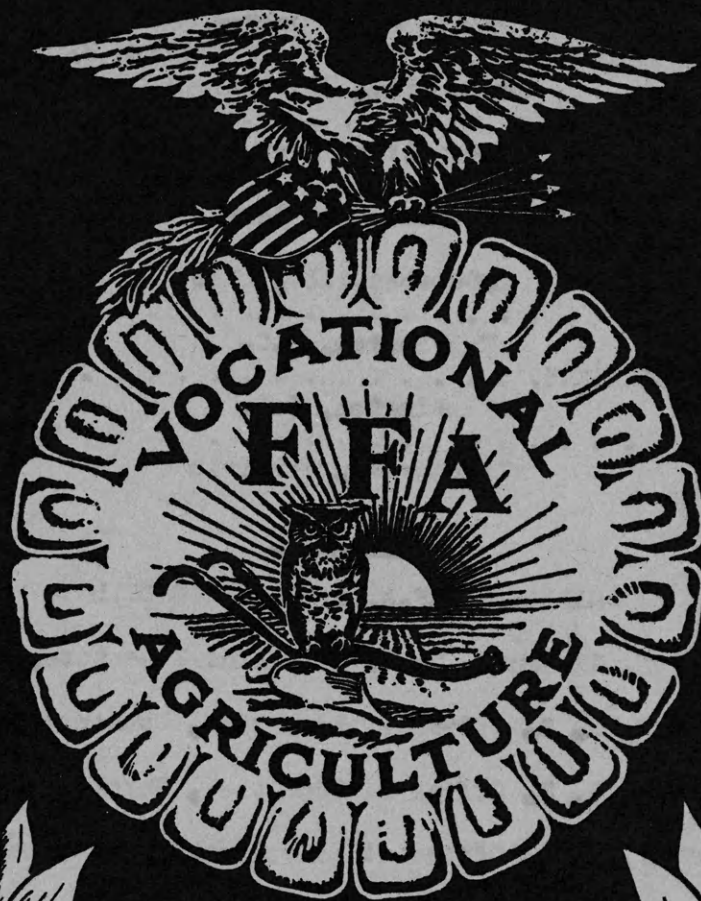


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PRESIDENT CHASE ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

Last fall many Kansas F.F.A. members had the privilege of attending the convention of the National Organization. This spring on April 28 and 29th we will have an opportunity to attend and participate in the 19th Annual Convention and FFA Contests of our own State Association.

Each chapter which has its State and National dues paid will be allowed to seat two delegates in the House of Delegates meeting. May I urge every chapter in Kansas to help to bring this year to a successful close by attending this convention and to embark upon the coming year with planning and vigor by seating two well informed delegates. Upon their shoulders will fall the responsibility of electing State Farmers and State Officers, the transacting of the association's business and determining much of our future policy.

Every chapter's participation is requested, every chapter's cooperation is needed; and with the same spirit which has been prevalent throughout the year. I'm sure you will react to the challenge favorably.

Richard Chase, President  
Kansas Association F.F.A.

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REMINDERS

1. Check your calendar for all mailing dates for FFA contest materials.
2. THREE copies of the FFA Public Speaking manuscript are required.
3. Most chapter contest reports are classified as First Class mail. Express is cheaper and almost as fast.
4. Annual report of chapter on membership, cooperation with state and national FFA programs of work, etc., needed in order to prepare publicity for releases at time of convention.
5. Deadline mailing dates for all FFA events as well as for all Agricultural Judging and Farm Mechanics Contests will be rigidly enforced.
6. Entries in the Agricultural Judging contests and the Farm Mechanics contests must be in the mail not later than April 21.
7. If you plan to house your group in Nichols Gym, send check and cot reservation to K. L. Ford not later than April 21.
8. REMEMBER the Agricultural Judging contests and the Farm Mechanics contests begin at 7:30 a.m.

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RANK IN FFA MEMBERSHIP

Each year in the April Issue of the Kansas Future Farmer Newsletter local FFA chapters are ranked on the basis of per cent of membership and enrollment in vocational agriculture. October 1st enrollment figures furnished by the State Department for Vocational Education are used, and FFA membership figures are taken from the records of the State Office at Manhattan.

On October 1st there were 4954 students enrolled in approximately 137 departments of vocational agriculture in Kansas. The term "approximately" was used advisedly, because of the fact that departments have been reactivated at various dates during the year.

A careful study of FFA membership for the school year 1946-47, as of April 1, on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture shows a range in percentage of membership from 153 to 30 per cent.

The Stockton chapter, with an enrollment of 36 and a paid up FFA membership of 55 has the honor of being the chapter with the highest percentage of membership.

111 chapters have paid dues to date.

80 chapters reported a paid up membership of 100 per cent or more. 31 chapters fell below the 100 per cent membership goal.

Effingham with a paid up membership of 92, leads all chapters in the state in the number of dues paid. Shawnee Mission chapter with 78 members ranks second, while Beloit with 75, Smith Center with 72, and Winfield with 70, rank third, fourth and fifth respectively.

The percentage of membership on the basis of enrollment in vocational agriculture for the 111 chapters having paid this dues is 104%. Last year this figure stood at 106%.

The Kansas Association hopes to report 100 per cent active Chapters at the time of the annual meeting on April 28 and 29.

In case of error in percentage of membership listed below, we will be glad to have you notify us so that correction can be made in the May issue of the Kansas Future Farmer.

Those chapters having a membership range from 151 per cent to 155 per cent:

Stockton

Those chapters having a membership range from 141 per cent to 150 per cent:

Holton

Buhler

Beloit

Osborne

Those chapters having a membership range from 131 per cent to 140 per cent:

Fairview

Kinsley

Effingham

Washington

Highland Park

Loon

Those chapters having a membership range from 121 per cent to 130 per cent:

Seneca

McPherson

Columbus

Haven

Hugoton

Ellis

Lebanon

Smith Center

Belloville

Bird City

## Rank in FFA Membership (Continued)

Those chapters having a membership range from 111 per cent to 120 per cent:

|                 |           |          |                |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Shawnee Mission | Sabetha   | Beverly  | Silver Lake    |
| Independence    | Pratt     | Wakeeney | Glasco         |
| Harper          | Kiowa     | Paola    | Chapman        |
| Williamsburg    | Concordia | Altamont | Medicine Lodge |
| Hill City       | Coldwater | Chanute  | Berryton       |
| Seaman          |           |          |                |

Those chapters having a membership range from 101 per cent to 110 per cent:

|             |           |                  |             |
|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| Clay Center | Overbrook | Winfield         | Kingman     |
| Colby       | Lawrence  | Alton            | Garden City |
| Holcomb     | Neodesha  | Cottonwood Falls | Goodland    |
| Randolph    | Simpson   | Solomon          | Minneapolis |
| Parsons     | Newton    | Frankfort        | Atwood      |
| Cherryvale  | Manhattan | Lyndon           | Iola        |
| Abilene     | Washburn  | Inman            | Hays        |
| Burlington  |           |                  |             |

Those chapters having a membership of 100 per cent:

|              |               |          |         |
|--------------|---------------|----------|---------|
| Westmoreland | Valley Center | Syracuse | Soldier |
| Oxford       | Little River  | LeRoy    | Emporia |
| Eldorado     | Centralia     |          |         |

Those chapters having a membership range from 90 per cent to 99 per cent:

|            |            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Mulvane    | Fredonia   | Howard     | Auburn     |
| Great Bend | Fort Scott | Gardner    | Moundridge |
| Oberlin    | Burns      | Marysville |            |

Those chapters having a membership range from 80 per cent to 89 per cent:

|             |            |              |            |
|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Stafford    | Tonganoxie | Coffeyville  | Hiawatha   |
| Harveyville | Haddam     | Valley Falls | Waterville |
| Olathe      |            |              |            |

Those chapters having a membership range from 70 per cent to 79 per cent:

|        |              |           |       |
|--------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| Ottawa | Phillipsburg | Greenleaf | Downs |
|--------|--------------|-----------|-------|

Those chapters having a membership range from 60 per cent to 69 per cent:

|         |             |       |
|---------|-------------|-------|
| Kincaid | St. Francis | Onaga |
|---------|-------------|-------|

Those chapters having a membership range from 50 per cent to 59 per cent:

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| Norton | Hope |
|--------|------|

If the name of your chapter does not appear in the above listing, it will be due to one of two reasons, namely: (1) chapter dues have not been paid, (2) FFA membership is less than 50 per cent of enrollment in vocational agriculture.

