another Barnwarmer?" The party was such a success we are planning on making it an annual affair.

The chapter sponsored a cooperative sheep buying project with members, other chapters and farmers, by shipping in 1200 sheep during the last year. The last car load was Texas ewes bred to Hampshire rams and have lambed out about 50 per cent to date. All the lambs are strong and thrifty.

The second and third year class constructed a sheep shed 30 by 22 for Maurice Warren during the last week. The class drew plans and estimated materials and marked off rafters before going to work on the job. Maurice has a ewe flock of 45 Texas ewes this year. Last year he had 30 ewes which paid for their first cost and feed.

The chapter mixed and sold 300 pounds of mineral to members to use with their livestock projects.

Lawrence Pence, Reporter

COLUMBUS: Officers of the Columbus F.F.A. chapter are: Herbert Janett, president; Loyd Coons, vice president; Cloyd Bowers, secretary; Warren Rouland, treasurer; Vern Reese, watch dog; Laurence Choquet, reporter.

Thirteen boys made arrangements to fatten 22 calves on the deferred system of feeding.

The following boys have either bought or raised their calves: Charles Foley, Herbert Jarrett, Calvin Jarrett, Jay Couran, Carlos Eaglesom, Damon Ruggles, Herbert Surearing, Harry Beecham, Loren McKee, Robert Barnes, Jimmie Holland, Cloyd Bower, Cernold Baird. Herbert and Calvin Janett have six steers on full feed at the present time, as well as twelve Hereford heifers that they are going to use as foundation stock for a herd.

Six officers attended the Officers Training school at Fredonia. Nineteen members of the chapter attended the American Royal.

Several shop projects have been completed or are under construction at the present time. The projects consist of A-type hog houses, wagon boxes, hog troughs, calf troughs, self feeders, trailers, tool chest, tractor repair, and many small articles for use in the shop and class room.

We have mixed 1800 pounds of minerals to be used on the various farm projects.

At our December meeting 13 boys were given the Green Hand degree. Five boys are to receive the degree at our next meeting. We have 37 F.F.A. members. Plans are under way for our Parent and Son banquet.

--Lawrence Choquet, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

INMAN: The local chapter held formal initiation for the following Green Hands Wednesday evening December 20 at 7:30 p. m., 1939: Harold Pauls, James Bartels, Eddie Froese, Menno Thiessen, Paul Thiessen, Willie Neufeld, Ervin Wiens, Frank Ediger, Salomon Ediger, Waldo Enns, Nick Martens, Herb Newfeld, Arnold Regehr, and Paul Nachtigal.

A special meeting was called by our president Abe Thiessen, on December 21 for the purpose of raising the following Green Hands to the degree of Future Farmers. Candidates passing the obstructions successfully were: Leonard Wiens, Lynn Postier, Paul Voth, Martin Doerksen, and Menno Doerksen. A number of Green Hands were raised to the degree of Future Farmer by the Buhler F.F.A. chapter October 10, at the annual district F.F.A. Officers Training School. At present there is an enrollment of 47 boys. At present there are 21 Future Farmers and 19 Green Hands in the local chapter. All 40 boys have paid their dues and they have been sent into the State office.

Our library contains the following books with an additional 35 magazines and papers: Future Farmers in Action by German; Fun and Work by Scranton; Moon Valley by Case; Fifty Famous Farmers by Ivans and Winship; and 15 F.F.A. Manuals.

Community service work consists of the following: The chapter butchered a project hog and cooperatively sold the meat; butchered 5 hogs and 2 beeves vaccinated 195 hogs for pneumonia, double immune 19 hogs for cholera with serum and virus treatment, castrated 15 boars and 36 bulls, vaccinated 40 calves for blackleg, culled 4 flocks of poultry consisting of 620 birds, 96 being culls. These services were rendered for 40 boys and farmers of the community. The local chapter also treated 275 bushels of seed wheat for bunt for four farmers, both methods being used, the New Improved Ceresan and the Copper Carbonate treatment. A charge of five cents per bushel was assessed for the local chapter fund.

The boys of the local chapter learned that it pays to vaccinate hogs for pneumonia as soon as the last symptoms are present. It was proven that pneumonia can be prevented but not cured. In vaccinating a herd containing both healthy and sick hogs the healthy hogs always kept from getting the malady after treatment but the sick hogs, shoats or pigs always died. Here the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", can be applied.

