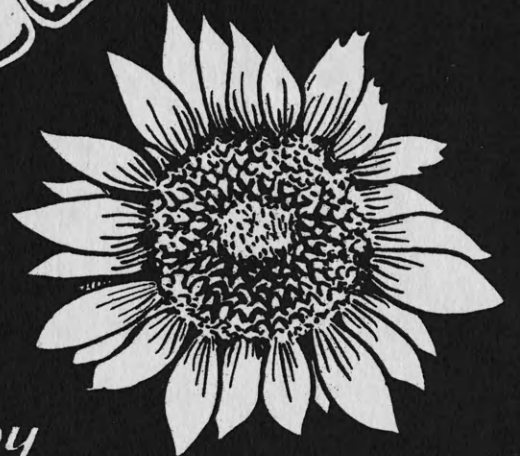
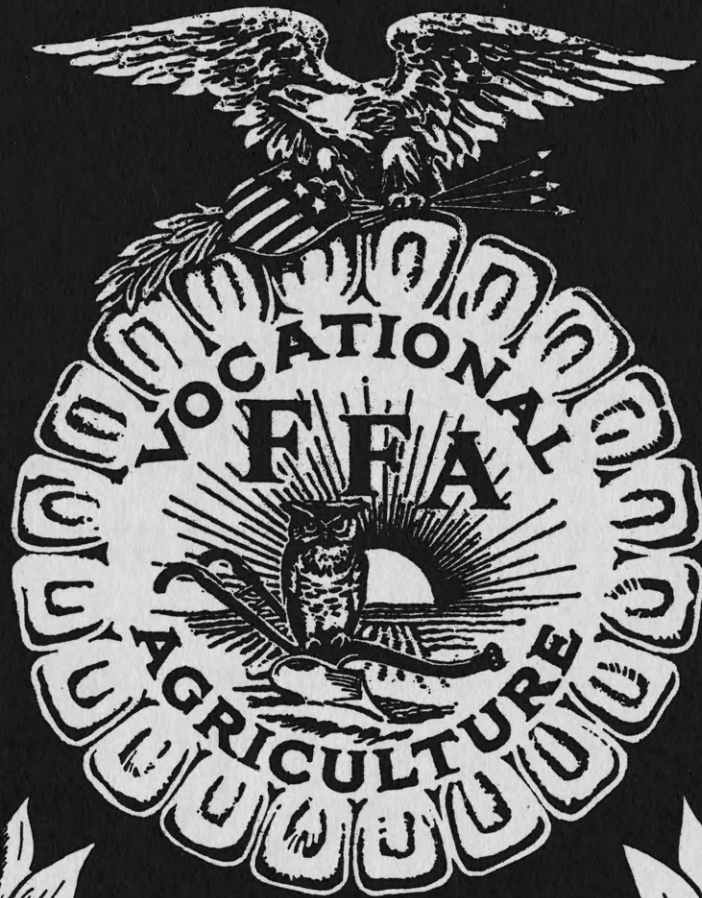


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F.F.A. CALENDAR

Notification of Intention to enter candidates for

State Farmer, American Farmer, Carl Raymond Gray due..... November 1  
Chapter Activity Programs due in State Office..... November 1  
Fifteenth National F.F.A. Convention, Kansas City..... October 25-29  
National F.F.A. Day..... October 26

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YOUR CHAPTER AND SCRAP.

Atwood chapter with 45,485 pounds of scrap collected led the Kansas chapters as of April, 1942. The average per chapter as of that date was 4.5 tons. What is your chapter doing in the Scrap Drive?

Something to shoot at. The Nebraska City FFA chapter won the Junior Organization award in a 60 day scrap drive recently completed in Nebraska, and was awarded a \$50 war bond. The members of this chapter collected 446,996 pounds of metal and rubber.

Congratulations Nebraska City chapter-- We're listening, Kansas Chapters.

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

October 25-29, 1942, are the dates for the Fifteenth National FFA Convention. Headquarters will be in the Hotel President. Registration and all meetings of the House of Delegates will be in the Municipal Auditorium. The convention is open to visitors, but no attempt is being made on the part of the National Organization to encourage member attendance.

The Official Program shows the following changes from the Tentative Program printed on page 2, of the September 1942 Newsletter:

Sunday, October 25.

Meeting of State Advisers changed to 2:00 p. m.

Get-together Dinner for National F.F.A. Officers and Delegates changed to 6:30 p. m.

Monday, October 26.

F.F.A. National Public Speaking Contest, changed to Little Theater instead of Music Hall.

Wednesday, October 28.

Annual banquet, 6:30 p. m. will be held at the Hotel President.