1947 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

The 1947 National Convention of the Future Farmers of America will be held October 19 through 22 in Kansas City, Missouri, according to an announcement by the FFA's National Board of Trustees. It will be the twentieth annual convention for the world's largest farm boy organization.

As in previous years, the convention will run concurrently with the American Royal Livestock Show and will be held in the huge Kansas City municipal Auditorium which will accommodate over 10,000 official delegates and guests.

Hotel accommodations for 1250 official delegates, guests and entertainers have been premised in Kansas City this year. Additional hotel rooms may be available to unofficial groups. All of the 49 FFA State associations, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico, plan to send delegations to the national meeting.

An extensive program including educational features, organization, business and entertainment is being planned for the four-day convention. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and the British Ambassador, Lord Inverchapel, have accepted invitations to address the thousands of FFA members who will gather for the national meetings. Through the British Ambassador the FFA's National Officers have extended invitations to a number of farm boys from England, Scotland, Wales and Canada to attend the convention.

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NATIONAL FFA BAND

The National Organization of FFA took action at the Victory Convention in Kansas City to organize a National FFA Band, with players from all the states, for the 1947 convention.

Doctor Henry S. Brunner, Head of the Department of Agricultural Education, State College, Pennsylvania, will have charge of selecting the personnel, and training and leading the National F.F.A. Band. Each state is encouraged to submit as many as ten nominees for the band. Insofar as possible, at least two will be accepted from each state.

Fifty FFA chapters in Kansas have members in high school bands. There are 150 members in these bands. The fifty chapters having members in high school bands have been sent "band information sheets", with a request that said sheets be filled out and returned to the state office immediately following the District Music Contests. The names of ten individuals from high school bands ranking HIGHLY SUPERIOR OR SUPERIOR in the District Music Contests will be forwarded to Dr. H. S. Brunner.

The boys selected for the National FFA Band must be active FFA members with satisfactory scholarship, and must have the approval of their parents and be recommended by the high school music teacher. Members of the band will report to Kansas City, Thursday, October 17, to remain throughout the convention.

A Kansas City doctor will be retained for the purpose of making "sick call" twice daily. The national organization of FFA will carry insurance on the band instruments of all the boys while they are in Kansas City.

## National FFA Band (Continued)

The Kansas Association of FFA in its House of Delegates meeting April 28, 1947, will decide on means of defraying expenses for uniforms, travel, lodging and meals for the boys who will represent Kansas in the National FFA Band.

The state association is vitally interested in getting the names of ten members who are best qualified to represent Kansas in the National FFA Band, and from this list two boys will be chosen who will be a credit to the state as well as being able to render a service to the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

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## NATIONAL F.F.A. JUDGING CONTESTS

National judging contests for vocational agriculture students, last held in 1941 will be resumed this year.

Judging contests in Livestock and Meats will be held in Kansas City, in connection with the American Royal Livestock Show, October 20-21.

Judging contests in Dairy, Dairy Products, and Poultry will be held in Waterloo, Iowa, September 30 - October 6.

Rules and Regulations governing all judging contests will be made available to the states by April 15.

All judging contests will be referred to as National F.F.A. Judging Contests. This is to avoid confusion.

Livestock judging contests for vocational agriculture students antedate the organization of the Future Farmers of America by three years. The livestock judging contests were held at Kansas City in connection with the American Royal, and the Dairy, Dairy Products and Poultry were usually held at St. Louis. After a few years, all judging contests were centered at Kansas City, and were held at the time of the American Royal. The judging contests were a part of the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students, and were run concurrently with the annual meetings of the National FFA Convention.

For many years Kansas high school judging teams have won their right to represent Kansas in the national judging contests by the following performance in the State High School Vocational Agricultural Judging Contest held in the spring preceding the national judging contests held in the fall:

1st place team in Animal Husbandry will be eligible to represent Kansas in the Livestock judging contests at Kansas City.

2nd place team in Animal Husbandry will be eligible to represent Kansas in the Meats judging contest at Kansas City.

1st place team in Dairy Husbandry will be eligible to represent Kansas in the Dairy judging contest at Waterloo, Iowa.

2nd place team in Dairy Husbandry will be eligible to represent Kansas in the Milk Products judging contest at Waterloo, Iowa.

## National FFA Judging Contests (Continued)

1st place team in Poultry Husbandry will be eligible to represent Kansas in the Poultry judging at Waterloo, Iowa.

Supervisor L. B. Pollom states that the above plan of elimination will be followed this year.

Many differences of opinion were expressed by workers in the field of agricultural education as to whether or not the national judging contests should be revived. The contests as revived are broadened with the thought in mind of making them truly more educational. The national committee, comprised of agricultural supervisors and teacher trainers, J. H. Foard, Missouri, representing the Central Region, present the following information pertaining to the National FFA Judging Contests:

### 1. The F.F.A. Livestock Contest.

Six rings of livestock, of four animals each, will be used in this contest. They will consist of the following: breeding cattle, market cattle, breeding sheep, market sheep or lambs, breeding swine and market swine.

Two grading classes of beef, one class of ten feeder calves and one class of ten slaughter steers, will be graded individually according to U. S. Market Grades, using the four top grades for each class. (See U. S. D. A. Bulletin 1464, "Market Classes and Grades of Cattle," and U. S. D. A. Circular 505 "Market Classes and Grades of Feeder and Stocker Cattle".

### 2. The F.F.A. Meat Contest.

This contest will be divided into two grades. One, the grading for quality and two, for meat identification.

The grading for quality classes will be made by using carcasses and wholesale cuts of beef, mutton and pork. It will consist of: (a) one class of four beef carcasses: (b) one class of four wholesale cuts of beef: (c) one class of four pork carcasses: (d) one class of four wholesale cuts of pork: (e) one class of four carcasses of light lambs: (f) one class of four carcasses of heavy lambs.

The meat identification classes will be made by using various cuts of meat from the different meat producing carcasses and the edible by-products. A minimum of twenty-five cuts or by-products will be identified.

### 3. The F.F.A. Dairy Contest

Three breeds of dairy cattle will be used in this contest - Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey. Two rings of 4 animals from each of the above breeds will be included: (a) cows and (b) heifers, or two rings of cows from each breed.

Two classes of six animals from the above breeds will be placed on type and record of production. (See Misc. Publication 409, U.S.D.A. "Judging Dairy Cattle on the Basis of Type and Records of Production".

## National FFA Judging Contests (Continued)

## 4. The F.F.A. Dairy Products Contest.

Seven samples of milk and seven samples of cream will be scored and criticized in accordance with the record score card. Prior to the contest the official judge will score and explain three samples of milk and three samples of cream to the contestants.

## 5. The F.F.A. Poultry Contest.

The varieties used will be Single-comb White Leghorns, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Single-comb Rhode Island Reds, White Rocks, White Wyandottes and New Hampshires.

