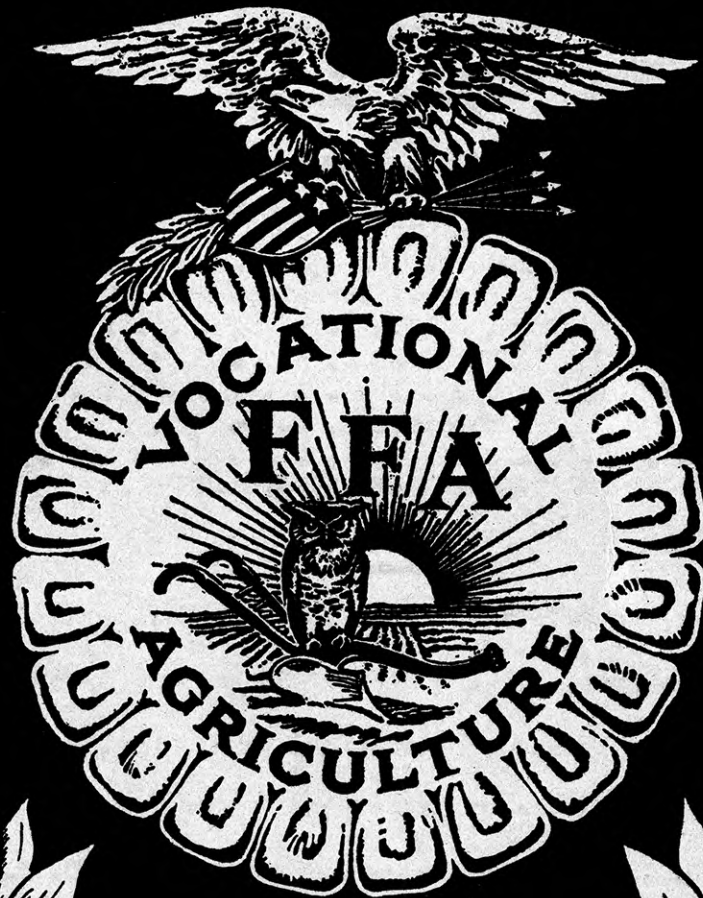


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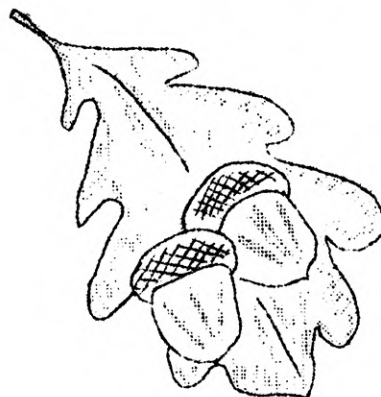
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We, the members of the Future Farmers of America, belong to an organization of which to be proud. Past members have encouraged safety, stressed leadership, fought for patriotism and democracy, lent service to the community, encouraged worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture, raised food to win the war and keep the peace, and saw many other worthy accomplishments. It is our responsibility to join past members in the fight to uphold the principles which they so nobly advanced.

Opportunity knocks at our door. Fellow members on us has been laid the task of being worthwhile citizens in this beloved land.

Every member of each chapter throughout the state should ask himself the question: What kind of chapter or community would this be if every person were like me? A chain is no stronger than its weakest link so every member can work toward the betterment of his chapter so that that chapter can be the best in the state or even the nation.

A requisite in developing a chapter into a high ranking unit is to set up a sound program of work as a goal. Then with the cooperation of each member things can be accomplished that never have been dreamed of in times past. At least we can say with the apostle of old, "I have fought a good fight".

I hope that in the future we can look back upon the years 1949-50 and know that the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America as a whole made marvelous progress in every way because of the leadership and the determined efforts of every member.

Truly we can make a land of liberty and freedom, a Utopia for our posterity.

Paul Mugler, President  
Kansas Association of FFA

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MESSAGE FROM ADVISER L. B. POLLOM

Nearly three-fourths of the people of the world are hungry. They have been hungry for so long that with them hunger has become normal. These millions are hungry for one of two reasons, perhaps a combination of both. Either they lack the "know how" to produce sufficient food, or their soil has been permitted to erode or its fertility to become so depleted it cannot produce sufficient food to prevent hunger.

American people hardly know the meaning of hunger except when some slight delay causes one to be late to dinner occasionally.

The industrial production in America for waging World War II far exceeded that of any nation in history, yet the machines of war which industry produced would have been of little value had they not been backed with food for our military forces and our civilian population, as well as for the military forces of our allies. Indeed it can well be said American food won the war.

As the world struggles to establish a just peace, America is recognized by all nations as the one nation that can provide leadership. The reason for this lies principally in the fact that America has food not only for herself but sufficient to share it with millions who would otherwise starve.



Message from Adviser L.B.Pollom (continued)

How long will America provide world leadership? The answer is, just as long as she can provide sufficient food. When America's food supply becomes inadequate, she will be nothing more than another hungry, impotent nation devoid of power of leadership.

This is another way of saying that America will provide leadership just as long as the American farmer manages the soil intelligently, maintaining its fertility and its ability to produce food.

No segment of our population bears a greater responsibility for the future welfare of America and perhaps that of the world than those who operate our farms.

You, Future Farmers of America, as you become farmers will be called upon to bear your share of this tremendous responsibility. No farmer can be permanently successful who does not maintain the productivity of his soil. No farmer is worthy of his responsibility to world-wide human welfare who does not do this.

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SUMMARY OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA  
REPORT TO NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 1948-49

Certain totals found in the annual report of the Kansas Association of FFA submitted to the National Organization of FFA will be at variance with some of the figures listed in the May 15, 1949, issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter. This is occasioned by the fact that additional dues and reports were received by the state office following the date of the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA.

Number of active chapters in the state association . . . . .	149
Total active FFA membership in the state . . . . .	5516
Total active membership National Organization FFA 1948-49. . . . .	279,946
Total number of chapters chartered by Kansas Association of FFA during its 21 years of life. . . . .	198
Total Net Worth, 1948-49 . . . . .	\$3,404,198
Average Net Worth of FFA members 1948-49 . . . . .	\$823.27
Number of farm machines repaired by FFA members. . . . .	1924
Number of pieces of farm equipment built by FFA members. . . . .	2248

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ELLSWORTH FIRST CHAPTER TO PAY DUES FOR 1949-50

Congratulations are in order for the Ellsworth chapter for being the first chapter to pay state and national dues for the year 1949-50. Ellsworth has a membership of 15.

