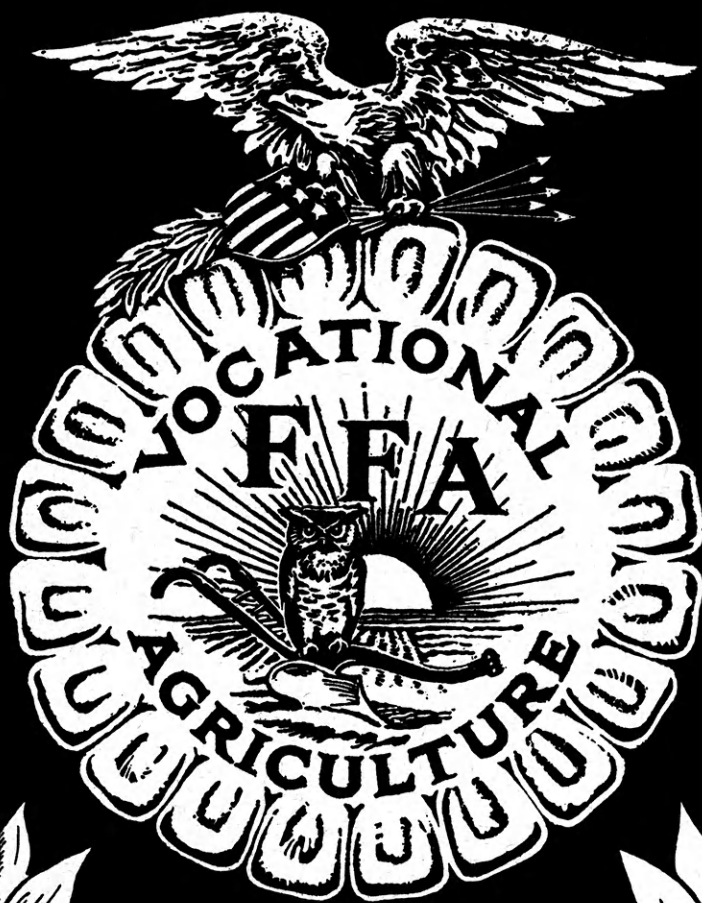


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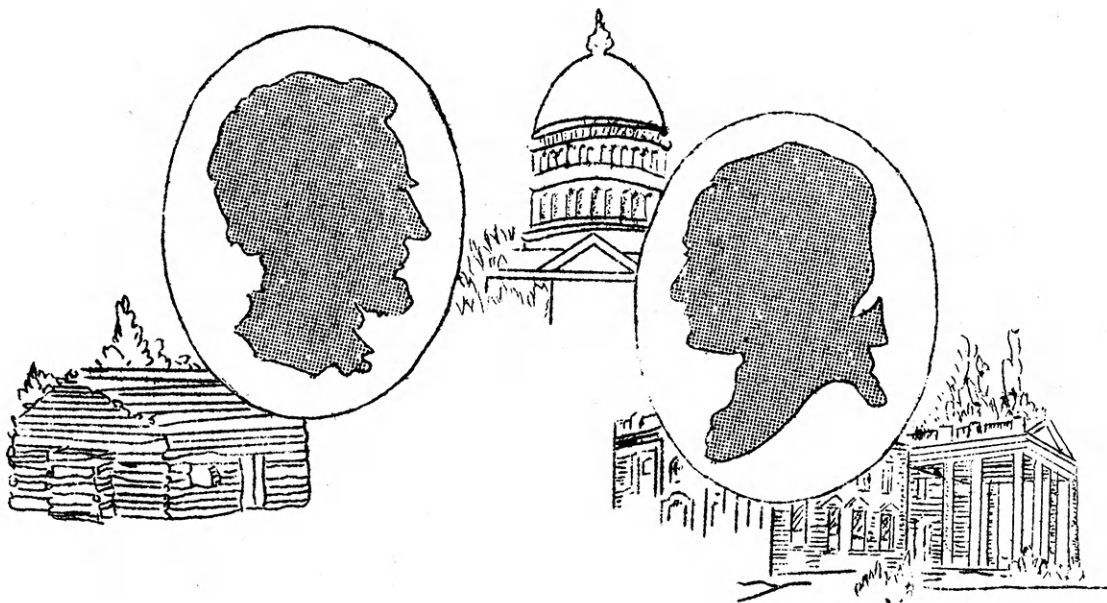
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"With malice toward none;  
with charity for all;  
with firmness in the right  
as God gives us to see the right....

"First in war....  
first in peace....  
first in the hearts of  
his countrymen....

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30 have been designated as the dates for the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

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F.F.A. CALENDAR

State Farmer Candidate's current year's record book if called for... April 13  
 Public Speaking entry and manuscript..... April 13\*  
 Better Chapter Contest Report..... April 20\*  
 Twelfth Annual Meeting of Kansas Association..... April 29-30

\*Erroneously stated in January 15, 1940 issue of Kansas Future Farmer.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Kansas Association is happy to welcome four new chapters chartered during the past month into the state association. Three of the new chapters, Horton, Haven and Great Bend are in departments established this year.

The Haven chapter was chartered January 14, 1940, with 39 members. Officers of the chapter are Lawrence Chain, president; Harlan E. Popp, vice president; Jack Engweiler, secretary; Gene Smith, treasurer; George Schlickan, reporter. E. R. Ausherman is the advisor of the Haven chapter.

January 22, 1940, the Horton chapter was chartered with the following officers serving the chapter: Richard Harris, president; Donald Schesser, vice president; Dale Campbell, secretary; John Kletchka, treasurer; Wm. Knouse, reporter; J. L. Jacobson, advisor. There are 30 members in the Horton chapter.

Elvin Melton is the president of the Woodston chapter chartered January 25, 1940, with a membership of 20. Other officers are Herbert Jones, vice president; Marcelle Buttermore, secretary; Marvin McReynolds, treasurer; Edward Mech, reporter. R. D. Brent is the advisor of the Woodston chapter.

The Great Bend chapter was chartered February 5, 1940, and has a membership of 41. Officers are Lee Stevens, president; Paul Fuhr, vice president; Donald Fowler, secretary; John Weher, treasurer; Warren Arnhart, reporter. Advisor of the Great Bend chapter is Fred Schultis.

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TREASURY HELPS

Andy S. Sundstrum, past president of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, 1934-35, now with the National Farm Journal, has prepared a list of money raising activities successfully used by F.F.A. members and other junior groups. This list is free upon request. If interested address a note to "Andy" requesting a copy of "Build-Ups For the Club or Chapter Treasury."

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Two students on a train were telling about their abilities to see and hear. The one said: "Do you see that barn over there on the horizon?"

"Yes".

"Can you see that fly walking around on the roof of the barn?"

"No, but I can hear the shingles crack when he steps on them!"

SOUTHEAST KANSAS F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The third annual Southeast Kansas F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was held at Chanute Wednesday, January 31. Sixteen schools were present, fifteen of which had boys entered in the contest. A total of 55 boys gave speeches in the four divisions of the contest which were: first division, freshmen; second division, sophomores; third division, juniors and seniors not entering the state contest; fourth division, boys entering in the state contest. The talks were rated good, excellent, and superior. A grade was also given on each talk so that the team score for each school could be totaled. A team consisted of four entries.