Arnold Witterff, Reporter

CLIFTON: The Clifton F.F.A. chapter sponsored an assembly program November 24. This program included the Opening Ceremony by the Officers; Discussion of Chapter Activities by Ralph Ferron; Purposes of the Organization by Velmer Kaae, and a short skit showing Parliamentary Procedure Problems by James Wood, Melvin Van Campen, Robert Peterson, Frank Harrison, Burton Tillinghast, and Delmer Peterson. A group of vocational agriculture boys, not yet members of the organization, gave the Future Farmer Creed. Burton Tillinghast acted as master of ceremonies. Following this part of the program a picture, "The Master Farmer" was shown to the group.

At the regular December night meeting the boys entertained their parents using most of the assembly program presented November 24. Mr. Jordan gave a short talk explaining F.F.A. work....Our pest eradication contest which is now in progress will end the first week in January. The losing side is to provide a party for the winning side for our January meeting....We are building three self feeders patterned after a model which we built for demonstration at the evening school.

--Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

KIOWA: The Kiowa chapter has been trying a plan for increasing attendance at meetings. The daily high school schedule does not allow time for regular day meetings, consequently, the Kiowa chapter holds two regular monthly night meetings. The attendance has been practically 100 per cent as a result of securing motion pictures with sound attachment. These films were secured from the DuPont Company at no cost to the local chapter. The names of some of these films are as follows: Peruvian Gold, Feeding the Multitudes, and the Corn Husking Contest for 1938. The DuPont Company can be complimented for these exceptionally good films. The next picture to be shown will be obtained from the General Electric Co., entitled, Bill Howard, R.F.D.

On November 7, Advisor Lake and approximately 20 boys accepted an invitation and attended the Green Hand initiation ceremonies conducted by the Medicine Lodge chapter. The night ride was quite cold in the back end of a GMC pickup, but the boys were dressed to meet the situation properly and no bad results came from it. Everyone attending reported an exceptionally good time.

The profits from candy sales at the ball games have decreased drastically at the last two games as a result of the Christmas treats being distributed by some of the local organizations. The Kiowa chapter has made \$6.00 this season which is very good, since all profits are divided among three organizations.

State and national F.F.A. dues for 37 members were mailed to the state office on December 22. This gives Kiowa a 100 per cent rating in membership.

We are looking forward to the Parent-Son meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at which time a representative from the state office will show the new F.F.A. film taken in various parts of the state.

--Robert Hildebrand, Reporter

LEON: The officers for the year are Ralph Macklin, president; Billy Winzer, vice president; Merle Bacon, secretary; Claire Neece, treasurer; Paul Seward, reporter. We have 100 per cent membership of 42. The officers for the year attended the F.F.A. training school at Fredonia. Mr. Flenthrope and 8 members attended the Hutchinson fair for three days. The members operated a stand and made a profit of \$18 at the High School Carnival.

During the latter part of November the members butchered 36 hogs totaling 10,080 pounds in six days, not working more than five hours a day. Plans have been made to butcher 4 more days in January.

The chapter purchased 2 purebred Duroc Jersey gilts and 1 purebred Duroc Jersey Boar on December 21, from Mr. Edgar Templeton, advisor of ElDorado chapter.

The chapter sponsored a sparrow and crow hunting contest, each member taking part. The captains were Claire Neece and Raymond Kirkpatrick. The losing side furnished refreshments at our November meeting. Our new gymnasium and vocational agriculture shop was dedicated December 1. The members had on display one slaughtered hog and one cut-up hog. Plans are being made for the purchase of ewes for several of the boys this summer.

--Paul Seward, Reporter

BURLINGTON: Burlington chapter has a basketball team and would like to play other F.F.A. teams. We have games with Fredonia, LeRoy and Melvern. Ardice DeLong is captain.

Virgil Decker and Glenn Powell chose up sides for a pest eradication contest. This began December 25 and will run two months. Eats will be served by losers to winners. Points are awarded for each kind of pest common in the community.

Herbert Kelly, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

FAIRVIEW: On October 20, 1939, our chapter initiated 16 Green Hands. The candidates were required to wear old patched and faded overalls all day and besides this they carried some farm tool such as a hammer, rake, etc. Any time during the day whenever a candidate was slapped on the back by a Future Farmer they had to answer, "Farmer", or the name of the Future Farmer. At the regular assembly period the boys demonstrated their ability to imitate farm animals. At 7:30 the same day, the boys all met at the high school gym for formal initiation. As a preliminary to the formal ceremony the candidates were blindfolded and taken to visit a run down farm. Several of the boys showed a remarkable tree climbing ability when given an electrical stimulus. After the visit to the farm they were taken back to the high school and raised to Green Hands. After the initiation a lunch of apples and sandwiches was served.

