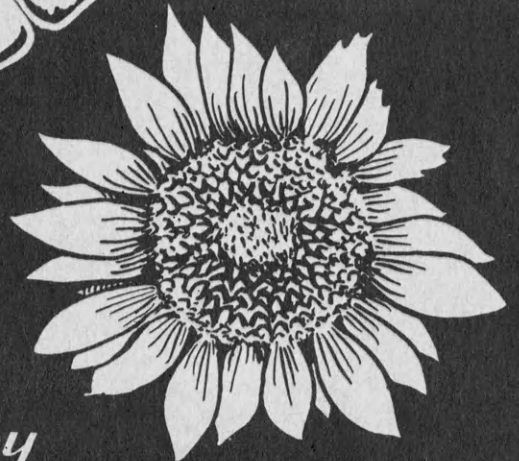


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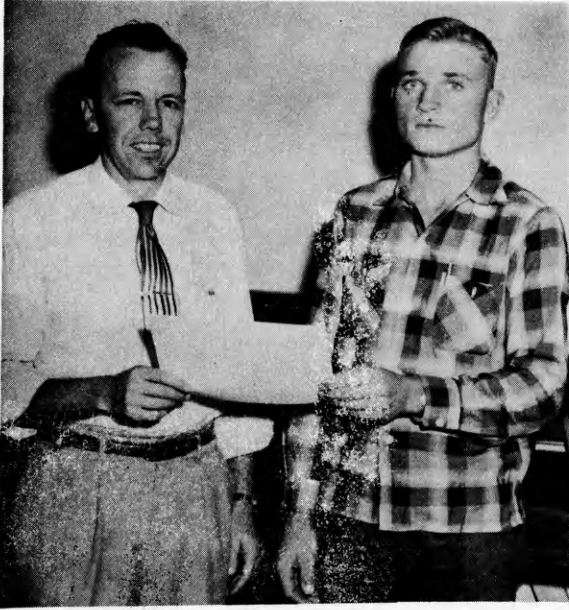
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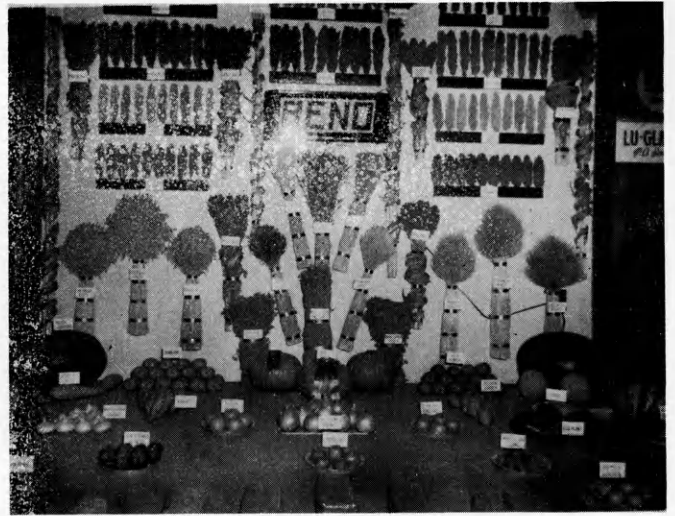
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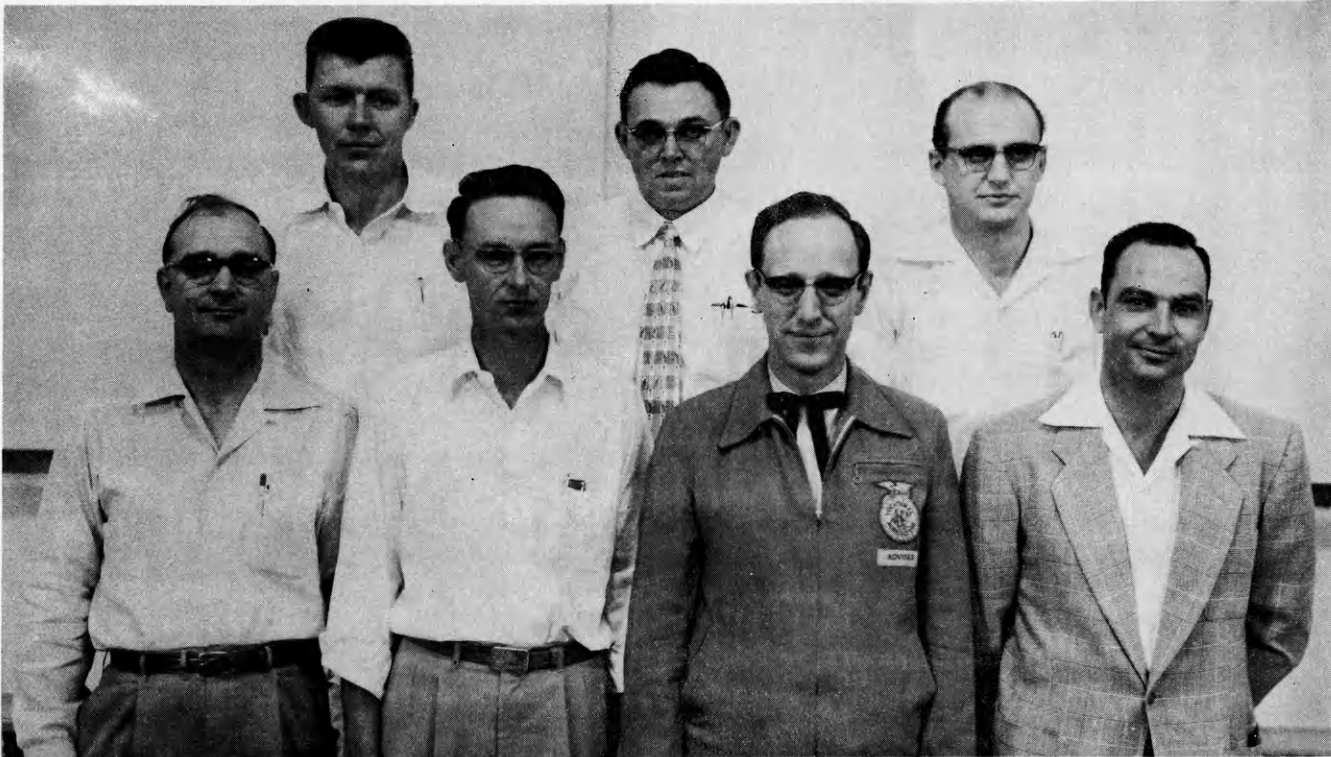
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Adviser Lester Crandall is shown with Bill Zavesky, winner of the Ellsworth County Soil Conservation District annual \$100 Scholarship Award.