The first six schools placed in the following order: Fredonia first with a score of 339; Cherryvale second with a score of 335; Iola third with a score of 329; Benedict fourth with a score of 320; McCune and Eldorado tied for fifth with a score of 313.

The afternoon session started at 4:00. The first three divisions in the contest were held at the afternoon session using three separate judges in different rooms. The boy giving the best talk out of each division was selected to give his talk at the evening session at the same time the fourth division talks were given. The best talks selected from each division were: first division, "Crops or Canyons" by Jimmie Sutton of Cherryvale; second division, "The Relation of the F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest to American Agriculture", by John Young of Fredonia; third division, "Why Education for Life on the Farm", by Harold Ray of Iola. The winner of the fourth division was Robert Weaver of Burlington, whose talk was, "Keeping Afloat".

A banquet was served at 6:15 in the senior high school cafeteria at which 107 boys and instructors attended. A short musical program was given by members of the Chanute and Iola chapters.

A wall plaque was given the first place team, and blue, red, and white ribbons were given each contestant according to their rating. Schools participating besides the six mentioned above were Melvern, LaCygne, Columbus, Pleasanton, Parsons, LaHarpe, Burlington, and LeRoy. Chanute boys entered in the contest but did not compete for awards. Kincaid brought boys to hear the contest, but these boys did not enter.

Speeches were judged by members of the Chanute Speech and English department.

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WILD LIFE CONSERVATION

W. A. Ross, national F.F.A. Executive Secretary informs us that the National Wildlife Federation has set aside the week of March 17-23 to be observed as National Wildlife Restoration Week. Cooperation in wildlife conservation work will give opportunity for local chapters to participate in the 1940 National F.F.A. Program of Work which includes an item on Conservation.

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"Great hopes make great men". -- Thomas Fuller

HONORED

Robert Randle, state reporter 1938-39 and Star Farmer for Kansas 1939, was the subject of a full page feature article in the Kansas Agricultural Student of December 1939. Merrill Abrahams is the author of this article. After listing Robert's F.F.A. achievements he concluded with the statement that Robert was elected president of the Freshman class at Kansas State College at the beginning of the fall semester. The State Association extends congratulations.

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ERROR

We regret very much that in listing the chapters entered in the 1940 National Better Chapter contest, in the January 15, 1940 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer, the name of the Shawnee Mission F.F.A. chapter was omitted.

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PLEASED

After eleven years of furnishing copies of the Kansas Future Farmer to the National F.F.A. officers we are delighted to report an acknowledgement of the same on the part of a national F.F.A. president. Ivan Kindschi, Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin, president of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, under date of February 3, 1940, states: "You and the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America are to be complimented on the excellent work you are doing in publishing, "The Kansas Farmer". I have been receiving your publications and have enjoyed them ever so much." This is the first time a national F.F.A. president has taken the time and trouble to acknowledge our F.F.A. newsletter. Perhaps Ivan is the first to open his second class mail. Thanks.

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FARM BOYS' REWARD

Kansas F.F.A. members should be interested in "Farm Boys' Reward", a 16 mm color motion picture now available upon request through Motion Picture Department, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio. The principal characters in this interesting one reel travelogue are the ten farm youths of high school age who won the Company's national essay contest in 1939 on the subject, "Farming of Tomorrow on Rubber". The picture features striking views of Niagra Falls, sailing, canoeing and fishing in the North Woods. Charles Ecklund of the Harveyville F.F.A. chapter was one of the contest winners and was a member of the cast of characters. The picture is available for free loan to F.F.A. chapters and other responsible organizations. The request must specify the group to which the picture will be shown.

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Some will never learn anything because they understand everything too soon.--Charles Blount.

MEETING TIME

Many F.F.A. chapters have difficulty in finding a suitable time for holding day meetings. Perhaps the following plan used by the Smith Center chapter and reported by Advisor Paul Gilpin will be of interest. \*

The problem of finding time for holding day meetings was solved by the Smith Center F.F.A. chapter by holding luncheon meetings during the noon hour. Each boy brings the major part of his lunch but a drink or dessert is supplied by a committee chosen for each meeting. The group meets from 12 to 1 o'clock every two weeks. Monthly night meetings are also held. The standing program committee appoints a sub-committee to plan each meeting. The program shown below illustrates the type of material included in these meetings. Mr. Gilpin reports nearly 100 per cent attendance and great interest in the four meetings of this type which have been held this fall.

Program

Opening Ceremony.....	Officers
Eat	
Group Singing.....	Everybody
Introduction of guests.....	Kaup
Business	
My Impression of School so Far.....	A Freshman
Creed.....	The Freshman Class
Dr. I. Q. Hour	
Report of Foster Farms Sale.....	Marvin Nelssen
Music.....	Vernon Luntsford
Moving picture of last year's projects	
My Project Program.....	Kaup
Poem.....	"Lidge"
Drawing for Colorado Trip.....	Everybody
Closing Ceremony .....	Officers

\*Taken from the December KVAAs newsletter.

Twelve or more news items of interest were printed on the programs distributed. The items were written by the members of the Sophomore Agriculture class.

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A CHALLENGE

The State Association is happy to report 105 applications for the State Farmer degree filed on time. Wouldn't it be a splendid thing if every one of these State Farmer candidates found worthy, could be recommended for advancement? The State Association hopes it will be in a position to recommend all who are deserving. If, however, the state executive committee had to make its decisions on the basis of the present F.F.A. membership we would have to restrict the number of candidates recommended to 66. This would be manifestly unfair. While we do not anticipate the number of paid up members to remain at the present figure, 3350, we do want to impress upon the membership of local chapters the fact that both State Farmers and American Farmer recommendations are based upon paid up membership. There are 5550 vocational agriculture students in Kansas. Wouldn't it be a fine thing if we could accomplish our No. 1 state objective? That would make it possible for the State Association to recommend six American Farmer candidates and 111 State Farmers. We earnestly hope every local chapter will give the matter of payment of dues careful consideration.

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DO YOU READ THE CHAPTER NEWS?

This month the local chapter reporters have furnished through the state reporter, John McCall, another list of interesting news items. How many of the following questions can you answer after having read the chapter news?

1. A series of twelve monthly F.F.A. radio broadcasts was completed recently by what chapter?
2. An F.F.A. public speaking contest had 31 of its members competing. This contest was held by what chapter?
3. What chapter rendered a community service by repairing a house for a needy family?
4. Four F.F.A. books were added to what chapter library during the past month?
5. A long time farming program committee designed to make and carry out plans for the improvement of agriculture in the county, was elected by what chapter?
6. Twenty-four of the 27 pigs farrowed by two pure bred Duroc Jersey sows were raised to ten weeks of age by what chapter?
7. The outstanding farming program will serve as a means of determining the delegate to represent what chapter at the annual meeting of the State Association?
8. How many sparrows did Green Hand Glenn Reiners of the Paxico chapter catch to help his side win a recent sparrow catching contest?
9. Official F.F.A. jackets were purchased by what chapter during the past month?
10. An average of 66 or a total of 1322 rats were caught by 20 F.F.A. members of what chapter?