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A MERE MILLION

By omitting the figure one before the 400,000, page 3, September 1942, FFA Newsletter, the national total of bonds and stamps purchased by the Future Farmers of America was listed as "almost \$400,000." The figure should have read \$1,400,000, which is an excellent record for the 245,000 members. However, every FFA member must continue to purchase war bonds and stamps if we expect to "keep 'em flying."

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WITH THE COAST GUARD--SOME PLACE IN CALIFORNIA

President Wayne Brant speaking: "Fellow Future Farmers you have a tough job ahead. The job of raising enough food to feed your country's army along with keeping the home front well supplied--not to mention the lend-lease program. To me the man behind the man behind the gun has a far more important place in winning this war than those who man the guns. Without food we are defeated. Speaking for millions of fellows like myself, we are depending on you."

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A sailor is offering peanuts to a soldier. Another sailor standing nearby observes: "He always likes to be nice to the army. After all, they are our allies--just the same as the British and the Chinese."

M. Humfreville Cartoon in Collier's.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order for the 73 local FFA reporters who sent in news of their chapter to the state association every time requested during 1941-42. Only derision is due the 26 local reporters who failed to respond to a single request for news sent by the state reporter last year. The atmosphere must be drowsy indeed in communities where local reporters and local advisers cannot find anything newsworthy to report during an entire school year. Contrast such apathy with the alert reporting from 12 local chapters who made the Kansas Future Farmer oftener than the state reporter requested news notes of them.

This year without fail local FFA officers must function effectively if the organization is to survive. Do not take the complacent attitude that your chapter was among the 73 one hundred percenters, or the 100 per cent plus group, but rather ask your reporter to check the 1941-42 issues of the Kansas Future Farmer and determine exactly where you stood. If you find you were in the 100 per cent group, or the 100 per cent plus group, all well and good-- you have a standard to live up to. Should your chapter fall in the group that responded less than 100 per cent then make up your mind to do something about it.

Chapter news items averaged 130 words in length in the nine issues of the Kansas Future Farmer in 1941-42.

In order to assist local chapter officers to check more closely on the office of local reporter, we are listing herewith the chapters that will be requested to send in news for the November newsletter. These same chapters will be called upon for news for the February and May issues of the Kansas Future Farmer.

Alta Vista	Chetopa	Inman	Paxico
Alton	Clifton	Junction City	Quinter
Argonia	Coldwater	Kiowa	Ramona
Ashland	Columbus	Lawrence	Seneca
Atwood	Delphos	Leon	Simpson
Auburn	Fairview	Longford	Smith Center
Beloit	Ford	Lyndon	Soldier
Beverly	Greenleaf	McPherson	Stafford
Bird City	Grimmell	Miltonvale	Trousdale
Bonner Springs	Harper	Morrowville	Wakefield
Burlington	Hiawatha	Norton	Waterville
Byers	Holcomb	Onaga	Wellsville
Chanute	Horton	Paola	Winfield
Chapman	Howard		

-- FFA --

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan, which moves  
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

--William Cullen Bryant

COOPERATION

The National FFA Organization, all State Associations, and every local FFA chapter faces the most critical time in its history this year. War has made inroads on our chapter advisers, on chapter membership; discontinuing fairs, judging contests, and recreational trips remove powerful stimuli for paying dues and entering into FFA activities; dues are higher; some FFA supplies are no longer available for use in rewarding merit; gas rationing will necessitate a reevaluation of state and chapter activity programs. Chapters which never had much of a place in the community will probably falter, but the kind of a Future Farmer chapter to which you point with pride as a member, will go ahead with a strong, functioning program in the face of all of these war-born obstacles. The Future Farmers of America is an efficient organization and has been most highly complimented by many of our National leaders. What other youth organization can point to so many outstanding contributions to the war effort? Acquaint your members and your communities with the FFA war effort to date--then redouble your own efforts and thereby make your contribution to an organization that is playing an important part in America's war effort. Remember, thirty boys working individually will never accomplish the same desirable objectives in war-time or peace time, as thirty boys working together.

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NATIONAL FFA DAY, OCTOBER 26, 1942

Monday, October 26, the opening day of the 15th National Convention, has been designated as National FFA Day. Local chapters are urged to develop plans for some appropriate observance in the home town on that date. Forms of observance may well include such activities as the following:

Special chapter meetings.  
Special school assembly programs.  
Luncheons, dinners, banquets.  
Radio broadcasts.

Emphasis should be given to the war effort on the part of the F.F.A. national, state and local. Phases of the war effort to be given consideration are: (1) the purchase of war bonds and stamps; (2) salvaging needed war materials; (3) producing food for victory; (4) assisting with farm labor shortage; (5) repairing and reconditioning farm machinery and equipment, and (6) cooperating with other agencies in the war effort.

