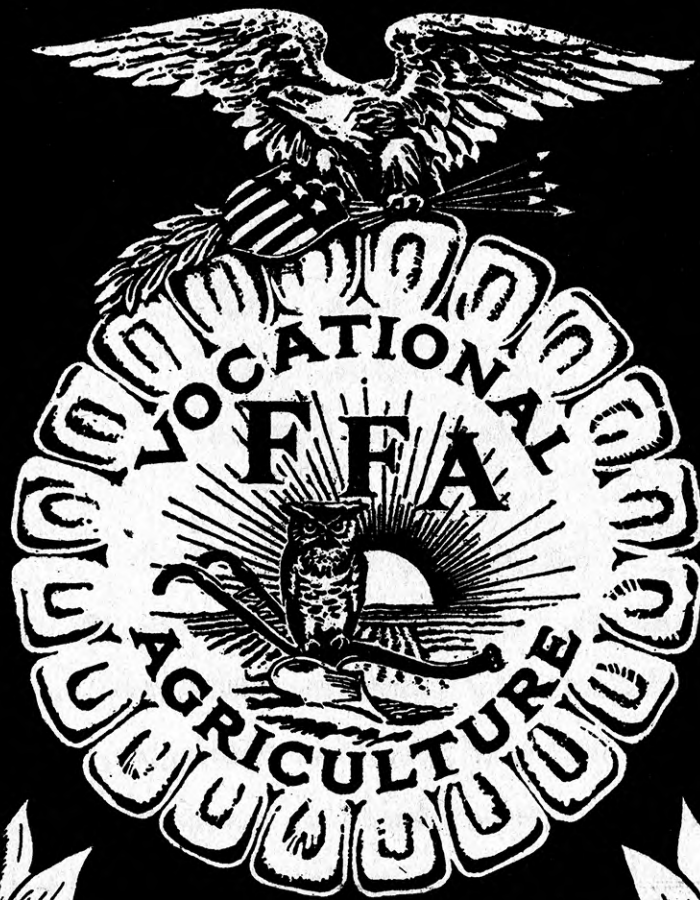


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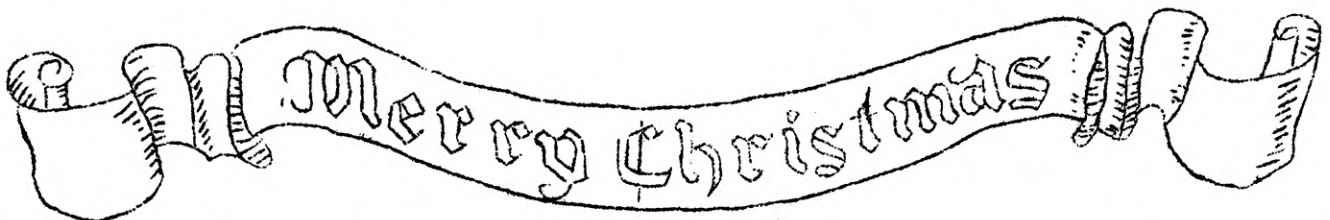
MEMBERSHIP DUES: FFA membership dues are due January 1, 1950. Dues are 30¢ per member, 10¢ national and 20¢ state.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST: National Chapter Contest entries - consisting of the chapter program of work in each case - must be in the U.S. Office of Education not later than January 31, 1950. The chapters designated as "Gold Emblem" chapters in the Kansas Association Better Chapter Contest of 1949 are eligible to enter. All Kansas entries in the National Chapter Contest should be mailed Professor A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in time to reach his office not later than January 14, 1950.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES: State Farmer applications should be expressed to Professor L. F. Hall, Department of Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, not later than January 15, 1950.

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1949 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1949 District FFA Leadership Schools were held in ten centers, the centers being selected with a view to equalizing the travel distance.

The purpose of the FFA Leadership Schools might be classified in three categories, namely: (1) ritualistic improvement; (2) broaden knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange of ideas on building and executing a worthwhile program of work.

As a result of a high percentage of attendance and participation on the part of local FFA officers in the ten District FFA Leadership Schools, the Kansas Association is proud to report that approximately 100% of the local chapters in Kansas can "Open and Close" an FFA meeting in a highly creditable manner.

The first district FFA "Officer Training School" was sponsored by the Shawnee Mission Chapter in 1931. Each year since, with the exception of 1942, District FFA Leadership Schools have been conducted in Kansas.

The 1949 FFA Leadership Schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1949 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted, local FFA advisers, and the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

With one exception, the District FFA Leadership Schools were planned to begin at 3:30 p.m. and to close promptly at 9:00 p.m. All assignments were made early in the school year. Chapters were given an opportunity to indicate preferences in building the program, chapter wishes were followed insofar as it was found feasible. The following program for the Hoxie District FFA Leadership School is typical.

Assignments 1949 FFA Leadership Schools

Host Chapter: Hoxie; Place - High School

Date and Time: October 4, 1949; 3:30 p.m.

Order of Business:

1. Host Chapter opens meeting with official opening ceremony.
2. Host chapter conducts Roll Call of chapters.
3. Welcome by Superintendent or Principal of Host Chapter.
4. Opening and Closing Ritual Contest - All chapters urged to participate.
5. FFA Information Contest - All chapters urged to participate. Officers only eligible to compete.
6. Talk by State FFA Officer. Elmer Kern, Treasurer Kansas Assoc. FFA.

SUPPER

7. Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration, Norton Chapter
8. Recital of the FFA Creed, Elmer Kelner, St. Francis Chapter.
9. Demonstration of the Proper Use of the Gavel, Atwood Chapter.

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

10. Roll Call of Chapters: Special 3 minute reports on the following assignments.

President or Vice President - Program of Work - How Build? Committee Responsibilities and Check up on Performance? Calendar?

School Time: Outstanding Activity Executed Past Year - Planned for Current Year. By the following chapters: Hoxie, Colby, Phillipsburg, McDonald, St. Francis, Hill City

Reporter * How get FFA recognition in school, community, and state? How bring news of activities of other chapters before local group?

By the following chapters: Hoxie, Bird City, Phillipsburg, Ellis, Goodland, Atwood.

Secretary - Chapter records; Plan for acquainting members with State and National FFA activities? Planning and executing chapter meetings. By the following chapters: Bird City, Wakeeney, Hays, Quinter, Oberlin, Plainville.

Treasurer - Plans for raising chapter funds: Financing FFA Parent-Son Banquet. By the following chapters: Hays, Norton, Quinter, Colby, Oberlin, Norcatour, Stockton.

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS: Methods used in acquainting members with the Future Farmers of America Organization; How to improve ritualistic proficiency in Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degree work; How you train your officer group; Plan of teaching members parliamentary procedure; How to improve FFA Leadership Schools.

11. Awards
12. Close - By All Star Ritual Team

Host chapter will look after local arrangements such as: Welcome from Superintendent or Principal, Meeting Place, Arrangements for Eats, FFA Paraphernalia, etc.

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The following rankings will be of interest to all FFA members and advisers who attended a Leadership School, and should prove of interest to all Future Farmer members.

The high ten individuals in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st. John Alger, Dodge City Chapter	98 points	
2nd. Robert Dayton, Valley Falls Chapter	93 points	
3rd. John Stover, Colby Chapter	92 points	
4th. Herb Lee, Bonner Springs Chapter	91 points)	tie
4th. Edger Wetzell, Dodge City Chapter	91 points)	
6th. Jerry Berry, Colby Chapter	90 points	
7th. Dennis Ehm, Phillipsburg Chapter	89 points	
8th. Curtis Lohrding, Coldwater Chapter	87 points	
9th. Vern Schweitzer, Dodge City Chapter	86 points	
10th. Ronald Frahm, Colby Chapter	85 points)	
10th. Alvin Kindsvater, Coldwater Chapter	85 points)	tie
10th. Charles Deyoe, Coldwater Chapter	85 points)	

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

Total possible points in the 1949 FFA Information Contest equalled 100. From the individual scores listed, it is evident that the FFA Leadership School is attaining the second purpose listed.