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CHAPTER NEWS

HOXIE: The following officers will serve the chapter this year: Jake Mosier, president; John Lacey, vice president; John Wade, secretary; Jake James, treasurer; Joe Winter, reporter....At our regular meeting, November 6, we voted in 14 new members, all of whom have a good standing in agriculture....We have figured out a way to have a good attendance at our meetings, and at the same time raise money for our treasury. For each member who is absent we charge 10 cents, and each officer 25 cents....Our most popular project this year is Hampshire swine. Several of the boys have purchased swine which are due to farrow in the early months of this year....Our agriculture class has been butchering for the community the last several weeks. We charge a small fee which goes into the treasury for future use.

--Joe Winter, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

CLAY CENTER: The Clay Center chapter of F.F.A. held its annual parent and son party on November 1 in the agricultural building. Grant Faulconer gave an interesting discussion on how the F.F.A. was started. Delmar Yarrow talked on its purposes, and Dale Steward, treasurer, gave the Future Farmer Creed. Moving pictures of the Cleveland trip this summer and the district meeting held recently, were shown. These films were taken by Mr. Paul Chilen of the Solomon chapter who took the trip with his group of students. Instructor Perrill talked to the group on encouraging project work among boys. Refreshments were served to 73 parents and members who were present. Later games were played....The annual initiation of Green Hands was held on November 9, at which time 20 Green Hands were initiated. F.F.A. pins and manuals were presented to the new members. There were 41 members present....One of the highlights in the past month was the purchase of seven purebred Duroc Gilts which were bought with money that has been accumulating in the chapter treasury during the past few years. Individual members are keeping the gilts and will return a part of the profits to the F.F.A. treasury as interest. Douglas Faulconer, president, Floyd Parry, and Chris Elsasser bought the gilts from Mr. Earl Moore, of Morrowville, and Mr. Charles Ludwick of Linn. The gilts were recently vaccinated for cholera by the agriculture boys. Six of the gilts are weaning pigs and one is bred to farrow the middle of February....We held a date party January 4 and each member had to bring a date before he could be admitted to the party. There was skating and sleigh riding at a lake near Clay Center. Refreshments were served afterwards....Our chapter went on the air waves Saturday, January 6, over radio station KFBI, Abilene. We considered this to be one of our most important activities. The boys who took part in the program were the boys who went to Cleveland during the past summer. Twenty-one boys and our advisor participated in the program....On January 16 the Abilene and the Clay Center chapters held a joint meeting at the local high school. President Douglas Faulconer presided. Roll call was answered by each of our members who named an Abilene member as his guest, giving his year in school, and the kind of projects he possessed. After transacting routine business, we adjourned to the gym where we played two basketball games. Abilene won both games. Refreshments were then served....Instructor Perrill has worked out a plan with English instructors whereby a thousand word theme will be assigned each F.F.A. member in preparation for the public speaking contest. Most of the Junior boys have their speeches completed now and sometime in the future we are going to have a night meeting at which each boy will give his oration. Mr. Perrill will judge the speeches. A \$5.00 prize will be awarded to the boy who competes in the state contest held in Manhattan....We have recently purchased a ping pong set and each noon and after school you can find F.F.A. boys ping ponging away, each trying to get the better of the other. We plan on having a ping pong tournament in the near future. ....We had a pest eradication contest which started in November and ended last week. Points were given for sparrow heads, mouse heads, rabbit ears, rat heads, gopher heads, owl, crow, and hawk legs and other pests. The winning side will have the pleasure of being entertained by the losing side....We are planning on making a yearbook this year which will include activities and our program of work, all news of the year, and pictures of the boys' projects. Homer Caley, who is our vice president and who is on the first team of the Clay Center high school basketball team, is the head of the yearbook. We got our idea from the Chanute chapter of F.F.A. who sent us one of their yearbooks.

--Wayne Caldwell, Reporter



## Chapter News (Continued)

WAKEENEY: The WaKeeney F.F.A. chapter has elected a long time farming program committee which is appointed to make and carry out plans for improving Trego county. This committee is composed of outstanding men interested in farming. First the vocational agriculture boys made out a plan of improvements which they thought advisable and probable. Then the F.F.A. chapter had some speakers to inform them concerning major problems. L. C. Aicher, superintendent of the Hays Experiment Station, spoke on "Sorghums for Trego County"; Mr. Coles, superintendent of the Colby Experiment Station, spoke on "Improving the Farms of Trego County"; and Fred Eshbaugh, forestry nurseryman spoke on "Growing Trees in Western Kansas"....Our chapter held its annual father and son banquet January 30. Professor Lawrence Hall of Kansas State College showed the techni-dolor movie, "Future Farmers at Work"....On January 10 we added eight new members to our chapter. The new members were served a dinner under the supervision of the old members so we could decide if the new members had good enough manners to become Future Farmers. The menu consisted of coffee or water, corn on the cob; rabbit, skunk, or opossum, cake or pie. Then they were told to sign a petition against paddling. But strange as it seems the signers couldn't keep one hand on a piece of tin and hold a metal pencil in the other, because of a hidden telephone magneto. The new members are: Kenneth Zeman, Dale Maroy, Homer Hillman, Clyde Ukele, Clifford Ukele, Leonard Nemechek, Keith Homler, and Dale DeWitt. After the initiation all members enjoyed a lunch of cookies and cocoa....The officers of our chapter are: Johnnie Schuster, president; Elmer Struss, vice president; Bill Nixon, secretary; Fred Armbruster, treasurer; Fred Nimz, reporter; Steve Nemechek, watch dog; J. Oscar Brown, advisor.

--Fred Nimz, Reporter

AUBURN: The Auburn chapter of Future Farmers have an enrollment of 31 members this year. The officers are Paul Moore, president; Chester Steffee, vice president; Elmer Robinson, reporter, Coy Mitchell, treasurer; Bryce Kresie, secretary; and Lindsey Mitchell, watch dog. Leonard Moran is chairman of the program committee. Lester Strohm is chairman of the Chapter Activity Program and Chapter Activity contest....The Auburn chapter held a corn husking contest during the month of September which was open to any chapter in the state. Robert Towne representing the chapter, won the contest. Runnerup position was occupied by Vernie Tucker of the Carbondale chapter. Dwight Jackson of Seaman was third. Other chapters competing were Highland Park, Berryton, Washburn, Onaga, Meriden and Silver Lake. All winners received handsome prizes as well as an expense paid trip to the Pioneer Hybrid Seed Corn Company at Coon Rapids, Iowa....The chapter purchased cooperatively and distributed about 90 Western ewes, which lambed in January. Boys in the Farm Management class are feeding steers on the deferred feeding plan....Chapter members have purchased gold satin shirts to wear to all F.F.A. functions. The name of the chapter appears in blue letters on the back....Elmer Robinson, Paul Moore, and Leonard Moran are applicants for the State Farmer degree....The chapter held a Christmas party for the school on December 21. The moving picture, "Friendly Valley" was shown....Chapter activities for December included a date party at Burlingame....A rodent catching contest is being participated in by members of the chapter.