Each team will place 2 egg production classes of mature hens. Each team will place 2 classes of 10 birds each, in the selection of poultry breeding stock. Each team will grade 10 live market birds in the proper U.S. Standards market grades. (Grades are 1, 2 and rejects).

Each team will grade 10 dressed broilers, fryers or roasters according to the U. S. Standards for grades, although Grades AA and A will be grouped as Grade A.

Two classes of 12 eggs each, one brown shell class and one white shell class, of market eggs will be graded by each contestant. The individual eggs in each class will be graded according to the U. S. Standards for individual shell eggs.

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NATIONAL F.F.A. CAMP

The National Future Farmers of America Camp will be opened June 1st and will be closed September 10. If chapter groups wish to stay at the camp before June 1st or after September 10th, special arrangements will be made to accommodate them.

The camp is located on U. S. Highway No. 1, about 9 miles below Alexandria Virginia, by Dogue Run Creek. In coming from the north go through Washington, cross the Potomac and take the George Washington Memorial Highway to Alexandria Virginia until you reach the traffic light with a marked right turn, "To Richmond", which takes you over to the Richmond Highway. Continue on toward Richmond, Virginia, about 9 miles. Turn left on paved Highway No. 235 to Mount Vernon and look for the entrance sign to the Camp, on the left side of the road. The camp entrance is about 100 yards from Highway No. 1. The old entrance from Highway No. 1 has been closed. In coming from the south on Highway No. 1, look for Mount Vernon Highway No. 235 after you pass Fort Belvoir. The F.F.A. camp is located about 1 mile from the Fort.

Facilities at the camp include a residence which is used only by the Camp Manager, a barracks building with 76 bunks, a building which contains a kitchen and combination dining and recreation room. Meals will not be served at the camp but cooking and refrigeration facilities are provided. Cooking utensils and tableware will also be furnished. The barracks building is not divided into private rooms and there is only one combination toilet and shower room; therefore, accommodations can be provided only for boys and their advisers.

## National FFA Camp (Continued)

Outdoor recreational facilities include horse shoes, diamond ball and volley ball. The George Washington Grist Mill is located near the camp. Since the old mill is maintained and kept open to the public by the F.F.A., members staying at the camp may go through the mill without paying the admission fee.

A fee of 50¢ per day will be charged each person staying at the camp. This will pay for sleeping, cooking, and shower accommodations. A deposit of \$2.50 will be required at time of registration. This deposit will be returned if facilities are left in a satisfactory condition.

Reservations for the camp are now being accepted through the office of the National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney, Office of Education, Washington 25, D.C. Teachers should state the date of arrival, the date of departure, and the number of individuals in the party.

Groups coming to the camp should bring sheets, blankets and towels with them for these items are not available at the camp.

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STATE CHAPTER CONTEST

1. Only chapters having Programs of Work filed with the State Office on or before November 1, 1946 are eligible. Exception: Chapters re-established since that date.
2. In addition to chapter organization and membership, the complete report from each competing chapter shall include:
  - (a) - the goals included in the chapter program of work submitted November 1.
  - (b) - a report on accomplishments.
3. In evaluating chapter program planning and accomplishments, attention will always be focused on activities organized and carried out by the chapter as a group.
4. The report should be limited to activities planned and executed by active members.
5. Chapter histories and stories are not required.
6. Classify all goals and accomplishments under the following eight divisions of the National Chapter Score Card:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| I. Supervised Practice | V. Earning and Savings  |
| II. Cooperation        | VI. Conduct of Meetings |
| III. Community Service | VII. Scholarship        |
| IV. Leadership         | VIII. Recreation        |
7. Include in your chapter report all Goals planned in your annual Program of Work submitted to the state office November 1, and add additional activities undertaken since that date.
8. In compiling the chapter achievement report, any one of the following plans may be used:

## State Chapter Contest (Continued)

- (a) - A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments, without supplemental materials. (Supplemental materials being interpreted to include pictures, newspaper clippings, ribbons, etc.)
  - (b) - A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments, followed by a section devoted to supplemental materials. Supplemental materials will not enter into the judging of chapter accomplishments. However, chapters may submit supplemental materials if they wish to do so.
  - (c) - A report on chapter organization, membership, goals and accomplishments by divisions, with supplemental materials following the listing of goals and accomplishments under each of the eight divisions.
9. The achievement report should be typed if possible. Type on one side of page only.
10. The following are examples of chapter goals and accomplishments.
- I. Supervised Practice
    - A. Farming Program Planning.
      - 1. GOAL: Each member work out a definite farming program for one year and a tentative farming program for the next three years.  
ACCOMPLISHMENT: Every member worked out a definite farming program for the current year, and a tentative farming program for the next three years.
    - B. Farming Program Production Goals.
      - 1. Chapter members produce the following amount of food:
        - a. GOAL: 25,000 lbs. pork  
ACCOMPLISHMENT: Produced 29,124 lbs. of pork.
  - II. Cooperation
    - A. Cooperative Purchasing.
      - 1. GOAL: PURCHASE 500 lbs. certified seed cooperatively.  
ACCOMPLISHMENT: We have purchased 920 lbs. of certified sorghum seed and 20 bu. of certified oats for chapter members.
      - 2. GOAL: Purchase and mix livestock remedies cooperatively.  
ACCOMPLISHMENT: We purchased 29 gallons of Phenothiazine for distribution among chapter members and their families. We also purchased stock sulphathiazol and serums for members.
  - III. Community Service
    - A. Pest Eradication.
      - 1. GOAL: Hold a competitive contest in the chapter for the destruction of pests.  
ACCOMPLISHMENT: We held a pest eradication contest this year. Pests destroyed included 15 coyotes, 12 coons, 40 skunks, 10 hawks, 1 bobcat, 195 opossums, 9 crows, 49 rabbits, 40 rats, 36 squirrels, 120 sparrows, and 140 mice.
    - B. Eradication of Animal Parasites.
      - 1. GOAL: Make available to the community a sheep and goat dipping vat.  
ACCOMPLISHMENT: Our chapter owns a sheep and goat dipping vat. We dipped 1,600 head of sheep and goats for farmers.
- (A similar listing should be used for the remaining five divisions of the chapter Program of Work.)

YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED

Experienced FFA advisers know that during the week of the meeting of the Kansas Association of FFA we can secure a great deal of favorable recognition in the Press relative to FFA activities and achievement.

Local FFA advisers must cooperate in furnishing a great deal of factual data in order that the State Office might have worthwhile information for the Press.

Be sure to fill out form "C. Annual report of chapter membership, delegates, etc., for 1947", and mail on or before April 14. Information gained from these reports form the basis of many FFA newstories for the Press.

The kind and amount of public information made available the latter part of April, 1947, will depend largely upon the quantity and quality of the reports sent in by local FFA chapters.

The State Office is counting on your cooperation.

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

The Agricultural Education Club, KSC, will make an award to the FFA chapter totaling the highest number of points in the 1947 Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics Judging, and FFA events held at Manhattan, April 28 and 29. The FFA award will be the heart shaped bronze plaque designed for state level awards, and will bear the following inscription:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB AWARD

Highest Total Score  
Agricultural Judging, Farm Mechanics, FFA Events  
Kansas State College  
1947

Final plans have not been approved by the Agricultural Education Club, but the following points have had the approval of the Club.

Winner will be chosen from the upper ten teams in Agricultural Judging Contests and from the upper ten teams in each of the four areas of the agricultural contests; from the upper ten teams in the Farm Mechanics Judging Contests and from the upper ten teams in each of the seven areas of the farm mechanics contests; and from FFA events including chapter contest, public speaking, State Farmer awards, and seating of delegates at the 1947 state FFA convention.