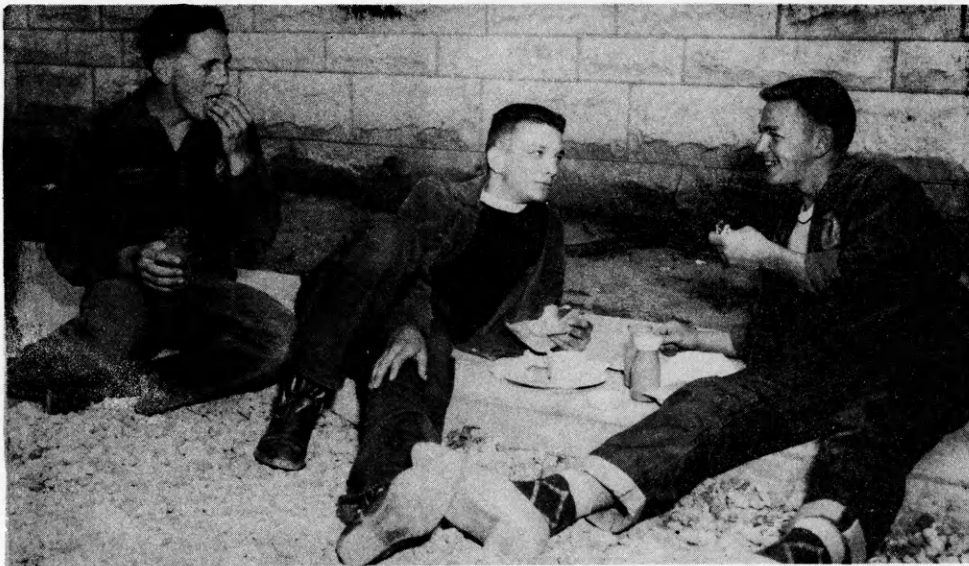
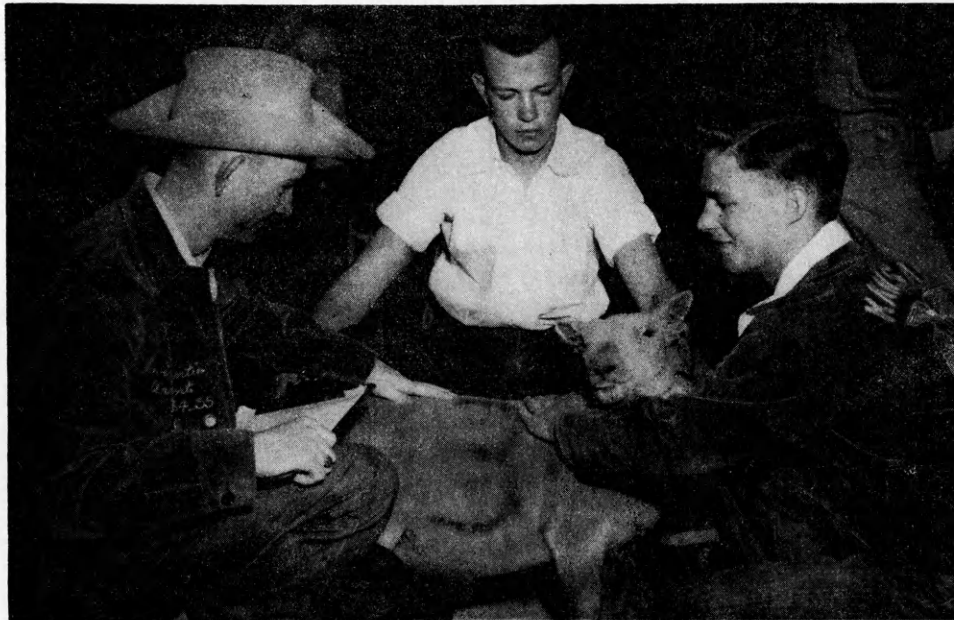


Grand Champion Reno County Educational Booth 1955 Kansas State Fair. Booth prepared by members of the Buhler FFA Chapter, J. A. Johnson, Adviser.



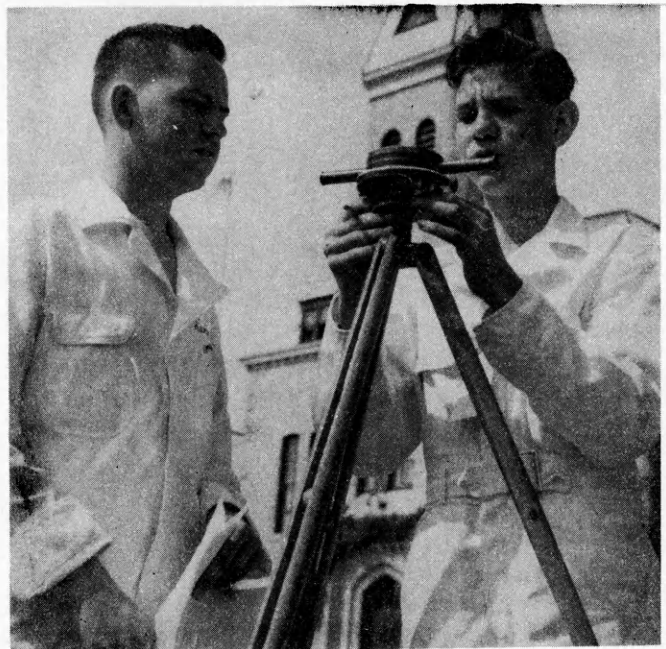
KVAA District Directors who will serve as chairmen of State Farmer Candidate Reviewing Committees. Top Row L-R: NE District, Walter Saathoff, Highland; SC, Harold Walker, Arkansas City; NC, William Smith, Salina; Bottom Row: NW, Merwin Stearns, Osborne; SW, Howard Thomas, Meade; SE, Edward Zahn, Iola; EC, Charles Ross, Washburn, Topeka.

Kansas Vo-Ag students
judging sheep in 32nd
annual state high school
contest.



A noon-time break
is enjoyed by contest-
ants in the 1955 state
high school judging
contest.

Surveying skill is being tested as
a part of the 32nd annual state high
school vo-ag and farm mechanics
contests.



SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL FFA BANQUET

FFA banquets constitute outstanding social events and chapters recognize the importance of careful planning and quality performance. Good banquets do not "just happen"; they are earnestly desired and then worked for. The following suggestions may be of value to your chapter in planning for and holding a successful banquet.

1. Attractively decorated banquet room. Flowers always add. One chapter presented each mother with a red rose. Crepe paper helps if an attractive scheme is used.
2. Place cards and programs attractively used.
3. Mint cups designed as favors.
4. Future Farmers conduct their parents to their seats when banquet is ready. Seat their mothers.
5. Parent and Son are more desirable than father and son.
6. Start banquets at stated time.
7. Late comers should be seated by the sentinel.
8. Soft music while courses are served.
9. Toastmaster have a sense of humor and keep the program "alive".
10. Members participate in the program.
11. Speakers should be limited to ten minutes. Main part of the program presented by boys on their accomplishments and program of work.
12. Local color added by including colored slides of FFA activities and projects.
13. Comical stunt included in program.
14. Program not to exceed ninety minutes.
15. Faculty and wives, school board and wives, American Farmers and Honorary Farmers and wives to be invited each year.
16. Have reception committee to meet the parents on their arrival at the building where the banquet is to be held. Have this committee help the parents with their coats and assist them to a waiting place until the banquet starts.

Try to avoid the following : (1) Uninteresting speakers, (2) Long, drawn-out programs, (3) Poorly-prepared cold meal, (4) Uncomfortable physical conditions, (5) Slow food service.

The FFA banquet is the show window of your department. Make it good.

FFA SPEECH CONTEST

The Twenty-Seventh State FFA Speech Contest will be held on the Kansas State College Campus, Tuesday May 1, 1956, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The speech sections will be held in the following rooms: G 206, Holton Hall; J 15, Eisenhower Hall; and Engineering Lecture Hall. FFA members should be encouraged to begin their preparation for this contest immediately.

THREE TYPEWRITTEN COPIES of the speech entered in the State FFA Speech Contest will be required. One original and two carbon copies will be acceptable. Please be certain that good carbon paper is used in order that the carbon copies can be read easily.

The 1956 State FFA Speech Contest will be conducted under the rules set up for the national speech contest.

The speech will be scored, allowing 300 points on Content and Composition and 700 points on Delivery of the Production. This is in agreement with the national score card.

Eligibility

The FFA chapter must have filed a program of work with the State Association on or before November 1, 1955, and must be in good standing with both the State Association and the National FFA Organization in order to have a member eligible for the State Speech Contest. Exception: chapters chartered or re-established after November 1, 1955. Chapters falling under this category must have paid state and national FFA dues and have submitted a program of work on or before April 4, 1956.

Each eligible FFA chapter in Kansas will be entitled to one entry in the State FFA Speech Contest.

The State Contest will be open only to boys less than twenty years of age who are regularly enrolled high school students successfully carrying at least three units of regular high school work and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the State Association and the National Organization of FFA at the time they are selected to represent their chapter. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of his own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities of the school from which the contestant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Any boy who has participated in a State FFA Speech Contest is ineligible for participation in the 1956 Kansas FFA Speech Contest.