--Elmer Robinson, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

PARSONS: We held a pest eradication contest over the Christmas vacation. Jack Groff and Robert Smith were captains and Robert's side won. The losers are to treat the winners at one of the night meetings....We have been trying to "dress up" our classroom a little this year and we purchased a 3' x 6' F.F.A. banner. In addition we have secured materials for our opening and closing ceremonies, several new pictures and have framed the F.F.A. Creed and the F.F.A. Purposes. Some boys would like to get a radio....The F.F.A. sponsored the football programs this year and also sold pop and popcorn at the games. We made about \$60....We are organizing an F.F.A. basketball team. We either practice or play every Tuesday evening. Marvin Lyman was elected captain of the "A" squad and Bernard Westaff of the "B" squad....The Parsons chapter held a local public speaking contest this year. Each boy prepared a speech on some agricultural subject, and then gave his talk in competition with the other boys to see who would get to represent the chapter at the district contest at Chanute. Glenn Moore, Bill Smith, Fred Giefer and Milton Vaughn were the winners....At one of our night meetings we had our fathers present as guests. We went through the opening and closing ceremony, had our regular business meeting, a talk by David Rice on The History of the F.F.A., talk by Charles Teague on, Value of Farming Programs, talk by Dean Farner, a demonstration on how to make rope, and several stunts were given. The No. 9 boys furnished the refreshments consisting of oyster soup and crackers....Twelve boys have purchased sweat shirts with an F.F.A. emblem on the front....Bill Searles and Elmer Walters have each purchased registered bred gilts to use as part of their farming program....The boys on the scholarship committee post an honor roll each six weeks. The following boys have been on the honor roll twice: Jack Groff, Junior Carnahan, Bob Crispell, Bob Hamrick, and David Rice....As a means of stimulating interest and to keep a record of each boy's participation in F.F.A. activities, Mr. Brandenburg has posted a large card containing each boy's name and the activities to be carried out in the F.F.A. in the class room the remainder of the year. The boys who have the highest number of points will receive recognition on Achievement Day and will also get to make the trip to Manhattan during the state contest.

--Reporter

PAXICO: Our chapter held its Green Hand and Future Farmer initiation Wednesday night December 13. The following boys were initiated to the Green Hand degree: Nolan Colcher, Richard Capoun, Steve Muchenthaler, Walter Niedfeldt, and Glenn Reiners. The following Green Hands were raised to the Future Farmer degree: David Hund, Elmer Hund, George Muchenthaler, Edwin Stambaugh, and Alvin Keller....We brought our sparrow catching contest to a close December 8 after a month's duration. The group captained by Sherman Beasterfeldt was victorious over the boys lead by Ben Michealis. Glenn Reiners, a Freshman Green Hand, took individual honors. Glenn brought in 1106 sparrow heads. Ben Michealis was high scorer on his side with 375. The losing side supplied the refreshments at the Green Hand initiation. The total number of sparrows killed was 3,420....Some of the jobs our classes have completed this fall are: culling flocks, drilling wells and putting in casing pipes and pumps, pruning grapevines, building park tables, over-hauling motors, building chicken feeders, hog feeders, wagon tongues, and paint jobs, soldering jobs, and numerous smaller repair and construction jobs....Winston Barthuly, Edwin Stambaugh, David Hund, and Richard Capoun are feeding beef steers by the deferred system.

--Gussie Stork, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

**SEAMAN:** Officer changes for the current semester are: Warren Kimball, reporter, replacing Dwight Jackson; Dwight Jackson, treasurer, replacing Elmer Betts; and Ralph Tice, secretary, replacing Henry Williamson....Twenty-three Green Hands were initiated and fourteen members raised to the Future Farmer degree recently....The Seaman item in the November issue of the Kansas Future Farmer should have read 65 sacks of potatoes from eight-tenths of an acre, instead of eight acres....Our chapter has a paid up membership of 60 which is the largest in its history. We have only one State Farmer, George Cochran, who is attending Kansas State College. Warren Kimbal is our candidate for State Farmer degree this year....Robert Neiswender, a Green Hand, is the manager of our two pens of ten head of pure bred Duroc fattening hogs which we plan to market between February 20 and March 10. Hog numbers are rather low among individual members. Very few have more than two fattening hogs or one breeding animal. An exception is Warren Kimbal, whose three pure bred Chester White sows farrowed 69 pigs and raised 59 during 1939....Lauren Whiteman handled 14 head of beef cattle during 1939 with a nice profit....Larger farming programs are being planned for 1940 with increased interest in sheep and beef....Our poultry flock of 36 birds has been culled to 30. Production has been above 50 per cent at all times with 60 per cent common during the past cold weather. We are contracting fresh eggs at 30 cents per dozen to a member who has sales ability....Our broiler project birds weigh one to one and half pounds....Spring lambs are arriving for Warren Kimbal and Roland Levering, each reporting two pairs of twins. Roland has 18 ewes lambing and 12 feeder lambs on feed for the late February or early March market....Plans are under way for a cooperative beef project of five head among members....At present we have \$30 worth of C.S.M., S.B.M., L.S.M., bran, shorts, corn, oats, alfalfa hay, laying mash, scratch grain, hominy, tankage, and hog supplement on hand in the shop. Individual members through this method are able to buy in small purchases at cost feeds needed to balance home grown and purchased feeds....Several loans have been sponsored by the chapter through the school bank during the first semester....Increased interest is being shown in dairy cattle among members. A purebred registered Jersey was purchased at the S.B.A. Jersey dispersal sale. ....One hundred per cent of the No. 10, 11, and 12 classes are entered in the Hoard's Dairyman cow judging contest. Our FFA chapter will award a free subscription to the three high scoring individuals....Our annual parent and son banquet will be held Wednesday evening, February 28. A chapter banner has been purchased for the event and several members will be awarded emblems for achievement during the year. Attendance is expected to reach 150 or more.... A carton of F.F.A. markers was received last month which will help advertise our farming programs....F.F.A. uniforms purchased first semester attend school quite often. They seem to be too good for the shop....Advisor Peterson and Mrs. Peterson are the proud parents of a daughter, Carol Ann, born December 22 at Stormont hospital.

--Warren Kimbal, Reporter

**FREDONIA:** Our vocational farm now has 18 native ewes and 9 western ewes, which have just started lambing. We intend to sell the western lambs on the market and keep the native lambs as breeders. The farm also has two purebred gilts. Five boys from our chapter entered the public speaking contest at Chanute and received a ranking of first....The chapter has had its regular Green Hand and Future Farmer initiation, which makes 50 members in our chapter at the present time.

--C. J. Jordan, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

**SHAWNEE MISSION:** One year ago the Shawnee Mission chapter was asked by KMBC broadcasting station to give a fifteen minute program on every fourth Saturday of each month for twelve consecutive months. Today we are proud to have fulfilled the request. Some members who participated were: Albert S. Coates, past national officer; Walter Smith, who gave his prize winning oration; Conrad Flinn, Carl Davis, and Ralph Mullen gave our farm machinery sale plans and named the members of the committee; Bob Bell and George Liddle gave a short skit on accident prevention; one group spoke on what the F.F.A. Creed means to us; another participated in city versus country quiz conducted one afternoon with several city girls. These programs and several others were planned not just for entertainment but to inform people about the Future Farmers of America....The eleventh annual parent-son banquet was held November 16, 1939. This yearly affair has become a very vital part of our F.F.A. program. 180 parents, guests and sons attended. The program following the supper was begun by the chapter officers giving the official opening ceremony. Reverend Tomshany of the First Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Kansas, gave a speech on, "The Meaning of Being an American". A piano solo was given by Byron Maddox and a skit presenting all past and future events of the Shawnee Mission chapter was presented by various chapter members....Albert S. Coates Jr., and his father presented our chapter with three purebred Duroc Jersey gilts. Bob Wasson's father also presented our chapter with three purebred Hampshire rams. These donations are for a trip to Washington, D. C., now being planned. ...The annual farm machinery sale is another big event for this spring. A great many pieces of machinery have been brought to our shop to be overhauled and generally repaired for this sale. We now have two go-devils, two mowers, three dump rakes, several cultivators, three sulky plows, two walking plows, a gas engine, two discs, and many other pieces. We are also building a lime spreader ....The February issue of Successful Farming carries a feature story of the activities of this chapter. A color cover page shows a shop scene. These photographs were taken the latter part of August. The story was written in October when Mr. Hugh Curtis, associate editor visited our chapter.