A team to be eligible to win the award must compete in three out of four of the areas in the agricultural contests; in five out of seven of the areas in the farm mechanics contests, and must have entered the state chapter contest and have seated delegates at the 1947 state convention.

It is hoped that this award can be made at the annual banquet, April 29.

The Agricultural Education Club hopes that this award will stimulate greater all around participation in the events open to FFA members on the state level.

ACROSS THE BORDER

VERMONT - Members of the Gorton chapter have made many improvements on their school's agriculture building this year. The boys have been working cooperatively to do necessary jobs including the laying of a new concrete floor in the shop, installing a new hot water heater and water pump and painting the outside of the building and the roof. Members have been interested in improving their department so that they can benefit by the changes and also help the veterans' group in their evening classes.

MONTANA - Malta Future Farmers turned out full force recently to help relieve a critical labor shortage in the local sugar beet harvest. Chapter members worked for two days on three farms, and although they were excused from school, by the end of the second full day, many decided they preferred classroom work to the business end of a beet knife. Later in the fall the boys turned their school shop into a butcher shop for a short course in lamb skinning and butchering.

FLORIDA - The value of dusting string beans was clearly demonstrated in experiments conducted by the Belle Glade Chapter. Planting beans on a 10-acre tract, members of the chapter divided it into four plots, applying no dust to one, sulphur to the second, sulphur and manganese to the third and mineralite to the fourth. Although all plots dusted showed better production and quality than the non-dusted plot, the one on which mineralite was used proved far superior in quality with a yield of 200 hampers per acre against 70 per acre from the plot that was not dusted.

TEXAS - Members of the Muleshoe chapter had an exhibit at the South Plains Fair at Lubbock titled "How Safe is Your Farm?" The exhibit emphasized safety measures that may be taken to decrease the number of farm mishaps which annually take a huge toll of life and limb on American farms.

WYOMING - The Robert D. Carey Chapter at Douglas is undertaking a full-scale farming operation as a cooperative chapter project on 163 acres of irrigated land recently acquired from the War Assets Administration. Purchased by the county high school, the land formerly was a prisoner of war camp. The acreage contains 17 camp structures which the chapter members are converting to farm buildings. The chapter plans to purchase purebred cattle and sheep as well as poultry for the farm with the view of introducing improved livestock and ranching methods to the county.

OREGON - Due to the work of the McMinnville FFA chapter with their power sprayer, the local government inspector said that fruit fly had been almost 100% eradicated from the area this year. The chapter members sprayed over 500 cherry trees in and around McMinnville and also used it on their livestock. This year's record in controlling the fruit fly is in sharp contrast to last season when a large percentage of the fruit delivered to the local receiving station was condemned.

NEW MEXICO - Members of the Tatum FFA chapter recently published the first issue of "Agriculture in Review", a bulletin which they intend producing regularly to provide timely hints to chapter members and farmers and ranchers in the community on the latest agricultural advancements. The first issue carried such articles as treatment of head grubs, methods of increasing egg production, use of DDT, and feeding salt to swine.

MEET PAST NATIONAL F.F.A. OFFICERS

The following talks were made at the Victory Convention by past National F.F.A. Officers. Many Kansas FFA advisers will remember some members of this group who participated in past meetings of the Kansas Association. All Future Farmer members in Kansas will be pleased to learn more about this small group of past National Officers who had the privilege of attending the Victory Convention and speaking to the delegates assembled. It is gratifying to learn of their success in their chosen field, and especially noteworthy to learn of the part the Future Farmers of America has played in shaping their destinies.

I am Ivan Kindschi of Marshall, Wisconsin. I was President in 1939 and 1940, following Bob Elwell. I am farming at the present time. I have a dairy farm and am milking three times a day. I have a mighty nice wife and a two year old boy. If you will be as happy in your life work as I am at the present time, you have something to look forward to. It is good to come back to the FFA convention. You've really got a swell convention, and it is good to be here with you.

I am Byron Freeman of Westboro, Missouri. I was Student Secretary in 1944. I want to say that you FFA boys who are here today have something to look forward to. We thought at the time we were in that we did everything possible, but from the talk that is going around here, you boys have something really nice to look forward to in the future. I am married and I have a little daughter nine months old. I have 242 acres in the northern part of Missouri. I want to say that the FFA is something I shall never forget. Any service I can render to any of you, let me know. Good luck to each and every one of you.

I am Bob Barthelmess of Olive, Montana, and I served as a national officer in 1944 along with Byron. I want to say that I certainly have appreciated the things I have received from this Future Farmers of America organization. Until the day I die, this organization will always rest in my heart as one of the greatest things that exists in the United States because it contributes much to the progress of our United States, and from it will come, I am sure, some of the great leaders of our nation in the future. I am in the ranching occupation in the State of Montana. Perhaps I should not tell you but it seems fairly well known around here, but on the 18th of October this year I was married, and my wife and I are down here on our honeymoon. Everything is swell.

I am Arthur Clifford of Bristol, Vermont. I am doing a little dairy farming, and I am glad to get away from it to be here with you boys. This organization has meant more to me than anything I can think of. I am glad to come back and see the FFA and what they are doing. I know you boys are having a great time, and your national officers are doing a bang-up job.

I am Beverly Roller of Weyers Cave, Virginia. I served in 1944 as National First Vice-President from the southern region. When I left here two years ago I assured the boys when the Victory Convention was held, I was going to be one of the fellows to be here - so here I am. It is great to come back to Kansas City and to see the FFA in action. I have thought a great deal of this organization ever since I first became a member in 1938. Since you have more or less kicked me out as an active member, I decided that in January I shall go back to school to become an agriculture teacher because I want to work with this organization again. I think the world of it. There are golden opportunities for you in the FFA. Have one goal, and that is to reach the top rung of the ladder of success in the FFA.

## Meet Past National FFA Officers (Continued)

This is Bill Stiers of Alexandria, Ohio. Fellows, I owe a lot to this organization, and I think many times about the acquaintances and friendships I made here in Kansas City when I was vice-president in 1938. When I came here and saw Mr. Elliot it just made me feel that this FFA doesn't grow old - it just grows. I am doing general farming on about three hundred acres, which keeps us busy. But I wouldn't want to miss this. I hope I can come back here in a few years from now to see how you have grown. Your officers have done a good job and something they can be proud of when they become past national officers.

I am Elmer Johnson from Winchester, New Hampshire. I was vice-president in 1939. I have a little dairy farm, or accumulation of farms - in fact, 1,500 acres. We are doing some logging and lumbering on the side. At the national convention in New Jersey of the New Farmers of America, back in 1939, an old white haired Negro adviser said:

"The boy that by addition grows  
He suffers no subtraction;  
He multiplies things he knows  
And carries every fraction."

That's the Future Farmers of America!

I am D. Harold Prichard of Boonville, Mississippi. I had the privilege of serving as president in 1940-41. I recall that when my fellow officers said good-by at the end of the 1941 convention, we said we would all gather back here in 1951, ten years from that date. I couldn't wait. I had to come back five years later, and it has been worth every bit of the time I have had to be away from my dairy farm in Mississippi. I see that quite a few of the fellows are dairy men. It shows you that your national officers were sincere in what they were doing at the time they were serving as officers in this farm organization. I, too, am married and have a daughter who was one year old the day before I left my home. It has been a satisfying privilege to watch you and be with you. It feels rather queer to be on the outside looking in, but at the same time it gives me a feeling that the organization is growing. I had the privilege of presiding over the last big convention before the war. I am glad to know that the organization is making the comeback that it has. I hope you will carry on in the same splendid manner as those before you have done.