The high ten chapters in the state in the FFA Information Contest:

1st. Dodge City, Chris Langvardt, Adviser	427 points
2nd. Coldwater, L. E. Melia, Adviser	414 points
3rd. Colby, Ronald B. King, Adviser	410 points
4th. Beloit, Howard Bradley, Adviser	393 points
5th. Newton, R. M. Karns, Adviser	365 points
6th. Alma, Frank E. White, Adviser	362 points
7th. Hoxie, Willard Barry, Adviser	361 points
8th. Williamsburg, Earl Anderson, Adviser	353 points
9th. Stockton, Floyd Blauer, Adviser	352 points
10th. Frankfort, Harold E. Frank, Adviser	350 points

The high individual in each FFA District Leadership School information contest will receive a years subscription to the American Farm Youth Magazine.

RANKINGS BY DISTRICTS

The following rankings give the high five individuals, the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest, and the high five schools in the FFA Ritual Contest for each of the ten District FFA Leadership Schools:

CLAY CENTER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Clarence Steinback, Clay Center Chapter	76 points
2nd. Dale Clear, Frankfort Chapter	75 points
3rd. Wane Spiller, Frankfort Chapter	72 points
4th. Leon Marrs, Longford Chapter	71 points
5th. Martin Mugler, Longford Chapter	69 points)
5th. Geo Feldhausen, Longford Chapter	69 points) tie
5th. Lyle Samuelson, Longford Chapter	69 points)

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Frankfort Chapter	350 points
2nd. Longford Chapter	329 points
3rd. Randolph Chapter	307 points
4th. Clay Center Chapter	279 points
5th. Miltonvale Chapter	231 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Clay Center Chapter
2nd. Miltonvale Chapter
3rd. Manhattan Chapter
4th. Randolph Chapter
5th. Longford Chapter

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

LAWRENCE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Herb Lee, Bonner Springs Chapter	91 points
2nd. Bob Alexander, Olathe Chapter	80 points
3rd. Jim Perry, Washburn Chapter	74 points
4th. Wayne Thies, Shawnee Mission Chapter	73 points
5th. John Palmer, Olathe Chapter	72 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Shawnee Mission Chapter	339 points
2nd. Olathe Chapter	310 points
3rd. Washburn Chapter	287 points
4th. Overbrook Chapter	268 points
5th. Bonner Springs Chapter	231 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Lawrence Chapter
2nd. Shawnee Mission Chapter
3rd. Olathe Chapter
4th. Seaman Chapter
5th. Overbrook Chapter

HOLTON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Robert Dayton, Valley Falls Chapter	93 points
2nd. R. T. Schultz, Valley Falls Chapter	81 points
3rd. Don Weixelman, Wamego Chapter	80 points
4th. Harold Raiue, Wamego Chapter	76 points
5th. Duane Hawk, Effingham Chapter	66 points)
5th. Donald Schumaker, Wamego Chapter	66 points) tie

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Wamego Chapter	341 points
2nd. Valley Falls Chapter	313 points
3rd. Effingham Chapter	279 points
4th. Hiawatha Chapter	273 points
5th. Powhattan Chapter	260 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Wamego Chapter
2nd. Valley Falls Chapter
3rd. Powhattan Chapter
4th. Sabetha Chapter
5th. Fairview Chapter

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

BELOIT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Geo McCune, Beloit Chapter	83 points
2nd. Bill Mater, Beloit Chapter	82 points
3rd. Eugene Richards, Beloit Chapter	80 points
4th. Joe Moss, Beloit Chapter	75 points
5th. Arden Hohn, Belleville Chapter	74 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Beloit Chapter	393 points
2nd. Downs Chapter	325 points
3rd. Smith Center Chapter	319 points)
3rd. Belleville Chapter	319 points) tie
4th. Minneapolis Chapter	254 points
5th. Lebanon Chapter	238 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Beloit Chapter
2nd. Concordia Chapter
3rd. Lebanon Chapter
4th. Downs Chapter
5th. Minneapolis Chapter

HOXIE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. John Stover, Colby Chapter	92 points
2nd. Jerry Berry, Colby Chapter	90 points
3rd. Dennis Ehm, Phillipsburg Chapter	89 points
4th. Donald Frahm, Colby Chapter	85 points
5th. Donald Bigge, Stockton Chapter	82 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Colby Chapter	410 points
2nd. Hoxie Chapter	361 points
3rd. Stockton Chapter	352 points
4th. Phillipsburg Chapter	294 points
5th. Norton Chapter	286 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Stockton Chapter
2nd. Colby Chapter
3rd. St. Francis Chapter
4th. Bird City Chapter
5th. Hoxie Chapter

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

DODGE CITY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. John Alger, Dodge City Chapter	98 points	
2nd. Edger Wetzel, Dodge City Chapter	91 points	
3rd. Curtis Lohrding, Coldwater Chapter	87 points	
4th. Vern Schwietzer, Dodge City Chapter	86 points	
5th. Alvin Kindsvater, Coldwater Chapter	85 points)	tie
5th. Charles Deyoe, Coldwater Chapter	85 points)	

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Dodge City Chapter	427 points
2nd. Coldwater Chapter	414 points
3rd. Ashland Chapter	338 points
4th. Syracuse Chapter	208 points
5th. Minneola Chapter	201 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Garden City Chapter
2nd. Bazine Chapter
3rd. Dodge City Chapter
4th. Kinsley Chapter
5th. Ashland Chapter

BUHLER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Micky Davis, Newton Chapter	78 points	
2nd. Darwin Enns, Inman Chapter	76 points	
3rd. Norval Deschner, Newton Chapter	75 points	
4th. Monroe Funk, Hillsboro Chapter	73 points)	tie
4th. Charles Kinast, Haven Chapter	73 points)	
5th. Charles Beck, Buhler Chapter	72 points	

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Newton Chapter	365 points
2nd. Inman Chapter	327 points
3rd. Hillsboro Chapter	304 points
4th. Buhler Chapter	290 points
5th. Eldorado Chapter	276 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Haven Chapter
2nd. Little River Chapter
3rd. Newton Chapter
4th. Eldorado Chapter
5th. Inman Chapter

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

HARPER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. James Drolte, Pretty Prairie Chapter	65 points	
2nd. Gary Whittaker, Medicine Lodge Chapter	64 points)	tie
2nd. Jack Vandever, Medicine Lodge Chapter	64 points)	
3rd. Melvin Rinke, Medicine Lodge Chapter	63 points)	tie
3rd. Junior White, Pretty Prairie Chapter	63 points)	

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Pretty Prairie Chapter	293 points
2nd. Medicine Lodge Chapter	290 points
3rd. Arkansas City Chapter	224 points
4th. Harper Chapter	181 points
5th. Kingman Chapter	167 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Arkansas City Chapter
2nd. Winfield Chapter
3rd. Kingman Chapter
4th. Medicine Lodge Chapter
5th. Pretty Prairie Chapter

INDEPENDENCE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Edward Gillette, Coffeyville Chapter	78 points	
2nd. Richard Reinhardt, Chanute Chapter	75 points)	tie
2nd. John Bussert, Cherryvale Chapter	75 points)	
3rd. Jim Gill, Cherryvale Chapter	74 points)	tie
3rd. Howard Stitt, Chanute Chapter	74 points)	

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Chanute Chapter	348 points
2nd. Coffeyville Chapter	345 points
3rd. Cherryvale Chapter	343 points
4th. Howard Chapter	262 points
5th. Iola Chapter	255 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Coffeyville Chapter
2nd. Fredonia Chapter
3rd. Columbus Chapter
4th. Chanute Chapter
5th. Kincaid Chapter

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

EMPORIA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

1st. Glen Czirr, Alma Chapter	84 points
2nd. Vernon Thowe, Alma Chapter	83 points
3rd. James Barnes, Williamsburg Chapter	78 points
4th. Wayne New, Williamsburg Chapter	75 points
5th. Jerry Schweitzer, Williamsburg Chapter	74 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

1st. Alma Chapter	362 points
2nd. Williamsburg Chapter	353 points
3rd. Emporia Chapter	277 points
4th. Lyndon Chapter	246 points
5th. Highland Park Chapter	235 points

High Chapters - Ritual Contest

1st. Alma Chapter
2nd. Emporia Chapter
3rd. Burns Chapter
4th. Osage City Chapter
5th. Highland Park Chapter

The following is a summarized table of the contest results of the ten district FFA Leadership Schools:

Leadership School	: Highest Individual Score	: Highest Chapter Score	: Total High 5 Boys	: Average High 5 Boys	: Total High 5 Chapters	: Average High 5 Chapters
Clay Center	: 76	: 350	: 363	: 72.6	: 1496	: 299.2
Lawrence	: 91	: 339	: 390	: 78	: 1435	: 287
Holton	: 93	: 341	: 396	: 79.2	: 1466	: 293.2
Beloit	: 83	: 393	: 394	: 78.8	: 1610	: 322
Hoxie	: 92	: 410	: 438	: 87.6	: 1703	: 340.6
Dodge City	: 98	: 427	: 447	: 89.4	: 1588	: 317.6
Buhler	: 78	: 365	: 374	: 74.8	: 1562	: 312.4
Harper	: 65	: 293	: 319	: 63.8	: 1155	: 231
Independence	: 78	: 348	: 376	: 75.2	: 1553	: 310.6
Emporia	: 84	: 362	: 394	: 78.8	: 1473	: 294.6

The following rankings list the Leadership Schools on the basis of the average of the scores made by the high five individuals in the FFA Information Contest.

