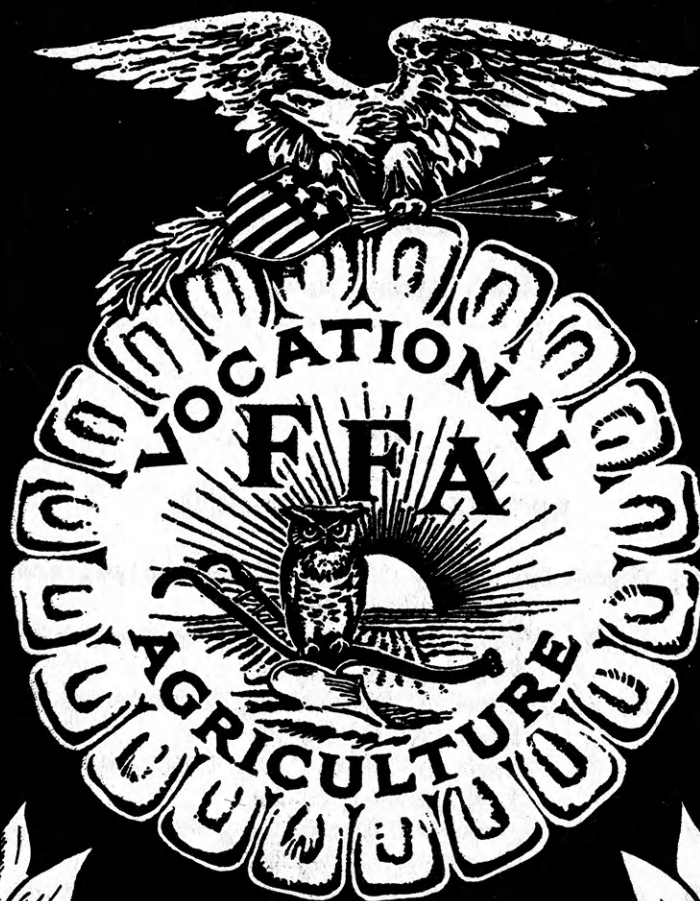


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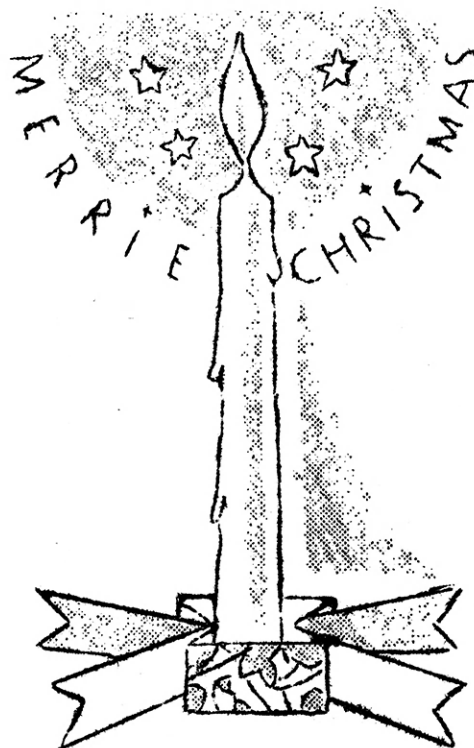
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PEACE ON EARTH

GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

FFA CALENDARMEMBERSHIP DUES

FFA membership dues are due as of January 1, 1946. Dues are 20 cents per member, 10 cents national and 10 cents state. Associate and honorary members do not pay dues. Membership cards are sent out from the state office only upon payment of dues. Send dues to Professor A. P. Davidson, K.S.C., Manhattan, Kansas.

STATE FARMER CANDIDATES

Completed entry materials for application for the State Farmer degree must be in the mails January 15, 1946.

CARL RAYMOND GRAY SCHOLARSHIP

Completed entry materials for application for the Carl Raymond Gray scholarships (Union Pacific RR) must be in the mails January 15, 1946.

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FORT SCOTT CHAPTER CHARTERED

On November 26, 1945, the state association issued charter number 190 to the Fort Scott chapter of 36 members. The officers of the new chapter are: President - Joe M. Taylor; Vice President - Arlo Eden; Secretary - Lyle Hixon; Treasurer - Wendell Biles; Reporter - Donald Sinn; Adviser - R. W. Hughes.

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CONGRATULATIONS - EFFINGHAM CHAPTER

A check recently received from the Atchison County Community High School chapter of Future Farmers for \$16.40, representing payment of state and national FFA dues for 82 members, places the Effingham chapter at the head of the list in total active membership in the state. We wish to extend congratulations to local adviser A. G. Jensen, and to the live membership of the Atchison County chapter of Future Farmers of America.

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EDUCATION

Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate, no despotism can enslave. At home a friend, abroad an introduction, in solitude a solace, and in society an ornament. It chastens vice, it guides virtue, it gives at once grace and government to genius. Without it what is man? A splendid slave, a reasoning savage.

- Joseph Addison.

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BUHLER CHAPTER WINS AWARD

The Buhler chapter, Buhler, Kansas, J. A. Johnson, adviser, won the \$5 award offered by Better Farming Methods, Mount Morris, Illinois, for the best FFA meeting outline for the months of December 1945 and January 1946. Congratulations Buhler, and may we call attention of all Kansas FFA chapters to this contest.

NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

It is not too early to begin laying plans for entry in the national chapter contest. All chapters may submit entries. However, in Kansas the Gold Emblem winners in the state chapter contest are the only chapters eligible to submit final achievement reports. A state association may submit two final achievement reports to the national chapter contest. If more than two chapters submit achievement reports, the state association will review them and submit the two winners.

The following chapters were classified as Gold Emblem chapters in the 1944-45 state association chapter contest and are eligible to submit entries in the national chapter contest:

Beloit, Howard Bradley, adviser
Buhler, J. A. Johnson, adviser
Clay Center, R. W. Morrison, adviser
Emporia, J. W. Taylor, adviser
Great Bend, Fred Schultis, adviser
Haven, Glenn Schulthess, adviser
Highland Park, F. E. Carpenter, adviser
Manhattan, Harold Kugler, adviser
Sedan, Joe Neill, adviser
Shawnee Mission, H. D. Garver, adviser
Washburn, C. C. Milligan, adviser
Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, advisers

It is hoped that each of the above listed chapters will prepare and submit an entry in the national chapter contest. The entry date in the past has been January 31. Entry blanks will be forwarded the eligible chapters just as soon as they are received by the state office. The practice of having all eligible chapters submit entries in the national chapter contest would appear to be sound. Later in the year the eligible chapters can agree which two will submit final achievement reports.

Kansas chapters eligible should begin planning now to enter the 1946 chapter contest. What a thrill awaits any chapter that can gain recognition at the FFA VICTORY CONVENTION!