--Ben Martin, Reporter

**BENEDICT:** The candidates for the Future Farmer degree were raised to this degree by the Chanute chapter. Those receiving this degree were: Dwayne Clary, Milburn Cook, Rex Scott, Dean Scott, William Chamberlain, Homer Maxwell, Robert Brown, Bernard Morton, Ira James and Earl Parsons....An installation service was held as an assembly program for the purpose of installing the new officers....The chapter has purchased the official F.F.A. jackets for use of the officers in meeting and for members to wear while representing the chapter on judging trips and other activities....Our basketball team has played three games to date, winning one and losing two....The F.F.A. boys have gained butchering experience by butchering several hogs in the neighborhood....Much interest exists at present in a pest eradication campaign in which the boys are divided into sides to determine which side can destroy the most farm pests. The losing side will entertain the winners at the close of the campaign.... Four boys from our chapter entered the Southeast Kansas Public Speaking contest at Chanute January 31, winning fourth place with nine schools competing. ....Those entering were: Lee Templeman and Lawrence Roney in the Freshman division, Harlan Cook in the Sophomore division, and Dwayne Clary in the Junior division....Listen for the Benedict chapter broadcast from station KGGF the second Sunday in April.

--Rex Scott, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

**MANHATTAN:** The Manhattan chapter prepared and presented a 15 minute radio program over KFBI in Abilene, December 1, at 1:30 p. m. The theme of the program was "Conduct of Meetings". It was in the form of an officers' meeting and a discussion of what a well conducted meeting should consist of. Those taking part in the program were Adelbert Wilson, president; Grant Poole, vice president; Norman Woolgar, reporter; Darold Ukean, treasurer; Bill Neff, secretary; Junior Palmer, watch dog; and Mr. Kugler, advisor....A rather unusual community service enterprise was completed in December. The project was that of repairing a house for a needy family of Manhattan. The house was run down so that it would have offered very poor protection during the cold weather. The work was donated entirely by the Manhattan members and the owner furnished the materials. The work consisted of setting window glasses, reframing windows, weather stripping completely, rehanging doors, and renailling siding. As a result this family of seven, including five children, is much better housed for the winter....Bruce Mitchell, an F.F.A. member from the Waterloo, New York chapter visited the Manhattan day meeting, December 7. He spent some time in discussing the types of farming in New York. He also said his chapter sports a five piece band....The Manhattan chapter is sponsoring an adult evening school for young farmers of this vicinity. To secure an enrollment, personal invitations were given by the members to prospective students. The class meets twice each week for two hour periods. Some of the jobs that are in the process of construction are building two two-wheel trailers, and chasis for 4 wheel farm trailer, rebuilding manure spreader, rebuilding 2 grain drills, building wheel barrow, and general tool work such as forge and woodwork jobs. ...The Manhattan chapter recently presented a high school assembly program. L. F. Hall of the Department of Education showed a technicolor sound film, "Kansas Future Farmers at Work". Jack Richter was chairman of the committee with Darold Ukena in charge of the devotions. Merlin Gustafason gave a reading. F.F.A. paraphernalia was used to decorate the stage....Four hundred pounds of mineral supplement for sheep projects has just been cooperatively purchased and mixed. A shoe shining kit has been built for use in the classroom. It is for the purpose of shining shoes when returning from field trips, etc. A number of community service projects have been and are being carried on. One was the painting of the school bus garage. After studying the paint formulas acquired from the paint stores, a local company's paint was selected and the garage was given two coats of paint. Jim Whitney and Alvin Abbott are now engaged in painting their homes. A pest eradication contest has also been completed. The pests that were eradicated were 677 sparrows, 189 mice, 38 rats, 5 crows, and 55 gophers. Don Wells and William York were captains of the two teams. Well's side, the losers, furnished a chili feed to the winners....Paul Kelley, present state F.F.A. president, visited the Manhattan chapter at one of our regular night meetings. He was accompanied by James Nelson, a State Farmer from Marysville. Wayne Lewis, Manhattan graduate, who is now farming down in Missouri also visited the chapter meeting. Clay Center was the guest of Manhattan in December. Following the business meeting they gave us a beating in basketball. A joint meeting and initiation of Green Hands was held at Manhattan in cooperation with the Wakefield chapter on February 12. The Manhattan chapter father-son banquet will be held February 23, according to Grant Poole, chairman.

-- Norman Woolgar, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

HIGHLAND PARK: A meeting for our parents was held Thursday evening, December 14. About 100 boys and parents were in attendance. The new state motion picture, "Future Farmers at Work" was shown. Mr. C. M. Miller, state director of Vocational Education, Mr. L. F. Hall of Kansas State College, and Mr. Steve Smith of Topeka, were present and made short talks. Refreshments were served by the mothers in the Home Economics room....Several new books have been added to our library. They are: "Short Stories for Future Farmers", "Future Farmers in Action", "Programs for Future Farmer Chapter Meetings", and "Forward F.F.A.". The officers have been assigning topics from the new books and reports are being made in F.F.A. meetings....A sound film on soil conservation entitled "Muddy Waters", was shown at our regular chapter meeting January 29. The picture was secured through the cooperation of the Shawnee County Farm Bureau.... 90 head of western ewes have been purchased cooperatively and distributed among our members. The average cost of the ewes was \$5.75 per head. Kenneth Frownfelter has purchased two purebred dairy cows as a part of his farming program. Robert Rake, Theron Kent, Eugene Herschell, and Albert Jackson have started beef calf projects. The chapter has borrowed \$500 from the Production Credit Association to help finance individual farming programs....Our cooperative swine project consists of four purebred Duroc gilts. Three members have taken the gilts on a share basis.... One of our activities to raise funds is a candy sales stand at school. Since January 1, our sales have totaled \$50. Our treasurer, Theron Kent, is chairman of the finance committee....As one requirement for the Green Hand degree, the candidates are asked to give a five-minute talk on a topic dealing with the F.F.A. organization....Farming program equipment recently completed in our shop includes: poultry mash hoppers, sheep feeders, tool cabinets, hog panels and hog feeders....Plans are being made for the Topeka Dairy Judging School which will be held April 6.