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

Average High Five Individuals Per Leadership School:

1st. Dodge City Leadership School	89.4 points
2nd. Hoxie Leadership School	87.6 points
3rd. Holton Leadership School	79.2 points
4th. Beloit Leadership School	78.8 points)
5th. Emporia Leadership School	78.8 points) tie

The following ranking of District Leadership Schools is on the basis of the average score of the high five chapters in the FFA Information Contest:

Average High Five Chapters Per Leadership School:

1st. Hoxie Leadership School	340.6 points
2nd. Beloit Leadership School	322 points
3rd. Dodge City Leadership School	317.6 points
4th. Buhler Leadership School	312.4 points
5th. Independence Leadership School	310.6 points

The following FFA members contributed to the success of the District FFA Leadership Schools by reciting the FFA Creed:

Bill Piper, Manhattan Chapter
 Charles Miller, Bonner Springs Chapter
 Bernard Mayer, Westmoreland Chapter
 George McCune, Beloit Chapter
 Elmer Kelner, St. Francis Chapter
 Lyle Baker, Syracuse Chapter
 Hermit Cose, Little River Chapter
 Elmo Crain, Arkansas City Chapter
 Hal Sinclair, Chanute Chapter
 Joe Barnes, Williamsburg Chapter

The more FFA members know about the Future Farmers of America, the greater will be their respect for the organization. FFA officers (and advisers) too often are not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Ritualistic performance, especially the opening and closing ritual, constitute the "Show Window" of the FFA organization. It is important that all ritualistic performance be on a high standard, but especially important that the opening and closing ritual be well handled at all times. Parliamentary Procedure should be given more attention by chapter officers.

A practice begun in 1948 with the Stockton FFA Leadership School was continued. This practice consisted in having the local FFA advisers in judging the Ritual Contest rank the different officers on their performance. From these rankings an All Star Ritual team was chosen. This All Star team opened the meeting following the dinner and closed the District School. This feature has proved to be very stimulating.

1949 Leadership Schools - Continued

Local FFA advisers for the most part did a fine job in coaching their members who were scheduled for parts in the District Schools. However, occasionally we found a "sour" note. Such disappointments always tend to lower the value of the Leadership School. A high standard of performance must be maintained if our District FFA Leadership Schools are to yield the results hoped for. A satisfactory standard can be maintained only by cooperation on the part of the local FFA adviser in selecting assignments, and in preparing individuals and teams for superior presentation of assignments.

Plans are under way for a revision of the Ritual Score Card. The adviser plays an important part in the effectiveness of the opening and closing ritual. Should the adviser be scored? The score given the adviser should not be a part of the score of the local FFA ritual team - however, knowing what his fellow teachers think of his ability to perform his part in the ritual might be of value.

Many suggestions are offered each year as to ways in which the District FFA Leadership Schools might be improved. In 1950 we hope to inaugurate a special blank for adviser suggestions.

Weighting of scores for the different FFA officers is a suggestion that comes up every year. The state office is of the opinion that this should not be done. Officers should be chosen for their ability to perform their duties. Each should be scored in accordance with performance ability. To weight the offices would tend to build up in the minds of the officers a perverted idea as to the value of his office. We want each officer to believe that his office is just as important as any other, and the purpose of the FFA District Leadership School is to stimulate each officer to perform the duties and responsibilities of his office on the highest possible plane.

The state office wishes to express its appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation evinced in each of the ten districts in which FFA Leadership Schools were held.

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THE BETTER WAY

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run;
And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

---Author Unknown

RE-ACTIVATING AND ESTABLISHING FFA CHAPTERS

The following information will be of interest to local FFA advisers who are faced with the problem of reactivating FFA chapters, or who are establishing local FFA chapters.

I. Re-activating FFA Chapters

- a. Where chapters have become inactive due to non-payment of State and National dues. In this case the chapter may become active by payment of State and National dues and the submittal of a Chapter Program of Work for 1949-50.
- b. Re-activating chapters where they have been established and the work in vocational agriculture has not been offered for the past three years.

Re-activating chapters under conditions described under I-B will follow the same procedure recommended for establishing FFA chapters in newly organized departments of vocational agriculture. (See II)

II. Establishing FFA Chapters in schools where vocational agriculture is being offered for the first time.

- a. Acquaint the vocational agriculture students with the Future Farmers of America Organization through study lessons, FFA Newsletters, National FFA Proceedings, etc., in an effort to create a desire to organize a local chapter of Future Farmers of America.
- b. Elect temporary officers from upper class groups. Use a nominating committee if feasible.
- c. Through committee assignments and study of mimeographed material from the state office, build tentative chapter Program of Work.
- d. Write state office for petition blank to petition the State Association for a local FFA chapter.
- e. Collect State and National dues; list membership in accordance with directions on petition blank and forward the petition blank with state and national dues and tentative local chapter Program of Work to the State Office at Manhattan, Kansas.
- f. Upon receipt of petition blank, dues, and local Program of Work, the State Office will issue the local FFA charter and will send the local chapter free the following material: George Washington General Order on Profanity; Purposes, Creed, Picture of Henry Groseclose. All to be framed under glass.

Note: The state office does not have Charters available at present. Just as soon as the Charters are received from the State Printer they will be sent to the local chapter in the order of the chartering date, together with instructions as to how the charter shall be filled out.

Re-activating and Establishing FFA Chapters (Continued)

- g. In accordance with the National Constitution, all local officers except the Sentinel must hold the Degree of Chapter Farmer. In case of newly chartered chapters, as well as re-activated chapters where vocational agriculture work has been discontinued for three or more years, the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America has ruled that all officers in such FFA chapters shall be elected from the Green Hand Degree group. During the second year of the local chapter's history, it will be possible to elect officers from the Chapter Farmer Degree group, which will be in full accord with the Constitutions of both the National Organization and the State Association.
- h. One of the following patterns may be used to facilitate the Degree Ritual work for newly established chapters and for re-activated chapters falling under the classification of I-B.
 1. Take the officer group to a neighboring chapter and have them initiated into the Green Hand Degree. Then the Chapter Green Hand officer members can initiate the other members of the chapter into the Green Hand Degree.
 2. Have a neighboring chapter bring its officers to a meeting of the local chapter and have them initiate the entire group into the Green Hand Degree.
 3. In the case of small groups it might be desirable to take your entire membership to a neighboring chapter and have them initiated into the Green Hand Degree.
- i. The plan of handling Degree Ritual Work under I-A will depend upon how long the chapter has remained inactive. One of the patterns set up under H or a modification of one of these patterns should make it possible for re-activated chapters under I-A to satisfactorily be re-activated.

- FFA -

A TRIBUTE TO FFA AND THE CHAPTER ADVISER
(An editorial in the Des Moines, Iowa, Tribune)

We spend so much time worrying about national farm programs that we often fail to realize the importance of vocational agricultural training in our high schools.

We suspect that a good many other people (including farmers) miss the significance of what is going on quietly in this great educational movement and its auxiliary association, the Future Farmers of America.