1949-50 STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

1. A farming program of maximum size and scope for each boy commensurate with the ability of the boy and the home farm opportunity.
2. A continuous program of repair and construction of farm machinery and equipment.
3. Prevent waste of all kinds. (Conserve soil and other natural resources; control farm fires; control livestock losses, eradicate pests.)
4. Take every precaution against farm accidents. They result in suffering, loss of manpower, damaged equipment, and sometimes cost lives.
5. So far as practical, produce on the farm all the needs of the farm and farm family.
6. Assist veterans in becoming established in farming.
7. One hundred per cent of the Kansas vocational agriculture departments establish chapters of FFA and strive for one hundred per cent enrollment of eligible members.
8. Each chapter to have a definite program of activities for the year and this program to be submitted to the state office not later than November 1, 1949. Each chapter to present an achievement report at the annual meeting of the State Association. Only chapters submitting activity programs by November 1 will be eligible for State Farmer or American Farmer candidates, and to participate in the state FFA public speaking contest.
9. Six issues of the FFA newsletter to be published, beginning with September and distributed over a period of nine months. Copies of each issue will be sent to the officers of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to all state advisers, and to a select list of agricultural teacher trainers and agricultural leaders.
10. As a means of inculcating sound thrift principles, the State Association encourages careful selection, management, and financing of supervised farming programs.
11. Encourage parliamentary proficiency among local chapters, and encourage ritualistic proficiency throughout the State Association. It is recommended that each chapter own sufficient copies of both the FFA Manual and Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure to furnish a copy of both for each officer. It is further recommended that sufficient copies of both publications be owned by the chapter to make both readily available to all local members.
12. Encourage 100 per cent of the chapters to use official FFA secretary's books and official FFA treasurer's books.
13. Support FFA contests of state and national scope.
14. Publicity - encourage local chapters to keep the public informed as to worthwhile activities, and the State Association to give publicity to activities of state and national interest.

## 1949-50 State FFA Program of Work (continued)

15. Encourage home improvement by members of local chapters to include landscaping, beautification, repair, electrification, providing comfort and conveniences to make the farm home more livable.
16. It is recommended that each chapter provide and use the following list paraphernalia: U.S. Flag, Owl, Ear of Corn, Pictures of Washington and Jefferson framed under glass, Plow, Gavel, Seal, Charter framed under glass, Creed, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, FFA Manuals-minimum of six, Filing Case, Mounts for Officer Emblems, FFA Song, Purposes framed under glass, Picture of Henry Groseclose framed under glass.
17. Encourage scouting.
18. Encourage the establishment of FFA chapter libraries and recommend the minimum requirements to be: (Figures in parentheses indicate publishers listed).
  - a. FFA Manual, 1948 edition, for each officer. (1) 20¢
  - b. Stewart's Parliamentary Procedure, one for each officer. (1) 15¢
  - c. History of Kansas FFA 1929-1943, Davidson. (1) 3 usable copies free.
  - d. Complete file of the Kansas Future Farmer for the current year.
  - e. Most recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Convention.
  - f. Forward FFA, by W. A. Ross. (2) \$1.50
  - g. Writing FFA News by C. E. Rogers (5) \$2.00
  - h. At least one copy chosen from:
    - Living on a Little Land, Deyoe (4) \$3.95
    - Starting to Farm, Beard (4) \$2.50
    - If You Please, Allen & Briggs (3) \$1.40
  - i. At least one copy chosen from:
    - Tom of Peace Valley, Case (3) \$2.00
    - Moon Valley, Case (3) \$2.10
    - Short Stories for Future Farmers (4) \$2.10
  - j. At least one copy chosen from:
    - Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings, Tenney (4) \$2.00
    - Practical Activities for Future Farmers, Tenney (4) \$2.00
    - Winning FFA Speeches, Judson (4) \$2.00
  - (1) A. P. Davidson, Department of Education, KSC, Manhattan, Kansas
  - (2) French-Bray Printing Company, Baltimore, Maryland
  - (3) J. B. Lippincott Company, 220 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois
  - (4) Interstate Printing Company, 19th Jackson, Danville, Illinois
  - (5) Collegiate Press, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa

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AMERICAN FARMERS

Those chapters expecting to have a candidate for the 1950 American Farmer Class should send in the candidates name immediately to L. F. Hall, FFA Executive Secretary, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas

It is necessary that American Farmer candidates be declared now so that they may be visited by the In-Service Teacher Trainers while traveling on their regular schedules.



1948-49 BUDGET OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FFA

Item	Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Estimated Income	Actual Income
Income in Dues . . . . .			\$1045.60	\$1091.20
Regional Public Spkg. Contest.	\$25.00	\$25.00		
Officers to called state meet- ings . . . . .	50.00	50.00		
Officers to State Conventions.	10.00	40.00		
Officers to District Leader- ship Schools . . . . .	50.00	50.00		
Postage for Gathering News . .	40.00	40.00		
State Farmer Certificates. . .	15.00	15.00		
Public Speaking and Better Chapter Certificates . . . .	10.00	10.00		
Medals, Plaques, Ribbons and Buttons. . . . .	60.00	60.00		
Officer Jackets. . . . .	30.00	40.00		
FFA Membership Cards . . . . .	20.00	20.00		
Printing Chapter Programs of Work Blanks . . . . .	20.00	20.00		
Printing Banquet Programs. . .	5.00	5.00		
Photographs. . . . .	15.00	15.00		
Auditing FFA Accounts. . . . .	8.00	8.00		
National FFA Dues. . . . .	522.80	545.60		
Delegates to National Conven- tion . . . . .	50.00	100.00		
National FFA Band Uniforms . .	20.00	75.00		
National FFA Glee Club Uni- forms. . . . .	20.00	75.00		
Expense, travel and subsist- ence, members National FFA Band . . . . .	90.00	200.00		
Expense, travel and subsist- ence, members National FFA Glee Club. . . . .	90.00	250.00		
	\$1150.80	\$1643.60	\$1045.60	\$1091.20
Balanced Receipt under budget estimate . . . . .	\$ 552.40			

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"CASH ON THE BARREL-HEAD"

In order to reduce bookkeeping to a minimum in the central office, the Kansas Association has for many years handled all FFA supplies on a cash basis; that is, cash must accompany the order. We appreciate the fact that this is not the most convenient plan for schools where FFA funds are handled by the school Activity Fund. However, the state office handles FFA supplies on a non profit basis in order to accommodate the local chapters, and since we have no funds to compensate for extra labor involved in rendering this service, it is absolutely necessary to keep the expense of providing this service to a minimum. Chapters can aid in keeping the cost of this service at a minimum by accompanying all orders for FFA supplies with cash.

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NATIONAL FFA PROGRAM OF WORK

The following is a list of activities and goals set up by the Program of Work Committee at the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Future Farmers of America. This program of work is being included in this issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter in the hope that it will offer suggestions to local FFA chapter committees who will be working on local chapter programs of work.