Note: Speech contestants who plan to participate in either the Agricultural or Farm Mechanics contest on Tuesday, May 1, must obtain permission to compete in the Speech Contest from Professor A. P. Davidson at the time copies of the speech are submitted for judging, April 4, 1956.

FFA Speech Contest (continued)

Time Limit and Deductions

Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes and five minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his production on questions which shall be asked by the judges. Deductions will be made of 20 points per minute or part thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length. Deductions will also be made of 20 points per minute or part thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.

Subjects

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable. Official judges of any FFA public speaking contest should disqualify a participant who speaks on a non-agricultural subject.

The following list offers many suggestions in choosing a topic for the State FFA Speech Contest.

1. Agriculture and America
2. The Machine Age and Its Effect on American Agriculture
3. Leadership, The Urgent Need of Agriculture
4. Cooperation and the American Farmer
5. Taxation and Its Meaning to American Agriculture
6. The World Food Crisis
7. Milk for the Millions
8. The Future of the American Farmer
9. The Future Farmers of America in Relation to American Agriculture
10. Farm Safety
11. Farming - A Challenge and an Opportunity
12. Why I Choose to Become a Farmer
13. Education's Contribution to a Balanced Rural Living
14. The Unorganized Farmer in an Organized World
15. Farm Organizations: An Answer to Our Farm Problems
16. Rural Electrification and Its Effect on Agriculture
17. New Markets for Farm Products Through Chemurgy
18. The Utilization of Economic Information in Farming
19. The Economic Status of Farmers in Relation to National Prosperity
20. The Part-Time Farmer in American Agriculture
21. Soil, The Stepping Stone to Freedom.
22. Farm Family Partnership
23. Conservation of Soil - Our Greatest National Problem
24. The FFA Creed - What It Means to Rural America
25. The Land Is Our Trust
26. The Place of Farm Cooperatives in our National Economy
27. Education of the Farmer of Tomorrow
28. Atomic Energy, Its Application to Rural Life

Sources

It is impossible to list all sources of aid for those preparing to take part in the Public Speaking Contest. The following standard sources should not be overlooked.

FFA Speech Contest (continued)

PART II. FOR SCORING THE DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTION

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Voice	100												
2. Stage presence	100												
3. Power of expression	200												
4. Response to questions	200												
5. General effect	100												
Score on delivery	700												

PART III. FOR COMPUTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

Items to be Scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded Contestants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Score on written production	300												
2. Score on delivery	700												
TOTAL	1000												
* Less overtime deduction for each minute or part thereof	20 points												
* Less undertime deduction for each minute or part thereof	20 points												
* From the Timekeeper's Record													

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

<u>Content of the speech includes:</u>	:	<u>Composition of the speech includes:</u>
Importance and appropriateness of the subject	:	Organization of content
Suitability of material used	:	Unity of thought
Accuracy of statements included	:	Logical development
Evidence of purpose	:	Language used
	:	Sentence structure
	:	Accomplishments of purpose - conclusions
	:	
	:	
<u>Voice Includes</u>	:	<u>Power of expression includes</u>
Quality	:	Fluency, emphasis
Pitch	:	Directness, sincerity
Force	:	Communicative ability
Articulation	:	Conveyance of thought and meaning
Pronunciation	:	

FFA Speech Contest (continued)

<u>Response to questions includes</u>	:	<u>Stage presence includes</u>
Ability to satisfactorily answer	:	Personal appearance
the questions on the speech which	:	Poise and body posture
are asked by the judges, indicating:	:	Attitude
originality, familiarity with sub-	:	Confidence
ject and ability to think quickly.	:	Personality
	:	Ease before audience
	:	
	:	
<u>General effect includes</u>	:	
	:	
Extent to which the speech was	:	
interesting, understandable,	:	
convincing, pleasing and held	:	
attention.	:	

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MAKE YOUR SOIL STAY AT HOME

By John McComb*, Washburn Chapter

If you bought a prize cow for 1,000 dollars, then brought her home and turned her loose to roam the country side, chances are you would be a pretty short-term owner of that cow.

That's silly, of course. If you paid that kind of money for a cow, you'd make sure the fences were tight, and you'd take a look now and then to make sure the cow was still where you had put her.

But wait a minute! Another of your prize possessions may be wandering too, and this one cost you 10, 20, or 30 times the price of that expensive cow. It's your farm, and unless you make every intelligent effort to keep it at home it will leave you, just as that prize cow would if not fenced in.

After the next rain, look at your ditches, see if there is any muddy water running down them. If there is, stop and think, it's part of your farm, and that part you will never see again. Or, on a dry windy day, see if your fields are blowing; if they are, wave goodbye, for that topsoil is an old friend, and it is leaving you.

As you look at your fields now, you may not think the erosion is very serious, but wait a few years, perhaps 30, perhaps 15, maybe only 3 or 4. One day you'll notice that your stand of wheat on the slope isn't as good as it was a few years ago. Then, as you look over your farm, you'll see a small patch of clay or shale on the hump of your field or you'll notice a small gully or two or three. Small gullies swiftly grow into large ones, and large gullies are ugly, searing scars on the face of the earth--unhealed scars which tell you

* Placed fourth in the Regional Speech Contest held at East Lansing, Michigan, August 16, 1955.

Make Your Soil Stay At Home (continued)

the lifeblood of your farm is going down the river. Soil is leaving, never to return.

This is so much like your neighbor on the south, Farmer Smith. His farm is deeply scarred with gullies, ruts, and ditches. He is always farming around a gully or bouncing through one. His yields are small and his income low. Theives are at work. Silent, sinister, unnoticed, they have hauled his topsoil away.

How unlike your neighbor on the north, Farmer Jones. His fields are bright and green--unmarked by rain and wind erosion. Why? Because Mr. Jones talked to authorities on soil conservation. He learned that there are many ways to help keep soil at home, like strip-cropping and contour planting. He put these practices to work; that's why his farm is prosperous, his yields high, and his profits high. That's why his farm is the best in the area.

Your farm is between the two, Mr. Farmer of America. Which one will yours look like in the next few years?

Erosion is a poison which can easily kill your farm. But there are medicines to fight the poison. Grasses, trees, terraces, contour plantings, ponds; use these medicines on your soil and nurse it back to health.

Let us look at some ways to check small gullies or even guard against erosion before it starts. Suppose you have a small gully in your field. It takes less than half an hour to furrow around the gully and it leads the water around the gully's sides until you have time to seed the eroded area. Strip-cropping is a good soil saver. It works best on a long level slope and will hold the soil until contour strips can be laid out. Waterways are very helpful as water rushes out onto them and soil isn't lost. When plowing onto a waterway just pull the plow up in different places. This leaves fingers of sod to hold running water and soil. When you are plowing, always plow in the contour. Leave the furrows rough and each becomes a dam. It is always a good idea to turn the soil up-hill if it is at all possible. These methods and others like them help keep soil at home; however, if you are careless, you can lose the valuable topsoil of your farm.

Before our land was out to plow, the average depth of topsoil was about 9 inches. Now it averages only about 5 inches--nearly half gone because of improper land management.

Nature protects the land by covering it with vegetation, such as grasses and trees, so that when the rain falls it is held back and soaks into the soil. Vegetation also cushions and breaks the impact of rain drops.

But man has destroyed nature's protective covering by cutting down forests and plowing up the land, exposing it to the full forces of water and wind. After every rain the water rushes off the sloping land, carrying with it precious topsoil and plant food. The longer this continues, the worse it becomes, and often serious gullying develops.

Approximately 100 years is required by nature to produce a single inch of topsoil. Yet, all of this good work of nature may be destroyed by man in a relatively few minutes by careless land management.

Make Your Soil Stay At Home (continued)

Our soil is the foundation of our happiness, prosperity and progress. Deeply rooted in the earth are our independence, our safety, and the welfare of our people.

America owes her position as a great nation to her soil and its produce. The power, wealth, and vigor of our people are directly due to the marvelous productivity of our land.