The chapter sponsors intramural games which include baseball, basketball, track, ping pong, and horseshoes. Each class enters a team in each event and the class receiving the best score in the five events receives a prize. The baseball tournament was held October 21 and 22 and the Senior class won first prize. The basketball tournament will be held in February.

The boys made a fine showing at the Trego County Fair this fall and all boys who showed stock are going to have better livestock for 1940. All boys are breeding their prize winning gilts to pure bred good type boars. Our boys who show finished fat steers have selected them and are beginning to grow them out.

We have a number of boys in our chapter with dairy projects. Forrest Jones, a Junior Future Farmer, has a grade Jersey heifer just three years old, who has finished her first lactation of 305 days with a D. H. I. A. record of 9,366 pounds of milk and 490.3 pounds of butter fat. She won first in the state junior production contest for the month of October with 71.6 pounds of butter fat.

December 20 we held our annual father and son banquet in the high school gymnasium. There were 87 present, including fathers, school board members, honorary members and boys. All but three of our 37 members were present at the banquet and they were ill.

The tables were decorated with red and green crepe paper and pine boughs. Each table was lighted with large red and green candles and a very delicious banquet was served by the Homemaking girls. President Don Irwin acted as toast master. Our F.F.A. quartet sang several numbers and several boys gave interesting speeches. Professor L. F. Hall gave us a short talk and showed us the new techni-color sound film, "Future Farmers of America at Work". We enjoyed this picture very much and hope you all see it.

We are proud to submit three boys as candidates for State Farmers for 1940: our president, Don Irwin, vice president, Dale Lance and secretary, Melvin Scoby. All three of these boys were members of our 1939 judging team.

The Green Hand Club of the Fairview Future Farmers held their election of officers. Kenneth Breeden is president; James Howard, vice president; Kenneth Chase, secretary; Leo Dodd, treasurer; and Raymond Meyer, reporter. These boys are receiving training in conducting meetings and are becoming familiar with the proper parliamentary practices. The Green Hands are going to have control of a regular F.F.A. meeting in February.

Bob Meyer, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

WASHBURN: With a new school under construction, most of the school is in new temporary quarters. The Future Farmer chapter of Washburn has been slow getting started this fall. Since we have lost our activity period for F.F.A. meetings it is hard to do many of the things we had done before.

The major activity of the chapter this fall has been the organization and starting of the Washburn Duroc Breeders Association as a subsidiary organization. This association started with the objective to have each boy have one gilt from an outstanding litter, ready to breed in the fall of 1940. With this in mind three boys were sent to the fall sale of the Iowa Falls, Iowa chapter on October 6, to gain first hand information from the most successful FFA hog breeding organizations. Richard Kneale, Dick Sheets, and Karl Porter made the trip with Mr. Stewart, the advisor, and Mr. Albert Johanne, a prominent hog breeder of Marysville, Kansas. There are twelve registered vaccinated gilts in the association, all bred for early March pigs, to the boys selected in Iowa. They are covered with a mutual loss protection agreement to help spread financial loss throughout the membership. Other committees handle appraisal, agreements, feed mixing, gilt shifting, and publicity. Present plans are for the sale of all unproven litters as feeder pigs in the spring, and an exchange of the gilts from the good litters. Officers of the association are: Burton DeBaun, president; Lyle Engler, vice president; Richard Kneale, secretary; and LeRoy Sidfrid, treasurer.

The hog breeders are bringing in lots of shop jobs such as electric fence charges, hog houses, self feeders, and troughs.

--Reporter

LEROY: Our F.F.A. officers are: Richard Lipsey, president; Lewis Hall, vice president; Billy Parmely, secretary; Lester Goebel, treasurer; Nylo Rich, reporter; Eugene Curboy, watch dog. We revived our chapter this year by taking all of our tentative officers to the training school at Fredonia, where we also initiated five Green Hands.

The school year's activities started with a parents meeting for the Freshman and Sophomore boys at which 100 per cent of boys and parents were present. At our next regular F.F.A. meeting we initiated some 15 Green Hands, making a total active membership of 28.

Some 150 Western ewes were shipped in. Several of the boys have expanded their programs. No boy has less than five or more than ten ewes. A number of our ewes, as well as hog projects were financed through the Production Credit Association at Chanute.