So it is a good thing for all of us that the FFA once each year wakes us up with its state convention. Only then do many of us adults begin to appreciate the size and value of the vocational farm training program.

A Tribute to FFA and the Chapter Adviser (Continued)

High school agriculture teachers are often the "forgotten men" of the professional agricultural fraternity. They have no part in the big, national programs which we hear so much about. Yet they are actually carrying out a program which, in the end, overshadows all the others.

For they are giving guidance and scientific training to future generations of farmers. In addition, they are now conducting a widespread farm training program for war veterans under the GI Bill of Rights, and night training schools and public forums for their communities.

The results of vocational agricultural training and of the FFA activities are often undramatic and gradual, but they are none the less real and important.

- FFA -

"THE SOIL"

Most Kansas FFA members are aware of the fact that the FFA Creed was written by the late E. M. Tiffany, a native Kansan, who at the time of the writing the Creed was an agricultural educational staff member of the University of Wisconsin. Tiffany also wrote "The Soil," which in sublime beauty of expression and importance of the message conveyed merits a place in the hearts of all members of the Future Farmers of America. We are pleased to present herewith "The Soil," by the late E. M. Tiffany.

"Within my hand a bit of moist earth I hold, fresh from the new-turned furrow. As I pause to rest, my idling fingers gently press the fertile mold, whose mysteries have challenged long and earnest quest.

"I fain would know the story of these grains of sand, the silent legends buried with the silt and clay, and hear the rush of phantom rivers through the land to meet the vanished oceans of forgotten day.

"I think of ancient mountains, prehistoric plains, and hosts of lowly creatures bred and nourished there; of massive rocks that held these tiny grains which from the distant past their meager message bear.

"Despised earth, thy grimy blackness is a shroud for struggling forms that pulsed and perished in the past, that man might tread and till a soil with life endowed and garner stores of wealth that centuries amassed.

"Holy earth, we pledge to use our heritage and hold its conservation as a trust sublime. Our husbandry will not condone the sacrilege of wasting from the fields the precious gifts of time."

- FFA -

It is not a merit to tolerate, but rather a crime to be intolerant.--Shelly.

MASTER CHAPTER AWARD

The Washington Association of FFA in selecting their Master Chapter lists 22 desirable activities. A chapter receiving the rank of Master Chapter must fulfill 20 of the 22 activities listed. Local FFA advisers and chapter officers will find this list of interest and value in planning and executing a successful chapter activating program. The requirements listed follow:

1. Organize and elect officers before the end of the first month of school.
2. Prepare a program of work and budget and send a copy to the state office on or before November 1.
3. Observe National Future Farmer Day in a manner that will publicly tell the story of the organization.
4. Ninety per cent of the boys enrolled in vocational agriculture must be FFA members.
5. One hundred per cent of FFA dues must be paid and in the state treasury by January 1.
6. Have a dinner or similar function for parents, dads, mothers, or other group.
7. Have an organized visit to FFA home farming enterprises. Ninety per cent of the FFA members must visit at least 10 projects other than their own.
8. Chapter must have successful State Farmer applicant, public speaker, or parliamentary procedure team. (Not necessary to place, and chapters chartered less than 2 year excepted.)
9. Prepare at least two stories for the local newspaper on progress of the chapter.
10. Have a departmental open house or similar function.
11. Send a delegate to the state convention.
12. Conduct some recognized community service.
13. Send a quarterly report to the state Future Farmer publication.
14. Have chapter follow a definite program of earnings and savings.
15. Seventy-five per cent of Green Hands to be initiated by Nov. 1.
16. All Chapter Farmers to be initiated by December 1.
17. Have at least two chapter-organized recreational activities, in addition to a parent-son banquet.

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18. Ninety-five per cent of members to have projects. Eighty-five per cent must be productive projects.

19. Twenty-five per cent of members must exhibit animal, vegetable, or other produce at some show or fair.

20. Each chapter report on accomplishment of its program of work and budget to state office by date due.

21. Have judging team participate in two of the following types of contests: Potatoes, livestock, poultry, crops, meats, dairy products.

22. Have applicant in a major scholarship contest.

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STATE FFA DUES RAISED

Attention is again called to the action of the 1949 House of Delegates of the Kansas Association of FFA in raising state FFA dues from 10¢ per member to 20¢ per member, making the total per member for state and national dues 30¢.

The Kansas Association is attempting to operate on an annual budget of approximately \$1650. The 1949 House of Delegates was faced with the alternative of cutting out some state association activities or raising the necessary funds with which to finance them. The delegates decided to raise the money.

The question of expanding activities of the state association is a mooted one. Expansion of activities will necessitate additional revenue, and the only source of additional revenue available to the state association is through the medium of increased membership dues.

An example of how increased activities on the part of the State Association of FFA requires additional membership dues may be cited in the case of the Virginia Association. Virginia has always had a strong FFA program, and their membership has always been liberal in the support of their program. "Chapter Chats," the official publication of the Virginia Association, of September, 1949, points out the fact that the 1949 House of Delegates raised state FFA dues from \$1.75 per member to \$2.00 per member. The Virginia Association operates on an annual budget of approximately \$19,000. They had a membership of 7,500. While the Virginia Association membership exceeds that of the Kansas Association only about one-fourth; both the state budget and state FFA dues exceed the Kansas figures ten times. We are not denying the fact that the state FFA program of activities of the Virginia association greatly exceeds that of the Kansas Association. The point we are emphasizing is that if we expand state association activities it will be necessary to increase state membership dues.

CHAPTER NEWS

TONGANOXIE: Officers of the Tonganoxie Chapter for this year are: Jerry Baker, President; Donald Carbaugh, Vice President; Stanley Sackett, Secretary; Jerry Deaton, Treasurer; David Anderson, Reporter; and Mervin R. McKinsey, Adviser....We have 52 boys in vocational agriculture this year and have 30 FFA members who have paid dues to date....We started our pest eradication contest November 1st, it is to end the first Monday after Christmas Vacation. The losing side is to treat the winners to a pie feed....We have 27 freshmen in agriculture I this year and are planning to initiate them into the chapter in December.

Daivd Anderson, Reporter

OSBORNE: Officers for the year of 1949 and 1950 are: President, Dean Bliss; Vice President, Robert Bader; Secretary, Loran Curry; Treasurer, Wayne Carlin; Reporter, Leroy Thornburg; Sentinel, Lora Grieg. We have 38 active members.... Our summer activities consisted of an all night fishing party on June the 9th and a watermelon feed August the 15th for all farm boys interested in agriculture....Twenty-two FFA members and instructor, Mr. Stearns, attended the Hutchinson State Fair for a day and a half....Our FFA chapter cooperated with the Chamber of Commerce in putting on an Armistice Day Community Barbecue. FFA Barbecue duties were: chopping wood, wrapping meat, placing meat in the pit and helping serve. We also furnished a float for the Armistice Day parade. Loran Curry assisted in organizing the parade and was in charge of the machinery which was in the parade and driven by FFA members. Bob O'Connor was chairman of the FFA float committee and Leroy Thornburg was in charge of the barbecue serving committee.

Leroy Thornburg, Reporter

FOWLER: The 1949-1950 Chapter Officers elected last spring are: Kenneth Padgett, president; Don Berkamp, vice president; Authur Rice, secretary; Lyman Padgett, treasurer; Gerald Stein, reporter.... Outstanding activities for the year were; an over night fishing trip to the Meade County State Lake. We also have a donkey basketball game scheduled for December 15....We initiated twenty-two members into our chapter October 24....In shop we are building sheep panels for the county agent and making a profit of \$1.00 per panel. Other projects in shop are two squeeze shutes, a two wheel trailer, a drill hitch for pulling two drills, and two 16 foot gates.

Gerald Stein, Reporter

NEWTON: Our chapter officers for 1950 are: President, Jim Vetter; Vice President, Norval Deschner; Secretary, Micky Davis; Treasurer, Keith Schirer; Reporter, Robert Brunner....Robert Knott had the honor of winning the coveted American Farmer degree....Gene Hawkey and Donald Kater were Santa Fe trip winners to the National FFA Convention....Chapter members will assist Mr. Karns in the crops school for vocational agriculture instructors to be held at our school the second Saturday in December. The Kansas Crop Improvement Association is cooperating to the extent of publishing the identification bulletin which will be given free to each instructor present....Most of our chapter members attended the State Fair....Many of our members were exhibitors in the junior division of the show.