Supervised Farming

1. ACTIVITY: Producing food for post-war demands  
GOAL: 100% member participation
2. ACTIVITY: Increasing size of farming programs  
GOAL: 100% member participation
3. ACTIVITY: Improving livestock and crop production  
GOAL: 100% member participation
4. ACTIVITY: Preventing livestock losses  
GOAL: 100% chapter participation

Cooperation

1. ACTIVITY: Cooperating with other groups on readjustment.  
GOAL: 100% chapter participation
2. ACTIVITY: Providing experience in cooperative effort  
GOAL: 100% member participation

Community Service

1. ACTIVITY: Assisting returning servicemen  
GOAL: 100% member and chapter participation
2. ACTIVITY: Assisting with farm labor shortage  
GOAL: 100% chapter participation
3. ACTIVITY: Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery  
GOAL: 100% members and chapter participation
4. ACTIVITY: Guarding and protecting life and property  
GOAL: 100% of State associations with safety programs
5. ACTIVITY: Conserving resources  
GOAL: 100% of chapters and members participating
6. ACTIVITY: Repairing farm buildings and equipment  
GOAL: 100% member participation
7. ACTIVITY: Salvaging needed materials  
GOAL: 100% member and chapter participation

Leadership

1. ACTIVITY: Advancing members to higher degrees  
GOAL: 100% of State naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicant

## National FFA Program of Work (continued)

2. ACTIVITY: Providing chapter libraries  
GOALS: 100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more FFA books.
3. ACTIVITY: Participating in public speaking  
GOAL: 100% of chapter and State holding public speaking contests
4. ACTIVITY: Following parliamentary procedure  
GOAL: 100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure
5. ACTIVITY: Building programs of work  
GOAL: 100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion
6. ACTIVITY: Providing State publications  
GOAL: 100% of States with an official publication
7. ACTIVITY: Providing leadership training  
GOAL: 100% State participation
8. ACTIVITY: Maintaining public relations  
GOAL: Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does

V. Earnings and Savings

1. ACTIVITY: Buying Victory bonds and stamps  
GOAL: 100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive
2. ACTIVITY: Practicing thrift  
GOAL: 100% of chapter and members participating

VI. Conduct of Meetings

1. ACTIVITY: Using Official Manual  
GOAL: 100% of members having access to official Manual
2. ACTIVITY: Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books  
GOAL: 100% of chapters using both books
3. ACTIVITY: Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies  
GOAL: 100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work
4. ACTIVITY: Using Official ceremonies  
GOAL: 100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual
5. ACTIVITY: Planning State Conventions  
GOAL: 100% of State associations hold Conventions
6. ACTIVITY: Meetings  
GOAL: Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings



## National FFA Program of Work (continued)

VII. Scholarship

1. ACTIVITY: Improved scholarship  
GOAL: 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. ACTIVITY: Encourage supervised recreation  
GOAL: 100% member participation
2. ACTIVITY: Continuing National F.F.A. Week  
GOAL: 100% of State associations participating
3. ACTIVITY: Maintaining National FFA Camp  
GOAL: Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition

IX. General

1. ACTIVITY: Maintaining membership  
GOAL: 300,000 active members

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CHAPTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

November 1 is the deadline date for filing local chapter activity programs with the state department. Address same to Executive Adviser A. P. Davidson, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Official Activity Program Blanks in sufficient quantities to supply a copy of the local chapter activity program for the state office and an extra set to be made and kept in the chapter files will be mailed all chapters at an early date.

Helpful Suggestions for building the chapter activity program will be enclosed with the blanks being sent from the office and in the Official FFA Manual, 1949 edition, pp 33-37.

Committee Appointments for building the chapter activity program should include all members of the chapter. Every effort should be made to have a program built and endorsed by the chapter, and not merely a program set up by the officers and adviser.

Calendaring Activities for the year, by months, is important. Too many activities at a given time will likely result in a scattering of effort and a lowering of standards. Too few activities will cause loss of interest. Fit your program of activities in with the school and community programs. This will avoid conflicts and the possibility of demanding too much time and energy on the part of certain members of your chapter.

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PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION

A few amendments to the National FFA Constitution and By-Laws have been proposed by some State Associations of FFA. The present National Constitution provides that all proposed amendments "be submitted to the several States at least 30 days prior to the next succeeding national convention, be reviewed by the National Board of Trustees, and submitted by them to the delegates in national convention with recommendations". The proposed amendments are as follows:

- I. Amend Section B - Article VII of the National Constitution by striking out all of the last sentence and substituting the following: "Fifty-two delegates from at least 26 States shall constitute a quorum." This amendment becomes necessary since the Rhode Island Association of F.F.A. has recently become a member of the National Organization. The amendment was proposed by the Washington Association of FFA.
- II. Amend Article VII - Section A. of the By-Laws so that the first sentence will read as follows: "A State Association may submit, annually, one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for each 1,000 active members in the association or major fraction thereof computed on the basis of national dues received in the office of the National Treasurer by midnight of June 30 or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National Treasurer on or before June 30.

Amend Article VII - Section C. of the By-Laws so that the first sentence will read as follows: "Applications for the Degree approved by the State Adviser, must be in the National F.F.A. Office not later than midnight of June 30, or shown, by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National F.F.A. office on or before June 30, prior to the National Convention at which the application will be considered."

The above proposed amendments to the By-Laws were submitted by the Illinois Association of F.F.A.

- III. Amend Article IV - Section D., Item 9, of the National FFA Constitution, be deleting the first sentence and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "Each State shall be entitled to elect as many chapter farmers to the degree of State Farmer as are able to meet at least the minimum qualifications as set forth for the State Farmer Degree."

Amend Article VII - Section A. of the By-Laws by deleting all of the entire section as it now reads, and substituting the following in lieu thereof: "Each State Association that has paid its dues to the National Treasurer on or before June 30 may submit annually as many candidates for the American Farmer Degree as are fully qualified for the degree as shown by their applications and supporting evidence submitted therewith."

The above proposed amendments have been submitted by the Idaho Association of F.F.A.

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FFA CHARTERS

The State Association is temporarily out of official FFA charters for local chapters. However, charters are on order and it is hoped that they will be available at an early date.

MEETING OF THE STATE FFA OFFICERS

The State FFA Officers held a meeting at Manhattan, September 7. They approved the State Program of Work, set up plans for District FFA Leadership Schools and planned for activities in connection with the National FFA Convention.

The proposed amendments to the National FFA constitution were studied by the state officer group and the following recommendations were made:

1. Approve the following proposed amendments\*
    - a. Section B - Article VII
    - b. Article VII - Section A of the By-Laws
    - c. Article VII - Section C of the By-Laws
  2. Recommend that the Kansas delegates to the 1949 National FFA Convention not support the following proposed amendments.\*
    - a. Article IV - Section D, Item 9
    - b. Article VII - Section A of the By-Laws
- \* - See "Proposed Changes in the National FFA Constitution" on page 10 of this Newsletter.

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THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE PLANS FFA STORY

National Geographic Magazine is preparing an illustrated article about the Future Farmers of America to be published sometime in 1950. The article as planned probably will excell by far any other article ever written about the FFA and should be a real credit to and boost for the organization, reaching, as it will, a world-wide circulation of nearly two million subscribers.

The National Geographic Magazine hopes to have all sections of the country represented in the FFA story. They are interested in securing good pictures that will present a broad picture of country life with, of course, FFA members the center of attraction.

If your chapter has potential general interest pictures, we would suggest that you attempt to interest a professional photographer in taking same. The National Geographic will pay \$50 for color pictures and \$10 for black and white pictures that are accepted for the FFA article. Each picture should be attractive, have human interest qualities and tell a story.

Insofar as possible, project pictures should represent a type of farming that is prominent in the state, excepting the "unusual" projects or activities that may crop up anywhere and which will make good pictures because of the human interest qualities involved in them.