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FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The annual Kansas Association FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held Monday, April 29, 1946, in connection with the annual meeting of the state association. Rules and regulations will be published in the January issue of the newsletter. This year for the first time in the history of the state association there will be a cash award to the state FFA public speaking winner of \$100, said award being made possible by donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Do you have a boy who is less than 21 years of age with potential possibilities in the field of speech? If so, this is the year for action. Every FFA member interested in speech should be looking beyond the state association contest, to the regional and the national contests. Five

FFA Public Speaking Contest (concluded)

individual cash awards will be available to national winners, varying from a top award of \$250 to the fifth place award of \$150. More important than the cash awards available in the national contest, will be the honor of representing a region in this important competitive FFA event. It is expected that 15,000 people will attend the FFA "Victory Convention" at Kansas City next fall. FFA boys with vision, intelligence, and determination should respond to the challenge and immediately set about preparing themselves for the state FFA public speaking contest.

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JACK HALL - STAR FARMER OF KANSAS

Jack V. Hall, Highland Park chapter, won the 1945 Star Farmer of Kansas award. This award is made annually by the Weekly Kansas City Star. A check for \$75 accompanied the award.

Jack enrolled in vocational agriculture and became a member of the Future Farmers of America in 1940. He was graduated from high school in 1944, and since graduation has been devoting his full time to farming. F. E. Carpenter was the instructor in vocational agriculture and local FFA adviser.

This 19-year old farm boy started his farming program in 1941 with 2 purebred Angus heifers, 1 Holstein cow, 1 Spotted Poland China hog and 4 acres of Kanota oats. He expanded his farming program each year. At the time he applied for the American Farmer Degree he had 9 purebred Angus cattle, 1 purebred sow and litter, 21 acres of wheat, one-fifth interest in all crops grown on 155 acres of land, and one-half interest in 286 hens and 500 chicks. He has had a labor income of \$2988 from his farming program during the past five years. He has invested a part of his earnings in good farm equipment consisting of a tractor, combine, tractor plow, lister, harrow, portable hog house and self-feeder.

Jack has assumed responsibility for many improvements on the home farm. He planned and planted the home garden, planted 25 shade trees, culled the home flock of chickens, gravelled a driveway, repaired and painted many of the farm buildings. He tested and treated seed, assisted in terracing twelve acres of land, controlled woods, helped wire the dwelling and other farm buildings for electricity.

Jack has been very active in FFA work on all three levels, local, state and national. He was vice-president and president of his local chapter, was president of the Kansas Association of FFA in 1944-45. He was an excellent student, and a splendid cooperator. Under his leadership in the Highland Park chapter won the Gold Emblem award in the state association contest. Jack served as a delegate to the national FFA convention in 1944 and in 1945. He assisted with district FFA leadership schools in 1944 and again in 1945. The 1945 state and national FFA participation on Jack's part were not given consideration by the Weekly KC Star in making the Star Farmer of Kansas award. These activities are listed in order to show the willingness of the 1945 award winner to cooperate. Jack received the Carl Raymond Gray Union Pacific Scholarship, the Santa Fe Railroad Agricultural Award, and the Firestone Agricultural Award as a result of his achievement and leadership in agriculture. He was active in high school affairs, having been a member of the glee club, aviation club, high school orchestra and band, and president of the senior class, as well as vice-president and president of the FFA chapter.

FORMER STATE FFA PRESIDENT IN FIRST GROUP TO ENTER TOKYO HARBOR

Note: George Stelter, PHOM 3/C, Abilene, Kansas, past president of the Kansas Association and past third vice president, National Organization of Future Farmers of America, in the following article tells of his training and experiences as a member of Underwater Demolition Team #18, Task Force 51, Third Fleet, which was the first group to make a landing in the Tokyo Bay area, and relates interesting observations on FFA work in Hawaii. George recently visited the state office while on "rehabilitation leave". Ed.

It is mighty good to be back in Kansas and see something besides water and yellow Japs!! Yes, I said yellow - not only in color of skin, but also because they gave up the scrap as soon as it began to hurt. I am proud to state that I have had the great honor of serving with the United States Naval Air Corps as an official Naval Photographer.

You have read and heard much about war and the propaganda handed out by all about how they won the war single handed. Marines, Navy, Army, Air Corps, Royal British Commandos - they all just love to take credit. May I just add my bit to this jumble of credit grabbers, and say it was a case of mass co-operation from the Underwater Demolition Reconnaissance Swimmer to the last guard of the Army of Occupation.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCES WITH UDT #18

Well do I remember that morning last February (1945) when the Personnel officer of Naval Photographers asked, in that commanding way, if I would like to go on a secret job. Just what the job was he didn't say. My orders which were handed me in that familiar brown sealed envelope stated that, "This photographer will be given transportation and training enroute to Navy 900, outside the continental limits of U.S.A. Orders herein are for Commanding Officer of Underwater Demolition Training and Experimental Base Navy #900." First stop was six weeks of Fleet Marine Boot Camp at San Bruno, California.

Those soft feet of mine got plenty of blisters, and firing a carbine became second nature. But all things must come to an end, so with my continental training completed I started overseas. Water, water everywhere, and, finally Hawaii and the Island of Maui where I found Navy #900, the secret training station of U.D.T.

I soon learned why it was secret. The Marines would never admit that they were not to land first on enemy shores, and the U.D.T. didn't care to advertise to the Japs that they were in the habit of swimming around in their (Japs') harbors and climbing upon their beaches as much as ten days prior to each D-day. This sort of U.D.T. activity was practiced all across the Pacific from Tarawa to Tokyo.

I found these "frog men" (Underwater Demolition Team) to be excellent swimmers, athletic, and the Maui station was a heaven for them. Beautiful sunshine, warm sea in which to swim that mile before breakfast, plenty of coral reefs to blast for practice. You can imagine how I fit into the picture - a dry land non-swimmer, a fugitive from the darkroom looking for an airplane instead of a "flying mattress" (electric surf board).

My job was to learn the duties of these pre-invasion demolition experts.

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Said duties consisted of swimming into an enemy held beach, armed only with a knife, and inspecting the beach for anti-boat mines, man (Jap) made boat traps, coral reefs, gun emplacements, or any other obstacle which would hold up the marines on D-day.

Yes, I learned to swim, to push powder, blast boat traps, dive 30 ft. under surface and lay a 25 pound charge of T.N.T., and to swim for hours if necessary. I am proud to state that I met the qualifications for a demolition expert in approximately five months. After that I was busy taking pictures of U.D.T. activities and had little demolition work to perform.

I came back to the States on August 1, 1945, for more training, and a six-day flying leave home. On the 13th of August, Admiral Halsey ordered our team #18 and U.D.T. #21 to fly to Guam via a 2-A priority, and ordered us to be quick about it. We left Oakland, California, August 14 and arrived in Guam on the 17th. We were issued battle gear and were rushed aboard the LPD 104 (W. J. Patterson) headed for Japan. As a part of the Third Fleet, we arrived in Sagana Wan (Tokyo Bay) on the afternoon of the 27th of August.

On the 30th early in the morning, we landed in a typical War operation, in Tokyo Bay. Guns were loaded, but no shots were fired.

Fortunately for me, I was the only task force photographer in the unit, and made 817 negatives of the operation of U.D.T. #18 in a period of 31 days.