Tribute should be paid on National F.F.A. Day to FFA members serving in the armed forces, and especially to members who have given their lives for their country.

Every chapter in Kansas should observe National FFA Day, not merely to cooperate with the National Organization, but chiefly for the reason that your members and your community need to learn more about the Future Farmers of America and its war effort.

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Everybody is able to give pleasure in some way. One person may do it by coming into a room, another by going out. (Lady Maude Warrender)

FOOD OUR WEAPON

by

Kenneth Engle, Abilene High School

(Winner of the Kansas F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, and Winner of the North Central Region F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest)

"Food will win the war and write the peace," states Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Claude R. Wickard. True,--and the lack of food will lose the war.

England, our co-helper in this fight against the Axis, even in normal times, imports two-thirds of her food supply. Today the English people are receiving what the cold-blooded scientist calls an "adequate meal." What he means is a "minimum requirement." In other words, the English man or woman rarely gets up from the table with his hunger satisfied. Thousands of people in central Europe are starving to death under the ruthless rationing of the Nazi war machine. In the Far East, in Japan and China, where even in normal times, starvation is not an uncommon thing, conditions are unimaginable.

Food has always been important in war time. But the United States government had not realized the necessary part played by the farmer in producing this food until the last two wars. In the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 we thought, almost to the exclusion of all else, of having trained men on the fighting line. In these wars, the importance of the part of the "man behind the man behind the gun," was not realized. In the Civil War the United States recognized that the man on the equipment production line was important. During the first two years of the war the Confederate army won almost every battle because it was ready. However, the factories in the north finally out-produced the factories in the Confederate states. In the first World War we discovered the essential "man behind the man behind the gun," the farmer. In the few months that we have been in this war, the War of Survival, the American farmer has quickly accepted the challenge of necessity and is producing more eggs, pork, and dairy products than ever before.

The United States must not only feed her own forces wherever stationed, but also take care of our Allies in every corner of the globe. Cargo ships are taking life sustaining meats and fats to our Allies, the English. We are sending food to the Russian, Dutch, Chinese, and Australian forces. It is indeed an enormous task that our farmers have undertaken.

Future Farmers of America, as we look at that enormous task, we may wonder whether we can solve the problem. We are just at the age when we are not quite old enough for the army but are essential to our farmer fathers. During these years before we go into the army, it is our part to help produce the food that is necessary. If we go into other work and try to make high wages, soon we will be without farm help. Then inadequate labor will have to do the work ineffectively. Since we are the most vitally interested and best trained, it is only logical that we should be the ones for this work.

Let's glance over the Englishman's menu for a moment and see how much less he gets than we. Also let's see if more food would help him produce more war materials. A person in England gets one egg a week, no more no matter who he is. King George VI gets one egg a week. The rations in England allow two ounces of butter a week per person. The average American eats three times that much. As for meat, the Englishman gets as much each week as he can buy for one shilling and tuppence or about twenty-five cents in our money. If he has four in his family he can have a roast on Sunday and scraps on Monday, and that is all the meat for the week.

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## Food Our Weapon (Continued)

Call that an adequate ration or what you will, but if the Englishman had more food he could do much more work and do it better. In other words, conservatively speaking, production could be increased fifteen to twenty per cent. This means that every 600 English Spitfires might just as well be 700, and that extra food would "keep 'em flying" in greater numbers. This is an example of how food will win the war.

As Future Farmers of America we should not only see the problems of people in other countries but also in our own homes and on our own farms. With the shortage of tires the farmer is going to have to be more and more self-sufficient. This is going to give the Future Farmers' mothers more work to do. Bread, butter, and cheese, things we have been buying at the store can all be made at home, thus saving the tires which are necessary for taking the grain to market. This means more work, but the man in the factory is working extra hours too. In fact, everyone in the nation is going to have to work longer hours and work harder.

The farmer will be doing more butchering and curing of meat. These are tasks that the Future Farmer should be learning to do. Expensive luxuries in the food field will have to be discarded. In order to win we must deny ourselves. And victory is worth the sacrifice.

More fruits should be grown on our farms. If we are to take care of the future it would be a good idea for Future Farmers to plant fruit trees. Larger victory gardens will also help produce the food for our families. Purebred milk cows that will eat the same feed and yet give more milk than a grade herd will prove their merits. Purebred beef cattle that put on more pounds than grade for the same amount of feed will also help in the food for victory campaign.