Send all pictures to: Mr. John Farrar  
Director of Public Relations and Information  
Future Farmers of America  
Office of Education, Federal Security Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

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## 1949 KANSAS FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

CLAY CENTER: September 26, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Abilene, Barnes, Chapman, Clay Center, Clifton, Frankfort, Greenleaf, Haddam, Hanover, Hope, Junction City, Linn, Longford, Manhattan, Miltonvale, Morrowville, Randolph, Solomon, Wakefield, Waterville, Washington

LAWRENCE: September 27, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Auburn, Berryton, Bonner Springs, Garnett, Harveyville, Highland Park, LaCygne, Lawrence, Olathe, Ottawa, Overbrook, Paola, Parker, Seaman, Shawnee Mission, Silver Lake, St. Marys, Tonganoxie, Washburn, Wellsville

HOLTON: September 28, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Centralia, Effingham, Fairview, Hiawatha, Holton, Hoyt, Marysville, Meriden, Onaga, Powhattan, Sabetha, Seneca, Soldier, Valley Falls, Wamego, Westmoreland

BELOIT: October 3, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Alton, Belleville, Beloit, Beverly, Concordia, Downs, Glasco, Jewell, Kensington, Lebanon, Mankato, Minneapolis, Osborne, Simpson, Smith Center

HOXIE: October 4, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Atwood, Bird City, Colby, Ellis, Goodland, Hays, Hill City, Hoxie, McDonald, Norcatur, Norton, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Quinter, St. Francis, Stockton, Wakeeney

DODGE CITY: October 5, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Ashland, Bazine, Coldwater, Dodge City, Ford, Fowler, Garden City, Holcomb, Hugoton, Kinsley, Lakin, Meade, Minneola, Ness City, Pratt, Spearville, Syracuse

BUHLER: October 17, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Buhler, Eldorado, Ellsworth, Great Bend, Haven, Hillsboro, Inman, Leon, Little River, McPherson, Moundridge, Newton, Pretty Prairie, Stafford, Valley Center

HARPER: October 18, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

Arkansas City, Attica, Harper, Kingman, Kiowa, Medicine Lodge, Mulvane, Oxford, Winfield

INDEPENDENCE: October 19, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Altamont, Altoona, Chanute, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Columbus, Fredonia, Fort Scott, Girard, Howard, Independence, Iola, McCune, Neodesha, Parsons, Sedan, Yates Center

EMPORIA: October 20, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Alma, Alta Vista, Burlingame, Burlington, Burns, Cottonwood Falls, Council Grove, Emporia, Eureka, Kincaid, Lyndon, Osage City, Paxico, Williamsburg

NOTE: If more convenient to attend a District FFA Leadership School held in a center other than the one to which your chapter is assigned, please notify the host adviser of the center you choose to attend several days prior to the date of the meeting.

A MESSAGE TO LOCAL FFA OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

- I. The District FFA Leadership School provides one means of stimulating local FFA leadership in order that the Kansas Association may continue to merit the confidence of both state and national leaders.
- II. Kansas has always been proud of the boast that 100% of the local officers comprising the Kansas Association of FFA can creditably open and close a formal FFA meeting without the use of the FFA Manual.
- III. Two important items that win respect for local FFA chapters are: 1) a sound program of work, 2) high standards of ritualistic performance.
- IV. Local FFA officers desiring to give outstanding leadership to their members must be informed relative to the purposes and function of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.
- V. District FFA Leadership Schools are designed to stimulate ritualistic improvement and a greater knowledge of the Future Farmers of America Organization.
- VI. "Test Your FFA Knowledge," one of the features of the District FFA Leadership School is based upon the fifteen year history of the Kansas Association of FFA, the Official FFA Manual, and the 1948-49 issues of the Kansas FFA Newsletter. (Including the September 15, 1949, issue of the Kansas FFA Newsletter.
- VII. The application of the "Duties of Local Officers," is another feature of the District FFA Leadership Schools.
- VIII. District FFA Leadership Schools provide a medium for exchange of successful ideas in the management of FFA chapters. Bear in mind the fact that many in attendance will be holding office for the first time, and a majority of others will be newly elected to the station they are now serving.
- IX. The District FFA Leadership School should be regarded by each FFA officer as a challenge to improve his FFA Leadership, and as an opportunity to make worthwhile contribution.
- X. Interested FFA members result from having capable officers, a challenging program of work - with responsibility shared by all, and a full knowledge of the Future Farmers of America Organization.

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FORMER NATIONAL F.F.A. PRESIDENT VISITS STATE OFFICE

The state office was pleased to receive a visit from Marvin Jagels, 1942-43 president of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, Buhl Chapter, Buhl, Idaho, August 6. Marvin was on his way back from Georgia where he had just received his final release from Military Intelligence. He is attending Idaho University, enrolled in Agricultural Education. Marvin is still single and has an interest in a 160-acre irrigated farm.

We were more than pleased to renew our acquaintance with Marvin and hope he will be able to pay us another visit in the near future.

CLAY CENTER CHAPTER TAKES TRIP

At 5:00 a.m. on May 24, 22 members of the Clay Center Chapter of Future Farmers of America, together with their adviser, Mr. Ray Morrison, Mrs. Morrison, and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Butler, National Geographic Photographers, began a trip which took them through the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and into Old Mexico.

Plans for this 3500 mile trip were started in the fall of 1948 and actual arrangements were made from January 1 - May 23, 1949.

This trip was planned for educational as well as for vacationing purposes, and this is exactly what it proved to be. The various types of agriculture were quite noticeable throughout the country. For example, we saw small cotton plots, cultivated with one horse cultivators in one section of Texas and large half section fields of cotton cultivated by four-row tractor cultivators in other parts of the same state.

Since this trip was taken when the growing season was at its prime, the various stages of a crop, such as wheat, differed considerably according to the degrees of latitude.

Besides visiting several pineapple and tomato canning factories, citrus orchards, etc. we also visited the King Ranch, the largest in the world. It is divided into four or five pieces of land, which covers part of six counties, having a total acreage equivalent to the state of Rhode Island.

Some of the outstanding features on this huge ranch were the mixed Brahma Shorthorn steers, each weighing nearly 3,000 pounds, Bold Venture; the famous race horses; and the huge experimental brush-cutter, which clears 8 acres per hour and weighs 95 tons. This gigantic machine is powered by a 1500 H.P. V-12 Packard engine that is controlled entirely by hydraulic push-buttons.

After spending a while at Galveston, where we toured a large freighter and saw many other tankers, freighter and passenger ships, we headed toward Corpus Christi, Texas. Here we all enjoyed swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, patronized the amusement park, and took a twenty mile voyage into the Gulf to fish. Here we caught everything from a two foot shark to a three foot eel.

As we headed westward across the largest state in the union, we stopped at San Antonio to see the famed old Spanish Mission, the Alamo, and also San Jose Mission.

The night after we crossed the New Mexico-Texas border we had an experience that we shall never forget. After everyone had set up their pup tents and had gone to bed that evening - when everybody was ready for a sound peaceful night, two stealthy mountain lions entered camp. They had been attracted by the wrappers from hamburger, which we had for supper that evening. Fortunately one of our boys had not gone to sleep, but had noticed these unwanted visitors.

He soon had a group of boys awakened, and from then on a watch was kept every two hours by four different boys until daybreak, simply to ward off these haunters of the Rockies. The funny part of the whole thing was that some of the boys had slept through the "rumpus" even though one lion trotted three feet from an open tent where two of the boys were fast asleep.



## Clay Center Chapter Takes Trip (continued)

Probably the most striking and amazing wonder which we saw on the entire journey was the Carlsbad Cavers in southern New Mexico. Carlsbad is visited by thousands of tourists each year and I am sure we all agree that this alone was worth the trip.