Our team boarded enemy ships in the bay, and disarmed them. We then inspected the coast of Japan to make certain all the terms of the surrender treaty were carried out. We sank all Jap 2-man subs, suicide boats, speed boats, blasted all coast defense guns and set off all Jap explosives we could find.

After completing the initial occupation of Japan we returned to the States for disbanding as 40% of the team rated a discharge and all officers were in the silver star classification of discharge upon request.

OBSERVATIONS OF FFA WORK IN HAWAII

I should like to tell the Kansas FFA members a little about the FFA boys of the Pacific, and their way of life as it appeared to me, a Kansas Farmer.

My first stop in the Pacific was the Territory of Hawaii. Not Hawaii, as Hawaii is just one of the islands in the group of islands making up the Territory.

During my tour of duty in the Pacific, I had the pleasure of visiting the islands of Ohau and Maui. Pearl Harbor, Honolulu and the Territorial Office of Future Farmers of America are located on Ohau. Maui was my base station for six months and during this time I had the good fortune to visit many chapters, teachers, supervisors, and boy members of the FFA, and the young farmers who are past members and are now putting their Vocational Agriculture training to active use.

Almost all of the islanders are of Japanese ancestry, yet they are loyal

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Americans just as you and I. Race and color make little difference if environment and education are correct.

The Hawaiians take their FFA a lot more seriously than we do. They learn the Creed, By-laws, and Constitution; they know the ceremony and practice the art of true government more fully than we do.

You must remember, land is limited in the Territory of Hawaii. On all of the islands, except the big island of Hawaii, one can drive a car around the entire island during the daylight hours of a single day. Maui, for instance, is 461 square miles in area, which is approximately the size of 12 townships, or the size of the average county in Kansas. This area embraces all the land, mountains, roads, rocks, volcanoes, and towns. With farm land limited, the FFA members turn from farms of scale to gardens, poultry, swine and books.

Most of the crop land in the Territory is owned by big corporations which hire labor to operate the Sugar Cane and Pineapple industry. The people live in houses owned by the corporations, and buy groceries from corporation-owned stores. This makes project ownership on a large scale difficult. Projects most commonly found are (1) a small coop of chickens, (2) a swine sty of a sow and pigs, (3) a hutch of rabbits, or (4) a nice family-sized garden.

Sugar cane is an irrigated crop which takes 18 months to grow from planting to cutting stocks for syrup, and from this fact you will deduct that there is no frost in the "Pacific Paradise". They have a 365 day growing season. An interesting point is the fact that annual trees shed their leaves as if by frost and again leaf out in March.

Pineapple is grown on the higher lands, or where water isn't available for irrigation. Pineapple also takes 18 months to produce a crop. Heavy machinery, representing a sizeable investment, is used in the production of both sugar cane and pineapple, and the people are hired and paid to work as laboring men, the same as in our factories.

Railroad tracks are built into cane fields to transport cane to the factory and big cranes load the cane on flat cars. Tillage is all done by big "cats".

Up along the feet of the mountains, many of the FFA boys are starting small banana plantations. This represents one of the few chances to have a crop. Bananas are a long time project taking 18 to 20 months to bear, but one planting will bear from 10 to 20 years.

Taro, a low growing plant suitable for swamp land, is another crop raised. Taro is the plant whose roots are used for the manufacture of Poi. Poi is a sort of creamy, mushy, substance which is the principal baby food on the islands and is an important food for all islanders.

Both Taro and Bananas require almost all hand labor and are the principal crops which Chapter Members can grow on a commercial scale.

The Maui Rural High School on the island of Maui has a splendid class

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project - a big garden, commercial scale, growing green snap beans, egg plants, soy beans (food type), tomatoes, corn and melons. The FFA members do much of the work, but are assisted by the Home Economics class in such jobs as picking beans and tomatoes. The chapter owns a big irrigation pump, and a tractor and tools to work the 10 acre garden. A lot of the food raised in the garden is preserved and sold to school cafeterias for use in school lunches. The remainder was sold to the Army-Navy food agency for use by our men in the Pacific. The chapter has no farm machinery course, due to the fact that no equipment is privately owned. However, I believe that carpentry and small hand tool operation and care should be given emphasis, as instruction of this nature would prove helpful to the members.

The Maui classes in Vocational Agriculture meet in the Chapter House located just off the high school grounds. The Chapter House is a good building consisting of one large room with a fireplace. It is well furnished and arranged for meetings of both the chapter and the classes in agriculture.

Just outside of the chapter house is located a class project of individual coop chickens. This is a nice arrangement whereby each hen is in a coop, just like an exhibition at our Fair. Weather being perfect, these hens never need a house and never set foot on land. Records are kept on each hen, and a flock average of 195 eggs a year is obtained in these 150 hen units.

Chapter meetings are an important part of school, and leadership is stressed a lot. Older members help Green Hands and the entire part of the boys training is centered around the FFA.

Each of the Islands has about the same function in the Territorial Association as our districts have in Kansas. Each year they hold a Territorial Convention in one of the six major islands and elect Territorial officers, hold contests in judging, leadership, and public expression.

The Third degree in the Territory is known as the "Planter Degree" which is equal to our "State Farmer" degree.

During my stay in the Islands, I visited with the Director of Vocational Education in Honolulu, Mr. W. N. Boers. He explained and showed me a lot about Island conditions, and he arranged for Mr. Warren Gibson, Supervisor of the FFA, to take me on a tour of Ohau. In doing so we visited the Benjamin Parker Chapter, and several members, both active and past, are now farming and running their own businesses.

One "Planter" we visited had a fine swine herd of 12 sows of which three were imported from the mainland. The quality of his swine herd was very satisfactory. This "Planter", Ralph Ajifu, does his own butchering. He has a small shed which is approved for butchering purposes by the Health Department of the Territory. He sells his meat to the local shops and to the school. His butcher shop is far from modern. He has a good banana plantation of 10 acres and operates a small farm for his mother. His father is dead. Much improvement is needed on his place, and more training in Farm Shop would be of value to him.

We visited the Yoisuke Higa farm home. Mr. Higa is the proud holder

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of the American Farmer degree, and was recently married. He built a modern 5-room house, has a big poi trade in Honolulu, and has the finest poi mill on the island.

The FFA boys in Hawaii are doing a grand job, and the above notes on accomplishments are proof that a few of them are putting into practice the things they learned in the FFA.

Hawaii is beautiful, restful, and not very large. It is a grand place to go to play, but for one who loves the wide open spaces; a road running 70 miles without a turn; or a ski party on Sunday and wolf hunt on Monday, the Territory of Hawaii is a trifle too crowded.

Note: George reported to the Kansas City redistribution station November 26 for a new assignment.