Through increased crop yields and a more economical machine operation, we produce more than enough to justify soil conserving practices. But civilization itself depends on the top few inches of your farms. Civilization is a large word, and to many of us it may seem a little indefinite, but all it actually means is automobiles, toasters, and stoves. It means picnics and Sunday dinners and other things that we enjoy in this wonderful life of ours.

But when our soil is gone all that will be gone too. If we should ever doubt it, we would do well to look at the abandoned, often buried cities of ancient peoples. They prove to us that civilization lasts as long as the soil lasts and no longer.

We fought and won two great wars within 30 years and our victories were due, to a large extent, to the best food, feed, and fiber production of our farms.

If our soil had been badly depleted, we would not have had the food it took to win those wars.

Today American farmers are faced with the task of not only feeding adequately an ever-increasing population at home, but also furnishing large quantities of food for other nations. Our continued world leadership and influence will depend largely upon the stewardship of our soil.

We cannot be strong without food. We cannot have food without fertile soil carefully conserved.

Soil is our livelihood, our welfare, our only means of survival if the many things we now have are destroyed. Soil, my friends, is our heritage. Let's make it stay at home.

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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The State FFA Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, April 5, 1956, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the office of A. P. Davidson, Holton Hall, Room 103. The principal business of the meeting will be to review the State Farmer Degree applications. Members of the FFA Executive Committee are: C. C. Eustace, State FFA Adviser; Dean A. D. Weber, School of Agriculture; A. P. Davidson, Deputy FFA Adviser; L. F. Hall, Executive FFA Secretary; ~~Chas. Mantz, Smith Center~~, President of K.V.A.A.; Larry Figgs, Effingham, President of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Emory Groves, Emporia

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NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

February 19-25, 1956

SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS:

1. Obtain "FFA WEEK" proclamation from mayor or governing official of town.
2. Make "National FFA WEEK" posters and place them in prominent downtown store windows and other public places.
3. Prepare a special FFA exhibit, such as those displayed at fairs and shows, and arrange to have it displayed in a downtown store window.
4. Work with the editor of the local newspaper to obtain FFA stories or perhaps a special FFA edition. Some suggestions of material and pictures for publicity follow:
 - a. Story announcing FFA Week. (Sample story enclosed.)
 - b. Story reviewing the history and outstanding accomplishments of the chapter since it was organized.
 - c. Story built around the chapter's current program of work, telling the number of members, names of officers, present activities and plans for the rest of the year. Provide names of committee members and chairmen for special activities.
 - d. Story giving the summary of members' supervised farming programs during the past year. Tell how much the boys earned from farming, what their investment in farming is, how many acres they had in crops, how many livestock, and describe the programs of two or three outstanding individuals. Tell about improvement projects that have been completed during the year, and about farm shop work that was done.
 - e. A picture of the entire chapter membership.
 - f. One or two pictures of chapter officers and important committees at work.
 - g. Picture of the chapter adviser, with story telling his background, how long he has been working in the community, and mentioning any special accomplishments or recognition.
 - h. Several pictures of members with their supervised farming projects.
 - i. Picture of member building farm equipment in the school's farm shop.
 - j. Picture of member or members doing improvement work on their home farms.
 - k. Picture showing recreational activities sponsored by the chapter.
 - l. Picture of mayor presenting FFA Week proclamation to officers.
 - m. Pictures and stories about former members that have won recognition or have become successful farmers.
 - n. Provide the editor copies of the FFA "Motto," "Creed," and "Aims and Purposes."
5. In cooperation with the editor, work with the advertising manager of the local newspaper for a special edition, or special section, in which local merchants will offer congratulations to the chapter in their advertisement.
6. Hold your annual parent-son banquet during FFA Week. See that the local newspaper and radio station have stories about the banquet at least one week in advance. Invite the newspaper editor or a reporter to attend the banquet. If he cannot attend see that he has all the information he wants for a story after the banquet.

National FFA Week (continued)

7. Contact local radio stations to obtain FFA programs. Suggested scripts for such programs are enclosed, or you may develop your own. Arrange for the station to carry spot announcements about FFA Week. (Suggestions for spot announcements are enclosed.)
8. Local radio advertisers may wish to congratulate the FFA in their advertising announcements. Work with the commercial manager of the radio station to obtain these complimentary ads.
9. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs and Service Organizations and make arrangements for Future Farmers to appear on their programs and tell of their work.
10. If you can obtain a print of one of the FFA movies, "Silver Anniversary" or "Farmer of Tomorrow", make arrangements to show it in special meetings, to civic organizations and in the school assembly.
11. If there is a television station in your community make arrangements with the program director to present an FFA program on TV. One of the movies mentioned above would be ideal for use on television.
12. Arrange a special school assembly to be put on by the FFA.
13. Hold open house for parents and friends. Tell about the past years FFA activities and accomplishments.
14. Invite eighth grade farm boys and their parents to a special FFA meeting or open house.
15. Sponsor joint meetings of local civic clubs and rural organizations.
16. Have all members who own them to wear FFA jackets, FFA shirts, or FFA T-shirts during the week. Other members should wear FFA buttons.
17. Conduct a project tour, if weather permits, so your friends in the community can see FFA member accomplishments.
18. Report your activities during FFA Week to your State Association, and begin making plans now for a bigger and better observance of National FFA Week in 1957.

Suggested Fact Sheet on FFA

The Kansas Association of FFA was chartered September 3, 1929, being the 16th state chartered by the National Organization of FFA. During the first 27 years of its history the Kansas Association has elected 1924 members to the State Farmer Degree; 87 members have received the American Farmer Degree; one member was declared The Star Farmer of America; two members won the National FFA Speech Contest; and five local FFA chapters have had the distinction of winning Gold Emblem classification in the National Chapter Contest. The Kansas Association in 1955 had 212 chapters with an active membership of 7,535. Membership in the National Organization of FFA is 383,219. There are 8,868 local FFA chapters.

National FFA Week (continued)THE FFA CREED

The FFA Creed was officially adopted by the delegates to the 3rd National FFA Convention, 1930. In 1935 a framed copy of the Creed was presented to Mr. E. M. Tiffany, of Wisconsin, the author. Kansas FFA members will be interested to learn that Mr. Tiffany is a native Kansan. He was born and grew to manhood in Lyndon, Kansas. Mr. Tiffany graduated from the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science in 1915, and at the time he wrote the FFA Creed was assistant professor agricultural education at the University of Wisconsin.

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE FFA

(LIST FROM MANUAL)

THE FFA MOTTO

"Learning to do,
Doing to learn;
Earning to live,
Living to serve."

LEARNING TO DO--(As vocational agriculture students in high school, Future Farmers study the practical, scientific principles of agriculture that will enable them to become good farmers.)

DOING TO LEARN--(Each member is required to conduct a farming program at home, under the supervision of his vocational agriculture instructor, where he puts into actual practice the methods he learned in the classroom.)

EARNING TO LIVE--(The supervised farming program at home is designed to operate at a profit so that the Future Farmer may expand his farming enterprises as he learns, to the end that he will be successfully established in farming and become a self-supporting, substantial citizen.)

LIVING TO SERVE--(Development of competent, aggressive rural leadership and citizenship is a primary aim of the FFA practical experiences in parliamentary procedure, committee work and conducting other business of an organization as provided through regular chapter meetings.)

LEVELS OF FFA MEMBERSHIP

The FFA has four degrees. The first two - Green Hand and Chapter Farmer - may be awarded by the local chapter. State Farmer degree may be awarded by the State Association to not more than two per cent of its total membership each year. The American Farmer degree is conferred by the national organization. Each state may have one American Farmer for each 1,000 members every year. Advancement to higher degrees is based on increased investments in farming, leadership in local and state FFA activities, and scholarship.

National FFA Week (continued)

Spot Announcements for Radio Use

Did you know that the population of the United States is increasing at such a rate that by 1975 there will be five persons to feed where there are now four? This week the nation honors the Future Farmers of America - the national organization of farm boys who are studying vocational agriculture in public high schools. These young men are studying today, so that you may eat tomorrow. During National FFA Week, Radio Station _____ joins the nation in paying tribute to our Future Farmers, and wishing them Godspeed in their quest for success.