The F.F.A. boys have wormed sheep, butchered hogs, selected seed corn from the field, vaccinated calves for blackleg, pruned fruit trees and grapes, castrated hogs and cattle, culled chickens and killed lice on hogs.

We have overhauled and repaired some machinery.

Our chapter has started a pest eradication campaign. A great deal of interest is being shown. The boys are going after the pests. The losing side has to give a party. The high individual on each team received a prize.

A "hot dog" party was held on the river bank a short time ago. Our November night meeting was a picture show, "Alaska Silver Millions". This month our night meeting will be another picture show of a reel from Kemper Military School, showing school activities as carried out at Boonville, Mo.

Our chapter sponsored a refreshment stand at all of our home basketball games, as a means of raising money for our chapter.

Nylo Rich, Reporter

Chapter News (Continued)

PAOLA: The annual FFA assembly November 17 consisted of the initiation of 17 Green Hands. At the regular night meeting, December 12, Ottawa chapter initiated 21 Future Farmers. Oyster soup was served to 110 FFA members and visitors.

November 28 the chapter sponsored a turkey raffle. Three hens, three ducks, three geese, and two turkeys were given away. Numbers were sold at ten cents each.

The chapter is having a scholarship contest in which the losing side entertain the winners at the end of the year.

The chapter is sponsoring a "Who's Who in F.F.A." column in the local newspapers. A column will be in each week containing information about some member's farming program and school activities that he is or has been engaged in such as football, basketball, track, band, and scholarship teams.

At the next regular night meeting, January 9, Mr. Calhoun, a member of the Kansas Highway Patrol, will present a first aid demonstration.

The chapter members have been increasing their livestock projects. Chas. Carter, James Pearce, Charles Pursell and Paul Talbot have added pure bred Hampshire gilts and sows. Gerald Hoffman, Ralph Ross, Dwight Williams, Charles Pursell, Damon Debrick and Wilbur Menefee have included pure bred Hampshire fall gilts in their farming programs. Leon Miller, Clifford Everhart, and Kenneth Hillman have added purebred Black Poland China spring gilts. Jack Greenawalt has a Spotted Poland China spring gilt. James Pearce, Charles Carter, Anthony Butel and Joe Butel have purchased a total of 22 Western ewes. Ralph Kettler, Dale Kettler, Walter Pearce, Arnold Debrick, Glen Witt and Dwight Williams have acquired a total of 58 native ewes. At the present time the members have 174 sheep and 130 hogs. The total assessed value of the chapter is approximately \$4,500.

Castrating 14 pigs, drenching 28 sheep and culling 180 hens were the most important field trips. Major shop jobs consisted of three A-type hog houses, one 2-wheel trailer, three sheep feeders and a note book rack. Two harrows and a gasoline engine have been overhauled.

A Southdown Ewe Association is being organized. Shares will be sold at \$1.00 each. An auction will be held in the fall when lambs for breeding purposes will be sold to members only.

Radio station, KMBC has planned a series of FFA chapter programs each Saturday morning after January 1. Paola chapter has been invited to broadcast and plans to do so.

--Charles Pursell, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Winfield Rotary Club is cooperating with the Winfield chapter in their beef feeding work this winter. Each Rotation is supplying the money for a boy to buy feeder calves. The money is loaned at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest on a personal note of the boy and his dad. Up-to-date four boys have been supplied with calves.

The Winfield chapter is providing sweat shirts and warm-ups for basketball and other athletic events.

On February 14 the Winfield chapter is giving its annual banquet. All former agriculture alumni are invited to the banquet. The state techni-color talkie movie is to be shown. Over 300 persons are expected.

--Raymond Groene, Reporter

Chapter News (Concluded)

BYERS: Our chapter held its second annual two day camping trip on August 10 and 11.

On October 3 we held our first chapter meeting. Most of the time was devoted toward the election of officers. Our new officers are: Bruce Ohley, president; Eugene McAhren, vice president; Dick Hughes, secretary; Donald McMannis, treasurer; Junior Strafford, watch dog; and Mr. Heide, advisor.

We sponsored a Halloween carnival Friday October 27, which was a great help to our treasury. On Hallowe'en night our chapter patrolled the town and kept Hallowe'en pranksters from damaging and destroying property.