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AWARDS

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad presented a check for \$100 to the Kansas Association to be distributed to the FFA chapters located on their lines in Kansas, the money to be used for the improvement of vocational agriculture and FFA work. The following FFA chapters shared equally in this award:

Bird City, Clarence Bell, Adviser
McDonald, Clarence Bell, Adviser
Atwood, Roy Hastings, Adviser
Oberlin, O. D. Calhoun, Adviser
Norton, Leonard Bird, Adviser

Sears Roebuck and Company presented a check for \$467.35 to the Kansas Association to be distributed to chapters having performed an outstanding piece of work in food production and general all-around performance. The award was divided equally among the 1945 Gold Emblem chapter winners. The following chapters were included:

Beloit, Howard Bradley, Adviser
Buhler, J. A. Johnson, Adviser
Clay Center, R. W. Morrison, Adviser
Emporia, J. W. Taylor, Adviser
Great Bend, Fred Schultis, Adviser
Haven, Glenn Schulthess, Adviser
Highland Park, F. H. Carpenter, Adviser
Manhattan, Harold Kugler, Adviser
Sedan, Joe Neill, Adviser*
Shawnee Mission, H. D. Garver, Adviser
Washburn, C. C. Milligan, Adviser
Winfield, Ira Plank and John Lowe, Advisers

* Herbert Covert is adviser of the Sedan chapter for the 1945-46 school year.

1935 KANSAS STATE FARMER RECEIVES RECOGNITION

S/Sgt. Max L. Dawdy, State Farmer in 1935, Washington Chapter, is the subject of an article in The Union Pacific Railroad "Traf-Fact" bulletin of August, 1945. Max won the Carl Raymond Gray Scholarship in 1935. The following is part of the story concerning Dawdy, carried by the U. P. bulletin:

"S/Sgt. Max L. Dawdy of Washington, Kansas, a 1935 winner of the Carl Raymond Gray scholarship, was a member of a Liberator bomber combat crew in May, 1944. All members of the crew received the Silver Star decoration for heroism in action which took place over an important enemy airdrome in Austria. Dawdy is believed to be one of the three crew members who received the Purple Heart as a result of this mission....Upon completion of an enviable college career, Max enlisted in the Air Corps and was called into service in December, 1942."

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AN ENVIABLE RECORD

Seven State Farmers and Four American Farmers from one family is a record set by members of the Mr. and Mrs. Henry Giacomini family of Humboldt county, California. There are 11 children in the Giacomini family, four girls and seven boys. All of the boys have earned the State Farmer degree, and four have been elected to the American Farmer Degree. Six of the seven boys were presidents of their local FFA chapter (the other was vice-president), and every one of the seven has a high quality herd of dairy cattle. Two are serving in the Navy, but their herds are being cared for by the older brothers or by their father. In addition to local honors, one boy was state president and a national vice president of the Future Farmers of America, another was state vice-president and a talented public speaker. All demonstrated leadership beyond the local level to qualify for other high honors.

The California Future Farmer in an article telling of the achievements of the Giacomini boys states that, "The philosophy of the family has been to give each child an opportunity to develop a farming and living program of his own choosing, with the full cooperation and support of the parents....At an early age each boy developed his own FFA enterprise, but he had to prove the confidence his parents placed in him, and was on probation until that was accomplished."

Our congratulations to the Giacomini family of California. This family would be outstanding in any community in any state.

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A Navy recruit on guard had strict orders to admit no car unless it bore a special tag. He stopped one whose passenger was a high-ranking officer.

The guard heard the brass-hat order his driver to go through, and calmly said:

"I'm sorry, sir, but I'm new at this. Who do I shoot - you or the driver?"

CHAPTER NEWS

ARKANSAS CITY: Officers for 1945-46 are: President - Robert Iman; Vice President - Robert Gregory; Treasurer - Edward Buzzi; Secretary - Richard Marrs; Reporter - Jesse Mishler....There was a "Hereford Field Day" held October 16, 1945, at the Wright-Stephen Ranch. Mr. Glenn Pickett, from Kansas State College, gave a talk on "Calf Selection." Mr. Howard Kinger, of the American Hereford Breeders Association, gave a talk on "The Advantages of Herefords." During the afternoon there was a drawing for calves to fatten for a "Baby Beef Show" next spring. The following received calves to fatten out: Bobby Bruce, Gilbert Estep, Clarence Godfrey, Don McCorgory, John McCorgory, Wesley Musson, Max Abrams, Richard Cullers, Blaine Honeycutt, Philip Parman, Billy Patterson, and Elmer Straight.

Jesse Mishler, Reporter

HILL CITY: Chapter officers for the coming year are: President - Kenneth Grantham; Vice President - Everett Harvey; Secretary - Duane Radcliff; Treasurer - Jimmy Paxson; Reporter - Allen Riggs; Sentinel - William Luck; Adviser - Leo Kobler....Our adviser took 20 boys to the State Fair at Hutchinson for 2 days. We all went by truck and stayed at Tent City. It was the first time most of the boys had attended the State Fair. The boys who attended had their projects and Record Books up to date to qualify for the trip....Last year the boys built a large hotbed planting tomato and sweet potato seed. It proved to be a good sound adventure, both as to finances and experience in operating a hotbed. The Hill City Chapter builds and repairs trailers, truck beds, machinery and other jobs in welding castings, gears etc. This year we have poisoned over 200 acres of prairie dogs with the class mixing the poison....The expense for materials is taken care of by the townships where the dog towns are found. Most farmers give or pay the chapter something for this service....Everett Harvey has sold 2 riding horses for \$200.00. He expects to try for State Farmer degree.

Allen Riggs, Reporter

PAOLA: Officers for the year are: President - Norman Prothro; Vice President - Robert Zucl; Secretary - Roy Yackle; Treasurer - Ralph George; Reporter - Gerald Walters; Sentinel - George Zucl....The shop projects already started this year are: 2 hog houses; 1 sheep feeder; 1 hay frame; and 1 wagonbox, and 1 corn planter overhauled....During August, 6 students purchased 100 head of northwestern breeding ewes. At present, the 7 students now carrying sheep for projects have 175 head of breeding ewes, 6 of them having pure-bred rams. Two battery chicken projects were started this year....4 members exhibited their beef projects at the American Royal this year. All 4 exhibitors received over 20¢ per pound for their beef projects....The Paola chapter now has 34 active members.

Gerald Walters, Reporter

SOLOMON: Officers elected for this year: President - Charles Shirack; Vice President - Everett Schlatter; Secretary - Bill Corcoran; Treasurer - Donald Vauple; Reporter - Charles Wood; Sentinel - Harold Mattison....Our chapter attended the State Fair at Hutchinson.

Charles Wood, Reporter

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Friend: "So now you and your son are carrying on the business together."
 Owner: "Not exactly, I run the business and my son does the carrying on."

Chapter News (continued)

VALLEY FALLS: At our first meeting we elected officers. They are: President - Kenneth Ferrall; Vice President - Harlan Scarlett; Secretary - Donald Figgs; Treasurer - Frank Senn; Reporter - Alden Loomis Jr., Adviser - Alden Loomis. ...At our second meeting, members gave talks introducing the program of work. Our next meeting was given to planning our trip to Seneca, to the Officers School....Our last 2 meetings were devoted to presenting the program of work to the chapter....We plan to have a pecan hunt in the near future.