The farmer is the very hub of the wheel of war. Not only because of what he does but because of the patriotic, tireless, self sacrificing spirit with which he performs every daily task. I know of no finer statement of the farmer's point of view than that made in the 1942 Kansas F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest by my friend and competitor, Albert VanWalleghan, who has kindly permitted me to quote him. He said, "The all night vigils at farrowing time will be our sentry duty; the tractors we guide along contour rows will be our tanks; the seeds we plant will be our inland ocean mines; farm machinery we repair will convert our farm shops into our own ground crew work; agricultural information we use will be our own intelligence work; our neighbors will be our Allies in a common cause. We will regard every dead pig, every missing hill of corn, every smutted wheat head, every scrub animal, every cull hen, and every bit of wasted material and effort as being of aid and comfort to our enemies."

When we as Future Farmers look over the work before us, we see that it is not going to be easy. True, we are going to have good prices for our products, but we are going to have many bottlenecks in this fight to victory. We are going to have trouble getting tires, we are going to have difficulty getting machinery or even repairs for the machinery we now have. The farmer is going to be handicapped by not having enough help to harvest his crops. He will not be stopped, but rather will be spurred to action by these difficulties. He will produce more of the vital foodstuffs than ever before. The Future Farmer is facing forward. He is vitalizing the Future Farmer Creed; "I believe in the future of farming--in the promise of better days through better ways--I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life." It can be done. It must be done. It will be done. Future Farmers will do it. "Food will win the war and write the peace."



INTERESTING RADIO FACTS

In all the world, there are 2,481 radio stations--and more than 108 million radio sets. In the Axis Nations, there are 271 radio stations and 33 million radio sets. In the United and Neutral Nations, there are 2,210 radio stations and 75 million radio sets--eight times as many sets as in the Axis Nations.

The United States alone has nearly four times as many radio stations as in all Axis Nations combined--and nearly twice as many radio sets. The United States total: 924 stations, 56 million radio sets.

In radio sets per thousand population, the United and Neutral Nations have 47 per thousand; the Axis Nations 62 per thousand; in the United States itself there are 425 sets for every thousand people. In other words, there are nearly seven times as many sets per thousand people in the United States as in the Axis Nations. The United States has 37 per cent of the world's radio stations, 924 out of 2,481. In short, a total of 30,600,000 United States radio families depend upon the 924 stations of our country for entertainment, information and education.

Excerpts from address delivered August 28, 1942, by Mr. Frank E. Mullen, Vice President and General Manager National Broadcasting Company.

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Roughly, half the material used to make steel is scrap. If  $1\frac{1}{4}$  millions tons, (2,500,000,000 lbs.) of scrap were collected from farms, this would provide the scrap necessary to make:

- (a) More than twice as many battleships as there are in the world today, or
- (b) Enough 2,000-lb. bombs to drop 3 per minute from Flying Fortress bombers incessantly for over 3 years, or
- (c) Enough 100-lb. bombs to drop one every second of every minute of every hour of every day for over 3 years.

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The Sedan chapter was the first chapter in the Kansas Association of FFA to pay state and national dues for 1942-43. Sedan has a membership of 41.

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Hoosaku Furumoto, former president of the Hawaiian FFA Territorial Association and third place winner in the 1940 National FFA Public Speaking Contest, is now enrolled as a freshman in the School of Veterinary Medicine of Kansas State College.

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He (very much in love and equipped with one of those little baby tooth brush moustaches): "Jenny, something has been trembling on my lips for months."  
She: "Why not see a barber."

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CHAPTER NOTES

HIGHLAND PARK: September 1 our chapter sent to Washington, D. C. our final report for the National Chapter contest. A total of 83 activities were completed during the year, 1941-42....35 members attended the Livestock Selection demonstration at the Kansas Free Fair on Monday, September 14....During Free Fair week, Bob McNeive purchased a purebred Duroc spring boar from Ralph Schulte of Little River, Kansas. Chapter members who own Duroc projects plan to rent the services of this boar....Suggestions from each member of the chapter for our 1942-43 activity program are now being reviewed by our program building committee....A course in farm machinery repair for farmers in the community will be conducted in the farm shop this year. Chapter members will assist in securing enrollment for this course....In July, we held our annual FFA picnic at Lake Shawnee. We also held a special meeting for making FFA awards....Armin Samuelson, Garth Lukert, and Herbert Whitlow showed livestock at the Kansas Free Fair....Results on most individual swine projects have been good. Wayne Worthington sold a litter of ten pigs that averaged 255 pounds on September 12. They brought \$13.85 which was top price for that day....Bruce Johnson had a litter of eight spring pigs which averaged 200 pounds on September 15....Several boys who had hog projects last year are growing out their best gilts for sale to new chapter members.