-- Albert Jackson, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: We had our parent and son banquet November 29. 135 plates were served by members of the vocational home making class under the supervision of Mrs. Emma T. Galbraith. President F. D. Farrell of Kansas State College was our guest speaker, and was accompanied by Lawrence Hall. We elected four honorary members at this meeting: President F. D. Farrell, Professor Lawrence Hall, County Agent Phil Ljungdhal, and City Marshall George Gutsch. Some talks on different sources were given by F.F.A. members....December 4 six members of the Senior class, Claude McCabe, Clarence Cameron, T. C. Galbraith, Dean Brown, Riley Cahoon, and Wayne Pracht, accompanied by Mr. L. E. Croy, went on a marketing trip. They visited many points of interest including the Kansas City Board of Trade, Kansas Grain Inspection department, Daily Drivers Telegram, Livestock Exchange building, and Hallmark's Dairy Farm. At this time we marketed our baby beef deferred feeding project on the Kansas City market....The F.F.A. boys had a date party December 22. We played cards and different games. Twelve boys were present with their dates....The F.F.A. is having a pest eradication. The pests include crows, cottontails, jackrabbits, hawks, mice, rats, coyotes, and sparrows. We began January 15 and will end March 1....The vocational agriculture class has butchered 12 hogs and 1 beef this year, and has received about \$8.00. All work is done at the agriculture shop....Our chapter gave a radio broadcast over KTSW February 6. The main topic for discussion was, "Our Deferred Feeding Project", which was carried on here last year.

--Wayne Pracht, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

COUNCIL GROVE: Our chapter officers for the year are: Robert Buchman, president; Bob Holm, vice president; Ray Burnett, secretary; George Bolton, treasurer; Harry Longbine, reporter, and Bill Stever, watch dog....For the November meeting initiation of the Green Hands was the main feature. Those initiated were given a good test in F.F.A. history as well as the Purposes and the Creed. ....The Rotary Club sponsored a beef cattle project for the F.F.A. this year. This was in the form of a cooperative project. Eleven members borrowed money from the Rotary Club. Twenty-two calves were purchased. The calves were fed on the deferred system after purchasing them at an average weight of 453 lbs. They were sold at an average weight of 988.5 lbs., with a 535 lbs. gain in 293 days. The Rotary Club furnished rides for the boys to Kansas City November 28 in which they marketed their calves for \$11 a hundred. It was the top price at Kansas City that day. The Swift & Company firm invited the boys for a dinner at their plant and later took them to the airport and the Kansas City Power plant....The F.F.A. is sponsoring a class project of feeding 32 Western ewes that were purchased last August. They are expecting to lamb the middle of February. Sixty-eight ewes were purchased for 7 F.F.A. members through the Production Credit Association. They are being bred to purebred Hampshire bucks....Classes of the vocational agriculture group built two temporary sheep barns for the F.F.A. class project and another for Leo O'Grady. They were made out of baled hay....The F.F.A. enjoyed a roller skating party with the Home Economics class last month....Ten Green Hands were initiated at the regular High School assembly period February 6. Each boy received the formal initiation and the informal type of compulsory "Hog Calling Contest".

--Harry Longbine, Reporter

LACYGNE: The LaCygne chapter started the school year with five Future Farmers and eight Green Hands. On January 1, the chapter had 11 Future Farmers and 21 Green Hands in good standing....The chapter officers were elected at the first regular meeting, namely, Jack Hall, president; Henry Donley, vice president; Howard Mooney, secretary; Glen Lindsey, treasurer; Donald Burnett, reporter. It was voted that the dues be 50 cents per year....Our advisor Mr. Kientz suggested having a pie and box supper as a means of making some money. Plans were started on the box supper which took place November 17 and netted the chapter \$29.90....The chapter has held one Future Farmer initiation and two Green Hand initiations this year. We are striving to get every boy enrolled in vocational agriculture to become an F.F.A. member....This is the first year the chapter has sent in an activity report. The members are working to accomplish the goals set up in this report....To create more interest in the F.F.A. we have a pest eradication contest under way. Pests being eradicated are as follows: chicken hawks, crows, rats, mice, sparrows....LaCygne has 35 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. Of this number 32 are active members in the F.F.A. We hold one regular monthly meeting the first Monday in each month.

--Donald Burnett, Reporter

LEBANON: Our parent and son banquet was held November 10 with an attendance of 22....In the livestock judging contest held at Smith Center December 16, our team placed first out of 14 teams entered with three individuals from our school in the first team....At our first parent and son meeting, January 26 there were 75 per cent of the members and their parents present to see the technicolor film of "Kansas Future Farmers at Work"....In the Stockton Grain and Poultry contest our team placed second in the Crops division and fourth in Poultry.

--John McCall, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

WILLIAMSBURG: Our F.F.A. chapter is working on the Hoards Dairyman's Judging contest. The Sophomore class entered into a judging contest held among themselves, judging four of the sheep out of the class project. Our vocational agriculture teacher took pictures of the sheep while the students held them. He has taken many pictures of our individual projects and the pictures have been put on a board in our agriculture room....In December we purchased five shoats to follow the four steers we purchased in October. The steers are gaining in weight. When purchased, they weighed around 350 and now weigh about 550. The shoats have gained from 66 pounds to 100 pounds from the date of purchase to present date....Our F.F.A. projects to date include 4 steers, 5 shoats, 2 registered rams, 1 registered Chester White boar, 7 ewes and a half share in wool and lamb crop of 9 other ewes, and 14 White Rock pullets that will be used for judging a little later in the spring....We have three new students in vocational agriculture, Earl England, Everett Blankenship and Junior Claypole. This brings our total enrollment in vocational agriculture to 37. All No. 9 boys with the exception of one, at present have their farming programs under way. Eighteen boys are enrolled in the No. 10 course. Of the 18 boys, 11 have sheep projects. All ewes with the exception of 5 were bred to registered rams. We introduced more beef and poultry in our program this year and hope to expand these two enterprises more another year.

--Billy Allsup, Reporter

ATTICA: December 16, 1939, we sponsored a pie and box supper for the purpose of raising money for the chapter treasury. Merl Crow, Glen Kuykendall, and Wendel Patterson had parts in a play; George Miller and Walter Drake gave a negro skit, and a short play was presented over the public address system in form of a broadcast. John Allen, Clarence Honn, Clifford Newberry, Darwin Cook, LaVern Broce, Roland Kimmel and Lee Benton had interesting parts. We had a most popular girl contest and the winner was given a box of chocolates. ...Sixty-five students and faculty members enjoyed a party January 26. Our chapter and the Athletic club invited the Girl Reserves to a party in the gym in return for the one which they had given for us earlier in January. John Lindley, Glenn Kuykendall, Walter Drake and David Drake served on the F.F.A. committee which cooperated with a committee from the athletic club. Games, volley ball and group singing took most of the evening's time. Everyone had a most enjoyable time....The No. 10 class is planning to butcher two beeves. ...Almost all of the chapter members have decided to raise some kind of feed this year as part of their farming programs.

--Loren Tucker, Reporter

GLASCO: The Sophomore vocational agriculture class made up of Lon Everley, Dale Grimm, Wm. Hofflinger, James McIntosh, Carl Windhorst and Robert Wright are carrying on a hog feeding project. The project got under way about December 20 with 17 head of hogs. The boys financed the project with \$5.00 deposit made by each boy and the remainder of the money needed was borrowed. Despite the cold weather the hogs have made nice gains so the project has quite a favorable outlook....The annual F.F.A. date night party was held at the home of Dick Olson, January 17. The boys usually regard this as one of the biggest events in the F.F.A. year....The Glasco chapter has made definite plans to carry on a chick project for spring fry production. We plan to sell the biggest share to local customers and the remainder to a packing company. The project will be financed in part by the F.F.A. treasury and the remainder by a loan from the bank.