I think many of you will remember me as being Sig Sandberg from Ortonville, Minnesota. I presided as first Vice-President at the last convention in 1945. It is really grand to be back with you and to see so many familiar faces. It certainly is a great feeling not to have any responsibility, but just come to the convention and sit back and watch things roll off just as though they were clocked. I know the officers have really done a lot of hard work to make it go off so smoothly. I hope each and every one of you will get a large share of fellowship from this convention, meeting members from this great United States and Hawaii. It is something that you just cannot grasp. It isn't what you learn in books. It isn't what you get from any instructor standing there giving you the marks. This idea of fellowship and social standing is something you have to learn by cooperating, working, and progressing together with your fellow men. Again, it is grand being with you. Lots of luck. Take this home to your members, and let's round out the FFA. I like it and I know you do, too.

## Meet Past National FFA Officers (Continued)

I am Julius Black from Ames, Iowa. I was National Student Secretary in 1935 and 1936. I am farming and raising hybrid corn - only 850 acres, a small amount this year. We do a little dairying on the side. We milk sixteen cows. It is certainly grand to be back. This is my sixth or seventh national convention that I have attended, and each time it gets larger and better. One of the most inspiring things was the ceremony yesterday morning, and I am sure every one here will remember that memorial service for a long time to come. I always think of the associations that I made when I was down here, and I am sure you boys will look back on this convention as one of the highlights of your career.

I am Ed Spiekerman of Goldendale, Washington. I was national Vice-President in 1939-40. I was very pleased when I received an invitation to come to this convention. I made up my mind when the invitation arrived that in spite of anything I was going to be here. I have been accused since I have been here of being a retired farmer. That is almost true - but I think it is just tired instead of retired. I do want to express this one thought. I have heard it said many times at this convention and at the other four conventions I have attended, that people of high standards come to the Future Farmers Convention to see the cream of the crop of American youth in action. I think there is no other organization in the United States, perhaps in the world, operated for the boys and by the boys that offers you so much. But I would like to caution you on one thing. No matter what it is, you get out of an organization just exactly what you put into it. I want to congratulate you on this convention. I am happy to be here. I was thrilled to meet some of my old friends from years back. I want to say, Good luck, and God bless you and - keep it up, fellows.

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FFA BOYS - LOOK TO YOUR LAURELS

Ever since the organization of the Future Homemakers of America, Old Timer has been wondering how soon it would be before the girls would be copping most of the blue ribbons in contests formerly reserved for the FFA boys. "Who-o-o Pig" is the caption of a story in the February, 1947, issue of the Alabama Future Farmer which might be the straw which tells from which direction the wind is blowing. The story, replete with picture, tells how Ella Mae Rawlinson, a high school senior and member of the FHA, won a hog calling contest. This sort of accomplishment on the part of Ella Mae is what we would term beating the boys at their own game. There were twenty-one contestants. The judges awarded Miss Rawlinson first prize "because of her loud, clear, sincere, and musical voice." Our suggestion to the male hombre who carries an FFA membership is that he write his Senator - pass a law - or do something to fence out this threat of FHA competition. The prize was a hog feeding shovel.

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If you have known how to compose your life, you have accomplished a great deal more than the man who knows how to compose a book. Have you been able to take your stride? You have done more than the man who has taken cities and empires. The great and glorious masterpiece of man is to live to the point. All other things--to reign, to hoard, to build--are, at most, but inconsiderate props and appendages. -- Montaigne

CHAPTER NEWS

ALTAMONT: Our officers for this year are as follows: Eldon Mosler, president; Dale Tanner, vice-president; Alan Thomas, secretary; Clifford Landrith, treasurer; Bobby Nading, reporter; Joe Roberts, sentinel; Jack Robbins, program chairman....We have 18 Green Hands. As part of the initiatory program, each Green Hand wore an ear of Corn and a cardboard Green Hand around his neck so that he might be recognized around school....We had a pest eradication contest and somewhat over 2000 pests were collected. The losers gave the winners a line party...Our Parent-Son Banquet was a big success. There were over 200 boys and parents in attendance. Our theme was "The Future for Agriculture". M. O. Castle of Coffeyville was the guest speaker....Our president, Eldon Mosler, went to Ohio and Indiana in February and purchased five Purebred Chester White Gilt. He paid \$1300.00 for them....We have repaired a lot of farm machinery in the shop this winter. Several of the boys have been building hog troughs, feed bunks, and several other items. Clifford Landrith is finishing a dehorning chute....Our chapter is planning a trip to the Ozarks the last week of May or the first week of June.

Bobby Nading, Reporter

ELDORADO: We dipped 490 sacks of seed potatoes for Butler County at 15¢ per sack....Thirteen Green Hands were initiated and nine boys were raised to the Chapter Farmer degree in previous meetings...Things being made in shop are chicken feeders, quart measuring cans, sharpening tools, and a cattle feeder...Eldorado crops judging team placed fifth at Newton and the poultry team was fourth at Moundridge. Boys making the trip from Eldorado were Cleo Abraham, Joe Unger, Allen McAllister, Bob Maddux, Duane Traylor and Bill Baker....A number of sows have farrowed spring litters. All boys are reporting that their projects are doing fine....There are now five veterans enrolled in the On-The-Farm Training course.

Bill Baker, Reporter

MCPHERSON: The district shop contest was held at McPherson, Kansas, Saturday, March 29, 1947....The South side won the pest eradication contest, Lowell Sawyer, captain....Our basketball team won seven games and lost three....Our chapter had charge of the assembly program Friday, March 7, 1947. We gave a play, "Buying a Hat". Warren Johnson gave a reading, "I'd Rather Be a Hen." Our final number was a stunt, "Remodeling a Ford."

Duane Johnson, Reporter

SEAMAN: The Seaman Chapter FFA has started a baby chick breeding project. The first group is now eight weeks old. Several of them are ready for market. ....The chapter purchased a hammer-mill this winter, mounted it on an auto chassis, and reconditioned an automobile motor to power the grinder. This grinder will be used by the boys to grind feed for use in their farming programs. When not in use for the boys, the mill may be used to do custom grinding....The Seaman Chapter FFA Parents-an-Son Banquet was held March 20, at the Garfield Park Shelter House in Topeka, Kansas.

Clifford C. Oshel, Reporter

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A chip on the shoulder indicates wood higher up.

## Chapter News (Continued)

MEDICINE LODGE: We have fifty-six members in our chapter; twenty-one of these are Green Hands....A Pest Eradication (rodent) contest was staged from November 25 to February 21. Gilbert Dawson's and Duane Stricklin's team outpointed Bob Stirewalt's and Don Stranathan's by a score of 1286 to 653. Dale Colborn, of the winning team, was high point man with a total of 434 points. Merle Schnelle was second, Jake Harbaugh, third, and Sammy Baiers, fourth. There was a total of 466 rodents killed. There were eleven coyotes, eighteen possums, six skunks, and many rats, crows, mice, and rabbits. The losers of the contest will give the two winning teams a banquet....We have just completed a dodgeball tournament which we played during our meetings....The Kiowa chapter invited the Medicine Lodge chapter to a regular meeting March 10 at Kiowa. After the meeting a volleyball tournament was held, but there were so many teams and games that no one knew who won so they quit and the Kiowa boys served refreshments. A good time was had by all....Medicine Lodge had about twenty boys participating in the Coldwater Judging School....In shop - Boyd Strickland is building a range house for his chickens. Lucky Lillqvist built a portable carrier for a gas welding outfit and also an all metal welding table. Roy Teverbaugh is rebuilding the motor on a '38 Ford. Bob Axtell is overhauling a Model T motor, and Don Stranathan is repairing the brakes, steering gear and fenders on his '36 Chevrolet....The new Chapter Farmers for the current year are Bob Axtell, Sammy Baiers, Lylo Coberly, Lucky Lillqvist, Maurice McEndree, Emory Miller, John Scotton, Richard Vandever, and John Stone. These boys received their pins March 3....Our adviser, Mr. Doile, was married to Miss Fern Goodwin, Sunday, March 2, at Wichita. Monday night the Agriculture boys sponsored a big charivari for him. He was at his new home and had the traditional cigars and candy waiting for the boys. He was required to push his new bride up and down main street in a wheelbarrow. When it was over they returned home for a good night rest but they found the house as if it had been turned upside down. Mr. and Mrs. Doile spent about two hours getting it into condition to sleep in. Married life can be so disparaging, can't it Mr. Doile.