After spending several hours in Old Mexico, we were ready to return to dear old U.S.A. Mexico, as yet, does not have Pure Food and Drug Acts and scarcely any other noticeable sanitary laws. We can be proud that we live in a land where democracy prevails and where folk can be free and equal and enjoy everyday things of life.

New Mexico has points of interest other than Carlsbad, several of which we saw. Some of these were Kit Carson's home. Indian Pueblo houses, and the oldest building and church in the United States.

Colorado proved to be somewhat cooler and possibly more of a vacationers' paradise than what we had been used to seeing. In Colorado we visited the State Prison at Canon City, together with the Royal Gorge. Our last main stop was Colorado Springs where several rode to the top of Pike's Peak, while others did some shopping and various others sightseeing.

The sunflowers of Kansas looked pretty good compared to the Texan's sagebrush after not having seen them for two weeks, but I must admit that the trip was well worth the \$50.00 per boy which included our eats, fishing trips, transportation, and fees, such as to see Carlsbad, etc.

The half has not been told, but this is just a few highlights of our trip which has given each of us a valuable experience and enjoyment that will live with us till we are old and gray.

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and the school board of the Clay County Community High School, who made it possible to secure the school bus and who made other necessary arrangements for this worthy two weeks outing.

Paul Mugler, President  
Clay Center Chapter of FFA

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OFFICIAL F.F.A. CALENDAR

The National Board of Trustees and National Advisory Council of the F.F.A. have approved the publishing and sale of an official calendar for the organization. The Osborne Company, Clifton, New Jersey, has been given authorization to manufacture and sell this calendar. The National Organization will receive a royalty of 10% of all sales.

Companies purchasing these calendars will be permitted to stamp their name on the calendar so that the calendar will read "Presented by the First National Ban ." In accepting an order from a company in any community, the Osborne Company agrees (1) not to sell the calendar to any other advertiser in that community for use during 1950, (2) next year that same company will be given first opportunity to continue the franchise in force by buying the official Future Farmers of America Calendar for 1951.

WHERE TO GET FFA SUPPLIES

Following is a list of FFA supplies and where they can be purchased. See that this list is filed so that when your chapter is in need of supplies your secretary will have the necessary information on where the material can be purchased, thereby eliminating the necessity of writing the state office for this information. ORDERS FROM THE STATE OFFICE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH.

Adviser's pins (11) bronze 28¢  
 Adviser's pins (11) gold plated 37¢  
 Arm bands, felt (2)  
 Badges and buttons (6)  
 Banners, felt (2)  
 Belts and Buckles (1)  
 Blankets, FFA Pure Wool (3)  
 Caps, convention style (2)  
 Caps, swagger and military style (2)  
 Charters for chapters (11)  
 Collegiate chapter pins (1)  
 Cups, trophy (1)  
 Cuts, emblem (4)  
 Drapes, official officer (13) \$6.00  
 Degree pins and keys (11)  
 Ear of Corn, Model (13)  
 Electrotypes (4)  
 Emblem, official Jumbo (13) \$3.95  
 Emblems, felt (2)  
 Emblem stickers (4)  
 Envelopes (4)  
 Felt goods (2)  
 Flags (13)  
 Gavel (13)  
 Handbook for Future Farmers (4)  
 Jackets, corduroy (3)  
 Jefferson, Bust of (13)  
 Jewelry (1)  
 Keys, degree (11)  
 Letterheads (4)  
 Manuals (11) 20¢  
 Medals (1)  
 Membership cards (11) Cards sent only upon payment of dues, 30¢ per member, 20¢ state, 10¢ nat'l.

Music:

"FFA March" (8)  
 "Hail the FFA" (11) piano 25¢

Music (cont.)

"Hail the FFA" (11) quartette 35¢  
 "March of FFA" (band) (8)  
 Napkins (4)  
 Neckties (3)  
 Newspaper mats (4)  
 Officer Station Drapes (13)  
 Official FFA Owl (13)  
 Parliamentary Procedure (11) 15¢  
 Pennants, felt (2)  
 Pictures, Washington and Jefferson (10)  
 Pins (price includes Fed. and state tax)  
 Adviser's pins (11) bronze 28¢  
 Adviser's pins (11) gold plated 37¢  
 Chapter Farmer (11) 35¢  
 Green Hand (11) 30¢  
 Officer pins (11) 95¢  
 Place Cards (4)  
 Plaques (1)  
 Plows, miniature (9)\*  
 Printed Supplies (4)  
 Ribbons, prize (6)  
 Rings, finger (1)  
 Rising Sun (13) \$4.50  
Records:  
 "FFA March" and "Hail the FFA" (5)  
 4 numbers sung by national FFA Chorus (12)  
 FFA Band at National FFA Convention (12)  
 Secretary's Book (11) 35¢  
 Shirts (3)  
 Stationery (4)  
 Stickers, baggage (4) windshield (4)  
 Treasurer's Books, (11) 35¢  
 Trousers, Uniforms (3)  
 Washington, Bust of (13)

- (1) L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts, Jewelry
  - (2) Staunton Novelty Company, Staunton, Virginia, Felt Goods and Convention Caps.
  - (3) Future Farmers Supply Service, P.O. Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia.
  - (4) French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland, printed supplies, stationery, emblem cuts, etc.
  - (5) U.S. Recording Co., Earle Theater Bldg., Washington, D.C.
  - (6) St. Louis Dutton Company, 415 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, Celluloid buttons, ribbons, badges, markers, flags.
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### Where to Get FFA Supplies (Continued)

- (7) W. M. Welch Scientific Company, Chicago, Illinois
- (8) Cundy-Betteney Co., Hyde Park, Boston, Massachusetts
- (9) John Deere Company, Moline, Illinois
- (10) Swift and Company, Chicago, Illinois, Agricultural Research Department.
- (11) A. P. Davidson, Executive Advisor, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans.
- (12) Edward A. Roche, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri
- (13) Chapter Supply Co., Box 594, Danville, Illinois

\* - Request must be accompanied by letter from State Executive Adviser.

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### CONTEST FEATURE - A MEANS NOT AN END

In this issue of the Newsletter will be found a complete schedule of the 1949 District FFA Leadership Schools. Each local FFA adviser has been mailed the assignment responsibilities for members of his chapter. The success of the District FFA Leadership Schools largely rests in the hands of the local chapters. The purpose of the Leadership School is to bring to the attention of the 1949-50 local FFA officers their responsibility in the building and executing of successful local chapter programs. Attendance and cooperation on the part of all local FFA chapters is necessary if we are to accomplish our goal.

Two contests are scheduled as a part of each District FFA Leadership School, namely: The Opening and Closing Ritual and Test Your FFA Knowledge. The inclusion of these contests is designed to stimulate local chapter officers to learn more about the Future Farmers of America Organization and to achieve a high standard of ritualistic performance. It is hoped that the contest feature will be used as a means of accomplishing these ends and not as an END in itself.

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### DON VOLKER PLACES THIRD IN REGIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

The Central Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest was held on the University of Wisconsin campus, Memorial Union Building, Madison, Wisconsin, August 22, 1949, with thirteen state winners competing. The contestants were divided into two groups and the first and second place winners in each group competed in the finals. Don Volker competed in Group A in which there were seven contestants, and placed first in his group. In the final contest Donald won third place.