--Dick Olsen, Reporter



## Chapter News (Continued)

**RANDOLPH:** Officers of our chapter are: Leonard Hillstrom, president; Robert Harris, vice president; Leonard Anderson, treasurer; Clinton Wendland, secretary; Raymond Lundberg, reporter; Leland Hartog, watch dog....The F.F.A. chapter shipped in a carload of Texas ewes to be distributed to the boys and farmers in the community. A cooperative F.F.A. project was started last fall with 15 of these Texas ewes, the profits going to the F.F.A. chapter. Some of the cooperative work that is being done by the chapter is the purchase of used farm machinery to be fixed up by the boys and to be sold at a shop sale in the spring. The vocational agriculture department purchased an old barn which the boys wrecked. The second-hand lumber is being used in building shop projects, this source of lumber being very cheap as well as useful to the students. We have just finished mixing around 800 pounds of mineral supplement to be used by the boys and farmers in the community....We are conducting a pest eradication contest in which all of the most harmful pests are on the list to be eradicated....On January 15 we held our Green Hand initiation with 10 boys entering our organization. The Green Hands who were initiated have for a farming program an average of over 4 projects per boy. We think that the standards they are setting are very good....We participated in a radio program over station KFBI on the topic of "Community Service". This program is one of a series of programs being given by chapters in the North Central district....Shop work has been progressing rapidly. Projects now under construction are: 1 loading chute, 4 harrows to be reconditioned, 2 cars to be overhauled, 4 ladders, 1 turning lathe, 1 wind charger, 1 "A" type hog house, 4 mash hoppers, 1 gasoline engine being overhauled....This year the F.F.A. chapter is sponsoring a part-time school. The boys help in the shop work and also assist in work to be done in the classroom. The school is divided into two phases, one half of the school is in shop and the other half is swine production. Interest in this school has been high and the attendance has been good.

--Raymond Lundberry, Reporter

**FRANKFORT:** We initiated the following boys as Green Hands in December: Charles Atwood, Donald Carlson, Gerald Fincham, Howard Hale, Lyle Johnson, Robert Johnston, Donald Jones, Allen Loucks, William Loucks, Waldcan Loughary, Ray Miller, Rollin Saville, Richard Walls, and Virgil Ekstrum....Our chapter entertained the Future Homemakers at a joint party on December 14....We invited our parents to attend a special meeting of our chapter on January 10. "Future Farmers at Work", an interesting technicolor talkie of Kansas Future Farmers was shown. Professor L. F. Hall of Kansas State College was our principal speaker. Others who appeared on the program were Ray Miller, who recited the F.F.A. Creed, LeRoy Johnston who gave the history of the F.F.A. organization, and Francis Harland who discussed the purposes of the organization. Paul Griffee and Bernie Black furnished music during the evening. In a knot tying contest the Green Hands were represented by Robert Johnston, Ray Miller and Donald Carlson, and the Future Farmers by Paul Griffee, LeRoy Johnston and John Harper. The Future Farmers won by a close margin....The Seymour Packing Company, represented in Frankfort by Mr. Willfred Gudenkauf, is sponsoring a chicken club. Fifteen boys will participate in this work. Each boy will receive 100 White Plymouth Rock baby chicks in March. In September the company will sponsor a poultry show at which time each boy will show some of his best cockerels and pullets.

--John Gaston, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

STOCKTON: Our judging team lost its first contest this season at Smith Center. Lebanon won the contest and Stockton was second. We had three boys in the ten high individuals....The chapter initiated their freshman boys in the Green Hand degree December 12. The Woodston chapter brought their boys up to receive the Green Hand degree the same night....The week of January 22, the vocational agriculture boys exchanged classes with the Home Economics girls. Monday and Tuesday the boys learned how to be courteous gentlemen. Wednesday and Thursday the boys darned their socks. Friday was the last day, but it proved to be the best day of the week. When we went to class Friday morning we went to the kitchen where we made muffins. The worst part of going to the kitchen was washing the dishes. The girls taking vocational agriculture learned to identify the different farm tools the first day. After that they made door stops, pot holders and painted different designs on them. We plan to change classes again in the spring....We sponsored a Crops and Poultry school February 3. The school was attended by Lebanon, Smith Center, Phillipsburg, Norton, Hoxie, Wakeeney, Hill City, Osborne, Alton, Woodston, Kensington and Stockton. Stockton was first in the crops school followed by Lebanon and Woodston. Stockton also won the poultry school followed by Hoxie and Woodston. Stockton had the two high individuals with a Woodston boy being third....Our officers conferred the Green Hand degree on the members of the newly established Phillipsburg department.

--James Kelly, Reporter

LINN: The Linn F.F.A. chapter broadcast over KFBI Abilene, January 13 at 1:30 p. m. Our topic was "Leadership". Those making the trip were Lawrence Oestreich, Willard Hateschl, Herbert Meyerhoff, Waldemar Meier, Kenneth Duitsman, Herman Laue, Charles Rand, Elmer Heitman, and Loren Lange....We had a pest eradication contest. We were divided into three groups: Linn, Northeast Linn, and Palmer. Linn was first, Palmer second and Northeast, third. The contest lasted three months....Our State Farmer candidate is Lawrence Oestreich.... The major projects being made in shop are: 1 hay rack, four-wheel trailer, two wagons, repairing a corn sheller, building porch swings and hall trees. ...The Linn chapter held a roller skating party with the Home Economics girls. About 50 were present.

--Kenneth Duitsman, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Our chapter sponsored a mystery play, "This Night Beware", which was held in the high school auditorium January 17 and 18. Because of poor weather conditions the play cleared only \$23 which raises our bank balance to \$34. Mrs. Clegg selected the characters and coached the play. The girls' parts were taken by girls from the homemaking club....About 15 members and their girl friends attended a skating party at the Blue Moon skating rink in Parsons....Jim Mairs was appointed manager of the basketball team and it is now practicing on Monday and Tuesday of each week....At the last meeting an educational motion picture, "The History of Binding Twine", was shown....The No. 10 Agriculture class has finished the study of "Hog Production" and will begin the study of "Spring Lamb Production"....Last week we had a motion picture "Mutton and Lamb and Its Use On The Farm".

--Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

CHANUTE: Our annual parent and son banquet was held November 25 in the Senior high school cafeteria. 192 guests were present. The theme of the banquet was the corn plant. Boys giving talks were Wayne Brant, Phillip Cooper, Marion Johnson, Frank Bates, Max King, Earnest Madill, and Raymond Freiderich. The Green Hand ceremony was given for 22 ninth grade boys....Our annual pie and box supper was held November 9. A 45 minute program was presented. After all expenses were paid, we had a profit of \$54.50....We are buying basketball suits for our F.F.A. team and will pay for them by selling tickets in advance to our F.F.A. games at 10 cents each....Our annual pest eradication contest began December 23. We are having a contest between classes and also are giving a reward for the highest individual....Our annual Christmas date party was December 21. There were 30 couples present. The evening was spent playing games and dancing....The Chanute chapter held its annual chapter public speaking contest January 25. Thirty-one boys competed in the three divisions of the contest. The winner in the Freshman division was Melvin Alford, the Sophomore division was won by Frank Bates, and the Junior-Senior division was won by Phillip Cooper. Those holding second place in each of the divisions were: Junior Allen, Freshman; Wendell Brant, Sophomore; Glen Neely, Junior-Senior. Speeches were judged by members of the Chanute Speech and English department.