Alden Loomis, Jr., Reporter

GLASCO: The Glasco chapter of FFA officers are as follows: President - K. B. Huffer; Vice President - Bob Olson; Secretary - Harold Dalrymple; Treasurer - Charles Norton; Reporter - Denzel Adams....On Sept. 14 the chapter went on an all night fishing trip on the Solomon river....On Sept. 28 we initiated 12 Green Hands, all of them freshmen....On Oct. 15 all of the officers attended the Leadership School at Beloit....Last week we started a pest eradication contest, the freshmen standing the sophomores and juniors.

Denzel Adams, Reporter

VALLEY CENTER: The following boys were elected FFA officers for the year: President - James Grandfield; Vice President - George Wilson; Secretary - Robert Heide; Treasurer - Don Goodwin; Reporter - Robert Haley....We have 23 members this year....We are planning a FFA banquet sometime in December. The officers put on the Opening and Closing Ceremony at a program during Educational Week....Our adult evening classes started November 5....The boys have overhauled 2 cars and a truck in the shop this fall. We have built a number of small feeders, 1 rabbit hutch, and a 2-sow hog house.

Robert Haley, Reporter

BIRD CITY: Chapter officers are: President - Merle Hitchcock; Vice President - Norman Dorsch; Secretary - Bill Billington; Treasurer - Lyle Burr; Reporter - Neal Peacock; Sentinel - Alvin Loop....The chapter is fortunate in having the largest Green Hand group in many years. On Nov. 5 we initiated 16 new members, which will bring our total membership to 30....The major chapter project this year is shop improvement. We have already built a large lumber rack. We have also shocked feed one day, earning \$115.00, which will be used to buy some badly needed tools for the shop.

Neal Peacock, Reporter

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A denizen of the hills, who was appearing as a witness in a lawsuit, was being questioned as to his educational qualifications by the plaintiff's lawyer.

"Can you write?" asked the lawyer.

"Nope."

"Can you read?"

"Wa'al, I kin read figgers pretty well, but I don't do so good with writin'."

"How is that?"

"Wa'al, take these here signs along the road when I want to go somewheres I kin read how fur, but not whurto."

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Chapter News (continued)

LYNDON: The following officers were elected: President - Arlo Bell; Vice President - Edwin Swisher; Treasurer - Forrest Gregg; Secretary - Ralph Fine; Reporter - Marvin Criqui; Sentinel - Robert Nichols....In the last year our boys have been specializing in certified Black Hull Kafir, Angus calves, and Pawnee wheat....Since there is no County Agent in our county, we have taken over some of his duties. We have charge of the records and planting, caring for and harvesting the experimental plots in the county....We arranged and carried out a Hay, Grain and Chrysanthemum show, which lasted 3 days. The show was sponsored by the Lyndon Chamber of Commerce....Our chapter has held two rifle matches which were participated in by all members. The members each pay in 50¢, and then draw for team one or two. The winning team receives their money back and the money paid in by the losers is used to give two parties in the winter. The first one will be a Dads' Party and the second one will be a party for the boys, with the State Game Protector. The purpose of this activity is to promote good sportsmanship. We distribute quail from the State and stock ponds with fish from the state. In the spring the District Game warden from Emporia takes the boys out to a fly casting contest at one of the ponds we have stocked. He also visits us some evening and teaches the boys to tie flies for casting. This work all ties in with our soil conservation program and wild life preservation program. If any other chapter would like to get up a rifle team of five, we would like to shoot with them. Each team would send in their score to a central place for analysis to determine the winner.

Marvin Criqui, Reporter

CHAPMAN: Our officers for the present year are: President - Armin Scripser; Vice President - Bob Zumbrunn; Secretary - Ted Hartenstein; Treasurer - Wayne Beemer; Reporter - Royal Barton; Sentinel - Eldon Hoover. ...October 26 we initiated 19 Green Hands....Eugene Fields won second place at the Wichita show on his fat shorthorn calf....Our summer sheep dipping project netted us \$75.19....We sold hot dogs at three of the football games, which netted us \$39.47. One of our major projects this year is landscaping our new football field. We have already planted one hundred and ten cedar trees around the north and east sides. Our shop floor has been well filled with projects since school started: ladders, chicken feeders, stations, hay racks, hay buck, wheel barrow, harrows, sled, loading chute, plow, hog troughs, drills, lawn mowers, and car repair as well as numerous welding jobs....Our parent-son banquet was held December 5. Our annual corn husking contest and corn show will be held sometime in December.

Royal Barton, Reporter

BURNS: Officers for 1945-46 are: President - Clarence Wedel; Vice President - Howard Knaussman; Secretary - Sherwin Ammonter; Treasurer - Howard Riggs; Reporter - John Dauber; Sentinel - Darwin McIntosh....We have a day meeting every other week and will have one night meeting a month....For our programs, we have moving picture shows on farm life and outside speakers in the community.

John Dauber, Reporter

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Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

- Will Rogers.

Chapter News (continued)

BERRYTON: The following officers were elected for the coming year: President - Dean Morrow; Vice President - Bob McQuiston; Secretary - Francis Spear; Treasurer - Harold Hoffsommer; Reporter - Eugene Worthington; Sentinel - Earl Amspacker. Blaine Crow is the adviser....Twenty-two boys are enrolled in vocational agriculture, and twenty-six are members of FFA....Shop jobs underway are: Build a wagon box (scoop endgate), 3 tables, 2 wheelbarrows, 10 24-inch nailboxes, 20 10-inch steel punches (on the lathe), several hay hooks, etc....A complete overhaul is being given to a harrow, hay rake, and grain drill with fertilizer attachment, welding and soldering repair jobs and several car repair jobs. Some of the boys laid off contour lines on a field at the home of one of the boys, with our farm level.

Eugene Worthington, Reporter

MCPHERSON: We are holding a pest eradication contest, the losing side to treat the winning side. For part of our recreation we will have a basketball team again this year....We have our cattle squeeze in operation and are dehorning cattle for the farmers. We dipped 2000 head of sheep the past season in our sheep dipping vat....Our chapter cooperatively purchased eight choice Angus calves. Some of the boys will add these calves to their farming program....We handled the arrangements for the County Milking Shorthorn sale and received ten dollars for our services.

Myron Goering, Reporter

PAXICO: The officers for the year were elected in September. They are: President - Earl Muckenthaler; Vice President - Robert Flach; Secretary - Marvin Glotzbach; Reporter - Paul Hoigert; Treasurer - Kenneth Schuetzo; and Sentinel - Bobby Werner....The first and second year classes recently spent an afternoon at the corn test plot of Hybrid seed corn at Susie Strcwig's farm. Mr. Willoughby gave a very interesting talk on the development of hybrid seed corn and the varieties adapted to this section of the state. In this test, pride of salino, open pollinated, out-yielded all other varieties....Twenty FFA boys went to Manhattan for a six-county corn show, November 9. Reuben Michaelis placed second and Donald Gletzbach placed third in white open pollinated variety....Our pest eradication contest started December 1, and the losing side will give a party to the winners....Robert Flach is planning to build a power manure loader to use with the tractor. Lloyd Michaelis is starting a post-hole digger. Several boys have repaired listers, plows, and made a tractor hitch for wheat drills. Ralph Soelter is making a loading chute, and a number of mash hoppers for poultry. Walter Flach is building a hog feeder.