Robert Brunner, Reporter

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EFFINGHAM: Officers for the year of 1949-50 are as follows: president, Duane Hawk; vice-president, Scotty Hall; secretary, Edward Navinsky; treasurer, Richard Hubbard; reporter, David Bodenhausen; sentinel, George Kautz; program chairman, Dale Reece. Duane Hawk, our president, is the student council representative. We have 81 FFA members and 61 enrolled in vocational agriculture...Scotty Hall and Edward Navinsky were representatives to the National FFA Convention..Our parent and son banquet was held November 22, with approximately 200 present....We had a stand at the Atchison County Fair and are planning to have one next year....Our chapter has six registered gilts that are loaned to vocational agriculture boys. We sponsored the publishing of programs to be handed out at the home football and basketball games. The chapter is now sponsoring a ping-pong tournament for the FFA boys...The FFA boys are selling Christmas cards...Our chapter is very proud that John Gigstad was awarded an American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention this fall. ...Our chapter sent in duplicated copies of our program of work. One is to be sent in to Washington as an entry in the Better Chapter Contest and one is kept by the state office.

David Bodenhausen, Reporter

KINSLEY: The officers for this coming year are: president, Elton Arensman; vice-president, Jerome Herrman; secretary, Melvin Macy; treasurer, John Sparke; reporter, Norman Herrmann; sentinel, Gary Werner; student council, Roland Lippoldt...We sell popcorn and cokes at athletic events for our chapter funds and also have a coke machine in our agriculture department. We had Green Hand initiation on November 1 for 17 Green Hands...We are planning to have some parties for different school organizations and have a donkey basketball game scheduled for January 17...The boys in our department are building for their project; feed bunks, cattle chutes, gates, and all kinds of repair jobs.

Norman Herrmann, Reporter

CONCORDIA: Our officers for the year 1949-50 are; president, Robert Kimmel; vice president, Jerome Johnson; secretary, Donnie Lewis; treasurer, Garold Dyson; reporter, Franklin Huber. We have 51 members in our chapter...We had our annual overnight hike on August 21. There were 19 members present. On October 11 we initiated 15 Green Hands into our chapter. We had a hayrack ride on October 18....Some of our shop projects are stock cutters, trailers, bull dozer for a Ford tractor, hog trough, hog self feeders, chicken water stand, gas barrel tilter, manure loaders, posthole digger, and other small projects....We are selling Christmas cards and plan to sell garden seeds next spring...We had charge of the Homecoming programs for the football game on October 7...Concordia judging team was chosen to represent Kansas at the National Meats Judging Contest. Members were Don Hudsonpillar, Lyle LaGasse and Ted Hanson. The team placed in the bronze group...Our chapter had two boys chosen to go to the FFA Convention. They were Jerome Johnson in the National FFA Band, and Ted Hanson in the National FFA Chorus.

Franklin Huber, Reporter

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Use what language you will, you can never say anything but what you are. --
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Chapter News - Continued

BURLINGTON: Officers elected for the 1949-50 school year were: Kenneth Richards, President; Dean Gilbert, Vice President; Melvin Arb, Secretary; Dale Douglass, Treasurer; and George Casey, Reporter....We are selling Christmas cards this year to help finance the Parent-Son Banquet, which will be held December 6....We held a dance-date party November 1 and any member attending had to bring a date or pay a fine. Approximately 25 couples attended the dance....The second year boys have castrated ten pigs, two bulls and dehorned 15 head of cattle....We are planning to have a Green Hand initiation before the end of the month. Last year we purchased for the shop a new press drill, power grinder, power saw and some hand tools. This year we will get another arc welder which will be a new "Linowelder" and six classroom tables. We have 33 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture this year....The first year boys took a project tour November 20....Our chapter plans to hold a pie and box social before the Christmas vacation....On November 8 our school held an open house in honor of American Education Week.

George Casey, Reporter

ALTOONA: Boy, are we newsy! We are starting the news from our chapter completely from scratch. In fact, we had to build our own classroom in order to even have a place to meet but we finally got it completed on October 12 and are really proud of our efforts. We couldn't spend all our time on the classroom though and have been quite busy besides. We had election of officers on October 15. They are: president, Johnny Walker; Vice-President, Lynn Berg; Secretary, Joe LaRue; Treasurer, Frank Greve; Reporter, Frank H. Green; and Sentinel, Charles Almond....Six of us; Frank Greve, Frank H. Green, Lyle Myers, Johnny Walker, Charles Whitson, and Lynn Berg took time out and went to the grain judging contest at Chanute...Also there were thirty of us that went to the State Fair at Hutchinson and spent 3½ days which we really considered worth while and profitable. We went up there in one of the school buses. We enjoyed some side lines of the trip too. We stopped at the Riverside Park in Wichita, stopped at the new Fall River Dam and took a trip through the Salt Mines at Hutchinson....Our busy officers attended the leadership contest at Independence too....On November 7, we harvested 50 acres of corn for Harold Myers who had the misfortune of injuring his back so that he is unable to do his farm work. He really appreciated it and in gratitude, he is giving us a weiner roast on November 22....The chapter held a pie supper on November 8. Three of our boys, Lee Bradford, Bill Chrisman, and Warren Latta, did such a good job of auctioneering that we cleared \$110.27 for our chapter funds. A short program was presented by the chapter and helped make the supper a huge success....November 16 initiation of Green Hands was held. The Fredonia chapter officers and their advisor, Harold Shoaf, came over and conducted the ceremony. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was had by all....At present we are busily engaged in building our own shop which we should have completed before long now....Also, we are sending in our petition for a chapter charter this week....There are 34 of us in the chapter.

Frank M. Green, Reporter

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Tiny Tim: "Mama, I just saw a man who makes horses!"

Mother: "Are you sure?"

Tiny Tim: "Yes. He had a horse nearly finished when I saw him. He was just nailing on the back feet."

Chapter News - Continued

BONNER SPRINGS: Five members were elected to chapter farmers this last year....Our officers gave a program for local Rotary Club....Boys high in pest eradication were: Herb Lee, John Theden and Woods Peters....Chapter eradicated 15 blackbirds, 2 coyotes, 142 cottontails, 5 crows, 294 mice, 9 moles, 10 opossums, 8 rats, 11 squirrels, 3 snakes, 318 sparrows, 2 foxes, 19 starlings, 1 ground hog, 1 weasel and 5 bluejays.....Mr. Mize, former agriculture instructor and FFA supervisor, was chosen as honorary member.... Losing pest eradication team held picnic for winners....Chapter officers for this year are Bob Elmer, president; J. O. Reynolds, vice president; George Sprague, secretary; Tom South, treasurer; Herb Lee, reporter; and Henry Mann, sentinel....We erected a chapter display booth at the County fair in August....Local Rotary Club has purchased 2 purebred Hampshire bred gilts from K.M.B.C. farms. These will be given to boys in FFA. The gilts are bred by a boar which was reserve grand champion at the American Royal in 1948....New equipment added to our shop this year -- an Air compressor, paint spraying outfit, and power hack saw.

Herb Lee, Reporter

LYNDON: Our 1949-1950 officers are: President, Rex Featherston; Vice President, Leland Jensen; Secretary, Glenn Bauck; Treasurer, Harry Turvey; Reporter, Melville Hanna; Sentinel, Harold Woodward....We plan on having a Parent and Son get-to-gether at our regular monthly meeting on November 28.... We play different games after every monthly meeting. At the summer meetings we play soft ball and during the school term we play volley ball and basketball....The FFA sponsored the Osage County Corn and Grain show again this year and sold chances on a Registered gilt. The show was the most successful show so far with the largest display of grain ever to be shown in Lyndon. The gilt gave us a net return of \$150....The FFA gilt and litter program this year produced enough pigs to enable the organization to give a gilt to each of five boys enrolled in agriculture....This fall the Chapter started a sheep project for three boys who were unable to obtain financial backing. The ewes were purchased by the FFA and the boys and FFA will split 50-50 on the feed costs and the profit....At the present time, the Chapter owns two Registered Hampshire Rams and one Registered Duroc Boar. This breeding stock is used by members who do not own registered sires....On November 16 we had a show on the new Linwelder both AC and DC. Following the show, Mr. Reinike of Ottawa gave a demonstration on the welders and allowed the boys to use the welders. The show and demonstration was held in conjunction with the G.I. On-the-Farm Training Program....The school was recently deeded three lots near the High School by Mr. and Mrs. Phelon to be used by the FFA Department as they see fit. At this time it has not been dedicated to any particular use but will probably be used in conjunction with our cooperative boar and ram project.