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This country needs 130,000 new farmers every year if we are to keep up our high rate of agricultural production and bring about increases to keep up with our expanding population. One of the most effective training organizations for farm boys is the Future Farmers of America. Its members are students of vocational agriculture in our rural public high schools. There are more than 380,000 Future Farmers in the nation and 7,535 in Kansas. Radio Station _____ salutes these sturdy farm lads during this National Future Farmers of America Week.

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FFA CALENDAR

There has been some confusion on the part of some FFA members and advisors concerning the fact that two companies are distributing official FFA calendars. The two companies authorized to sell official FFA calendars are the Osborne Company of Cincinnati, Ohio and the Custom Cal Company of Atlanta, Georgia.

The Osborne Company has been producing official FFA calendars since 1948. Their "home" calendar has a four-color reproduction of an FFA painting on the cover, followed with 12 pages of color photographs on the inside. Three sizes of "wall" calendars also are produced by Osborne, featuring the reproduction of the same painting used on the cover of the "home" calendar, but without any other color pages.

The Osborne Company is responsible for selling sponsorship of its calendar, and is permitted only one sponsor in a community. Osborne Company salesmen are required to consult the local vocational agricultural instructor before the selection of a sponsor is made. Generally, the FFA chapter agrees to distribute the calendars when they arrive, and for this service the chapter receives a small commission based on the number of calendars purchased by the sponsor. Development of public relations through distribution of an attractive calendar is the primary function of this line of calendars.

The Custom Cal Company was authorized by the FFA Board of Directors last January 1955 to begin selling FFA fund-raising calendars. Their calendar is a single sheet that features a group picture of the FFA chapter members. It includes space for advertisements by several merchants in the community. With the Custom Cal calendar, members of the FFA chapter are asked to handle the selling of advertising space. Its primary purpose is fund-raising. The chapter retains most of the money collected from advertising. You can get information concerning this calendar by writing The Custom Cal Company, Box 248, Northside Station, Atlanta, Georgia.

STATE AWARDS FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., accept the total program of activities planned and executed by a local FFA chapter as conforming with the regulations governing the State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership sponsored by the Foundation. This is a liberal interpretation of the rules, and the Kansas Association of FFA is appreciative of this interpretation. The amount available for Kansas for this award in 1954-1955 was \$999.10. The cash award will be distributed on the basis of 60 per cent to the Gold Emblem Chapters and 40 per cent to the Silver Emblem Chapters. The funds designated for each classification will be divided equally among the chapters listed under each division. In order to qualify for this cash award, each Gold Emblem and Silver Emblem winner submits to the state office by November 20, to be forwarded to the Washington FFA office before December 15, a summary of chapter achievements. The summaries for 34 of the 1955 Gold and Silver Emblem classification winners were sent to the National Office. The amount received by each chapter in the Gold Emblem classification was \$41.74 and each chapter in the Silver Emblem classification received \$19.68. The money is to be used for the betterment of FFA work in the local community.

The following chapters were eligible:

Gold Emblem

Arkansas City Chapter, Harold Walker
 Beloit Chapter, Frank Carpenter
 Buhler Chapter, J. A. Johnson
 Chanute Chapter, Charles O. Carter, Jr.
 Clay Center Chapter, Ray W. Morrison
 Effingham Chapter, Roy Eck
 Ellsworth Chapter, Lester L. Crandall
 Emporia Chapter, Emory Groves
 Little River Chapter, Milton Kohrs
 Oberlin Chapter, Lloyd Moody
 Ottawa Chapter, S. S. Bergsma
 Shawnee-Mission Chapter, Harold D. Garver
 Stockton Chapter, Floyd A. Blauer
 Washburn Chapter, Charles Ross

Silver Emblem

Alma Chapter, Walter R. Gehlbach
 Bonner Springs Chapter, L.L. VanPetten
 Coffeyville Chapter, Marvin L. Riggs
 Coldwater Chapter, L. E. Melia
 Eldorado Chapter, William R. McMillan
 Eureka Chapter, Harry L. Coffel
 Harveyville Chapter, Duane McCune
 Holton Chapter, Harold Gentry
 Hoxie Chapter, Virgil Severns
 Kingman Chapter, Virgil Severns
 Kiowa Chapter, Allen Starosta
 Olathe Chapter, A. G. Jensen
 Seaman Chapter, Marvin Smith
 Simpson Chapter, Robert J. Severance
 Smith Center Chapter, Charles Mantz
 Solomon Chapter, Clyde Venneberg
 St. Francis Chapter, Donald E. Hall
 Washington Chapter, Otis Dewey
 Williamsburg Chapter, Earl Anderson
 Winfield Chapter, Ira Plank and
 John Lowe

* - In distributing awards to local FFA chapters an error was made and the 1954 figure was used instead of the 1955 base. The undistributed balance (approximately .90¢ Gold Emblem, and 1.3¢ Silver Emblem) will remain in the general FFA treasury.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING TEACHERS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURETO RECEIVE THEHONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

(Revised 1956)

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
*1. For each Star Farmer of America	125
*2. For each Regional Star American Farmer placing second, third or fourth nationally	100
*3. For each American Farmer	90
*4. For each Star State Farmer	40
*5. For each State Farmer	20
*6. For each American Farmer established in farming	90
*7. For each State Farmer established in farming	30
*8. For each National FFA Officer	90
*9. For each official State FFA officer	20
*10. For each National first place winner of FFA Foundation Award (Farm Electrification, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Dairy Farming, Soil & Water Management)	75
*11. For each Regional winner of FFA Foundation Award placing second, third or fourth nationally (Farm Electrification, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Dairy Farming, Soil & Water Management)	60
*12. For each first place State winner of National FFA Foundation Award (Farm Electrification, Farm Mechanics Farm Safety, Dairy Farming, Soil & Water Management).	20
13. For each year as advisor of chapter winning Gold Emblem in National Chapter Contest since January, 1954	100
14. For each year as advisor of chapter winning Silver Emblem in National Chapter Contest	60
15. For each year as advisor of chapter winning Bronze Emblem in National Chapter Contest	30
16. For each year as winner of superior award or similar top award in State FFA Chapter Contest	20
17. For each speaker winning National FFA Speech Contest	75
18. For each speaker participating in National FFA Speech Contest at Kansas City, and placing second, third, fourth or fifth	60
19. For each State winner in official National FFA Speech Contest	20
20. For each student on winning team of Gold Emblem Award in National Judging Contest since 1947	20
21. For each student on winning team of Silver Emblem Award in National Judging Contest since 1947	10
22. For each student on winning team of Bronze Emblem Award in National Judging Contest since 1947	5
23. For each team winning Gold Emblem or first place in State Judging Contest	10
24. For serving as an officer in NVATA, except president who receives the degree at present	40
25. For serving as an officer in State VATA	10
26. For each year on (FFA or Vo-Ag) State Advisory Council	10

Honorary American Farmer Degree (continued)

	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
27.	For each year of service as Teacher of Vocational Agriculture	10
28.	For each student participating in National FFA Band or Chorus	15
29.	For attendance at a National FFA Convention	10

* - Application forms for the Teacher's Application for the Honorary American Farmer Degree are available upon request at the State FFA Office. Not more than 25 degrees will be awarded per year to vocational agricultural teachers. Application forms are due in the State Office July 1, and are due in the National FFA Office July 15 of a given year.

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FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

The following items furnished by Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, will be of interest to Kansas FFA members. Some items relate to the fiscal year business, while others are included to show magnitude of the fall of the year "rush".