Jim Hittle, Reporter

MANHATTAN: Manhattan Chapter has completed a home farm shop contest in which the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce committee on vocational agriculture awarded prizes of \$15.00, \$10.00, \$7.00, \$4.00, \$2.00 and \$2.00. The winners were Jr. Wendland, Merle Chalmers, Floyd Nelson, and Robert Lee. The money was given to purchase tools for the boys home shop....A pest eradication contest in which the freshmen challenged the other chapter members has been completed. The freshmen won with 6,460 points to the losers 2,240. The high point men were Allen McInteer with 22 coyotes and Harry Whitney with 11 coyotes....The parent-son banquet was held March 7 with an attendance of ninety-two guests and chapter members....Other activities of the chapter are the scrap metal contest sponsored by the Sheffield Steel Corporation....A tractor driving contest and maintenance school will be held this spring....A date skating party is being planned....A night school has been established for World War II veterans and former students in Vocational Agriculture. Our chapter had an intramural basketball team and won the intramural league championship in the school....Nine Chapter Farmer degrees were presented in a formal initiation ceremony at the parent-son banquet.

Max Morris, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

CHAPMAN: Our present officers are: president, Robert Zumbrunn; vice-president, Eugene Fields; secretary, Armin Scriptor, treasurer, Ted Hartenstein; reporter, Richard Rider, and W.D., Eldon Hoover....Our Parent-Son banquet was well managed this year, and all committees deserve congratulations....The debate "Resolved that the Milking Machine is a Desirable Piece of Farm Equipment", held at our last regular meeting was well taken care of by, Lowell Bird and Ted Hartenstein of the affirmative and Wilbur Beemer and Clement Anderes of the negative....We have had two joint meetings with the FHA this year, the last being a roller-skate; more than sixty attended and every one had a good time....The "Hot Dog Project" continues to keep our treasury in good condition....Our On-the-Farm Training program is going at full capacity with excellent interest....The new Arc welder is a popular addition to our shop....Eldon Hoover, Lowell Bird and Tracey Sandow are responsible for the three horse-drawn weeders that are being converted to tractor weeders in the shop. Pruning and Seed potato treatment are some present activities. We are also planning some shearing with our chapter equipment....A checker tournament, and a horse show contest furnish good recreation programs.

Richard Rider, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Our pest eradication contest resulted as follows: 22 jack-rabbits, 267 cotton tails, 2 crows, 68 rats, 106 mice, 178 sparrows, 6 starlings, 30 squirrels....We have butchered ten hogs and six beefs for the farmers in this community....We are now making 4 trailers, 1 power lawn mower, 1 bull dozer, 1 electric post drill and we are rebuilding a Chevrolet car Motor....Our chapter owns a registered pure bred Poland China boar and 4 pure bred guilts out on share.

Jim Weber, Reporter

STAFFORD: We are diverting some attention to teams to represent us in the Judging and Shops Contests....We have culled a number of flocks of chickens and castrated and dehorned for farmers of the community. We have been testing milk, skim-milk, soil, and seeds for farmers in the community....A Donkey Basket Ball game with the Stafford Junior Chamber of Commerce was held March 31. The game was played in the high school gym and the proceeds will go for the financing of the FFA Parent and Son Banquet.

Melvin Fritzemeier, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: We held our Achievement Banquet, Thursday, March 13. In spite of bad roads and illness, about 100 members, parents, and guests were present. Our speaker was Tom Avery of K.S.C. The banquet was closed by presentation of awards for the year. Lon Dean Crosson was the Star Chapter Farmer and Bob Allison was the Star Green Hand. These boys also have the best farming programs according to their classification....The pest eradication contest ended March 3 with the east side winning by a wide margin. A box of rifle shells was awarded for each 250 points scored by a member. Thirteen members received one or more boxes of shells....Our January meeting consisted of an ice skating party followed by refreshments at the high school....Farm Safety was the theme for our February night meeting. We also advanced our Green Hands to Chapter Farmers at this meeting. Ten members have been advanced to Chapter Farmer degree this year. They averaged four projects per member last year.

Lon Dean Crosson, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

SABETHA: The Kansas Farm Record Books have been finished for some time and the ending inventory for 1946 has been taken. The total inventory of FFA members in high school of Sabetha Chapter is \$25,700....Lynn Lukert, an ex-GI, is now working for the American Farmer Degree. Lynn was formerly the vice-president of our State association....At one special meeting, we were hosts to the Hiawatha chapter. Our first and second teams played their team basketball. The second team game ended 29-16 in Sabetha's favor, first team 46-42 in Hiawatha's favor....The vocational agriculture classes have been doing much orchard work lately. Work in one four-year orchard consisted of 75 trees of peaches, plums, apricots, apples and cherries. Several vineyards have been worked on; and our goal of 50-60 sets of vines will be exceeded.... Our chapter is doing seed testings, also running germinating tests....We have run tests on corn, oats, alfalfa, flax, and clover....In the shop the boys are making concrete hog troughs, a two wheel trailer, and overhaul a tractor and two cars. Several engines and motors were also overhauled. Other jobs were making feed bunks, tool cabinets, panel fences, and welding jobs....Mr. Latimer, our adviser, has three ex-GI's in training each week. They are becoming fully established on their farms. They are overhauling and making equipment....Our chapter is working on an "Open House" program which will be held soon. The public is invited to attend and watch the boys working in shop, films will be shown, and the public will observe what the FFA is doing in their department.

Lyle Steiner, Reporter

WAKEENEY: We had an FFA banquet February 12, and all parents were invited. Among the guests were Carl Heinrich, vocational agriculture teacher from Hays and Richard Swim, the Hays FFA president. Richard took the president's chair in closing the meeting at the banquet. Our guest speaker was Mr. T.C. Aicher of the Hays Experiment Station. He spoke on, "The Value of Saving Our Land From Erosion". We butchered a hog for the occasion and sold what meat we did not need....The chapter has decided to make irrigation tile for a money-making project....The local conservation office has offered a prize of \$5.00 for the best essay on, "How to Control Soil Erosion in Trego County".

Daryl Reeder, Reporter

COLDWATER: Our chapter sponsored a livestock judging school at the Coldwater Livestock Pavilion, March 8. The seven chapters that were present were Kinsley, Kiowa, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, Fowler, Kingman, and Coldwater. Phil Youngdall and Orvil Burtis from Manhattan were the judges....Our chapter has two registered Duroc Jersey sows. One sow farrowed eleven pigs, and saved nine....We had our annual FFA Parent and Son banquet Friday, March 14. The Home Economics girls served the banquet.

HAYS: At our regular meeting we initiated eight Green Hands. They were Roland Staab, Robert Giest, Major Gossler, Carl Lee Heinrich, Donald Johnson, Marvin Braun, Donald Swim, and Rodolph Pfeifer....We completed our basketball season by playing the FFA alumni. This year we played eleven games with two wins and nine losses....We plan to publish a two page FFA supplement to our regular school paper.