Melville Hanna, Reporter

LACYCNE: Our newly organized chapter has twenty-eight boys enrolled in vocational agriculture....Officers elected for 1949-50 are: Bill Capehart, president; Leo McRae, treasurer; Tommy Gowing, reporter; Duane Capehart, sentinel....We held our Green Hand initiation on the evening of November 15. Eleven freshmen boys were initiated into the organization as Green Hands. All members have paid their dues for this year....Our concession sales at football games have helped very much in raising money for the treasury.

Tommy Gowing, Reporter

Chapter News - Continued

CHERRYVALE: Officers of the Cherryvale Chapter of Future Farmers are: President, Don McWhirt; Vice President, Johnny Bussert; Secretary, David Adey; Treasurer, Jim Gill; Reporter, Bill Pope; and Sentinel, James Robinson. Nineteen of our chapter members attended the State Fair at Hutchinson for three days....Harry Hamilton, Don Alexander, Bill Froebe and our advisor C. H. Young attended the National Judging Contest at Waterloo, Iowa. All three boys received gold emblem awards and the team was also awarded a gold emblem in judging poultry and poultry products....Our officers and Mr. Young attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City and enjoyed their stay of two days....On September 29th thirty-four of our member attended the Fall Festival at Chanute. They took part in a crops judging and identification contest. They won the prize for high team.

Bill Pope, Reporter

ALMA: This year we erected a booth at the Kansas Free Fair in Topeka and won third place in FFA competition. The theme of our booth was "Profitable Egg Production in Alma". Our reward was \$81.70 in prize money....The Alma Chapter entertained their guests at a roller skating party in Wamego on Tuesday, October 17. Almost every boy invited a girl.. Everyone had a swell time and it also put the FFA in good standing with the rest of the school.... Ways of making money in our chapter to help build up our financial standing are: selling candy bars, selling "cokes" in a "coke" machine, getting a "revolving" Duroc gilt project started, running stands at athletic contests and making projects in the shop and selling same....November 1 was the starting date for Alma's annual pest eradication contest. Our contest will continue until February 1. Two Duroc gilts will be given to the two high individuals in this contest. The winners of these gilts are expected to give back to the chapter two weaning pigs from the litter. By this method we will keep registered Duroc hogs in the community....The chapter officers for 1949-50 are: President, Vernon Thowe; Vice President, Larry Anderson; Secretary, Roger Becker; Treasurer, Vernon Bean; Reporter, Glenn Czirr; and Sentinel, Wilfred Michaelis.

Glenn Czirr, Reporter

HILL CITY: Officers elected at our May meeting for the 1949-50 school year are: Bob Legere, president; Charles Griffith, vice president; Willis Brandyberry, Secretary; Gary Sandlin, treasurer; David McRae, reporter; and Verlan Nesbitt, sentinel....All prospective freshman were invited to our regular meeting and a watermelon feed following on August 22. In order to better acquaint the student body and faculty with our activities, we presented an assembly program on October 27. We are ordering official FFA jackets for our officers. The chapter will pay for the jackets. We are helping to finance the chapter by operating a hot dog stand in cooperation with the FHA girls....We are making plans for starting a gilt ring in the chapter as soon as we are able to finance it....We have 37 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture and 43 active FFA members.

David McRae, Reporter

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"Too often a crossing is the meeting place of light heads and headlights".

Chapter News - Continued

HAVEN: Officers elected for 1949-50 are: President, Charles Kinast; Vice President, Roy Lanning; Treasurer, Clifford Beardmore; Secretary, Donald Page; Reporter, J. W. Schoonover; Sentinel, Wayne Baughman....Our FFA chapter sponsored an all school dance, the "FFA Harvester". Jane Baker was the Harvester Queen....Our chapter made 40 dollars profit selling refreshments at football game....Some of the projects in our shop are as follows: two lawn mowers, a 10' x 12' calf creep feeder, a loading chute; a poultry self feeder. The junior class made a snow plow for the school's lawn mower and the chapter is making a calf creep feeder to sell....Members of our chapter who have purchased livestock are Doug Ashby bought four registered Hereford bred heifers; Darrel Valdois two registered Hereford bred heifers; Don Huston 1 deferred Hereford steer calf; Arthur Kranz three deferred Hereford steer calves; Lyle Newby one registered Shorthorn heifer at State Sale....Our chapter members have purchased nine FFA jackets....All of our officers have officers emblems.

J. W. Schoonover, Reporter

RANDOLPH: Officers for the year are: Milton Wendland, president; Bob Springer, vice president; Arnold Hedke, secretary; Arlo Peterson, treasurer; Jim Anderson, reporter; Phil Byarlay, sentinel; and Dick Malmstrom, student council....Our chapter officers attended the National Convention in Kansas City October 11....We initiated 8 Green Hands, November 11. We have 41 members in our chapter....Our chapter is starting a chain hog project with 4 gilts presented to the chapter by several local merchants. Since school started we have castrated 60 hogs, dehorned 200 cattle, and vaccinated about 50 head of hogs and cattle....Our agriculture boys have run 1600 sq. ft. of concrete in sidewalks and driveways to our agriculture building and are also making new cabinets and benches for our agriculture shop.

Jim Anderson, Reporter

COUNCIL GROVE: Our officers for 1949-50 are: Jack Foster, president; Gilbert Whitlock, vice president; Bill Mann, secretary; Ralph Braun, treasurer; Allen Litke, sentinel; and Roger Wilson, reporter....On October 17 the officers put on a program for the local Kiwanis Club which included the FFA ritual and a parliamentary procedure demonstration....As a money making project we sold magazine subscriptions making a profit of \$76.05 for the chapter. Initiation was held November 14 for 20 Green Hands....Our chapter entered a float in the High School homecoming parade and placed third. Some of the projects in our shop this year include a cattle feeder, 4 hen feeders, 2 wagon boxes and an aceteylene welding cart. A heavy duty grinder and a power saw have been added to our shop equipment this fall....Four Veterans on-the-farm training classes are in progress in Council Grove and they use our shop on Fridays and Saturdays.

Roger Wilson, Reporter

IOLA: The officers of the Iola chapter of FFA are as follows: President, Billy Dean Starr; Vice President, Ronald McDonald; Secretary, Bob Kuester-steffen; Treasurer, Kenneth Kirton; Reporter, David Kelly; Advisor, Oscar E. Collings....We are having two regular day meetings and one night meeting per month....The Iola chapter is having a pest eradication contest which started November 1. First prize in this contest will be a registered gilt....The officers attended the National Convention of the FFA at Kansas City, Missouri for one day....For recreation we are having intra-mural basketball games.

David G. Kelly, Reporter

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DOWNS: The officers for our chapter are: Walter Schoen, president; Burton Huiting, vice president; Elton Koops, treasure; George Yost, secretary; James Hart, reporter; and Alvin Rotman, sentinel....There are twenty-three boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. Eight boys were initiated to Green Hands on November 14. We invited our Dads to see the ceremony and afterward served popcorn, apples, and ice cold pop. The boys initiated were Louis Robinson, Larry Yost, Melvin Miller, Courtney DeBey, Julian Depoy, Dwight Sheets, Marvin Green, and Herman Becker. The boys recited the creed from memory and adviser Brent showed slides of our trip to the Rocky Mountains National Park. The trip was made last summer....Our secretary, George Yost, won a \$200 scholarship at Kansas State College through the Spencer Chemical Company and Soil Conservation. The boys have put a new floor in the shop and a new furnace in the class room. The drive to the shop has also been filled and leveled....We harvested the Osborne County Corn test plots at the George Verhage Farm. Approximately 125 farmers and vocational agriculture boys attended the field day held in connection with corn test plots.