Volume of business last year: \$725,000.00

Number of jackets sold last year: 62,000

Number of jackets sold in Kansas: 1,562

Volume of business in Kansas: \$20,319.57

2% rebate paid to Kansas: \$406.40

Orders processed since September 15, 1955:
38,000

Number of jackets lettered and shipped since
September 15, 1955: 32,000

Number of regular employees: 25

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CHAPTER NEWS

OSAGE CITY: The Osage City chapter held the Chapter Farmer degree on January 9, in the chapter room. Eight members were advanced to the Chapter Farmer degree. Following the degree work a basketball tournament was held among the classes after which light refreshments were served...Our most exciting FFA activity at the present time is our Pest Eradication Contest which will close February 1. The two teams have been very close together in their scores since November 11. The North team at the present time is leading by 1,175 points...Two of our officers won third place ribbons in the Pfister State Corn Show...The entire chapter took an inventory of their farming programs on January 4. Each member had an average investment of \$1,045.51.

Duane Fredrickson, Reporter

PRATT: We held Green Hand degree ceremony for five new members November 22... The chapter held a Christmas party and play night for all members in December. ...The annual pest contest ended January 13 with 680 pests being eradicated. The losing side will give a party in the near future for the winning side... As a service to help improve parliamentary procedure in all school organizations, the chapter is making gavels for use in other organizations. We have cooperated in securing a strip film series on parliamentary procedure...We have purchased a complete new set of chapter paraphernalia for officers stations. We bought a new banner for the meeting room during the summer... Work is progressing on the new vocational building. The vocational agriculture department will have a classroom, laboratory room and shop in the new building. We hope to move most of the equipment to the new building just before the end of the school term.

Gary Fitzsimmons, Reporter

SEAMAN: On December 2, eight freshman agriculture boys were raised to the degree of Green Hand. At the regular monthly night meeting, on December 21, six Green Hands were raised to degree of Chapter Farmer...The chapter is engaged in a pest eradication contest with the Silver Lake Chapter. The chapter with the highest average of points per member will be treated with a chili supper by the losing chapter...The chapter presented a TV program over WIBW-TV. The program consisted of a model FFA meeting and dehorning and culling demonstrations...Equipment being constructed in shop includes: 5 4-wheel trailers, 2 two-wheel trailers, 1 self-feeder for hogs, 1 feed rack for cattle, 2 feed bunks, 2 farrowing crates, overhead portable hoist, loading chute, 2 portable hog houses, a tractor scraper with a 3-point hitch, 3 gates, and other minor projects.

Don Bowman, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: We the Wellsville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America have had our Green Hand degree ceremony...Mark Todd and Butch Broers were captains of our pest eradication contest. Mark Todd's team won. The total number of each kind of pests killed were: 19 coons, 55 pigeons, nine coyotes, 350 mice, 812 sparrows, seven skunks, five crows, 55 rats, 114 rabbits, 90 opossums and 293 starlings...Committees have been appointed for planning our Parent and Son Banquet.

Alan Schendel

GENESEO: Fifteen freshmen received their Green Hand Degrees...The fathers of all FFA members were invited to a father and son meeting...We have our pest eradication contest underway now and the names of the two teams are the Davy Crocketts and the Daniel Boones. The contest started December 1 and will last until January 25...We have completed our old Kansas Farm Account books and started on the new 1956 Record book. The average net worth of the Seniors is \$453.50, for the Juniors \$1,459.83, for the Sophomores \$375.87, and the Freshmen have an average of \$84.50...Our FFA Parent and Son banquet has been set for March 6...Nineteen of the 26 FFA members have FFA jackets...Twenty of the boys were out for football and nineteen are out for basketball...Our adviser, Mr. Harris, is assisting as a Township Chairman in the County Rat and Mouse Control Weeks. The control period will be from January 26 - February 9. Our FFA members will contact all the farmers in the Geneseo area and sell them some Warfarin that is being used. We hope to contact all the farmers in the county and completely rid the county of rats and mice...Some of the skills the freshman boys are learning in shop are: replacing hammer and ax handles, sharpening auger bits, sharpening twist drill bits, welding projects, nail boxes, soldering projects, hog troughs...The freshman boys have completed one of the pens in our eight acre field. These pens will be used by the town boys to keep their livestock program close where they can take care of it. Two Freshman boys already have their Duroc gilts in the pen. We hope to seed milo in part of the field this spring for feed. Of the nine freshman boys, six have gilts for the farming program and the others have beef cattle and wheat...The projects that are being built in shop at the present time are: 2 bale elevators, duckfoot, 3 steel gates, 2 portable loading chutes, bobsled, hay rack and gears, 3 sets of clothes line posts, 2-wheeled trailer, hog house, post hole digger, squeeze chute, hog feeder, salt box stand, motor repair and many small projects.

Wayne Pruitt, Reporter

WINFIELD: The chapter was very successful in repairing Christmas toys for needy children. We repaired and painted 185 toys which were placed on display in one of the store windows in Winfield...We were fortunate to have Santa Claus arrive at the December meeting. He led the chapter in Christmas carols and distributed the presents brought by the members for the gift exchange... One of our money making projects has been the sale of scrap iron. One Saturday morning, we collected and sold \$30.91 worth of scrap iron. We are now junking a threshing machine donated by a farmer in the community...As of December 31, we have made a net profit of \$68.87 in the snack bar which the junior vocational agriculture class manages during the school's ten minute morning break....The sophomore class has butchered and processed 13 head of livestock for the farmers in the community. In addition, the farmers have butchered and processed 72 head of livestock on Saturdays and holidays...We are planning our FFA Week...Farm shop jobs completed: overhaul and painting of a tractor, 2 trailers, 4 sheep feeders, 2 metal feed bunks, cattle roughage feeder, 2 two-sow farrowing stalls, 2 hog panels, sheep cutting gate, laying nest feeder, 3 metal gates, and 30 crop markers. Farm shop jobs under construction: Overhaul and painting of a tractor, bale elevator, creep feeder, post hole auger, two wheel trailer, lawn mower, pickup stock racks, cattle squeeze, cattle roughage feeder, metal hay feeder, and the repair of a manure scoop, four wheel trailer, and a metal hog feeder.

Larry Waite, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: The Ellsworth FFA Chapter had three more boys who received conservation awards for their outstanding conservation practices. These boys are Dean Armbrust, Gary Harmon and Harold Prochaska. These awards were made possible by the Citizen State Bank, Farmers Union, and Soil Conservation Service. Dean Armbrust received \$100, Gary Harmon, \$75; and Harold Prochaska \$25. The winners were picked by the Ellsworth County S.C.D. Board of Supervisors...Our local chapter held its annual Freshman-Parent Night October 11. This is a night set aside for the freshmen and their parents to become acquainted with vocational agriculture program...Our chapter has an annual swimming party when all the dues have been paid. This swimming party was held on November 28, at the YMCA in Salina, Kansas. Thirty boys and dads attended. ...For our regular meetings we usually have speakers from local business places such as the bank, soil conservation office, county extension office, depot, newspaper printing offices, the veterinary and local elevator operators. Their talks are usually about different angles of farming or something in connection with the farmer...The Ellsworth Chapter held a pest eradication contest within the chapter. We set this contest up with two teams within the chapter. The contest runs for one month and each pest which is brought in counts a certain number of points for the member. At the close of the contest the losers are expect to serve a supper for the winners...Eleven boys were received as Green Hands...The chapter is adding to the gilt ring which was started last year. Six gilts from our gilt ring were given to six boys last year and they have returned one gilt from the litter to five boys this year. One boy received two gilts...David Essick, an ex-vocational agriculture boy was given an award from the International Harvester Company for having an All-Around Agriculture Program.

Paul Haase, Reporter

EL DORADO: On January 12, the El Dorado FFA chapter appeared on the "RFD" T-V program originating at the K.T.V.H., television studios in Hutchinson, Kansas. Members participating were: DeWayne Clemons, Grant Helmer, Jerry Doornbos, George Boucher, J. C. Braman, John Condell, Larry Carson, Larry Foxworthy, Steve Howard, Bob Hunn, Tim Kenney, Tom McKee, Marion Carson, Tommy Stokes...The El Dorado theater sold "Movietime Tickets" and asked the FFA chapter to help sell them. The chapter makes seventy cents on each book of tickets and the members that sold the book made twenty-five cents on each book which left the chapter a profit of forty-five cents on each book. This past year the chapter has made over \$100.00 selling these movie tickets.