First place was won by Larry Siddall of Iowa, speaking on the subject "A Hook or a Hand."

Billy Gatton of Kentucky won second place. The subject of his speech was "Erosion and Its Control."

Third place honors went to Donald Volker of Kansas whose subject was "The Challenge of a New Day in Agriculture."

The judges were: Frank W. Cyr, Consultant on Rural Education, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.; Ivy W. Duggan, Governor, Farm Credit Administration, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.; P.E. McNall, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.



CHAPTER NEWS

OLATHE: Officers of the Olathe Chapter for this year are: Bob Alexander, president; John Palmer, vice-president; Bob Steinhauser, secretary; Marvin Allen, treasurer; James Radcliff, reporter; and Emerson Chesney, sentinel. We have had three officers meetings this summer, held at the home of our adviser, A. G. Jensen. These were organization meetings in which plans for summer meetings and for the coming year were formulated. We held two regular meetings at night this summer. Glenn Parsons from KMBC came over and gave us a fine talk pertaining to our life plans at one meeting. The other meeting was used for business matters and two fine pictures in color were shown. Two recreational summer meetings were held, one a watermelon feed with FHA girls and the other a softball game meeting...Our officers were glad to receive their jackets ordered during the summer. Our members are impatiently waiting for the FFA annuals ordered from Walsworth Bros. of Missouri...We are busy planning for the annual "Old Settlers Picnic" to be held here September 9 and 10. We plan to enter a float in the parade again this year and hope to do as well as we did last year in prize money. We are also to have a concession stand in cooperation with the FHA girls... We are proud of our two former officers, Wayne Zimmerman who won a Kroger scholarship and his brother J. Elton who is the recipient of a Sears scholarship. These two members have worked hard and faithfully in our organization and well deserve this recognition and financial assistance to attend college at Kansas State this winter...Our chapter report to the National Chapter Contest was completed and sent on its way...Ten of our members entered livestock and crops in the Johnson County fair and won 17 firsts, 11 seconds, and five thirds. They also had 5 grand champion and one reserve champion placings. Members receiving grand champion placing were: Wayne Zimmerman on his Duroc sow, George Riley on a Guernsey heifer, Charles Brink on a Southdown female and also on best fat lamb, and Bob Plank a reserve champion on fat calf. All of these were entered in the junior division. Jerry Hendrix also received a grand champion placing on his Southdown ewe in the open class. These grand champion winners are now the proud owners of fine kodaks given as part of the prizes.

James Radcliff, Reporter

HARPER: The Harper Chapter officers for this year are: Charles Olivier, president; Leonard Ghene, vice-president, Ronnie Yoder, secretary; Lee Drumright, treasurer; Jim Parsons, reporter; and Byron Reida, sentinel... The last FFA meeting in the spring was a picnic. Each member took a sack lunch and the FFA furnished ice cream. The Future Farmer Tattler was published during the summer months and sent to the members...In August we had a picnic for prospective Green Hands. Each of the members brought a covered dish and the chapter furnished ice cream for a picnic supper...Our chapter put up a booth at the County Fair and won first place...We entered a team in the livestock judging contest and tied for first place. The members of our chapter now have a number of registered livestock as follows: 25 head of registered herefords, 1 registered Angus, 1 registered Ayrshire, 1 Holstein and 2 Duroc Jersey gilts. In addition they have a number of purebred and grade animals.

Jim Parsons, Reporter



## Chapter News - Continued

SABETHA: The Sabetha Chapter recently purchased a Hampshire boar from the Warren Pilaeger farm of Morrell, Kansas. The second expansion of the chapter is the recurring of a seven acre tract of land on highway 75 south of Sabetha. The chapter will plant this tract to certified Brome this fall... Our classroom has been decorated in cool green and the furniture has been revarnished...The school board has added \$500 worth of tools to our shop and we purchased 10 new books for our library. Officers for the year are: President, Elden Aescheiman; vice-president, Charles Beyer; treasurer, Jim Brounther; secretary, Kenneth Clifton and reporter, Lyle Lancaster.

Lyle Lancaster, Reporter

ATWOOD: The Atwood Chapter held election of officers in April. Those elected were: President, Earl Higley; vice-president, Rodney McFee; secretary, Gerald Heussman; treasurer, Ernest Wicke; reporter, Dal Argabright; sentinel, Pat Schroeder. The cabinet met in August to plan our fall activities. The chapter cooperated with the 4-H in building their show and and recreational barn by donating one day of labor helping to build the barn. The chapter held a watermelon feed for the eighth graders in the evening of August 29. Earl Higley showed the Grand Champion steer at the 4-H and FFA fair with Vince Reinert showing the Reserve Champion and Dal Argabright produced the blue ribbon sample of wheat. The chapter is looking forward to being able to move into the new Vocational Agriculture building sometime this year.

Dal Argabright, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: Officers elected for the coming year of 1949 and 1950 are: President, Roger Bard; vice-president, Jim Meisner; secretary, Joe Brunner; treasurer, David King; reporter, Tom Dorr; and sentinel, Donald Anderson... Joe Brunner, Raymond Johnson and our advisor, Mr. Latimer, attended the Chamber of Commerce Livestock Judging School held at Topeka July 28 and 29. The school on judging livestock was very educational and helpful to the boys. Most of our members were in the hay field at that time and could not go with us...On August 15 several of the members and their dads purchased some good Texas ewes from a carload that our adviser and a sheep rancher ordered together. They were 4 year-old ewes and cost us \$14.50 delivered to the ranch for sorting...Our adviser is taking pictures of our members farming programs and we plan to incorporate them in our FFA Scrapbook. Some of the members have outstanding programs which will be interesting to study and for FFA publicity...The Osage County Fair was held here on August 17, 18 and 19. Several entries were made by the boys in swine, sheep, beef and crops...Our chapter members plan to attend the Topeka Free Fair on or about September 13 or 14. We will study livestock judging, crops and machinery exhibits.

Tom Dorr, Reporter

A very little boy came home dejected from his first day at school.  
"Ain't goin' tomorrow," he said.  
"Why not, dear?" asked his mother.  
"Well, I can't read 'n I can't write 'n they won't let me talk--  
so what's the use?"

## Chapter News - Continued

FORD: On August 30 our chapter had a watermelon feed for prospective members...Adviser Marmon, Earnest Snook, and Orville Miller went to Holcomb to study the gilt project they have there. We are thinking of starting one.

Eugene Fravel, Reporter

MCPHERSON: We have 40 enrolled in Vocational Agriculture this year...Bob Fagerquist has purchased a registered Angus cow and heifer to add to his farming program...The FFA members will attend the fair at Hutchinson... We netted about \$125.00 on our stand fair day. We served homemade ice cream and hamburgers. We purchased a calf from Marion Patton, one of the FFA members and ground it into hamburger for the occasion.