James Hart, Reporter

BELOIT: Officers for the year are: Joe Moss, president; Bill Motes, vice president; George McCune, secretary; Eugene Richards, treasure; and Gilbert Harlow, reporter....The leadership school was held at Beloit with 80 FFA boys from thirteen chapters present....Our Cooperative Nemaha Oats project has been harvested, certified, cleaned, and treated, and now is ready for delivery to our cooperators in the spring. We will sell 450 bushels of this certified seed. Our field is seeded to Pawnee Wheat for next summer's harvest....We cooperated with Mitchell County Fair Board in the construction of a concrete wash rack at the fair grounds. This year found the establishment of a FFA division at the County Fair with Merle Bunch, Advisor of Simpson, as acting Superintendent. Our hog raffle made us \$250....Each FFA boy is bringing a minimum of one half bushel of wheat in cooperation with the County Crop Program.

Gilbert Harlow, Reporter

HUGOTON: The officers of the Hugoton FFA are: Eugene Walkemeyer, president; Harold Mueller, vice president; Dick Kramer, secretary; Ray Burrows, treasurer; George Henry, reporter; and Roy Walkemeyer, sentinel....There are 29 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture....We have had one social, a weiner roast. The chapter voted to sell some name plates for RFD mail boxes to help defray the expenses of the parent and son banquet....Quite a bit of interest has been developed in shop projects this year. Dick Kramer is building an all-weather, movable creep feeder, capable of feeding 16 calves at one time. Three members are building two-wheeled trailers....Our chapter prepared a float which took part in the parade in the Gascapades and Stevens County Fair.

George Henry, Reporter

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A very little boy came home dejected from his first day at school.

"Ain't goin' tomorrow," he said

"Why not, dear?" asked his mother.

"Well, I can't read 'n' I can't write 'n' they won't let me talk -- so what's the use?"

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BIRD CITY: The officers elected for the year 1949-50 are as follows: Verle Brethower, president; Edwin Deeds, vice president; Lyle Haack, secretary; Luceen Bunjes, treasurer; Warren Erickson, reporter and Loyd Loop, sentinel. We were given one full day this year for shocking feed in the community. Total receipts amounted to \$104. The chapter plans to use this money to buy tickets for the Denver Stock Show to be held in January. We made \$50 selling Christmas cards....Our chapter sponsored boxing matches at the school carnival held November 11 from which we cleared \$15....We have charge of all pop sales and part of these returns have been used to purchase new shades for the classroom....Our chapter is sponsoring a school beautification project. So far, we have trimmed the trees and bushes around the school.... Green Hand initiation was held October 24. Both formal and informal ceremonies were held....Our FFA chapter observed fire prevention week this year by presenting a program at a student assembly....In the shop we have finished repairing a 25 foot disk.

Warren Erickson, Reporter

VALLEY CENTER: The FFA officers of the Valley Center Chapter for the year 1949-50 are: President, Wayne Jacob; Vice President, Dean Held; Secretary, Elmer Rogers; Treasurer, Russell Lewis; and Reporter, Max Weddle....We have 30 boys in vocational agriculture this year....Bill Stein, a junior boy from Wichita who is taking vocational agriculture, has a twelve cow herd of purebred Guernseys, a milker, equipment, and barns. He is equipped to sell grade A milk and markets a part of his products to the stores in Valley Center....Russell Lewis, a vocational agriculture student, is building a new type two calf creep - the type where the calves walk between 2" x 4" s to get to the feed....Frank Deemer is building two 4' x 10' bunk feeders for ensilage....Wayne Jacob sold ten head of cattle in Kansas City and made about \$200.00 profit. Wayne bought the cattle in October of 1948 when they averaged 420 lbs. When he sold them they weighed 960 lbs., thus making a gain of 540 lbs. per head....We have had one serious accident in shop. Dean Held cut his thumb off his right hand on the power saw.

Max Weddle, Reporter

VALLEY FALLS: The officers of the Valley Falls Chapter are: R. J. Schultz, president; Francis Reichart, vice president; Francis Grollmes, secretary; John Gutschenritter, treasurer; Robert Dayton, reporter; John Bodde, sentinel; Byron Wortz, program chairman; and Mr. Alden Loomis, Adviser....We have forty-two active members....We won fourth place on our booth at the Kansas Free Fair this year which featured the "Proper Care of Shade Trees."....The outstanding feature of our program of work is our goal to produce 100,000 pounds of milk....Our FFA sow has raised to weaning age this year 20 pigs. Two of her gilts are out with chapter members and plans are underway to put out two more....Our soil conservation contest ended November 1. The winner of this contest will be awarded a prize of \$50.00....Fifteen of our members attended the National FFA Public Speaking Contest and the National FFA Convention....At our Green Hand Initiation Ceremonies, to which the parents were invited, ice cream was served following the meeting. We initiated 12 Green Hands.

Robert Dayton, Reporter

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MOUNDRIDGE: Ronald Wedel, Eugene Stucky, Dean Stucy, and Glen Goering attended the Hereford field day at the CK ranch in August....Our officers and Mr. Griffin attended Camp Wentz near Ponca City in July....We held Green Hand initiation on November 8. The following boys received the Green Hand degree: Leslie Dyck, Nelson Galle, Verne Goering, Delmer Kaufman, Gilbert Kaufman, Maynard Krehbiel, Howard Lohrentz, James Preheim, Donald Regier, Glen Waltner, and Arlis Schrag....We are planning to start our annual pest eradication contest on November 21 and will run it until January 20....Ronald Wedel and Donald Unruh attended the American Royal. This trip to the American Royal was an award to them from the FFA chapter....We held a Hamburger fry in the city park on October 25 where we consumed 15 pounds of Hamburger....Some of the jobs we have completed in our shop are: A-Type hog house, hog troughs, cold chisels, punches, repair of several cars, lattice work and skill jobs by the Freshman boys...A little over 6500 bushel of wheat and barley was cleaned and treated by our chapter this fall....We have 36 members this year....Our officers for the year of 1949-50 are: President, Kenneth Wedel; Vice President, Darrel Kaufman; Secretary, Kermit Wedel; Treasurer, Ralph Kaufman; Reporter, Homer Goering; Sentinel, LeRoy Stucky.

Homer Goering, Reporter

COLBY: We held our Parent-Son Achievement Banquet Monday, November 14, with 115 members, parents, and guests present. Dinner was prepared and served by the FHA girls....Vice President, John Stover, has brought himself and the Colby chapter an honor by being voted the "All Star" vice president in the District Leadership School both last year and this year....As a community service project, the vocational agriculture II class is running a concrete floor in one of the larger buildings on the fair grounds.... New equipment added to our shop the past summer includes a power hack saw, a power hand saw, and a metal lathe. Our class room floor was covered with asphalt tile, improving the appearance and utility of the room a great deal....The district's FFA radio programs will start over station KXXX, Colby, Saturday, December 3. Our time will be from 7:45 to 8:00 each Saturday morning. The Lebanon Chapter will make the first broadcast followed by Phillipsburg, Stockton, Smith Center, and Norton for the balance of the December schedule. All of the December programs will deal with different phases of soil conservation and will be made with the help and supervision of Mr. E. H. Coles, KXXX's Farm Director who is also Director of the Colby Experiment Station and holds the degree of Honorary State Farmer.

Allan Pence, Reporter

OBERLIN: Officers elected for 1949-50 are as follows: Max Carmen, president; Bill Deines, vice president; Ronald Jaderburg, secretary; Robert Vernon; treasurer; Gerald Anthony, Reporter; and Eugene Witt, sentinel....This summer the FFA Chapter sponsored its third annual summer vacation trip. Eighteen FFA boys accompanied by their advisor Lloyd L. Moody, Charles Lyons, and Lloyd Smallberger, who took cars, spent eight days vacationing in Rocky Mountain National Park, Leadville, Canon City, Colorado Springs, and Denver. A 1000 foot 16 MM color movie was taken of this trip....Several red and blue ribbons were won by FFA members at the County and State fairs this year. The freshman Parent-Son meeting was held September 27 in the auditorum. Following the meeting refreshments of pop, doughnuts, and butterfingers were served and the parents were invited to inspect the shop and classroom....