--Joe Arthur, Reporter

ALMA: Our F.F.A. officers are Dewey TenEyck, president; Albert Theel, vice president; Bill Ekart, secretary; Edward Richter, treasurer; Kenneth Thowe, reporter; Charles Hauer, watch dog and Mr. Hawk, advisor. At our monthly day meeting in November we chose our program committee for the day and night meetings. Our night program committee is Edward Herbic, Melvin Geisler, and William Heustis. Our day program committee is Edward Richter, Dewey TenEyck, and Albert Theel....On December 17, our advisor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hawk entertained both the F.F.A. old and new officers with a six o'clock dinner at their home. Those present were Dewey TenEyck, Albert Theel, Bill Ekart, Edward Richter, Kenneth Thowe, Charles and Edward Hauer, Delmar Maike, Melvin Geisler and Donald Rice. The evening was spent playing games....Our chapter organized a basketball team this year. We played the St. George F.F.A. team January 3 and beat them 27 to 15. We are trying to schedule games with other neighboring F.F.A. teams....We appointed a committee composed of William Heustis, Lloyd Falk and Kenneth Thowe to plan some kind of entertainment in order to raise money for our chapter....Mr. Hawk took Dewey TenEyck, Albert Theel, Bill Ekart and Edward Richter to St. George January 11 to attend the F.F.A. parent reception and a show sponsored by the St. George F.F.A. chapter.

-- Kenneth Towe, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our officers are: Roman Abt, president; James Wright, vice president; Howard Gant, treasurer; Glen Thomas, secretary; Irwin Axline, reporter. The election is held in the spring and the officers take their office the following September....The chapter plans to have a date hay rack ride with the F.F.A. this coming spring. Anyone who comes must have a date. The chapter sponsored a school carnival with the help of the F.H.A. in December, which was a great success. For contests the chapter sponsored a sparrow killing contest. The members of the winning side were treated to a lunch....The chapter plans to have a project tour which will take in every boy's farming program. They plan to take a whole day and examine each project thoroughly. The boy who has the best project goes to Manhattan as our chapter delegate.

--Irwin Axline, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

MELVERN: The first event of the Melvern activity program was a rat contest. Twenty members caught a total of 1322 rats. We consider this a very good record. The contest was conducted for only two weeks. Another event was the organizing of a cooperative swine project. We bought and are feeding out 11 Poland China pigs. Each boy has a share and the profits will be divided between the boys and the F.F.A. treasury....On January 29 we had a rabbit drive. This drive netted us 90 rabbits which were fed to the pigs. Five members took part....The most common shop projects this year consisted of a two wheel trailer for the shop, one concrete cultipacker, 20 sheep bunks for students and local farmers, 1 cattle bunk, 2 hog troughs, 2 chicken feeders and many other smaller jobs.

--R. Arnold, Reporter

HOLTON: Holton F.F.A. officers are Harold Riley, president; Lyle Siple, vice president; Charles Arnold, secretary; Elmer Kuglin, treasurer; David Schirmer, reporter....We have 17 boys initiated as Green Hands and 15 raised to the degree of Future Farmers this year....Our chapter cooperated with the Effingham chapter in the purchasing of a car load of Western ewes....To raise chapter funds the F.F.A. sells pop corn at athletic events. The chapter invested in poppers and other necessary equipment. Another way we have of raising funds is butchering. We have invested \$7.00 in equipment and will butcher hogs at 50 cents apiece.

--David Schirmer, Reporter

COATE: Officers of the Coats chapter are J. L. Branson, president; Lewis Chinn, vice president; Douglas Fulton, secretary; Warren Jacks, treasurer; Lee Staats, reporter; Jack Chinn, watch dog....A father and son banquet will be held on March 12, with an F.F.A. picture following....The two pure bred Duroc Jersey sows owned jointly by the Agriculture class and F.F.A. farrowed 27 pigs and raised 24 to ten weeks old....Twenty-one pigs were put in the fattening pen on November 20. They are full fed on ground corn, tankage, and alfalfa leaf meal in a self feeder. The self feeder was devised by opening the base of the grainary.

--Lee Staats, Reporter

HADDAM: The Haddam F.F.A. officers are Robert Howley, president; Delbert Carlson, vice president; Kenneth Rhine, secretary; Billie Teeter, treasurer; Vernon Kaufman, reporter; Leslie Bower, watch dog. We meet on the first Thursday in every month....We plan to have a project tour in the spring and one in the fall....Initiation of the Freshmen was held November 5. Each Green Hand was required to learn the F.F.A. Creed and pay his dues.

--Vernon Kaufman, Reporter

OSBORNE: On December 14 we held our parent and son Christmas party at which time the Green Hand initiation was held. Other numbers on the program were talks given by chapter members and the address of the evening delivered by Mr. Blauer of Lebanon. Presents, made by the boys as shop projects, were given the parents....Our chapter project consists of ten aged ewes bred to lamb in the early winter. Financial aid was secured from the school system....Our shop projects consist of feed bunks, sheep feeders, hog feeders, forges, chisels, and punches. Mineral mixtures for hogs and sheep have also been mixed....On our field trips we have dehorned 45 head of cattle, castrated 22 pigs, culled 800 chickens, wormed 25 chickens, wormed 75 ewes and docked 110 lambs.

--Dale Pruitt, Reporter

## BRAGGARTS

The January 15, 1940 issue of the Kansas Future Farmer was a good one, but just why the "Office Help" should seize upon a time when we were slightly dismembered--and they had put out one of their best issues--to do their bragging we can't understand....Don't they know we must protect our public and keep our boss fooled....We admit it was a good issue, one of the best they have gotten out in years....And when we phoned in to direct the attention of the "Office Help" to a few p's and q's left unminded, we very promptly had our attention called to a clause--in fine print--buried in the "Hold" (nautical) of the article, which gave instructions on how to write out complaints, tear up and properly file in one's own wastepaper basket....We felt badly about our blunder in submitting our criticism, but it was occasioned by the fact that we knew "Office Help" was of the old school of journalism, subscribing to the practice of covering all items of news value in the head, lead, and not to exceed the depth of the first paragraph....Imagine our surprise when the fine print clause was called to our attention....all of which goes to prove that one cannot tell anything about "Office Help" and these modern journalism textbooks....Maybe we should fire her--perhaps we should all be fired....And if all this does not make sense, we refer you to the discourse on feeble minded editors in the January 15, 1940 issue of The Kansas Future Farmer....Then submit your questions in writing, name in upper right hand corner, remembering our interest in the manner in which the papers are folded....Now hand me the pot of paste and a large pair of scissors so that we can supervise the publication of the February issue of the Kansas Future Farmer and attempt to reestablish the illusion of our readers and boss concerning,

Your Editor



Howdy folks! We cut our mid-winter vacation short in order to help with this issue of the Kansas Future Farmer. Another issue during our absence would have convinced everyone concerned of our inability to operate the automatic stapling machine. Happy New Year, Ed.