Kenneth R. Schuetzo, Reporter

HOWARD: We held our parent-son banquet December 4. This banquet is one of the most important annual activities of our chapter. Every member cooperates in order to make it a success. Approximately 130 guests were present.

Francis Bocquin, Reporter

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Taxes could be a lot worse. Suppose we had to pay on what we think we're worth.

Chapter News (continued)

SEAMAN: The new FFA officers elected for the year are: President - Galen Wickersham; Vice President - Dick Meyer; Secretary - Kenneth Cole; Treasurer - John Peterson; Reporter - Bill Browning. The committees are all busy working on their jobs....A parent meeting was held Thursday night, November 26. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the parents with the work done by their sons in Vocational Agriculture. Several members discussed their farming programs. A tour of the classroom and shop was made and refreshments were served to all of the guests and members....A gift basket of food will be given to some needy family by the chapter at Christmas time....The chapter challenged the FHA to a band and stamp selling contest. At the present, the FFA is leading.

Bill Browning, Reporter

LINN: Officers for the year of 1945-46 are: President - Melvin Long; Vice President - Lovell Buch; Secretary - Elmer Kollo; Treasurer - Clarence Rippe; Reporter - Delmar Hateschl....Our chapter made a profit of \$130 at a local carnival this year. The boys who worked in the stand were rewarded by a picnic at Clay Center. Our chapter placed first in a booth contest at the Washington County Fair. Two of our boys purchased purebred Holstein Heifers at the State Sale at Abilene....We initiated 10 Green Hands into our chapter November 27....Our chapter had a date hayrack ride. The only misfortune was that we ruined one tire on a hayrack.

Delmar Hateschl, Reporter

HARPER: We meet twice a month, using the first meeting of the month for a business meeting and the second meeting for a program. The chapter is publishing a monthly paper called "The Future Farmer Tattler." It is sent to the parents of the boys in the chapter, and helps to keep the parents informed of what the different boys are doing in their farming programs, shop, classroom and activities of the FFA....Shop articles now under construction include 2 large 2-wheel trailers, 1 sheep shed, hog crate, chicken feeders, sheep feeders, tractor post hole digger, feed bunks and numerous smaller articles....We have added a 200 ampere arc welder to our shop equipment this year....Twelve Green Hands have been voted into our chapter and initiation is planned for the near future....Our chapter purchased three \$25 Victory Bonds in the recent Bond Drive.

Dal Fox, Reporter

PRATT: Our chapter was in charge of the program at a recent luncheon of the local Chamber of Commerce. The program consisted of the opening and closing ceremony, recitation of the creed, and a talk giving the objectives, purposes and program of work carried by our chapter....We plan to have a basketball team and play three other chapters....Plans are being made for the annual pest contest again this year....We plan to start a Young Farmer Shop Class soon. Twenty men have already indicated their intention of enrolling. The class plans to meet for three hours each night. Our school has purchased considerable new lathe equipment.

Loren Goyen, Reporter

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"Eat your spinach, child. Don't you know it puts firm, white teeth in your mouth?"

"Then feed it to grandpa!"

Chapter News (continued)

SABETHA: The Sabetha Chapter held its Green Hand initiation on November 6. Eleven candidates were initiated....Our pest eradication contest started November 9 and will end February 1. Eleven kinds of pests are being eradicated by the members....We raised eight candidates to the Chapter Farmer Degree on December 4. Games and refreshments followed the ceremonies. Three members are beginning their training in public speaking....We are organizing our FFA basketball teams, and plan to exchange games with two neighboring chapters this winter....Our vocational department recently received some surplus government equipment and we are in the process of mounting same. This equipment came to us through the State Vocational Education office at Topeka. We surely appreciate the efforts of the State Office in securing these tools for our department. They were badly needed.
Lyle Steiner, Reporter

GOODLAND: Eighteen freshmen were initiated as Green Hands in the Goodland Chapter on the night of October 29. This is the largest class of Green Hands ever to be initiated into the Goodland Chapter. The informal initiation consisted of riding a goat made of a barrel hung from the ceiling of the shop, and a trip through the barnyard. This was followed by the formal initiation and the awarding of pins....Eleven Green Hands were then raised to the degree of Chapter Farmer....The Vocational Agriculture classes have co-operated with the Farm Bureau and Soil Conservation Service in putting over the two fall tours of Sherman County. Beef cattle were judged, feeding experiments were explained, soil erosion control and shelter belt projects were visited....Boys in shop work have been building hog feeders, repairing motors, butchering and repairing farm machinery....Our Barn Warmer was held on December 10....The chapter is adding a number of new books to its library.

Howard Sherrod, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Seventeen Green Hands were initiated into the chapter on September 23....Some of the shop projects are: Tractor Hay buck, overhauling tractors and cars, funnels, salt boxes, hay feeders, chicken coops, hog self feeders, farrowing house, window frames, harrows, sharpen saws, and repaired City Library fence....Some of the FFA boys went to the George Stone farm to see the registered Holsteins and watch Prof. Atkeson place the cows. The vocational agriculture classes cooperated with the Farm Bureau and helped them harvest the sorghum variety tests....We have castrated twenty-five hogs and culled six hundred chickens....Forty-three boys are enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and fifty-three have joined the FFA.

Dwight Stone, Reporter

STOCKTON: Nine boys from the Stockton Chapter attended the Hutchinson State Fair last September....The Stockton Chapter sponsored their annual Goblins Glory, or FFA Carnival on October 29. This event netted the chapter \$415.85....A judging team from the Stockton Chapter placed second in a contest held at the Ellis Junior Fair....The Future Homemakers of America entertained the FFA boys at a party on November 29....The FFA boys entertained the local Rotary Club on December 4, with a dinner and program held in the vocational agriculture classroom. After the program, the members of the Rotary Club visited the shop and the rest of the vocational agriculture department.

Keith McComb, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

SILVER LAKE: The Silver Lake Chapter officers are: President - Cecil Hamilton; Vice President - Bob Smith; Secretary - John Olson; Treasurer - Phil Runkle; Reporter - Fred Kruger; Sentinel - Albert Root....We held our Green Hand initiation October 19....The FFA boys are having a pest eradication contest. They chose up sides and the losers are to give the winners a party....At the community fair, James Myers won first place on Kawvale wheat. Several FFA boys showed calves and pigs also....In shop we are working on cars, trucks, and repair work on farm machinery. We are making trailers, rebuilding disk harrows, mowers, grindstones and car heaters....The farmers of our community use our shop and equipment at nights, and at other times when we are not using it.