Monday morning, December 11, Mr. Heide, our advisor, and the Junior vocational agriculture class visited the farm of Mr. Grunder. Mr. Grunder is fattening approximately 200 head of two year old Hereford steers. This too, was very interesting as well as educational for the class.

Our chapter is carrying out a swine feeding project. We bought eight head of weanling pigs and intend to fatten them to a weight of 200 pounds. Later we plan to purchase another herd of pigs.

Our largest shop construction jobs so far include, hog feeders, poultry feeders, cattle feed bunks, and barn yard gates.

--Donald McManning, Reporter

HANOVER: Nine Freshman boys were given the Green Hand initiation and a trip to a run down farm. The boys were Charles Bonte, Gibbert Boettcher, Richard Harder, Victor Meier, Bill Meier, Gilbert Jandera, Donald Stanbrough, LeRoy Laue, and Vernon Koehler. The chapter bought Green Hand pins for these boys.

Three honorary members have been voted into our chapter. They are Dr. H. G. Hurtiy, M. S. Kaufman, and Frank Jandera, Sr.

Our father and son banquet will be January 23. Plans are being made, and the vocational Homemaking department will prepare and serve the banquet.

The boys are making plans for an all school ping pong tournament. Entry fees will be charged and prizes awarded. We hope to make some money for our chapter in this way.

--Melvin Niemeier, Reporter

LAHARPE: Our chapter has 32 active members at the present time. The Freshman class has an enrollment of 6, Sophomore, 13, and the combined Junior and Senior classes 11, making a total of 30 in our department.

The officers elected for the year are: John Aiken, president; Phil Nicholas, vice president; Max Morrison, secretary; Orval Morrison, treasurer; Richard Harris, reporter; Marvin Morrison, watch dog.

We plan to hold our Green Hand initiation in January.

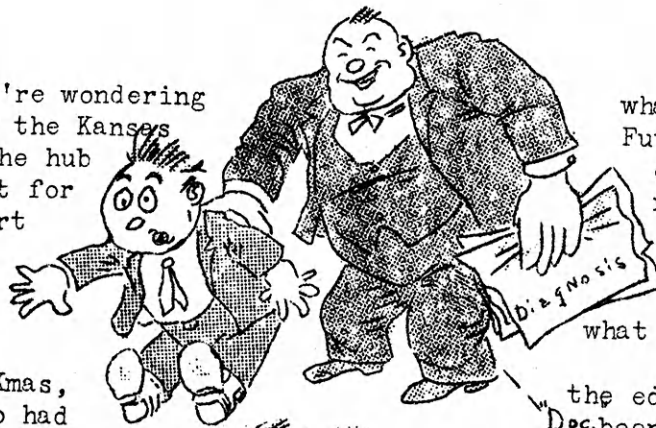
Our sponsor and the officers, with the exception of the president, attended the district Officers Training School at Fredonia, September 26.

The FFA boys sponsored a skating party and invited the Home Economics girls. About 50 were present and a profit of \$2.40 for the F.F.A. treasury was made above expenses.

--Richard Harris, Reporter

EDITOR ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No doubt you're wondering with this issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. Well, we'll tell you. The hub of the wheel of this publication, is out for repairs, and the spokes, in an effort to keep the wheel moving, have attempted to edit the January issue, and publish the result. what you've just read



Just before Xmas, A. P. Davidson, who had been feeling a bit rocky for some time, consulted a doctor. The doctor looked him over, shook his head, grabbed him and whisked him away to the hospital. December 21 the doctors sharpened up their tools, put the ether bag on Mr. Davidson's face, and did a nice job of professional carving.

That was three weeks ago. We know all of the readers of the Kansas Future Farmer will be happy to know he is getting along nicely, and is now at home convalescing.

So if you don't like the contents of this issue of the Newsletter, or if you find something radically wrong with any or all of the articles, just write out a list of your complaints and either throw them in the waste paper basket or address them to "Office Help", Vocational Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, and we will throw them in the waste paper basket ourselves. Anyway, we want you to know that Mr. Davidson is not responsible for this issue or any of its mistakes. It's the office help and the office help alone who's responsible. So if you don't like it, blame us. We can take it.

By the way, we don't know just how our boss is going to like this publicity -- and we might be a bit scared to publish this article and these drawings if it wasn't for the fact that he's at home and we're at the office, and there's nothing he can do about it until he gets stronger, and by that time maybe he will have forgotten it. He will probably be back at the office in a week or so, ready to take over all future editions of the Kansas Future Farmer, and we might add, -- probably fire us.