--Donald Baker, reporter

LINN: The following officers have been elected for the new year: Ronald Damman, president; Melvin Hatesohl, vice president; Neil Buch, treasurer; Morris Lee Olsen, secretary; Verlin Gross, reporter; Keith Rand, watch dog...The chapter had a shop exhibit and a booth on Soil Erosion at the Washington Co. Fair and took third on the booth and first on the shop exhibit. The members of the FFA took in \$60 in prizes at the fair....Melvin Hatesohl was elected as student council member from the FFA....On August 25 eight of our FFA members represented Linn at the Abilene State Fair....On September 1, five of our FFA members went to the North Central Kansas Free Fair to practice judging and to exhibit livestock shown by our FFA members. The boys were Verlin Gross, Albert Meier, Melvin Hatesohl, Donald Damman, and Duane VanPatten....During the Linn picnic the FFA had a stand on the midway which profited them \$56. Members of the FFA who helped in the stand drove to Clay Center to go swimming and attend a show....Our chapter has voted to feed calves this winter for a chapter project....Members in shop have made 78 rope halters for the Holstein Breeder's sale to be held soon. Twenty head of sheep have been drenched and 41 head of hogs have been castrated on field trips.

--Verlin Gross, reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our chapter had an overnight picnic and horseback ride August 21-22. There were 16 members and one freshman guest present. On the picnic the boys became acquainted with their new instructor, Mr. Raymond Frye....Seventeen FFA boys went to the State Fair at Hutchinson, September 21.

--Wesley Cline, reporter

ARKANSAS CITY: The following boys were elected to office for this year: Richard Warren, president; Melvin Haslet, vice president; Tom Naden, secretary; Ralph Adams, treasurer; Billy Iman, reporter.

--Billy Iman, reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

OSBORNE: Our chapter elected the following boys as officers: Arnold Hageman, president; Lee Sollner, vice president; Max Taylor, secretary; Carl Hobbie, treasurer; Max Ernst, reporter; Wayne Noffsinger, watch dog; Mr. Yoxall, adviser....Our chapter had a camping trip at the Ottawa State Lake, August 22 and 23. Twenty-seven boys attended. The chapter furnished the food and each boy prepared his own. On the return trip we visited the "Garden of Eden" at Lucas, Kansas....The chapter won a \$5 prize in a scrap metal drive sponsored by the Osborne Chamber of Commerce....The chapter is setting up goals for the production of food. We hope to increase our farming programs and at the same time produce more needed foods. Our goals for farming programs are as follows: 30 sows, 150 fat hogs, 200 ewes, 75 calves, 40 cows, 200 hens, 100 turkeys, 100 acres of barley, 200 acres of sorghums. We do not have any wheat projects because the wheat acreage has been cut much lower.

--Max Ernst, Reporter

HAVEN: Now officers of the Haven chapter are: Lyle Koontz, president; Erwin Thalmann, vice president; Bill Astle, secretary; Karl Tonn, treasurer; Curtis Laughlin, reporter....Our F.F.A. boys dipped over 3000 head of sheep in our portable dipping vat that was built last year in our farm shop....The advanced ag class went to the State Fair at Hutchinson....Our chapter has started an extensive scrap drive. We have notified all farmers that we will tear down their old machinery and haul the scrap into town and give it to the USO. We let the farmer keep all the parts he wants. We are donating the use of our welding outfit and our labor....The following boys have new farming programs: Paul Lyman has ten registered Shropshire ewes and buck; Paul Grandon has a registered Duroc sow and registered Hampshire ewes and buck; Horman Popp has a registered Duroc gilt....Our F.F.A. chapter bought a registered Duroc boar.... Two members of our chapter, Erwin Thalmann and Gene Harris, exhibited at the State Fair this year. Erwin Thalmann had a Berkshire junior boar which won the championship award. His aged boar received first place, two gilts placed second and fourth, and two Angus heifers placed third and seventh. Gene Harris had a registered Berkshire gilt that won first and a registered Hampshire ewe lamb that won second.

--Curtis Laughlin, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: The new adviser, Mr. Ray Morrison has started a successful year. The shop has a very good arrangement of tools and also a splendid assortment. Last year a new arc welder was added. A new tractor hay buck has been built and a manure spreader overhauled besides other smaller jobs....The F.F.A. owns a laying flock of white leghorns and a swine project. The organization sponsored a basketball game between the F.F.A. and faculty and proceeds from it went to buy a \$25 War Bond....The first meeting this fall was held September 8, and the freshmen brought their parents to get acquainted with the chapter.... The chapter decided to purchase a purebred Duroc Jersey boar for use in connection with the swine project. After the business meeting several games were played. A nail driving contest for the men and boys and a question bee for the ladies provided entertainment. Each winner was awarded a large watermelon. A watermelon feed was held at the close of the meeting and was enjoyed by everyone.