Fred Kruger, Reporter

FAIRVIEW: We have organized a purebred Duroc Jersey pig club in connection with FFA. Victor Meyer has a gilt and seven pigs, Raymond Bell has a gilt and eight pigs, Charles Jackson a gilt and eleven pigs, Keith Brock four gilts to be bred, Harlan Fiegenbaum a gilt to be bred and Loren Chase a bred gilt. The Chapter purchased a purebred boar from B. M. Hook and Son of Silver Lake....We held our Green Hand initiation October 10. The following boys were initiated into our FFA Chapter: Henry Studer, Wayne Dodge, Ivan Spicker, Donald Banks, Duane Parman, Teddy Kloeffer, Kenneth Thompson, Keith Brock, John Hopkins, and Harlan Fiegenbaum....Loren Chase, Kenneth Thompson, and Victor Meyer put on a rope making demonstration at the first night shop meeting for farmers, October 30....We harvested our pop corn on November 15. We had 1/5 of an acre on the schoolground, and we harvested 15 bushels of pop corn....November 20 we had a turkey raffle. We gave away two turkeys and a goose. We made a profit of \$44.

Raymond Bell, Reporter

NEWTON: We have elected our officers which are: President - Richard Knott; Vice President - Daniel Hauck; Secretary - Forrest Molder; Treasurer - Brinton Wedel; Reporter - Lawrence Sloop; Adviser - R. M. Karns. We have 31 boys enrolled in vocational agriculture....We attended the Hutchinson State Fair, the Harvey County Fair, and the Wichita Fat Stock Show. Several boys won prizes at these fairs in both livestock and crops. The following boys won prizes: Richard Knott, Edward Stahl, Frank Quiring, Keith Boller, Gene and Delbert Hawkey, Rolland Dreier, and Vincent and Bill Gatz. Winnings at the Hutchinson State Fair included eleven blue ribbons, three second place ribbons, and eight blue ribbons on poultry, second on Cobbler potatoes. Winnings at the Harvey County Fair were first in atlas sorgho, first in Kanota oats, second on Turkey wheat, third and first on Red Chief wheat, first on sweet clover seed; also two blue ribbons on baby beef and one blue ribbon on breeding ewe lamb. At Wichita, we had four Angus calves, three blue ribbons and one red; six Hereford calves, four blue and two red ribbons. Richard Knott's light-weight Hereford stood second in his class and sold for 22 cents per pound. We also had a heavy weight Hampshire fat lamb, blue ribbon, and a heavy weight crossbred fat lamb, red ribbon. Gene Hawkey's Angus calf sold for 25¢ per pound at the Harvey County Fair. This calf stood first in his class....Three members from last year's FFA won the crops contest at the Hutchinson State Fair. The boys were Bob Lawton; Frank Spangler; Bob Sauerwein; and alternate, Ralph Titus.

Lawrence Sloop, Reporter

Chapter News (continued)

KINCAID: The officers for the year are: President - George Patton; Vice President - Corol Lee Evans; Secretary - John Conner; Treasurer - Bobby Smothers; Reporter - Joe Patton; Sentry - Bill Kersley; Adviser - W. O. McCarthy....On October 19-20 the classes in vocational agriculture and the classes in vocational homemaking put on their annual fair in the high school gymnasium....The agriculture department offered prizes for 30 classes of farm products. The Homemakers offered prizes for 21 classes. The fair was very well supported by the merchants of Kincaid, Garnett and other nearby towns. The attendance was very good.

Joe Patton, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: Officers for the year of 1945-46 are: President - Neil Thompson; Vice President - Melvin Koegebohn; Secretary - Marvin Matti; Treasurer - Lee Andrews; Reporter - Jim Cross; Sentinel - Bob Mushrush....Ten Green Hands were recently initiated. Each boy was required to pass several tests to see whether he was good enough to be an FFA member. The boys were Morle Sayre, Marion Cross, Leonard Dallke, Jim Dexter, Joe Galentine, Charles Klam, Raymond Koegebohn, Carvel Oldham, David Mailen, and Harry Scwilling....Our chapter has a deferred feeding project of fifteen herford steers. They purchased the steers the last of May and put them on pasture. August 22 we started feeding them grain along with the grass. At the time we brought them to dry lot on October 12, they had gained 212 pounds. The Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior boys are taking turns full feeding the steers. The Seniors plan to go to Kansas City with them about the 15th of December....We have made new tool racks and rehung all of the tools in our shop this fall. This was necessary to make room for the tools we received from the Food Production War and Training Program.

Jim Cross, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Winfield Chapter has purchased a new hybrid seed corn grader to add to their seed corn equipment. The machine grades into seven different grades according to the shape and size of kernel. Our seed corn room now has a power sheller, a farming mill and a grader waiting the arrival of the one bushel sacks to start the processing of our class project hybrid seed corn preparatory to the certification. Our Chapter should have some 200 bushels of Kansas 1583 hybrid seed ready for sale by the first of the year. Orders for twenty-five bushel have already been received....November 14 the Winfield Chapter initiated 17 into the degree of Green Hand, and raised 19 to the Chapter Farmer degree. Winfield now has a membership of 70....Our Chapter has 30 boys out for basketball. We have several games scheduled and are expecting an invitation to play in the Flint Hills league again this year.

Bill Witmer, Reporter

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The man who always looked at the bright side of things had the misfortune to suffer from burglars who raided his store.

"But it could have been worse," he said philosophically. "You see, I didn't lose as much as I might have, for I had just finished marking down things for the month-end sale."

Chapter News (continued)

HAYS: Officers for 1945-46 are: President - Edwin Geist; Vice President - Richard Younger; Secretary - Virgil Hausechild; Sentinel - Wilfred Pflieger; Treasurer - Alvin Denning; Reporter - Clarence Walters. Twenty members enrolled in vocational agriculture were initiated into the FFA organization as Green Hands at our last regular meeting....The FFA basketball team was organized. We will play other FFA teams in this district. Recently our chapter purchased a purebred registered Hampshire boar to be used by FFA boys to get them started on a productive hog raising program. At present our chapter is raising money by butchering hogs and cattle, testing milk and serving refreshments at school games....We held a stock show on November 7. Entries were of the livestock and grain crops grown by the boys taking vocational agriculture. In the evening of the same day, our annual chili feed was held for the students and their dads, FFA alumni and a few friends. The Hays Chamber of Commerce awarded \$23 in prize money to students having best entries. A prize Hampshire gilt was awarded to Edwin Geist for being a second outstanding student. Richard Seib, the outstanding student, received a Holstein calf. Clarence Walters, Reporter

HOLCOMB: We started butchering on Wednesday. We charge \$1 per head. So far we have butchered nine head....The FFA is buying Ayrshire calves for an FFA project....The FFA and the Home Reserves gave a stunt for the Seniors on November 20.

George Dochant, Reporter

FREDONIA: The following boys will serve as our officers for the year: President - Lyle Mellon; Vice President - J. K. Snyder; Secretary - Paul Schneider; Treasurer - Charles Ogle; Reporter - Bill Hise; Sentinel - Bill Kenney....We initiated our new Chapter Farmers at our October meeting and at our November meeting we initiated 19 new Green Hands....Our chapter took charge of the concession stand at the Thanksgiving football game. The profits will be added to our transportation fund for judging trips.

Bill Hise, Reporter

COLDWATER: We held our Green Hand initiation November 27....Six members have bought five heifers and forty-four steer calves. Two boys got an FFA loan....We have bought a \$25.00 Victory Bond.