Richard Seib, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

WASHINGTON: Our chapter is cooperating with a class of five GI's on purchasing certified Osage and Neosho seed oats....We are practicing public speaking in our chapter with the three divisions of Juniors and Seniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen....We are entering the Hoards Dairymen dairy judging and Duroc hog judging contests....Our chapter purchased a registered Duroc boar at the Davis sale in Fairbury, Nebraska....Among our chapter members we have two pair of twin brothers, Bill and Bob Scheetz, seniors, who are officers and their twin brothers Herald and Gerald, who are freshmen.

CHANUTE: Our pest eradication contest finished up with a total of 2,250 pests killed....Elva Uthmann slew his way to first place with a total of 3,313 points. Jack Kuykendall also a senior was second with Dean Tennis, a junior, third. All points were recorded and the boys on the lower half of the chapter had to give a party to the boys on the higher half. The party consisted of a basketball tournament between classes. Five gallons of ice cream and several cokes were served for refreshments....Seven of our boys entered an FFA boxing show at Cherryvale in December and we have exchanged basketball games with the Iola chapter....We sponsored a dance after a basketball game and made ten dollars....Our chapter won the Southeast Kansas Public Speaking Contest at Iola on February 6 and received a trophy. Lu Burroughs, Vorne Heilman, Charles Kepley, and Kenneth Wilson were on the team....We also attended the Southeast Kansas Poultry School at Coffeyville and took third place....We sponsored the Southeast Kansas Livestock Judging School held at Chanute on April 9....Several boys are repairing farm machinery in the shop, a combination hay and grain feeder for sheep has been completed.

Jack Kuykendall, Reporter

HOWARD: The chapter officers this year are: president, Robert Carter; vice-president, Robert Wyant; reporter, Robert Wells; treasurer, Bob Parker; and secretary, Ted Miller....Eight Chapter Farmer candidates were initiated at the annual Parent-Son Banquet held Thursday, February 20....Ten new members have been initiated into the chapter. This brings our membership to twenty-nine....The chapter has castrated fifteen pigs, butchered two hogs and terraced one field. We are expanding our community service activities with every possible opportunity....The chapter is conducting a pest eradication contest which will run for two months.

Robert Wells, Reporter

CLAY CENTER: Our chapter is having many activities this spring. We have had a pest eradication contest with Karl Rau as winner. Members have also been selling garden seed with a profit for the chapter. Our basketball team played the high school faculty and charged admission. The chapter received \$80 from this game. The speaker for our annual Parent and Son banquet which will be held April 11 will be Gene Shipley of W.I.B.W....Some of our shop projects this year are stalk cutters, hay bucks, bull dozers, tractor mowers, livestock chutes, trailers, hog houses, feed bunks and many smaller jobs....Our judging team went to the North Central District Judging Contest held at Concordia and placed third. Don Faidley was third high individual. We are also planning for the Judging Contest which will be held here at Clay Center on April 7.

Curtis Minter, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

BURNS: The main activity of the Burns chapter right now is cleaning seed with our new Vac-a-way seed cleaner. It is equipped with screens to clean any kind of seed that may be planted in the locality. We bought the cleaner so we could increase interest in the cleaning of seed in the community, and members could learn of the benefits of cleaning seed. We have cleaned about 500 bushels of oats, 900 pounds clover, and 14 bushels flax so far. We treated about 200 bushels of seed with the new Improved Ceresan....Some of the benefits of cleaning are to get the dirt and straw out of it so it will not clog up the drill, to remove weed seed, to improve the stand by removing the cracked and light weight kernels.

Don G. Gfeller, Reporter

HOPE: The Hope FFA chapter will hold its annual election of officers the last meeting in April....Methods of raising funds for the chapter treasurer were selling basketball pencils with the schedule of the games printed on them, and the building of a trailer in shop....One of the annual community services that the boys build up quite a lot of enthusiasm concerning is the Pest Eradication Contest. Members are divided into two sides, and the losing side takes the winners to a line party at the show....The following number of pests were destroyed: Civits 13, Skunks 35, Opposum 61, Crows 10, Sparrows 987, Starlings 643, Mice 165, Rats 41, Coyotes 65, Coons 17, Sparrow Hawks 2, Cotton Tails 141, Jack Rabbits 78.

Marvin Rieff, Reporter

SOLDIER: In our pest eradication contest we destroyed 3 coyotes, 86 rats, 319 mice, 11 hawks, 25 crows and 173 sparrows. Bob Suttles, our chapter president, was high point man on the winning side....In shop we have built four combination hay and grain sheep feeders, four poultry mash feeders and one wagon box. Machinery repair includes three tractors, two mowers and two curlers....Twenty-six per cent of our members were on the school honor roll the fourth six weeks.....We took part in the District Poultry Judging Contest at Frankfort on February 8 and placed second.

TONGANOXIE: Our newly elected officers are Bob Smith, president; Bob Oakson, vice-president; Walt Herrstom, treasurer; Curtis Stewart, secretary; Wayne Turner, reporter....There are thirty-three members in our chapter....We have been mixing feeds for some of our members and farmers, so they may feed their calves or cattle a balanced ration; there was no charge. Our chapter is also buying gilts and giving them to some of our members. In return they are giving the chapter two pigs when the gilts farrow....Curtis Stewart attended the State Board of Agriculture Meeting, as representative of the Leavenworth County Fair Association....We recently pledged \$25 to our school to help pay for our new moving picture projector....Last fall our chapter made \$54 collecting paper....Robert Matthews scored highest in our Holstein Judging Contest.

Wayne Turner, Reporter

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Brown: "I'm sorry to hurry off, but I must get home and explain to my wife."

Smith: "Explain what?"

Brown: "Oh, I never know till I get there."

## Chapter News (Continued)

KINCAID: One of our earnings and saving activities for the year was to sponsor a Donkey Basketball game which was to have been February 8. Due to truck trouble, the donkeys could not come. Plans are being made to have the game at a later date....We sold cokes and candy bars one night at the County Tournament here and added \$23.80 to our treasury fund. We are preparing a "Fun House" for our All School Carnival as an added means of raising funds....The Iola chapter came to Kincaid and played two return Basketball games February 19. Our second team won by a score of 22 to 20, while our first team was defeated 34 to 30....Our seed germinator has been quite busy testing seeds for farmers and near by elevators as well as for the vocational agriculture boys....Douglas Louk, one of our Green Hand members, purchased a Registered Hampshire gilt February 1. He now has a fine litter of seven pigs....As a result of a thrift contest, suggested by our adviser, the six freshmen vocational agriculture boys saved \$27.45 in February over January's expenses. The one spending the most money during the month had to buy a 25¢ milk shake for the one spending the least money. Douglas Louk treated Decker Spillman.

Decker Spillman, Reporter

PAOLA: We held our annual Parent-Son banquet on February 20. The evening consisted of two accordian numbers; sheep, hog, dairy, grain and project reports; awards and record book prizes were given; a film on the first plow was shown....A meal which was cooked by the homemaking class was served to some one hundred and twenty-five people....The boys who raise sheep and our advisor will attend the Midwest Wool Show in Kansas City....We have been busy the last two weeks treating seed oats with the department treater....The boys have hopes of buying a spray gun if they can find one....The chapter has a basketball team which plays other schools in basketball about once a week.