Bob Fagerquist, Reporter

MEDICINE LODGE: Merle Schnelle, who was our secretary year before last, was selected to play in the National FFA Band or to sing in the National FFA Chorus at the National Convention in Kansas City this fall. Merle chose to sing with the chorus. The four boys winning FFA letters for highest scholastic honors last year were: Bill Kasney, Allen Schnelle, John Warren and Herb Hartley. The following three boys won FFA letters for best record books and farming programs: Don Shelite, junior and our president, Gary Whitaker and Dean Bloom. After school was out we took our annual Spring Project Tour visiting most all the boys projects. We had a picnic lunch at noon, and a swim in the late afternoon. A livestock judging team of Gaylord Gant, Allen Schnelle, and Albert Wheelock with Jack Vandever and Herb Hartley as alternates placed third in the contest at the Harper County Fair on August 24. Gaylord Gant was third high individual...We have our schedule for FFA meetings and parties made out for the coming year. We will see the new movies, "Beef Production, the Hereford Way" on November 8. The Green Hands and Chapter Farmers will be initiated in October and November. We plan to make a trip to the State Fair in Hutchinson on September 19.

Glen Ford, Reporter

ELDORADO: The Eldorado FFA Chapter had a busy summer both as a chapter and as individual members. The chapter harvested their 20 acres of Clinton oats and had them cleaned for seed. We also put up 87 tons of prairie hay part of which was saved to feed calves which we plan to buy this fall... Our first summer meeting was for the purpose of showing color slides of the boys farming programs. The next meeting was a watermelon feed and plans were made for the Camp Wentz trip to Ponca City, Okla...This year's junior class attended the C. K. Ranch Field Day and won \$3.00 as ninth place winners in the judging contest. Ed Chase received \$2.00 as twentieth place individual...The Eldorado Officers of the Future Farmers of America for this year are as follows: President, Bob Brant; vice-president, Charles Remmert; secretary, Robert Stebbins; treasurer, David Love; and reporter, Edward Chase.

Edward Chase, Reporter

## Chapter News - Continued

CHANUTE: The new officers for the year are Howard Bailey, president; Vern Heilman, vice-president; Howard Stitt, secretary; Frank West, treasurer; Harold Schultz, reporter; and Leslie Crow, sentinel. The officers were elected last spring and committee chairmen were appointed to the standing committees. The annual get-acquainted watermelon feed for new members will be held in connection with a roller skating party Wednesday, September 14. We are again planning a trip to the State Fair at Hutchinson and will help our Junior Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the Fall Festival, September 29, 30, and October 1. A grain judging contest will be held for FFA members of the surrounding area and we plan to enter many grain exhibits.

Harold Schultz, Reporter

BURNS: The elected officers of our chapter for the year 1949-50 are as follows: President, Harold Heyman; vice-president, Richard Church; secretary, Roy Manka; treasurer, Harold Drenzikof; reporter, Jimmy Gehring; sentinel, Rodney Vogelmen; adviser, A. M. Miller...We sponsored a watermelon feed on August 19 for the purpose of getting acquainted with the Freshmen boys who will be taking Vocational Agriculture this year. About 30 were present...We are again putting up a Marion County booth at the Marion County Fair, the State Fair at Topeka and also at Hutchinson. We have eleven boys in Vocational Agriculture I, seven in Agr. II, six in Agr. III and five in Senior Voc. Agr...Several improvements have been made in the Vocational Agriculture department during the summer. These include a hot water heater, curtains for the windows and neon lights for the class room.

Jimmy Gehring, Reporter

ALTAMONT: We have seventy-three enrolled in Vocational Agriculture; forty of this number are freshman...The upper classmen welcomed the Freshmen and new members with a watermelon feed September 14...Several of the boys have gilts now farrowing which were purchased from the school last fall on the chapter project plan...Kenneth Gearhiser was awarded the DeKalb Vocation Award for 1949...Richard Falkenstein, our present chapter treasurer, has four baby beeves entered in the Joplin Junior Beef show to be held October 3 and 4. The chapter plans to sell Christmas cards again this fall to raise chapter funds for our annual parent-son banquet.

Ronald Reed, Reporter

STAFFORD: The officers of the Stafford Chapter for 1949-50 are as follows: John Brock, president; Donald Schimpf, vice-president; Wayne Dickson, secretary; Marion Mischberger, treasurer; Donald Slade, reporter; and Lee Figger, sentinel...Bobby Bartlett and Donald Slade won blue ribbons in the Swine division at the Stafford County Fair. The FFA team won the Junior Judging Contest at the County Fair.

Donald Slade, Reporter



## Chapter News - Continued

ELLSWORTH: Officers for the coming year were elected in May. They are: President, Lloyd Schultz; vice-president, Ed Dolezal; secretary, Max Tanton; treasurer, Keith Bailey; reporter, Fred Peppiatt; sentinel, Ludwig Bezemek; advisor, L. O. Gugler. Two summer meetings were held. On May 27 the activity program was planned and on August 1st plans were made for the county booth at the state fair and for a float at the county 4-H fair. Fred Peppiatt, Eugene Peterman, Ludwig Bezemek, James Doubrava, Don Mize, and Keith Bailey are on the committee for the state fair booth. Lloyd Schultz, Fred Peppiatt, James Doubrava, Sam Peppiatt and Eugene Peterman prepared the float for the county 4-H fair parade. Our float won 1st in the independent class. We received \$10 for our treasury...The chapter plans to hold monthly night meetings this year. On September 7 we will entertain the new boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. The Annual Parents meeting will be October 10, November 14 Green Hand Initiation, and the Annual Parent Son Banquet on December 2...Scholarship ribbons for the second semester are as follows: Good rating; Max Tanton, Lloyd Schultz, Keith Bailey, Fred Peppiatt, James Doubrava, and Marion Soukup. Fair rating; Ed Dolezal, Don Mize, Clarence Heinke, Ludwig Bezemek, and Joe Dale Macek Jr.

Fred Peppiatt, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Winfield chapter hybrid boar pigs will soon be offered for sale to members of other chapters over the state. We should have about sixteen ready for market by November 1. These boar pigs will be registered in the Duroc association and any offsprings of the matings with purebred Duroc sows can of course be registered. Only good, strong and promising young boars will be saved to sell as hybrid boars. While these boars will not all be up to par with the show type Durocs, still as hybrids go they should be above the average in looks. We want to point out, however, that the project is one for efficiency and not for looks. With each hybrid boar sold we will furnish an efficiency sheet enclosed in a stamped envelope and we hope that each purchaser will fill out this sheet and mail it to us as soon as the litters are marketed. We are keeping these records in our own Chapter and we hope the chapters over the state who cooperate with us will be kind enough to give us your data also...The annual officers meeting of the Winfield Chapter was held Monday noon, August 22, at the Colony restaurant in Winfield. Thirteen members and sponsors attended this luncheon. They were the 1949-50 chapter officers with Don Drake, president; Hugh Schantz vice-president; Walt Lewis, treasurer; Jay Wood, secretary; Lloyd Craig, reporter and Mark Drake, sentinel. Drake was installed into office by adviser Ira Plank after a brief talk to the new officers. President Drake proceeded with the meeting, reading the committee assignments for the year and outlining a general plan for the work of the year. Both Mr. John Lowe, adviser, and Paul Hinos, veterans instructor, urged the boys to use their surplus money to purchase good livestock. They pointed out the relation of livestock to the present plan for wheat allotments. The Winfield chapter has already shipped in a carload of breeding ewes and have about enough orders for another load.