DeWayne Clemons, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: The Fort Scott FFA chapter sponsored a Christmas toy drive for needy children in the community. We received the toys from community citizens, repaired those needing repairs, and then turned them over to needy children. The project was so successful that we had over \$200.00 worth of nice, neatly repaired toys to distribute at Christmas time...Our FFA radio broadcast is progressing nicely. We have a ten minute broadcast every other week, at which time we tell of our latest FFA news, and how our vocational agriculture classes are progressing...We recently gave degrees to nine Green Hands. Cecil Yeager, Mahlon Lewis, Mach Thronton, Jim Braden, Harold Riggs, Ronald Quick, Richard Stark, Edgar Elder, and Jerry Stoughton are our new Green Hands. Instead of a "rough house" type of initiation we have our Green Hands paint rural mailboxes in the community...Community service jobs that are being carried out include milk testing, seed testing, and a pest control program.

Joe Clary, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: We held our FFA meeting and Christmas party with our Dads as guests December 20, in the Voc-Ag building. A Christmas program and gift exchange were enjoyed by all...Our chapter had a pest contest which ran from Thanksgiving vacation until January 5. Two hundred coyotes were killed during the contest...We dehorned and vaccinated about 50 head of calves and castrated 21 calves...We have been selling popcorn at all of the home basketball and football games...Projects being built in the shop at this time are: combination hack saw and band saw, bale and grain elevator, feed bunk, disc transport, stock racks, self unloading feed wagon, post hole digger, T-V tower, loading chute and hog house.

Billie E. Cowell, Reporter

LAWRENCE: The Jayhawk FFA Chapter basketball team started its practice three weeks ago for competition in the City League Tournament. The other teams in this league are from Lawrence High...Our four public speakers are practicing to enter the district public speaking contest held at Seaman High School, Feb. 6th. The boys have each given their speeches before the chapter during our weekly meeting...The crops judging team is working hard preparing for the crops judging contest to be held here...The Lawrence Board of Education is giving the vocational agriculture department about two acres of ground at the southwest corner of the school grounds. The ground will be used for field, garden, grass and legume crops. These crops and the use of various fertilizers will be for demonstration purposes. We believe this should have practical value for the entire department.

Phil Spencer, Reporter

GOESSEL: The Goessel FFA Chapter held their annual Parent-Son banquet on Nov. 18th. Our pest eradication contest started on Nov. 1, and ended on Jan. 16th. A total of 2583 pests were eradicated. To raise money, our chapter sponsored a carnival on the evening of Dec. 30th. Projects being built in our shop include five implement carriers, one squeeze chute, one hog self feeder, one bale elevator, one pickup stock rack, a four wheel trailer, and four sets of clothes line poles. A two wheel trailer and a spring tooth harrow are being repaired.

Weldon Voth, Reporter

ATWOOD: The Atwood FFA Chapter purchased a registered Duroc gilt to add to the swine ring. For money-making projects we held a food sale and sell stadium seats at school activities. Thirteen members received the Green Hand Degree and nine received Chapter Farmer Degrees. Some of the shop projects started this year are: a cattle squeeze chute, horse trailer, feed bunk, metal rack, hog house, magazine racks, tractor mounted on rubber, tractor and two trucks overhauled. The FFA Chapter held their annual Christmas Ball, December 21.

Joseph Conant, Reporter

SOLDIER: The Soldier Chapter has 27 members...To raise funds, our chapter has made 4 steel and 3 wooden gates, a loading chute that is mounted on wheels and is adjustable. We made a profit on our popcorn machine at our football and basketball games. Our chapter has a party planned for February 6th.

Bill Hidy, Reporter

HARPER: Green Hand degree ceremony was held December 5, for twelve members. Our chapter has charge of the concessions stand at basket ball games, where candy, pop and gum are sold...Our chapter is now engaged in the pest eradication contest...We sold over 6 tons of paper to Hutchinson Paper Mill. Three members gave a demonstration on electrical safety over KHTV television at Hutchinson. We are making plans for our Parent-Son banquet which will be held early in March...Shop projects completed or under way include hog house, hog feeder, sheep racks, loading chute, gates, painting tractor, as well as a number of smaller items.

Robert Hekel, Reporter

OLATHE: Several members of our chapter enjoyed a joint meeting with the Shawnee-Mission Chapter when they invited us to meet with them for a special program. Besides the information brought to us by means of movies and special speakers, dealing with feeding problems, our members enjoyed the fellowship and refreshments following the program...Our members in the Junior and Senior classes, made good use of class time recently to clean up the school campus. A few rakes, several boys with energy and a little time, made a great deal of difference in the appearance of our school grounds...Our Green Hand degree ceremony is scheduled for January 13 and in a short time we hope to hold the ceremony for Chapter Farmer candidates...A few of our members have been working on speeches for our chapter contest to be held on January 26.

James Russell, Reporter

PARADISE: We elected our sweetheart at our last regular monthly meeting and have bought an official sweetheart jacket for her. It will be presented sometime this week...We have been running our yearly pest eradication contest since November. This contest has also worked as a money making project. The township paid us for poisoning prairie dogs on some farms...Our other money making project was to shock feed for farmers and put our wages in the treasury...The Freshman class has elected Green Hand officers and are studying parliamentary procedure. We have seven new Green Hands bringing our chapter membership to twenty-seven.

Harry Eulert, Reporter

ERIE: We are planning on planting some shrubery around the Vo-Ag building. For our money raising activities, we sold 431 boxes of Christmas cards. The high man sold 54 boxes. The group was divided into two and the losing side gave a hamburger feed...We published an FFA calendar. We gave each merchant two tickets to the Parent-Son banquet in the spring...We are preparing for the FFA Speech Contest at Iola, January 28, and the Farm Mechanic Contest at Altamont. We are having a pest eradication contest, the losing side must treat the winning to a skating party...Wednesday, January 25, we are to install the St Paul chapter officers and initiate their Green Hands.

Donald Gibson, Reporter

SABETHA: The FFA will put on an assembly program January 20th for the high school. The Sophomore class put one coat of paint on the classroom ceiling. The Junior class bought a junk V-8 engine for study and are now repairing it. A few items that are being made in shop are: sheep blocking stand, a feed bunk, saw horses, sack holders, a chute for a farm elevator, and other miscellaneous items.

Kenneth Alderfer, Reporter

ELLINWOOD: Our pest contest is coming to a close. We have had a large variety of pests. The losing side will give the winners a chili feed on Feb. 13...We have a large number of projects being made in shop a bale elevator, bale trailer and a creep feeder. Loading chutes, cattle racks, and other projects are under construction...We have approximately 20 out for basketball. We have played two games and have one more on the schedule.

Jim Schartz, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: The chapter purchased sixteen head of Corriedale ewes to use as a chapter project...Six boys have swine programs at the school barn and one boy has a beef program...We are holding a pest eradication contest. The Freshmen-Seniors vs. the Sophomores-Juniors...To help raise money for the chapter we have a concession stand at the basketball games...Our Parent-Son banquet was held January 18. Mr. Elgin Button, County Agent of McPherson County showed slides and talked on German Agriculture. Mr. & Mrs. Button spent several weeks in Germany last year.

Donnie Yoakem, Reporter

NATOMA: The Junior Vocational Agriculture Class of Natoma High School and their instructor spent three days at the National Western Livestock Show at Denver, Colorado...The Natoma Chapter of Future Farmers of America closed their Pest Eradication Contest Friday, January 6, with a total of 2,451 pests killed. It is estimated that these would have done nearly \$5,000 damage in one year...The Chapter had their annual Parent's Night with about 160 attending. One of the most enjoyed events of the evening was a short speech by the Chapter's first State Farmer.