Charles Price, Reporter

ATWOOD: Present FFA officers are: president, Louis Sabetka; vice president, Everett Holthus; secretary, Donald Dixon; treasurer, Harold Rippe; reporter, Francis Kanak; adviser, Mr. Raymond Stewart....We held our Parent-Son banquet jointly with the F.H.A. on March 18. Mr. E. A. Coles, Superintendent of the Colby Experiment Station was the guest speaker....Our chapter now has forty-one members....We recently ordered 50 FFA tee shirts and 12 FFA sweatshirts....Shop jobs include a protein self-feeder, a combine motor overhauled, car motor overhauled, three small gasoline engines overhauled, and numerous minor car repairs....The chapter recently sponsored a waste paper drive. Several tons of waste paper were collected and are now awaiting shipment.

Francis Kanak, Reporter

COTTONWOOD FALLS: Our chapter was reactivated in January after a lapse of one semester. The new officers are: Bob Mushrush, president; Miles McKee, vice president; Don Dick, secretary; Dean Selves, treasurer; Carvel Oldham, reporter; and John Steadman, sentinel....Fifteen new members have been initiated....Our activities have been as follows: The FFA and FHA hold a box supper, March 18; collecting scrap iron to build up our low funds; the school trailer has been overhauled and painted and is now available for public use; running germination tests for the farmers in the community....Our chapter will hold a fishing party at the close of school.

Carvel Oldham, Reporter

## Chapter News (Continued)

HAPPER: Ten Green Hands initiated at a recent meeting were: Johnny Burk, Leonard Ghere, Raymond Ghere, Clarence Jesseph, Russell Jesseph, Norman Latta, Loren Mathes, Charles Olivier, Phillip Thompson, and Ferris Williams....Our president, Bob Greve, represented our school at the Governor's inauguration in Topeka. Bob also spent two weeks in the legislature serving as page boy and document clerk in the House of Representatives and Senate....Our Parent and Son banquet was held March 11....The total net worth for the 27 boys completing records for 1946 was \$25,647.91 or an average of \$949.92 per boy. The average net worth of the sophomores was \$446.64, the juniors, \$1,024, and the seniors, \$1,639.28. The highest net worth for the freshmen was Bill Ioerger with a net worth of \$1,145.84. The highest of the juniors was Dale Botkin with a net worth of \$2,011.36. The highest for the seniors was Bob Greve with a total net worth of \$4,890.59....We are sponsoring a class for Veterans On-the-Farm Training. There are five in the class at present....Our chapter is collecting scrap iron....We have taken the acetylene cutting torch out and cut up pieces of machinery so we could load it into trucks.

L. E. Dent, Jr., Reporter

OLATHE: Thirty eight members of our chapter took part in our annual Public Speaking Contest. The three best speakers in the freshman class were: Dan Henley, Bob Hunt, and Creighton Tabb. The three best speakers in the sophomore class were: Elton Zimmerman, Wayne Zimmerman and Bill Brink. The three best juniors were: Ed Remor, Jim Whitby, and Leon Stromire. The three best seniors were: Dale Allen, Donald Russell, and Jerry Hendrix. The three highest Chapter Farmers were: Ed Remor, Jim Whitby, and Dale Allen. Ed Remor will represent our chapter at the State Public Speaking Contest. Dan Henley will also make the trip to the State Convention. Each winner will receive a ribbon and prize money....Our chapter placed second at the Poultry Judging Contest held at Ottawa, March 9. Leon Stromire was second high individual....We elected our Green Hand officers who are: president, Creighton Tabb; vice-president, Charles Moll; secretary, Bobby Steinhauer; treasurer, James Radcliff; reporter, Bob Hunt; sentinel, Marvin Allen. We also elected an assistant Chapter Officer who is Bob Plank, a post graduate student....So far our first and second Basketball teams have each played eight games. The second team was undefeated. Our first team lost two games. The schools we played were: Shawnee-Mission, Lawrence, Gardner, and Paola....All of our members have entered in the Annual Hoards Dairy Picture Judging Contest and Duroc Picture Judging Contest....The FFA was the hostess to the FFA at a Valentine Party. Games, dancing, cokes, and ice cream were enjoyed by all....We sponsored a paper drive on March 13 and 14, to raise funds for our chapter....We are going to publish an FFA Annual for this year...All of the officers including the adviser have official FFA jackets which must be worn at all the meetings or be subject to a fine.

James Pretz, Reporter

WINFIELD: The Winfield Chapter has just finished dipping two car loads of Northern Certified seed potatoes for the Winfield Farmers Union Elevator. This is a shipment of cooperative seed potatoes which is an annual affair and dates back more than twenty years. This year we used somesan boll and dipped in the sacks. It took two days to run the two car loads through to dip. The cost was about \$40.00. The Winfield Chapter members earn their chapter dues each year dipping potatoes...Three portable bale loaders are under construction in our farm shop at present. These loaders are being built of airplane tubing and are very light weight. We plan to have one of them in the exhibit at Hutchinson next fall at the Fair. They will be powered by a 1½ horse Briggs Stratton motor.

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# National Program of Work

As Adopted at the 19th National Convention  
October 1946



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

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 State 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.
- i. Urge that safety devices be kept in place on farm machines.
- 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.
- d. Soil conservation by crop rotation and cover crops.
- 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 contests.
- 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.
- e. Recommend parliamentary procedure contest to be set up on national basis.
- 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

## V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. **Buying Victory bonds stamps** 100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive

2. **Practicing thrift** 100% of chapters and members participating

## VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. **Using Official Manual** 100% of members having access to official Manual

- 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.
- j. National organization put on F.F.A. exhibits.
- 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.
- f. Encourage individuals to earn and save money.
- 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 1946 constitution at chapter meetings and conventions.

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| 2. <b>Using Official Secretary and Treasurer books</b>                     | 100% of chapters using both books                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Urge each Green Hand to own a Manual.</li> <li>f. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>g. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with official Manual.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                               |
| 3. <b>Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies</b> | 100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Call further attention to the value of these books.</li> <li>b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records.</li> <li>c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.</li> <li>d. Urge well kept books.</li> <li>e. Encourage each chapter to keep a scrap book.</li> </ul> |
| 4. <b>Using Official ceremonies</b>                                        | 100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.</li> <li>b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and urge the use of official materials.</li> <li>c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.</li> <li>d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.</li> </ul>                                |
| 5. <b>Planning State Conventions</b>                                       | 100% of State associations hold Conventions                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed.</li> <li>b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers.</li> <li>c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools.</li> <li>d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.</li> </ul>       |
| 6. <b>Meetings</b>                                                         | Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plan in ample time.</li> <li>b. All chapters be well represented.</li> <li>c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend.</li> <li>d. Secure outstanding speakers and entertainers.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                              |

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

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| 1. <b>Improved scholarship</b> | 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Devote one chapter meeting annually to scholarship.</li> <li>b. Encourage members to strive for scholastic honors.</li> <li>c. Post an F.F.A. honor roll each month.</li> <li>d. Have advanced boys assist new students.</li> <li>e. Offer chapter awards to outstanding scholars.</li> </ul> |
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## VIII. RECREATION

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| 1. <b>Encourage supervised recreation</b> | 100% member participation                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter and district competition.</li> <li>b. Sponsor parent and son banquets.</li> <li>c. Cooperate with home economics department and all related school organizations.</li> <li>d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps.</li> <li>e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency.</li> <li>f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community.</li> </ul> |
| 2. <b>Continuing National F.F.A. Day</b>  | 100% of State associations participating          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Set aside first day of Convention as National F.F.A. Day.</li> <li>b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Day programs.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3. <b>Maintaining National Camp</b>       | Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp.</li> <li>b. Urge eligible members to attend National Camp.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## IX. GENERAL

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| 1. <b>Maintaining membership</b> | 250,000 active members | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture.</li> <li>b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes.</li> <li>c. Retain 75% of graduated members for three years after graduation.</li> <li>d. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30.</li> <li>e. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.</li> </ul> |
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