--Wayne Bergin, Reporter



## Chapter News (Continued)

STOCKTON: The Stockton Future Farmers of America held their first meeting September 9, 1942. The annual election of officers took place and the following were elected to office: George Turnbull, president; Don Kelly, vice president; Don Albright, secretary; Dean Losage, treasurer; A. J. Ives, reporter; and Paul Jones, monitor....The freshman initiation was held Monday, September 21. Eleven freshman boys were initiated....The chapter purchased five head of Angus heifers from the Vernon Hill herd near Logan and will make an effort to get the boys interested in good cattle. These will be distributed among interested boys....The following work is underway in shop: five wagon boxes, three two wheel trailers, a four wheel trailer, a hog house, two hog feeders and a dozen hog troughs....The freshman ag class think they can cut a rafter for about any kind of building....The ag boys were responsible for smoothing and marking the football field....We gathered scrap iron October 1 and 2, but figures are not available at this date.

--A. J. Ives, Reporter

MOUNDRIDGE: Our chapter held its first meeting of the year on September 11, and elected its officers for the coming year. A nominating committee was used to nominate the new officers some ten days preceding the meeting, then they were elected by the chapter. Those elected for the coming year are: Olin Goering, president; Ruben Goering, vice president; Marvin Stucky, secretary; Ben Zerger, treasurer; Leroy Goering, reporter; and Bill Krebziel, watch dog. Mr. Latimer serves as our new advisor....We have 56 boys enrolled in our department and hope to have most of these boys in our chapter for the coming year....Our program of activities committee is building their program for the coming year and will soon present it to the chapter for approval....We have increased our finances ten times over since last May doing community service work such as landscaping and selling advertising. The chapter is sponsoring and publishing the Moundridge Athlete, a pamphlet devoted to athletics that is passed out when home games are scheduled and played here....The chapter sold 510 pounds of scrap iron just recently and have promises of more real soon. War stamps will be purchased with this money....The chapter has repaired and assembled all their seed cleaning and treating equipment and are ready to help the community in the control of smut in their grain crops....In the shop, the boys are very busy in making hog troughs, chicken feeders, shell hoppers, ladders, saw horses, benches, sheep panels, hog self feeders, cold chisel, punches, hay hooks, wrecking bars, besides repairing of farm machinery and equipment....Eighteen advanced boys attended the Hutchinson State Fair. They won first place with their F.F.A. display board on Leadership.

--Leroy Goering, Reporter

ALMA: The following were elected as officers for this year: Arthur Gehrt, president; Elmo Kimble, vice president; Ray Dieball, secretary; Raymond Heine, treasurer; Ralph Ten Eyck, reporter; Ross Palonske, watch dog....The F.F.A. had a watermelon feed September 21....The following reconditioning shop jobs are underway: hay wagon, saw, screw drivers, hammers, axes, feed bunks, hog house and a few other things.

--Ralph TenEyck, Reporter

(Chapter News, Continued)

NORWICH: On September 16, we installed the following boys as officers for 1942-43: Lester Schrag, president; Leon Cotton, vice president; Ralph Fieser, secretary; Laverne Berry, treasurer; Alfred Harrison, watch dog; and Allen Thomas, reporter....Alfred Harrison and Richard Ramsdale were awarded leather emblems for having the best kept farm record book and the most outstanding farming program....Our F.F.A. soft ball team won a close decision over the high school team Friday, September 18. The final score was 8 to 7 with the F.F.A. boys coming out on top....Our chapter sponsored a cooperative "rubber saving" trip to the Hutchinson state fair. Our secretary, Ralph Fieser, took his truck. Eleven members and our advisor rode with him and shared the expenses....We have painted the front of our shop since school started. Our school district furnished the paint--we did the work. We think it looks much better....We have twenty-five boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year. They have an average of \$161 each invested in their farming programs.

--Allen Thomas, Reporter

PARSONS: Officers elected for the 1942-43 year are: Junior Carnahan, president; Bill Lee Vogel, vice president; Bill Talbott, secretary; Bill Vogel, treasurer; Leon Fleshman, reporter; Charles Chenoweth, watch dog....Committee chairmen for the year are: Bill Lee Vogel, Leadership; Bill Talbott, Supervised Farming; Don Dean, Community Service; Don Seeley, Conduct of Meeting; Warren Smith, Earnings and Savings; Bud O'Hara, Recreation; Leon Fleshman, Scholarship; Bill Vogel, Program....Members have purchased five \$25 bonds and others are well on their way with stamps. Money for the purchase of stamps was obtained by selling scrap iron....A parents' meeting was held September 22 for the purpose of acquainting the parents with the work of vocational agriculture. There were approximately 24 persons present. Recreation followed the meeting....The chapter held a picnic for the families of ag boys this summer. The chapter furnished iced tea and a basket dinner. The afternoon was spent in playing games and swimming in the city park.