Lloyd Oswald, Reporter

BERRYTON: The Berryton FFA Chapter is building a dehorning chute to be used by the FFA members of the chapter and the Berryton community. The Freshman, Sophomore, and the Junior classes have been doing some dehorning and castrating for some of the people of the community. All of the FFA members get to work on the chute at different time's. Our ceremony for the Green Hand degree is to be held at the high school January 25th. There is one tractor in the shop at the present being overhauled. One of the boys is building a four wheeled trailer.

Lloyd Huyett, Reporter

BURNS: In closing up the farming program work for 1955 the Vocational Agriculture boys did not make a large profit...A senior produced 1622 pounds of meat with two stock cows and two calves; one member with one grade steer produced 340 pounds of meat, and another member produced 720 pounds of pork and beef. Ten members of the chapter received the Green Hand degree.

Bill Underkofler, Reporter

OTTAWA: Our annual pest eradication contest will close January 23...Our new Vocational Agriculture building is about completed. Committees are at work on plans for an open house...We are proud of two of our members who have participated in the Pfisters Pick# a winner contest. One member exhibited the winning ten ears of corn at our local crop show and another member exhibited the winning peck of shelled corn, both went on to win first in the district state shows...Our chapter has the candy and gum concession at all basketball games.

Bill McNish, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Our chapter has bought a Spotted Poland China gilt for use in our gilt ring, starting this year...Our chapter sold Christmas cards this year to raise money...A Donkey Basketball game is planned for March 6. The donkeys are furnished by Ralph Godfery, Crescent, Oklahoma. A similar ballgame was held last year with a capacity crowd attending. This is another one of our methods of financing chapter activities...FFA members in this chapter now have on feed for the Wichita Fat Stock Show next fall, the following: 3 Hereford, 4 Angus, and 1 Shorthorn steer. One member is also preparing 3 of his Spotted Poland China barrows for the Wichita Fat Barrow Show to be held in March... December 1, the Sophomore and Junior Agriculture classes were guests of the Co-Op Commission Company in Hutchinson. The group also toured the State Grain Grading and Inspection Department and the Hutchinson Board of Trade...Our chapter will recognize National FFA Week by attending one church, as a group, on Sunday, February 19. The following Wednesday, the chapter will present an hour long assembly to the student body of the high school. On the evening of February 22, a short program will be presented for the local Lion's Club.

Bill Mills, Reporter

PRETTY PRAIRIE: We have 52 members in our chapter this year. Three registered Yorkshire gilts were placed with three Freshman boys. These were returned gilts from last years gilt ring. In our pest control contest the Sophomores and Seniors defeated the Freshman and Juniors, 38,935 to 36,035...Some of the jobs under construction in shop are: 5 metal loading chutes, 3 irrigation pipe trailers, 2 large cattle hay feeders, 3 silage bunks, 2 four-wheel hay trailers, 1 - 9ft. field cultivator, 2 post hole diggers, 3 picnic tables, 2 cars being overhauled, 1 tractor being overhauled and painted, besides several gates and other small jobs. Three of the Sophomore boys presented a TV program over KTVH on November 14. The subject was "How Hybrid Sorghum Seed is Produced". We have added to the chapter treasury in the following ways: \$80.00 from the Farm Machinery Exhibit at the Hutchinson State Fair, \$100.00 for building chutes for Pretty Prairie Rodeo, \$160.00 for handling 16,000 lbs. of Certified Atlas and Milo seed for the students and their parents.

Kenny Albright, Reporter

BREWSTER: Eight freshmen were initiated into the FFA chapter and nine members raised to the degree of a Chapter Farmer. Eight members enjoyed a two day visit to the Denver Livestock Show. We also visited the Monfort feed lots near Greeley. Our Agriculture 11 class is finishing work on filing income tax returns. They will be able to work a complete problem including farm expenses, income, depreciation, and correctly fill out the 1040 return. Present shop projects include a hog house, two loading chutes, a snowplow, refinishing two tractors, making a pick up box for a feedlot, several picnic tables, and a feed bunk. Our chapter lost in a pest eradication contest with the Colby chapter, and will honor the Colby chapter with an oyster fry in the near future.

Larry Roulier, Reporter

HILLSBORO: Eleven boys were raised to the Green Hand degree and five were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree...We are constructing a bale elevator, 2 four wheel trailers, 3 stock racks, a manure loader and some other more minor jobs. We have a popcorn machine with which we make money for the Parent-Son banquet and other chapter expenses.

Gerald Jost, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: Our FFA Parent and Son Banquet date has been set for March 13. Some of the ways we are earning money toward financing our banquet are as follows: during our annual pest contest we catch live pigeons and sell them to the Anchor Serum Company in St. Joseph. The Juniors and Sophomores are making feed bunks and selling them. We are also having a food sale this month and we are planning to have a donkey basketball game...Some of the shop projects are feed bunks, trailer beds, overhauling a tractor and keyboards for our music department.

Duane Thomas, Reporter

PEABODY: Our chapter held a pest eradication contest. It was won by the Freshmen and Sophomores, who will be treated to a party by the Junior and Senior members...A hat and coat check rack at the basketball games at home provides a means of earning money for our chapter. We have averaged from \$1.20 to \$3.05 per game.

Kenneth Guthrie, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: The chapter sponsored a coyote hunt New Years day and netted four kills...One student finished his two wheel livestock trailer Christmas vacation, another is putting the finishing touches to his ensilage trailer. One student finished a hog self feeder and another repaired and painted his fathers two wheel trailer.

Kay Heck, Reporter

SILVER LAKE: We are holding a rodent contest with the Seaman chapter. The contest closes January 31st...We are holding our annual chapter sweetheart square dance, February 13th...We cleared \$135.00 selling Christmas cards this year. Projects under construction in our shop include: 2 stock racks for pickups, 2 implement trailers, 1 - 8x14 grain bed for farm wagon, a 40 bushel self feeder for hogs, 2 combination hay and grain feeders for cattle, 1 hay and grain elevator, 5-12 foot pipe gates.

Eugene Smith, Reporter

STOCKTON: The Stockton Chapter sponsored the annual High School Carnival (Goblins Glory) on October 31. The profit from this was \$653.65. Six members attended the National FFA Convention. Five members attended the Economy Beef Production Marketing Day at St. Joseph December 1. Our annual parents meeting was held November 8th. Nine Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree at our last regular meeting.

Freeman Sander, Reporter

GOODLAND: Two former members were the principal speakers at our recent night meeting of the chapter. Both former members showed slides and talked on agriculture in Germany and Italy. Parents were invited to the meeting...The Goodland chapter just complete a project under the heading of service to school, by sanding and refinishing the tables in the study hall. Members are also building cabinets for the extension council and selling metal car tags advertising Goodland.

Kenneth Scofield, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: Our Junior Vo-Ag class and our advisor attended the National Western Livestock show at Denver, January 13 - 15. We are making plans for our seventh annual FFA banquet.

Vernon Lovin, Reporter

MCPHERSON: Our chapter is making plans to have a hamburger stand at the annual May Day celebration as a money raising activity. Projects under way in our shop include: 3 baled hay elevators, tandem wheel horse trailer, 2 stock racks for pick-up trucks, 2 cattle feeders, post hole digger and a cattle mineral feeder.

Tommy Schrag, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: The FFA held their annual Harvester with the FHA on November 8th. A King and Queen were crowned and presented with gifts. Approximately 100 students attended with the faculty as guests...December the 9th the FFA put on a 30 minute assembly for the student body...We are now holding a pest contest. It started December 1st and will end February 1st. We are divided into two sides and the losing side will treat the winning side to a Chili supper. We are inviting our fathers to the supper and we will have a program. A rifle is going to be given for first prize, a sleeping bag for second and an electric lantern for third prize. From the amount of points that have been turned in it looks like much has been accomplished in destroying pests... Projects under construction in the shop include: 2 hog houses, 2 loading chutes, 1 squeeze chute, 1 truck bed, a welding table, steel feed bunk and other small projects.

Richard Pieschl, Reporter