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Twenty-one Green Hands were raised to Chapter Farmers on October 12....On November 16, nineteen members of the Norcatur Chapter were present for a weiner roast and an FFA meeting....Our pest eradication contest is under way. The losing team will have to feed the winning team....At a recent meeting it was decided to hold programs, such as volley ball, basketball and wrestling in the gym after meetings in order to encourage better attendance....The FFA has prepared a float for a parade that was held before our traditional Thanksgiving Day football game with Norton....The Oberlin FFA judging teams placed first and second at the Annual Angus Breeders Sale and Judging Contest held here at Oberlin. Seventeen teams were present from Colorado and Kansas. Carl Lafferty of Oberlin was high individual in the contest.

Gerald Anthony, Reporter

KIOWA: This year, our chapter has thirty-one paid members consisting of one State Farmer, nineteen Chapter Farmers, and eleven Green Hands. Jim Molz, a junior, is our president; and the other officers are: James Circle, vice-president; Darryl Knorp, treasurer; Elwyn Schrock, secretary; Bob Williams, reporter; and Ronald Holmes, sentinel...We had our annual hayrack ride and chile supper at our regular night meeting in October. This is a date party, and all except five of our members participated in this activity...At our regular night meeting in November, we initiated into our organization seven Green Hands....Five boys were selected again this year to attend the American Royal at Kansas City. They were selected by the O. K. Grain Elevator on the basis of their farming programs and the accuracy and neatness of their record books. We plan to alternate years with the National FFA Convention and the American Royal for this sponsored trip. We have started our pest eradication contest again this year, and it seems to be very popular with the members of our organization. The losers are fined a dollar to treat the winners to a hamburger feed. The chapter is selling signs with the patrons name on them for the rural mail boxes as a new project this year. We are installing, painting the boxes, supports and posts. We have the support of the rural mail carriers who have indorsed this as a worthwhile community service.

Bob Williams, Reporter

INMAN: The election of officers for the 1949-50 period was held on October 3. The following were elected: President, Darwin Enns; vice-president, Johnny Ediger; secretary, Cornie Neufeld; treasurer, Melvin Martins; reporter, Elmer Kroeker and advisor, Mr. Wood....A special meeting was held November 7 to initiate 15 Green Hands. The regular initiation ceremony was used....A Parent-Green Hand meeting was held on November 10, at which the boys gave talks on vocational agriculture and FFA. An educational film "On the Other Side of the Fence" was shown. After this coffee, doughnuts and cocoa were served.

Elmer Kroeker, Reporter

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The story is about a man who went into a drug store and forgot the name of the medicine he was sent for.

"What does it sound like?" said the druggist.

"It sounds like a large city."

"Well, let's see," mused the druggist. "London, Chicago, San Francisco, Liverpool ----"

"That's it! That's it!" said the man brightening up. "Carter's Little Liverpools!"

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LITTLE RIVER: Officers for the year are: president, Jimmie Freund; vice-president, Kermit Case; secretary, Paul Peterson; treasurer, Fred Barta; and reporter, Paul Hubenett...In May we purchased a used jeep, model 1947, for \$750.00 to transport the sprayer which we own...We had an executive council meeting in August to plan the calendar dates of our meetings, parties, etc. We have been using our popcorn machine at all our football and basketball games. It has netted our original investment of \$400.00...We placed third in the FFA Farm Machinery Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson. Equipment exhibited was a hog feeder, two-wheel feed cart, 3 power lawn mowers, 2 cattle feed bunks, 2 and 4 wheel trailers, and a heavy duty 2-wheel trailer... Our adviser, Mr. Kohrs, and Paul Hubenett, Kermit Case, Adrian Farver, Jack Richardson, and Edgar Freund, attended the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Missouri. It was the first trip for most of the boys and they were very much impressed with the size of the convention...We raised to Green Hands, at our second meeting, the following: Derald Burgess, Wilbur Crandall, Merwin Frye, Delbert Hays, Uvon Johnson, Bobby Kruse, Neal Moss, Jack Neff, Sheldon Rutherford, Norman Reed, Dwight Voth, and Gene Wilson...On October 26, we raised the Ellsworth officers to the degree of Chapter Farmer. We paid the note of \$412.00 on the jeep, November 2, with money raised through activities such as spraying and selling popcorn. The Green Hands, Bobby Lundstrom, Adrian Farver, Max Hubbard, Dickie Hubbard, Billie Hubbard, Spencer Arnold, Gary Arnold, John Wille, Kermit Case, and Bill Folck, were raised to Chapter Farmers, November 14...The Freshman Ag I boys collected five tons of paper in September. This paper was baled by the FFA baler. The proceeds will be used to purchase FFA shirts for the Freshman class of Ag.

Paul Hubenett, Reporter

POWHATTAN: Officers for the year are Howard Campbell, president; Lowell Moser, vice president; Richard Lassley, secretary; Gerald Draney, treasurer; Kenneth Cadue, reporter; and Robert Schumann, sentinel. There are 40 members in the FFA and 30 in vocational agriculture...Farm shop jobs completed to date are: four 16' feed bunks, one 8x16, two sow farrowing houses, one 6x8 individual farrowing house, four mineral feeders, one flare top wagon box, 40 concrete hog troughs, 13 pig brooders, one 2-wheel trailer, 13 pair saw horses, and other things such as punches, chisels, and feed scoops...Howard Campbell, our president, won a \$200 scholarship from Spencer Chemical Company for Soil Conservation work...The fourth annual crop show held at Hiawatha turned out to be very profitable for the Powhattan FFA chapter. We took first place and received \$15 for the chapter for the most entries. Individual members from our chapter received \$50 in prize money...The sophomore boys put out a wheat fertility test plot. The vocational agriculture classes helped harvest corn hybrid variety plots for Loyd Tatum of Kansas State College.

Kenneth Cadue, Reporter

SPEARVILLE: Our officers for the year 1949-50 are Bill Scheve, president; Marvin Gleason, vice-president; Leo Grasser, secretary; Dennis Norris, treasurer; James Knoeber, reporter; Lloyd Neitling, sentinel. We have thirty members in the vocational agriculture and 100% membership in the FFA...Our chapter sponsored its annual turkey shoot October 23. The equipment is borrowed each year from a community gun club. It has proved to be a good money making project. Our chapter cleared over \$100 dollars in spite of a drizzling rain the day of the shoot...The Halloween party was sponsored jointly by the FHA and FFA on October 31. Halloween decorations, a real live ghost, and Halloween games and refreshments made an enjoyable evening for all....The school district

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has purchased some new shop equipment and re-decorated our building. Some of our shop projects include a two-sow hog house, an A type hog house, self hog feeders, self chicken feeders, automobile repairs, welding gates, saw horses, wash benches and other items.

James Knoeber, Reporter

McCUNE: We have 44 enrolled in vocational agriculture and 50 paid up members in our FFA chapter...Our officers for the coming year are Jimmy Mustard, president; Marion Bennett, vice-president; Edward Collins, treasurer; James Hush, secretary; Richard Hartman, reporter; and Charles McColm, sentinel... A new brick shop and classroom was constructed this summer and the vocational agricultural classes have assisted in equipping and moving into the new quarters. The chapter has done some concrete work in the community to help raise money. The chapter participated in the Joplin Junior Beef Show winning first place in the best 5-steer entry from any one FFA chapter contest. The FFA and FHA held a joint picnic and skating party this fall....We are sponsoring a donkey basketball game, December 9, to raise money for our parent-son banquet.

Richard Hartman, Reporter

MILTONVALE: The officers for 1949-50 are Bob McNeil, president; John Lee Tanzer, vice-president; Melvin Braun, secretary; Dewain Gepner, treasurer; Bill Baldock, reporter; Rex Blackwood, sentinel; and Mr. Lester Crandall, adviser...We have 32 active members this year...We had summer meetings this year and invited all prospective members...Melvin Braun, Vance Braun, and Doyle Truner took first as a team at the North Central Duroc judging contest. Doyle was the high individual....We have our pest eradication contest started. We are competing with the Minneapolis chapter...The annual parent and son banquet was held November 15. There were 111 members, parents and guests present...Our shop work has included constructing steel gates from wheels, 2 and 4 wheel trailers, self feeders for chickens, hogs and cattle, wagon boxes, bunks, troughs, etc.

Bill Baldock, Reporter