--Leon Fleshman, Reporter

FRANKFORT: The first meeting of the year was held on October 1 and committees were appointed to plan our annual program of work. Special emphasis was placed on helping with the war effort. Donald Jones, a senior vocational ag student, showed a Hereford baby beef at the Topeka Free Fair and won third prize....Last spring our chapter treated about 1100 bu. of seed oats and barley with Ceresan dust, using a Minnesota gravity treater....Twelve members of our chapter have test plots of hybrid vs. open pollinated corn. Fourteen different varieties of hybrids are being tested. This is the fifth year in which members of our chapter have had test plots. Much valuable information concerning varieties of hybrids adapted for this section has been secured through these test plots.

--Raymond Olson, Reporter

POWHATTAN: New officers of our chapter are: Lester Wenger, president; Vernon Olson, vice president; Glen Wenger, secretary; Edwin Draney, treasurer; Frank Wenger, watch dog; and Carol Crumb, reporter....Last spring the chapter painted a house for one of our members....We are planning to have night meetings once a month and one day meeting a month.

--Carol Crumb, Reporter

## Chapter Notes (Concluded)

SPEARVILLE: The chapter elected officers Friday, September 11. Officers elected are: Bobby Rethorst, president; Bobby Dick, vice president; Dick Boyd, secretary; Louis Stein, treasurer; Derrol Dvorak, reporter; Leroy Schmidt, watch dog; C. R. Bradley, adviser....One hundred per cent of the vocational agriculture students have paid their FFA dues at this early date and much interest is being shown this year....The Spearville FFA chapter has adopted as their defense goal this year the following: increased food production by each member and increase livestock program 50 per cent....The chapter enjoyed a wiener roast together with their advisor, Tuesday, September 15.

--Derrol Dvorak, reporter

WILLIAMSBURG: Election of our FFA officers was held September 22. Gene Steelman was elected president; Bob Barkley, vice president; Foster Roberts, secretary; Robert Slankard, treasurer; and Riley Drum, reporter....We have a new building to start with this year. Our other building burned down last year. We are putting in all of the fixtures, rooms, etc. The building was built according to plans in the bulletin prepared by M. R. Wilson on vocational agriculture buildings...All of the vocational agriculture boys attended the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka....We have collected five tons of old metal and have just started...We have built a coal shed for the school.

--Riley Drum, reporter

ATTICA: The FFA chapter officers are: Harold Allen, president; Don Cushenberry, vice president; Carl Pierce, secretary; John Leader, treasurer; Dale Burton, reporter; Gene Anthony, watch dog; and Ervin W. Bevin, adviser.... The president appointed the chapter's activity committee and the committee decided to list only the things that we can accomplish....In our shop work we have been cleaning house, including repairing and remodeling benches, cabinets and shop equipment. We have also shingled and painted a garage.

--Dale Burton, reporter

GREENSBURG: Officers elected for 1942-43 are: Edwin Unruh, president; William Johnson, vice president; Gordon Guthrie, secretary; Dale Davis, treasurer; Charles Kyle, reporter; Warren Jantz, watch dog....Tuesday, September 22 the FFA boys all worked on the county scrap metal drive.

--Charles Kyle, reporter

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### SHEDDING THE WORRIES

As a youngster I was so conscientious that I made myself miserable over minor tragedies of childhood. Early one fall, when we had had an exceptionally heavy snowstorm, my father took me for a drive. "Notice these elms," he said. "The branches are so badly broken that the trees may die. But look at the evergreens--undamaged by the snow. There are just two kinds of trees in the world: the stubborn and the wise. An elm holds its branches rigid, and trouble piles on until its limbs finally break, disfiguring the tree or killing it. But when an evergreen is loaded with more weight than it can hold, it simply relaxes, lowers its branches and lets the burden slip away. The next morning the evergreen is unharmed. Be a pine tree, daughter. Bear what you can, then let the rest of the load slide off. You'll be prettier and you'll live longer. That analogy, remembered in the midst of troubles, saved me from becoming one of the world's gloomiest neurotics.--Fredda Dudley in Reader's Digest.