Lloyd Craig, Reporter



## Chapter News - Continued

PRATT: The officers for the Pratt chapter for the coming year are: President, Glenn Bishop; vice-president, Gordon Dailley; secretary, Mervyn McGuire; treasurer, Dicky McGuire; reporter, Elwood McGuire; sentinel, Wayne Webber; adviser, Keith Fish...Several members of the chapter showed livestock at the Pratt County Fair, August 17-19. Darrell Miller showed the reserve champion fat barrow, he also showed a registered Hereford heifer and two fat steers. Members of the chapter assisted with the fair in erecting tents and being assistant superintendents in charge of the various exhibits. Plans are being made to purchase some old machinery to be used in the shop. The usable iron will be sold to the members and the scrap sold.

Elwood McGuire, Reporter

HOWARD: The officers elected for the 1949-50 school year are: President, Richard McLean; vice-president, Harold Tompkins; secretary, Don Hall; treasurer, Wayne Chamberlain; reporter, Ray Scofield; sentinel, Ernest Knight, and our advisor, Mr. W. W. Hart...The parties and special meetings that were held this summer consisted of a swimming party and an ice cream social. We had a special business meeting, August 7 and voted to have a watermelon feed and invite the prospective freshmen. Twenty-one members and five prospective freshmen attended the watermelon feed...We entered our FFA softball team in the city league and played games regularly during the summer...The Howard Chapter is conducting their book exchange again this year. We have not closed our book exchange as yet, but up to this date we have netted \$346.55.

Ray Scofield, Reporter

OTTAWA: We are preparing a booth exhibit on dairy improvement to be shown at the Topeka Free Fair...Robert Dunn, our president, was selected by the American Legion to receive one of the four purebred Guernsey heifers which were given to project winners in Franklin County...Robert Dunn and George Miller exhibited their purebred dairy heifers at the Franklin County Fair...We are planning to hold our annual FFA crop show early in October...We have a new FFA banner on display in our classroom.

George Miller, Reporter

GOODLAND: Officers of the Goodland chapter for the year are: Russell Briney, president; Larry Peter, vice-president; W. J. Trachsell, secretary; Marvin Duell, treasurer; Varo Shores, reporter; Rhiney Ochsner, student council representative and Jr. Emig, sentinel...The Goodland chapter has 50 members again this year. Our first meeting was held the evening of September 8. Committees for the year were appointed and plans were made for a scrap drive and the fall meeting of the parents and boys. The evening was wound up by a big watermelon feed.

Varo Shores, Reporter

## Chapter News - Continued

GREAT BEND: Our chapter elected the following officers for the year: Charles Button, president; Darrell Clarke, vice-president; Duane Stoskopf, secretary; Bob Scott, treasurer; Jerry Schrader, reporter; Leroy Weathers, sentinel....Thirty of our members will visit the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson, September 18, 19 and 20. Our seniors are planning to attend the American Royal Livestock Show....We have moved into our new Vocational Agriculture Building and are enjoying having more space for all activities. Our building consists of a hospital unit from the Dodge City Air Base, 25' x 150'. We have a laboratory, classroom and shop section. We also have a concreted and fenced yard in which to do our farm machine repair work.

Jerry Schrader, Reporter

LAWRENCE: The chapter held one summer meeting and talked over plans for the annual 4-H club and FFA Fair held August 19-20. Many of our boys were heads of different departments. Dwane Schaack was superintendent of the entire fair. Raymond Flory was his assistant....The school year opened September 6 with 60 members including 21 Green Hands. Our chapter will be hosts to the Northeast Kansas Leadership school September 27.

Marlin Hornberger, Reporter

COLDWATER: We plan to exhibit a Comanche County booth in the County Collective Booth Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair again this year. Our theme will be contour farming. Members of the committee responsible for this exhibit are Curtis Lohrding, Charles Deyoe, Ronald Harness and one member of the Freshman class to be elected the first week of school....Our chapter is making tentative arrangements to attend the Kansas State Fair as a group on Monday to attend the FFA program....We are quite proud of the fact that two of our members received scholarships to attend Kansas State College this fall. Victor Thompson who was our president two years ago received a \$200 Sears scholarship and Donald Whelpley received a \$1000 scholarship in Milling. Both boys are State Farmers, and have been good workers in the chapter.

Norman Sherman, Reporter

HAYS: Officers for the coming year are: Major Gosser, president; Norbert Leiker, vice-president; Wallace Gosser, secretary; Richard Baker, treasurer; Edward Karlin, reporter; LeRoy Brungardt, sentinel. The officers met early in August and discussed activities to be carried out in the coming year and worked out a tentative calendar. Our early plans include a trip to the Hutchinson State Fair and a show for the chapter livestock. Teams representing our chapter competed in the livestock judging contests at the Trego County and Rooks County fairs. We plan to have a team at the Ellis County Fair in September.

Edward Karlin, Reporter

You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.

--Emerson--

## Chapter News - Continued

SILVER LAKE: Officers for the coming year are Maurice Barr, president; Norman Oberhelman, vice-president; Clyde Wyatt, secretary; Eldon Roberson, treasurer; Melvin Martinek, reporter; Lester George, sentinel; Mr. Prochaska, advisor...Our shop building was remodeled and increased in size this fall. A new 40' x 40' quonset hut was added to the north side of our present shop. There are forty-two boys enrolled in vocational agriculture at the present.

Melvin Martinel, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: The Clay Center FFA chapter is ready for another year of work and fun after the summer vacation...Our chapter made an extended trip by rented bus into Old Mexico last summer. A report of this trip written by Paul Mugler is being carried in this issue of the Newsletter...We are planning to have a get-acquainted meeting Tuesday, September 13. Watermelon will be furnished by Roy Martin, John Brethous and Jr. Davies...Our chapter is planning to exhibit some farm machinery which the boys made, at Hutchinson State Fair, also at the local Clay County Fair. Some of the things being exhibited are: bale loader, hog houses, mowers, bulldozers, post hole diggers etc.

Homer Meyer, Reporter

SEAMAN: On August 26, Seaman High FFA held their annual watermelon feed at which the prospective freshman in vocational agriculture were visitors. Later in the evening an election of officers was held for the coming year with the following officers elected: President, John Myers; vice-president, Larry Bleier; secretary, Duane Rosebaugh; treasurer, Richard Kahler; reporter, Robert Chance; sentinel, Marvin Lindberg and Advisor, George Robinson...The classroom has been redecorated and new equipment has been added to the shop, including a heavy duty drill press and heavy duty grinder.

Bob Chance, Reporter

HILLSBORO: School started September 1 with the first FFA meeting being held that evening. The main purpose of the meeting was to install the new officers. Chapter officers for the coming year are: Lowell Ewert, president; Monroe Funk, vice-president; Francis Funk, secretary; Marvin Schmidt, treasurer; Howard Ratzlaff, reporter; LeRoy Matz, sentinel. Plans were made for the Marion County Fair which will be held in Hillsboro, September 6-9. Following the meeting the members enjoyed eating popcorn from the new popcorn machine which they purchased this summer...Seventy members and guests enjoyed a watermelon feed, August 17. Prospective FFA members were honored guests. The new classroom being built on the vocational agriculture shop is progressing nicely and will be completed soon.

Howard Ratzlaff, Reporter

As the mamma fox remarked to the papa fox, if the high prices don't come down soon we'll have to start tightening our pelts.