Billy Hilt, Reporter

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The Associated Press reports those unloved dimelike pennies which have embarrassed and plagued the people of the United States since they first went into circulation, will continue their unhappy mission until they wear out. It had been hoped that this that this zinc-coated steel penny would be retired from use, but 1,100,000,000 of them were made, and the Treasury is being economical.

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"I got one of them cookery books once, but I never could do nothing with it."

"Too much fancy work in it, eh?"

"You've said it! Every one of them recipes began the same way, 'Take a clean dish' - and that settled me."

1945-46

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National Program of Work

As Adopted at the 18th National Convention
October 1945

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist in increasing production of food commodities as recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture. b. Use improved farming methods. c. Arrange for adequate credits in order to achieve these goals. d. Produce more agricultural products for home consumption.
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Every chapter member increase the size and scope of his investment. b. Urge every individual to develop a farming program to the limit of his opportunities and ambitions.
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use improved breeding practices. b. Urge members to use improved sires. c. Urge higher quality foundation animals. d. Urge members to use improved strains of seeds. e. Urge members to market crops more efficiently to prevent losses. f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent diseases.
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent diseases.
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on readjustment	100% chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist where possible with all governmental agencies in readjustment effort. b. Cooperate with other organizations in the community.
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively. c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises.
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Help organize part-time classes and evening schools. b. Secure information concerning Government aid for returning veterans. c. Encourage veterans to attend F.F.A. meetings. d. Encourage eligible veterans to resume active membership. e. Every chapter post an honor scroll of members that have been, or are, in the armed forces.
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100% chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters assist in the training of inexperienced laborers to do farm work. b. Cooperate with U. S. Employment Service in registration and placement of farm help. c. Encourage members to make the best possible use of machinery and labor.
3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% member and chapter participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in the community.

4. **Guarding and protecting life and property** 100% of State associations with safety programs

5. **Conserving resources** 100% of chapters and members participating

6. **Repairing farm buildings and equipment** 100% member participation

7. **Salvaging needed materials** 100% member and chapter participation

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. **Advancing members to higher degrees** 100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants

2. **Providing chapter libraries** 100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books

3. **Participating in public speaking** 100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests

4. **Following parliamentary procedure** 100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure

5. **Building programs of work** 100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion

- b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers.
- c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc.
- d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers.

- a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety.
- b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries.
- c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention.
- d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses.
- e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention.
- f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces.
- g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures.
- h. Publicize safety programs.

- a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies.
- b. Emphasize the need for conservation on both chapters and individuals.
- c. Discourage unnecessary use of rubber, metals, and other vital materials.

- a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same.
- b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.

- a. Arrange chapter campaigns for systematic collection of needed materials.
- b. Impress members and chapters to encourage conservation.
- c. Urge every State to set up definite goals.

- a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and members and plan long-time farming programs.
- b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements.
- c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank.
- d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications.

- a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F.F.A. chapters.
- b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries.
- c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences

- a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating.
- b. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors.
- c. Encourage district to participate in State contest.
- d. Encourage all States to participate in regional contest.

- a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure.
- b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure.
- c. Encourage local parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests.
- d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library.

- a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them.
- b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools.
- c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention.

6. Providing State publications

100% of States with an official publication

7. Providing leadership training

100% State participation

8. Maintaining public relations

Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does

- d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest.
- e. Adapt programs of work to reconversion.
- a. Encourage the maintenance of State F.F.A. publications.
- b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations.
- c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications.
- d. Include in publications copies of winning State and national F.F.A. speeches of the year.
- e. Serve as media of information of national organization activities.
- f. Include helpful agricultural hints.
- a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences.
- b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings.
- c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year.
- d. Urge special leadership training school for State officers.
- e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers.
- a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations.
- b. Secure more articles in national magazines.
- c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of F.F.A. work for use as illustrations.
- d. Encourage States and chapters to provide radio broadcasts where possible.
- e. Encourage wider use of windshield stickers.
- f. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America and other organizations patterned after the F.F.A.
- g. Each chapter sponsor at least one decorated window display per year in a downtown section.
- h. Keep in touch with former F.F.A. members.
- i. Encourage the use of official F.F.A. uniforms by members.

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Buying Victory bonds and stamps

100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive

2. Practicing thrift

100% of chapters and members participating

- a. Send out U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to make purchases.
- b. Suggest member savings and chapter accumulations be used for purchases.
- c. Urge State associations and chapters to put on drives to encourage members and others to buy Victory bonds and stamps.
- d. Recommend Victory bonds and stamps as awards in the F.F.A. contests.
- a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all.
- b. Encourage chapter members to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities.
- c. Urge every State association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds.
- d. Encourage members to invest earnings in productive enterprises, Victory stamps and bonds.
- e. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank.

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. Using Official Manuals

100% of members having access to official Manuals

- a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.
- b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work.
- c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library.
- d. Urge discussion of revised 1945 constitution at chapter meetings and conventions.

2. **Using Official Secretary and Treasurer books**

100% of chapters using both books

3. **Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies**

100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work

4. **Using Official ceremonies**

100% of the chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual

5. **Planning State Victory Conventions**

100% of State associations holding Victory Conventions

6. **Meetings**

Every member attend at least 80% of chapter meetings

VII. **SCHOLARSHIP**

1. **Improved scholarship**

100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal

VIII. **RECREATION**

1. **Encourage supervised recreation**

100% member participation

2. **Continuing National F.F.A. Day**

100% of State associations participating

3. **Maintaining National Camp**

Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition

IX. **GENERAL**

1. **Maintaining membership**

204,000 active members

- e. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.
- f. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with official Manual.
- a. Call further attention to the value of these books.
- b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records.
- c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.
- d. Urge well kept books.
- a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.
- b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials.
- c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.
- d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.
- a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed.
- b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers.
- c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools.
- d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.
- a. Plan immediately.
- b. All chapters be well represented.
- c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend.
- a. Have at least one regular meeting date per month scheduled in school calendar.
- b. Special meetings for emergencies.
- c. Prepare well-planned program beforehand.
- d. Have one good entertainment feature for 100% participation at each regular meeting.
- e. Urge 100% chapter attendance at federation or district meetings.
- a. Devote one chapter meeting annually to scholarship.
- b. Encourage members to strive for scholastic honors.
- c. Post an F.F.A. honor roll each month.
- d. Have advanced boys assist new students.
- e. Offer chapter awards to outstanding scholars.
- a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter competition.
- b. Sponsor parent and son banquets.
- c. Cooperate with home economics department and all related school organizations.
- d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps.
- e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency.
- f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community.
- a. Set aside first day of Convention at National F.F.A. Day.
- b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Day programs.
- a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp.
- b. Urge eligible members to attend National Camp.
- a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture.
- b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes.
- c. Retain 75% of graduated members for three years after graduation.
- d. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30.
- e. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.