F.F.A. FLASHES

compiled by W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary

SPECIAL: For the year ended June 30, 1942, a nation-wide summary just completed from Annual State Reports shows that 245,000 F.F.A. members purchased \$1,400,000 worth of war bonds and stamps; gathered 76,226,000 lbs. of scrap metal, 30,153,000 pounds of paper, 2,370,000 pounds of rubber; and that over 48,000 members were serving in the armed forces of the U.S.A.

ALABAMA: Pansy is a 7-year-old Jersey cow belonging to member John Nolte, at Fairhope, Alabama. Pansy is really war-minded. Increase means increase to her. How much she knows about production goals, we don't know but we do know that motherly old Pansy increased the cow population with 11 calves in 5 births. There were triplets on 2 occasions, twins on 2 occasions, and a singleton.

VERMONT: 4 victory calves recently went to 4 "Future Farmers." Jersey breeders of Vermont donated about 20 head of high bred bulls roughly valued at \$3,000. State committees chose as winners those persons who appeared to be most deserving. Two of the animals were awarded to boys in the Orleans chapter.

KENTUCKY: Among the United States and Filipino troops at the fall of Bataan were 8 former active "Future Farmers"--all from Harrodsburg--all members of the 192d Tank Battalion--all members of the McAfee FFA Chapter. Among this group was Lieut. William Gentry who is credited with leading the first tank battle on U. S. soil.

NEBRASKA: When the Omaha World-Herald awards were made a few days ago in the Nebraska scrap contest, junior organization laurels were taken by the Nebraska City Chapter of FFA. The members of this chapter collected 446,996 pounds of scrap metal and rubber in the 60-day drive. Their prize was a \$50 war bond.

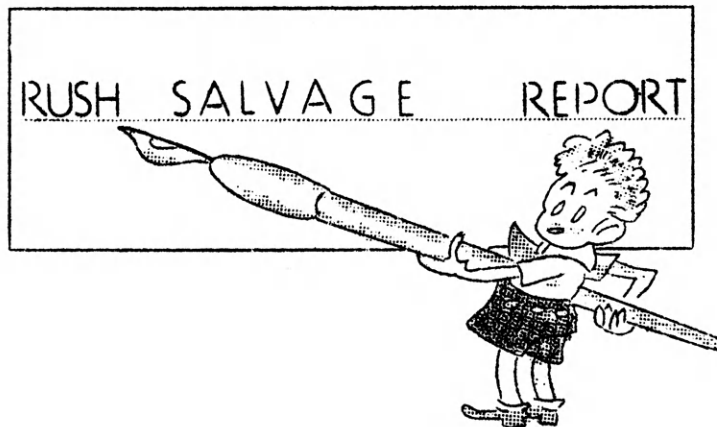
CONNECTICUT: The Guilford-Madison Chapter is holding its 4th annual agricultural fair at Madison, Conn., on September 19. An attractive premium list indicates a well-organized show operated entirely by this group of boys.

MISSISSIPPI: Bobby Houston of the East Tupelo Chapter won the Victory Bull given by the American Jersey Cattle Club. Bobby and his instructor got a free trip to Washington to receive the prize calf from Vice President Wallace.

WYOMING: In an effort to cooperate on the matter of conservation of tires and gasoline and in keeping transportation facilities open, the Wyoming Association of F.F.A. has organized five district judging contests to replace the State Judging Contest.

SPECIAL: The Annual Northwest Tri-State Livestock Marketing School was held in South St. Paul, Minn., September 25, was open to students of vocational agriculture and "Future Farmers" from Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. This is the 5th year for the event, the purpose of which is to give students systematic instruction and actual experience in handling, grading, weighing and selling livestock on a commercial basis. Students have an opportunity to observe the progress of their individual stock through the marketing process.





The Nation is just closing the most gigantic salvage drive in the history of the world. Every Future Farmer chapter in America has had a part in that drive. Kansas Future Farmers started the ball rolling long before the Nation as a whole was conscious of the need for Scrap and other salvage.

Read about the Nebraska City FFA chapter--page one of this issue. A most outstanding record. But, we are now vitally interested in what your chapter has accomplished in the Nation wide salvage drive.

Don't wait for the State Reporter to query you concerning this live news subject. Send immediately, direct to the executive adviser, A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, full details of your participation in the scrap and salvage drive to date. Let us be the judge as to its news value. Later, there will be a detailed report on the salvage drive--but right now scrap and salvage is red-hot news. Send your story immediately and direct to the state office.

Also bear in mind the fact that food production is a live issue--what is your chapter planning and, more important, what have you done in the way of meeting food production goals. Don't wait for the State Reporter on this item either.

And don't forget farm machinery conditioning and repair.

We're listening.

A. P. Davidson  
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Kansas Association of F.F.A.